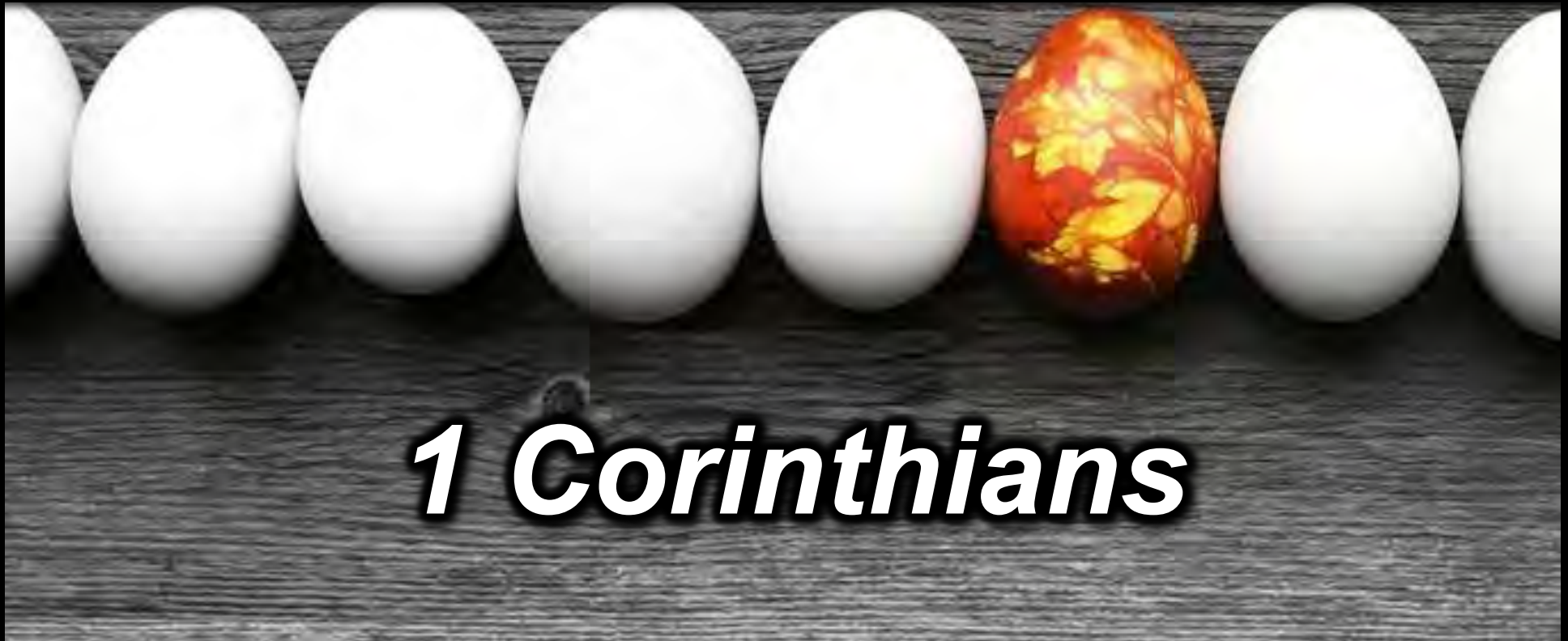


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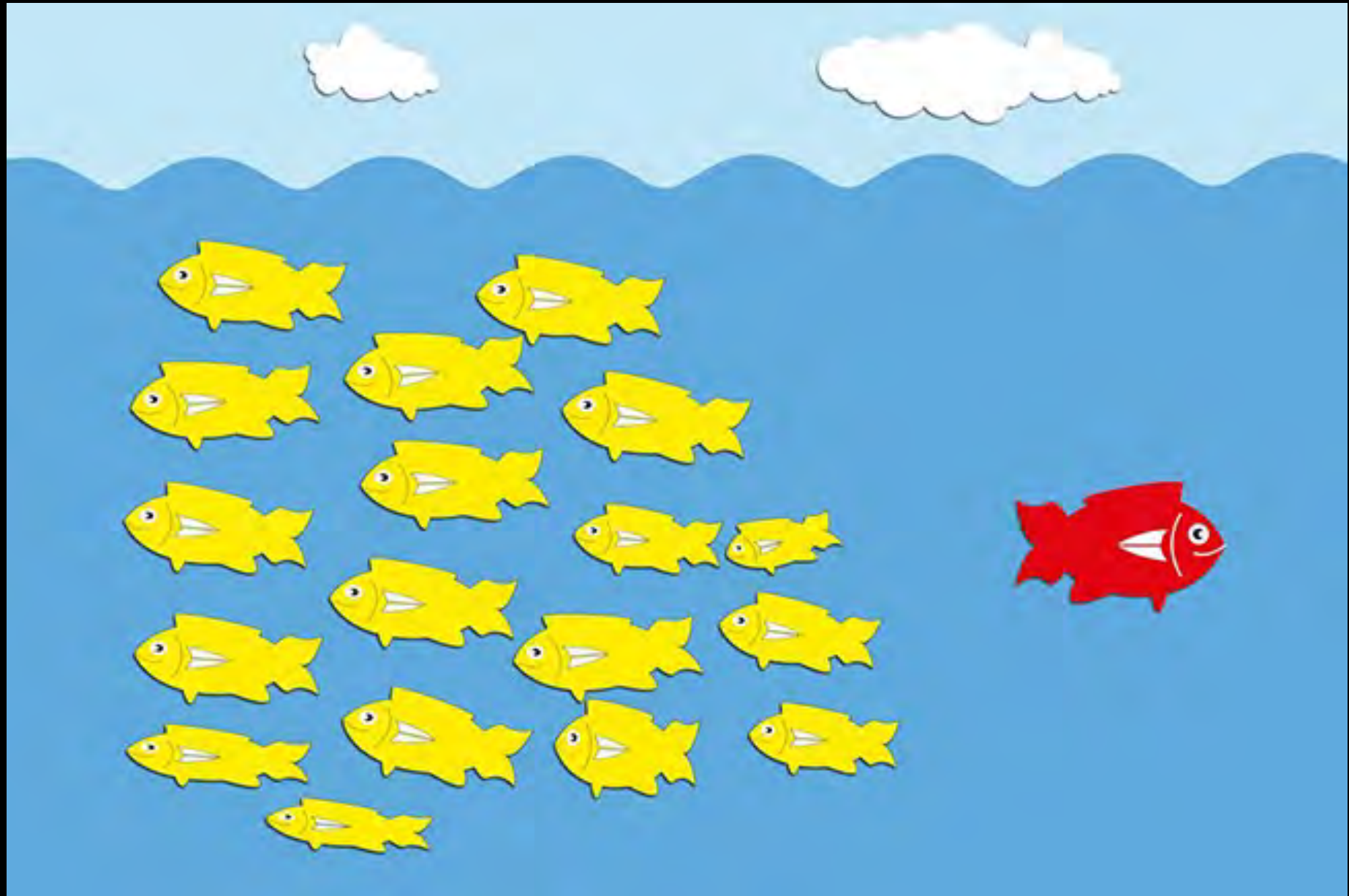
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Be Different



Be different.



Be Different



“Different” in this book means better.



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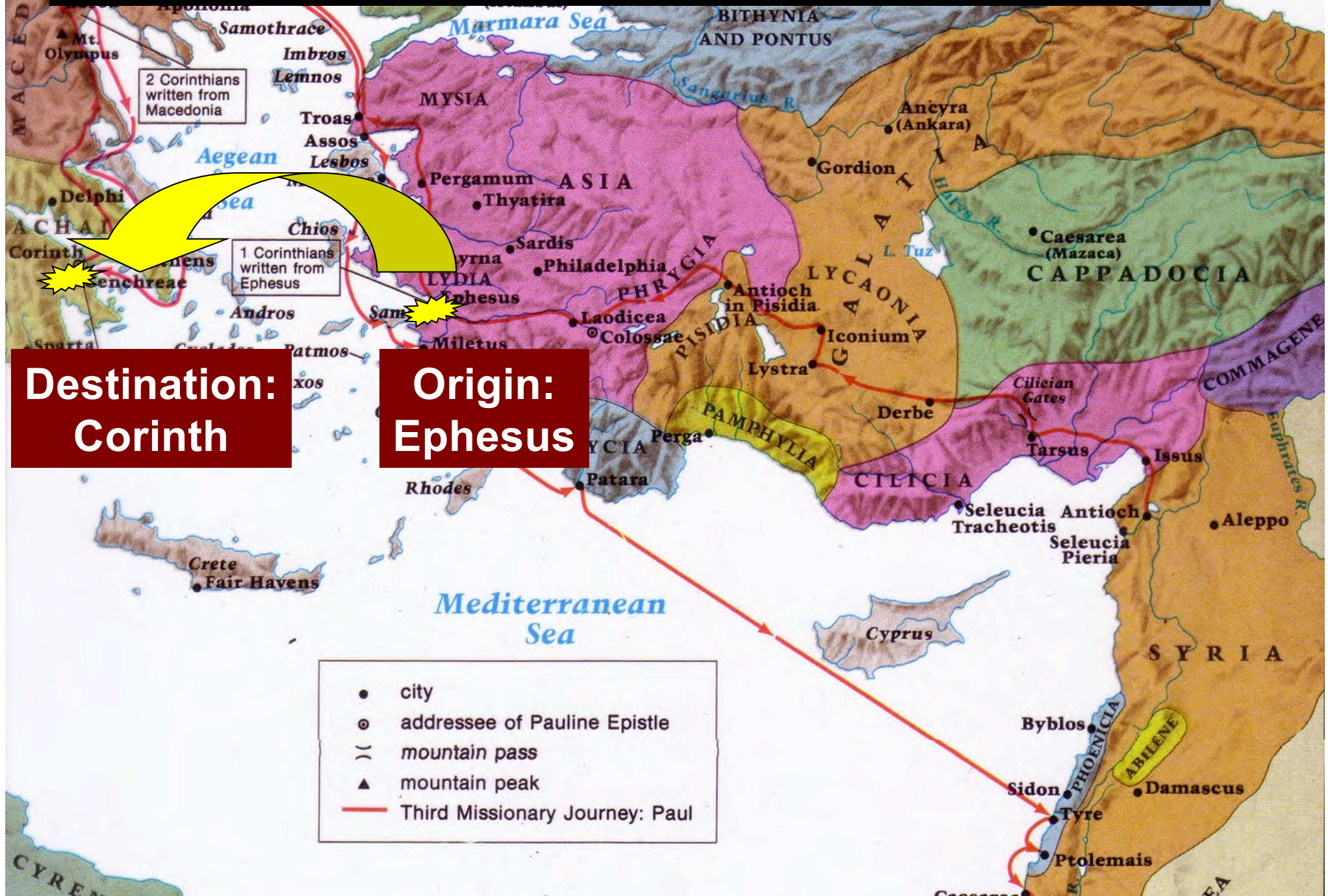
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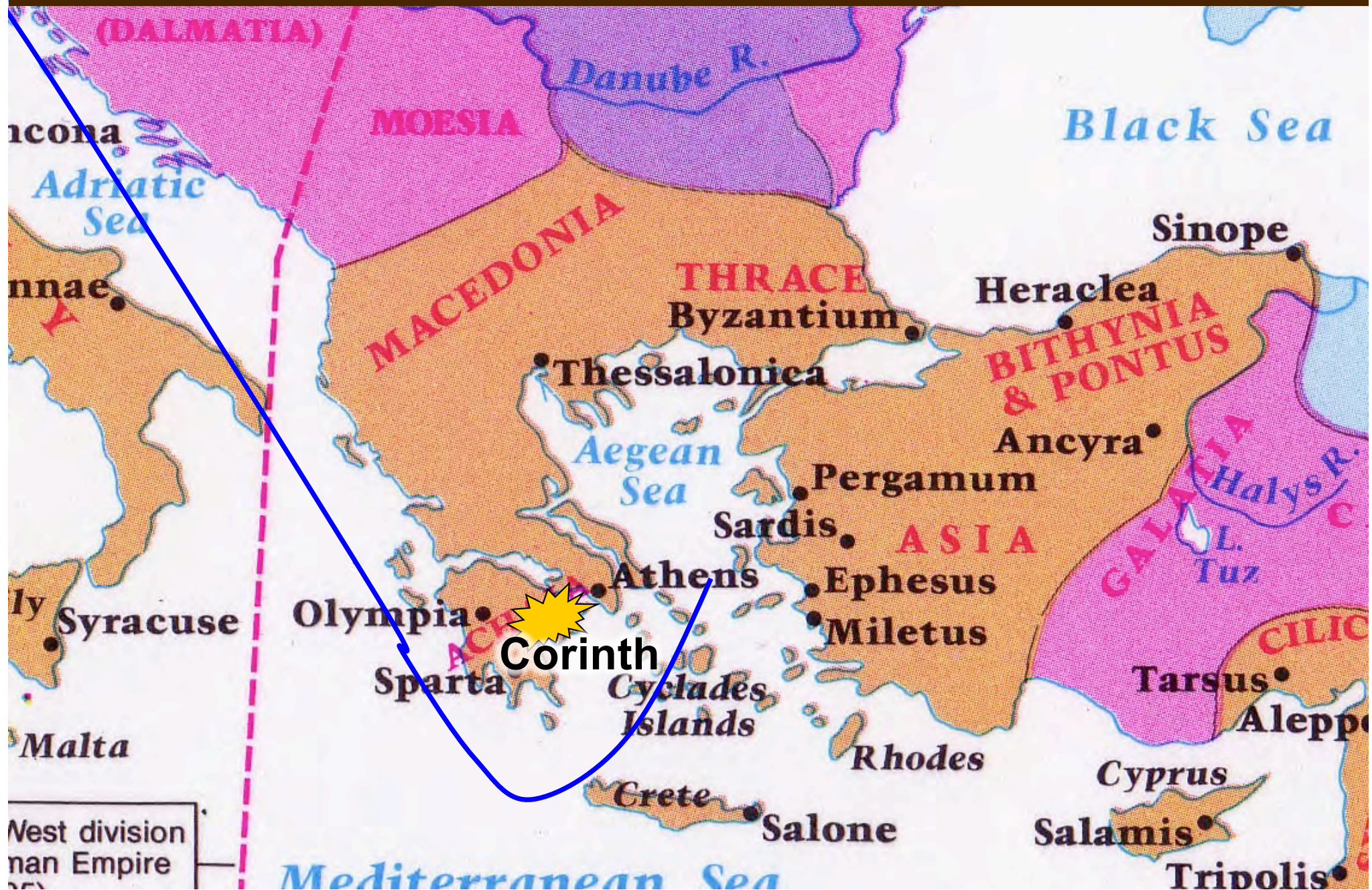
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Corinth: Crossroads of Immorality



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Acrocorinth
Temple of
Aphrodite



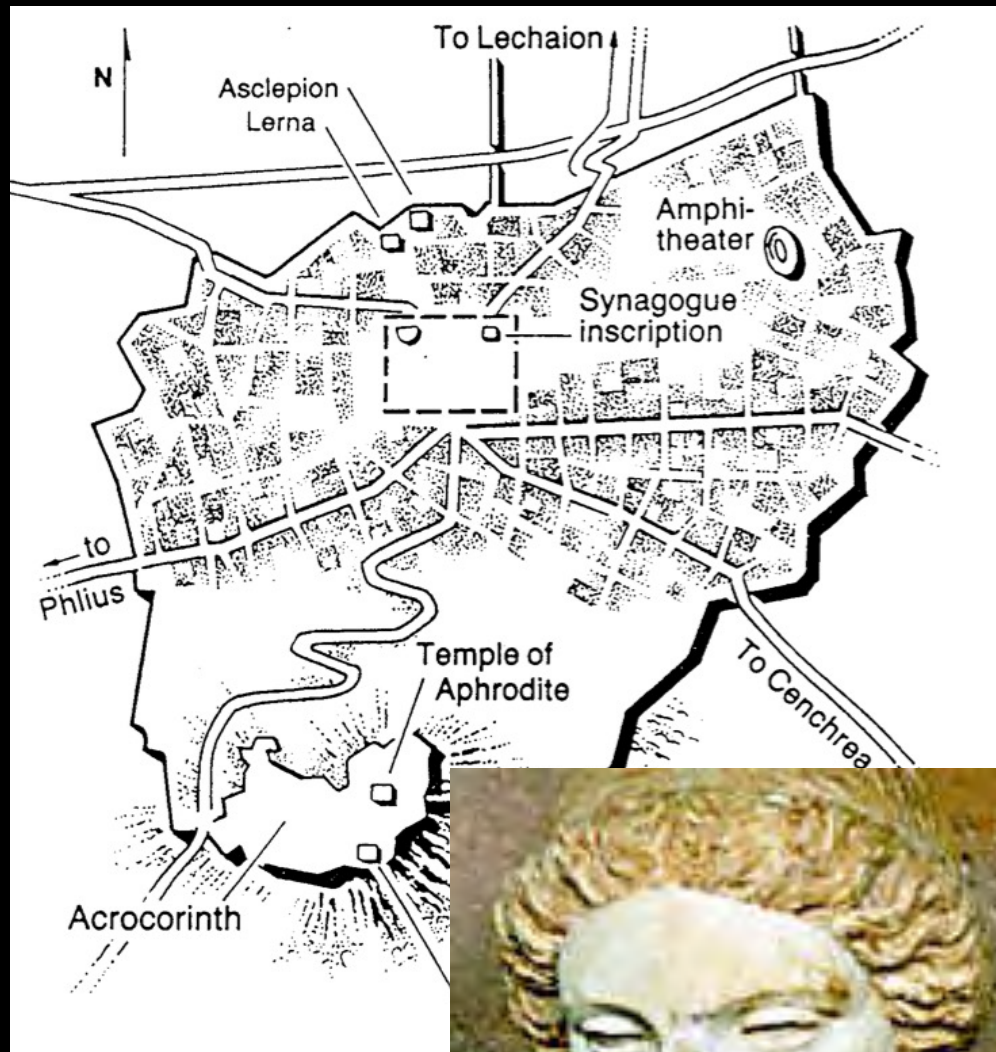


View of Acrocorinth from the City



Immorality in
All Seasons



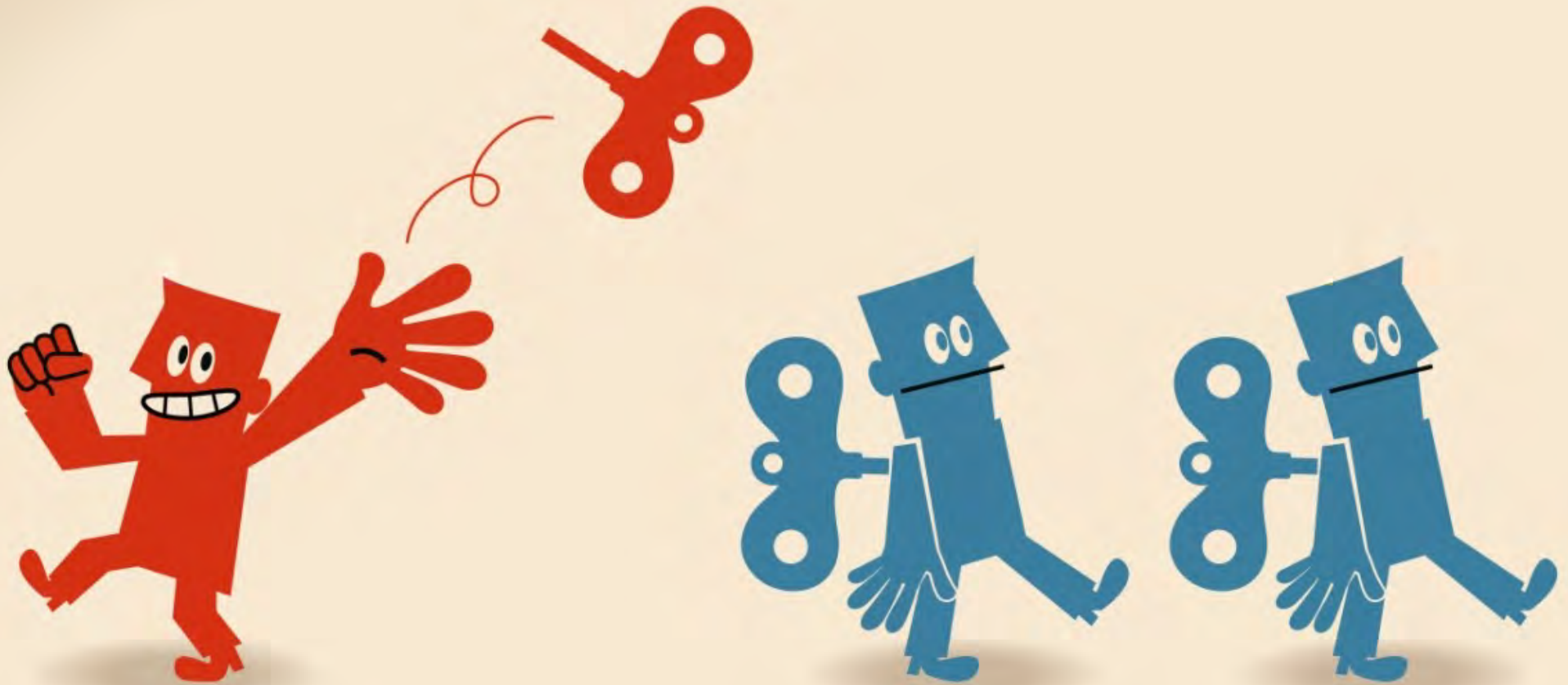


Temple of Aphrodite



*Greek
Goddess
of Love*

**It takes courage not to do
what everyone else is doing**



How should we...

**BE
UNITED
(1-4)**



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...from unbelievers?

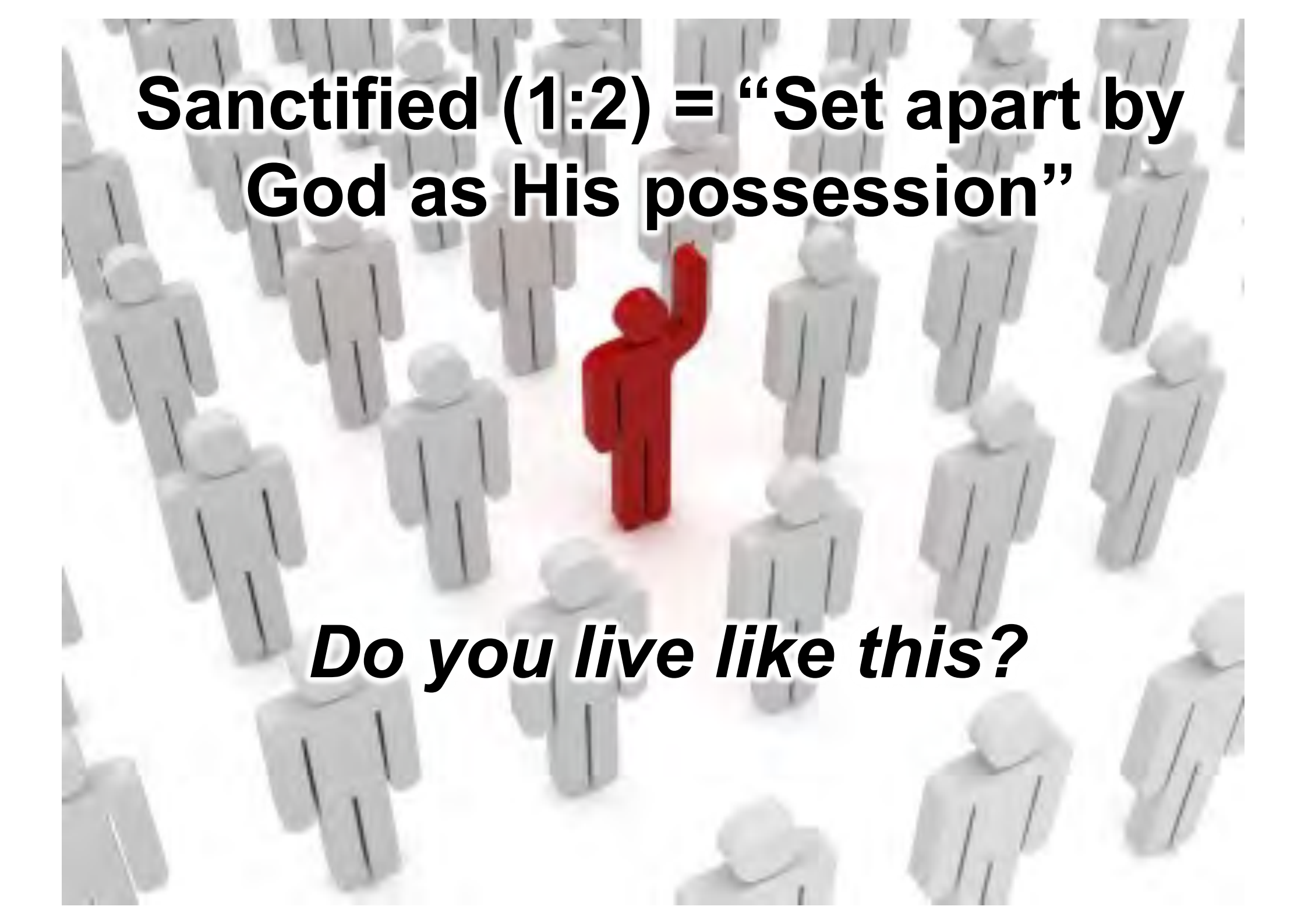
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Key Word

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Sanctification

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**Sanctified (1:2) = “Set apart by
God as His possession”**

Do you live like this?



***Which* church leader
should we follow?**



A key question asked at Corinth

Parties at Corinth

**P
A
P**

Paul's Key Point of 1 Cor. 1:
Don't divide over leaders
because the **gospel** is
based on a **crucified** man.



1 Corinthians 2

Philosophies at Athens



The Focal Point of the Text



We can be truly united as a
church by focusing on
God's wisdom

What does God's wisdom look like?



**Unity
Humility
Witnessing
Education
Bible**

1 Corinthians 3

Church Unity

How can we have it?



Types of People



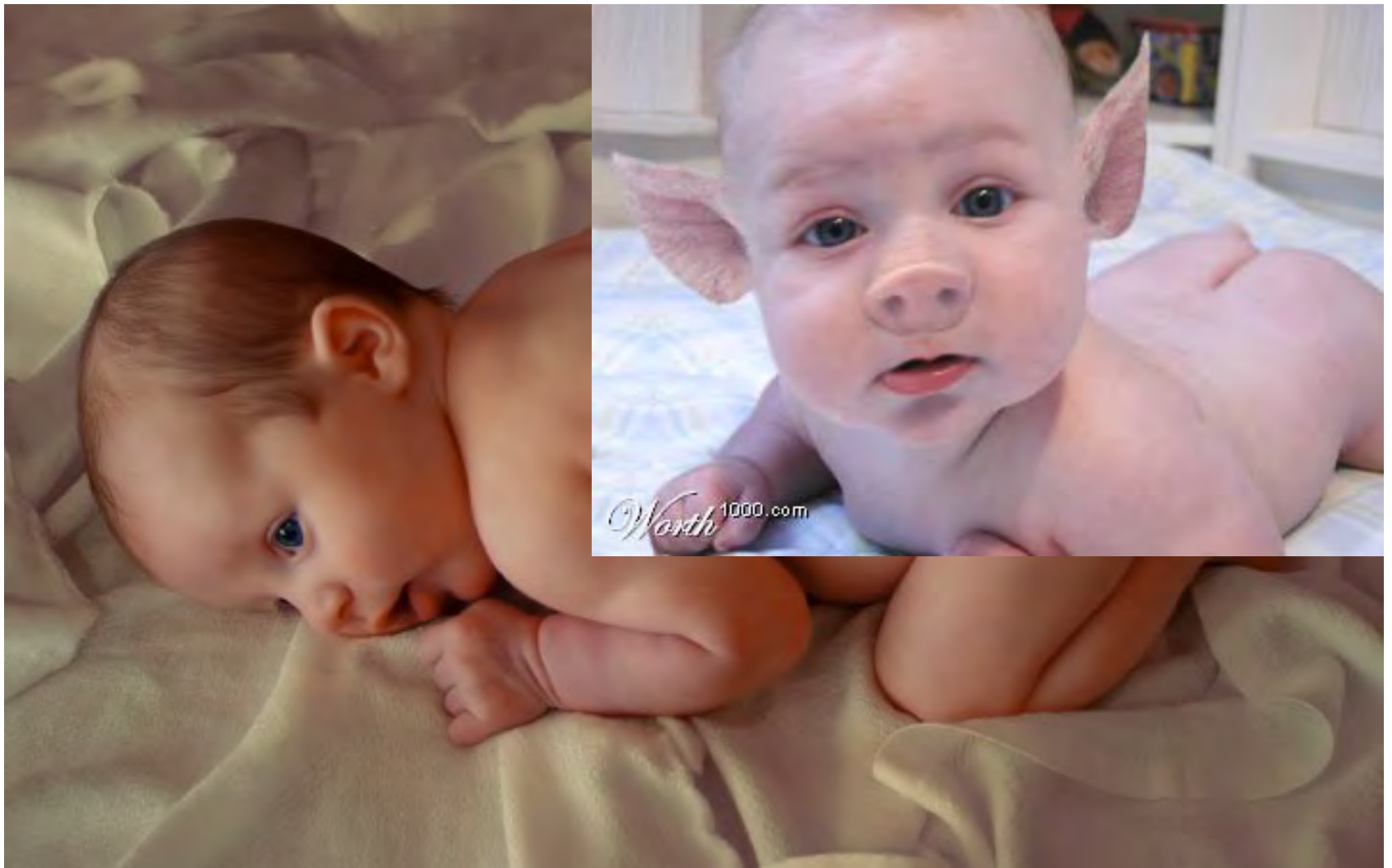
**Carnal
Christian
(3:1)**



Non-Christian (2:14)



Christian (2:15)



"Carnal" means "fleshly"

Two Types of Carnality

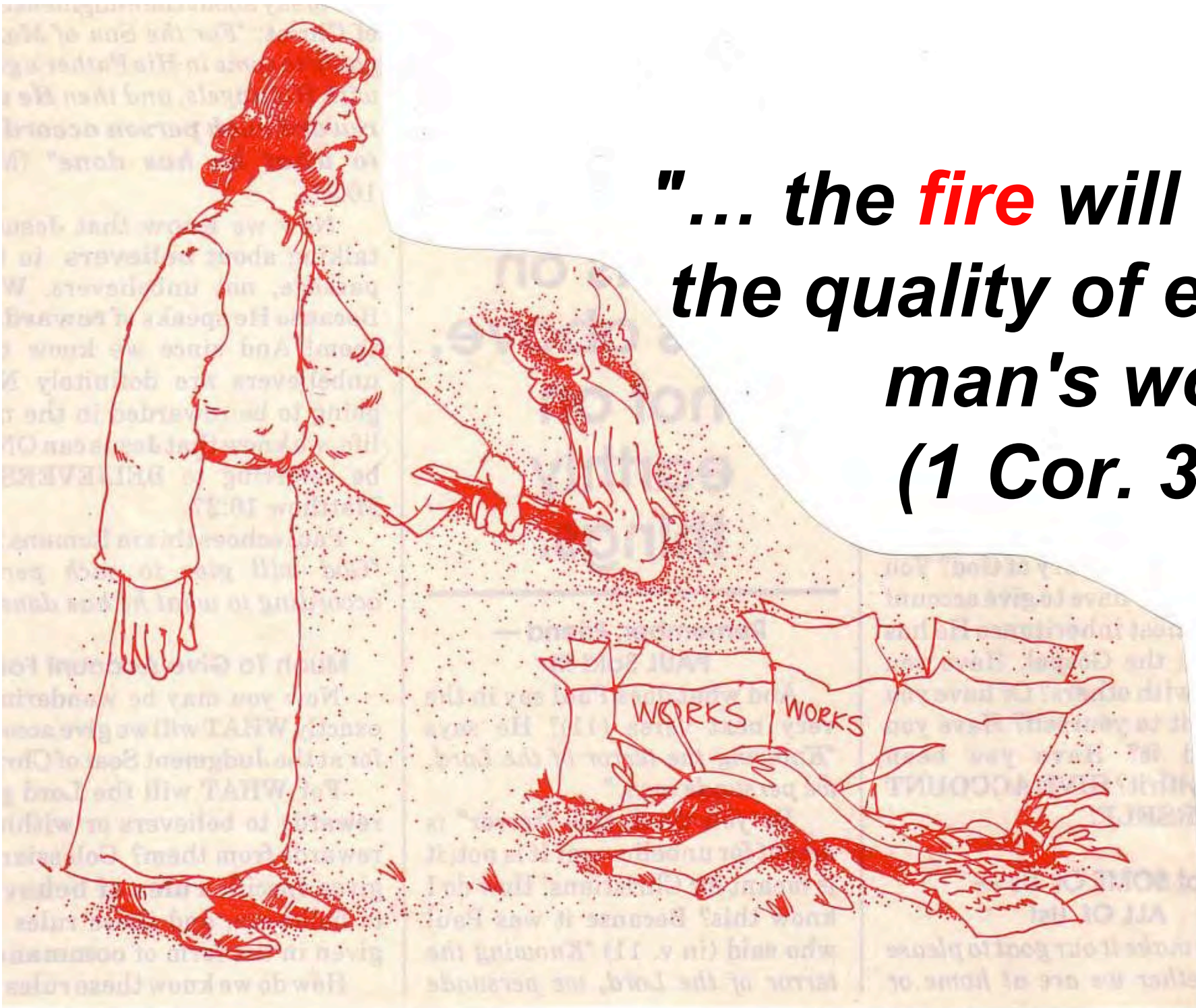


Sarkikos, "like flesh," 3:1

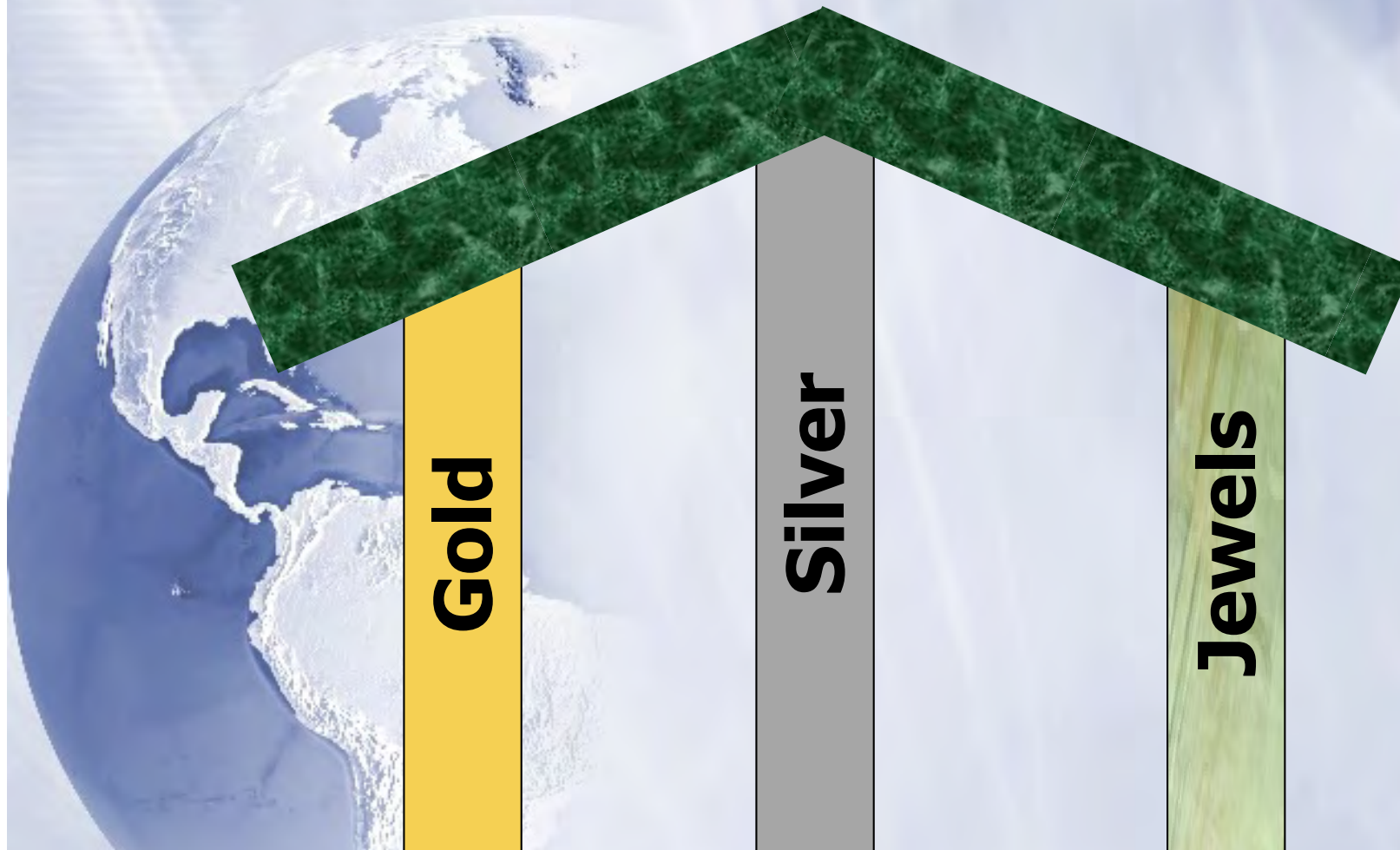


Sarkinos, "made of flesh," 3:3

**"... the *fire* will test
the quality of each
man's work"
(1 Cor. 3:13)**



Lasting Building Materials (3:12a)



Foundation: Apostles & Prophets (Eph. 2:20)

Foundation: The Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 3:11)

Perishable Building Materials (3:12b)

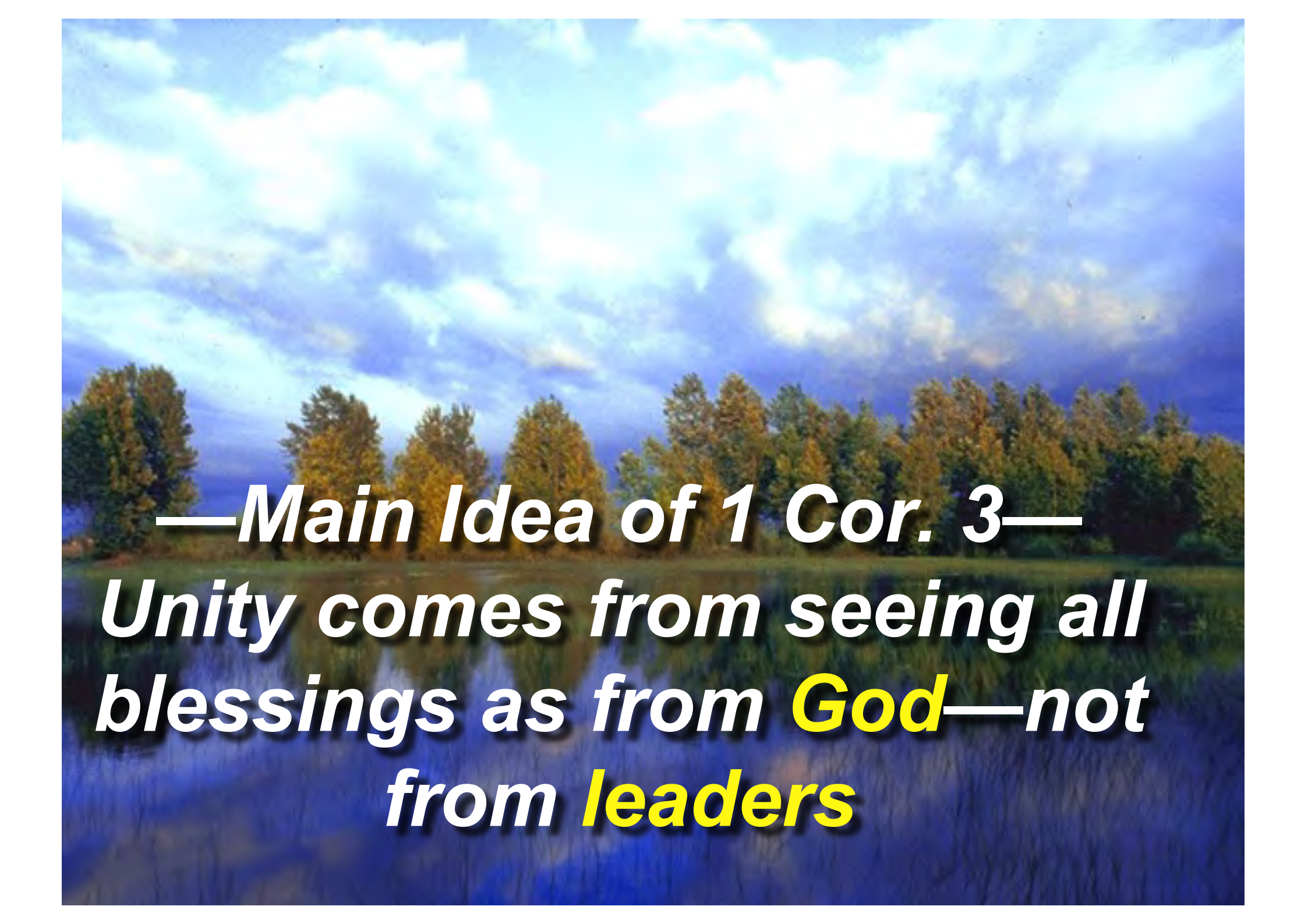


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**"saved
as
through
fire..."
(3:15)**

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***—Main Idea of 1 Cor. 3—
Unity comes from seeing all
blessings as from **God**—not
from **leaders*****

1 Corinthians 4

1 Corinthians 4 Subject

**How should we view
our spiritual leaders?**





– *Paul's Key Point in 1 Cor. 4* –

Treat elders with a biblical
balance—

as faithful
and
humble
servants,

yet also as
spiritual
fathers with
authority

How should we...

**BE
UNITED
(1–4)**



**BE
DIFFERENT**




**BE
MORAL
(5–6)**

1 Corinthians

...from unbelievers?

1 Corinthians 5

A white dove is shown in flight, facing right, with its wings spread wide. The background is a bright blue sky with soft, white clouds. The dove's feathers are detailed, showing a mix of white and light blue. The overall image has a soft, ethereal quality.

How do we
maintain **purity**
in the church?

**Humbly remove members
living in sin (5:1-2).**

Care enough to confront!

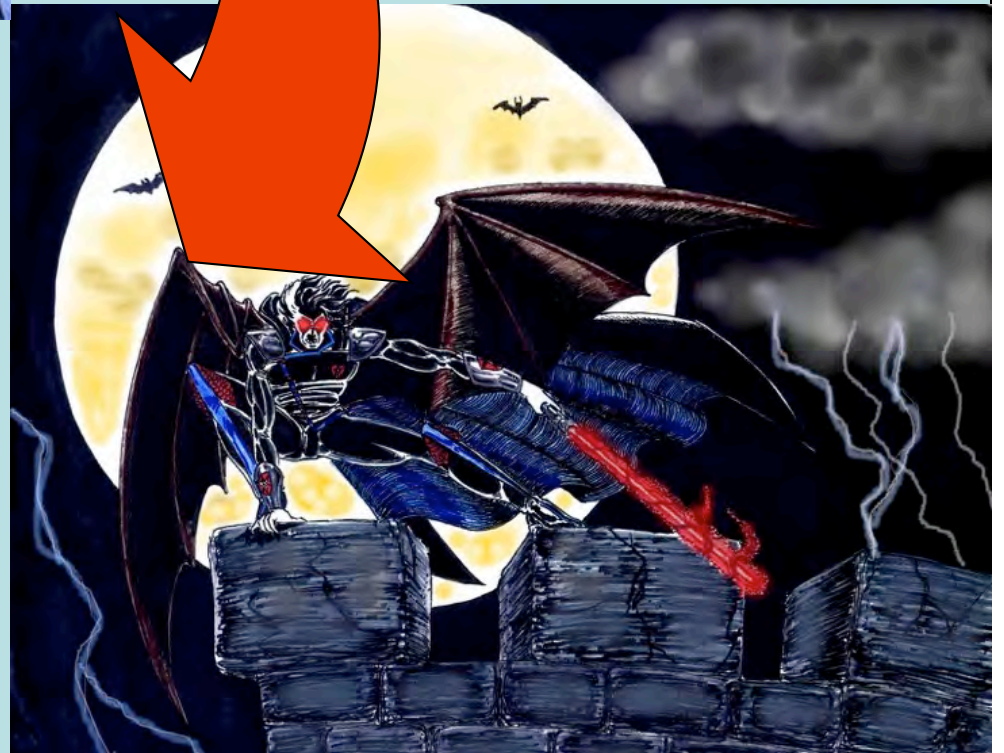
***Spanking
the Saints***





**"...deliver
over to
Satan"**

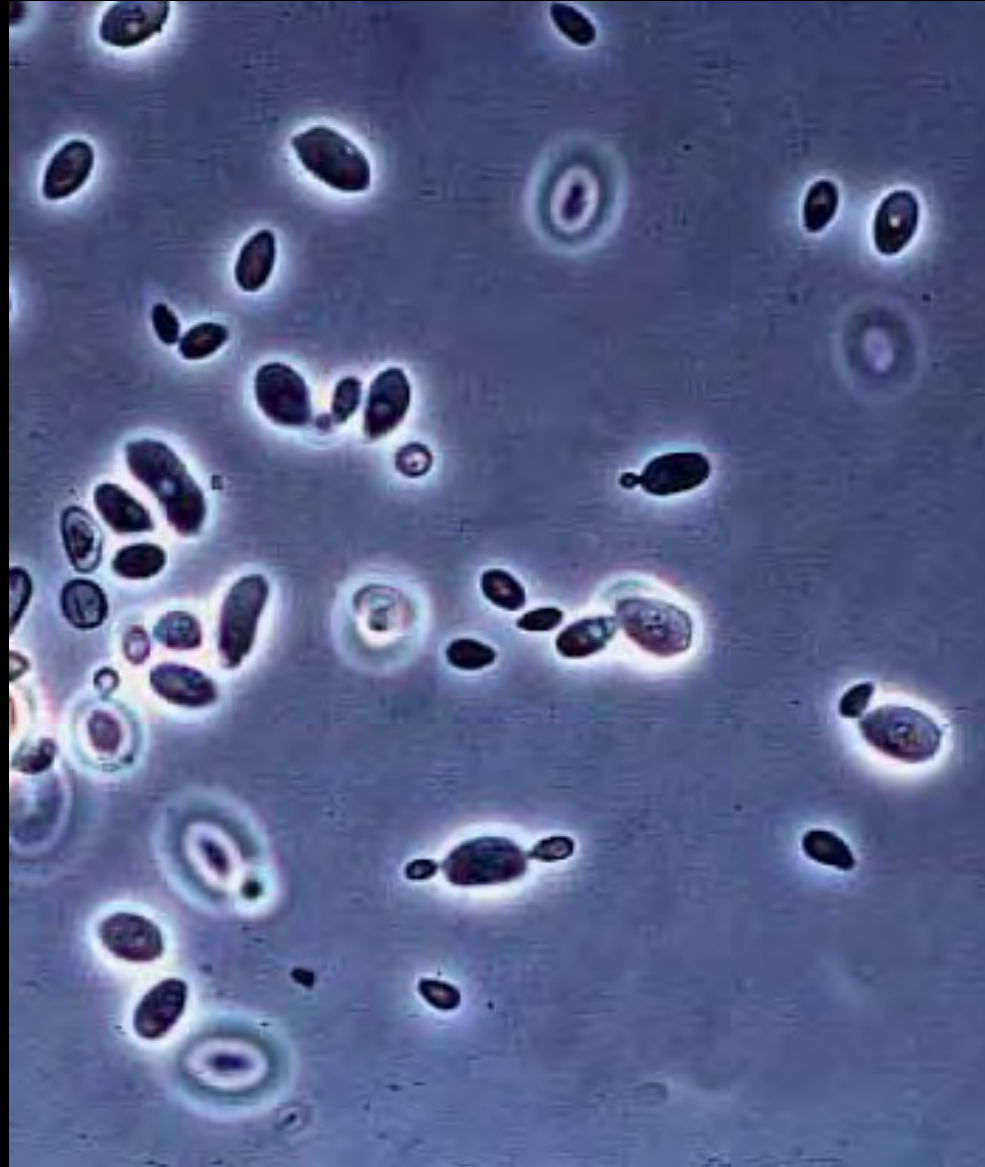
**A. Discipline
hands a *believer*
over to **Satan's**
dominion to end
his hypocrisy
(5:3-5)**





**B. Discipline
maintains the
purity of
the *body*
(5:6-8)**

Yeast



The Focus of 1 Cor. 5



Guard church purity by
expelling
unrepentant believers

1 Corinthians 6

Conflicts among Christians
are **family** matters—not
for unbelievers to solve
(6:1)


Why?



Competency



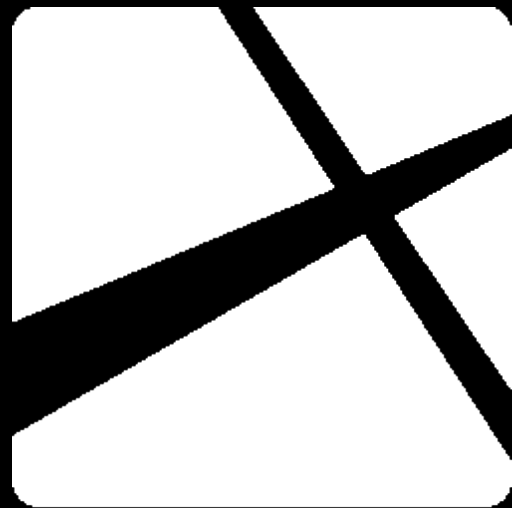
Witness



***"Do you not
know that
saints will
judge the
world?"
(6:2a)***



**Disputes between believers must
be solved by believers
(Main Idea of 1 Cor. 6)**



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Church Covenant

As members of one body, we pledge to:

(xiv) resolve all conflicts with arbitration
only among believers without recourse to
the secular courts

**"Do you not know that
your body is a temple of
the Holy Spirit, who is in
you, whom you have
received from God? You
are not your own; ²⁰you
were bought at a price.
Therefore honor God
with your body"
(1 Cor 6:19-20 NIV).**



How should we...

**BE
UNITED**
(1–4)

**BE
MORAL**
(5–6)

**BE
DIFFERENT**

**BE
SELFLESS**
(7–16)


1 Corinthians

...from unbelievers?

1 Corinthians 7



**Are you
content?**



Why should you be **content** with your...?

- marital state?
- body (physical appearance)?
- job (social standing)?

1 Corinthians 7 Overview



"Remain"

17, 20, 24

Marriage

7:1-24

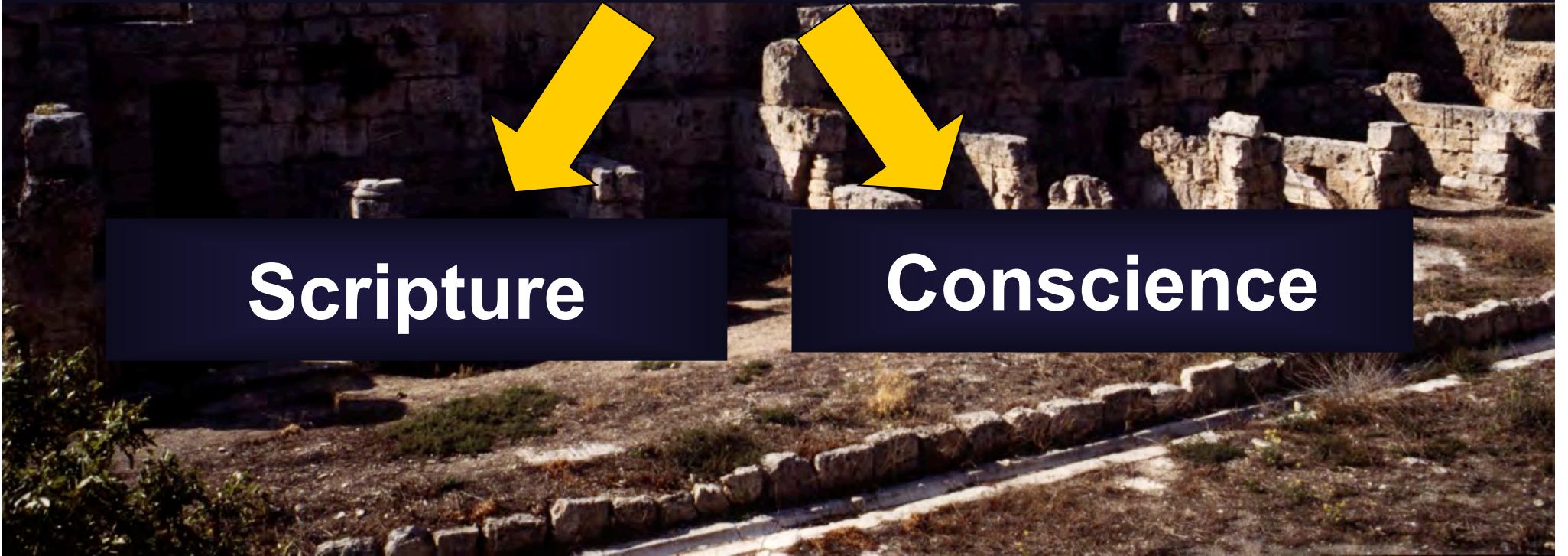
Singleness

7:25-40

1 Corinthians 8



Where Convictions Come From...



Scripture

Conscience

View of Acrocorinth from the City

Black & White

*Practices the Bible
says are always
wrong*

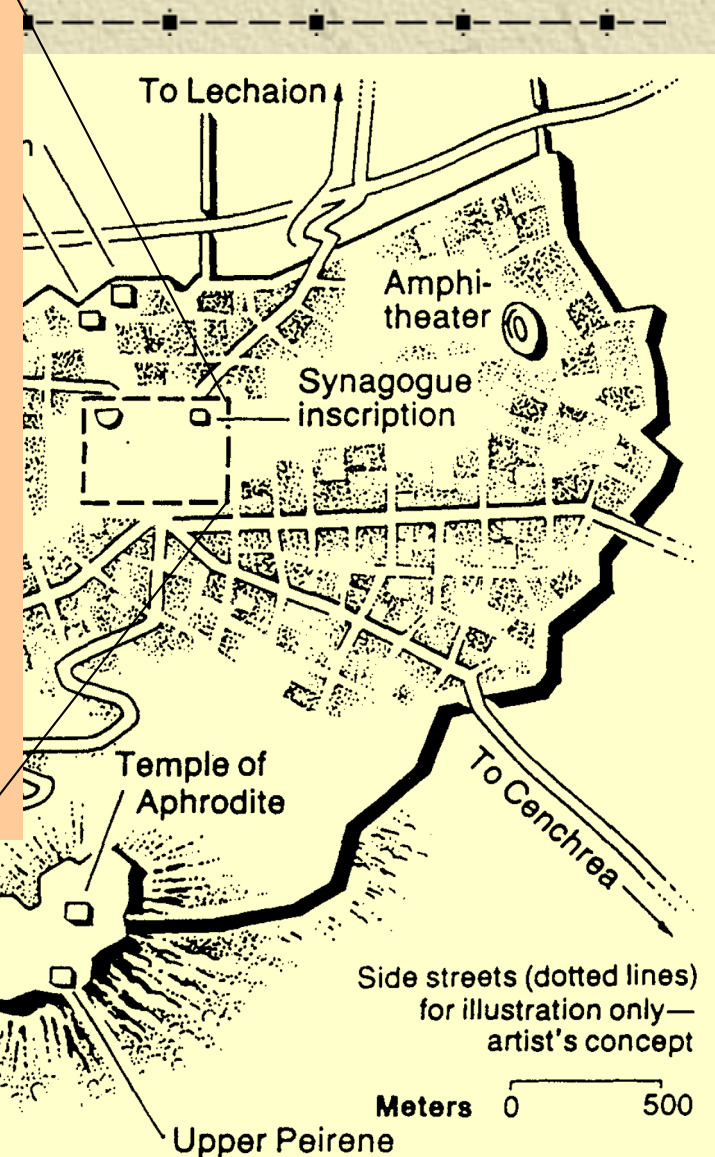
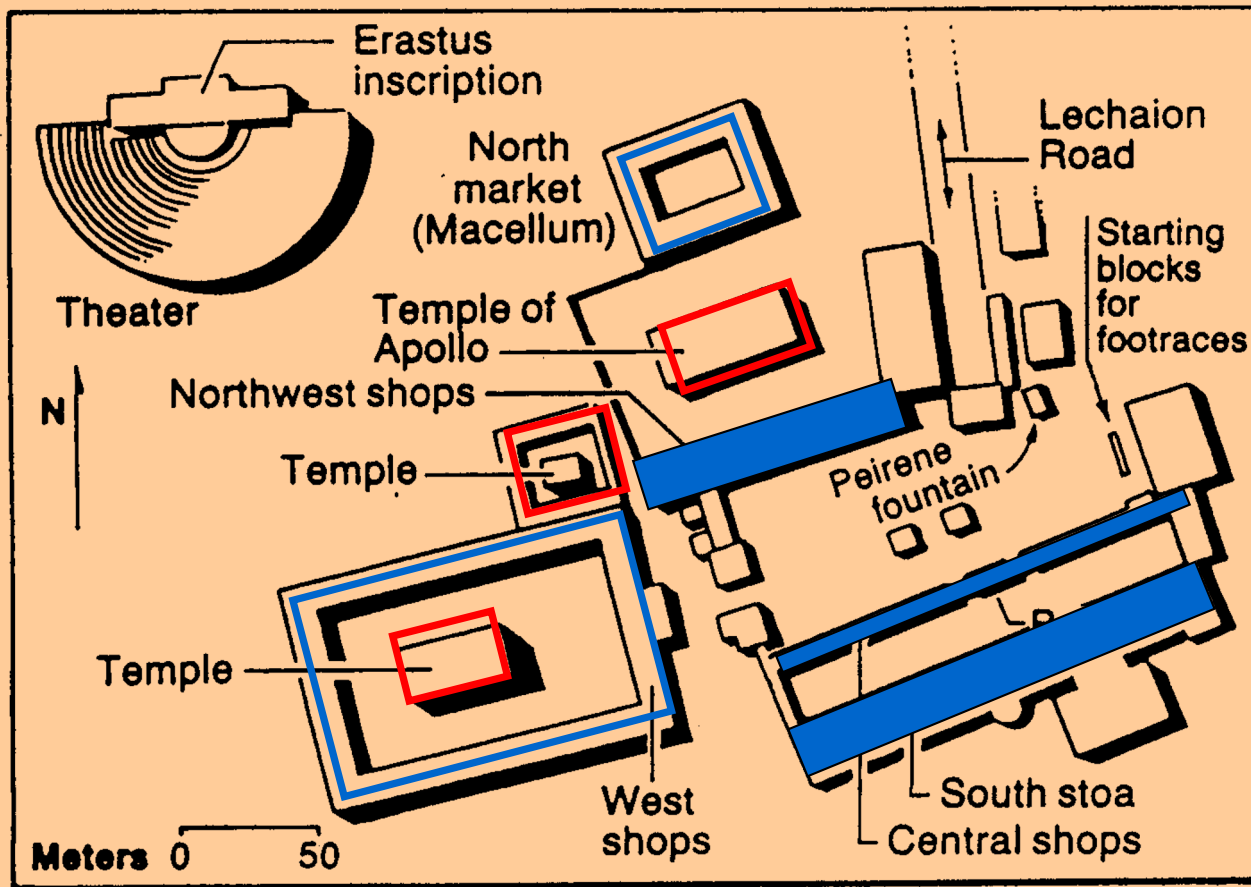
*Idolatry
Adultery
Murder
Coveting*

*Practices the Bible
says are always
right*

*Contentment
Obedience
Prayer
Purity*

Meat & the Marketplace (1 Cor 8)

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Gray Areas

*Practices not
forbidden in the Bible
over which Christians
disagree*

Gray Area Examples

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Accepting gifts with the left hand
Being a Democrat (or Republican!)
Buying a Mac (or Windows) computer
Celebrating Christmas or Easter
Celebrating Good Friday
Celebrating Lent
Celebrating Palm Sunday
Changing to a "Christian" name
Chinese New Year giving of *hong baos*

Bad things happen if you insist on
your rights in gray matters
(8:10-12).

You encourage your weaker
brother to sin (8:10)

The weak brother could even
give up his faith (8:11)

You sin (8:12)

Chapter 8 Big Idea

Show **love** more than
knowledge when
dealing with gray
matters

1 Corinthians 9

1 Corinthians 8–10

8

Meat

9

Apostles

10

Temples

8

**Gray
Areas**

9

Rights



Do those serving
Christ have **rights**?

Give up your rights
to help others
mature in Christ

(Main Idea of
1 Corinthians 9)


1 Corinthians 10



When You're Idle About Idols

1 Corinthians 10

Wandering Map



Kadesh-
barnea

Mt. Hor

Mt.
Sinai

Route of the Journey

1 Cor. 10:1-4 (NLT)

¹I don't want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters, about our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. **All** of them were guided by a cloud that moved ahead of them, and **all** of them walked through the sea on dry ground. ²In the cloud and in the sea, **all** of them were baptized as followers of Moses. ³**All** of them ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and **all** of them drank the same spiritual water. For they drank from the spiritual rock that traveled with them, and that rock was Christ.



**Avoid idol feasts since they're
as demonic as the Lord's
Supper is godly (10:14-22).**

Main Idea of 1 Cor. 10

Avoid idolatry or God may
discipline you for this
involvement with **demons**

1 Corinthians 11

Who wore head coverings?

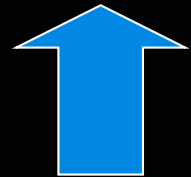




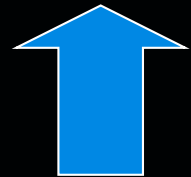
God



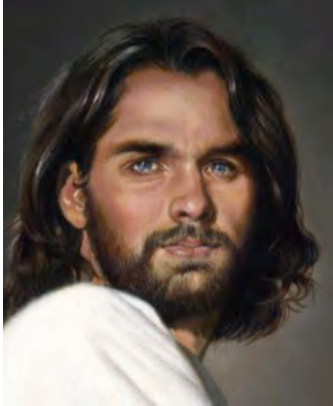
Christ



Husband



Wife



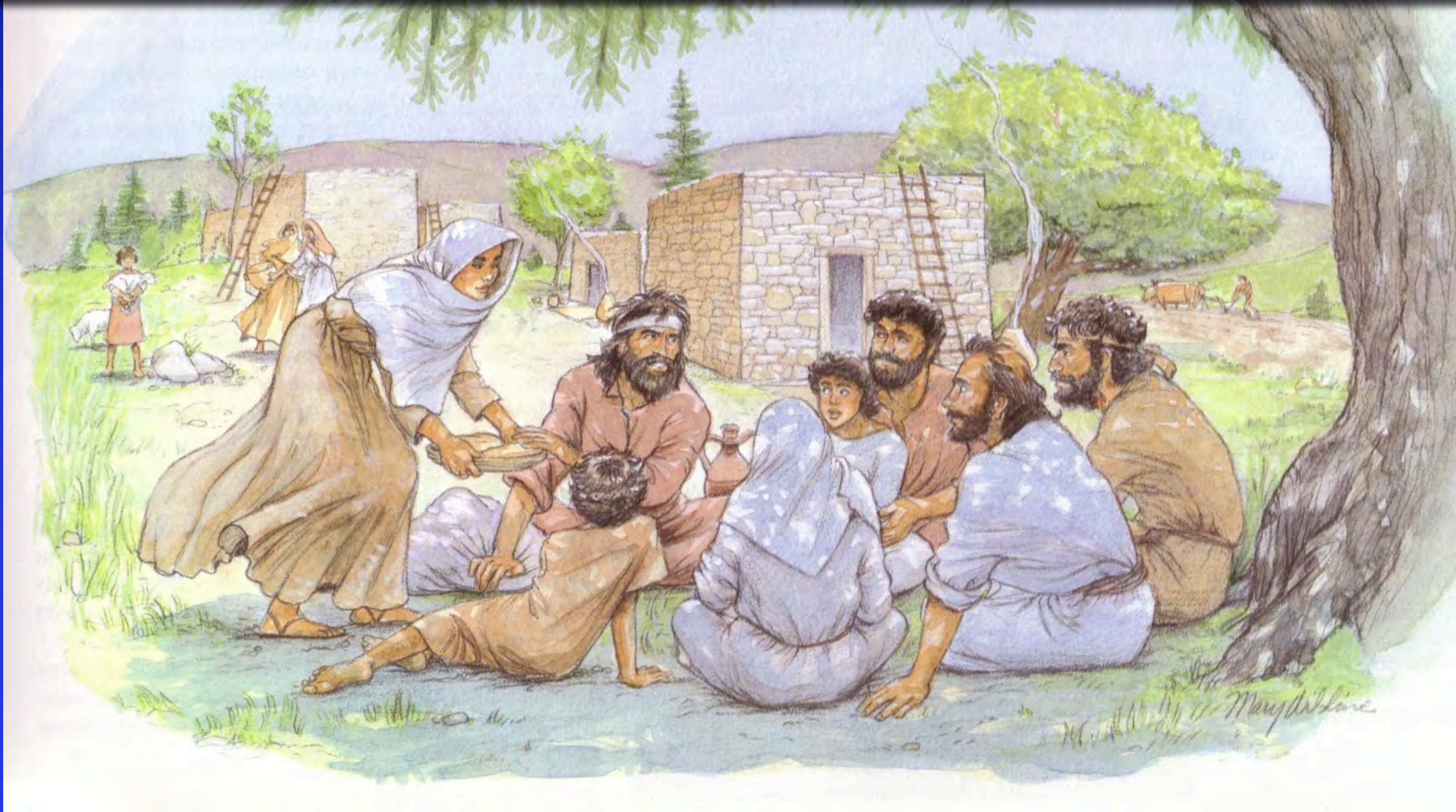
God's Authority Structure

**The head of every
man is Christ, the
head of woman is
man, and the head
of Christ is God
(1 Cor. 11:3 NLT)**

**In most societies today, head coverings
send the wrong signal—that we are out
of touch with societal convention**



Don't confuse society into thinking that husbands shouldn't **lead their wives (Main Idea of 1 Cor. 11:1-16)**



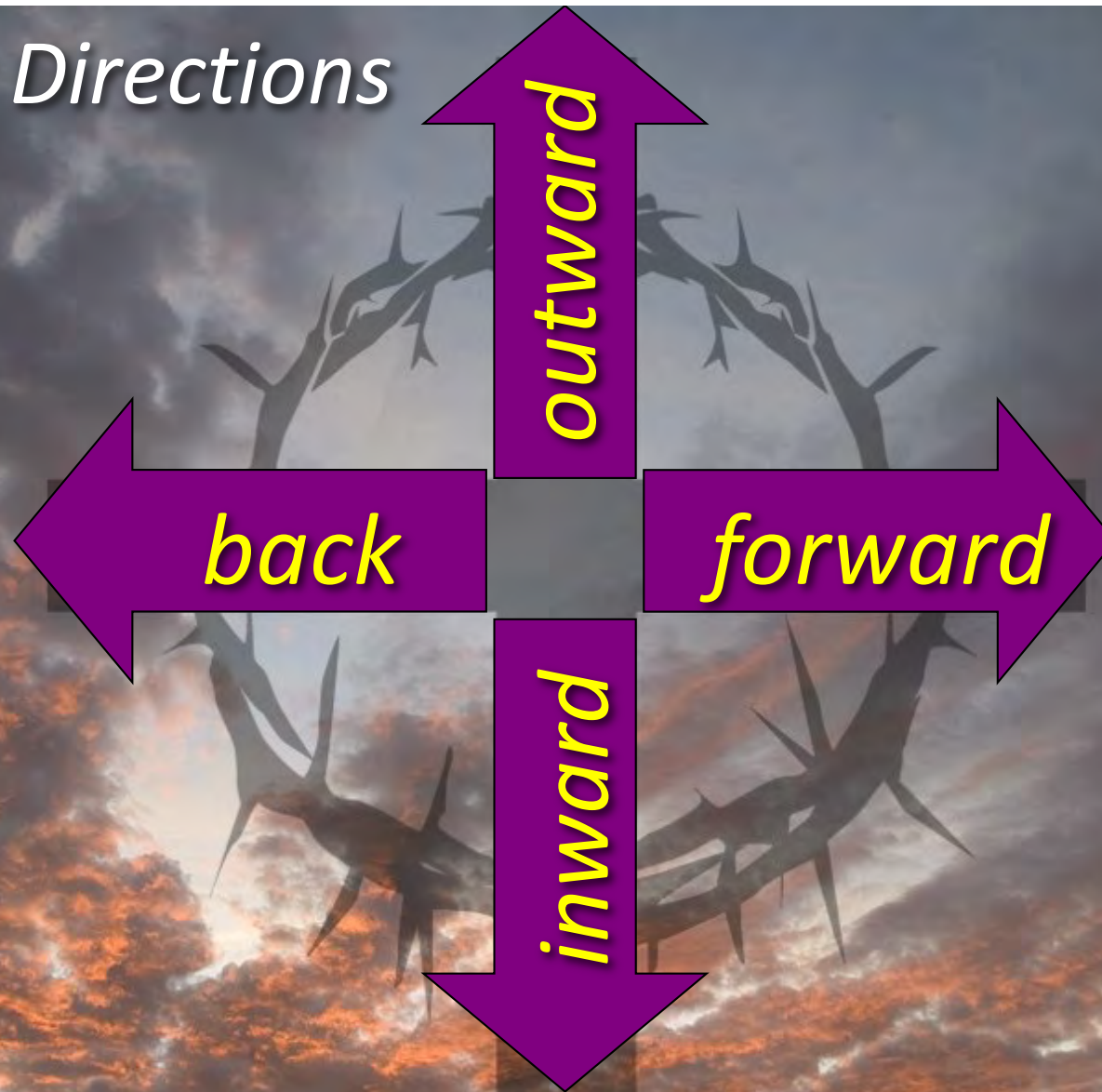
Give up your rights to...

- **sue another believer (1 Cor. 6)**
- **marriage or singleness (1 Cor. 7)**
- **eat food offered to idols (1 Cor. 8)**
- **practices hindering your witness (1 Cor. 9)**
- **join pagan celebrations (1 Cor. 10)**
- **deny God's authority structure (1 Cor. 11)**

*How can you **honor** God in the Lord's Supper?*



The Four Directions



Look in all four directions!

The Four Directions

(Adapted from David
Watson, *I Believe in
the Holy Spirit*)

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Look...



**Passover
(Jewish)**

**Lord's Supper
(Christian)**

Outward

Whole family involved
(Exod. 12:3-4, 16)

Fellowship and unity
(1 Cor. 11:17-22; 10:16-17)

Back

Deliverance from Egypt
(Exod. 12:31-42)

Deliverance from sin
(1 Cor. 11:23-25)

Forward

Wait for messianic age
(Ezek. 45:21)

Anticipate return of Christ
(1 Cor. 11:26; Mark 14:25)

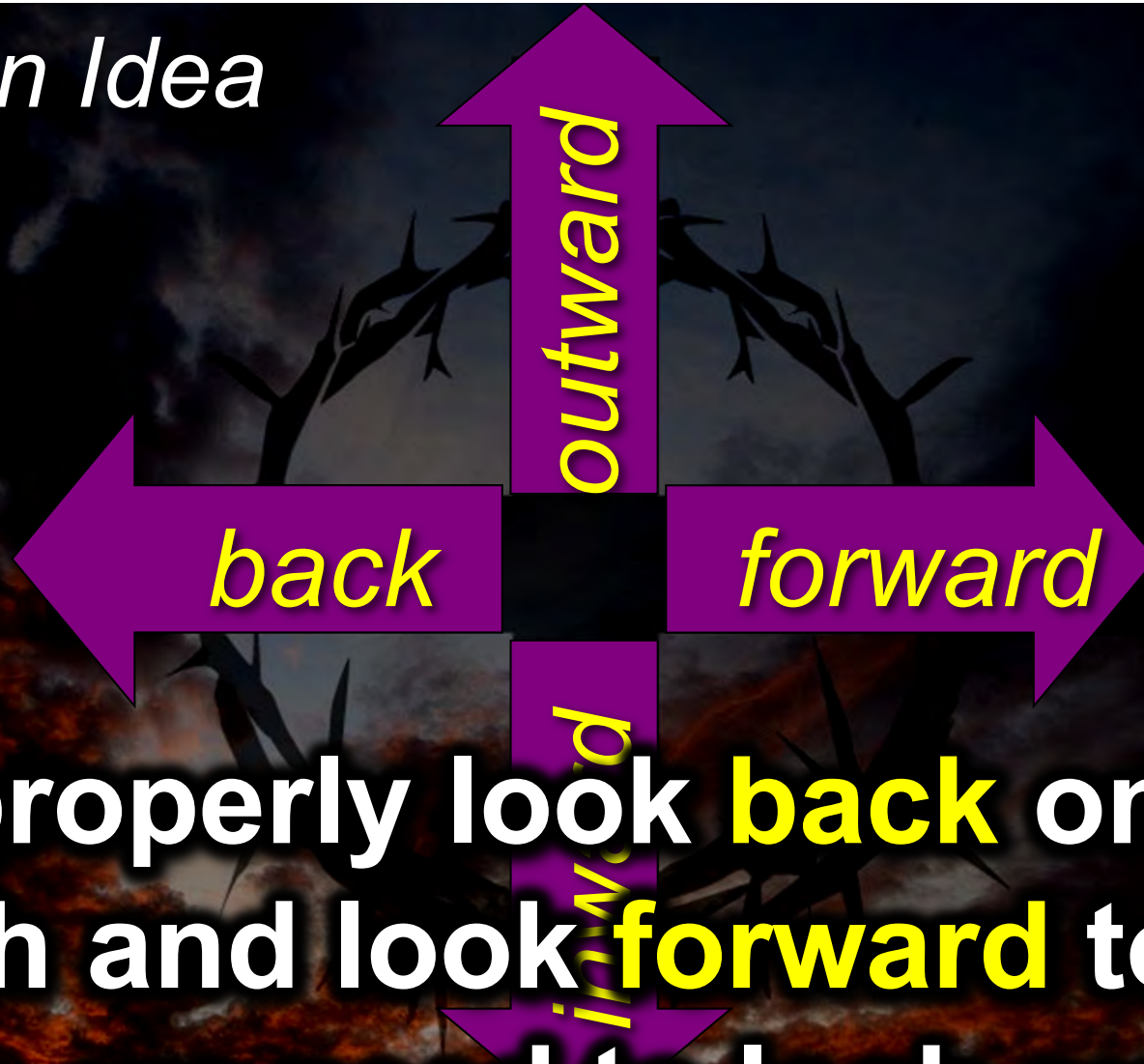
Inward

Purify house of leaven
or evil (Exod. 12:8, 15)

Examine sin in yourself
(1 Cor. 11:27-32; cf. 5:6-8)



The Main Idea



To properly look **back** on His death and look **forward** to His return, we need to look **outward** for others and look **inward** at our own lives.

1 Corinthians 12

**"Now the body is not made up of
one part, but many" (12:14)**

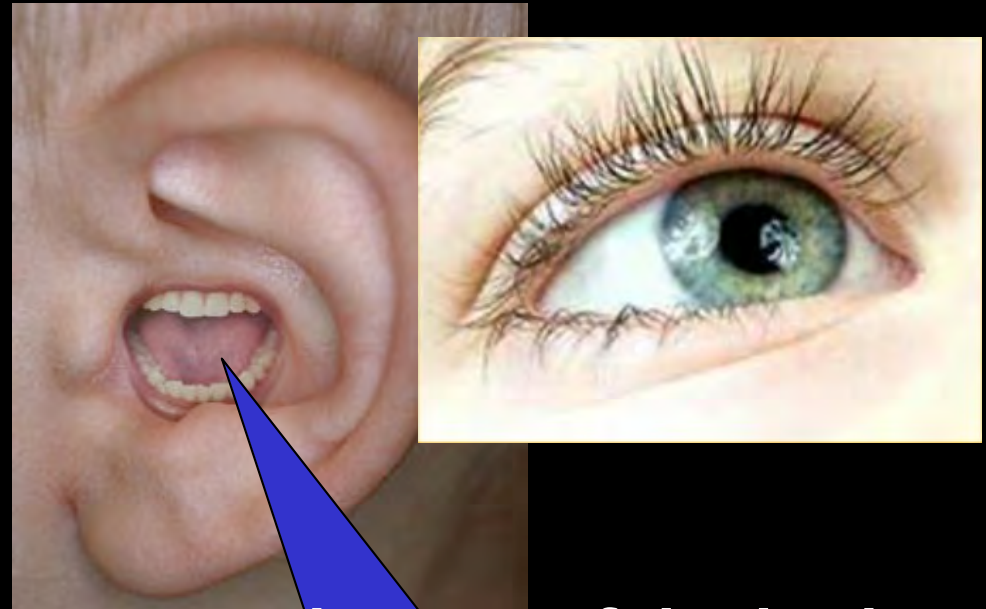
Speaking	Serving
Teaching	Administering
Evangelism	Faith
Pastor-Teacher	Giving
Encouraging	Service
	Mercy

Believers with less honored gifts shouldn't feel unneeded (12:15-16).

¹⁵ If the foot should say,

"Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,"

it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body.



¹⁶ And if the ear should say,

"Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,"

it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body.



**"Up-front" believers, don't arrogantly say,
"I don't need you with less honored roles" (12:21)**

"The eye cannot say to the hand,

"I don't need you!"



And the head cannot say to the feet,

"I don't need you!"



Main Idea of 1 Cor. 12



So why do you need
everyone in this church?
You're only one part of the
body!

1 Corinthians 13



Main Idea of 1 Cor. 13

Why must we use our gifts
with love? Because...

love is **superior** to gifts,
love **benefits** others, and
love **outlasts** gifts

1 Corinthians 14



Tests of a True Prophet (Deut. 18:20, 22)

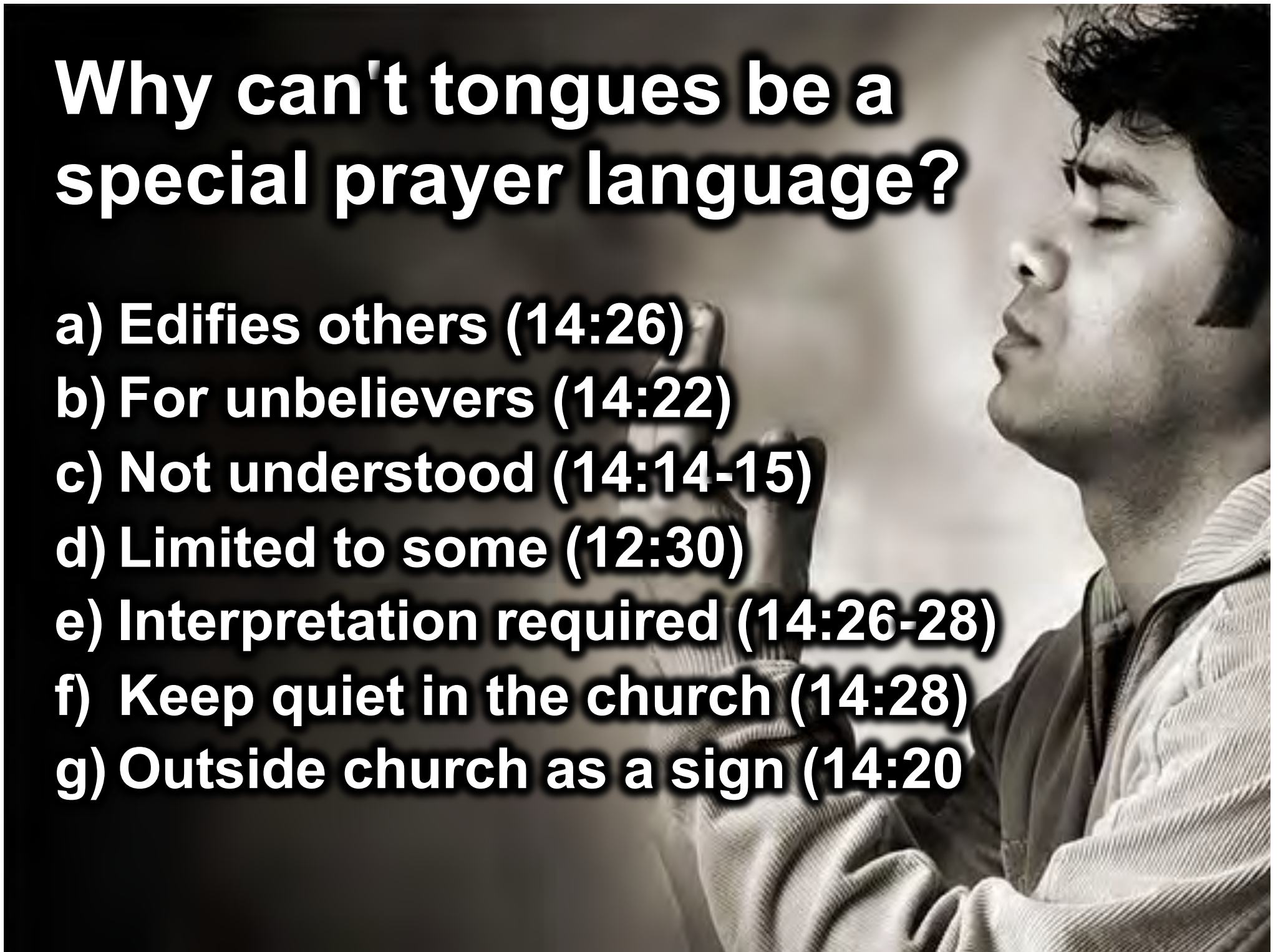
1. Predictions 100% true
2. Worships the LORD



"But any prophet who falsely claims to speak in my name or who speaks in the name of another god must die...If the prophet speaks in the Lord's name but his prediction does not happen or come true, you will know that the Lord did not give that message. That prophet has spoken without my authority and need not be feared."

Why can't tongues be a special prayer language?

- a) Edifies others (14:26)**
- b) For unbelievers (14:22)**
- c) Not understood (14:14-15)**
- d) Limited to some (12:30)**
- e) Interpretation required (14:26-28)**
- f) Keep quiet in the church (14:28)**
- g) Outside church as a sign (14:20)**



1 Corinthians 15

A silhouette of a person standing on a rocky cliff with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or triumph. The background is a vibrant sunset or sunrise over a body of water, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a bright yellow and orange glow. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a lighter yellow near the horizon. The overall mood is one of awe and spiritual significance.

His Body, Our Bodies

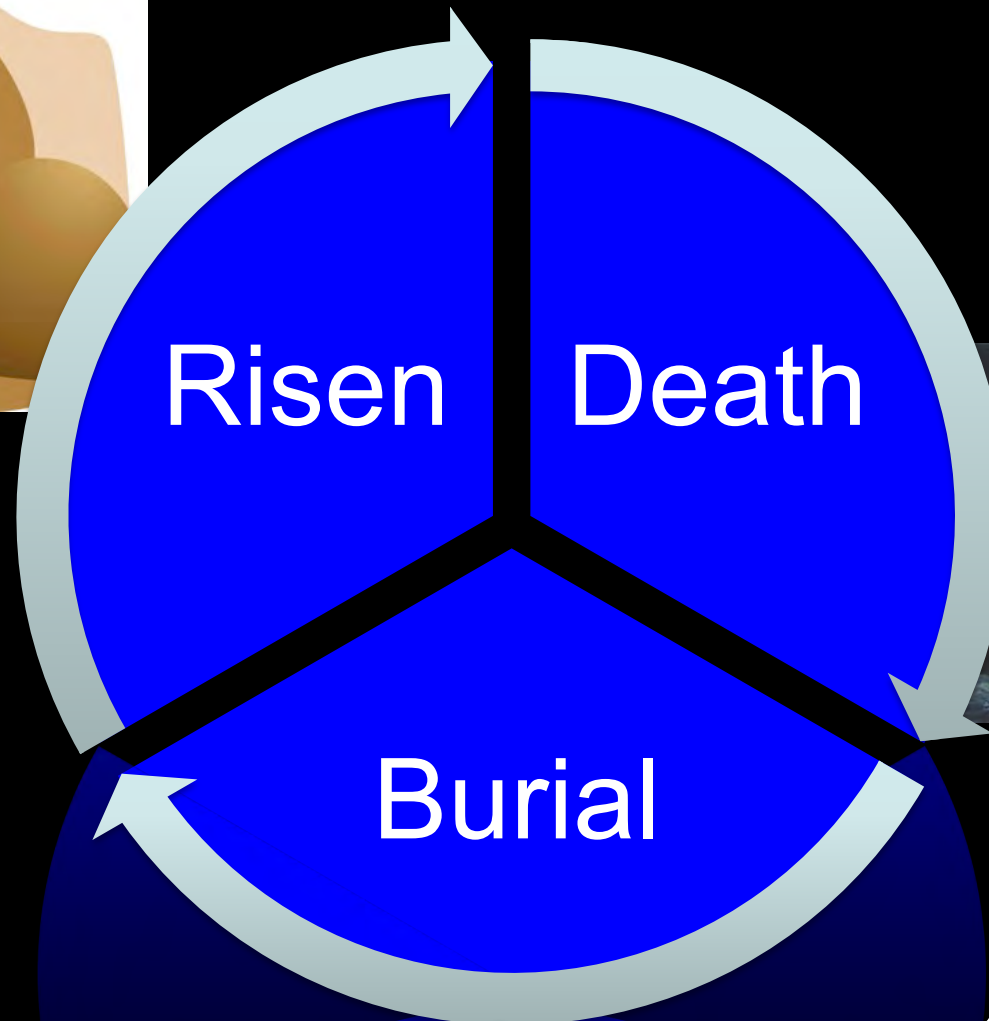
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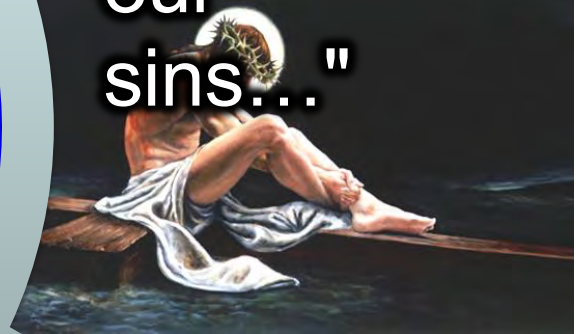
"Let me now remind you... of the Good News [Gospel]
I preached to you before..." (NLT)



"He was
raised from
the dead on
the third
day..."



"Christ
died for
our
sins..."



"He was buried..."

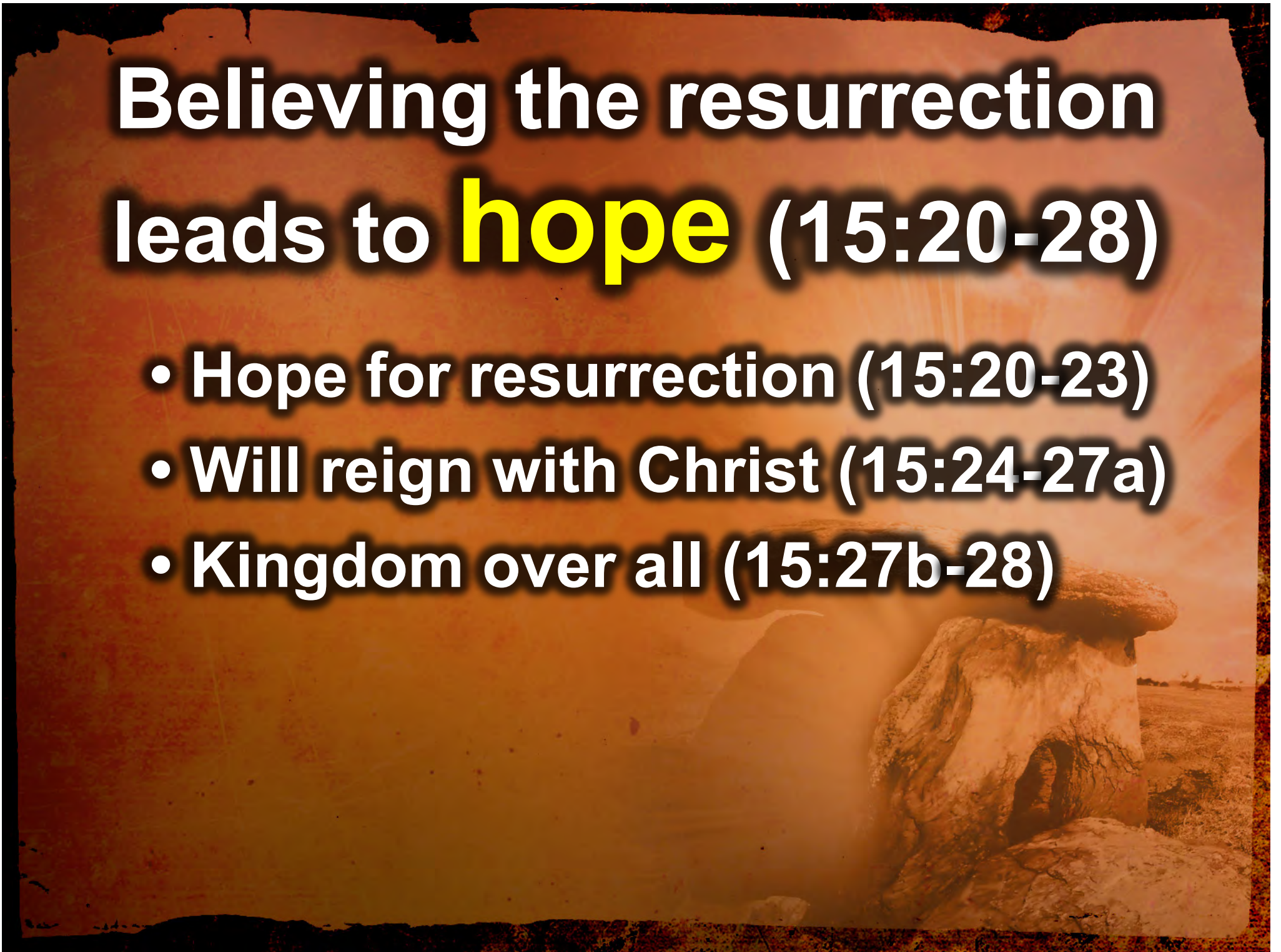
1 Cor. 15:3-4

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THE RISEN CHRIST

Believing the resurrection leads to **hope** (15:20-28)

- Hope for resurrection (15:20-23)
- Will reign with Christ (15:24-27a)
- Kingdom over all (15:27b-28)



The Main Idea of 1 Corinthians 15



Since Christ rose, you will too!
So live like it!

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1 Corinthians 16



**How to
advance
the gospel
during
transition...**

Main Idea of 1 Corinthians 16

Advance the gospel by...

giving and...

teamwork



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1 Corinthians


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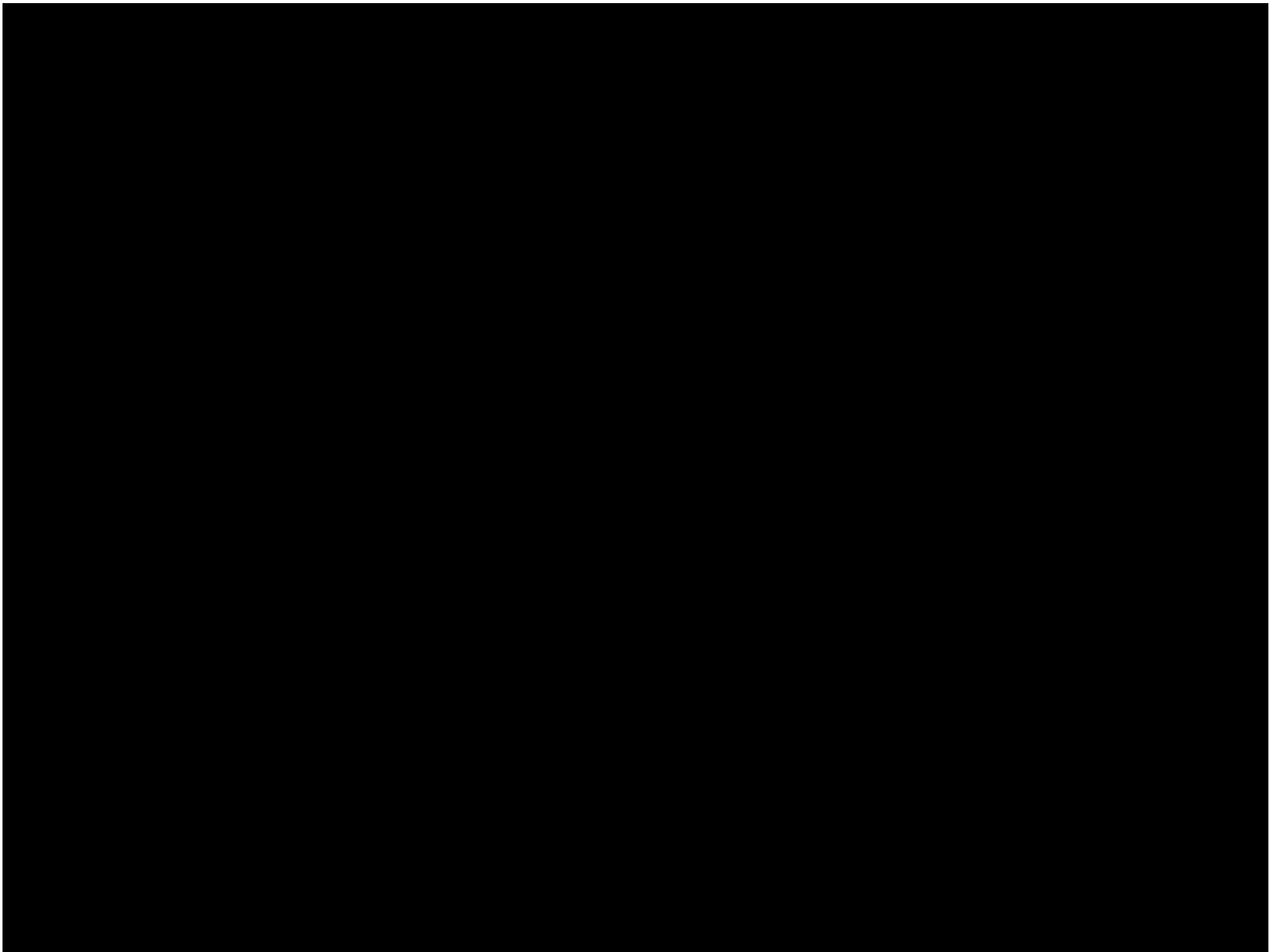
**Be different by being
united, moral and selfless**

1 Corinthians

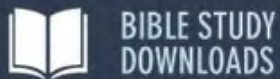
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