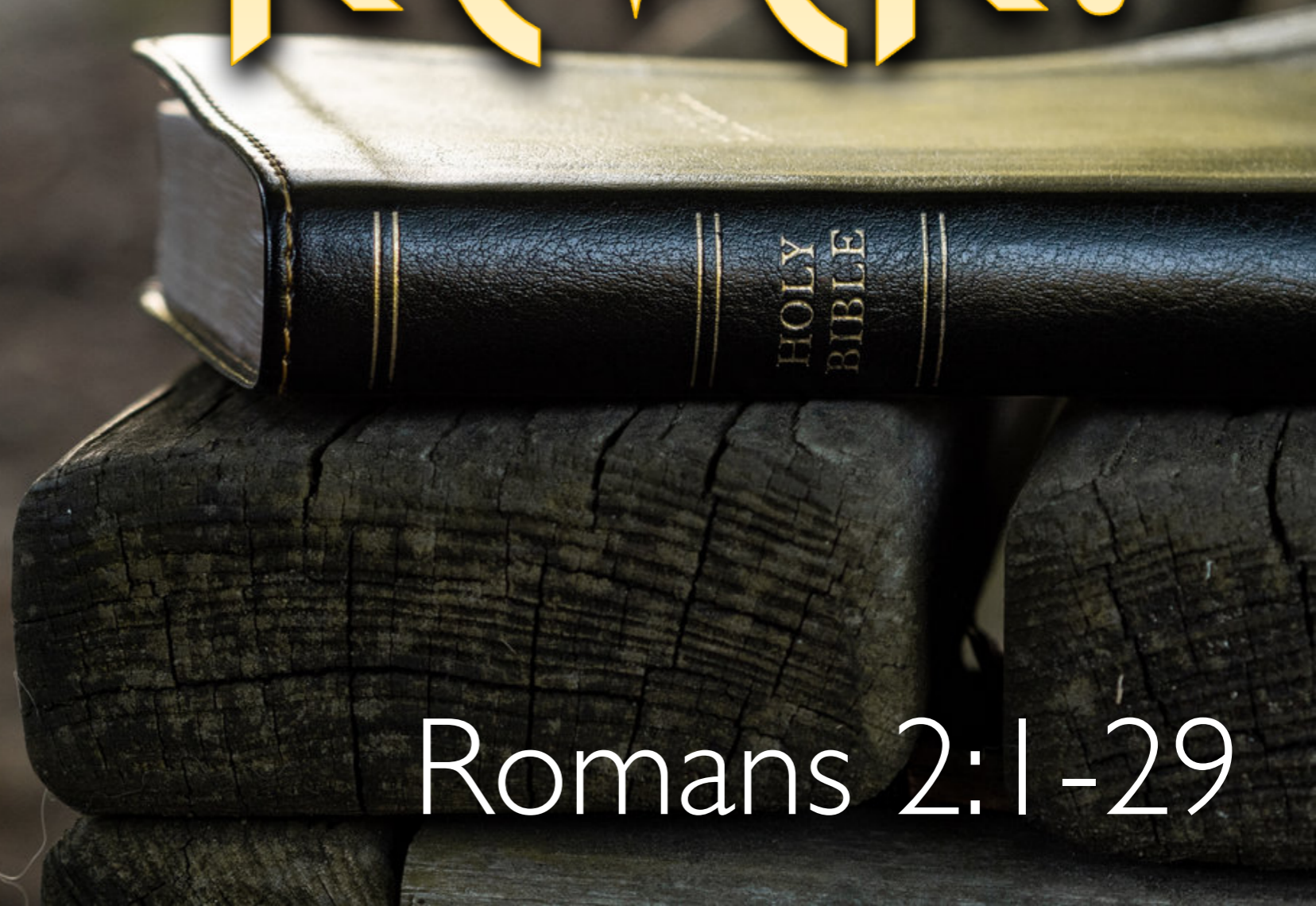


DO YOU WANT TO
LIVE FOREVER?



Romans 2:1-29

DO YOU WANT TO **LIVE FOREVER?**

Clarifying The Question

THIS LIFE Will **END**
(Hebrews 9:27)

We will **ALL EXIST FOREVER** —
the question is where?
(Mat. 25:34,41,46; Rev. 21:4-8)

Do you desire to be **WITH**
GOD, IN HEAVEN, in **HIS**
PRESENCE, REJOICING in **HIS**
GLORY for **ALL ETERNITY?**



A horizontal banner with a golden, glowing background. On the right side, there is a dark silhouette of a cross. The text "DO YOU WANT TO LIVE FOREVER?" is written across the banner. "DO YOU WANT TO" is in white, serif, all-caps font. "LIVE FOREVER?" is in a larger, golden, serif, all-caps font.

DO YOU WANT TO LIVE FOREVER?

John 3:15–18 (NKJV)

¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. ¹⁸ “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.



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John 5:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.



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John 6:40 (NKJV)

⁴⁰ And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”



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John 12:25–26 (NKJV)

²⁵ He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him *My* Father will honor.



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John 12:48–50 (NKJV)

⁴⁸ He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. ⁴⁹ For I have not spoken on My own *authority*; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. ⁵⁰ And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”



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Acts 13:46 (NKJV)

⁴⁶ Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, “It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.



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Romans 6:22–23 (NKJV)

²² But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. ²³ For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(see vs. 3-6, 16-18)



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Galatians 6:7–9 (NKJV)

⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

A person is lying down, their head resting on a large, open Bible. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. Above the person, a banner with a dark background and a glowing cross contains the text 'DO YOU WANT TO LIVE FOREVER?'. The words 'DO YOU WANT TO' are in white, and 'LIVE FOREVER?' is in large, bold, yellow letters.

DO YOU WANT TO LIVE FOREVER?

1 John 5:11–13 (NKJV)

¹¹ And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God.



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1 John 2:15–17 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.



DO YOU WANT TO LIVE FOREVER?

Romans 2:7–8 (NKJV)

⁷ eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; ⁸ but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—
indignation and wrath,



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HYPOCRITES WILL NOT ...

Romans 2:1–3 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. ² But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. ³ And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?

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Romans 2:17–24 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Indeed you are called a Jew, and rest on the law, and make your boast in God, ¹⁸ and know *His* will, and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law, ¹⁹ and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, ²⁰ an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having the form of knowledge and truth in the law.

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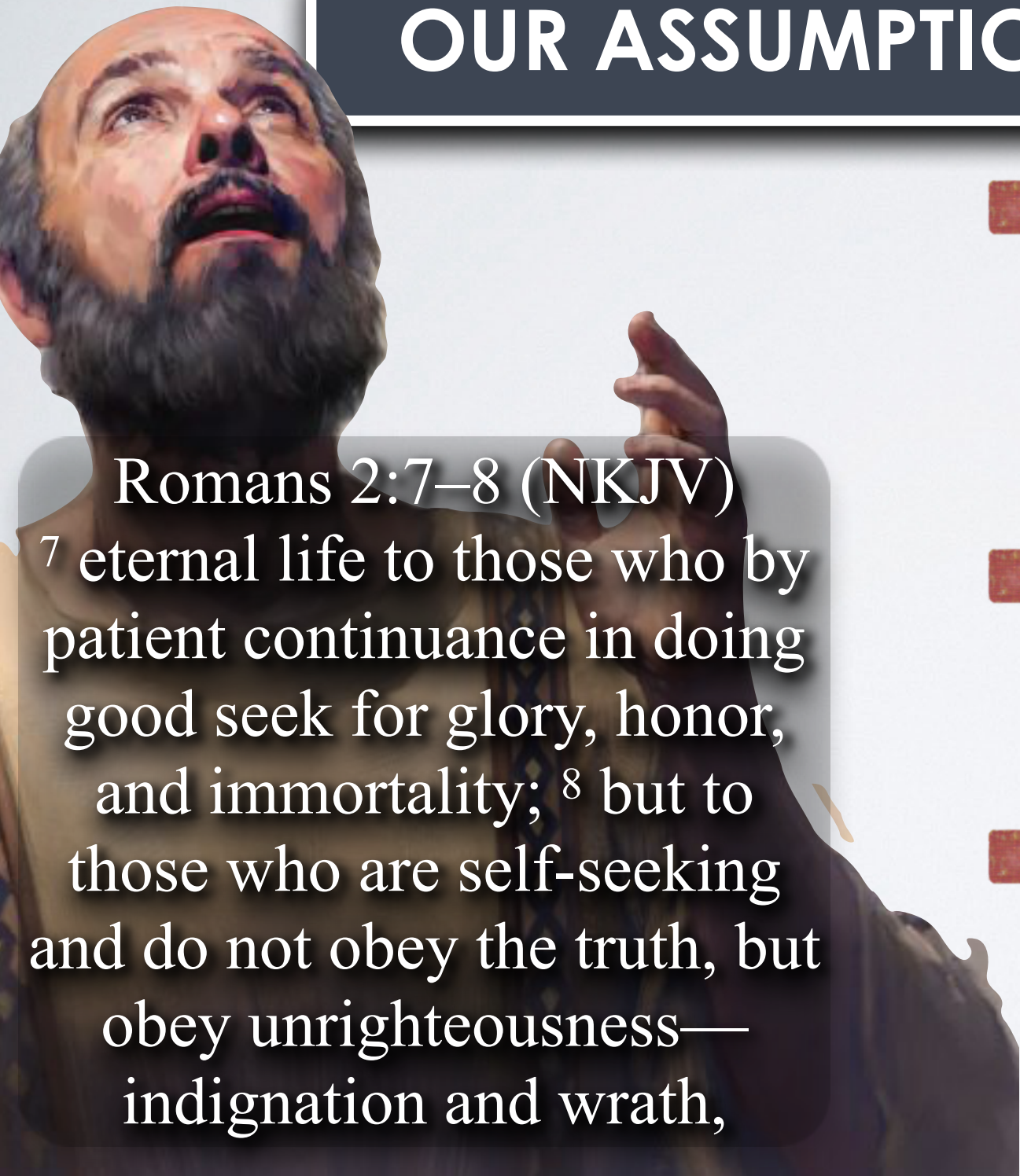
Romans 2:17–24 (NKJV)

²¹ You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal? ²² You who say, “Do not commit adultery,” do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? ²³ You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law? ²⁴ For “*the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you,*” as it is written.

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OUR ASSUMPTIONS COULD BE WRONG

- The Jews saw themselves as **RIGHTEOUS** and the Gentiles as unrighteous (1-3; Mat. 6:1-18; 7:13,14, 21-23; Luke 18:9)
- The Jews trusted in their **PERCEIVED** relationship with God (17-24; Matt. 3:9; John 8:33)
- The Jews were **ZEALOUS** for God, but **NOT** according to **TRUTH** (Rom. 10:1-3)

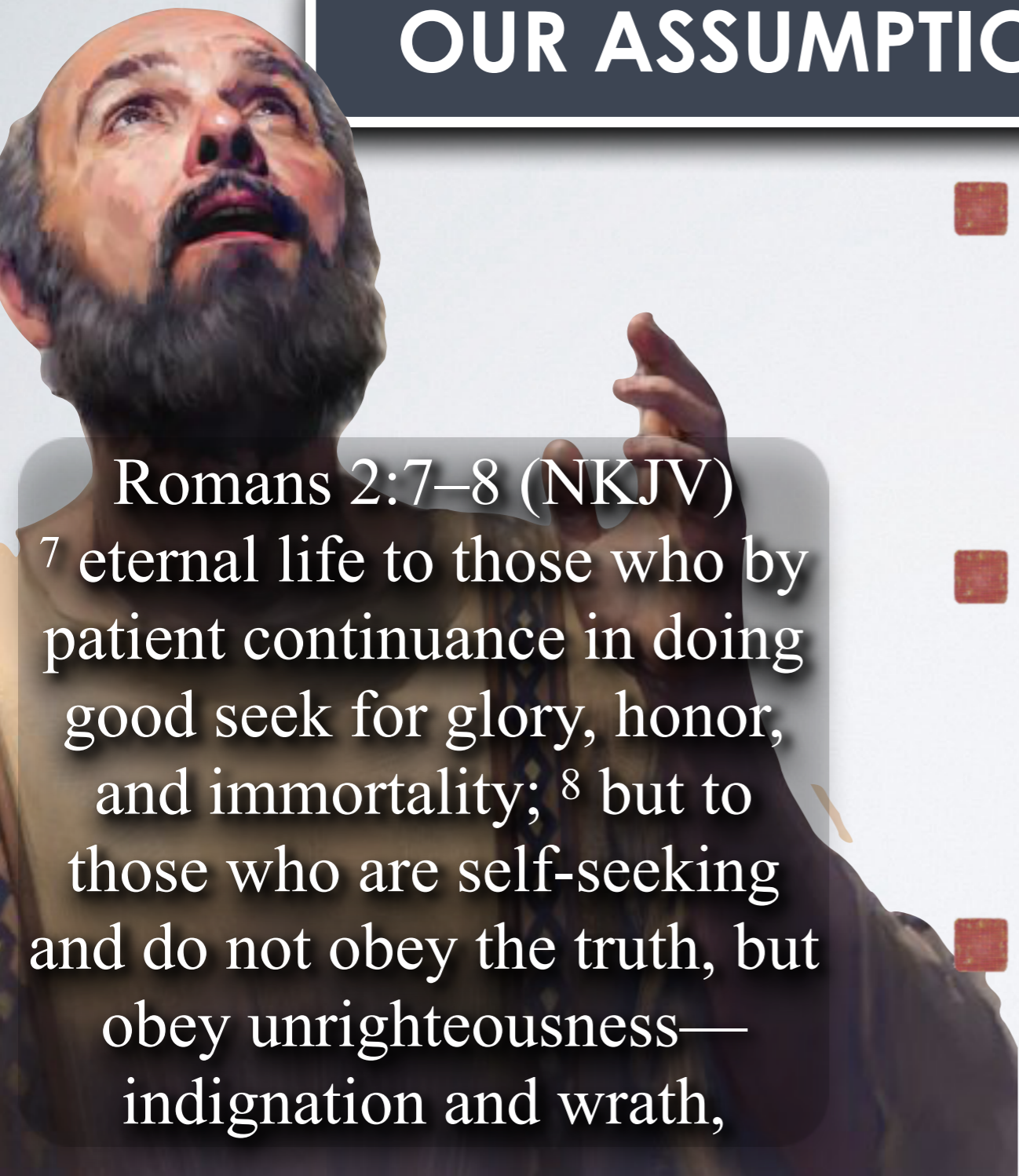


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- We can FORFEIT eternal life by being SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS just as the Jews did. (Luke 10:29; 16:15; 18:9-14; Rom. 10:1-3)
- There will be MANY PEOPLE who THINK they are going to heaven but be wrong (Mt 7:21-23; Jam 1:22-25; 2 Thes. 2:10-12)
- It is NOT enough to be zealously religious — we MUST have and follow the TRUTH (Jn 8:32)

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GOD'S JUDGMENT WILL BE ACCORDING TO TRUTH

Romans 2:4–11 (NKJV)

⁴ Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? ⁵ But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

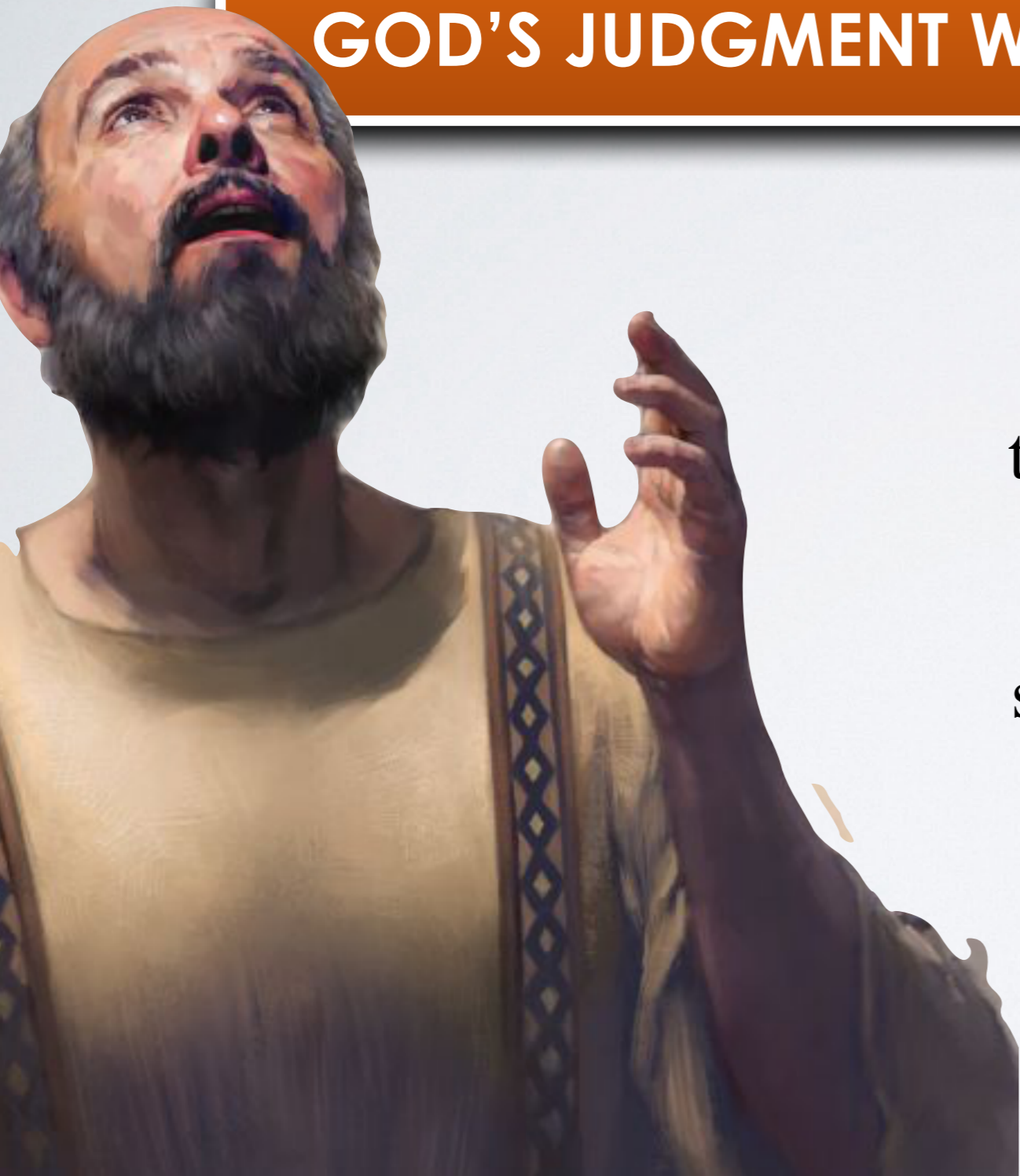


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Romans 2:4–11 (NKJV)

⁶ who “*will render to each one according to his deeds*”: ⁷ eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; ⁸ but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath, ⁹ tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek;



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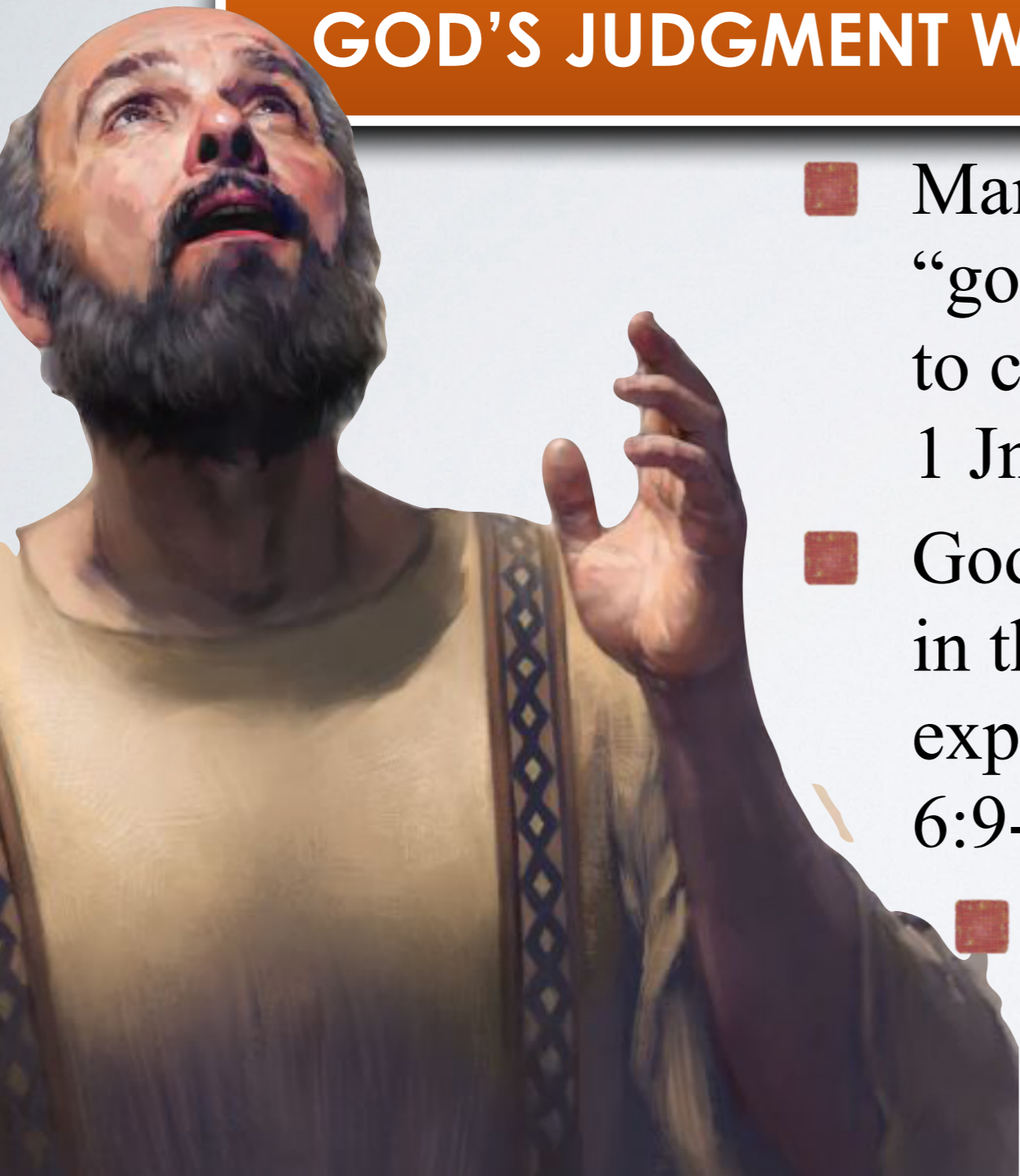


Romans 2:4–11 (NKJV)

¹⁰ but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹¹ For there is no partiality with God.

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GOD'S JUDGMENT WILL BE ACCORDING TO TRUTH



- Many erroneously think God's "goodness" & "patience" allows them to continue in sin (Rom. 6:1,2, 23; 9:22; 1 Jn. 1:5-10; 2:1-6).
- God desires & requires REPENTANCE in the heart! Impenitent sinners will experience His wrath (4,5; 1 Co. 6:9-11; Ga. 5:19-21; 6:7-9; 2 Pet. 3:9)
- Eternal life is dependent upon our DEEDS! (6,7; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:12, 13; 1 Cor. 15:58)

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- Those who DO NOT OBEY THE TRUTH will not live with God forever! ONLY THOSE WHO DO OBEY THE TRUTH WILL (8-10; 2 The. 1:7-9; 1 Pt. 1:22,23)
- God's judgment will be according to the TRUTH He has revealed, and IN TRUTH, (i.e., our ACTUAL submission to the truth)! (5,7-11; Heb. 4:12,13; Eccl. 12:13,14)

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GOD'S JUDGMENT WILL BE IMPARTIAL



- Have you OBEYED the truth (the gospel), or NOT? (Mk 16:15,16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:16-18; 1 Pet. 1:22; 1 Thes. 1:7-9)
- Are you FOLLOWING the truth or NOT? (2 Chr. 16:9; Ps. 33:13–15; 90:8; 1 Co. 4:5. Re. 2:23)
- The “*but God knows my heart*” defense to justify our ungodly deeds will NOT help on the day of God’s wrath! (Acts 23:1)

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WHAT MUST I DO TO LIVE FOREVER??

THE TRUTH

Luke 8:11; Rom. 10:17

John 8:24; Heb 11:6

Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30

Mat. 10:32,33; Rom 10:9

Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet 3:21

Heb 4:11; Col 1:23

Believe

Hear

Repent

Confess

Baptized

Endurance

DO YOU WANT TO **LIVE FOREVER?**

**OUR ASSUMPTIONS OF
BEING RIGHTEOUS MUST
BE ACCURATE...**

**OUR ASSUMPTIONS
ABOUT GOD MUST BE
ACCURATE ...**



DO YOU WANT TO **LIVE FOREVER?**

**WE MUST NEVER TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF GOD'S KINDNESS,
PATIENCE & LONG-SUFFERING BY
CONTINUING IN SIN...**

**WE MUST TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
GOD'S GOODNESS BY REPENTING
AND OBEYING THE TRUTH ...**

DO YOU WANT TO **LIVE FOREVER?**

**THE TRUE CONDITION OF
OUR HEARTS MUST BE
GODLY IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE TRUTH ...**

**OUR ACTUAL ACTIONS AND
DEEDS MUST BE ACCORDING
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