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And What Is NOT Sin?

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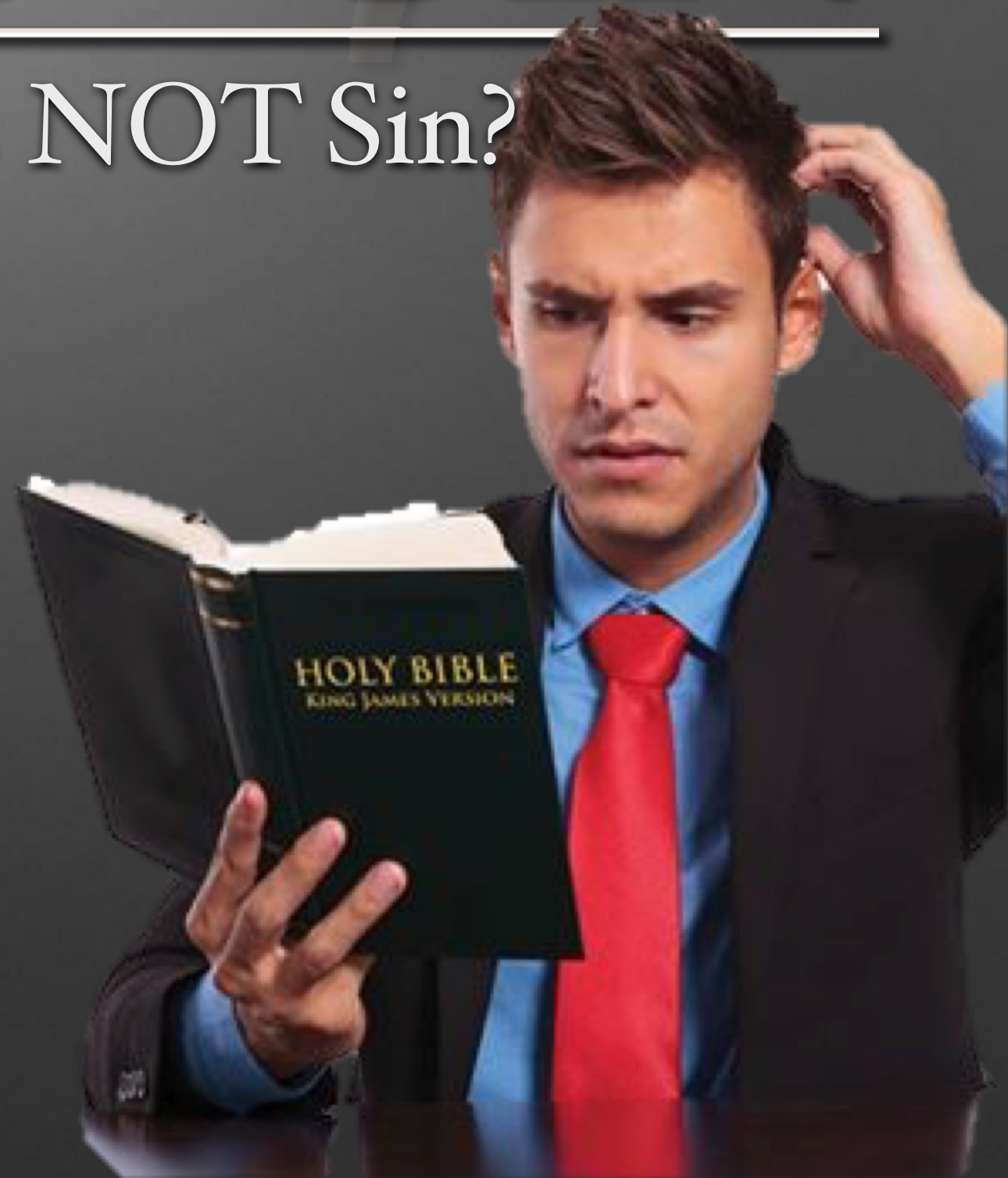
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Is SIN

unavoidable?

Is SIN vague &

unknowable?

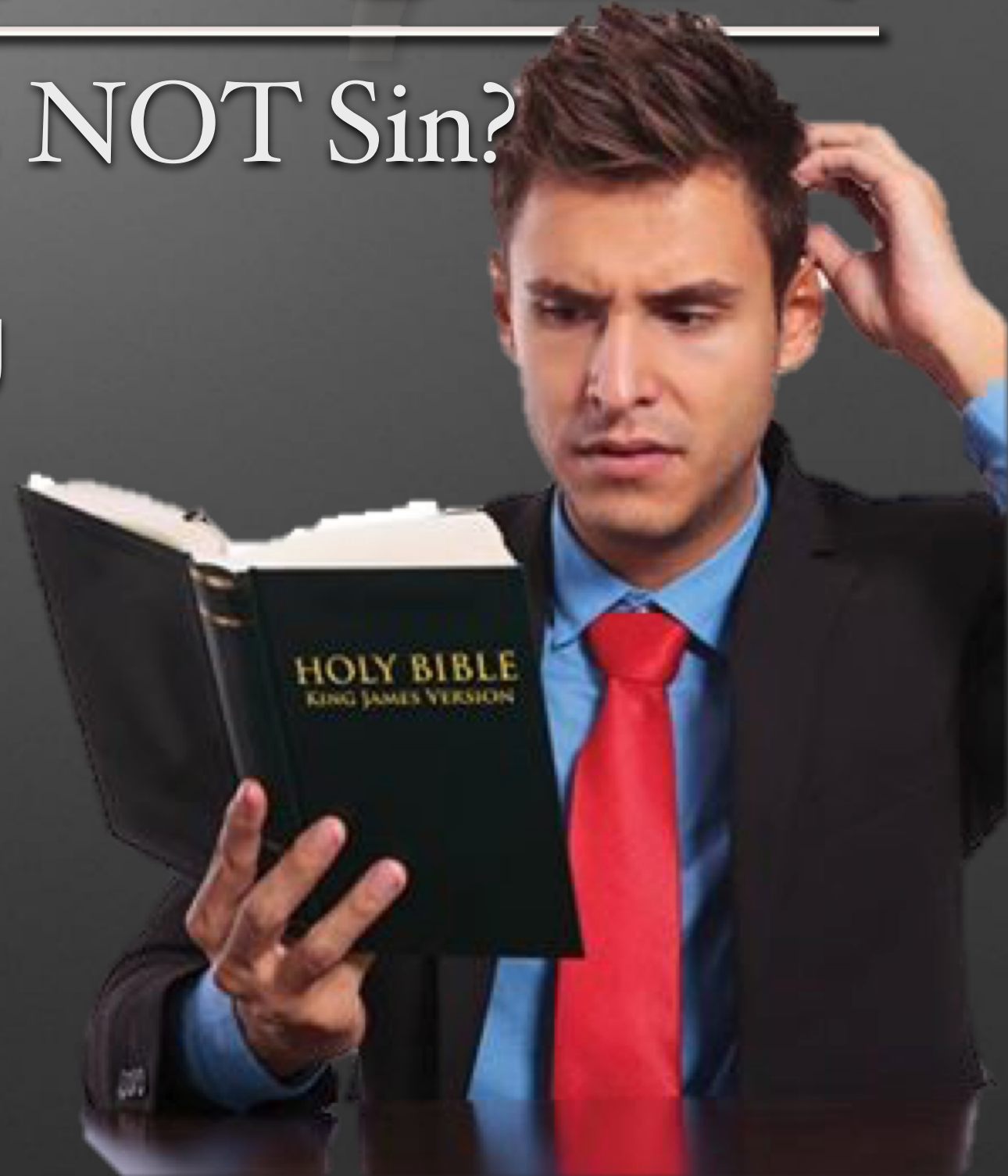


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Is our understanding
of **SIN** causing:

- A lack of concern regarding our sins?
- Undue fear?
- Or confidence?



1 John 3:4-9 (NKJV)

4 Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. 5 And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. 6 Whoever abides in Him does not sin.

Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. 7

Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. 8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

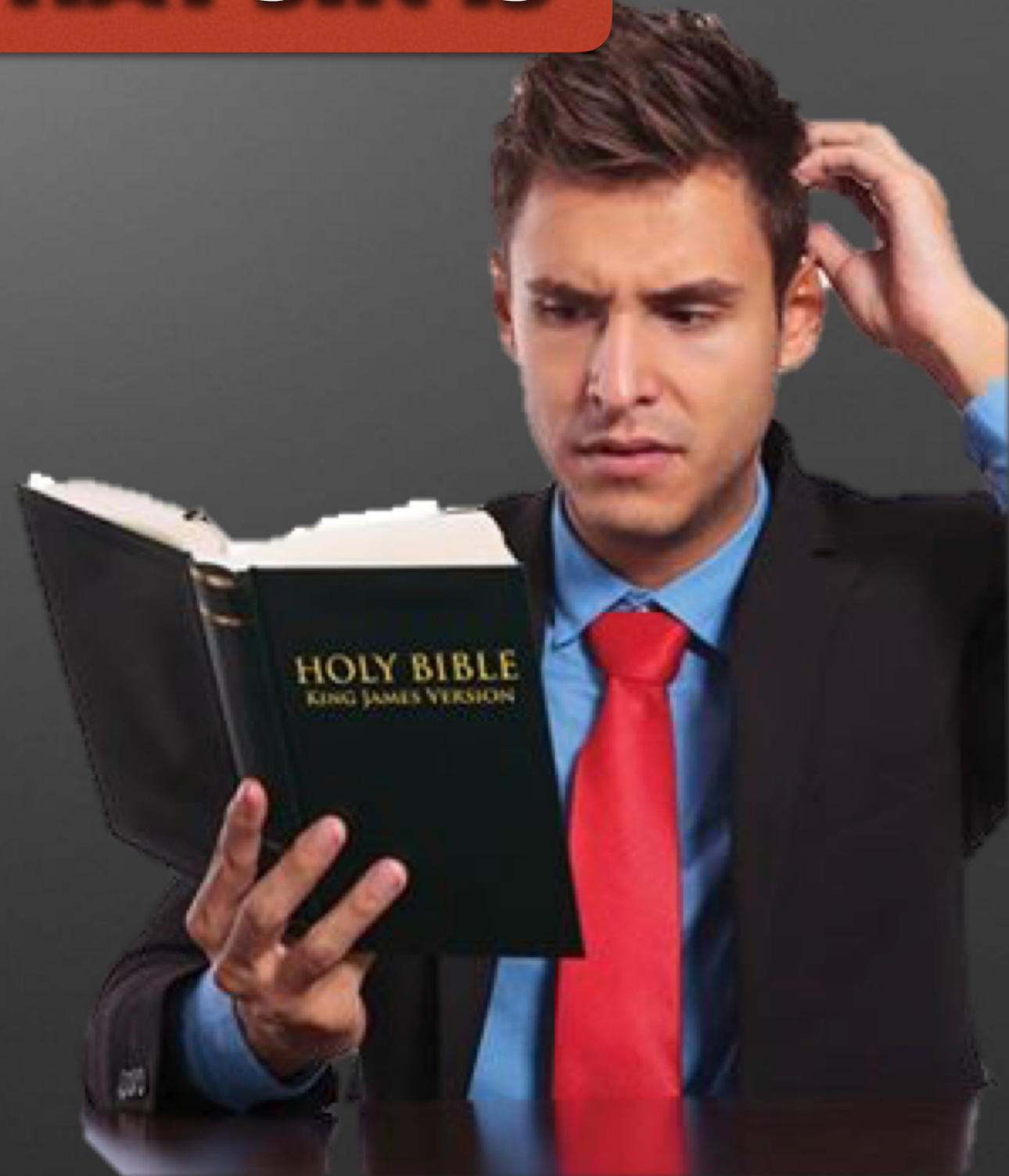
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DEFINING WHAT SIN IS

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To do what is forbidden –
OR to NOT do what is
commanded! -

1 Cor 6:9-11; Gal 5:19-21;

1 John 2:3-5

Matthew 7:23



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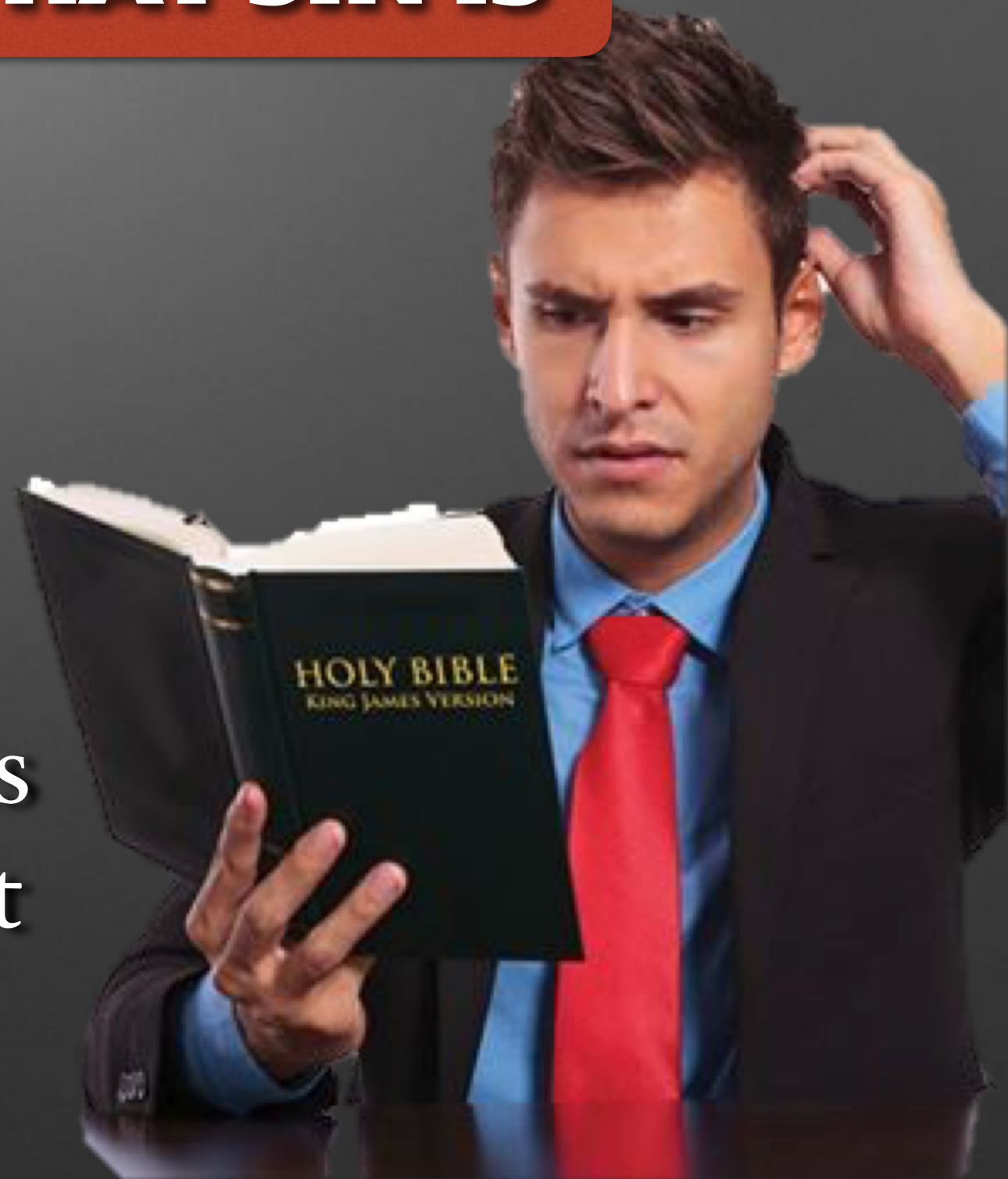
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All Unrighteousness –

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¹⁷ All unrighteousness is
sin, and there is sin not
leading to death.



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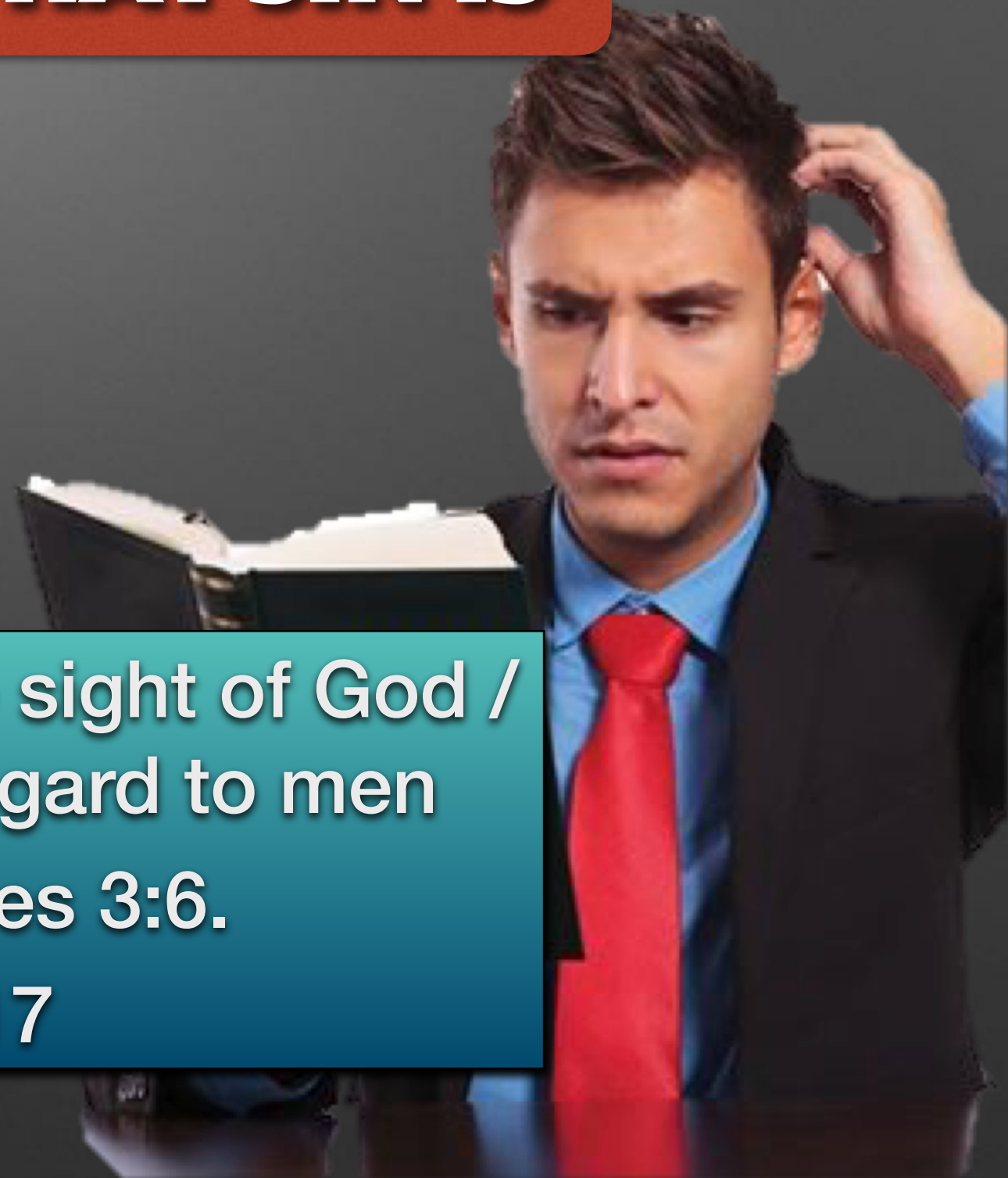
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Not doing what is right in the sight of God /
Not doing what is just in regard to men

2 Timothy 2:19; James 3:6.

2 Timothy 3:16,17



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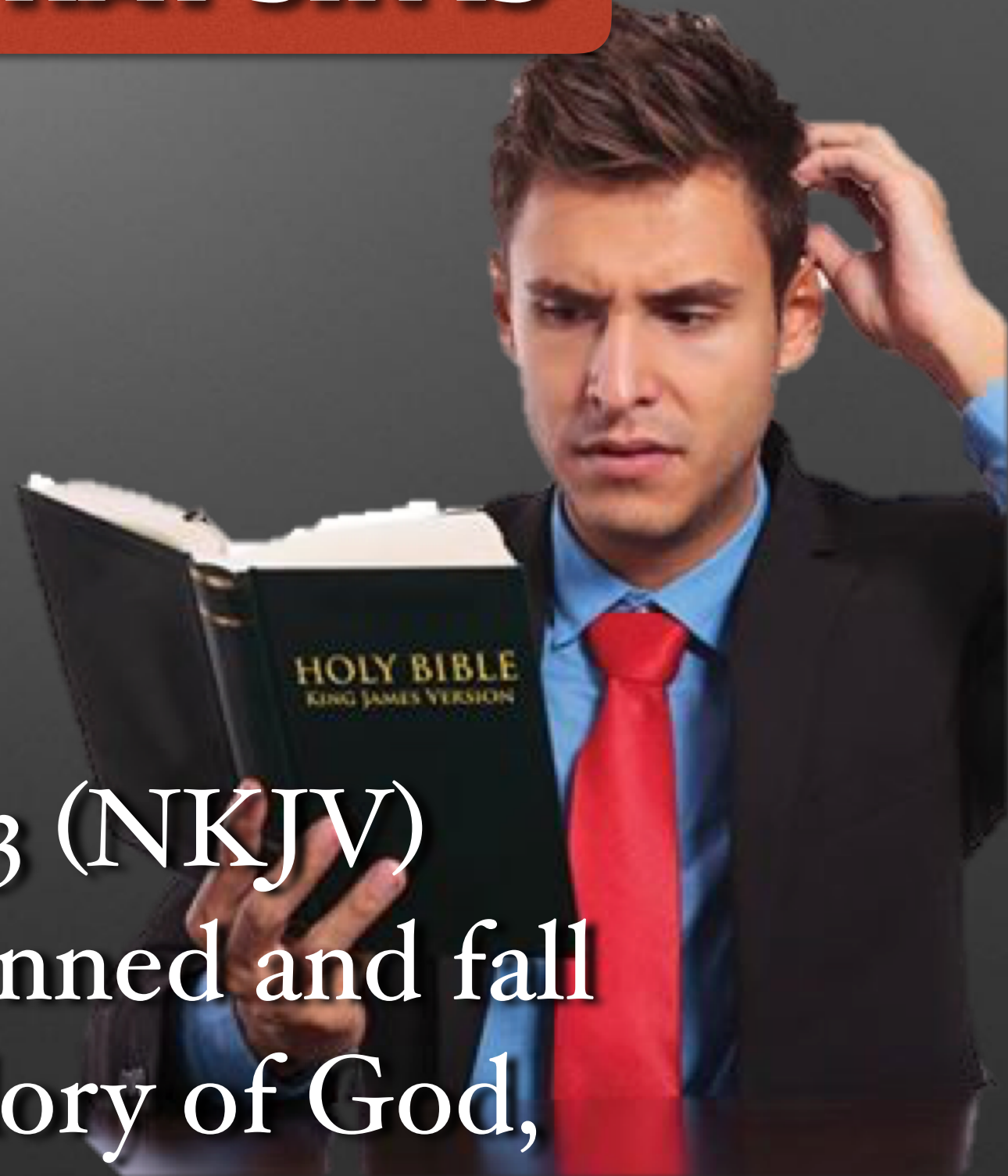
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Missing the mark –

Rom 3:23

Romans 3:23 (NKJV)

²³ for all have sinned and fall
short of the glory of God,



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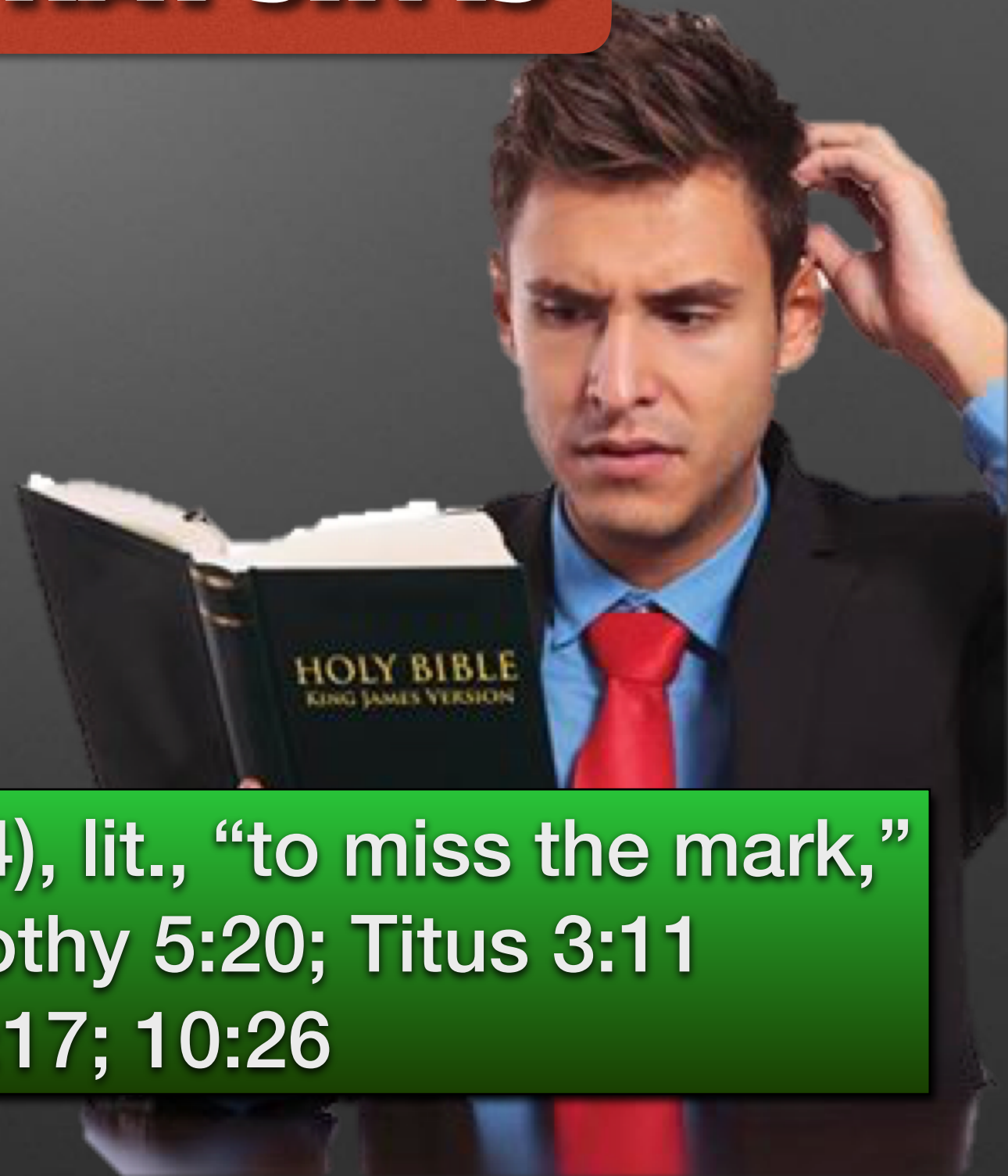
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hamartano (ἁμαρτάνω, 264), lit., “to miss the mark,”

Luke 15:18,21; 1 Timothy 5:20; Titus 3:11

Hebrews 3:17; 10:26



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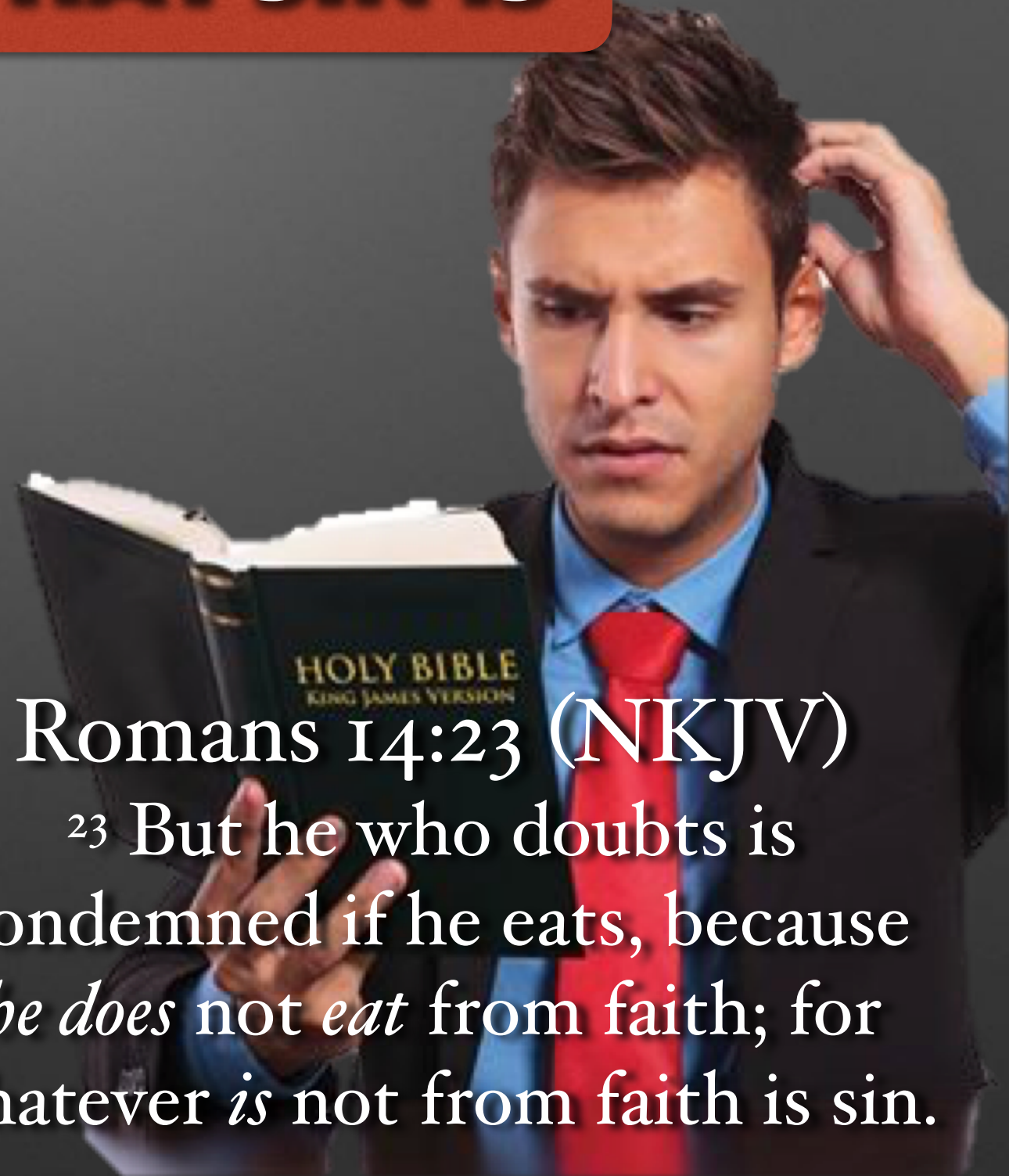
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If Not Of Faith –
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²³ But he who doubts is
condemned if he eats, because
he does not eat from faith; for
whatever *is not* from faith is sin.



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Doing that which you believe
to be wrong, even though it
may not be sinful.
To violate your conscience.
1 Corinthians 8:7

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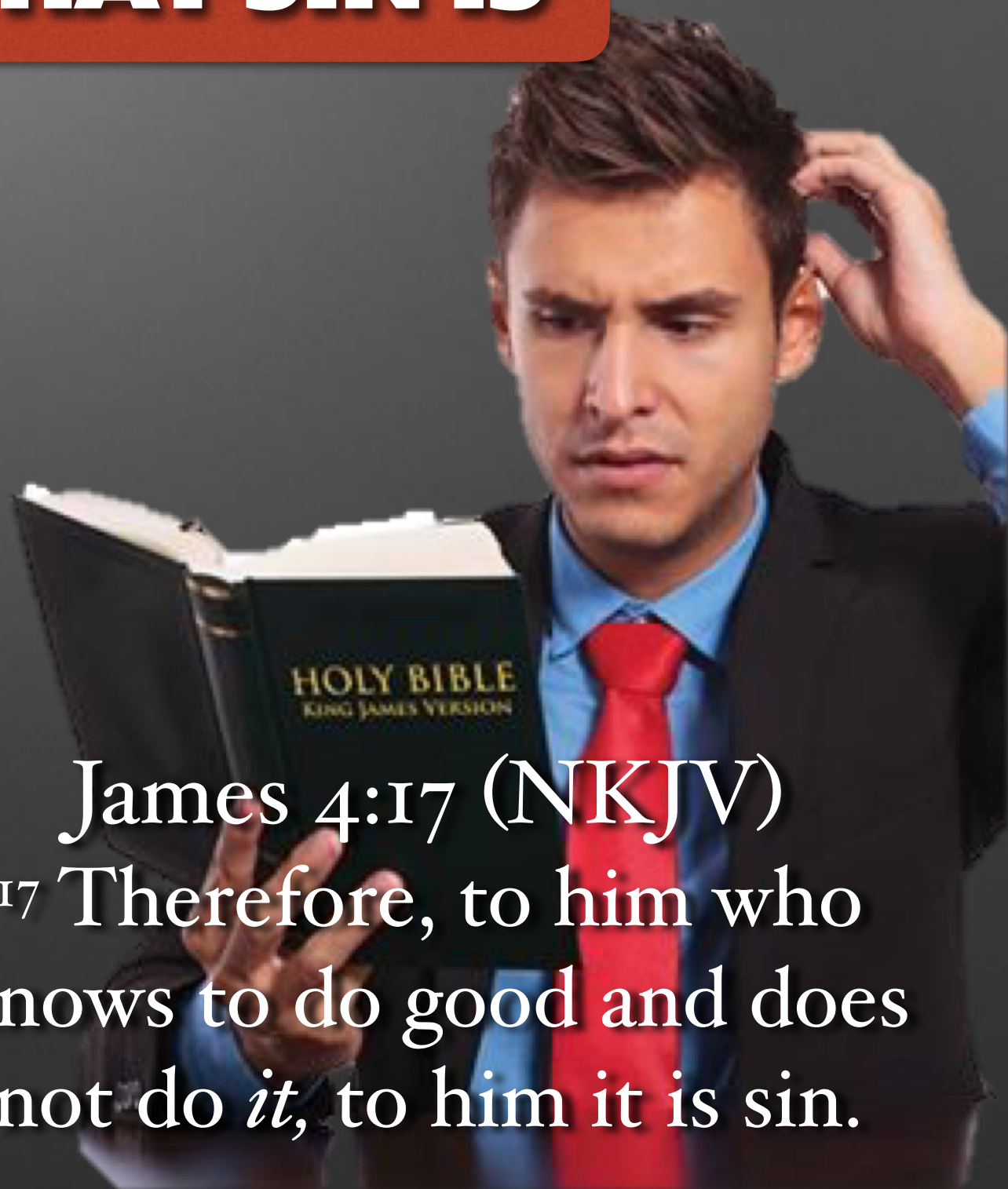
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James 4:17 (NKJV)
17 Therefore, to him who
knows to do good and does
not do *it*, to him it is sin.

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Requires a certain degree of
knowledge & understanding
Luke 10:29-37; 12:47

James 2:14-17

Ability + Opportunity = Responsibility



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UNDERSTANDING WHAT SIN IS



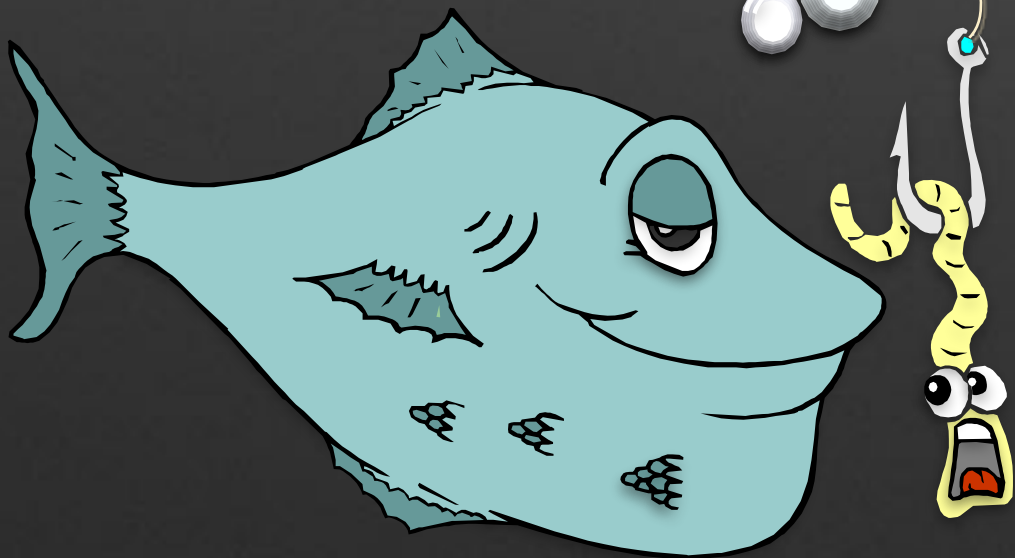
- The first sin is a case study of all sin - Gen. 3:1-6; 1 Jn 2:15,16
- Jesus was tempted through the same avenues - Mat 4:1-11; Heb. 4:15
- Sin OCCURS when desire is enticed and the will yields - James 1:13-16; 1 Cor 9:27

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ONE HAS NOT SINNED JUST BECAUSE

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James 1:13-16;
Matthew 5:27-30



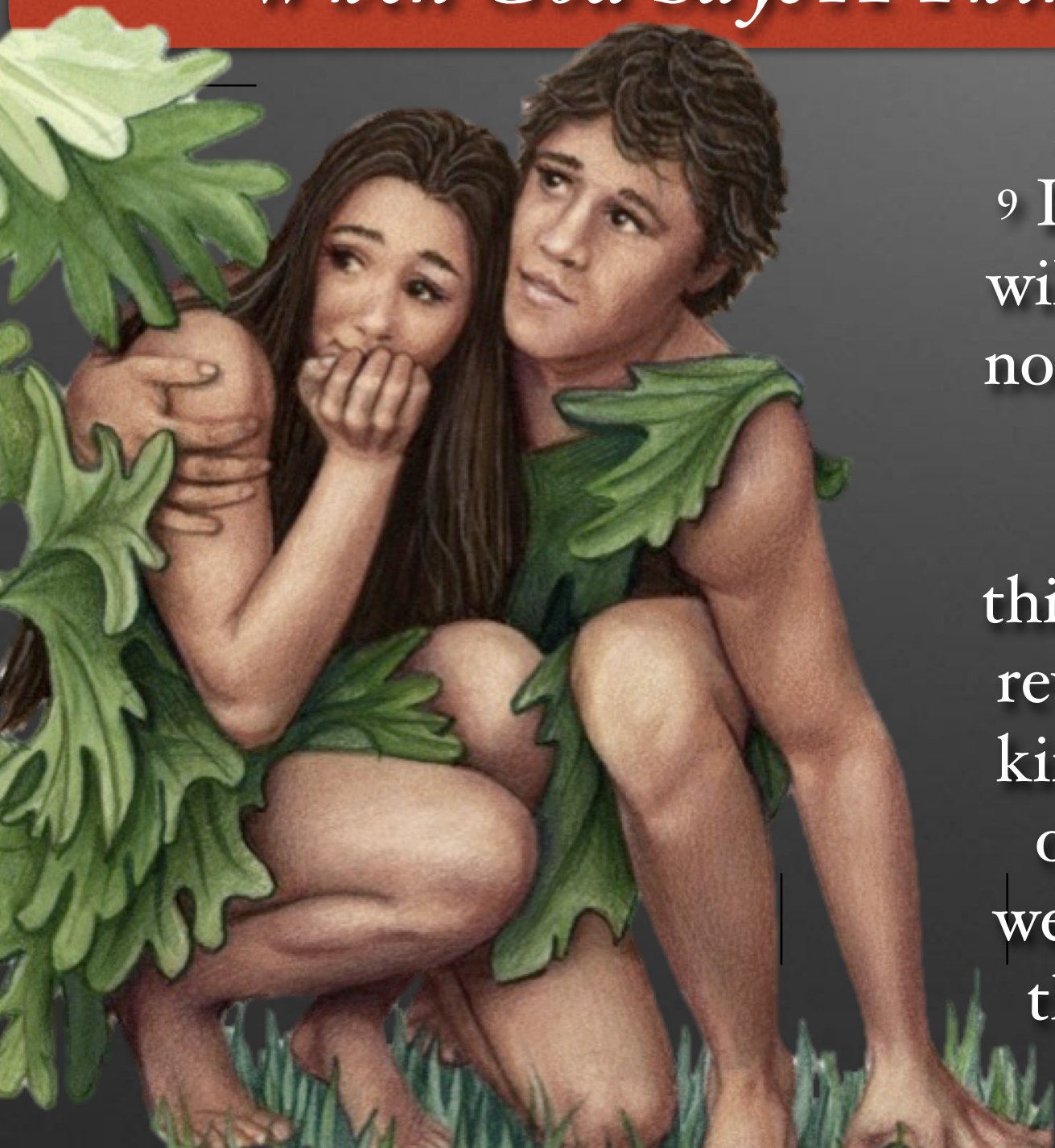
- They do NOT KNOW everything . . .
- They are tempted . . .
- They tried & failed at a task . . .
- They made a mistake . . .
- They feel depressed . . .
- They are discouraged . . .
- They feel weak & tired . . .
- They feel guilty . . .
- They enjoy life . . .

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NO SUCH THING AS SITUATIONAL ETHICS!

When God Says A Thing Is Sin - It Is Sin 100 %



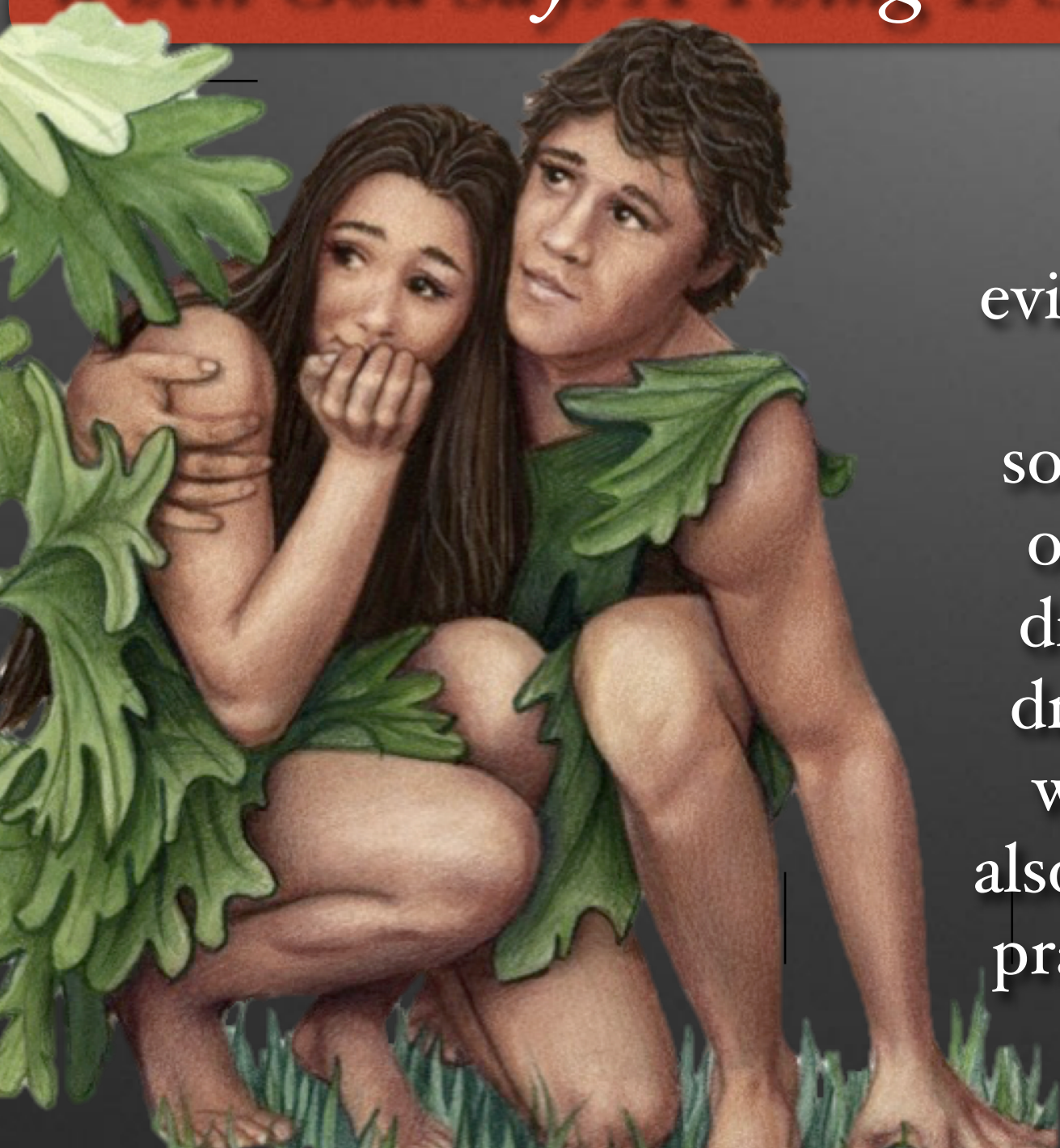
1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NKJV)

⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

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Galatians 5:19–21 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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1 Cor 6:9-11; Gal 5:19-21

Adultery / Fornication / Homosexuality
Hatred / Murder / Stealing / Extortion
Drunkenness / Lying / Idolatry /

Involves The will / Absolute /
Always Condemns

Ignorance No Excuse -
Leviticus 4:2,3; 13,14; 22,23,
27,28; 5:2-6, 15-18, 27-29;

Lawlessness –

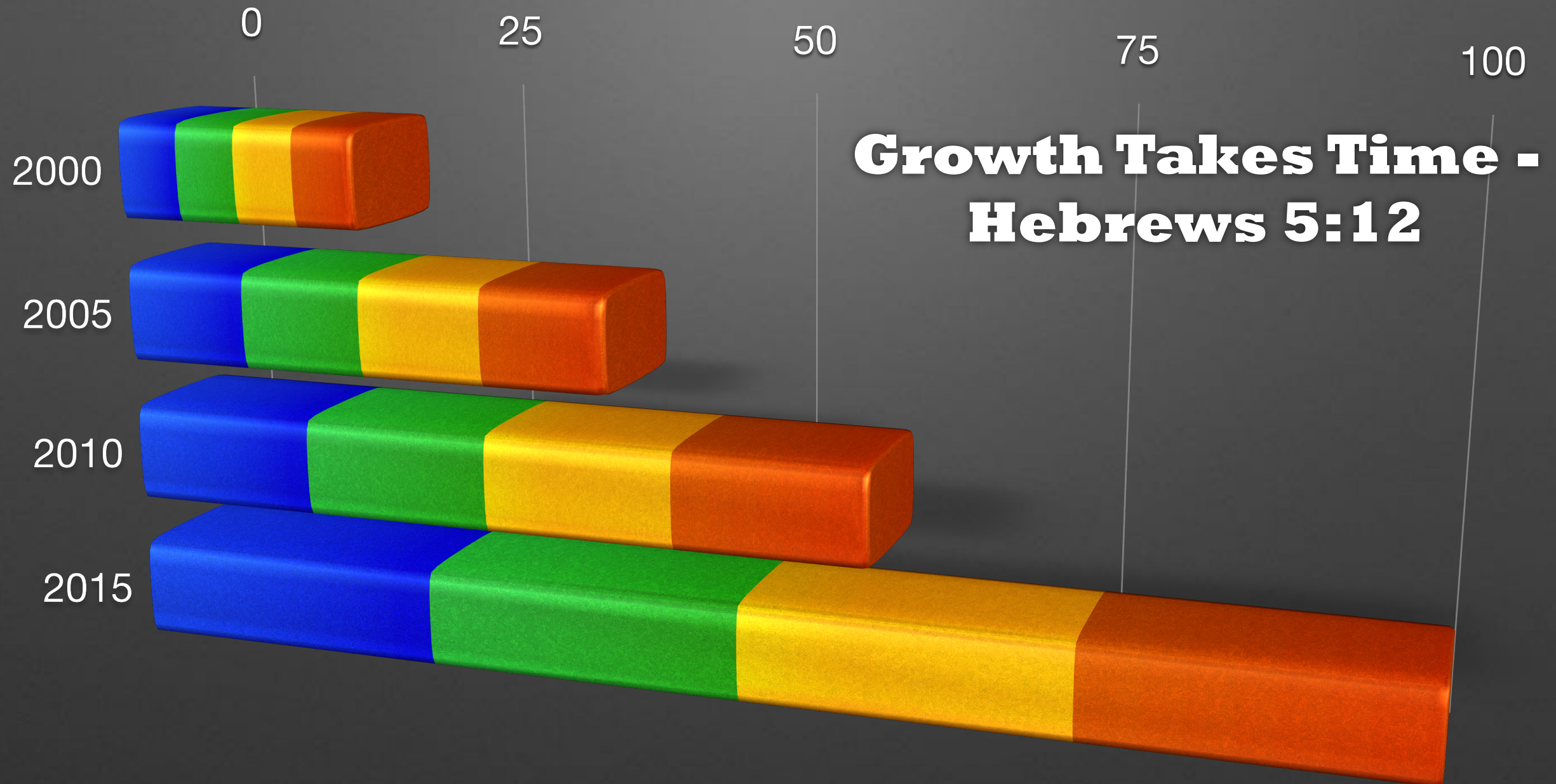
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CHRISTIAN GROWTH - 2 PETER 1:5-10

Knowledge Service Teaching Patience



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If Not Of Faith –
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Omitting Known Duty
James 4:17

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WE CAN SIN BY DOING OR NOT DOING

Commission

- Doing what God Forbids - (Gen 2:17,18; 3:6,17; 1 Cor 6:9-11; Gal. 5:19,20).
- Adding to God's Word - (Dt. 4:2; Rev. 22:19; 2 Sam. 6:3; Num. 4:1-15; 1 Chron 13; 15; Mat. 15:5,6).
- Making substitutions - (Gen. 4:4; Lev. 10; Heb 8:5).

Omission

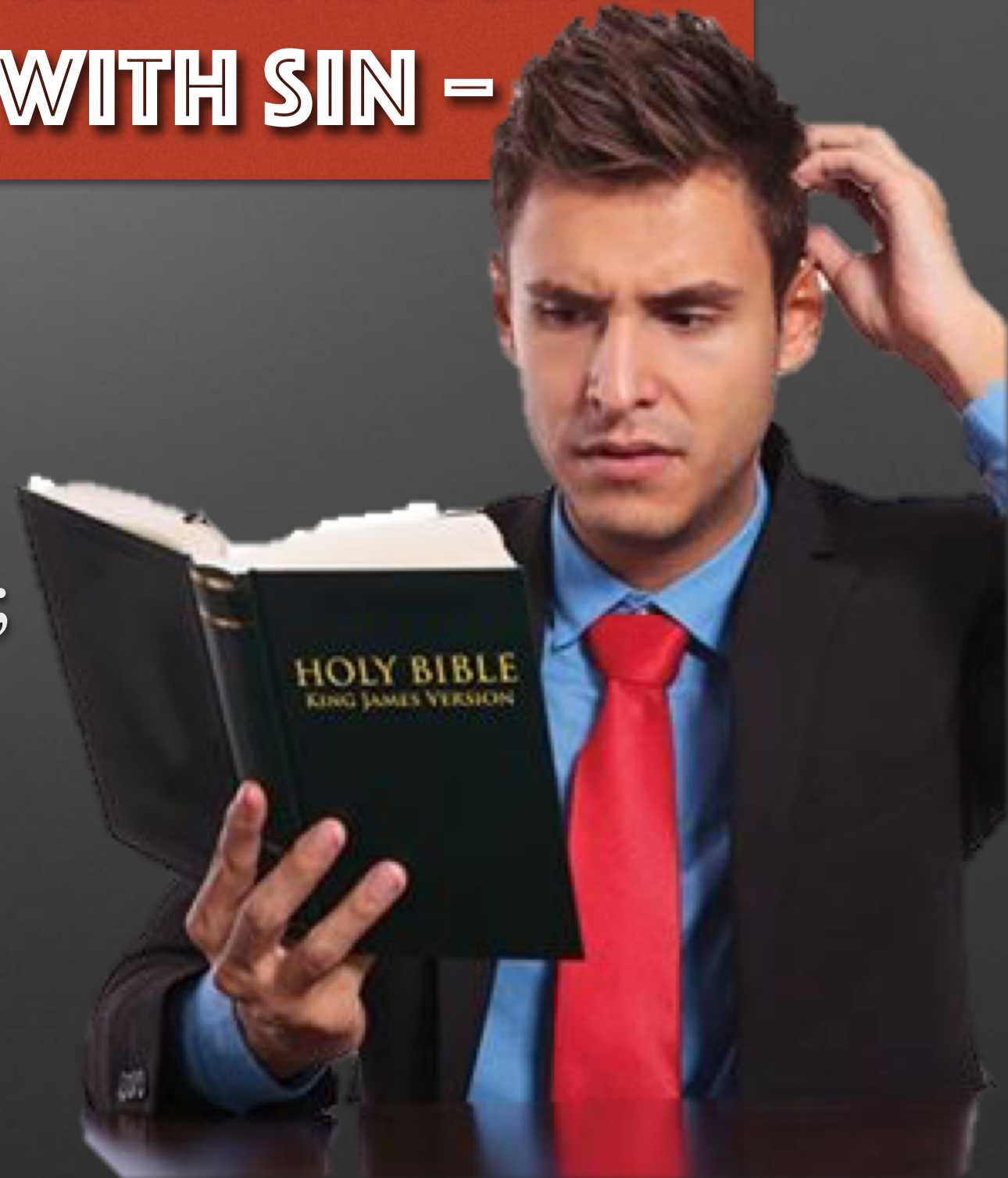
- Not doing what God Commands - (1 Sam. 15; Jer. 6:16; 1 John 3:24).
- Subtracting from God's Word - (Deut. 4:2; Rev. 22:19; Mat. 23:1-3; James 1:21,22; 2:14-26).
- Knowing to do good and not doing it - (Jam. 4:17)

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THE CONSEQUENCES OF LOSING OUR BATTLE WITH SIN -

- **Temporal** - (Pro. 13:15).
- **Spiritual** - (Gen 2:27; Is. 59:1,2; Rom 6:23; 1 Tim 5:6; Heb 3:13; 2 Thes 2:9-12; Heb 6:4-8).
- **Eternal** - (Rom 6:23; Rev 21:8; 1 Cor. 6:9-11).



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Man's Problem:
Sin

Isa. 59:1,2
1 John 1:5

GOD

THE REMEDY FOR SIN IS NOT

- ✦ **Sinless perfection** - (*Rom 3:23; Gal 3:10 – 12*).
- ✦ **Works of law** - (*Gal 5:1-6*).
- ✦ **Meritorious works** - (*Mat 6:2,5,16; Eph 2:8,9*).
- ✦ **Morality** - (*Acts 10,11*).
- ✦ **Honesty and sincerity** - (*Acts 9,10*).

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**Acts 2:38;
Romans 6:3-6**

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**Jesus –
1 John 2:1,2**

THE REMEDY FOR SIN IS THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

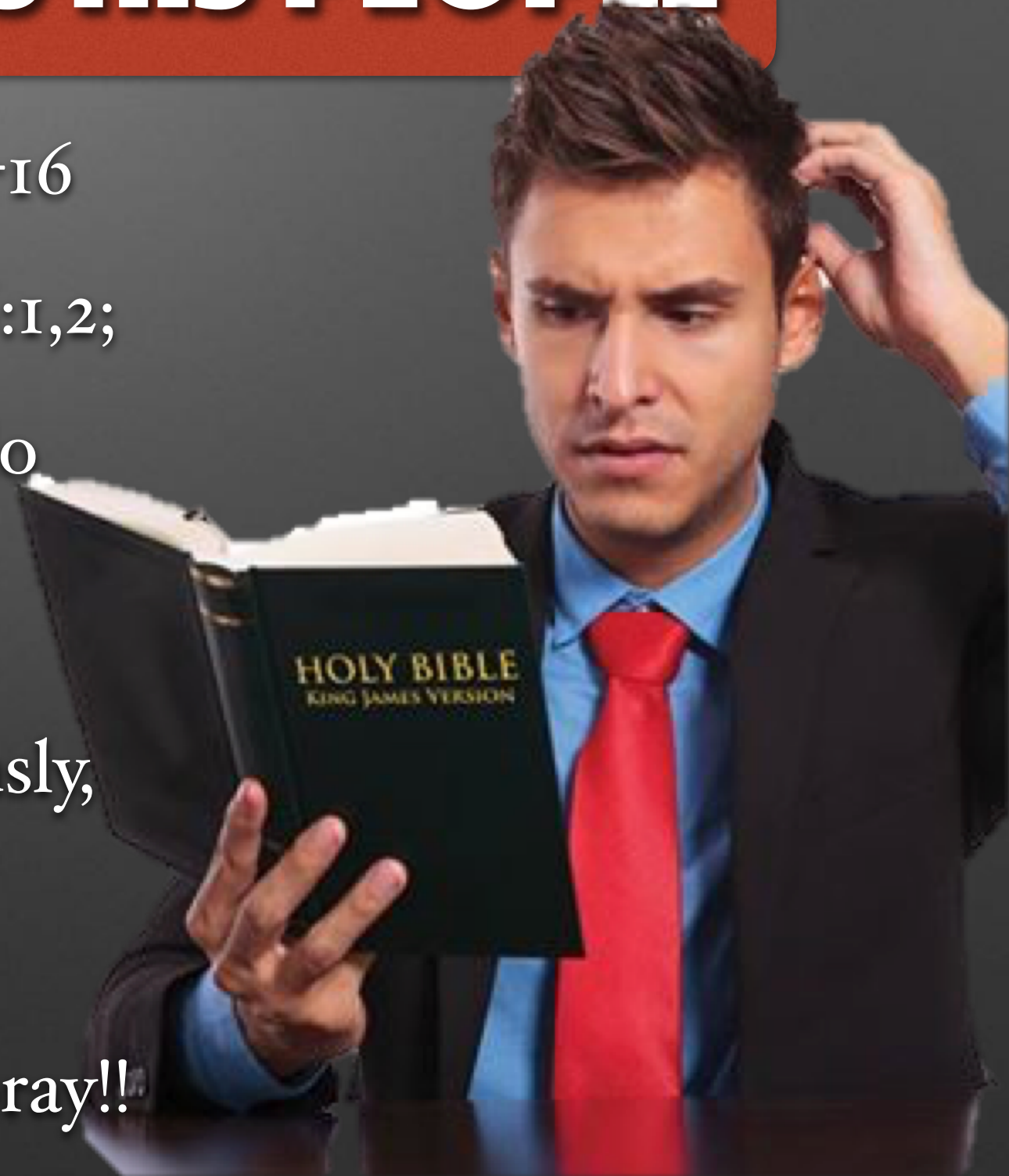
- ✦ **Matthew 26:28; “for the remission of sins”**
- ✦ **1 John 1:7; “Cleanses us from all sin”**
- ✦ **Revelation 1:5; “washed us from our sins”**
- ✦ **1 Peter 3:18 “Suffered once for sins . . .**

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GOD DEMANDS HIS PEOPLE

- To live holy lives – 1 Peter 1:13-16
- To cease living in sin – Rom. 6:1,2;
- Awake to righteousness, and do not sin – 1 Cor. 15:34
- Deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, . . . live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, - Titus 2:11-13
- If we sin – repent, confess & pray!!



A hand holding a green apple against a cracked, dry earth background. The hand is positioned at the top right, with the index finger pointing towards the apple. The apple is in the center, partially obscured by the text. The background is a textured, cracked surface in shades of grey and green.

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Genesis 3:1–11 (NKJV)

¹ Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’” ² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³ but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ”

Genesis 3:1–11 (NKJV)

⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Genesis 3:1–11 (NKJV)

⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. ⁸ And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

Genesis 3:1–11 (NKJV)

⁹ Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, “Where *are* you?” ¹⁰ So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.” ¹¹ And He said, “Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”