

Eat Meat or Not?
1 Corinthians 10–16

Christians in Corinth

Those who felt it was
wrong to eat

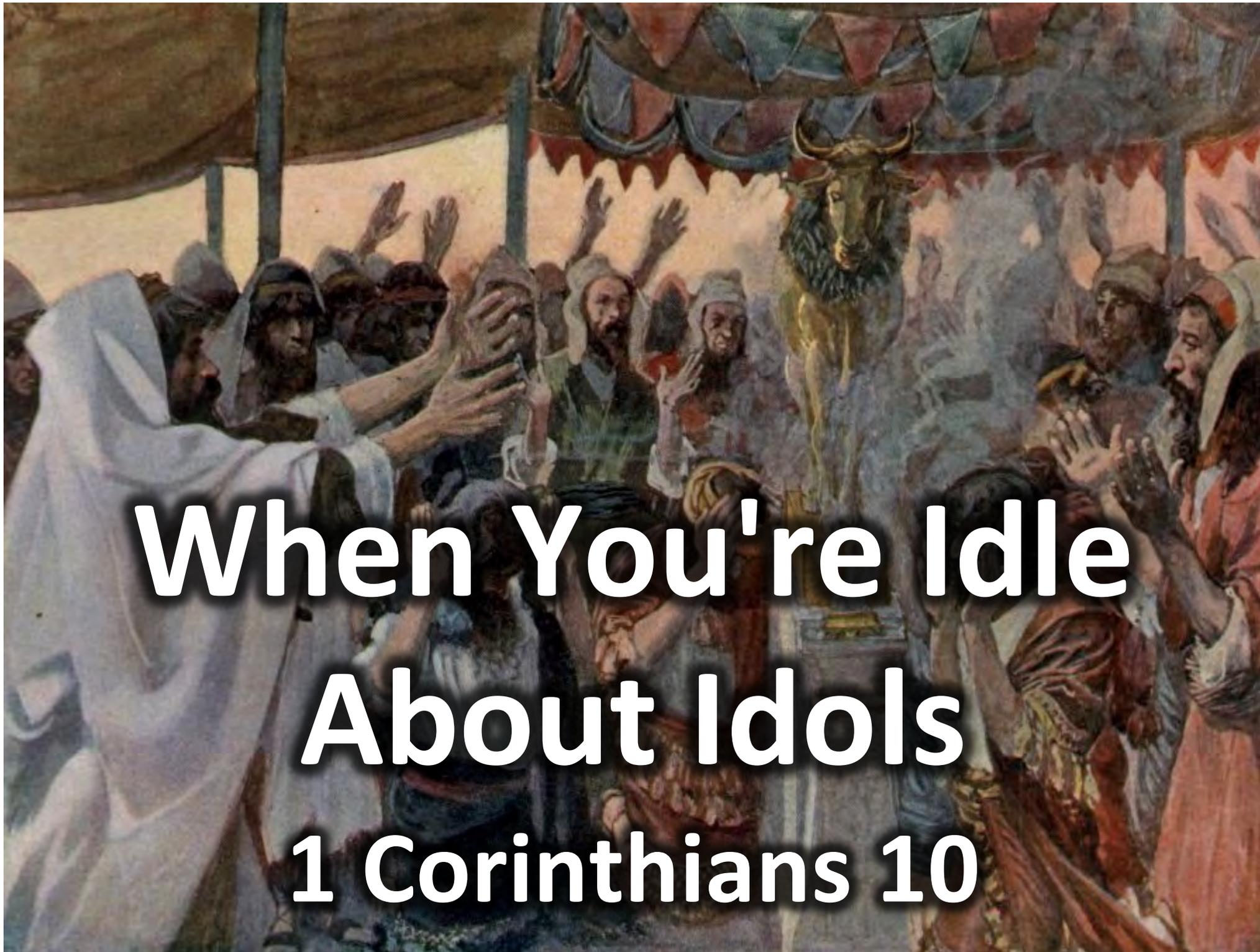
Those who felt it was
okay to eat

They did
not eat, but
were
troubled by
those who
did

They ate in
spite of
thinking it
was wrong
and their
conscience
was troubled

They ate
without
regard to the
feelings of
others

They limited
their liberty
from concern
for other
brothers



**When You're Idle
About Idols
1 Corinthians 10**

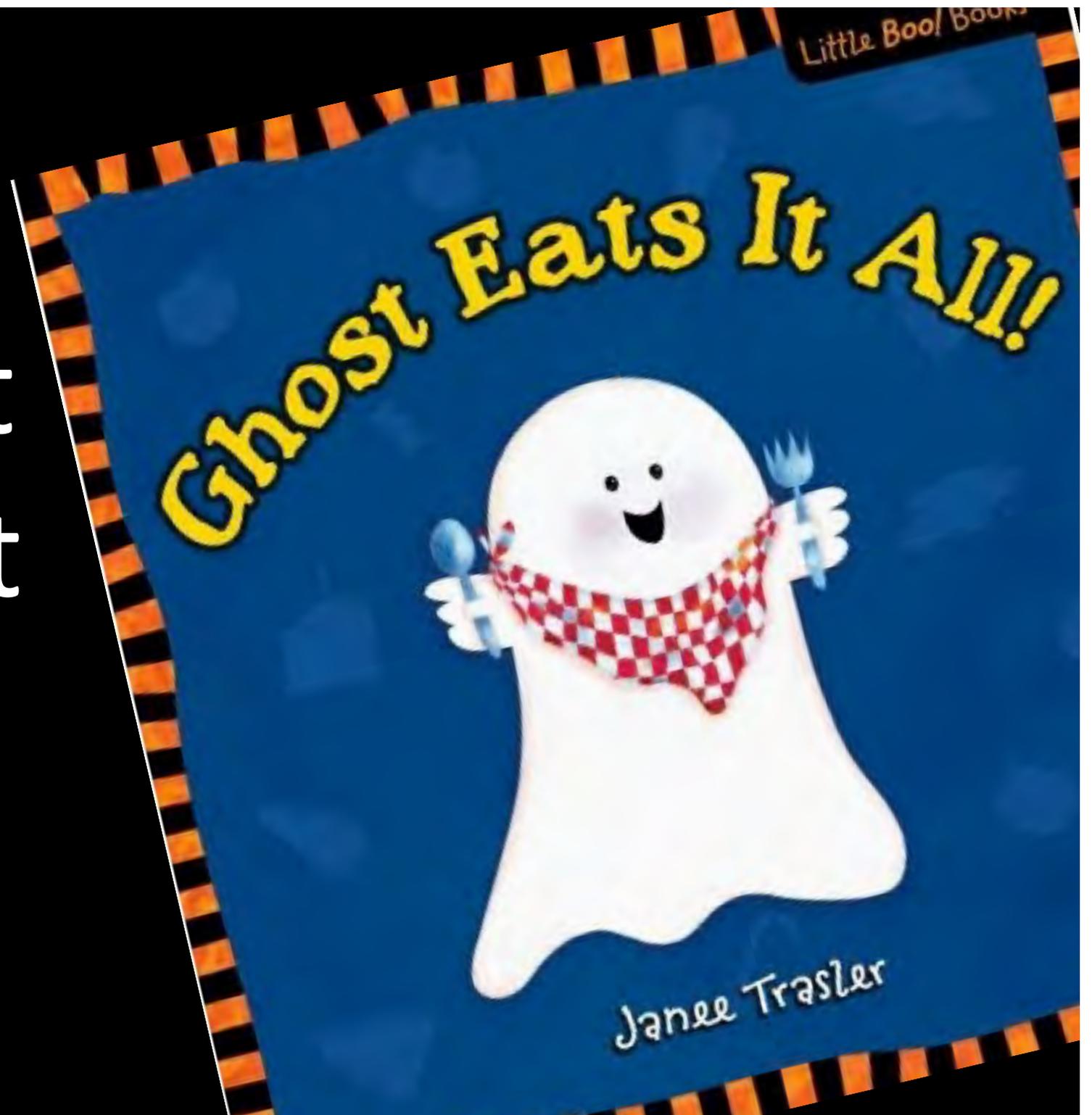
Fires



The Hungry Ghost



Ghost
Eats It
All!



The Hungry Ghost



Why no...

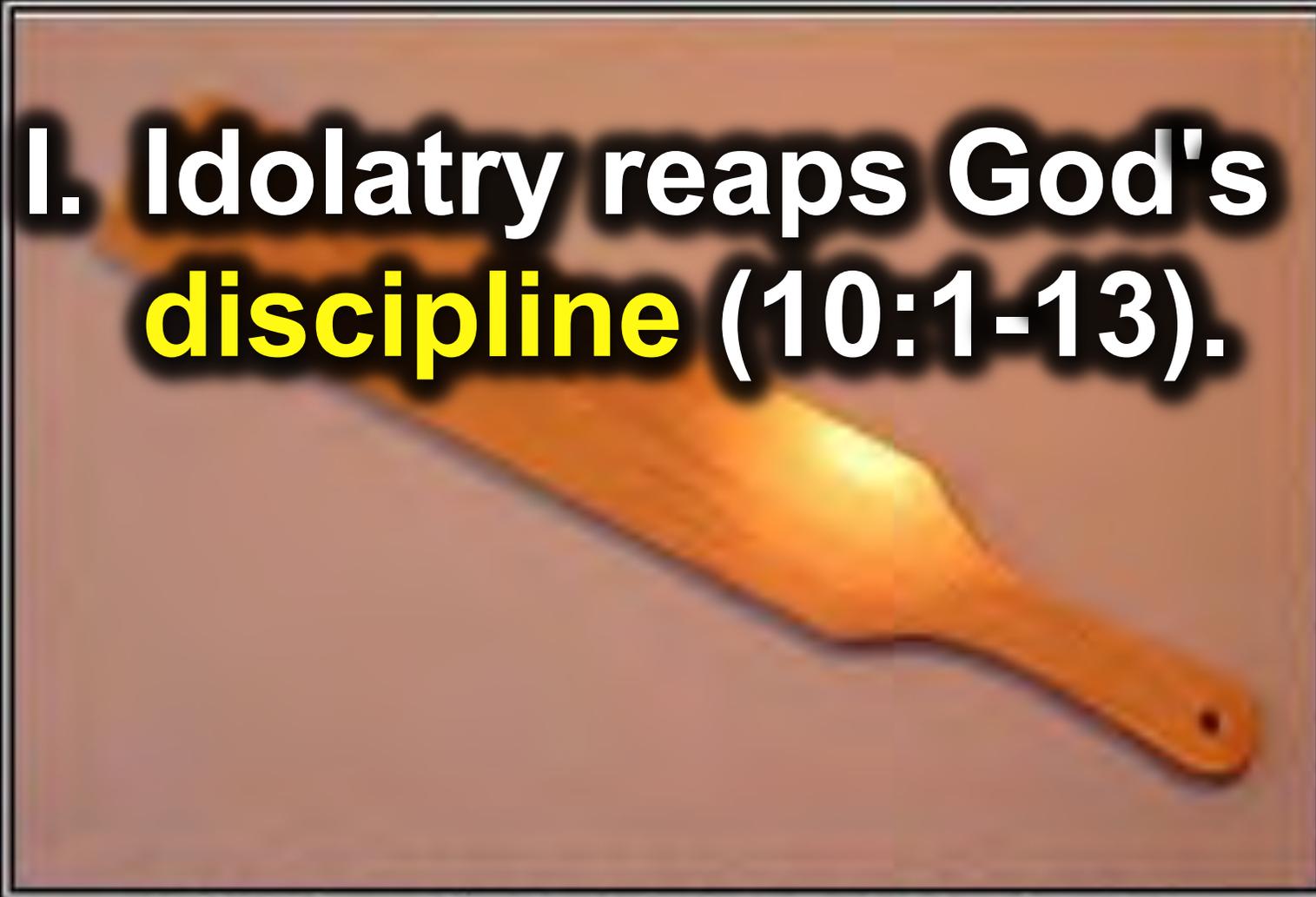


Idolatry

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I. Idolatry reaps God's
discipline (10:1-13).



SPANKING

Sometimes nothing else will do the job



A. God **judged Israel for its evil practices as a warning to us (10:1-11).**

Wandering Map



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.

The Cloud



Exodus 40

The Sea

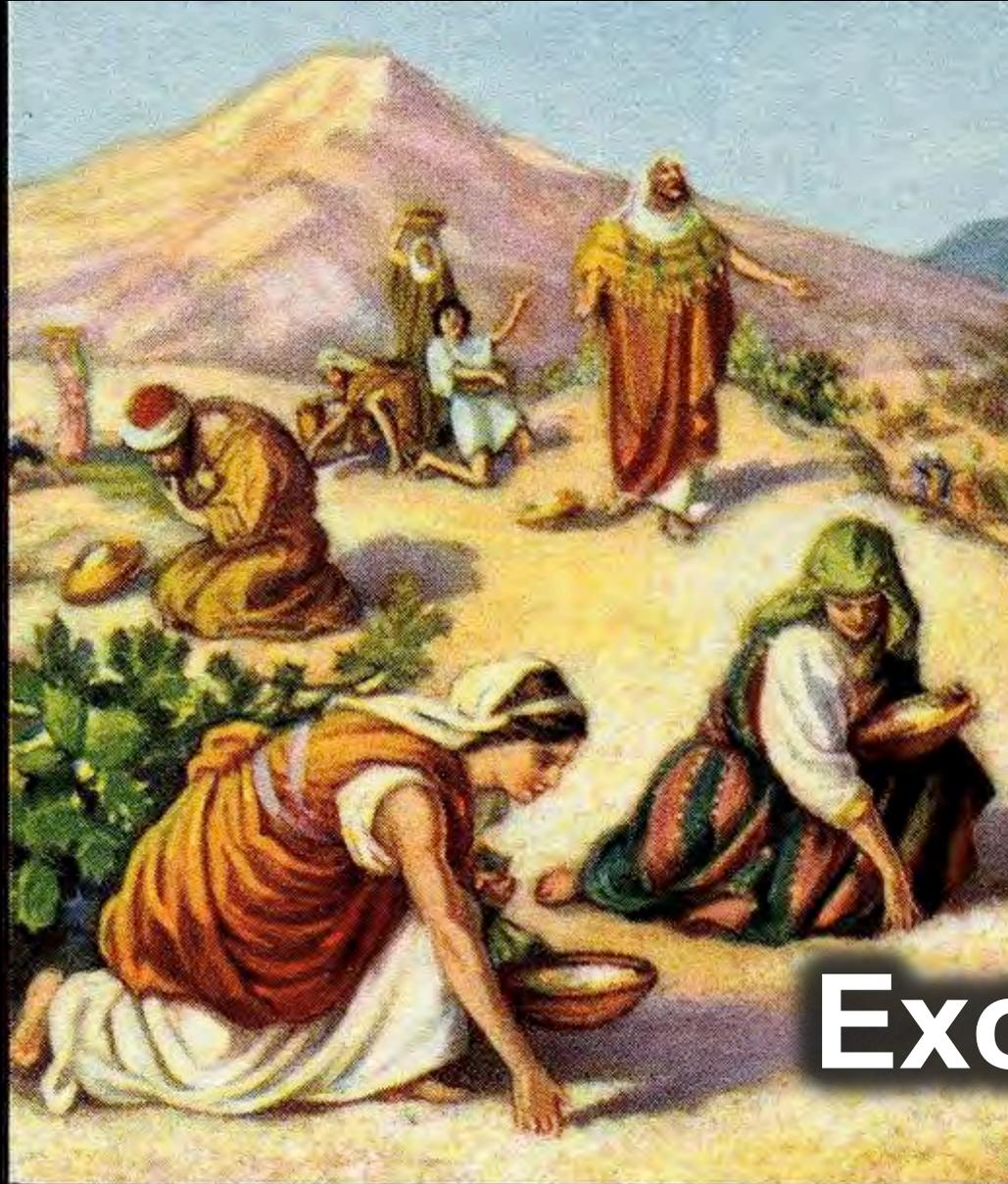


The Leader



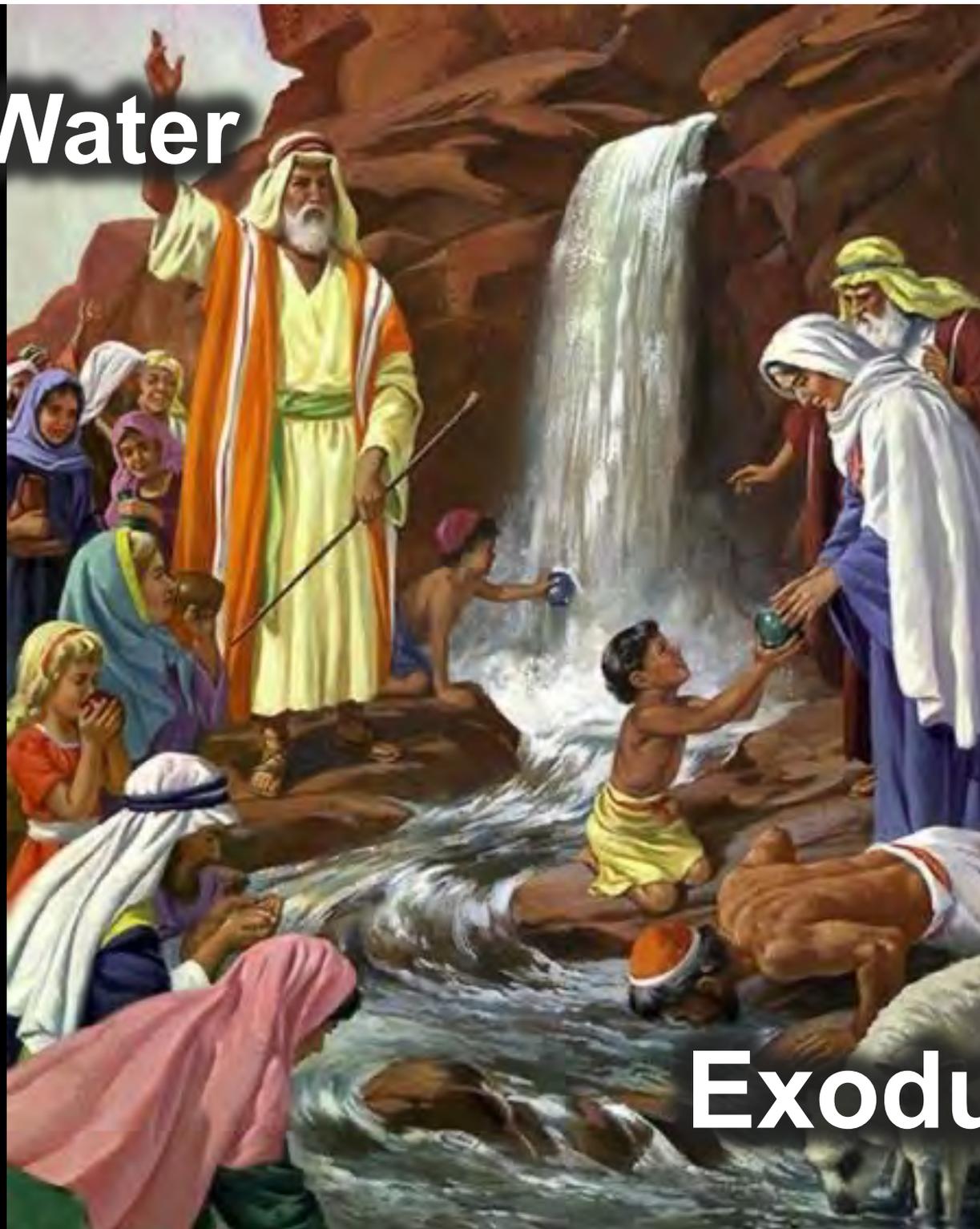
Exodus 12

The Food



Exodus 16

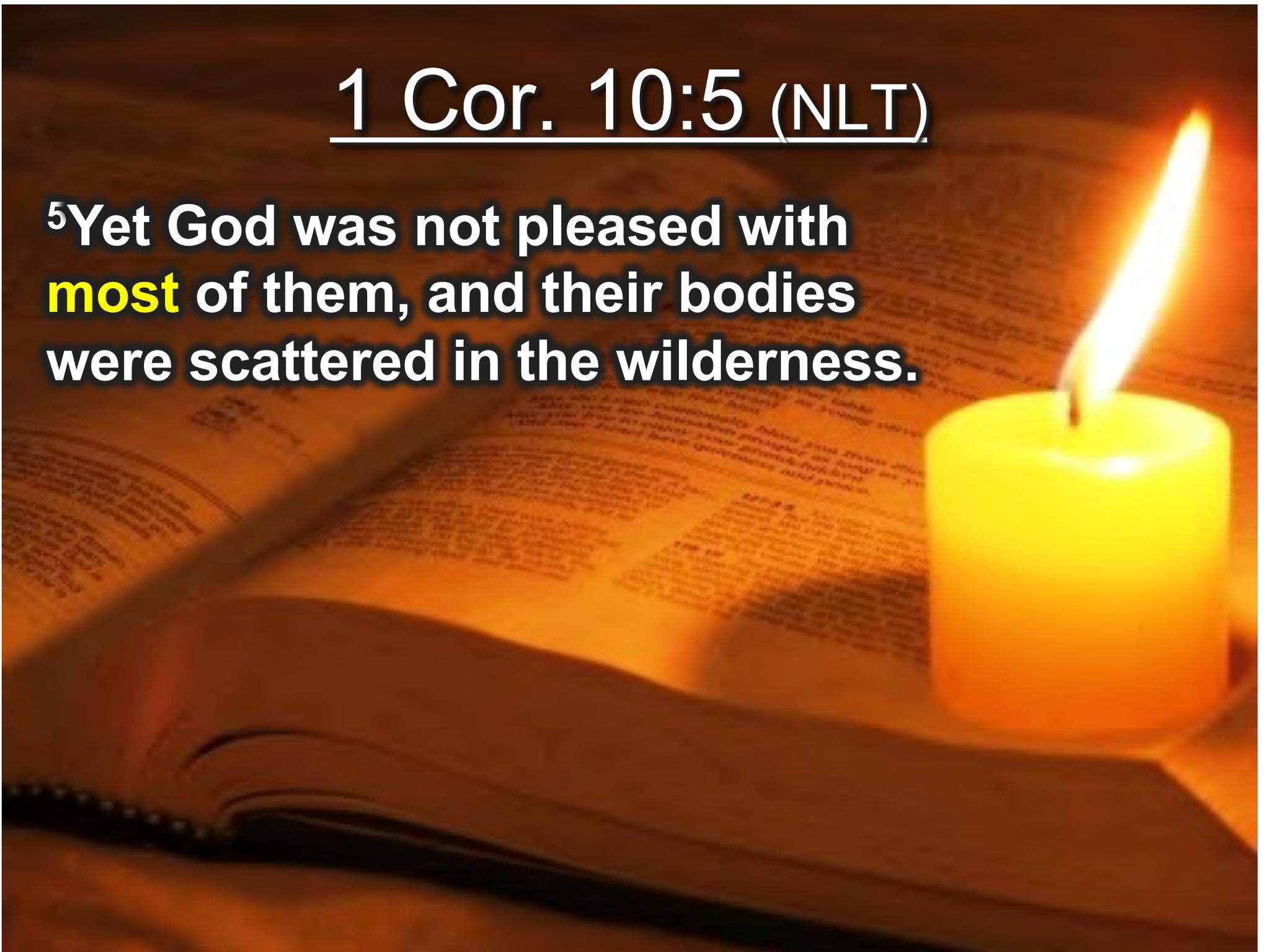
The Water



Exodus 17

1 Cor. 10:5 (NLT)

⁵Yet God was not pleased with **most** of them, and their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.



The Spies Return



Numbers 13



Good giants grasshoppers

The Majority Report

Numbers 13:26-33

Aurora Borealis, Northern Lights, Alaska



GOD

The Minority Report

Numbers 13:26-33

Aurora Borealis, Northern Lights, Alaska

DRESSING THE STAGE



MOSES
Exodus
Sinai
M - C - C
Kadesh Barnea

God's Report

From Egypt to Canaan

Natural Man	Carnal Christian	Spiritual Christian	Rewarded Christian
In Egypt	In the Wilderness	Crossing the Jordan	Entering Rest
Ex. 1—Ex. 11	Ex. 12—Deut. 34	Josh. 1—Josh. 11	Josh. 12—Josh. 22
Slave Generation	Exodus Generation	Second Generation	
Lost	Redeemed	Discipleship	Rewarded
1 Cor. 2:14	1 Cor. 3:1-3	Rom. 12:1-2	2 Cor. 5:10

***The
Golden
Calf
Incident***



Exodus 32

1 Cor. 10:6-8 (NLT)

These things happened as a warning to us, so that we would not crave evil things as they did, ⁷or worship idols as **some** of them did. As the Scriptures say, "The people celebrated with feasting and drinking, and they indulged in pagan revelry." ⁸And we must not engage in sexual immorality as **some** of them did, causing 23,000 of them to die in one day.

1 Cor. 10:9-11 (NLT)

⁹Nor should we put Christ to the test, as **some** of them did and then died from snakebites. ¹⁰And don't grumble as **some** of them did, and then were destroyed by the angel of death. ¹¹These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age.



Korah's Rebellion



Korah, Dathan and Abiram (Numbers 16:31-34)

The Bronze Serpent



Numbers 21:8-9

B. **Humbly** accept God's help
when tempted (10:12-13).



1 Cor. 10:12 (NLT)

12 If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall.





**Idols are
Wrong**





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1 Cor. 10:13 (NLT)

¹³The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

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C. God will judge you for your involvement in **paganism.**

Principal Candidate



Masons



New Age



**Rosicrucian
Fellowship**



**Armstrong's
Worldwide
Church of God**

**God judges
sexual sin too**

HPV

**50% of sexually
active women
ages 18-22!**

STD



HIV Stricken Homosexual Men, 1997



Includes only areas with sufficient data for analysis.

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/testing/resources/reports/hivser97/figures.htm>



**II. God judges our idolatry
because it is **demonic**
(10:14-22).**



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

1 Cor. 10:14 (NLT)

**¹⁴So, my dear friends,
flee from the worship of
idols.**

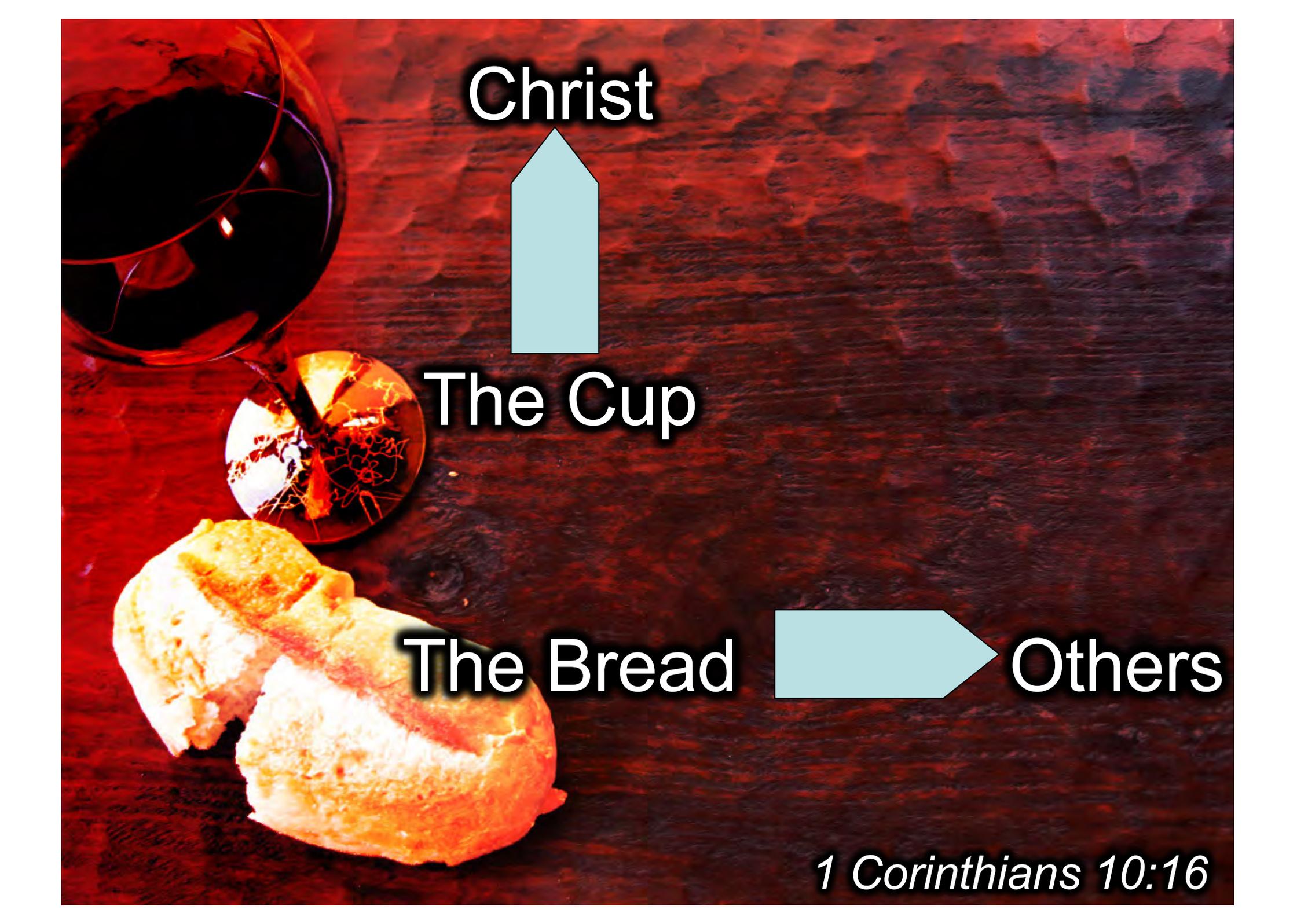


1 Cor. 10:15-18 (NLT)

¹⁵You are reasonable people. Decide for yourselves if what I am saying is true. ¹⁶When we bless the cup at the Lord's Table, aren't we sharing in the blood of Christ? And when we break the bread, aren't we sharing in the body of Christ? ¹⁷And though we are many, we all eat from one loaf of bread, showing that we are one body. ¹⁸Think about the people of Israel. Weren't they united by eating the sacrifices at the altar?

The Agape (Love) Feast



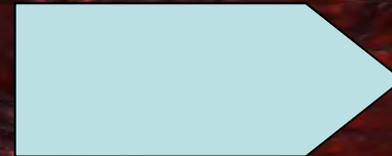


Christ



The Cup

The Bread



Others

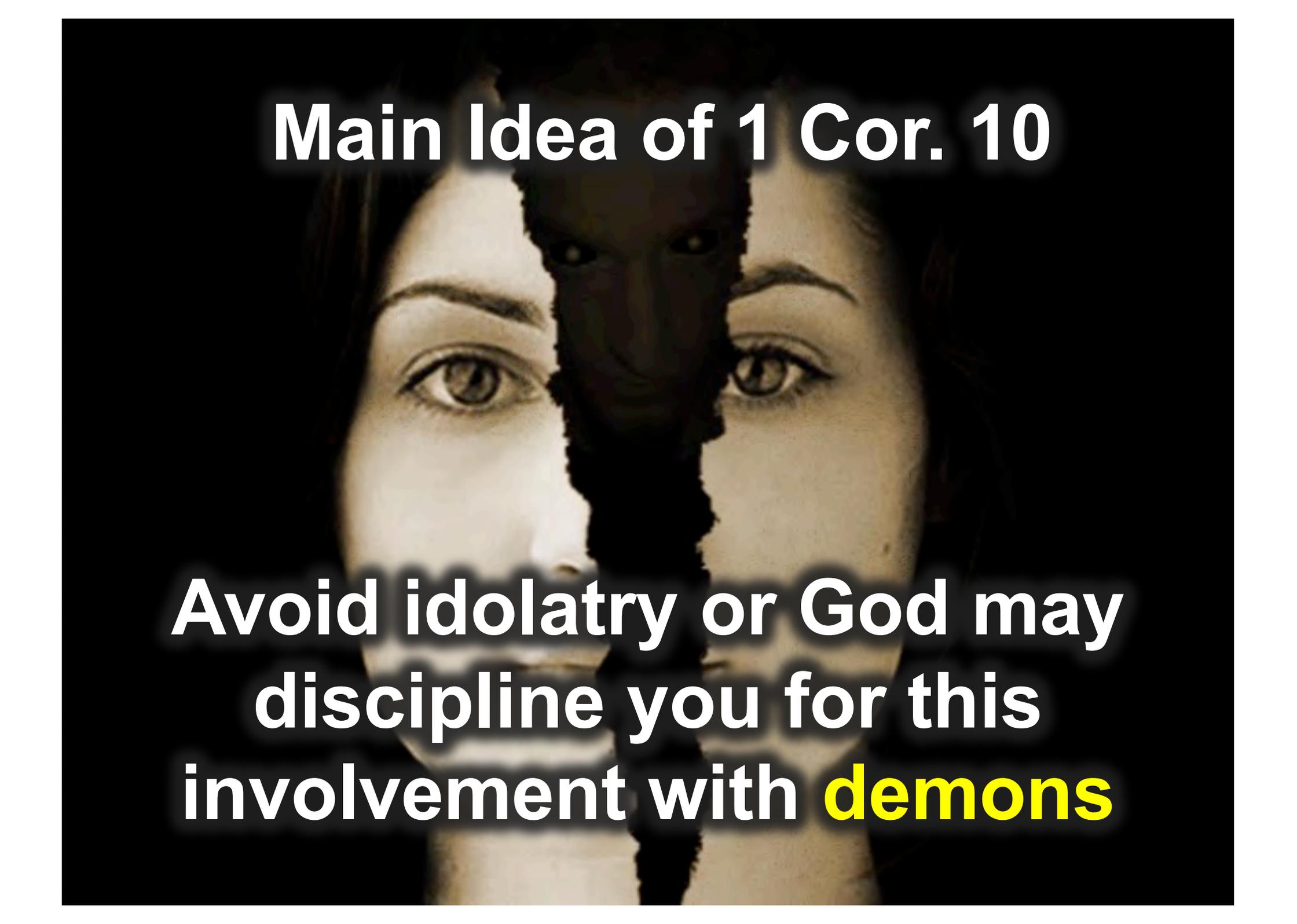
1 Corinthians 10:16

1 Cor. 10:19-22 (NLT)

19What am I trying to say? Am I saying that food offered to idols has some significance, or that idols are real gods? **20**No, not at all. I am saying that these sacrifices are offered to demons, not to God. And I don't want you to participate with demons. **21**You cannot drink from the cup of the Lord and from the cup of demons, too. You cannot eat at the Lord's Table and at the table of demons, too. **22**What? Do we dare to rouse the Lord's jealousy? Do you think we are stronger than he is?

B. Exposing ourselves to demons in pagan celebrations invites God's discipline.





Main Idea of 1 Cor. 10

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

How NOT to be idle with idols...

- **Be humble (10:12)**
- **Trust in God's faithfulness (10:13)**
- **Flee every form of idolatry (10:14)**
- **Seek the good of others (10:23-30)**

1 Cor. 10:23-24 (NLT)

²³You say, "I am allowed to do anything"—but not everything is good for you. You say, "I am allowed to do anything"—but not everything is beneficial. ²⁴Don't be concerned for your own good but for the good of others.



1 Cor. 10:25-27 (NLT)

²⁵So you may eat any meat that is sold in the marketplace without raising questions of conscience.

²⁶For "the earth is the Lord's, and everything in it."

²⁷If someone who isn't a believer asks you home for dinner, accept the invitation if you want to. Eat whatever is offered to you without raising questions of conscience.



1 Cor. 10:28-30 (NLT)

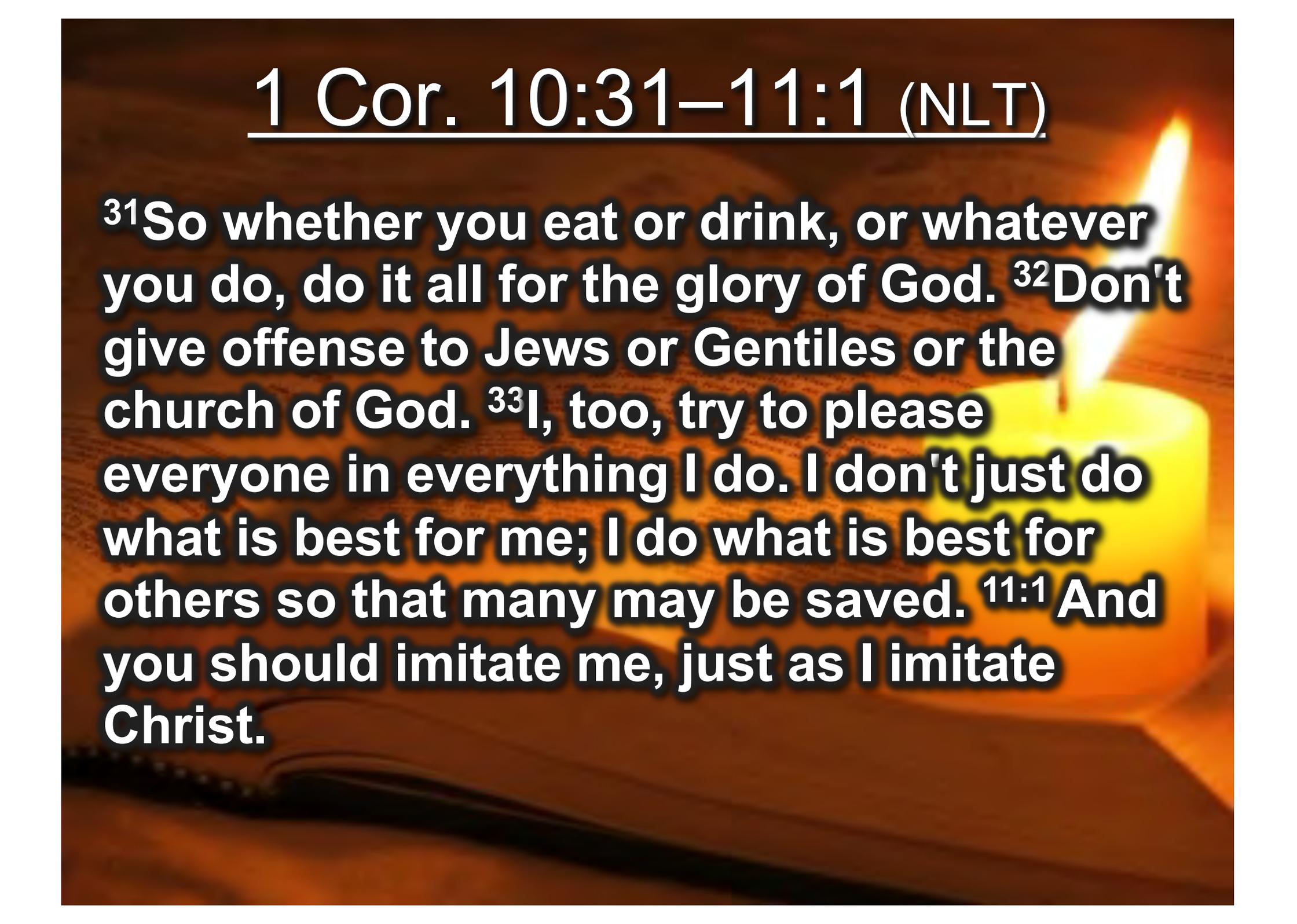
28(But suppose someone tells you, "This meat was offered to an idol." Don't eat it, out of consideration for the conscience of the one who told you. **29**It might not be a matter of conscience for you, but it is for the other person.) For why should my freedom be limited by what someone else thinks? **30**If I can thank God for the food and enjoy it, why should I be condemned for eating it?

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- **Glorify God (10:31–11:1)**

1 Cor. 10:31–11:1 (NLT)

³¹So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. ³²Don't give offense to Jews or Gentiles or the church of God. ³³I, too, try to please everyone in everything I do. I don't just do what is best for me; I do what is best for others so that many may be saved. ^{11:1}And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ.

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Androgyny

In Corinth and
Singapore

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Should men and
women have
different roles in
the church and
society?

What's a Woman to Do?

1610

**Note: The context of all three passages below is public worship.
It looks like 1 Cor. 11 contradicts 1 Cor. 14 and 1 Tim. 2.**

1 Cor. 11	1 Cor. 14	1 Tim. 2
Can pray publicly (11:5, 13)		Public prayer for men only (2:8)
Can prophesy (11:5)	Speaking is prohibited (14:34)	Must be silent (2:12c)
Speaking is OK (implied)	Speaking is disgraceful (14:35)	
		Can't teach men (2:12a)
		Can't have authority over men (2:12b)
<i>Which text is the general rule (norm) and which is the exception?</i>		
Veils universal practice (11:16)	Silence universal practice (14:33)	Men praying universal practice (2:8)

To see how people have tried to solve these apparent contradictions, see the next 8 pages of these notes!

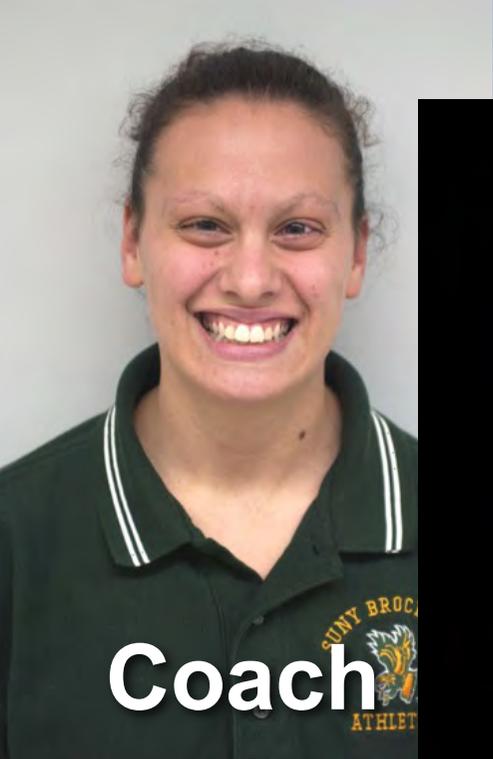
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Electrician

**WOW
(Wider Opportunities for Women)**

Carpenter



Coach



My, how language has changed...

The Past

Mankind

Stewardess

Fireman

Policeman

Boss

The Present

Humankind

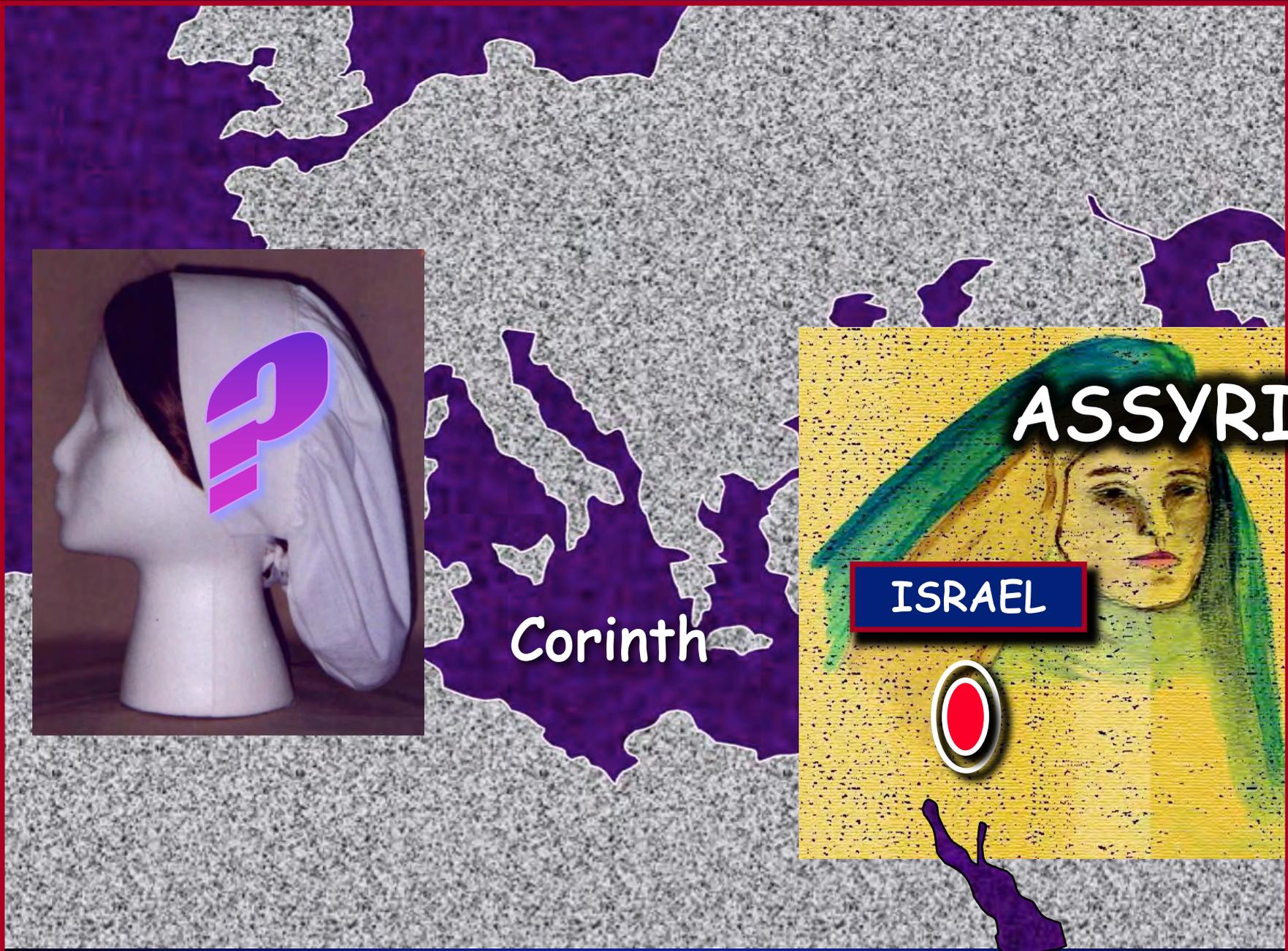
Flight Attendant

Fire Fighter

Police Person

Bosset

Who wore head coverings?



Corinth



ASSYRIA

ISRAEL

1 Corinthians 11:2 NLT

²I am so glad that you always keep me in your thoughts, and that you are following the teachings I passed on to you.





Towards the Main Idea...

Men and women are equal but different--so the church must maintain these sexual distinctions.

But why?

1 Corinthians 11

Why maintain distinctions?

**I. Resisting sex distinctions
shames our authorities.**



Why maintain distinctions?

A. Wrong use of a head covering at the church of Corinth shamed their authorities (11:3-6).





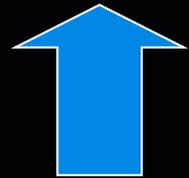
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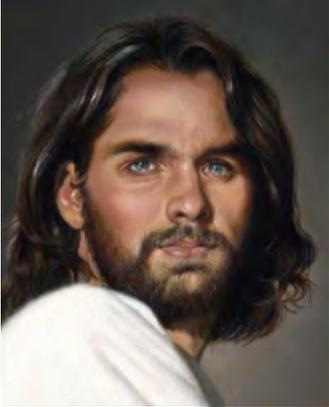
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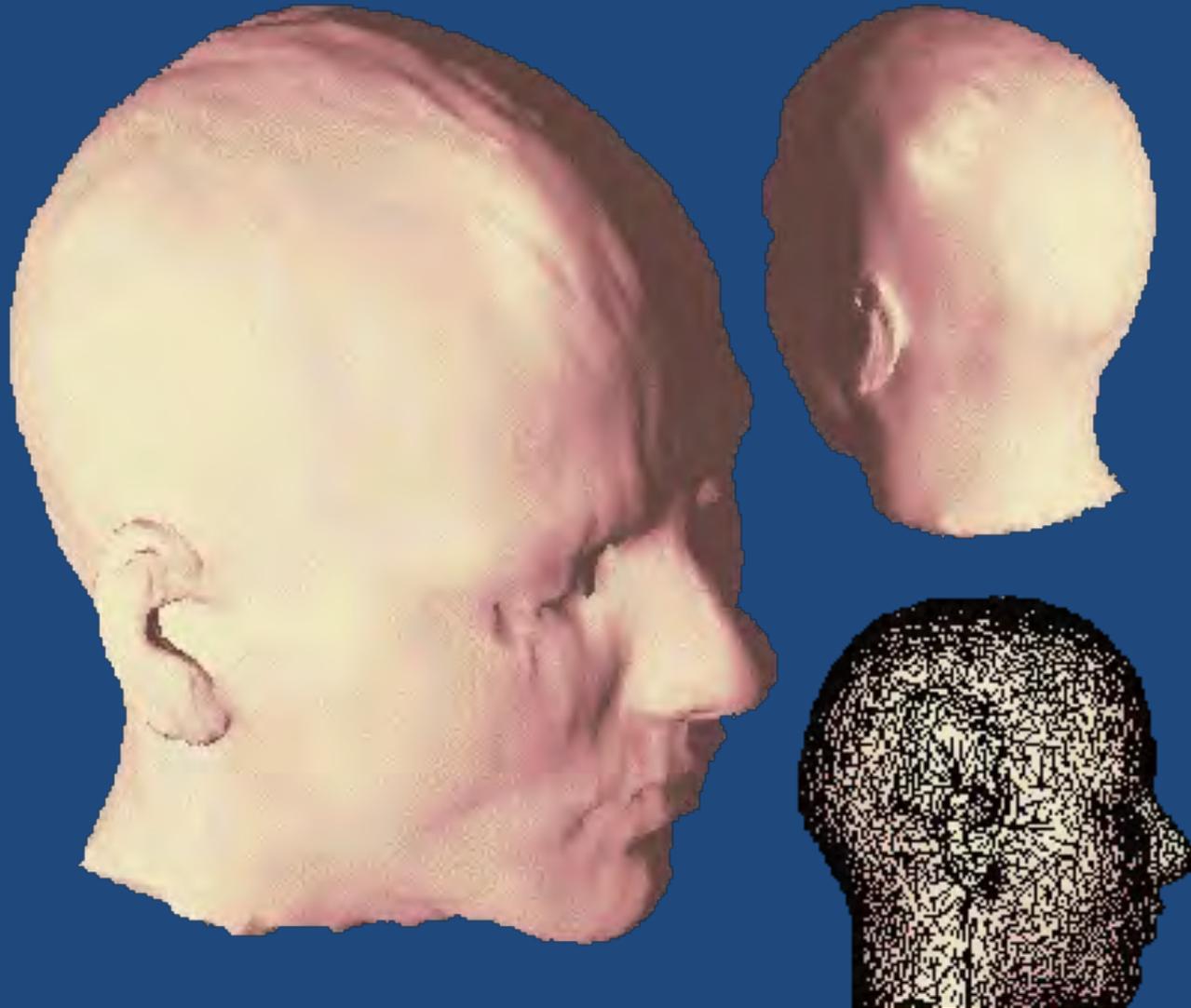
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God's Authority Structure

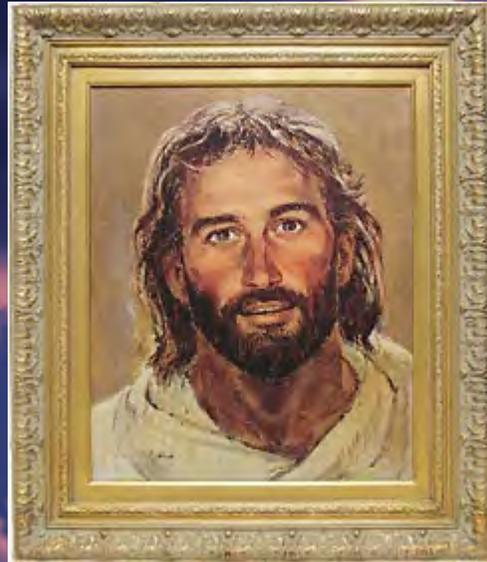
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What does "head" mean?



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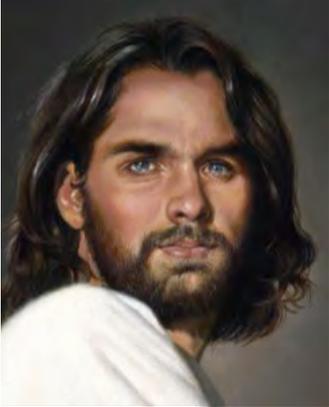
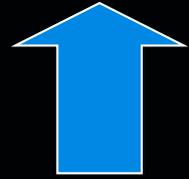
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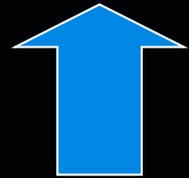
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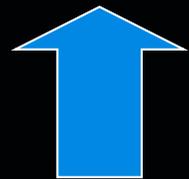
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1 Corinthians 11:4 NLT

⁴A man dishonors his head if he covers his head while praying or prophesying.



Wayne Grudem's Definition of Prophecy

**"telling something
that God has
spontaneously
brought to mind"**

"Why Christians Can Still Prophecy"
Christianity Today (16 Sept 1988), 29

What is Prophecy?

*"knowing this first of all, that **no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.** For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit"*

2 Peter 1:20-21 (ESV)

1 Corinthians 11:5-6 NLT

⁵But a woman dishonors her head if she prays or prophesies without a covering on her head, for this is the same as shaving her head.

⁶Yes, if she refuses to wear a head covering, she should cut off all her hair! But since it is shameful for a woman to have her hair cut or her head shaved, she should wear a covering.







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Should women worship with the veil?



Veils at a wedding are beautiful...



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



**B. Today we must honor our
authorities during worship.**

Men



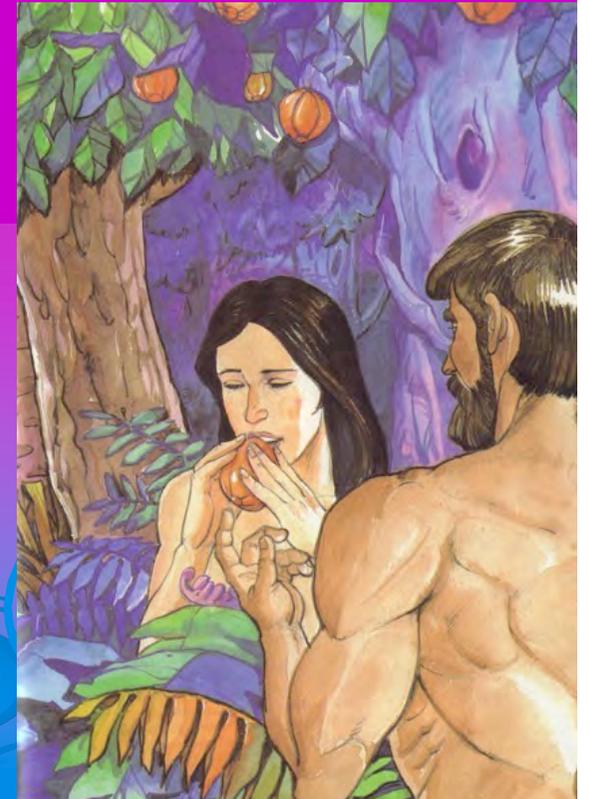
Women



1 Timothy 2:11-15

¹¹A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent.

¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve. ¹⁴And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. ¹⁵But women {Gr. she} will be saved {or restored} through childbearing--if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.



Egalitarians

NT Wright

Ben Witherington III

Gordon Fee

Scot McKnight

Ruth A. Tucker

Walter C. Kaiser

Jim Wallis

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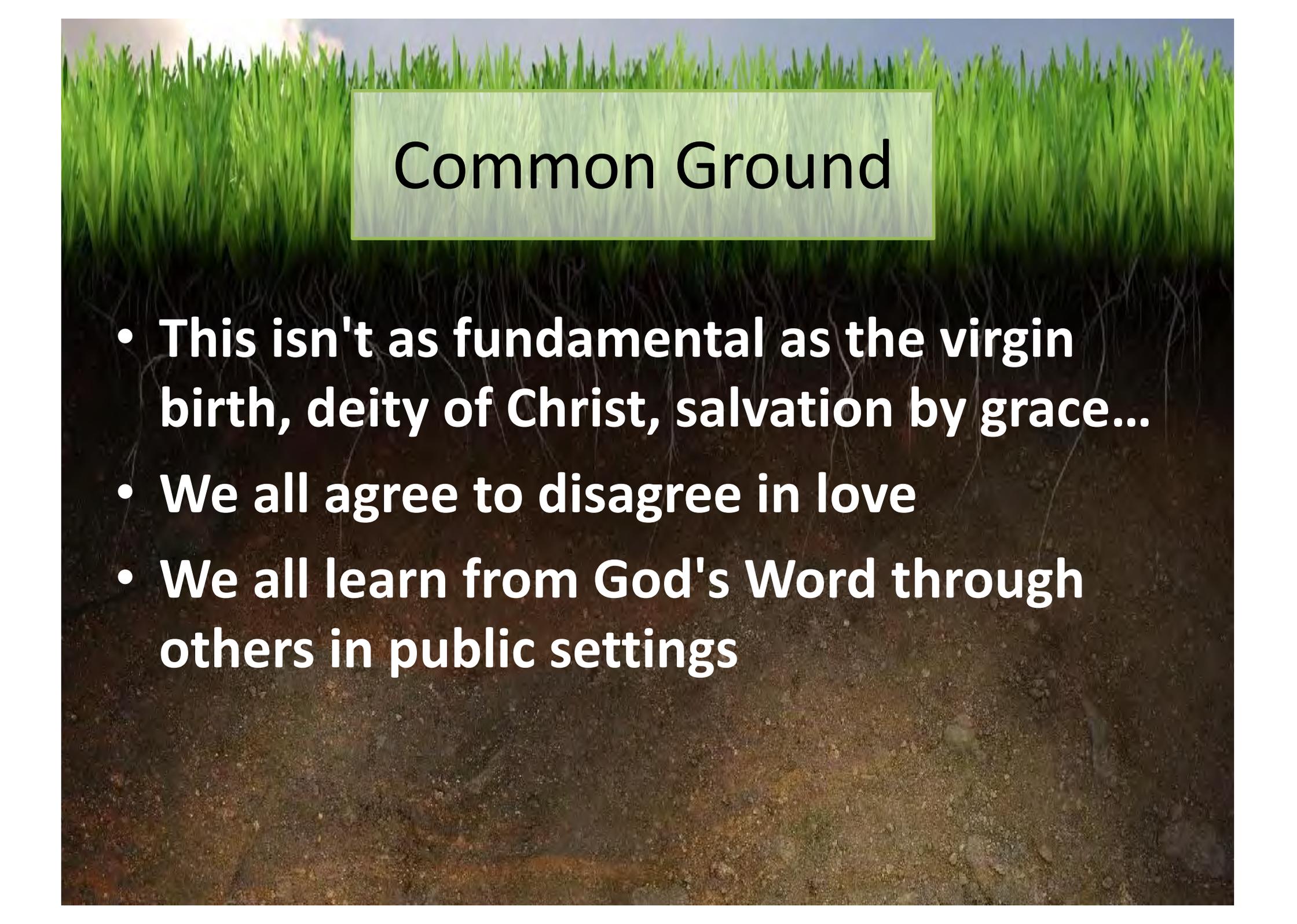
Mark Driscoll

Elisabeth Elliot

Wayne Grudem

VS





Common Ground

- **This isn't as fundamental as the virgin birth, deity of Christ, salvation by grace...**
- **We all agree to disagree in love**
- **We all learn from God's Word through others in public settings**

"Beyond the Politics of Pandora's Pulpit"



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Women

All

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II. A wife should let her husband lead due to the **creation order.**

A. A wife's head covering at Corinth showed the husband's leadership since creation (11:7-12)



1 Corinthians 11:7 NLT

⁷A man should not wear anything on his head when worshiping, for man is made in God's image and reflects God's glory. And woman reflects man's glory.



God's
Creation...Day 6

Equality of Sexes

So God created man in his own image

in the image of God he created him

male and female he created them
(Gen 1:27).





Pharisee

**Did Jewish
men cover
their heads
during prayer
in NT times?**

Women in Corinth were to pray with a head covering because husbands have always led their wives (11:8-10)





1 Corinthians 11:8-10 NLT

⁸For the first man didn't come from woman, but the first woman came from man. ⁹And man was not made for woman, but woman was made for man.

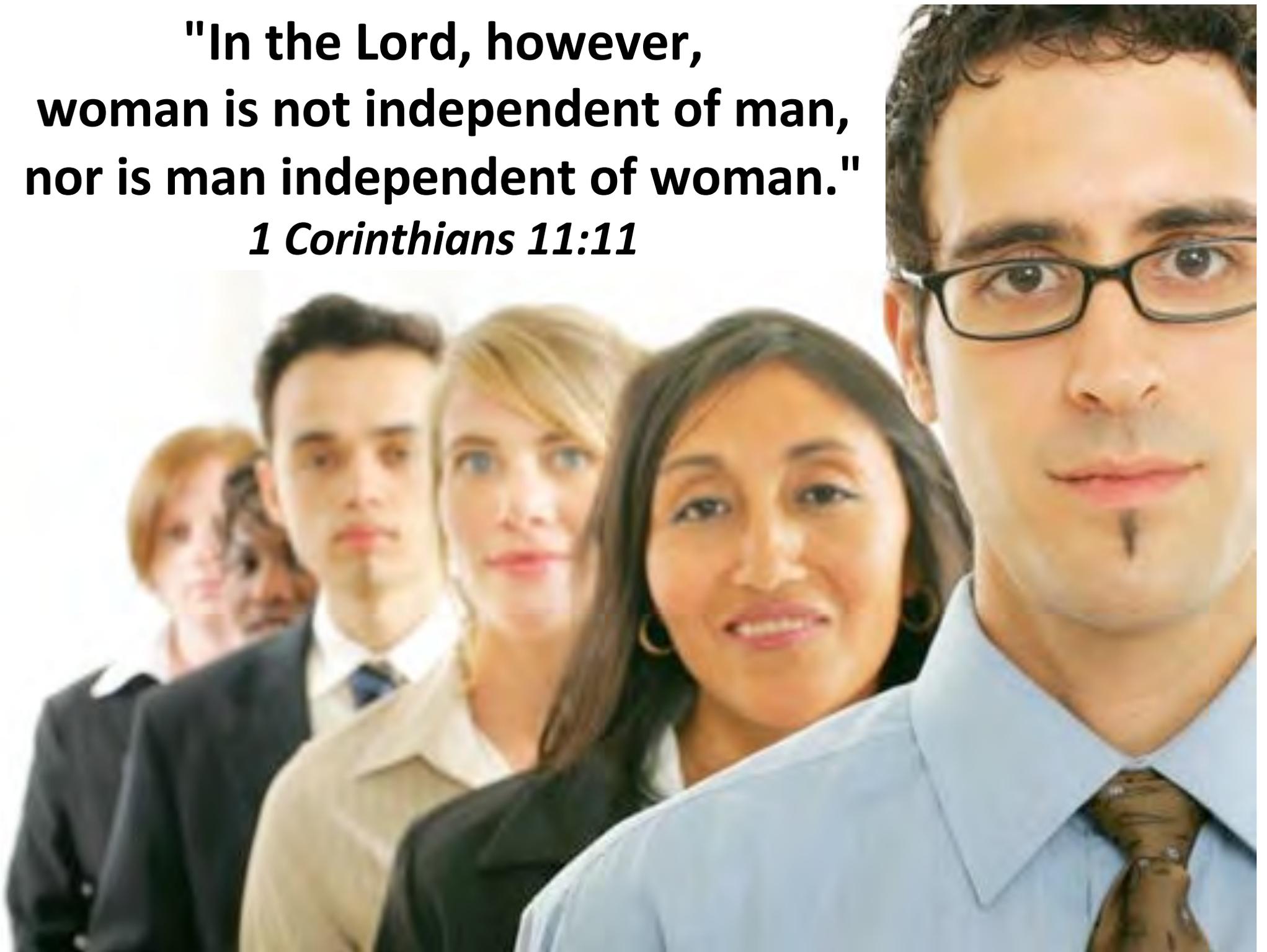
¹⁰For this reason, and because the angels are watching, a woman should wear a covering on her head to show she is under authority.



1 Corinthians 11:11-12 NLT

¹¹But among the Lord's people, women are not independent of men, and men are not independent of women. ¹²For although the first woman came from man, every other man was born from a woman, and everything comes from God.

**"In the Lord, however,
woman is not independent of man,
nor is man independent of woman."
*1 Corinthians 11:11***

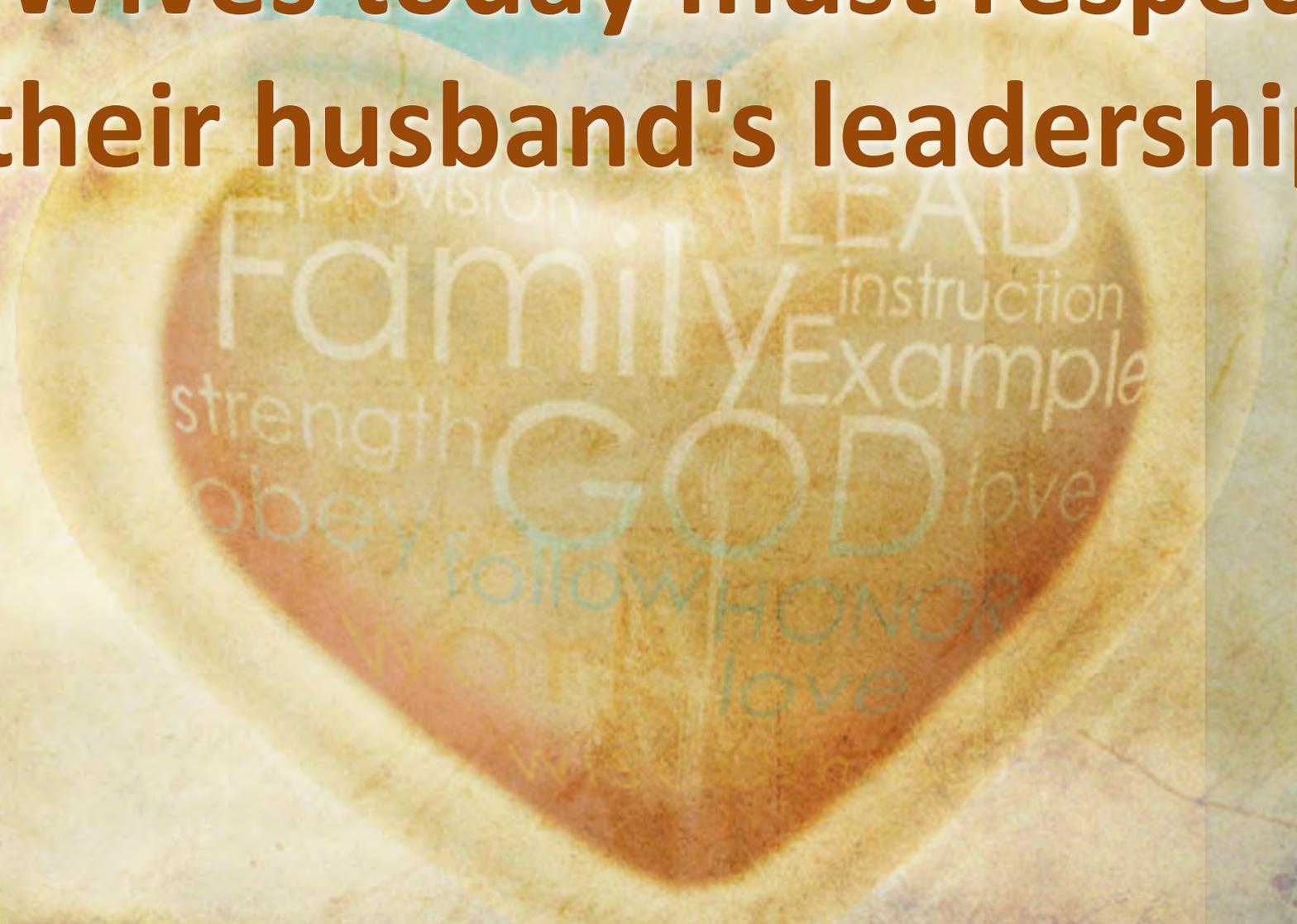




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**B. Wives today must respect
their husband's leadership.**



provision LEAD
Family instruction
Example
strength
obey GOD love
follow HONOR
love

Don't blur proper roles of...



- **Society** (11:13)

1 Corinthians 11:13 NLT

¹³Judge for yourselves. Is it right for a woman to pray to God in public without covering her head?



Prayer with head
uncovered



Don't blur proper roles of...



- **Society** (11:13)
- **Nature** (11:14-15)

1 Corinthians 11:14-15 NLT

¹⁴Isn't it obvious that it's disgraceful for a man to have long hair? ¹⁵And isn't long hair a woman's pride and joy? For it has been given to her as a covering.



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Don't blur proper roles of...



- **Society** (11:13)
- **Nature** (11:14-15)
- **Churches** (11:16)

1 Corinthians 11:16 NLT

¹⁶But if anyone wants to argue about this, I simply say that we have no other custom than this, and neither do God's other churches.



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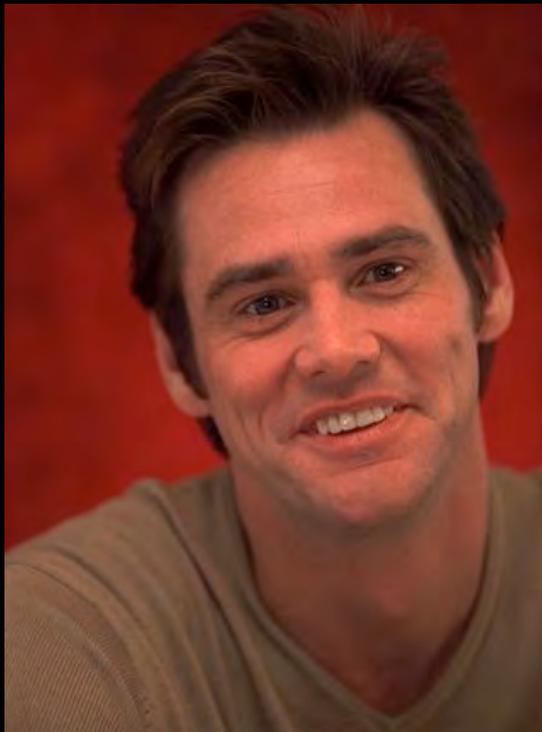
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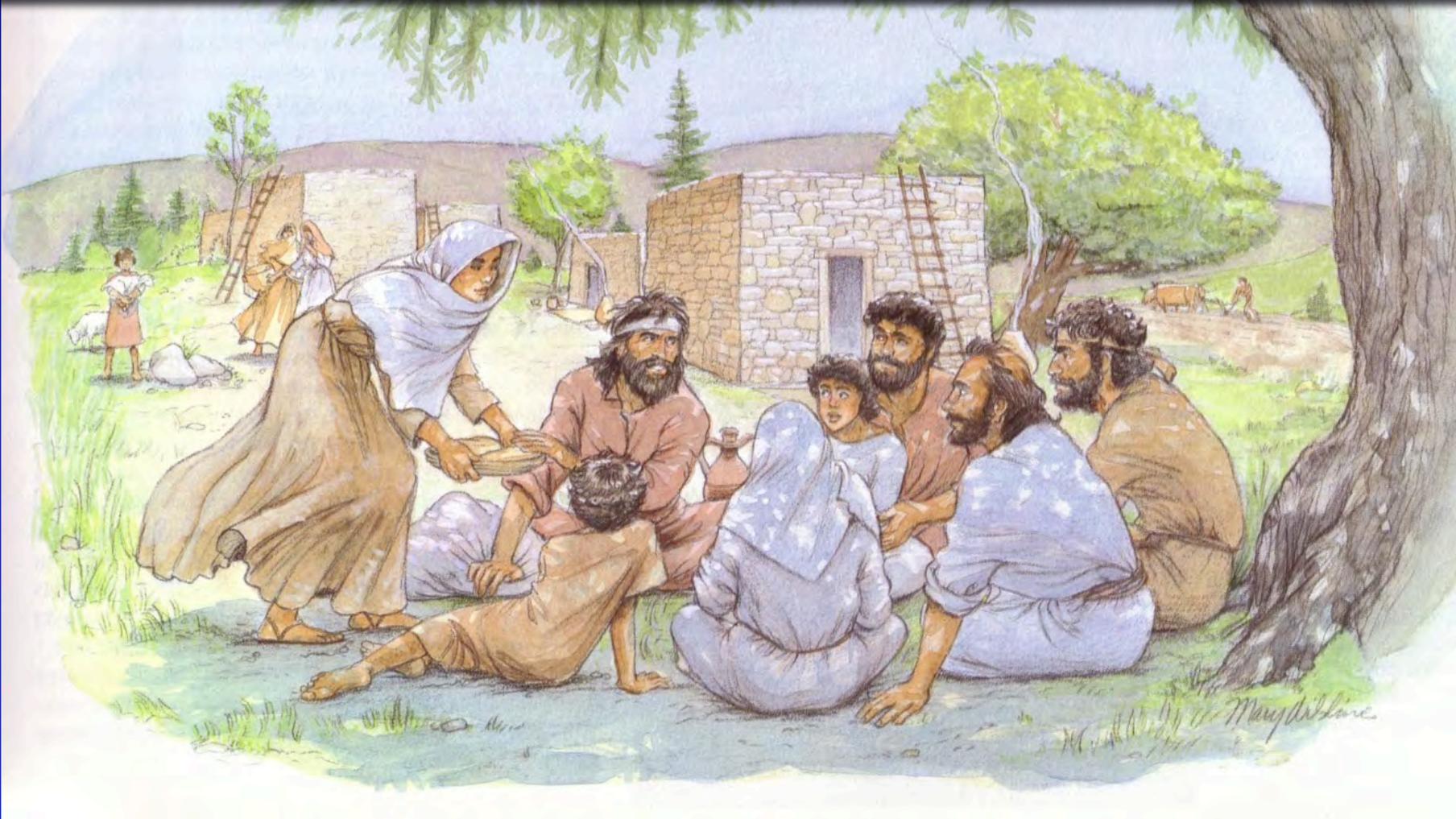
It can be better!

"So many people expect that fairy tale where everyone is going to be together forever, but I don't subscribe to that. I'd love for it to happen, but I think 10 years with someone is enough."



**--Twice divorced actor Jim Carrey
The Internet Movie Database
(www.imdb.com/news/wenn/2004-04-02)**

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



Why should husbands lead?

- I. Confusing sex roles shames our **authorities** (11:2-6)
- II. An unsubmitive wife fights God's **creation** order (11:7-12)
- III. Blurring the sexes hinders our **witness** (11:13-16)



What should you wives do?

"Strenuously avoid whatever forms of dress or grooming [that] communicate to the non-Christian world sexual misconduct or idolatrous worship"

(Blomberg, 215)



What should you others do?

**Don't
Demand
Your
Rights**



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)

**Take the Agree or Disagree
Quiz on page 222i**

I TIMOTHY 2

Controversy:

**The role of women
in public worship**



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Avoid the 2 Extremes

Literalism

Enthroning Truth+Culture

2:8 Men must *always* lift up their hands when they pray.

2:9-10 Women must *never* plait their hair or wear jewelry.

2:11-12 *In no circumstances* may women teach men.

Liberalism

Dismissing Truth+Culture

All the things in this chapter are out of date and irrelevant, *merely temporary regulations* to meet a given situation.

Distinguish between Culture and Truth

Culture

- ✦ **Changeable**
- ✦ **Time bound to biblical author and audience**
- ✦ **Provides analytical details**
- ✦ **Concrete and Specific**

Truth

- ✦ **Changeless**
- ✦ **Timeless**
- ✦ **Provides integrated truth**
- ✦ **Universal and General**

MEN'S PRAYER 2:8



***Duties of men
in relation to
prayer***

Application 1:

MEN'S PRAYER 2:8

Culture

***Their **bodily posture**
as they pray:
standing, kneeling,
sitting, clapping
hands or raising
arms***

Truth

**Always and
everywhere men
are to pray in
holiness and
love**



**WOMEN'S
ADORNMENT
(2:9-10)**

Dress

Hairstyle

Jewelry

WOMEN'S ADORNMENT

2:9-10

Application 2:

Culture

***Their clothing,
hairstyle and
jewelry may vary
according to
culture***

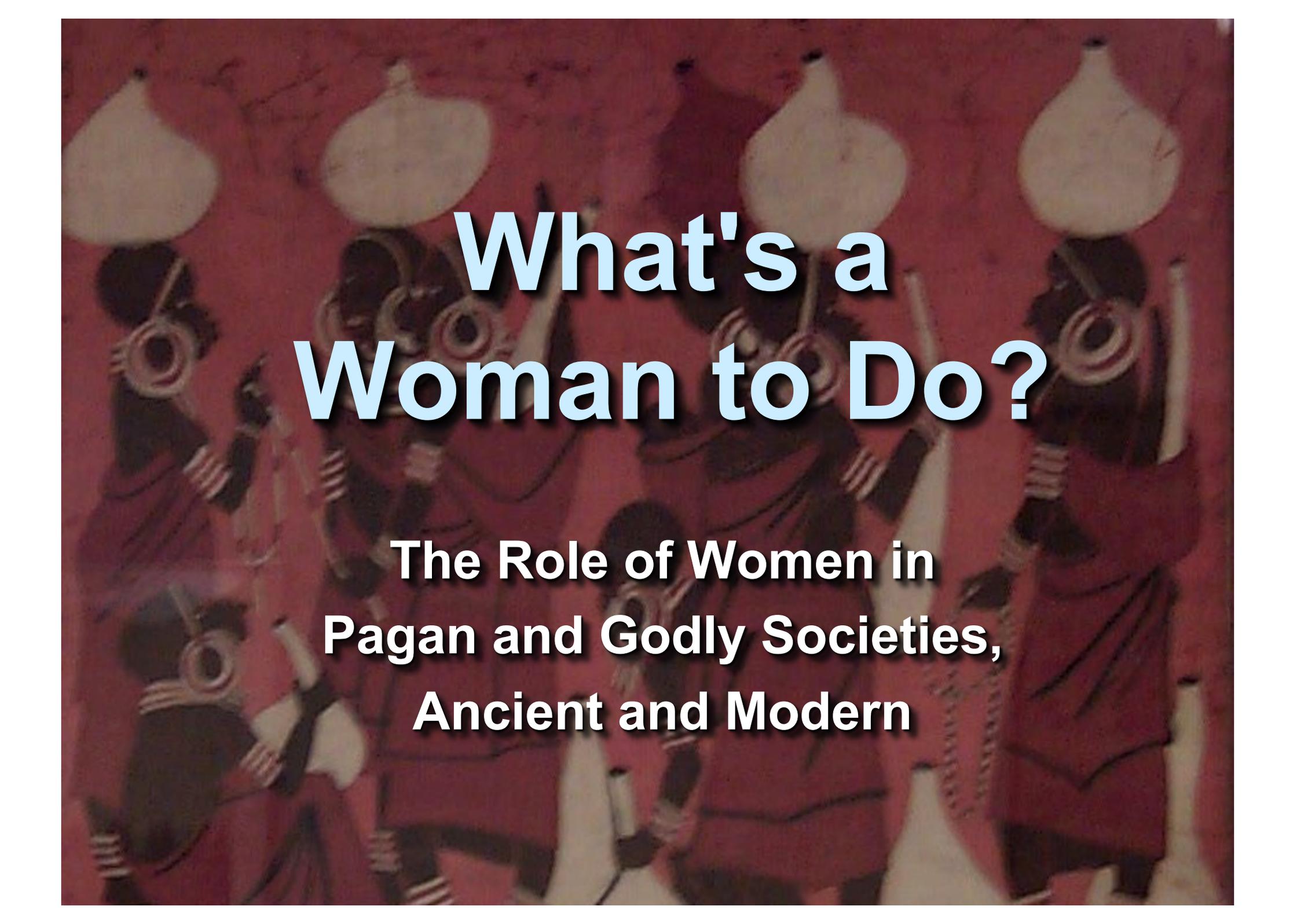
Truth

**Always and
everywhere women
must adorn
themselves with
modesty, decency,
propriety, and good
deeds**

SUBMISSION 2:11-12



***Women's
relationship
with men***

A painting depicting a group of women in traditional, dark, patterned clothing. They are carrying large, light-colored, teardrop-shaped pots or baskets balanced on their heads. The background is a deep red color. The overall style is reminiscent of traditional African or Middle Eastern art.

What's a Woman to Do?

**The Role of Women in
Pagan and Godly Societies,
Ancient and Modern**

“¹¹A woman should learn in quietness and full submission.

¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent.”

- 1 Timothy 2:11-12

Who wants to address this?



“I’ll preach on Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s and Easter. You can have ‘The Role of Women in the Church,’ ‘Tongues Speaking for Today,’ ‘Biblical Inerrancy,’ and our special ‘Fund Drive Sunday.’”

Egalitarians

NT Wright

Ben Witherington III

Gordon Fee

Scot McKnight

Ruth A. Tucker

Walter C. Kaiser

Jim Wallis

Rachel Held Evans

Gilbert Bilezikian

Complementarians

J.I. Packer

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John Piper

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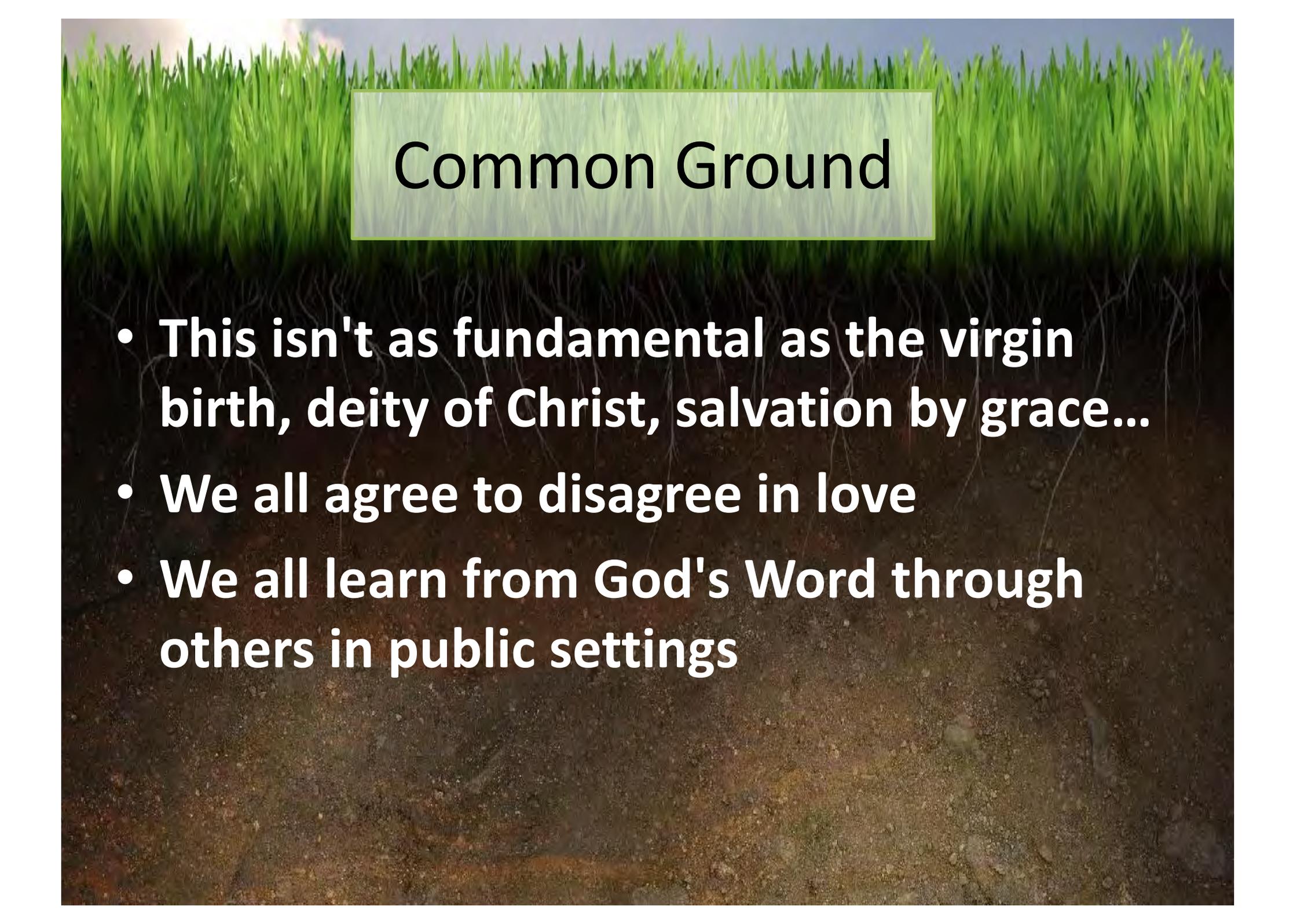
Mark Driscoll

Elisabeth Elliot

Douglas Wilson

VS





Common Ground

- **This isn't as fundamental as the virgin birth, deity of Christ, salvation by grace...**
- **We all agree to disagree in love**
- **We all learn from God's Word through others in public settings**

“Beyond the Politics of Pandora's Pulpit”



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1 Timothy 2:11-12

What's a Woman to Do?

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**Note: The context of all three passages below is public worship.
It looks like 1 Cor. 11 contradicts 1 Cor. 14 and 1 Tim. 2.**

1 Cor. 11	1 Cor. 14	1 Tim. 2
Can pray publicly (11:5, 13)		Public prayer for men only (2:8)
Can prophesy (11:5)	Speaking is prohibited (14:34)	Must be silent (2:12c)
Speaking is OK (implied)	Speaking is disgraceful (14:35)	
		Can't teach men (2:12a)
		Can't have authority over men (2:12b)
<i>Which text is the general rule (norm) and which is the exception?</i>		
Veils universal practice (11:16)	Silence universal practice (14:33)	Men praying universal practice (2:8)

To see how people have tried to solve these apparent contradictions, see the next 8 pages of these notes!

I. Learn peacefully

“¹¹ A woman should learn **in quietness** and full submission. ¹² I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must **be silent.**”

Hesuchia is an *inclusio*

- A. Cultivate inward quietness and attentiveness
- B. Be still: put aside other concerns, allow time
 - “Be still and know that I am God” (Ps. 46:10)

II. Learn respectfully, not usurping

“¹¹ A woman should learn in quietness and **full submission**. ¹² I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent.”

A. Be respectful, even when you disagree.

- Speaker to “rightly divide the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15); listeners to learn
- Critical mind not critical spirit

II. Learn respectfully, not usurping

“¹¹ A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. ¹² I do not permit a woman **to teach or to have authority over a man**; she must be silent.”

B. Do not usurp authority internally

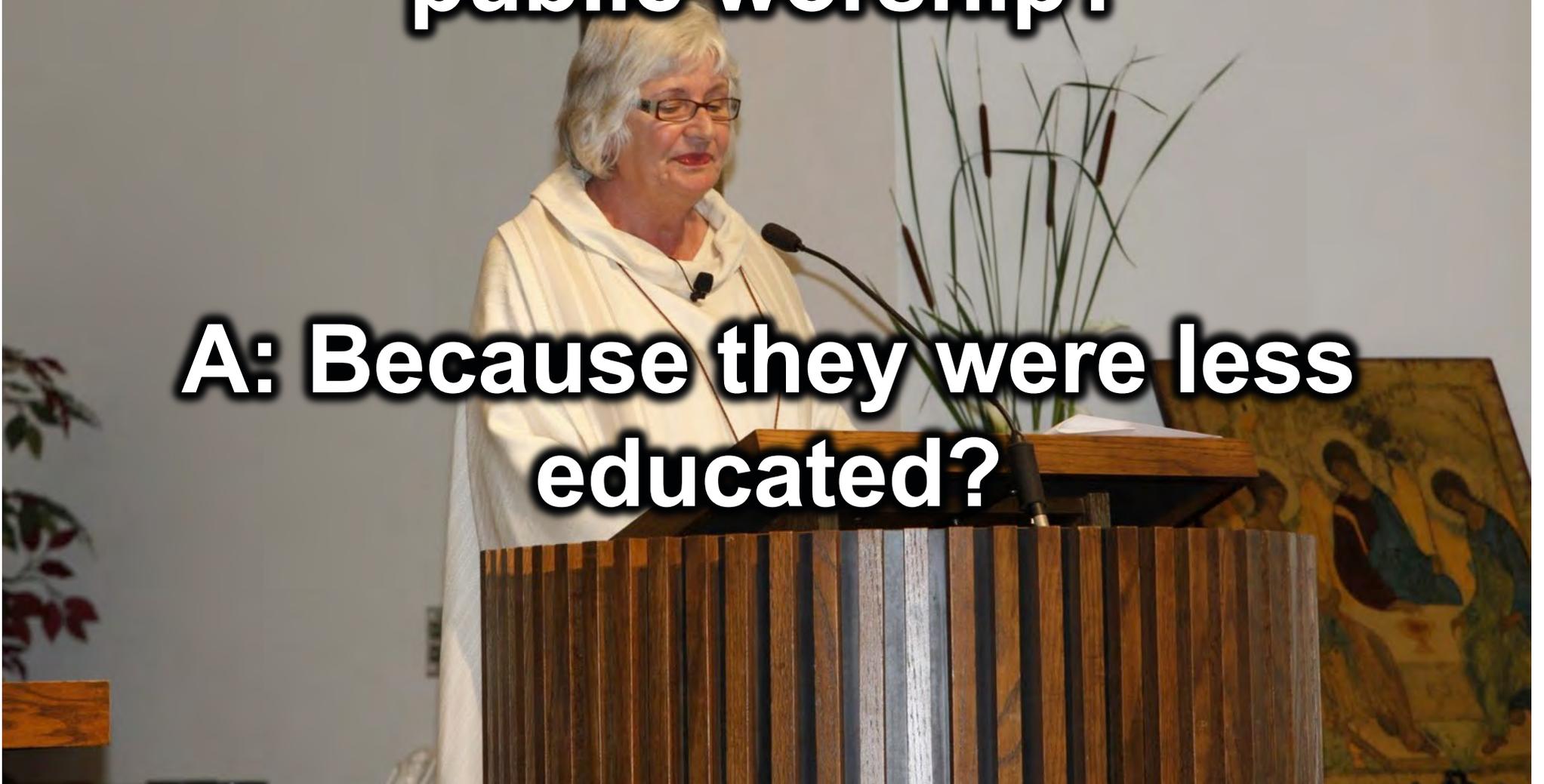
- Be teachable; suppress mental objections
- “[My word] will not return to me void, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” (Isa. 55:11)
- God uses 'bad' sermons!

Learn peacefully and respectfully



Q: But *Why* did Paul prohibit women from teaching men in public worship?

A: Because they were less educated?

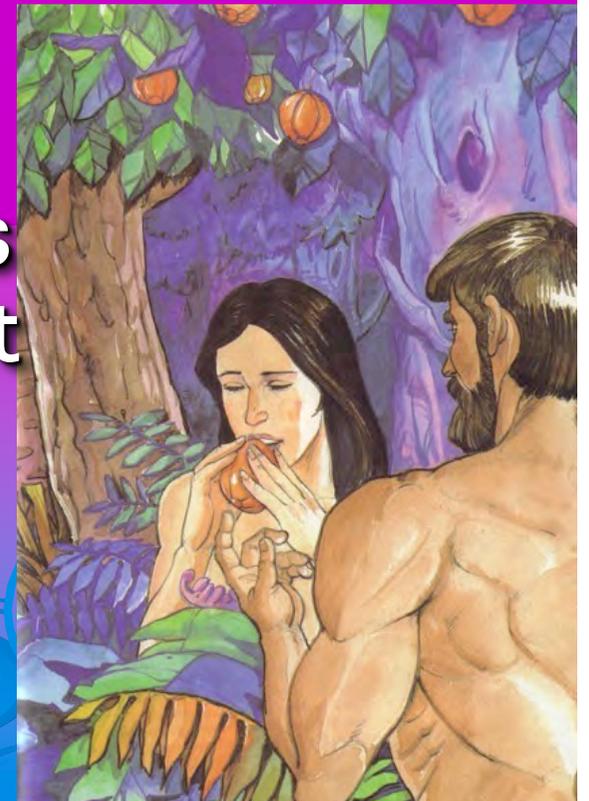




1 Timothy 2:11-15 NIV

¹¹A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent.

¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve. ¹⁴And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. ¹⁵But women {Gr. she} will be saved {or restored} through childbearing-- if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.



Application 3:

WOMEN'S SUBMISSION 2:11-12

Culture

***Learn in
quietness***

***Not allowed to
teach?***

Truth

Full submission

**No teaching or
authority over a
man in local
church contexts**



CULTURE: SILENCE VS. TEACHING

- ✿ **Submission** is expressed in different ways in different cultures. It need not be expressed in **silence**.
- ✿ Does women **teaching** men mean that they are in authority over them?
- ✿ When anyone teaches, the **authority** rests in **the Word of God**, not in the person—but the person teaching carries that authoritative position.

TRUTH: AUTHORITY-SUBMISSION

- ✦ **Basis for women's submission:** The Fall 2:14
- ✦ **Misconception:** Women were shown in the Fall as prone to deception and so should not teach men.
- ✦ **Objection:** If women are by nature gullible, they ought to be disqualified from teaching anyone, not just men, whereas Paul refers to the special role of women in teaching both children and younger women (Titus 2:4).
- ✦ **Truth:** Eve's sin in the fall was not only that she was deceived, but that she **usurped Adam's authority** and thus reversed their respective roles.

Conclusion:

1 TIMOTHY 2:11-14

Can Women Teach in Public Worship?

No, unless it does not convey authority

No Ordinary Supper

1 Corinthians 11:17-34



Rick Griffith, Crossroads International Church
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Sarah went to Big Church...





"Do this to remember me"

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





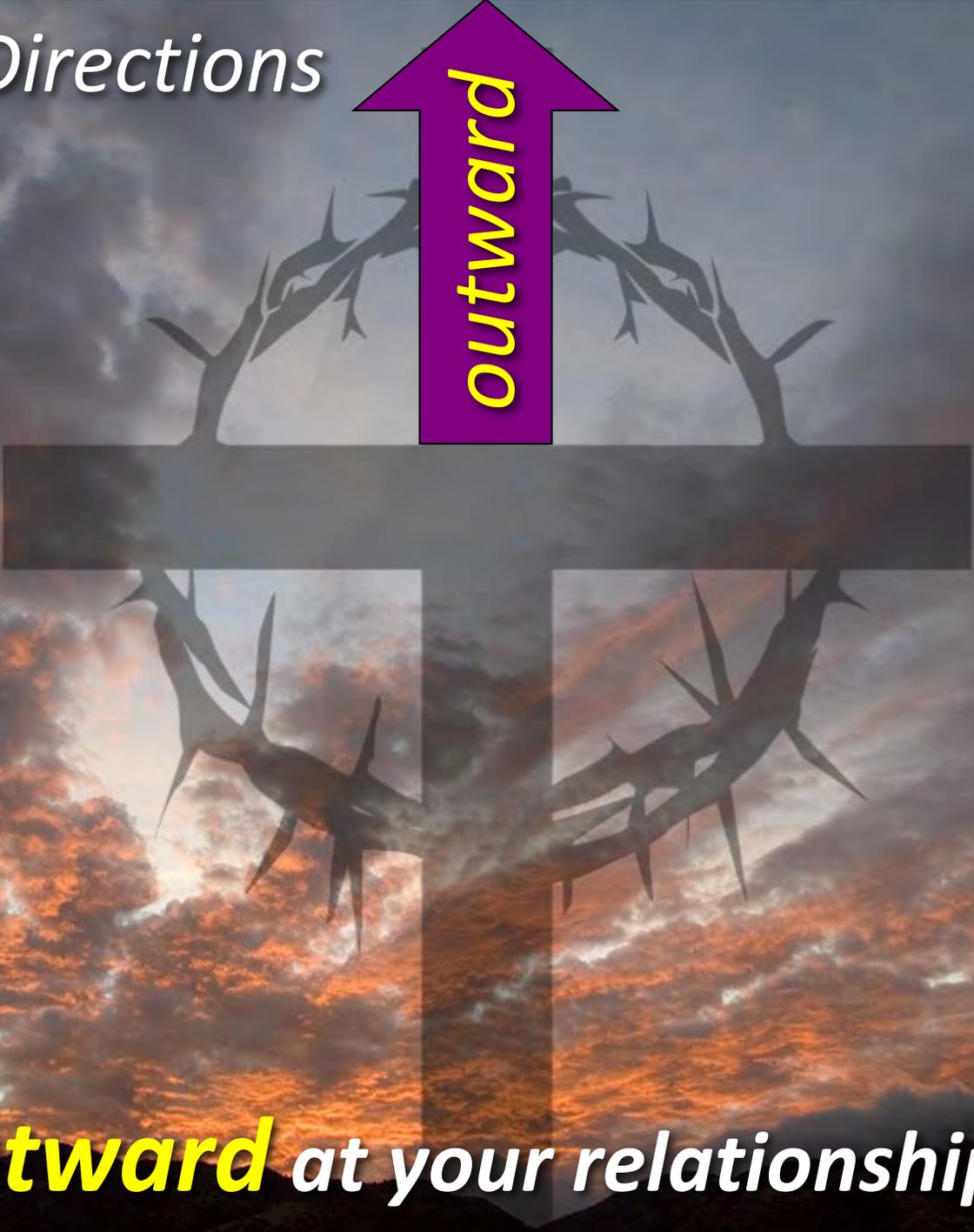
Why did Jesus choose bread and wine for His Last Supper?

Passover & the Lord's Supper

Four Comparisons



The Four Directions

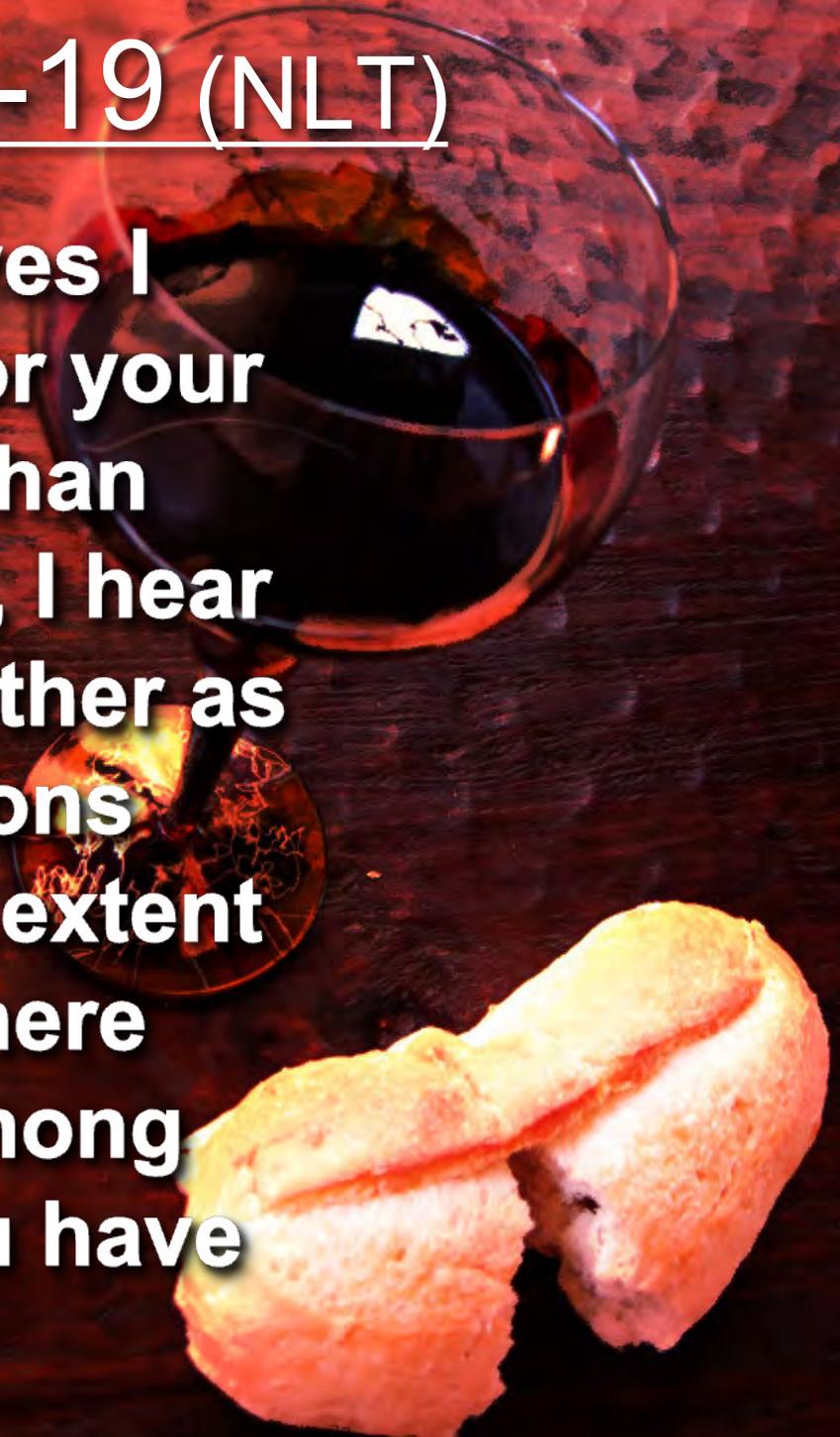


outward

*I. Look **outward** at your relationships with other believers*

1 Corinthians 11:17-19 (NLT)

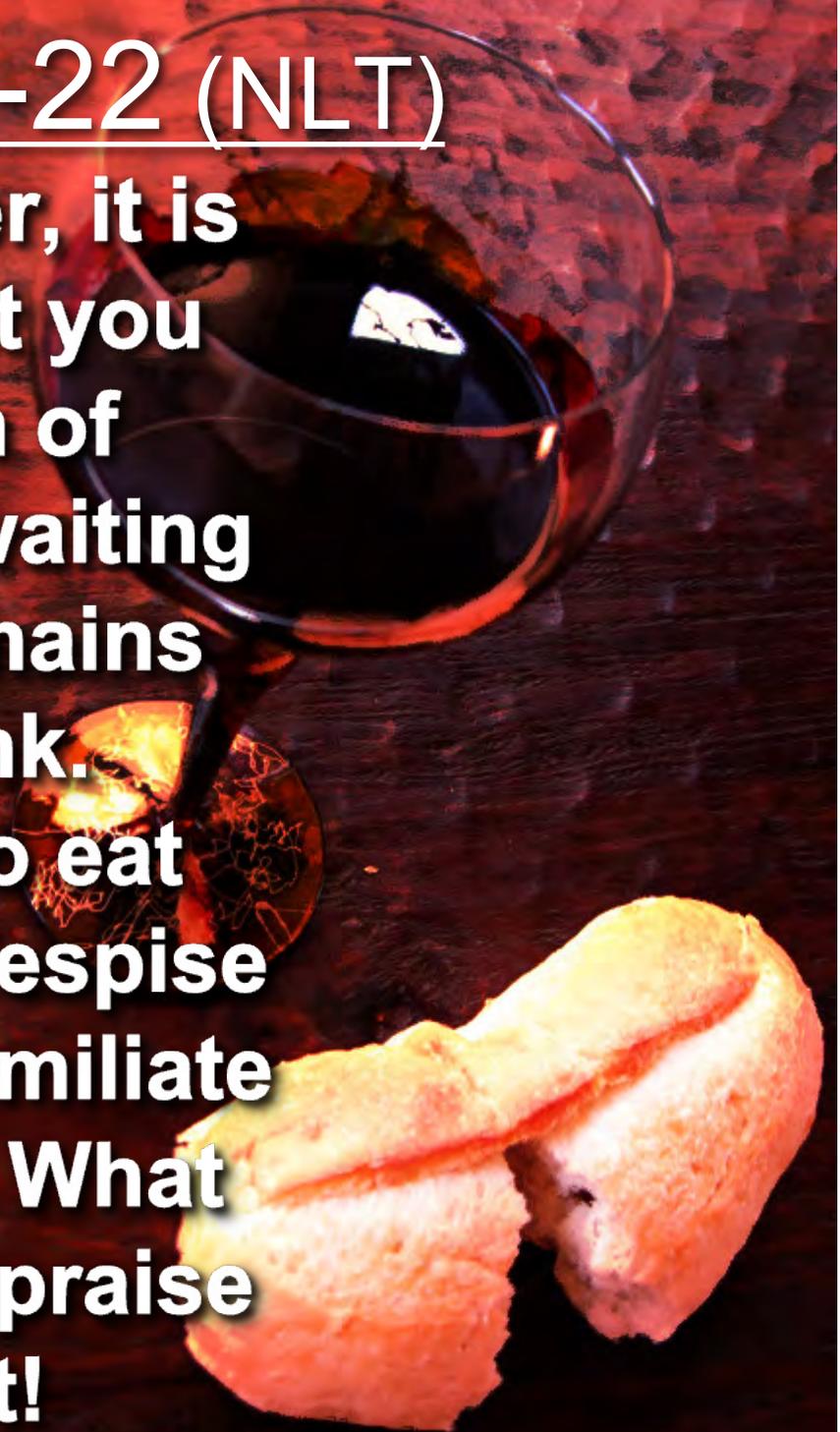
¹⁷ In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. ¹⁸ In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. ¹⁹ No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval.



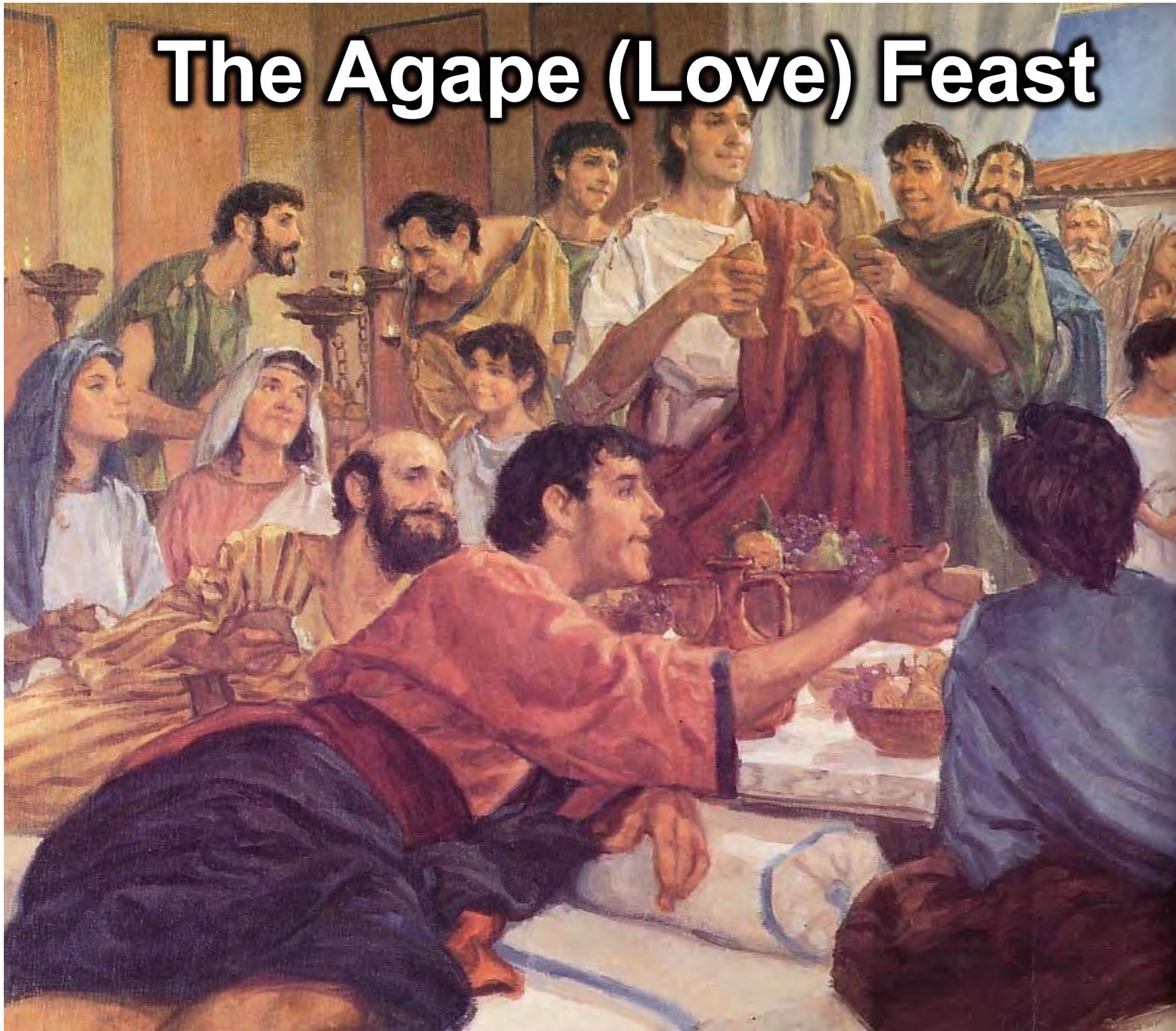
1 Corinthians 11:20-22 (NLT)

²⁰When you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper that you eat, ²¹for as you eat, each of you goes ahead without waiting for anybody else. One remains hungry, another gets drunk.

²²Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you for this? Certainly not!



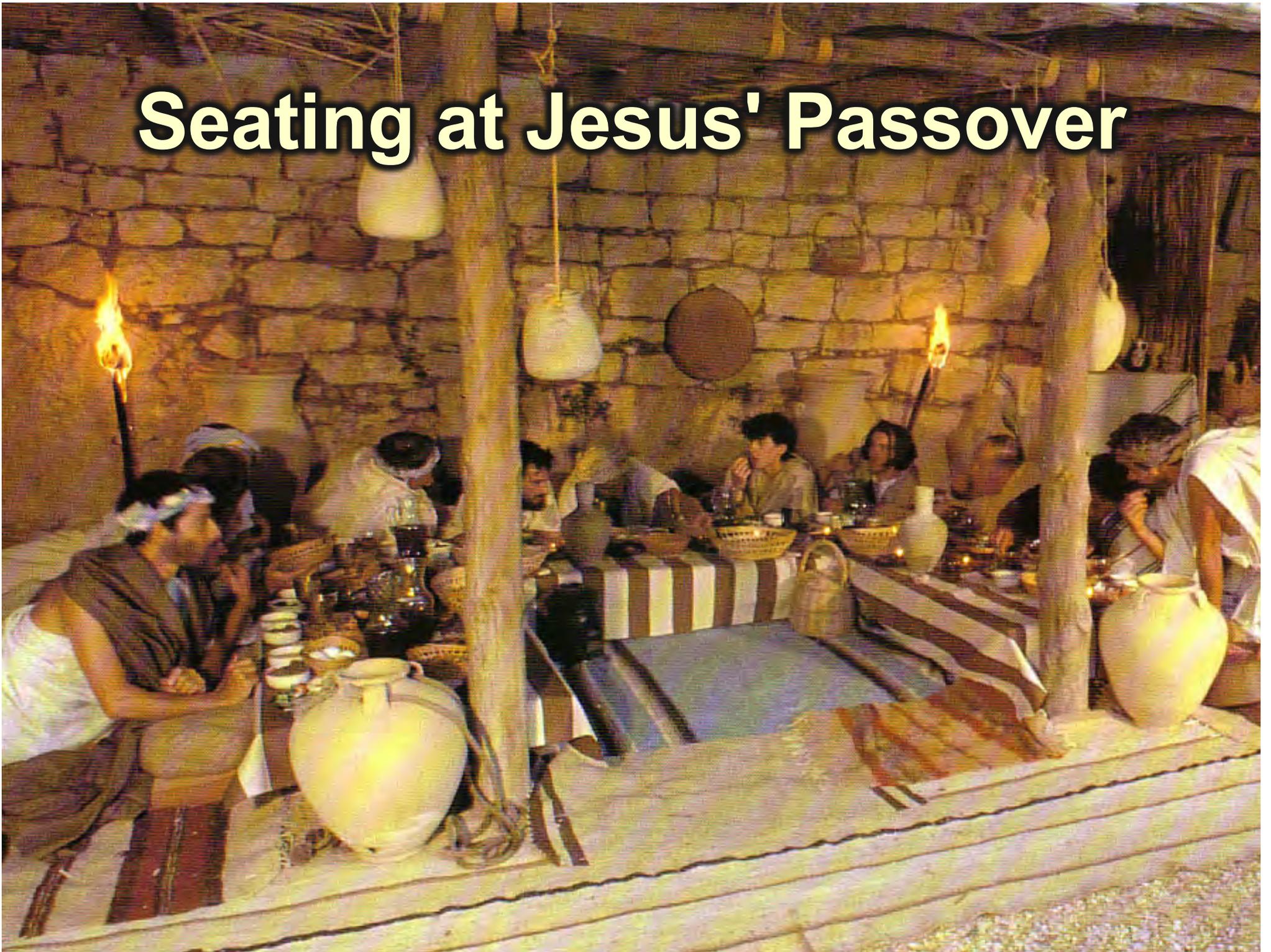
The Agape (Love) Feast



1 Cor. 10:15-18 (NLT)

¹⁵You are reasonable people. Decide for yourselves if what I am saying is true. ¹⁶When we bless the cup at the Lord's Table, aren't we sharing in the blood of Christ? And when we break the bread, aren't we sharing in the body of Christ? ¹⁷And though we are many, we all eat from one loaf of bread, showing that we are one body. ¹⁸Think about the people of Israel. Weren't they united by eating the sacrifices at the altar?

Seating at Jesus' Passover



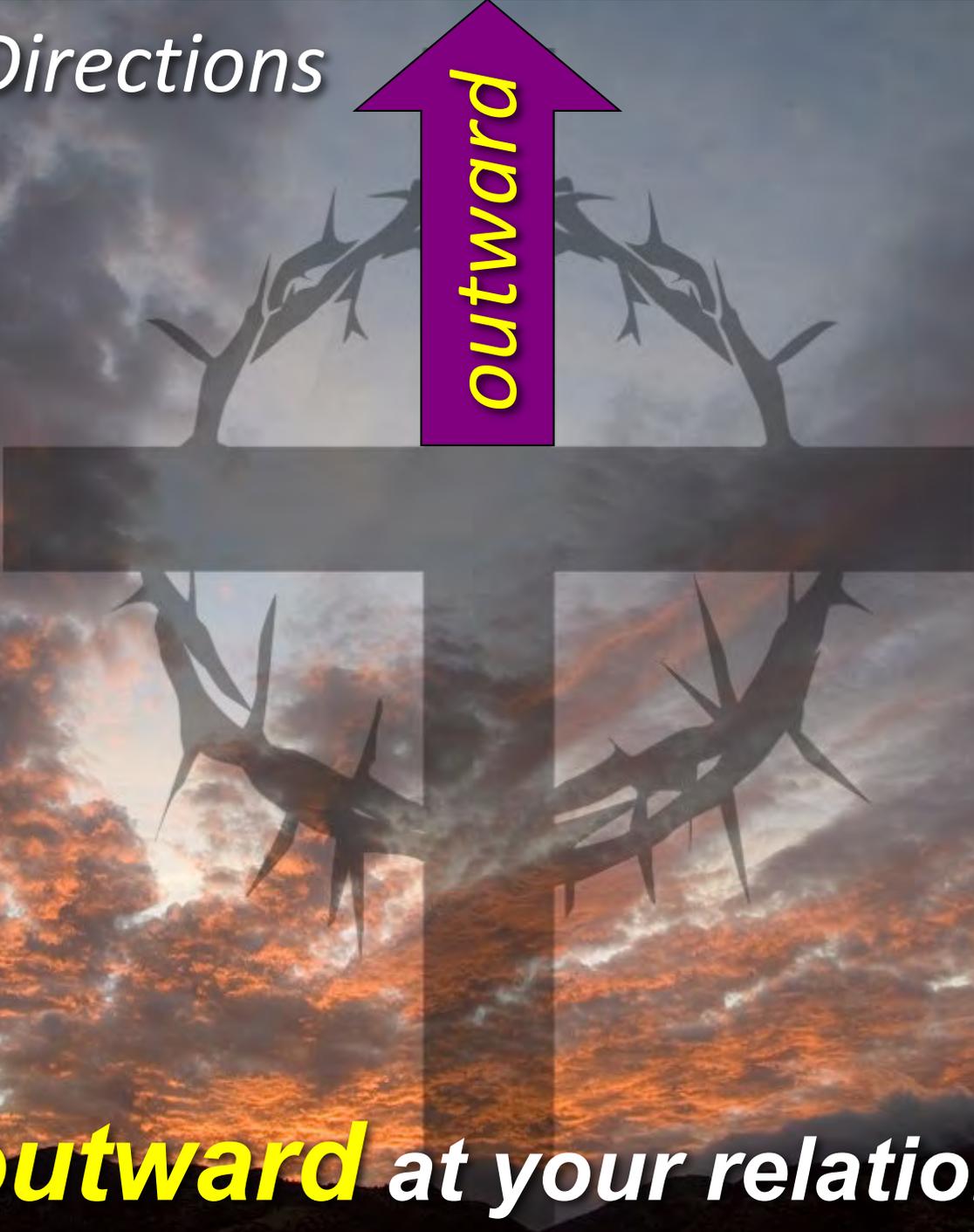
Modern Passover



Matthew 5:23-24

"Therefore if you are presenting your offering **at the altar,** and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering."

The Four Directions



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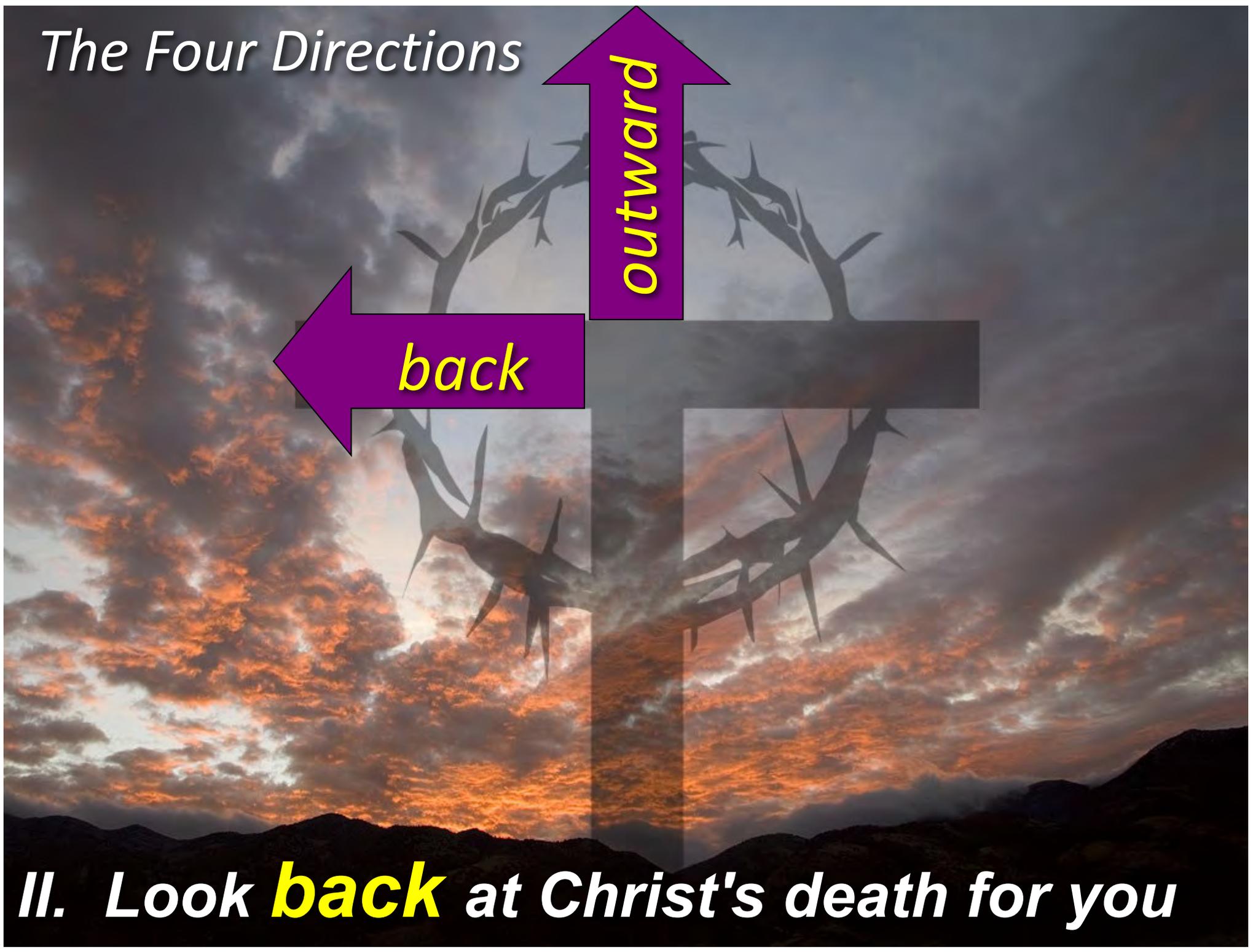
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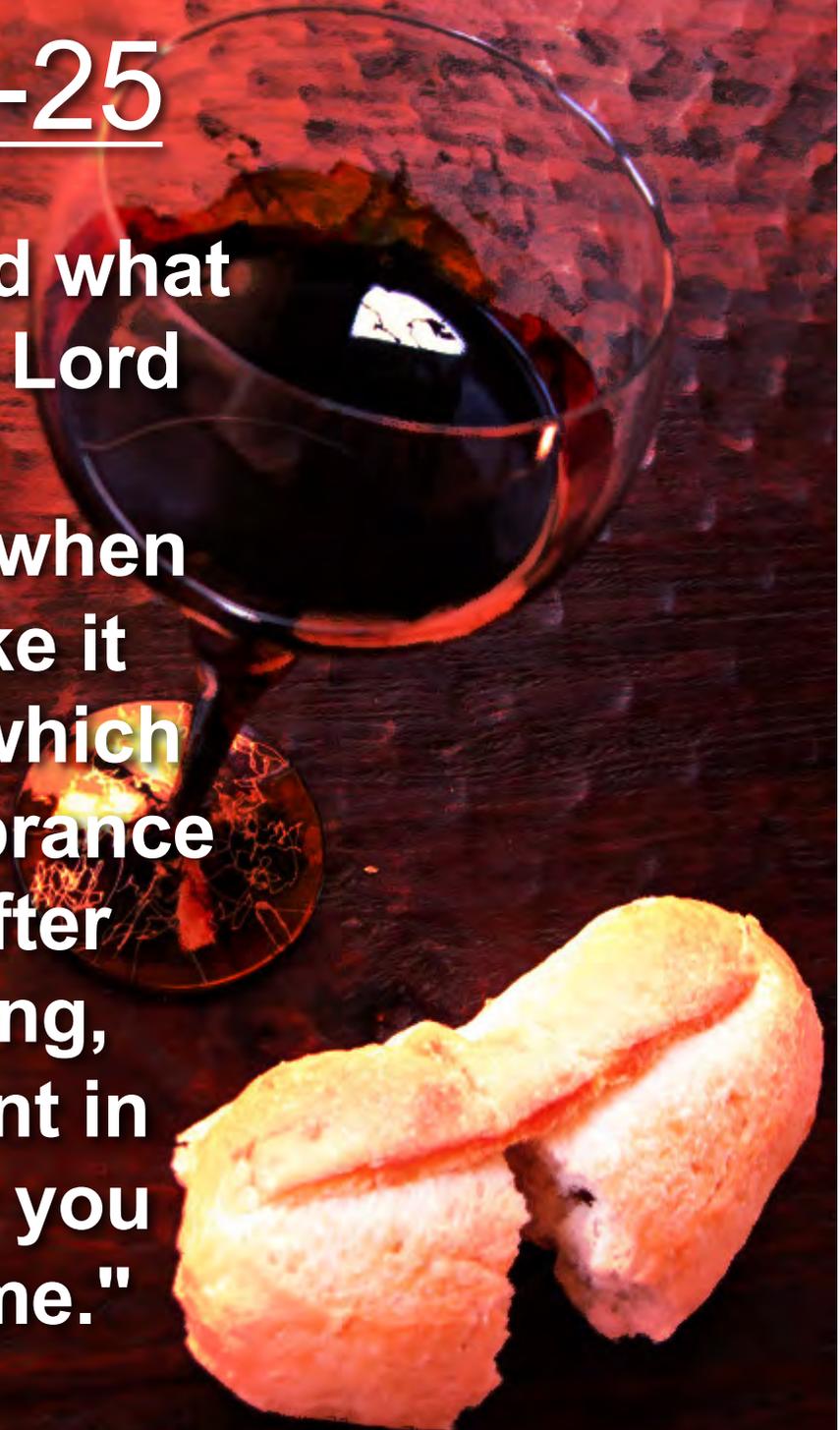
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II. Look *back* at Christ's death for you

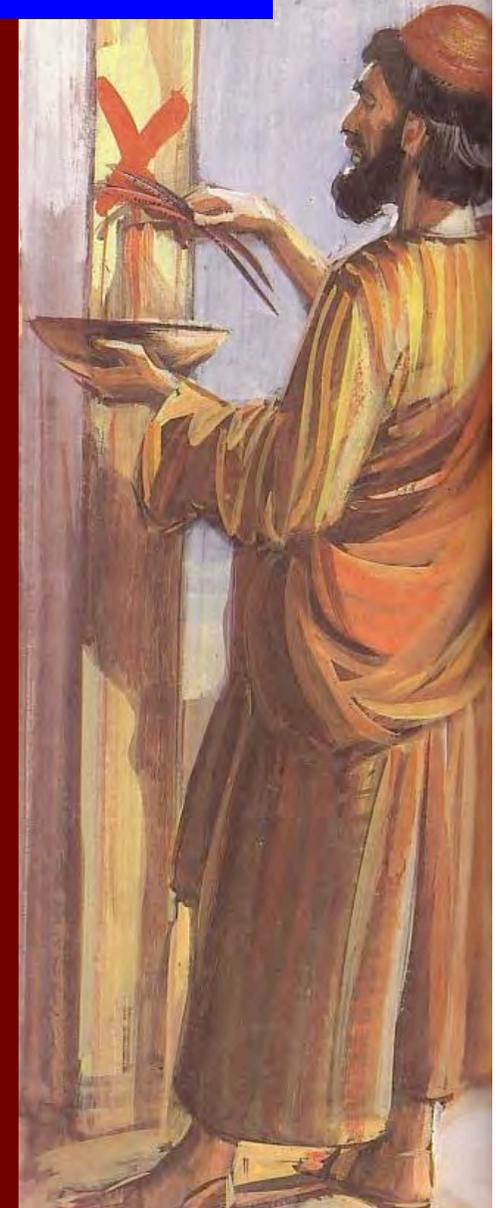
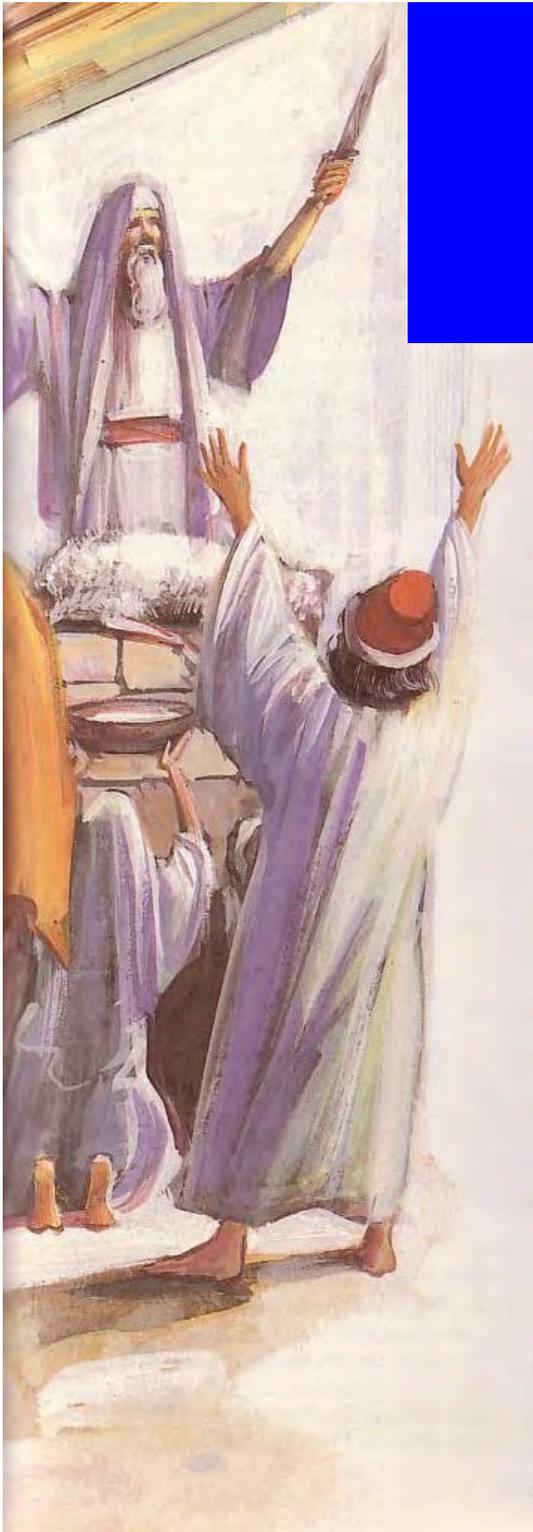


1 Corinthians 11:23-25

²³For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."



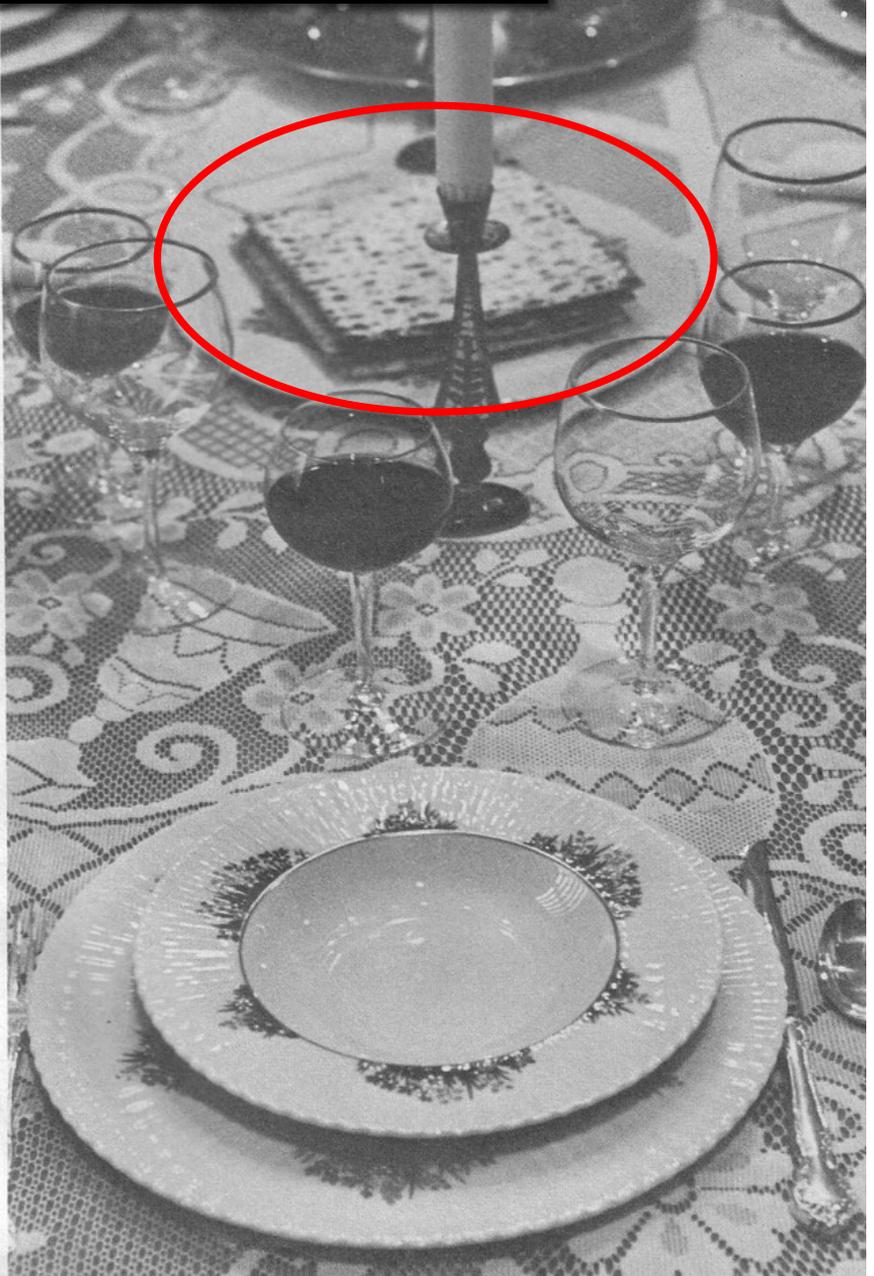
Passover's Past Significance



The Four Cups (Exod. 6:6-7)



Passover Haggadah



The Order of the Celebrations



Passover

Lord's Supper

Light candles

Assumed (not recorded)

1st Cup: Blessing/Sanctification, saying, "I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians" (1st of 4 "I wills" of Exod. 6:6-7)

"Take this and divide it among yourselves... I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes" (Luke 22:17b-18)

Washing of one's own hands

Washed *disciples feet* during meal (John 13:2, 4)

Parsley dipped in salt water (bitterness), middle matzah (bread) made visible and broken and 1/2 called "afikomen" (Gr. "he who comes later") wrapped with napkin and hidden

Son of God (second member of the Trinity) made visible, broken, body wrapped, and buried in a tomb (this tradition was added to the Passover by first century AD Jewish believers)

Passover story read (Exod. 12:1-13), 4 Questions, 4 sons, 10 Plagues

Assumed (not recorded)



Seder Plate



The Order of the Celebrations

Passover

Lord's Supper

2nd Cup: Plagues/Judgment, saying, "I will rid you of their bondage"

Washing hands, eat upper and 1/2 middle matzah and bitter herbs with bottom matzah (bondage)

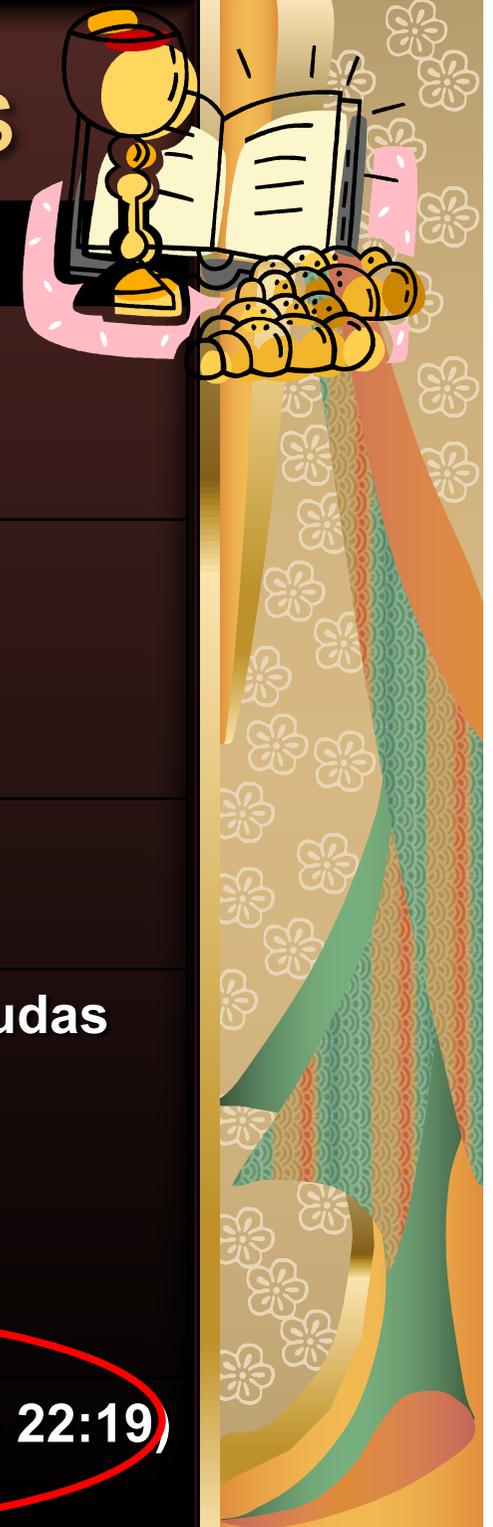
Passover Supper begins

Eat bitter herbs with *charoseth* of dates, honey, & almonds (sweetness of life with God's redemption), roasted egg (temple offerings & destruction, grief and new life), shankbone

Eat afikomen—"This is the bread of affliction..."

Jesus dips the sop with Judas and Judas leaves (?)

"This is my body..." (Luke 22:19)





"This is my body, which is for you..."

The Four Cups (Exod. 6:6-7)

Blessing

Plagues

Redemption

Praise

Passover Haggadah



The Order of the Celebrations



Passover

Lord's Supper

3rd Cup: Redemption, saying, "I will redeem you with an outstretched arm"

"This is my blood..."
(Luke 22:20)
Jesus dips the sop with Judas and Judas leaves (?)

4th Cup: Praise/Regathering, saying, "I will take you to me for a people" & read Pss. 113–118

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes"

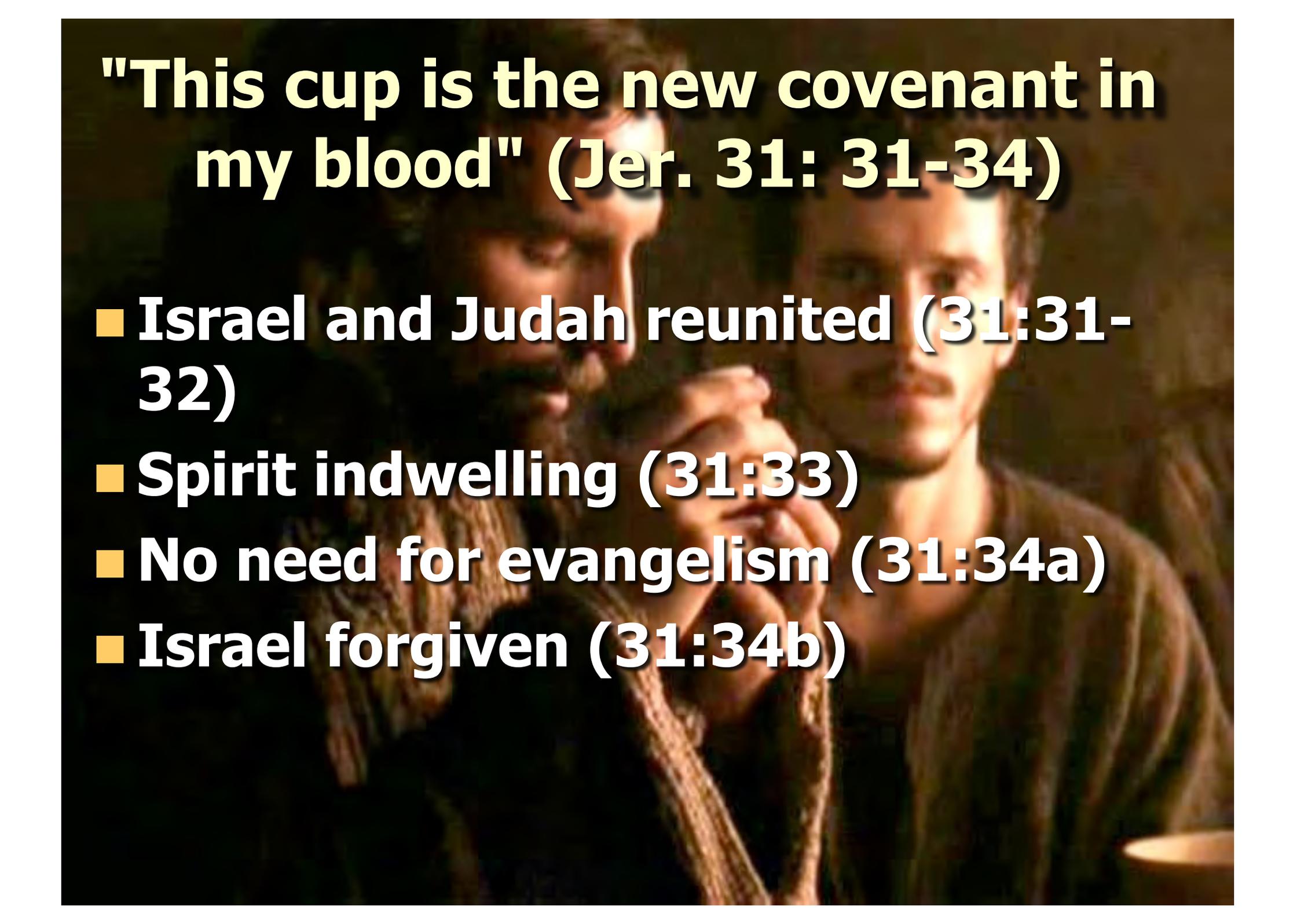
Declaration ("Next year in Jerusalem!"), hymn (Ps. 118), poem, or national anthem

Sang hymn & went to Mt. of Olives (Matt. 26:30)

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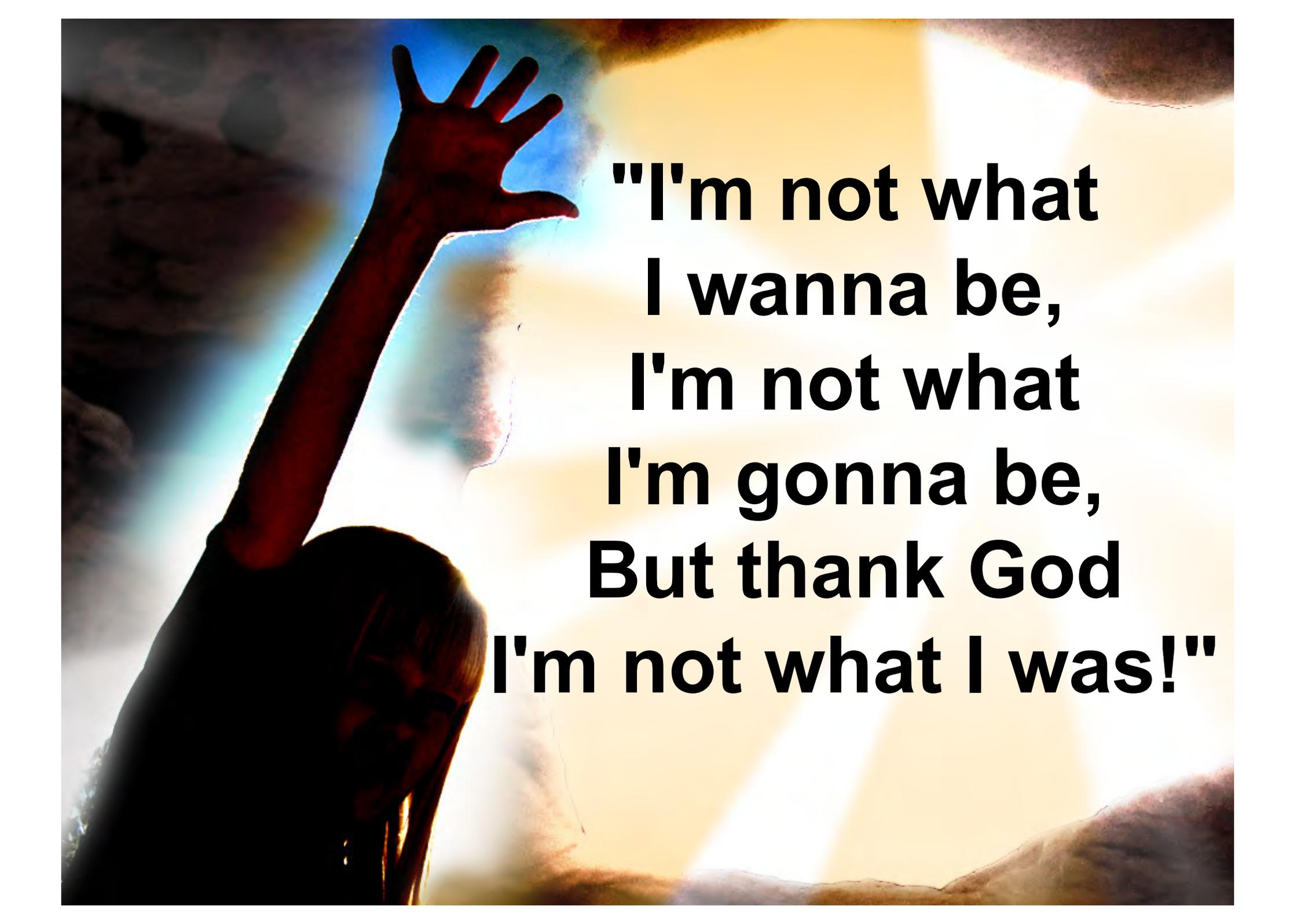
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"This cup is the new covenant in my blood" (Jer. 31: 31-34)

- **Israel and Judah reunited (31:31-32)**
- **Spirit indwelling (31:33)**
- **No need for evangelism (31:34a)**
- **Israel forgiven (31:34b)**

A person is shown in silhouette, with their right hand raised high in a gesture of prayer or praise. The background is a bright, glowing light source, possibly the sun, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the scene. The overall mood is one of hope and spiritual transformation.

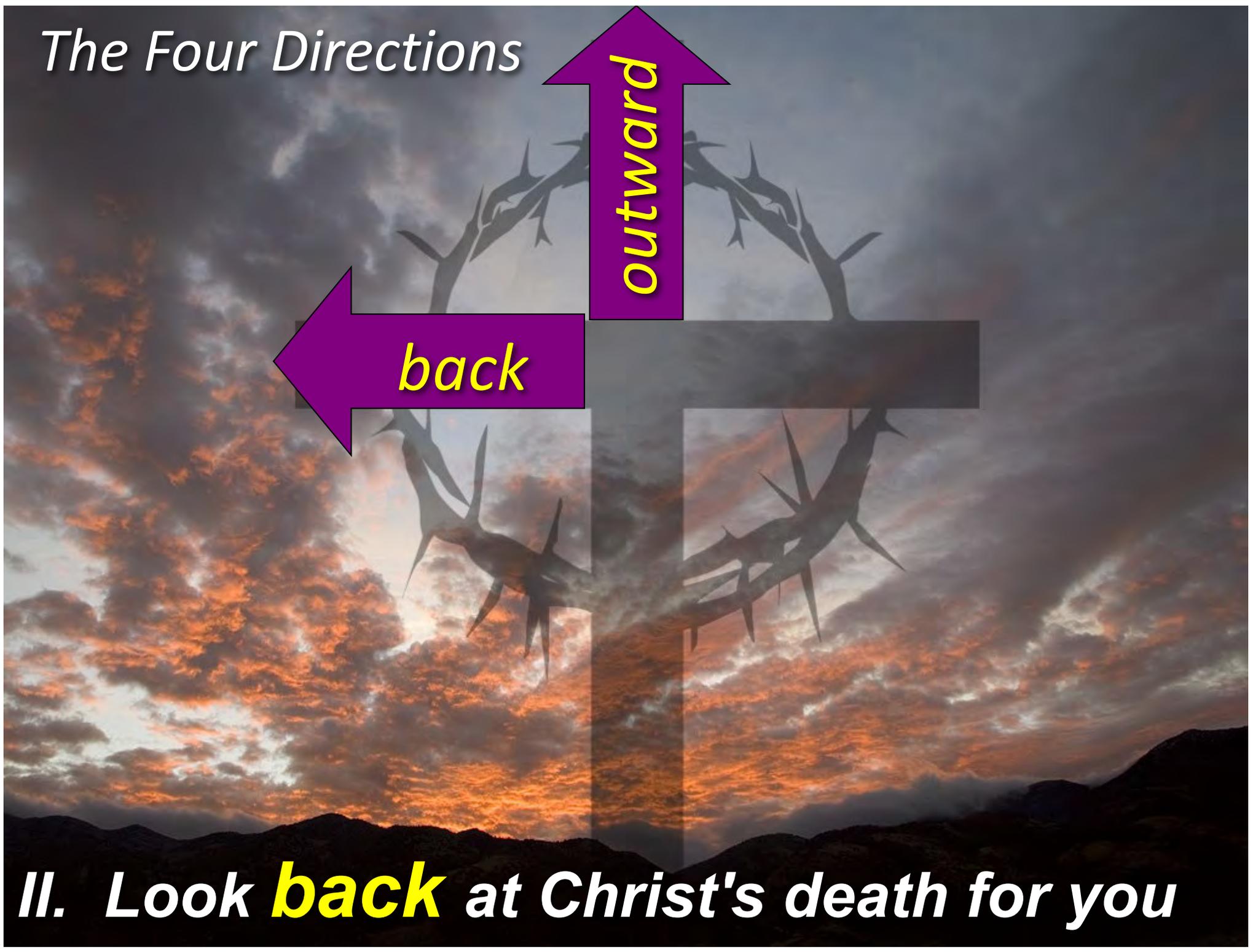
**"I'm not what
I wanna be,
I'm not what
I'm gonna be,
But thank God
I'm not what I was!"**

The Four Directions

outward

back

II. Look *back* at Christ's death for you



The Four Directions



III. Look *forward* to Christ's return

1 Corinthians 11:26 (NIV)

²⁶For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



The Order of the Celebrations



Passover

Lord's Supper

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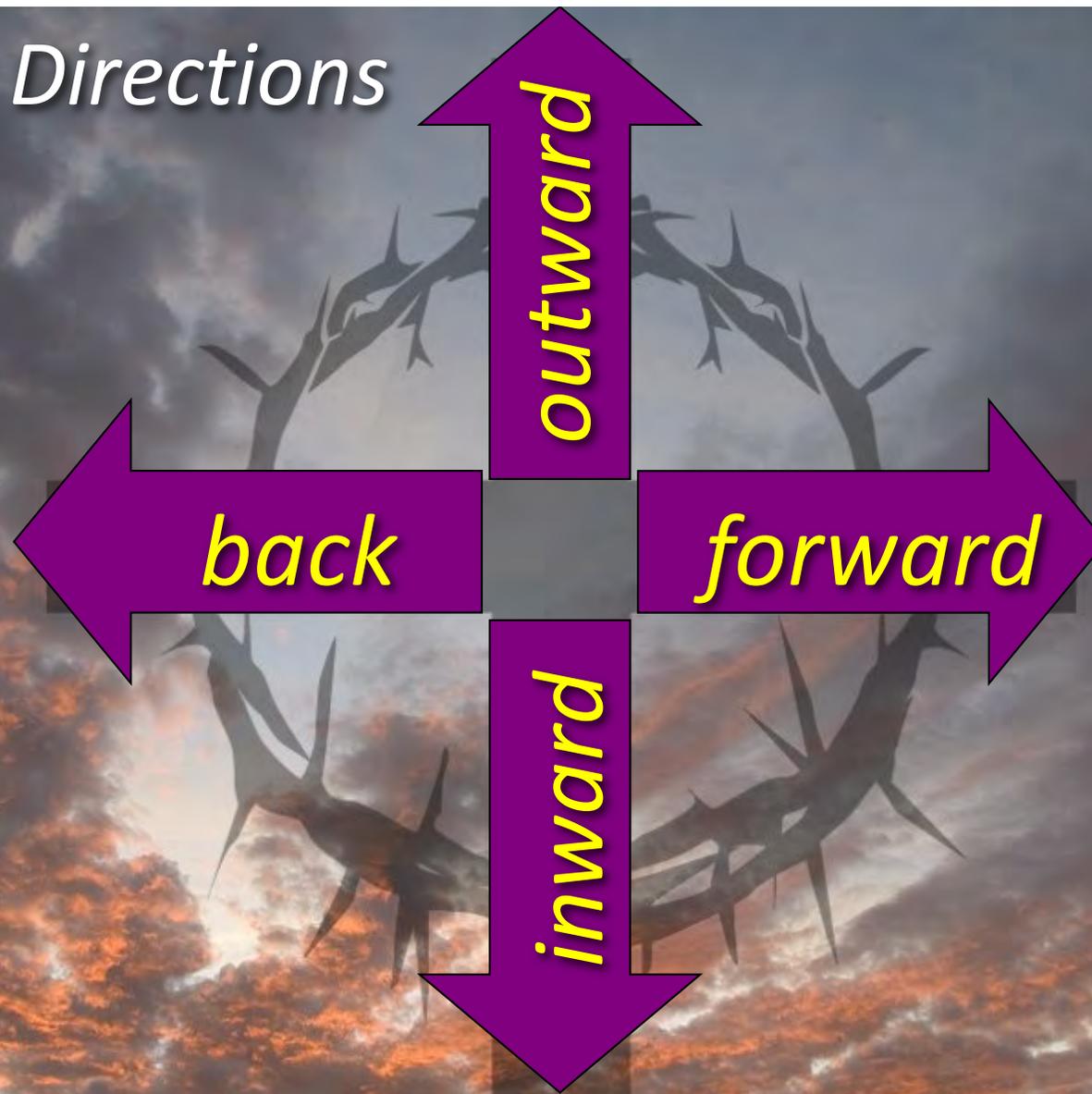
**"This year we are here.
Next year in Jerusalem!"**

The Four Directions



III. Look *forward* to Christ's return

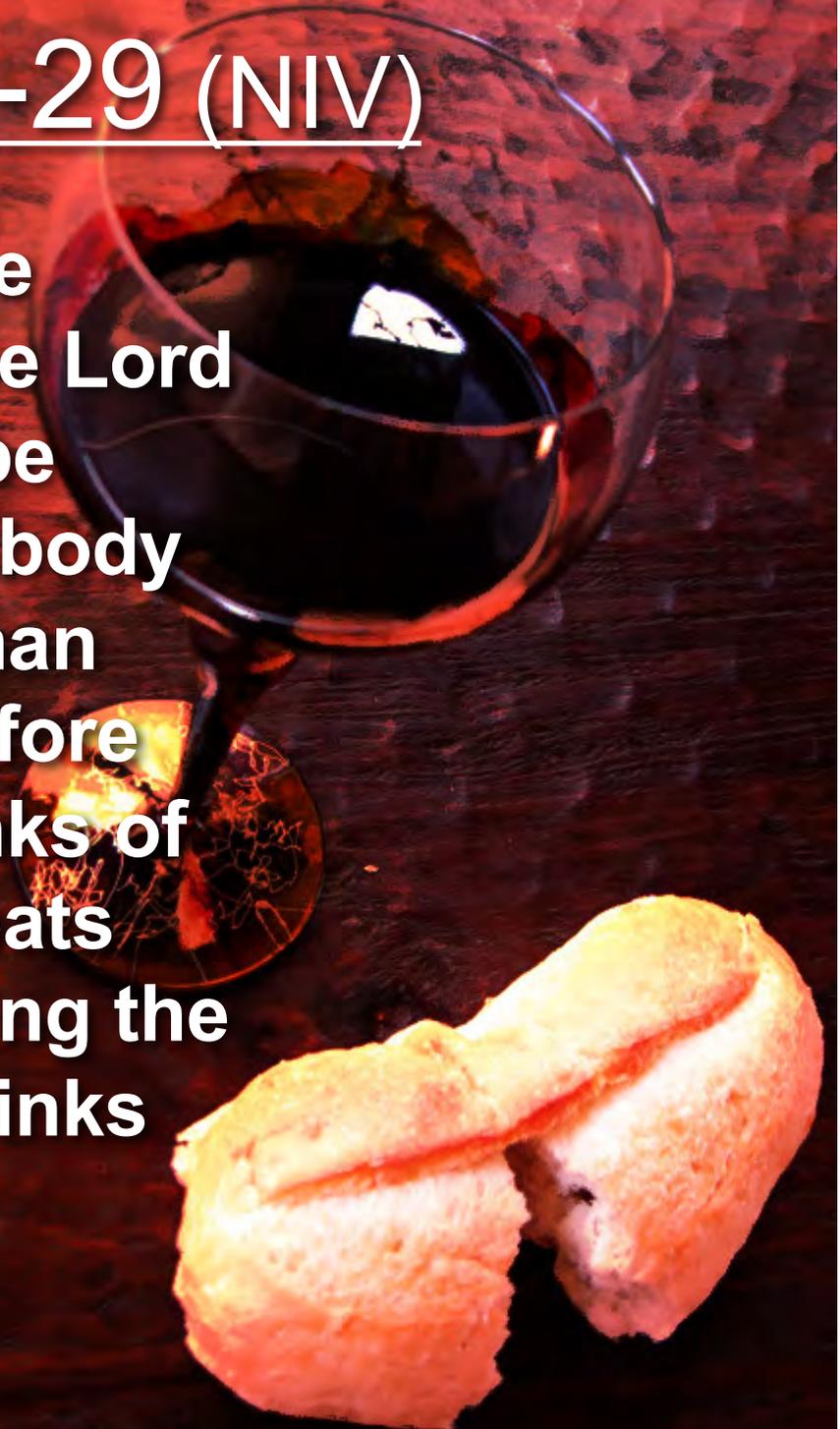
The Four Directions



IV. Look *inward* to confess all sin

1 Corinthians 11:27-29 (NIV)

²⁷Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.



1 Corinthians 11:30-32 (NIV)

³⁰ That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment. ³² When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.



1 Corinthians 11:33-34 (NIV)

³³So then, my brothers,
when you come together
to eat, wait for each other.

³⁴If anyone is hungry, he
should eat at home, so
that when you meet
together it may not result
in judgment. And when I
come I will give further
directions.

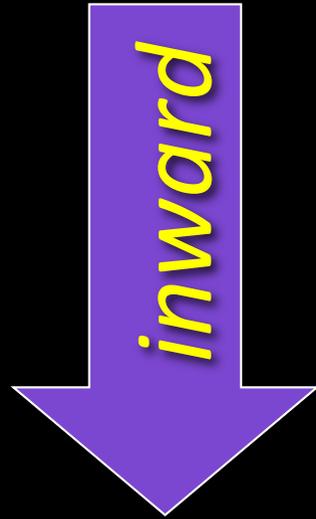


Feast of Unleavened Bread



"Burn All the Yeast!"





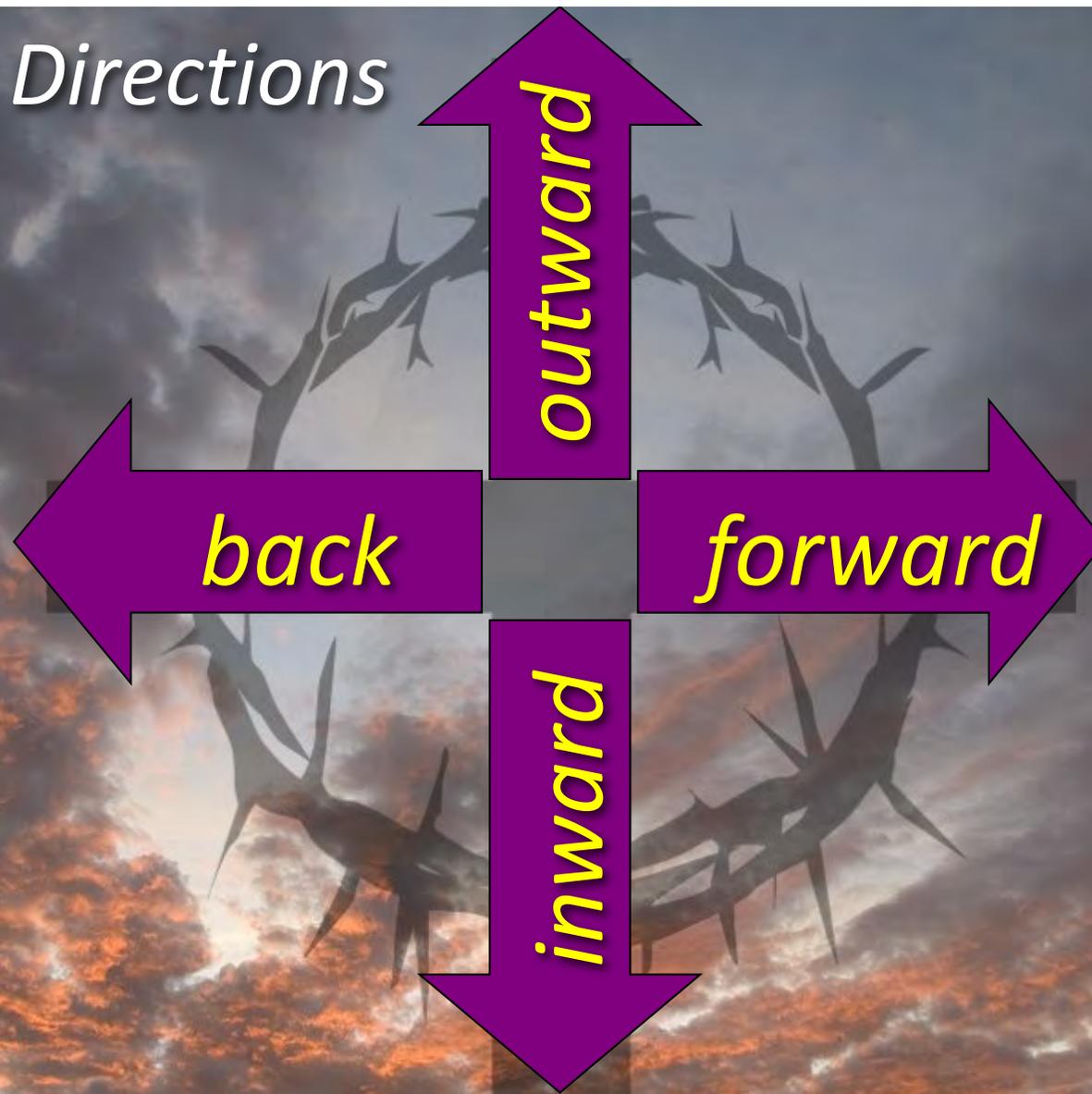
Think!



*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)

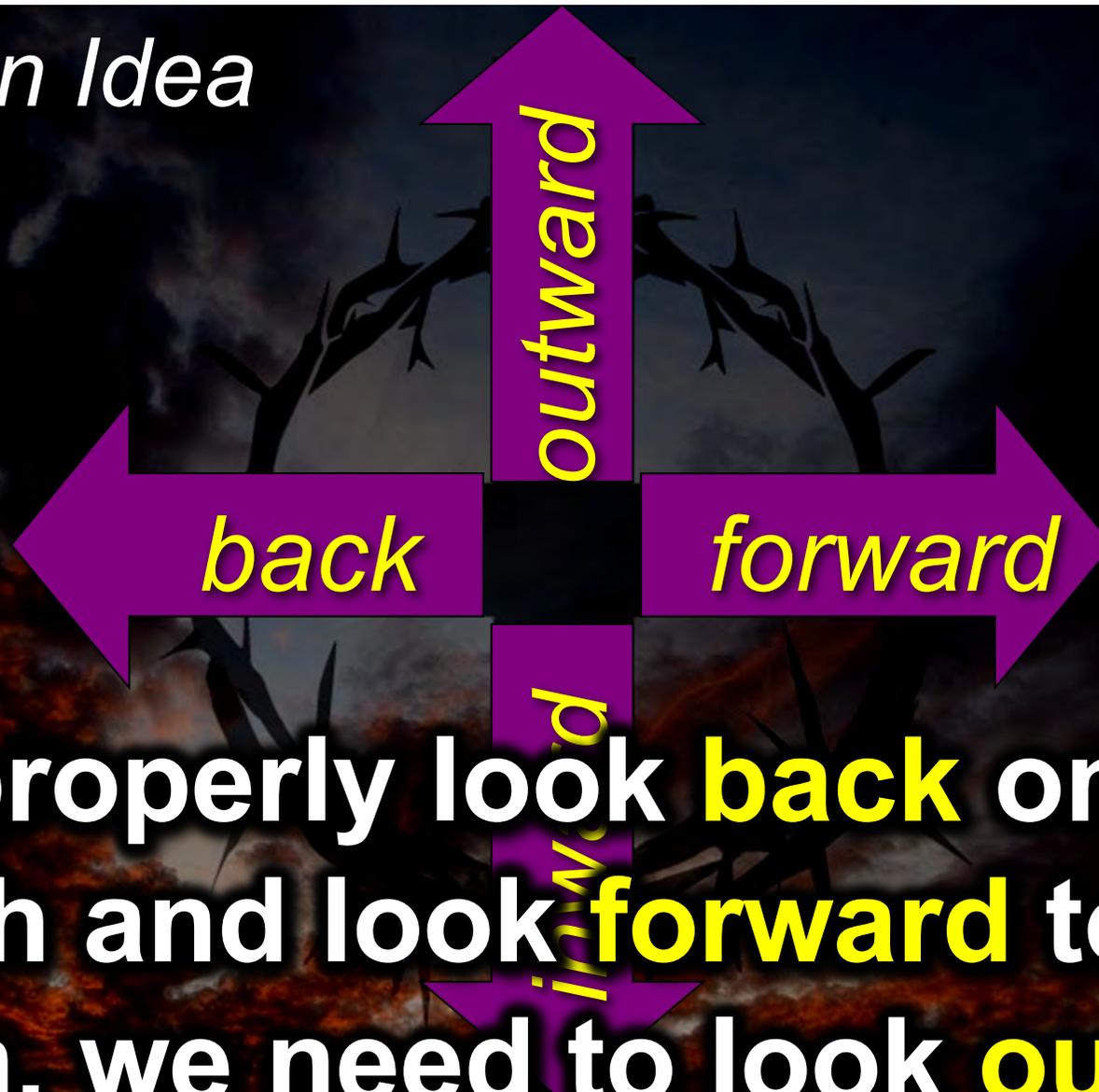
Inward

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

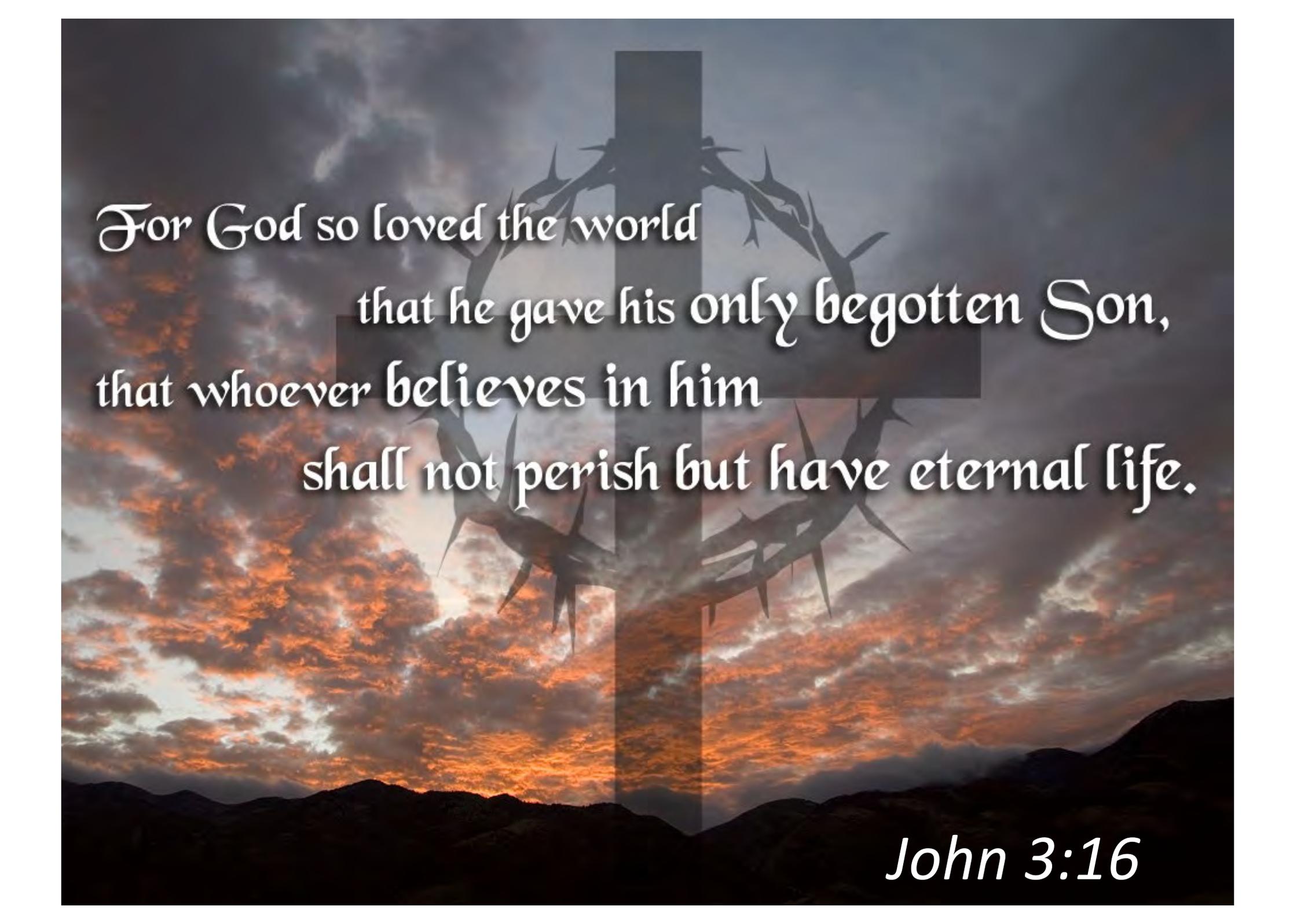
Examine sin in yourself
(1 Cor. 11:27-32; cf. 5:6-8)



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.



For God so loved the world
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in him
shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Two Directions

outward

inward

What *outward* or *inward* issues do you need to address right **NOW?**

1 Corinthians 12

Spiritual Gifts

A white gift box is the central focus, wrapped with a thick, gold-colored braided chain. The box is placed on a gold-colored base. The entire scene is set against a background of vibrant green pine needles, creating a festive, holiday atmosphere.

*Where should we **begin** studying gifts?*

*I. Understanding gifts begins with seeing Christ as **God** (12:1-3).*



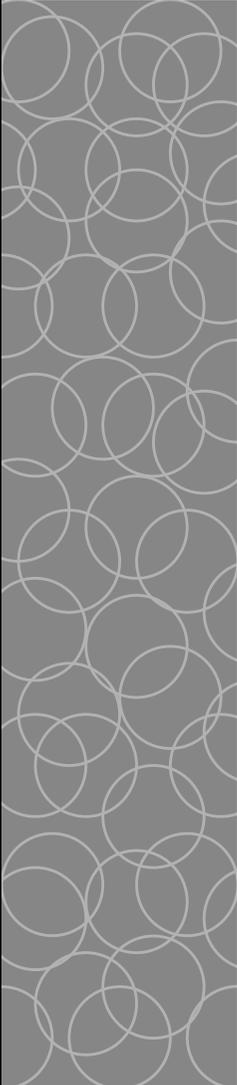
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***²You know that when you were pagans,
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speaking by the Spirit of God says,
"Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy
Spirit.***



Basic Issues in 1 Cor 12



what
who
where
when
why



What is a spiritual gift?

- 
- **"a God-given ability for service" (Ryrie)**
 - **"a spiritual capacity for development" (Radmacher)**



What is **NOT** a spiritual gift?

- 
- **Place of service**
 - **Age group ministry**
 - **Natural talent**
- 

Me? Gifted?



Basic Issues in 1 Cor 12

- **What**
- **Who**
- **Where**
- **When**
- **Why**

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II. Our different gifts are united in the *triune* God (12:4-6).



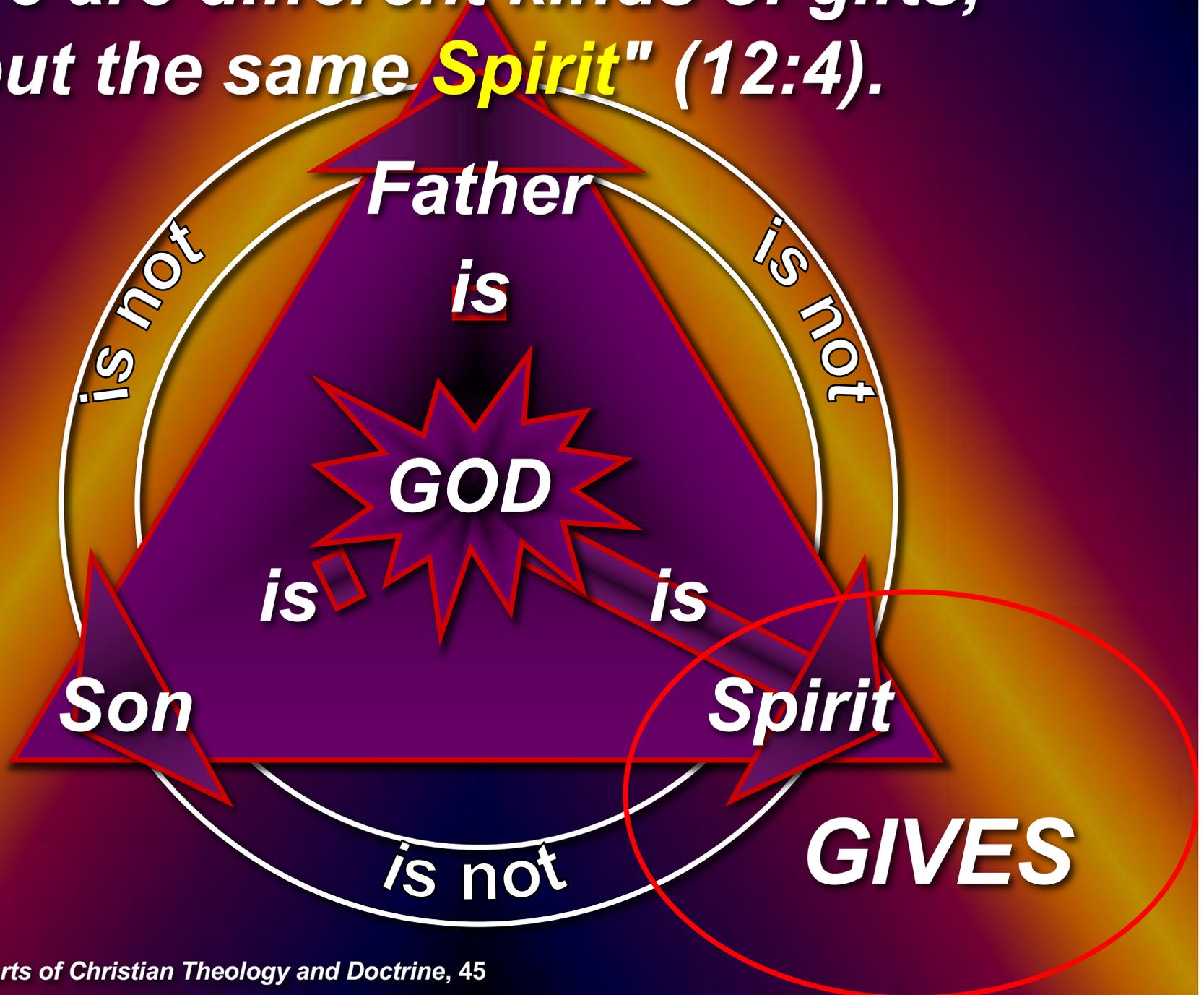
*There are different kinds of gifts,
but the same **Spirit**.*

*There are different kinds of service,
but the same **Lord**.*

*There are different kinds of working,
but the same **God**
works all of them in all men.*

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (NIV)

**"There are different kinds of gifts,
but the same *Spirit*" (12:4).**





The Basis & Nature of Gifts

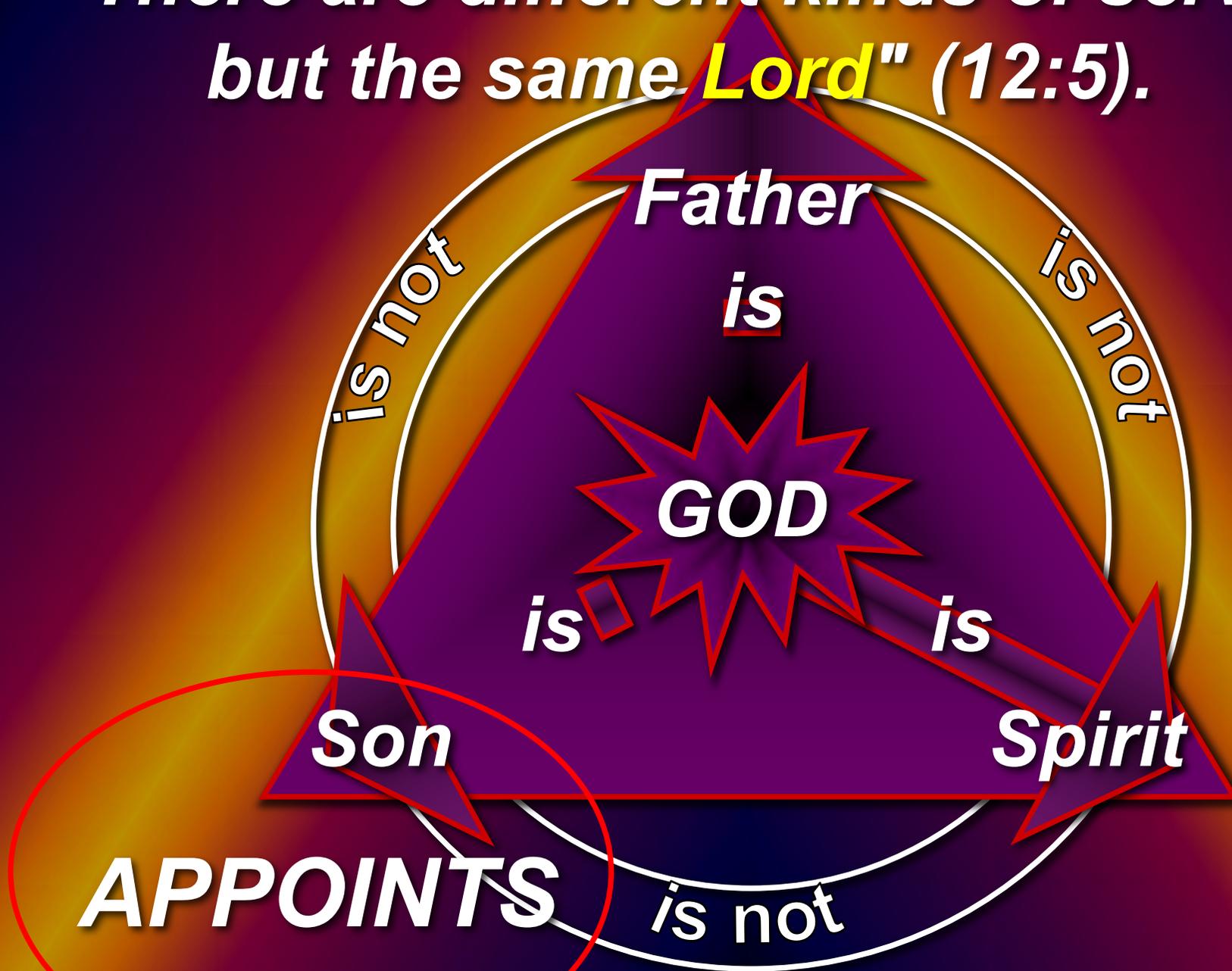
1) **Charisma** (χάρισμα)

Roots: **charis** means **grace** (basis)
chara means **joy** (result)





**"There are different kinds of service,
but the same **Lord**" (12:5).**





The Basis & Nature of Gifts

2) **Diakonia** (διακονία)

- Place of service (1 Cor. 12:5)
- Category of gifts (1 Pet. 4:11)
- "service" (NIV), ministries" (NASB)

EMPOWERS

Father

is

**"There are different kinds of working,
but the same **GOD**
works all of them in all men" (v. 6).**

Son

Spirit

is not



The Basis & Nature of Gifts

3) ***Energema*** (ἐνέργημα)

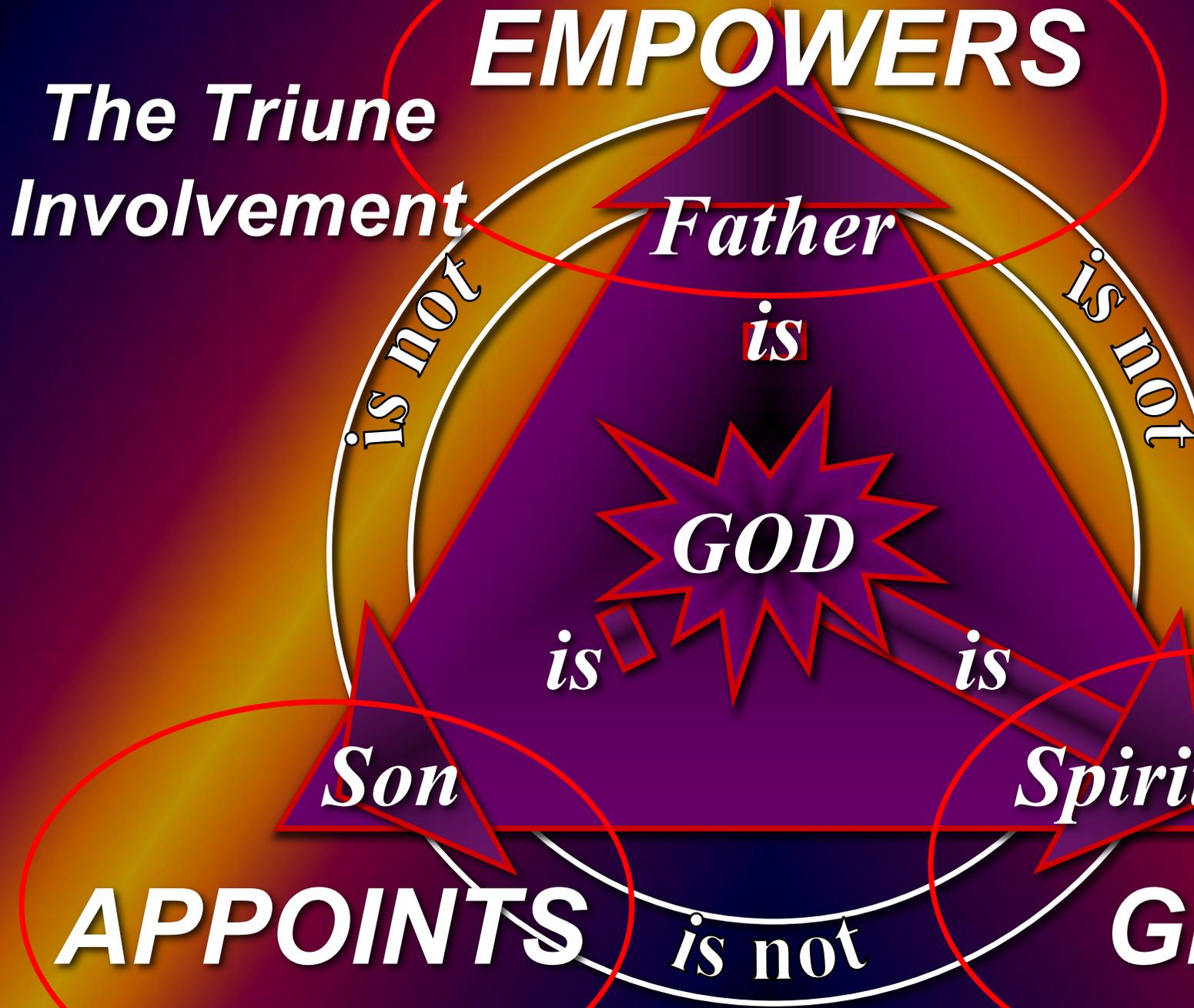
- Energy operating gifts (1 Cor. 12:6)
- "working" (NIV), "effects" (NASB)

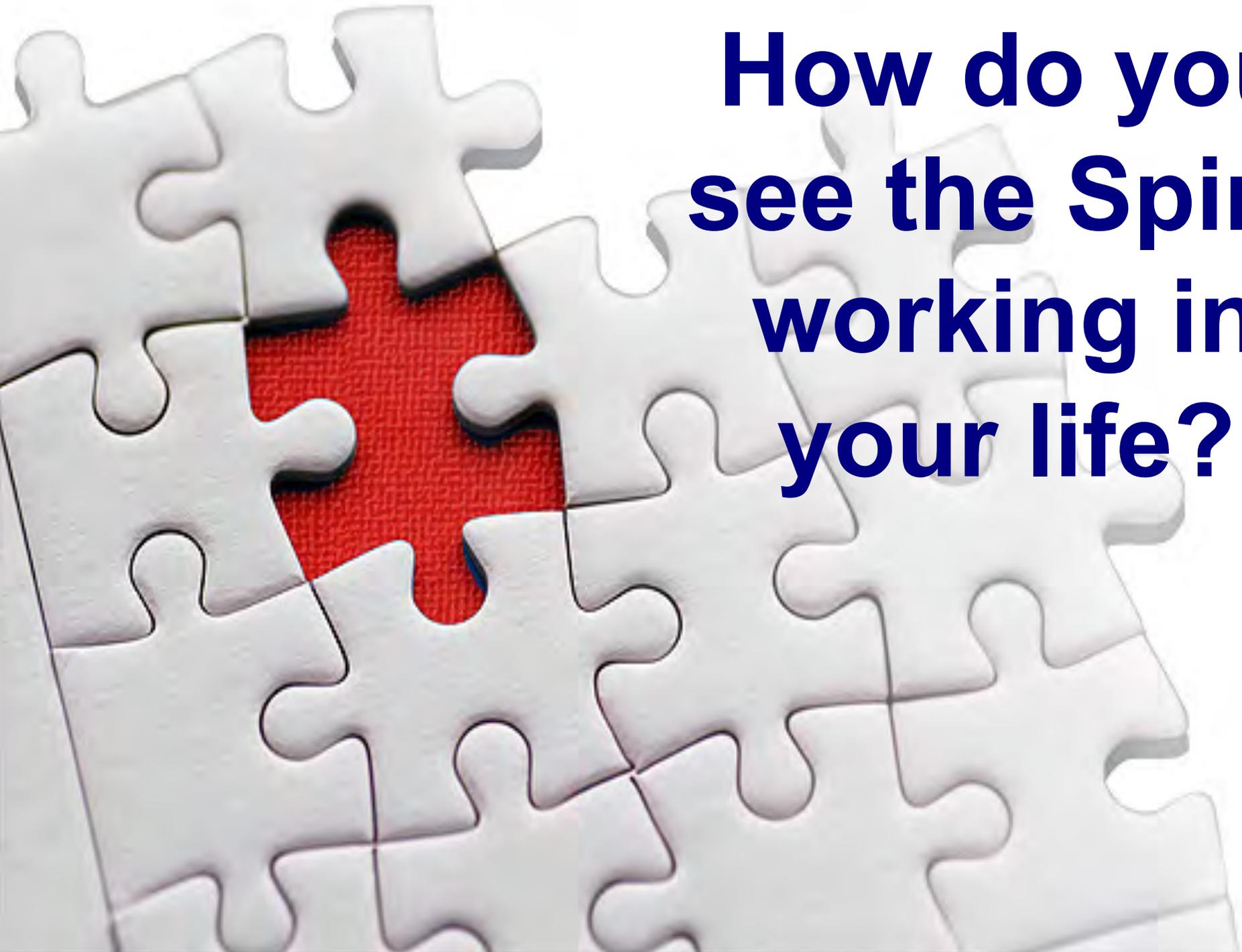
The Key Idea

Q: Where should we begin studying gifts?

A: Gifts praise the triune God—not us!







**How do you
see the Spirit
working in
your life?**

One evidence
of the Spirit's
work in your
life is your
spiritual gift
(12:7-11)



"A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other" (1 Cor. 12:7 NLT)

The Spirit gives every gift (12:8)

⁸To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give **wise advice [a word of wisdom]**; to another the same Spirit gives a **message of special knowledge [a word of knowledge]**.*



The Spirit gives every gift (12:9-10a)

⁹The same Spirit gives great **faith** to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of **healing**. ¹⁰He gives one person the power to perform **miracles**.



The Spirit gives every gift (12:10b-11a)
and another the ability to **prophecy**. He gives someone else the ability to **discern** whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to **speak in unknown languages**,* while another is given the ability to **interpret** what is being said. ¹¹It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts.



The Spirit alone chose your gift (12:11b)

He alone decides which gift each person should have.



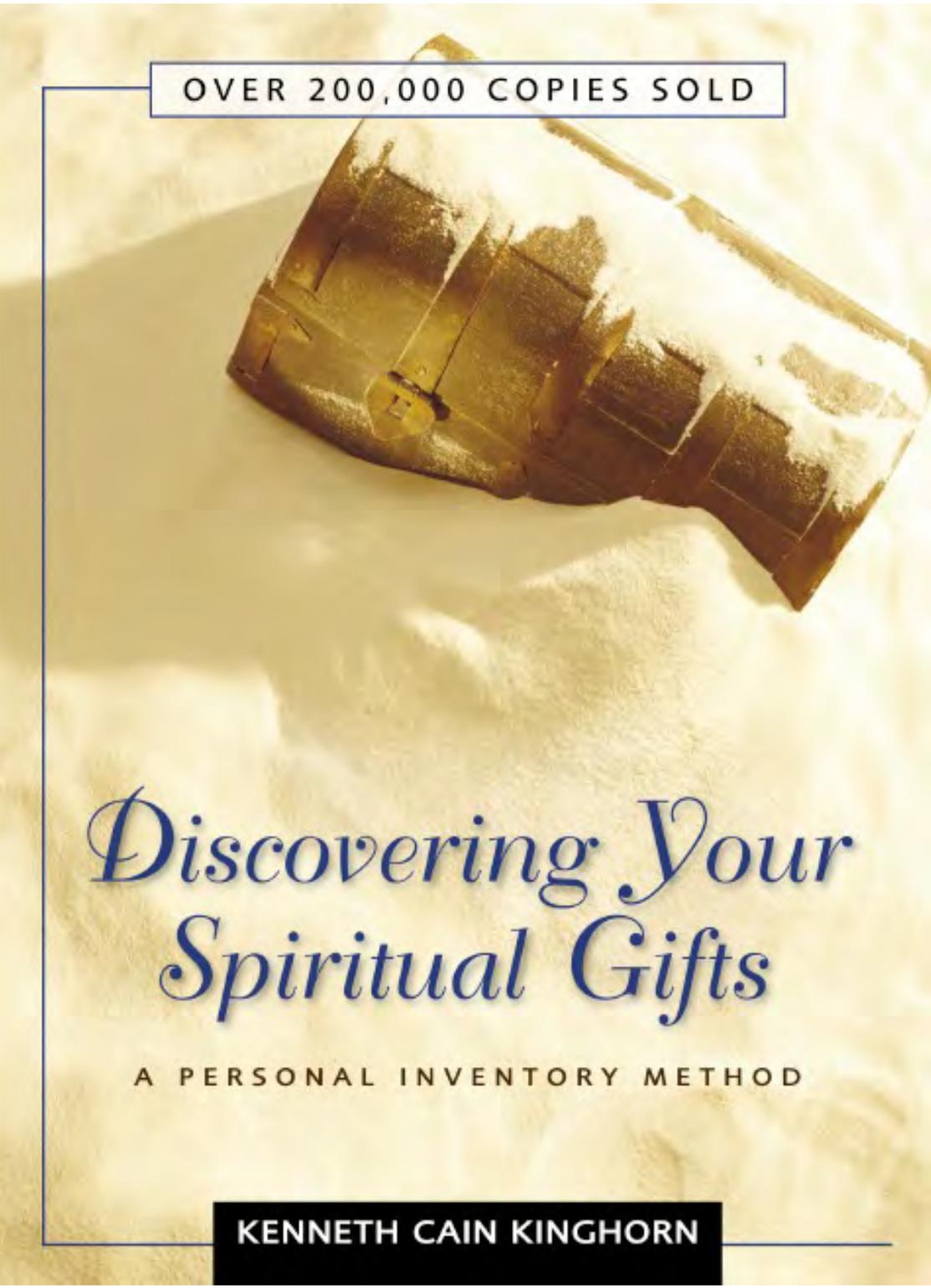
A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a yellow highlighter over a document. The background is blurred, showing another person's hand and some office equipment. The text "Whom do you need?" is overlaid in the top left, and "Everyone!" is overlaid in the bottom right.

**Whom do you
need?**

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Spiritual Gifts*

A PERSONAL INVENTORY METHOD

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**But why do
you need
others in
this church
(12:12-31)?**



I. It takes all
the different
gifts for the
church to exist
(12:12-13).

A. A human body has different parts (12:12).



"The body is a unit, though it is made up of various parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ" (12:12)

An illustration of a baptism. A man in a white robe is pouring water over the head of another man in a white robe. Above them, a white dove with outstretched wings is shown, with lines radiating from it towards the two men. The background is a purple gradient with a horizontal band of orange and yellow.

B. Believers are different but still part of one body (12:13)

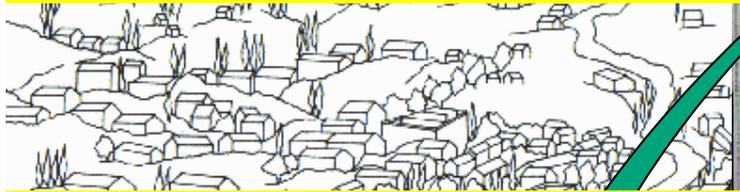
"For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given one Spirit to drink" (1 Cor. 12:13)

ACROPOLIS

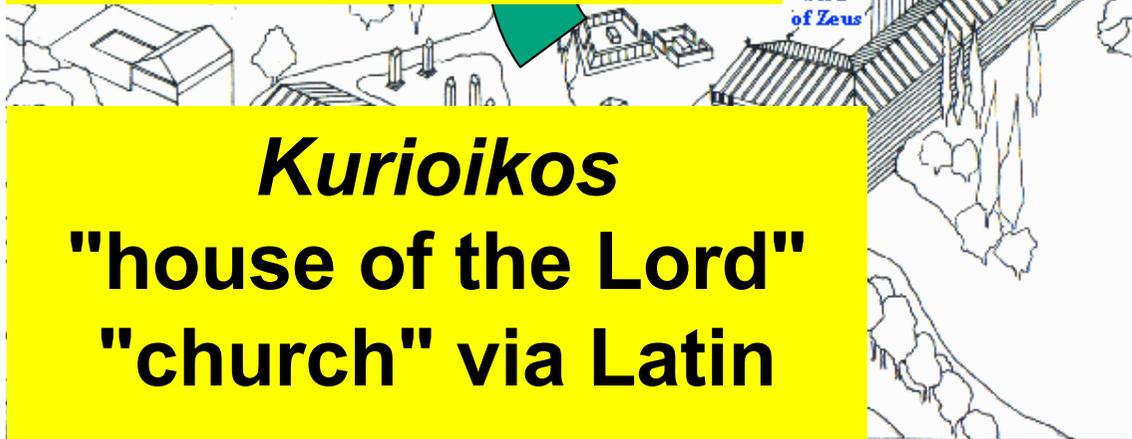
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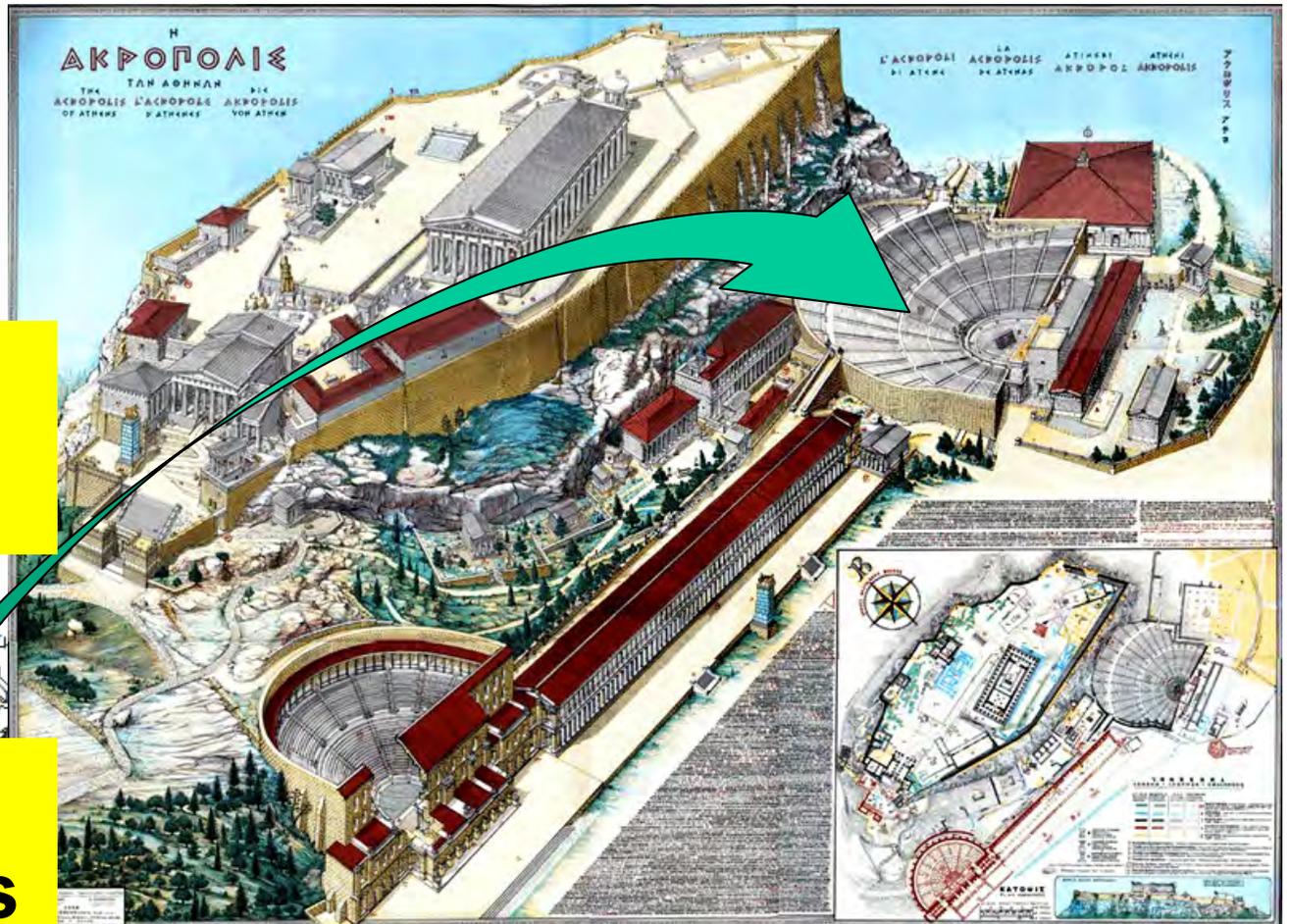
Ecclesia
"called out ones"

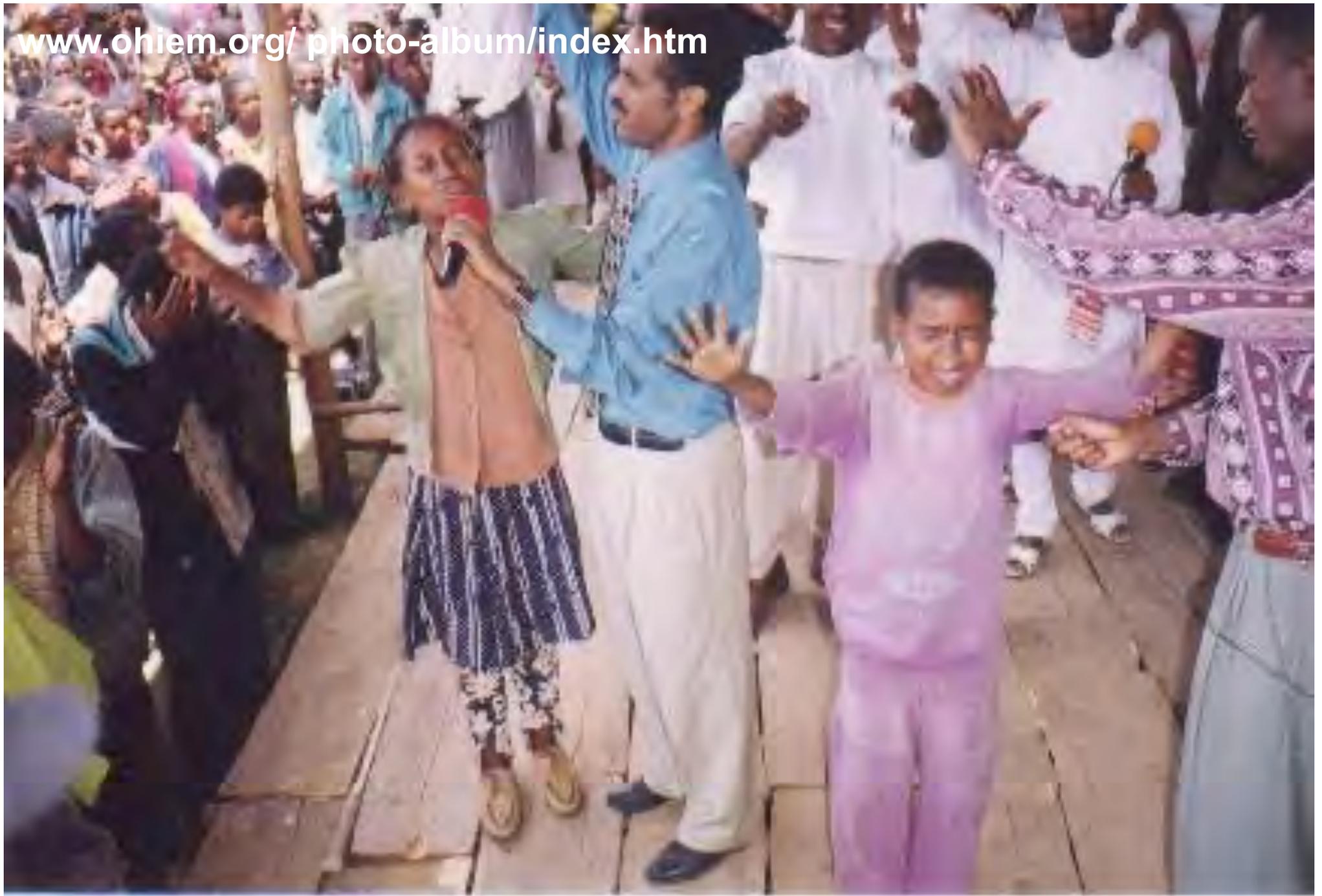


Idiotes
"one who does his own thing"



Kurioikos
"house of the Lord"
"church" via Latin





What is Spirit Baptism?

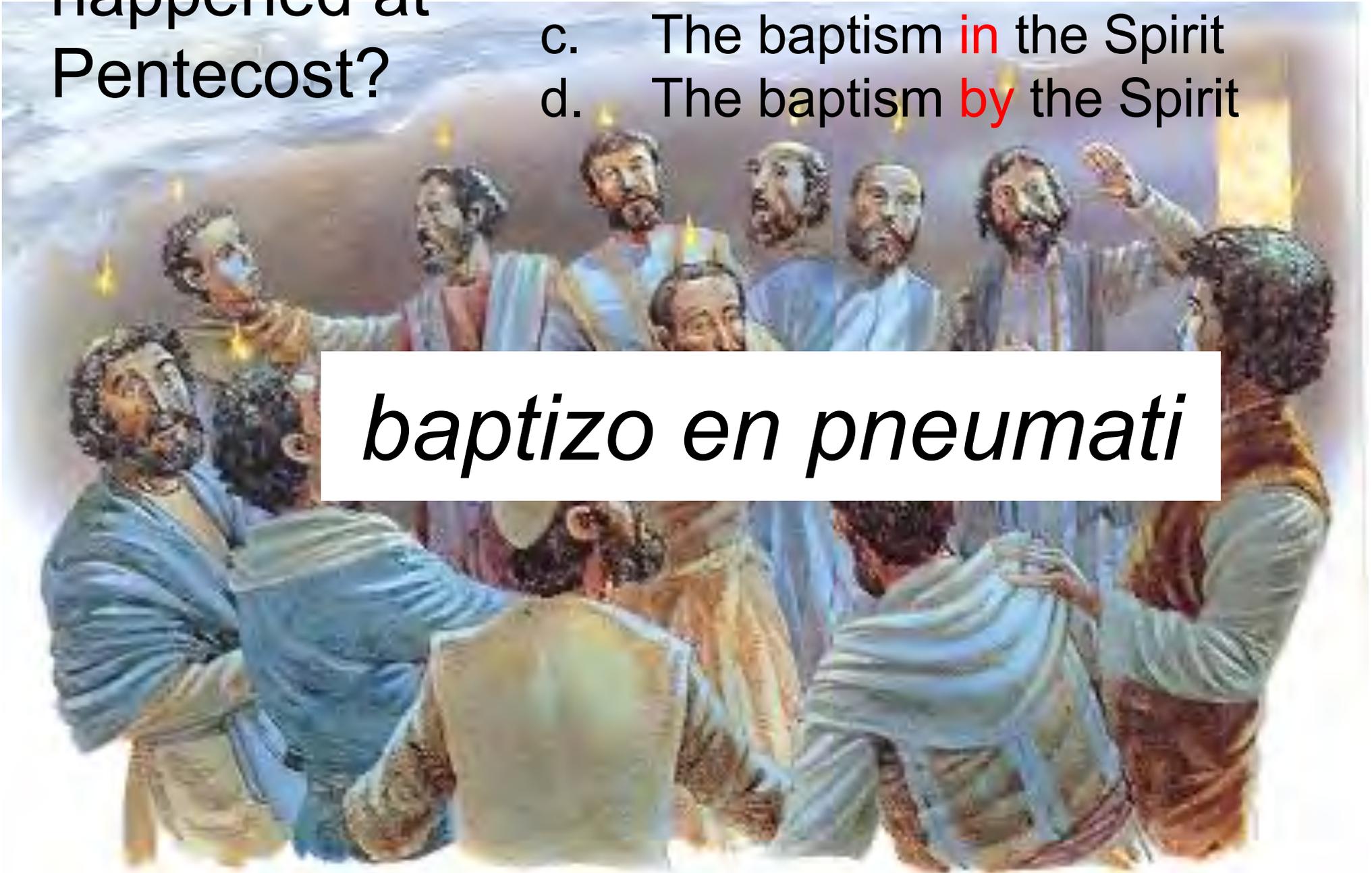


Swimming in the Spirit - Perth, Western Australia

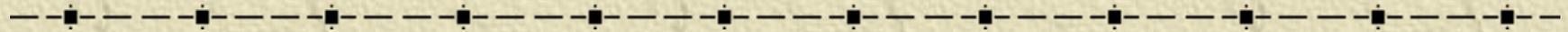
What really happened at Pentecost?

- a. ~~The baptism of the Spirit~~
- b. The baptism with the Spirit
- c. The baptism in the Spirit
- d. The baptism by the Spirit

baptizo en pneumati



Are There **Two Types** of Christians?



Spirit-baptized Christians

Christians

Ordinary Christians



Non-Christians

Translations of Spirit Baptism

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	Gospels/Acts	1 Corinthians 12:13 Translation Options		
Translation	"with the Spirit"	"in one Spirit"	"by one Spirit"	"with one Spirit"
Agent: by	Christ	Christ?	Spirit	Christ?
Instrument: with	Spirit	?	?	Spirit
Sphere: into	Body?	Spirit	Body	Body
Goal: so as to become	?	one body	?	?

Views on Spirit Baptism

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	Gospels/Acts Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33; Acts 1:5; 2:33; 11:16	1 Corinthians 12:13		
		View A Pentecostal Interpretation	View B All Bible Translations, Non-Pentecostal View	View C Another Non-Pentecostal View —My View
Translation: How is <i>baptizo en pneumati</i> rendered?	"will baptize you <i>with</i> the Holy Spirit"	"We were all baptised <i>in</i> one Spirit <i>so as to become</i> one body"	"We were all baptised <i>by</i> one Spirit <i>into</i> one body"	"We were all baptised <i>with</i> one Spirit <i>into</i> one body"
Agent: Who baptises? ("by...")	Christ	(Unstated)	Holy Spirit (under Christ)	(Unstated)—but the gospels show Him to be Christ
Instrument: With what or whom is the believer baptised?	Holy Spirit — Matt. 3 says all are baptised either with the Spirit (v. 11, believers) or with fire (v. 12, unbelievers)	(Unstated)	(Unstated)	Holy Spirit
Sphere: Into what <i>element</i> is the baptism?	(Unstated)	Holy Spirit	Body of Christ	Body of Christ
Goal: To what <i>end</i> or purpose is the baptism?	(Unstated)	Body of Christ	(Unstated)	(Unstated)
How is <i>eis hen soma</i> translated?	N/A	"so as to become one body" (goal or end)	"into one body" (sphere)	"into one body" (sphere)—same use in Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:26-27
Correlation of Gospels/Acts with 1 Cor. 12:13	—	Inconsistent	More consistent	Most consistent
Resulting Theology	N/A	Not all Christians have Spirit baptism (we should seek it) Baptism and filling are the same experience	All Christians already have Spirit baptism (we shouldn't seek it) Baptism and filling are different experiences	All Christians already have Spirit baptism (we shouldn't seek it) Baptism and filling are different experiences

Baptism v. Filling

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The Baptism with the Holy Spirit

The Filling with the Holy Spirit

Definition or Purpose

The Spirit's work of placing
believers into the body of Christ

The Spirit's work to
empower (control)
believers for service &
equip them with Christ's
character

Scripture

Prophesied (Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8;
Luke 3:16; John 1:33; Acts 1:5);
Fulfilled (Acts 2:1ff.; cf. 11:15-16);
Explained (1 Cor. 12:13)

"Walk by the Spirit" (Gal.
5:16)
"Keep in step with the
Spirit" (Gal. 5:25)
Be "led by the Spirit"
(Gal. 5:18)

Key Passage

1 Corinthians 12:13

Ephesians 5:18

Tense

Aorist: past event, action
undefined

Present: continuous,
action repeated

Baptism v. Filling

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The Baptism with the Holy Spirit

The Filling with the Holy Spirit

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Indicative: states a fact ("were baptized"), never commanded or shown "how to get the baptism"

Imperative: a command to heed ("be filled"), shown how to receive the filling by yielding ourselves to Christ

Time Occurs

At salvation: "promise...is for all" (Acts 2:38-39), when they believed (Acts 11:16-17), "every spiritual blessing" (Eph. 1:3), "complete in Him" (Col. 2:9-10), "everything pertaining to... godliness" (2 Pet. 1:3)

At and after salvation

Baptism v. Filling

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The Baptism with the Holy Spirit

The Filling with the Holy Spirit

Frequency	Not repeated (a one-time experience)	Repeated (throughout one's life; compare Acts 9:17; 13:9)
Participants	All Christians (spiritual and carnal) ("we were all baptized" 1 Cor. 12:13; cf. Gal. 3:2, 14; 4:6)	Spiritual Christians
Permanence	Eternal: cannot be undone	Temporal: can be lost (Acts 2:4; 4:8, 31)
Prerequisites	Faith in Christ	Yieldedness to Christ

Baptism v. Filling

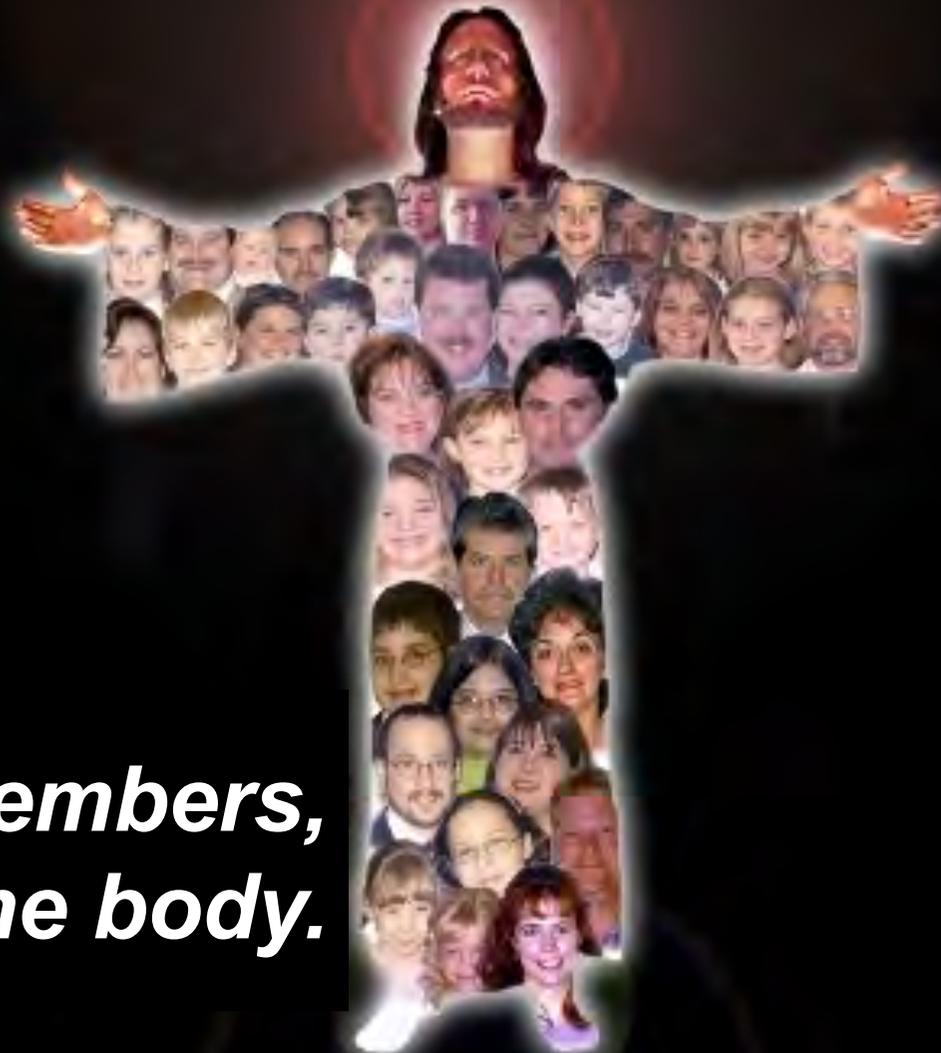
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	The Baptism with the Holy Spirit	The Filling with the Holy Spirit
OT occurrences?	No: never happened before Pentecost	Yes: OT believers sometimes empowered for service by the Spirit but not indwelt
Results	Position: Placed in the body of Christ (Church)	Practice: Praise, worship, thanksgiving, submissiveness (Eph. 5:19-21); Christ like character (Gal. 5:22-23); evangelism (Acts 2:4 with 2:41; 4:31 with 5:14; 6:3 with 6:7)
Commanded?	No	Yes
Sought?	No (Acts 11:15-16)	Yes

II. It takes the serving gifts for the church to **function** (12:14-20)

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

**A. The church has many people
with different gifts (12:14)**



***Many members,
one body.***

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

Speaking

Serving

Teaching

Administering

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Faith

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

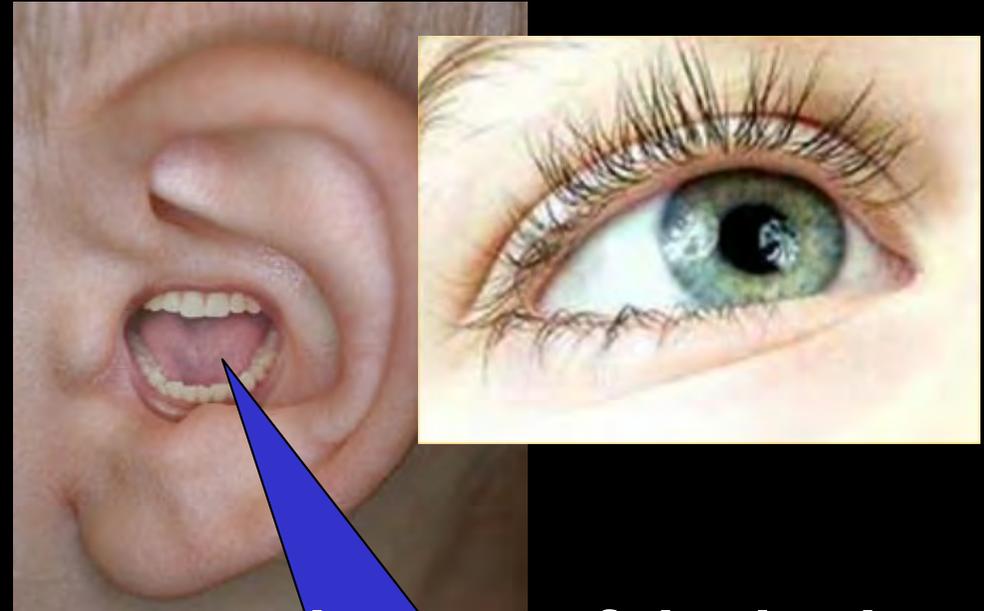
15 If the foot should say,

"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.



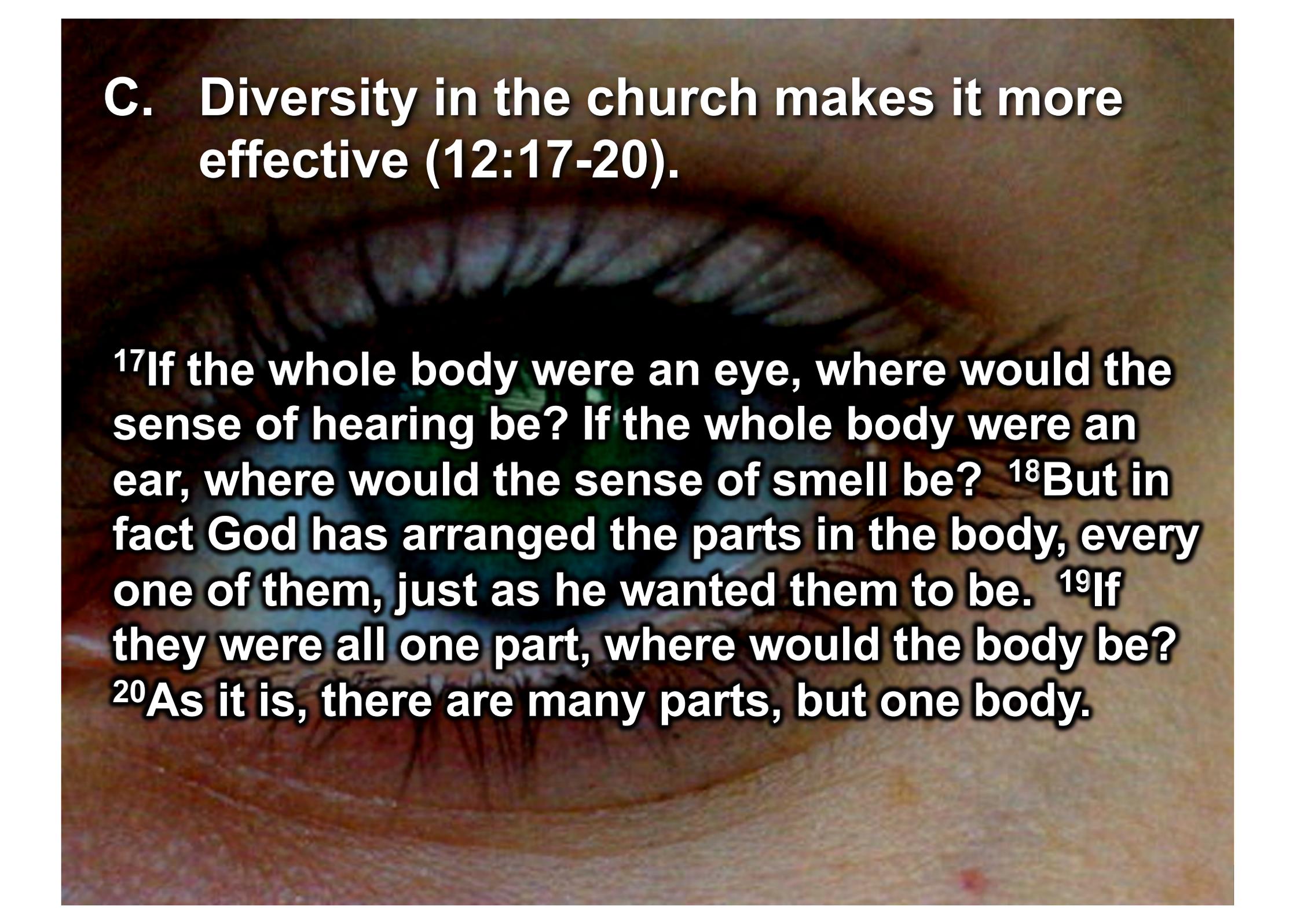
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16 And if the ear should say,

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

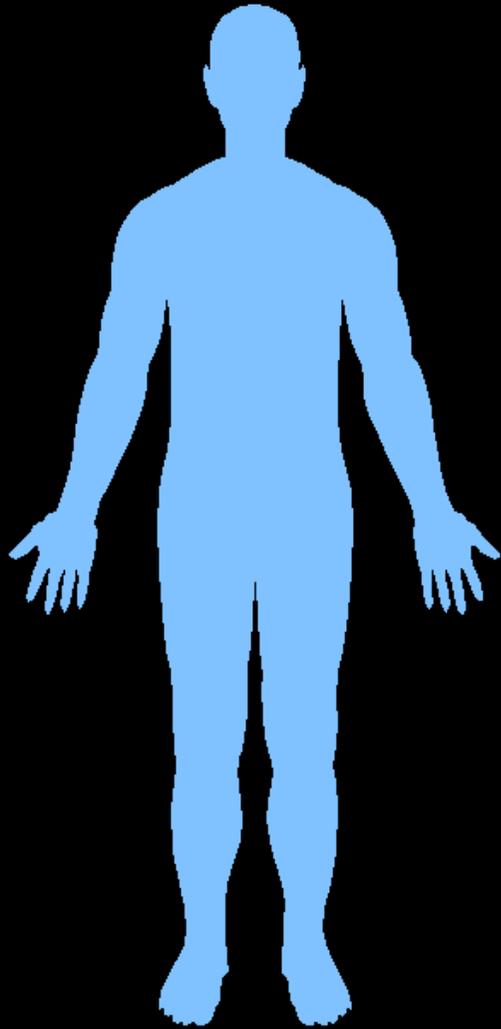
it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body.

A close-up photograph of a human eye, looking slightly to the right. The eye is brown with a prominent green reflection on the iris. The eyelashes are dark and well-defined. The background is a soft, out-of-focus skin tone.

C. Diversity in the church makes it more effective (12:17-20).

¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

III. It takes humble use of all the gifts for
the church to **care** (12:21-26).



**"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!"

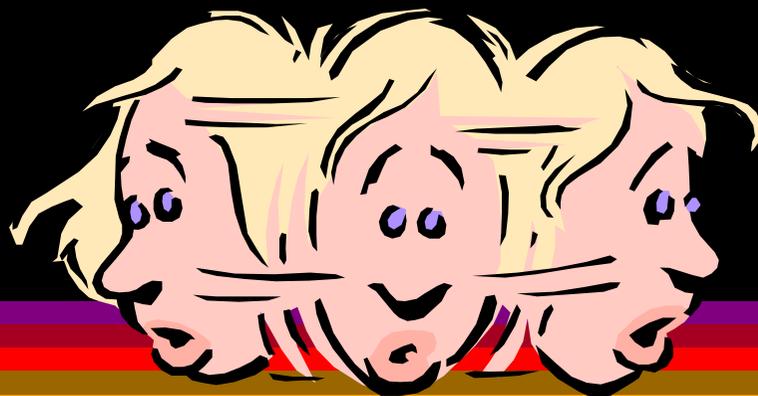


And the head cannot say to the feet,



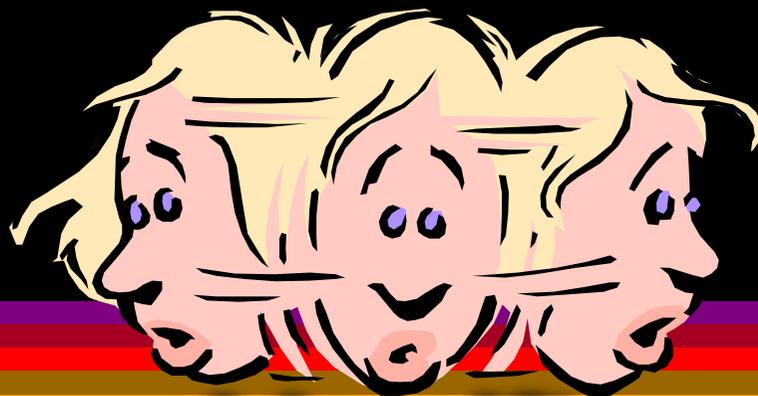
"I don't need you!"





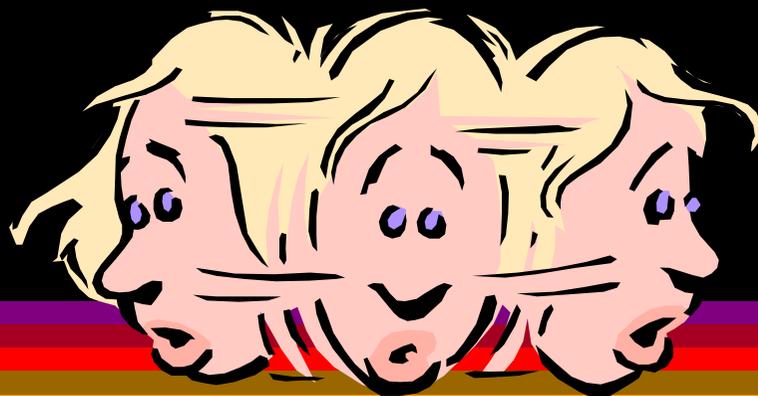
Weaker gifts are indispensable (12:22)

²²On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable



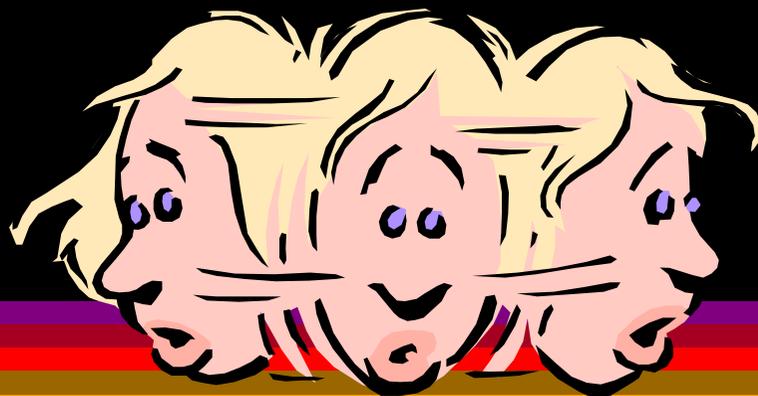
Less honorable gifts are honored (12:23a)

²²On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor.



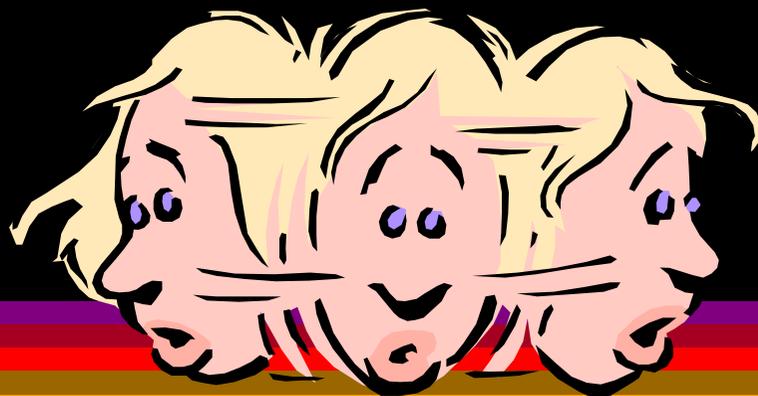
**But gifts never to be seen are also
guarded with modesty (12:23b)**

**...And the parts that are
unpresentable are treated with
special modesty**



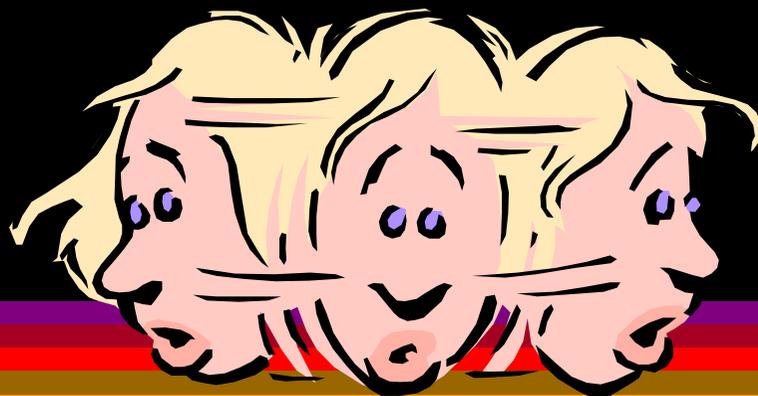
**Yet the "up-front" believers need
less acknowledgment (12:24a)**

**²⁴while our presentable parts
need no special treatment.**



God gives greater honor to "behind-the-scenes" believers (12:24b).

But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it



God honors serving gifts so we'll care for them too (12:25-26).

²⁵so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

²⁶If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

IV. It takes all of our gifts for the church to be **diversified** (12:27-31).

WE ARE LIKE CLAY JARS IN WHICH THIS TREASURE IS STORED. THE REAL POWER COMES FROM GOD AND NOT FROM US.

**A. The church is
composed of
diversified
members (12:27).**

**"Now you
are the
body of
Christ, and
each one of
you is a
part of it."**



Unity

B. The hierarchy of members shows that all don't have the same gifts (12:28-30).

And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues.

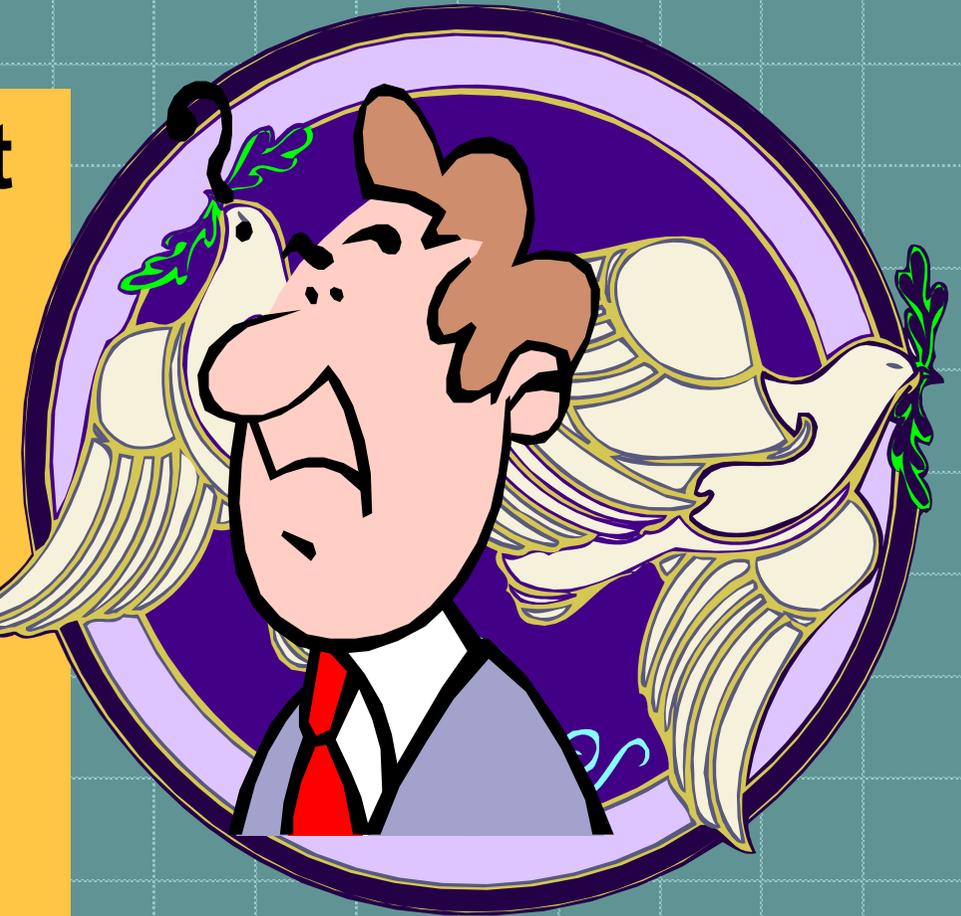
**Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers?
Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing?
Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?**

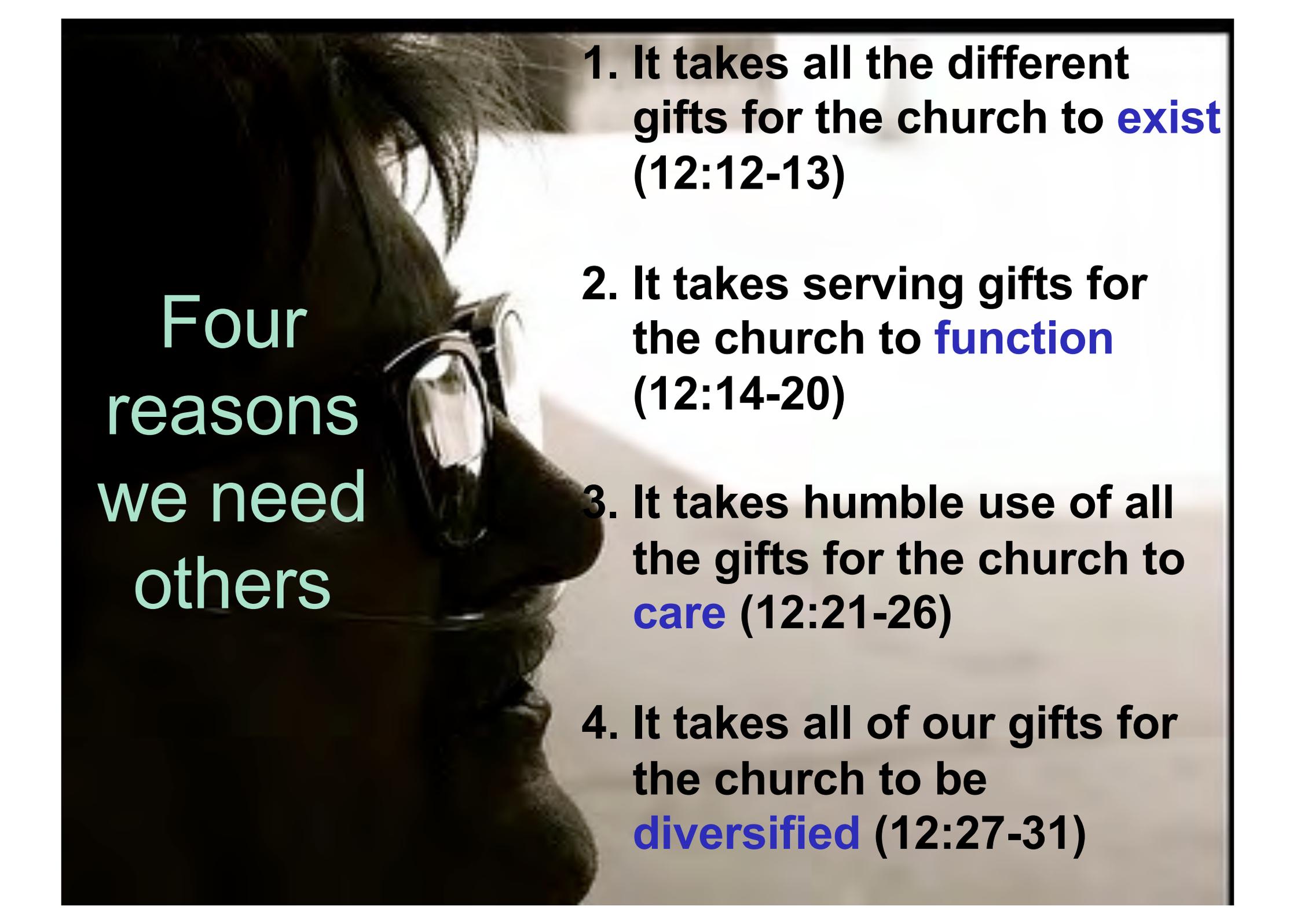
C. Emphasize the gifts that edify the most members (12:31).

1 Corinthians 12:31 "But eagerly desire the greater gifts."

"desire" = "all of you desire"
(second person plural)

"greater gifts" = verse 28





Four
reasons
we need
others

1. It takes all the different gifts for the church to **exist** (12:12-13)
2. It takes serving gifts for the church to **function** (12:14-20)
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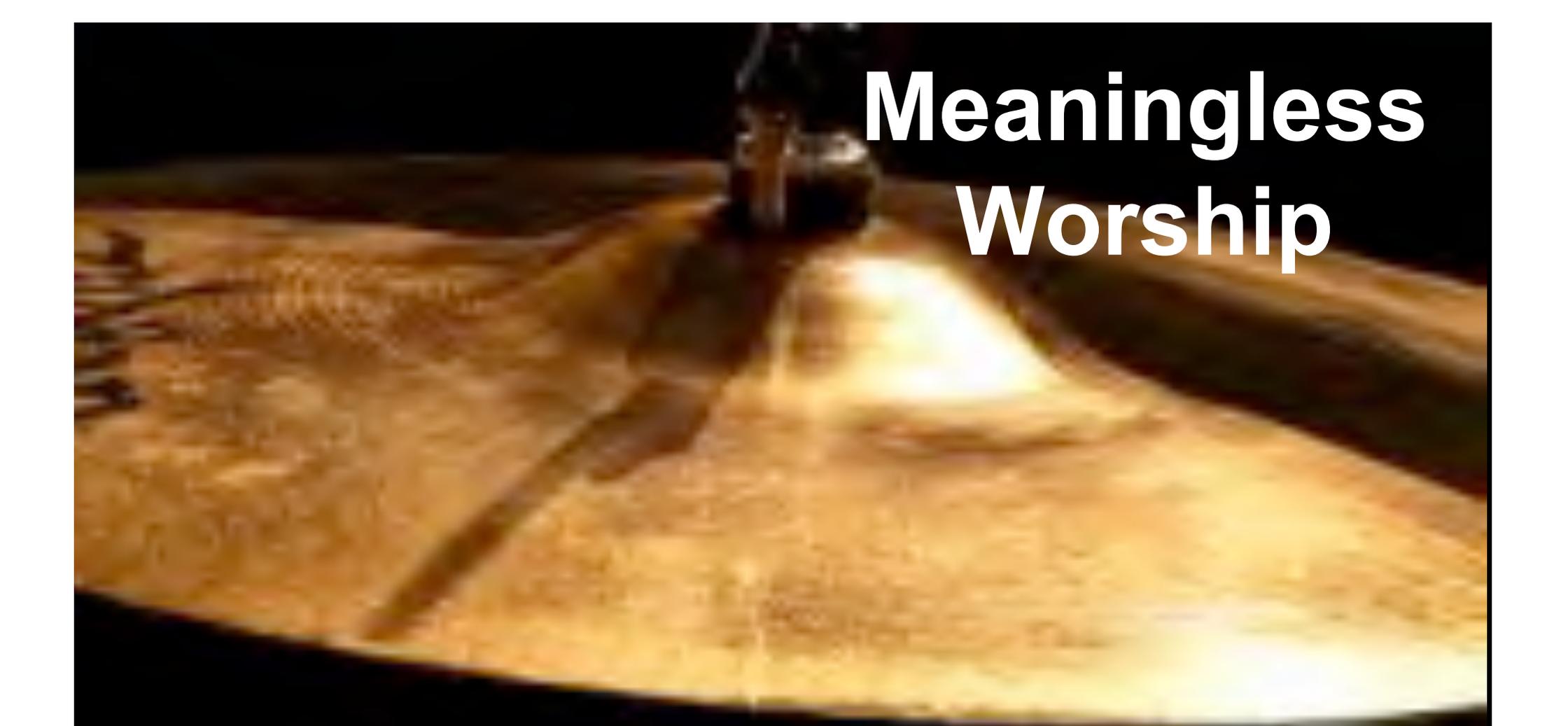
Main Idea of 1 Cor. 12



So why do you need
everyone in this church?

You're only one part of the body!

1 Corinthians 13



Meaningless Worship

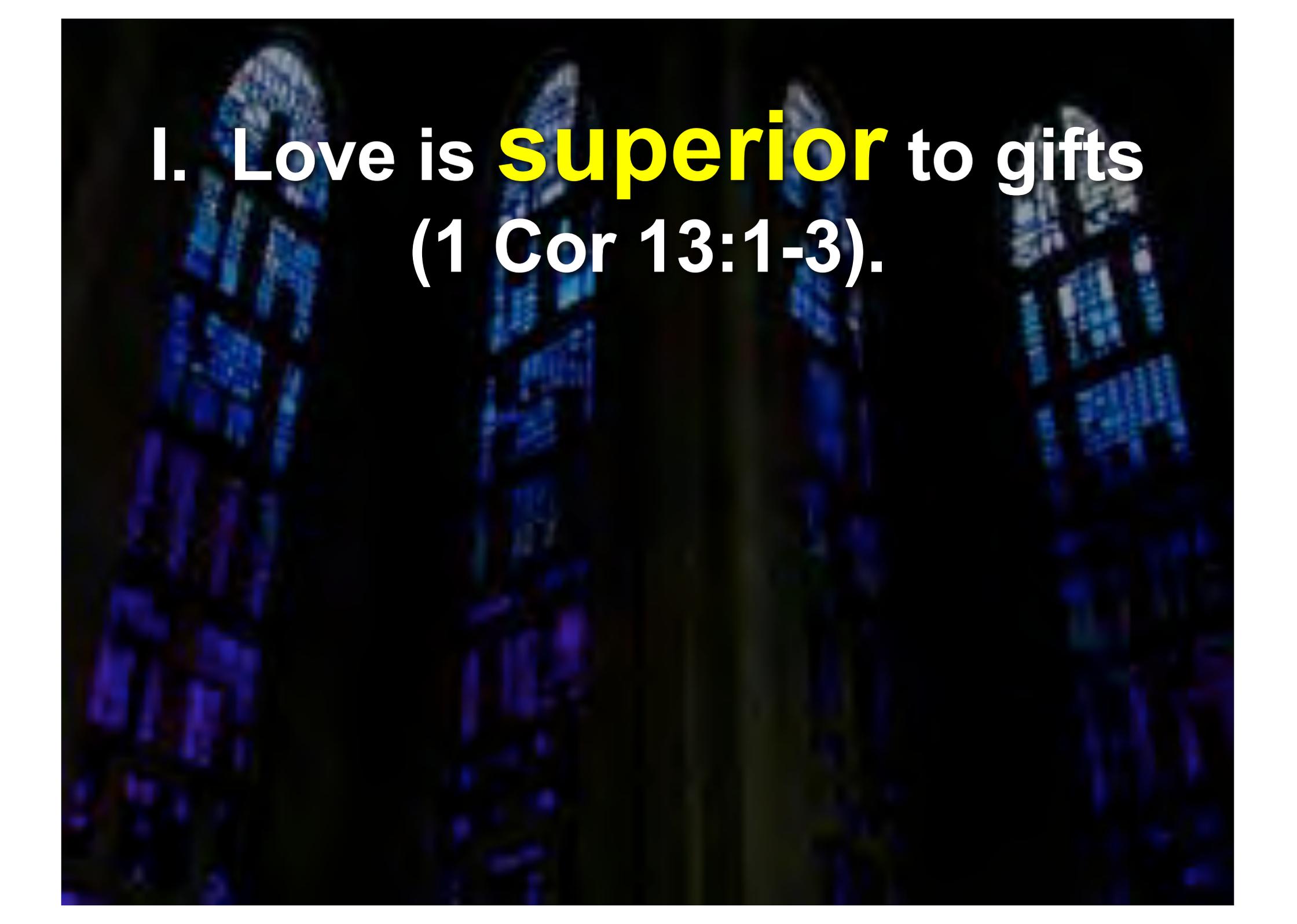
**"If I speak with the tongues of men and
angels but do not have love,
I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal"
(1 Cor. 13:1)**

Key Idea of 1 Cor. 13

The "glue" that holds together the Bible's teaching on gifts is **love**.

But **why** do we need to use our gifts with **love**?



The background of the slide is a photograph of several tall, narrow stained glass windows in a church. The windows are made of many small, colorful panes in shades of blue, purple, and white, set against a dark background. The light from the windows creates a soft, ethereal glow.

I. Love is **superior** to gifts
(1 Cor 13:1-3).



Tongues used to
the max without
love produces
nothing
(1 Cor 13:1).
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They filed past my lectern. Some put their CD on the desk. Others transferred their offerings to my MacBook Pro via flash drive. Each looked relieved, yet excited.

What's going on? This is our small attempt to reverse Babel.

You remember Babel, right? Man in his arrogance thought he could build a tower to replace God, so God humbled him by confusing his languages. (See Genesis 11.)

In my early years as a seminary prof, I tortured students with research papers. Arduously they rendered their

Hey, why not have students translate TBB PowerPoint into their native languages as their term project? No more research papers!

The idea seemed helpful, yet at the same time ridiculous. I don't speak any of these languages, so who would grade their assignments? Then I realized that they're more concerned about good grammar in their language than in English. Also, students working together in language groups would hold each other accountable and also learn the content best by translating it.



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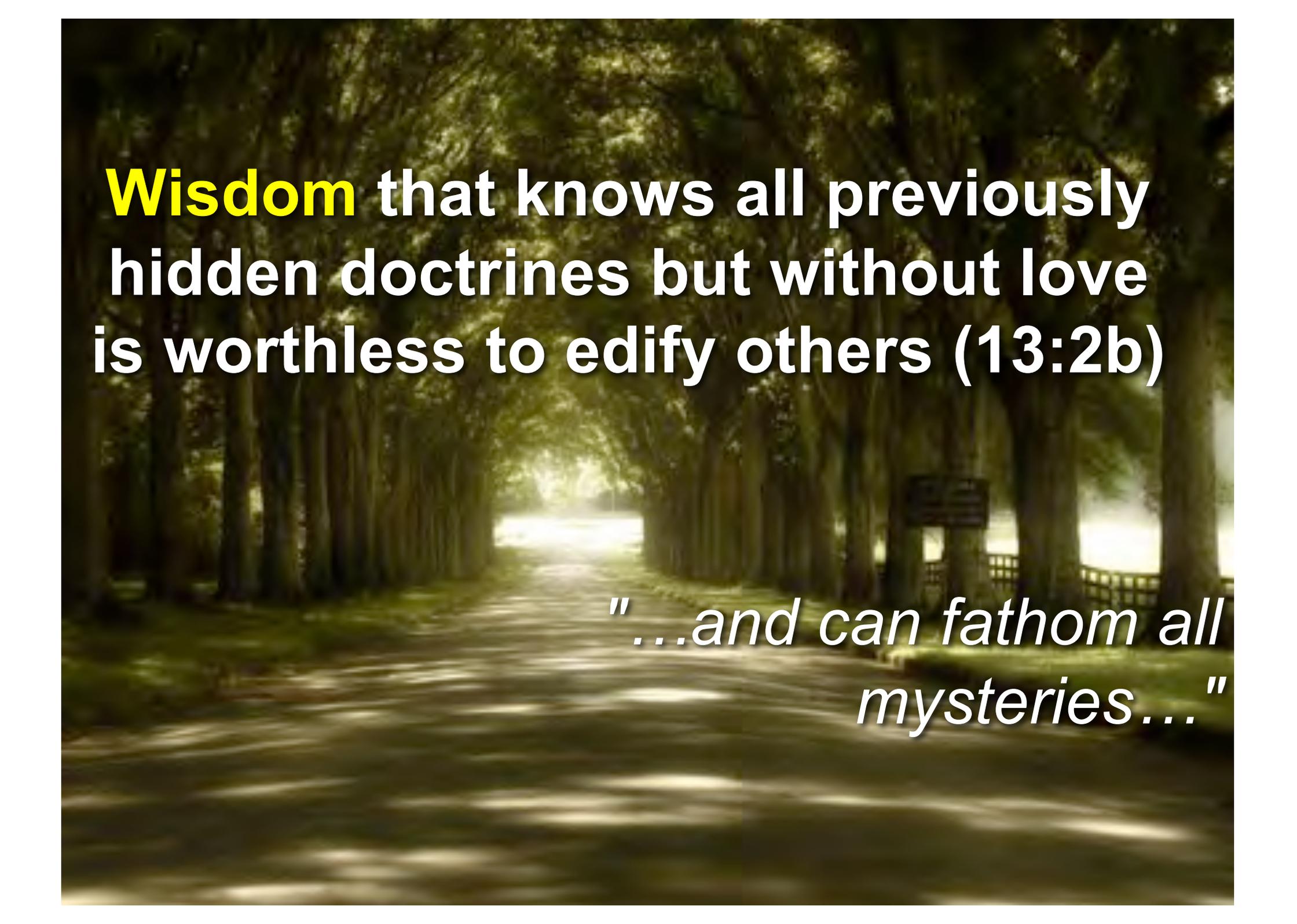
**Prophecy without love is
worthless to edify others (13:2a)**

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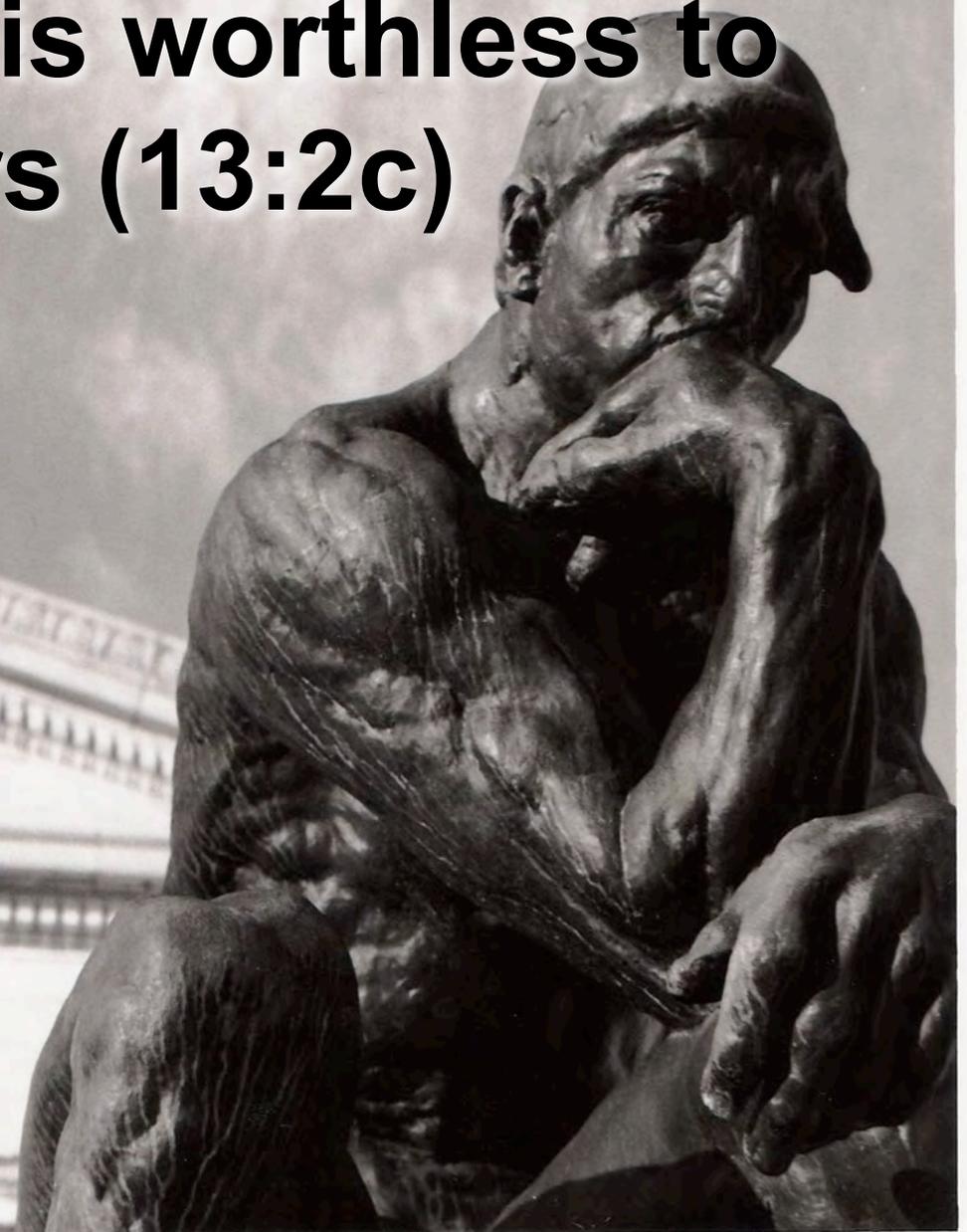
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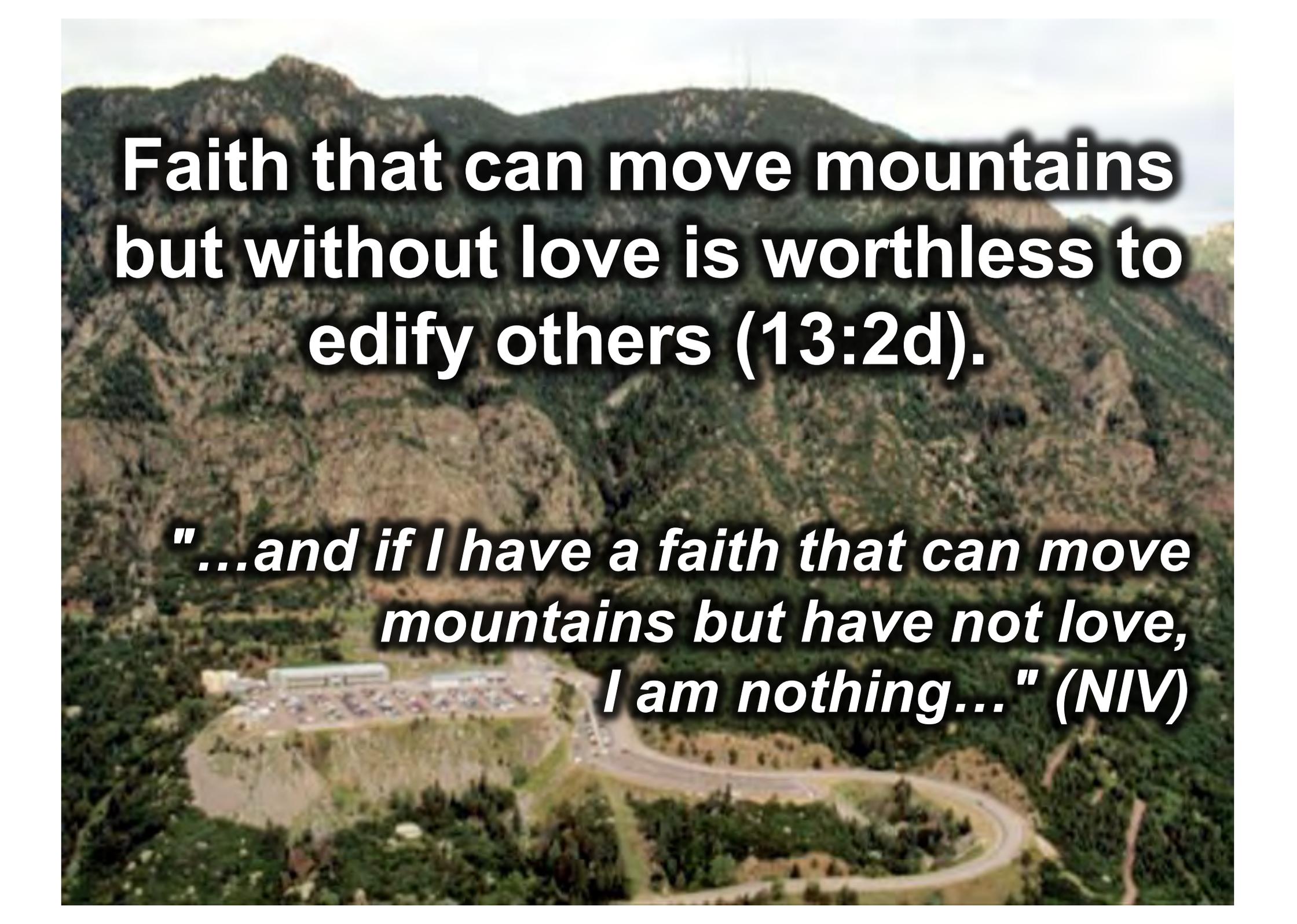
Wisdom that knows all previously hidden doctrines but without love is worthless to edify others (13:2b)

"...and can fathom all mysteries..."

Knowledge that knows all facts
but without love is worthless to
edify others (13:2c)

*"...and all
knowledge..."*



An aerial photograph of a mountainous landscape. The mountains are covered in dense green forest. A winding road curves through the lower part of the image. In the foreground, there is a large, light-colored building complex, possibly a school or university campus, with a parking lot. The sky is overcast.

**Faith that can move mountains
but without love is worthless to
edify others (13:2d).**

***"...and if I have a faith that can move
mountains but have not love,
I am nothing..." (NIV)***

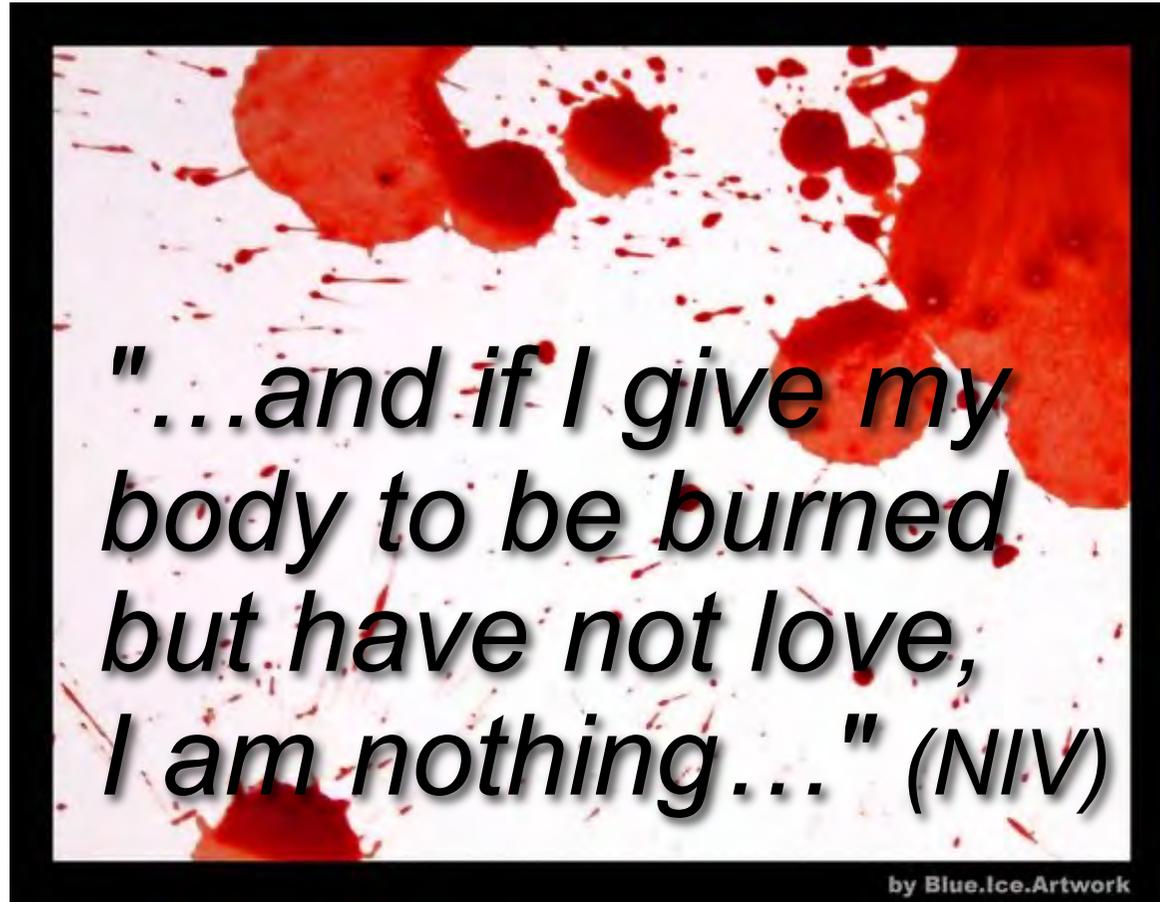
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*"...and if I give my
body to be burned
but have not love,
I am nothing..." (NIV)*

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"The Blood of the Martyrs is the seed of the Church"
-Tertullian-

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-Tertullian-









II. Love **benefits** others (13:4-7).



Relational Aspects of Love (13:4-7)

Love **benefits others** both passively and actively (13:4a-b):

- *Passively patient*
- *Actively kind*

Heart Size



**"It is not the size
of a man but the size
of his heart that matters"**

Evander Holyfield

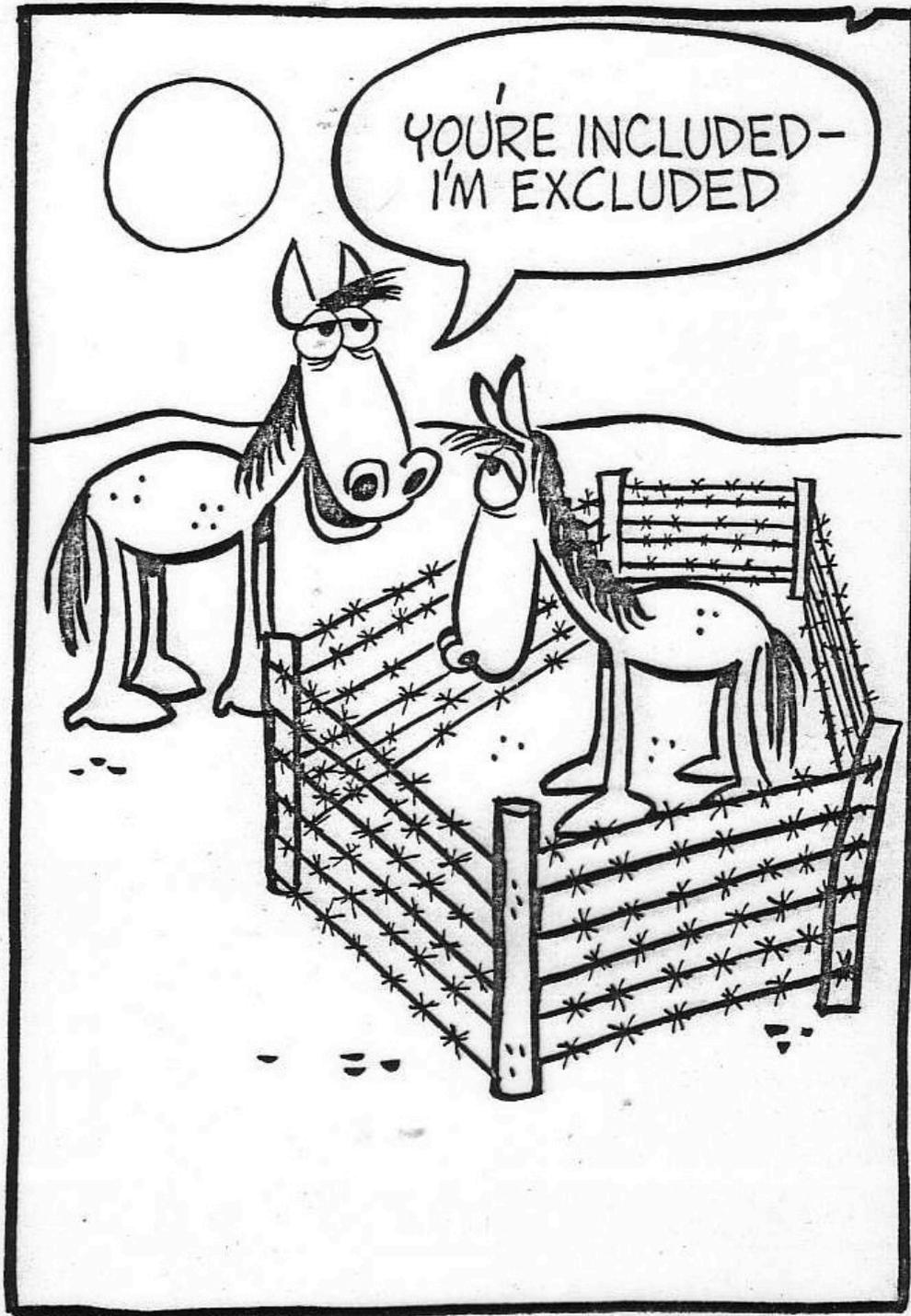
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- *Envy*

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***Don't feel inferior
about your gift!***

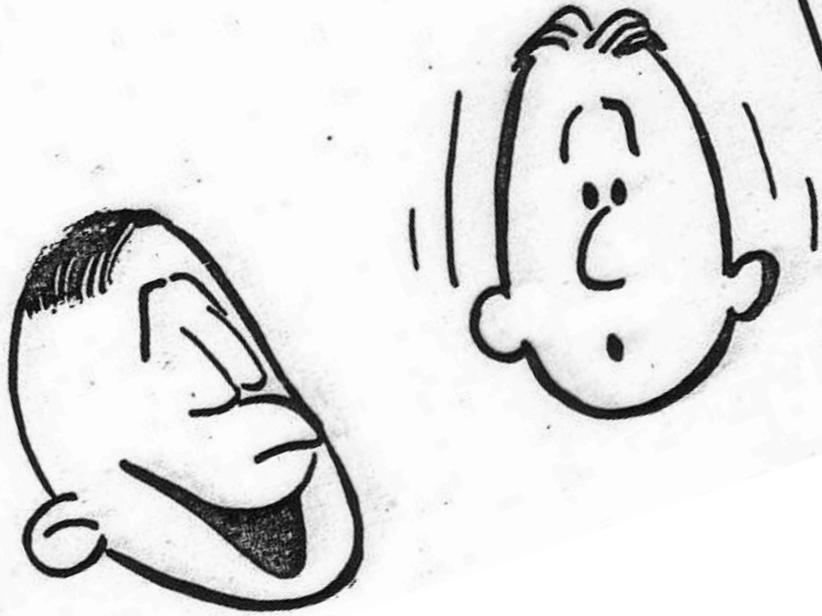
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- *Envy*
- *Boasting*
- *Pride*



"Forgive me for talking
about my gift so much!
Now YOU talk about it!"

***Don't think highly
of your gift!***

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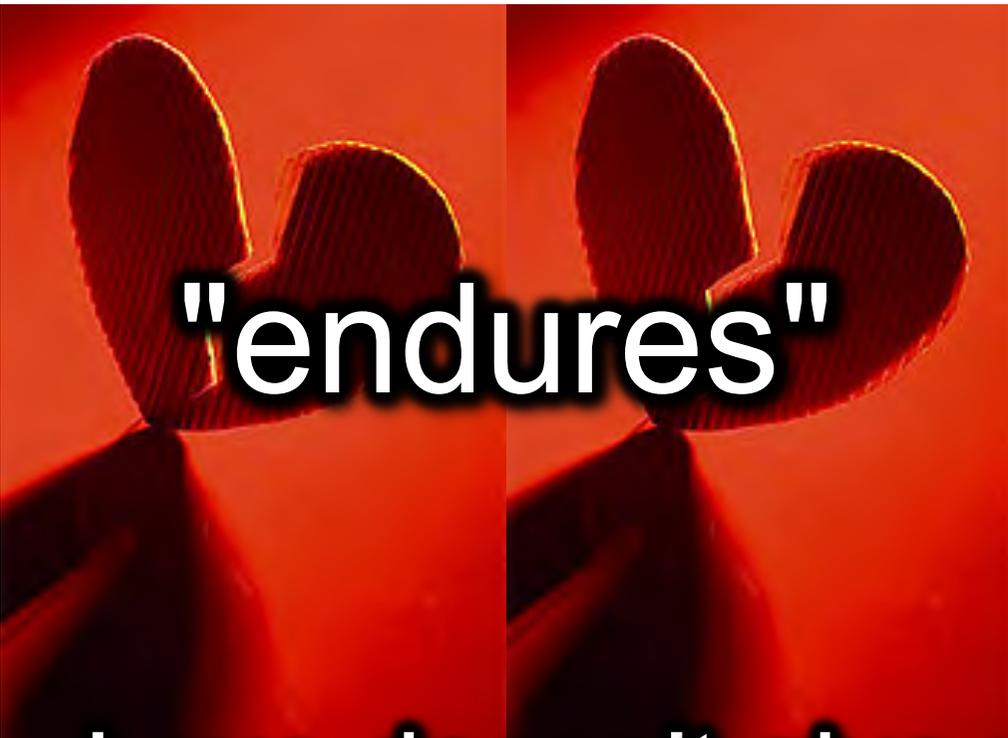
- *Envy*
- *Boasting*
- *Pride*
- *Behaving improperly*
- *Selfish*
- *Irritable*
- *Unforgiving*

**Love knows the right things to
get happy about (13:6).**

**It does not
rejoice
about
injustice...**

**... but
rejoices
whenever
the truth
wins out**

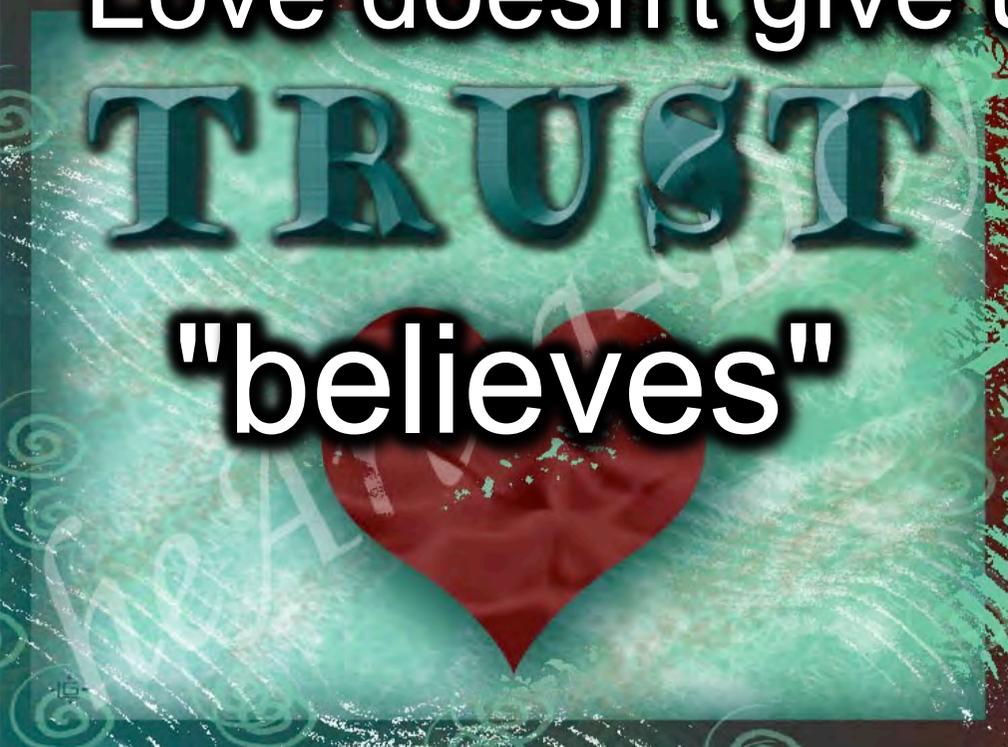




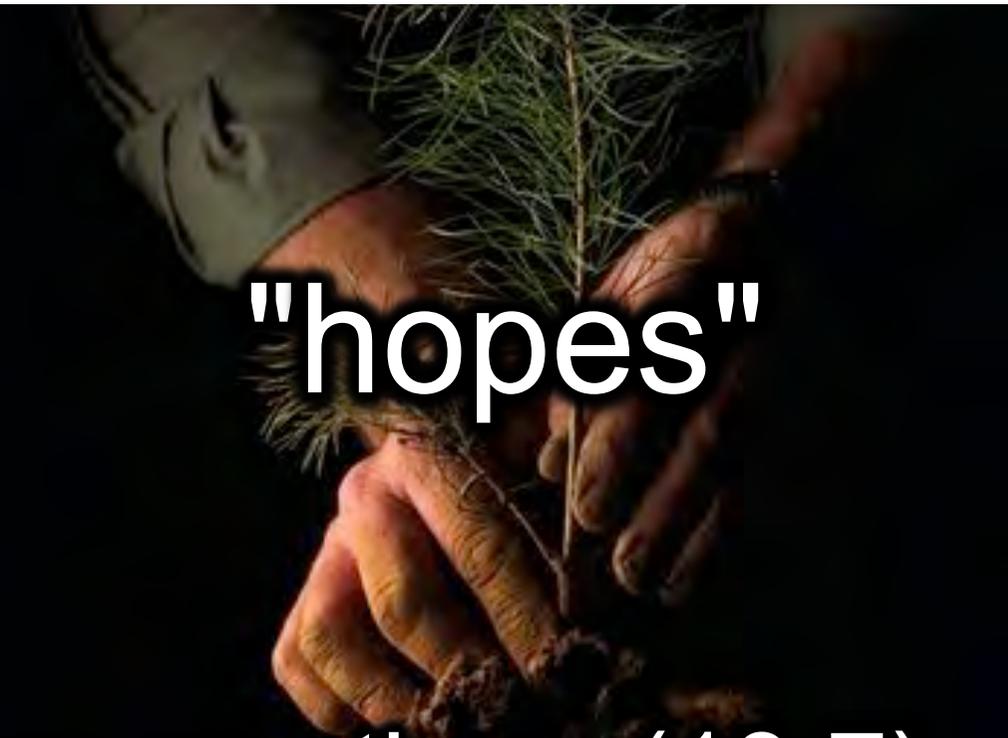
"endures"

Love doesn't give up on others (13:7)

TRUST



"believes"



"hopes"



"perseveres"

III. Love **outlasts** gifts (13:8-13).



"Love never fails..."

1 Corinthians 13:8-12

8 Love never fails. But where there are **prophecies**, they will **cease**; where there are **tongues**, they will **be stilled**; where there is **knowledge**, it will **pass away**.

9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part,

10 but when **perfection** comes, the imperfect disappears.

1 Corinthians 13:8-12

11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a **man**, I put childish ways behind me.

12 Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; **then** we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; **then** I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.



***To teleion* is a mega issue!**

Crucial Questions

Canon (Bible)

Rapture

Body (Church)

13:8 What is the nature of:

Robert L. Thomas, *JETS* (1974): 81-89

a) prophecy & knowledge?

revelatory

non-revelatory

revelatory

b) tongues?

confirmatory

non-confirmatory

confirmatory

When do the these gifts cease?

with canon

at Christ's coming

with canon

13:10 What is *to teleion*?

the "complete"
(the canon)

the "perfect"
(Christ's coming)

the "mature"
(the body)

13:11 What does growth to manhood represent?

before and after
completed canon

before and after
Christ's coming

before and after
body's maturity
(shown by canon)

13:12 What are partial and full sight and knowledge?

before and after
completed canon

before and after
Christ's coming

before and after
body's maturity
(completed by
parousia)

1. The Canon View sees *to teleion* as "the complete, the totality," referring to "the completed Scriptures." Therefore, prophecy, knowledge and tongues ceased before the New Testament was finished and are not existing today.

	<u>Strengths</u>		<u>Weaknesses</u>
a.	Revelational knowledge context (vv. 8-9).	a.	Irreconcilable with Christ's coming (the <i>parousia</i>) in verse 12.
b.	Confirmatory nature of tongues (cf. 14:22).	b.	The context does not refer to a completed New Testament. It's also doubtful that Paul ever envisioned one.
c.	Contrasts with partial nature of prophecy and knowledge.	c.	"The whole" (<i>to ek pantos</i>) better contrasts "partial" than <i>to teleion</i> in that both are quantitative.
d.	<i>to teleion</i> often means "complete."		
e.	"Complete" best contrasts "partial" (v. 10).		

2. The Rapture View sees *to teleion* as "the perfect" (as opposed to "the complete" above), referring to the coming of Christ at the Rapture. Therefore, prophecy, knowledge and tongues will cease only when Christ comes and exist today as legitimate gifts.

Robert L. Thomas, *JETS* (1974): 81-89

	<u>Strengths</u>		<u>Weaknesses</u>
a.	Adequately explains "knowing fully" in verse 12.	a.	Inadequately explains the gradual maturing development of verse 11.
b.	"Face to face" (v. 12) well describes seeing Christ at His coming (cf. 1 Cor. 1:7) and has OT parallels to seeing God personally.	b.	Fails to recognize the distinctions between the revelatory nature of prophecy and knowledge and the confirmatory nature of tongues (cf. 14:22)
c.	"Perfect" well describes the condition at the <i>parousia</i> (Rapture).	c.	Paul never uses <i>to teleion</i> as "the perfect" in the absolute sense.
d.	<i>to teleion</i> often means "perfect" in secular, philosophical Greek (e.g. Plato) as well as James 3:2.	d.	"Perfect" (a qualitative term) poorly contrasts with "partial" (a quantitative term, v. 10).

The Body View



*Many members,
one body.*

Robert L. Thomas...



"It pictures the Christian church collectively, growing up as one body, beginning with its birth, progressing through different stages of development during the present [relative maturity in v. 11] and reaching maturity at the return of Christ [ultimate maturity in v. 12]."

The Body View of 1 Corinthians 13:8-13

161b-c

3. The Body View sees *to teleion* as "the mature," meaning the maturity of the body of Christ. "It pictures the Christian church collectively, growing up as one body, beginning with its birth, progressing through different stages of development during the present [relative maturity, v. 11] and reaching maturity at the *parousia* [ultimate maturity, v. 12; Thomas, 86]." By using the ambiguous term *to teleion* Paul left open two possibilities, the church as: (1) relatively complete at the completion of the NT or (2) ultimately complete at Christ's return. This view ultimately comes to the same conclusion as the Canon View.

	<u>Strengths</u>		<u>Weaknesses</u>
a.	Parallel 1 Cor. texts contrast <i>to teleion</i> ("mature") with "babes, child" (<i>νηπιος</i> ; 2:6 & 3:1; 14:20; cf. Heb. 5:13-14)	a.	"Mature" (a qualitative term) poorly contrasts "partial" (a quantitative term, v. 10).
b.	Consistent with both the relative maturity of v. 11 and the absolute maturity of v. 12.	b.	Assigns a double sense for <i>to teleion</i> which may be unlikely.
c.	Best fits the "body and gifts context" of 1 Cor. 12-14 and the striking similarity to Eph. 4:1-16.		
d.	Has the same strengths of a., b., & c. in the Canon View.		

Two Illustrations

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1 Corinthians 13:11-12 NIV

**Love will outlast even faith and hope
(1 Corinthians 13:13)**

A glass clock and a glass heart with 'I Love You' engraved on it.

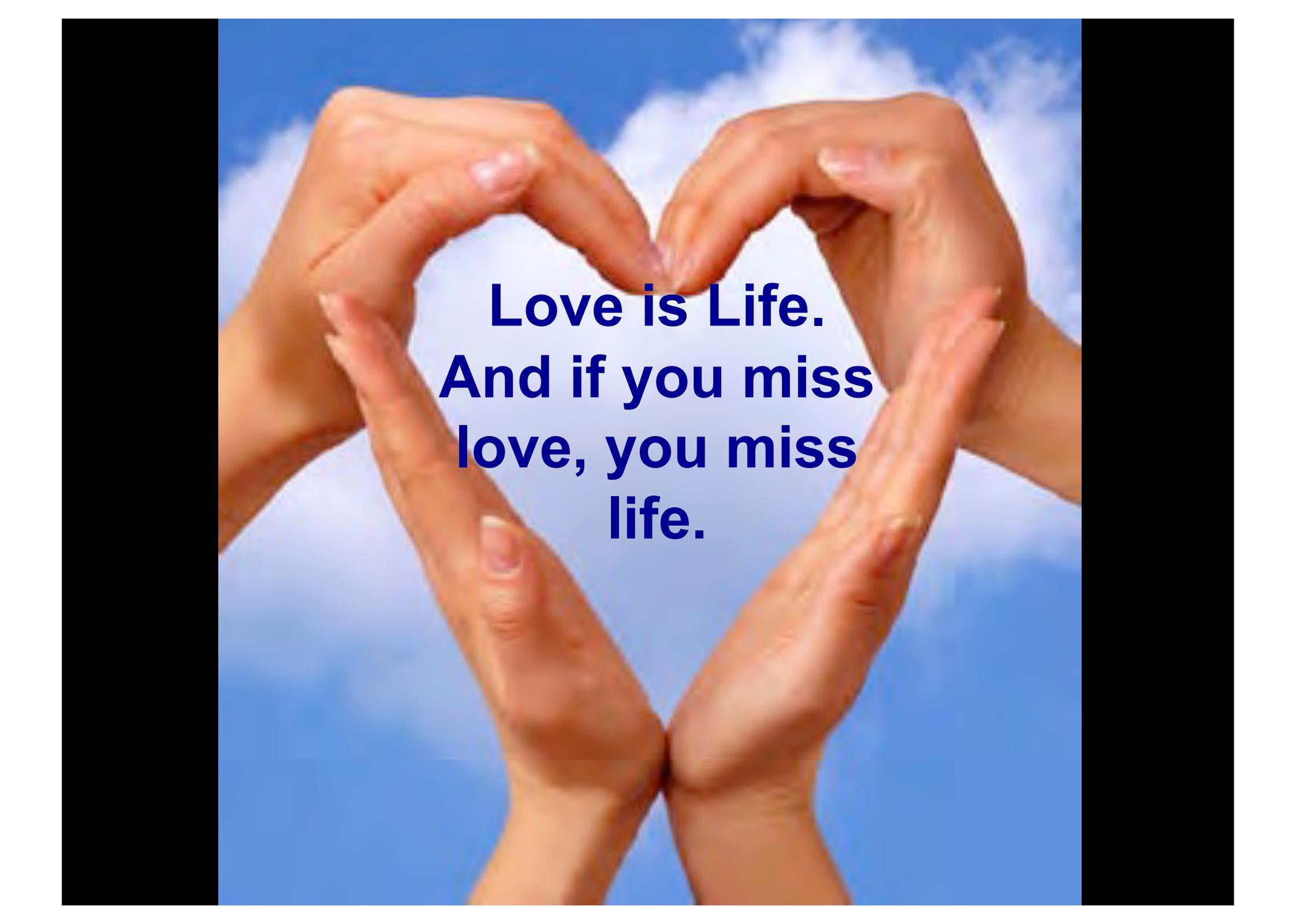
**"Three things will last forever
–faith, hope, and love–
and the greatest of these is love."**



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

A photograph of four hands, two from the top and two from the bottom, joined together to form a heart shape. The hands are light-skinned and have short, clean nails. The background is a bright blue sky with soft, white clouds. The text is centered over the heart shape.

**Love is Life.
And if you miss
love, you miss
life.**

How are you at loving others?





Motive is Everything

"Ask not what a man does to determine whether his work is sacred or secular. Ask why he does it. The motive is everything. Let a man sanctify the Lord God in his heart and he can thereafter do no secular act" -- A.W. Tozer

1 Corinthians 14



I. Prophecy
benefits **other**
believers
(1 Cor. 14:2-5)



A. Prophecy is understood by others while tongues is understood only by God (14:2-3).

²For if you have the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking only to God, since people won't be able to understand you. You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit, but it will **all be mysterious.**

³But one who prophesies strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them (NLT).



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."

Comparing Tongues in Acts & 1 Corinthians^{161cc}

Comparisons	Tongues in Acts	Tongues in 1 Corinthians
<i>Both spoken in known foreign languages</i>	Languages of the Roman world were spoken (Acts 2:7-11)	Since the same term (<i>glossa</i>) is used, we should assume the nature of the gift is the same
<i>Both functioned as a sign to unbelievers</i>	The listeners were exhorted to receive forgiveness (Acts 2:38)	Unbelievers in the assembly needed translation for blessing (1 Cor.14:21-22)
<i>Both have God as the Source rather than self</i>	The tongues speakers were not trying to get the gift (Acts 2:2)	Tongues is among the gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12–14)

Contrasting Tongues in Acts & 1 Corinthians ^{161cc}

Contrasts	Tongues in Acts	Tongues in 1 Corinthians
<i>Speaker's Control</i>	Controlled	Uncontrolled
Given to...	Groups only	Individuals who are gifted
Phenomenon	Wind and fire the first time (Acts 2:2)	None
Times per person	One time	Repeated
Those who understand	Native speakers	Those gifted in interpretation
Interpretation	No corollary gift	Yes (corollary gift of interpretation)
Dates	AD 33-53 (Acts 2–19)	AD 56
<i>When occurred</i>	Generally at salvation	Generally after salvation
Use	Always used properly	Often misused
<i>Restrictions</i>	None	Some: only 2-3 per service, each in turn, need interpreter (1 Cor. 14:27)



B. Prophecy edifies the church while tongues only edifies the speaker (14:4-5).

⁴A person who speaks in tongues **is strengthened personally**, but one who speaks a word of prophecy strengthens the entire church.

⁵I wish you could all speak in tongues, but even more I wish you could all prophesy. For prophecy is greater than speaking in tongues, unless someone interprets what you are saying so that the whole church will be strengthened (NLT).

II. Uninterpreted tongues are **incomprehensible** (1 Cor. 14:6-19)



Modern "Tongues" are Not Languages

"To my knowledge there is universal agreement among linguists who have taped and analyzed thousands of examples of modern tongues-speaking that the contemporary phenomenon is not any human language.



"The patterns and structures that all known languages require are simply not there. Occasionally a recognizable word slips out; but this is statistically likely, given the sheer quantity of verbalization."

D. A. Carson, *Showing the Spirit*, 83

I once knew a little Greek...

¹Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος, καὶ ὁ λόγος ἦν
πρὸς τὸν θεόν, καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος.

²οὗτος ἦν ἐν ἀρχῇ πρὸς τὸν θεόν.

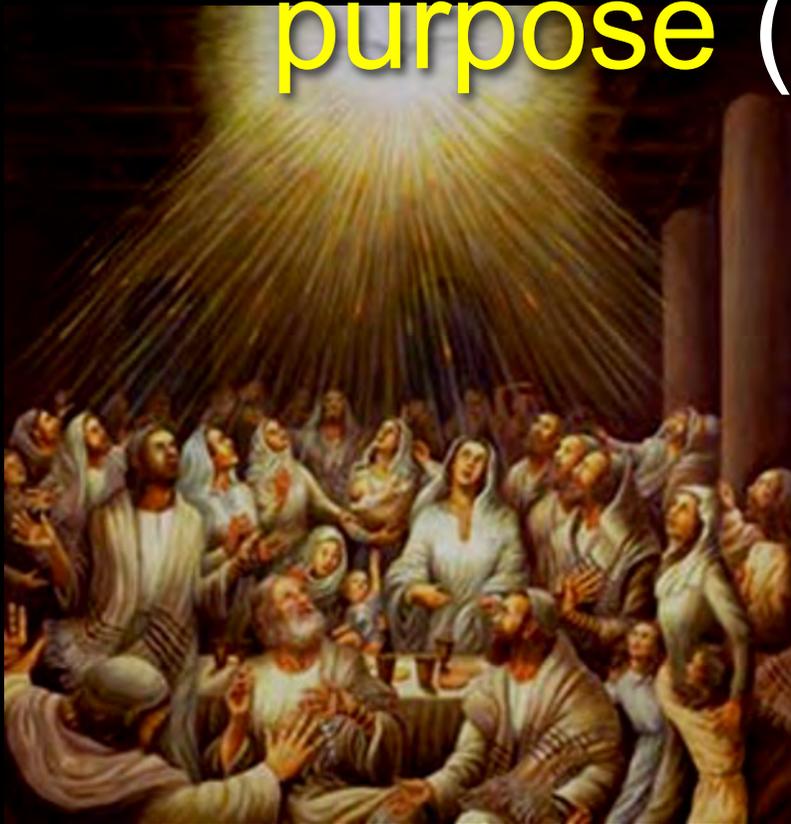
³πάντα δι' αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο, καὶ χωρὶς
αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο οὐδὲ ἓν. ὃ γέγονεν

⁴ἐν αὐτῷ ζωὴ ἦν, καὶ ἡ ζωὴ ἦν τὸ
φῶς τῶν ἀνθρώπων.

III. Prophecy has a superior **purpose** and **results** (1 Cor. 14:20-25).



A. Prophecy has a superior purpose (14:20-22).



- Far superior is prophecy, for **prophecy edifies believers** (14:22b)

- **Tongues authenticate God's work to unbelievers** (14:21-22a)

Purpose for Unbelievers (especially Jews)

In the Law it is written:

"Through men of strange tongues and through the lips of foreigners **I will speak to this people [Jews]**, but even then they will not listen to me," says the Lord
[Isa. 28:11].

Tongues, then, are a sign, not for believers but **for unbelievers**;
prophecy, however, is **for believers**,
not for unbelievers.

1 Cor. 14:21-22

A Biblical Definition of Tongues

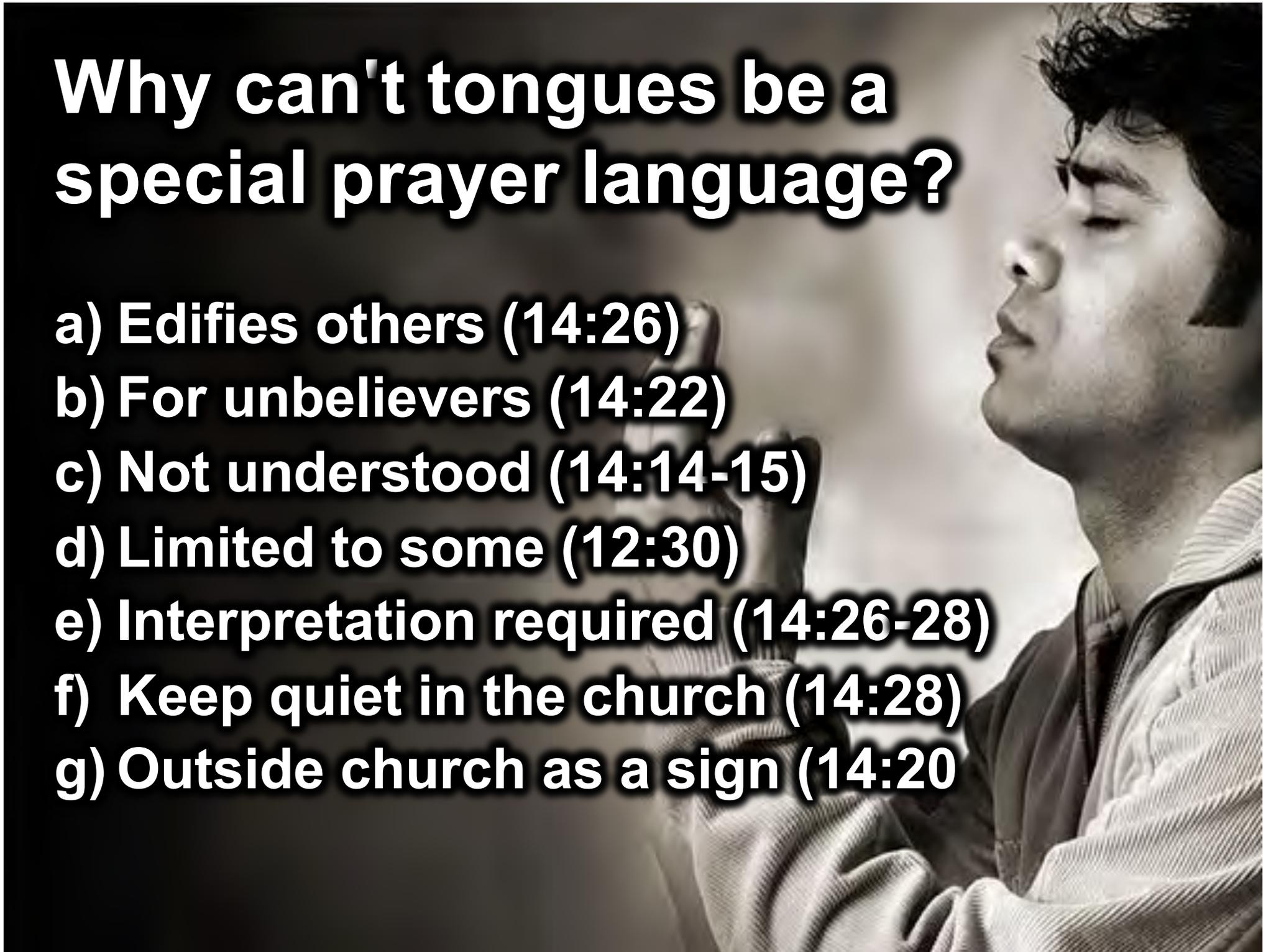
"The God-given ability to speak divine revelation in a foreign language by the speaker to unbelieving Jews in their language (as a sign) that a gifted interpreter can translate to edify the church"



Today:
Real Languages?
For Unbelievers?

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)



Are tongues in Acts a pattern for today?

<i>Passage</i>	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Audience</i>	<i>Related to Salvation</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
<i>2:1-4</i>	<i>Apostles+</i>	<i>Unsaved Jews at Pentecost</i>	<i>After salvation</i>	<i>Validate for Jews the fulfillment of Joel 2</i>
<i>8:14-17</i>	<i>Samaritans</i>	<i>Saved Jews doubting God's plan (Peter+)</i>	<i>After salvation</i>	<i>Validate for Jews God's acceptance of Samaritans</i>
<i>10:44-47</i>	<i>Gentiles (Cornelius+)</i>	<i>Saved Jews doubting God's plan (Peter+)</i>	<i>At salvation</i>	<i>Validate for Jews God's acceptance of Gentiles</i>
<i>19:1-7</i>	<i>OT believers in Messiah</i>	<i>Jews needing gospel message confirmed</i>	<i>At salvation</i>	<i>Validate for Jews God's message through Paul</i>

Adapted from Stanley Toussaint, "Acts," in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, 2:408

Tongues versus Prophecy

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Contrasts	Tongues	Prophecy
Speaker's Control	Inferior (14:5a)	Superior (14:1)
Relation to Other Gifts	The least important gift (12:28)	The second most important gift (12:28)
Language Used	Foreign (14:10)	Vernacular (14:19)
Corollary Gift	Interpretation of tongues (12:30; 14:27-28)	Discerning of spirits (12:10; 14:29)
Speaker's Knowledge of the Language Being Spoken	Unknown: "utters mysteries with his spirit...my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful" (14:2b, 14)	Known: "pray with my spirit [and] with my mind" (14:15, 19)
Value (without Interpretation)	Harmful: people cannot understand and thus are not edified (14:16-17, 23, 28)	Great: people can understand and thus are edified (14:5b, 24-25)
Edification (without Interpretation)	Self only (14:4a; cf. 10:24; 12:7, 11)	Entire church (14:4b)

Tongues versus Prophecy

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Contrasts	Tongues	Prophecy
<i>Direction of Speech is to...</i>	God (14:2)	Men (14:3)
<i>Result in Others</i>	Revelation, knowledge, prophecy, word of instruction (14:6)	Strengthening, encouragement, and comfort (14:3b)
<i>Type of Communication</i>	Speaking (14:6), prayer (14:14), praise (14:16), singing? (14:15b)	Foretelling the future, "forthtelling" or declaring doctrinal truth (14:19)
<i>Purpose</i>	Sign to unbelieving Jews (14:21-22a)	Message to believers (14:22b)
<i>Limitations</i>	Two or three tongues messages in each service (14:27a), speak in turn (14:27b), someone must interpret (14:27c-28)	Two or three prophetic messages in each service (14:29a), speak in turn (14:30-31), weigh what is said (14:29b, 32)
<i>Exhortation</i>	Negative: Do not forbid tongues (14:39b)	Positive: Be eager to prophesy (14:39a)
<i>Agent of Cessation</i>	Self: middle voice (13:8b)	Someone other than self: passive voice (13:8a)

Contrasts Between Prophetic Views

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Grudem's View

Prophecy is declaring anything (true or false) that the Spirit brings to one's mind

The above definition was invented in 1988 by Wayne Grudem

OT prophets are parallel to NT apostles

God changed the definition of prophecy from the OT to the NT

God gives some prophecies with errors

Any believer can prophesy

There are two kinds of NT prophecy (fallible and infallible)

Fallible prophecy can be inspired

God sometimes lies

Biblical View

Prophecy is declaring God's inspired and inerrant revelation to others

The above definition has been the teaching of the church for 20 centuries

OT prophets are parallel to NT prophets

God kept the meaning of prophecy consistent between the two testaments

God gives all prophecies without errors (2 Pet. 1:20-21)

Only those with the gift of prophecy can prophesy (1 Cor. 12:29)

There is one kind of NT prophecy (infallible)

Fallible prophecy is false prophecy (Deut. 13:1-5; 18:14-20)

God always tells the truth since He cannot lie (Heb. 6:18)

Teaching versus Prophecy

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Contrasts	Teaching	Prophecy
<i>Value</i>	Inferior: Teaching is listed after prophecy in the leadership structure of the church at Antioch (Acts 13:1)	Superior: Prophecy has a long OT history of declaring an uninterpreted word of God (2 Pet. 1:20-21) whereas teachers must interpret it
<i>Relation to the Other Gift</i>	A less important gift: listed after prophecy in the priority of the gifts (1 Cor. 12:28)	The second most important gift, superseded only by apostleship (1 Cor. 12:28)
<i>Authority</i>	Less authoritative than prophecy since the teacher must interpret the Bible	More authoritative than teaching as the spoken word is divinely inspired & uninterpreted (2 Pet. 1:20-21)
<i>Source of Truth</i>	God's Word (Col. 3:16)	God's Spirit (2 Pet. 1:21)
<i>Revelatory Nature</i>	Uninspired explanation of already revealed truth (Acts 15:35; 11:12, 26; Rom. 2:21; 15:4; Heb. 5:12)	Inspired foretelling the future or "forth-telling" (declaring doctrinal truth) received by revelation (1 Cor. 14:19, 26, 29-30; Eph. 3:5)

Teaching versus Prophecy

161h

Contrasts	Teaching	Prophecy
Style	Systematic	Spontaneous (Acts 11:28; 21:4, 10-11)
Limitations	No limitation on teaching is given in church services	Two or three prophetic messages per service (14:29a), speak in turn (14:30-31), weigh what is said (14:29b, 32)
Leadership Requirements	Required of elders (1 Tim. 3:2; 5:17; Tit. 1:9) since the church needs continued teaching of truth through its history	Not required of elders as this would provide too high a standard; also, revelation need not continue after the canon is complete (Rev. 22:18-19)
Foundation for the Church	No—the foundation is not interpreted messages but divinely spoken and written messages from God to apostles and prophets	Foundational with apostleship (Eph. 2:20), meaning that it need not continue through Church history as a foundation is once-for-all (e.g., no apostles today)
Cessation	No hint is given in the NT that this gift has ceased or will do so in the church age	The gift will cease by someone other than self: passive voice (1 Cor. 13:8a; cf. Spiritual Gifts notes, 29)

1 Corinthians 15

His Body, Our Bodies



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Friday, 22 April 2022



Give Up God (2022 NY Times)

**—Passover
Issue
(= Good
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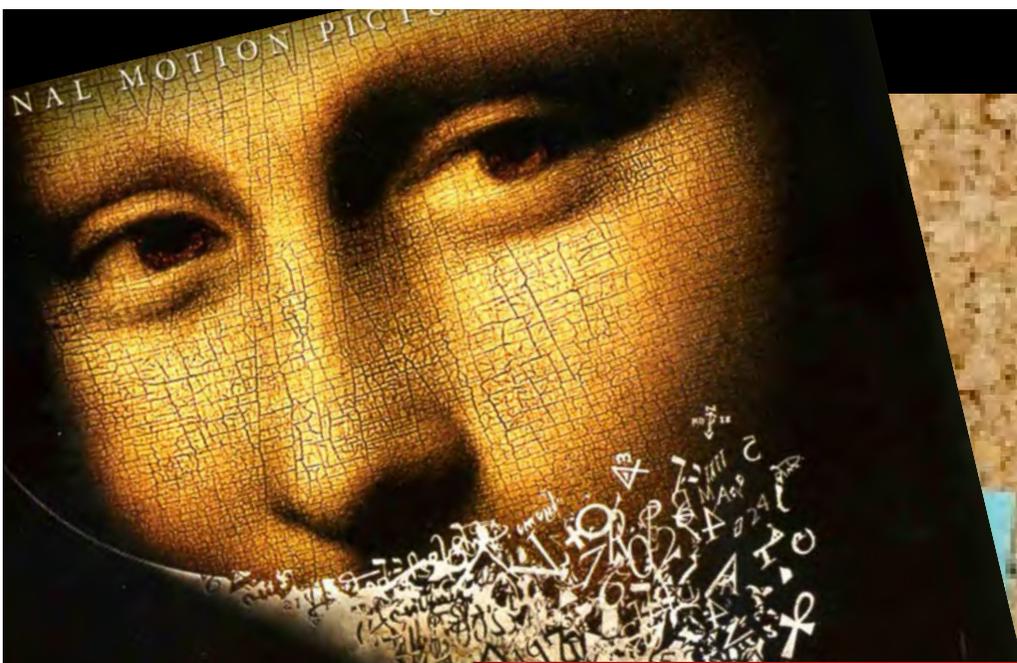


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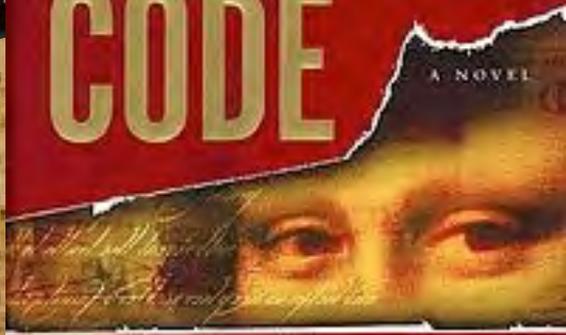
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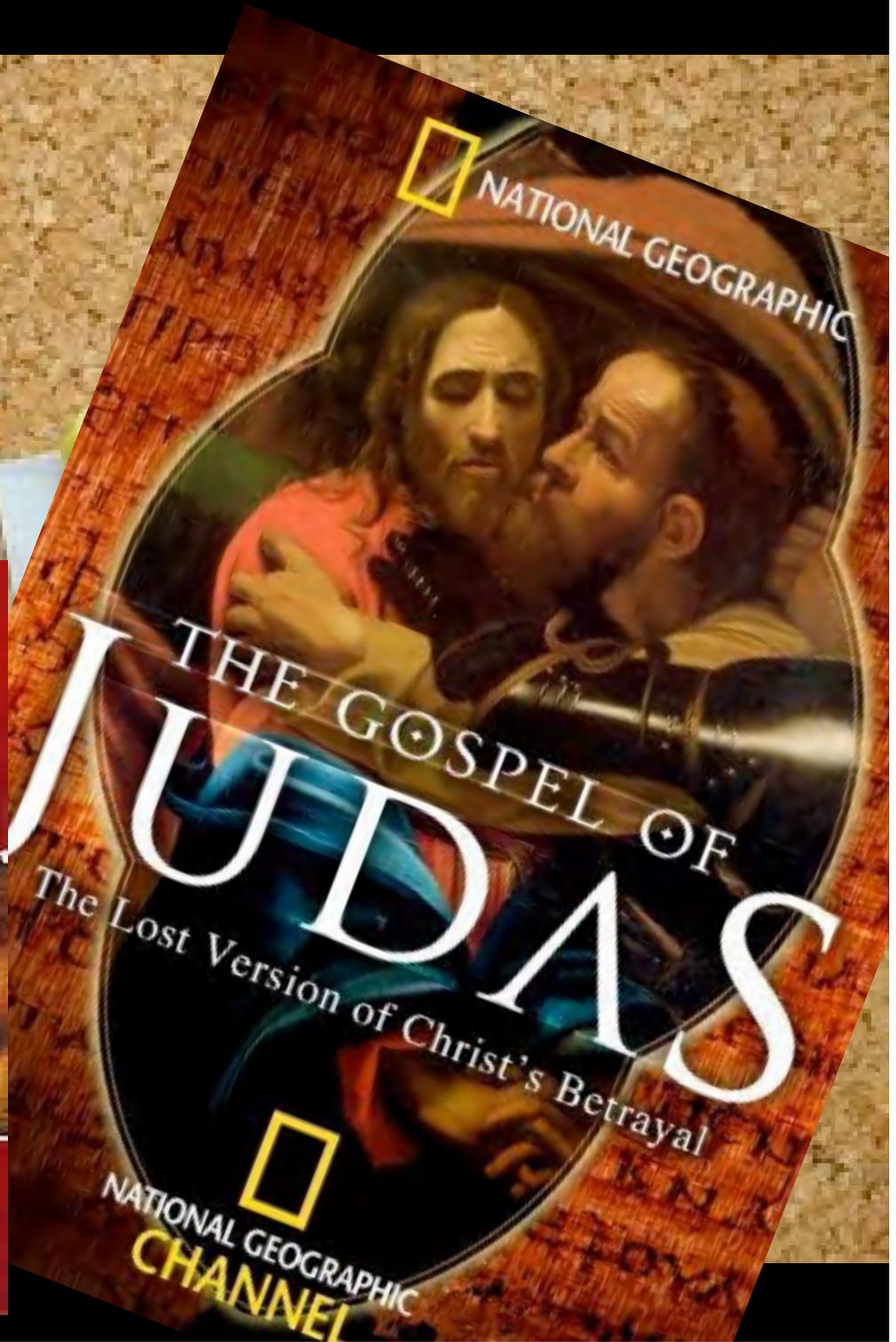
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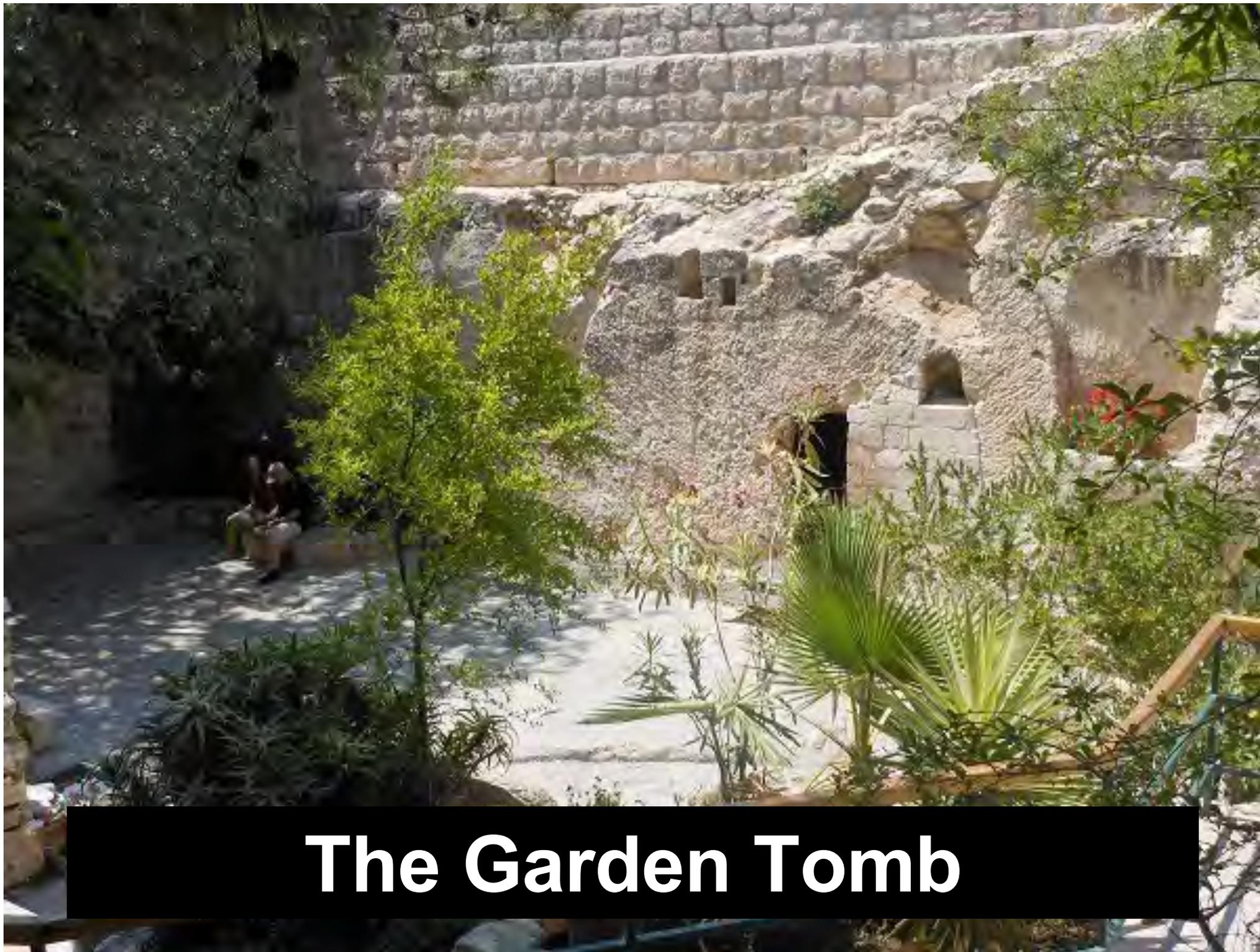


“The Bones of Jesus”

James Cameron
26 February 2007
REUTERS/Mike Segar



***What difference does it
make to you?***



The Garden Tomb

A wooden sign with a rough, torn edge is mounted on a dark brown wooden door. The sign is light-colored wood and has the text "HE IS NOT HERE - FOR HE IS RISEN" carved into it in a dark, blocky font. The door is set in a stone wall, and a bright light source is visible on the left side of the frame.

HE IS NOT HERE -
FOR HE IS RISEN"

**What's so important about
Christ's resurrection?**



Athens

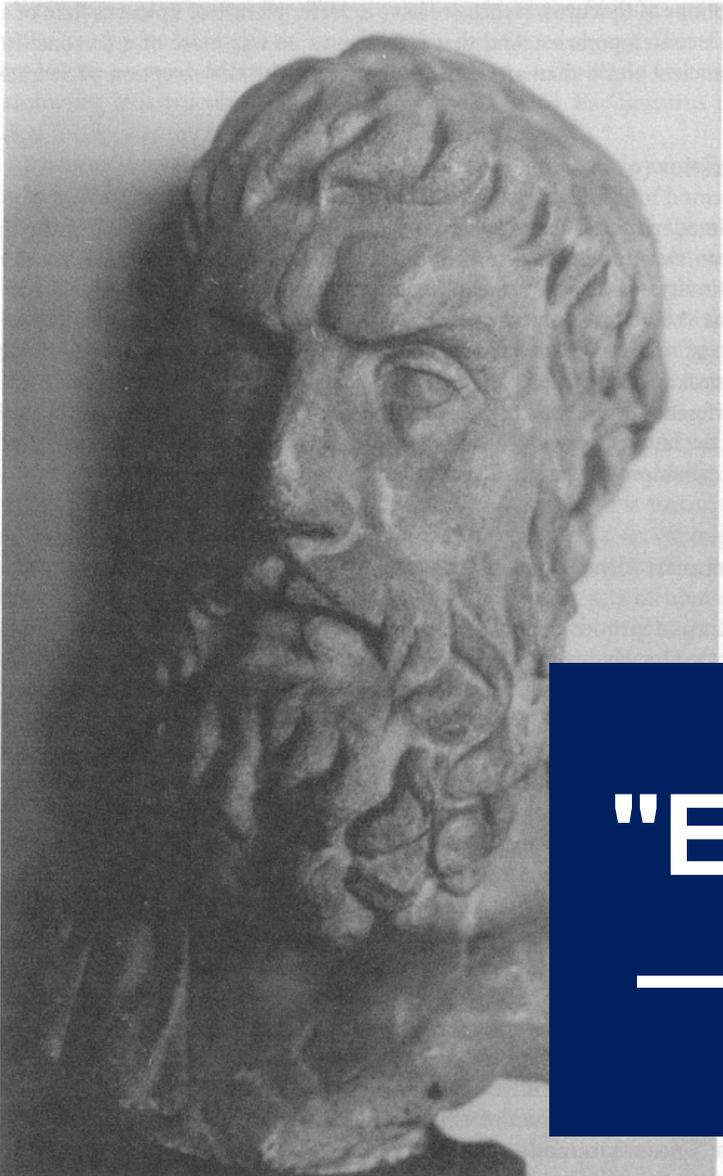
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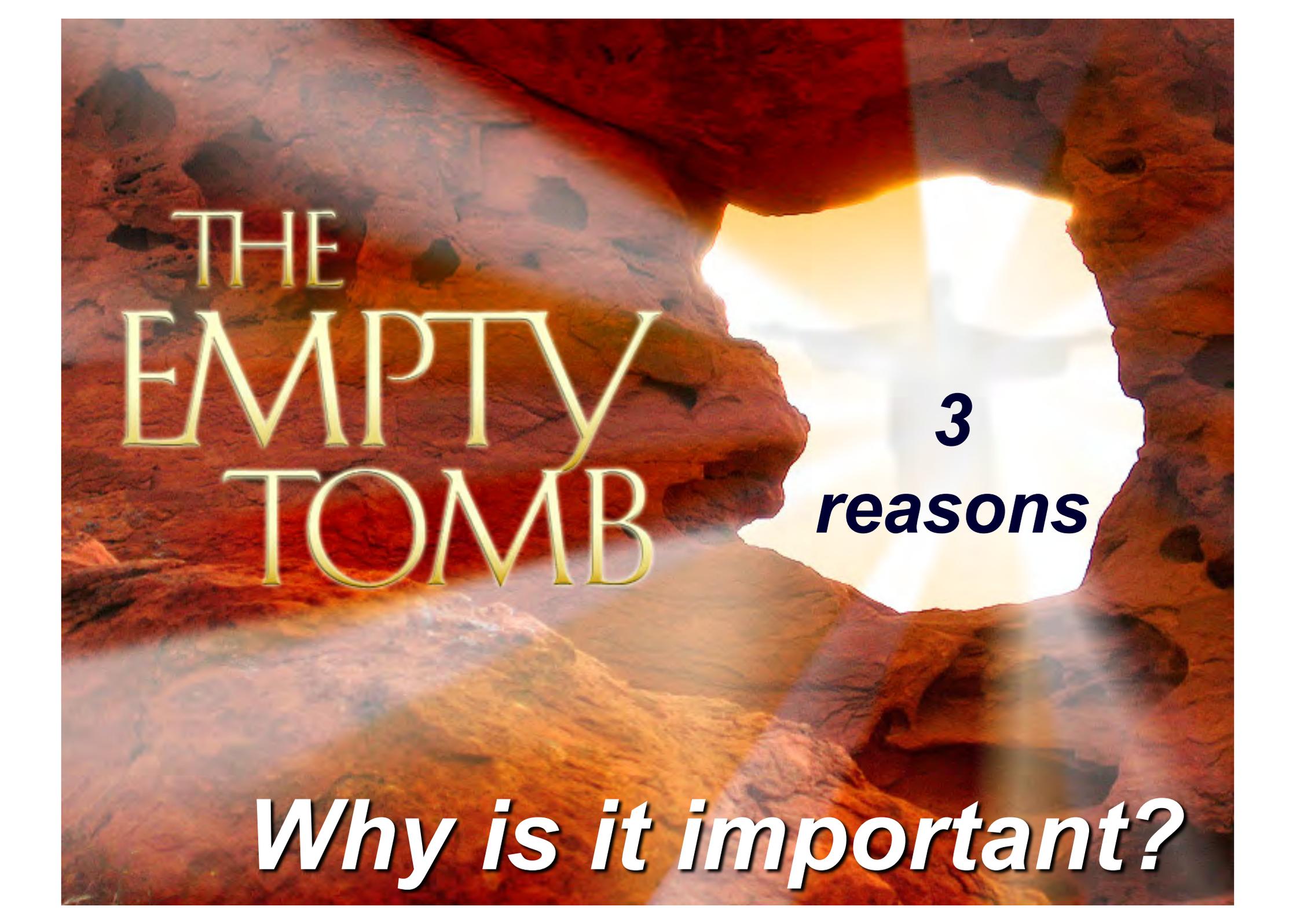


The Corinthian Isthmus

Epicureans & Stoics at the Parthenon



**"Eat, drink, and be merry
—for tomorrow we die!"**



THE
EMPTY
TOMB

3
reasons

Why is it important?

A landscape photograph showing three crosses on a hill under a sunset sky. The sun is low on the right, casting a warm glow over the scene. The crosses are silhouetted against the bright sky. The overall tone is golden and dramatic.

**I. Christ's resurrection is a key
part of the **gospel**
(1 Cor. 15:1-11).**

THE THIRD DAY

**"Now, brothers, I
want to remind you
of **the gospel**
I preached to you...**

**For what I received I
passed on to you of
first importance..."**

(1 Cor 15:1a, 3a NIV)





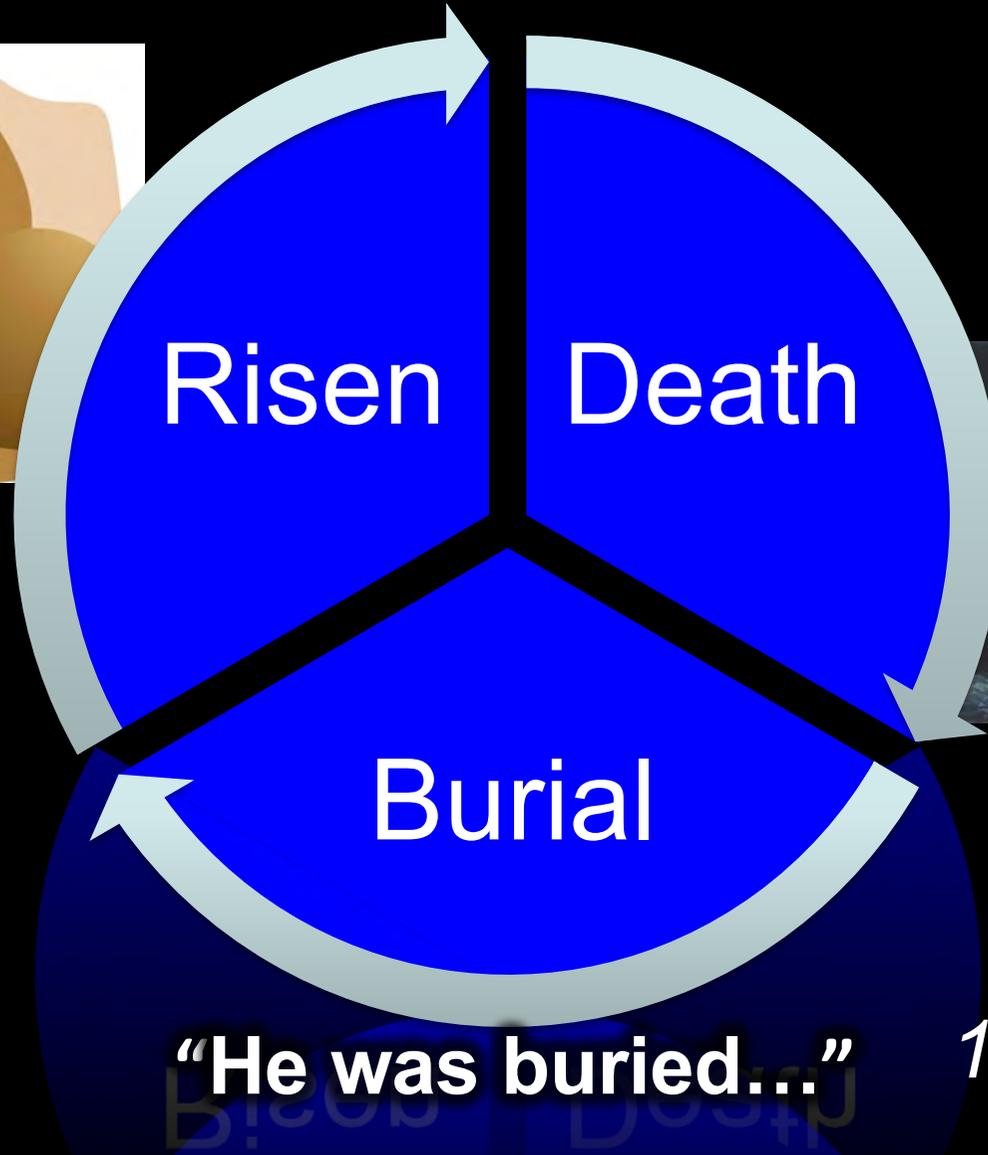
What's the Gospel?

The **Full** Gospel

“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...”

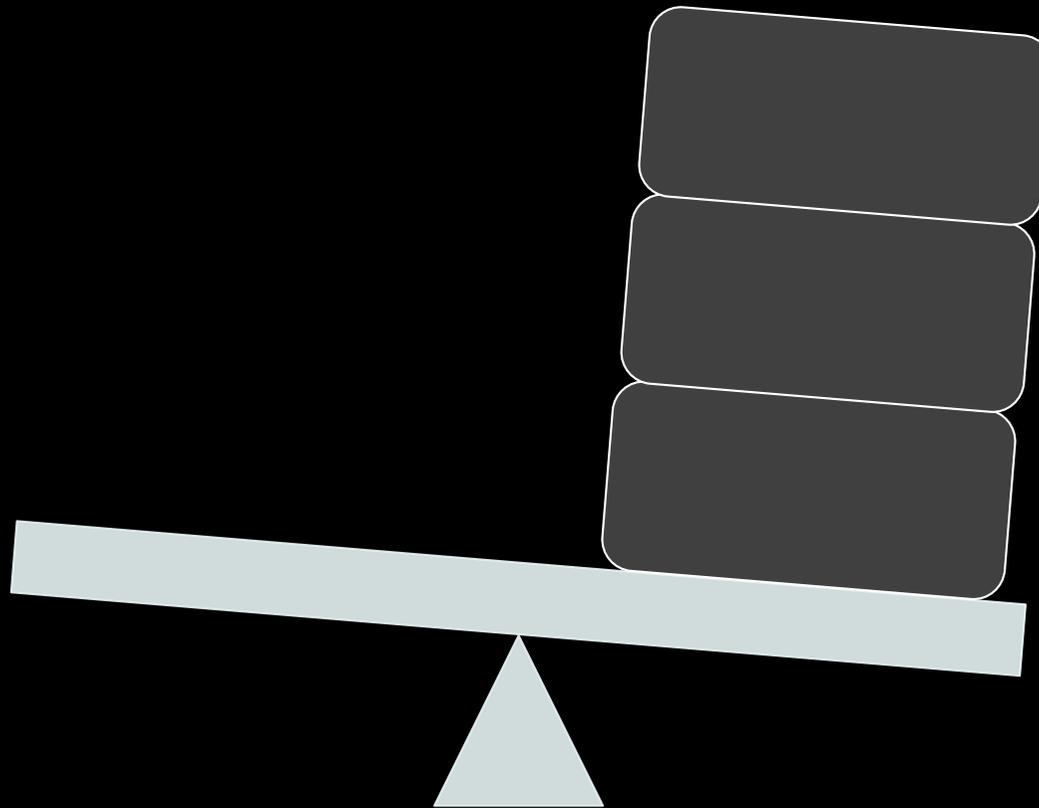
“He was buried...”

1 Cor. 15:3-4

What's the Difference?

Alive

Dead



What's the Difference?

⁵He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. ⁶After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles.

Alive

Dead

Jesus



A photograph of a wooden door with a sign. The sign is made of a lighter-colored wood and has the text "HE IS NOT HERE - FOR HE IS RISEN" written on it in dark, block letters. The door is set in a stone wall. A bright light source is visible on the left side of the frame, creating a lens flare effect.

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**II. Christ's resurrection will
resurrect us in new bodies
later (1 Cor 15:12-57).**



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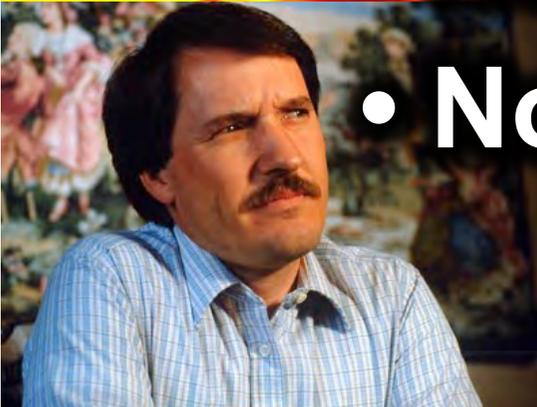
We teach...

THE RISEN CHRIST



Doubting the resurrection leads to **hopelessness** (12-19)

- Both resurrections stand or fall together (12-13)
- Preaching/faith useless (14)
- Preachers are liars (15-16)
- No forgiveness (17)
- No heaven (18)





Doubting the resurrection leads
to **hopelessness** (12-19)

- Both resurrection and hopelessness fall together
- Preaching the resurrection is useless (14)
- Preaching the resurrection are liars (15-16)
- No forgiveness (17)
- No heaven (18)
- Most pitiful creatures (19)

833 martyrs daily!





ETERNAL

Hope

I TIMOTHY 4:10

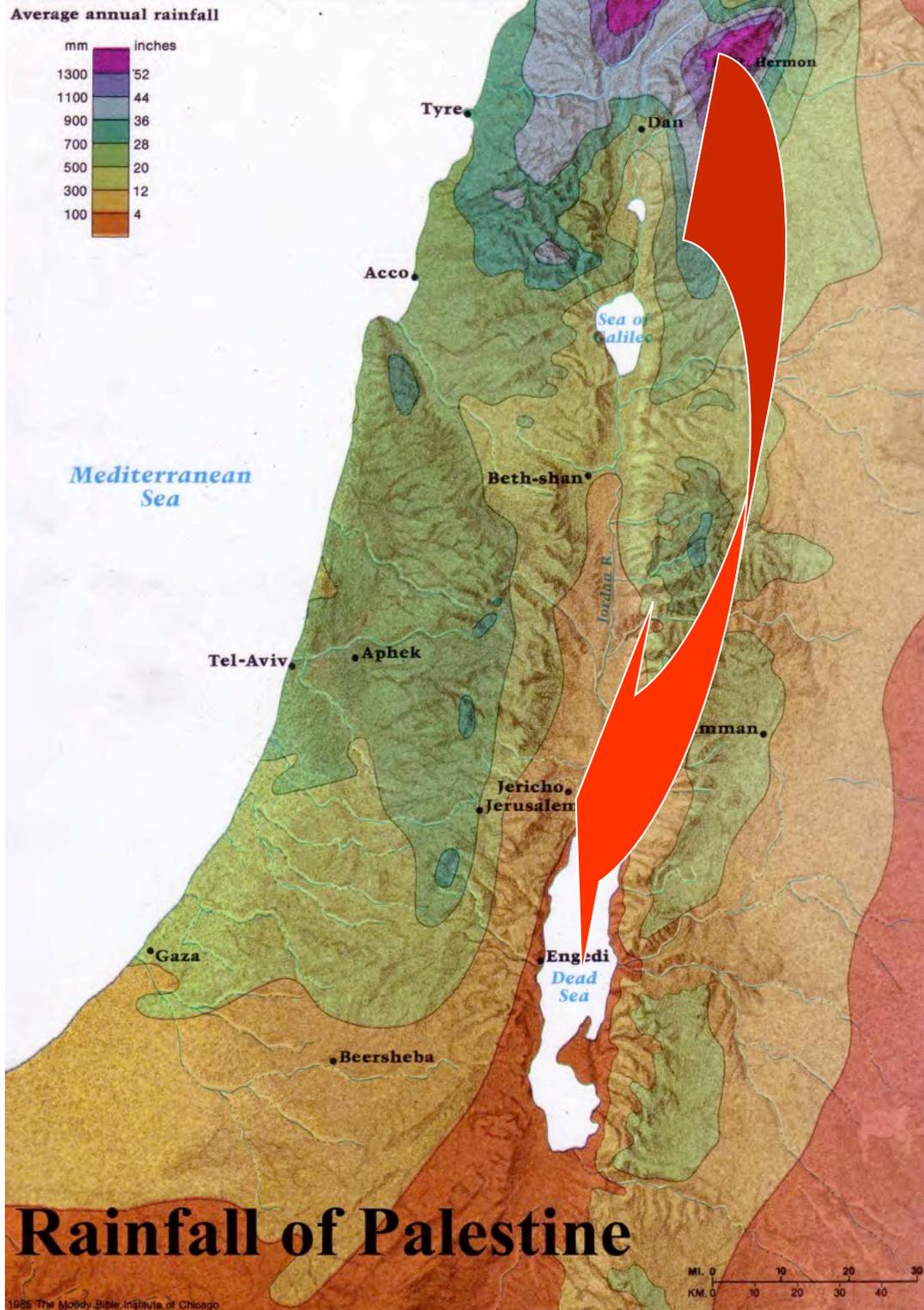
Believing the resurrection leads to **hope** (20-28)

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

Let's see each of these...

Hope for **our resurrection** comes from
His victory over the cross (20-23)





- Harvested in the far north of Israel
- Brought down to Jerusalem

Firstfruits: Wave Sheaf Offering



- Harvested in the far north of Israel
- Brought down to Jerusalem
- Waved before the LORD

Firstfruits Temple Offering



- ***We will
reign with
Christ
(24-27a)!***

On his robe and on his thigh
he has this name written:

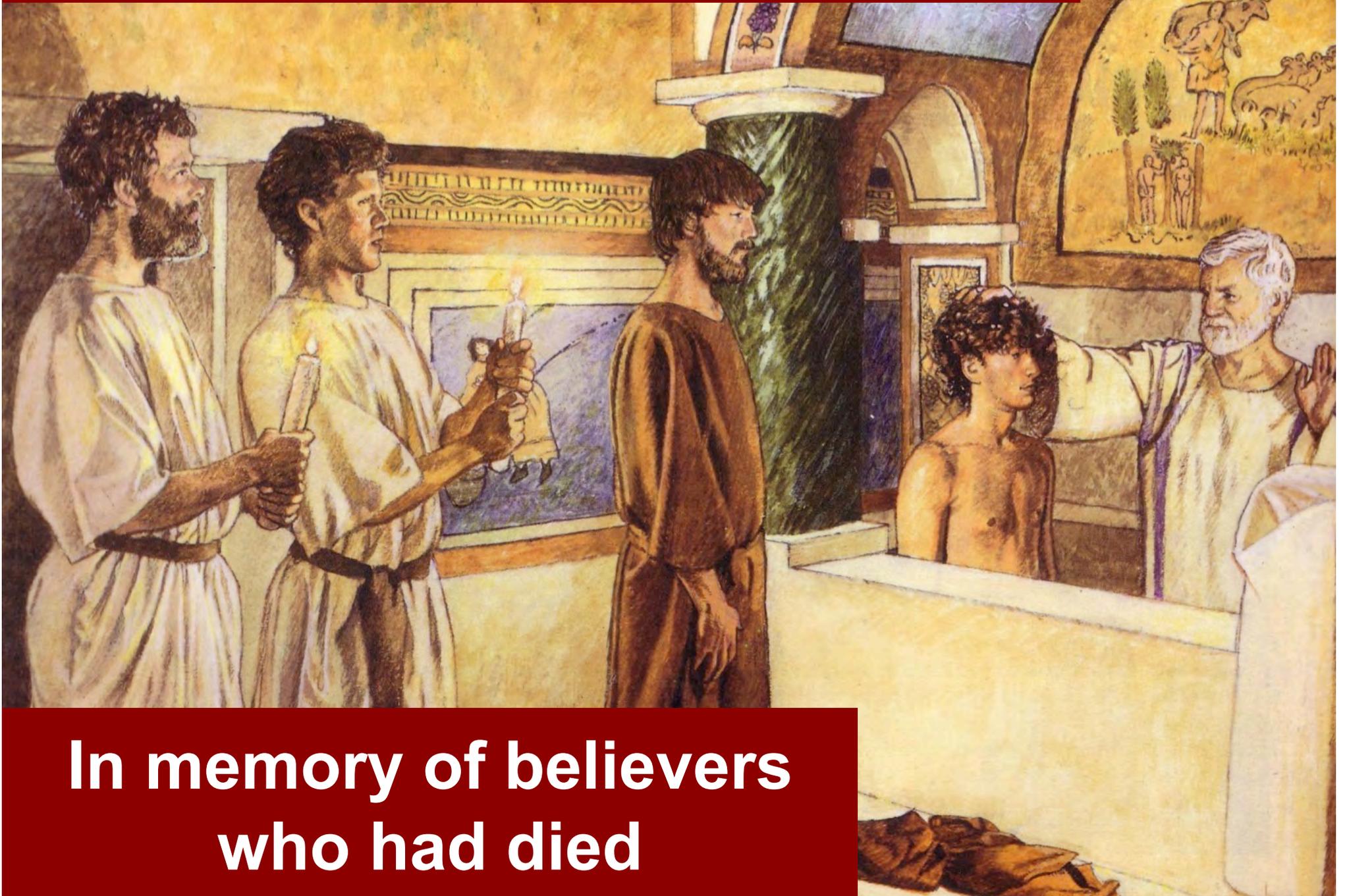
KING OF KINGS
and
LORD OF LORDS.

REVELATION 19:16



His kingdom will be over all (27b-28)

First Century Christian Baptism

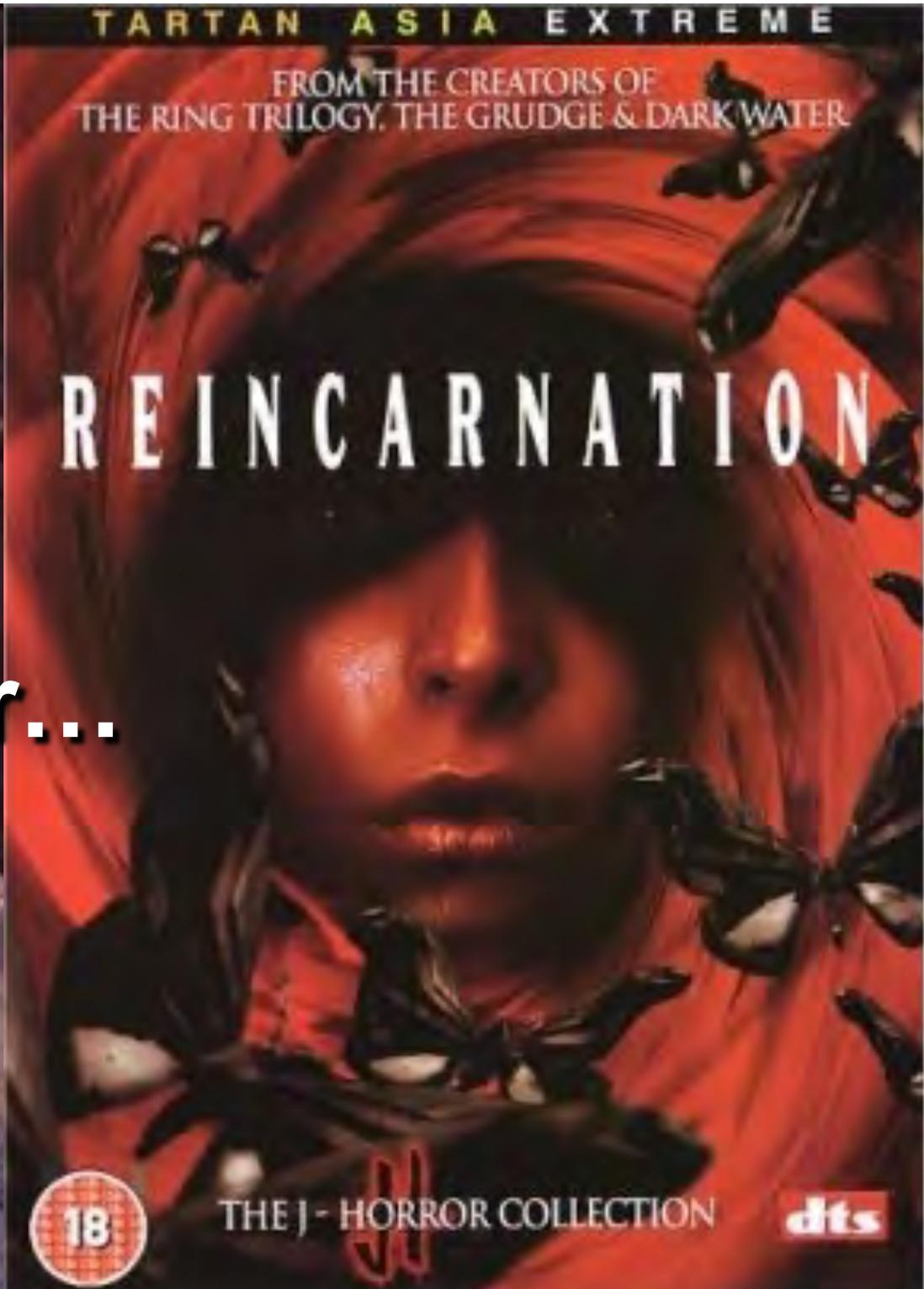


**In memory of believers
who had died**



or...

Resurrection?



Silk Air MI 185 Crash

19 December 1997



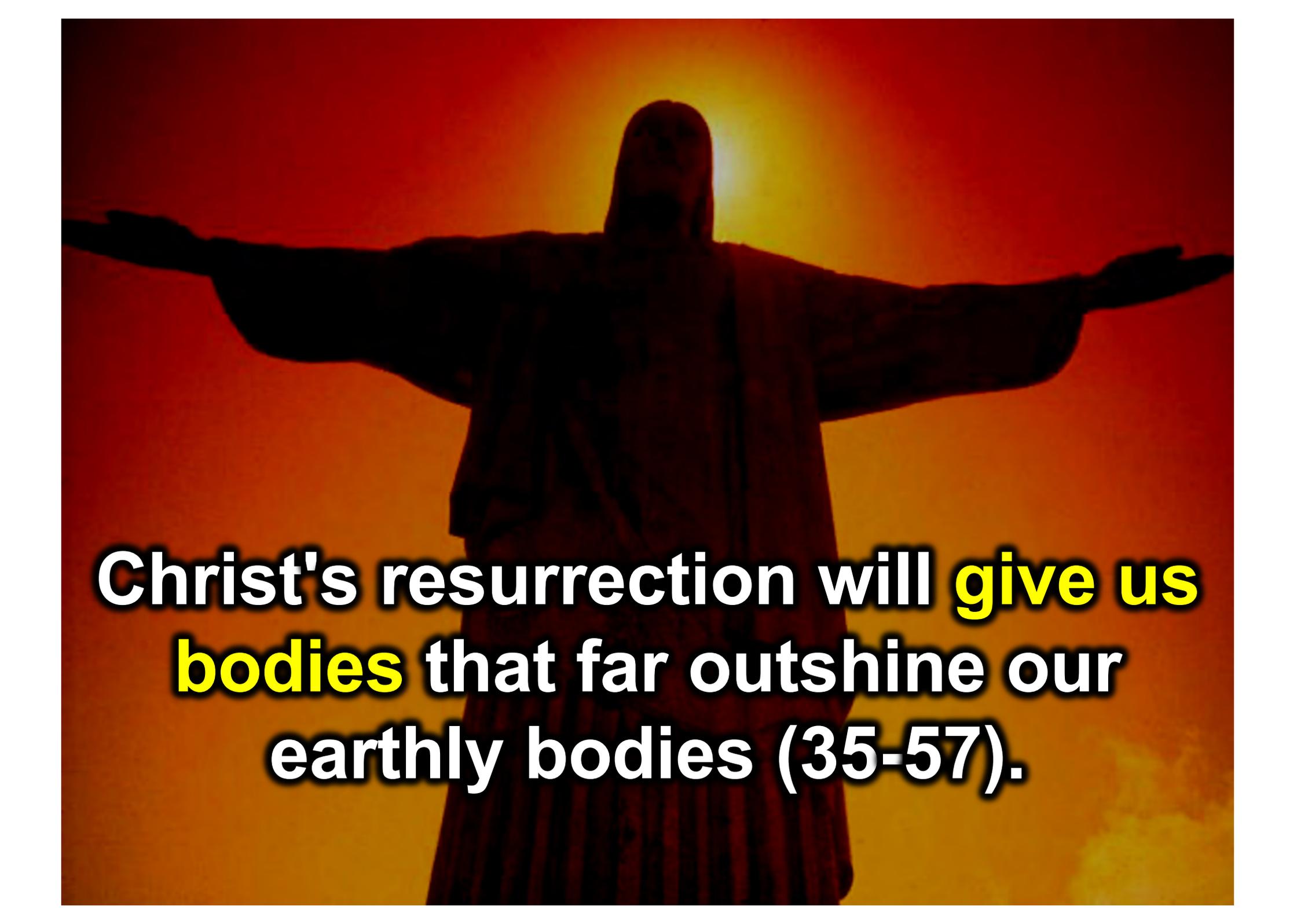
“Hope” in reincarnations...

"What is in store in your next life depends on what you do in this one... If [you don't share your wealth with others], you could be born into the world of the hungry ghosts or be reborn as an animal....At times of tragedies and sudden deaths, it helps to regard death as escape from this imperfect world to a possibly better next life, so surviving relatives can find peace in their loss."

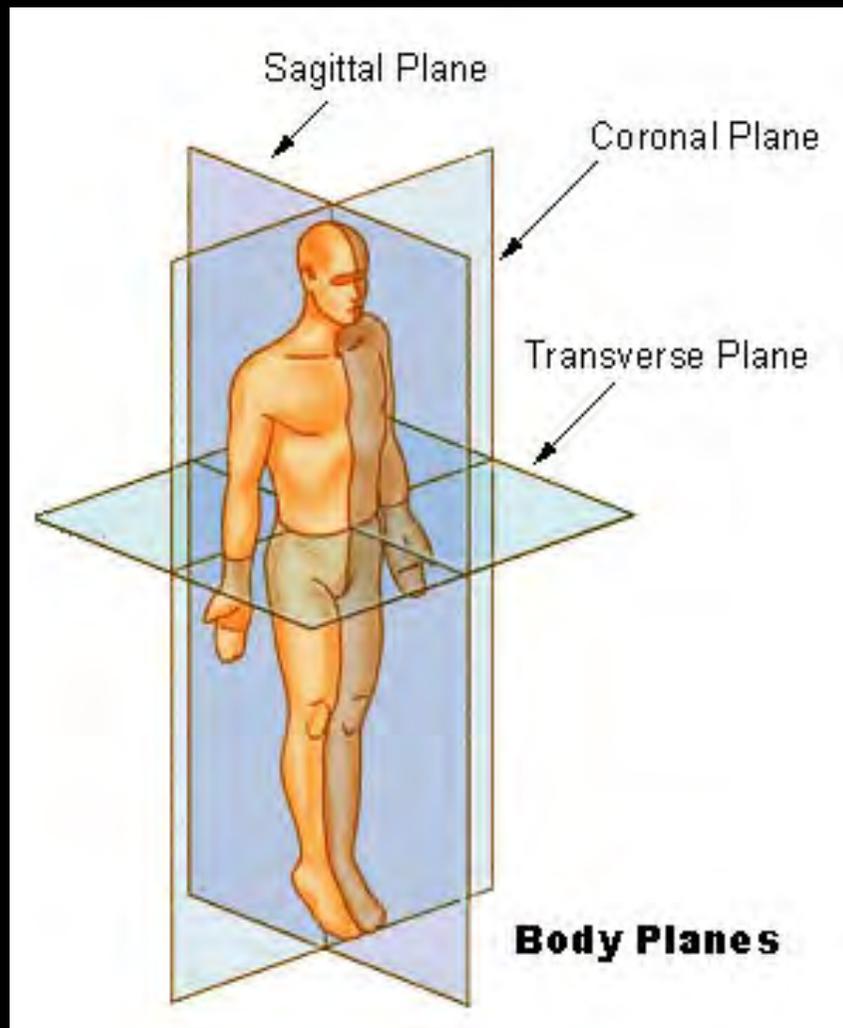
—President of the Singapore Buddhist Foundation



**What
does hope
in Christ
offer us
instead?**

A silhouette of a person with their arms outstretched horizontally, set against a vibrant sunset background with a bright sun low on the horizon. The person appears to be wearing a long, flowing robe or garment.

**Christ's resurrection will give us
bodies that far outshine our
earthly bodies (35-57).**



Perfect Bodies!

The Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15

- Christ rose from the dead
- Therefore we will also rise from the dead

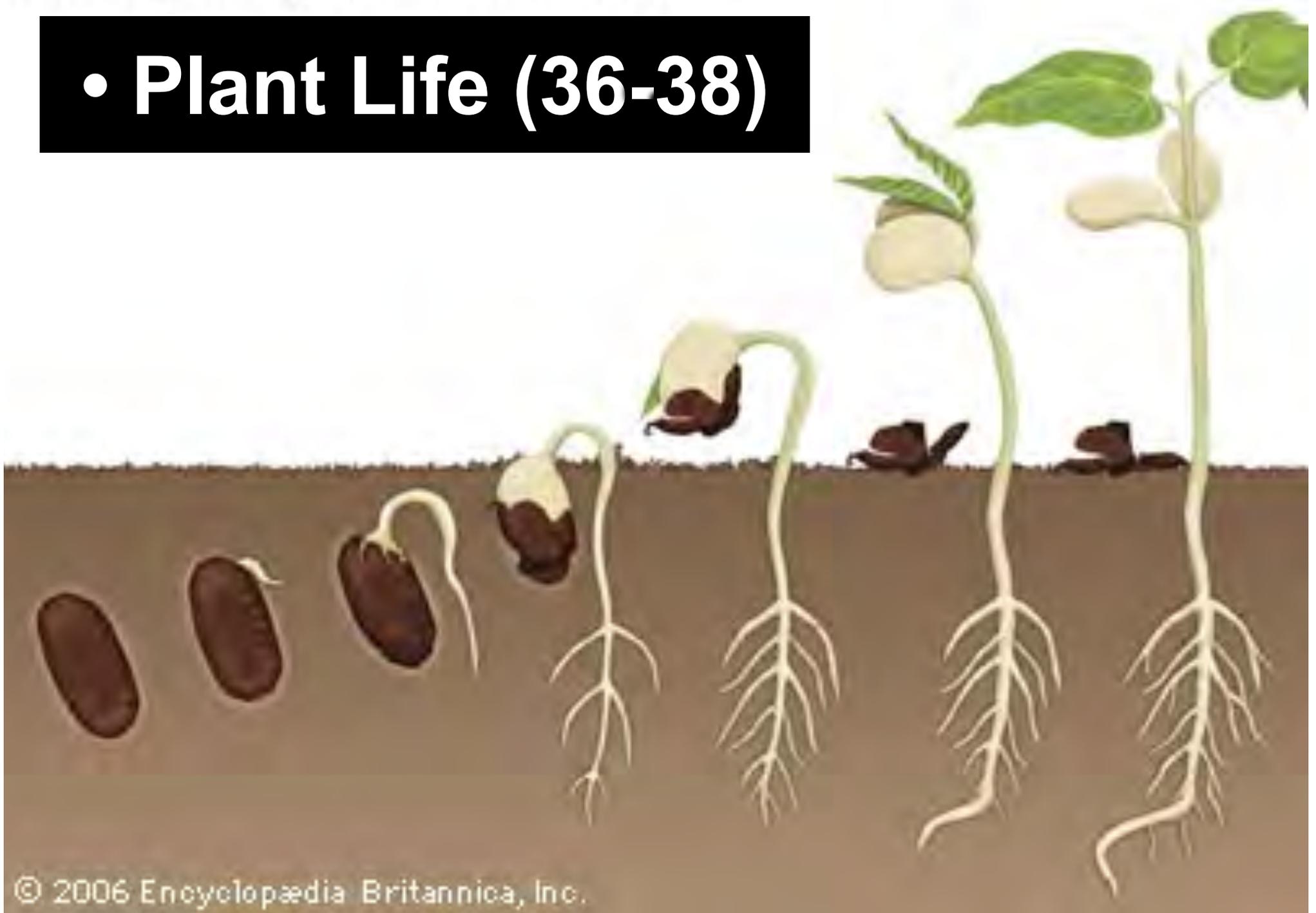
15:35	15:36	15:45	15:50
Two Questions	Three answers: The resurrection body is...		
How raised? What body?	Illustrated in nature	Necessary from Old Testament	Experienced at the Second Coming

Three Illustrations of Our New Bodies:

- **Plant Life (36-38)**
- **Animal Life (39)**
- **Inanimate Objects (40-41)**

How a plant grows from a seed

- **Plant Life (36-38)**

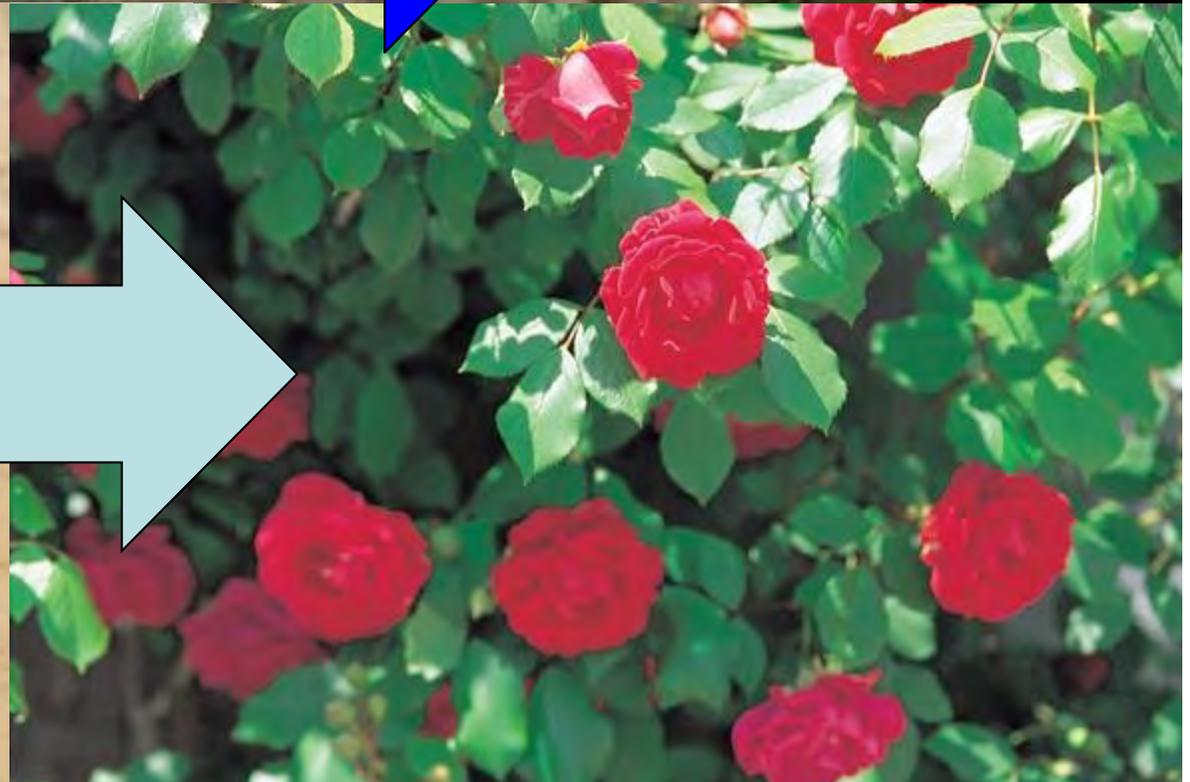
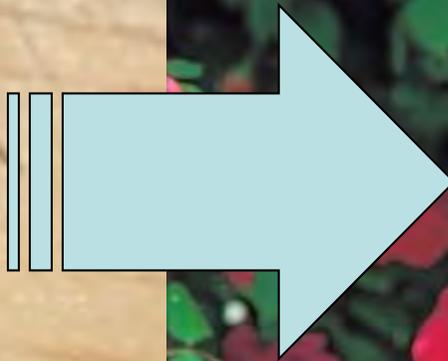


- **Plant Life (36-38)**

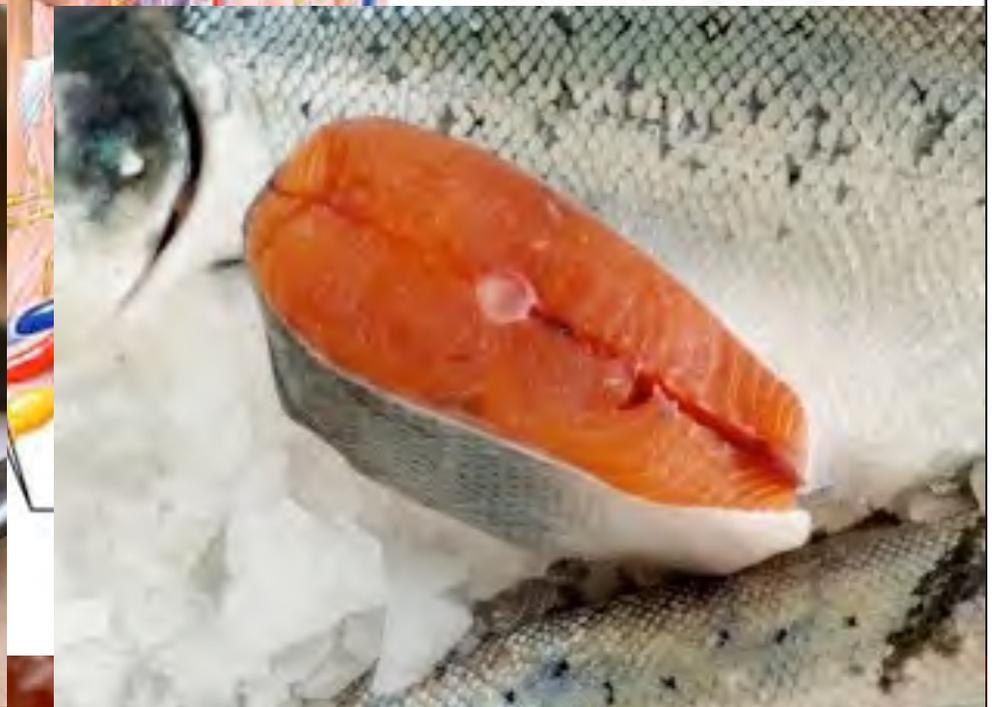
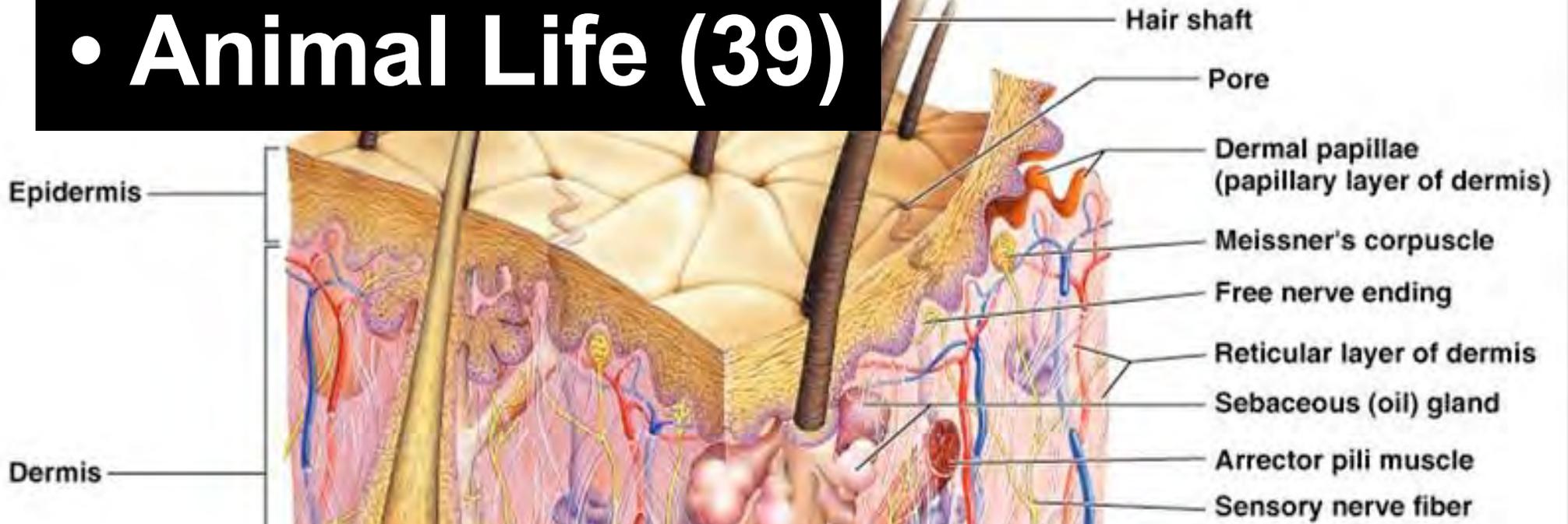
**Built
AD 1120**

**856
years old!**

**Found
AD 1976**



• Animal Life (39)



- **Inanimate Objects (40-41)**

**Earthly
bodies**



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**Heavenly
bodies**



The Resurrected Body (42-57)



Resurrection is better (42-44a)!

42—die... → ...to never die!
43a—sin... → ...to never sin!
43b—weak... → ...to powerful!
44a—physical... → ...to spiritual!

HE IS RISEN...
HE IS RISEN INDEED





LORD of Lords



LORD *of* LORDS

A close-up photograph of a baby wearing a white t-shirt. The t-shirt has the text "We Shall Not All Sleep" printed in a blue, cursive font. The baby's hands are resting on their stomach. The background is plain white.

*We Shall
Not All
Sleep*

The Rapture



© Duncan Long

We will join him in the clouds





**Where, O death,
is your**

Victory

**Where, O death,
is your sting?**

1 Corinthians 15:55

1 Cor 15:55 Text



**III. Our future resurrection
should spur us to serve
Him **confidently** now
(1 Cor 15:58).**

- **Stand firm in the resurrection**
- **Don't let anyone shake your faith**
- **Serve Christ wholeheartedly**
- **You'll be rewarded**

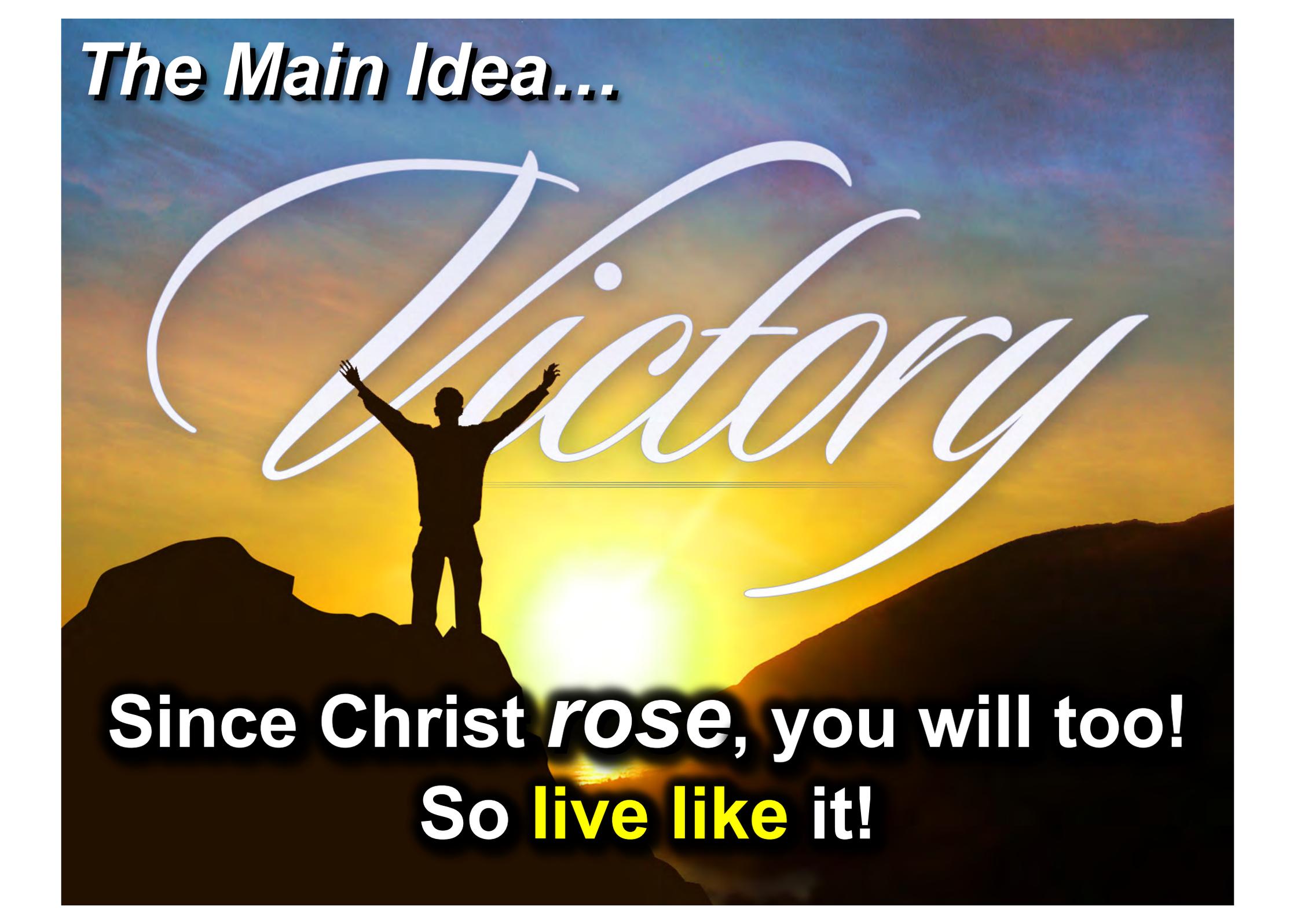
A photograph of a dark wooden door with a light-colored wooden sign. The sign has the text "HE IS NOT HERE - FOR HE IS RISEN" written on it in a simple, hand-painted font. The door is set in a stone wall, and a bright light source is visible on the left side of the frame.

HE IS NOT HERE -
FOR HE IS RISEN

**What's so important about
Christ's resurrection?**

The Main Idea....

Victory



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

Resurrection life!



"...stand firm...give yourself fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain" (15:58 NIV)

1 Corinthians 16



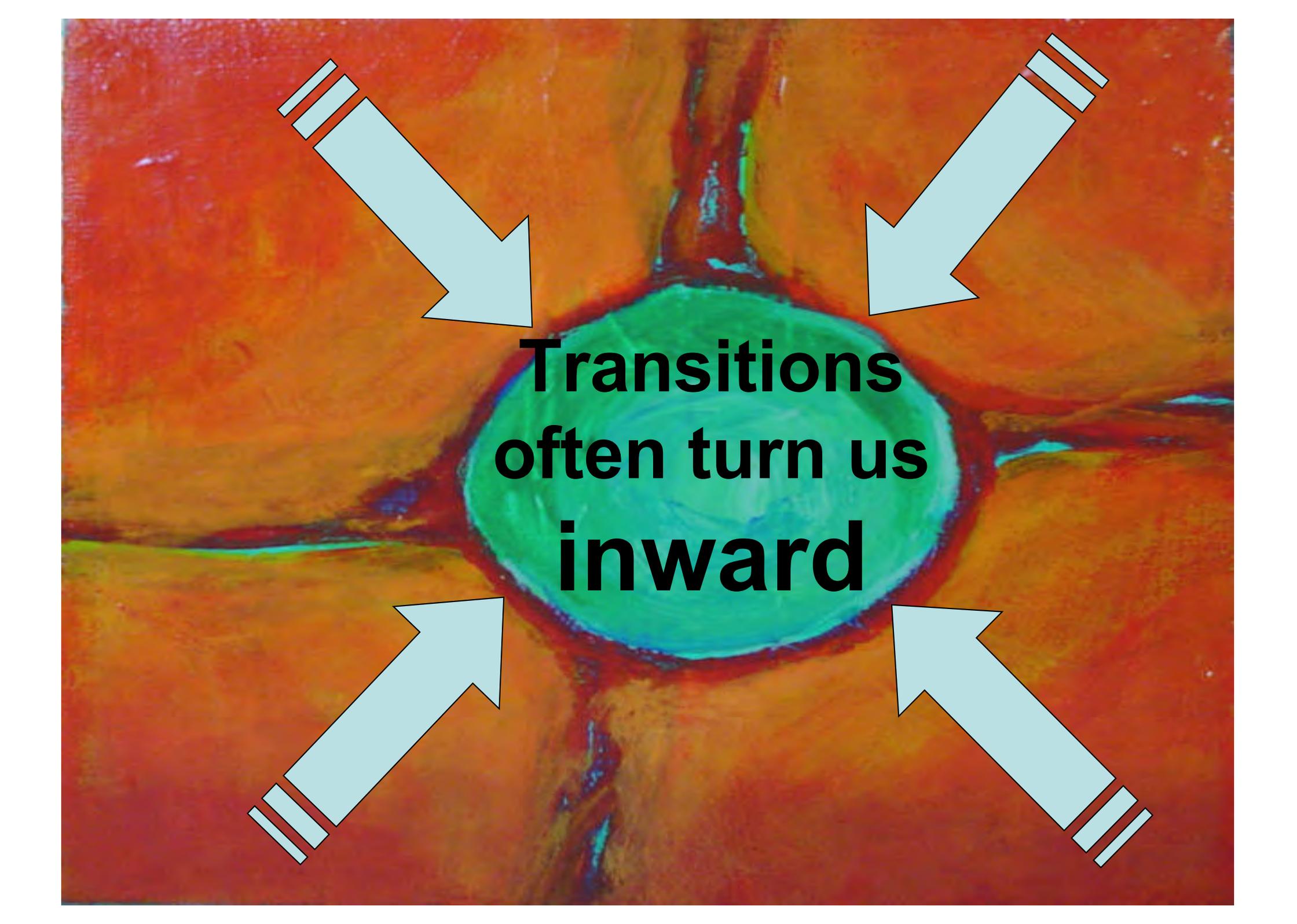
Others-Centered Christianity

1 Corinthians 16

Transitions

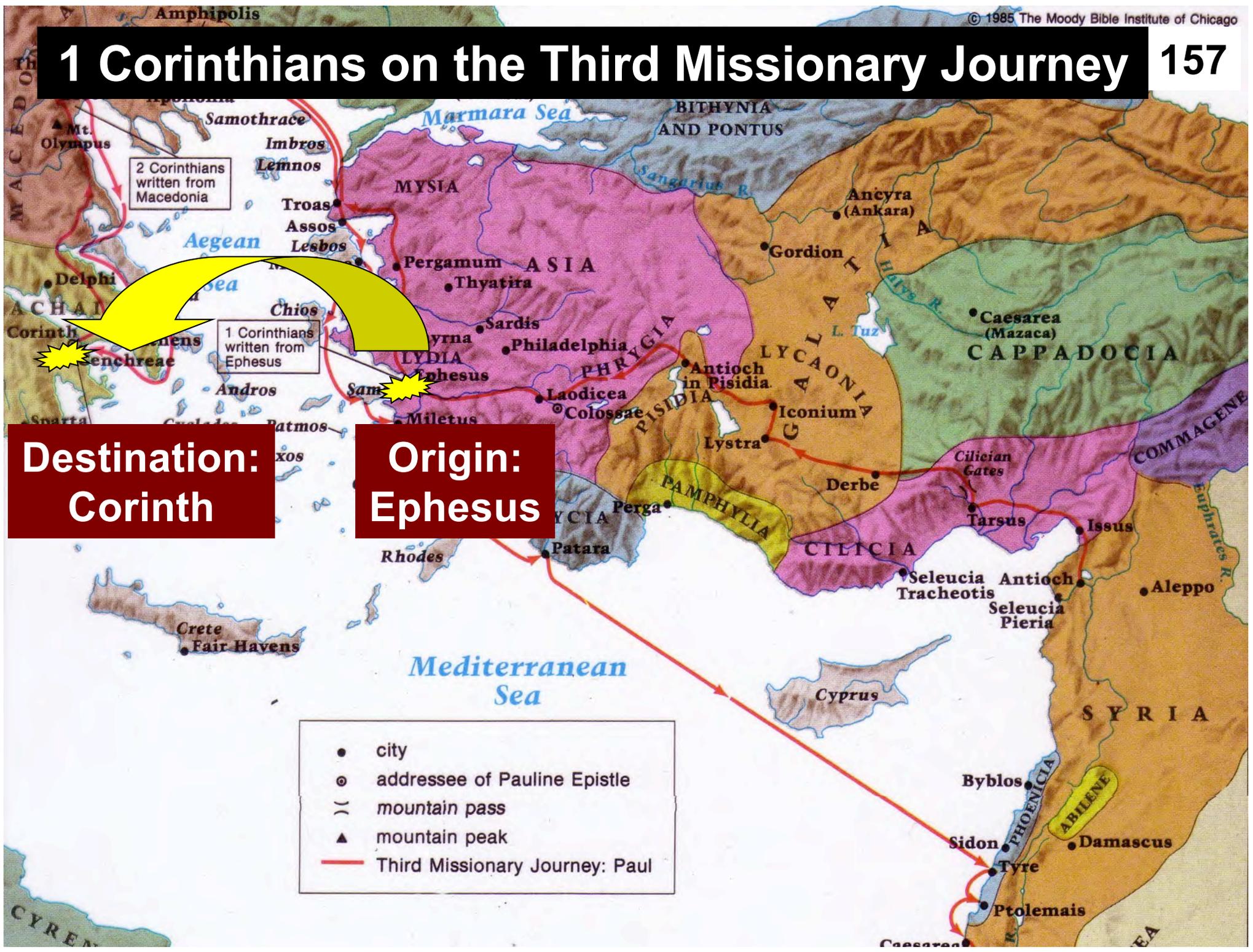
What's
yours?





**Transitions
often turn us
inward**

1 Corinthians on the Third Missionary Journey 157



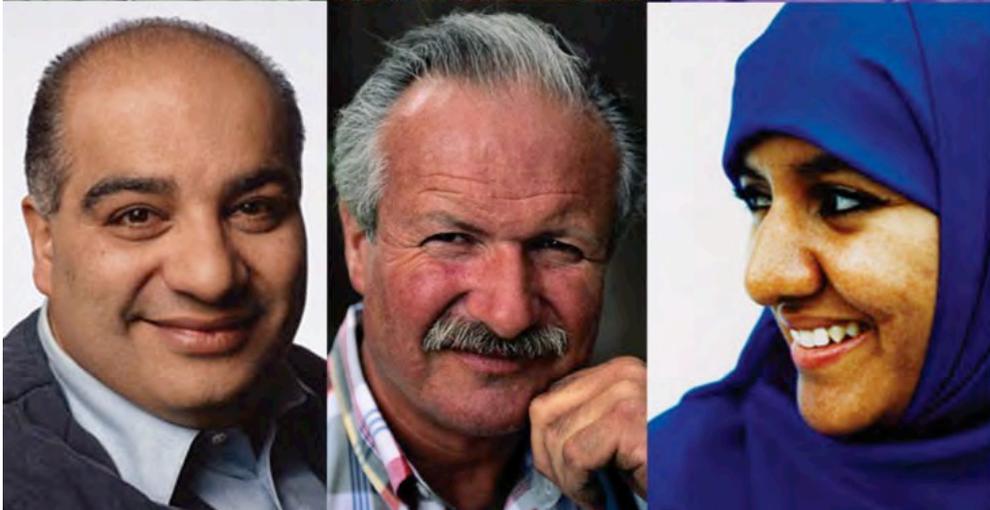
**Destination:
Corinth**

**Origin:
Ephesus**

2 Corinthians written from Macedonia

1 Corinthians written from Ephesus

- city
- ⊙ addressee of Pauline Epistle
-) mountain pass
- ▲ mountain peak
- Third Missionary Journey: Paul



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

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

**I. Give to needy saints
(16:1-4).**

**"Now about the collection for
the saints..."
(1 Cor. 16:1)**



The Collection (16:1-2)



Four of God's Commands on Giving



1. Give to believers in need (16:1)



2. Give regularly (16:2a)



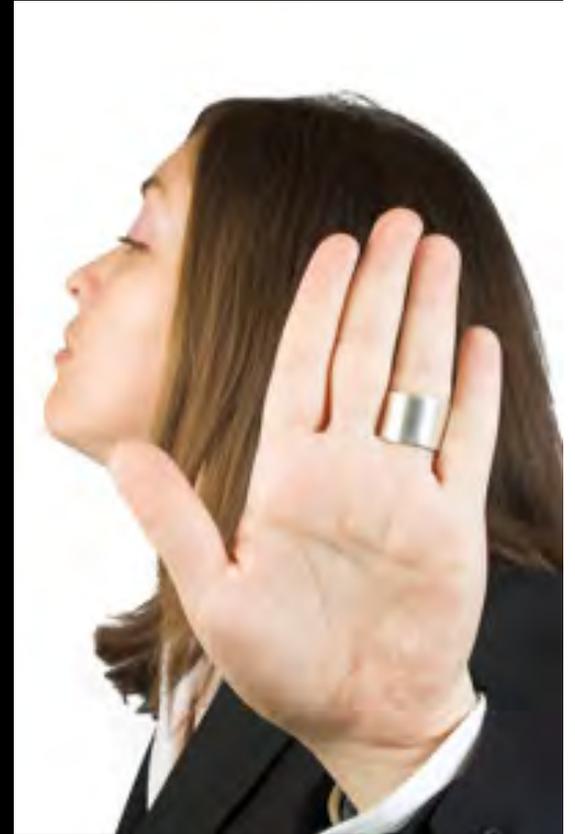
3. Give proportionately (16:2b)

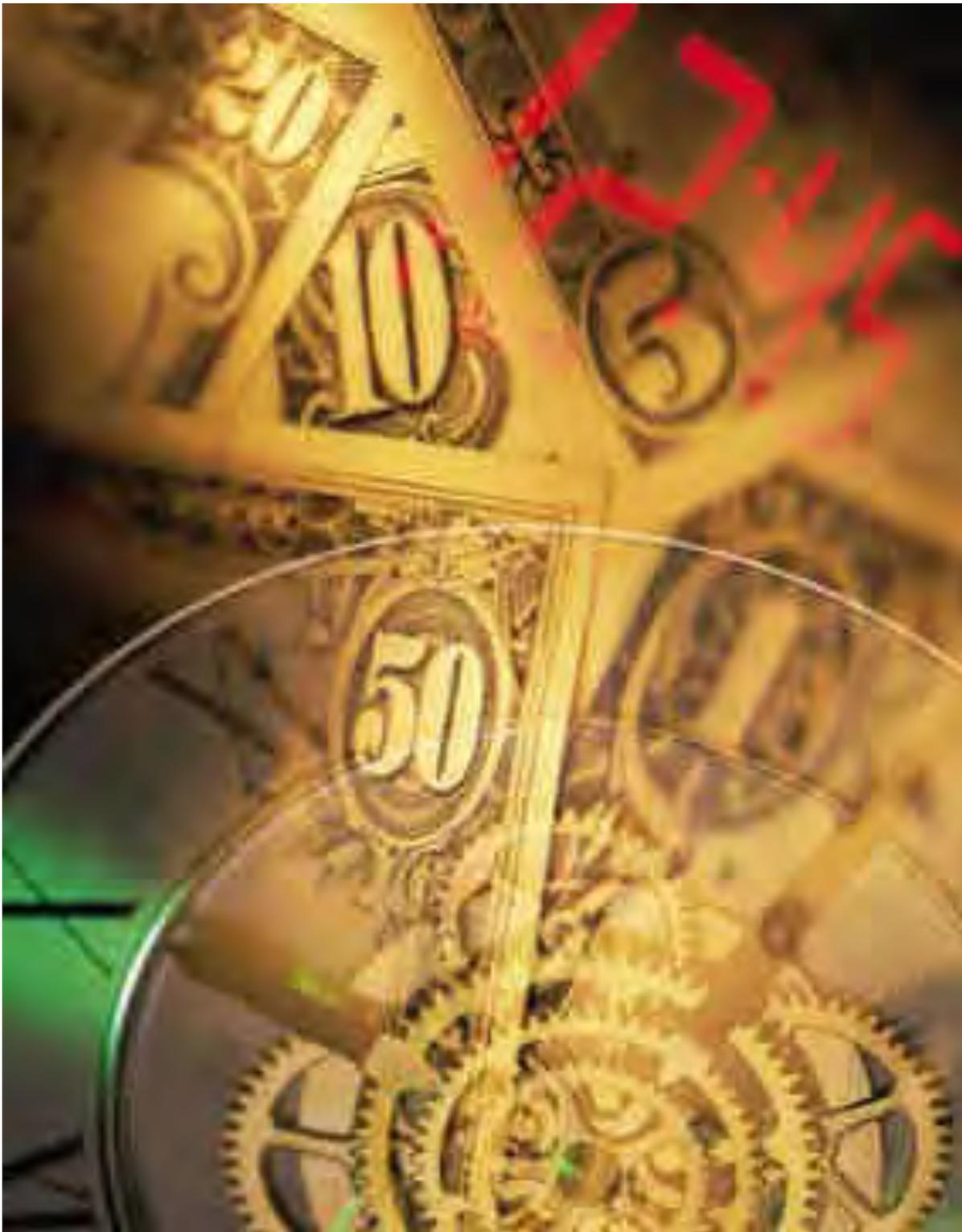
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What about the tithe?



Should Christians tithe?





Do you
want God to
bless you
based on
your net or
your gross?

Four of God's Commands on Giving



1. Give to believers in need (16:1)



2. Give regularly (16:2a)



3. Give proportionately (16:2b)



4. Give responsibly (16:3-4)

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How to advance the gospel during transition...

II. Minister as a team (16:5-18)

ONE

Vision of Unity

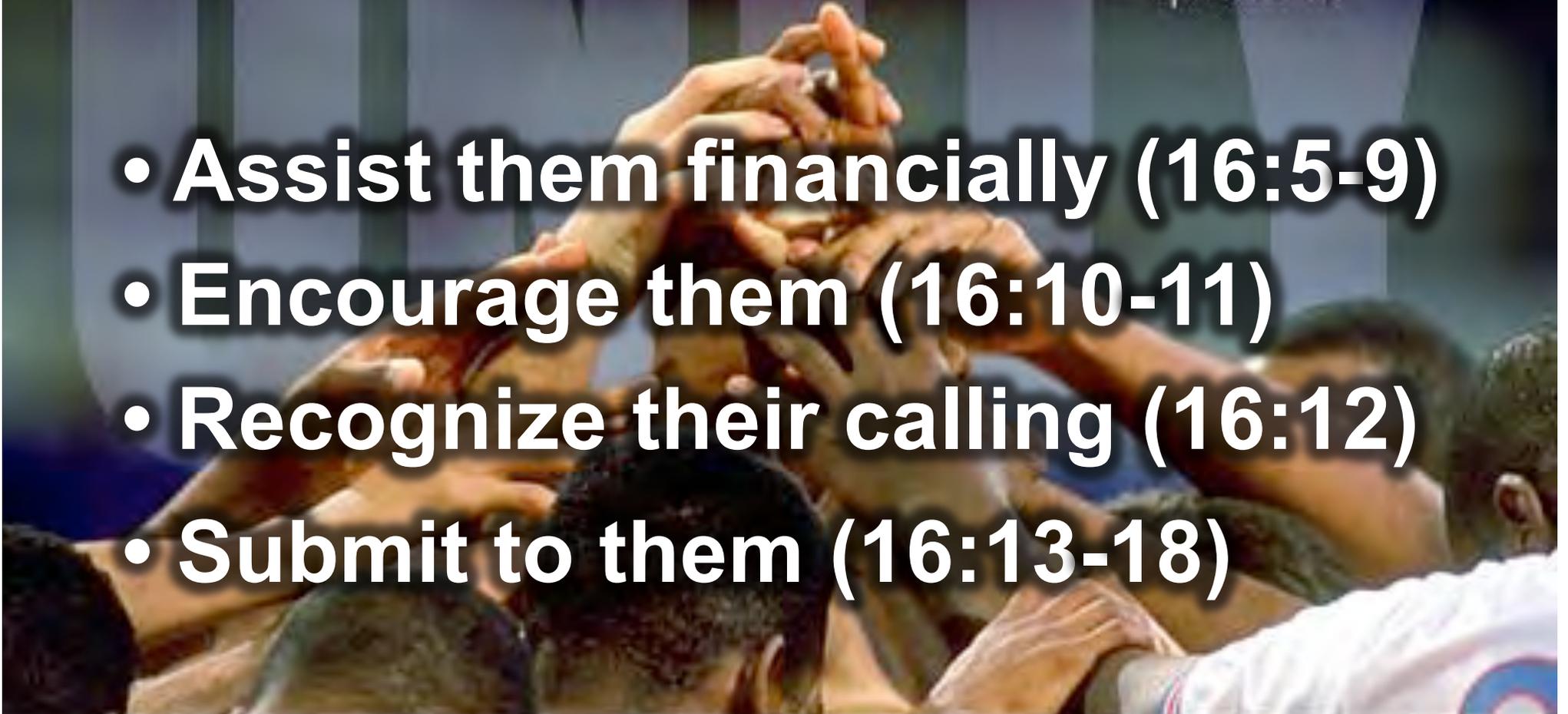
1 Corinthians 16

A. Show teamwork with your **leaders** (16:5-18)

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

—Ephesians 4:3

- Assist them financially (16:5-9)
- Encourage them (16:10-11)
- Recognize their calling (16:12)
- Submit to them (16:13-18)



B. Show teamwork with your **yourselves** (16:19-24)

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Main Idea of 1 Corinthians 16

Advance the gospel by...

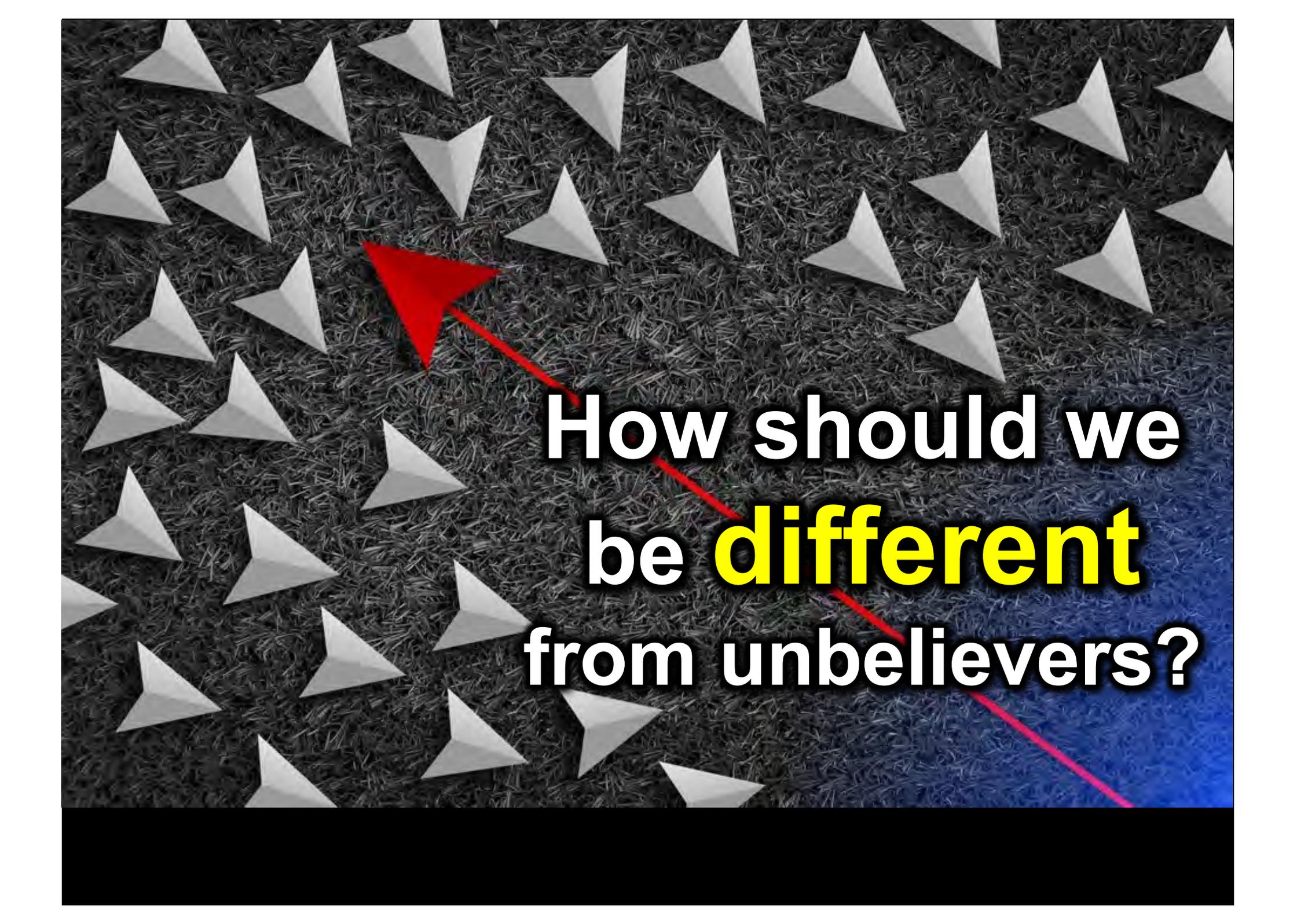
giving and...

teamwork



Herd Mentality





How should we
be **different**
from unbelievers?

How should we...

**BE
UNITED**
(1-4)

**BE
MORAL**
(5-6)

**BE
DIFFERENT**

**BE
SELFLESS**
(7-16)

1 Corinthians

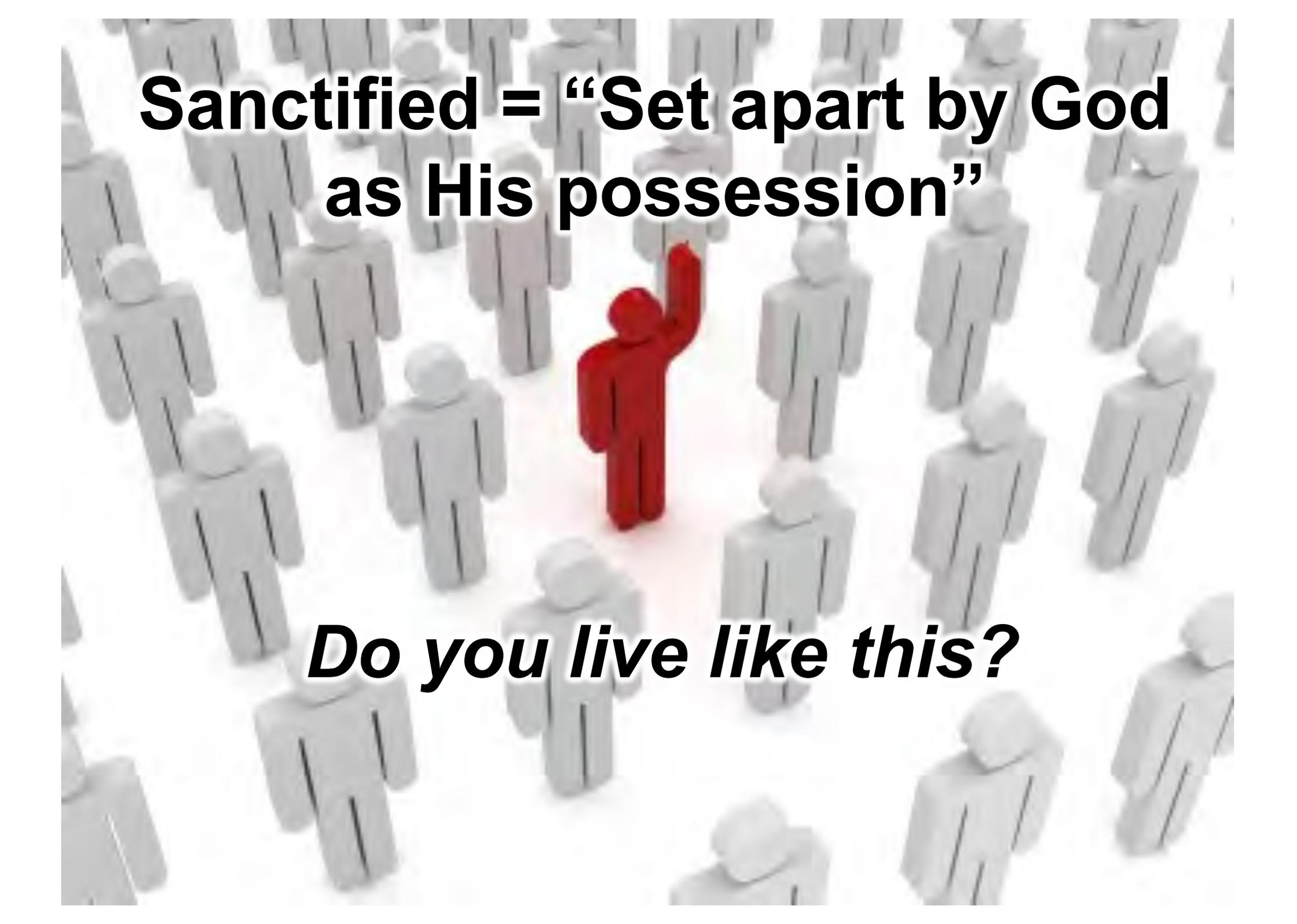
...from unbelievers?

Main Idea

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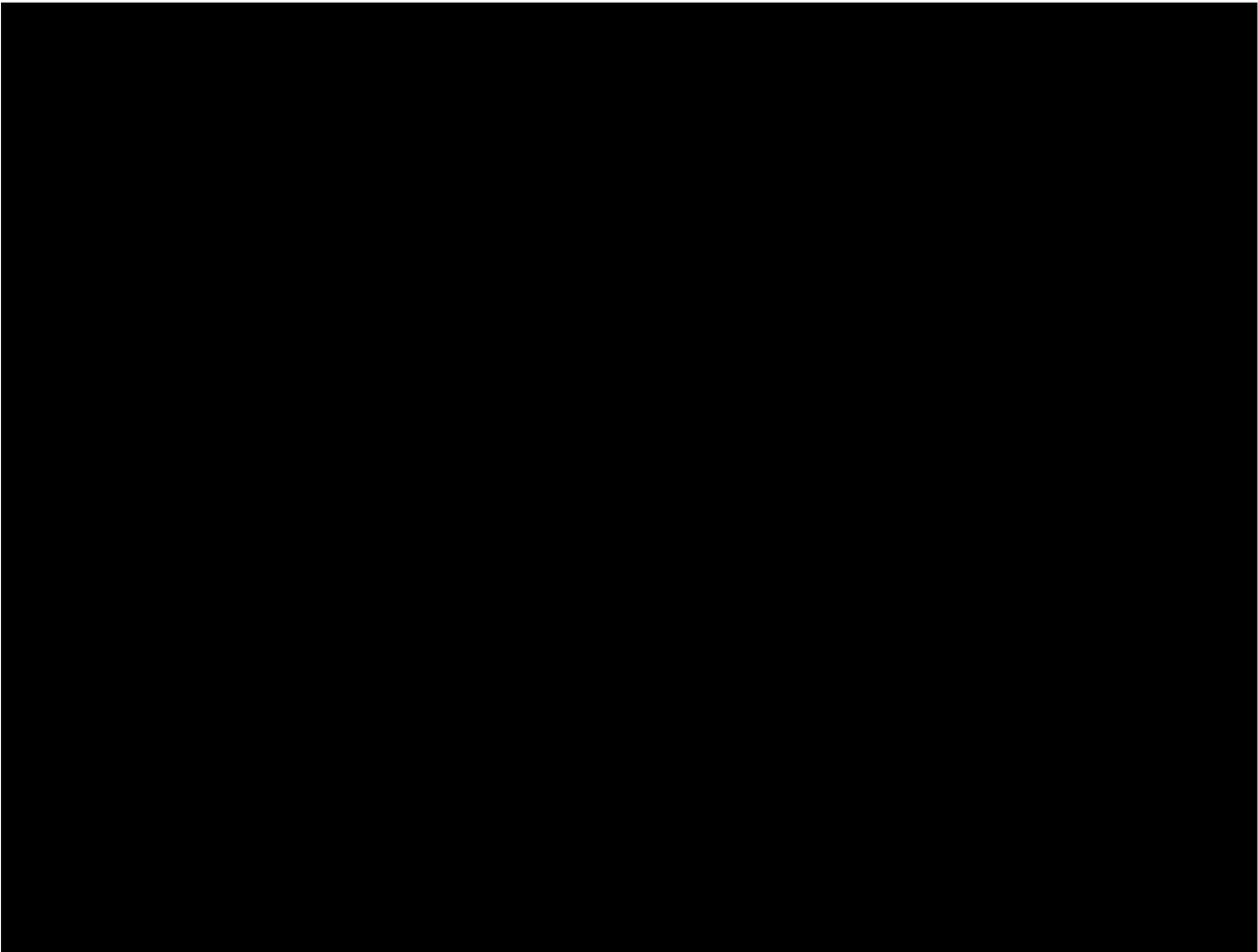
Be **different** by being
united, moral and selfless

1 Corinthians

A 3D rendering of a crowd of grey human figures. In the center, one figure is colored red and has its right arm raised. The figures are arranged in a circular pattern around the central red figure, creating a sense of focus and isolation.

**Sanctified = “Set apart by God
as His possession”**

Do you live like this?



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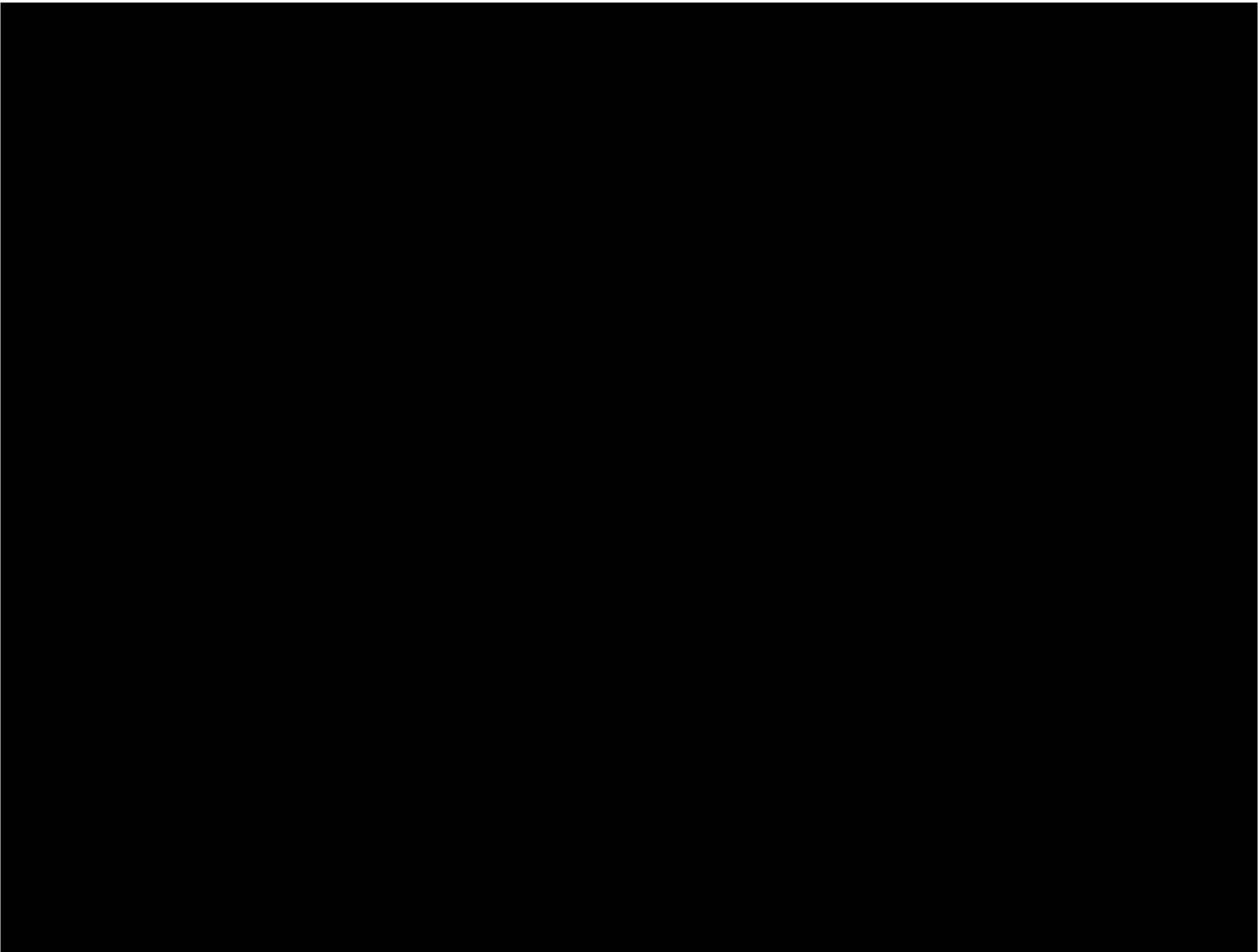
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