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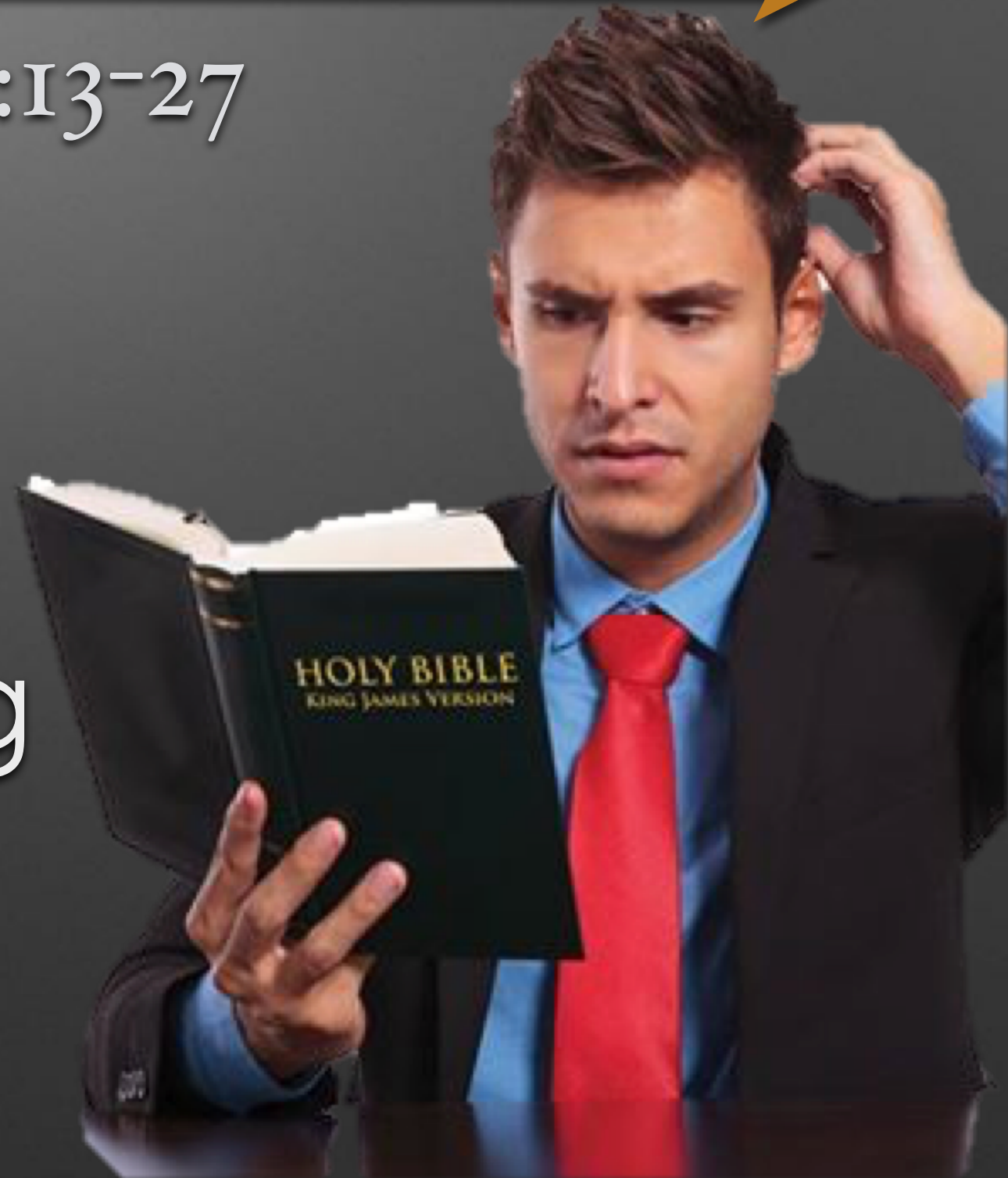
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Is SIN
unavoidable?
Is SIN Something
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Overcome?

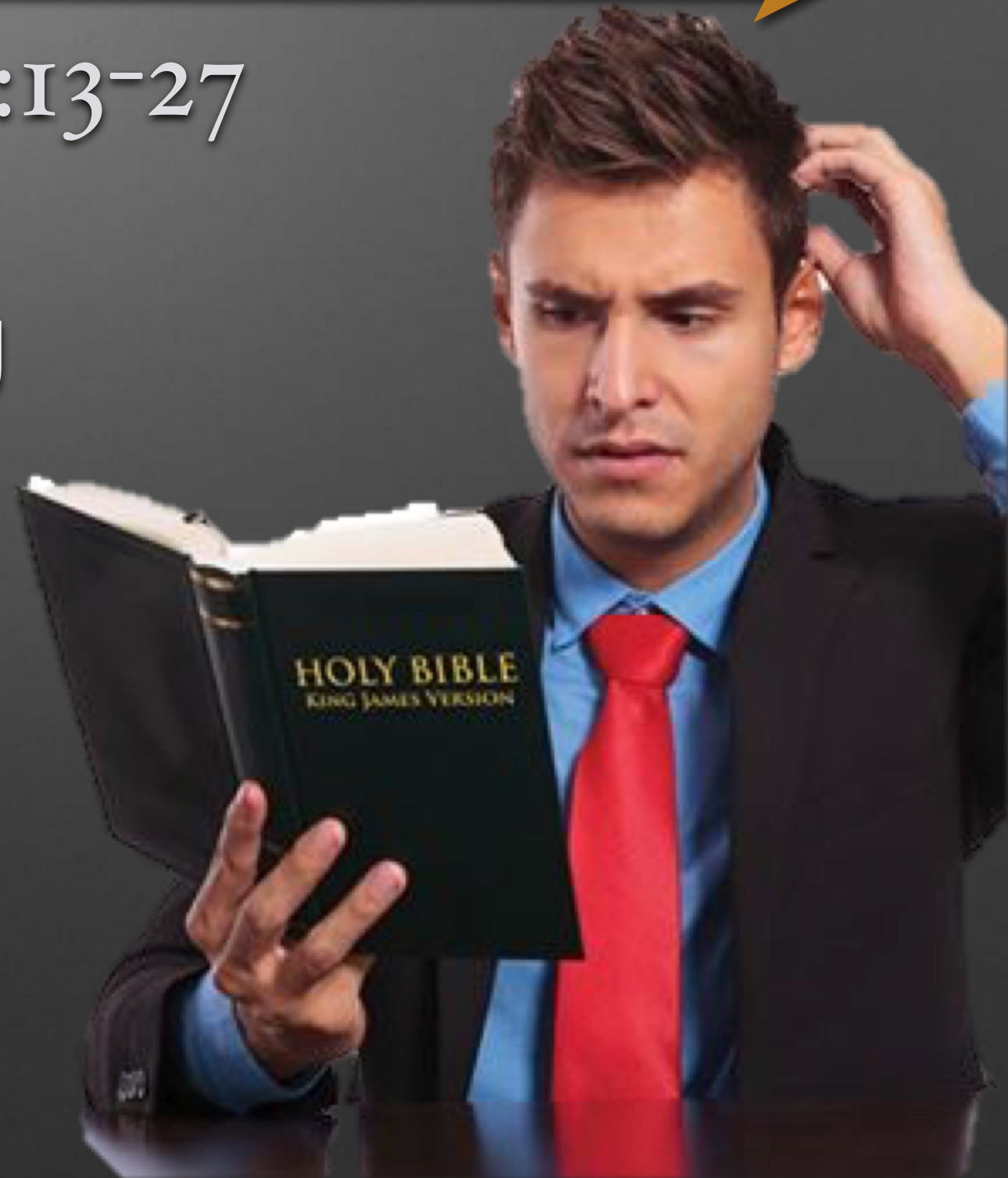


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Is our understanding
of SIN causing:

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



WHAT *is* SIN

*Why Do We Sin?
Can We Refuse?*

UNDERSTANDING WHAT SIN IS

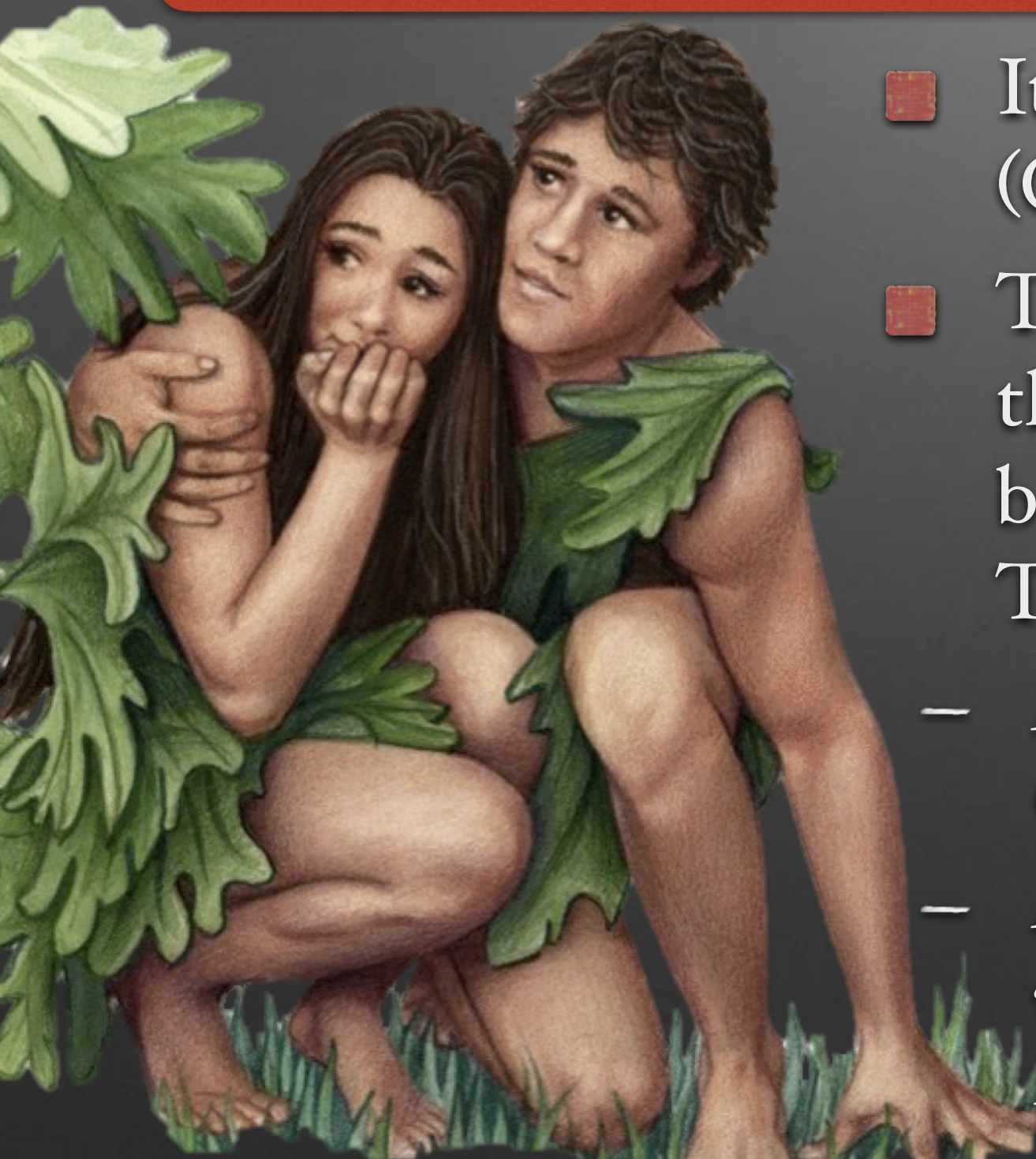


- The first sin is a case study of all sin - Gen. 3:1-6; 1 Jn 2:15,16
- Jesus was tempted through the same avenues - Mat 4:1-11; Heb. 4:15
- Sin OCCURS when desire is enticed and the will yields - James 1:13-16; 1 Cor 9:27

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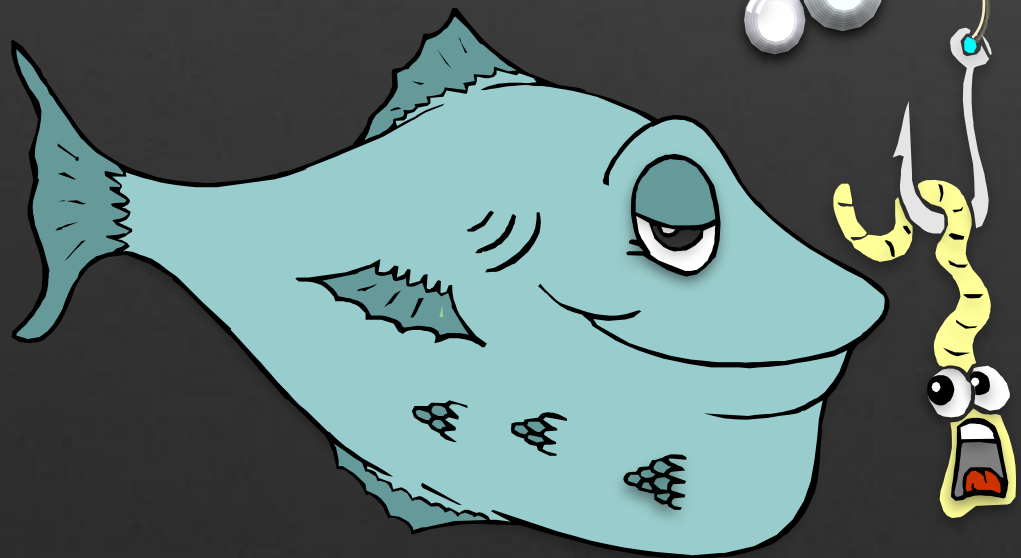
- It is NOT a sin to be human — (Gen 1:26,27,31; Jn 1:14)
- There is a difference between a thing being unwise and a thing being sinful — (Gen 13:10,11; 1 Tim 6:10; etc.)
 - *Lewdness is sin, (lasciviousness) — Gal. 5:19 - what about dancing?*
 - *Drunkenness is a sin — Gal 5:21 - what about having a beer after work? - 1 Pet 4:3; Prov 23:29-35*

WHY *do we* SIN *Can We Refuse?*

NOT BECAUSE:

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Matthew 5:27-30

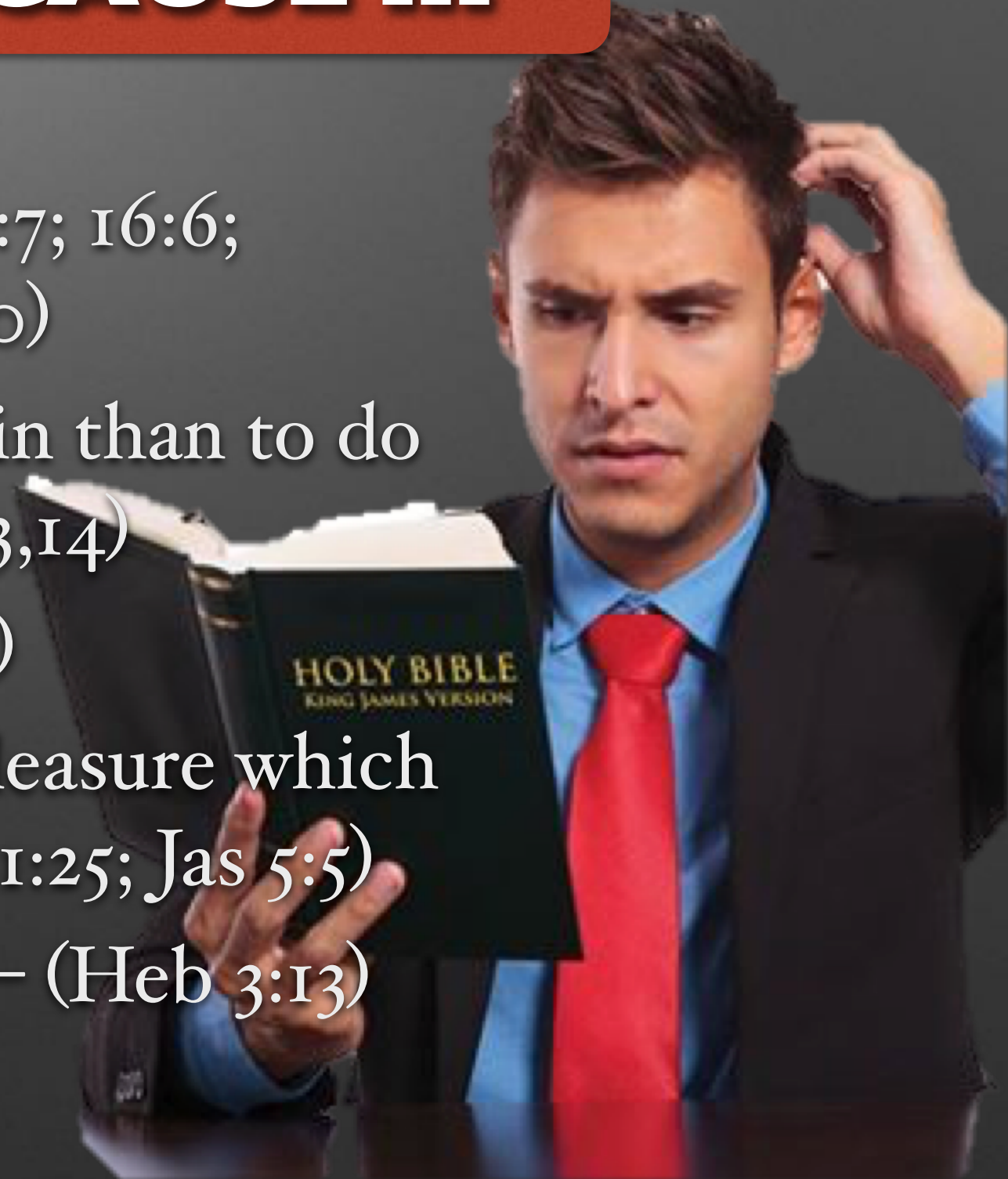
- Inherited Depravity – Ez 18
- Sinful nature – Ps. 51; Ge 3,4
- Lack of ability – 1 Jn 2:1
- Unable to Bear – 1 Cor. 10:13
- Can't Understand – Ep. 5:17
- Not Tempted – Jam 1:13-14
- Predestination – Jam 1:12,17
- Fulfill Scripture – Rom 3:23



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WE SIN BECAUSE ...

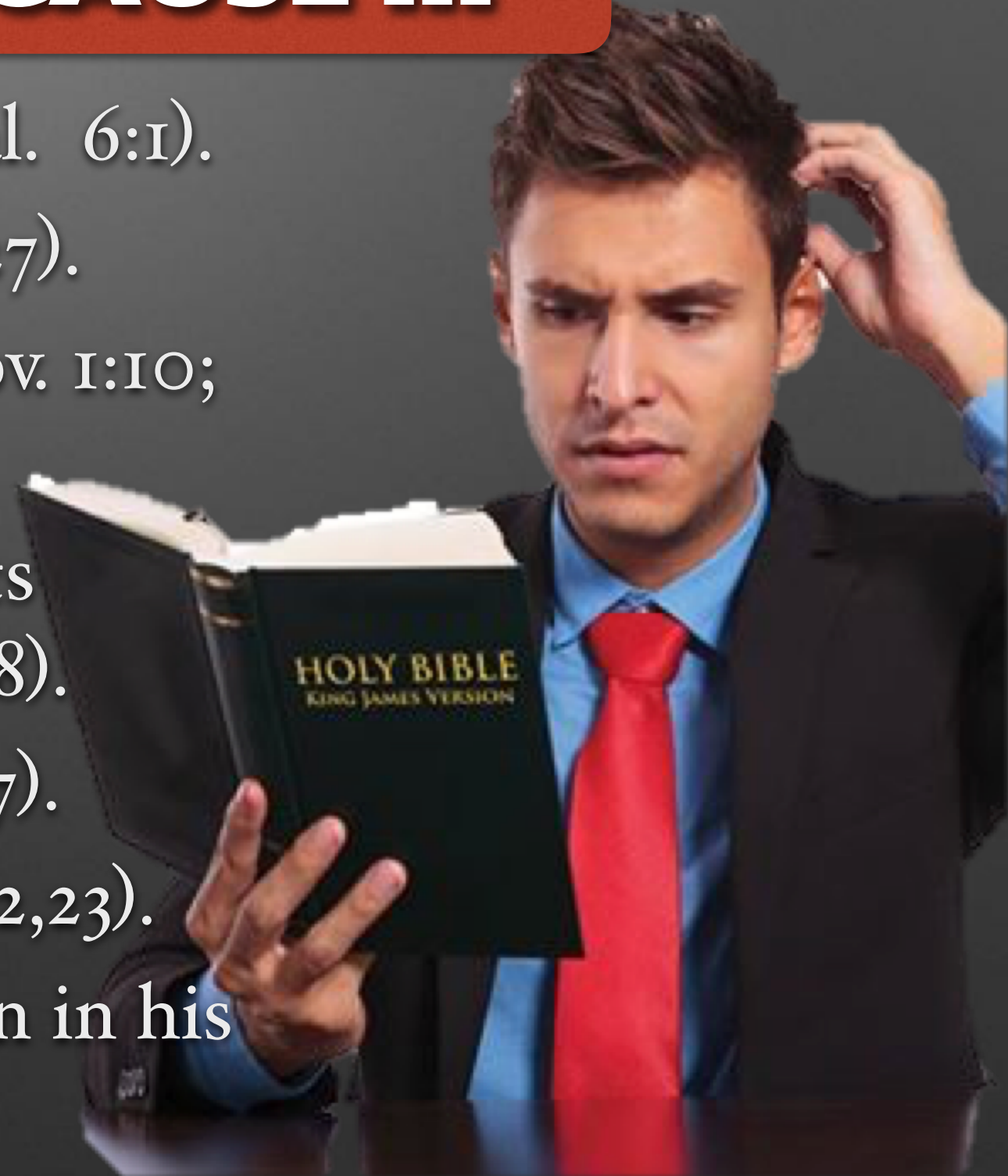
- Because men do not fear the consequences of sin – (Prov 1:7; 16:6; Jer 2:18; Rom 3:18; Mat 5:29,30)
- Because it is often easier to sin than to do that which is right – (Mat 7:13,14)
- Because of habit – (2 Pet 2:14)
- Because of the momentary pleasure which that sin brings them – (Heb 11:25; Jas 5:5)
- Because of its deceptiveness – (Heb 3:13)
- Wants to (Jas. 1: 14,15).



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WE SIN BECAUSE ...

- Not watchful (Mat. 26:41, Gal. 6:1).
- Lacks self-control (I Cor. 9:27).
- To fit in with the crowd, (Prov. 1:10; I Cor. 15:33; I Tim. 5:22).
- Does not control his thoughts (Prov. 22:3; 15:26, 23:7, Phil 4:8).
- Don't resist the devil (Jas. 4:7).
- Selfishness (cp. Lk. 15:12; 18:22,23).
- Doesn't have the word hidden in his heart – (Ps. 119:11).



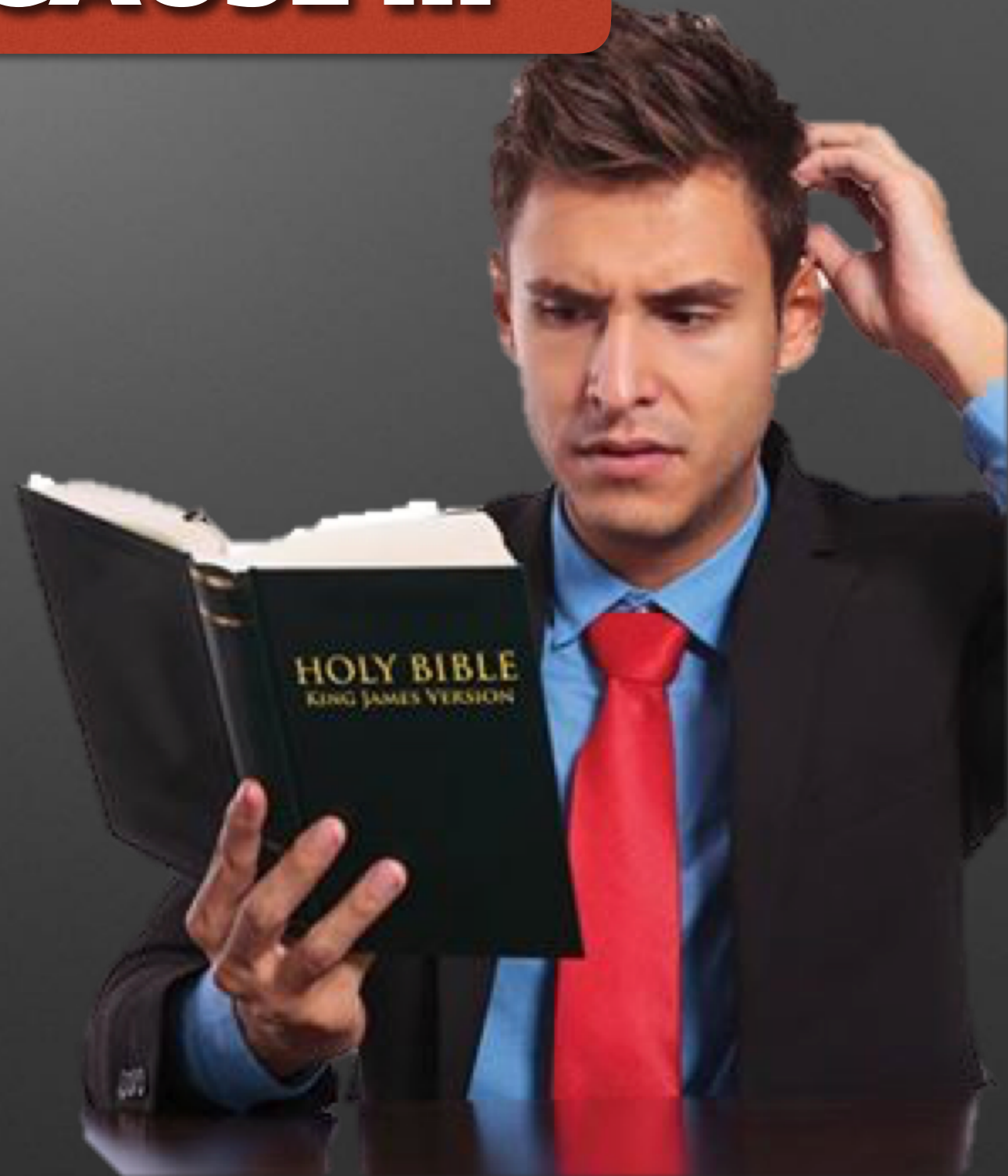
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WE SIN BECAUSE ...

SIN

IS WHAT YOU DO
WHEN YOUR HEART IS NOT
SATISFIED WITH GOD.

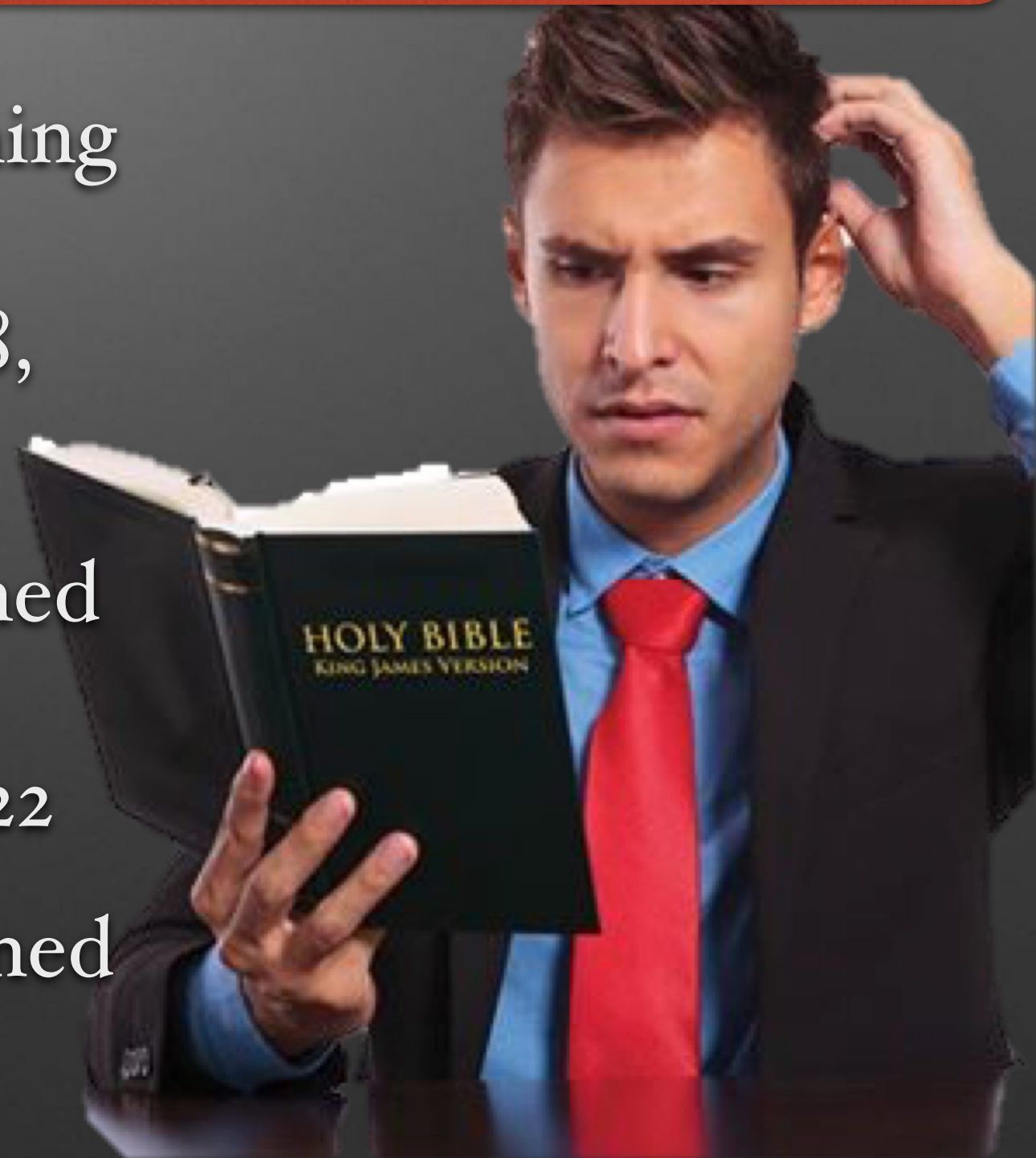
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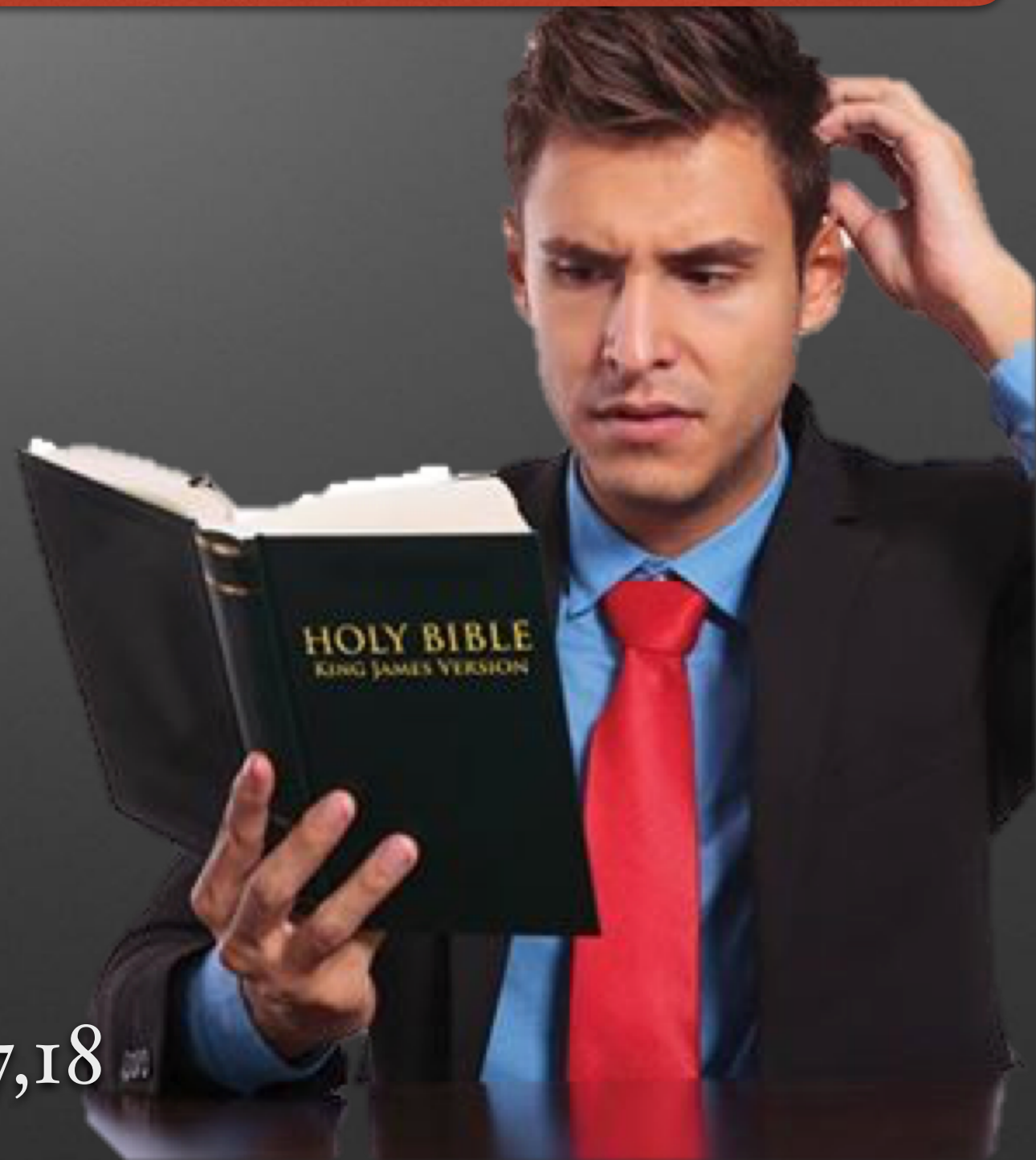
- Old Testament Law Governing Ignorance – Leviticus 4:2,3; 13,14; 22,23, 27,28; 5:2-6, 15-18, 27-29; Hos. 4:6,14
- Willful Ignorance: condemned – Hos. 4:6; 2Pet. 3:3-7; Eph. 4:18; 1Cor. 6:3,4; Rom. 1:19-22
- Former Ignorance: condemned – Eph. 4:22; 1Pet. 1:14



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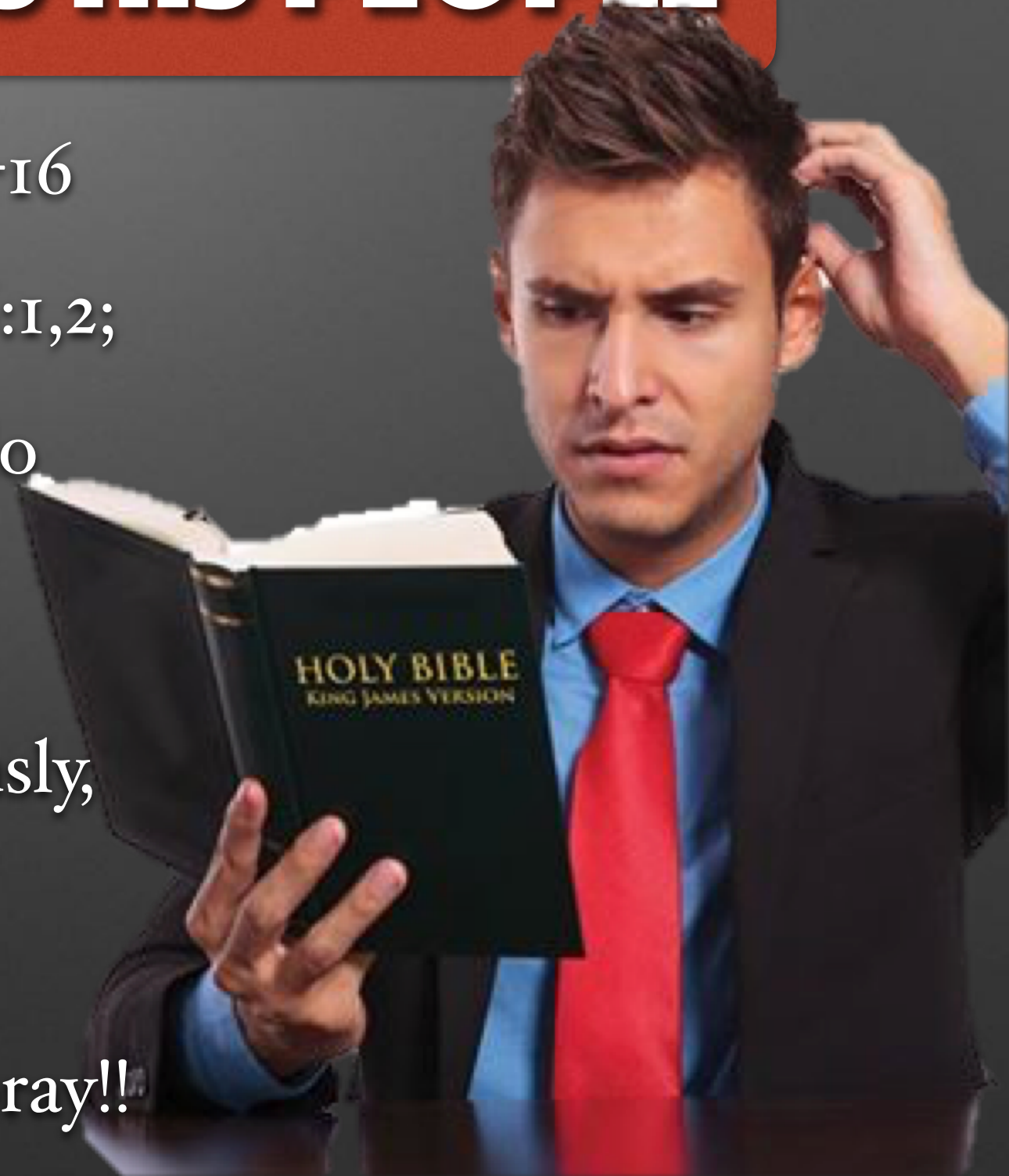
- Unintentional Ignorance:
condemned - 1Tim. 1:13-15;
Acts 3:17,19; 8:18-22
- Is There Hope For
Unintentional Ignorance? -
1Tim. 1:13-16; 2:3-6
- Can One Avoid Sinning In
Ignorance? - Gen 20:6; Ps.
119:11; 1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Pet 3:17,18



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GOD DEMANDS HIS PEOPLE

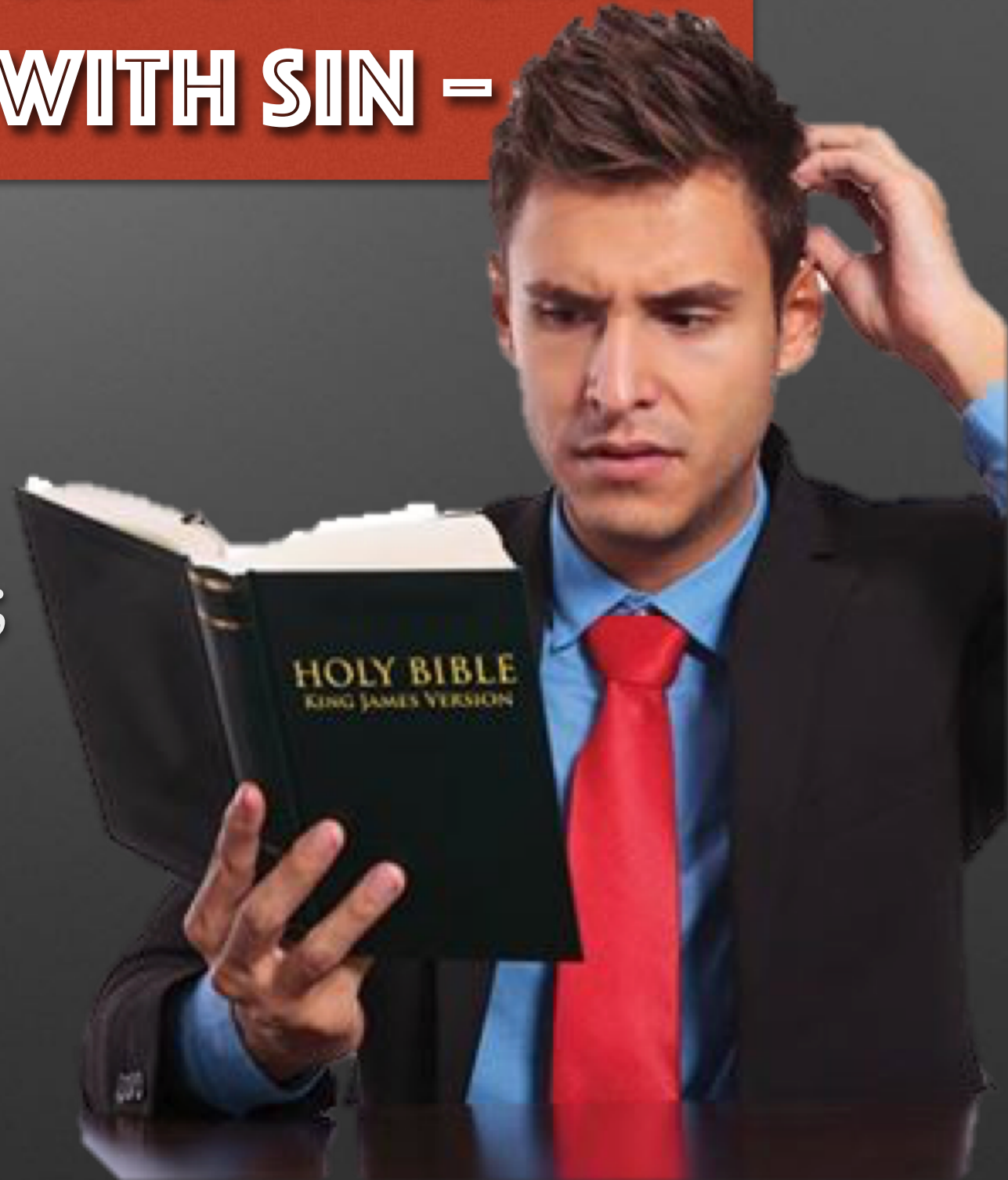
- To live holy lives – 1 Peter 1:13-16
- To cease living in sin – Rom. 6:1,2;
- Awake to righteousness, and do not sin – 1 Cor. 15:34
- Deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, . . . live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, - Titus 2:11-13
- If we sin – repent, confess & pray!!



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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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**Man's Problem:
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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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James 1:13–21 (NKJV)

¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

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¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. ¹⁸ Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

James 1:13–21 (NKJV)

¹⁹ So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; ²⁰ for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.