

2 John

Limits to Love



Key Word

297

Limits

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Theme

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Key Verses

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“Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your home or welcome him” (Verses 9-10).

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Summary Statement

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John exhorts ***limitations to love*** for a Christian woman and her children who show hospitality to missionaries but need warning not to extend the same to false teachers to warn against ***aiding the spread of destructive heresies.***

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Kingdom Statement

27f

The kingdom life balances love and truth (vv. 1-6) so that neither invalidates the other.

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Covenant

27f

An anonymous woman and her children are addressed (v. 1), who likely opened their home for church services and housed traveling preachers.

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Redemption

27f

One evidence of salvation is continuing to believe that Jesus died in a real body (v. 7), whereas those who deny this “do not have God” (v. 9), likely meaning they lose reward (v. 8).

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Prophecy (Lord, Deity)

**Jesus is Lord even though he is human, as
“many deceivers have gone out into the
world. They deny that Jesus Christ came in a
real body. Such a person is a deceiver and an
antichrist” (v. 7 NLT).**

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2 John – Summary Chart

Limits to Love

Aid True Teachers			Avoid False Teachers	
Verses 1-6			Verses 7-13	
Walk in Commandments			Watch for Counterfeits	
Positive			Negative	
Demonstrate Truth			Defend Truth	
Greeting in Truth & Love (1-3)	Obedience Commended (4)	Exhortation to Love (5-6)	Prohibition to Help False Teachers (7-11)	Expected Visit & Greetings (12-13)
Ephesus				
AD 85-95				

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- 1-3 **L**ove for the lady
- 4-6 **A**dmonished for loving others
- 7-11 **D**eception of the Antichrist
- 12-13 **Y**earning to pay visit

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Be Discerning



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A Case Study...

- Suppose two Jehovah's Witnesses come to your door. Will you invite them inside your home? Why or why not?
- Please get into the right group...



Podium

Keep
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out

It depends

Let
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in

The Gospel

**Is it really
changing our
lives?**

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How can you **live out** the
gospel?

Two ways...



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I. Aid **true** teachers (1-6).



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II. Avoid **false** teachers (7-13).



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Main Idea

**Live the gospel
by not aiding
those who
hinder the
gospel**



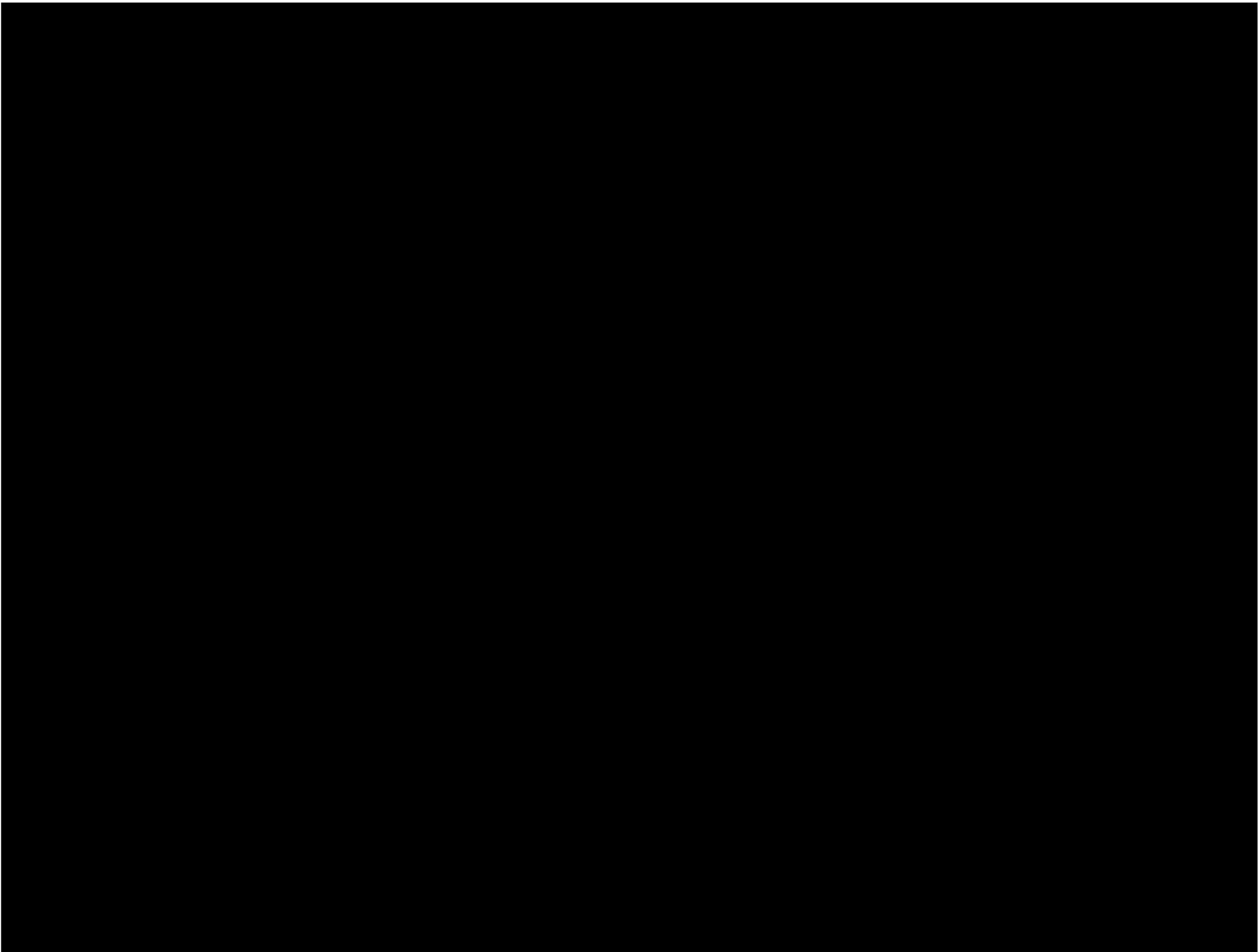
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How do Christians aid heresy?



- Encouraging itinerate heretics
- Giving money to cults (YouTube preachers, etc.)
- Buying heretical books
- Attending movies that violate Scripture
- Accepting literature from false evangelists

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**How can the
existence of creation
be explained?**

Gnosticism: Perplexing Questions

**What is the
origin of evil?**

*How can a holy
God create a
universe with sin?*

Chart 43

Essential Components of Gnosticism

- (1) *Dualism***
- (2) *Emanations***
- (3) *Knowledge***

God
(Pure Spirit)

Demiurge

World

Man



Chart 44

Gnosticism's Concept of Salvation

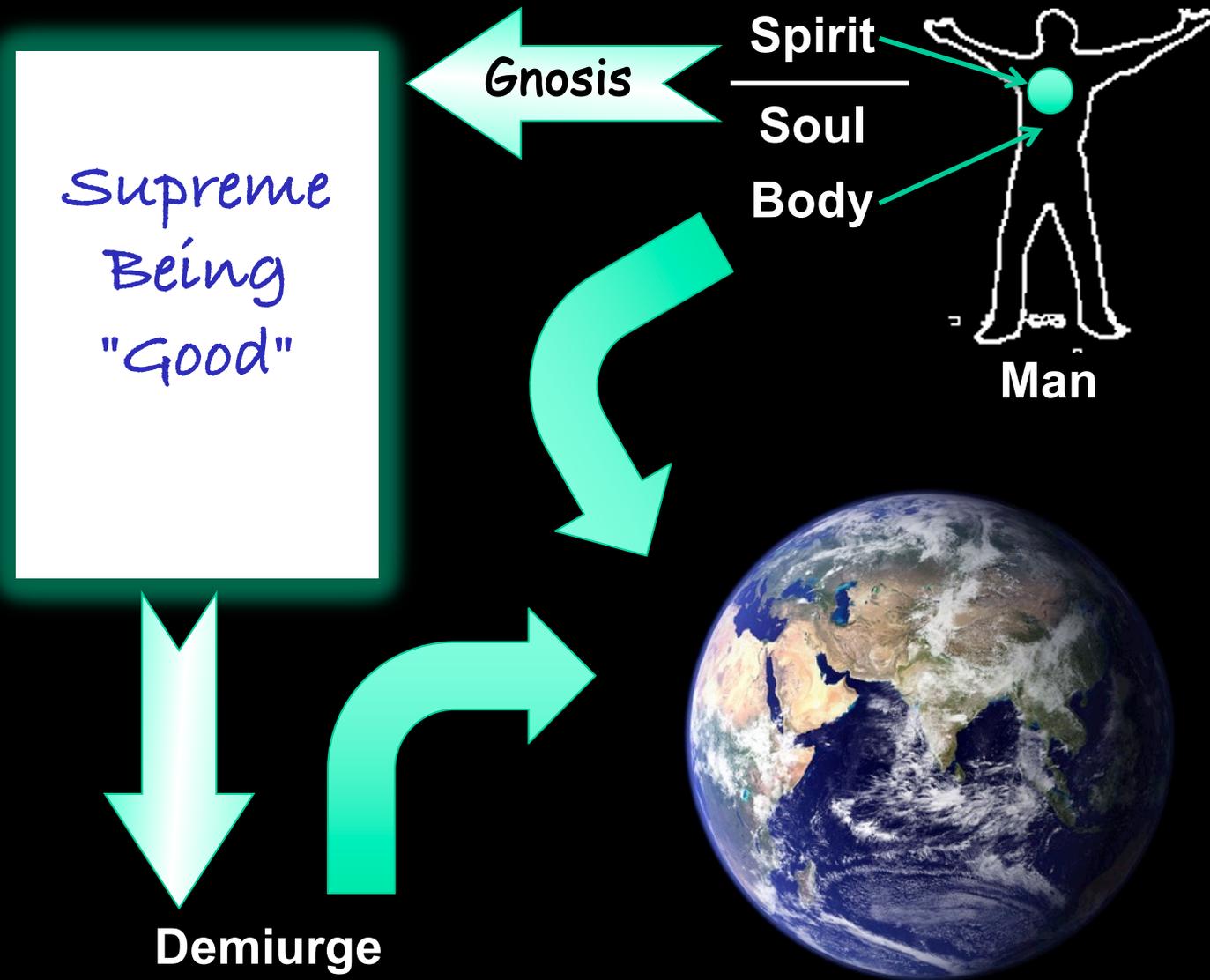


Chart 45

The Gospel of Judas

- Judas said, "Master, could it be that my seed is under the control of the rulers?" Jesus answered and said to him, "... you will grieve much when you see the kingdom and all its generation." When he heard this, Judas said to him, "What good is it that I have received it? For you have set me apart for that generation." Jesus answered and said, "You will become the thirteenth, and you will be cursed by the other generations—and you will come to rule over them. In the last days they will curse your ascent [47] to the holy [generation]."

The Gospel of Judas

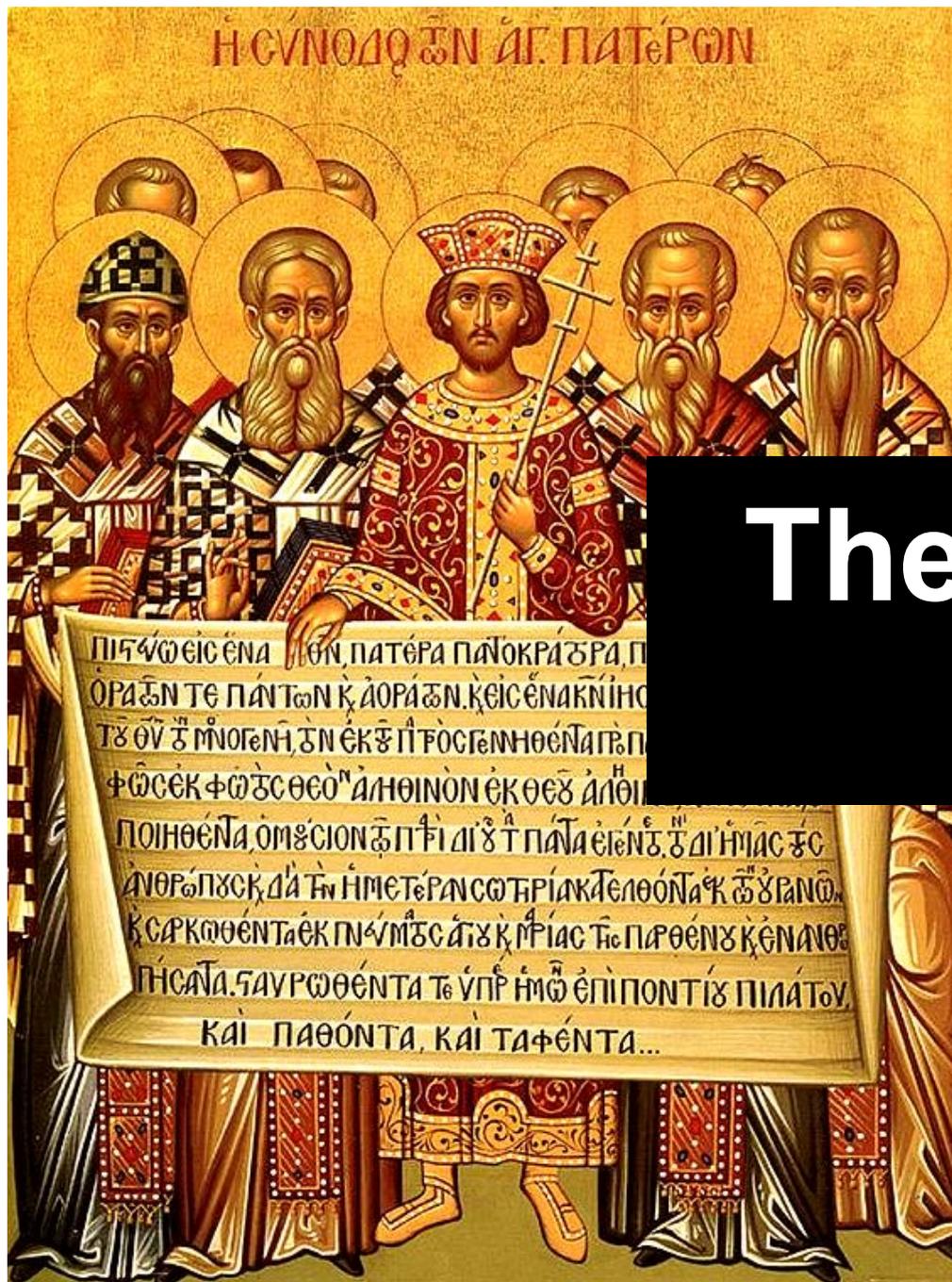
- Judas said to Jesus, "Look, what will those who have been baptized in your name do?" Jesus said, "... Truly [I] say to you, Judas, [those who] offer sacrifices to Saklas [...]God [—three lines missing—] everything that is evil. But you will exceed all of them. For you will sacrifice the man that clothes me."

Irenaeus (AD 180)



Against Heresies
1.31.1

1. Others again declare that Cain derived his being from the Power above, and acknowledge that Esau, Korah, the Sodomites, and all such persons, are related to themselves. On this account, they add, they have been assailed by the Creator, yet no one of them has suffered injury. For Sophia was in the habit of carrying off that which belonged to her from them to herself. They declare that Judas the traitor was thoroughly acquainted with these things, and that he alone, knowing the truth as no others did, accomplished the mystery of the betrayal; by him all things, both earthly and heavenly, were thus thrown into confusion. They produce a fictitious history of this kind, which they style the *Gospel of Judas*.



The Nicene Creed (AD 325)

Teachings of the Heretic Arius

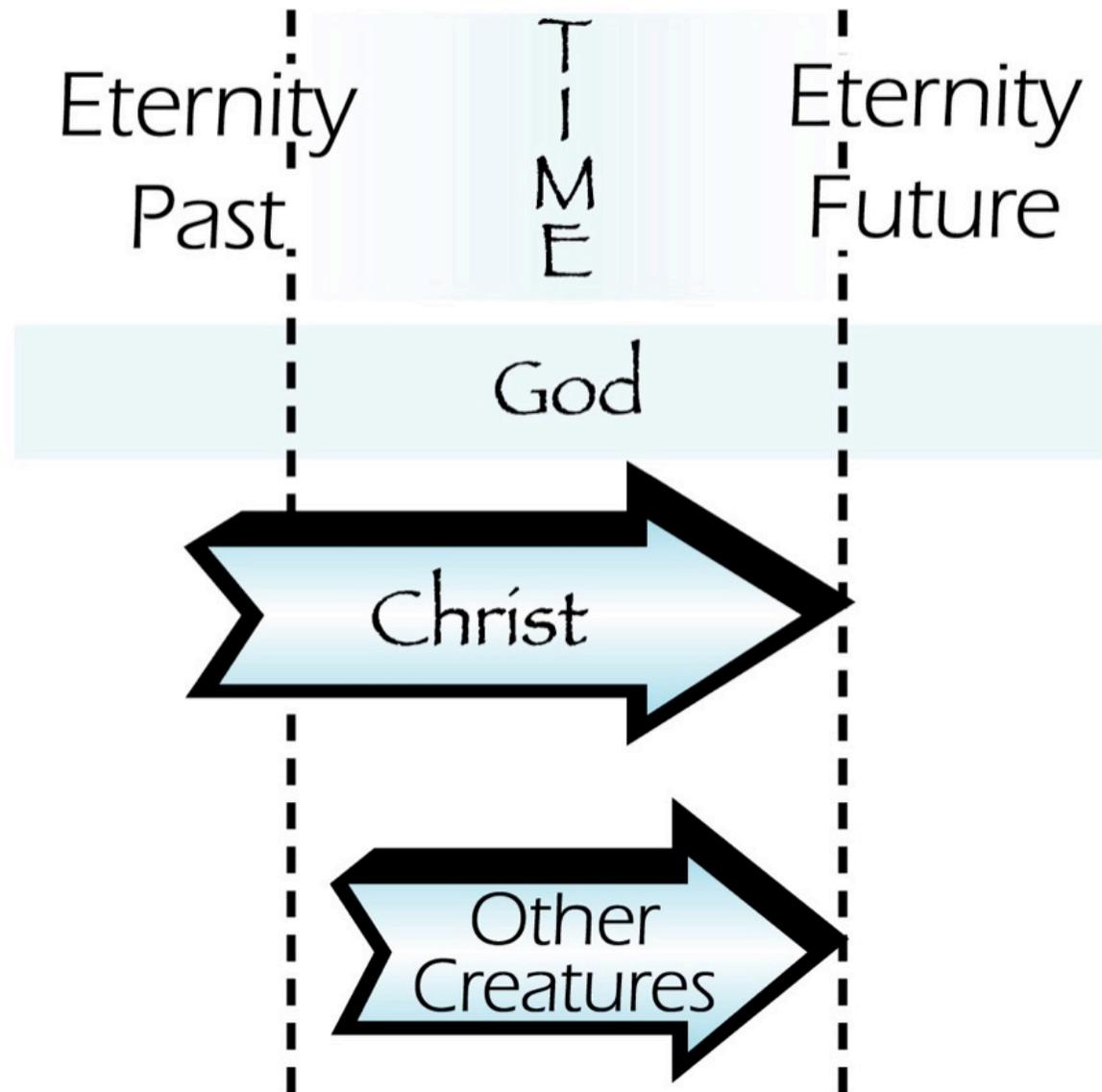


Chart 61

Alexander versus the Heretic Arius

Alexander:
*Bishop of
Alexandria*

Father

Son

Creation

Arius:
*Presbyter under
Alexander*

Father

Son

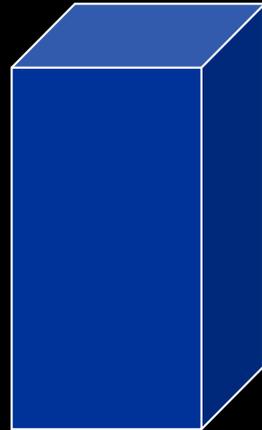
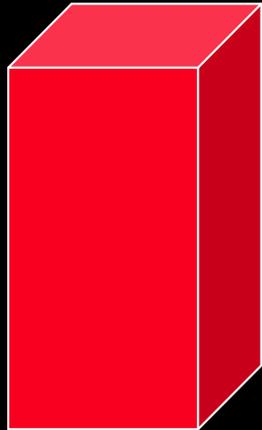
Creation

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What About Nicaea?

Fiction

Fact



Arians:
"Jesus Not God"

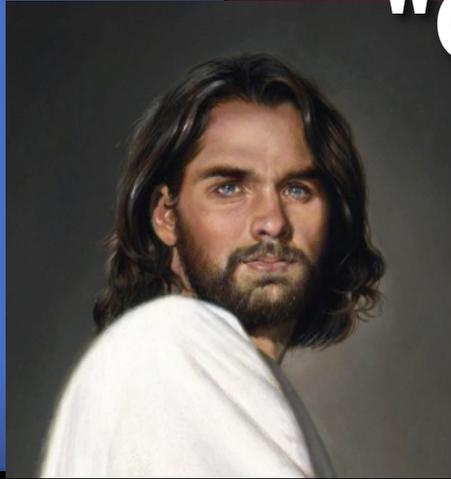
Orthodox:
"Jesus is God"

Arians:
"Jesus Not God"

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AD 325
Council of Nicaea

Paul:
**"Christ, who is
God over all"**
Rom. 9:5



Peter:
**"God and Savior
Jesus Christ"**
2 Pet. 1:1

1st century belief in Deity

The Father:
**"About the Son He
says, 'Your throne,
O God...'"** Heb. 1:8

Jesus:
**"I and the Father
are one"**
John 10:30

Belief in Christ's Deity Before Nicaea

Ignatius: "God Himself was manifest in human form" (AD 105)

Clement: "It is fitting that you should think of Jesus Christ as of God" (AD 150)

Irenaeus: "He is God, for the name Emmanuel indicates this" (AD 180)

Tertullian: "... Christ our God" (AD 200)

Origen: "No one should be offended that the Savior is also God" (AD 225)

Lactantius: "We believe Him to be God" (AD 304)

The Nicene Creed (AD 325)

begotten not created,
of the same essence
as the Father,
through whom all things
came into being,
both in heaven and on earth;
Who for us men and for our salvation
came down and was incarnate,
becoming human.

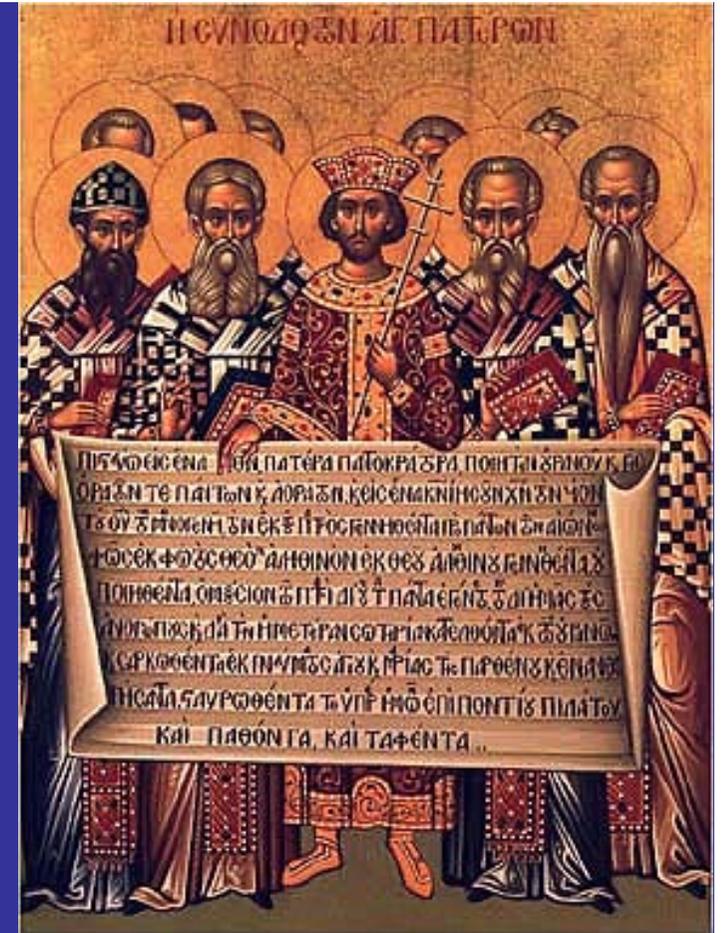


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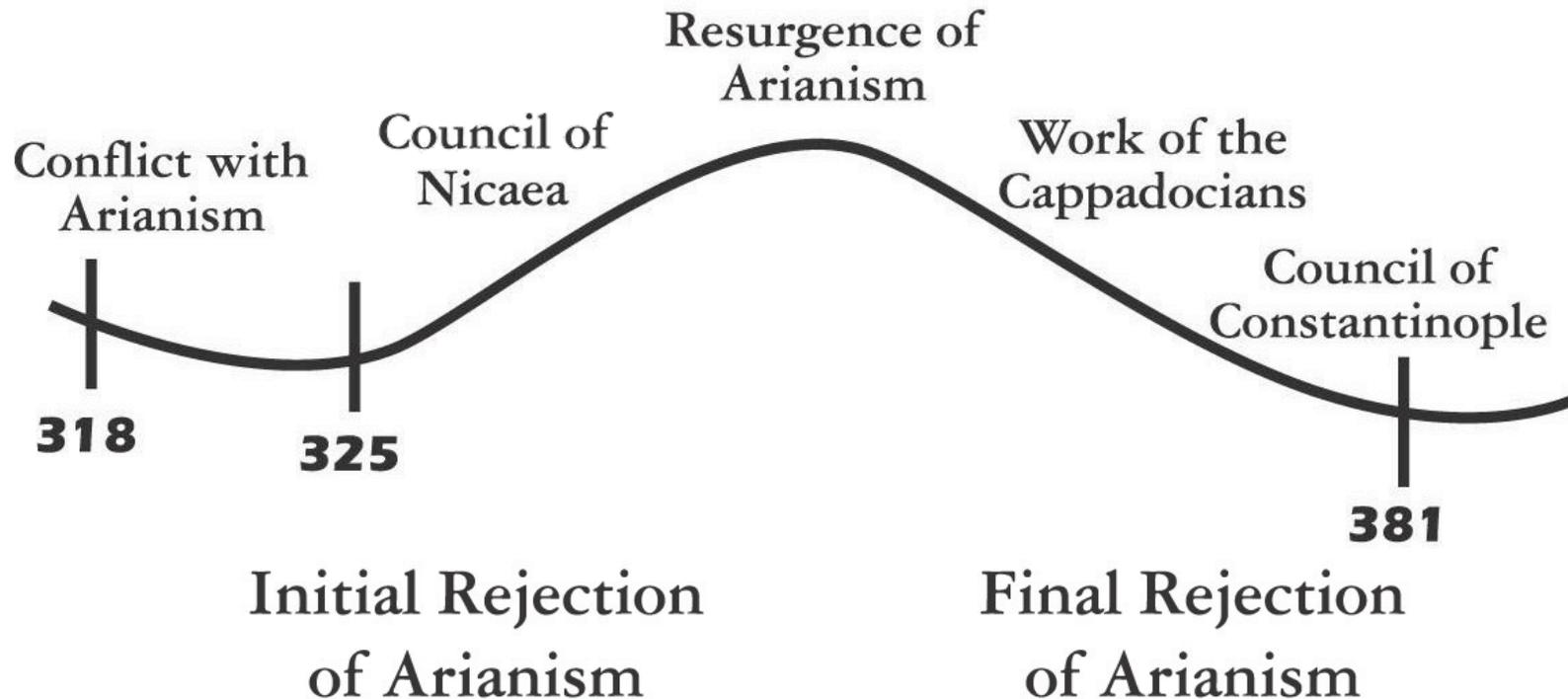
He suffered
and the third day he rose,
and ascended
into the heavens.

And he will come to judge
both the living and the dead.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit.



The Arian Controversy and Trinitarianism



The Resurgence of Arianism

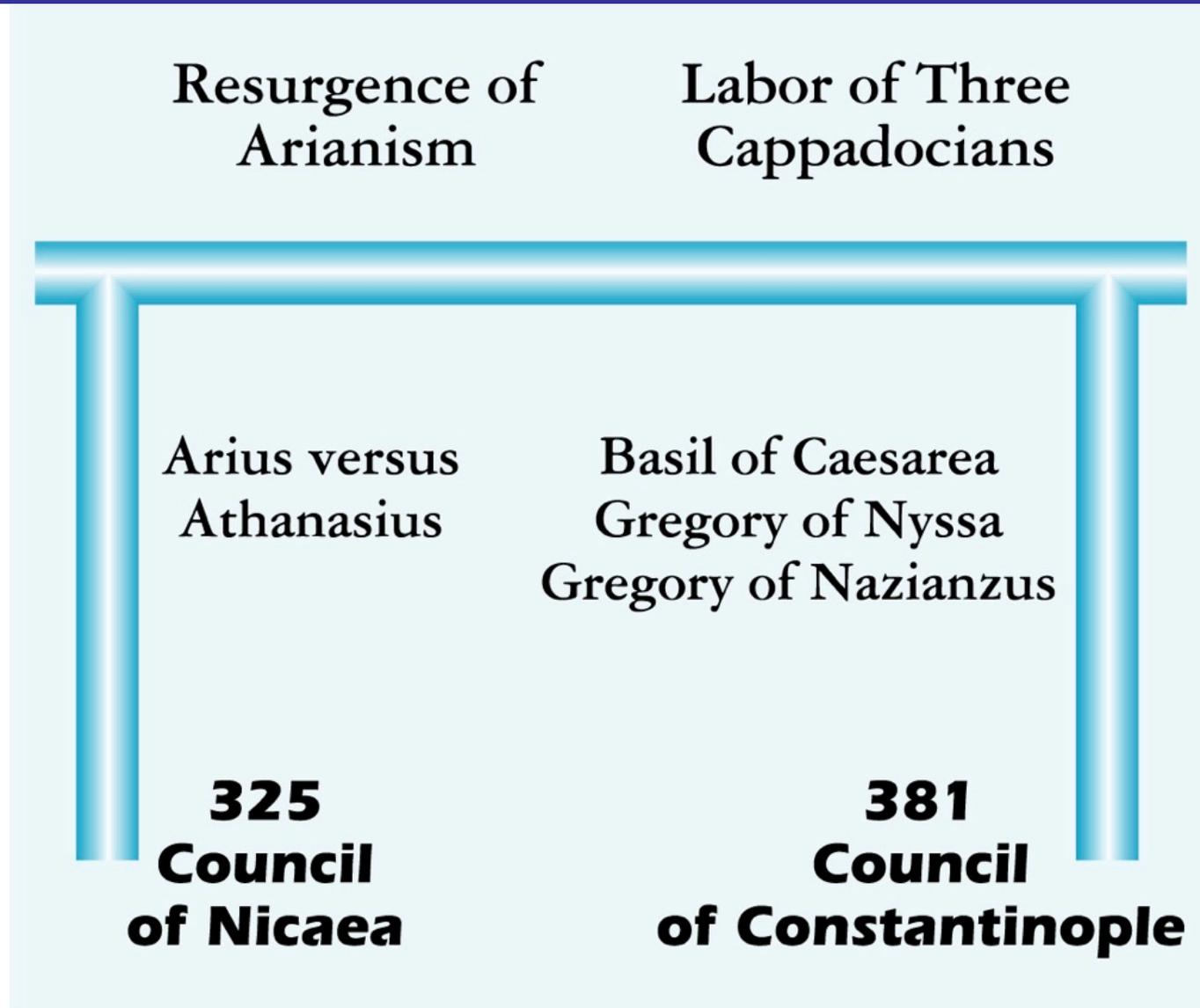


Chart 65

Contrasts



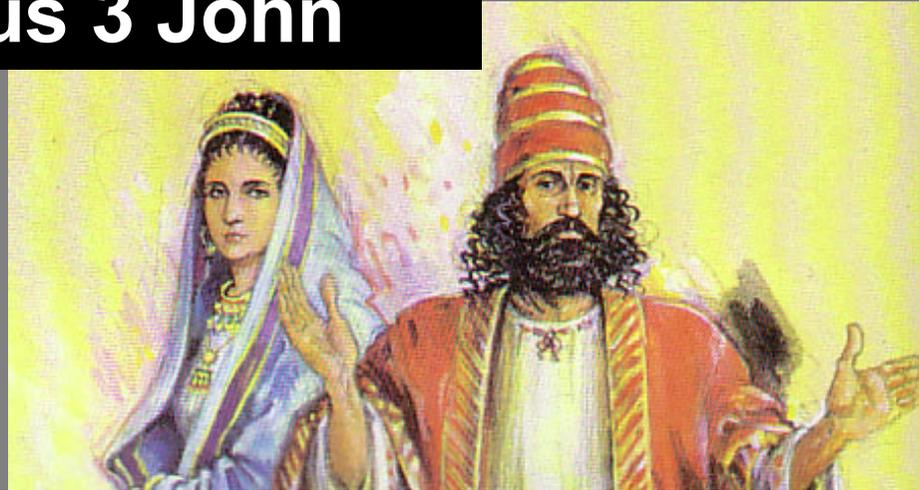
In **2 John** the Apostle John warns against **supporting false teachers**

In **3 John** he gives the "flip-side": believers should **support true missionary teachers.**



2 John versus 3 John

Contrasts



	2 John	3 John
Recipient	a Woman	a Man
Names	Anonymous	Gaius, Diotrephes, Demetrius
Mood	Condemns	Commends
Missionaries	False	True
Hospitality/Support	Misplaced	Missing (Diotrephes) Maintained (Gaius)
Verses	13	15
Words (Greek text)	245	219



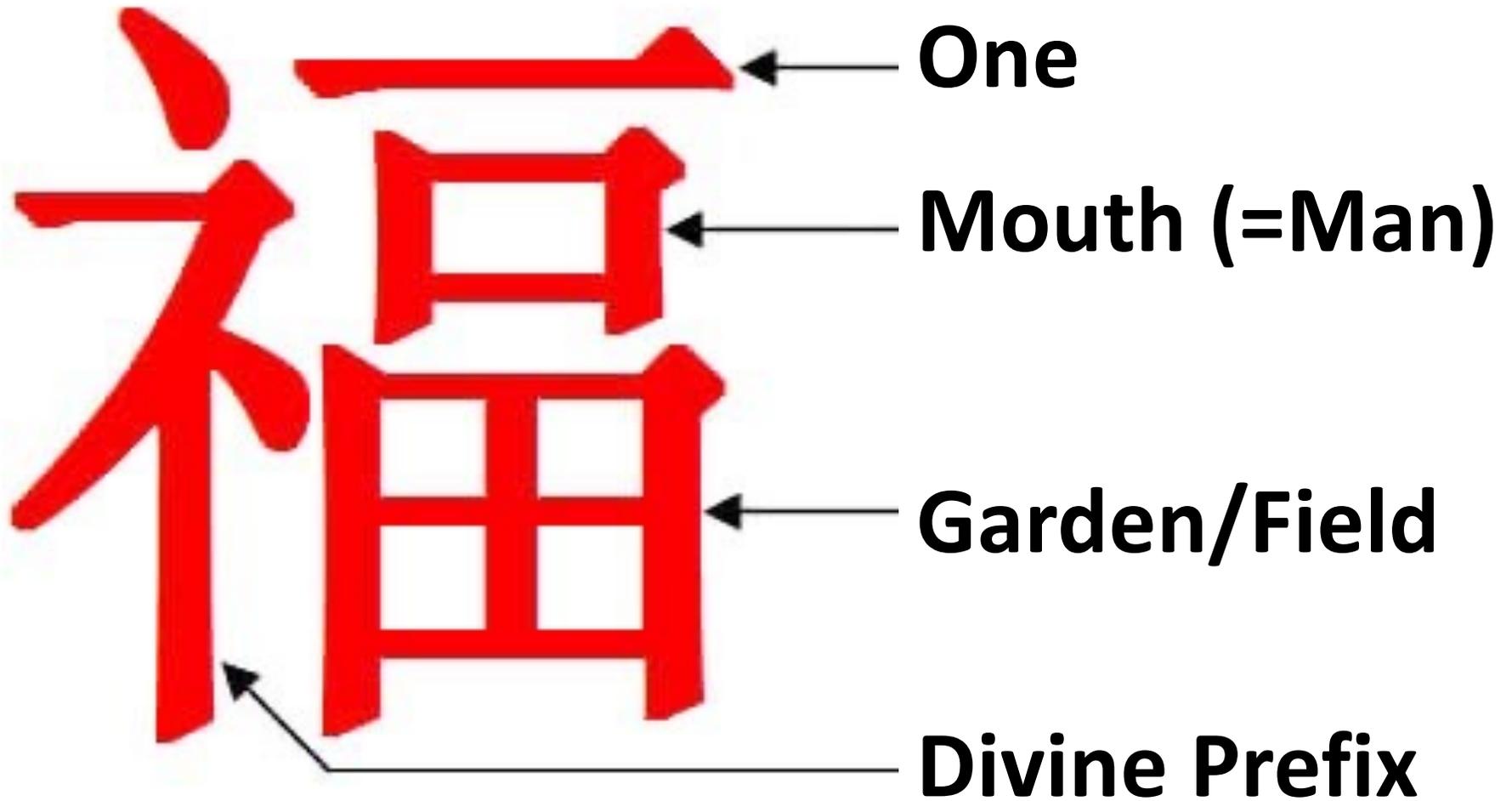
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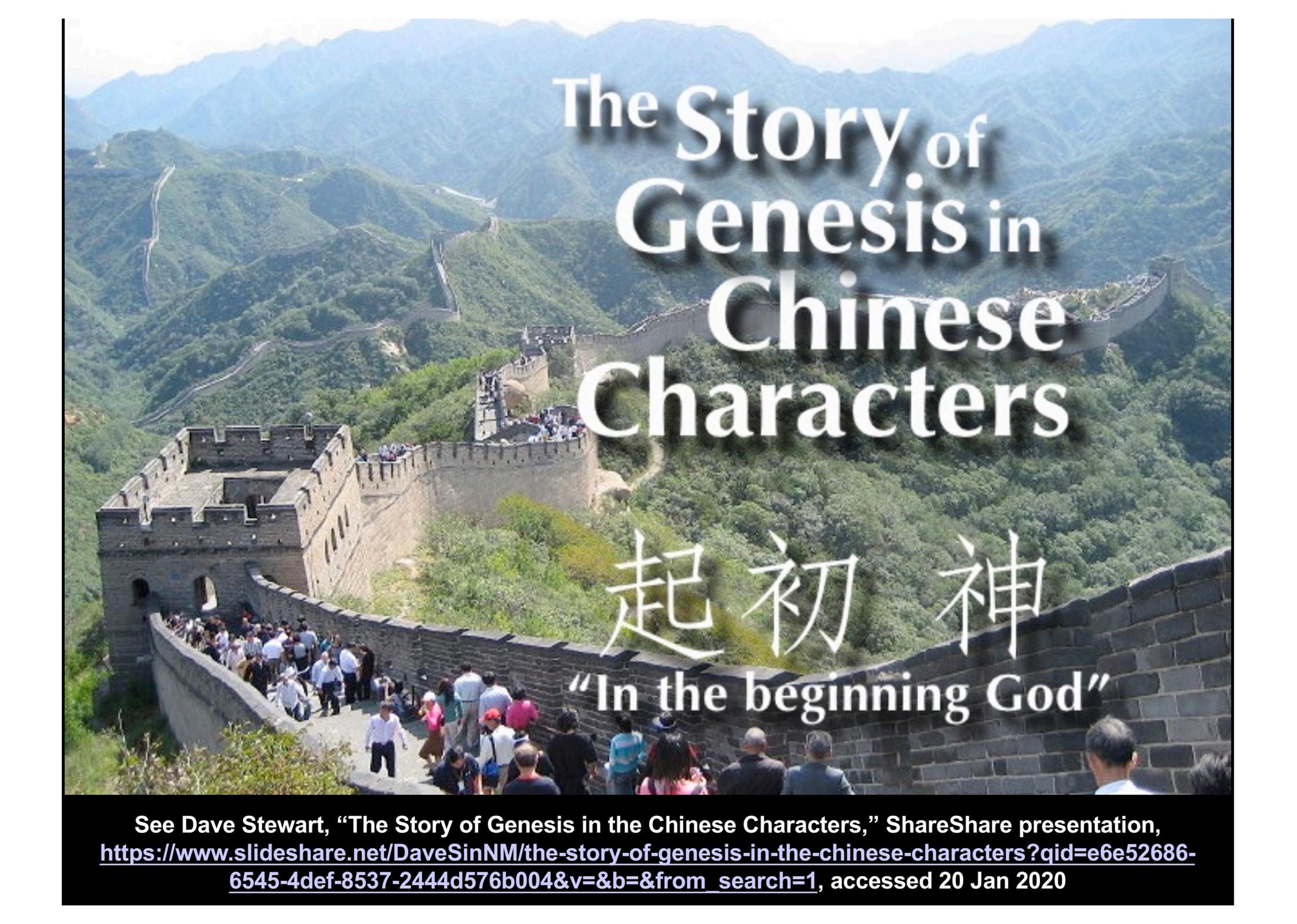
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“Blessing”





The Story of Genesis in Chinese Characters

起初神

“In the beginning God”

See Dave Stewart, “The Story of Genesis in the Chinese Characters,” ShareShare presentation, https://www.slideshare.net/DaveSinNM/the-story-of-genesis-in-the-chinese-characters?qid=e6e52686-6545-4def-8537-2444d576b004&v=&b=&from_search=1, accessed 20 Jan 2020

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to create

“Create”

Create means to
speak to dust to
give life to a man
so he can walk

告 土 丩 口 之

Speak = dust, life, man + walk/mud

“Devil” & “Tempter”

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鬼 = 厶 + 丿 + 儿 + 田

Devil

Secret

Life

Man

Garden

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魔 = 鬼 + 广 + 林

Tempter

Devil

Cover

Forest/
Two Trees

船

Boat

“Boat”

**The boat was a
vessel of eight
people**

舟 八 口

Vessel + Eight + People

Lamb

羊



義



我

“Righteousness”

I or Me

**Garden
of Eden**

西

West



One man in a garden = West

一 + 儿 + 口 = 西

One

Person

**Enclosure,
Garden**

West

The Discovery of Genesis

How the Truths of Genesis
Were Found Hidden
in the Chinese Language



C.H. Kang and Ethel R. Nelson

C. H. Kang

上帝 Shang Di

Buddha



2500

1500

400

33

2000

BC | AD

Chinese
Language
First
Written

First 5
Books
of Bible
Written

B
u
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Death
of Jesus



“Lucky”?
“Blessing”?



A Case Study...

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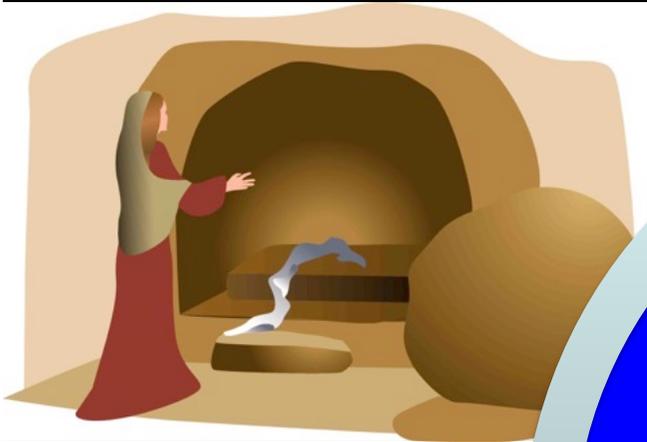
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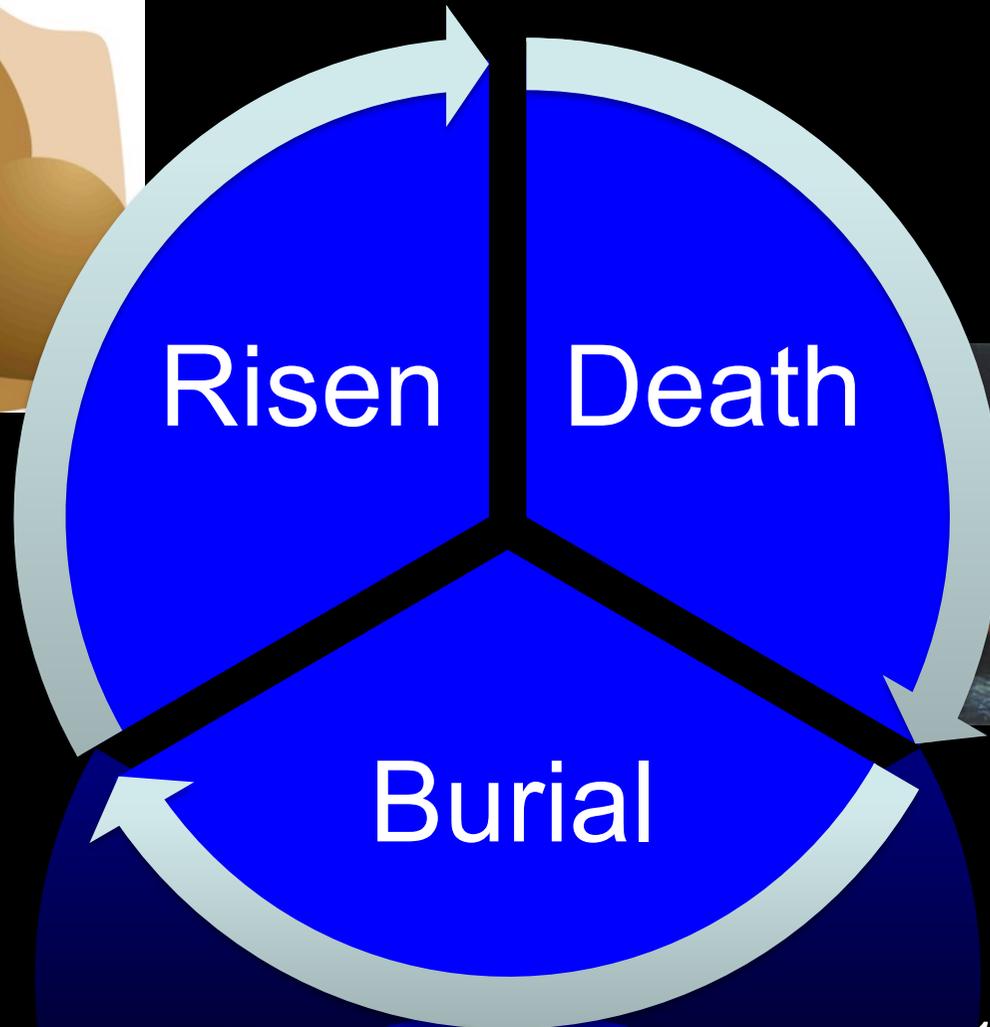
What's the Gospel?

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..."



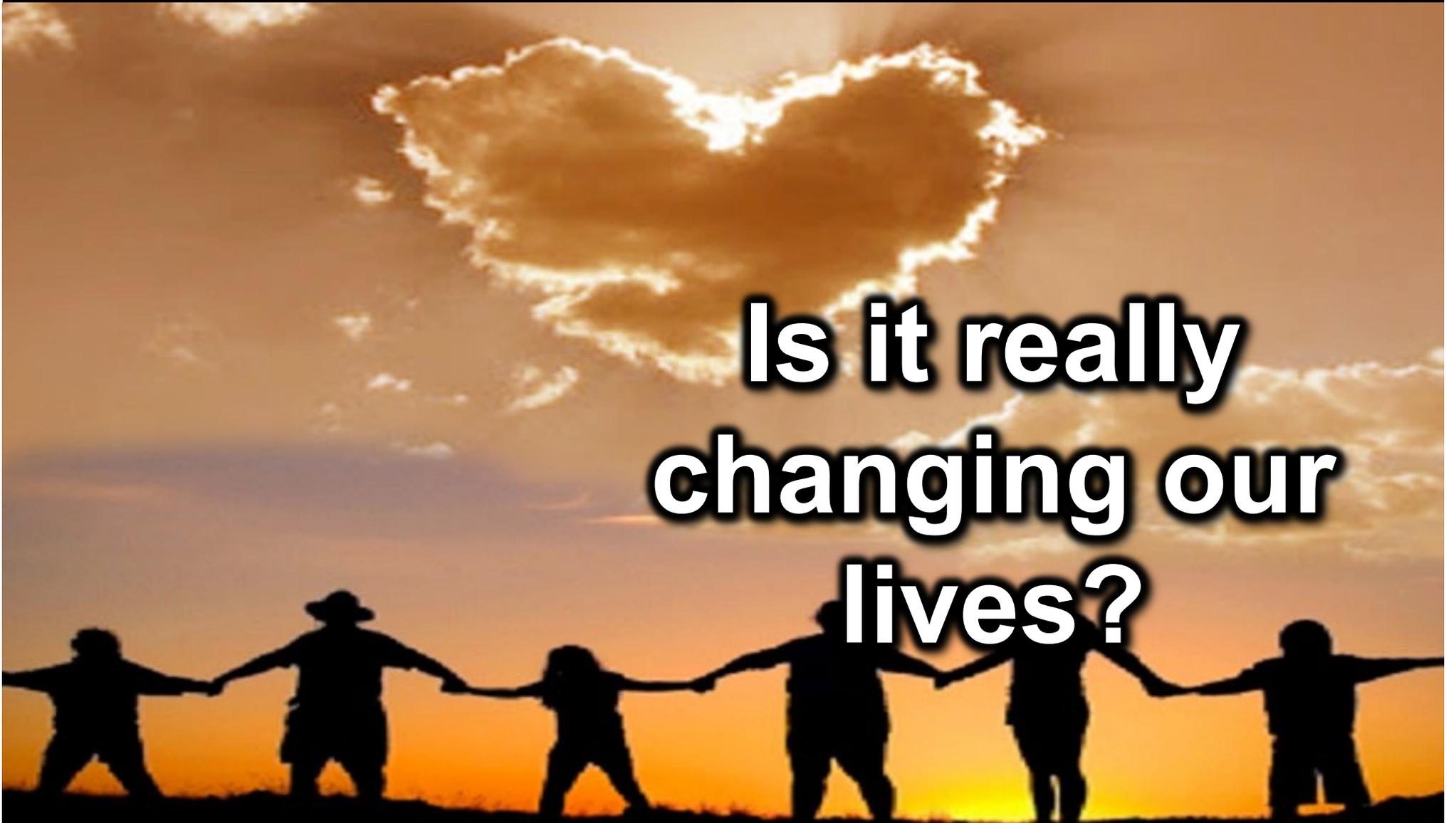
"He was buried..."

1 Cor. 15:3-4

The Gospel

**Is it really
changing our
lives?**

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How can you *live out* the
gospel?

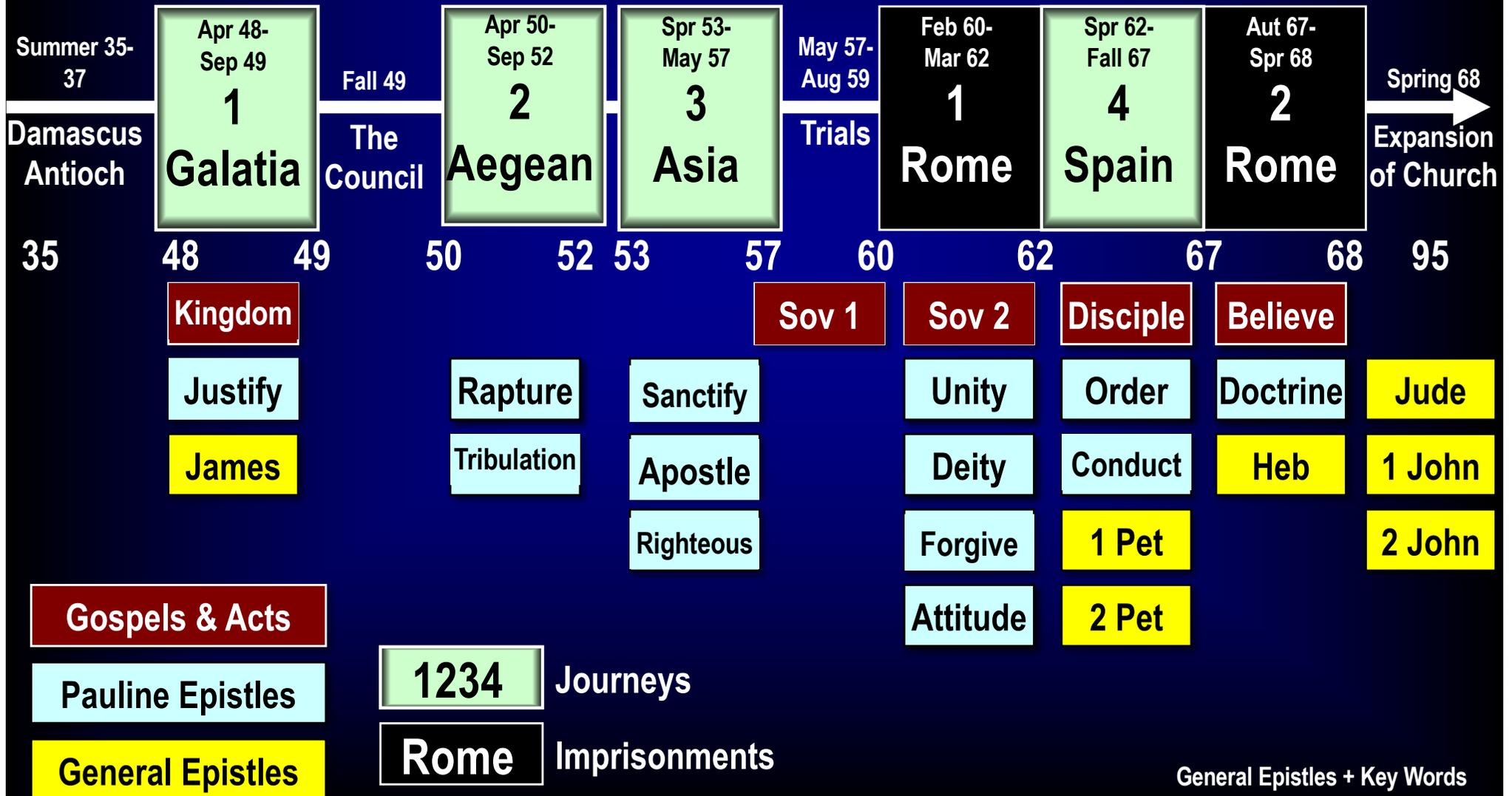


NT Overview (General + Key Words)

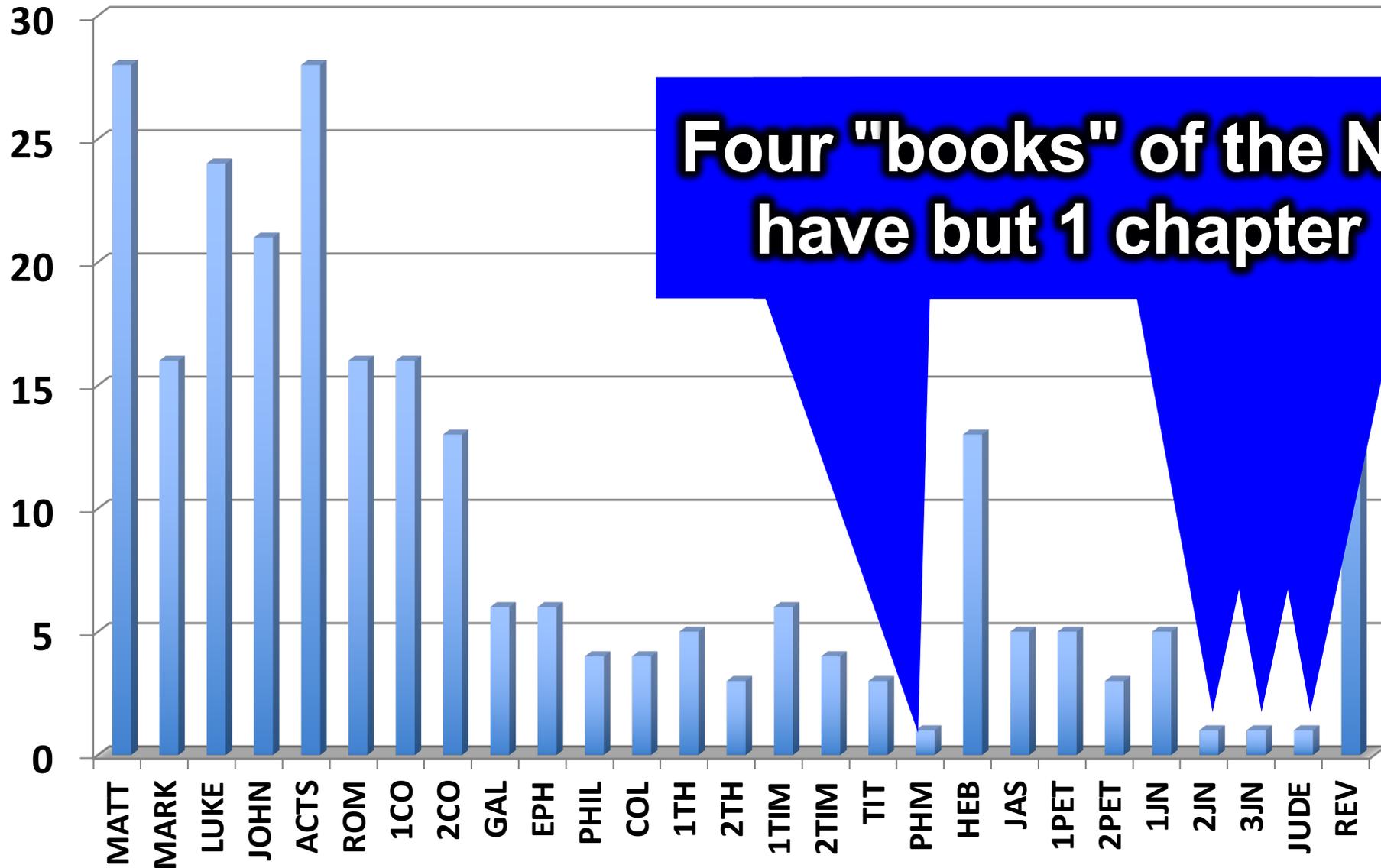
38
124
39-41

"To the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8)

Acts 9 13 14 15 16 18 21 27 28



Chapters in NT Books



Four "books" of the NT have but 1 chapter

Verses in NT Emails

25

20

15

10

5

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PHILEMON

2 JOHN

3 JOHN

JUDE

13

15

Words

245

219

Date of Writing

Most scholars believe that John recorded this epistle about AD 90, although nothing in it excludes an earlier date.

Thus it was written in about AD 85-95.

Gnostics Taught a "Secret Knowledge"

Two Types Addressed in 1-3 John

Docetic Gnosticism

From *dokeo*, "to seem"
(Christ only *seemed* to
be a man)

Matter is Evil

Depreciated Materialism

Denied Christ's Humanity

Touched Jesus (1:1)

Led to Asceticism

Immorality exalted

Cerinthian Gnosticism

From Cerinthus, founder in Asia
(Christ only *seemed* to be
God)

Spirit is Good

Exalted Knowledge (*gnosis*)

Denied Christ's Deity

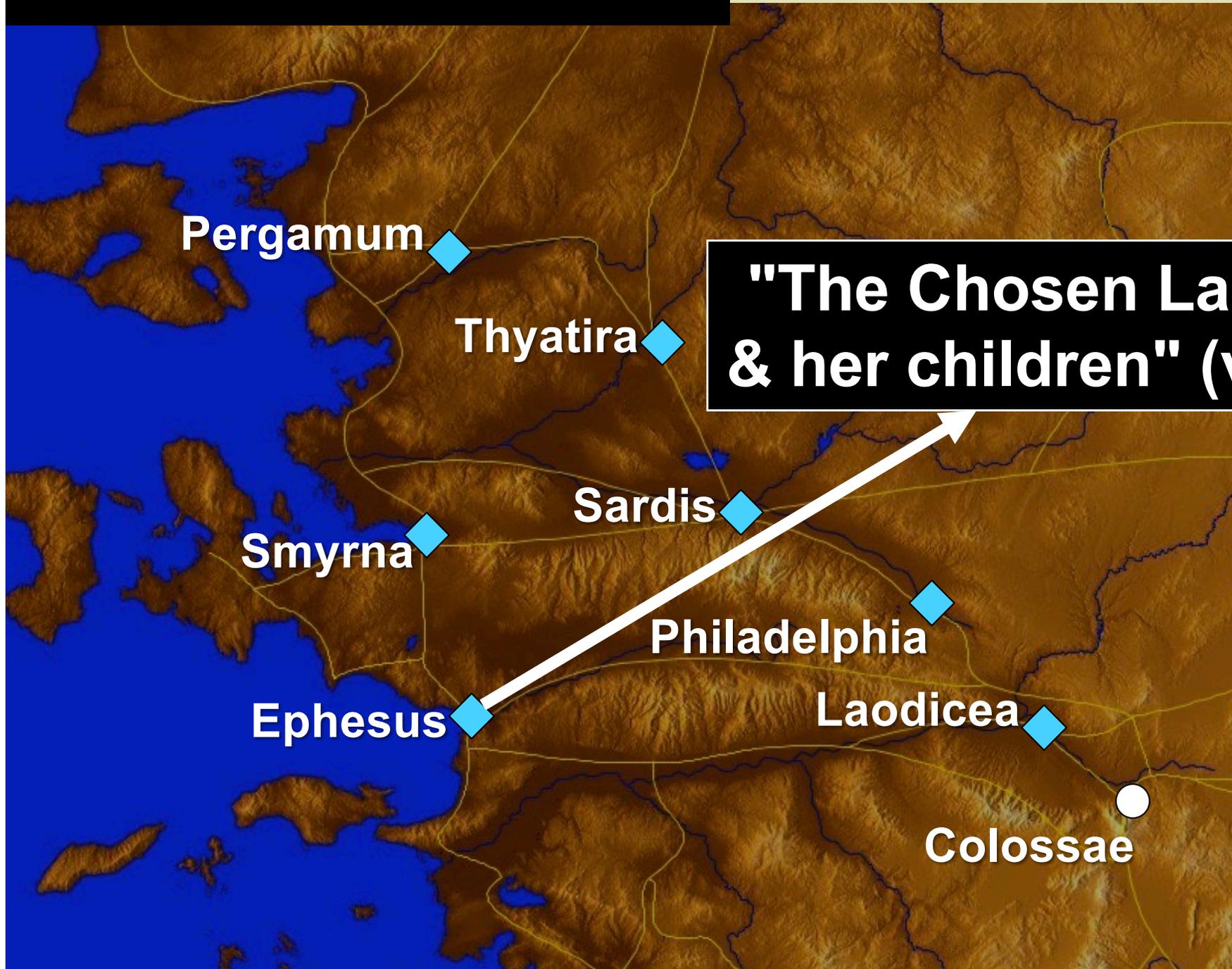
Water & Blood (5:6)

Led to Pride

Education exalted

Origin/Recipient

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"The Chosen Lady & her children" (v. 1)



Who is "the Chosen Lady & Her children"?

- A figure for a local **church**?
- The **Virgin Mary**?
- An anonymous **woman** & her children who opened their home for church services & housed traveling preachers



Occasion



Before the NT was completed and circulated among the early believers, churches relied on traveling preachers and teachers for truth.

Since inns were unsafe and few, these teachers stayed with Christians.

Occasion



Many hosts wondered,
***"Which* teachers should I
welcome to my home?"**

**John commands a hospitable woman
to "put limits on her love" by refusing
to house false teachers or to
encourage them in any way.**

How can you **live out** the
gospel?

Two ways...



2 John

2 John 1-6

I. Aid **true** teachers (1-6).



Balancing Love and Truth



"All you need is love..." (The Beatles)
Do you agree? Why or why not?



Mushiness

Love

Truth



Harshness

Love

Truth



"This letter is from John, the elder. I am writing to the chosen lady and to her children, whom I love in the **truth**—as does everyone else who knows the **truth**—²because the **truth** lives in us and will be with us forever" (2 John 1-2 NLT).

"Grace, mercy, and peace, which come from God the Father and from Jesus Christ—the Son of the Father—will continue to be with us who live in **truth** and **love**. ⁴How happy I was to meet some of your children and find them living according to the **truth**, just as the Father commanded" (2 John 3-4 NLT).

"I am writing to remind you, dear friends [Greek: "lady"], that we should love one another. This is not a new commandment, but one we have had from the beginning. ⁶Love means doing what God has commanded us, and he has commanded us to love one another, just as you heard from the beginning" (2 John 5-6 NLT).

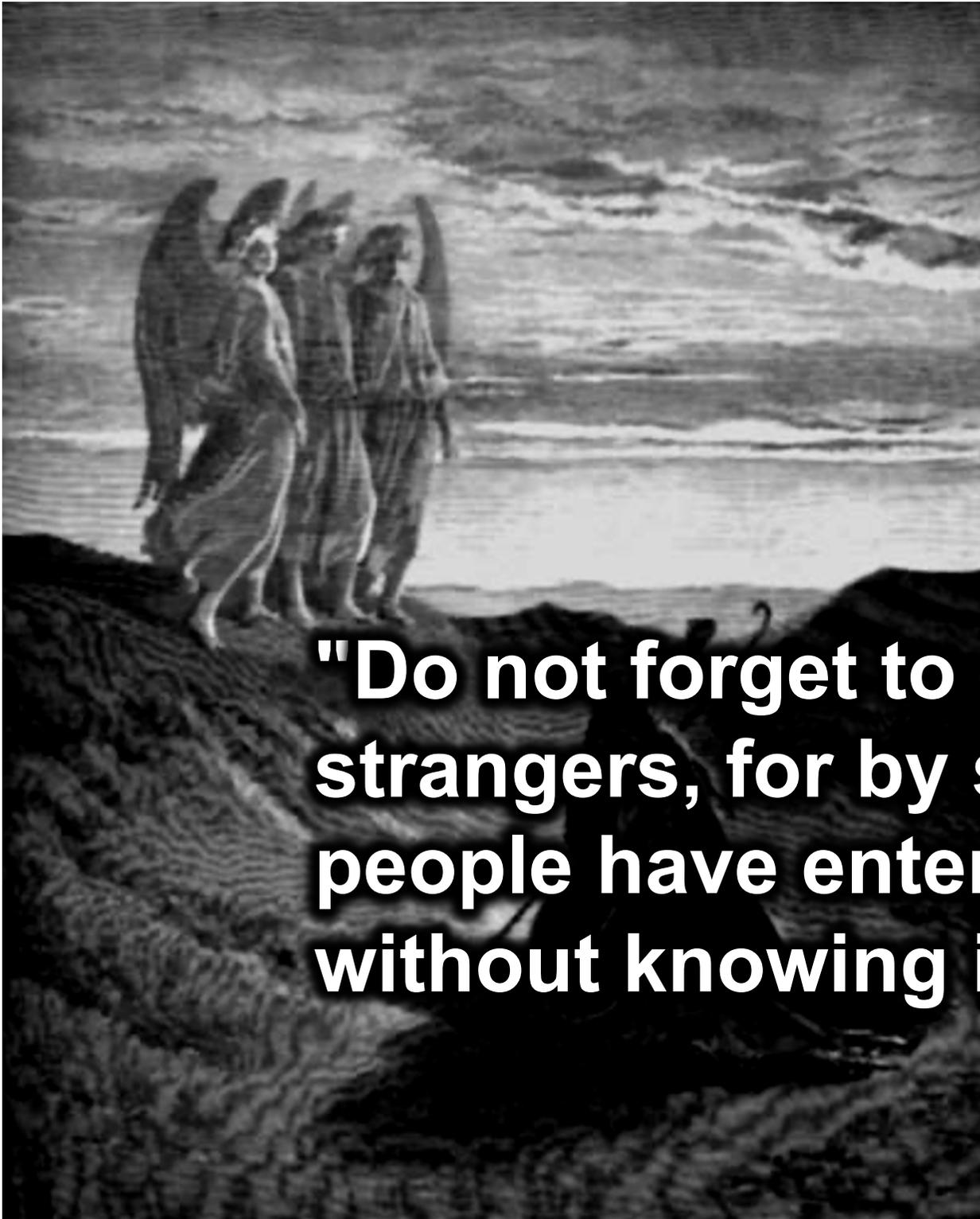
A painting depicting a busy restaurant or cafe scene. In the foreground, a man in a light blue shirt is seated at a table with a red tablecloth, looking towards the right. A woman with blonde hair is seated next to him, smiling. In the background, a server in a white apron is attending to a group of people. The scene is filled with plates, cups, and glasses, suggesting a lively dining environment.

"Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

Romans 12:13 (NIV)

"Now the overseer must be . . . hospitable" 1 Timothy 3:2 (NIV)

"Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling." 1 Peter 4:9 (NIV)



**"Do not forget to entertain
strangers, for by so doing some
people have entertained angels
without knowing it."**

Hebrews 13:2 (NIV)



"I hope to visit you while passing through and to have you assist me on my journey there [Spain], after I have enjoyed your company for a while."

Romans 15:24 (NIV)



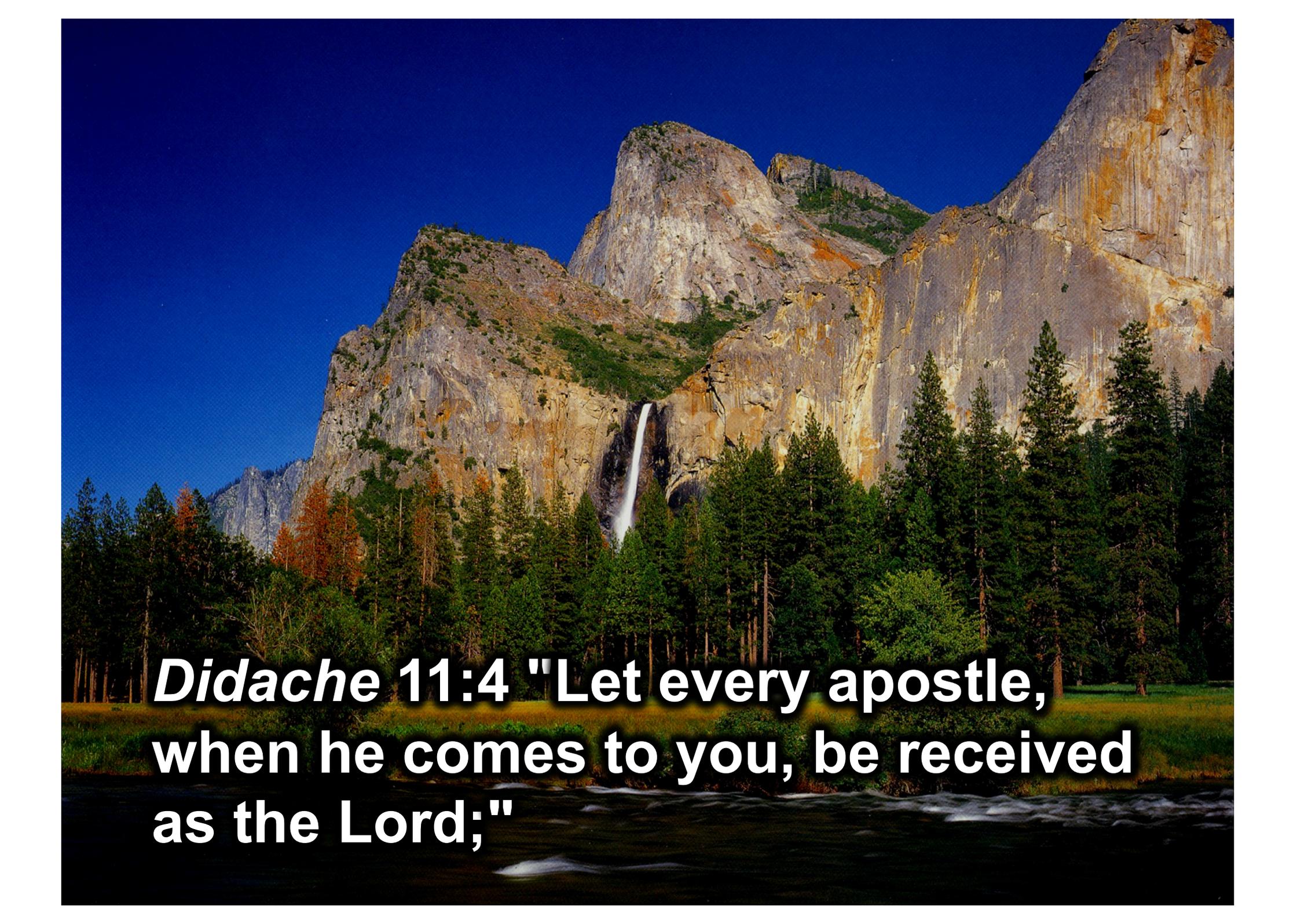
**"Perhaps I will
stay with you
awhile, or even
spend the winter,
so that you can
help me on my
journey, wherever
I go."**

1 Corinthians 16:6

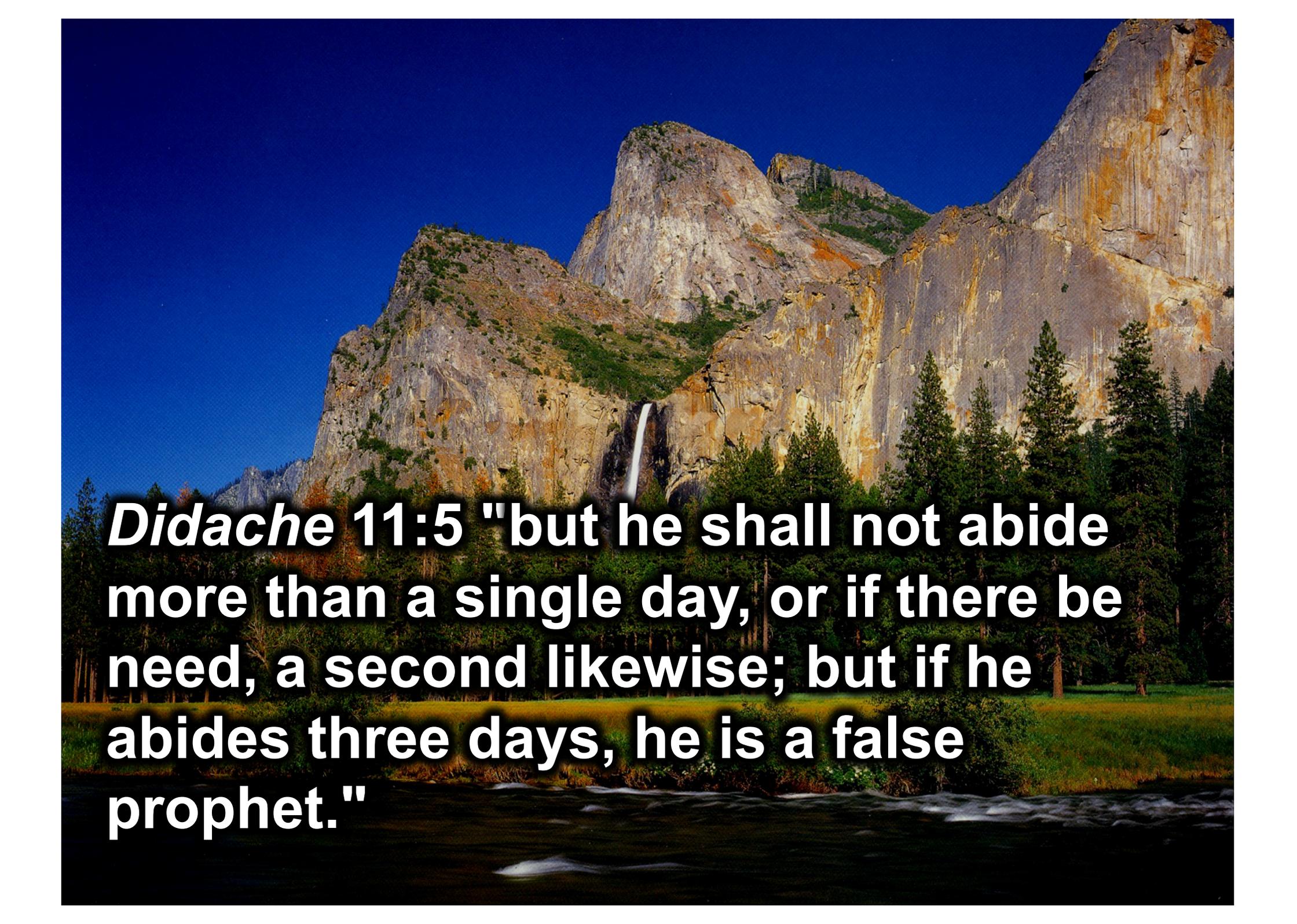
**"Do everything
you can to help
Zenas the lawyer
and Apollos on
their way and see
that they have
everything they
need."**

Titus 3:13 (NIV)

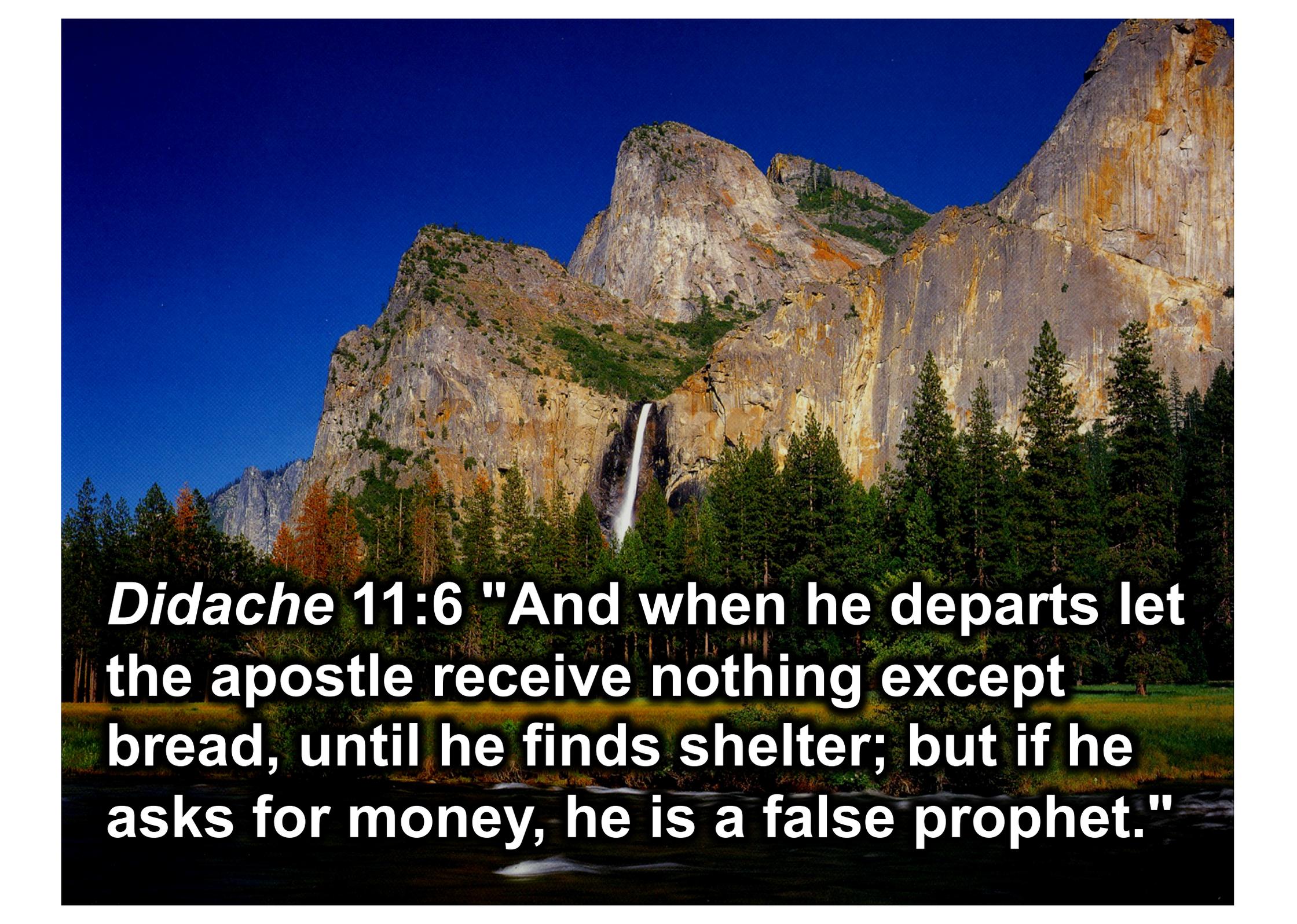




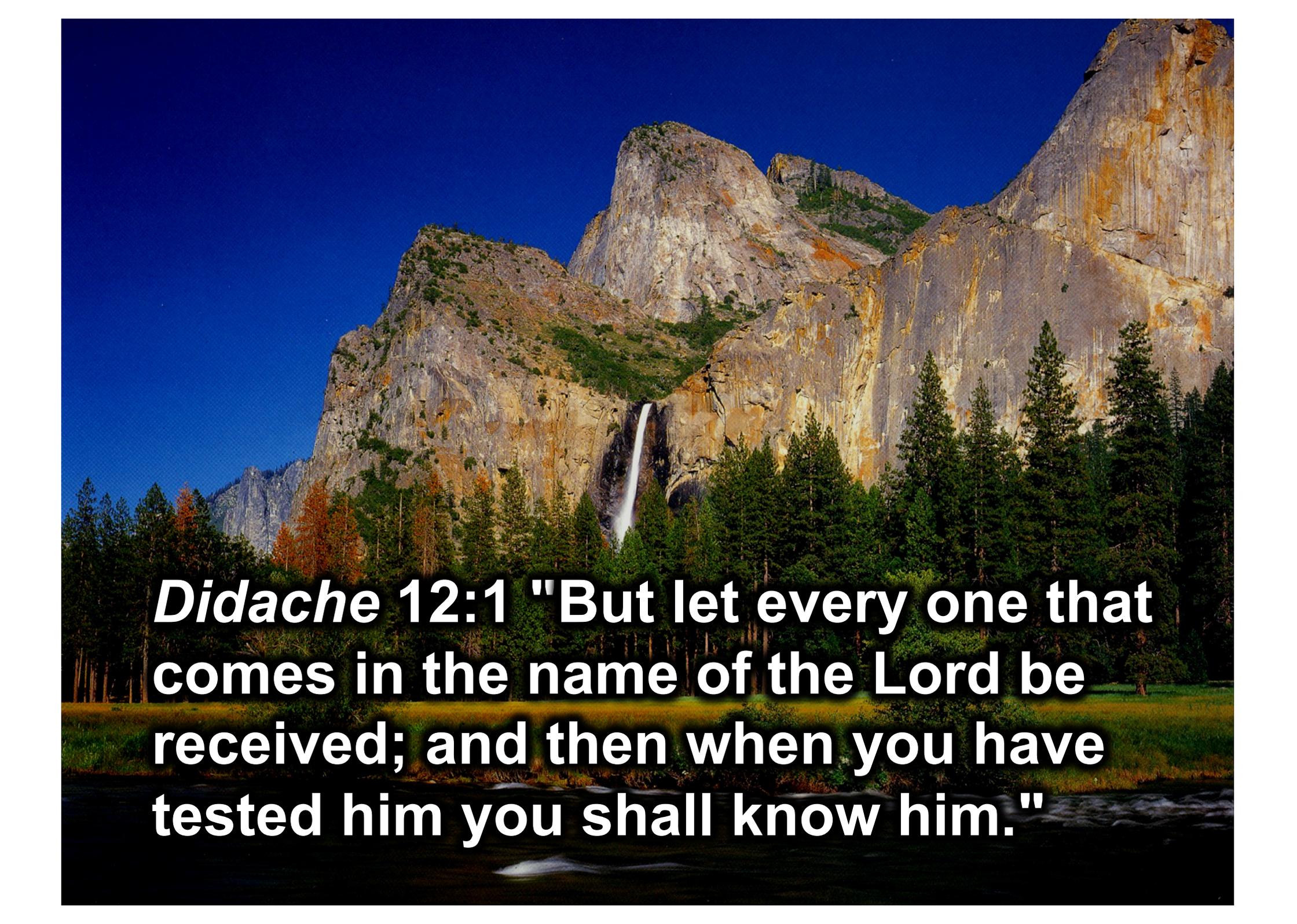
***Didache* 11:4 "Let every apostle,
when he comes to you, be received
as the Lord;"**



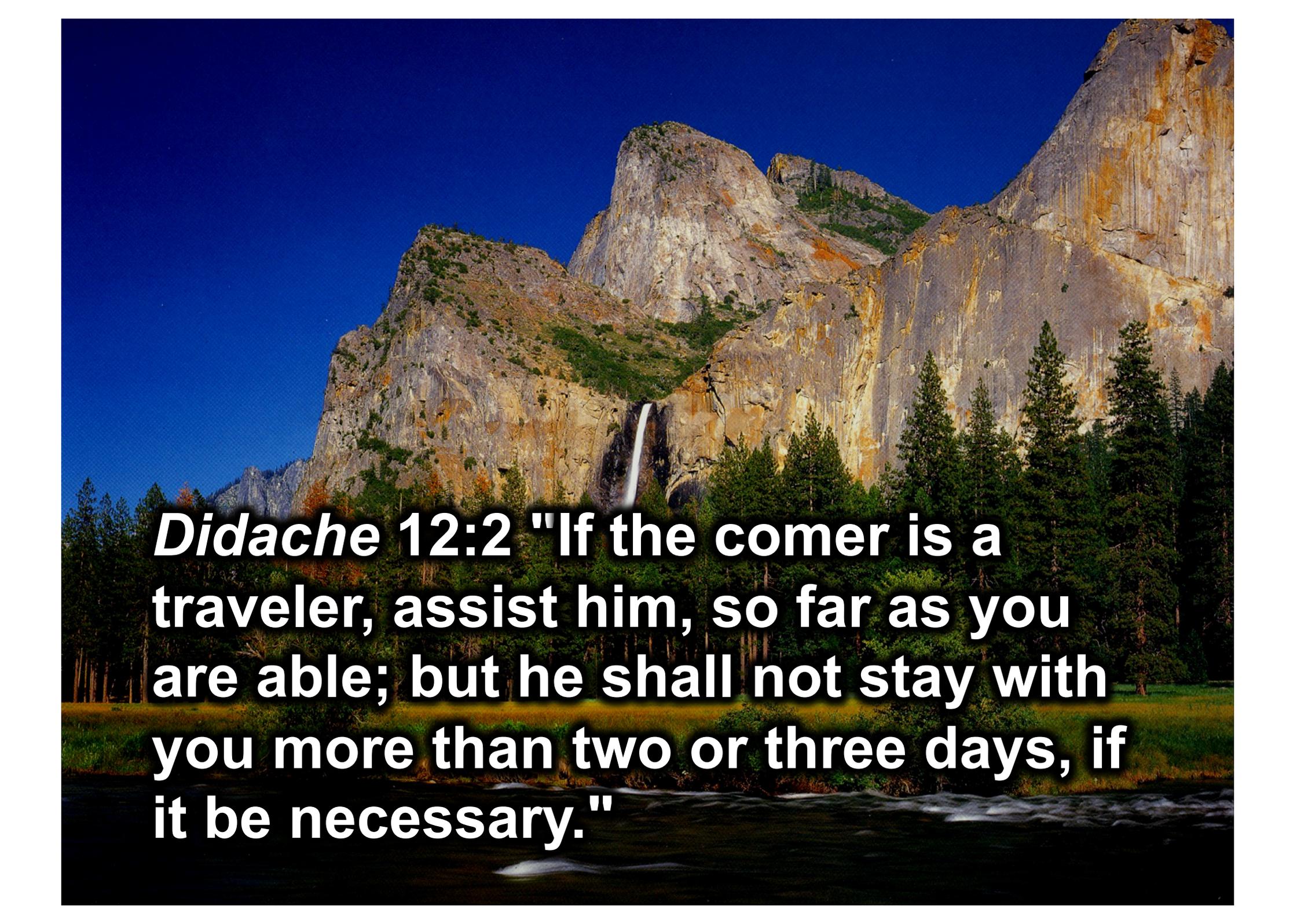
***Didache* 11:5 "but he shall not abide more than a single day, or if there be need, a second likewise; but if he abides three days, he is a false prophet."**

A scenic landscape featuring a waterfall cascading down a rocky cliff face, surrounded by dense evergreen trees and a clear blue sky. The waterfall is the central focus, with water falling from a high point on the cliff. The surrounding area is lush with greenery, including tall pine trees and a grassy field in the foreground. The sky is a deep, clear blue.

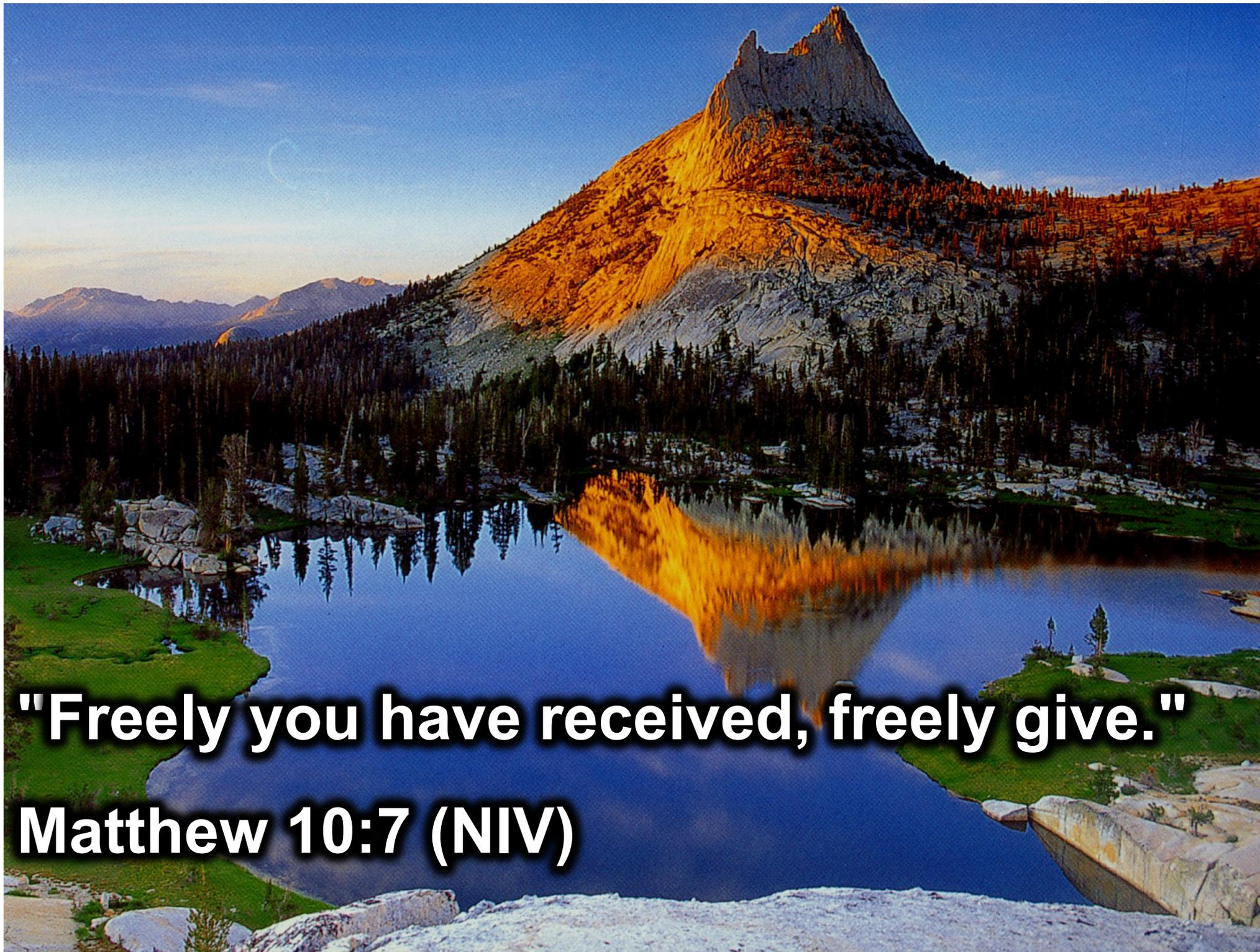
***Didache 11:6* "And when he departs let the apostle receive nothing except bread, until he finds shelter; but if he asks for money, he is a false prophet."**

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***Didache* 12:1 "But let every one that comes in the name of the Lord be received; and then when you have tested him you shall know him."**

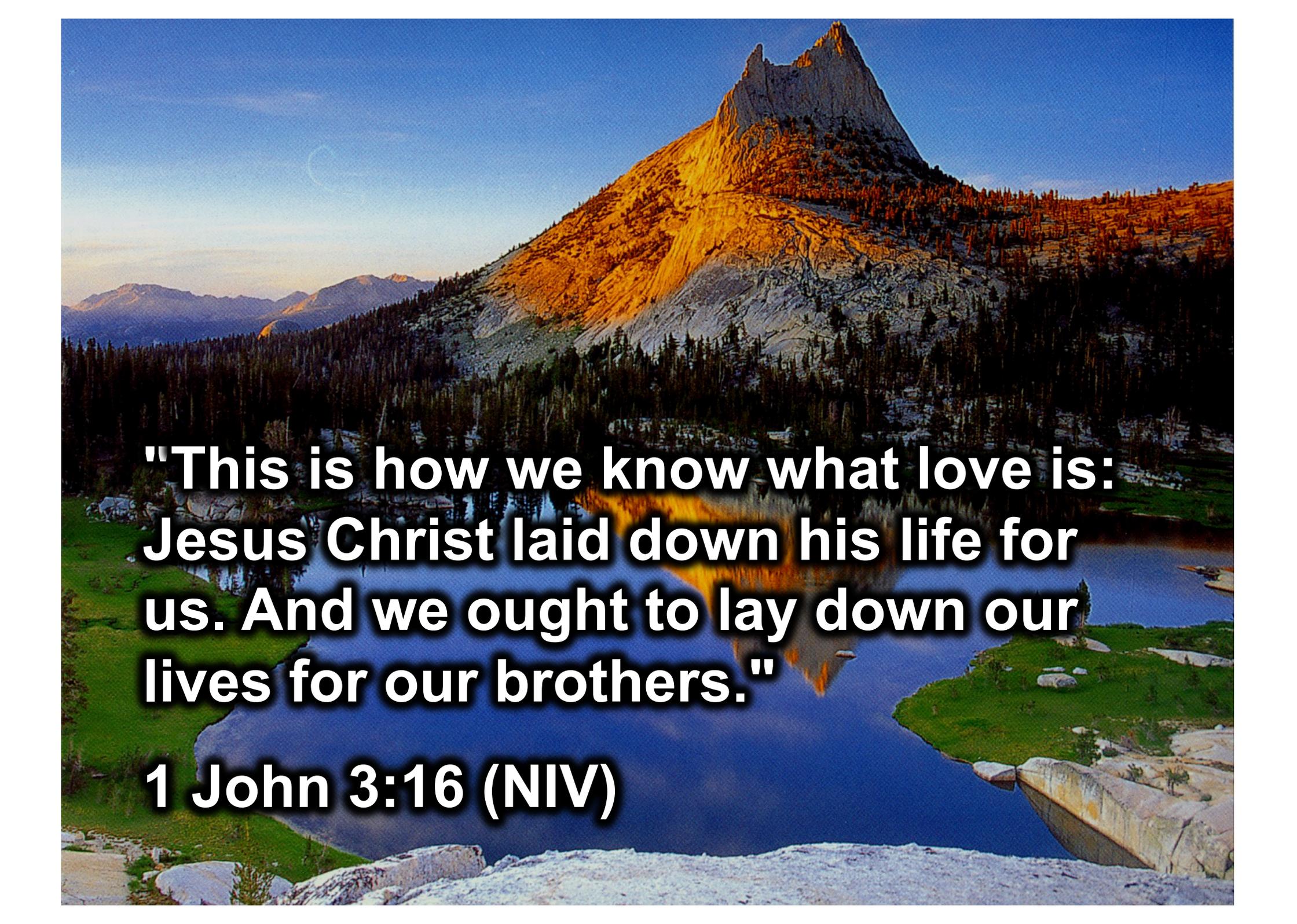
A scenic landscape featuring a waterfall cascading down a rocky cliff face, surrounded by dense evergreen trees and a river in the foreground. The sky is a clear, deep blue. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

***Didache* 12:2 "If the comer is a traveler, assist him, so far as you are able; but he shall not stay with you more than two or three days, if it be necessary."**



"Freely you have received, freely give."

Matthew 10:7 (NIV)



**"This is how we know what love is:
Jesus Christ laid down his life for
us. And we ought to lay down our
lives for our brothers."**

1 John 3:16 (NIV)

How can you **live out** the
gospel?

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I. Aid **true** teachers (1-6).



2 John 7-13

II. Avoid **false** teachers (7-13).



2 John

**"I say this because many deceivers have gone out into the world. They deny that Jesus Christ came in a real body. Such a person is a deceiver and an antichrist"
(2 John 7 NLT).**



"Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked so hard to achieve. Be diligent so that you receive your full reward. ⁹Anyone who wanders away from this teaching has no relationship with God. But anyone who remains in the teaching of Christ has a relationship with both the Father and the Son"
(2 John 8-9 NLT).

"If anyone comes to your meeting and does not teach the truth about Christ, don't invite that person into your home or give any kind of encouragement.

**¹¹Anyone who encourages such people becomes a partner in their evil work"
(2 John 10-11 NLT).**



The Meaning of 2 John 10

Summary of Differing Views

Can False Teachers...

<u>View</u>	<u>Stay in Believers Homes?</u>	<u>Enter Believers' Homes?</u>	<u>Adherents</u>
1	Yes	Yes	John R. Stott F. F. Bruce
2	No	Yes	Stanley Toussaint
3	No	?	I. Howard Marshall B. F. Westcott Robert Weldon Wilson
4	No	No	Rick Griffith



Keys

Key Word Limits

Key Verse

"Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your home or welcome him" (2 John 9-10 NIV).



**Too
good
to be
true
the-
ology**



**Joyce Meyers in her
\$2 million jet, etc.**



Oprah Winfrey

- No preaching on sin

- Led in prayer at gay "wedding"



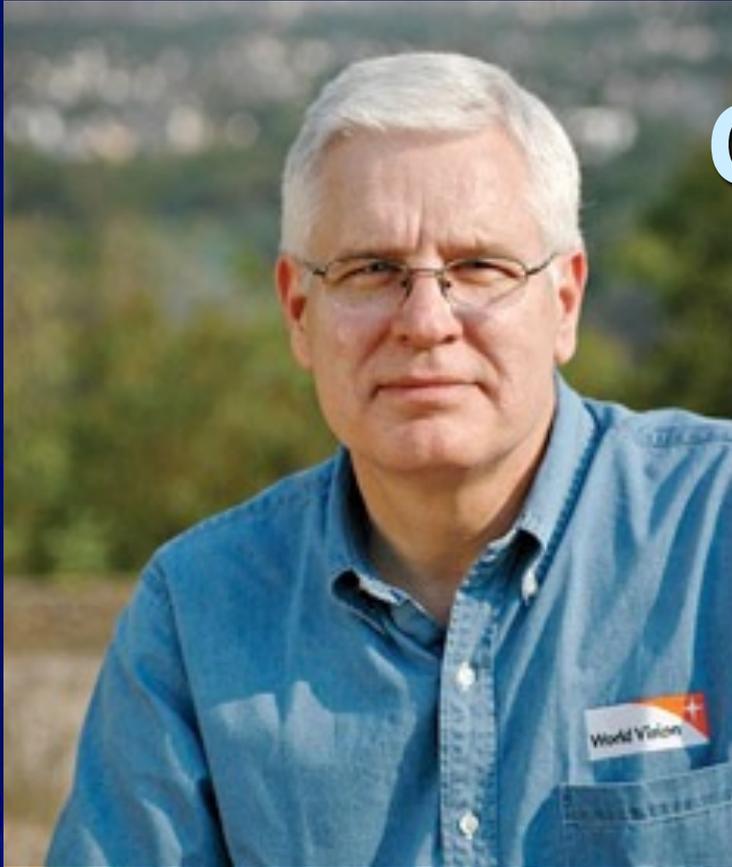
Joel Osteen



Motivational Speaking

Magical prayers, feel good messages, have it your way theology; surely this is too awesome to be what Paul warned us about

CEO Richard Stearns



World Vision Controversy

Jacqueline Fuller



World Vision Controversy

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AD 85-95				

Follow Up Relationally (12-13)

**"I have much more to say to you, but I don't want to do it with paper and ink. For I hope to visit you soon and talk with you face to face. Then our joy will be complete. ¹³Greetings from the children of your sister, chosen by God"
(2 John 12-13 NLT).**

How can you live out the gospel?

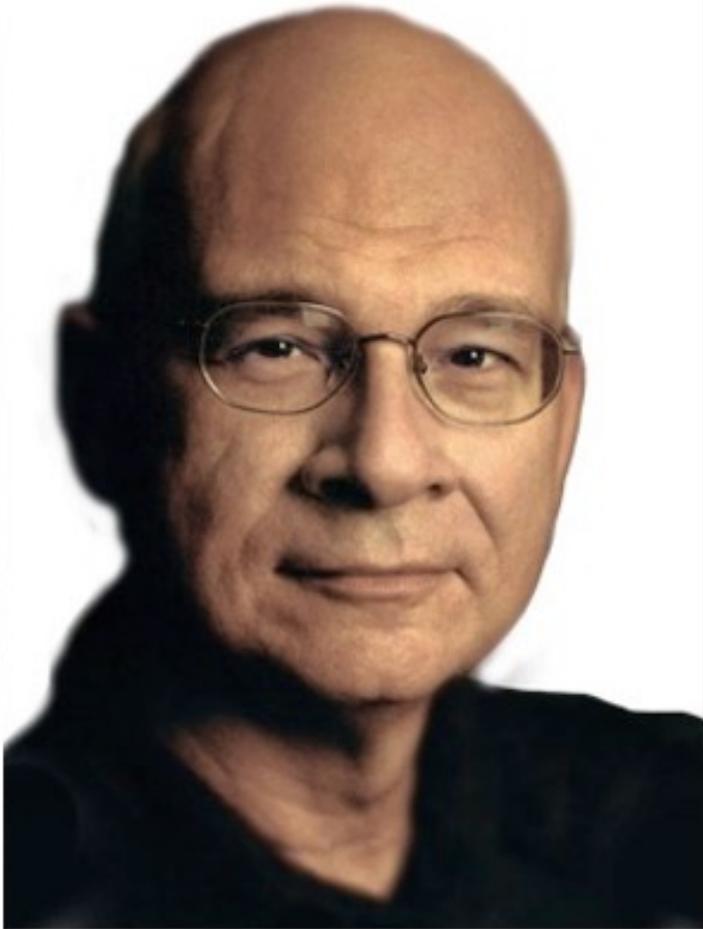


Main Idea



**Live the gospel
by not aiding
those who
hinder the
gospel**

Salvation by Grace Cannot be Lost



"If you didn't **earn** your salvation, how are you going to **un-earn** it?"

—*Timothy Keller*—

However, Christ promises rewards for perseverance (Rev. 3:11b).



"I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown" (NLT).

Rewards can be lost!

"Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked so hard to achieve. Be diligent so that you receive your full reward" (2 John 8 NLT)



Inheritance Today

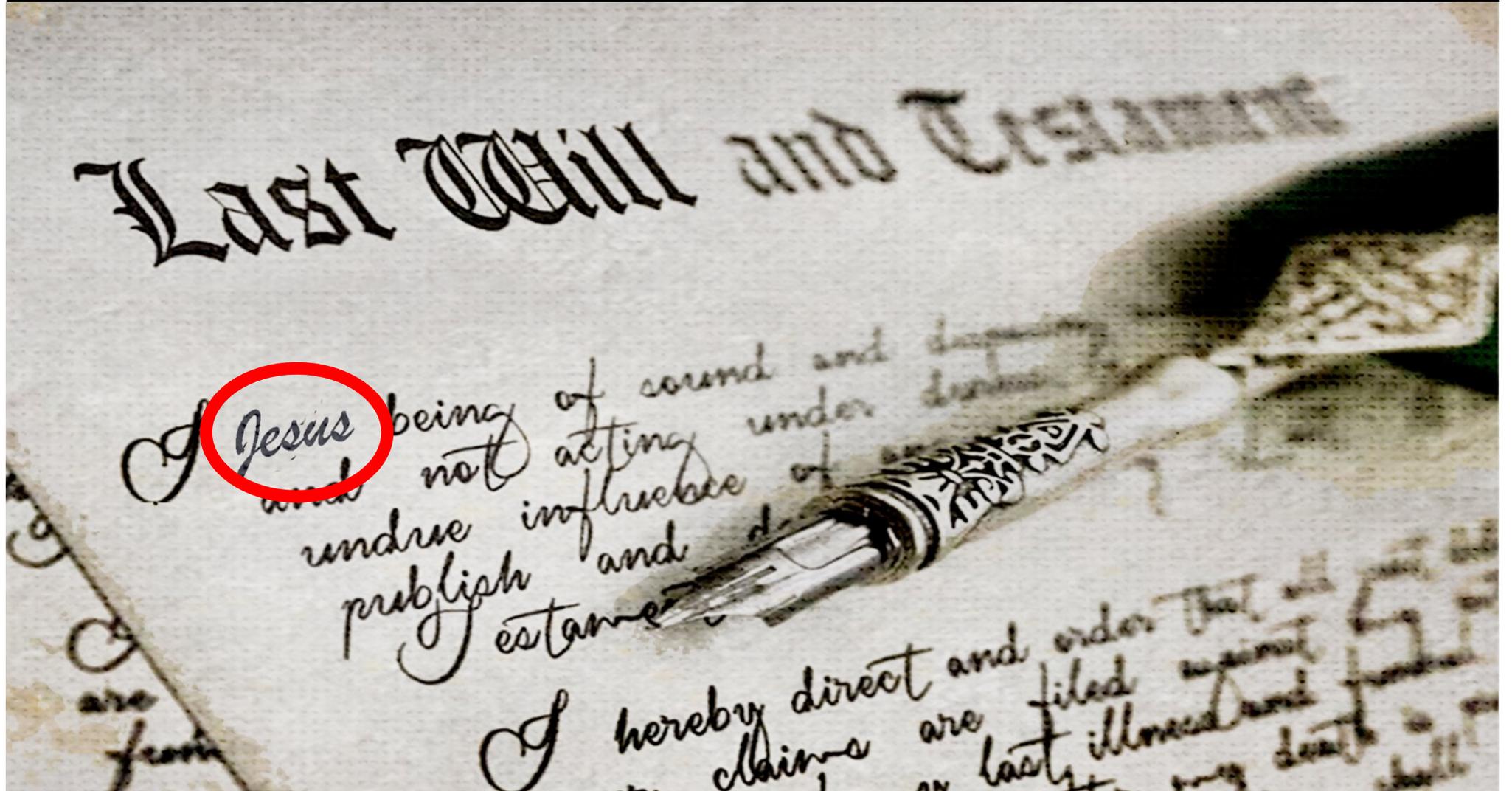
Last Will and Testament

I being of sound and disposing
and not acting under duress,
undue influence or coercion,
publish and declare my last
Testament

I hereby direct and order that all just
claims are filed against my estate
or last illness and funeral
expenses shall

are
from

Inheritance from Christ



Jody Dillow is the key author of the Partakers View



Final Destiny

*The Future Reign of the
Servant Kings*

Joseph Dillow



Inheritance in the OT



Inheritance in the OT

- 1. A difference exists between inheriting the land of Canaan and living there. The former refers to ownership and the latter to mere residence.**
- 2. While Israel was promised the inheritance as a nation, the condition for maintaining their inheritance right to the land of Canaan was faith, obedience, and completion of one's task. The promise, while national, was applied only to the believing and obedient remnant.**

Inheritance in the OT

- 3. The inheritance is not to be equated with heaven but with something in addition to heaven, promised to those believers who faithfully obey the Lord.**
- 4. Just as Old Testament believers forfeited their earthly inheritance through disobedience, we can also forfeit our future reward (inheritance) by a similar failure. Loss of inheritance, however, does not mean loss of salvation.**

Inheritance in the OT

5. Two kinds of inheritance were enjoyed in the Old Testament. All Israelites who had believed and were therefore regenerate had God as their inheritance but not all inherited the land. This paves the way for the concept that the New Testament may also teach two inheritances. We are all heirs of God, but we are not all joint-heirs with Christ, unless we persevere to the end of life. The former refers to our salvation and the latter to our reward.

Inheritance in the OT

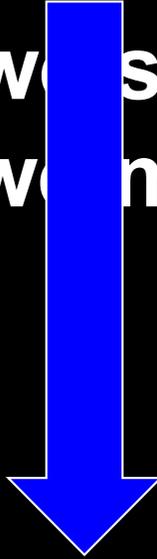
6. A child of Israel was both an heir of God and an heir of Canaan by virtue of faith in God resulting in regeneration. Yet only those believers in Israel who were faithful would maintain their status as firstborn sons who would actually receive what had been promised to them as an inheritance.

Inheritance in the NT

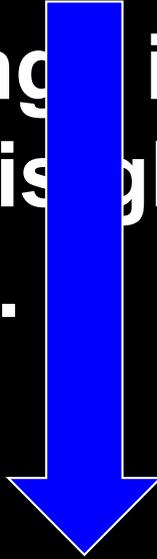


Two Types of Inheritance

"Now if we are children, then we are heirs—
heirs of God and **co-heirs with Christ**, if
indeed we share in his suffering in order that
we may also share in his glory"
(Rom. 8:17 NIV).



= Salvation



= Reward

Crowns in the NT

Incorruptible

1 Cor. 9:25



Hope

1 Thess. 2:19

Righteousness

2 Tim. 4:8



Life
Jas 1:12;
Rev 2:10



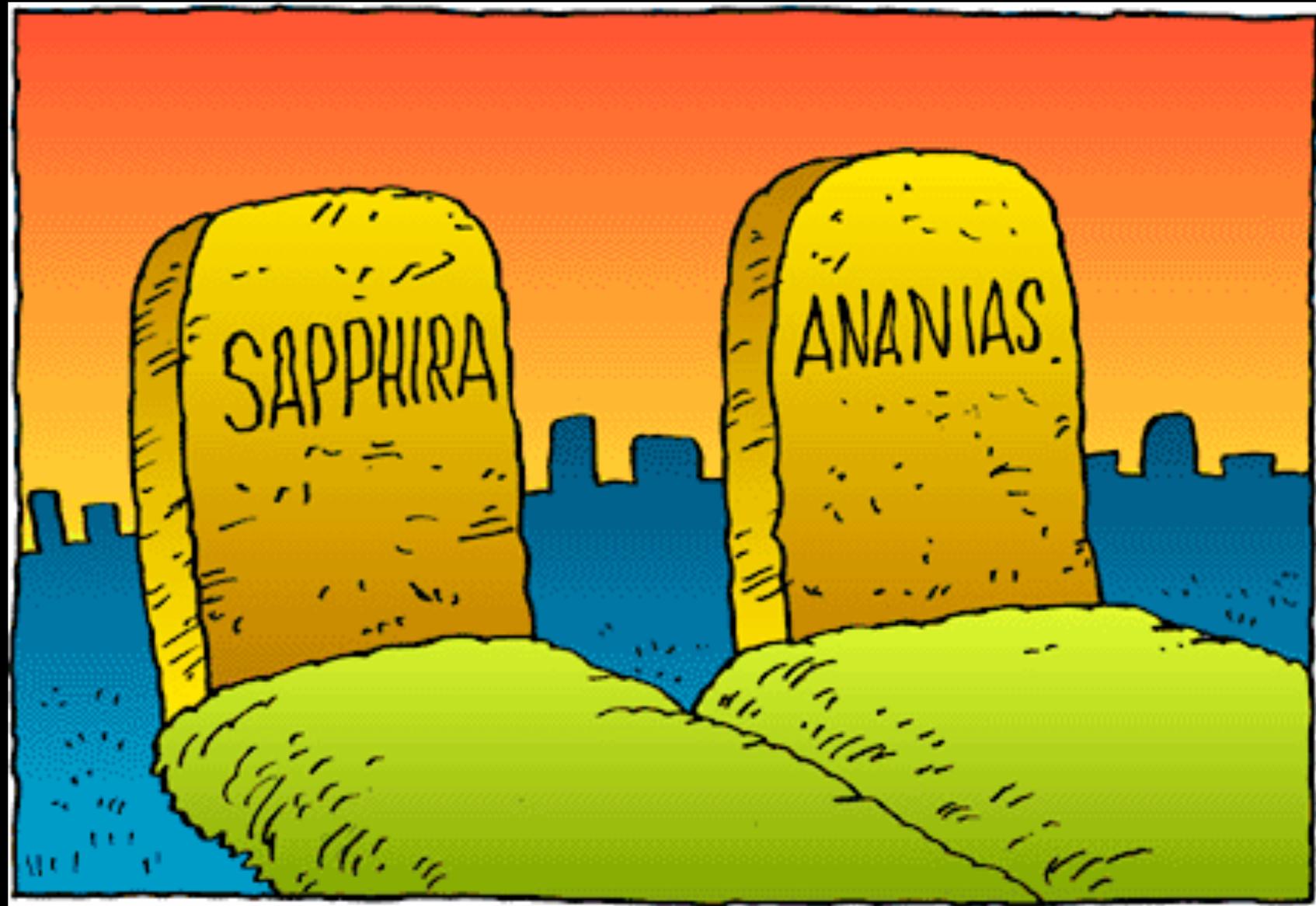
Glory
1 Pet. 5:4





**"And there will be no night there—no need for lamps or sun—for the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever"
(Rev 22:5 NLT).**

Divine Discipline



The Overcomers (Rev. 2–3)

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Pergamum

2:17

Thyatira

2:26

Smyrna

2:11

He who overcomes, I will grant to him to **sit down with Me on My throne**, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne (3:21)

Sardis

3:5

Ephesus

2:7

Philadelphia

3:12

Laodicea

3:21



***Rule with
Christ just as
he rules with
the Father
(Rev 3:21-22).***

Promise

**Overcomers
will eat with
Christ and
rule with
Christ**



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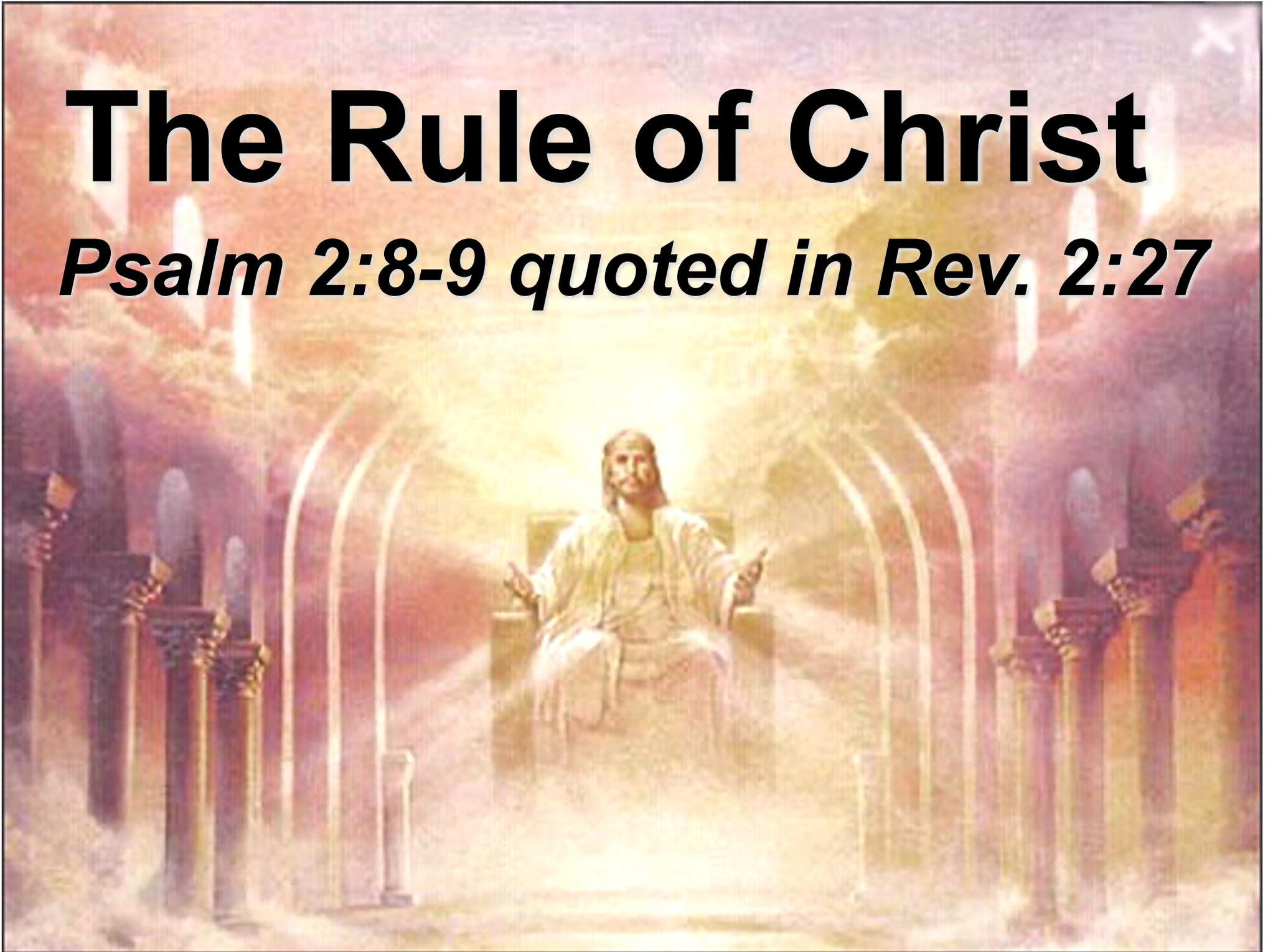
Laodicea

**Are you ready to rule
the world?**

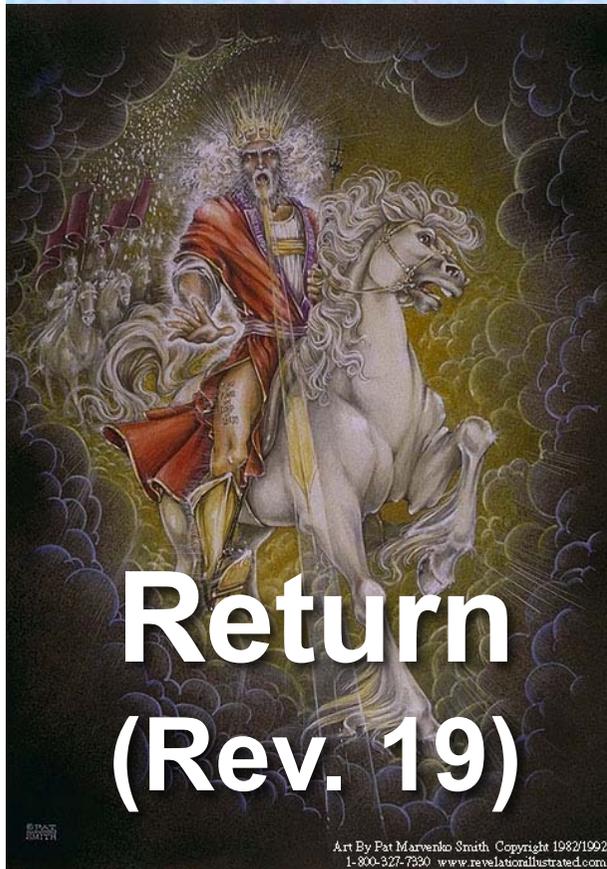


The Rule of Christ

Psalm 2:8-9 quoted in Rev. 2:27



Our Future (Rev. 19–20)



Revelation 20:4 (NAU)

⁴Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

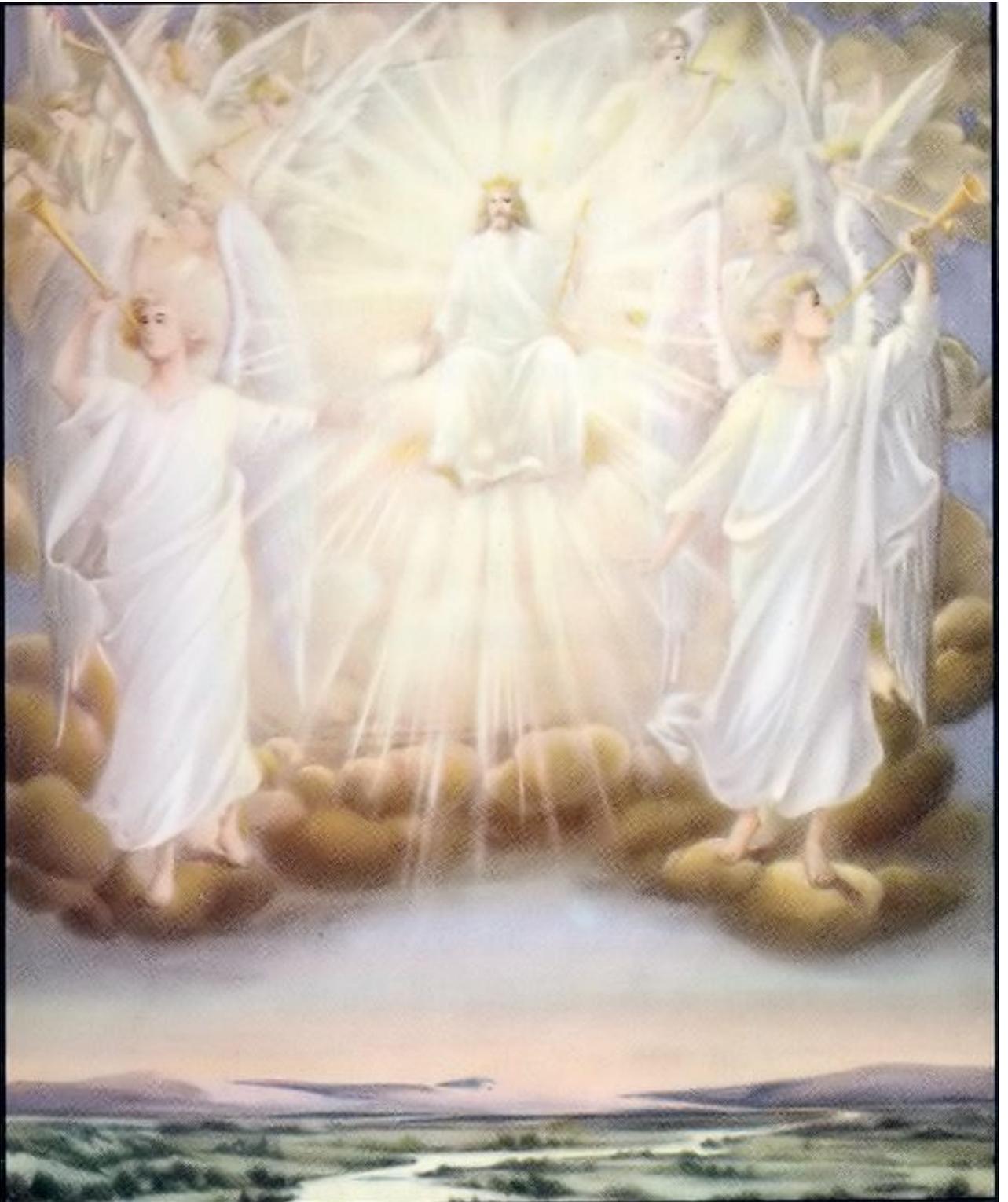


***"Do you not know
that saints will
judge the world?"
(1 Cor. 6:2a)***

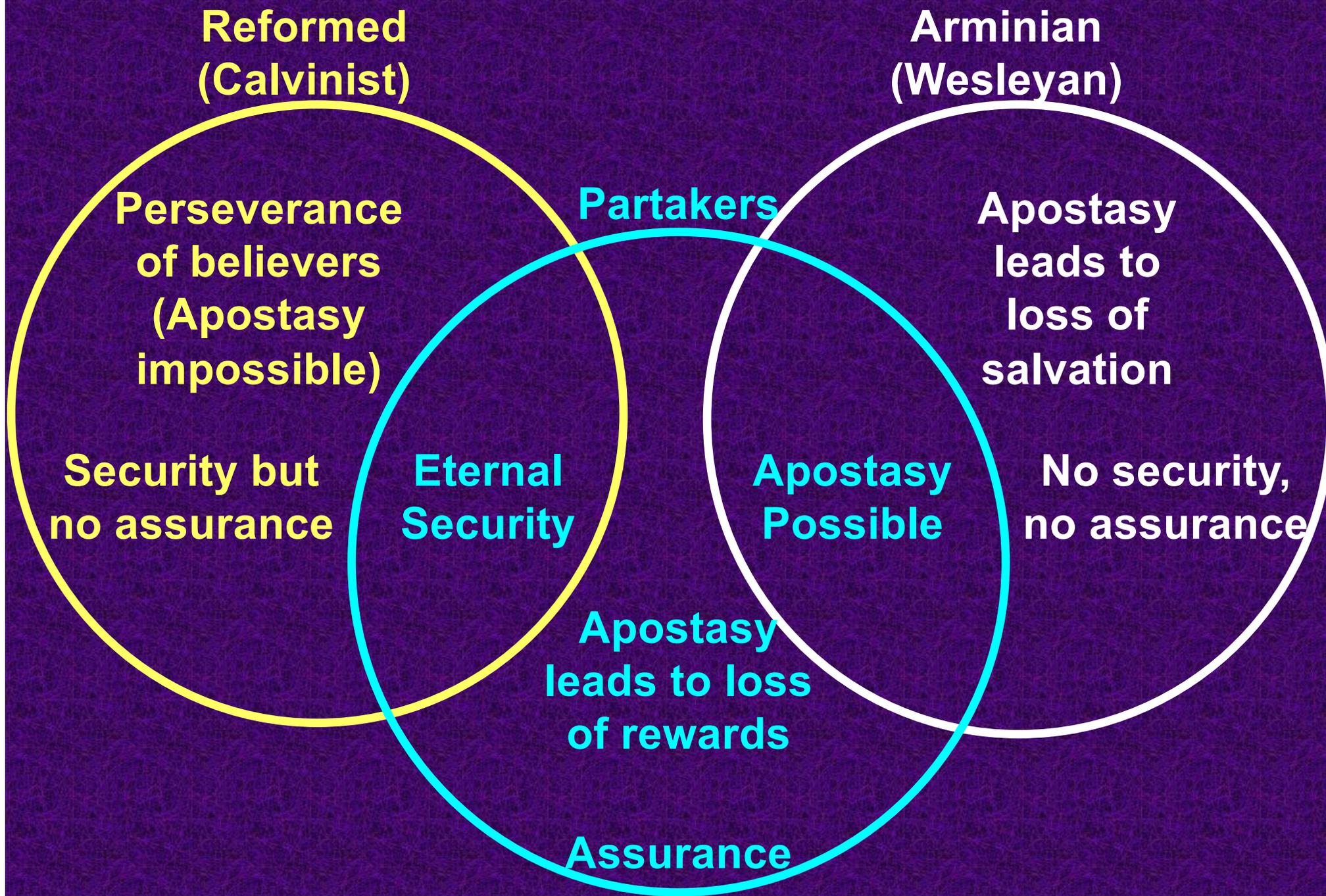


**"If we endure hardship,
we will reign with him"**
(2 Tim. 2:12 NLT)

**"Those who
are victorious
will sit with me
on my throne,
just as I was
victorious and
sat with my
Father on his
throne"
(Rev. 3:21
NLT).**



Assurance and Apostasy



Assurance and Apostasy

The Bible distinguishes our two inheritances.

Only overcomers will reign with Christ.

Believers abandoning Jesus lose rewards and rule.

**Arminian
(Wesleyan)**

Apostasy leads to loss of salvation

No security, no assurance

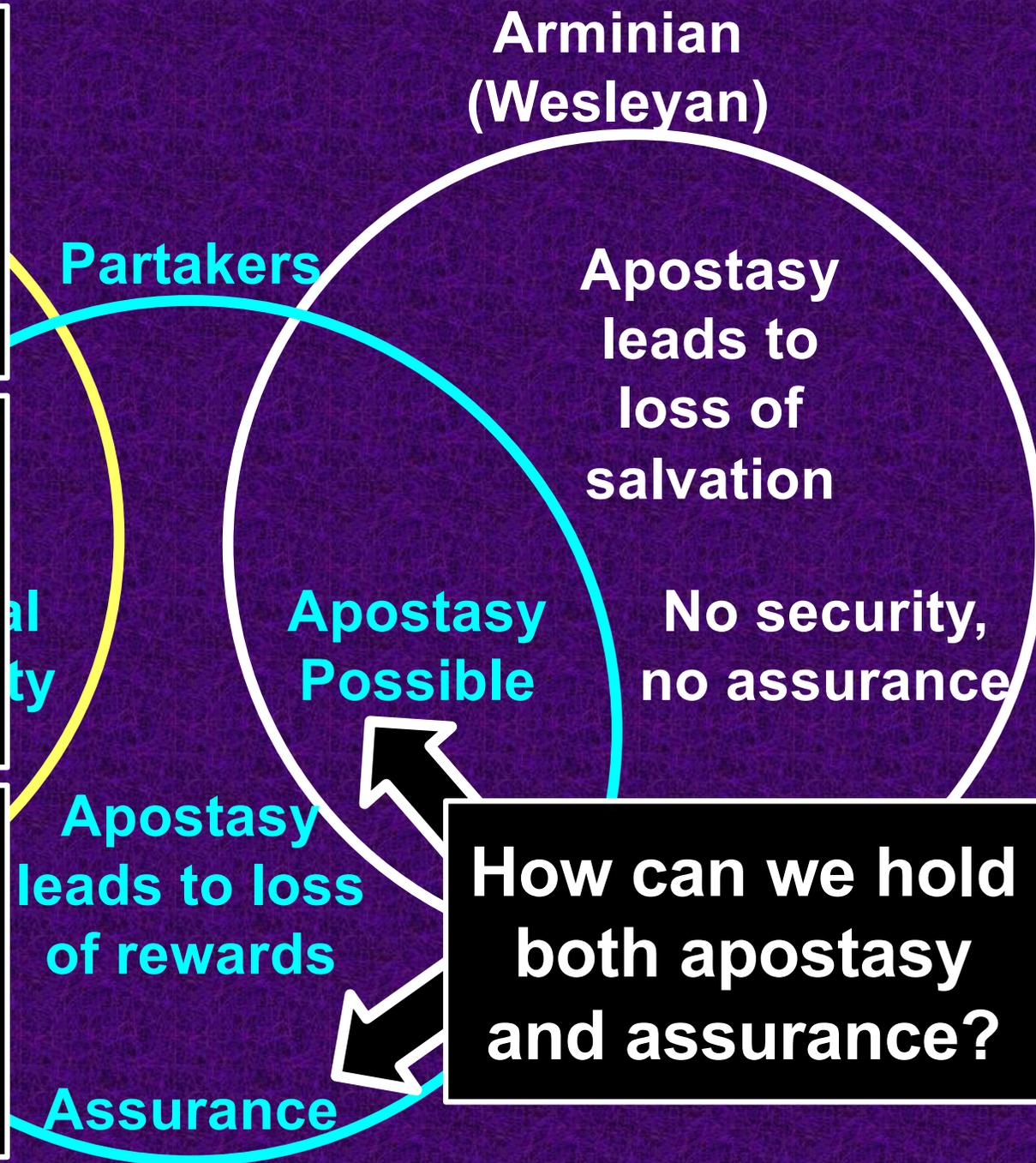
Partakers

Apostasy Possible

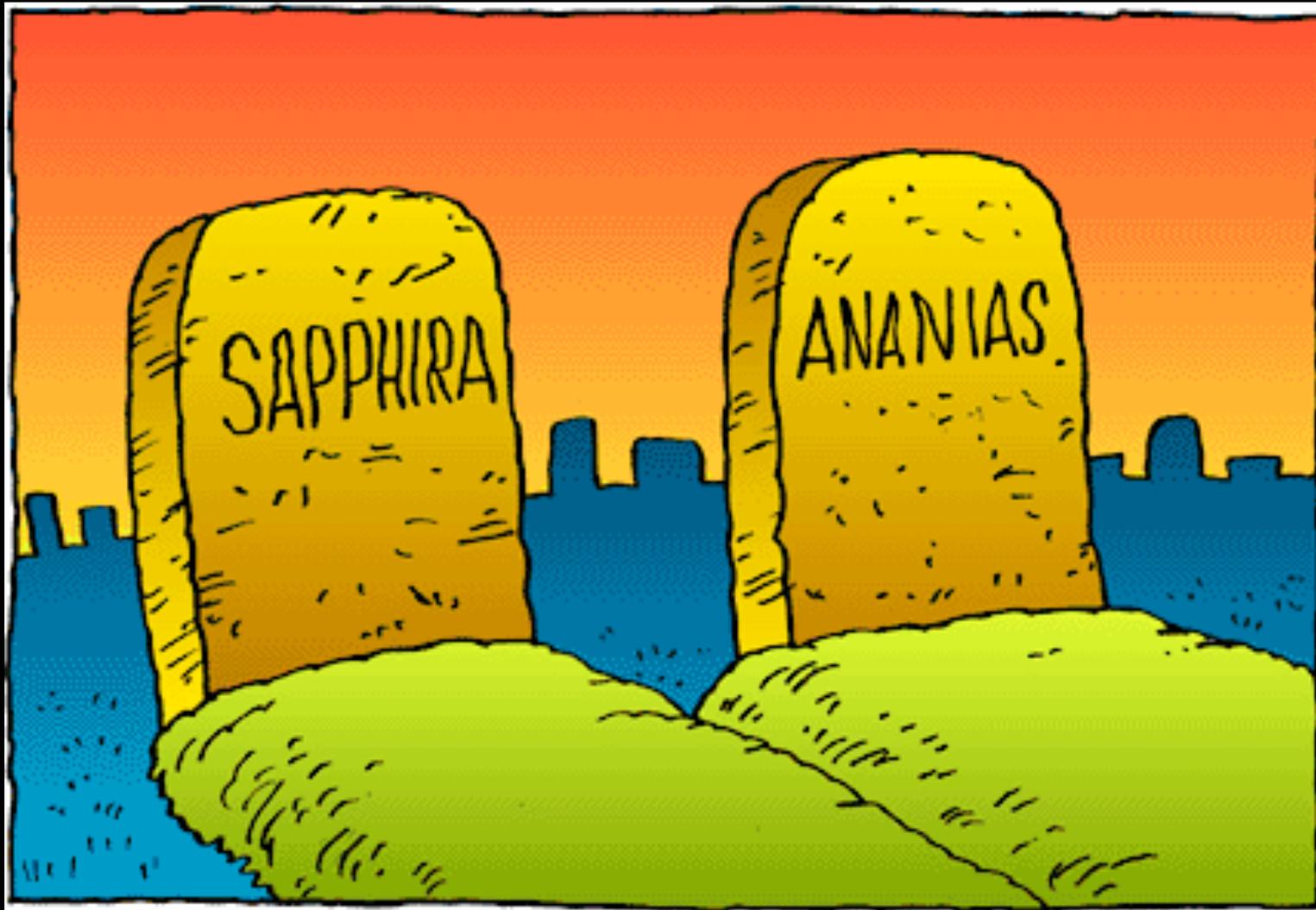
Apostasy leads to loss of rewards

Assurance

How can we hold both apostasy and assurance?



**However, there is still
divine discipline...**



Ananias & Sapphira



Acts 5

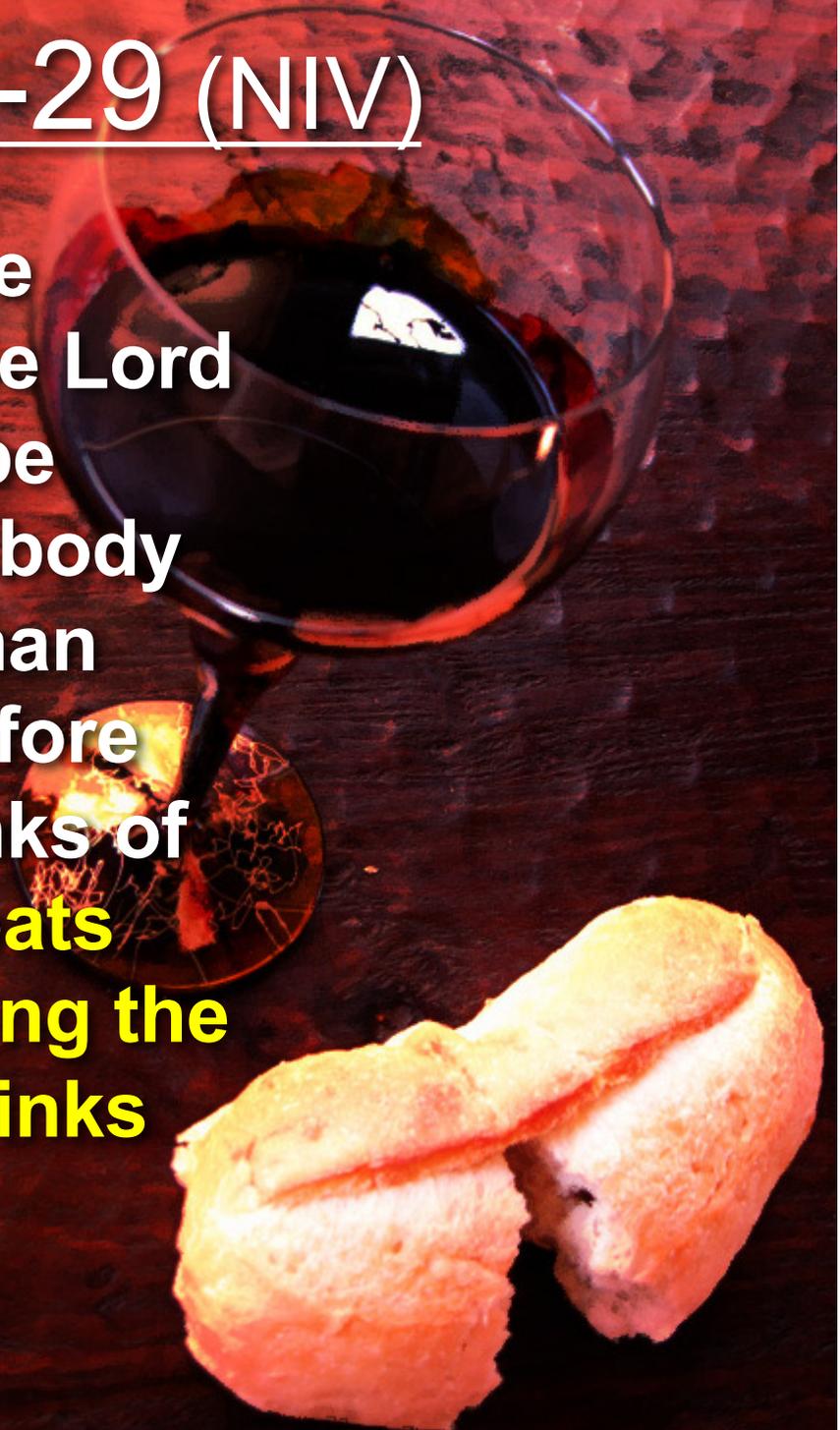
Believers Can Be "Disqualified"

"Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! ²⁵All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. ²⁶So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. ²⁷I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, **I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified**"
(1 Cor. 9:24-27 NLT).



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.**

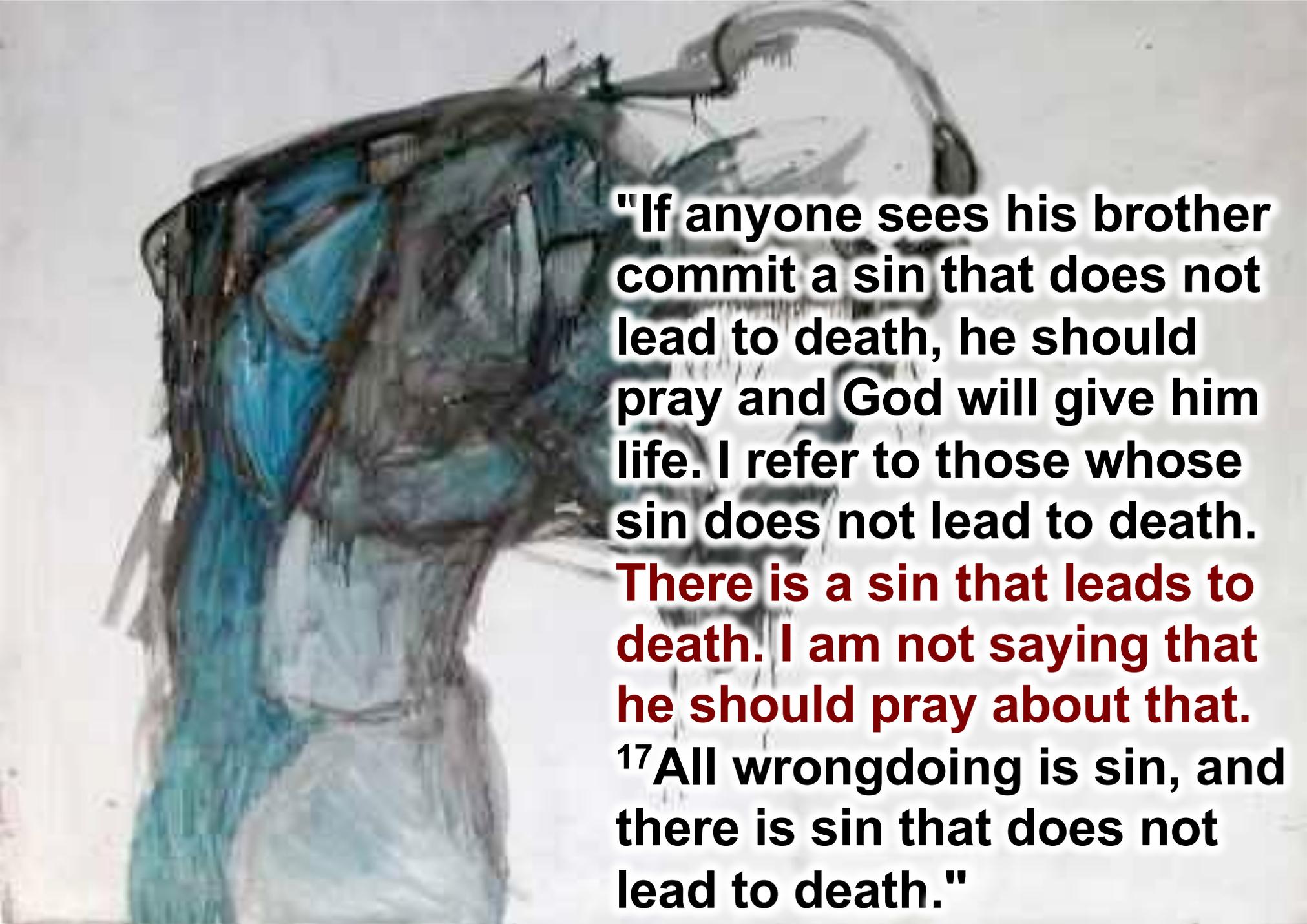


1 Corinthians 11:30-32 (NIV)

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.



Some sin leads to premature death (1 John 5:16-17 NIV)



"If anyone sees his brother commit a sin that does not lead to death, he should pray and God will give him life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that he should pray about that. ¹⁷All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death."

**All believers will be clothed
with Christ's righteousness**



All believers will enjoy heaven



Jesus will judge the earth



Jesus will reward the faithful



Live Towards Your Future!



How can you **live out** the gospel?



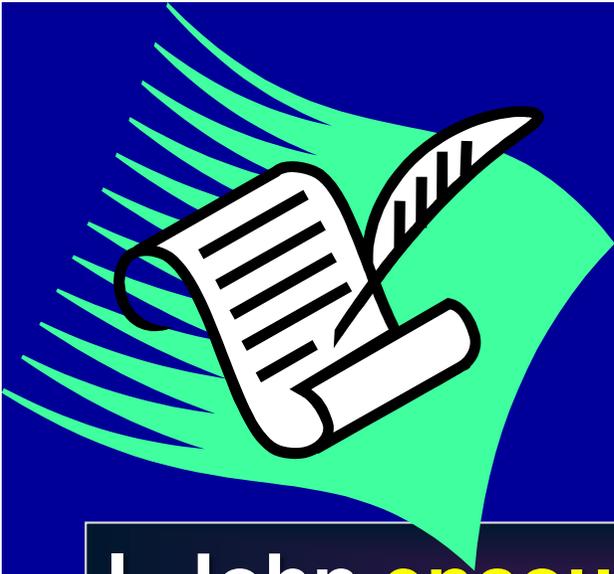
Main Idea



Live the gospel
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2 John

Outline



I. John **encourages** a woman in both truth and love to prepare her for his later rebuke (1-6).

II. John **warns** the woman not to help false teachers to help her see love's limits (7-13).

I. Aid **true** teachers (1-6).



**Well, Charles, when I
baptize you...**



**Everything that goes under
belongs to God.**





"He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me"

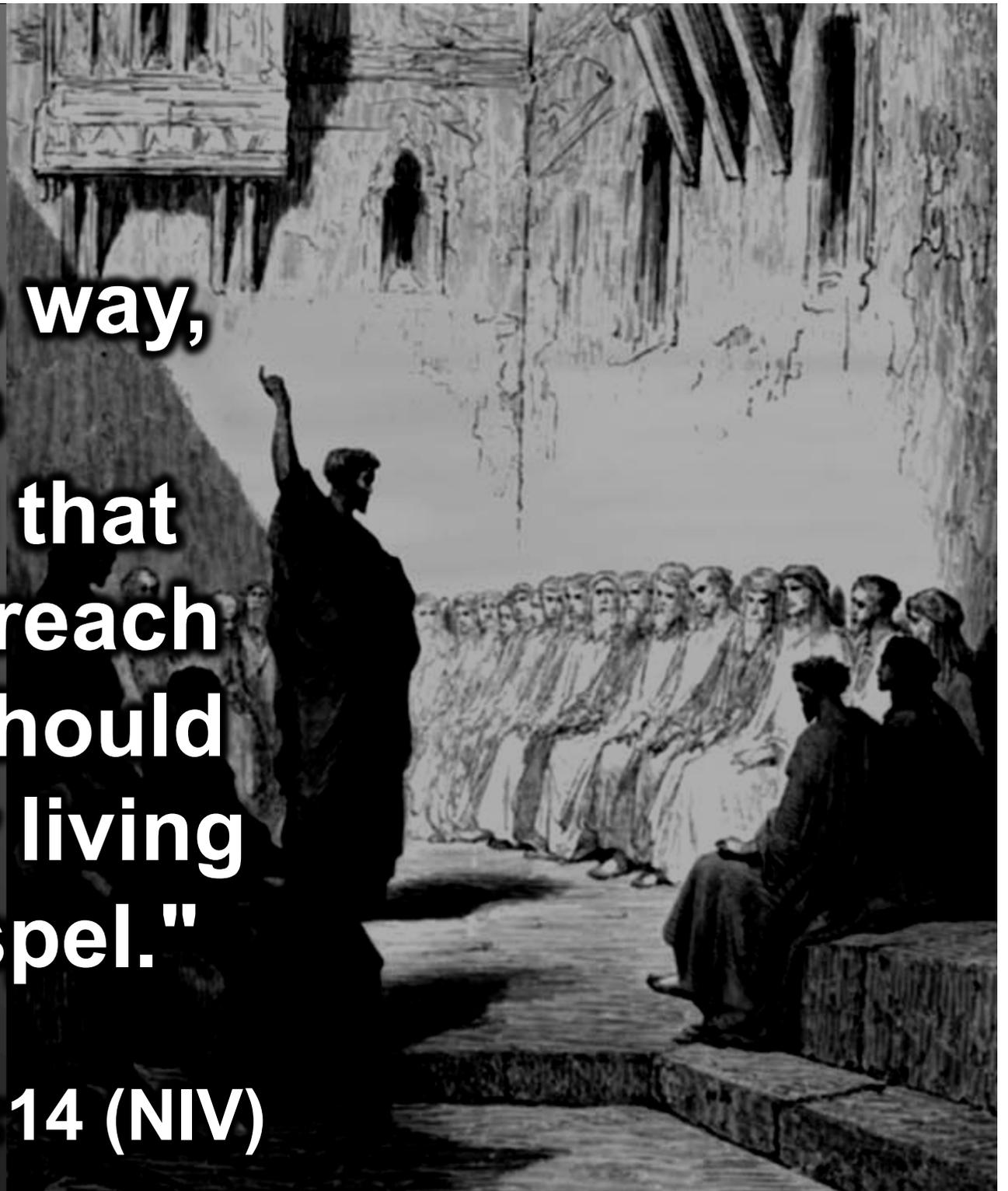
Matthew 10:40 (NIV)

"And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward"

Matthew 10:42 (NIV)

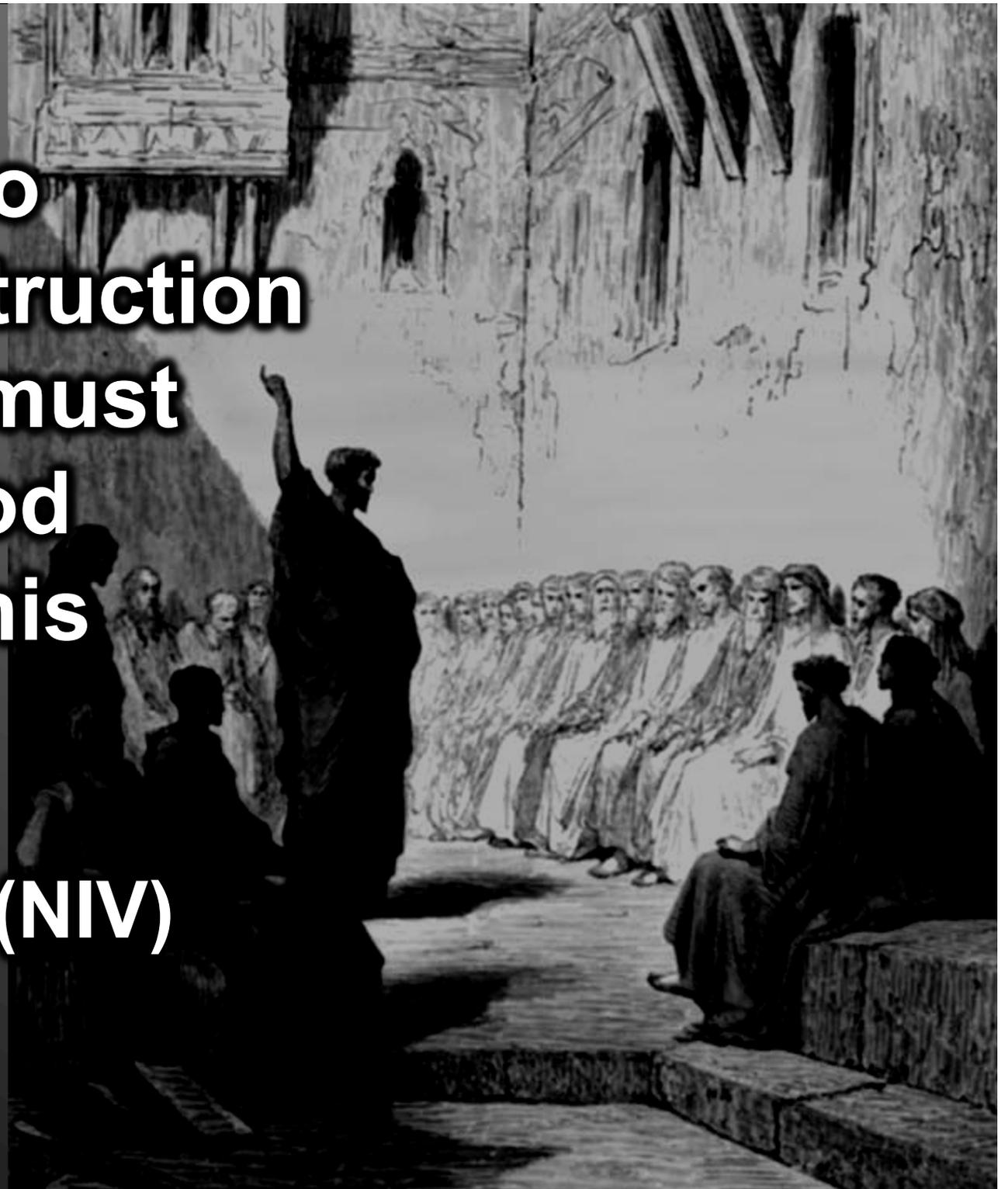
**"In the same way,
the Lord has
commanded that
those who preach
the gospel should
receive their living
from the gospel."**

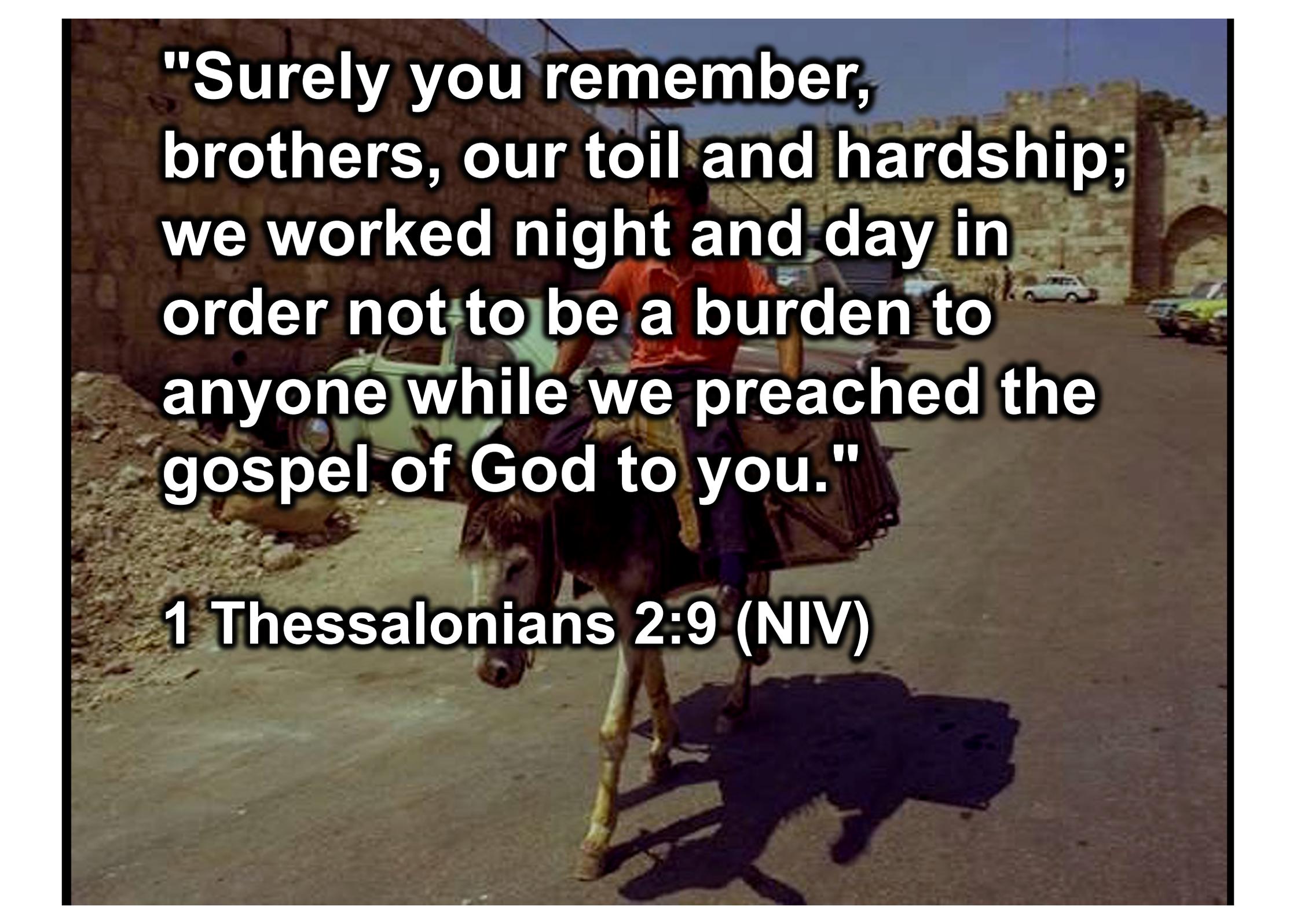
1 Corinthians 9:14 (NIV)



"Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor."

Galatians 6:6 (NIV)



A man in a red shirt is riding a brown donkey down a dusty street. The donkey is carrying a large, dark, rectangular bundle on its back. The street is lined with stone buildings and several parked cars. The scene is set in a town with a warm, sunny atmosphere.

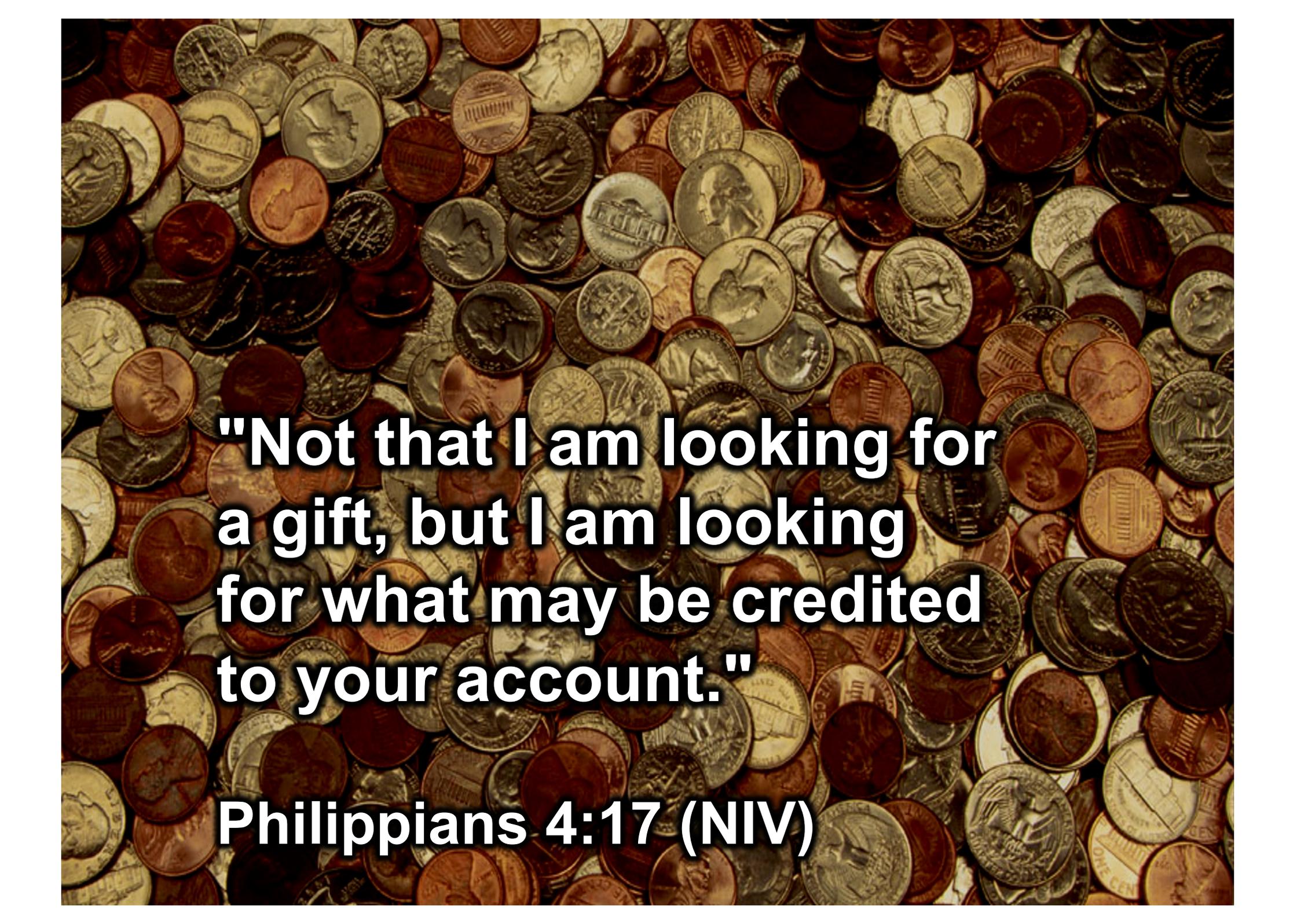
**"Surely you remember,
brothers, our toil and hardship;
we worked night and day in
order not to be a burden to
anyone while we preached the
gospel of God to you."**

1 Thessalonians 2:9 (NIV)



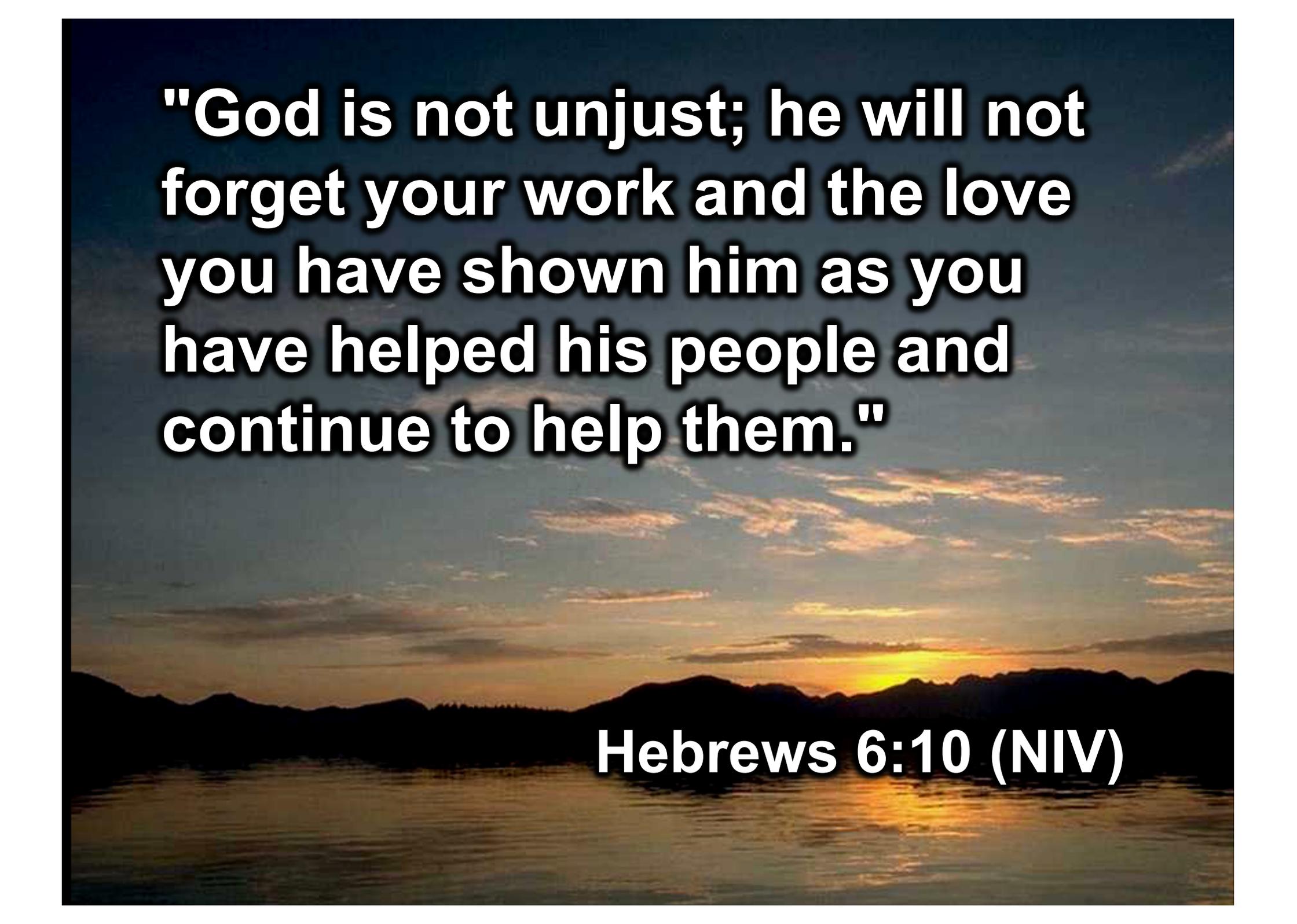
"The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle. All will share alike."

1 Samuel 30:24 (NIV)



**"Not that I am looking for
a gift, but I am looking
for what may be credited
to your account."**

Philippians 4:17 (NIV)

A serene landscape photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, and the foreground shows the dark silhouettes of mountains and trees along the shoreline.

"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them."

Hebrews 6:10 (NIV)

II. Avoid **false** teachers (7-13).



2 John



Keys

Key Word Limits

Key Verse

"Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your home or welcome him" (2 John 9-10 NIV).

Summary Statement

John exhorts ***limits to love*** for a Christian woman and her children who show hospitality to missionaries but need warning not to extend the same to false teachers to warn against ***aiding the spread of destructive heresies.***



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Thesis: The earth must be destroyed due to man not taking care of the environment!



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**"least biblical
biblical film
ever made."**

Atheist Producer Darren Aronofsky

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**Should
Christians
see it?**

Praise of "Noah"



Focus on the Family president Jim Daly stated that: "[Noah] is a creative interpretation of the scriptural account that allows us to **imagine the deep struggles Noah may have wrestled with** as he answered God's call on his life. This cinematic vision of Noah's story **gives Christians a great opportunity to engage our culture with the biblical Noah**, and to have conversations with friends and family about matters of eternal significance."

Criticism of "Noah"

Ken Ham (Answers in Genesis):
"Also, while the extreme wickedness of man was depicted, the real sin displayed in the film was the people's destruction of the earth. Lost within the film's extreme environmentalist message is that the actual sins of the preflood people were rebellion against God and man's inhumanity to man."



How do Christians aid heresy?



- Encouraging itinerate heretics
- Giving money to cults (YouTube preachers, etc.)
- Buying heretical books
- Attending movies that violate Scripture
- Accepting literature from false evangelists

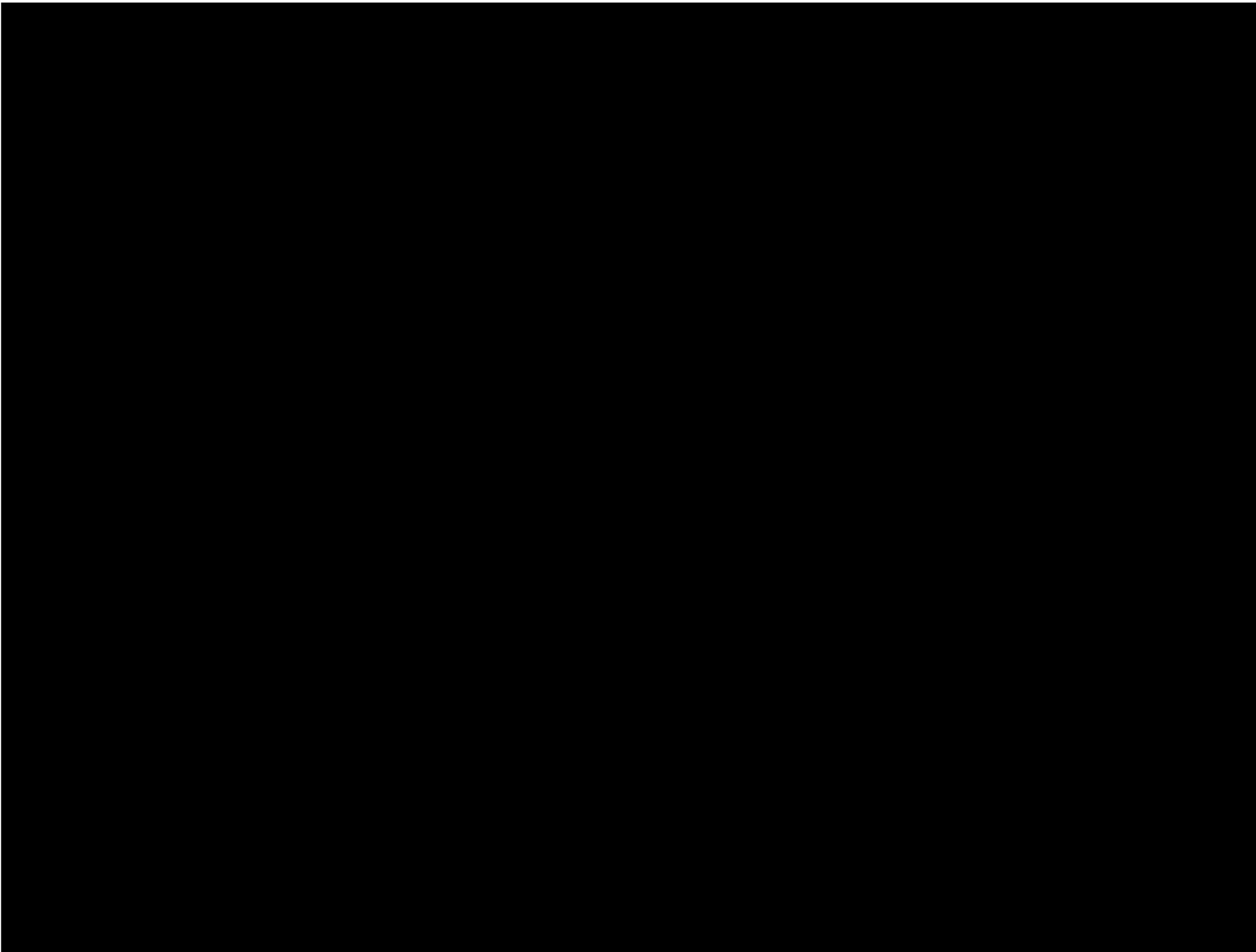
What Does All This Mean?

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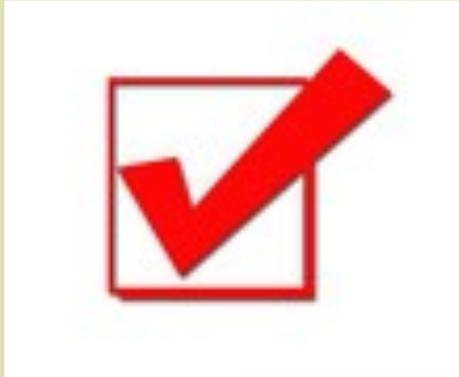
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Title

**The Greek title
('Ιωάννου β *Second of John*)
follows the standard
practice of naming the
General Epistles after their
authors and distinguishes
this epistle from John's two
others**

Authorship

External Evidence

Church tradition has long viewed this epistle as from the pen of the Apostle John. He was the leader of the church of Ephesus in Asia Minor & author of the Gospel, 1 John, 3 John & Revelation.

Internal Evidence

- The designation "the elder" (v. 1) has always been considered another designation for John until the rise of liberal scholarship.
- Themes such as love, joy, truth, and antichrist, bear remarkable resemblance to emphases in 1 John & the Gospel of John.

- This letter is the 2nd shortest book in the Bible (245 Greek words while 3 John has 219 Greek words). However, 2 John has the **fewest verses** (13 but 15 in 3 John).
- This is the only NT letter addressed to a **woman**.
- Verse 10 is the most controversial statement in this short letter. The issue is whether false teachers should be allowed to:
 - (1) stay in believer's homes,
 - (2) just enter their homes, or
 - (3) neither.
- The 3rd interpretation is the normal interpretation so that believers are not involved in promoting false teaching even in the slightest sense.

Argument

John's 2nd epistle **warns** a woman zealous in hospitality against providing lodging to false teachers so she wouldn't help spread their destructive doctrines.

His greeting with its **balance** between truth & love illustrates this point, followed by a commendation of the woman for her love balanced with the importance of truth.

Next follows the main teaching of the letter, which warns her to demonstrate her love with discerning limits by **refusing hospitality** to false teachers.



Synthesis

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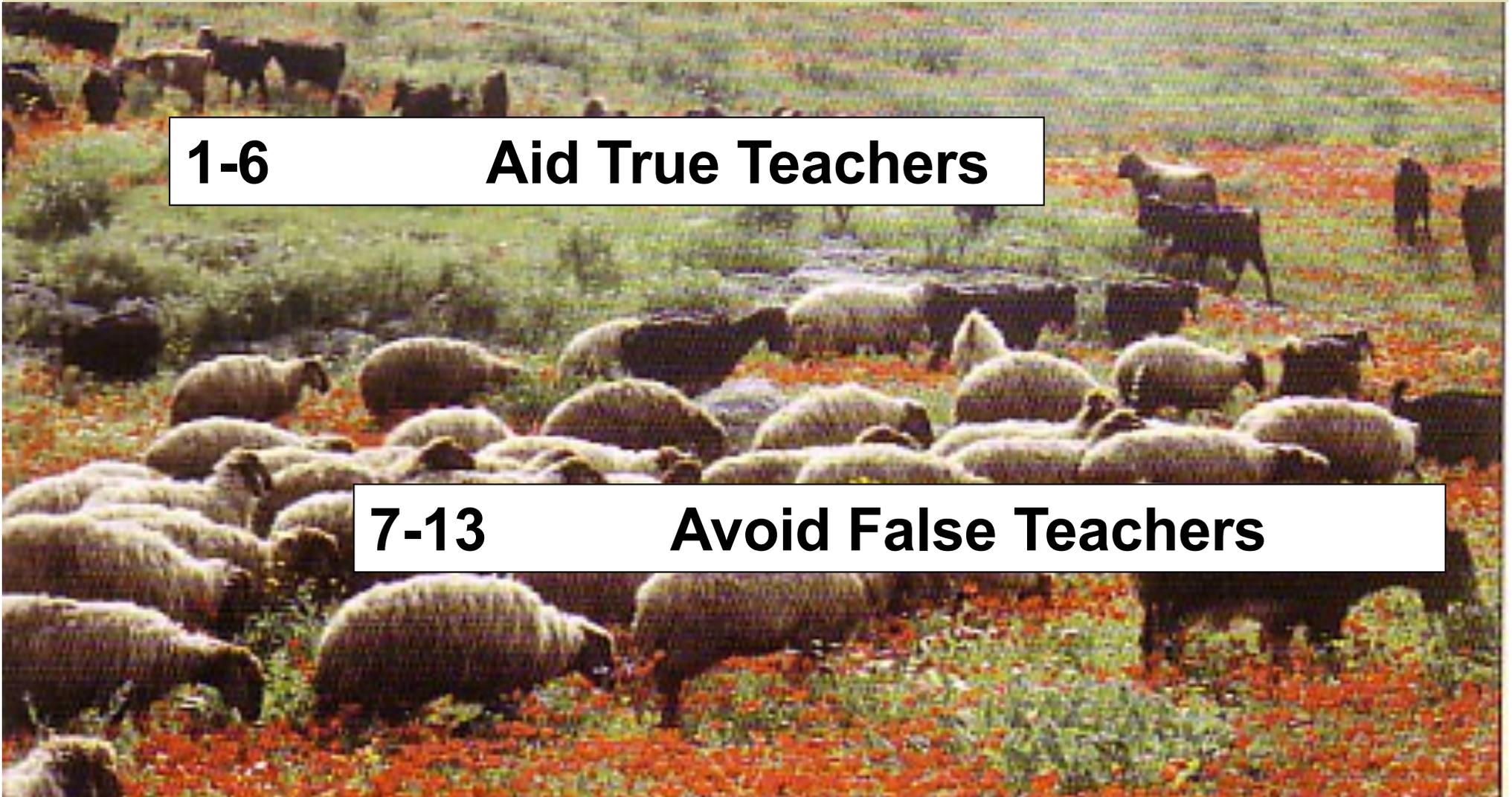
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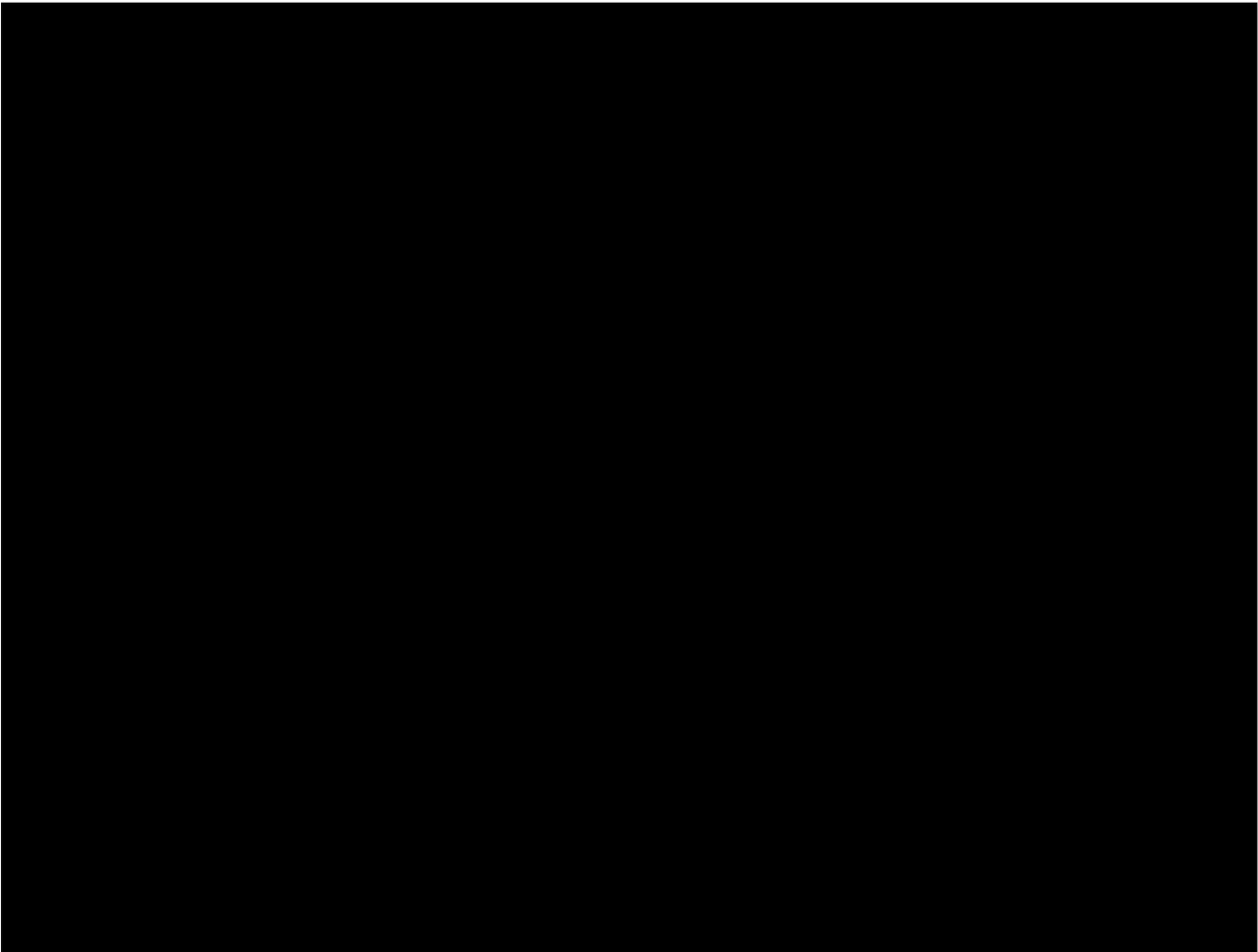
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