



# Jude

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**Key Word**

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**Pretenders**

**Jude**

**Theme**

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**Contend Against  
Pretenders**

**Jude**

# Key Verse

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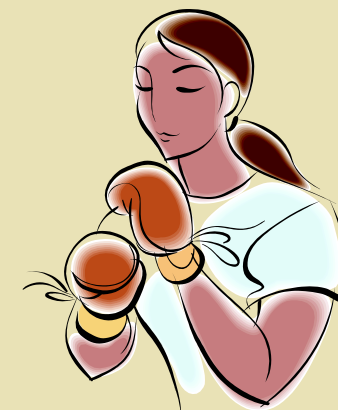
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## Epistle of Jude

### Summary Statement

**Christians must defend the *holiness* of the church by fighting pretenders—unbelievers who have infiltrated their churches and perverted the truth by their license.**



# Kingdom Statement

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**“All glory, majesty, power, and authority are his before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time! Amen” (v. 25b NLT).**

**Jude**

**The Church has unbelieving pretenders that have secretly infiltrated them with libertine practices denying the lordship of Jesus Christ (v. 4).**

# Redemption

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**God alone is Savior  
“through Jesus Christ our Lord”  
(v. 25a NLT).**

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# Prophecy (Lord, Deity)

**Christ will judge pretenders for their ungodly actions and words spoken against Him at His Second Coming with saints and angels (vv. 14b-15).**

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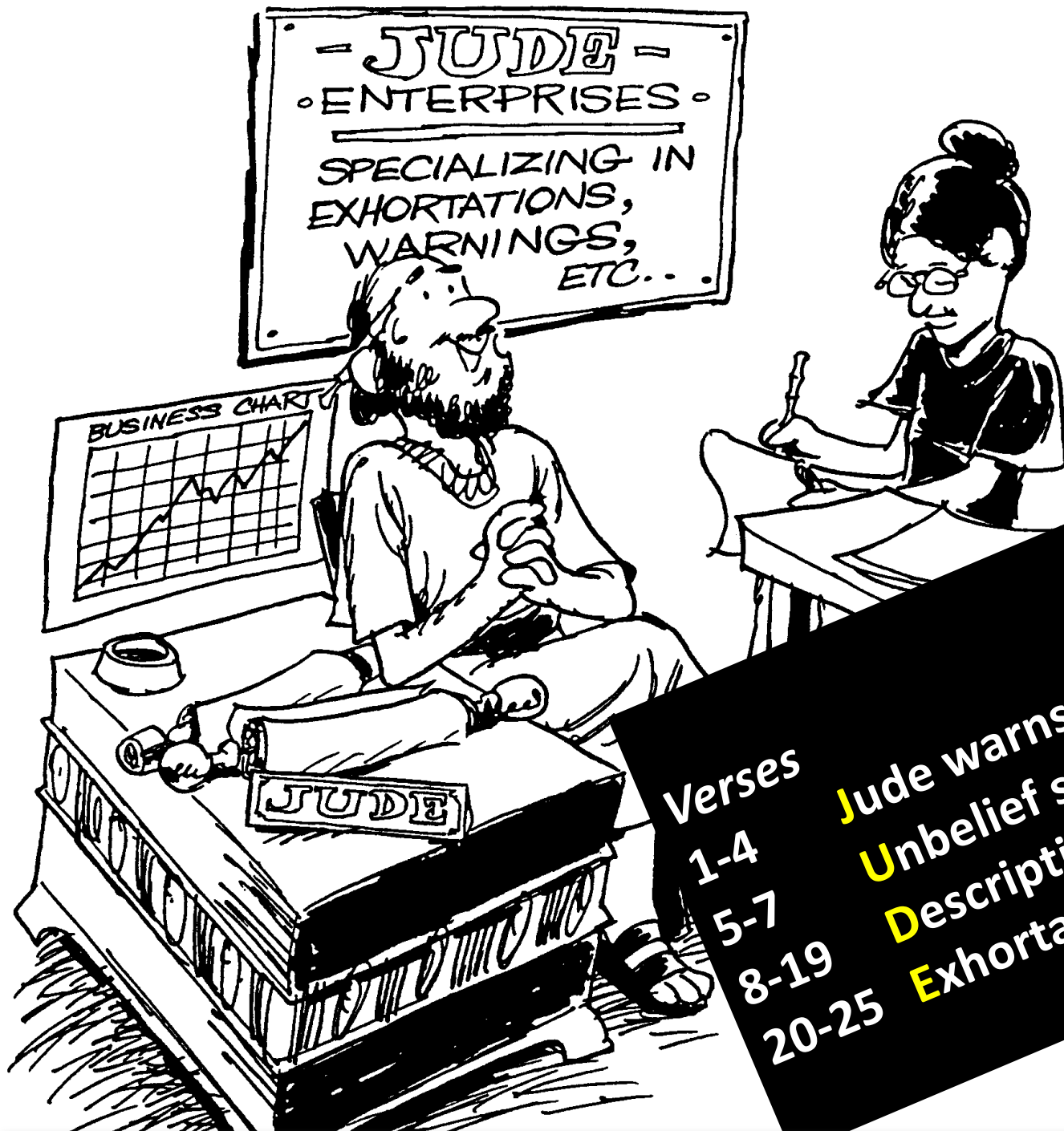
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# JUDE



## Verses

1-4

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20-25

**E**xhortation to stay faithful



**Be Fighting**

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# How can you defend the faith against **pretenders**?

4 ways

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# I. **Affirm** the saints (1-2).



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# II. **Identify** the enemy (3-16).



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# III. **Strengthen** your faith (17-23).



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# **IV. Praise** God for security (24-25).



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# Be a **contender** against pretenders



## Main Idea of Jude

***Do you fight* those who introduce godlessness in the church—or do you let them get away with lowering the standard?**

**What types of godless unbelievers are infiltrating our churches?**

- ◆ Immoral pastors
- ◆ Health and wealth kingdom builders
- ◆ WCC funding of Marxist groups





# Salvation: How do you know when you've met God's requirements?



*Help for souls who are anxious to please God and worried that they haven't done enough.*

# Can you be sure? *Really sure?*



# The Nature of the Gospel



***Soteriology: God's Rescue Program***



**What would you say?**

**Write your answer on a  
piece of paper.**

***A person was just in a car accident and has  
only one minute to live. He says to you,  
“How can I know if I will go to heaven?”***



**What is the Gospel that saves us?**

***How do we “contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints” (Jude 3) if we don’t even know what that faith is?***

# Repentance

## What is it?

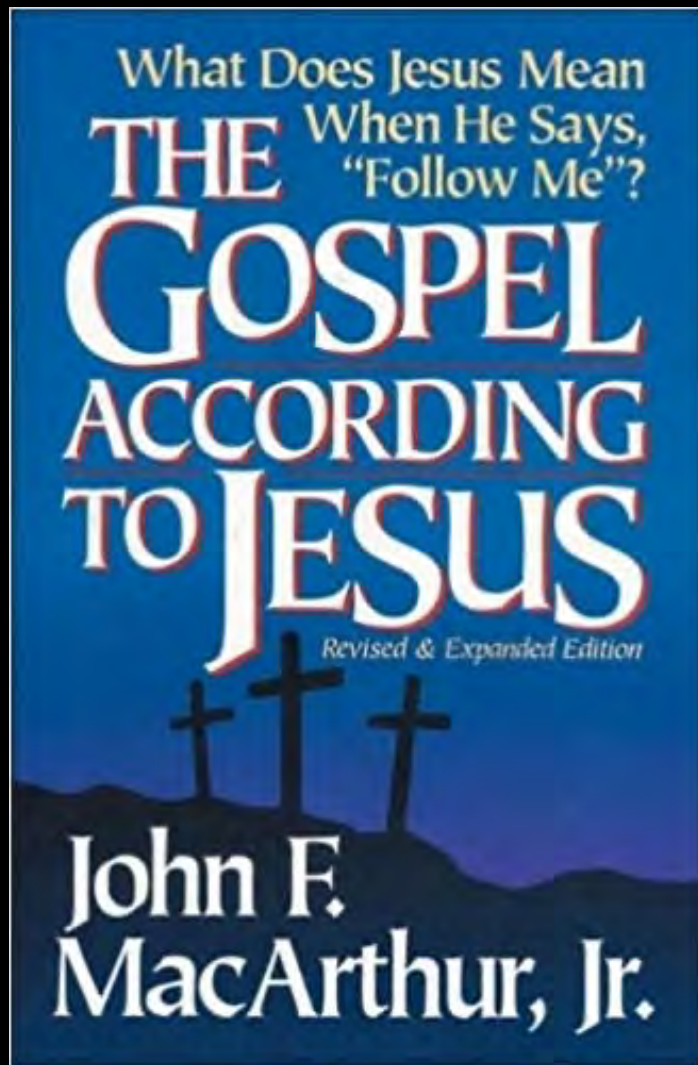


# Repentance

**Is it “to turn from sin”?**



# Repentance



**“No evangelism that omits the message of repentance can properly be called the gospel, for sinners cannot come to Jesus Christ apart from a radical change of heart, mind, and will.”**

**John MacArthur, *The Gospel According to Jesus*  
(Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1988), 81**

# Repentance

*“to change  
the mind”*  
(Greek)



**METANOIA**

# Repentance

It is an “afterthought” or “second opinion.” Charles Ryrie, for example, says, “Repentance means a genuine change of mind that affects the life in some way. Like other significant theological terms it must be defined specifically by asking a further question, namely, change the mind about what? Christians can repent of specific sins and stop doing them (Revelation 2:5; 2 Corinthians 7:9).” Do non-Christians have to repent? Ryrie says yes, if one defines repentance correctly. “Saving repentance,” he says, “has to involve a change of mind about Jesus Christ so that whatever a person thought of Him before, he changes his mind and trusts Him to be his Savior [*Basic Theology*, 390].” This approach seems quite plausible to me and works in the majority of the passages where repentance is mentioned in the New Testament. —Dillow, *Final Destiny*, 33

# Repentance

The best interpretation of *metanoeo* in the New Testament is to acknowledge, to change one's mind about something, to admit, to feel sorry for. A good Old Testament illustration of this usage would be Jeremiah 8:6.

*I have listened and heard,  
They have spoken what is not right; No man  
repented of his wickedness, saying, "What have I  
done?" Everyone turned to his course, like a horse  
charging into the battle.*

—Dillow, *Final Destiny*, 35

# The Gospel

**Is it really  
changing our  
lives?**



Too often the ***results*** of the gospel are confused with the ***nature*** of the gospel.



# The Problem: A False Gospel Proclaimed

## STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED:

**SAVED**

**MAN'S PART**

**GOD'S PART**

Remain Faithful  
Col 1:21;  
Rev 2:10

**Baptism into Christ**  
Mk 16:16  
1 Pet 3:21

**Confess Faith**

**Repent of Sins**  
Rom 10:9-10;  
Acts 8:37

**Believe Gospel**  
Acts 2:38, 17:30

**Hear Gospel**  
Jn 8:24;  
Heb 11:6

**Spirit Revealed Word**  
Rom 10:13;  
Jn 6:44, 45

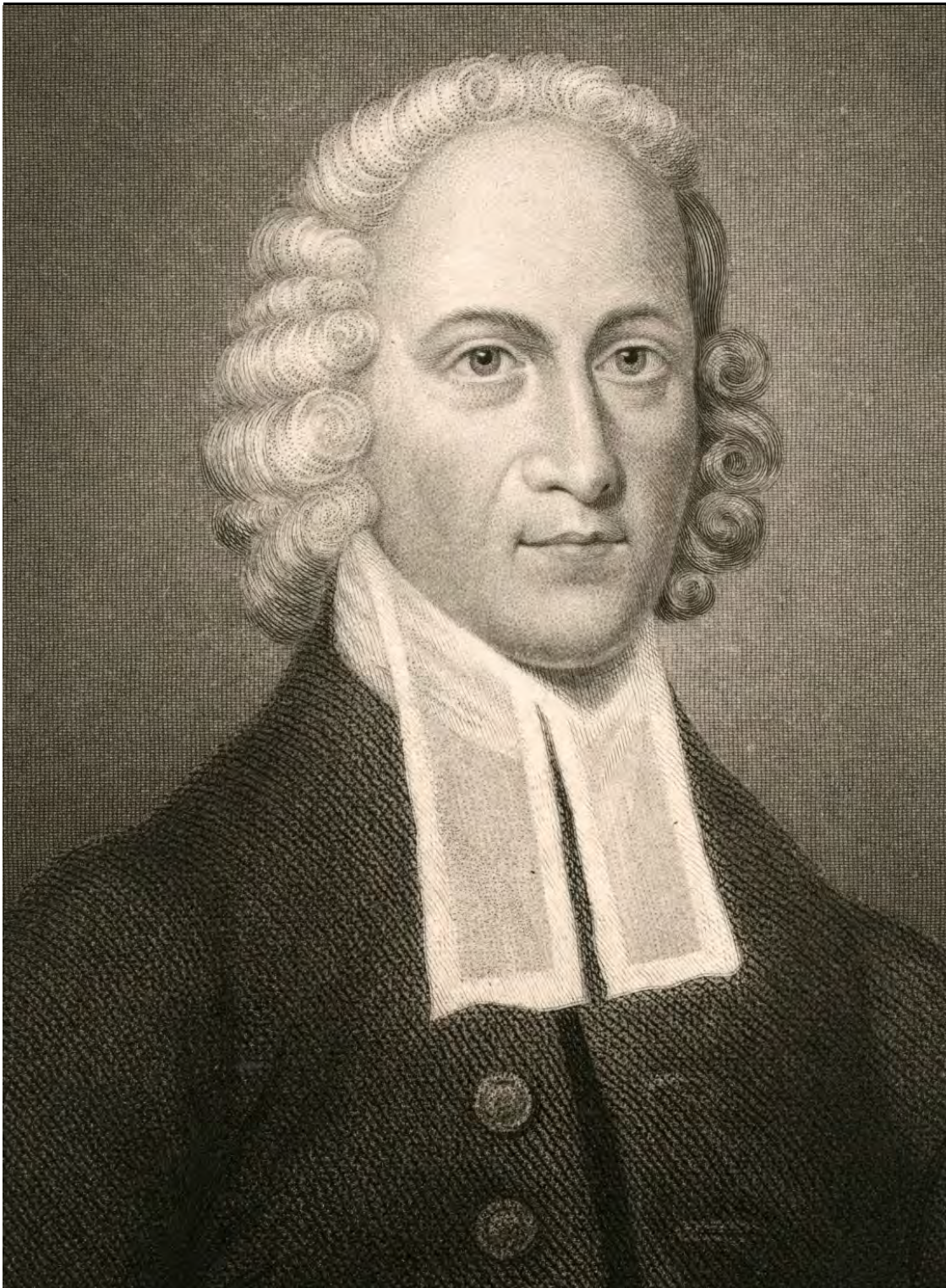
**Jesus Shed His Blood**  
Eph 1:7;  
1 Pet 1:19

**God Sent His Son**  
Jn 3:16;  
1 Jn 4:10

**SINNER**

What must I do to be saved?

—A Church of Christ view



# Grace

**“You contribute nothing to your salvation except the sin that made it necessary.”**

**JONATHAN EDWARDS  
1703-1758**

**The Gospel is...**

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**GOOD NEWS!**



# John



**What must you trust about Jesus to be saved?**

**What is saving faith?**

**Must you add anything to this?**

**How is it different from false faith?**

**Key Word**  
**Believe**

**Key Verse**

"Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written ***that you may believe*** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (20:30-31).



# Gospel of John

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## Summary Statement

John proves Jesus to be the *Son of God* (deity) made man through selected signs and discourses of Christ to convince unbelieving Gentiles to **believe** in Him and receive eternal life.

## Application

Are you 100% sure that you have eternal life by believing in Christ's name?

# Signs in John's Gospel

Signs unique to John's Gospel in yellow (6 of the 9 miracles)

**WATER  
TO WINE**  
2:1-11

**HEALING  
OFFICIAL'S  
SON**  
4:46-54

**HEALING  
PARALYTIC**  
5:1-18

**FEEDING  
5000**  
6:1-15

**WALKING  
ON WATER**  
6:16-24

**HEALING  
BLIND MAN**  
9:1-7

**RAISING  
LAZARUS**  
11:1-45

**CHRIST'S  
RESURRECTION**  
20:1-31

**FISH  
CATCH**  
21:1-3



# Assurance in 1 John 5:11-13

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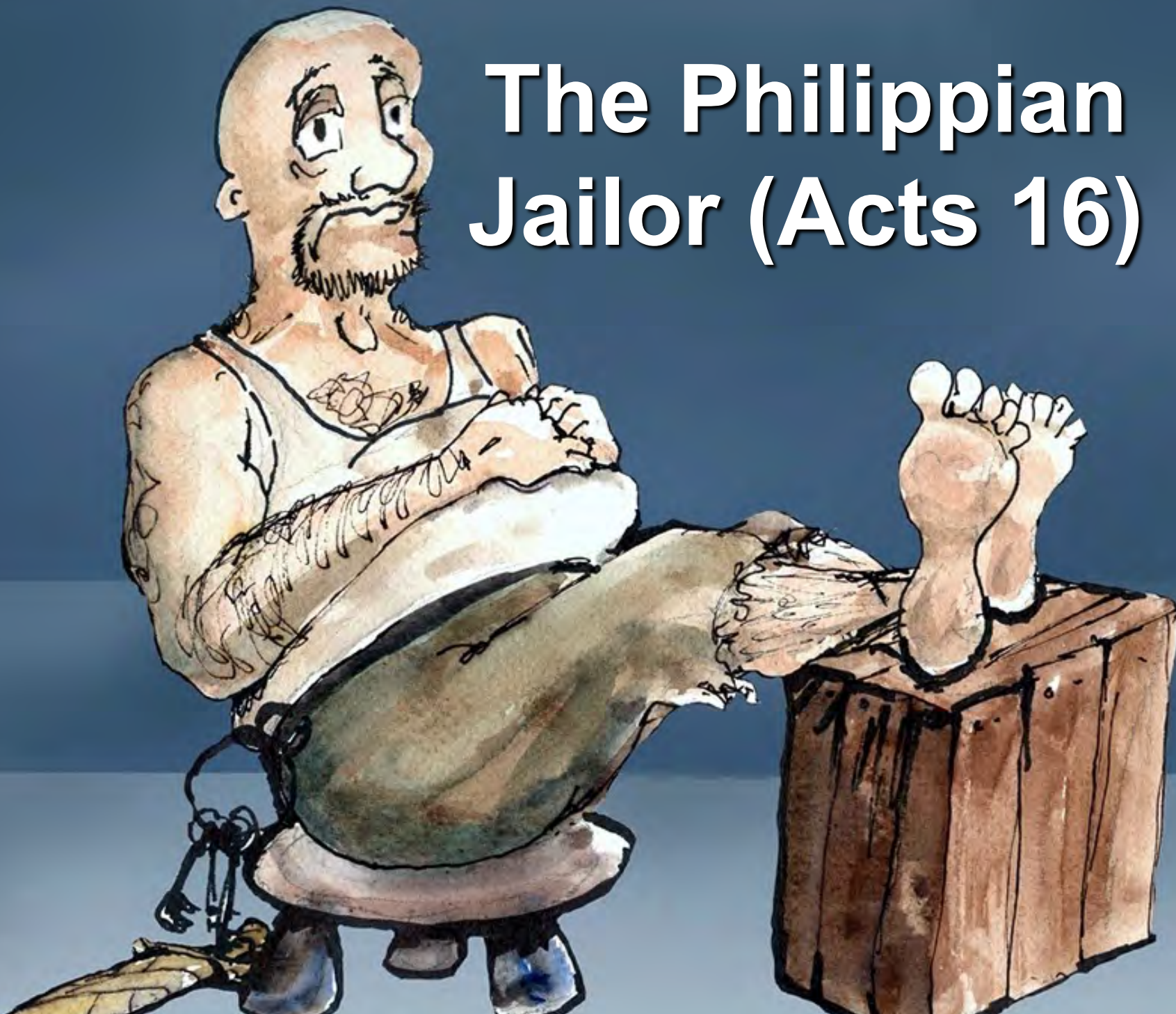
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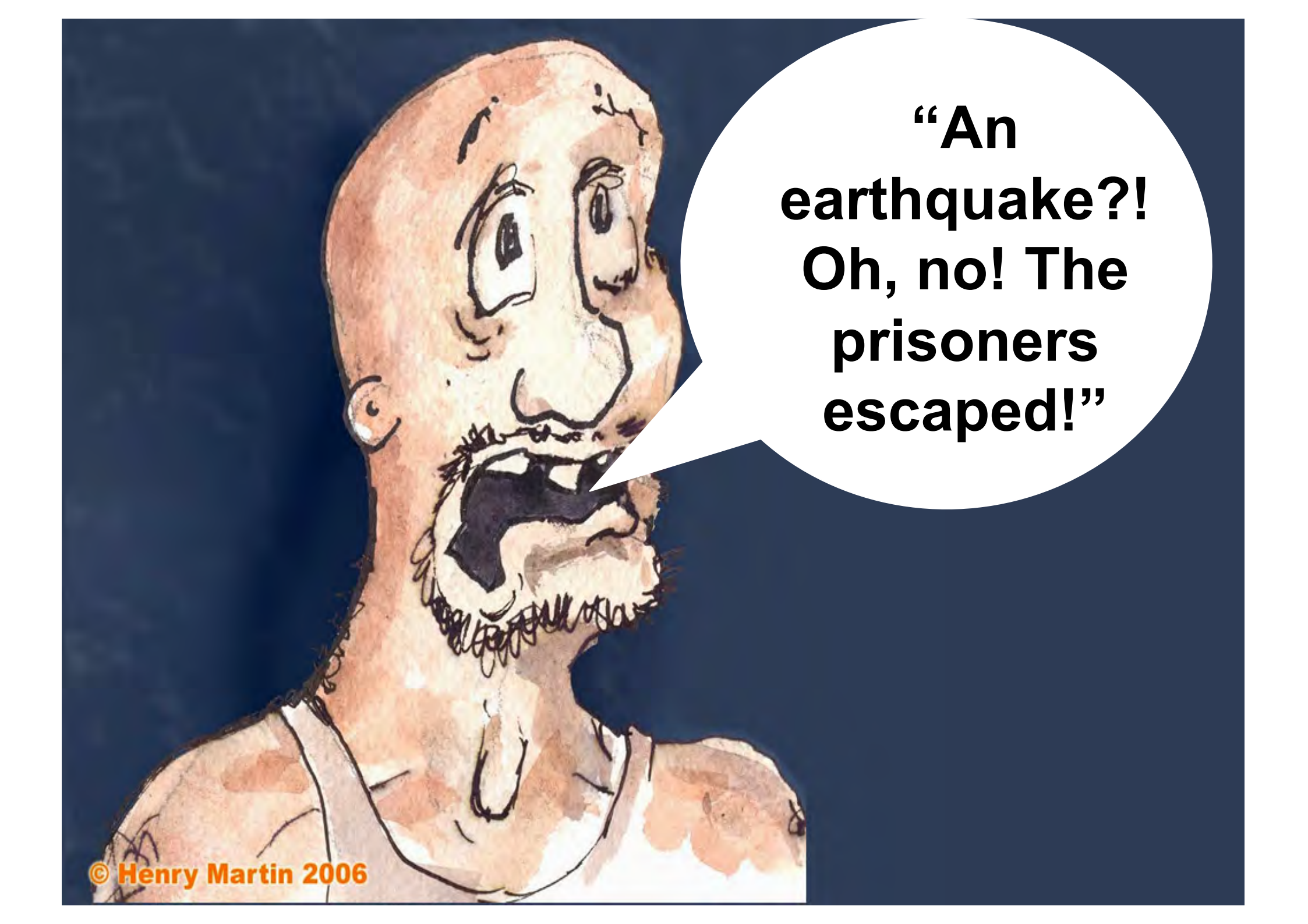
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And this is what God has testified:  
He **has given us eternal life**, and this life is in  
his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son **has life**;  
whoever does not have God's Son does not  
have life. <sup>13</sup>I have written this to you who  
believe in the name of the Son of God, so that  
you may know **you have eternal life.**"


# The Philippian Jailor (Acts 16)



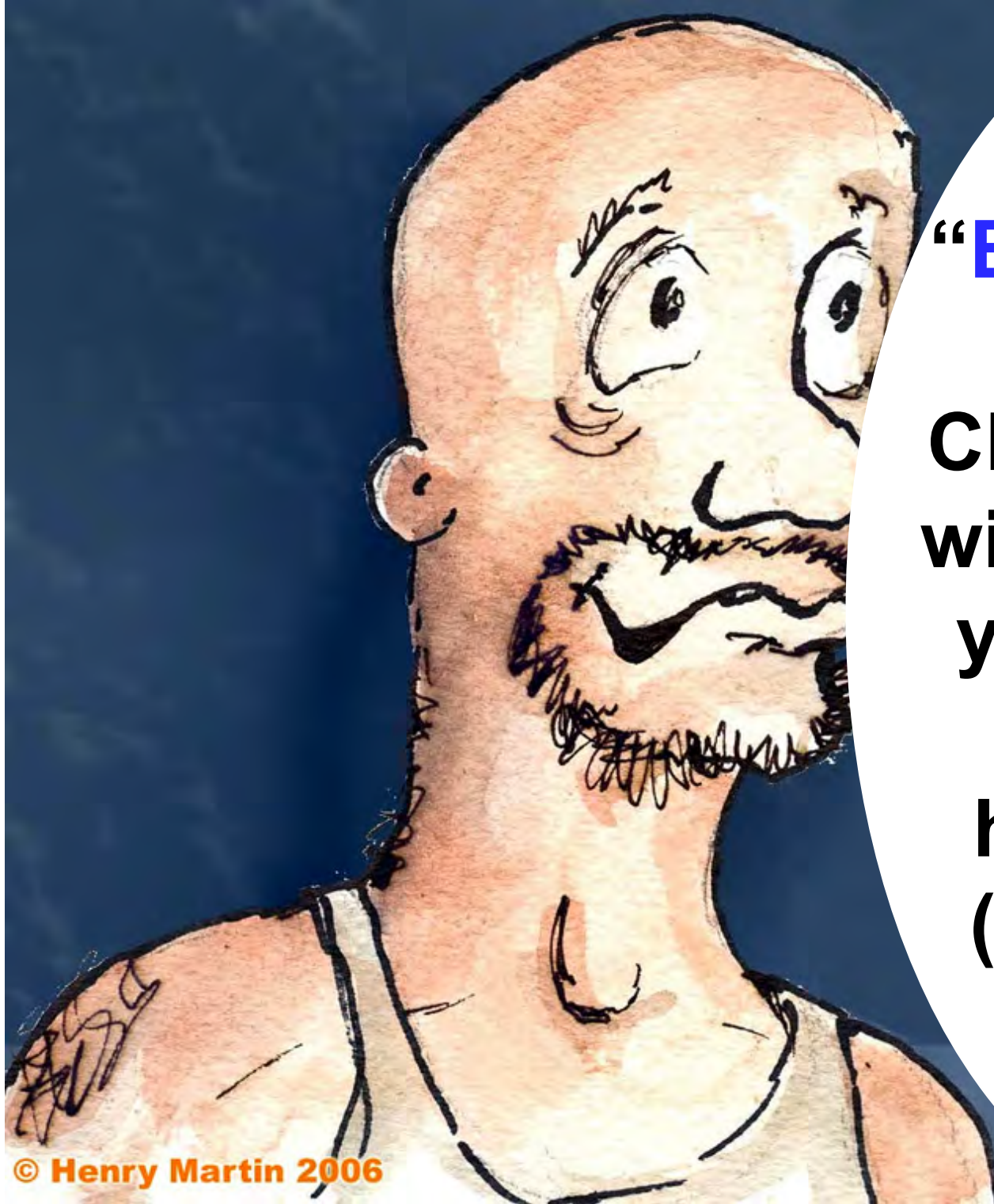


**“An  
earthquake?!  
Oh, no! The  
prisoners  
escaped!”**





**“What must I  
do to be  
saved?”**



**“Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved—you and your entire household!”  
(Acts 16:16).**



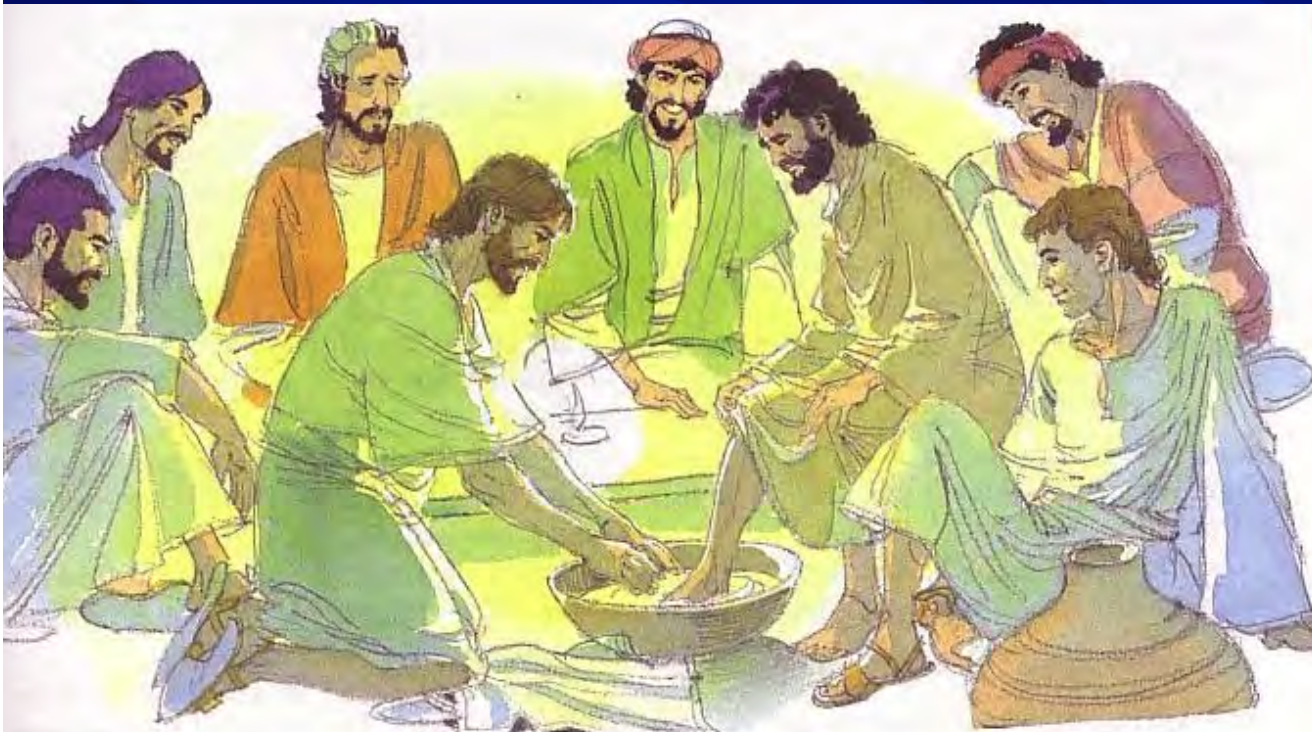
*Jesus has always been God*

"In the beginning  
was the Word,  
and the Word was **with God**,  
and the Word **was God**"

**(John 1:1)**

# God became man in Jesus

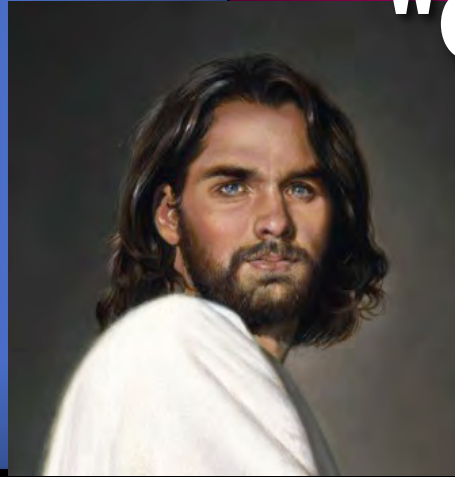
- "So the Word became human and lived here on earth among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father" (John 1:14 NLT)



**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

**The Gospel is...**

**GOOD NEWS!**



**JESUS CHRIST**

**MAN**

**GOD**



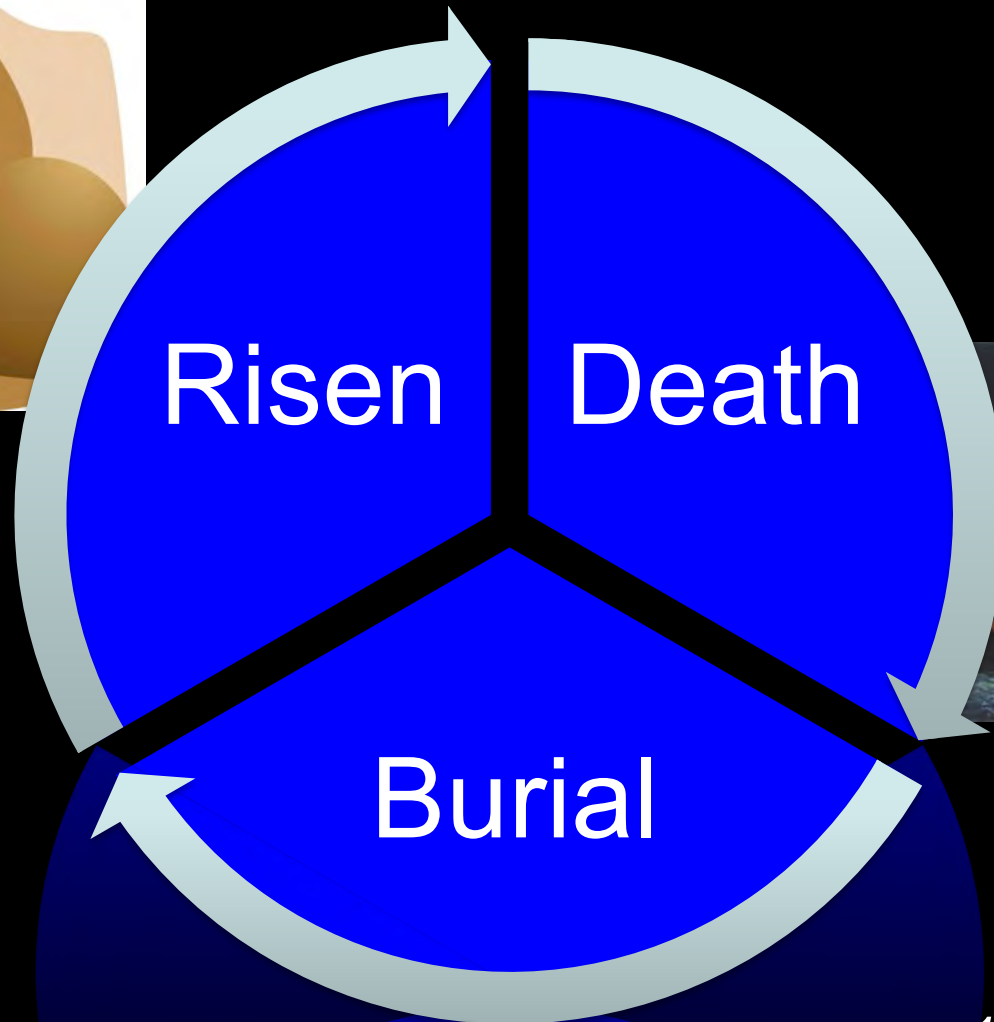
**What's the Gospel?**

# 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

Marx

Mohammed

Buddha



# *What's the Difference?*

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

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*1 Cor. 15:5-7*



*Do you share...*

**THE  
RISEN  
CHRIST** ?



**WE NEED TO ATTAIN GOD'S  
RIGHTEOUSNESS—BUT HOW?**



# RIGHTEOUSNESS IN ROMANS

**God's *Righteousness* by Justification by Faith in Christ—Not the Law**

**Chapters 1–11**

**Chapters 12–16**

**Righteousness Explained**

**Righteousness Applied**

**Theological**

**Practical**

**What to Believe**

**How to Behave**

**Vertical**

**Horizontal**

**Relationship to God**

**Relationship to Others**

**"It is finished"**



Justification (3:24)

God's act of declaring us "not guilty" for our sins, making us right with him

Justice (3:25-26)

The fairness of God where He punishes sin in an individual himself or in a Sinless Substitute (Jesus Christ)

**What must you share to have a  
clear gospel presentation?**

***Faith alone in Christ alone***

**Our Problem**

- 1. We have sinned against a holy God**
- 2. Our sin deserves death**

**God's Solution**

- 3. God became man in Jesus Christ**
- 4. Jesus was our substitute on the cross**

**Our Responsibility is one:**

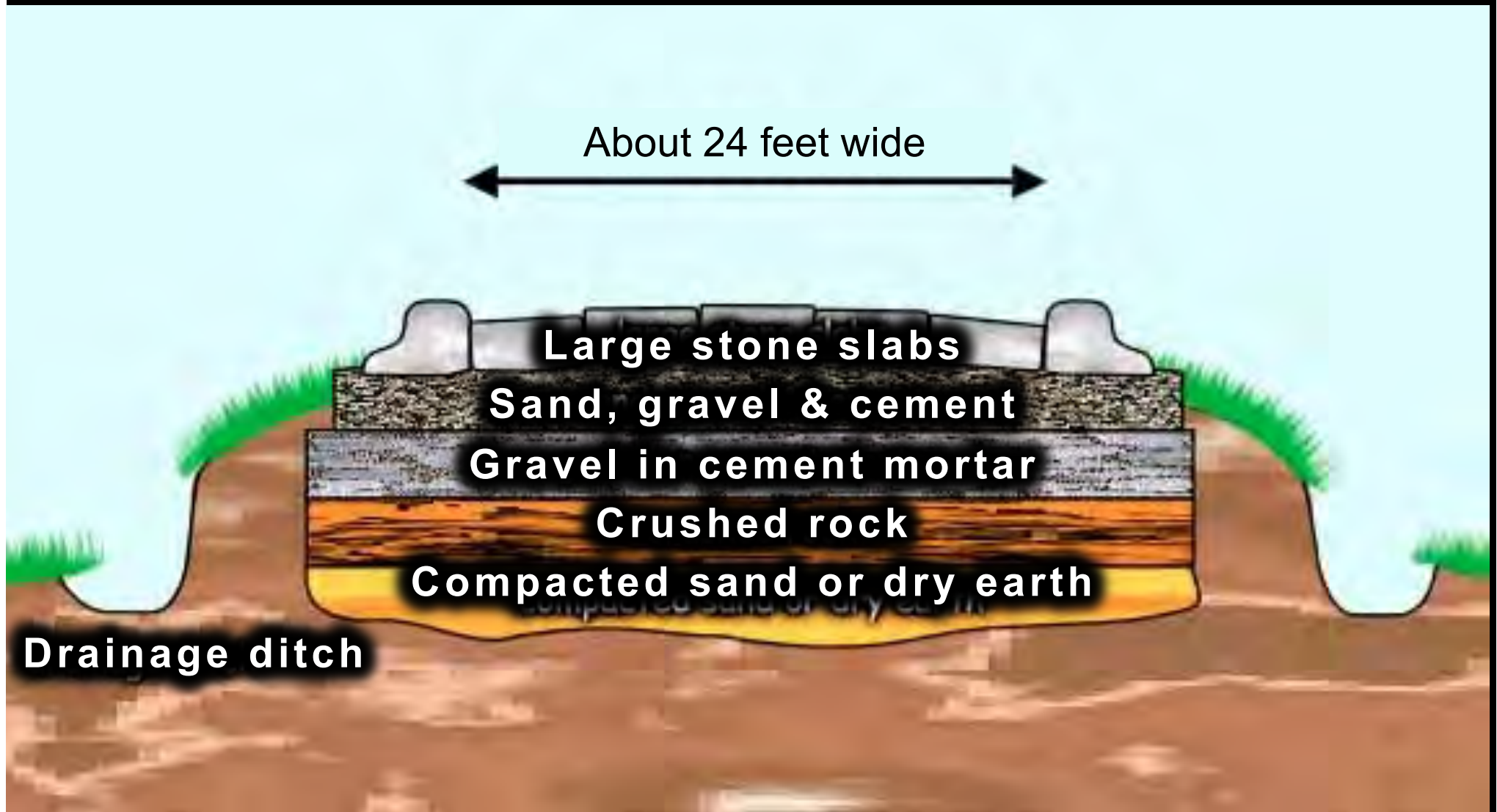
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Romans 10:9

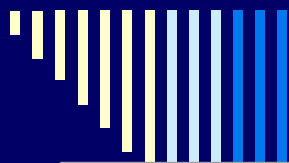
Romans 10:13

Romans 5:8

Romans 6:23

Romans  
6:23

Romans  
3:23



# The Roman Road

Rom. 3:23

Everyone has **sinned**.



Rom. 6:23

The penalty for our sin is **death**.

Rom. 5:8

Jesus Christ **died for sin**.



Rom. 10:8-10

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



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# Substitution View

**JESUS PAID IT ALL**

**Isaiah 53:5**

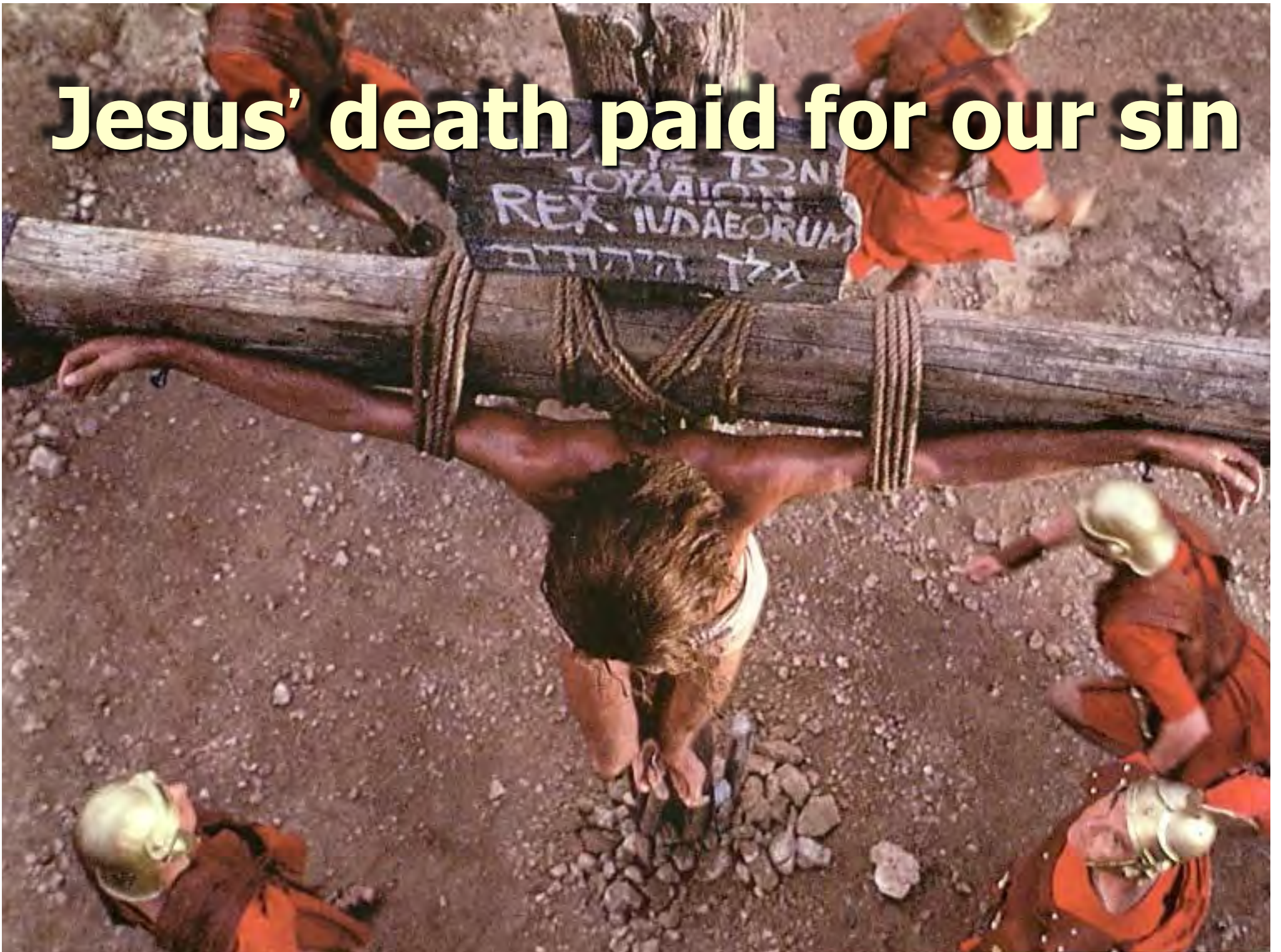
# Penal Substitution

**"Christ the sinless  
One took on  
Himself the penalty  
that should have  
been borne by man  
and others"**

—Ryrie, *Basic Theology*, 356



**Jesus' death paid for our sin**



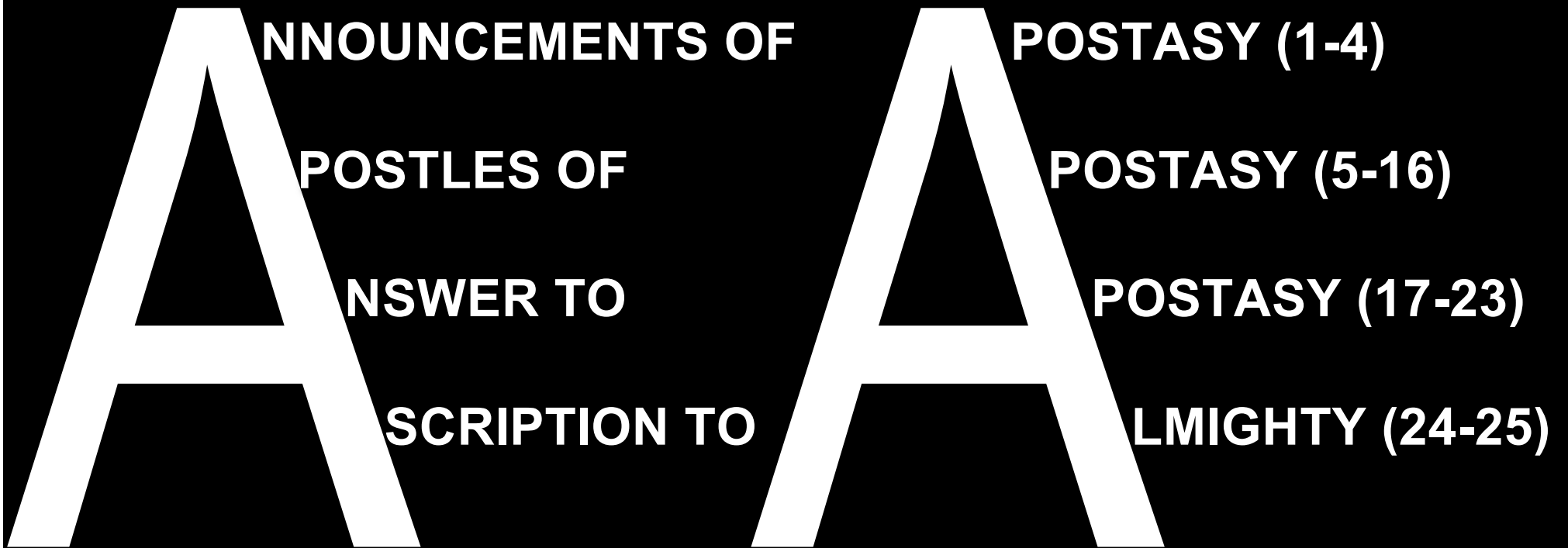
**Tell them.**

# What's wrong with this picture?

- ◆ Kathie and her two kids: Joshua and Lacey
- ◆ Michael ("one who is like God") is missing as he was a pretender who divorced her for another woman



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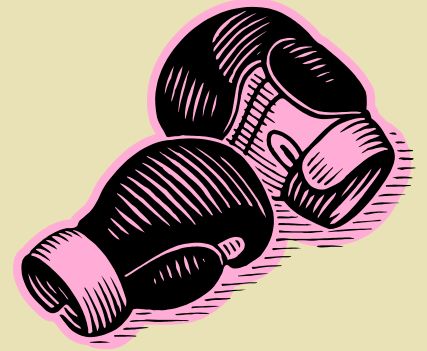
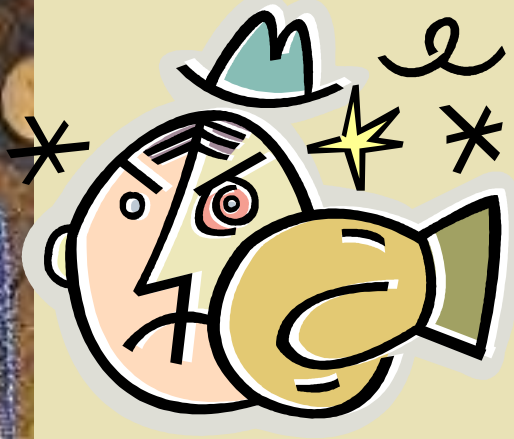


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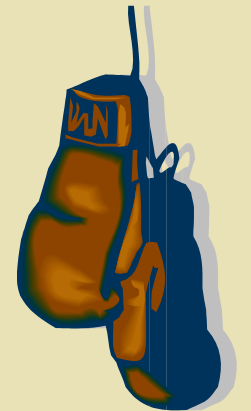
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# Are you a fighter?



- ◆ **What** are you willing to fight for?
- ◆ To what lengths are you willing to fight for **your rights**?
- ◆ To what lengths are you willing to fight for **the gospel**?



**Apostates Destroy From Within**

**APOSTATE**

**The Men who Destroyed the Christian West**

# Apostates don't wear nametags



# The Book *Apostate*



**Kevin Swanson and his family**

**Nathaniel  
Hawthorne**

**John  
Dewey**

**Charles  
Darwin**

**Friedrich  
Nietzsche**

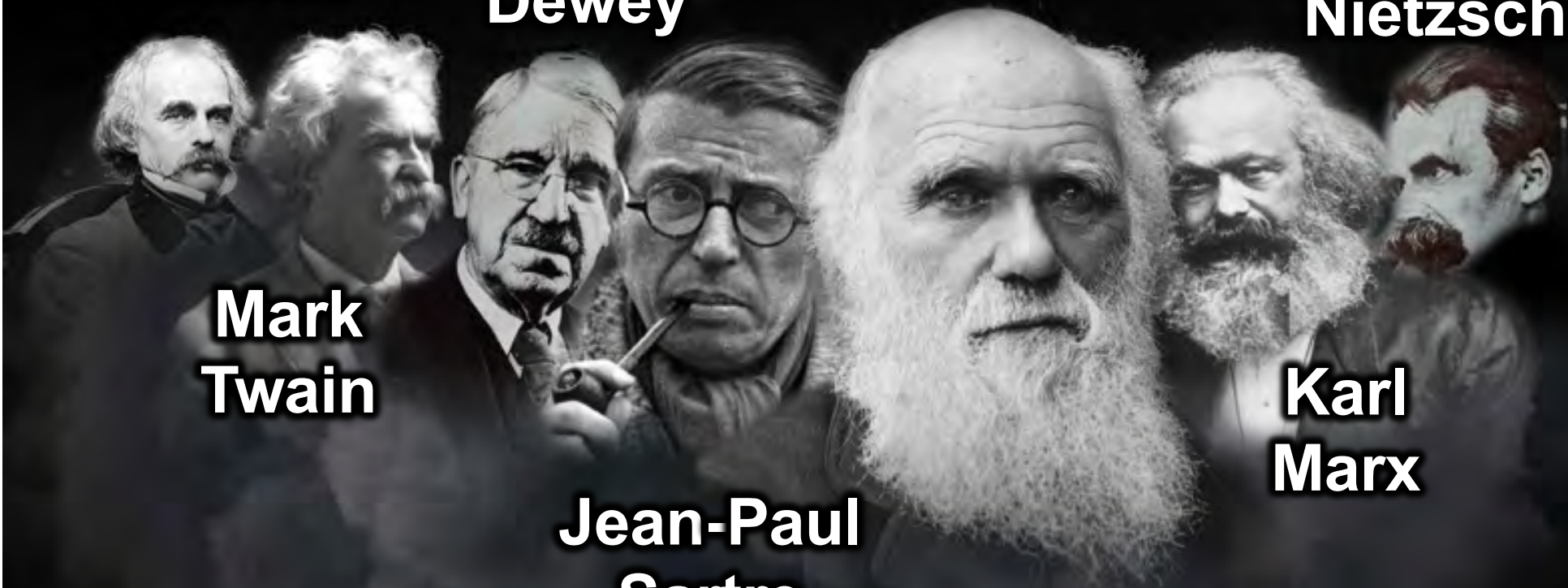
**Mark  
Twain**

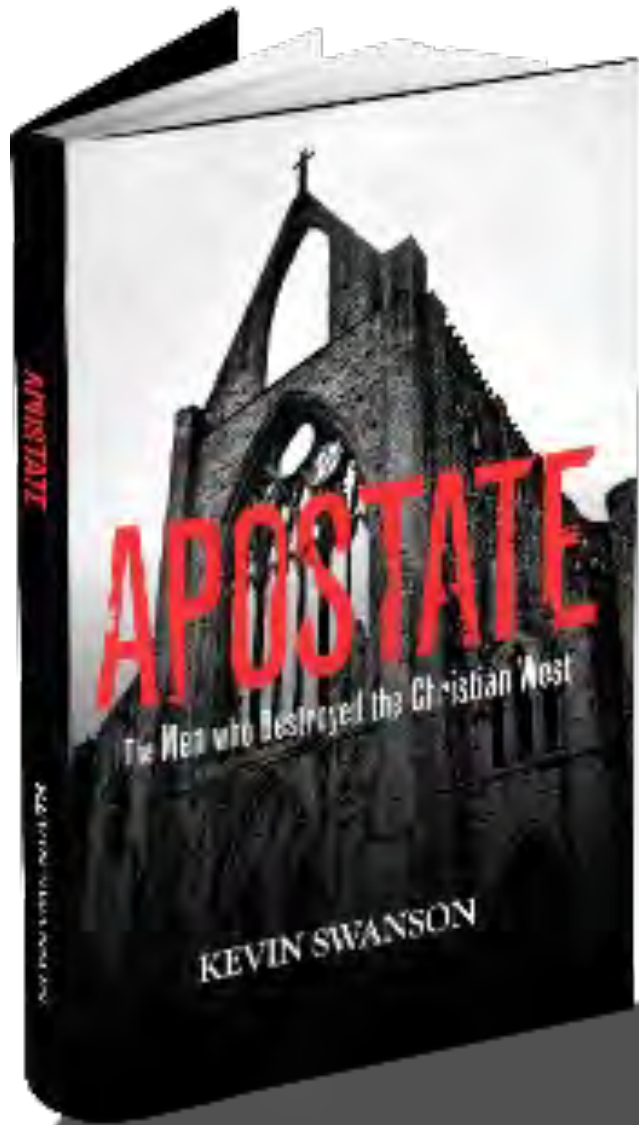
**Jean-Paul  
Sartre**

**Karl  
Marx**

**Who are the  
apostates?**

**Ernest Hemingway  
Lady Gaga**





## Why are they significant?

**"This is the story of the decline and fall of Western civilization. It is the story of uncommonly powerful men, unfathomably evil men. . . apostates."**

***–Kevin Swanson***

**Nathaniel  
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**Karl  
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**"Eliminate  
home schools!"**

**"There is no  
God!"**

**What did the  
apostates teach?**

**"God didn't create.  
We evolved!"**

# Godless Philosophy

**"God is dead."**

– Nietzsche, 1883



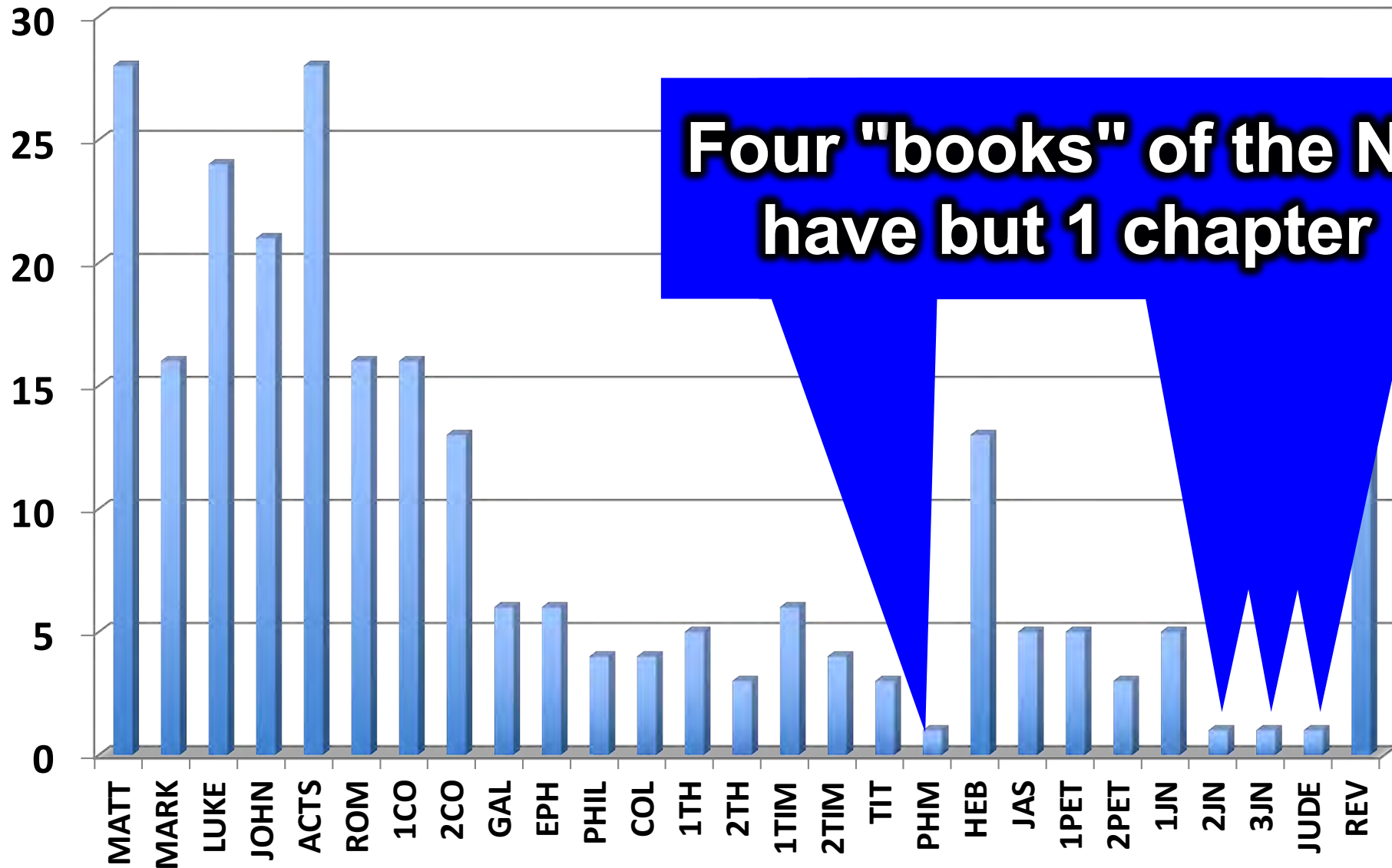
**"Nietzsche is dead."**

– God, 1900

# How can you defend the faith against **pretenders**?



# Chapters in NT Books



Four "books" of the NT have but 1 chapter

# Verses in NT Emails

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PHILEMON

2 JOHN

3 JOHN

JUDE

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15

Words

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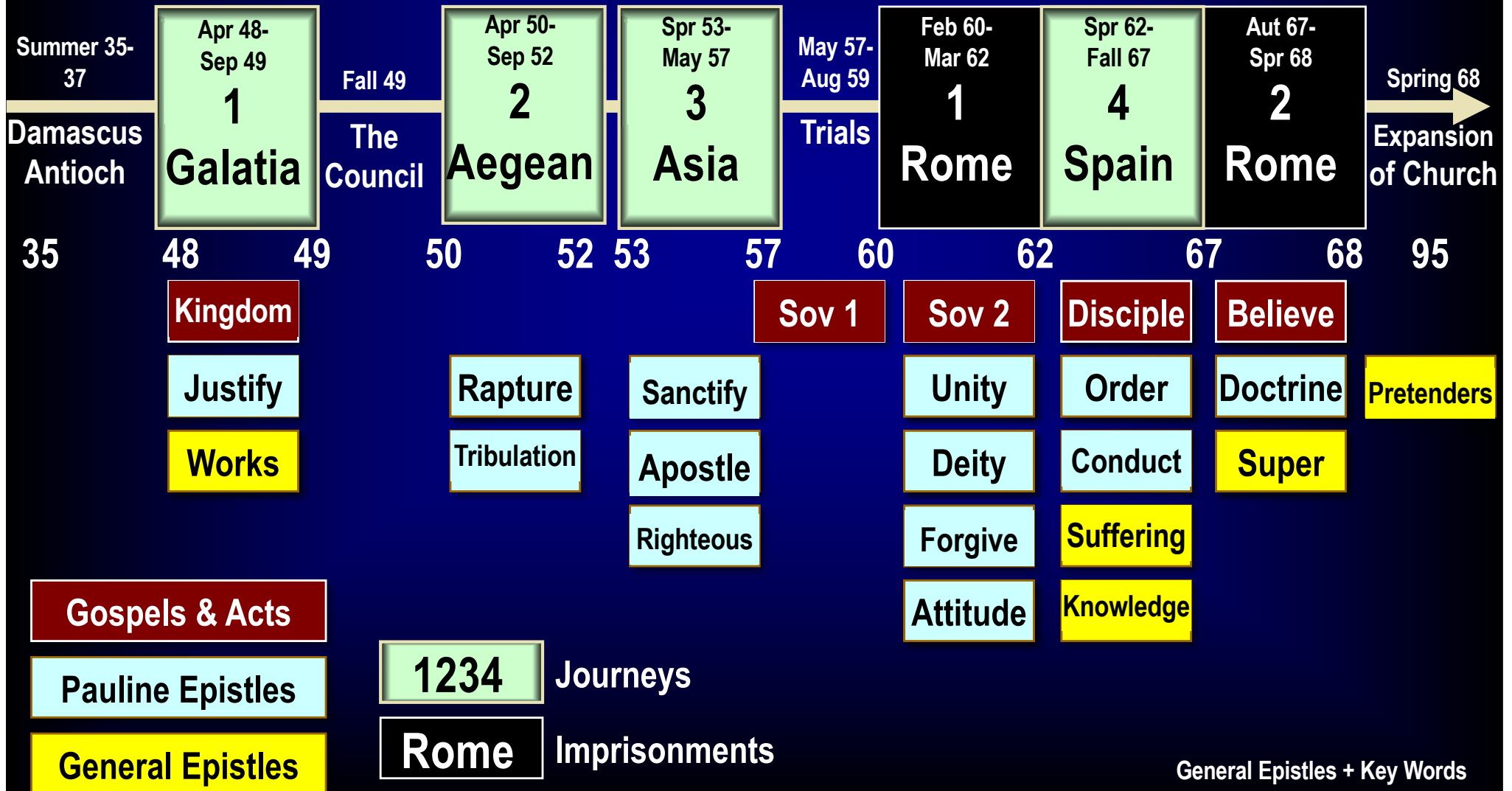
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# NT Overview (General + Key Words)

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

Acts 9 13 14 15 16 18 21 27 28



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## Key Word Pretenders

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## External Evidence

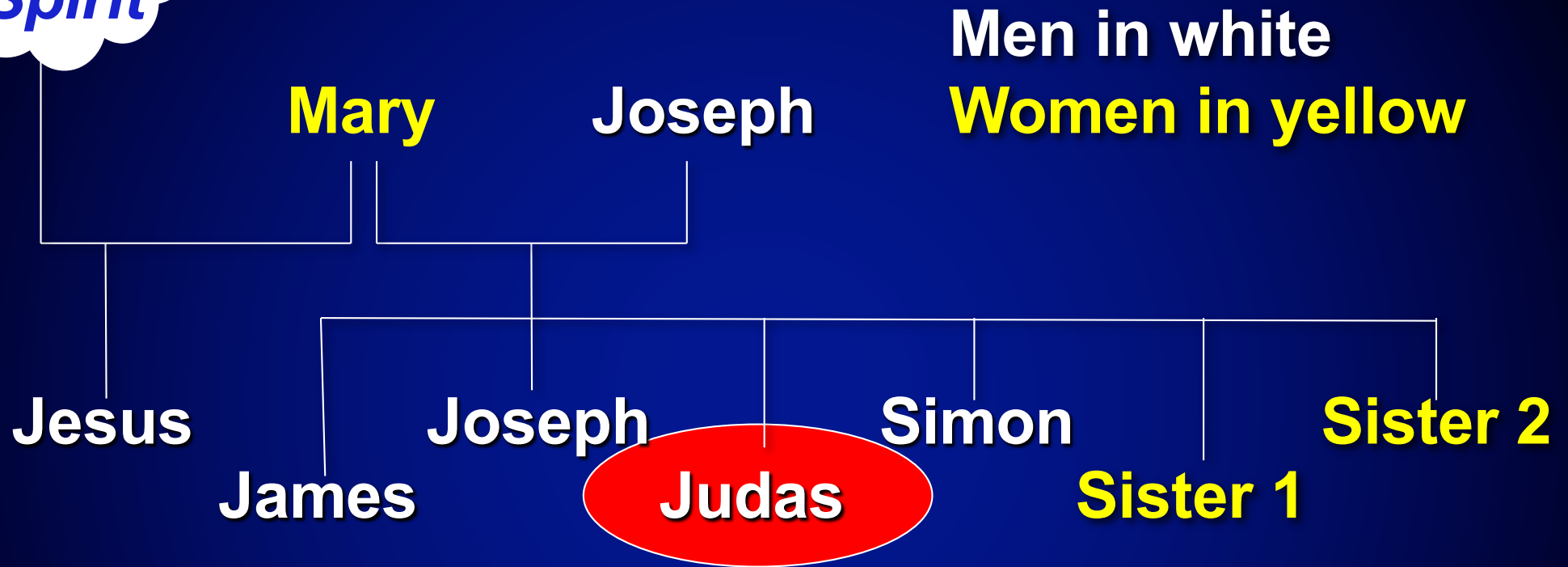
- Despite its small size and limited subject matter, Jude was accepted as authentic and quoted by the early Church Fathers, including Tertullian and Origen.
- It was also included in the Muratorian Canon (ca. AD 170).

## Internal Evidence

- This is the only NT letter of Jude, the half-brother of Jesus Christ & son of Joseph and Mary.
- Jude was therefore the brother of James (v. 1a), who also was a half brother of the Lord (Matt. 13:55; Mark 6:3), the leader of the church at Jerusalem (Acts 15:13) and author of the epistle bearing his name (James 1:1).
- Jude is the same as Judah or Judas and means "praise" (cf. Rom. 2:29).

# Jesus' Family Persecuted Him

*Holy Spirit*



"Then they scoffed, 'He's just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And **his sisters** live right here among us.' They were deeply offended and refused to believe in him" (Mark 6:3 NLT).

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**Jude 1-2**

# I. **Affirm** the saints (1-2).



**Jude**

**“This letter is from Jude,  
a slave of Jesus Christ  
and a brother of James. I  
am writing to all who  
have been **called** by God  
the Father, who **loves  
you** and **keeps you safe**  
in the care of Jesus  
Christ. <sup>2</sup>May God give  
you more and more  
**mercy, peace, and love**”  
(Jude 1-2 NLT).**



**How can you defend the  
faith against pretenders?**



# I. **Affirm** the saints (1-2).



**Jude**

# II. **Identify** the enemy (3-16).



**Jude**

**Jude 3-16**

**Defend the Faith**  
**(Jude 3-4)**

“Dear friends, I had been eagerly planning to write to you about the salvation we all share. But now I find that I must write about something else, urging you to **defend the faith** that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people” (Jude 3 NLT).



“...defend **the faith**” (Jude 3)

But what is included in ***the faith***?

**Negotiables**

**Non-Negotiables**

**Mode of Baptism?**

**Baptismal Regeneration?**

**Christ's Presence in the Lord's Supper?**

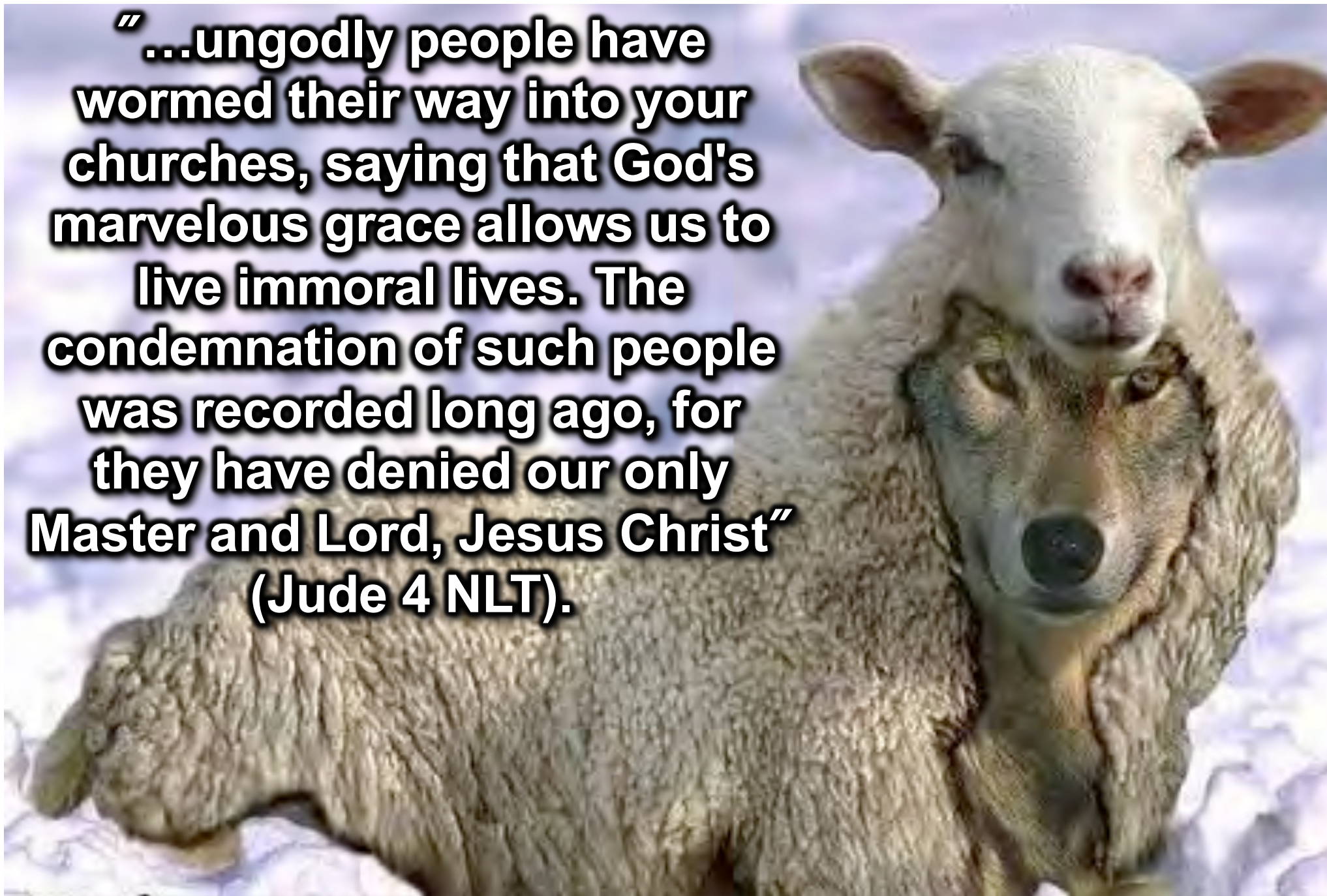
**Lord's Supper for Salvation?**

**Divine Healing Possible?**

**Healing Required of God?**

**Deity of Christ?**

**"...ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives. The condemnation of such people was recorded long ago, for they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ" (Jude 4 NLT).**



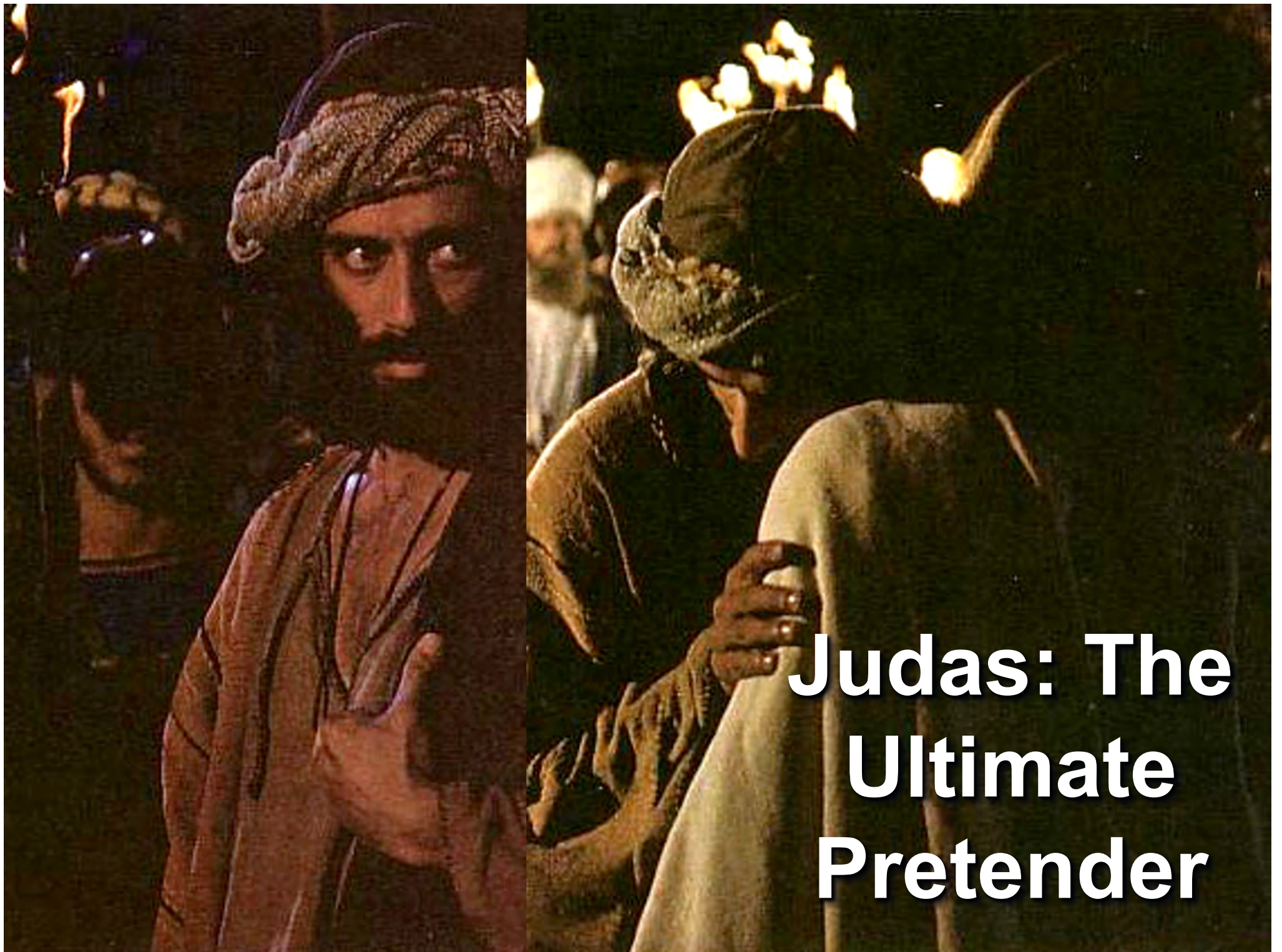
**Who are Pretenders Today?**

"...some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives. The **condemnation** of such people was recorded long ago, for they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ"  
(Jude 4 NLT).

## Are pretenders Christians?

- No, as they are **condemned**, unlike believers (cf. Rom 8:1)
- They are likened to demons in **everlasting chains** (v. 6)
- They are likened to Sodomites who suffer **eternal fire** (v. 7)
- They are reserved for "**blackest darkness**" (v. 13)
- They "**do not have the Spirit**" (v. 19) while all believers do have the Spirit (Rom 8:9b)

Does that sound like Christians?

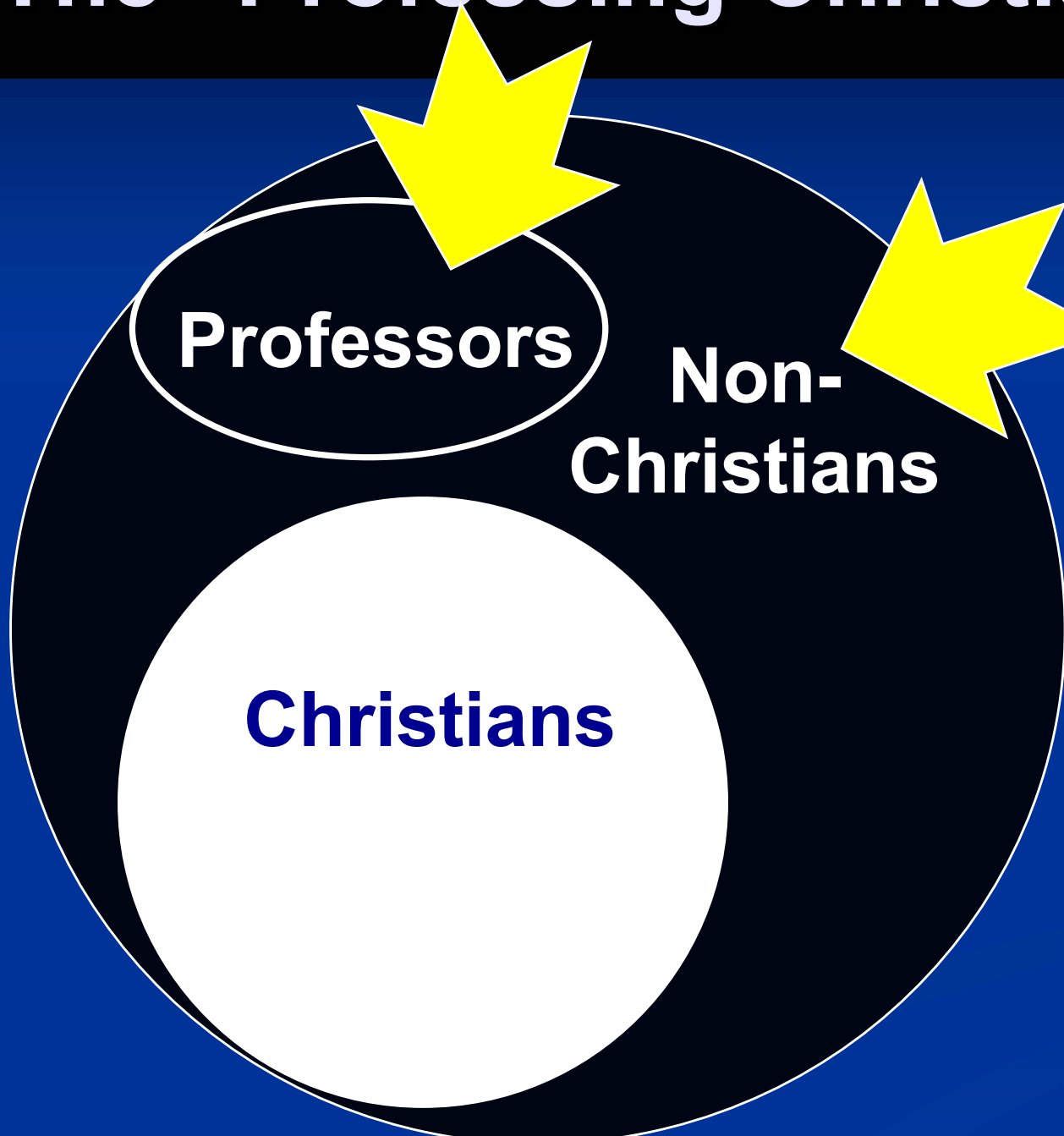


**Judas: The  
Ultimate  
Pretender**

# The "Professing Christian"



All of  
Humanity



**"He promises to heal all – every one, any, any whatsoever, everything – all our diseases! That means not even a headache, sinus problem, not even a toothache – nothing! No sickness should come your way. God heals all your diseases."**

**Benny Hinn**

*Rise and Be  
Healed, 32*

**Pretenders  
Today**

<http://deliveredbygrace.com/?p=234>

# Three OT Examples of Pretenders (Jude 5-7)

**“So I want to remind you, though you already know these things, that Jesus first rescued the nation of Israel from Egypt, but later he destroyed those who did not remain faithful” (Jude 5 NLT).**



Num. 32:49; 34:1

YOU MEAN...  
40 YEARS?  
OUT HERE?

MOSES
Exodus
Sinai
M - C - C
Kadesh Barnea
40

Divine Discipline

Handbook pg. 26-29

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**“So the Lord sent poisonous snakes among the people, and many were bitten and died. <sup>7</sup>Then the people came to Moses and cried out, ‘We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take away the snakes.’ So Moses prayed for the people” (Numbers 21:6-7 NLT).**

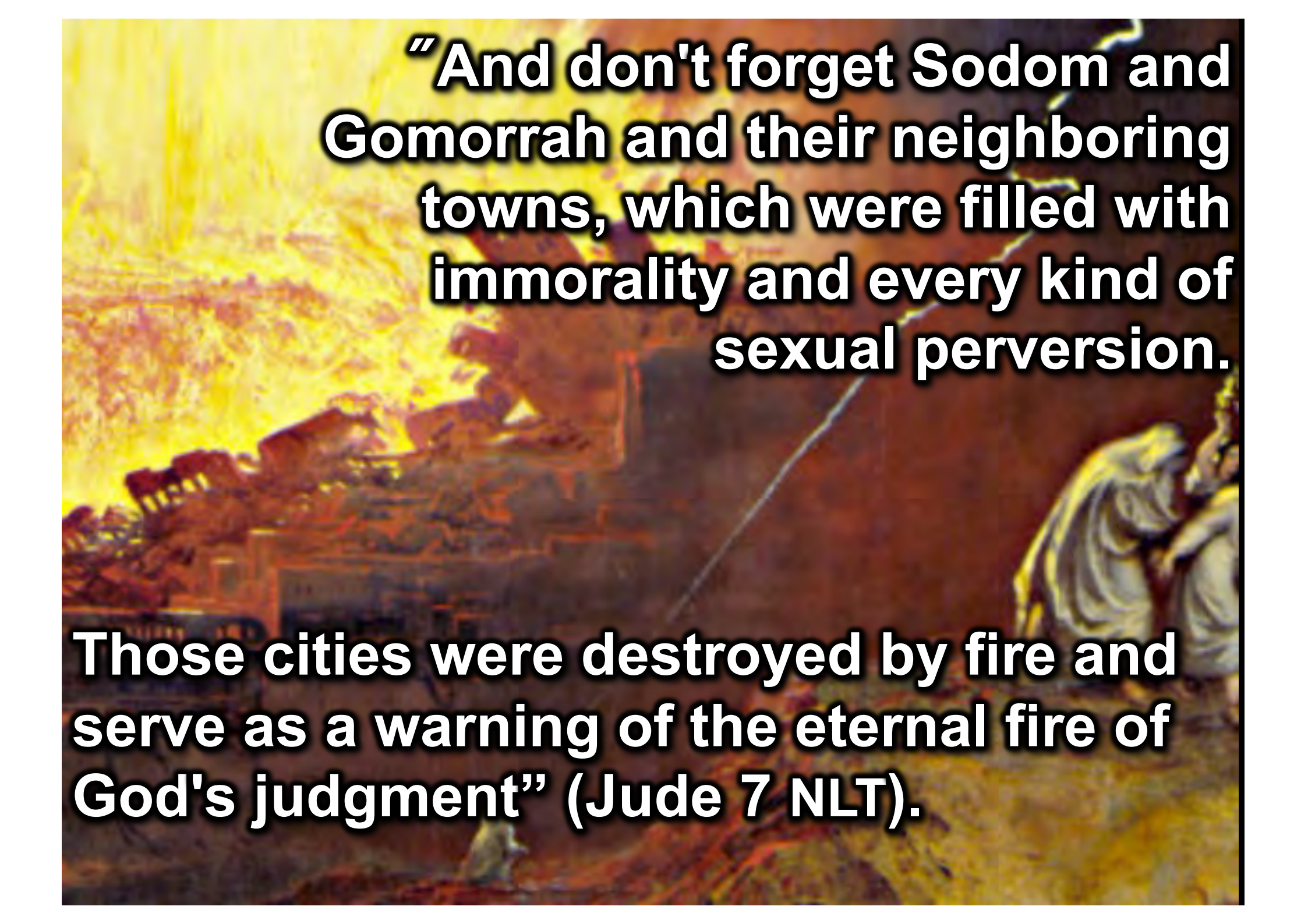


# The Angels

**“And I remind you of the angels who did not stay within the limits of authority God gave them but left the place where they belonged.**

**God has kept them securely chained in prisons of darkness, waiting for the great day of judgment” (Jude 6 NLT).**





**“And don't forget Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring towns, which were filled with immorality and every kind of sexual perversion.**

**Those cities were destroyed by fire and serve as a warning of the eternal fire of God's judgment” (Jude 7 NLT).**

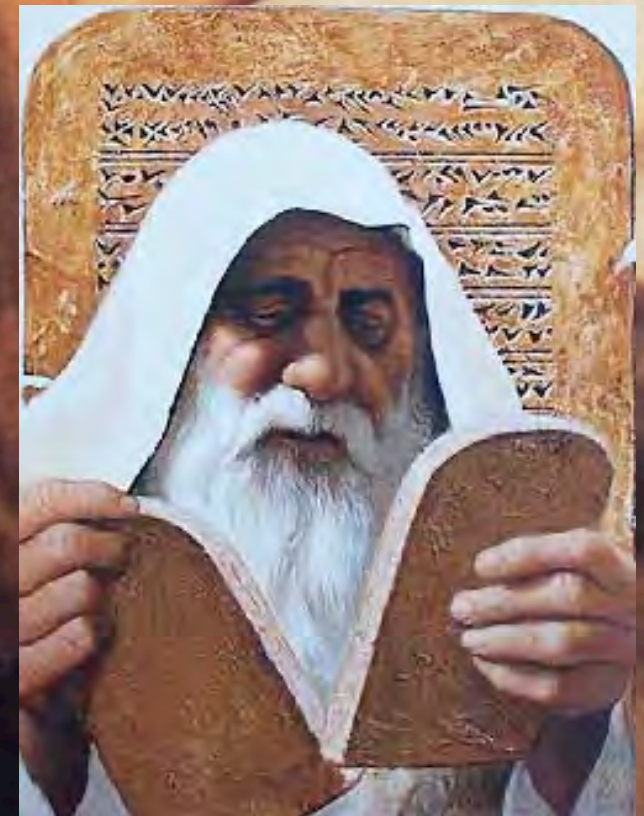
# **The Behavior of Pretenders (Jude 8-13)**

**“In the same way, these people—who claim authority from their dreams—live immoral lives, defy authority, and scoff at supernatural beings” (Jude 8 NLT).**



## Moses' Body

“But even Michael, one of the mightiest of the angels, did not dare accuse the devil of blasphemy, but simply said, 'The Lord rebuke you!' (This took place when **Michael was arguing with the devil about Moses' body.**)” (Jude 9 NLT).



# Joel Osteen, Pastor of Lakewood Church

Author of the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Your Best Life Now*

## Become a Better You

7 Keys to Improving Your Life Every Day

# JOEL OSTEEN

Read by the author

Reveal the Power of  
Two Simple Words:

# I AM.

#LIFECCLASS  
sunday  
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Joel's  
Lifeclass  
OWN  
THE POWER OF WORDS

**“But these people scoff at things they do not understand. Like unthinking animals, they do whatever their instincts tell them, and so they bring about their own destruction. <sup>11</sup>What sorrow awaits them! For they follow in the footsteps of Cain, who killed his brother. Like Balaam, they deceive people for money. And like Korah, they perish in their rebellion”  
(Jude 10-11 NLT).**

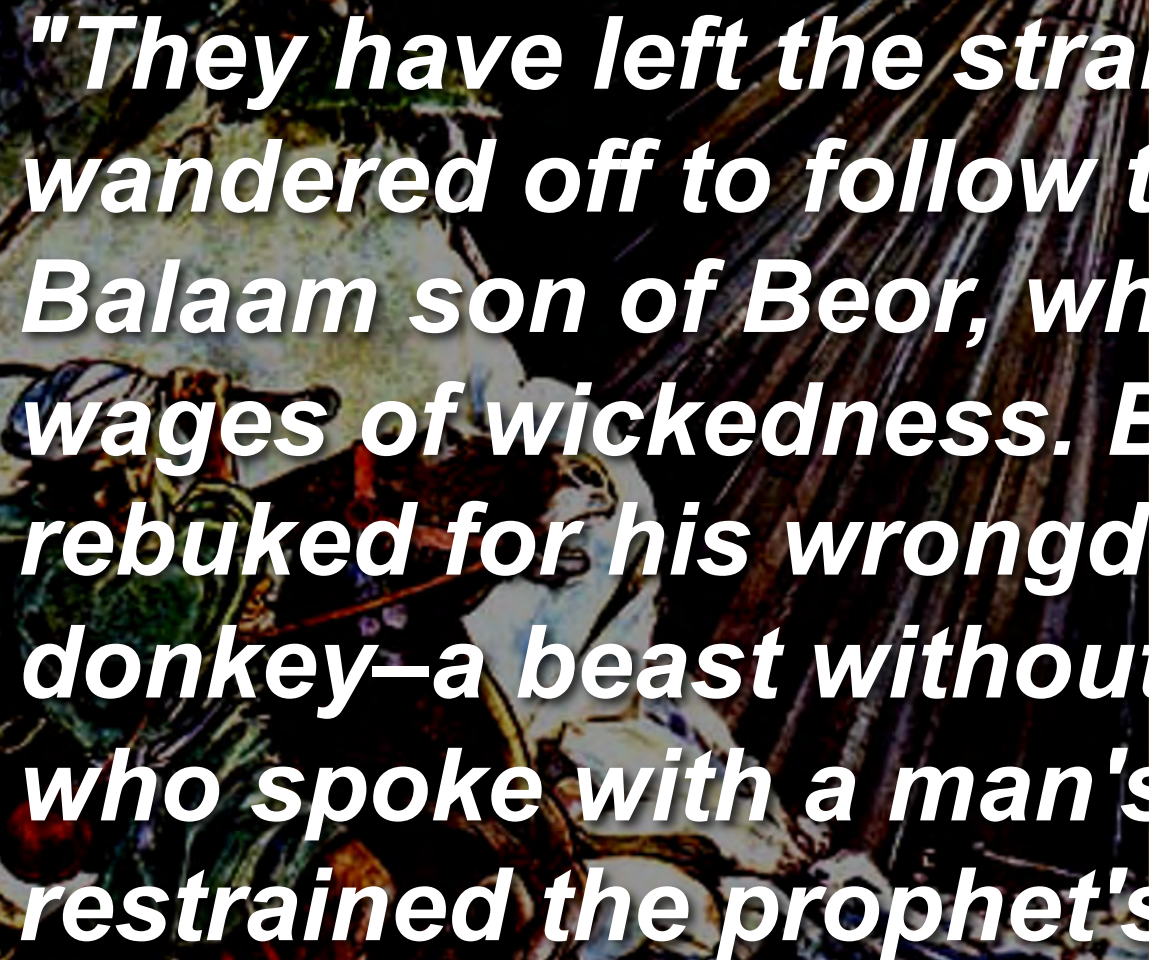


**Balaam**  
**Numbers 22–24**

# The Balaam Narrative



- **Balak fails to turn God against Israel—blessing by Balaam (Num. 22–24)**

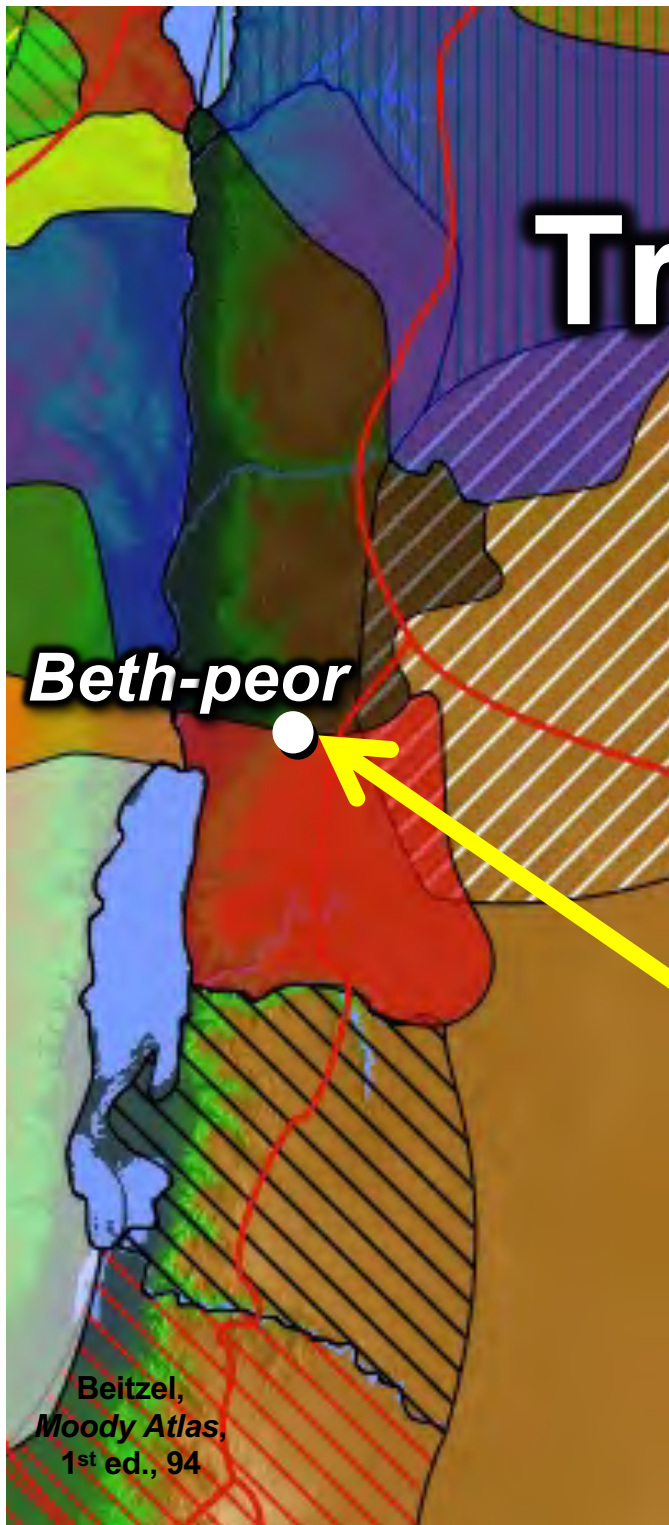


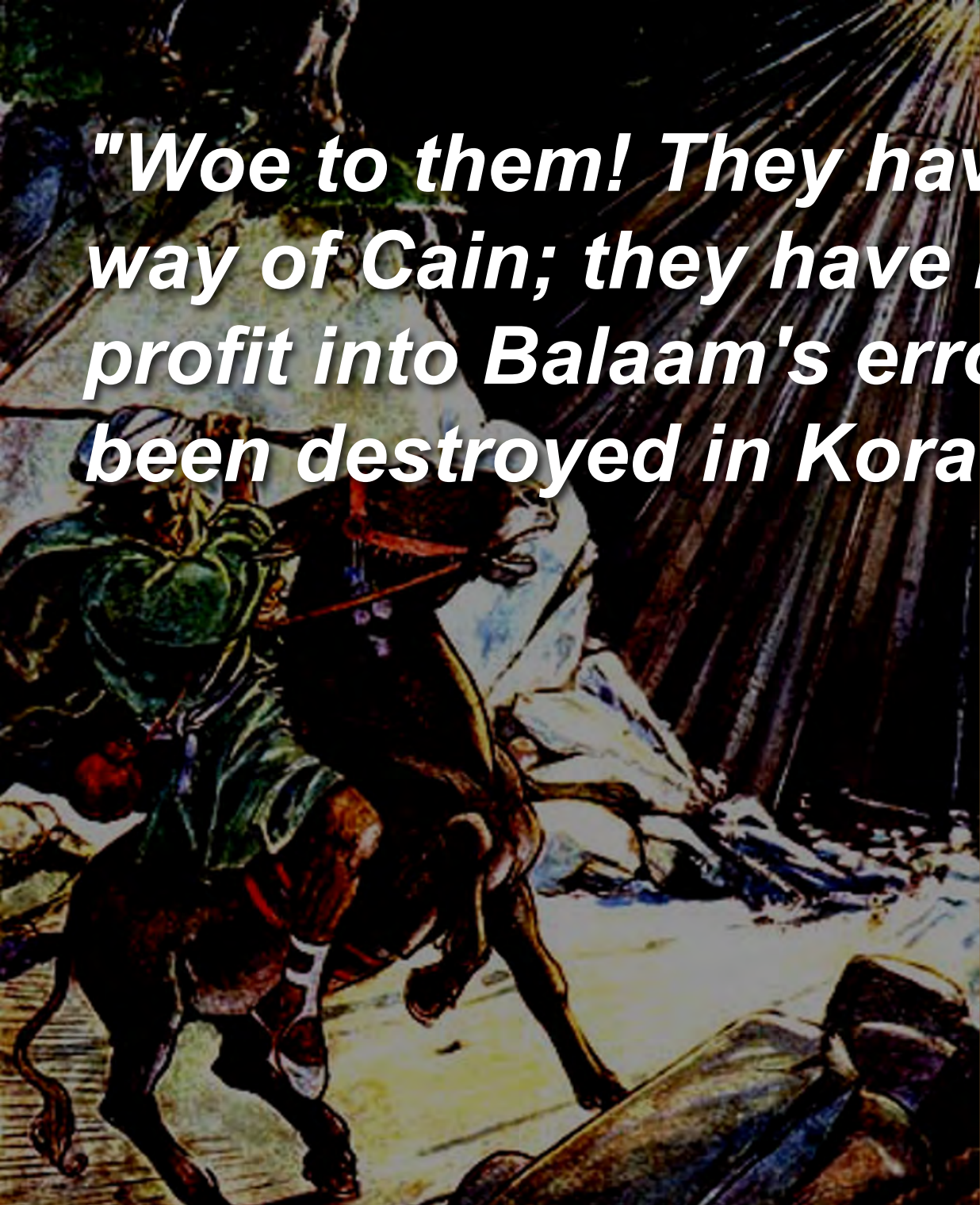
***"They have left the straight way and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Beor, who loved the wages of wickedness. But he was rebuked for his wrongdoing by a donkey—a beast without speech—who spoke with a man's voice and restrained the prophet's madness."***

**2 Peter 2:15-16 (NIV)**

# Transjordan Events

- Victory over Sihon and Og (Num. 21)
- Balak fails to turn God against Israel—blessing by Balaam (Num. 22–24)
- Balak succeeds to turn Israel against God—immorality at Beth-peor (Num. 25)





***"Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain; they have rushed for profit into Balaam's error; they have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion."***

**Jude 11 (NIV)**

# The Balaam Narrative (Num. 22–24) <sup>140</sup>

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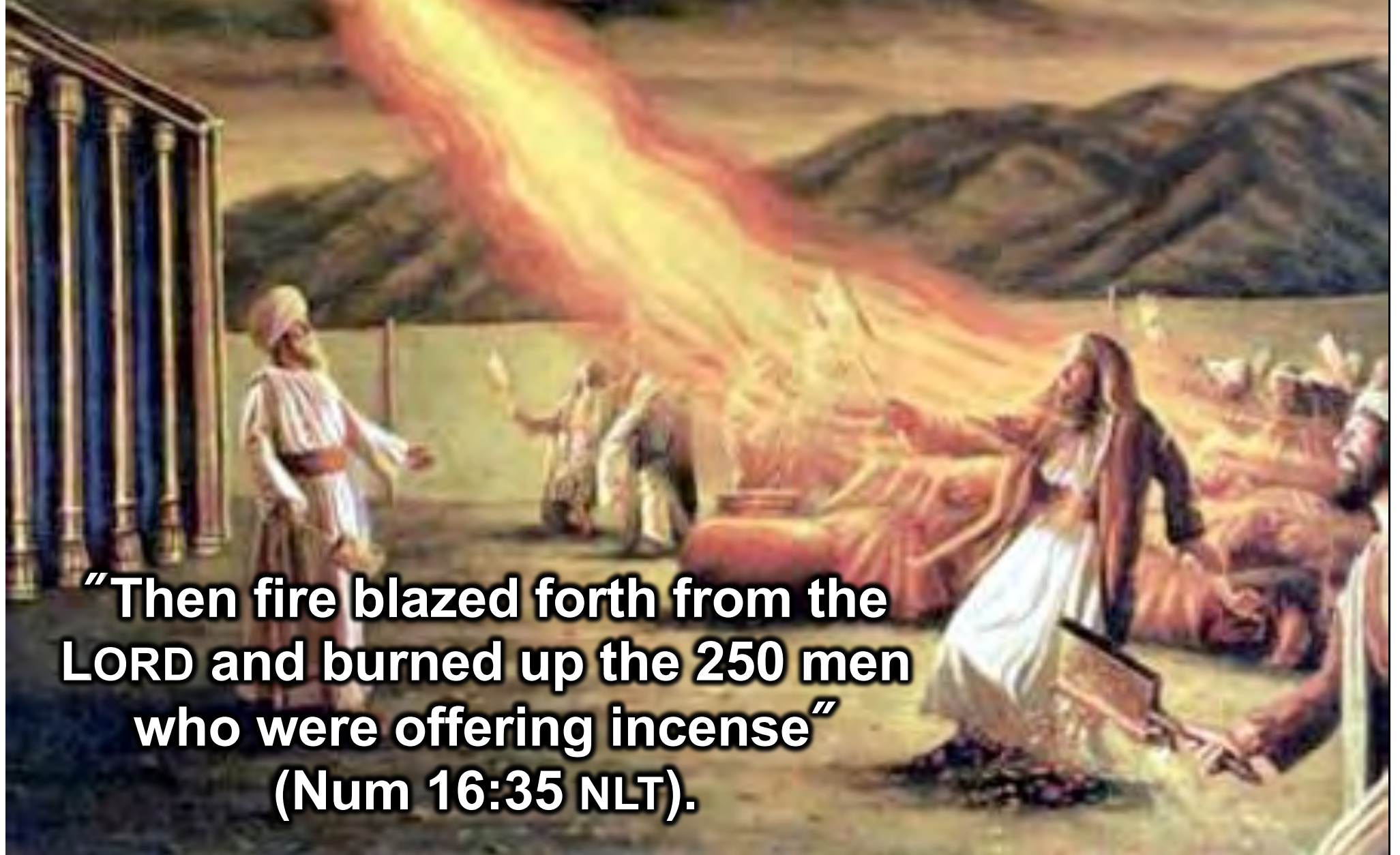


# Korah's Rebellion



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

# More Complaining

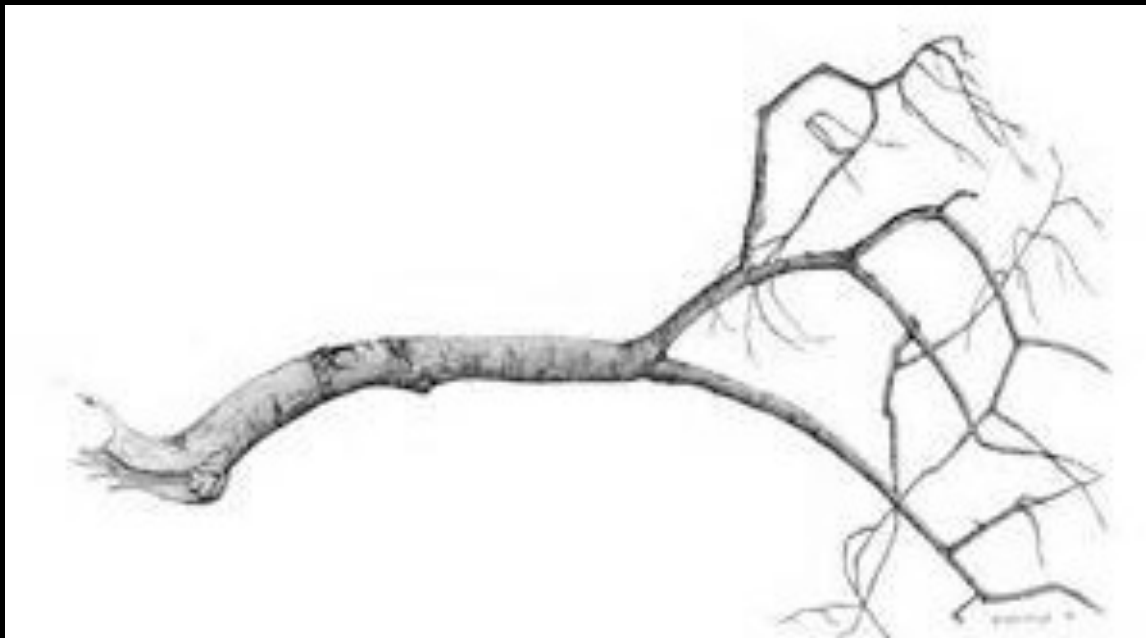


**“Then fire blazed forth from the LORD and burned up the 250 men who were offering incense”  
(Num 16:35 NLT).**

**“When these people eat with you in your fellowship meals commemorating the Lord's love, they are like dangerous reefs that can shipwreck you”  
(Jude 12a NLT).**



**“They are like shameless shepherds who care only for themselves. They are like clouds blowing over the land without giving any rain. They are like trees in autumn that are doubly dead, for they bear no fruit and have been pulled up by the roots” (Jude 12b NLT).**



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HAPPY,  
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WHOLE.*



*GET RICH OR  
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**PASTORS**

*Psalm 1:1-3*

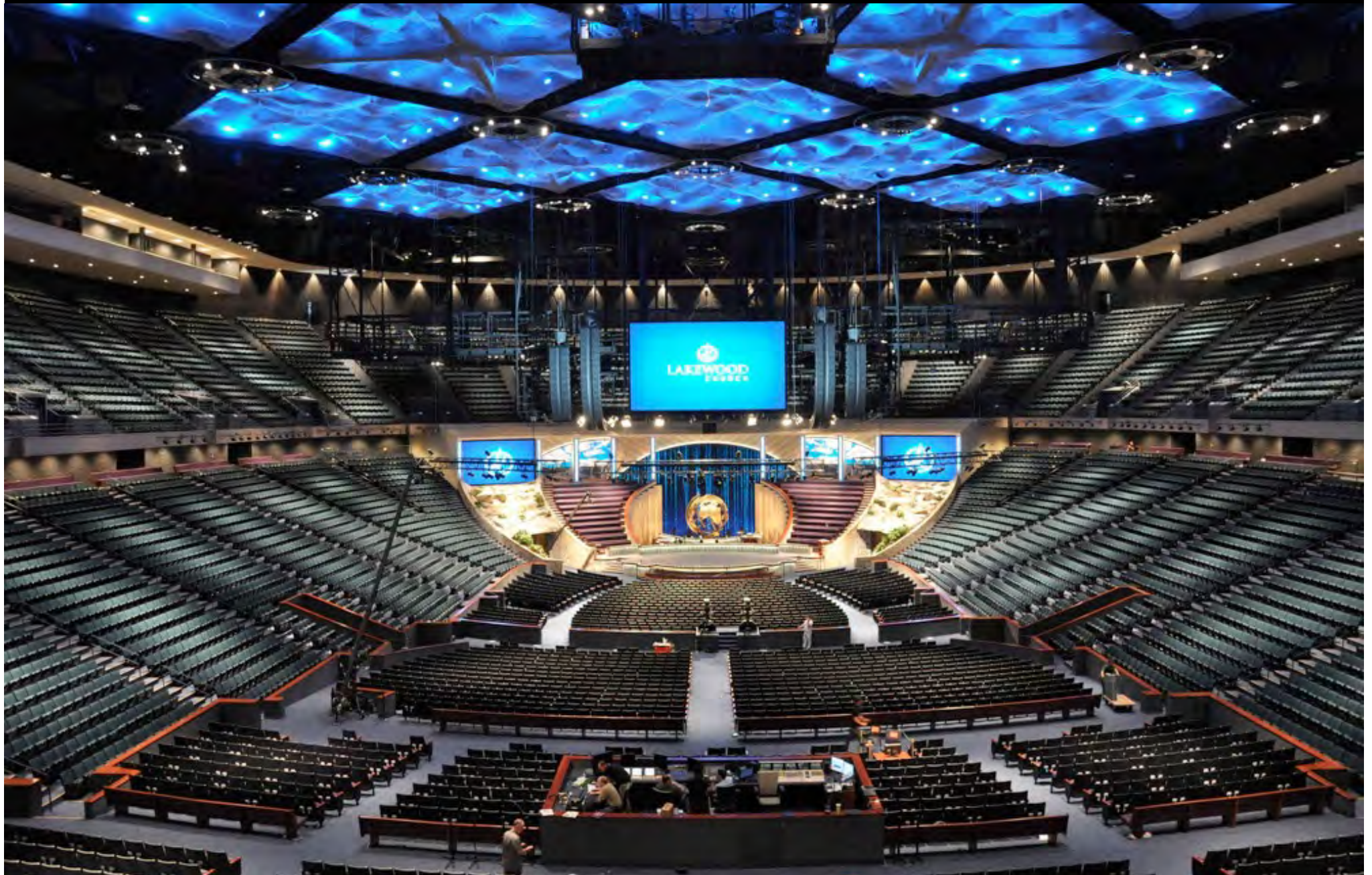
*1 Peter 1:3-9*

*2 Corinthians 1:3-7*

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JOEL OSTEEEN'S ESTATE (CREDIT: [PLANETZION](#))

**Joel Osteen, Former Pastor of Lakewood Church until he reverted to his water purifying business**



**“They are like wild waves of the sea,  
churning up the foam of their shameful  
deeds. They are like wandering stars,  
doomed forever to blackest darkness”  
(Jude 13 NLT).**



# Joel Osteen Interview by Larry King

YouTube Uploaded on Apr 7, 2008



**"God alone will judge." "There are many ways to Jesus."**

# Joel Osteen Interview by Oprah Winfrey

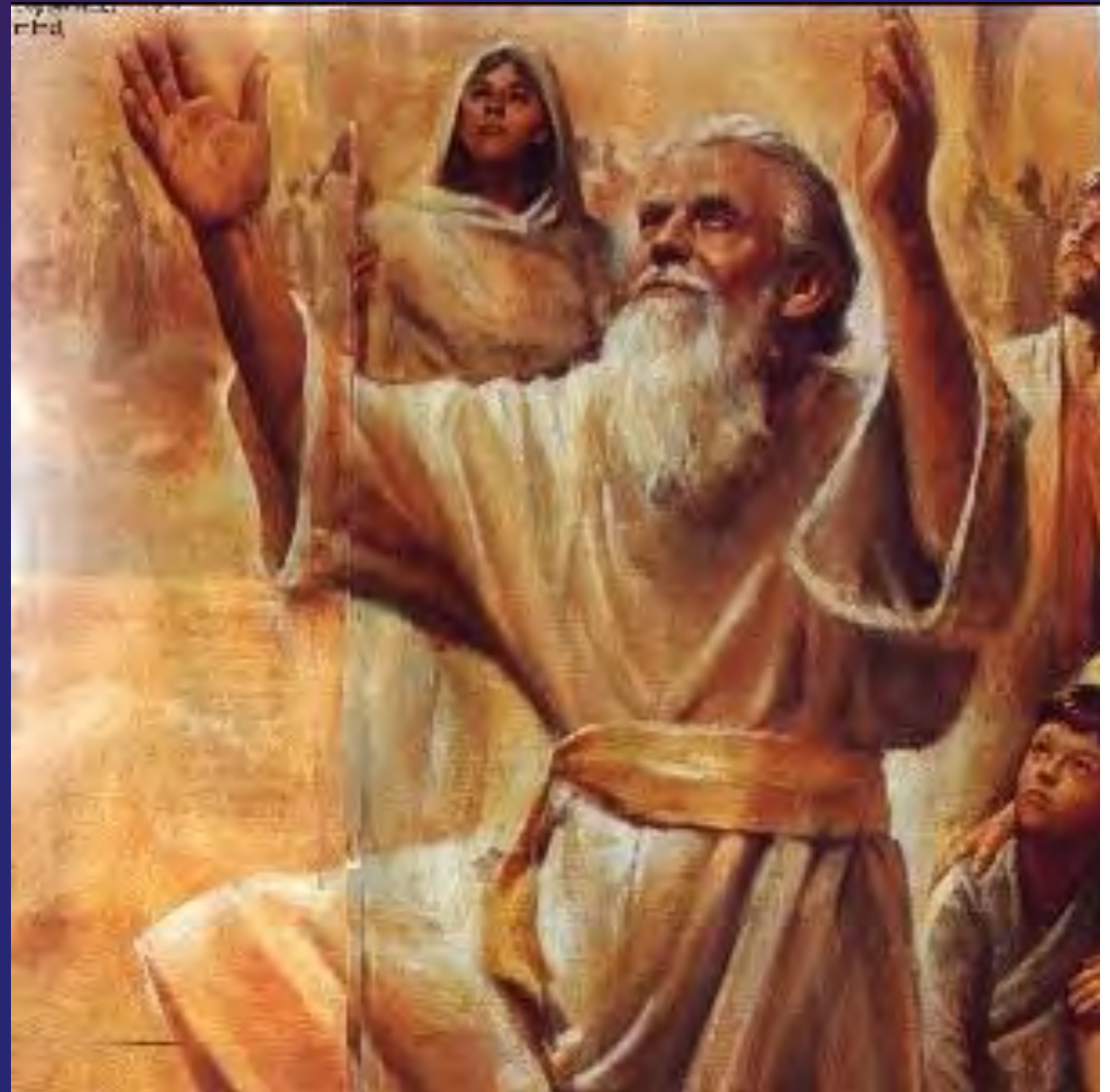


Oprah then moved to her point by asking, "Ok, here's the big question. Are there many paths to get to the one God?" Osteen responded, "Well, I believe Oprah that there, **I believe that Jesus is the way to the one God, but there are many paths to Jesus.** You know, you don't know how Jesus would reveal himself to somebody."

# **The Destiny of Pretenders (Jude 14-16)**

# Enoch as a Prophet

“Enoch, who lived in the seventh generation after Adam, **prophesied** about these people”  
(Jude 14a NLT).



# No Gaps in Genesis 5

*Issues in Jude*

7 { Adam  
Seth  
Enosh  
Kenan  
Mahalalel  
Jared  
Enoch  
Methuselah  
Lamech  
Noah

1. State lengths of time
2. Shorter lengths
3. Most natural
4. Show father-son
5. Jude 14

"Enoch, in the **seventh generation from Adam**, prophesied saying. . ."  
(Jude 14a, NASB)

# Quoting The Book of Enoch

*Issues in Jude*

[Enoch] said, "Listen! The Lord is coming with countless thousands of his holy ones<sup>15</sup> to execute judgment on the people of the world. He will convict every person of all the ungodly things they have done and for all the insults that ungodly sinners have spoken against him" (Jude 14b-15 NLT).

**Why is a Quote from Non-Scriptural Writings NOT a Problem?**

**Jude does not imply that the entire 1 Enoch is inspired.**

Dale O'Connell  
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# How Accepted are the 15 OT Apocryphal Books (250 BC-AD 100)?

## Most

- Tobit
- Judith
- Wisdom of Solomon
- Ecclesiasticus

## A few...

- 1 Esdras
- 2 Esdras
- Prayer of Manasseh

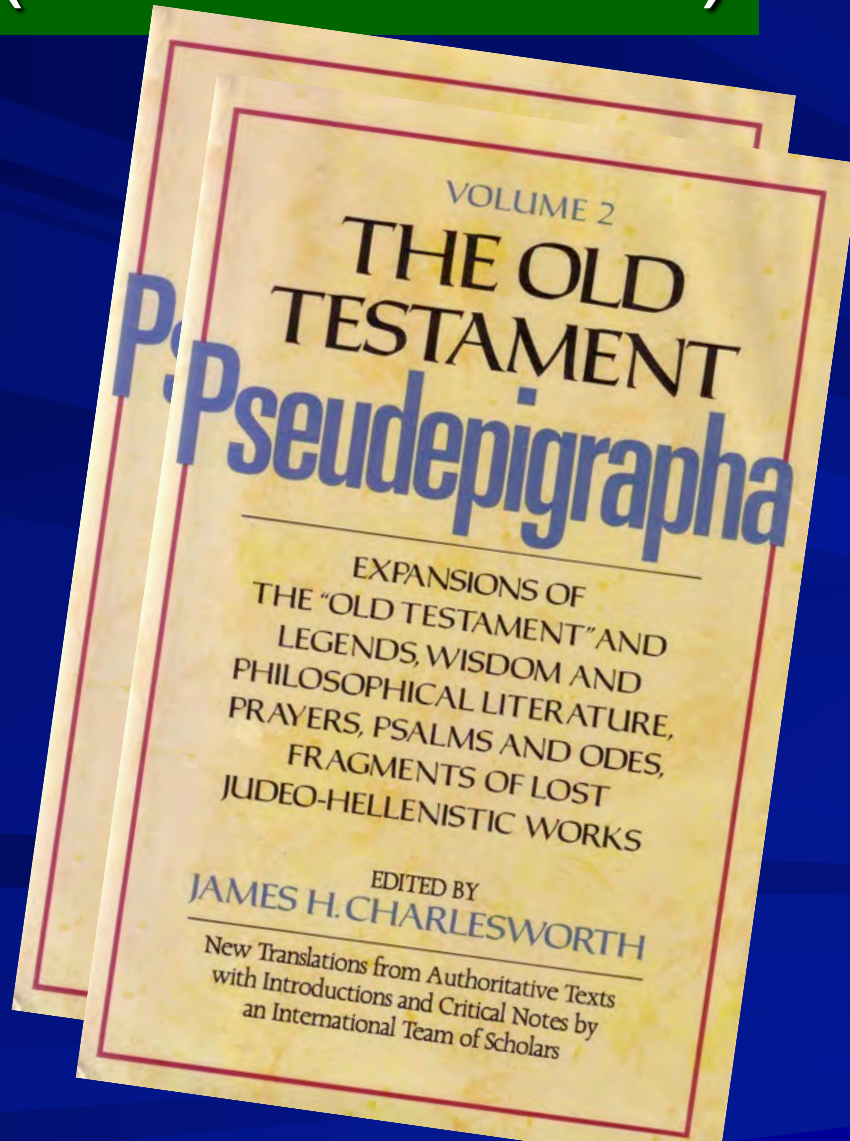
## Many

- Baruch
- Letter of Jeremiah
- Additions to Esther
- Song of the Three Children
- Susanna
- Bel and the Dragon
- 1 Maccabees
- 2 Maccabees

- Psalm 151
- 3 Maccabees
- 4 Maccabees

## Pseudepigraphal

# Selected Pseudepigrapha (200 BC-AD 200)



1 Enoch  
 Psalms of Solomon  
 Letter of Aristeas  
 Sibylline Oracles  
 Life of Adam & Eve  
 Testament of the 12 Patriarchs  
 Book of Jubilees  
 Lives of the Prophets  
 3 Maccabees  
 4 Maccabees  
 Assumption of Moses  
 2 Baruch  
 Ascension of Isaiah

# Literary Categories

## APOCALYPTIC

**1 Enoch**

**2 Esdras**

## WISDOM

**Ecclesiasticus**

**Wisdom of Solomon**

## HISTORY

**1 Esdras**

**1 Maccabees**

**2 Maccabees**

## FICTION

**Tobit**

**Judith**

**Letter of Aristeas**

**Susanna**

**Bel and the Dragon**

**3 Maccabees**

**Sibylline Oracles**

# Terminology of Authoritative Writings

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	<i>Jews</i>	<i>Protestants &amp; Anglicans</i>	<i>Catholics</i>	<i>Eastern Orthodox</i>
39 OT Books	Bible (inspired)	Old Testament (inspired)	Old Testament (inspired)	Old Testament (inspired)
27 NT Books	New Testament (uninspired)	New Testament (inspired)	New Testament (inspired)	New Testament (inspired)
4 Apocryphal Books (Tobit, Judith, etc.)	Apocrypha (uninspired; not in MT but in LXX)	Apocrypha (uninspired)	Deuterocanonical (canonical since 1546)	Apocrypha (canonical since 1673)
8 Apocryphal Books (1-2 Macc)	Apocrypha (uninspired)	Apocrypha (uninspired)	Deuterocanonical (since 1546)	Apocrypha (authoritative)
3 Apocryphal Books (Esdras, Manasseh)	Apocrypha (uninspired)	Apocrypha (uninspired)	Non-canonical (but in appendix)	Apocrypha (authoritative)
3 Pseudepigraphal Books: 3-4 Macc, Psalm 151 only	Pseudepigrapha	Pseudepigrapha (uninspired)	Apocrypha (but in appendix)	Apocrypha (authoritative)
60+ Pseud Books (esp. 1 Enoch)	Pseudepigrapha (uninspired)	Pseudepigrapha (uninspired)	Apocrypha (uninspired)	Pseudepigrapha (uninspired)

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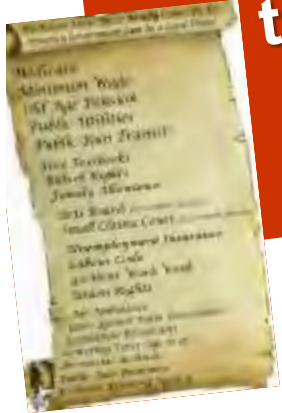
- Never recognized as authoritative
- False theology

## PURGATORY:

The result of sacrifices for pagan dead—"and thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from their sin" (2 Maccabees 12:46)

## SALVATION BY WORKS:

"It is better to give to the poor than to store up gold. Such generosity will save you from death and will wash away all your sins." (Tobit 12:8b-9a GNB)



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- **Never recognized as authoritative**
- **False theology**
- **No claim of inspiration**
- **Lack of dynamic character**
- **Suspicious history of RCC acceptance**



# So do these books have any value?

**Yes!**

- Intertestament history
- Jewish sects and institutions
- Theological beliefs (e.g., angels)



# Archangel leaving the Family of Tobias

*(This picture is on  
the front of your  
class notes)*

*Rembrandt, 1637*

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- Literary forms (e.g., letters)
- Balance to rabbinic writings

**“These people are grumblers and complainers, living only to satisfy their desires. They brag loudly about themselves, and they flatter others to get what they want” (Jude 16 NLT).**



**How can you defend the  
faith against pretenders?**



# I. **Affirm** the saints (1-2).



**Jude**

# II. **Identify** the enemy (3-16).



**Jude**

# III. **Strengthen** your faith (17-23).



**Jude 17-23**

III. (17-23) Jude shows three ways how to avoid the pretenders' snares to safeguard his readers from apostasy.

Remember 17-19

Nurture 20-21

Show mercy 22-23



**“But you, my dear friends, must remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ said. <sup>18</sup>They told you that in the last times there would be scoffers whose purpose in life is to satisfy their ungodly desires. <sup>19</sup>These people are the ones who are creating divisions among you. They follow their natural instincts because they do not have God's Spirit in them” (Jude 17-19 NLT).**

**Remember 17-19**

**“But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup>and await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life. In this way, you will keep yourselves safe in God's love” (Jude 20-21 NLT).**



**Nurture 20-21**

**“And you must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering. <sup>23</sup>Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment. Show mercy to still others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives” (Jude 22-23 NLT).**



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# **IV. Praise** God for security (24-25).



**Jude**

**Jude 24-25**

A collection of military medals and a compass on a wooden surface. The medals include a red ribbon with a circular emblem, a blue ribbon with a circular emblem, and two silver Maltese crosses with central emblems. A pair of glasses with thin frames and a red-tipped pen are also visible. In the bottom left corner, there is a circular compass with a white face and black markings.

## Benediction (Jude 24-25 NLT)

**"Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault. <sup>25</sup>All glory to him who alone is God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord. All glory, majesty, power, and authority are his before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time! Amen."**

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Jude

Be a **contender**  
against pretenders



**Main Idea of Jude**

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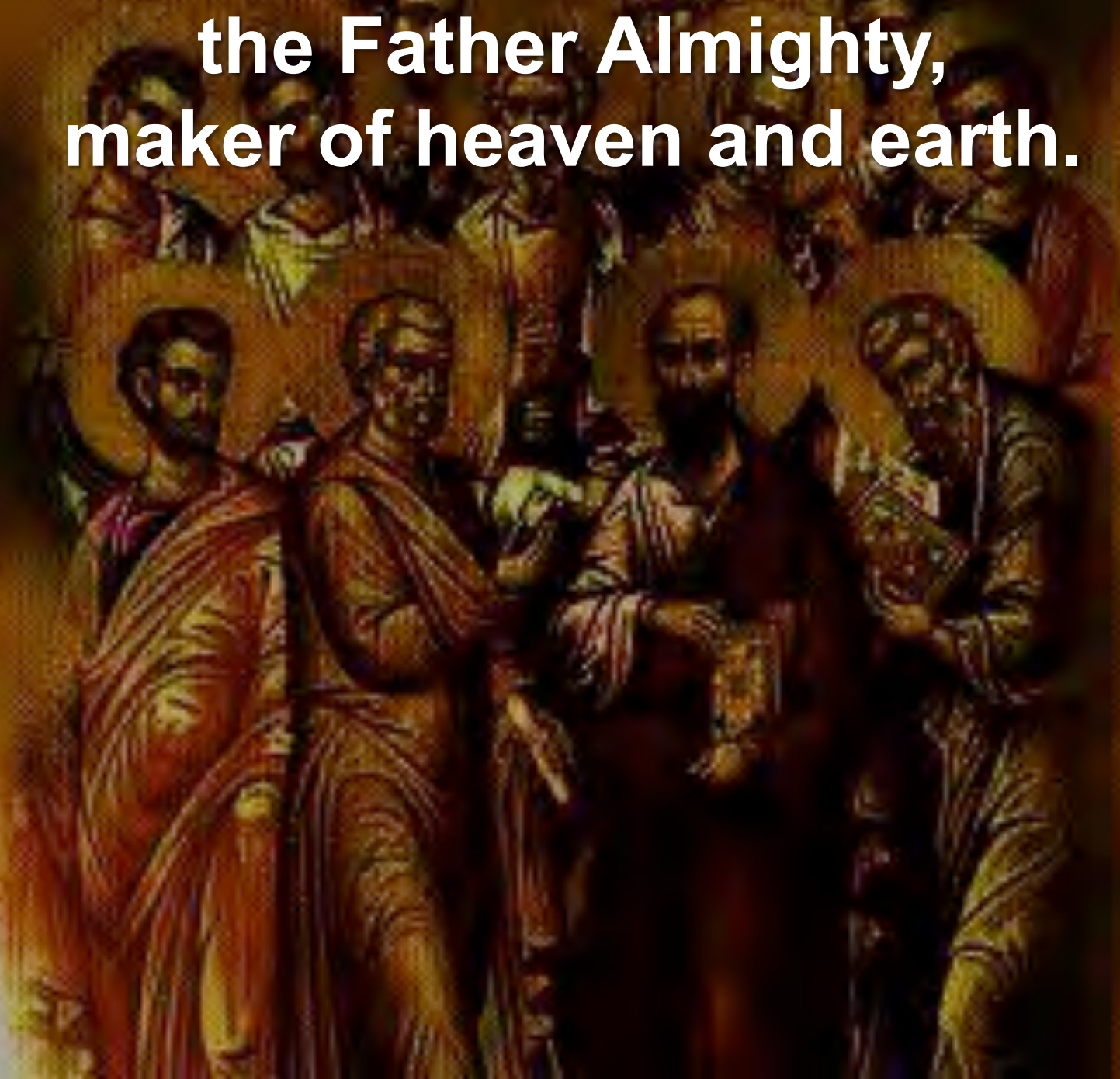


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**Gnostics taught that the world was created by a Demiurge since it is material and "therefore evil"**

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**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord,  
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Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary,  
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**Jesus didn't just become "the Christ" at his baptism, as Gnostics claimed. He was conceived by the Spirit.**

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**His death was not myth but in history  
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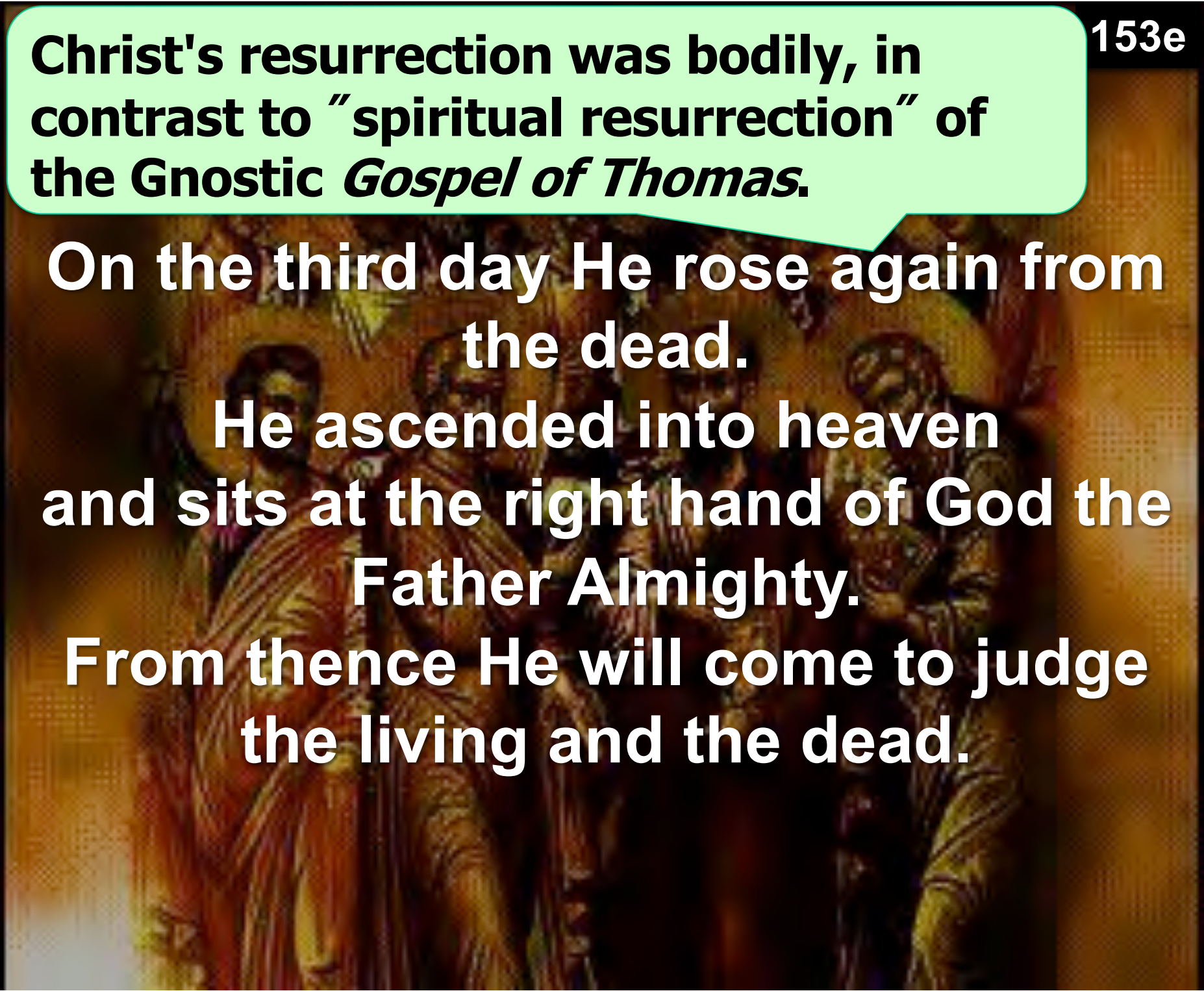
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**Christ's resurrection was bodily, in contrast to "spiritual resurrection" of the Gnostic *Gospel of Thomas*.**

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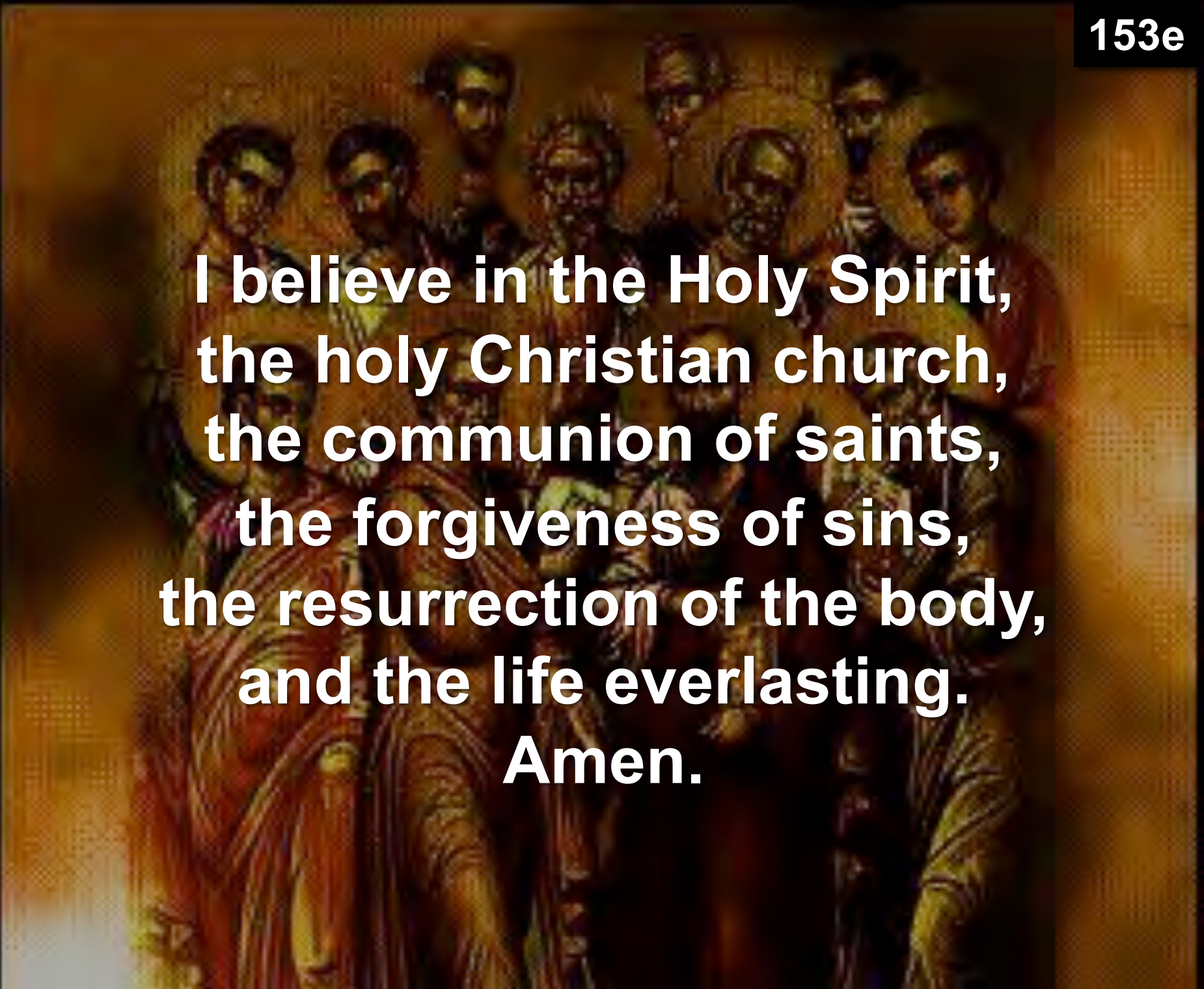


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**Instead of salvation by "special knowledge" (*gnosis*) for only a special few, all saints in the universal ("catholic") church hold these truths.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
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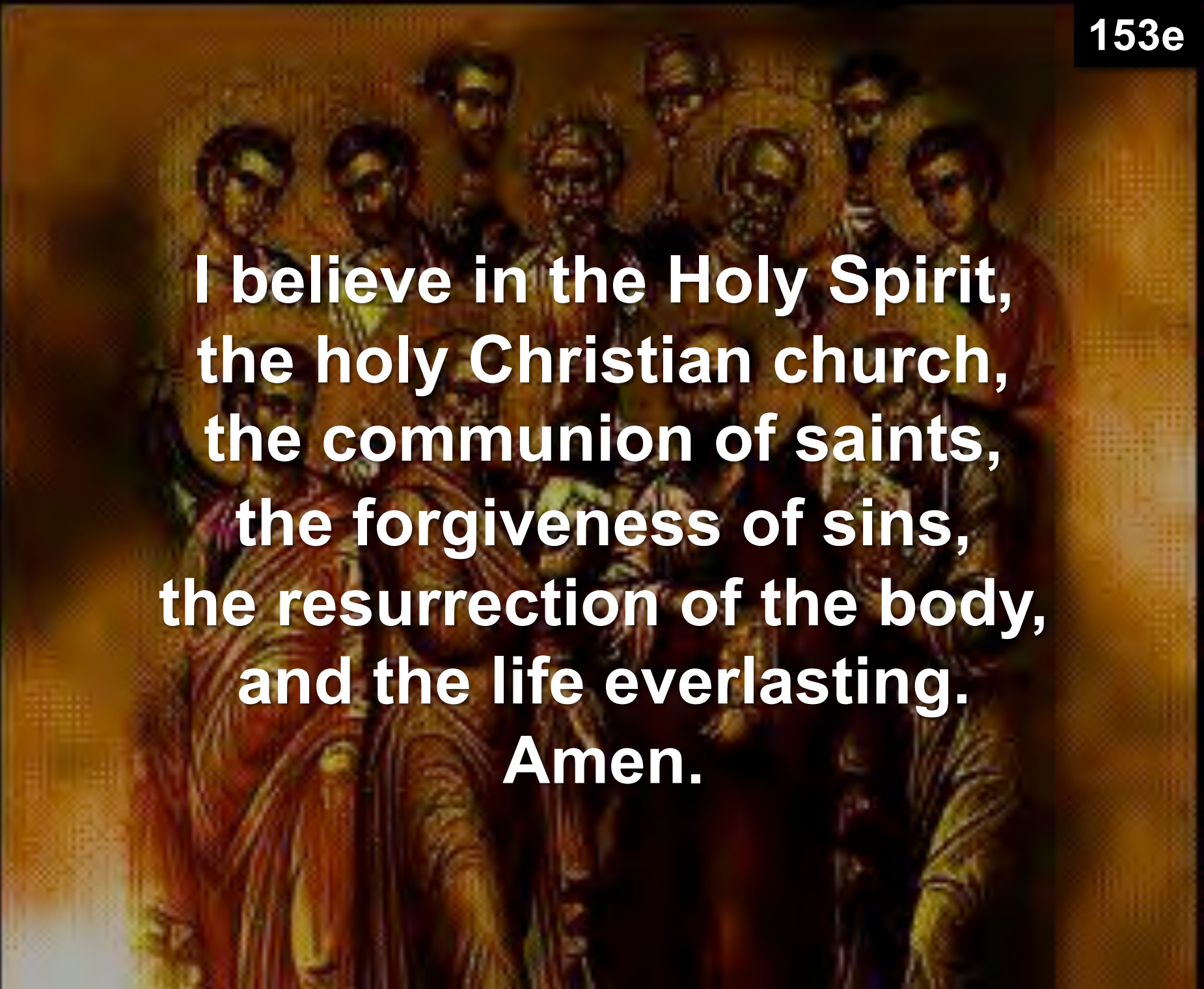
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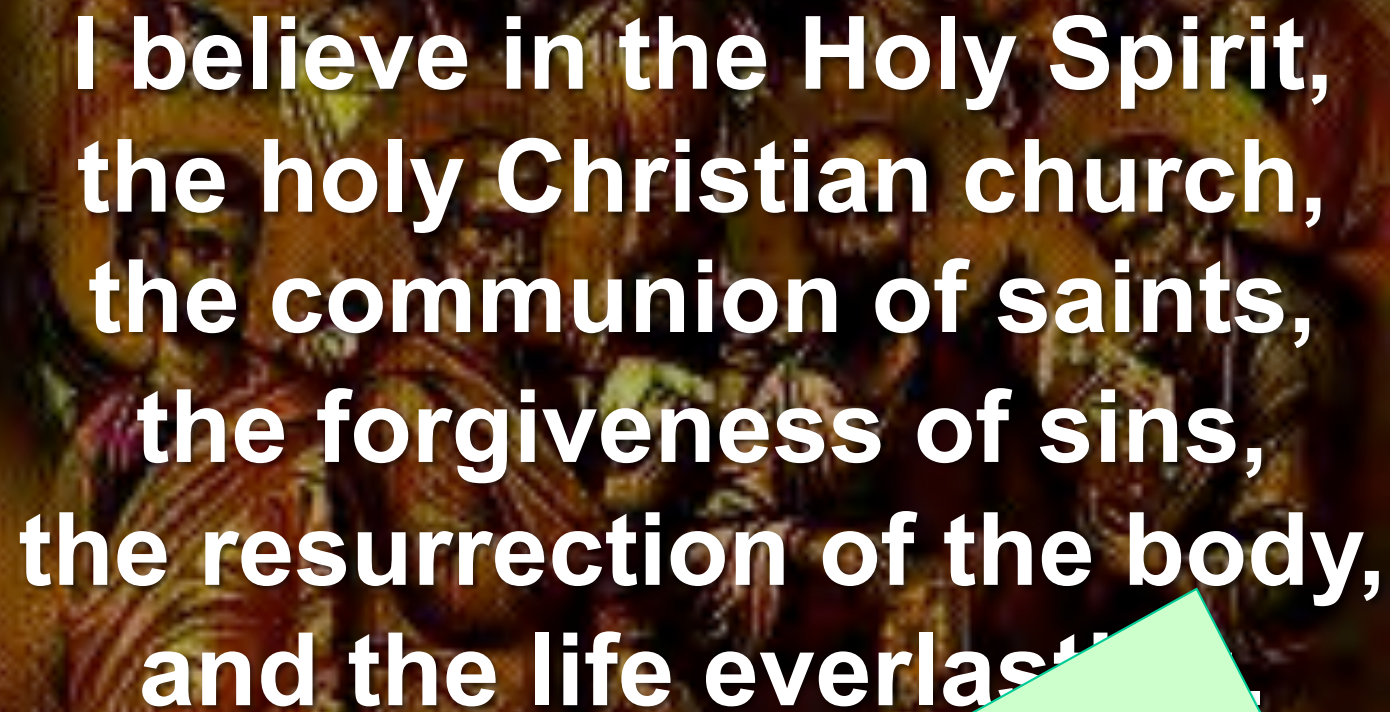
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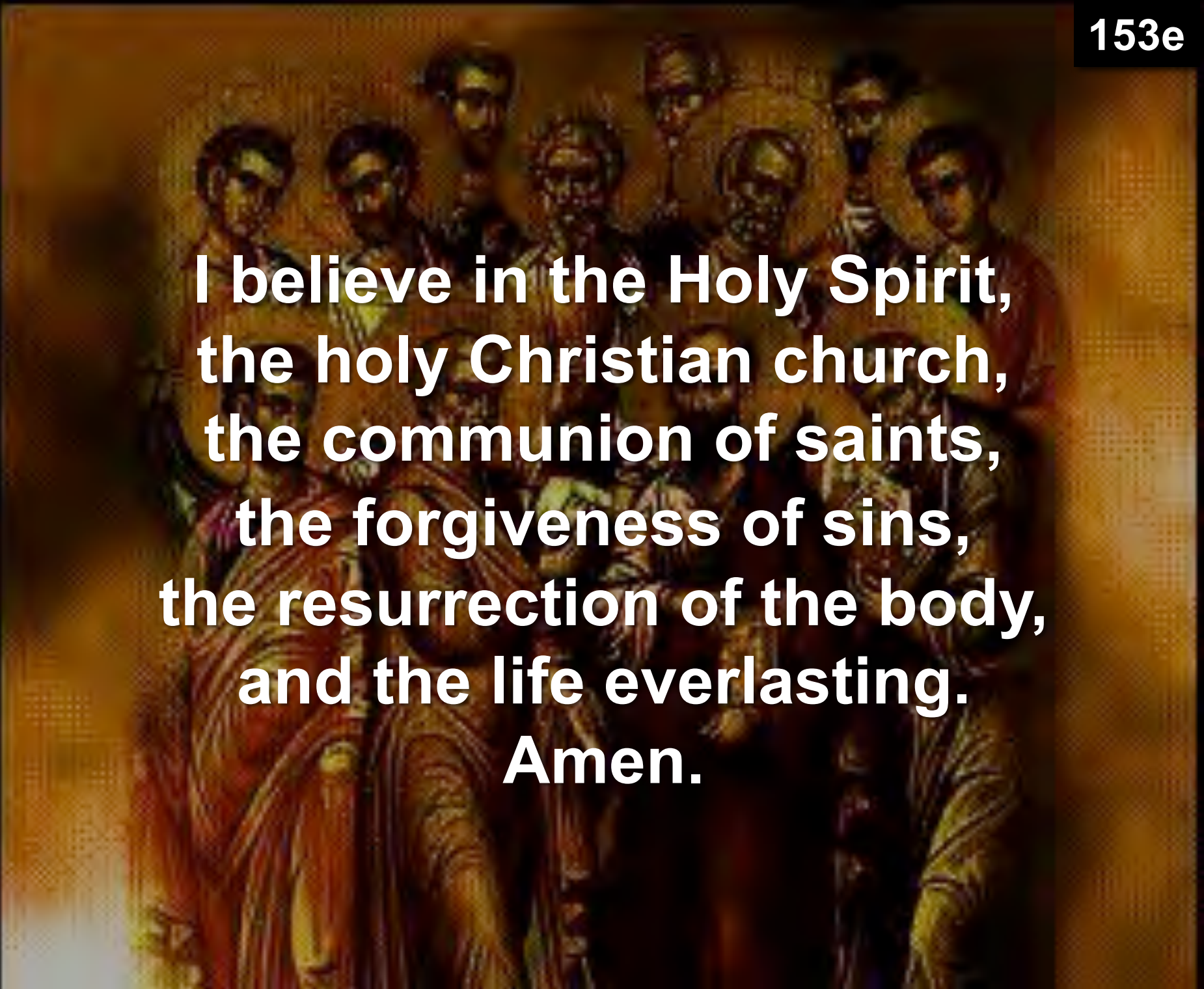


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**Not just our *spirits* will join God after death. Heaven is a physical place where we will *physically* dwell with God for eternity.**

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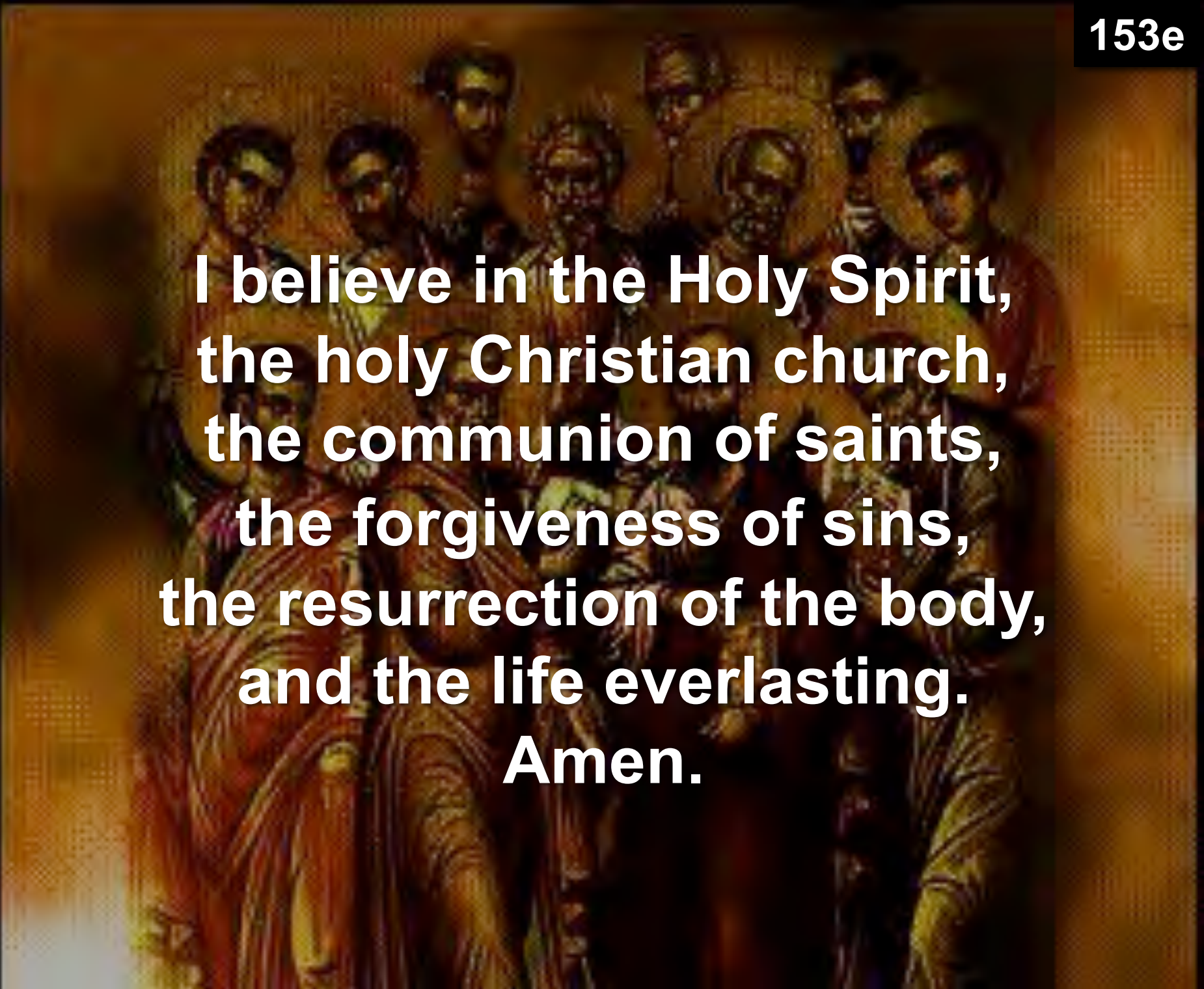
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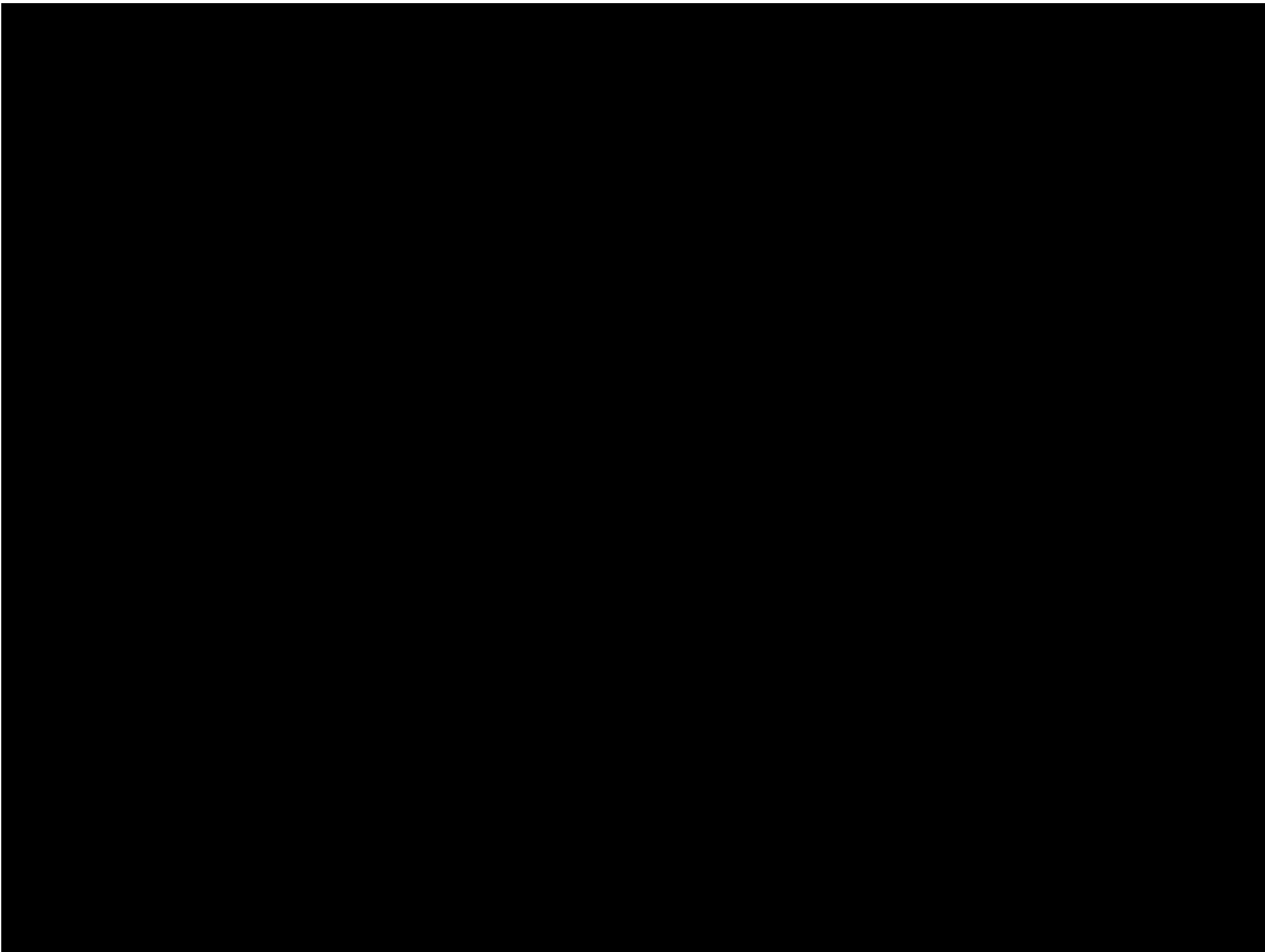
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## Date

❖ Most scholars believe Jude wrote between AD 65-80, especially since he addresses himself as one who has heard the apostles.

❖ For the purpose of this course a date of 70 AD will be used.

## Origin / Recipients

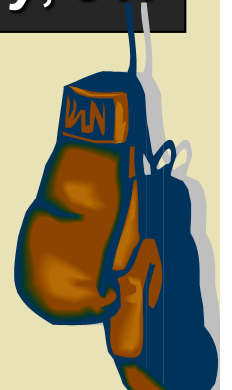
Jude does not specify the particular assembly he addresses (v. 1b), but the many references to the OT & to extra-biblical literature suggest that the first readers may have been Christian Jews of Palestine in several fellowships.

**"The men whom Jude condemned were:**

- **"denying the lordship of Christ (v. 4),**
- **exercising sinful license (vv. 4, 8, 16),**
- **rebelling against authority (vv. 8, 11, 18),**
- **giving into their own desires (vv. 16, 19),**
- **being concerned only with gain for themselves (vv. 11-12, 16),**
- **being divisive (v. 19),**
- **fault-finding (v. 16), and**
- **boasting (v. 16)"**

**—Edward Pentecost, *Bible Knowledge Commentary*, 917**

**Jude wrote to inform believers of such men so that they would not be led into their immoral behavior.**





## Characteristics

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**Like 2 John, this “postcard” warns against unbelieving false leaders—especially a beginning form of Gnosticism.**

- **Jude is the only NT book that refers to the Pseudepigrapha (“falsely ascribed” books).**
- **Jude is fond of triads. For example, he uses triads in verse 1 (Jude, servant, brother; called, sanctified, preserved), verse 2 (mercy, peace, love), and verses 5-7 (people, angels, those who did not believe).**

**Jude is written to exhort its readers to “contend for the faith” (3b) which is endangered by many pretenders seeking to lead the Lord's people away from their moorings in Christ.**



**After the greeting and blessing (1-2), Jude exposes the pretenders of the faith within the church (3-16) so their practices can be avoided (17-23). His closing doxology praises God as the only hope for protection from apostasy (24-25).**

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# Services at The Star

**Who's next as mega-  
church pastor? And  
does this mean you  
must pretend?  
Not really...**



- **Don't you pray for church growth?**
- **Don't you want more and more people joining your church and ministry?**
- **Don't you want your ministry to be fruitful?**



# Prosperity Gospel for Pastors

As pastors and missionaries, can we expect *blessing* and *fruitfulness* in our ministry, if we are faithful enough? Or should we expect *disappointments*, *failures* and *adversities*?

# Psalm 1:1-3



*Blessed is the man*

*who **walks** not **in the counsel of the wicked**,  
nor **stands** **in the way of sinners**,  
nor **sits** **in the seat of scoffers**;*

*but*

*his delight is **in the law of the LORD**,  
and **on his law he meditates day and night**.*

*He is like **a tree planted by streams of water**  
that **yields its fruit in its season**,  
and **its leaf does not wither**.*

***In all that he does, he prospers.***



# How Long, O Lord?

Psalms of Lament

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that *yields its fruit in its season,*  
and *its leaf does not wither.*

***In all that it does, it prospers.***

EVERY DAY  
I CALL TO YOU,  
MY GOD,  
BUT YOU DO NOT ANSWER  
EVERY NIGHT  
YOU HEAR MY VOICE,  
BUT I FIND NO RELIEF.

PSALM 22:2

# Prosperity Gospel for Pastors

Should we expect fruitfulness or adversity in our ministry?

God's desire to bless does not exempt us from facing adversity.

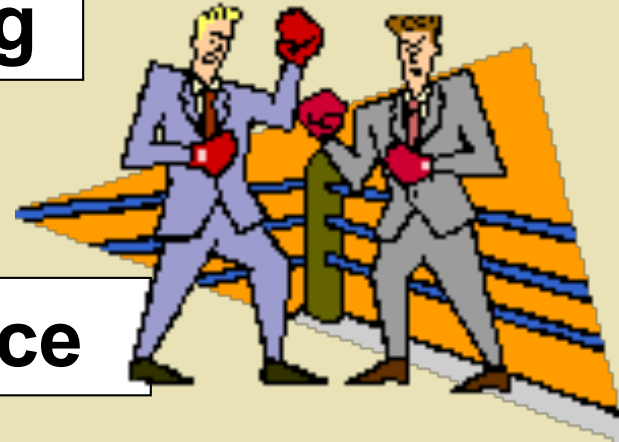
## Contending against pretenders

**1-2 Greeting / blessing**

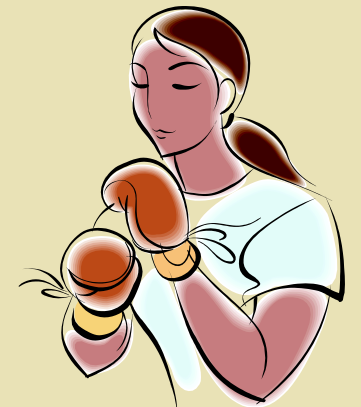
**3-16 Pretenders' practice**

**17-23 How to avoid pretenders' snares**

**24-25 Praise for preservation from apostasy**




**Jude warns Christians at large of pretenders—unbelievers who have infiltrated their churches masking themselves as Christians but perverting the truth by their lifestyles of license—in order to defend the *holiness* of the church.**



**I. (1-2) Jude identifies himself as author, affirms some unknown believers as recipients, and wishes upon them threefold graces of mercy, peace and love which they needed in their time of defending the faith from pretenders.**

**II. (3-16) Jude warns against, illustrates and describes the pretenders who have secretly infiltrated the church so that they can be recognized and avoided.**

**III. (17-23) Jude shows three ways how to avoid the pretenders' snares so that his readers might be safeguarded from apostasy.**



As Clinton finished his second term and Al Gore soon ran against George W. Bush (March 2000) a reporter noted...

**"Polls show that morality . . . is among the top five issues on the minds of voters . . . . But this doesn't mean a Bible-quoting, churchgoing, publicly praying leader is the sort of occupant most Americans want to see in the White House. They already have one."**

◆ **Kenneth L. Woodward**

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**Even the world despises pretenders**

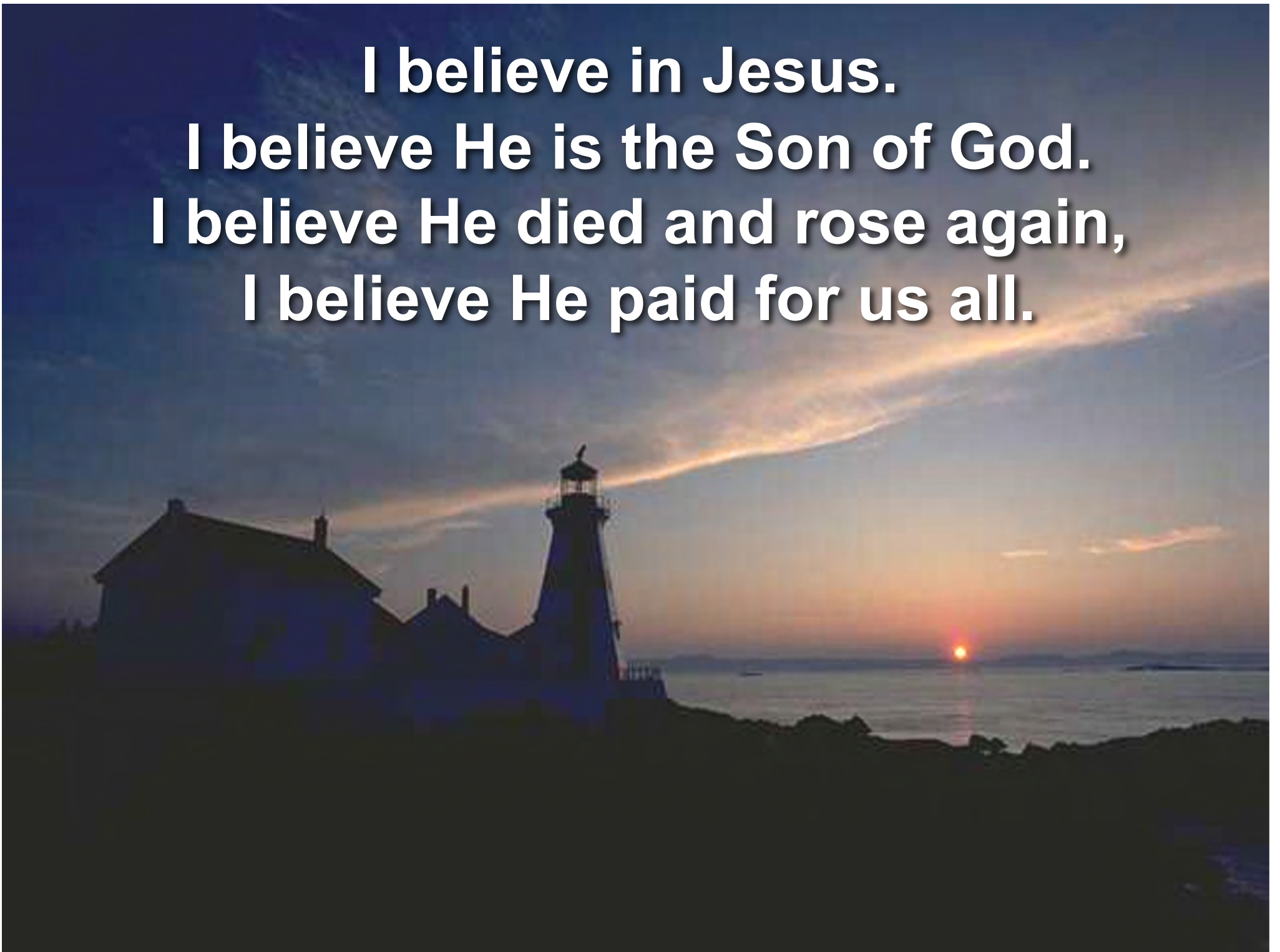
***Do you fight* those who introduce godlessness in the church—or do you let them get away with lowering the standard?**

**What types of godless unbelievers are infiltrating our churches?**

- ◆ Immoral pastors
- ◆ Health and wealth kingdom builders
- ◆ WCC funding of Marxist groups



**I believe in Jesus.  
I believe He is the Son of God.  
I believe He died and rose again,  
I believe He paid for us all.**



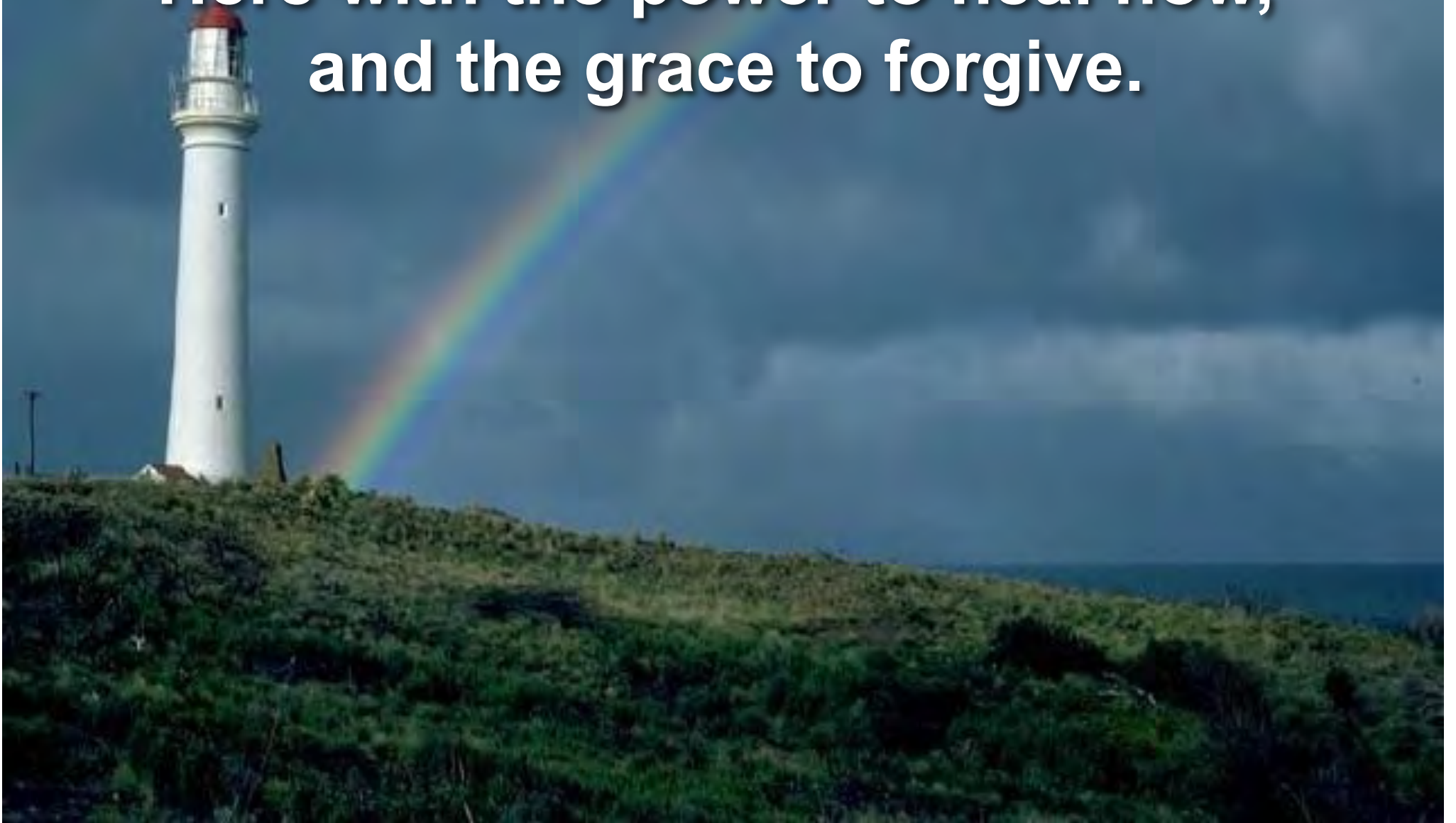
**And I believe that He's here now,  
standing in our midst;  
Here with the power to heal now,  
and the grace to forgive.**



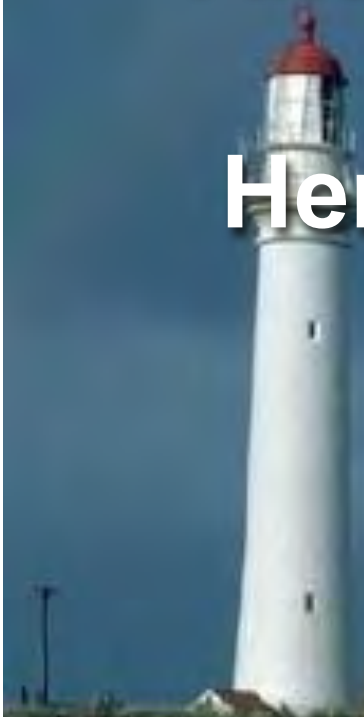
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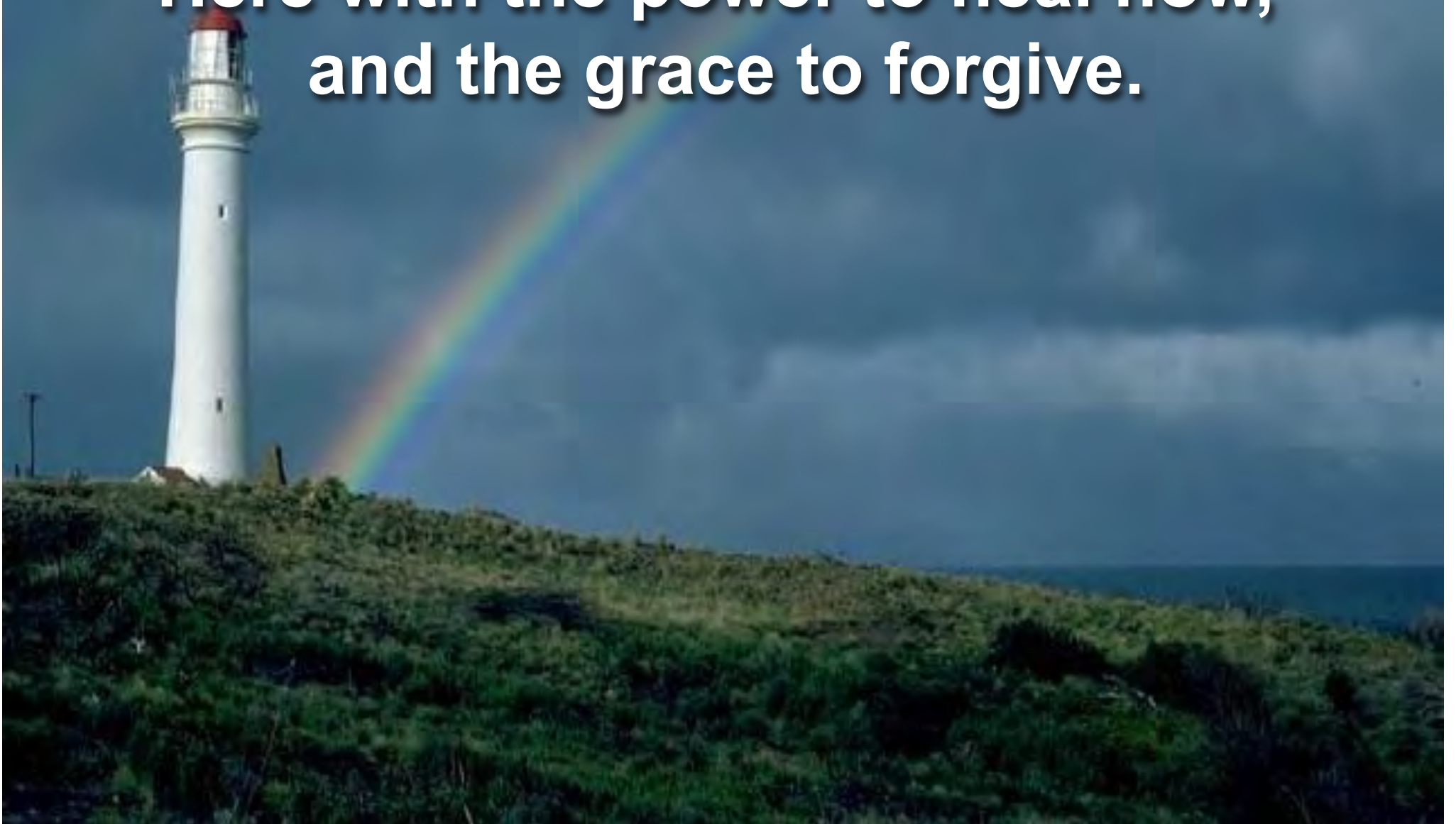
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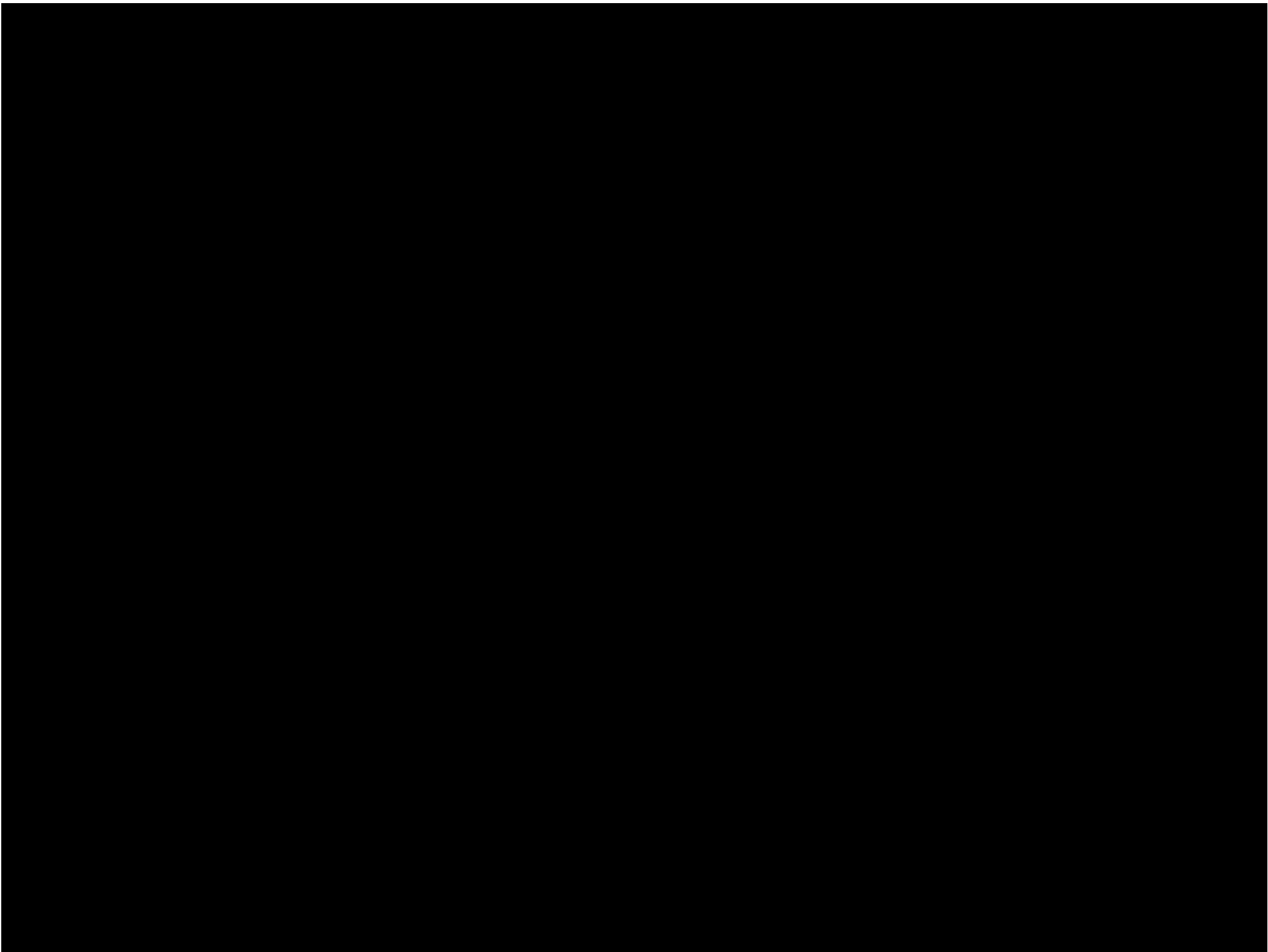
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**"Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault. <sup>25</sup>All glory to him who alone is God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord. All glory, majesty, power, and authority are his before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time!**

**Amen"**

**(Jude 24-25 NLT).**



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