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WORD OF GOD



**We believe in the
Verbal Inspiration
of the Bible**

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The Holy Scripture consist of 66 canonical books of the Old and New Testaments

The Scriptures, in their original autographs, are the products of the immediate **Inspiration** of the divine Person of the Holy Spirit so that the human authors of the books of the bible recorded exactly and fully the message of divine revelation given by the Spirit.

2 Tim 3:16

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

2 Peter 1:21

²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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Plenary

“complete or full,”

Verbal

“the very words of Scripture.”

Plenary, verbal inspiration is the view that every single word in the Bible is the very word of God.

God used human authors to write the Word.

These men were holy men of God who “spoke as they were being borne along by the Holy Spirit” (2 Peter 1:21).

Their manner of expressing the message that God gave them was characteristic of them.

The **doctrine** of Scripture

Inspiration

That the Bible truly is the Word of God and makes the Bible unique among all other books

Inerrancy

That the bible is without error or fault in all of **its teaching**

Perspicuity

That the central message of the **Bible is clear and understandable**

Sufficiency

That the Bible is all we need to equip us for a life of faith and service


The Trinity



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There is one indivisible, unlimited personal being; that being is God.

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Deuteronomy 6:4


⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one

1 Corinthians 8:4

⁴ So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that “An idol is nothing at all in the world” and that “There is no God but one.”

1 Timothy 2:5

“For there is one God, and done mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”

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Genesis 1:1

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:26

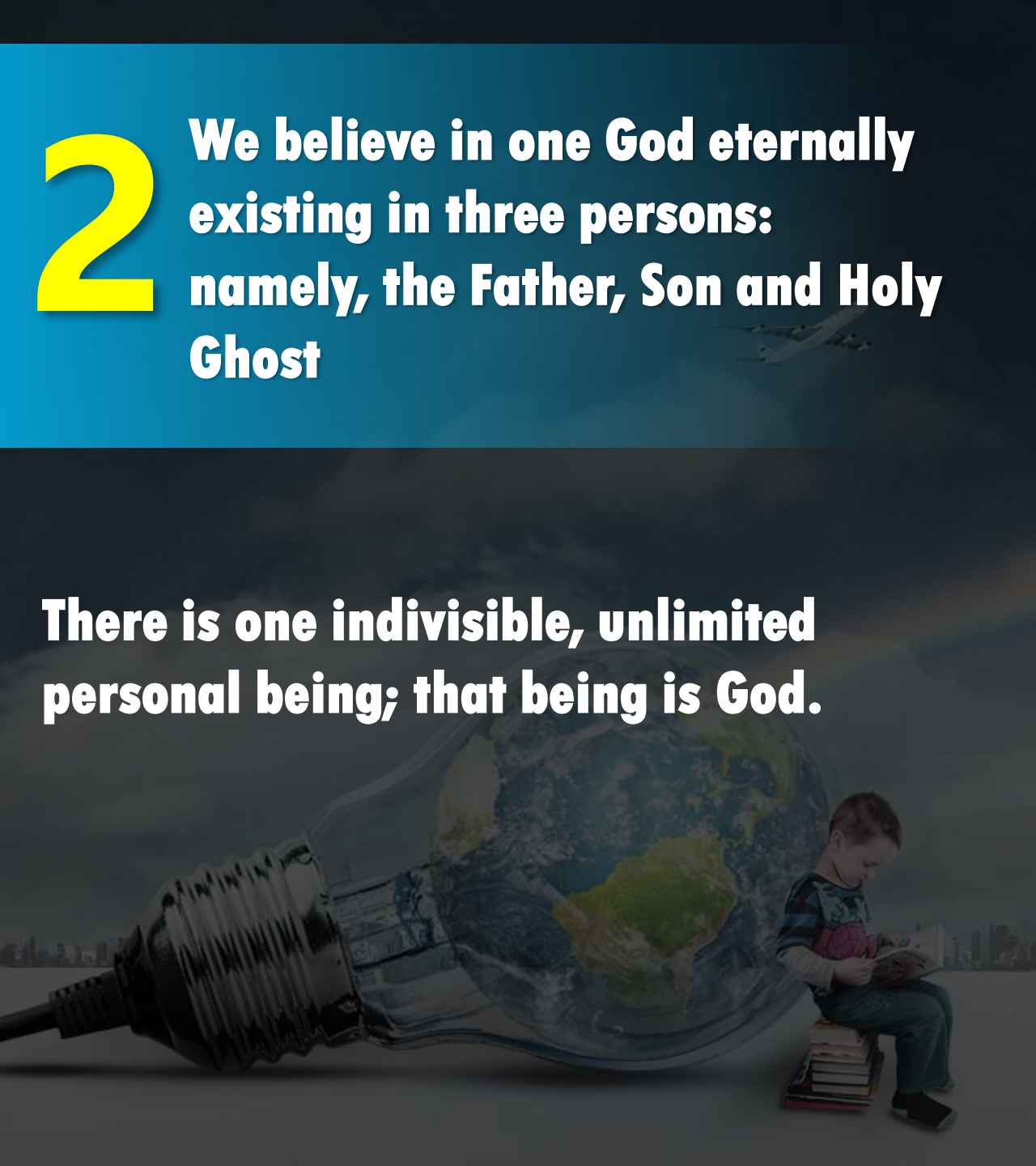
²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky,

Isaiah 48:16

¹⁶ and now the Lord God, and his spirit, hath sent me.”

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John 3:16

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

Galatians 4:4

⁴ “But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law.”

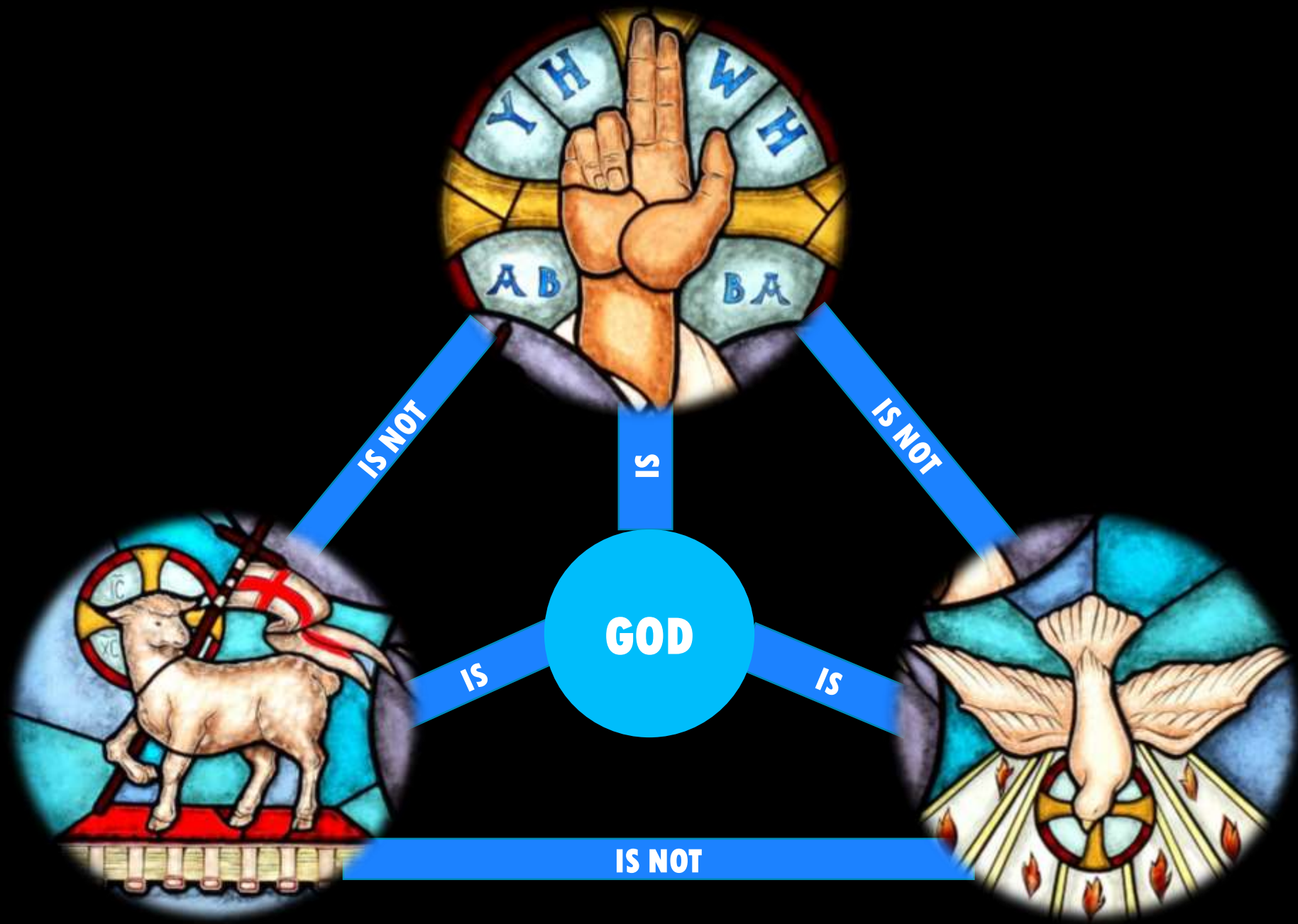
John 14:26

²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Three **distinct persons** in one God

There are three eternal and unchangeable personal distinctions in the Godhead





Co-equal, co-substantial and co-existent

All of the qualities of divine nature belong to each of the Persons of the Trinity

Father is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable

The divine nature cannot be divided

They are the same in substance and are equal in power, glory and honor.

They eternally exist as Father, Son and Holy Spirit

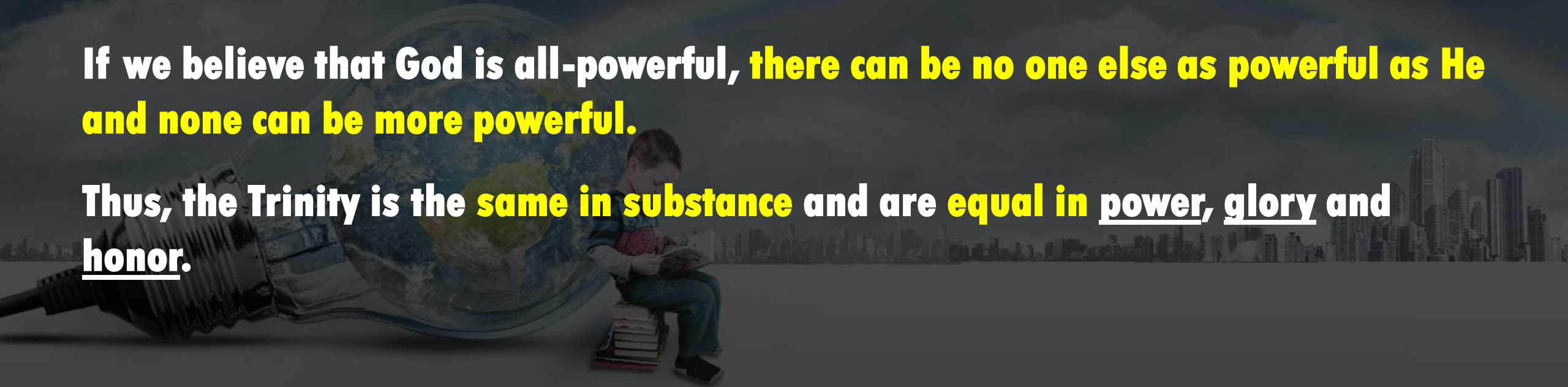
The importance of the teaching of the Trinity

If we believe that God is before all things, there can be **only one Being who is before all other existence.**

If we believe that God is beyond measurement, there can be but **one Being who is immeasurable.**

If we believe that God is all-powerful, **there can be no one else as powerful as He and none can be more powerful.**

Thus, the Trinity is the **same in substance** and are **equal in power, glory and honor.**



We Worship in Divine Trinity

In Baptism

In Benediction

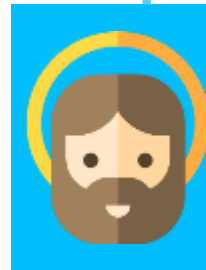
Matthew 28:19

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.





3 That **Jesus Christ** is God's only Son, **conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary.** That Jesus was **crucified, buried, and raised** from the dead. That He **ascended** to heaven and is today at God's right hand of the **praying** on our behalf.

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Jesus' birth was the result of the Holy Spirit working within Mary's body

Matthew 1:18

18 "His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 4:4

4 "But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law."

Luke 1:35

35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

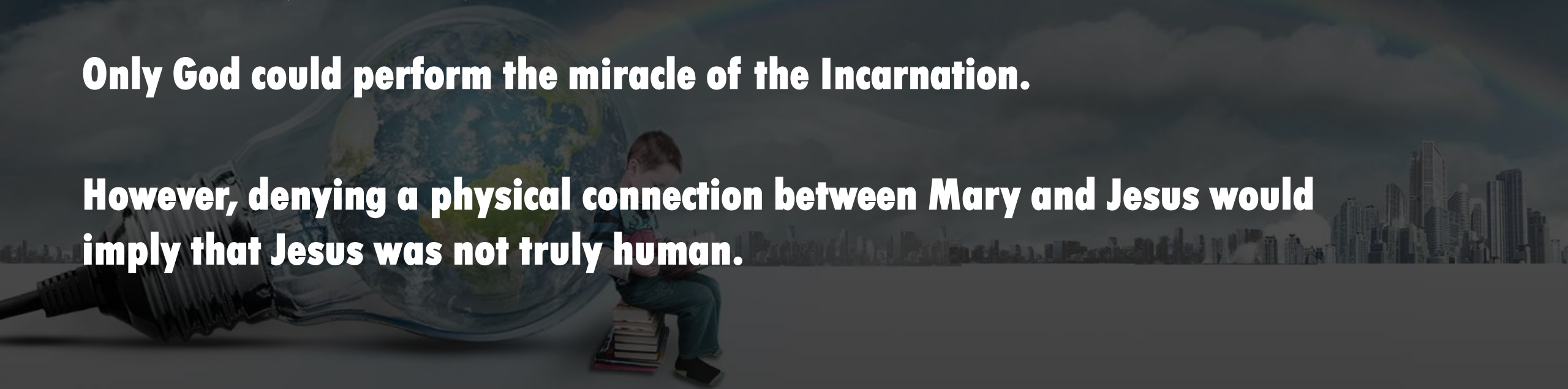
The importance of the **Virgin Birth**

The **immaterial** (**the Spirit**) and the **material** (**Mary's womb**) were both involved.

Mary, of course, could not impregnate herself, and in that sense she was simply a “vessel ” (theotokos).

Only God could perform the miracle of the Incarnation.

However, denying a physical connection between Mary and Jesus would imply that Jesus was not truly human.



Scripture teaches that Jesus was **fully human**, with a physical body like ours. This He received from Mary.



At the same time, Jesus was **fully God**, with an eternal, sinless nature

The Virgin Birth **circumvented the transmission of the sin nature** and allowed the eternal God to become a perfect man.



John 1:14

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Hebrews 7:26

Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

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Romans 3:23

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Psalms 14:1-3

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there is no one who does good.**

**² The Lord looks down from heaven
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**to see if there are any who understand,
any who seek God.**

**³ All have turned away, all have become corrupt;
there is no one who does good,
not even one.**

The **Depravity** of **Man**

The Scriptures describe the **depravity of man** and the **sinfulness of his deeds**.

The Scriptures are very careful to point out that these descriptions are applicable to all men; Gentile and Jew.

Man's **mind is corrupt** in that he has **no understanding of God**.

His will is corrupt because he has chosen his own way and not God's way. In his heart and his words (which are the index of the heart), man is corrupt because he is deceitful, a liar and is destructive in his ways.

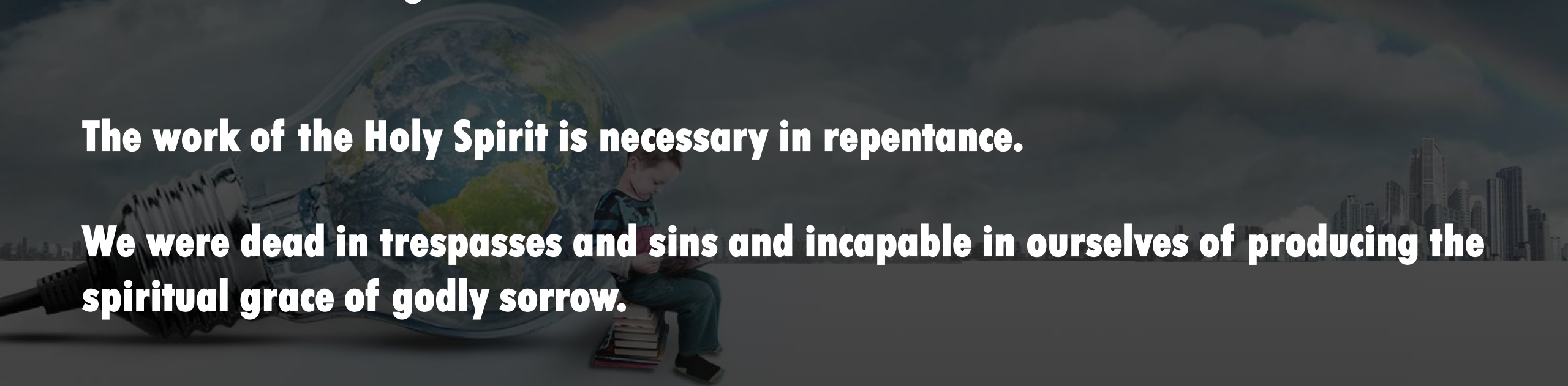
The Need for Repentance

One must know that he is a sinner before he will seek to be saved from sin.

He must know that he is condemned before he will seek forgiveness, He cannot and will not be forgiven until he wanted to be.

The work of the Holy Spirit is necessary in repentance.

We were dead in trespasses and sins and incapable in ourselves of producing the spiritual grace of godly sorrow.

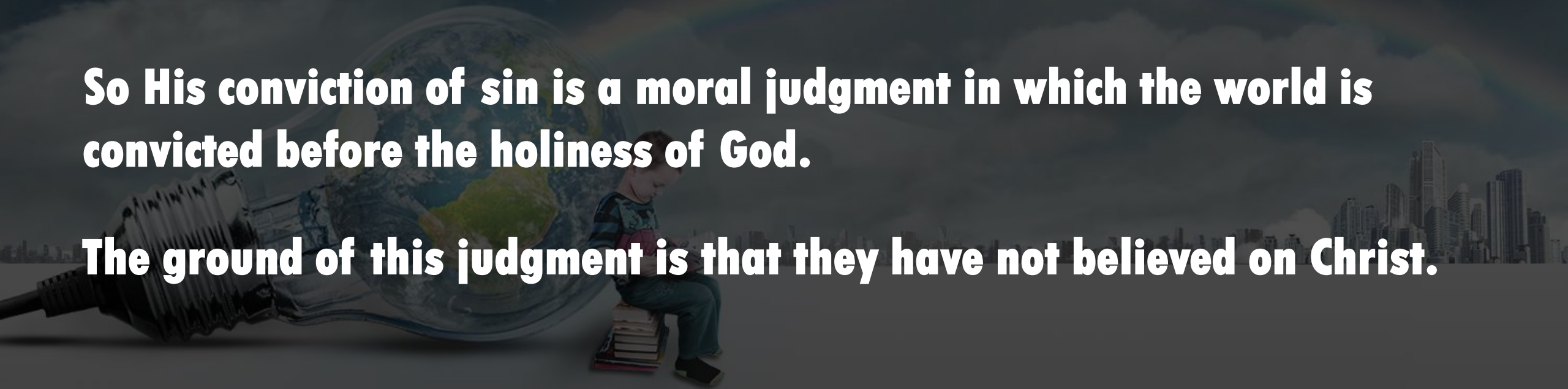


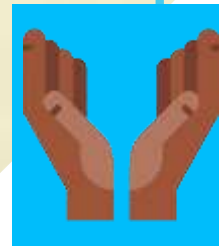
The **Role** of the **Holy Spirit** in **Repentance**

There may be sorrow for the consequences of sin or even for sin as such, but the work of the Holy Spirit is necessary to develop a godly sorrow which produces repentance.

So His conviction of sin is a moral judgment in which the world is convicted before the holiness of God.

The ground of this judgment is that they have not believed on Christ.





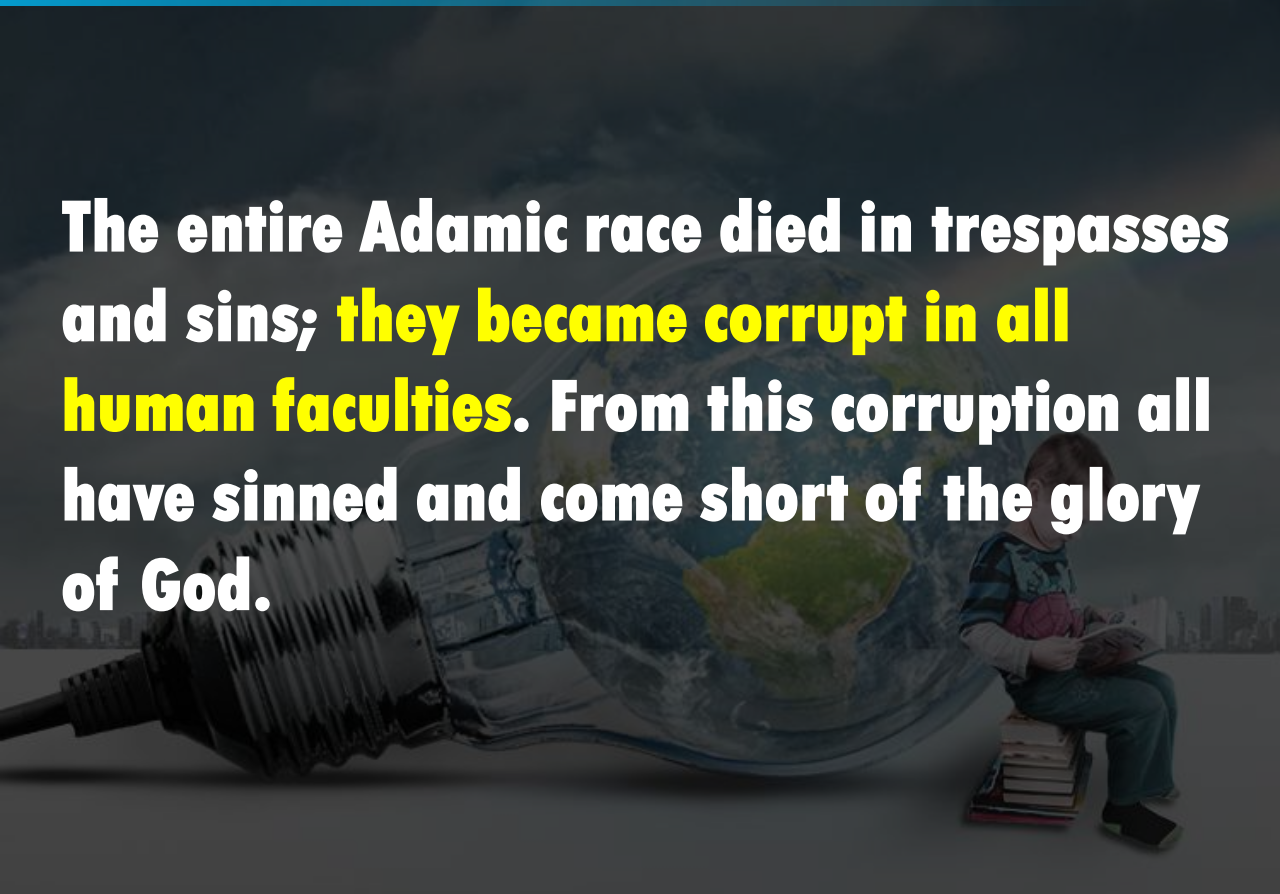
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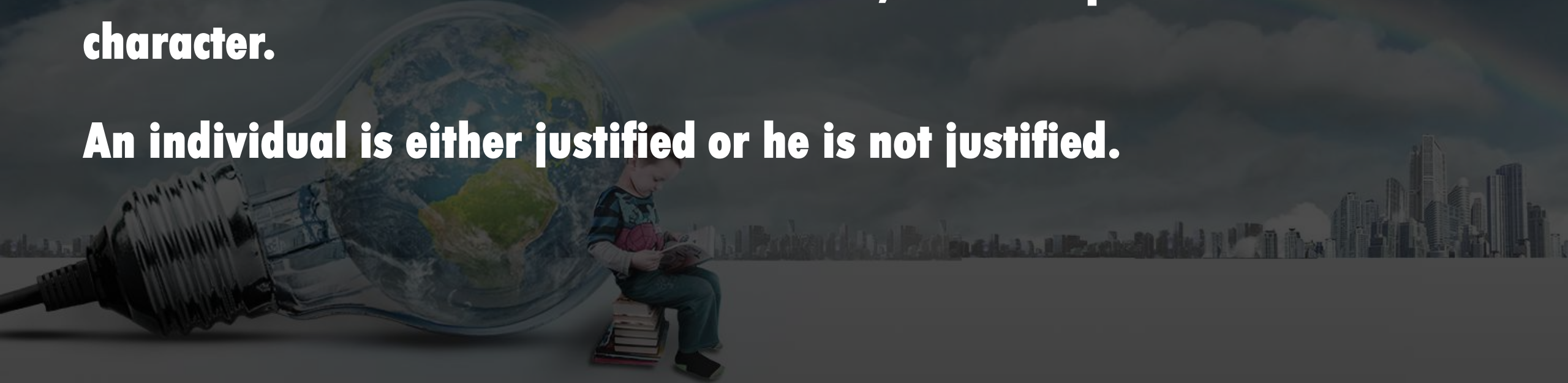
Justification

Justification is God's act and man's.

As God's gift, it is an act of divine grace.

The believer can claim no merit in words, deeds or personal character.

An individual is either justified or he is not justified.



Two Aspects of the Act of Justification

The first is the Declaration of Forgiveness (Propitiation & Expiation)

In the declaration of forgiveness God pardons all the believer's sins and blots them out of the personal account of the believer.

He takes the entire past life of sin and writes "pardoned" across the record.

The judgment of God has been fully met and satisfied in the shedding of the blood of Jesus Christ (Eph 2:7).

Justification removes the wrath of God from the sinner.



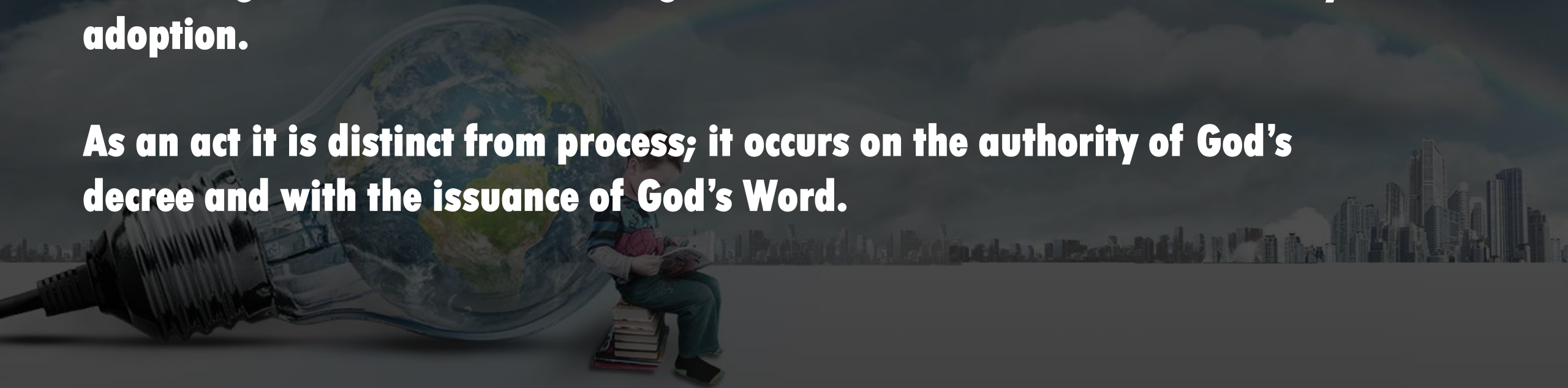
Adoption

Adoption is a judicial and personal act of God.

As a judicial act, it changes the legal status of the individual.

The change of status is from being the child of creation to be the child by adoption.

As an act it is distinct from process; it occurs on the authority of God's decree and with the issuance of God's Word.



The **Subjects** of **Adoption**

The subjects of adoption are those who have been **justified by God's grace in Christ**

By nature we were the children of disobedience and wrath

By God's grace decree in Christ **we** become the **children of God**

Romans 5:1

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Ephesians 2:3

³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

The Results of Adoption

The results of adoption are that we are received into the family of God and that we are made the heirs of God.

The position and character of family relation is represented by the right to call God our Father.

We are already called children and are joint heirs with Christ.

Romans 8:15

¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”

Romans 8:17

¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Regeneration

Two terms are prominent in scripture in relation to our new life in Christ:

Regeneration

New Birth

Both of these terms deal with the fact that man's nature must be changed.

In **justification and **adoption** man's position in relation to God is changed.**

In regeneration it is a creative act of God's grace.

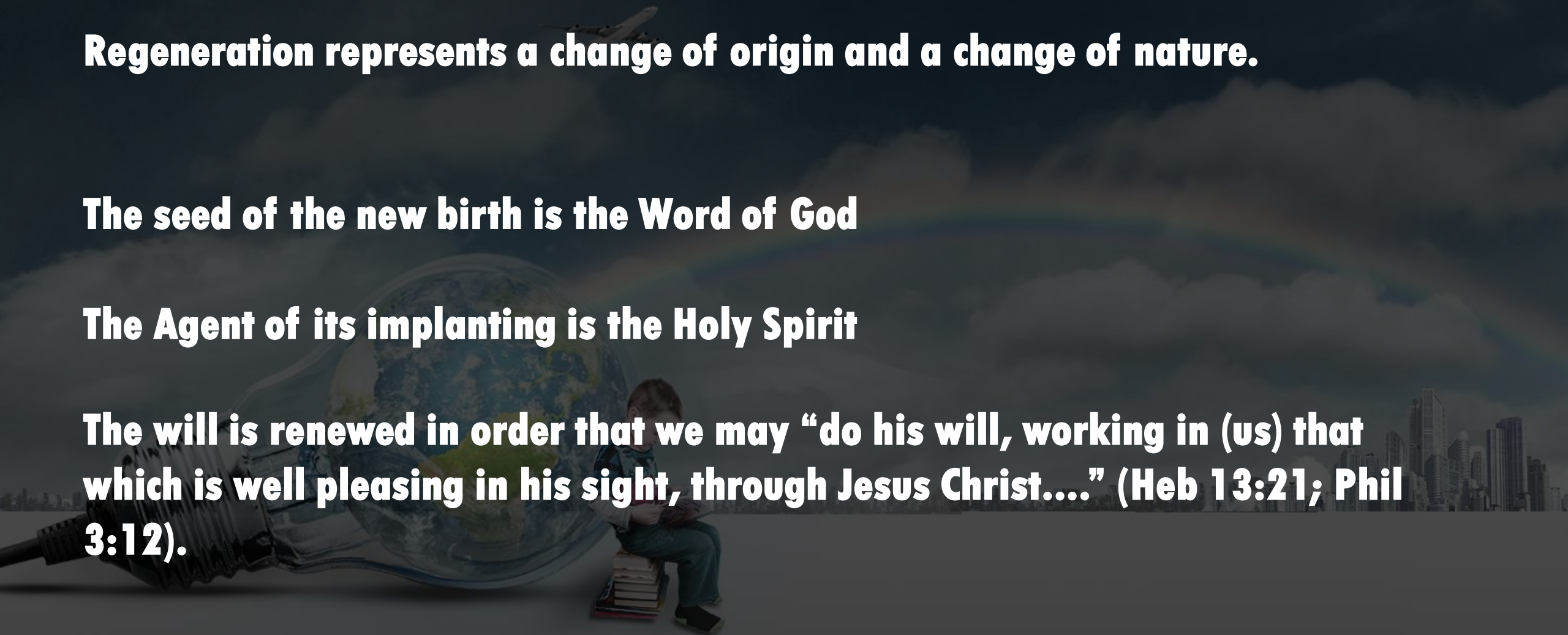
New Creation in Christ

Regeneration represents a change of origin and a change of nature.

The seed of the new birth is the Word of God

The Agent of its implanting is the Holy Spirit

The will is renewed in order that we may “do his will, working in (us) that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ....” (Heb 13:21; Phil 3:12).



The Result of Regeneration

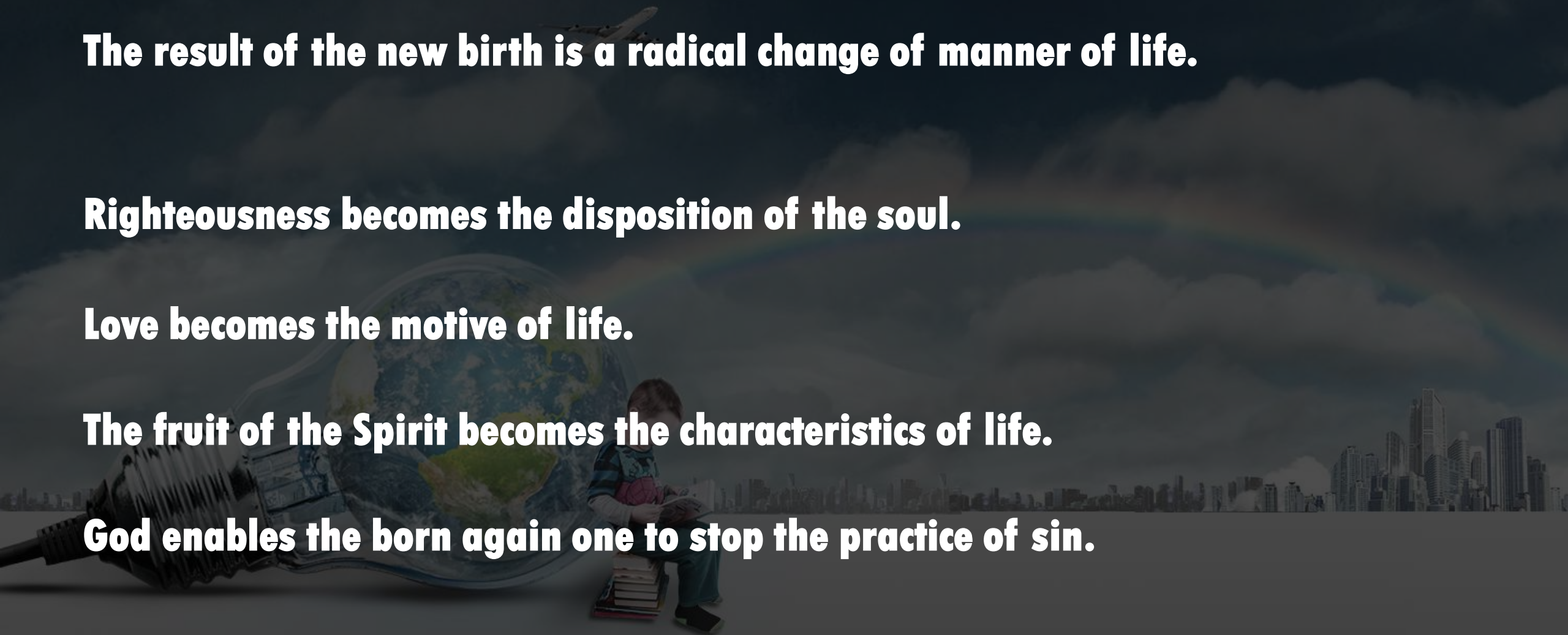
The result of the new birth is a radical change of manner of life.

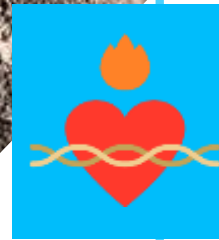
Righteousness becomes the disposition of the soul.

Love becomes the motive of life.

The fruit of the Spirit becomes the characteristics of life.

God enables the born again one to stop the practice of sin.





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Sanctification is an act of divine grace

In this act the body of sin is crucified and all unrighteousness is purged from the heart

1 Corinthians 1:30

³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

³ It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵ not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God;

Aspect of **Sanctification**

Sanctification as a distinctive experience of redemption deals more significantly with cleansing from sin.

In saying that sanctification is subsequent to the new birth, we make a distinction between **sanctification**, justification, regeneration and adoption.

Justification provides the judicial basis for sanctification.

Adoption provides the family basis for sanctification.

Regeneration provides the creative basis for sanctification.

Stages of **Sanctification**

1st Stage : **Positional** Sanctification

We are set free of sin by the blood of Christ, but we know that we still sin. (Acts 13:39; 1 John 1:10)

2nd Stage : **Progressive** (Experiential) Sanctification

Is the effect of obedience to the Word of God in one's life

It is the same as growing in the Lord or spiritual maturity.

We have been set apart so that we can be sent to the world.

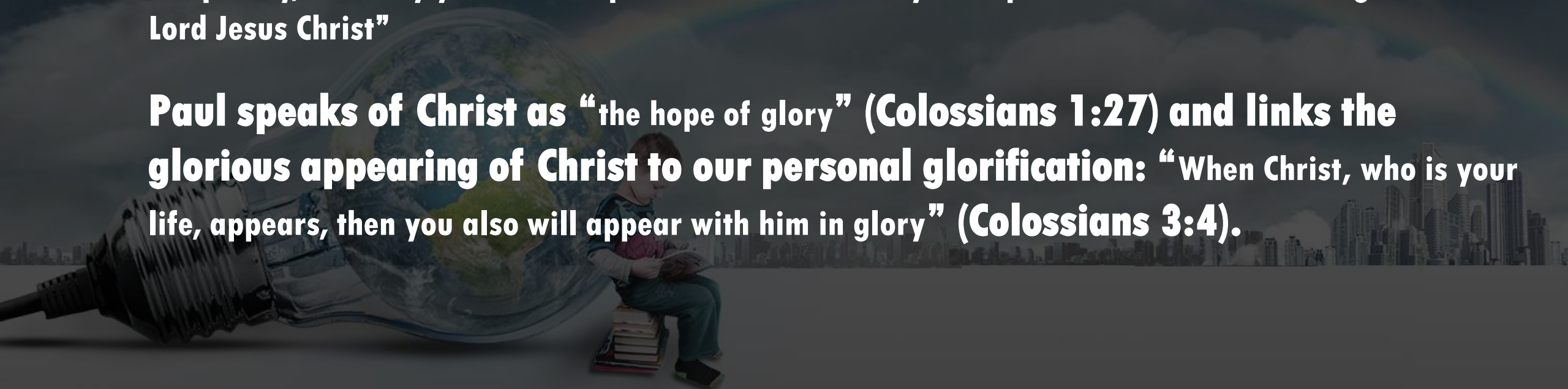
Stages of Sanctification

3rd Stage : Complete Sanctification

This is the same as glorification

Paul prays in 1 Thessalonians 5:23, “May the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ”

Paul speaks of Christ as “the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27) and links the glorious appearing of Christ to our personal glorification: “When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory” (Colossians 3:4).



Stages of Sanctification

3rd Stage : Complete Sanctification

This glorified state will be our ultimate separation from sin, a total sanctification in every regard. “We know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:2).



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**Holiness to be
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7 Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people

The pursuit of holy living is the normal manner of life for the believer.

This life is characterized by **freedom from sinning,**

by denial of the **lust of the flesh,**

the lust of the eye

and the pride of life,

by freedom from the law of sin and death and by the cultivation of the fruit of the Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 4:7

⁷ For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

Hebrews 12:14

¹⁴ Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

Christians are Expected not to Sin

The expectation of being in Christ is that we choose not to sin.

Paul reasons that those who are dead to sin ought not to live any longer in sin.

1 John 1:39

⁹ No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God.

John 5:14

¹⁴ "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you."

Romans 6:1-2

¹ What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

The means of **Holiness**

The work of the **Holy Spirit** is essential if the believer is to be **set free** from the law of sin and death.

It is by the Spirit that the deeds of the body are to be **put to death**.

It is by **walking in the Spirit** that the believer is enabled to avoid walking in the flesh.

Romans 8:2

² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:13

¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Galatians 5:16-17

¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.



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What does Bible Inspiration means?

**Can the bible be trusted?
How and Why?**

Are there errors in the Bible?

Where do we use the Bible?

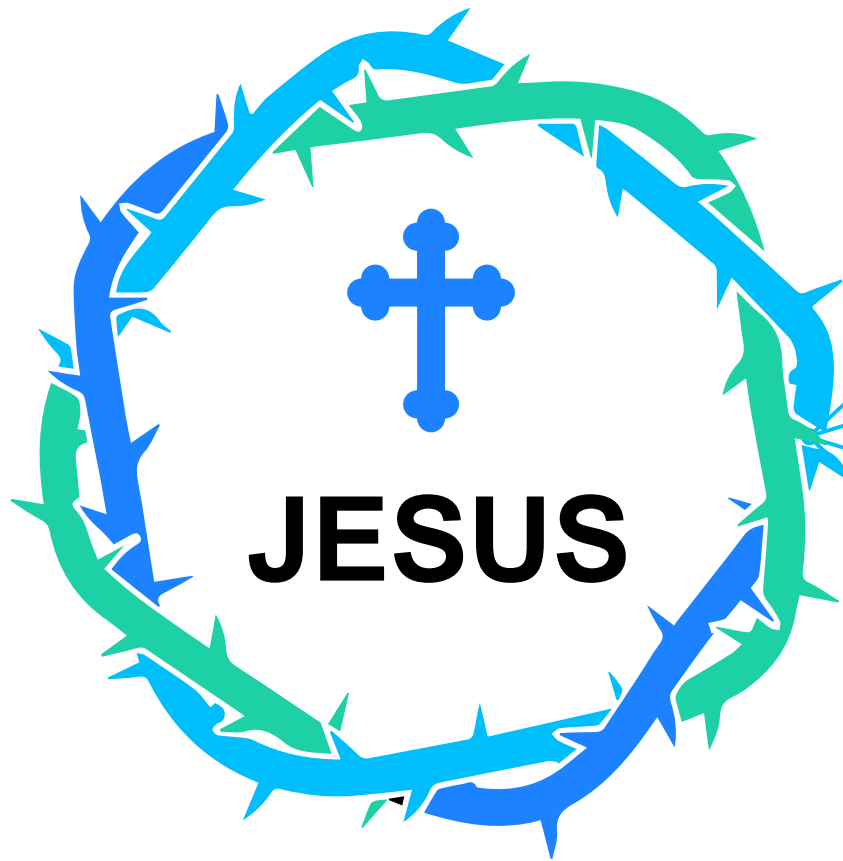


**What does the Trinity
means?**

**How many God do we
worship**

**Are all the person in the Godhead
equal?**

**Why believing in the Trinity is
important?**



What does the death of Christ mean?

Do we worship Mary? Why?

If Jesus was not born of a virgin can He still be God?

Can his death guarantee salvation?



How can we satisfy the wrath of God?

Are all humans born sinners?

What does depravity of man means?

Can man lose his salvation?



What is adoption?

What is Justification?

What is regeneration and its results?

Can a regenerate man still sin?



**What is Positional
Sanctification?**

What is Sanctification?

**What is Progressive
Sanctification?**

**What is Complete
Sanctification?**



What are the things that we cultivate?

What does Holiness means?

What are the things that we deny?

Is it possible to live a holy life?



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To be baptized with the Holy Spirit is to be filled with the Spirit of God

It is described as an outpouring of the Spirit by which the believer is filled with the presence of the third Person of the Trinity, who serves the believer as Paraclete.

Matthew 3:11

¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Luke 24:49

⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Acts 1:8

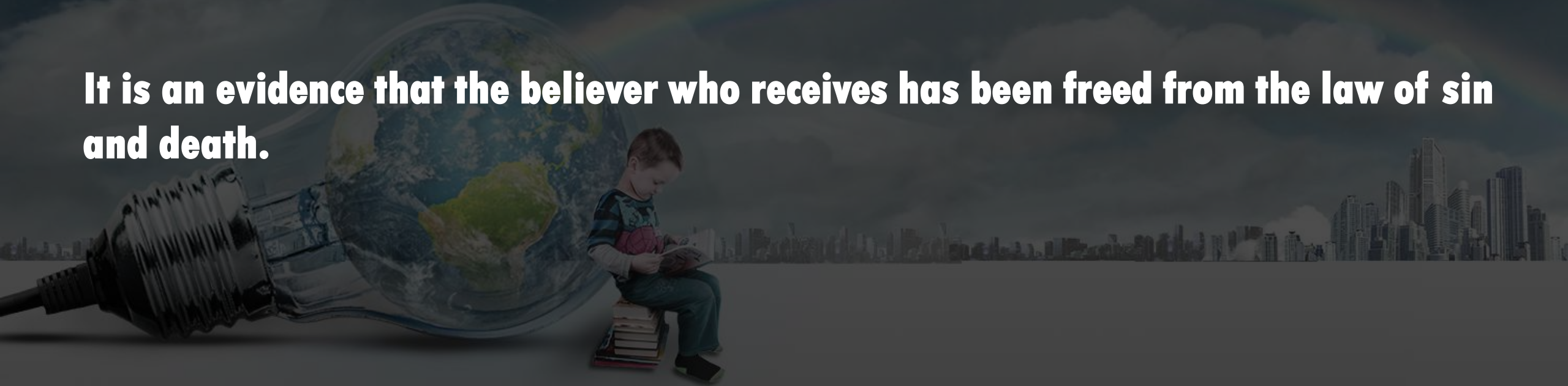
⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

The Indwelling of the Paraclete

This Indwelling as Paraclete gives the believer the benefits of **Christ's presence** and the **special endowment of the power of God**

This experience is dependent upon a prior experience of the purification of the heart.

It is an evidence that the believer who receives has been freed from the law of sin and death.



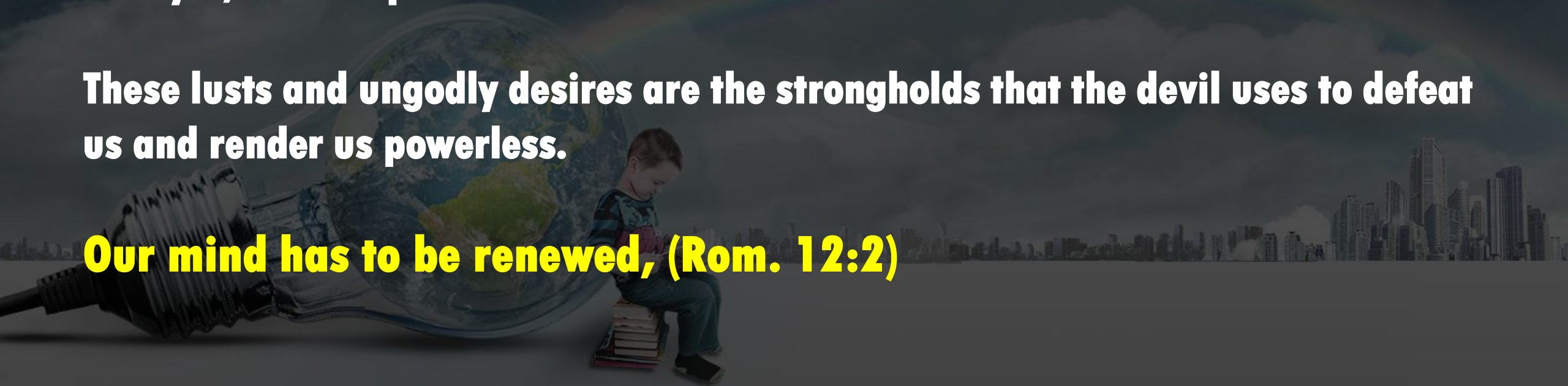
The Need for Power for Living

The reason why many Christians are powerless is that they did not realize that their worst enemy is their own old selves.

Only by the power of God, that we can triumph over the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.

These lusts and ungodly desires are the strongholds that the devil uses to defeat us and render us powerless.

Our mind has to be renewed, (Rom. 12:2)



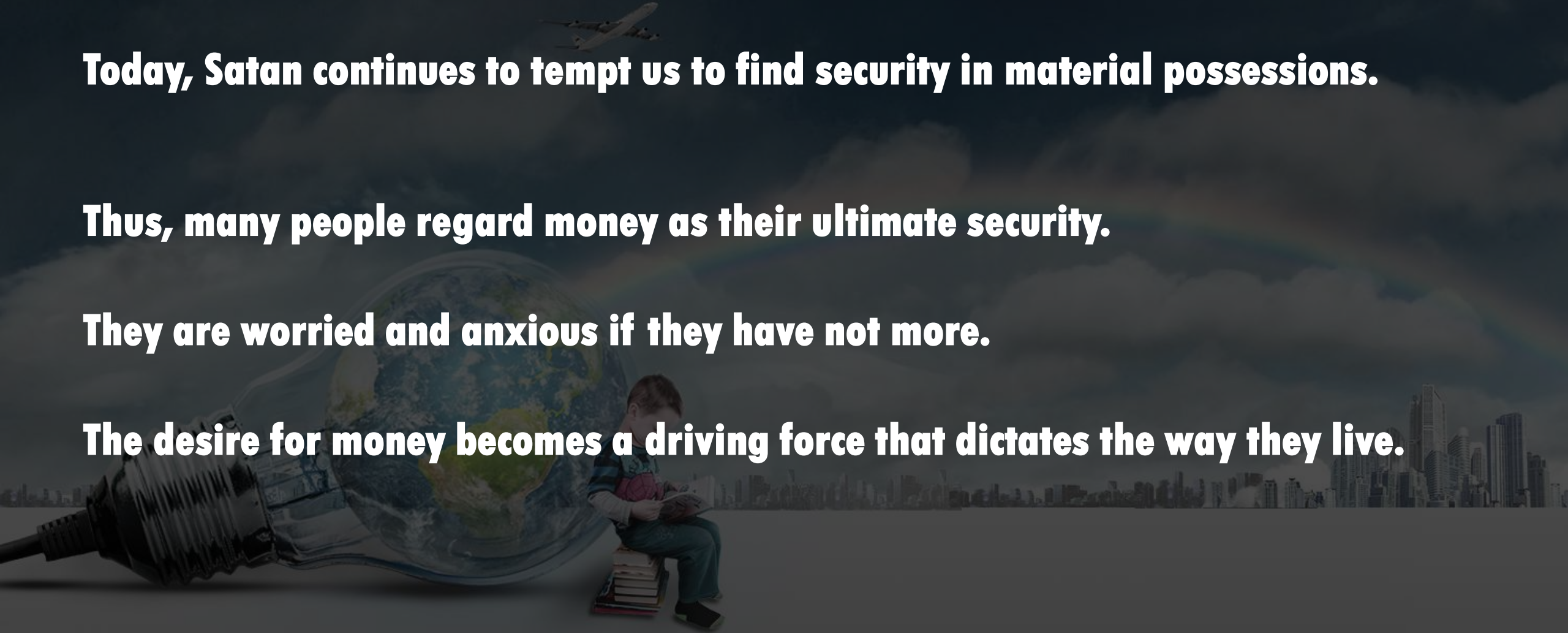
1 Seeking personal security in **material possessions** rather than in **God's promises**

Today, Satan continues to tempt us to find security in material possessions.

Thus, many people regard money as their ultimate security.

They are worried and anxious if they have not more.

The desire for money becomes a driving force that dictates the way they live.



2 Seeking personal significance in **man's approval** rather than in **God's approval**.

Satan continues to deceive people by making them think that their self worth is measured by what others think of them.

We do not need man's approval in order to feel significant...

because, like Jesus, we have **God's approval.**

We are **special because we have a **special relationship with God**.**

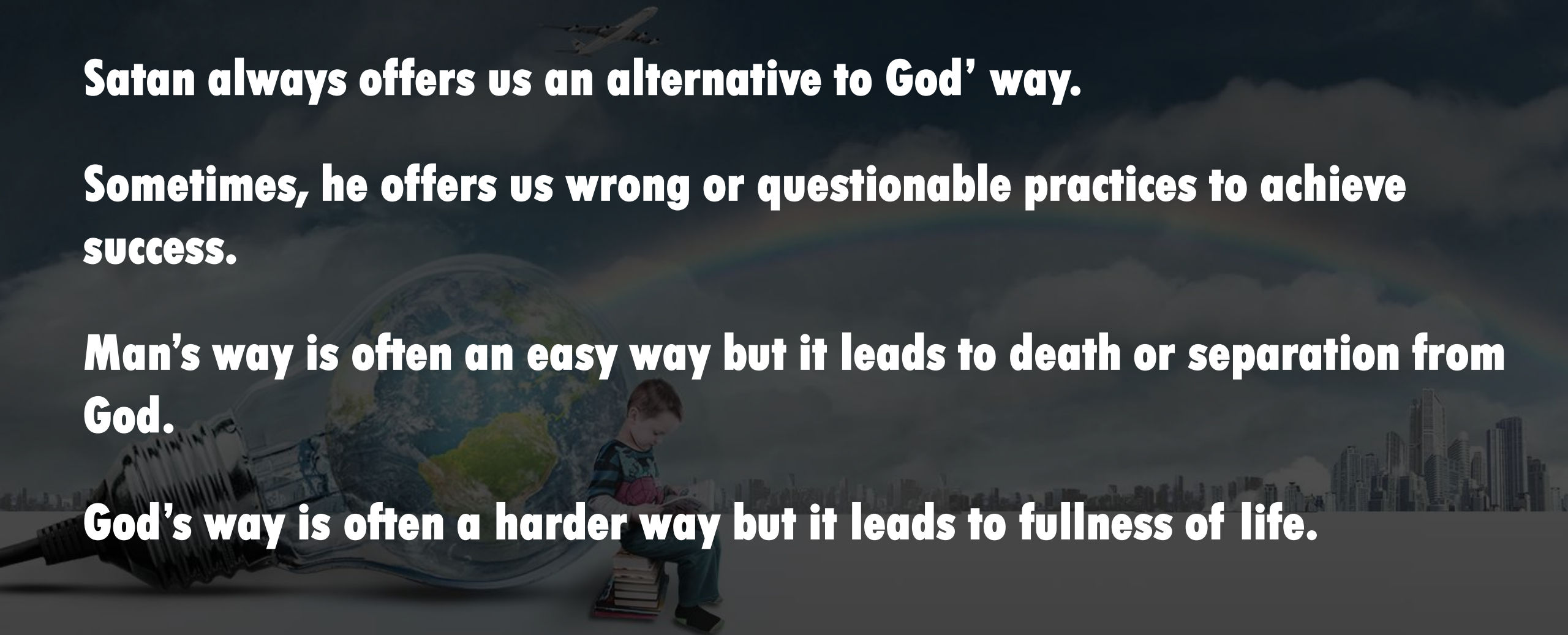
3 Seeking personal success in man's ways rather than from God's ways.

Satan always offers us an alternative to God's way.

Sometimes, he offers us wrong or questionable practices to achieve success.

Man's way is often an easy way but it leads to death or separation from God.

God's way is often a harder way but it leads to fullness of life.



The Role of the Holy Spirit in Our Lives

He LEADS us

The Holy Spirit works in us to make clear to us what purpose God has in mind for us.

For a few, the ordained ministry is that calling. For some others, the call may be to evangelism or counseling.

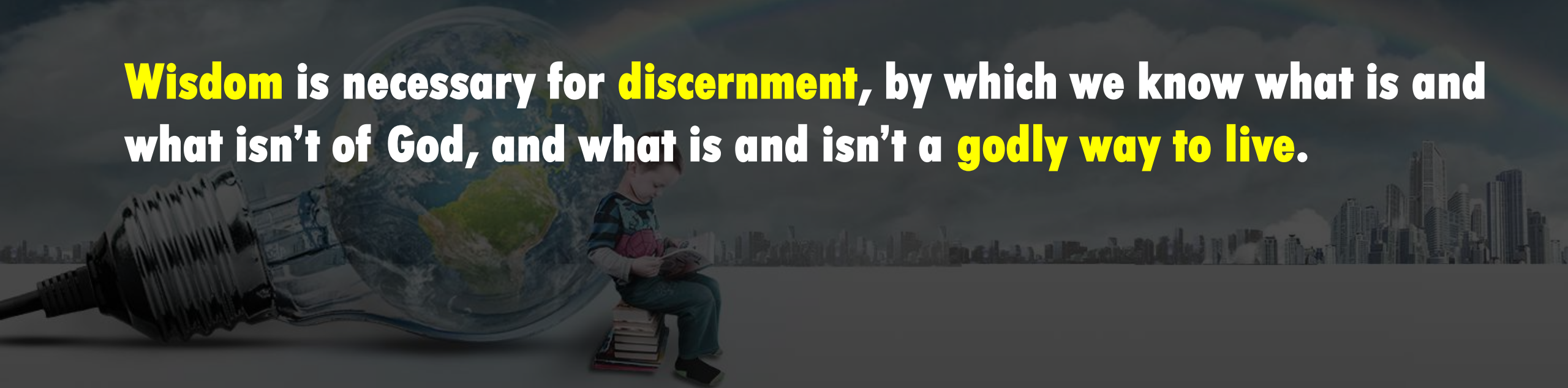
But more often, the calling is often expressed in **our day to day living — our business transactions, our family relationships or our church activities.**

The Role of the Holy Spirit in Our Lives

He gives us **UNDERSTANDING**

The Spirit gives the gifts of wisdom, understanding, and insight.

Wisdom is necessary for **discernment**, by which we know what is and what isn't of God, and what is and isn't a **godly way to live**.



The Role of the Holy Spirit in Our Lives

He gives INNER HEALING

Each of us has wounds on our souls, inflicted by our own sinful nature and that of those around us.

The Spirit can remove the cancers, nurse people back to health and (through the medicine of the Word, and by the diagnostics of the spiritual disciplines provided) even monitor our spiritual condition.

The ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit is healing the broken-hearted and setting the captives free.

What to Expect When Baptized with the Holy Spirit

Power to Witness

They would be facing a pagan world that would resist them and try to silence their witness.

Jesus knew the religious world of the Jews would persecute them and He wanted them to have **the power to stand, the power to speak the truth in love and power to withstand the persecution** that He knew they would face.

We need the **power to witness** in our present generation. We **need not fear** in sharing the good news.

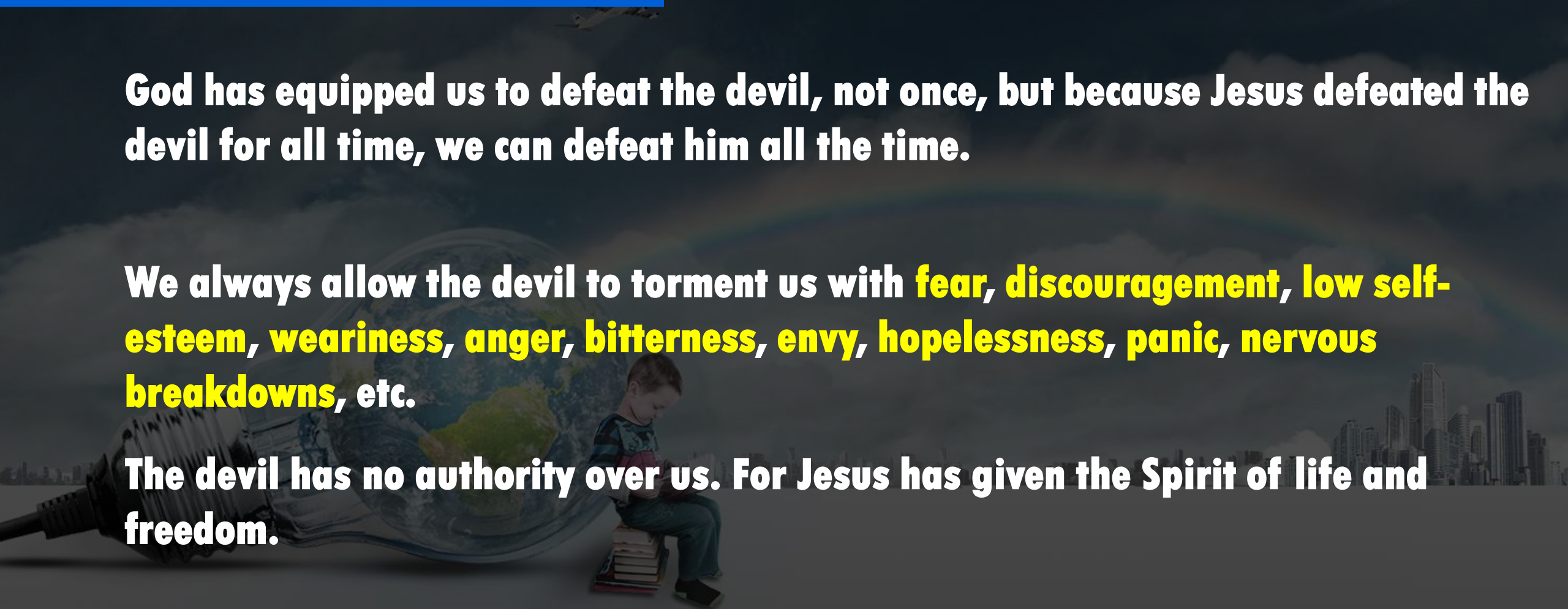
What to Expect When Baptized with the Holy Spirit

Power to Defeat the Devil

God has equipped us to defeat the devil, not once, but because Jesus defeated the devil for all time, we can defeat him all the time.

We always allow the devil to torment us with fear, discouragement, low self-esteem, weariness, anger, bitterness, envy, hopelessness, panic, nervous breakdowns, etc.

The devil has no authority over us. For Jesus has given the Spirit of life and freedom.



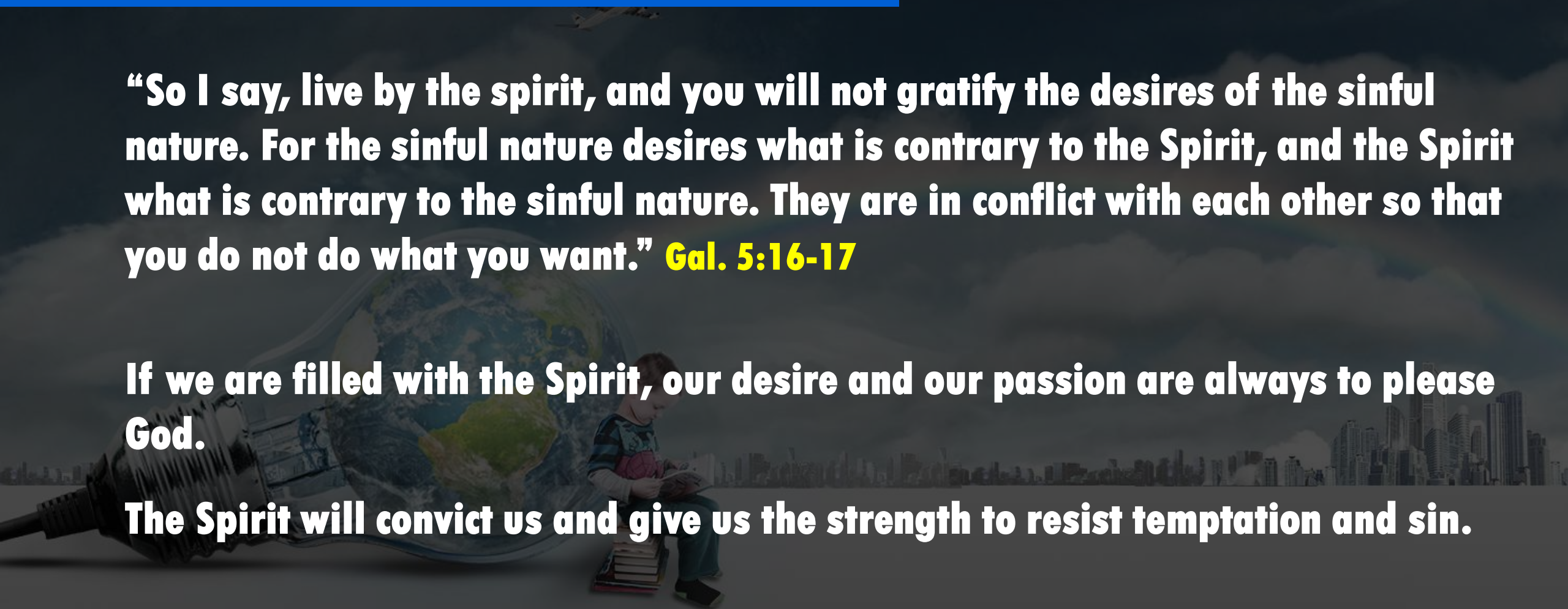
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Power to resist temptation and sin

“So I say, live by the spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other so that you do not do what you want.” Gal. 5:16-17

If we are filled with the Spirit, our desire and our passion are always to please God.

The Spirit will convict us and give us the strength to resist temptation and sin.



What to Expect When Baptized with the Holy Spirit

Power to Step Out in Faith

After Pentecost or the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the disciples stepped in out in faith in carrying out the Lord's Great Commission.

Peter preached with boldness and through his preaching, three thousand souls were saved.

Before, he denied Jesus three times for fear of being crucified with Christ.

After receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost, he is no longer afraid of dying a martyr for Christ.

What to Expect When Baptized with the Holy Spirit

Power to Reach Out and Bring Healing

In Acts 3, Peter and John met a crippled man from birth.

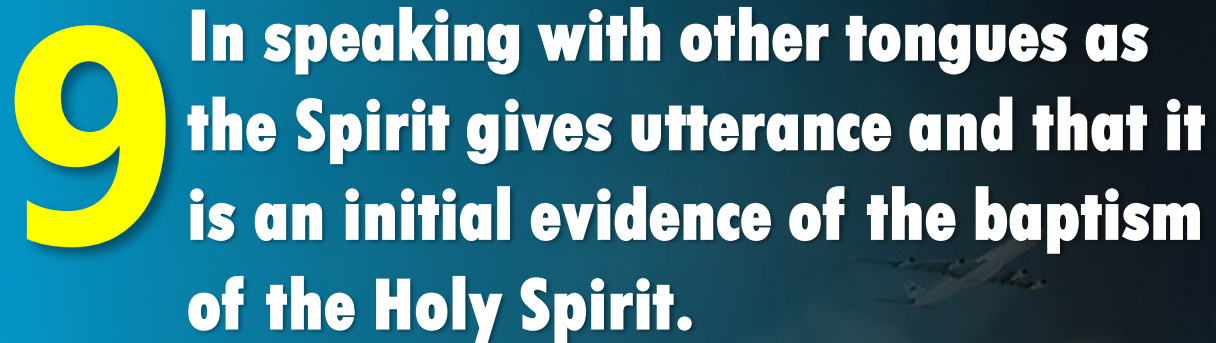
They do not have any money but they have the power to reach out and bring healing.

They commanded the beggar to walk and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.

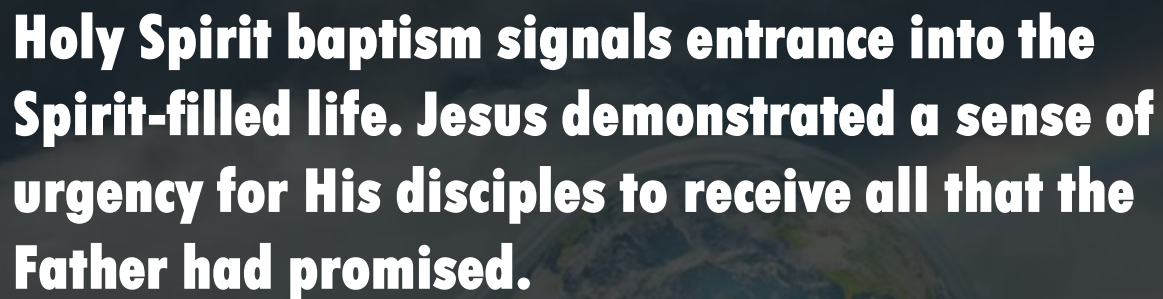
He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping.



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Holy Spirit baptism signals entrance into the Spirit-filled life. Jesus demonstrated a sense of urgency for His disciples to receive all that the Father had promised.

Spirit Baptism is the will of God for every believer in Christ.

John 15:26

²⁶ “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.

Acts 2:4

⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 10:44-46

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

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“If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ” (Romans 8:9b).

All believers are **indwelt by the Holy Spirit, but not all believers are **filled** with the Holy Spirit.**

Paul also knew, however, of the possibility that they had not been baptized in the Spirit.

Acts 19:1-7

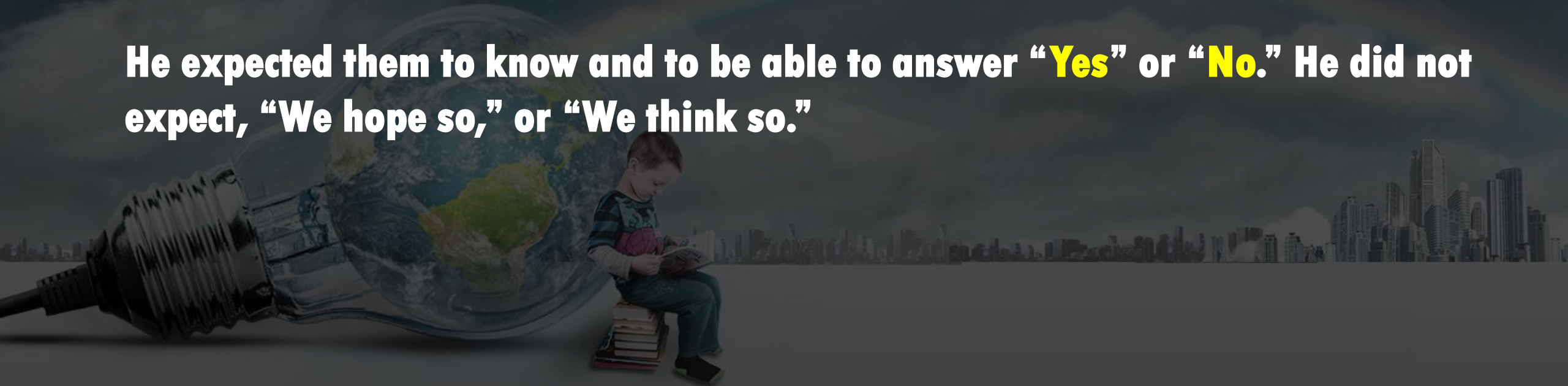
¹ While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples ² and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”
³ So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?” “John’s baptism,” they replied.
⁴ Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. ⁷ There were about twelve men in all.

Charismatic Endowment

Paul questions relates to receiving the **charismatic endowment** of the Holy Spirit that is needed for **effective witness**.

Paul would not have asked the question if it had been unimportant or unanswerable.

He expected them to know and to be able to answer “**Yes**” or “**No**.” He did not expect, “We hope so,” or “We think so.”



Speaking in Tongues as a Sign of Baptism

From studying the **Book of Acts**, it is undeniable that the one repeated pattern, initial evidence, or first sign that Spirit baptism has occurred is speaking in tongues as the Holy Spirit gives the utterance.

This is the reason that speaking in tongues is viewed as normative evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

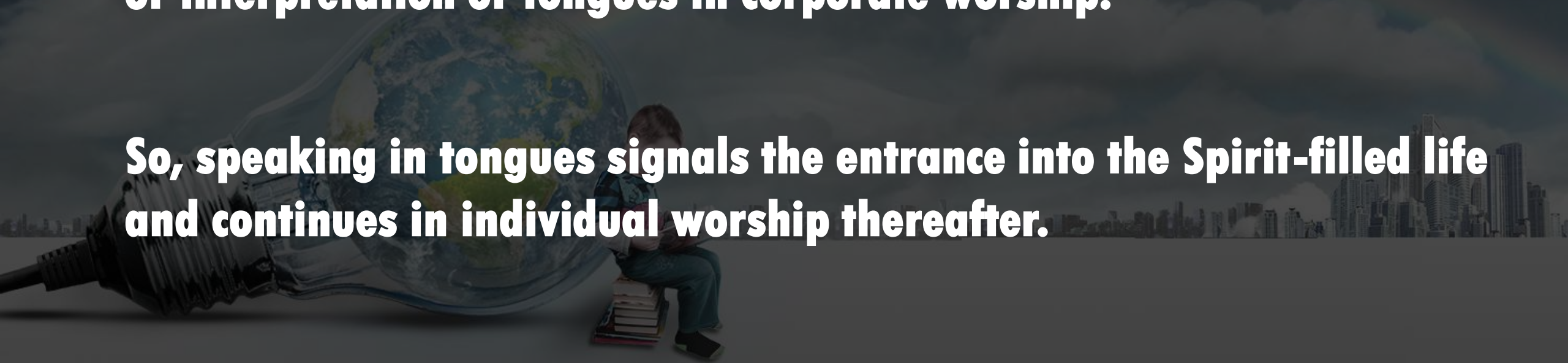
While Paul gave guidelines concerning **prophecy, speaking in tongues** and **interpretation of tongues** in corporate worship, he also extolled the blessings of speaking in tongues, in individual worship of God.

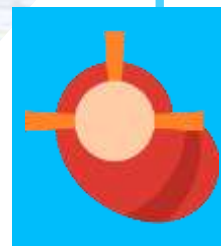
Speaking in Tongues as a Sign of Baptism

The person is speaking to God, articulates praises to God, and is being built up spiritually in the process.

Paul encourages all to speak in tongues and emphasizes the importance of interpretation of tongues in corporate worship.

So, speaking in tongues signals the entrance into the Spirit-filled life and continues in individual worship thereafter.





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Water baptism is a sacrament (ordinance) which was ordained by our Lord Jesus Christ while He was with us in the flesh.

The visible symbols of the sacrament

The physical act of immersion



Matthew 28:19

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Acts 10:47

⁴⁷ “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.”

Acts 10:44-46

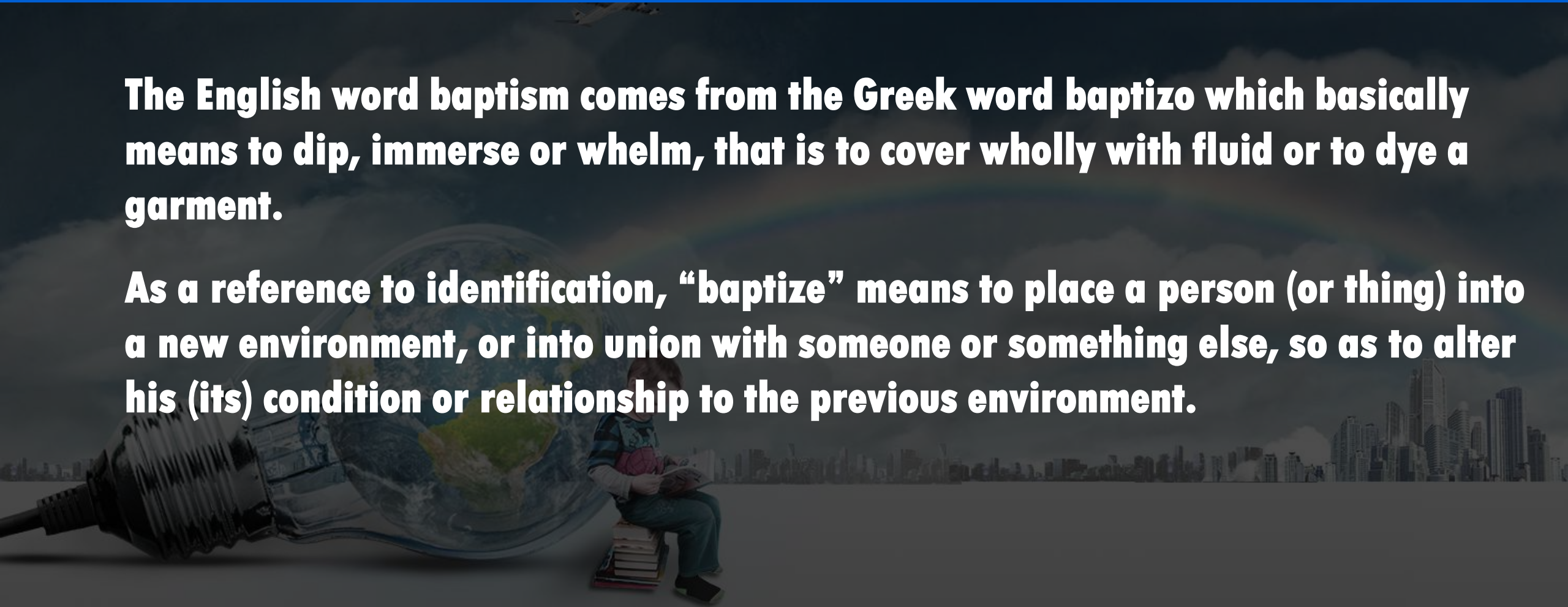
¹¹ In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

What Water Baptism Symbolizes

It is Identifying with the **Death** and **Resurrection** of Jesus Christ

The English word baptism comes from the Greek word baptizo which basically means to dip, immerse or whelm, that is to cover wholly with fluid or to dye a garment.

As a reference to identification, “baptize” means to place a person (or thing) into a new environment, or into union with someone or something else, so as to alter his (its) condition or relationship to the previous environment.



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⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. **Romans 6:4**

As he goes into the water, the believer says, in effect, “**I am identified with Him. in His death and burial.**”

As he comes up out of the water, the believer says, in effect, “**I am identified with Christ in His resurrection and victory over death and sin, as He is seated at the right hand of the Father.**”

What Water Baptism Symbolizes

It is an Ordinance or Sacrament Ordained by Christ

The sacrament of baptism is designed to depict the following experiences in Christ, the new birth, cleansing, death to sin, burial and resurrection to a new life.

Christ has given specific commandment that believers receive this rite (Matthew 28:19, 20**)**

It is, therefore, important as an act of obedience to Christ (1 Peter 3:21**)**

And for the receiving of the spiritual benefits that the Holy Spirit imparts in the experience (Galatians 3:27**)**

What Water Baptism Symbolizes

It is an Act of Obedience to God

After ascending to heaven, Jesus said to his disciples in **Matthew 28:18-20, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” After receiving Christ into our hearts as Lord and Savior, we should obey everything that he has commanded in the Bible.**

He said in **Luke 6:46, “Why do you call me Lord and do not do what I say?”**

What Water Baptism Symbolizes

It is a Symbol of Cleansing from Sin after Sincere Repentance

Water baptism is a public declaration that the Christian, thus, giving his testimony for Christ is willing to die for Christ, following those who indeed became a victim of persecution unto death.

Without the resurrection of Christ and the Christian hope being a reality, such a baptism unto death would be a mockery.

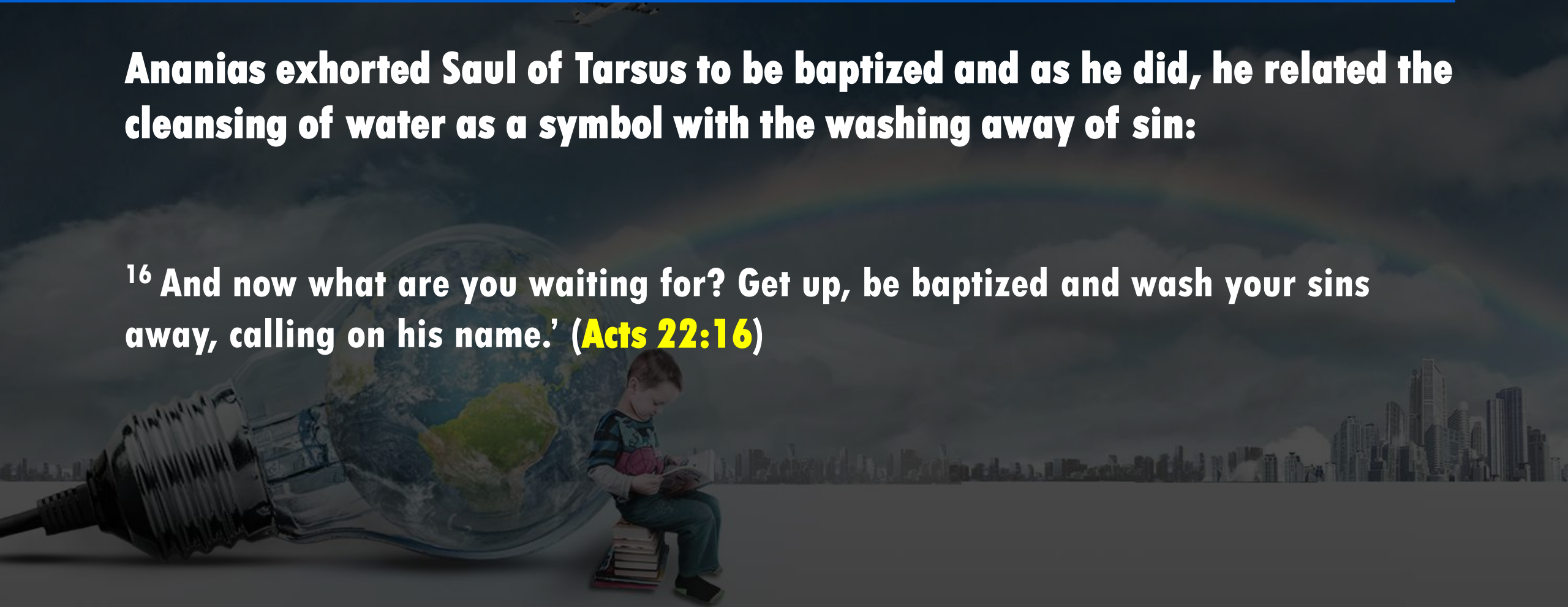
Therefore the expression means to succeed in the place of those who are fallen martyrs in the cause of Christ. (Mark 10:38)

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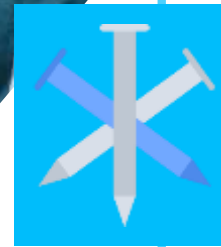
It is a Public Testimony that One is Willing to Die for Christ

Ananias exhorted Saul of Tarsus to be baptized and as he did, he related the cleansing of water as a symbol with the washing away of sin:

¹⁶ And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.' (Acts 22:16)



DIVINE HEAL



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The death of Christ is the atonement for man's sins. It is also the redemption of the whole man: body, soul and spirit.

This act of redemption not only provided freedom from sin, but also for the judicial consequences of sin, including the infirmities of the flesh.

Isaiah 53:4-5

**⁴ Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.**

**⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.,**

Matthew 8:16-17

**¹⁶ When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:
“He took up our infirmities
and bore our diseases.”**

Healing provided in the Atonement

This healing is administered through divine intervention.

The present condition of mankind is the product of man's sin; his sin violated God's moral law and it violated God's laws of nature.

Therefore, the consequences of man's sin are his spiritual **depravity and **alienation**, and **his bodily corruption** and **death**.**

The relationship of healing to atonement is stated by Peter: “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” (1 Peter 2:24).

Healing Included in Christ's Redemption

The relationship between forgiveness and healing is clearly stated in the praise of the psalmist “Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. ² Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits— ³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,. ” **(Psalm 103:1-3)**.

The provision of healing on the basis of the redemptive work of the Messiah is clearly stated. Jesus interpreted His ministry of healing to be a fulfillment of

“In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll, and out of gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see.. ” **(Isaiah 29:18)**.

⁴ Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵ The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. **(Matthew 11:4-5)**.

The Means of Healing

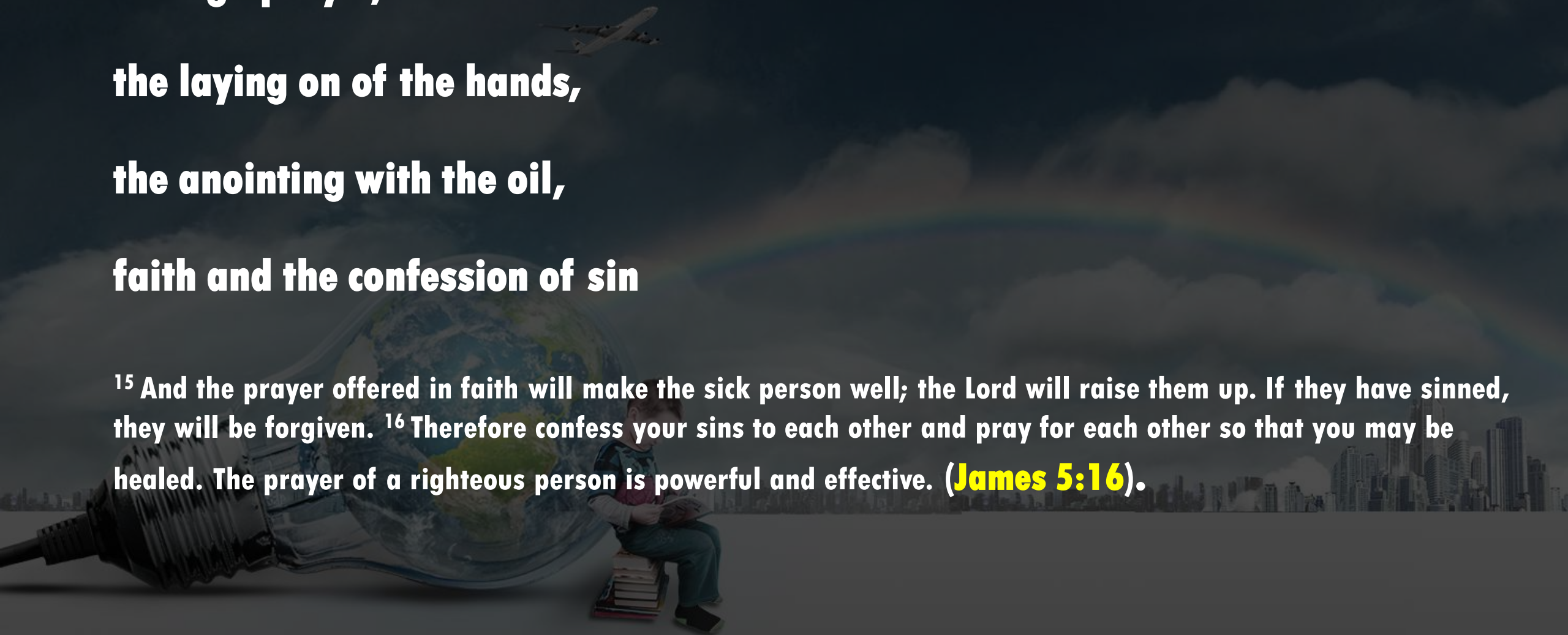
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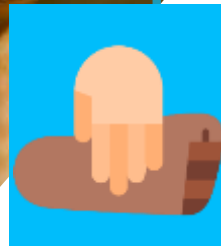
the laying on of the hands,

the anointing with the oil,

faith and the confession of sin

¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. (James 5:16).





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In the Lord's Supper and Washing of the Saint's Feet

The Lord's supper is a sacrament ordained by Lord Jesus Christ while He was with us in the flesh.

In the instituting of this rite, He ordained the use of the following visible elements: **bread** and **the fruit of the vine**.

The setting in which He established this ordinance was a "**meal setting**"

Luke 22:19-21

¹⁹ And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹ But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table.

Lord's Supper

The aim of the sacrament is to represent and communicate spiritual nourishment in Christ to the believer.

By the bread, the sacrament represents the body of Christ broken for us in redemption.

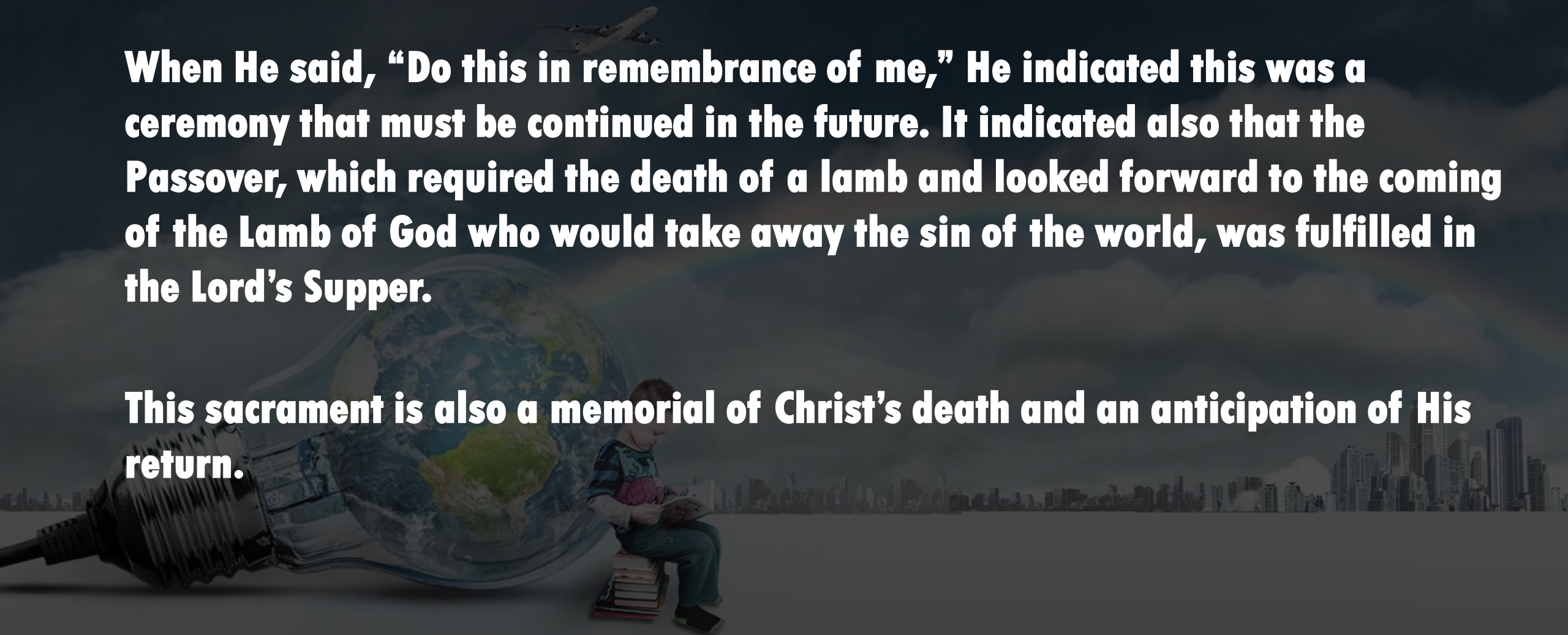
The poured wine represents the blood of Christ shed as the seal of the new covenant for the remission of sins.

By the eating of the bread and the drinking of the wine, the believer is by symbol and by faith partaking of the body and blood of Jesus for spiritual nurture.

Lord's Supper

When He said, “Do this in remembrance of me,” He indicated this was a ceremony that must be continued in the future. It indicated also that the Passover, which required the death of a lamb and looked forward to the coming of the Lamb of God who would take away the sin of the world, was fulfilled in the Lord's Supper.

This sacrament is also a memorial of Christ's death and an anticipation of His return.



12 In the Lord's Supper and Washing of the Saint's Feet

The washing of the saints' feet is a sacrament ordained by our Lord Jesus Christ.

By its nature, the washing of feet is a cleansing act, and also an act of a servant.

John 13:12-17

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

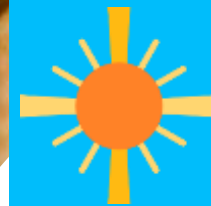
Washing of the Saint's Feet

The act of washing the feet is an act of servanthood; this ordinance, therefore, symbolizes believers' subjection to one another.

This ordinance is a vital means of grace in the perpetuation of spiritual purification and in the fellowship of servants.

The Lord Jesus instituted this sacrament by His own example of washing the feet of the disciples and by His specific command.

There was also an evidence that this practice continued in the the early church¹⁰ **and is well known for her good deeds, such as bringing up children, showing hospitality,** washing the feet of the Lord's people**, helping those in trouble and devoting herself to all kinds of good deeds. (1 Timothy 5:10)**



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The Second Coming of Jesus Christ is the personal literal and bodily return of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God to the earth

In the affirmation of the “premillennial Second Coming of Jesus Christ” we affirm that the return of Christ is necessary before the millennial reign can take place.

Revelation 1:7

**“Look, he is coming with the clouds,”
and “every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him”;
and all peoples on earth “will mourn because
of him.” So shall it be! Amen.**

1 Corinthians 15:52

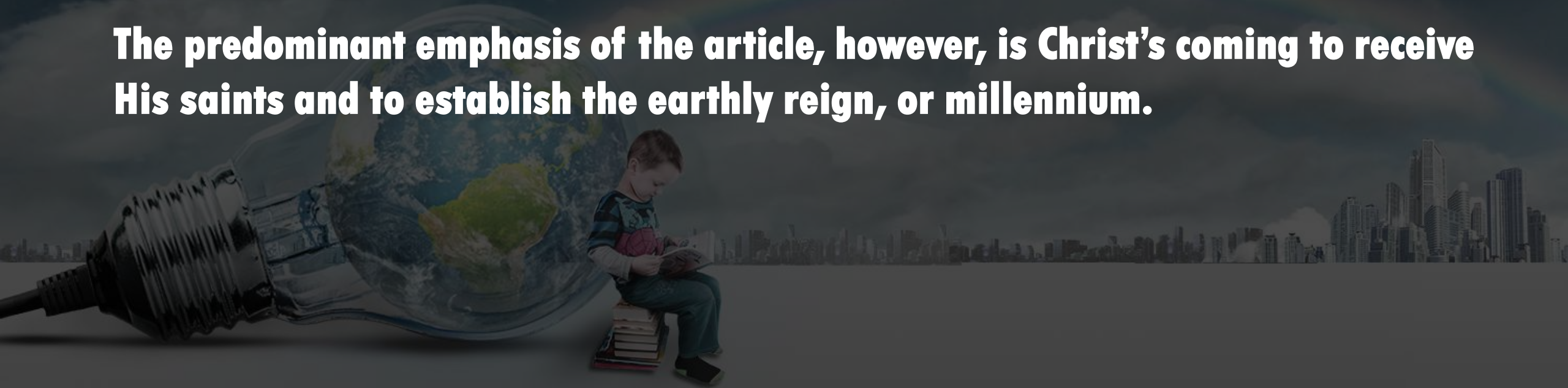
⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.



Second Coming Defined

In this article of faith we refer to the second coming of Christ as that event in which He personally appears, raptures His saints, reigns on earth for one thousand years, judges all mankind and finally establishes the eternal kingdom.

The predominant emphasis of the article, however, is Christ's coming to receive His saints and to establish the earthly reign, or millennium.



1 A Personal Return

The Second Coming of Christ is His personal return, as distinct from the coming of Christ through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

He promised His personal return; the object of this return is that we may abide with Him in our Father's house forever: "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto my self; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:2-3).



2 A Literal Appearance

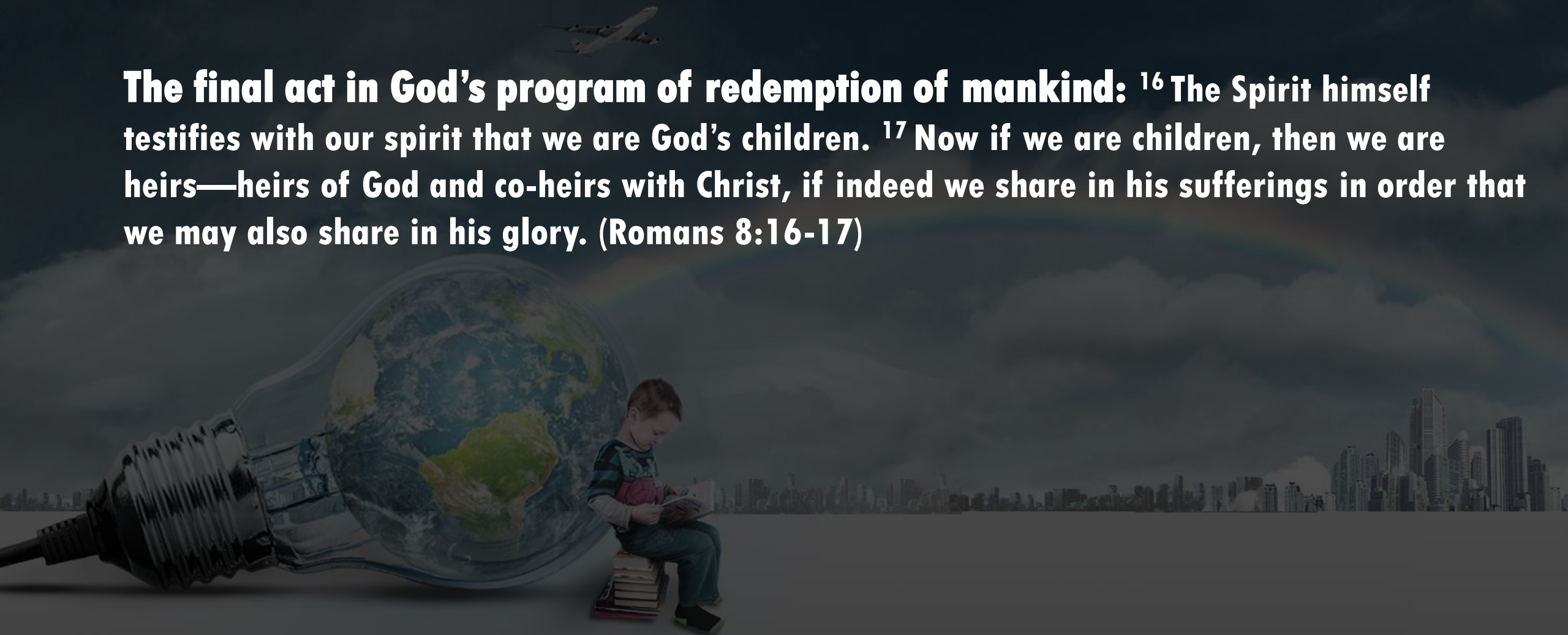
The return of Christ is literal; it is a bodily return as His ascension was: ⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:9-11).

The ascension of Christ is here made the pattern by which we are to expect Christ's return; he ascended bodily; He will return bodily.

He ascended into heaven; He will return from heaven. Angels accompanied his ascension; angels will accompany His return.

3 The Final Act in God's Program of Redemption of Mankind

The final act in God's program of redemption of mankind: ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. (Romans 8:16-17)



B The Purpose of Christ's Second Coming

1 The Glorification of all the Believers

The first purpose of Christ's Second Advent is the glorification of all believers.

The dead in Christ will be raised from the dead in the likeness of Christ's bodily resurrection.

Theirs will be a literal, bodily resurrection. Those believers in Christ who are alive according to the flesh at the time of Christ's return will be translated into the likeness of Christ's resurrected body.

1 The Glorification of all the Believers

Theirs will be a literal, bodily translation and transformation into immortality.

The order of this event is that -the dead in Christ will be raised when the believers who are alive in the flesh will be caught up to be with the Lord.

All saints receive the same transformation into immortality and incorruption, and they are all united together with Christ.



2 The Millennial Reign of Peace on Earth

The second purpose of the second coming is for Christ to establish a reign of peace on earth by His binding of Satan for a thousand years, and by His personal, physical presence in the world and rulership of all of its inhabitants, elements and energies.

This doctrine is referred to as the doctrine of the pre-millennial second coming of Christ.



2 The Millennial Reign of Peace on Earth

a It will be an Earthly Reign

This reign on the throne of David will be an earthly reign: “And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots and the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him. But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked” (Isaiah 11:1-4).



2 The Millennial Reign of Peace on Earth

b Satan will be Bound for a Thousand Years

During the reign Satan is bound for a thousand years; he will not be able to deceive the nations as he has done in the course of human history and especially as he will do in the reign of Antichrist: “² He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ³ He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.” (Revelation 20:2-3)



2 The Millennial Reign of Peace on Earth

C The Saints will Reign with Christ

In His reign Christ is joined by His saints who with Him rule over the earth during the thousand year period: ⁴ I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (Revelation 20:4).



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In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous, and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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The redemption of the bodies of believers, Christ applies the conquest by His own resurrection

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Matthew 25:46

46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

John 10:28

28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might

1 Assurance of Bodily Resurrection

a Assured by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

The first assurance that is given the believer for his hope is the resurrection of Jesus Christ: ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. (1 Corinthians 15:20-21)

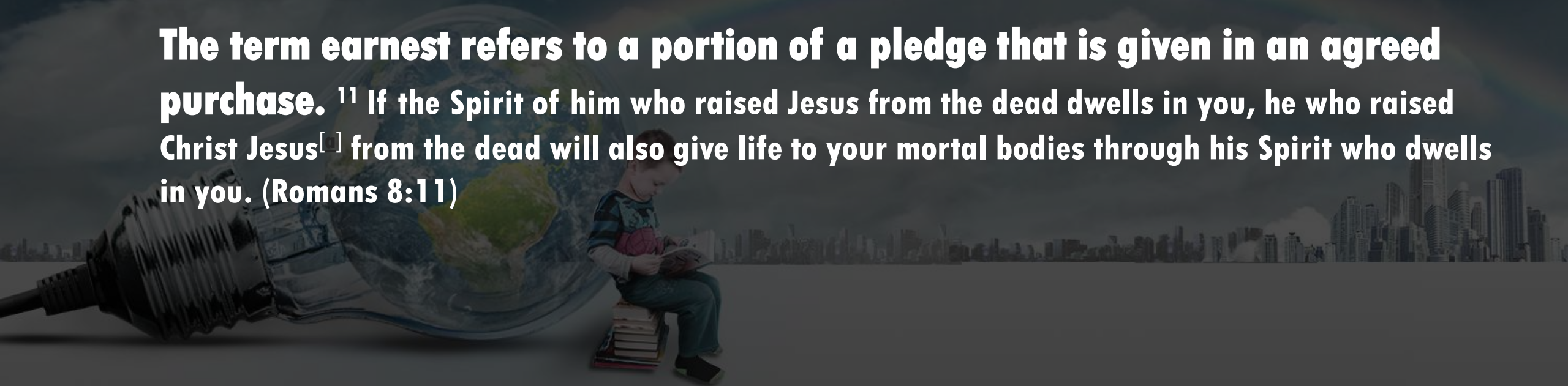


1 Assurance of Bodily Resurrection

b Assured by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

The second assurance of the resurrection of the body is the earnest of the Holy Spirit.

The term earnest refers to a portion of a pledge that is given in an agreed purchase. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus^[a] from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. (Romans 8:11)



2 The Resurrection of the Body

a It is a Physical Body

The transformation that God accomplishes in the resurrection and in the rapture of living saints is the same; it is a translation to immortality, incorruptibleness and eternal glory.

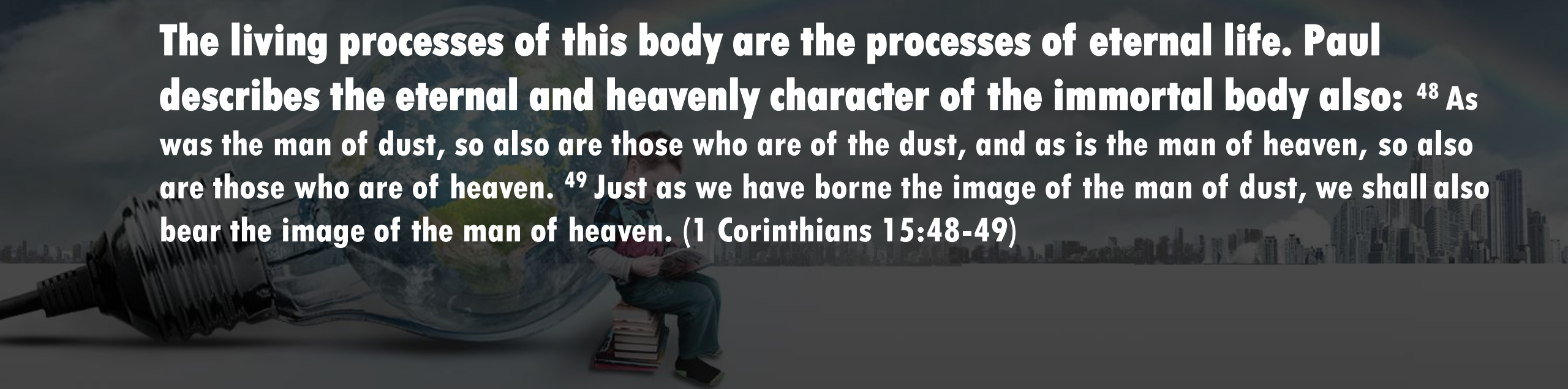
The term earnest refers to a portion of a pledge that is given in an agreed purchase ³⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹ For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰ There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. (1 Cor 15:35-40)

2 The Resurrection of the Body

b It is also a Spiritual Body

The resurrection body is called a spiritual body (not a so-called spirit-body); its life principle is the Holy Spirit.

The living processes of this body are the processes of eternal life. Paul describes the eternal and heavenly character of the immortal body also: ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. (1 Corinthians 15:48-49)

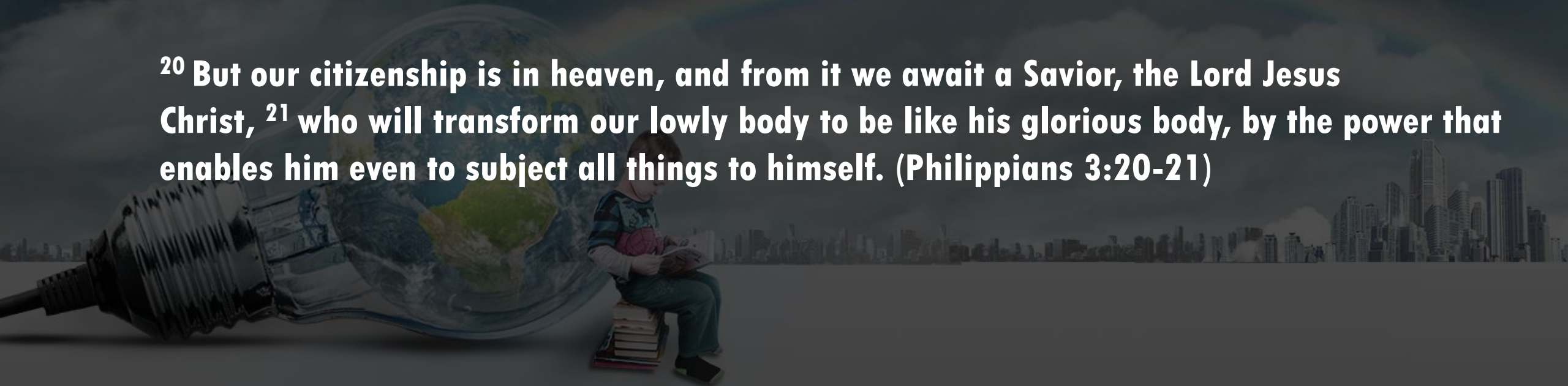


2 The Resurrection of the Body

C Like the Glorified Body of Jesus Christ

² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. (1 John 3:2)

²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. (Philippians 3:20-21)



The bodily resurrection of unbelievers occurs after the millennium.

In this body, the unbelieving will be judged and condemned to everlasting punishment in body and spirit.

The time of the resurrection of the unbelievers is placed after the millennial reign and in relationship to the judgment of the great white throne.

John 5:28-29

²⁸ Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

Acts 24:15

¹⁵ having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust.

Daniel 12:2

² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.