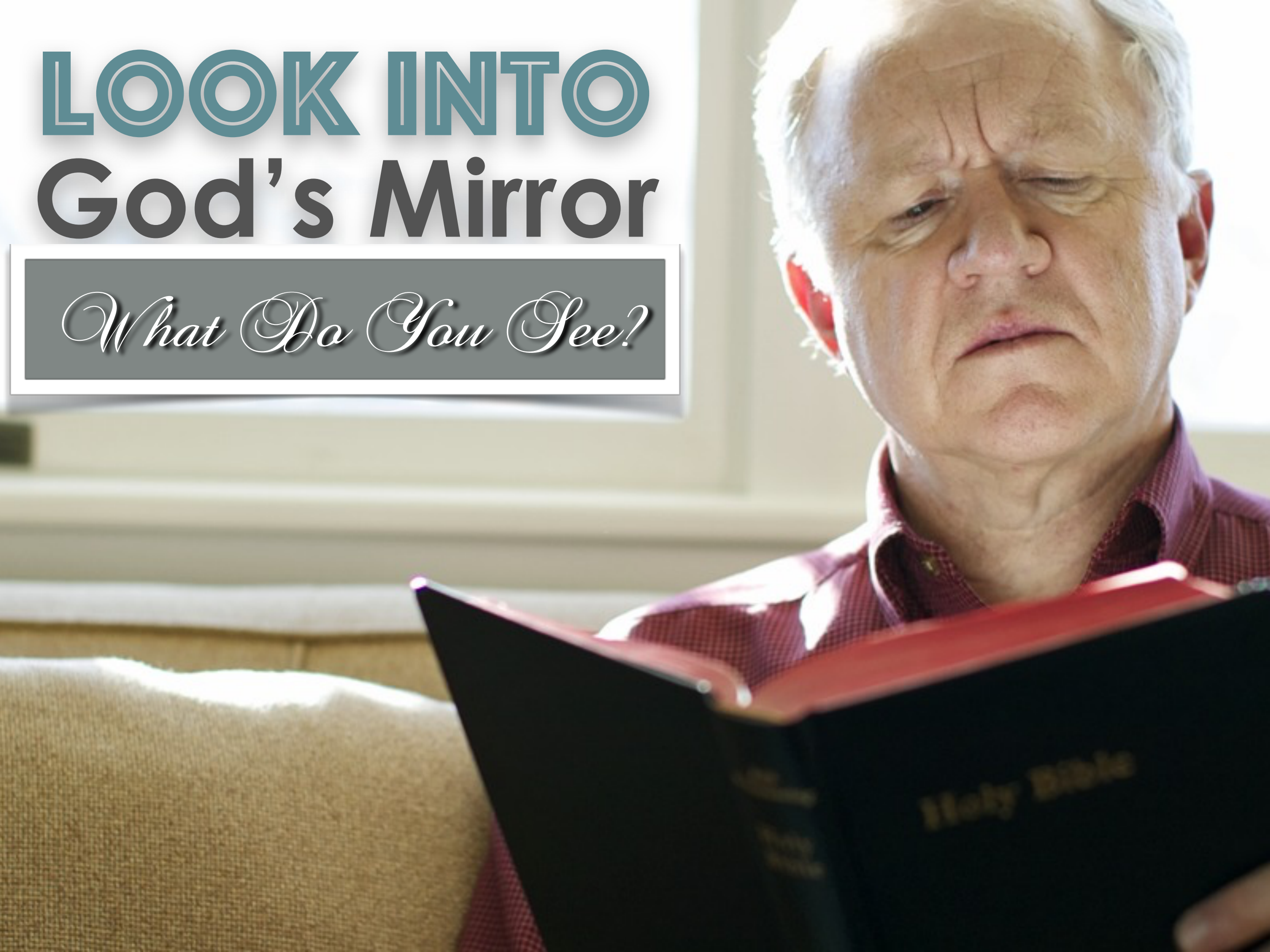


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2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

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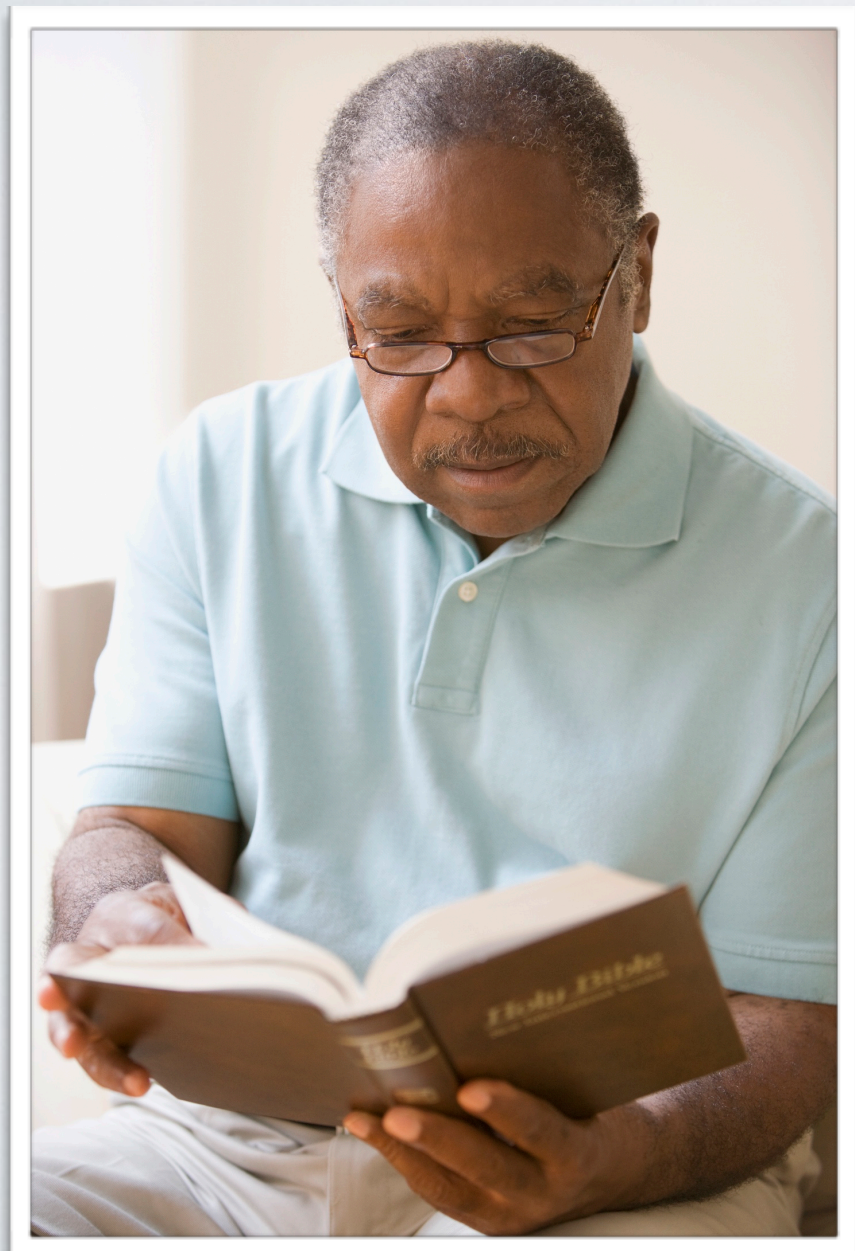
- ❖ Looking in the Bible is like looking in a mirror. It reveals us as God sees us, AS WE REALLY ARE, not how we think we are. —
- ❖ It is not enough to hear the Word; we must take heed to it - WE MUST FOLLOW IT! (24,25)
- ❖ It is one thing to mark our Bibles, but do our Bibles mark us? —

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- ❖ God's word reveals our sins, and our true standing with God — (2 Tim 3:16,17; Heb 4:12; John 12:48)
- ❖ God's word ALSO reveals what we **MUST** do in order to be cleansed from our sins and be reconciled back to God. (1 Jo 1:9; 1 Peter 1:22,23; Rom 1:16)

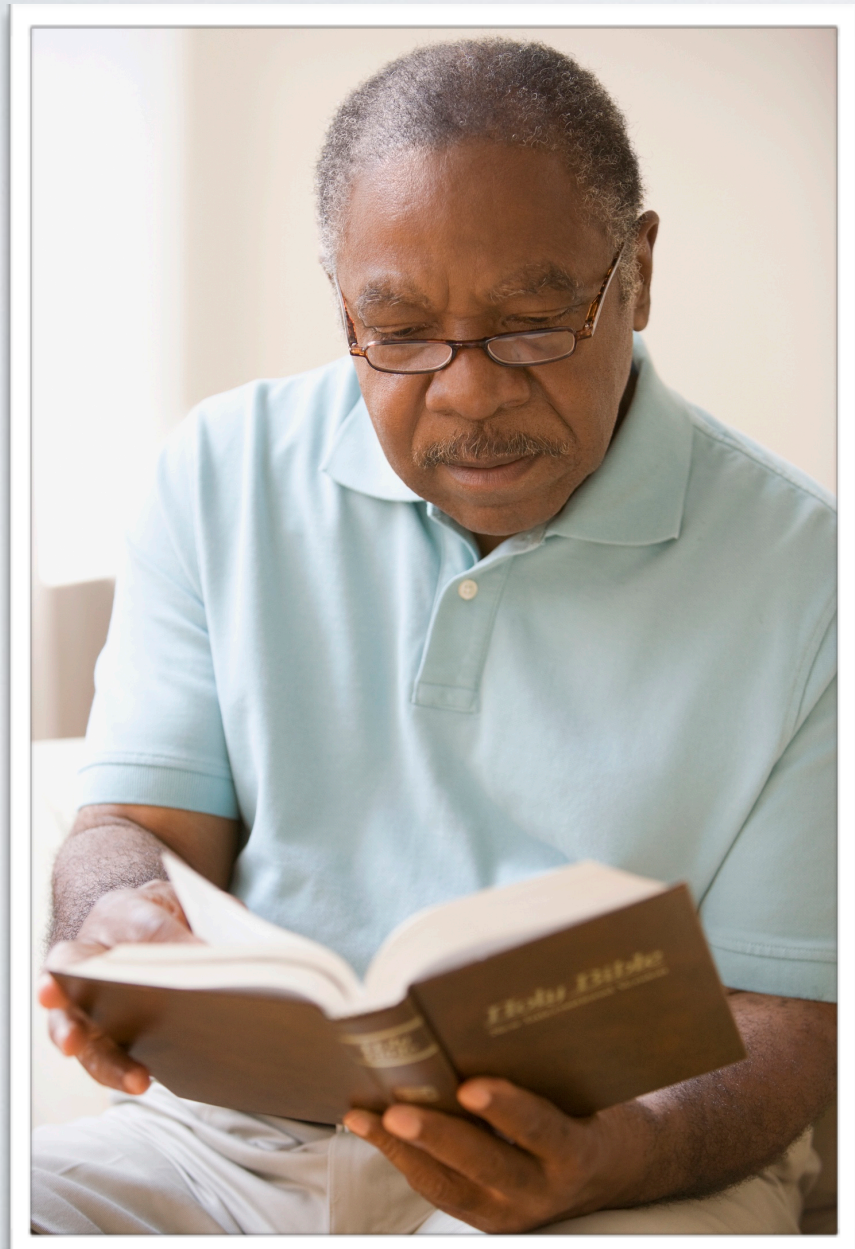
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► The PERFECT LAW of LIBERTY is the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ — 25

- Referred to as LAW - (Rom 3:27; 8:2; Gal. 6:2; Mat 28:19,20; etc)
- It delivers men from slavery of sin
This is true liberty. (John 8:32)
- It freed the Jews from the yoke of bondage - (Rom 7; Gal 5:1-4)
- It delivers from the punishment of sin - (Rom 5:9)

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► **We ALL NEED God's MERCY /
FORGIVENESS / SALVATION !!**

- We have all sinned — Ps 14:1-3; 53:1; Rom 3:23
- The wages of sin is death — Isa. 59:1,2; Rom 5:12; 6:23; Jam 1:13-16
- The ONLY remedy for our sins is Jesus — Jn 14:6; Acts 4:12

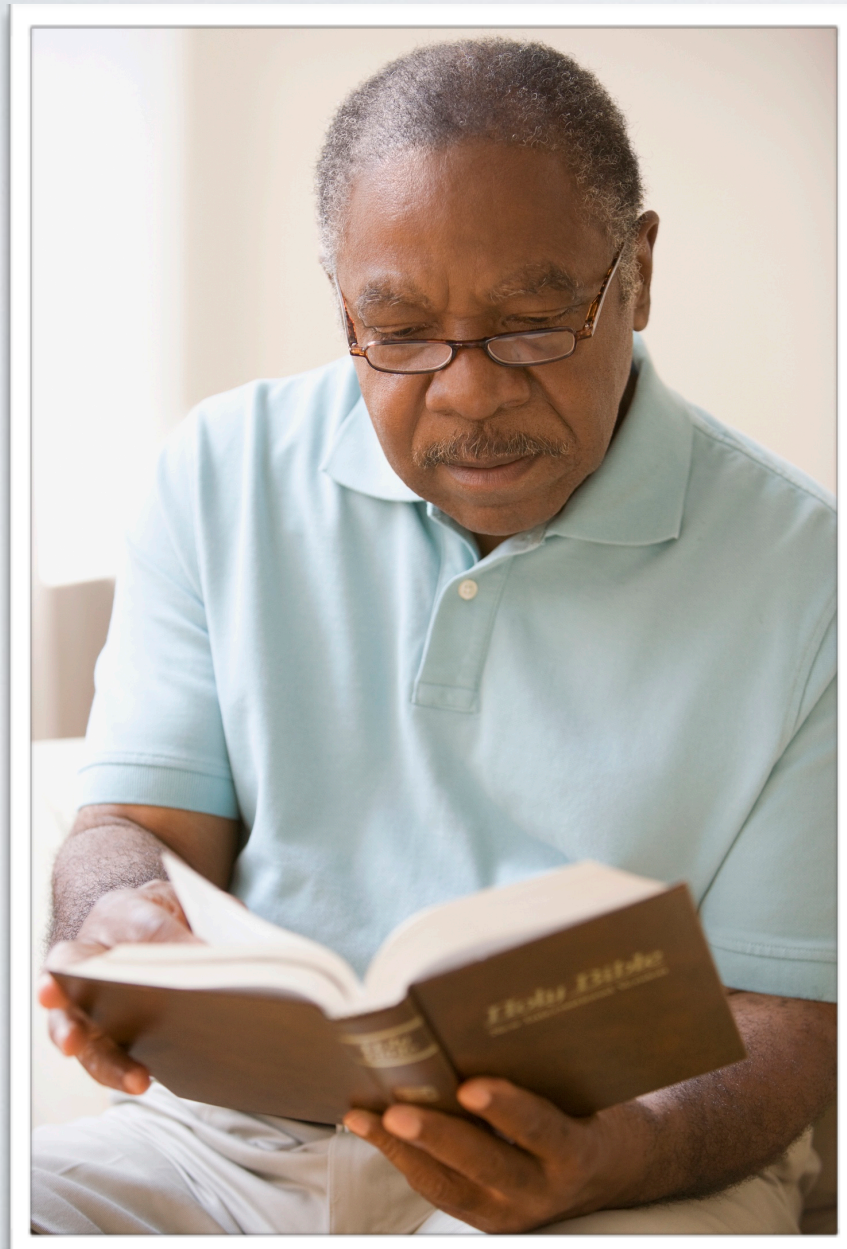
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▶ God has provided the **ONLY** remedy for sin - **JESUS!**

- Because He loved us, Jesus became flesh, lived sinlessly & died as a sinner — John 1:14; Rom 5:8-10; Ti 3:4,5; Heb 2:9,10
- To all who believe JESUS / (trust and obey) — Heb 5:8,9; 11:6; Eph 2:8-10; Luke 6:46; Mat. 7:21-27; 1 Pet 1:18-23; etc.



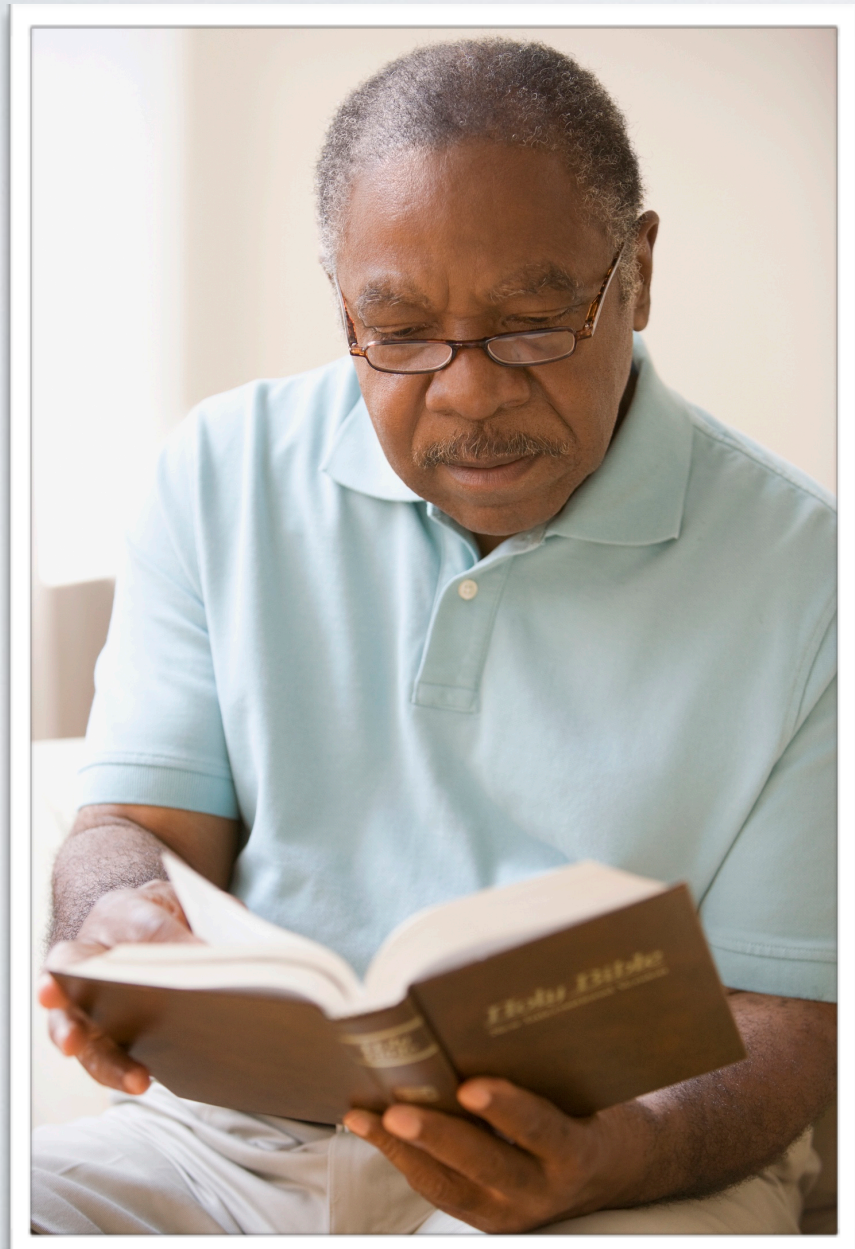
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- **Repentance** from sin to Christ – Luke 13:5; Acts 2:38; 17:30
- **Baptism** into Christ – Ac 2:38; Rom 6:3-6; Col. 2:12,13; Gal. 3:26,27
- **Endure** by following Jesus - 1 Cor. 15:58; Col. 1:23; Heb 10:39

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► There are but two roads we can travel - (Mat. 7:13,14)

- **The narrow way** - the way that leads to **life**, and only few find it - The way of self denial & complete trust & obedience in Christ - Jer. 6:16; Lu. 9:33; 14:6,33; Heb 5:8,9
- **The broad way** - the way MOST will travel which leads to eternal **death** — 1 John 5:19; 2 Thes 1:7-9; Rev. 12:9; 21:8; Mat 7:21-23

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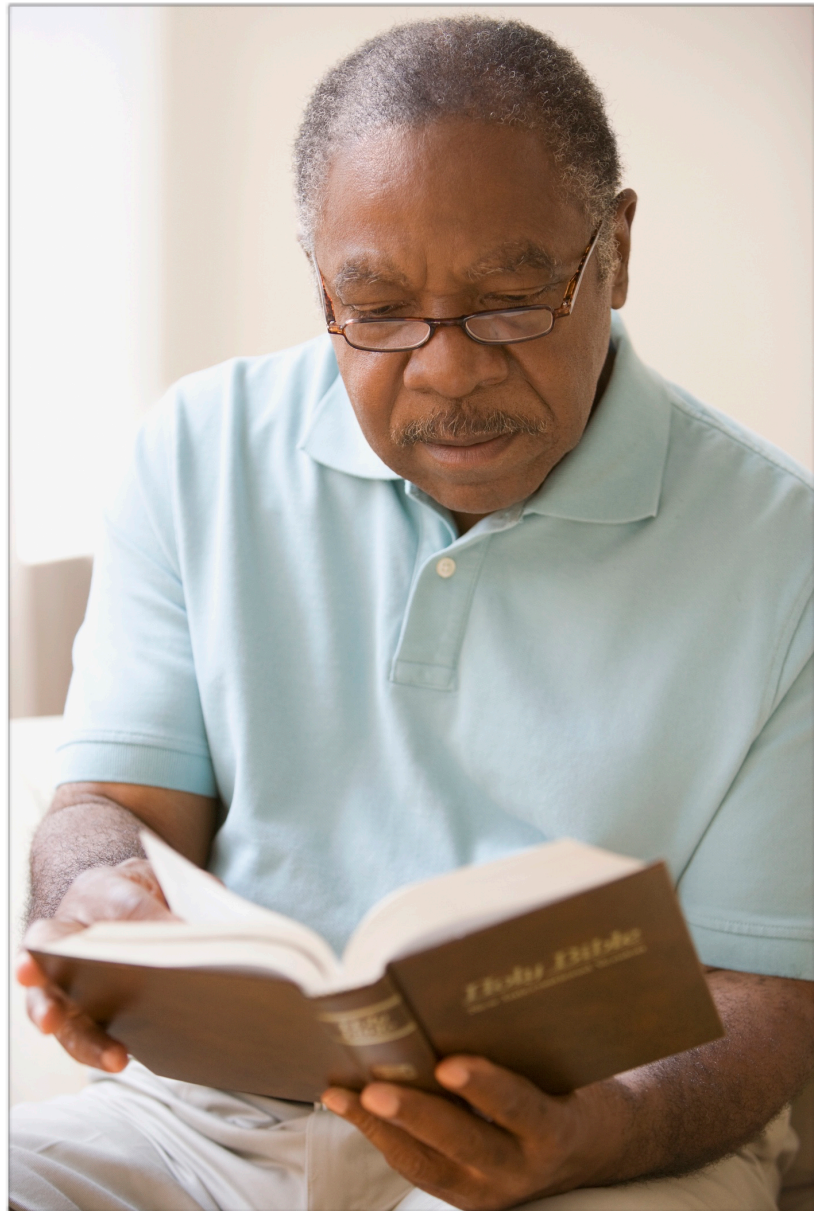
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- About WHO His Son is — Mat 17:5; John 1:1,2,14; 8:24; etc.
- About what will happen to those who do not obey Him — Rom. 2:5-11; 2 Thes 1:7-9; Mt 25
- About the church — Mt 16:18; Ac 2:47; Ep 1:22,23; 4:4; 5:22-26



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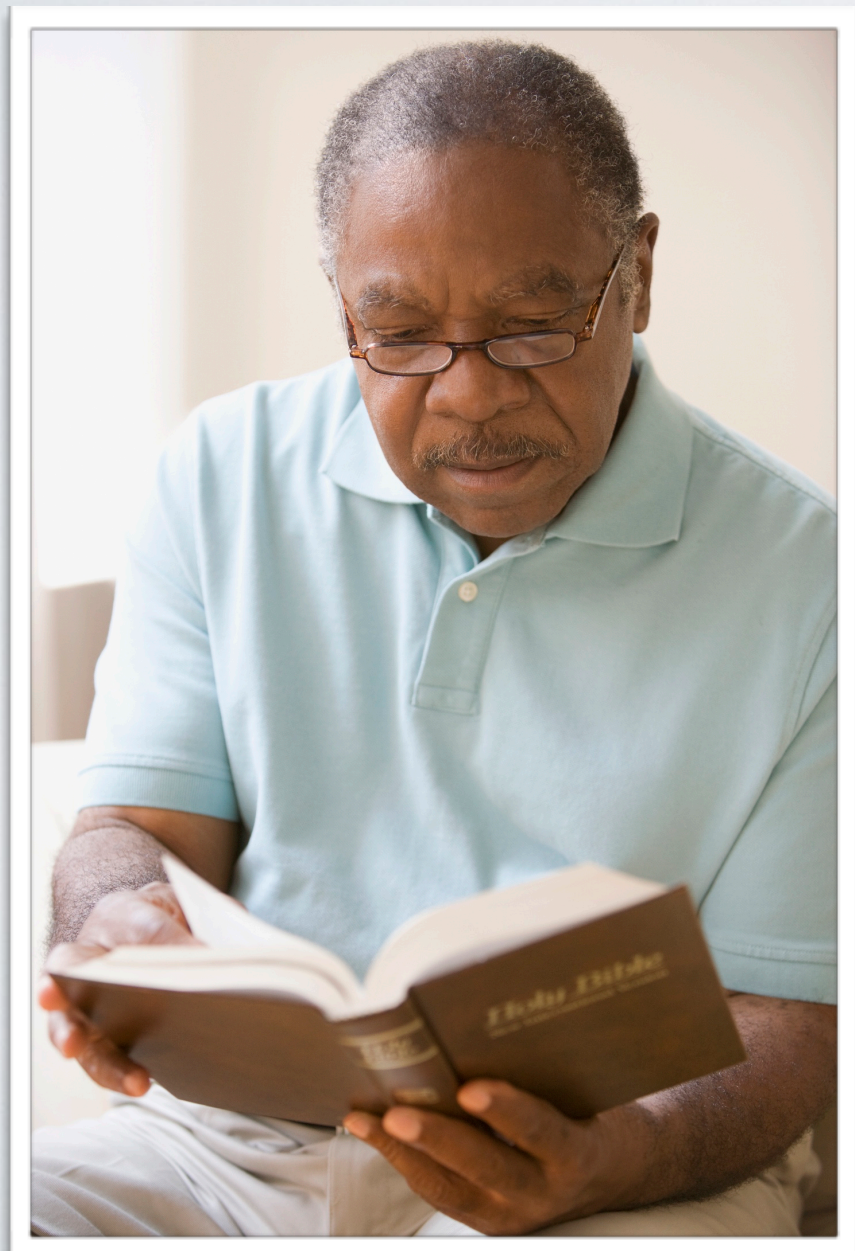
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Ephesians 4:4–6 (NKJV)

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▶ God has **REVEALED** what He wants - (2 Tim. 3:16,17)

- True obedience does what the Lord says - not what He hasn't — Col. 3:16; 1 Chron 13; 15:2,13; Pro. 30:6; 1 Cor 4:6; Re 22:18,19; 2 Col. 5:7; Rom 10:17
- True worship is revealed worship — Jn 4:24; Heb 12:28,29; Lev. 10:1,2; etc.

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▶ God has REVEALED what is right - (2 Tim. 3:16,17)

- Our morality & character — 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Gal. 5:19-21;
- Our language and use of our tongue — Eph. 5:3-7; James 3:1-12; 2 Cor. 12:20
- Our attitudes & disposition — Phil. 2:1-5; Eph. 4:1-3; 1 Cor. 13



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- Marriage — (Mat. 5:31,32; 19:3-9; Mark 10:11; Luke 16:18; 1 Cor. 7:10; Rom 7:1-4)
- Husbands, wives, children — (Eph. 5:22-6:4; Col. 3:18-21; 1 Pet. 3:1-7)
- Neighbors — Gal. 5:14; Ja 2:8



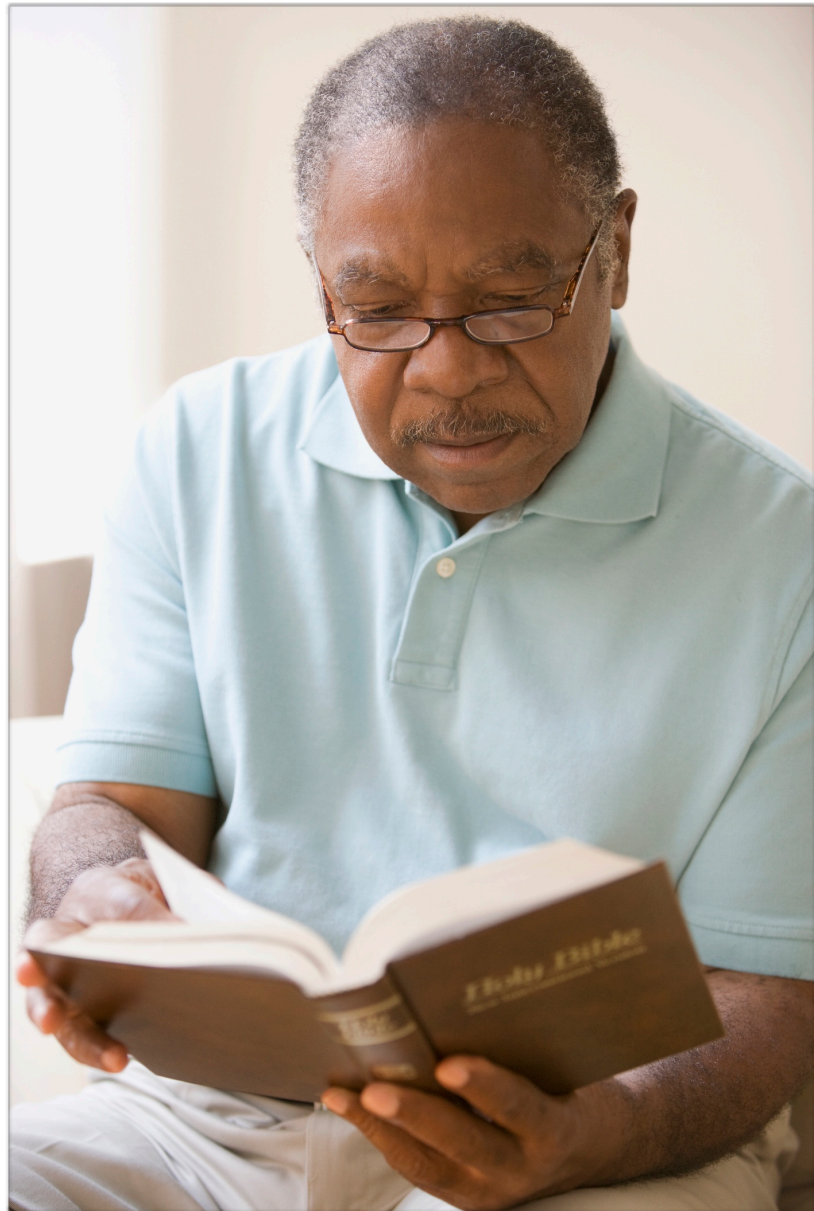
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▶ WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD REVEAL ABOUT ...

- The **lost** — Rev 21:8
- The **deceived** — 2 Thes 2:10-12
- The **worldly** — Gal 1:7,8; 1 Jn 2:15-17; 2 Pt 2:20-22; Mt 6:19-24
- The **unfruitful** — Lk 8:14; Jn 15:1-10; Mat 25; 1 Ti. 6:9, 10, 17
- The **FAITHFUL** — 1 Cor. 15:58; Rev. 2:10; Rom 8:17,18; etc.



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James 1:21 (NKJV)

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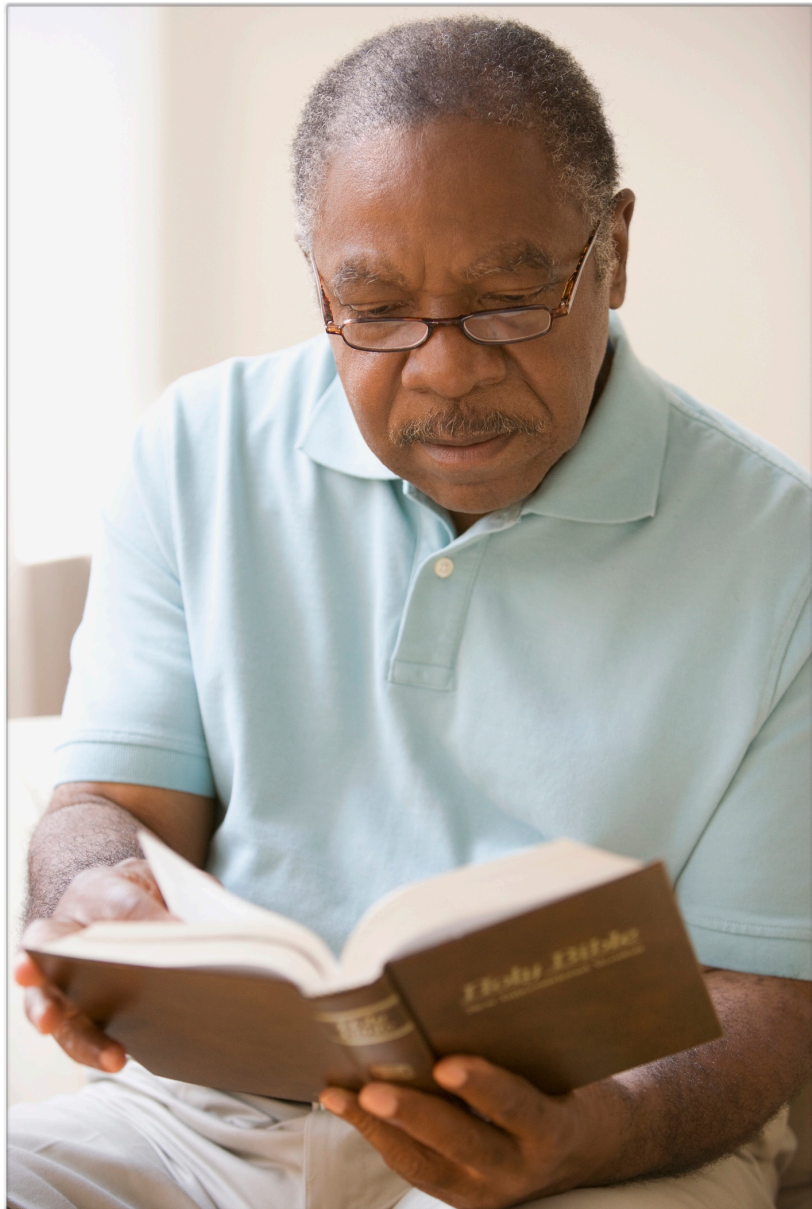
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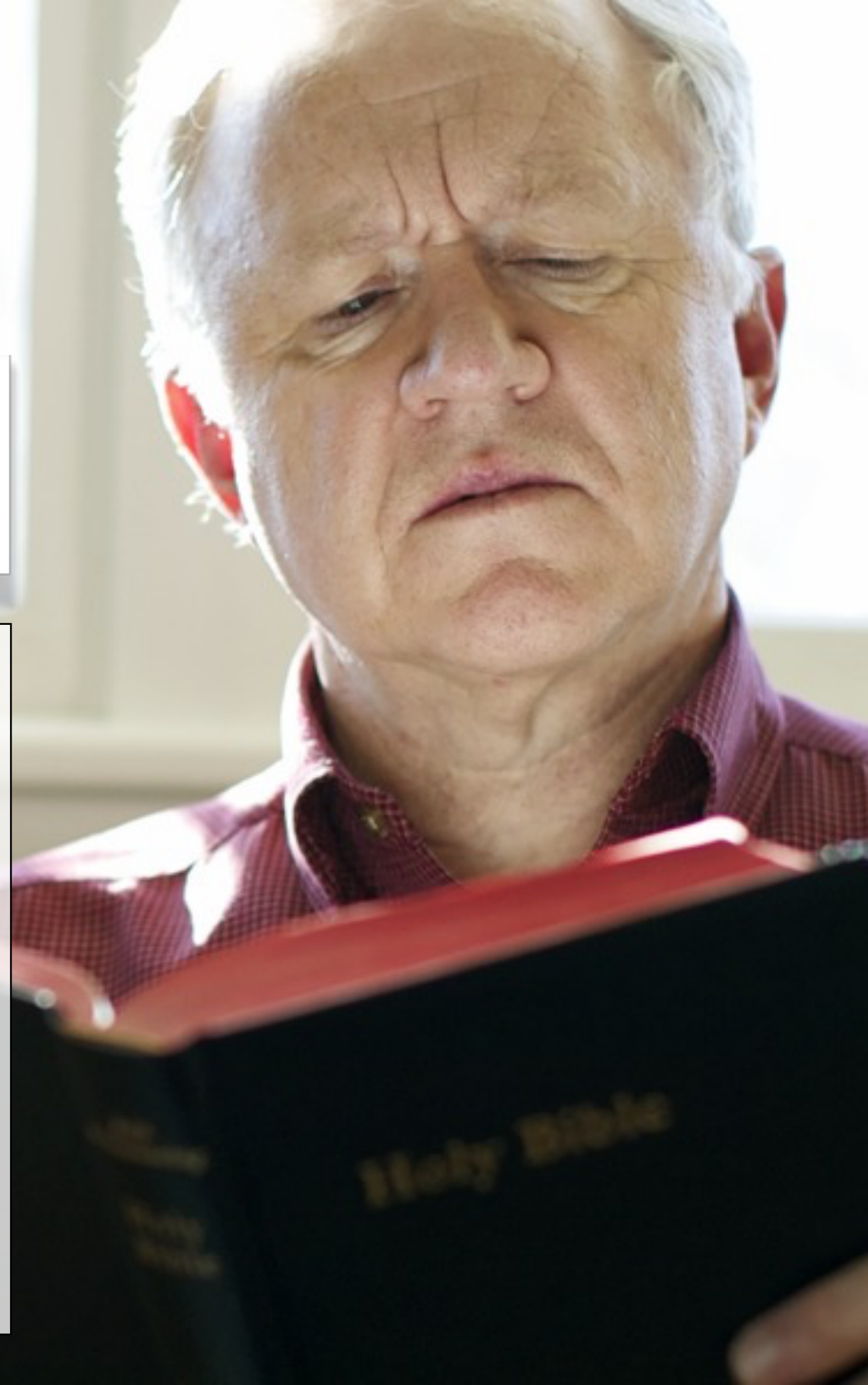
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- Are you SAVED?
- Are you FAITHFUL?
- Are you becoming more and more like Jesus EVERY DAY by following His teaching?
- Or do you see you need to make changes? 1 Jn 1:9



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