

ROMANS 3-4



Romans 3

Romans 3:9-20

***All people stand condemned and
thus need justification by faith***

Exploring the Problem

1. **Grab a partner**
2. **Each of you share what your parents perceive to be the greatest problem in the world**

| Condemned Group | Benefits Received | Reason Condemned | Degree of Judgment |
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| Gentiles (1:18-32) | Creation (1:20) | Rejection of the light they have (1:21-22) | Great (1:20b) |
| Self-Righteous People (2:1-16) | Conscience (2:14-15) | Refusal to obey (2:1) | Greater (2:4) |
| Jews (2:17–3:8) | Law (2:17-20; 3:2) | Hypocrisy (2:21-24) | — |
| All Humanity (3:9-20) | Creation and/or Conscience or Law | Lack of understanding and turning away (3:11-18) | — |

All Are Guilty Before God

RIGHTEOUSNESS IN ROMANS

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MAKE HIM FAMOUS

around the corner and around the world

Are all the following people
really condemned without
Christ?

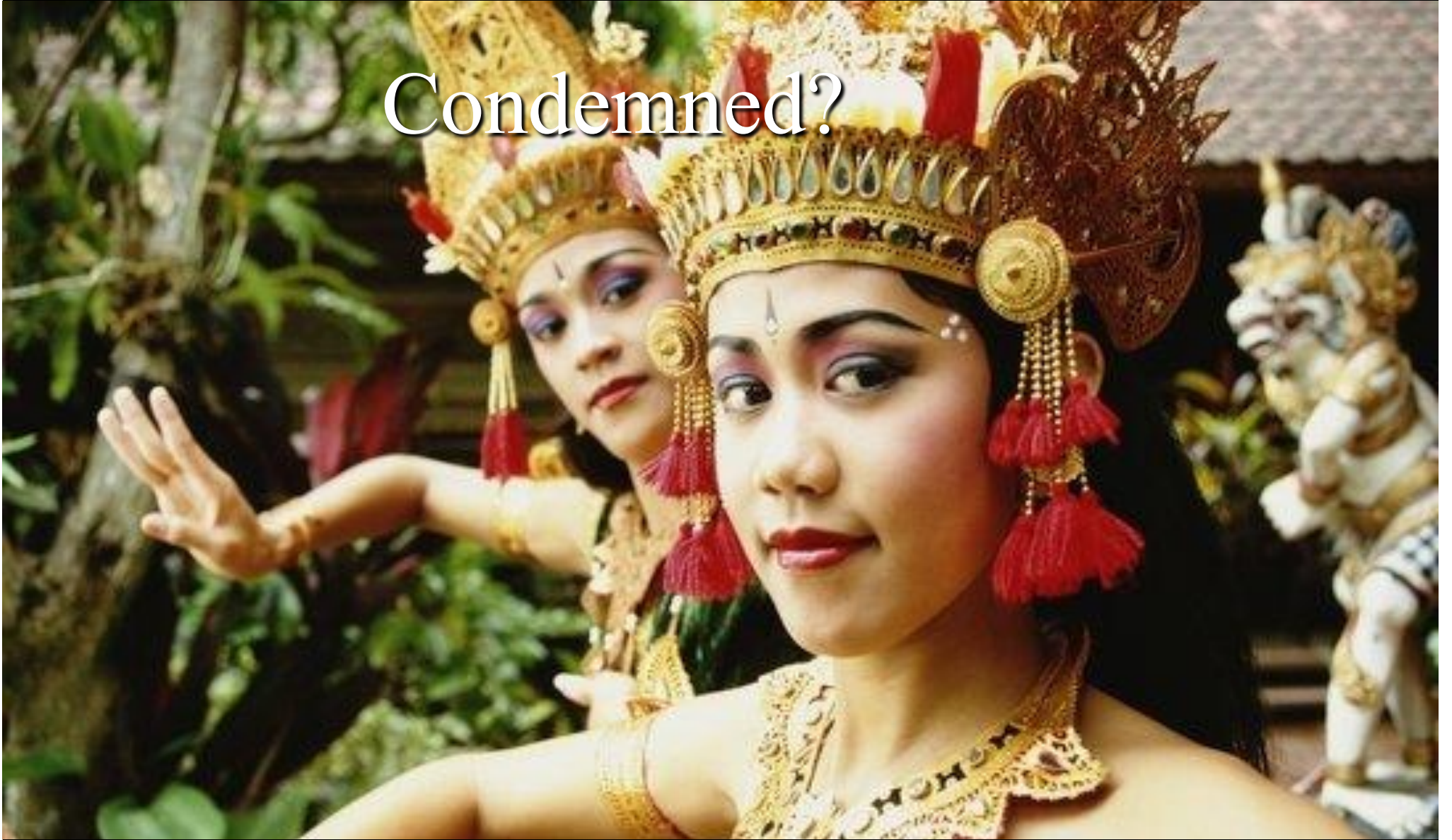
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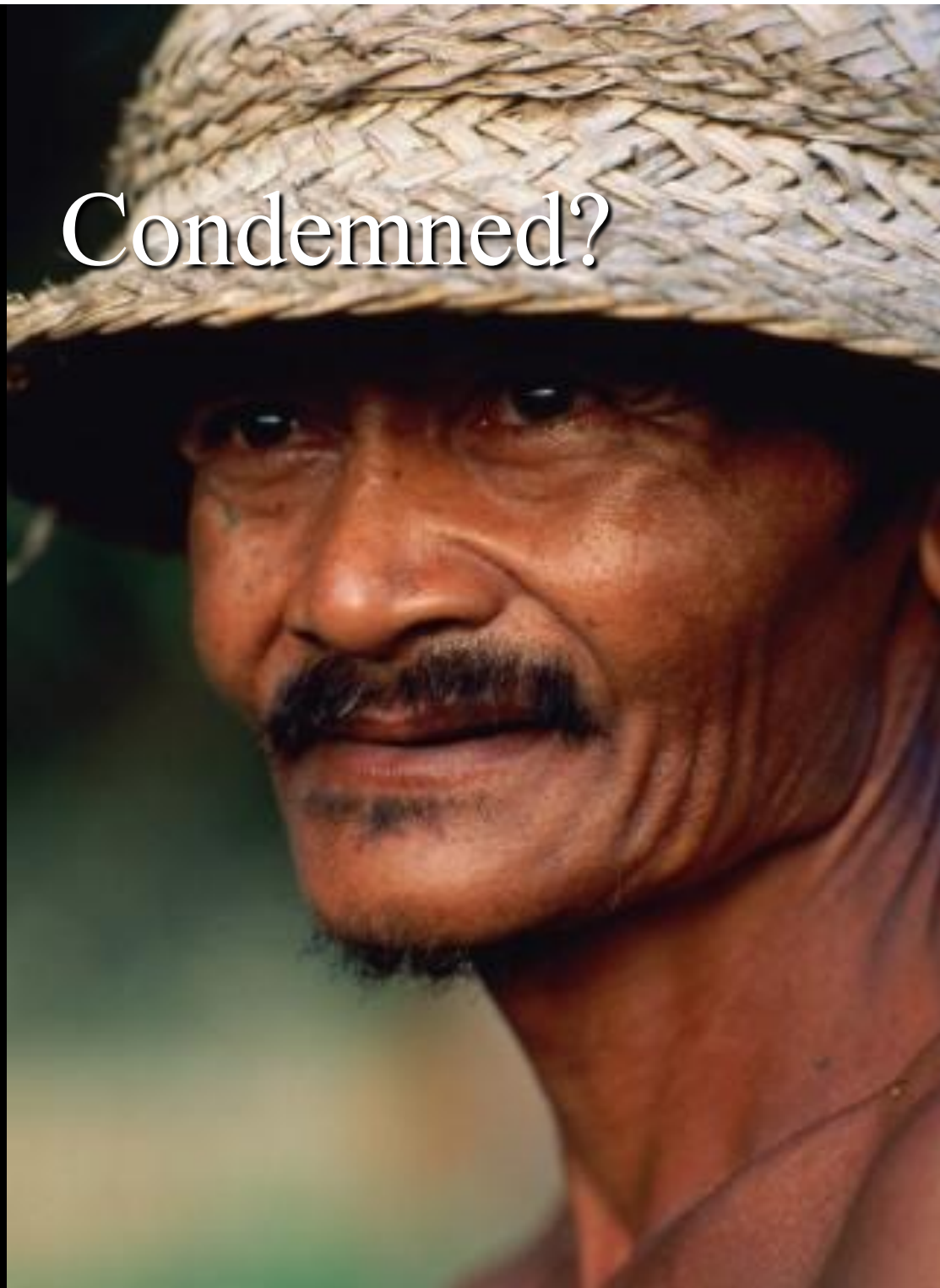
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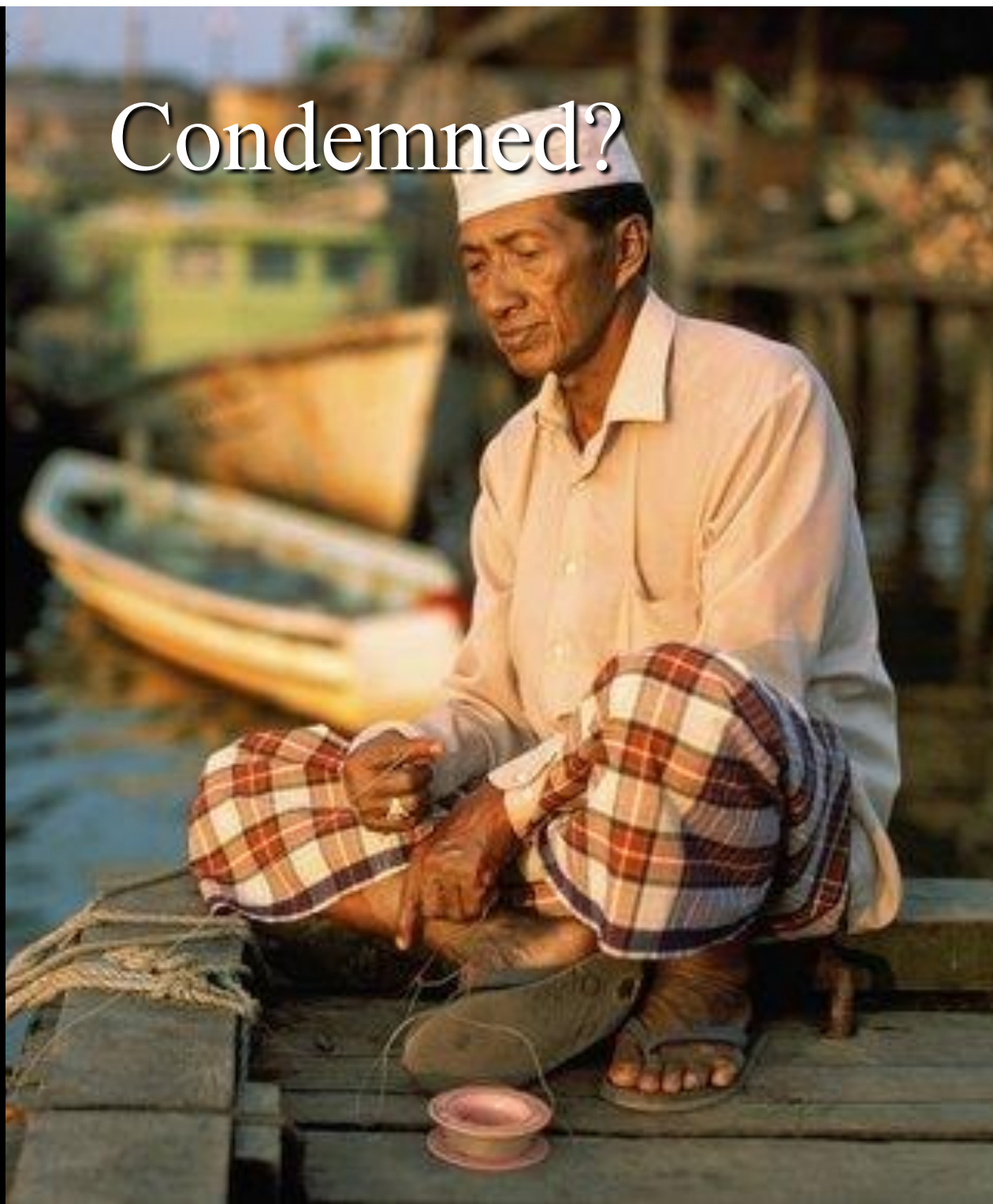
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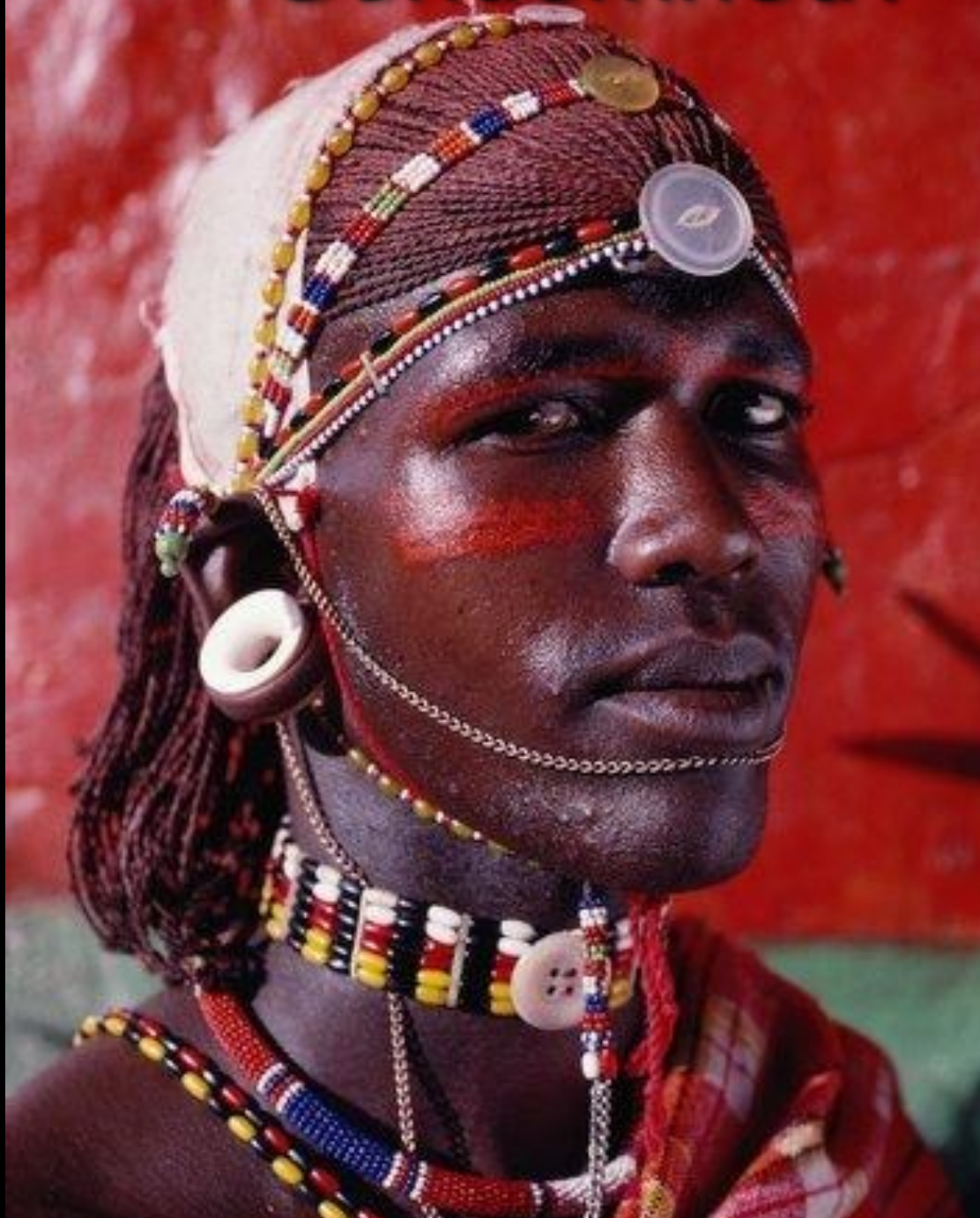


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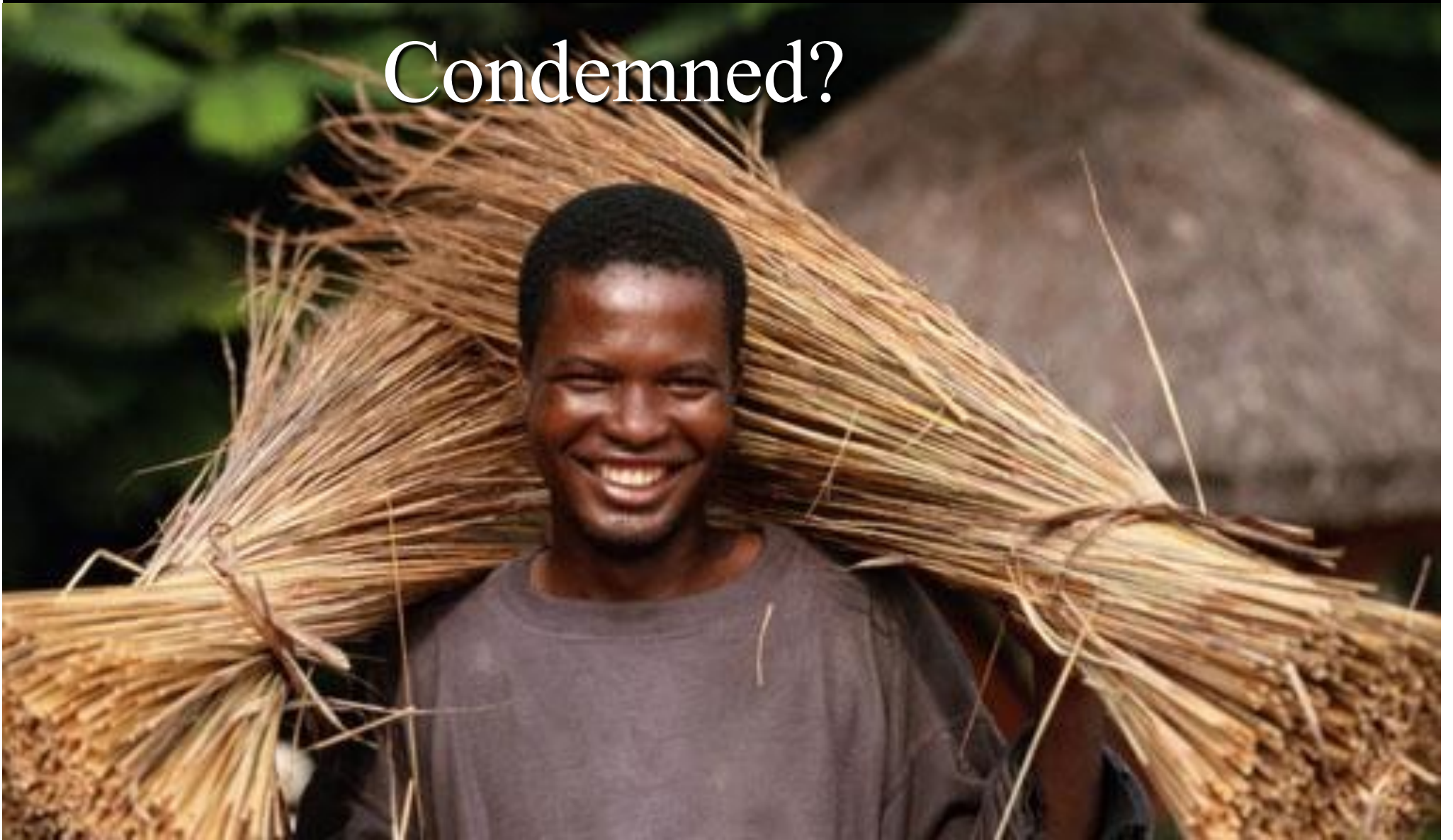
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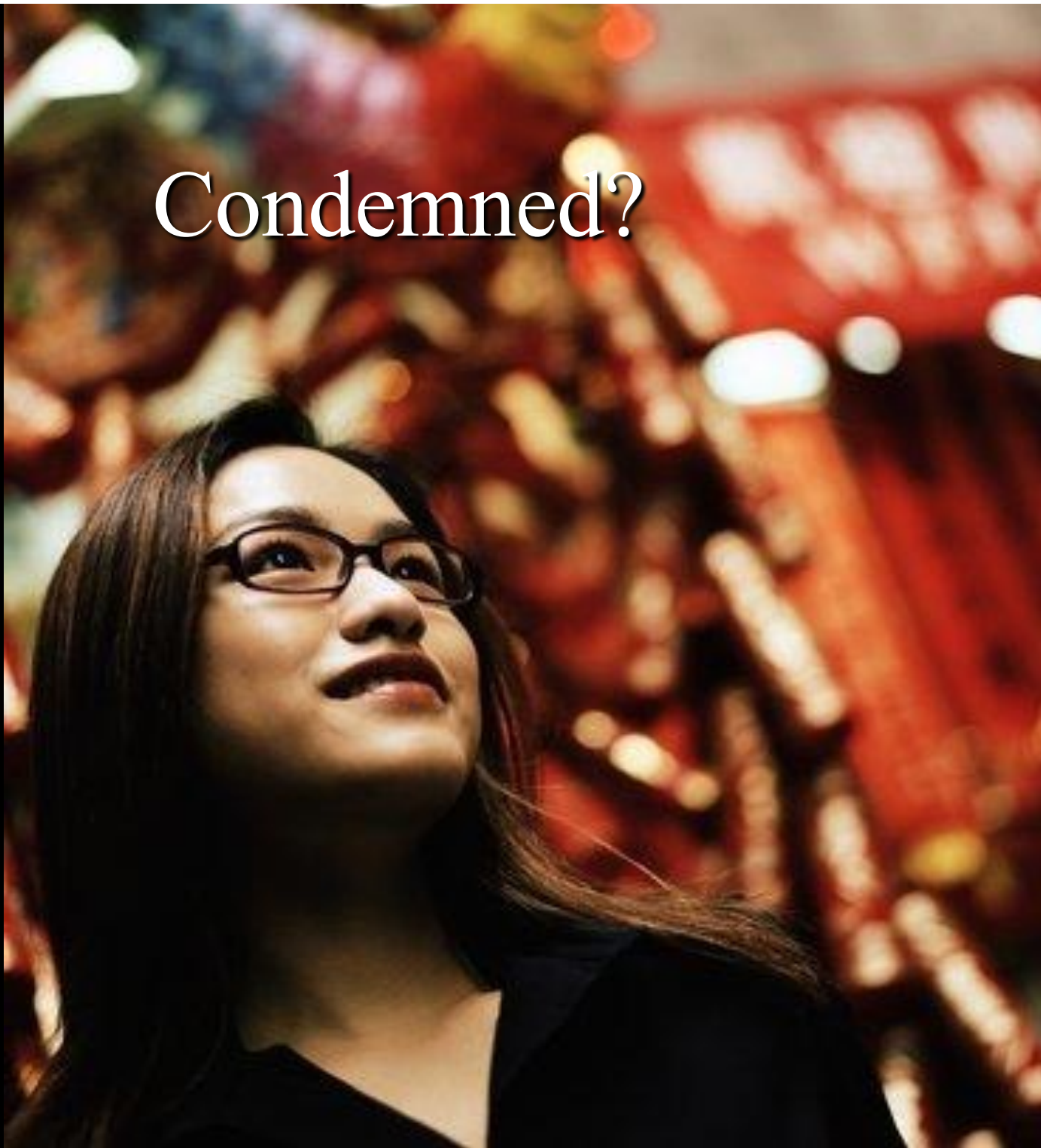
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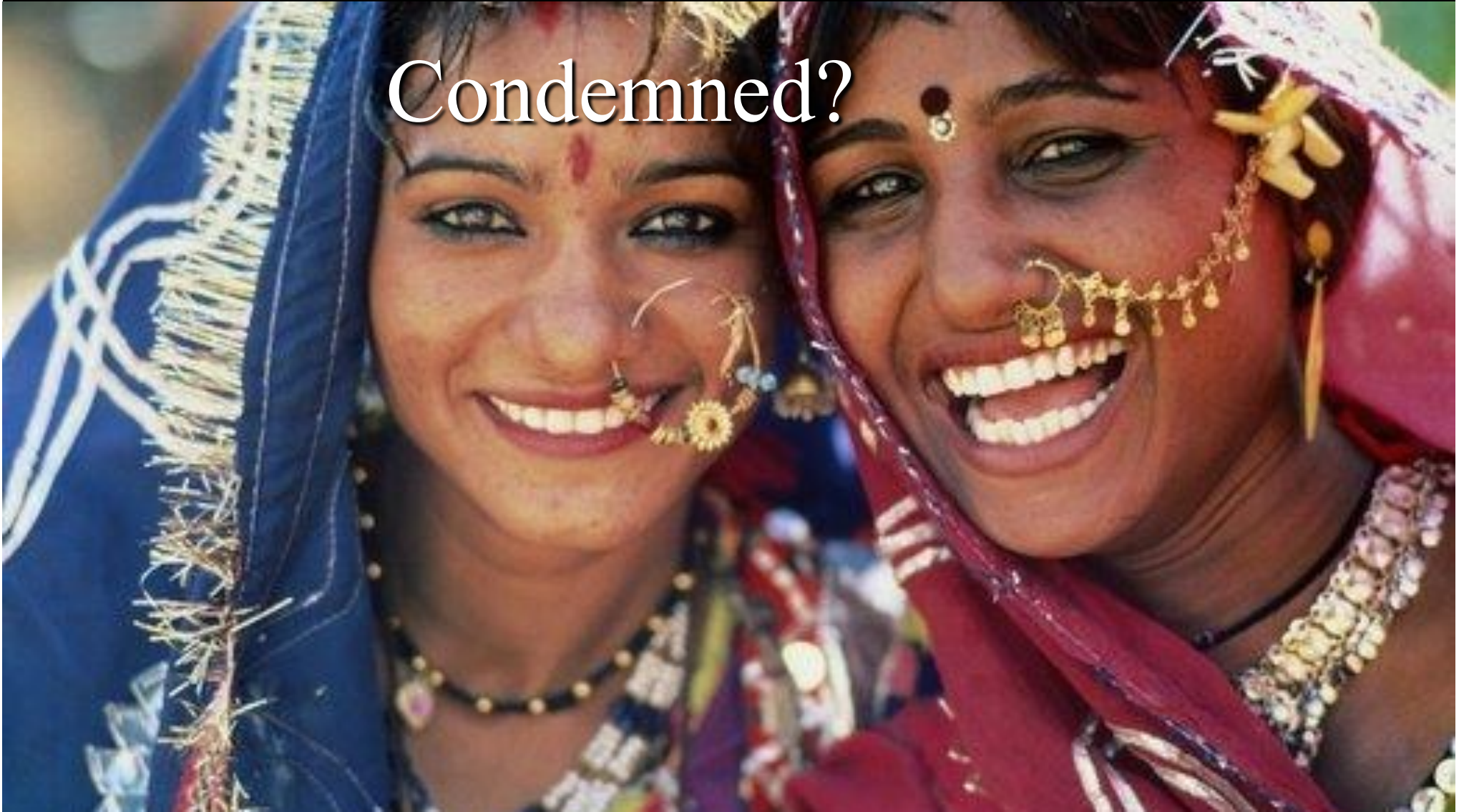
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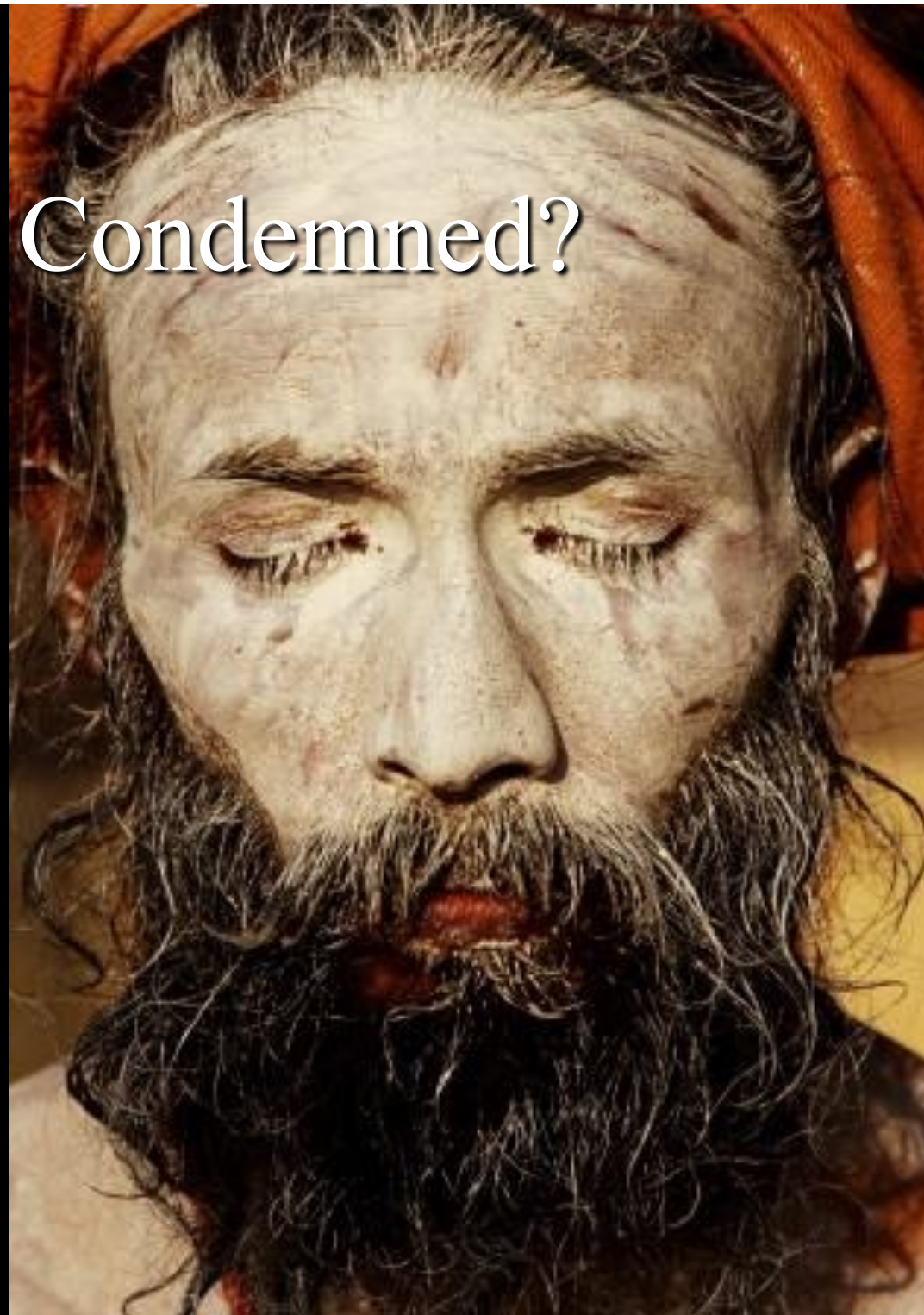


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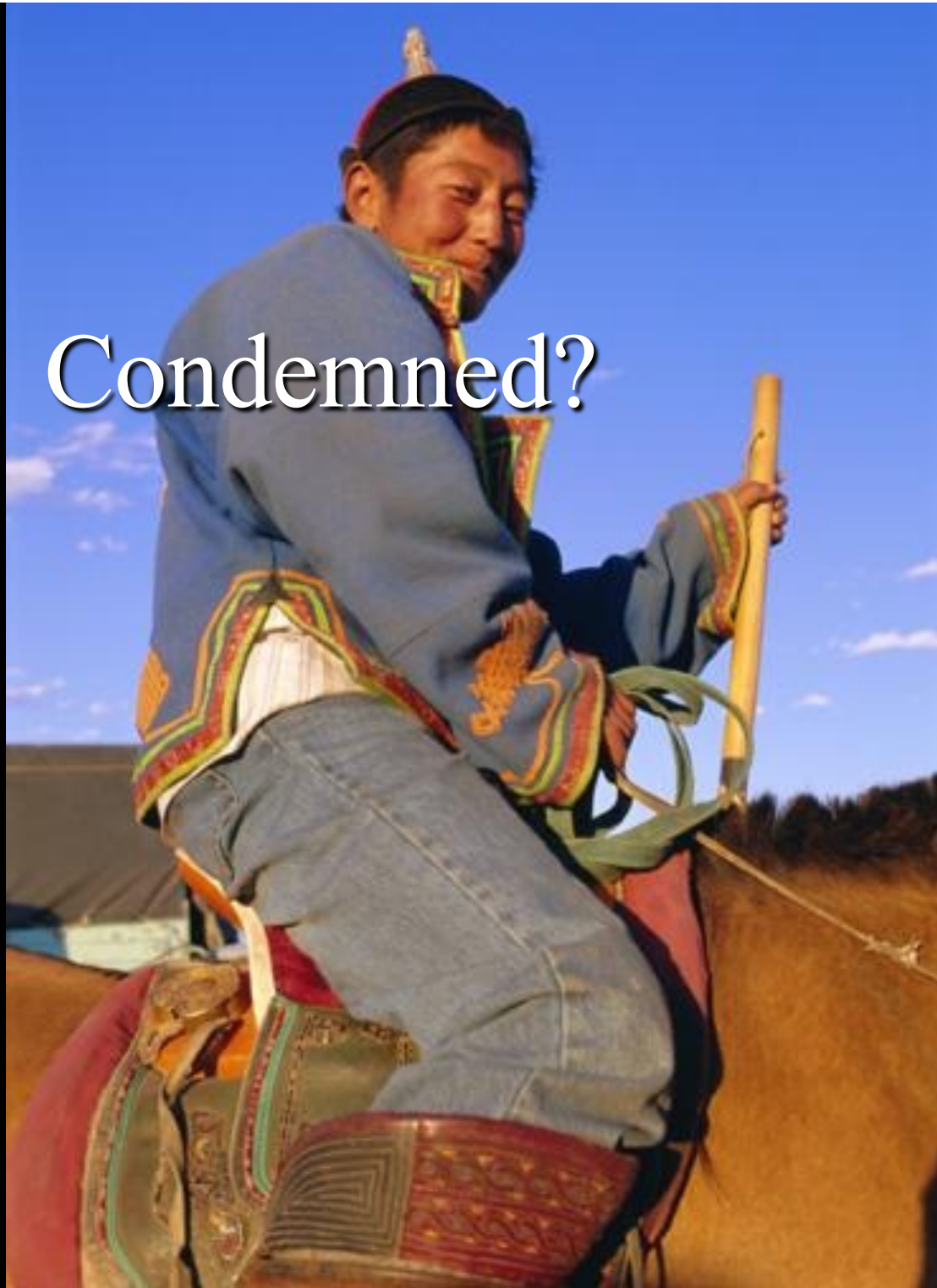
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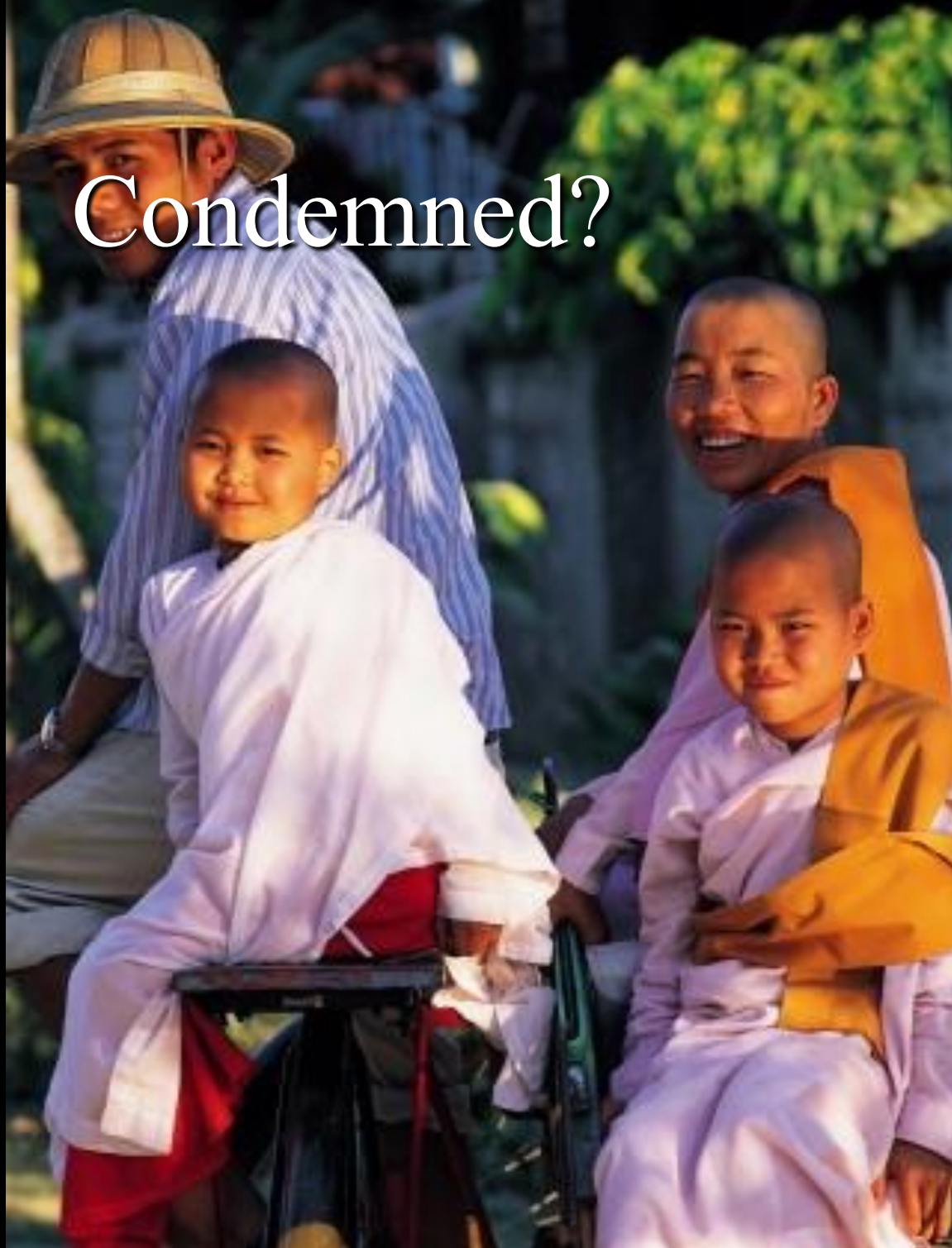
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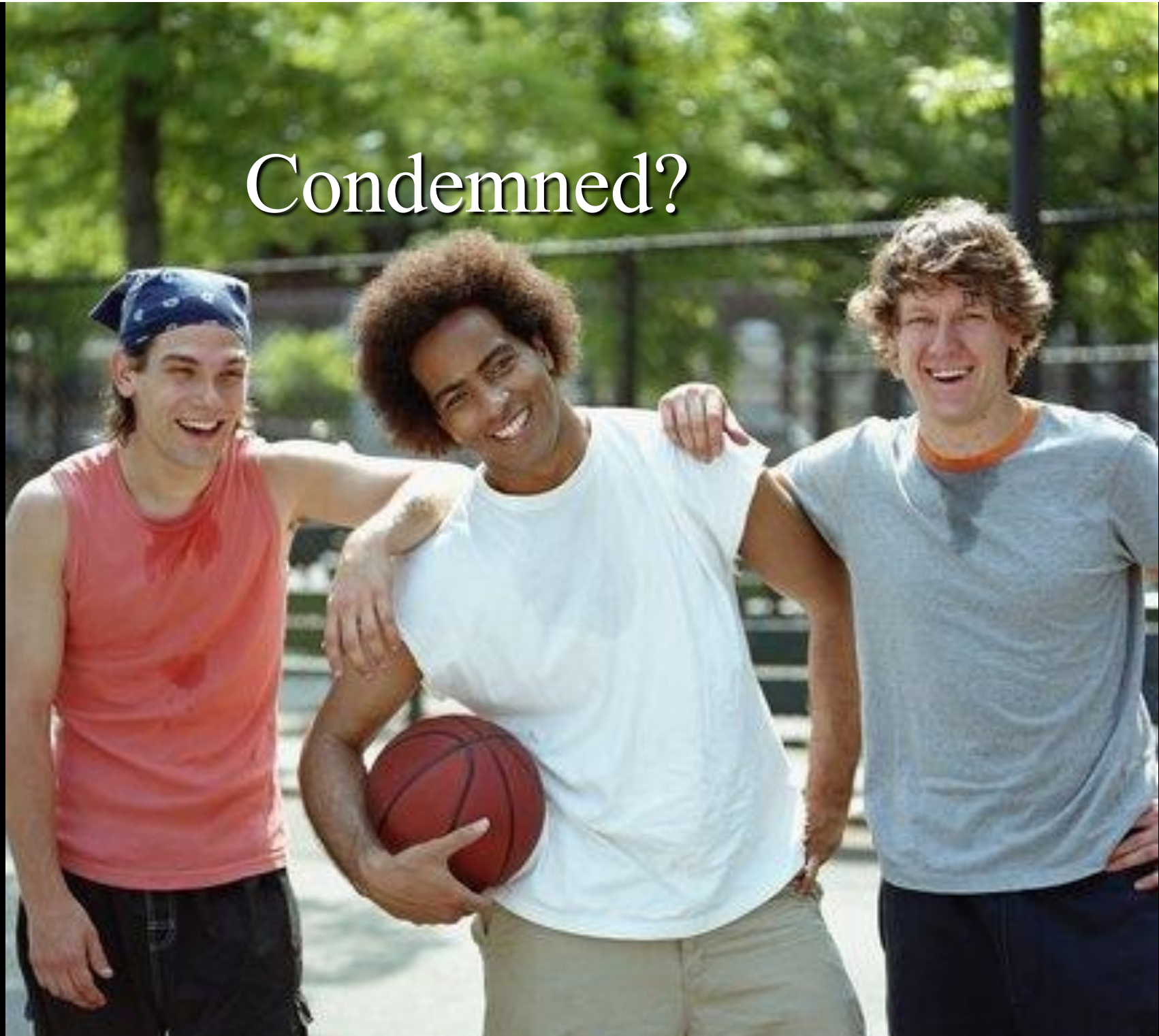
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All Are Under Sin

**10^b "No one is righteous—
not even one.**

**11 No one is truly wise;
no one is seeking God.**

**12 All have turned away;
all have become useless.**

**No one does good,
not a single one (Pss 14:1-3; 53:1-3—Greek version).**

**13 "Their talk is foul, like... stench from an open grave.
Their tongues are filled with lies."**

"Snake venom drips from their lips" (Ps 5:9 Gr.; 140:3).

**14 "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness" (Ps
10:7 Gr. version).**

15 "They rush to commit murder.

16 Destruction and misery always follow them.

17 They don't know where to find peace" (Isa 59:7-8).

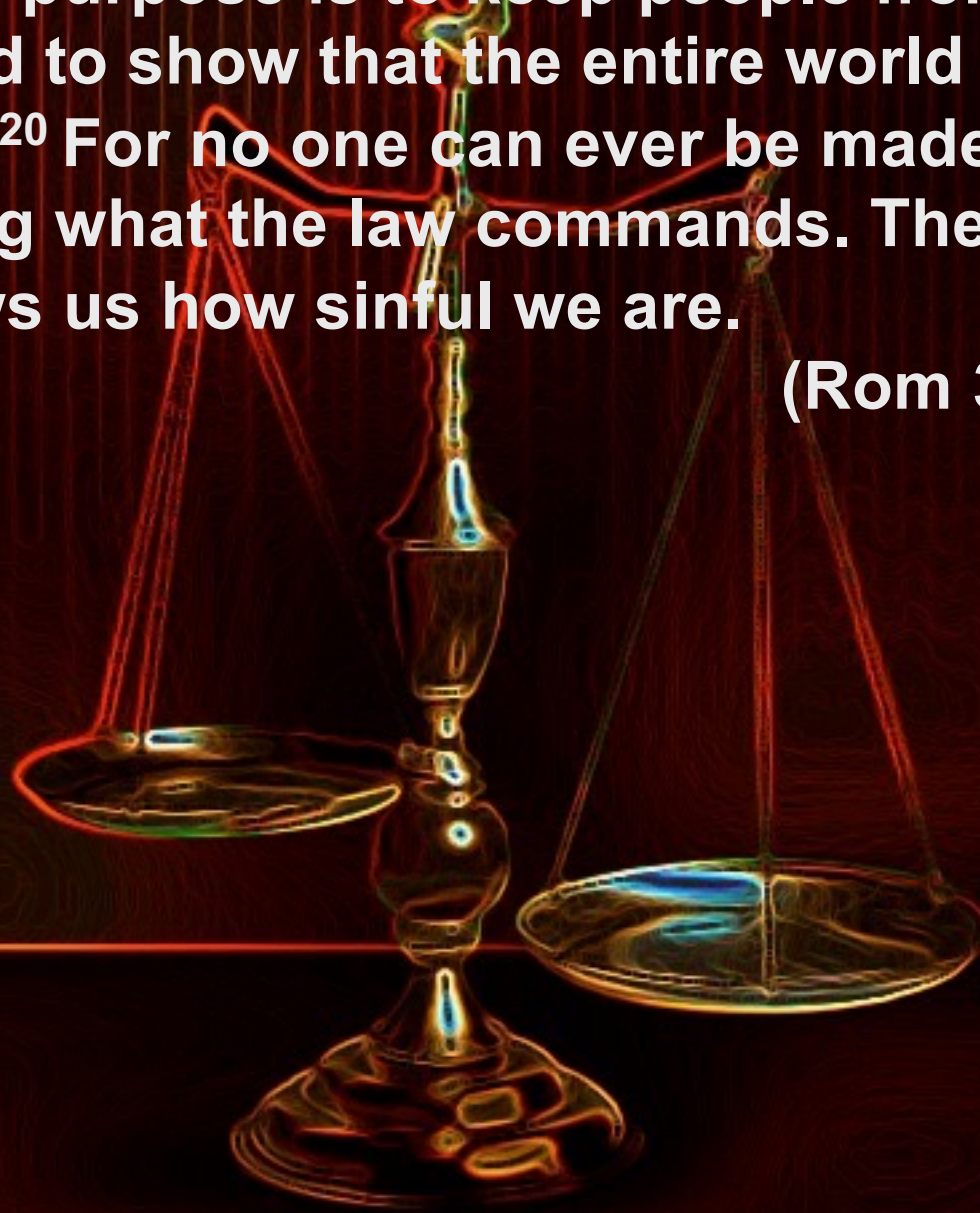
18 "They have no fear of God at all."

(Rom 3:10b-18 NLT)

The Law Won't Save

¹⁹ Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God. ²⁰ For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.

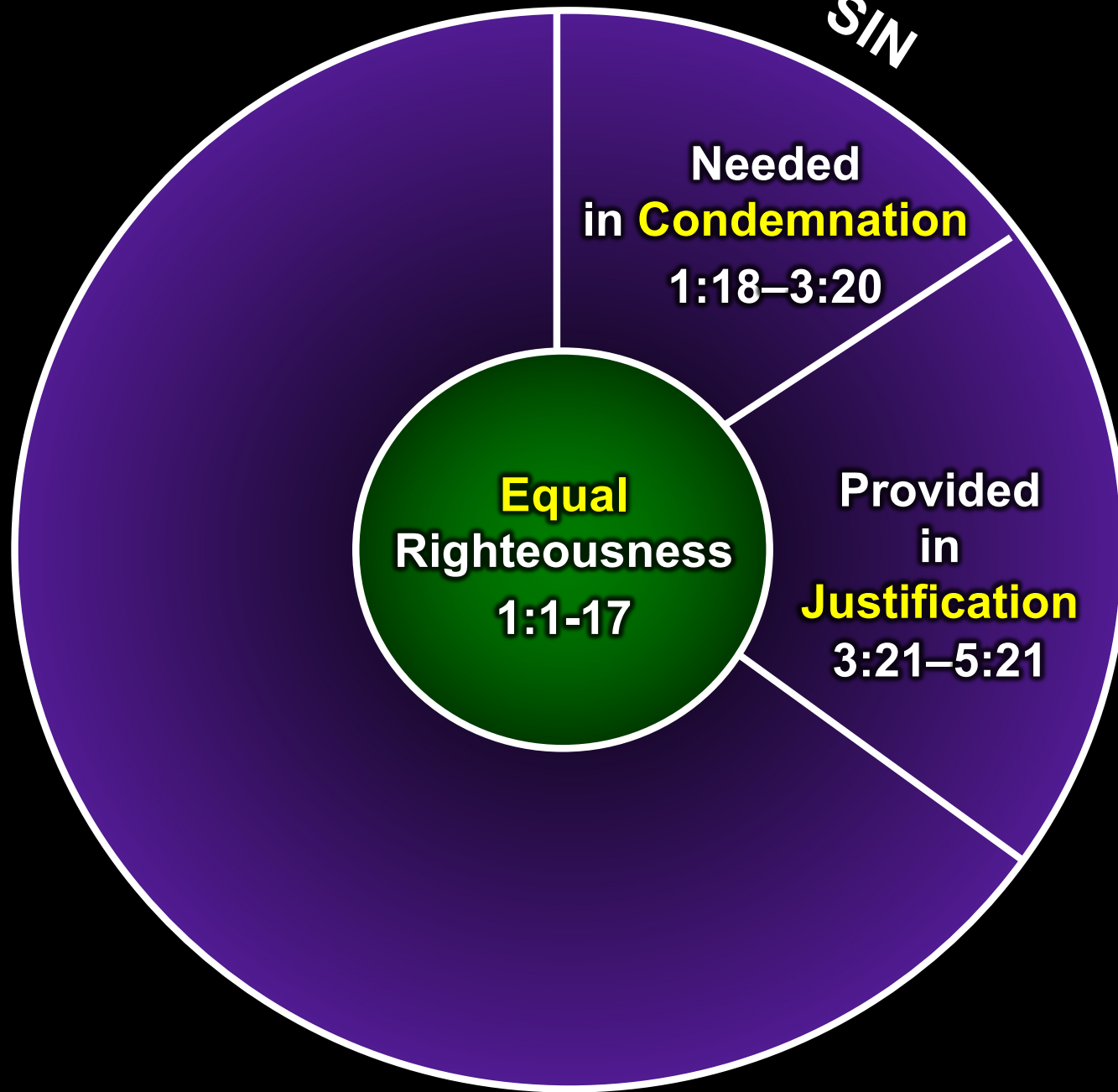
(Rom 3:19-20 NLT)



Romans 3:21-31

***God's righteousness is provided
through justification by faith***

*Why
accept
one
another?*



SALVATION

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A Key Question

**How do we get
right with God?**

Our Problem: Sin Separates Us from God

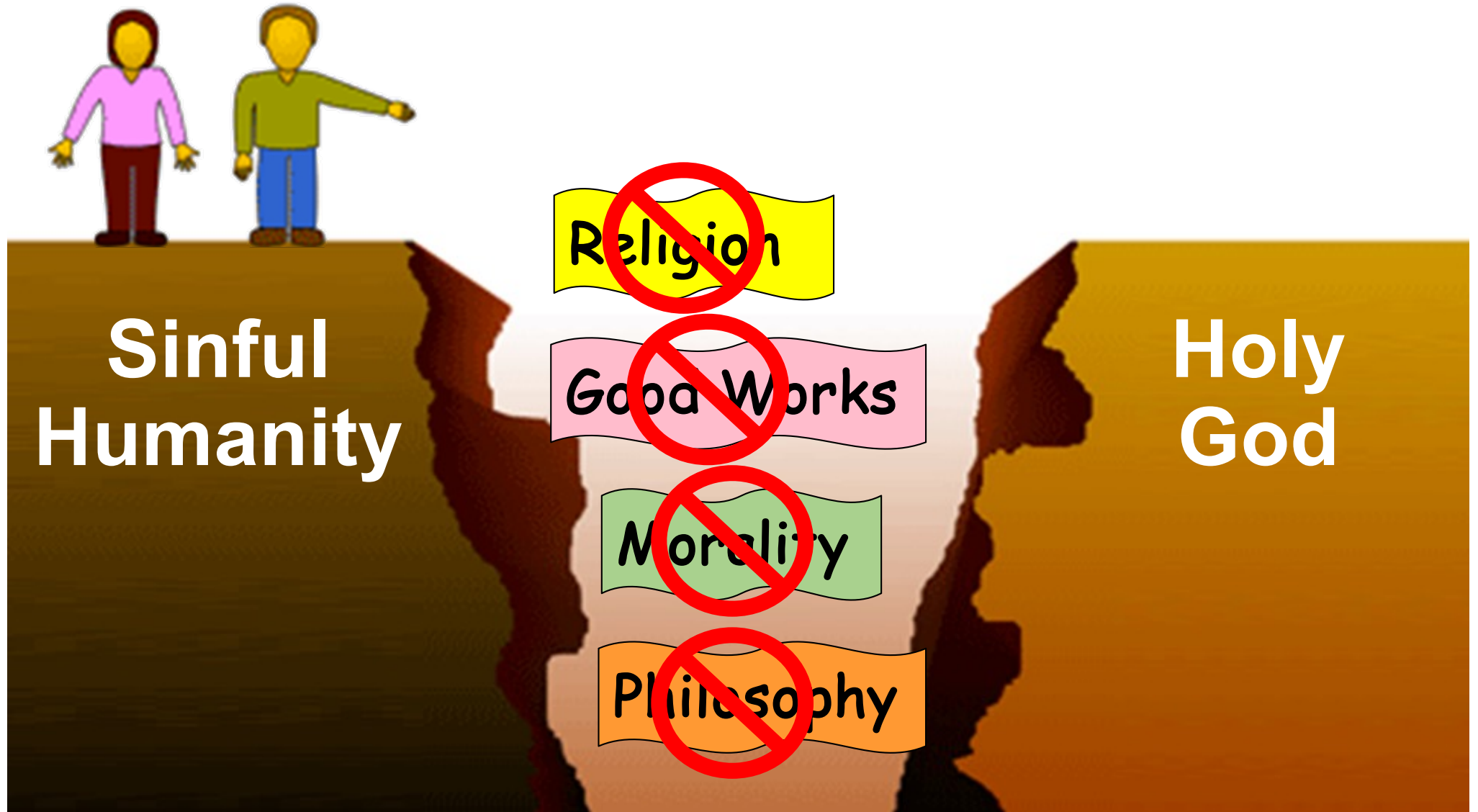


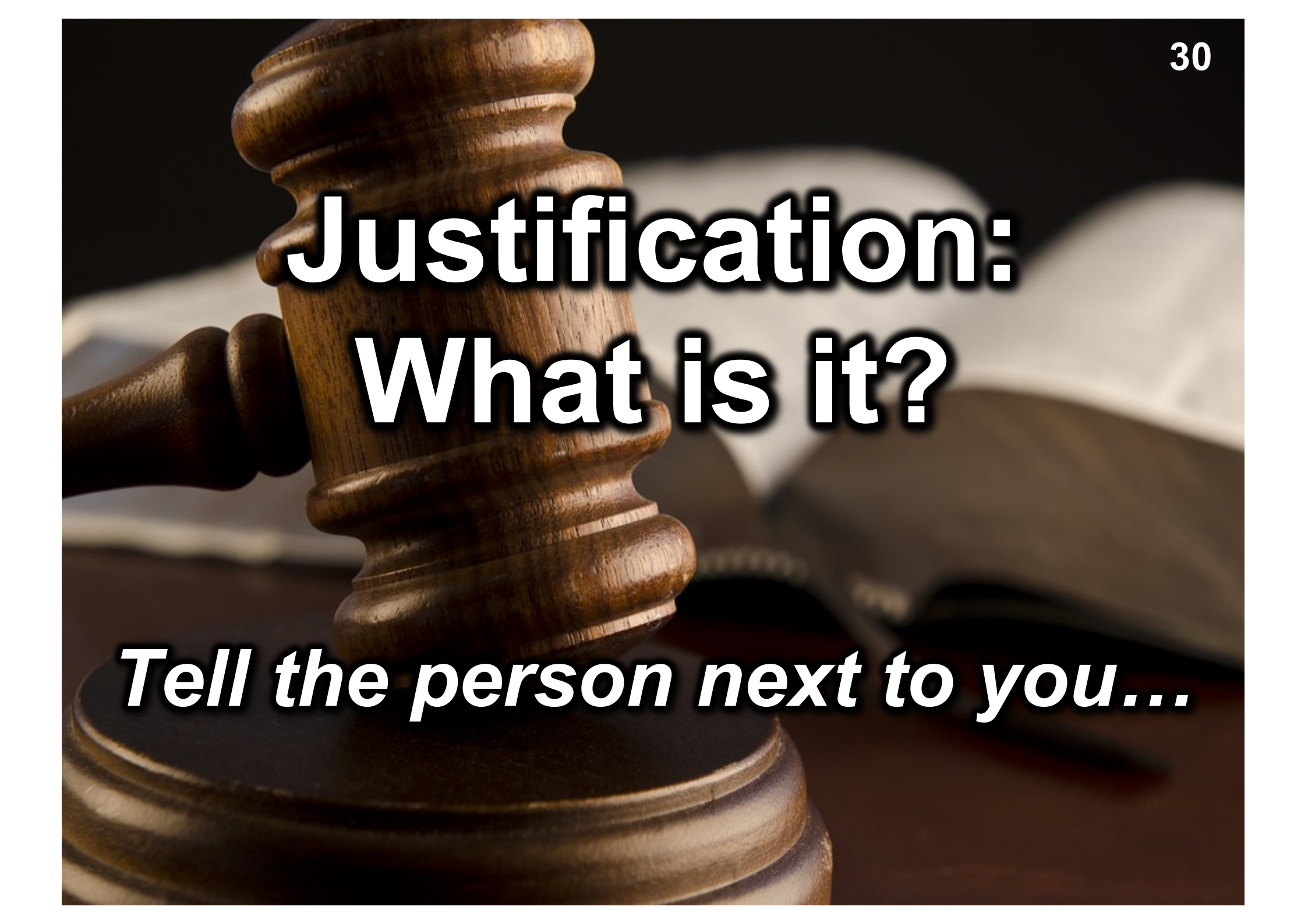
**Sinful
Humanity**

Sin

**Holy
God**

Our Problem: Sin Separates Us from God





Justification: What is it?

Tell the person next to you...



**Justification
is...**

God declaring us “not guilty”

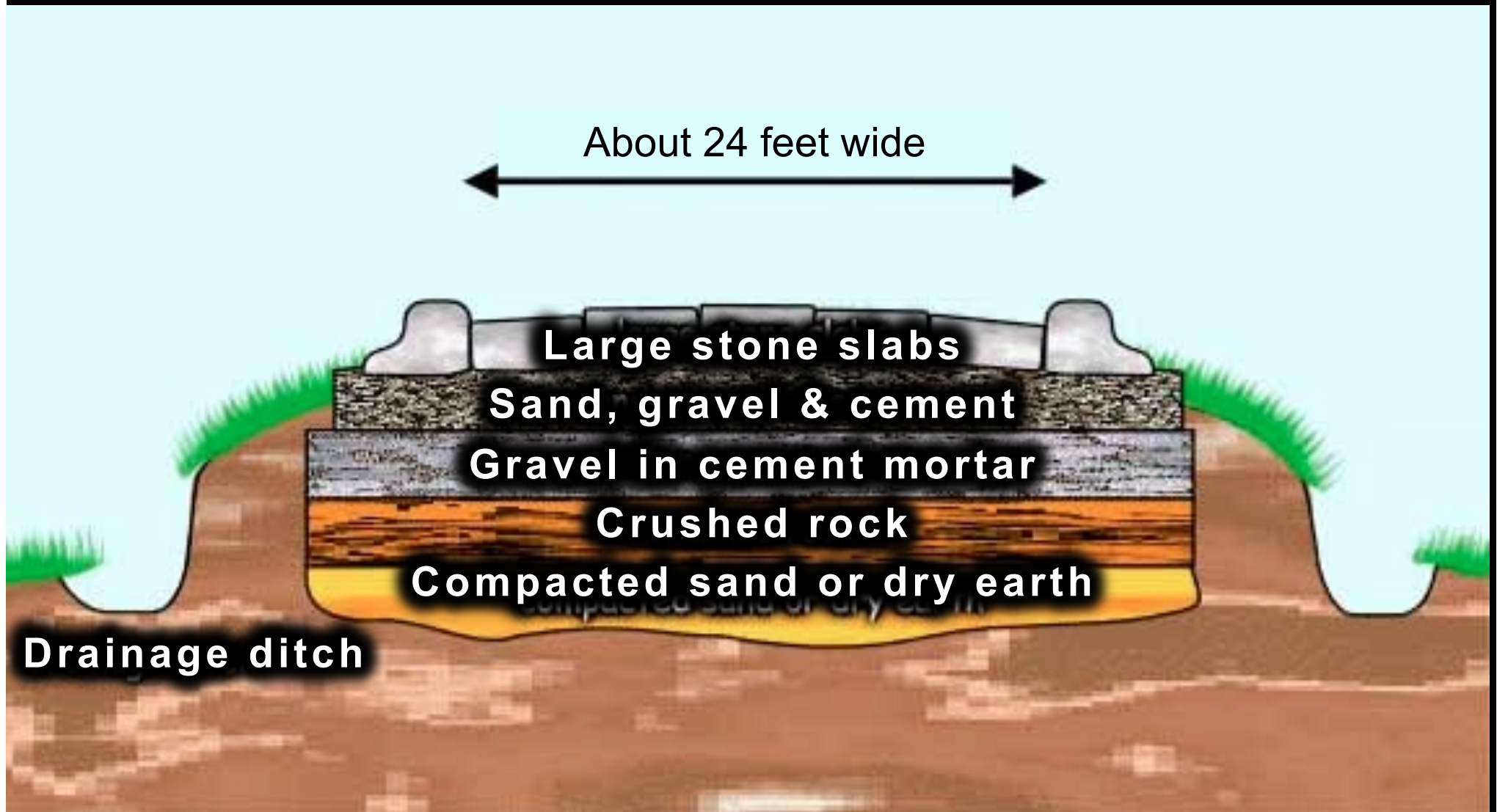
Justification:

The instantaneous legal act of God when he declares a sinner **“not guilty”** due to Christ’s righteousness being applied to this person, which makes him/her righteous in God’s sight

The Roman Road



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Romans 10:9



Romans 10:13

Romans 5:8



Romans 6:23



Romans
6:23



Romans
3:23



The Roman Road

Rom. 3:23

Everyone has sinned.



Rom. 6:23

The penalty for our sin is death.

Rom. 5:8

Jesus Christ died for sin.

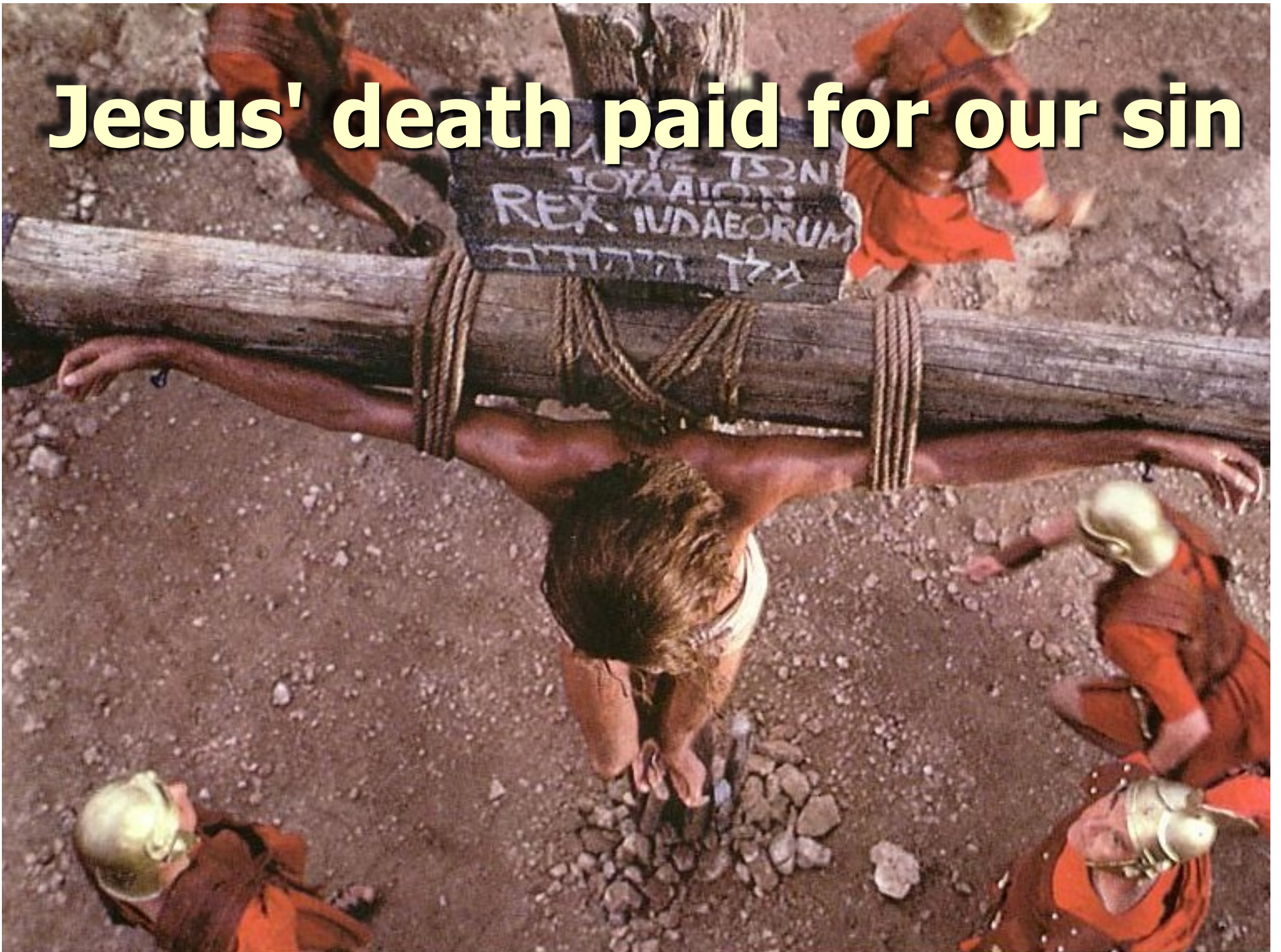


Rom. 10:8-10

To be forgiven for our sin, we must believe and confess Jesus as Lord.



Jesus' death paid for our sin

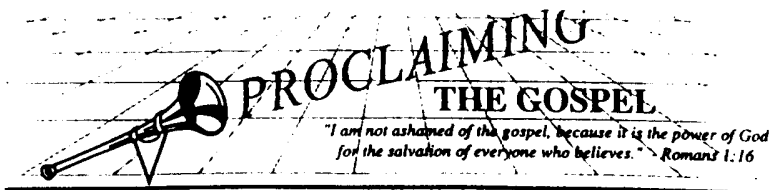


How are We Saved from Sin?

Catholic View: faith + works = justification

MacArthur's View: faith = justification + works

Biblical View: faith → justification



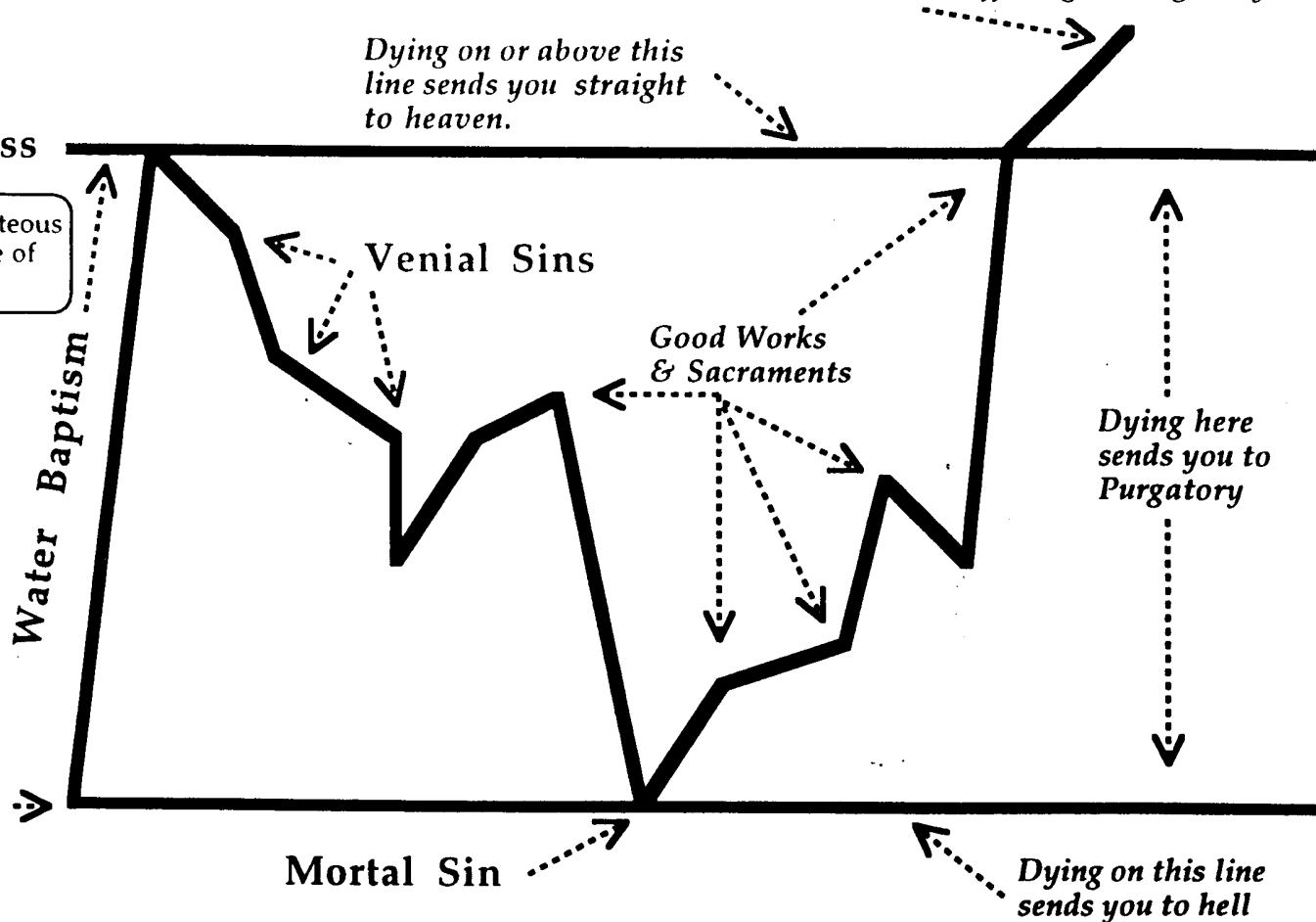
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Those that die with more merit than is necessary for heaven have their extra merit credited to the Vatican treasury. This extra merit is then dispensed through indulgences and Masses to those suffering in Purgatory.

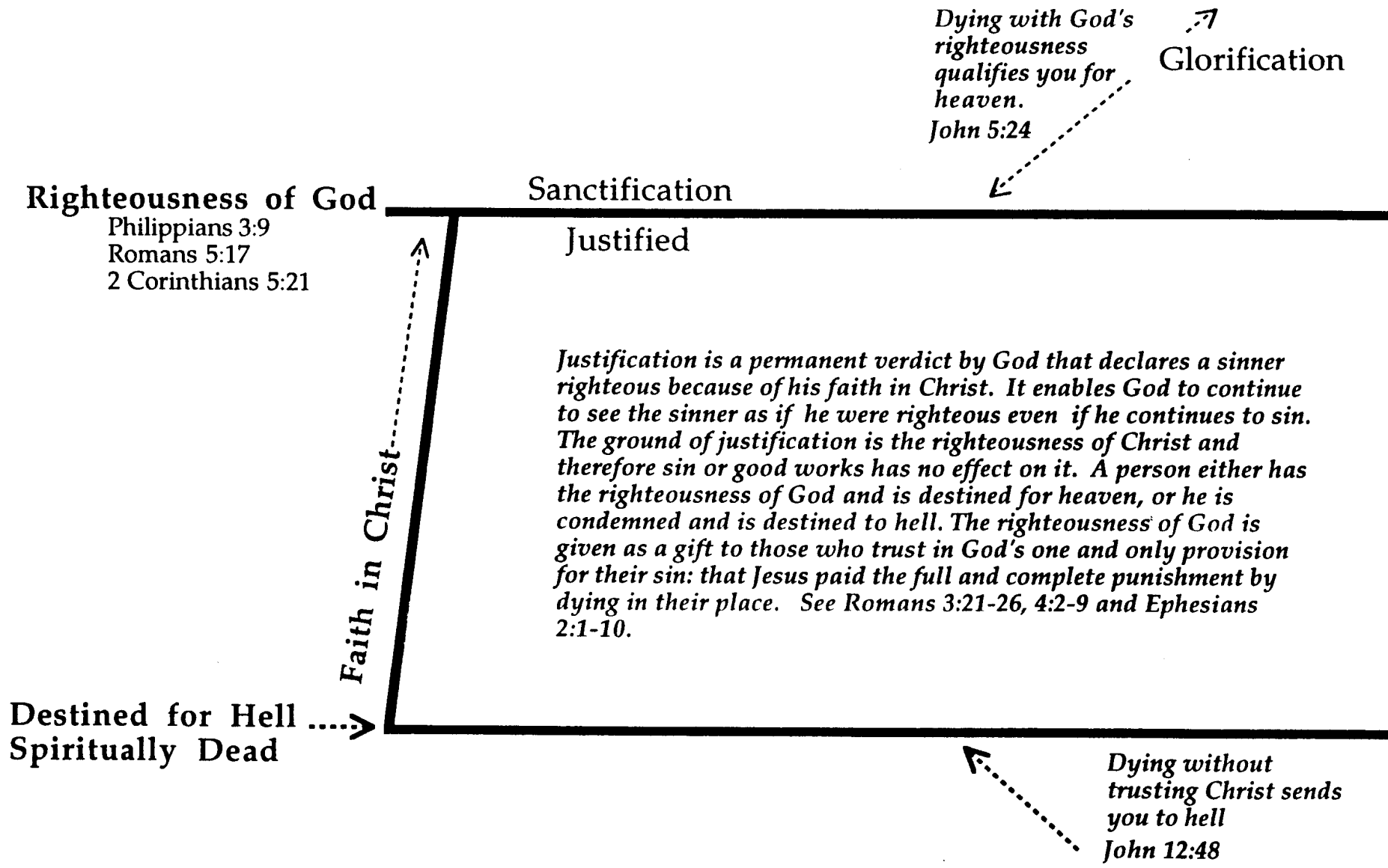
There is no one righteous, not even one. Romans 3:10

Self Righteousness

He saved us not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. Titus 3:5



A Graphic View of Justification in the Roman Catholic Church



A Graphic View of Justification According to Scripture

Romans 3:21-23 NAU/NLT

But now apart from the Law the **righteousness** of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God through **faith** in Jesus Christ for all those who **believe**; for there is no distinction; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

But now God has shown us a way to be **made right** with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. ²²We are made right with God by placing our **faith** in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who **believes**, no matter who we are. ²³For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Romans 3:24-25 NAU/NLT

being **justified** as a gift by His grace through the **redemption** which is in Christ Jesus; ²⁵ whom God displayed publicly as a **propitiation** in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the **forbearance** of God He passed over the sins previously committed

Yet God, in his grace, freely **makes us right** in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he **freed** us from the penalty for our sins. ²⁵ For God presented Jesus as the **sacrifice** for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being **fair** when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past.

Romans 3:26-28 NAU/NLT

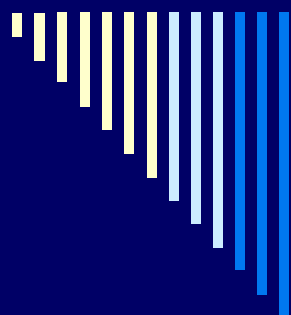
for the demonstration, I say, of His **righteousness** at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has **faith** in Jesus. ²⁷Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith. ²⁸For we maintain that a man is **justified** by faith apart from works of the Law.

for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his **righteousness**, for he himself is fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they **believe** in Jesus. ²⁷ Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to be accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is based on faith. ²⁸ So we are **made right** with God through faith and not by obeying the law

Romans 3:29-31 NAU/NLT

Or is God the God of Jews only? Is He not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, ³⁰ since indeed God who will **justify** the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one. ³¹ Do we then nullify the Law through **faith**? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the Law.

After all, is God the God of the Jews only? Isn't he also the God of the Gentiles? Of course, he is. ³⁰ There is only one God, and he makes people **right** with himself only by faith, whether they are Jews or Gentiles. ³¹ Well then, if we emphasize **faith**, does this mean that we can forget about the law? Of course not! In fact, only when we have faith do we truly fulfill the law.



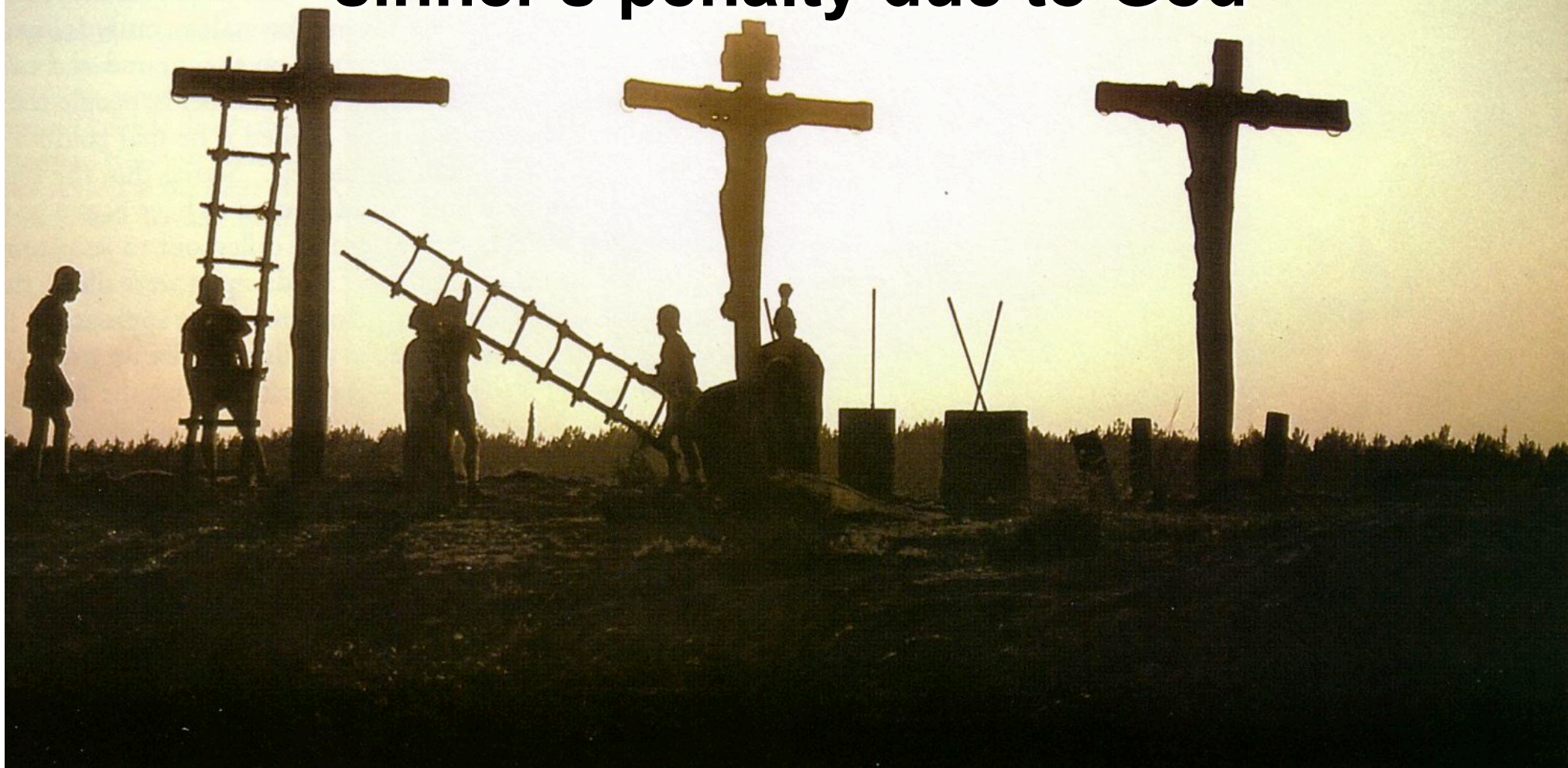
Now for Some Theological Words in Romans

Righteousness (3:21)

**Holiness or perfection inherent
for God yet imputed (applied)
to us in Christ**

Faith (3:22)

Trust or reliance on Christ's atonement on the cross as the sinless substitute to pay the sinner's penalty due to God



"It is finished"



Justification (3:24)
God's act of declaring us "not guilty" for our sins, making us right with him

Justice (3:25-26)
The fairness of God where He punishes sin in an individual himself or in a Sinless Substitute (Jesus Christ)

Grace is...

God's
Riches
At
Christ's
Expense

Romans 3:24

**Redemption (Rom 3:24):
"to pay a ransom" (Greek)**

**Christ's blood paid our ransom
(1 Pet. 1:18)**



**Slave
Market
of Sin**



Propitiation (3:25)
"sacrifice of atonement"

**Satisfaction of God's
righteous anger through
shedding of blood**

Theological Concepts in Romans ^{155h}

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|-----------------------|---------------------|--|
| Election | 9:10-13 | God's choice of an individual or group for a specific purpose or destiny |
| Justification | 4:25; 5:18 | God's act of declaring us "not guilty" for our sins, making us "right" with him |
| Propitiation | 3:25 | God removing punishment for sin by the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ so that God's righteous anger is satisfied |
| Redemption | 3:24; 8:23 | The return of a sinner to God ("buying back" from the slave market) by Jesus Christ's payment of the price of death with his own blood to make an unbeliever a believer |
| Sanctification | 5:2; 15:16 | Becoming more and more like Jesus Christ through the work of the Holy Spirit |
| Glorification | 8:18, 19, 30 | The believer's final state of being in complete conformance to the character of Jesus Christ in a resurrected body that will last forever (1 John 3:2) |

Theological Concepts in Romans ^{155h}

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| Condemnation | 5:9, 16, 18; 7:13; 8:1 | The just punishment of hell for unbelievers in Jesus due to God's wrath against sin |
| Salvation | 5:4; 11:11- 12, 15; 13:11-12 | Deliverance from the penalty of sin by grace though faith in Jesus |
| Faith (Belief) | 3:22 | Trust or reliance on Christ's atonement on the cross as the sinless substitute to pay the sinner's penalty due to God |
| Grace | 3:24 | God giving what we do not deserve by granting salvation and other blessings (God's Riches At Christ's Expense) |
| Mercy | 1:31; 9:15- 16, 18, 23; 11:31-32 | God not giving what we do deserve by saving believers from hell |
| Gospel | 1:1, 9, 15-16; 2:16; 11:28; 15:16, 19-20 | The good news of salvation from sin's penalty by grace though faith in Jesus as God who atoned for sin and rose again |

Theological Words in Romans

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| Foreknowledge | 8:29 | The effectual appointment or choice of believers to salvation by the Father |
| Calling | 8:28, 30 | The successful summons to salvation by the Father |
| Adoption | 8:15, 23 | The transfer of Christians from the control of Satan to security in God's family |
| Perseverance | 8:25 | The believer's hope for salvation leading to consistent trust and work towards it |
| Intercession | 8:34 | Christ's pleading to the Father for the believer to be fully conformed to his image |
| Indwelling | 5:5; 8:9, 11 | The presence of the Spirit in the body of the Christian |

Theological Concepts in Romans ^{155h}

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| Predestination | 8:29-30 | The Father's eternal choice to conform believers to the likeness of the Son |
| Security | 8:31-37 | The eternal preservation of the believer from hell and irreversible promise of heaven |
| Assurance | 8:16 | The realization of one's eternal security |
| Inheritance | 8:17 | Salvation of all believers (heirs of God) and rewards for the faithful (co-heirs of Christ) |
| Atonement | 3:25 | Removal of the sin barrier between sinners and God by Jesus paying the price of sin |
| Antinomianism | 6:1 | Living apart from the Mosaic law with increased sin so that grace would abound |
| Legalism | 4:2; 10:5 | Relying on self-effort by keeping the Mosaic law for salvation and spiritual growth |

Theological Concepts in Romans ^{155h}

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| Righteousness | 1:17; 3:21; 4:3; 5:21 (30 times total) | The quality or state of judicial correctness with focus redemptive action where God pardons but also shares his character with believers who then exhibit righteousness in the moral sense (BDAG) |
| Imputation | 4:3-6, 8, 10, 22-24 | The application of either sin or righteousness to another |
| Justice | 1:32; 2:2 | The action of God that is right or just and thus shows no partiality between humans |
| Right Standing (Position) | 5:21; 8:30 | Our unchanging favorable verdict or status before God as his children (who we are, not what we do) |
| United | 6:5 | The association of the believer with Christ in a related experience |
| Identification | 6:5 | The "grown together" (united) experience where the Christian reflects the death and resurrection of Jesus |

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Christ Bridges the Gap



The "New Perspective" on Paul

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| Issue | Reformation | New Perspective |
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| Justification by faith | Overall doctrine for all | Particular to Jewish context |
| Works of the law | Acts of human righteousness to gain credit with God | Elements of Jewish law (Sabbath, circumcision, food) |
| Nature of these works | Legalistic self-righteousness in general | Badges of identify for the Jews specifically |
| What Judaism taught | Salvation by works | Salvation by grace |
| Faith | Trust in God's mercy alone—not human merit | A badge that can be worn by faith—Jew and Gentile |
| Paul's Warning | Don't trust any kind of human merit, Jewish or otherwise | Don't trust Jewish exclusivist national righteousness |
| Application to Gentiles | Gentiles need to trust Christ alone, not any other works | Gentiles need not become Jews when trusting Christ |
| Adherents | Theodore Beza, Martin Luther, John Calvin | James D. G. Dunn, N. T. Wright, E. P. Sanders |

Summarized from Simon Athercole, "What Did Paul Really Mean?" *CT* (Aug 2007): 22-28

Paul versus Legalists

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Legalists

"The one who does righteousness stores up life for himself with the Lord"

Psalms of Solomon
(about 50 BC)

"Miracles, however, will appear at their own time to those who are being saved by their works"

2 Baruch
(about AD 100)

Paul

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(Rom. 3:21-22 NLT)

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***Justification by faith
is illustrated***

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Which is the Most Accurate?

Salvation by...

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Works

Faith +
Works

Faith
Alone

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Works

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Faith

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Faith +
Works

- *Which verses in the Bible support your answer?*

In Other Words...



**Salvation has
ALWAYS been
through faith alone!**



**Heroes of
the Faith**

Abraham

[God took Abraham] outside and said,
"Look up at the heavens and count the
stars--if indeed you can count them."
Then he said, "So shall your offspring
be."

Abram believed the LORD, and he
credited it to him as righteousness.

Genesis 15 Ratification

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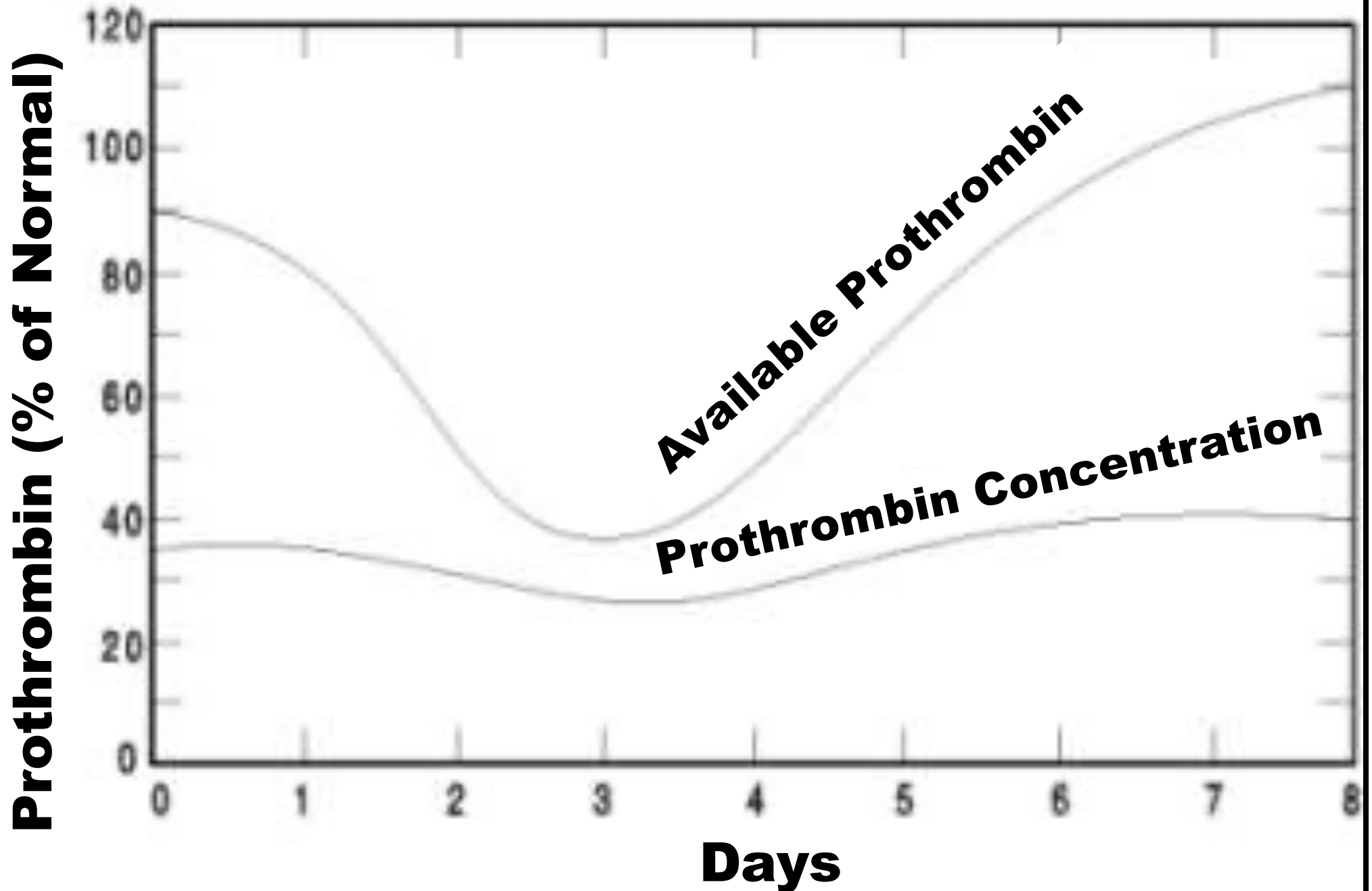
*This painting
inaccurately
depicts Abram
walking through
the pieces*

"So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law" (Galatians 5:1 NLT).



"Listen! I, Paul, tell you this: If you are counting on circumcision to make you right with God, then Christ will be of no benefit to you. ³I'll say it again. If you are trying to find favor with God by being circumcised, you must obey every regulation in the whole law of Moses. ⁴For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God's grace" (Galatians 5:2-4 NLT).

Circumcision, Vitamin K & Prothrombin



Justification by Faith

David also spoke of this when he described the happiness of those who are declared righteous without working for it:

⁷“Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sins are put out of sight.

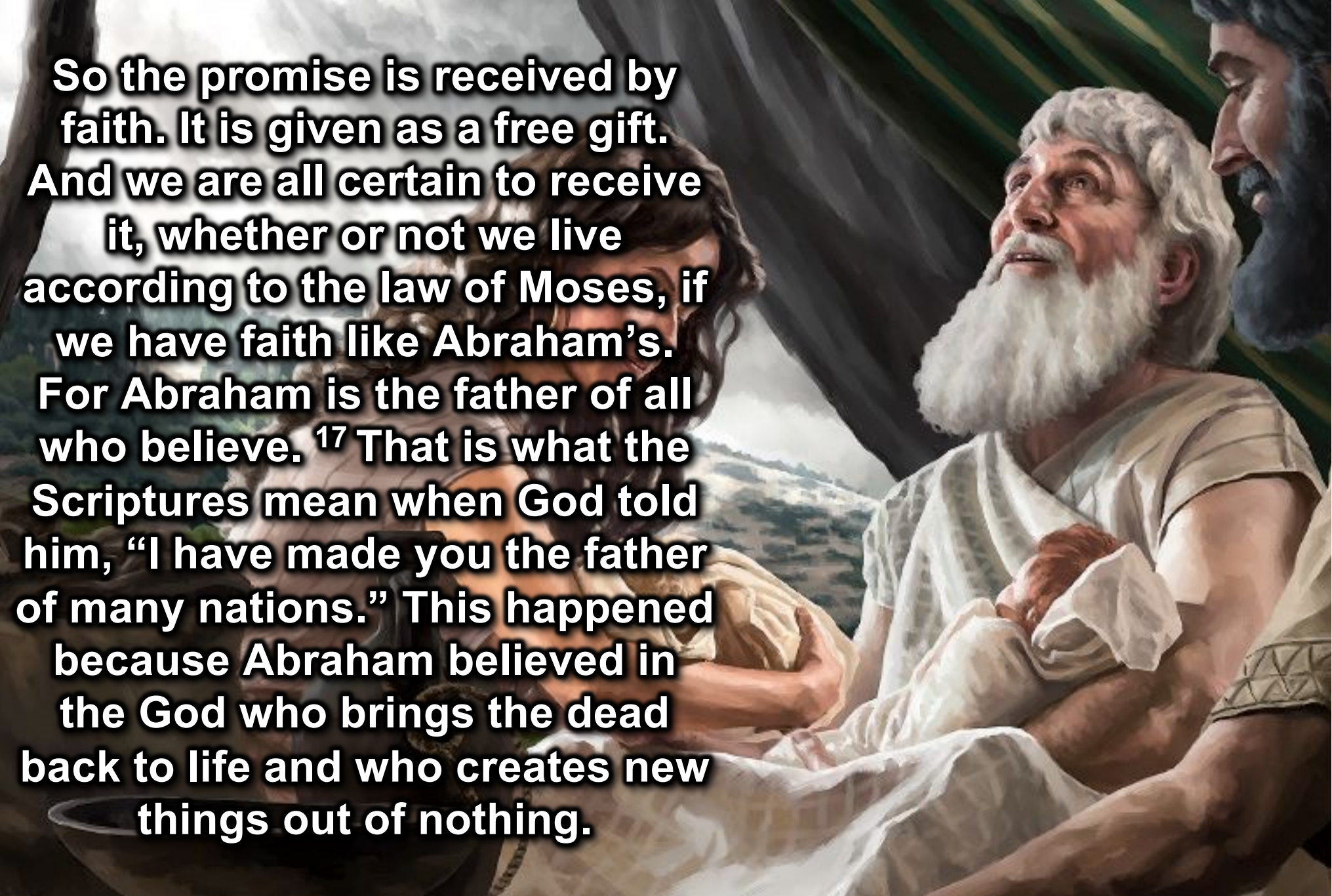
⁸Yes, what joy for those whose record the LORD has cleared of sin.”

Romans 4:6-8 NLT

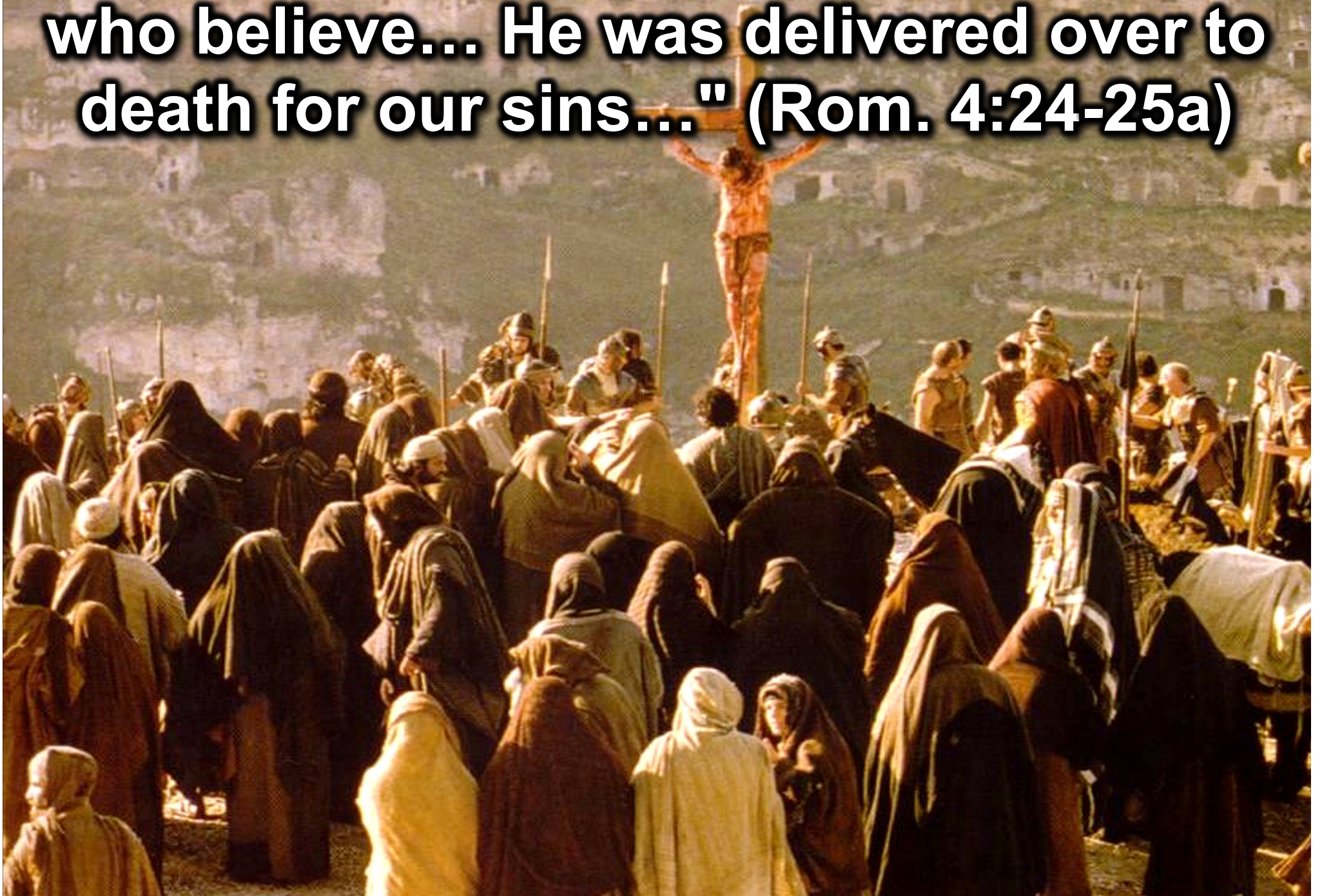


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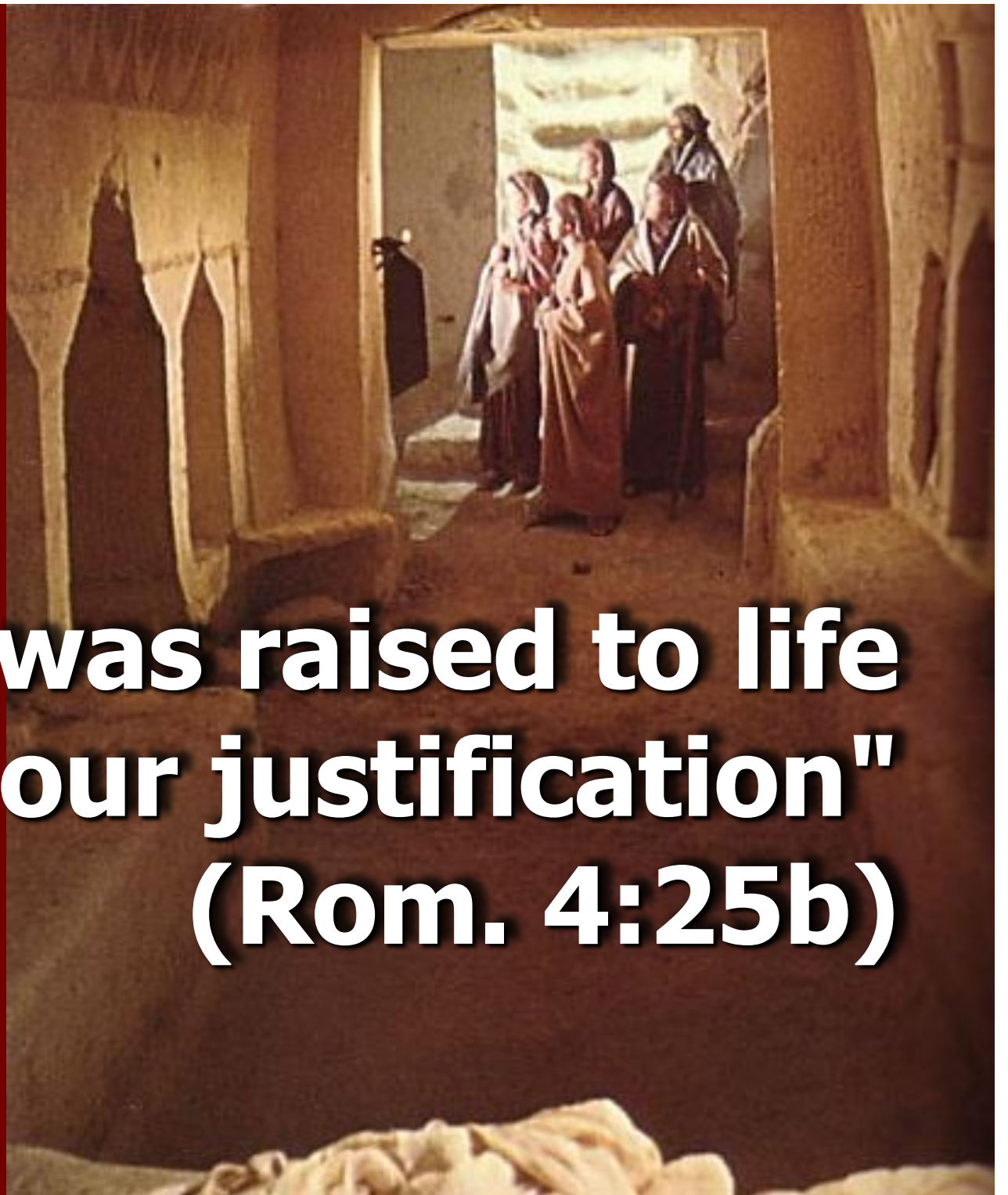
So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift. And we are all certain to receive it, whether or not we live according to the law of Moses, if we have faith like Abraham's. For Abraham is the father of all who believe. ¹⁷ That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, "I have made you the father of many nations." This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing.



"God will credit righteousness—for us who believe... He was delivered over to death for our sins..." (Rom. 4:24-25a)



**"...and was raised to life
for our justification"
(Rom. 4:25b)**



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