



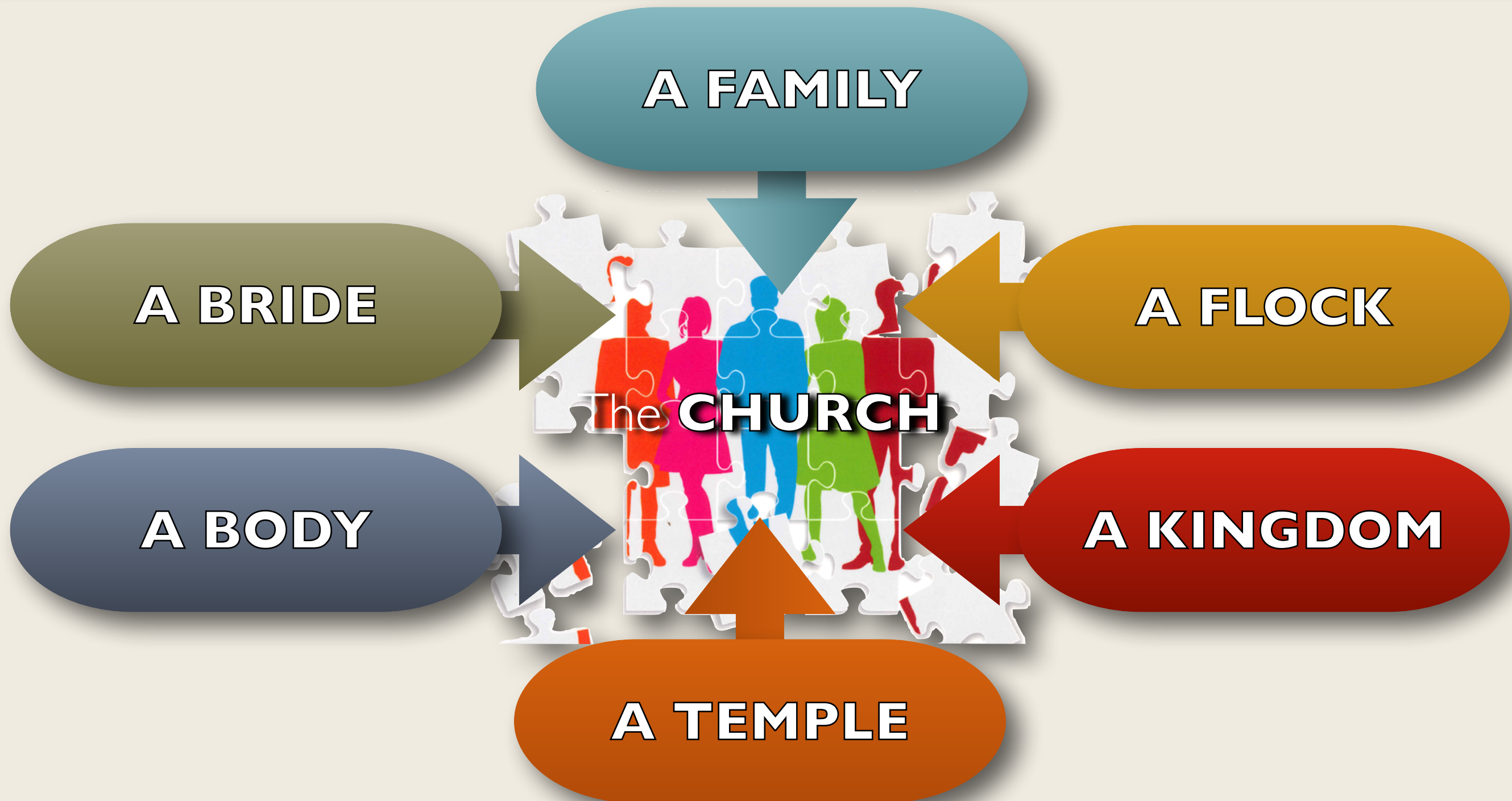
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The CHURCH Described In Different Ways



1 Timothy 3:14–16 (NKJV)

¹⁴ These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly; ¹⁵ but if I am delayed, *I write* so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. ¹⁶ And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

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The HOUSEHOLD of GOD (NASB)

1. *oikos* (οἶκος, 3624) signifies (a) “a dwelling, a house” (akin to *oikeo*, to dwell); (b) “a household, family,” translated “family” in 1 Tim. 5:4, RV, for KJV, “at home.” See HOME, HOUSE, HOUSEHOLD, TEMPLE.

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JESUS IS OVER HIS OWN HOUSE

Hebrews 3:1-6 (NKJV)

3 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, ²who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as ^aMoses also was faithful in all His house. ³For ^fmore glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built all things is God. ⁴For every house has its builder and God, who built all things, is God. ⁵^dAnd ^ffor a testimony of those things which would be spoken *afterward*, ⁶but Christ as ^ga Son over His own house, ^hwhose house we are ⁱif we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope ¹firm to the end.

10.8 οἶκος^b, ου ^m; οἰκία^b, ας ^f: the family consisting of those related by blood and marriage, as well as slaves and servants, living in the same house or homestead—‘family, household.’

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Hebrews 10:19-25 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Therefore, brethren, having ^mboldness ⁶to enter ⁿthe Holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by a new and ^oliving way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, ²²let us ^pdraw near with a true heart ^qin full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for ^rHe who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵^snot forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and ^tso much the more as you see ^uthe Day approaching.

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Ephesians 2:19-22 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ having been ^abuilt ^bon the foundation of the ^capostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being ^dthe chief cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into ^ea holy temple in the Lord, ²² ^fin whom you also are being built together for a ^gdwelling place of God in the Spirit.

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10.11 οἰκεῖος, ου *m*; οἰκιακός, οὔ *m*: (derivatives of οἶκος^b ‘family,’ 10.8) one who belongs to a particular household or extended family—‘member of a family, relative.’

οἰκεῖος: εἰ δέ τις τῶν ἰδίων καὶ μάλιστα οἰκείων οὐ προνοεῖ ‘but if someone does not take care of his own relatives, especially members of his own family’ 1 Tm 5:8.

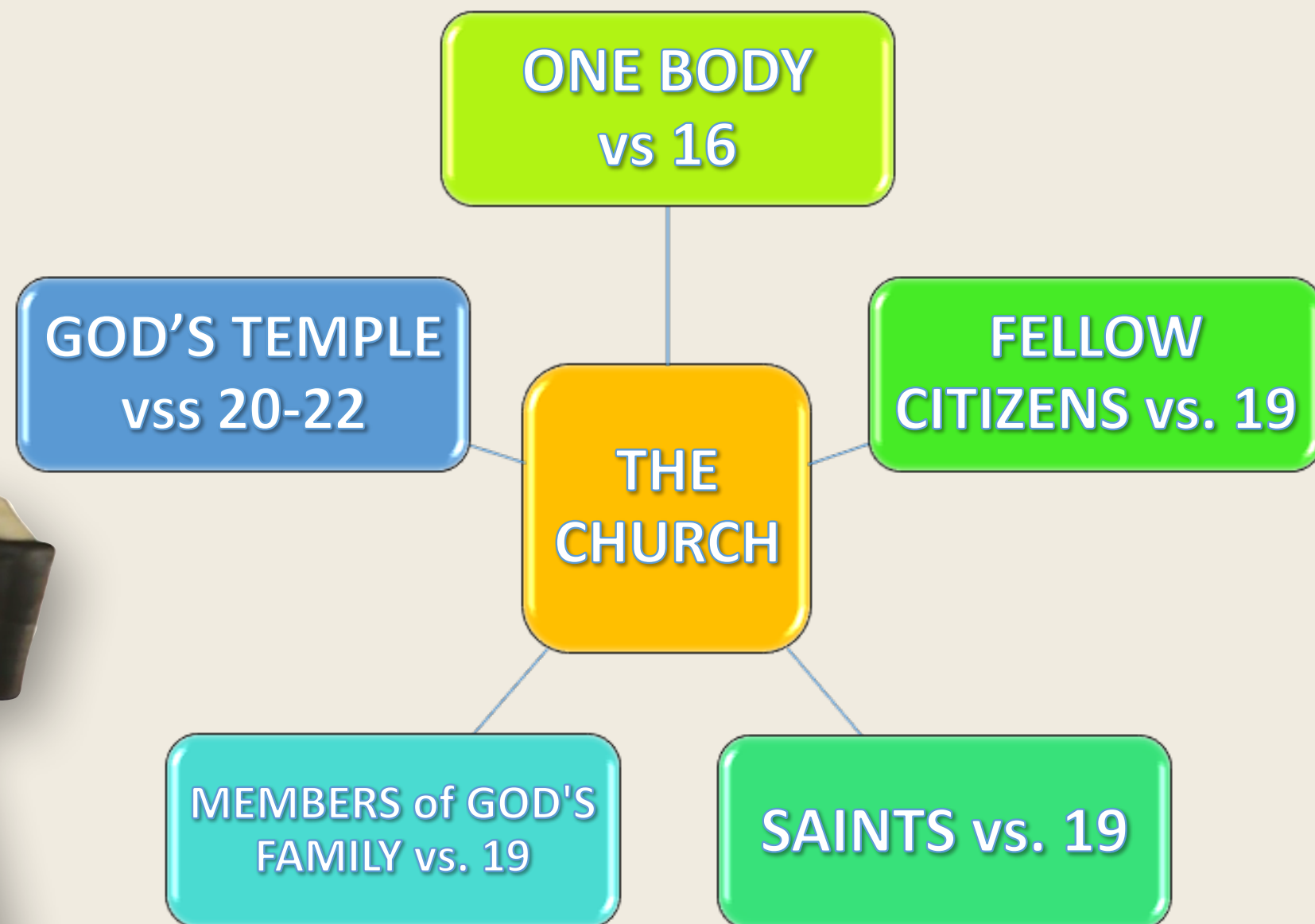
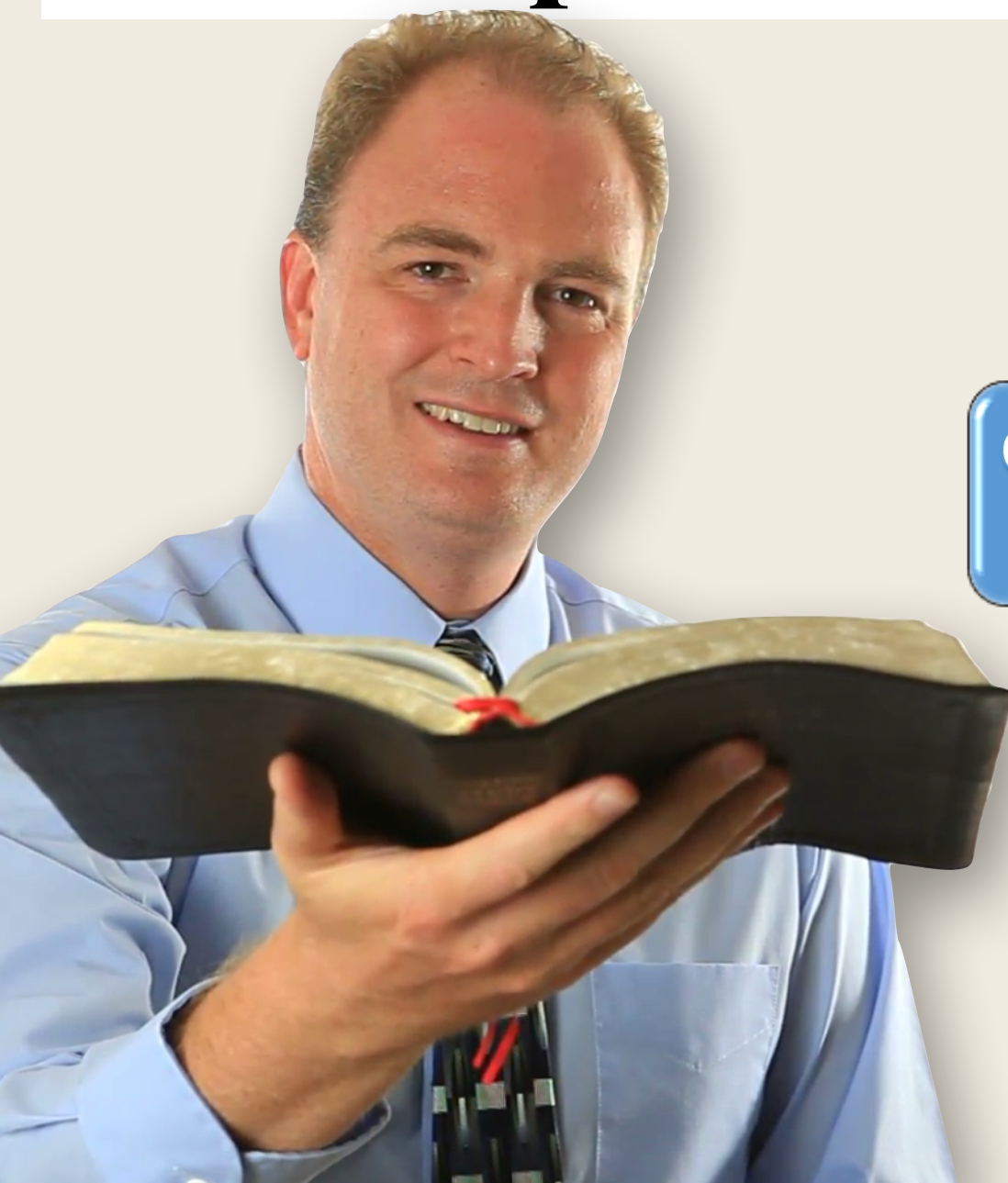
οἰκιακός: ἐχθροὶ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου οἱ οἰκιακοὶ αὐτοῦ ‘a man’s enemies are those of his family’ Mt 10:36.

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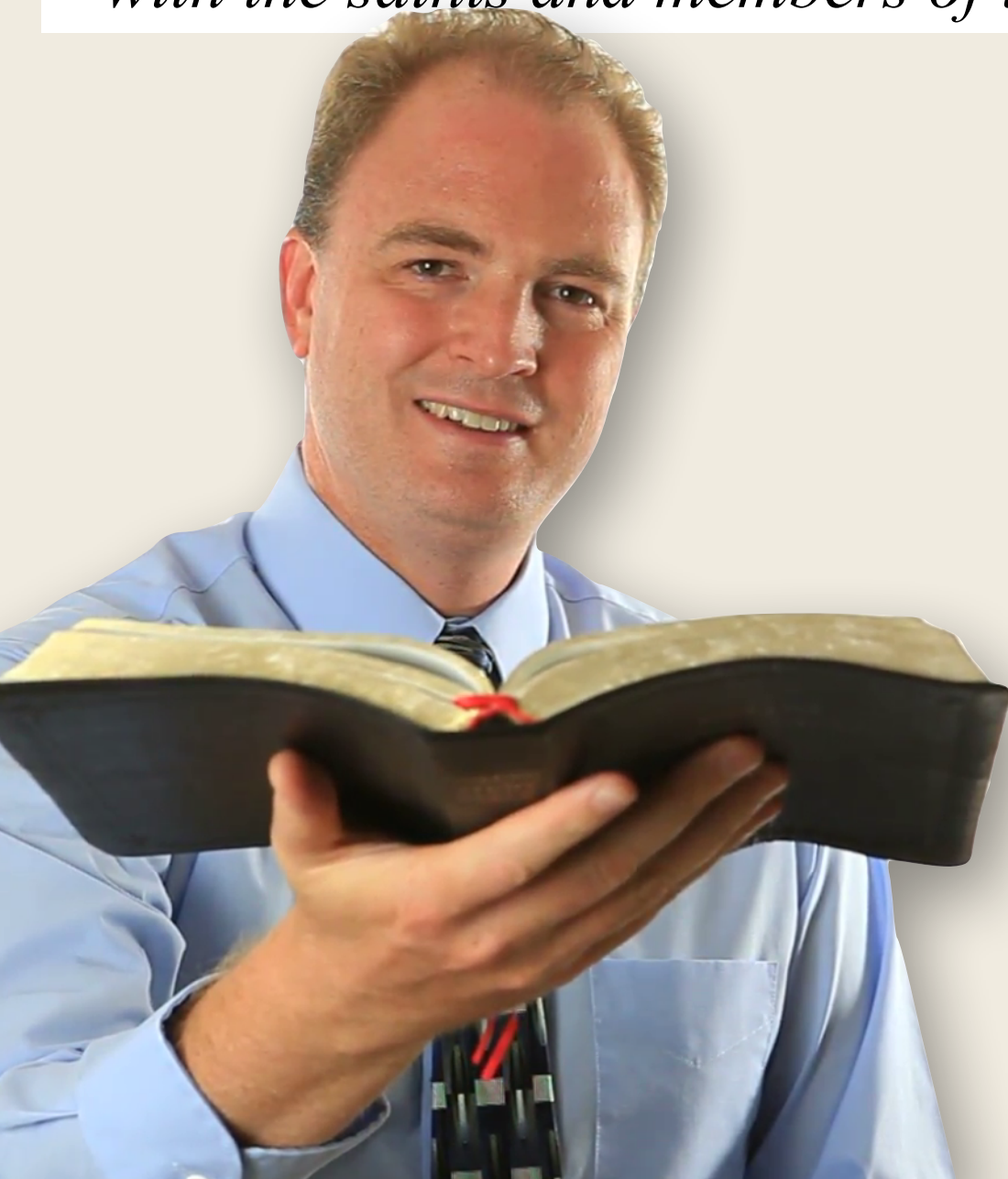


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- ▶ **Chosen & Adopted** children of God in Christ through faith when baptized (Eph. 1:4-6; Gal. 3:26,27)
- ▶ **Household of the Faith** united by our faith in Christ (Gal. 6:10; Acts 6:7; Rom. 10:17)
- ▶ **Holy** as obedient Children (1 Pet. 1:14-16; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1)
- ▶ **Imitators of God** as dear children (Ephesians 5:1; Matt. 5:48; Luke 6:36; contrast w/ Jn 8:44)

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John 8:42–47 (NKJV)

⁴² Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. ⁴³ Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. ⁴⁴ You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do.

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He was a murderer from the beginning, and *does not* stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it. ⁴⁵ But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. ⁴⁶ Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? ⁴⁷ He who is of God hears God’s words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.”

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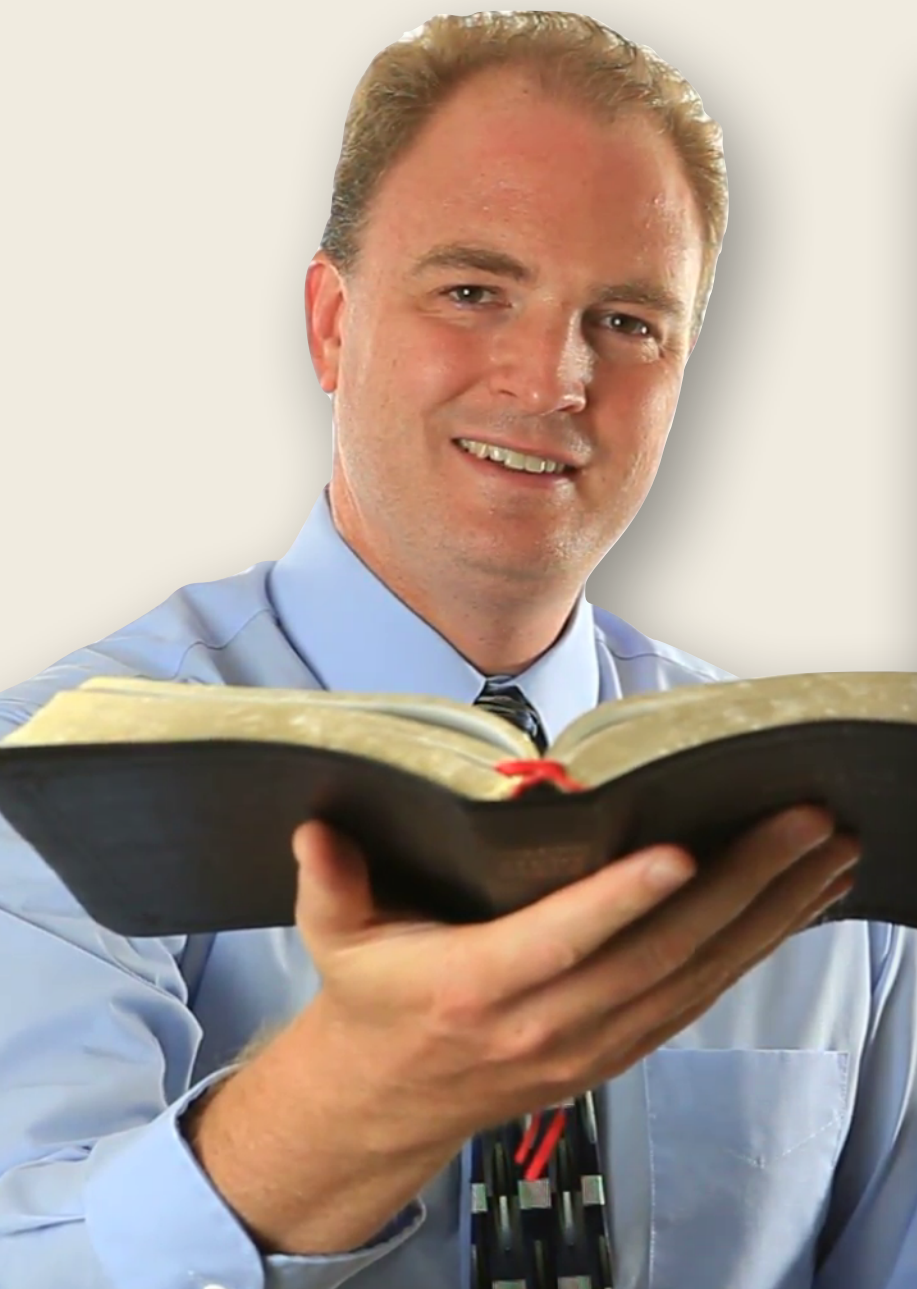
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IF WE ARE “OF GOD” ...

WE WILL NOT LIVE IN SIN

1 John 3:7–9 (NKJV)

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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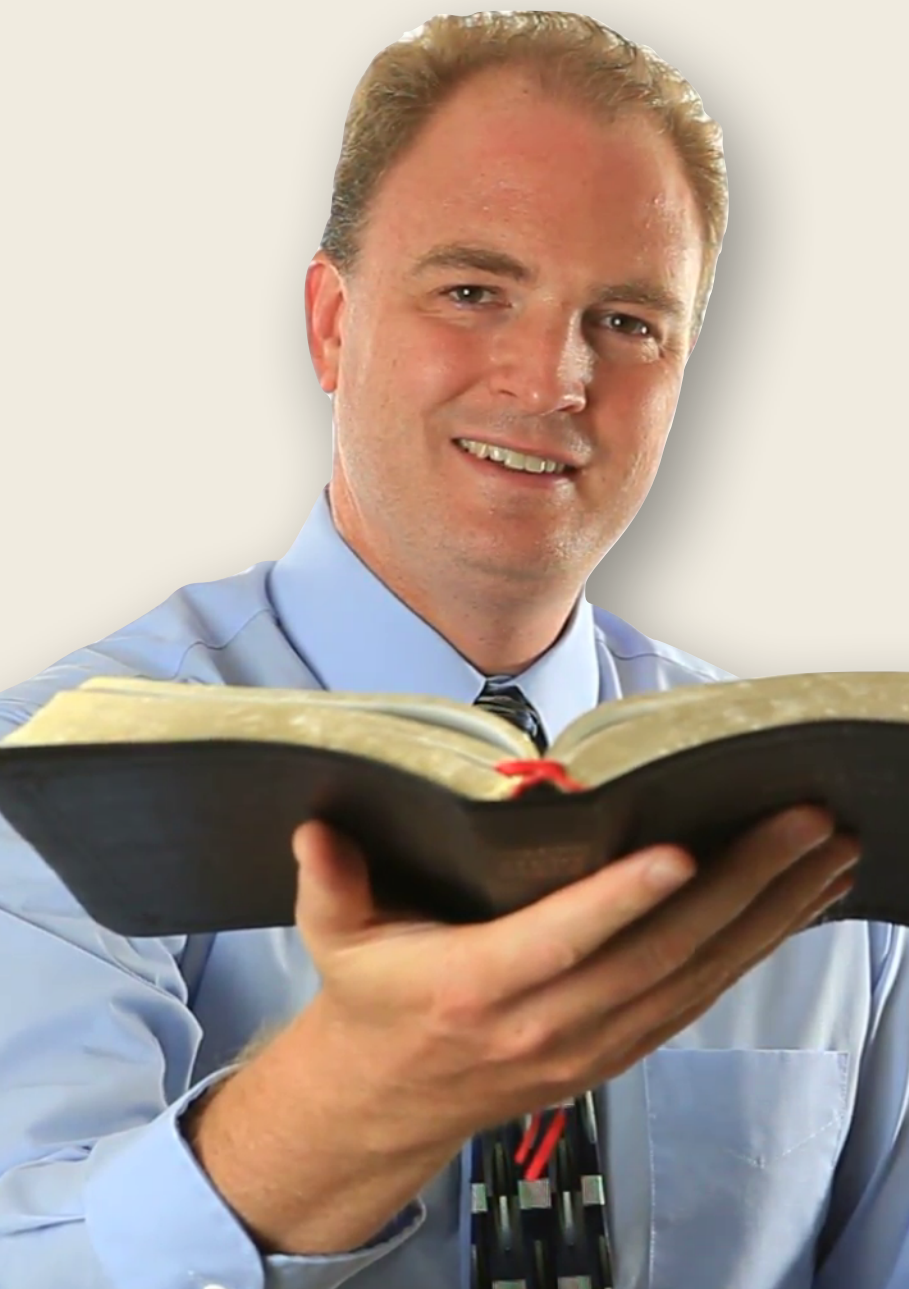
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IF WE ARE “OF GOD” ...

WE WILL HEAR JESUS’S APOSTLES

1 John 4:4-6 (NKJV)

⁴ You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than ^dhe who is in the world. ^{5e} They are of the world. Therefore they speak *as* of the world, and ^fthe world hears them. ⁶ We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. ^g By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.



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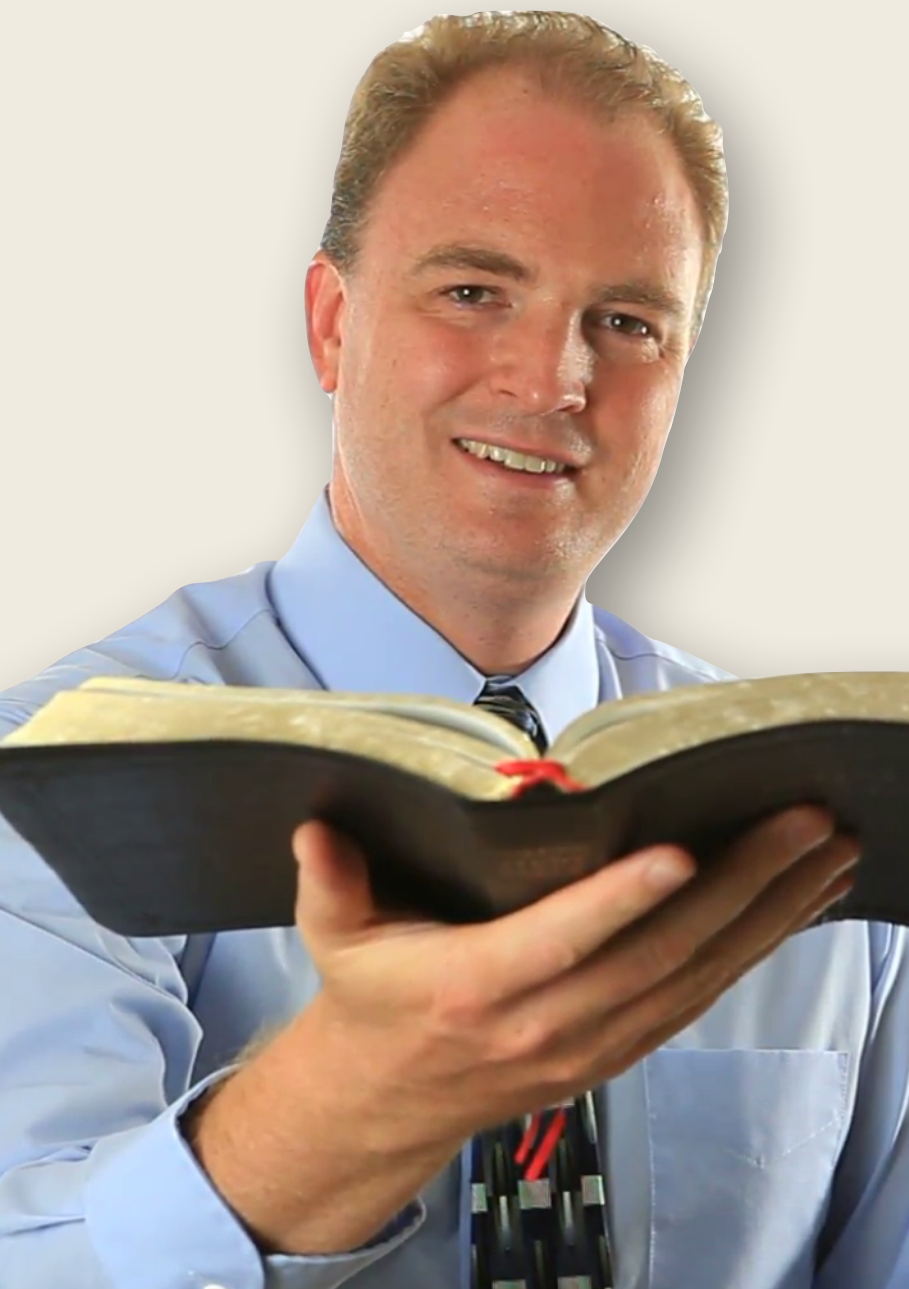
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IF WE ARE “OF GOD” ...

WE WILL LOVE ONE ANOTHER

1 John 4:7-11 (NKJV)

⁷ ^hBeloved, ^jlet us love one another, for ^jlove is of God; and ^jeveryone who ⁱloves is born of God and ^jknows God. ⁸He who does not love does not know God, for ^jGod is love. ⁹ ^jIn this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten ^kSon into the world, that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, ^lnot that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son ^mto be the ^jpropitiation for our sins. ¹¹ ^jBeloved, ⁿif God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.



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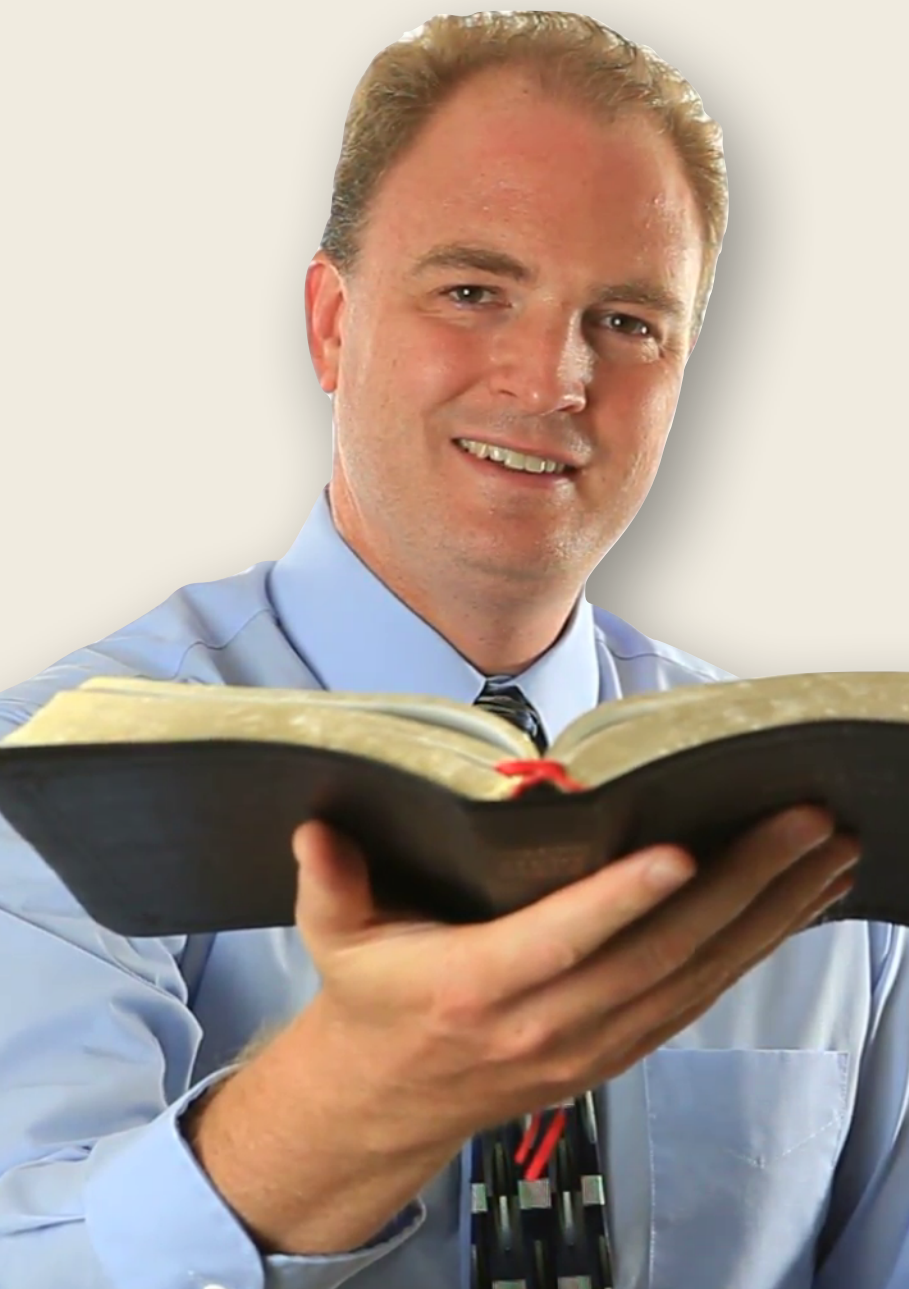
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IF WE ARE “OF GOD” ...

WE WILL OBEY GOD

2 John 1:4-6 (NKJV)

⁴I ^crejoiced greatly that I have found *some* of your children walking in truth, as we received a commandment from the Father. ⁵And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that ^ewhich we have had from the beginning: ^dthat we love one another. ⁶^eThis is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that ^f^eas you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.

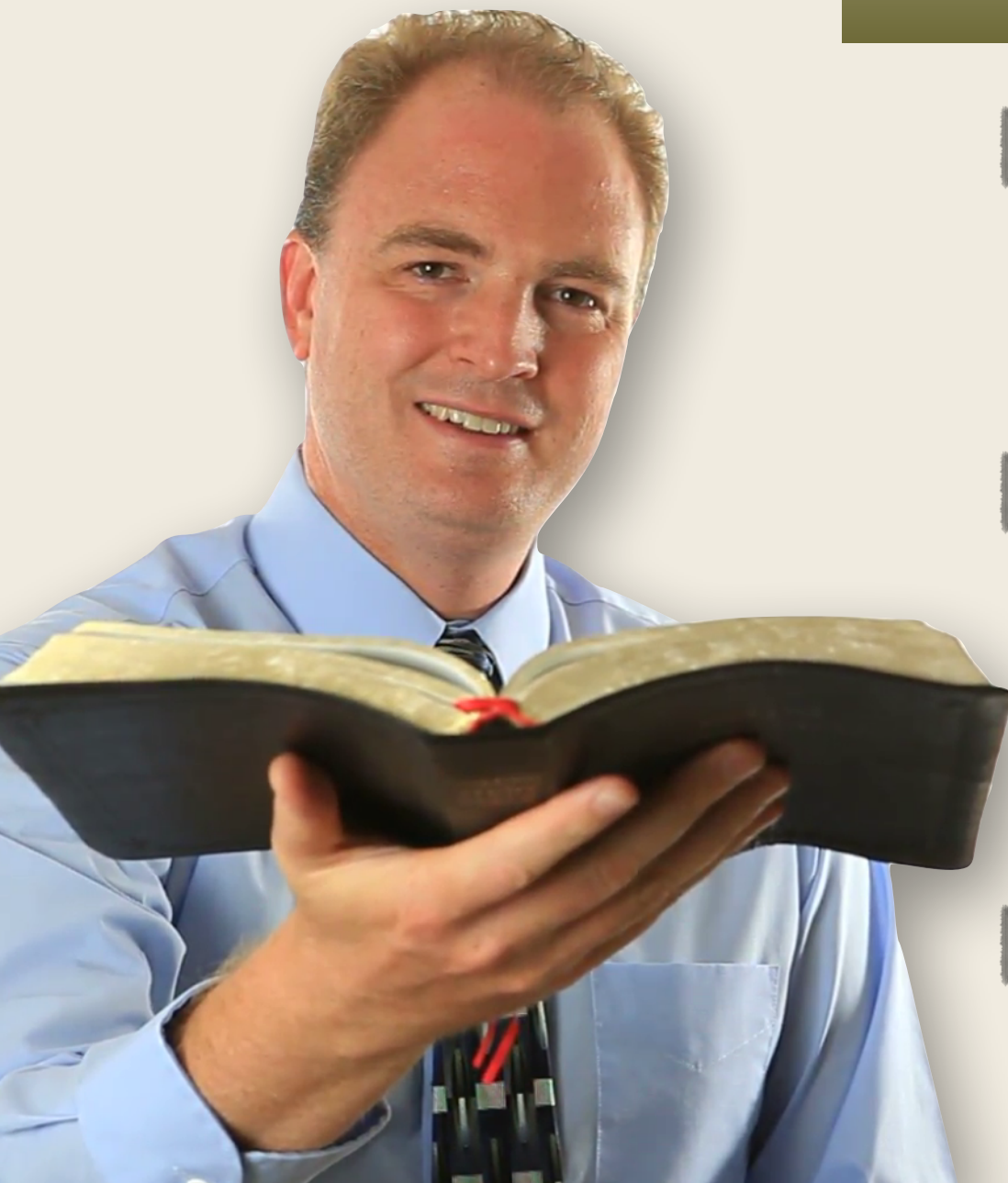


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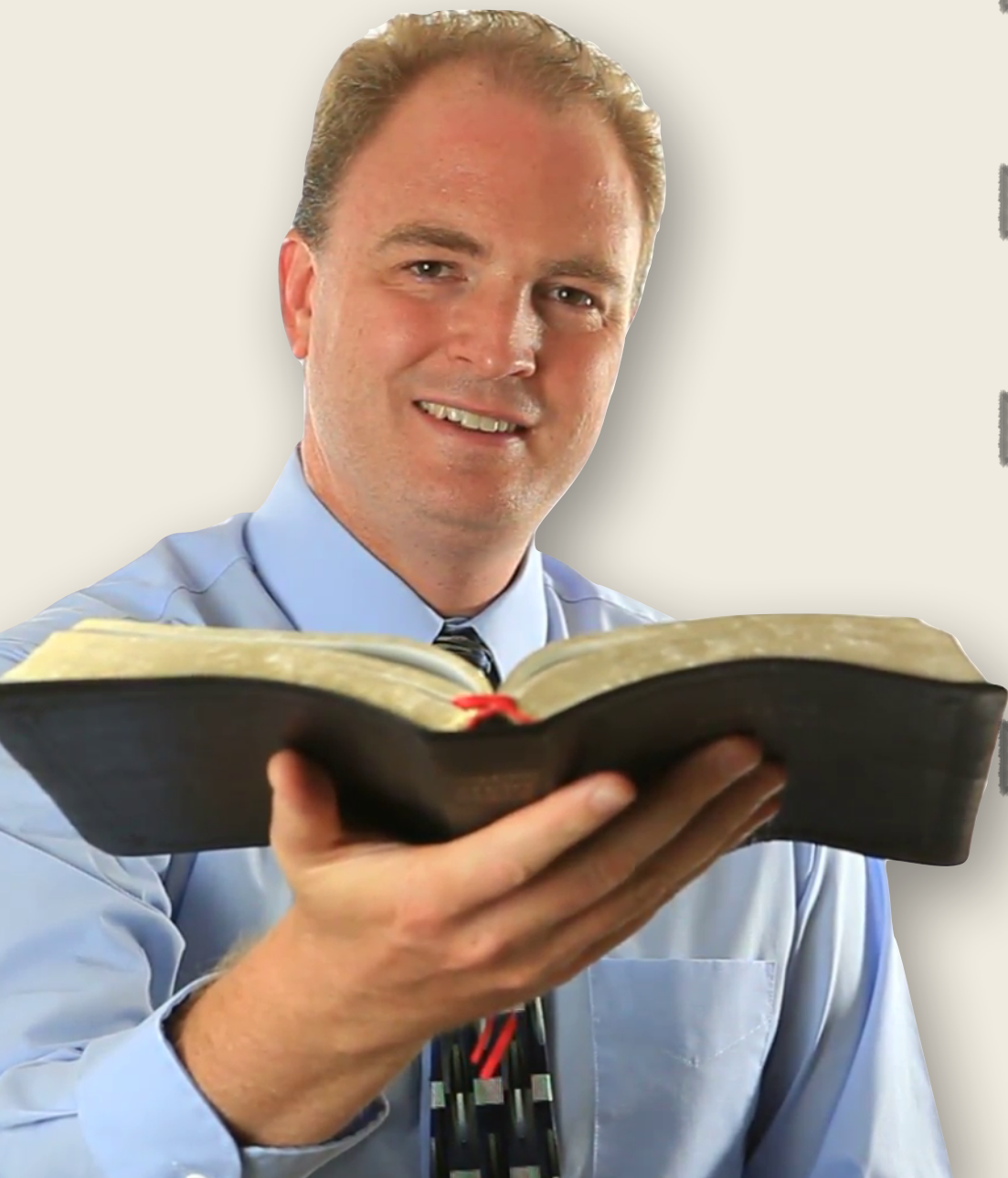


- ▶ When we obey God's commands, we demonstrate our love for him (1 John 5:3; John 14:23,24)
- ▶ Every command of God is for our own benefit and good for our neighbor (see Matt. 22:36-40; Rom. 13:8-10; Gal. 5:14).
- ▶ "Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law," says Paul (Rom. 13:10).

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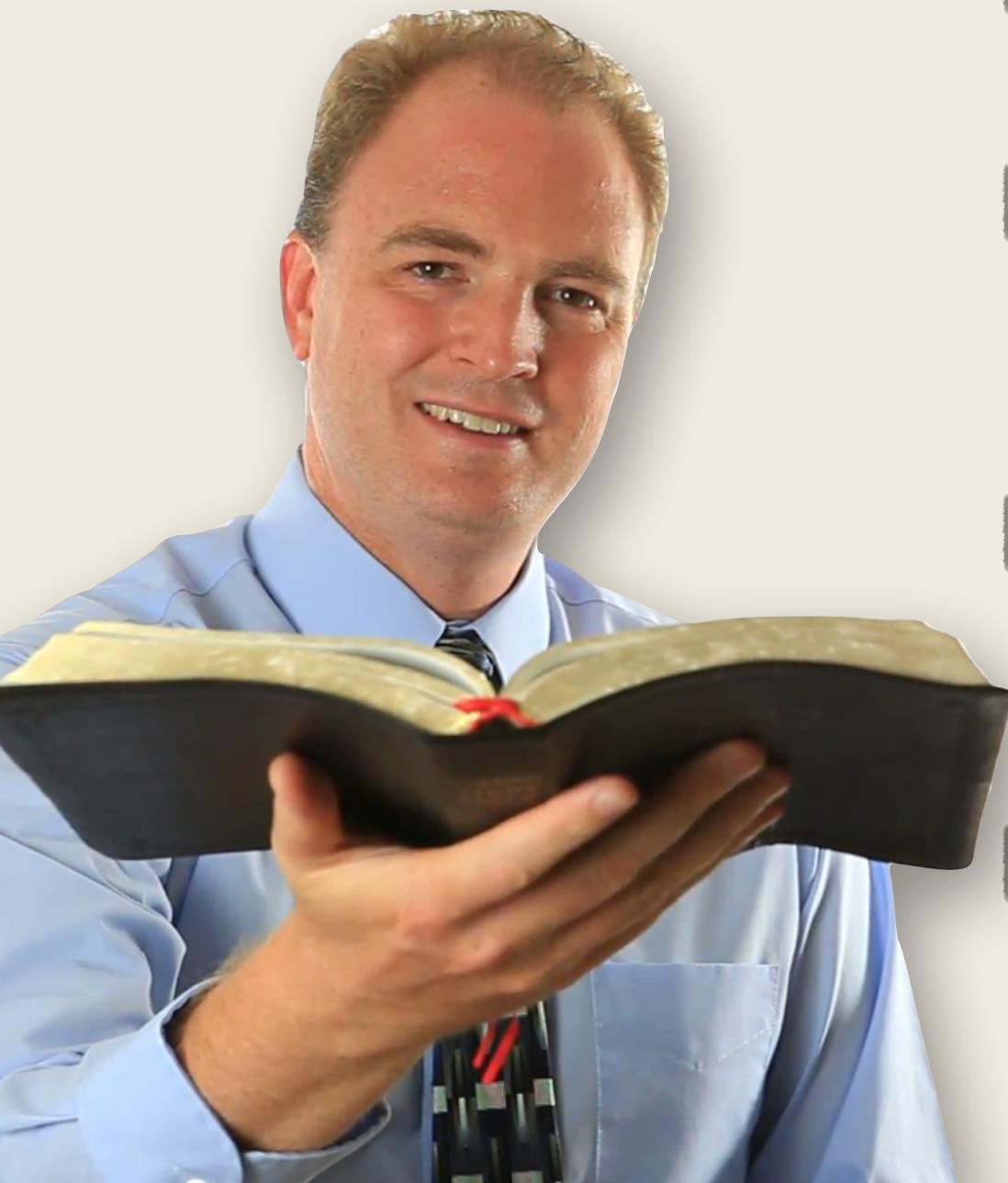


- ▶ As members of the “household of faith” we will trust God (Gal. 6:10)
- ▶ As “children of God” we will imitate Him (Eph. 5:1)
- ▶ When we are led by God’s Spirit as “dear children” we have peace and comfort (Rom 8:14-17)
- ▶ As “children of God” we will love one another, being kind, gentle, merciful, forgiving and encouraging one another (Col. 3:12-15; Heb 10:24,25)

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IF WE ARE “OF GOD” ...



- ▶ We will UPHOLD the truth (1 Tim. 3:15; Jude 3; Acts 8:4)
- ▶ We will recognize the importance and value of one another (Rom. 12:4-8; 1 Cor. 12:12-26)
- ▶ We will seek the spiritual growth of one another by contributing what we can to the family (Eph 4:11-16)
- ▶ We will seek to equip each other for service and encourage each other to serve (Heb. 10:24; Eph. 4:15,16)

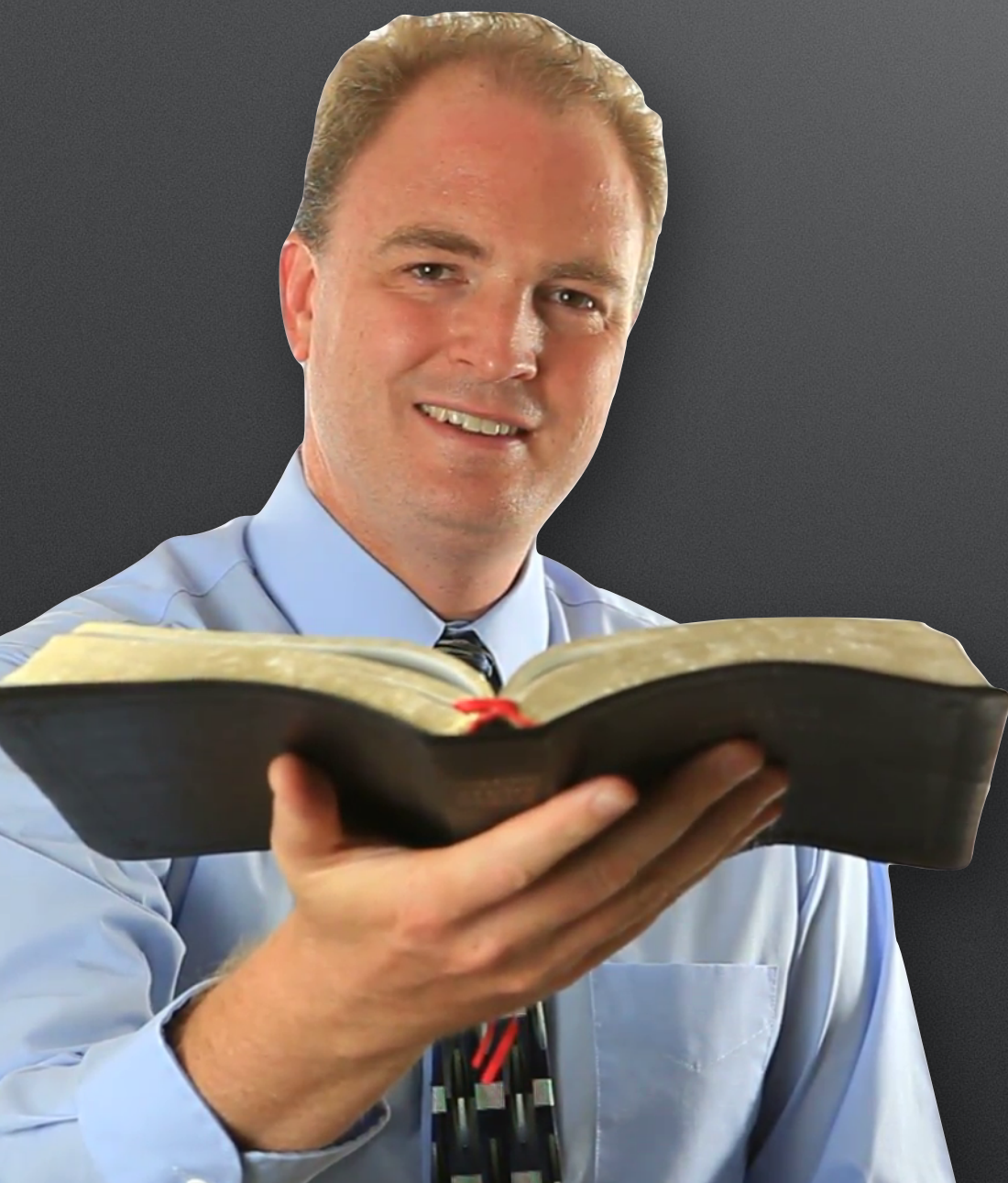
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Are you a child of God by faith?

Galatians 3:26–29 (NKJV)

²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you *are* Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.



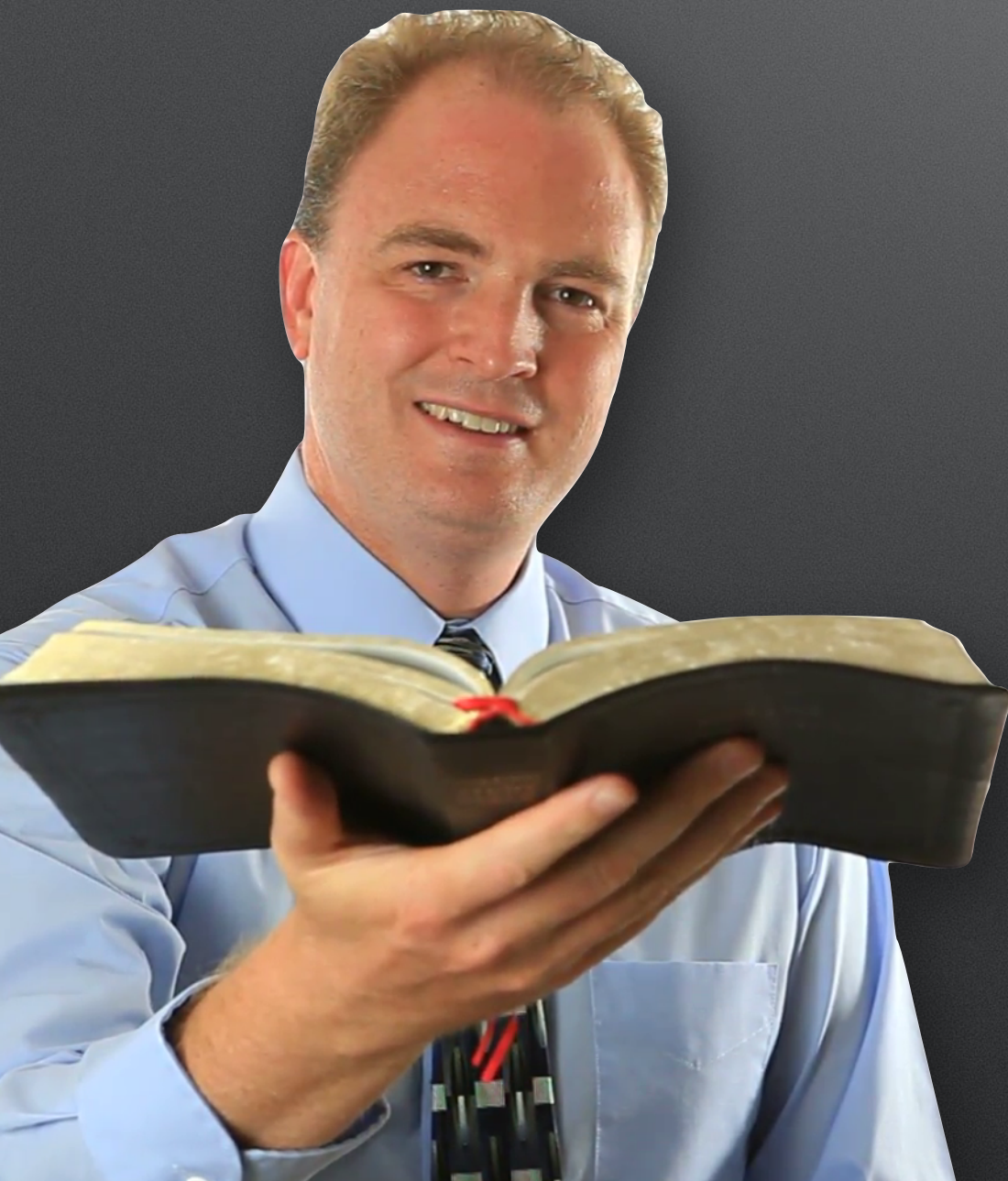
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THE CERTAINTY GOD’S FUTURE JUDGMENT

1 Peter 4:17–19 (NKJV)

¹⁷ For the time *has come* for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what will *be* the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ Now “*If the righteous one is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?*” ¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls *to Him* in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.





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