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- **Not Satisfied** with his current state ... 12a
- **Determined** to press forward ... 12b
- **Focussed** on the task of moving forward ... 13
- **Diligent**, continuous effort to gain the prize ... 14
- **His plea** for them, (us) to be likeminded ... 15,16



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“SIX THINGS MOST NEEDED IN THE CHURCH”

by Gus Nichols

The conversion of the members

Regular Attendance

Sanctification

Liberality

Unity

Informed leadership

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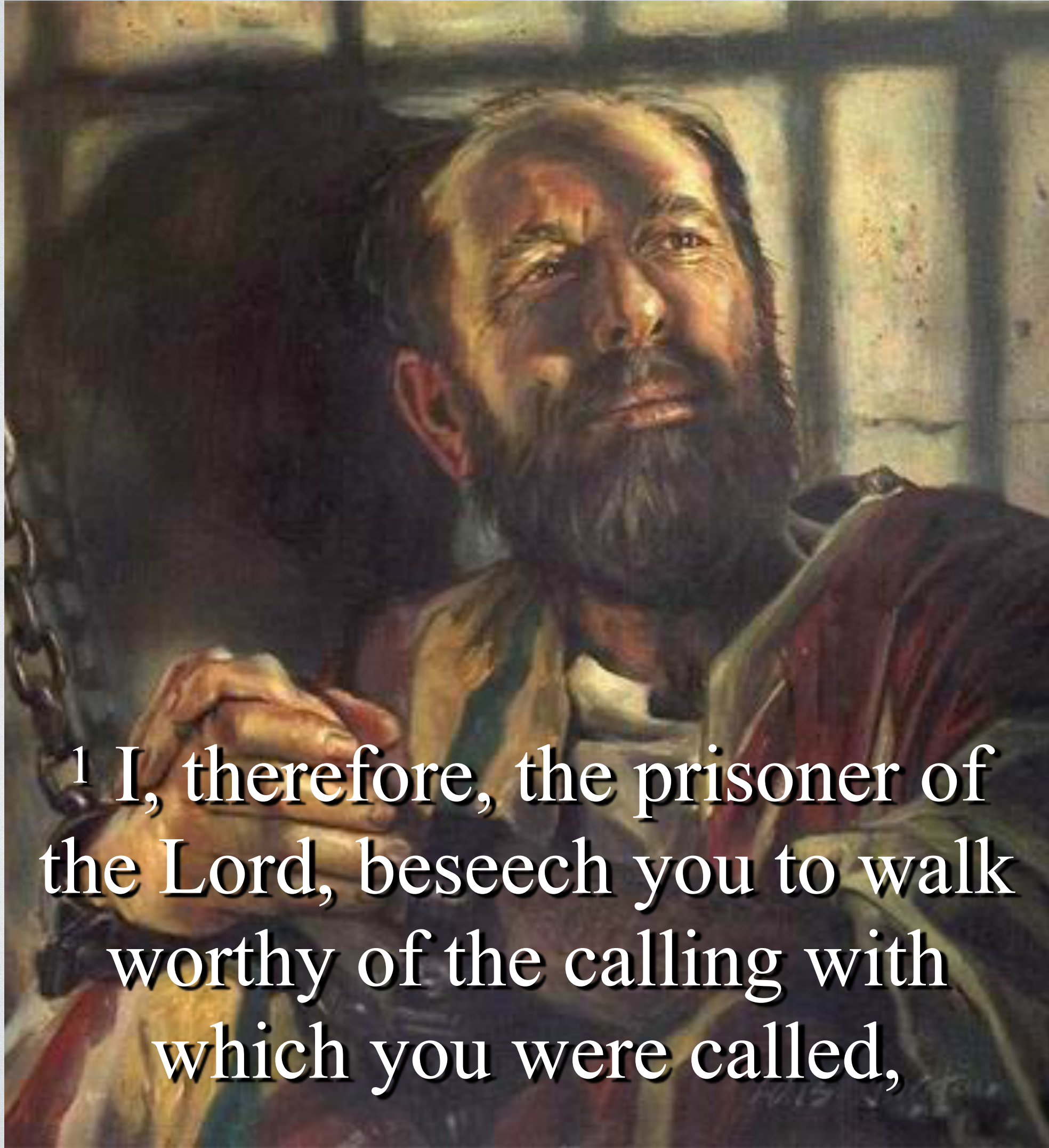
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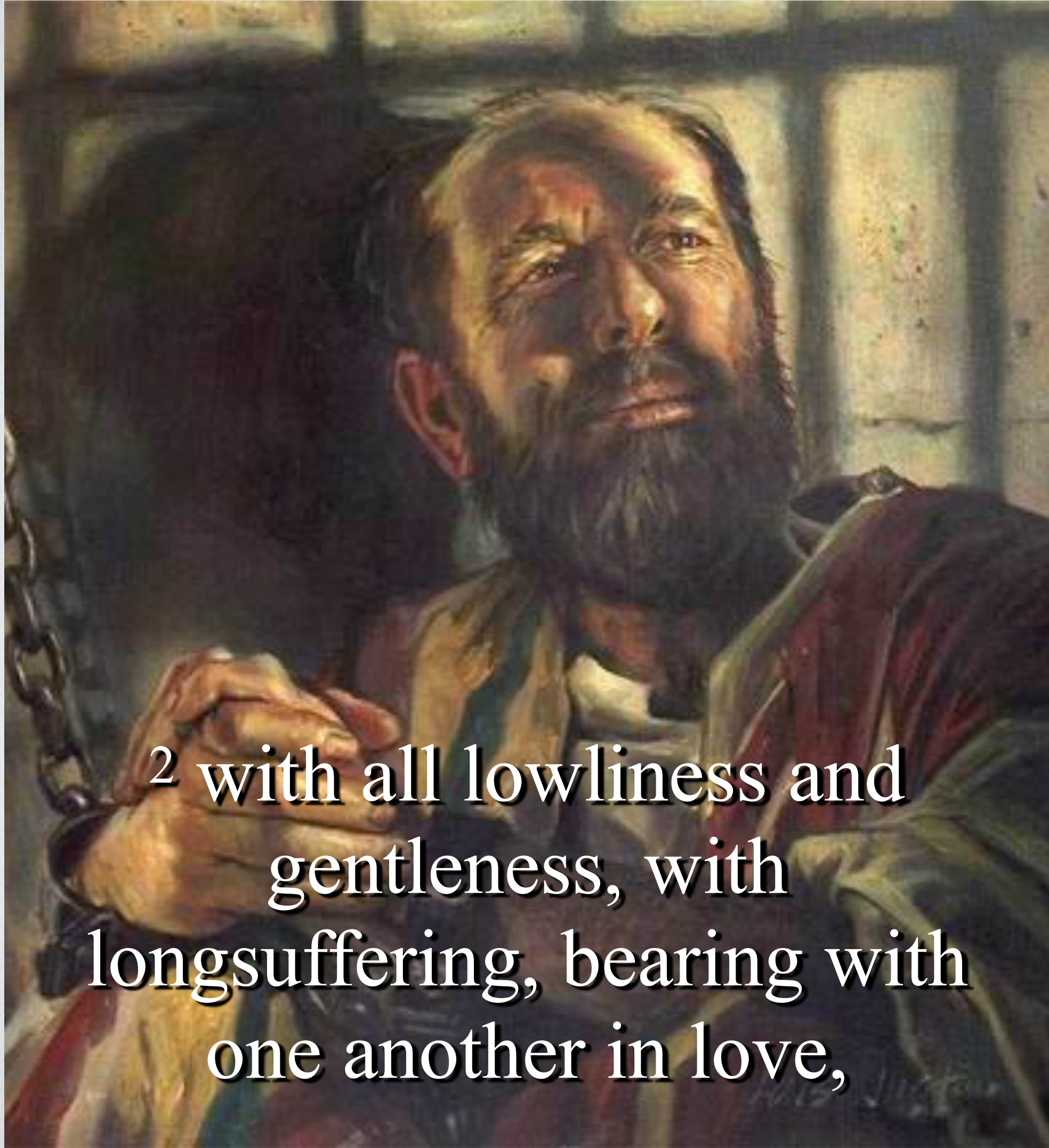


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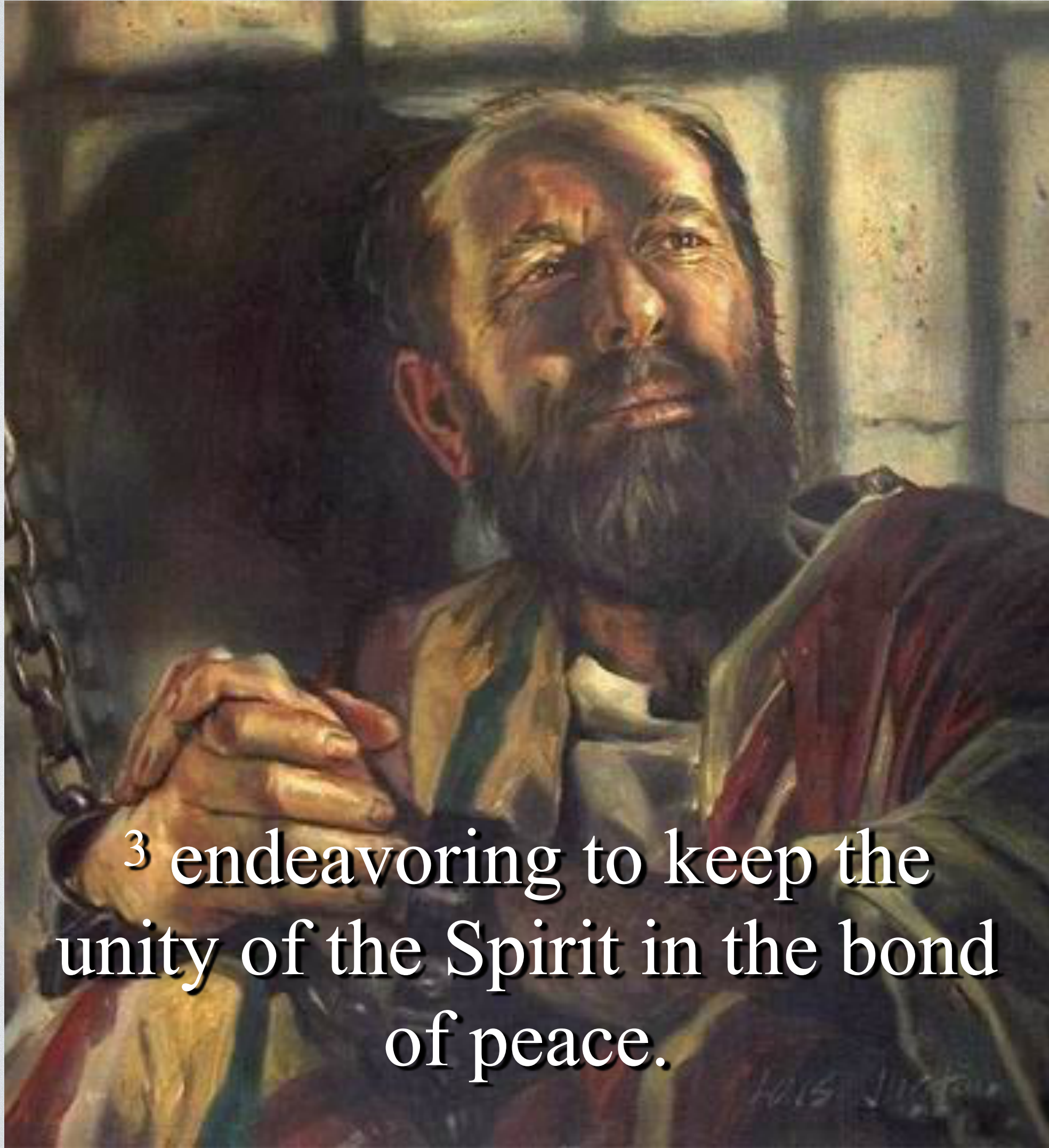


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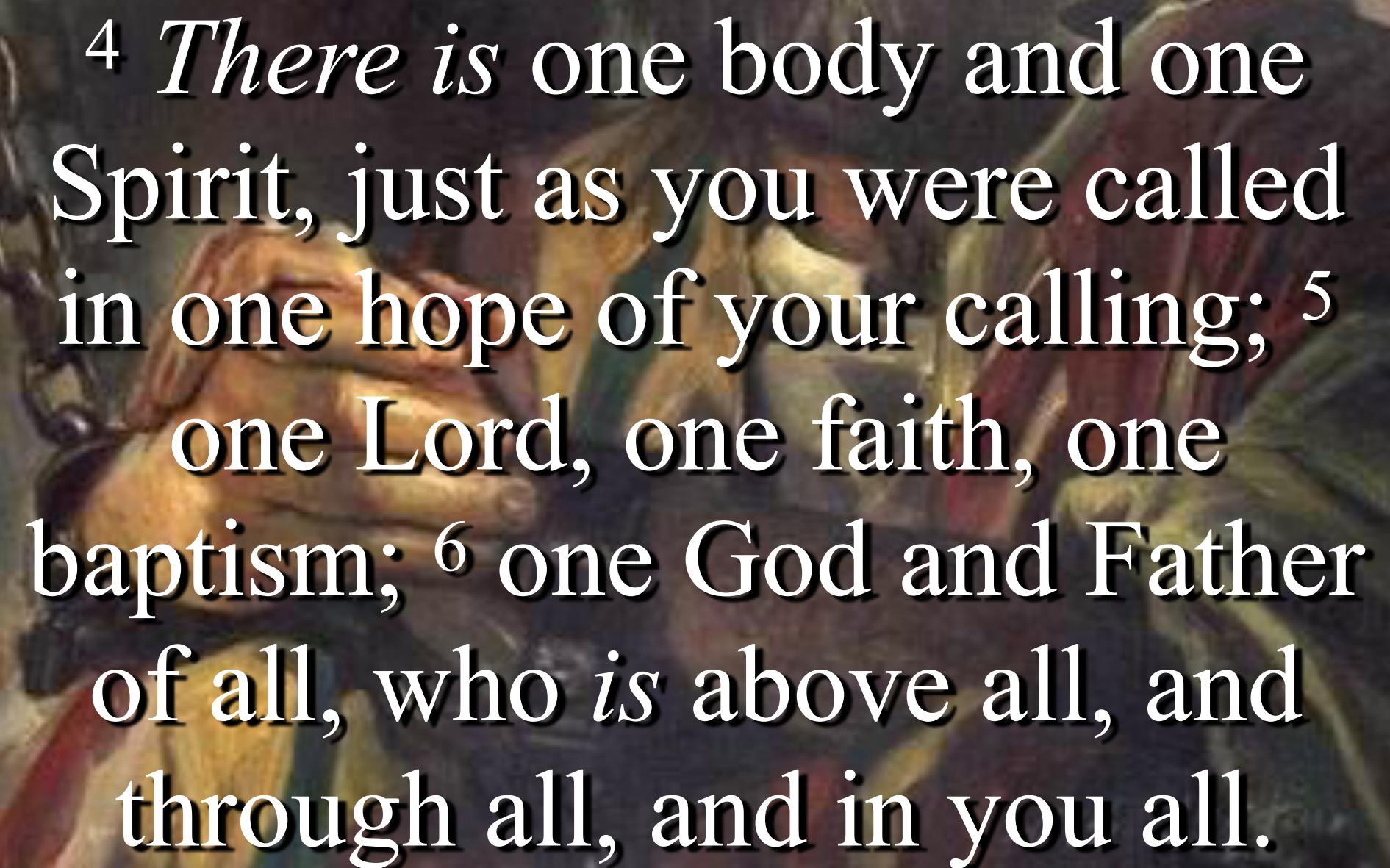
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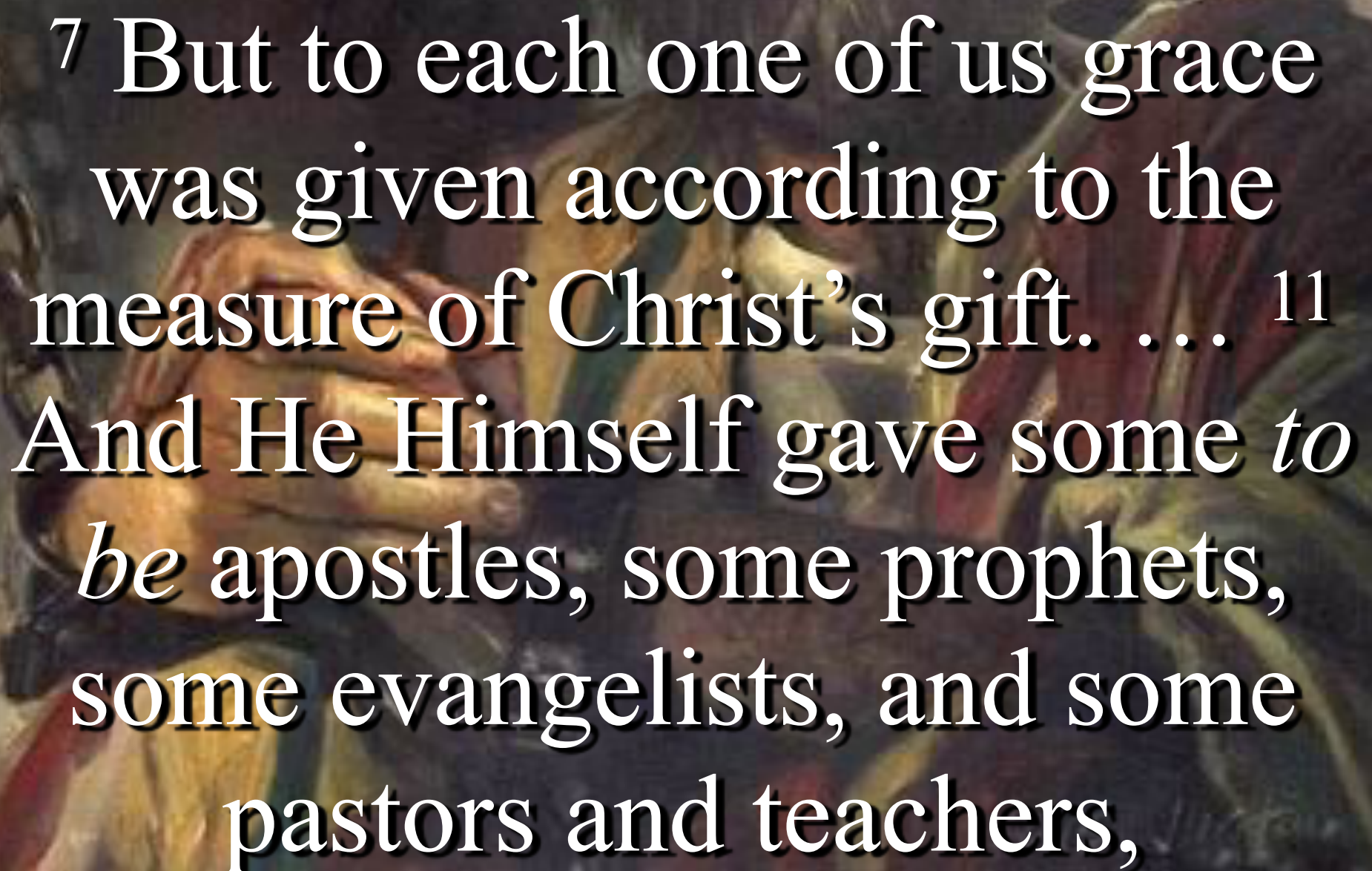


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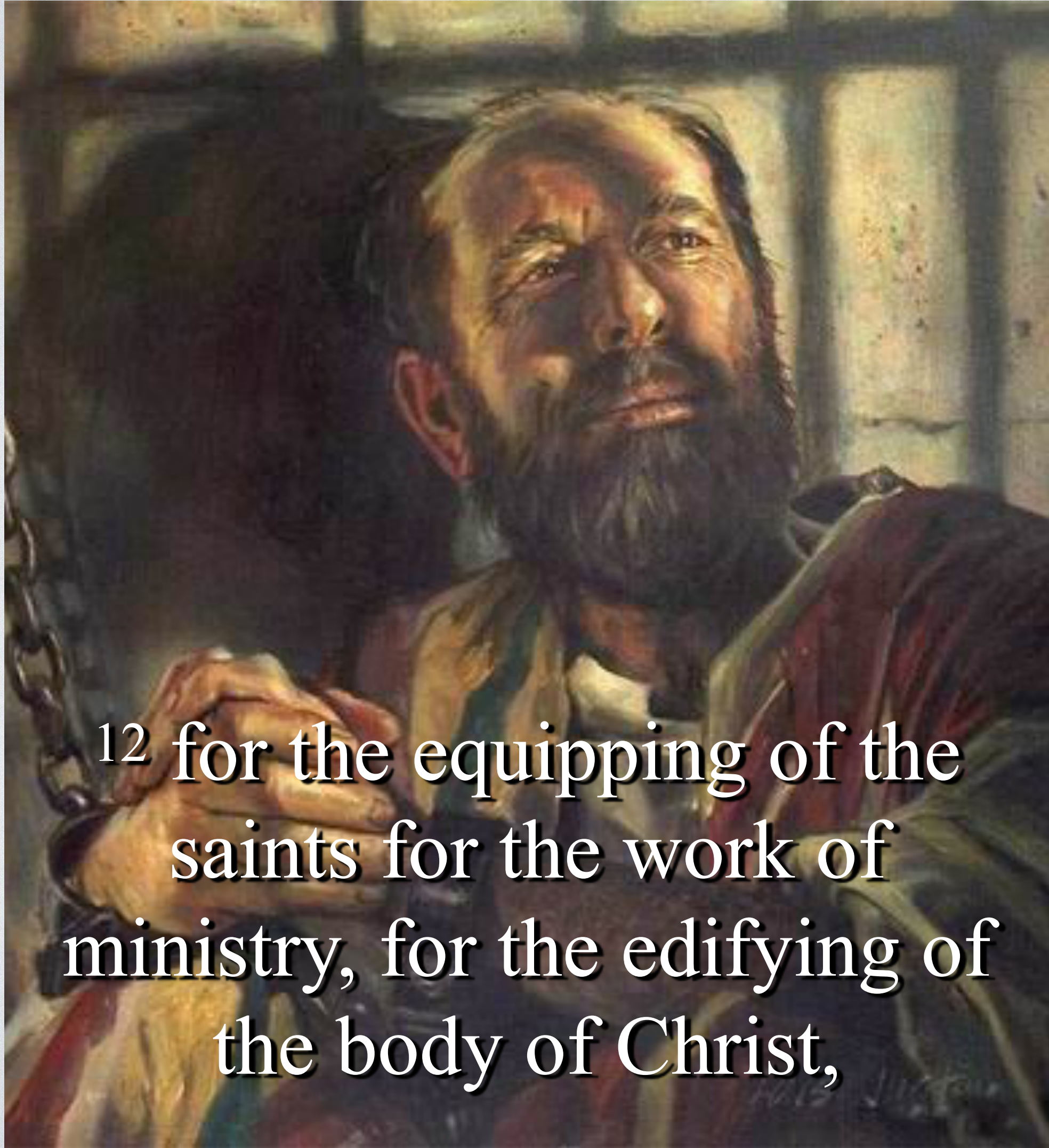
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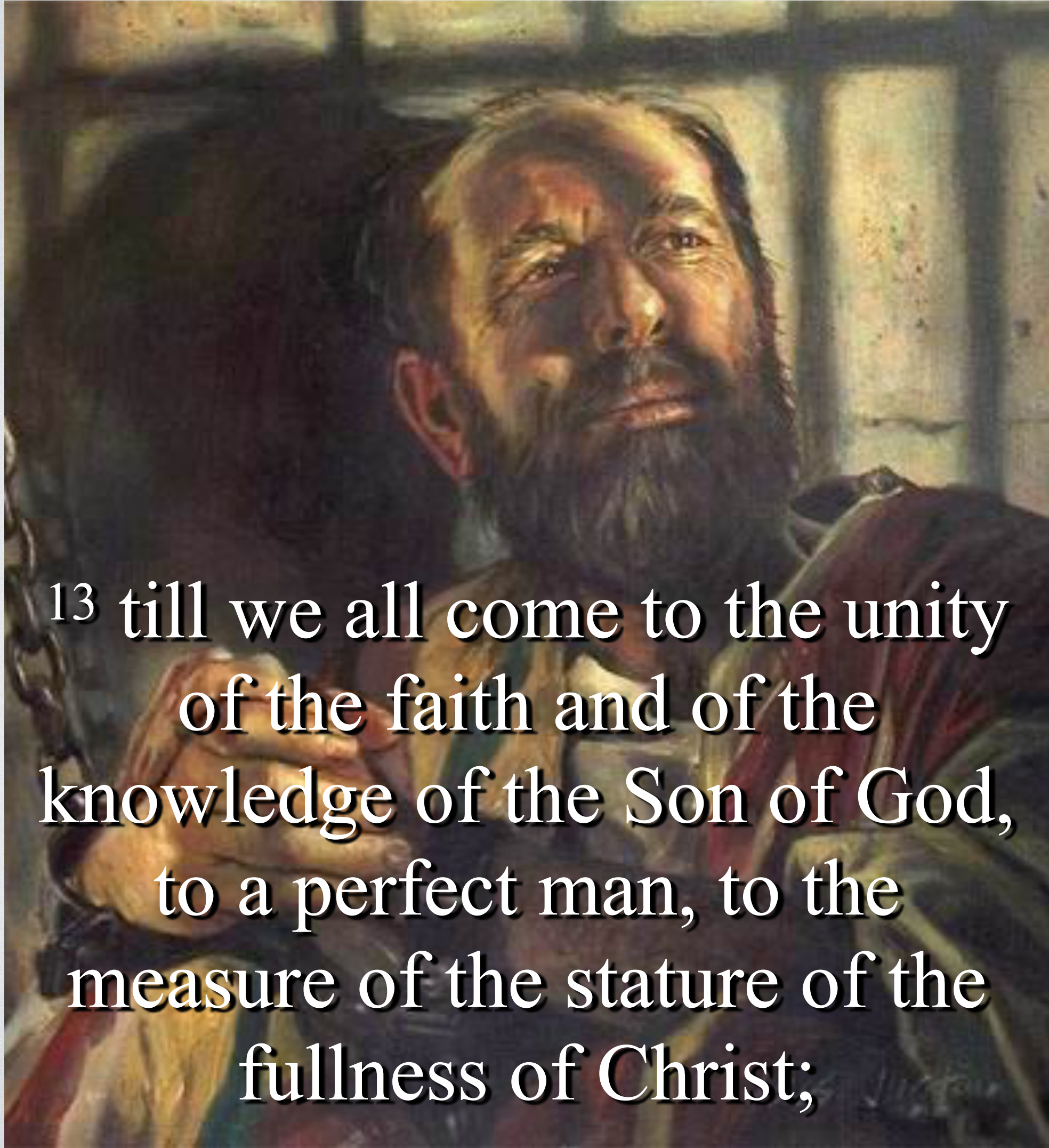
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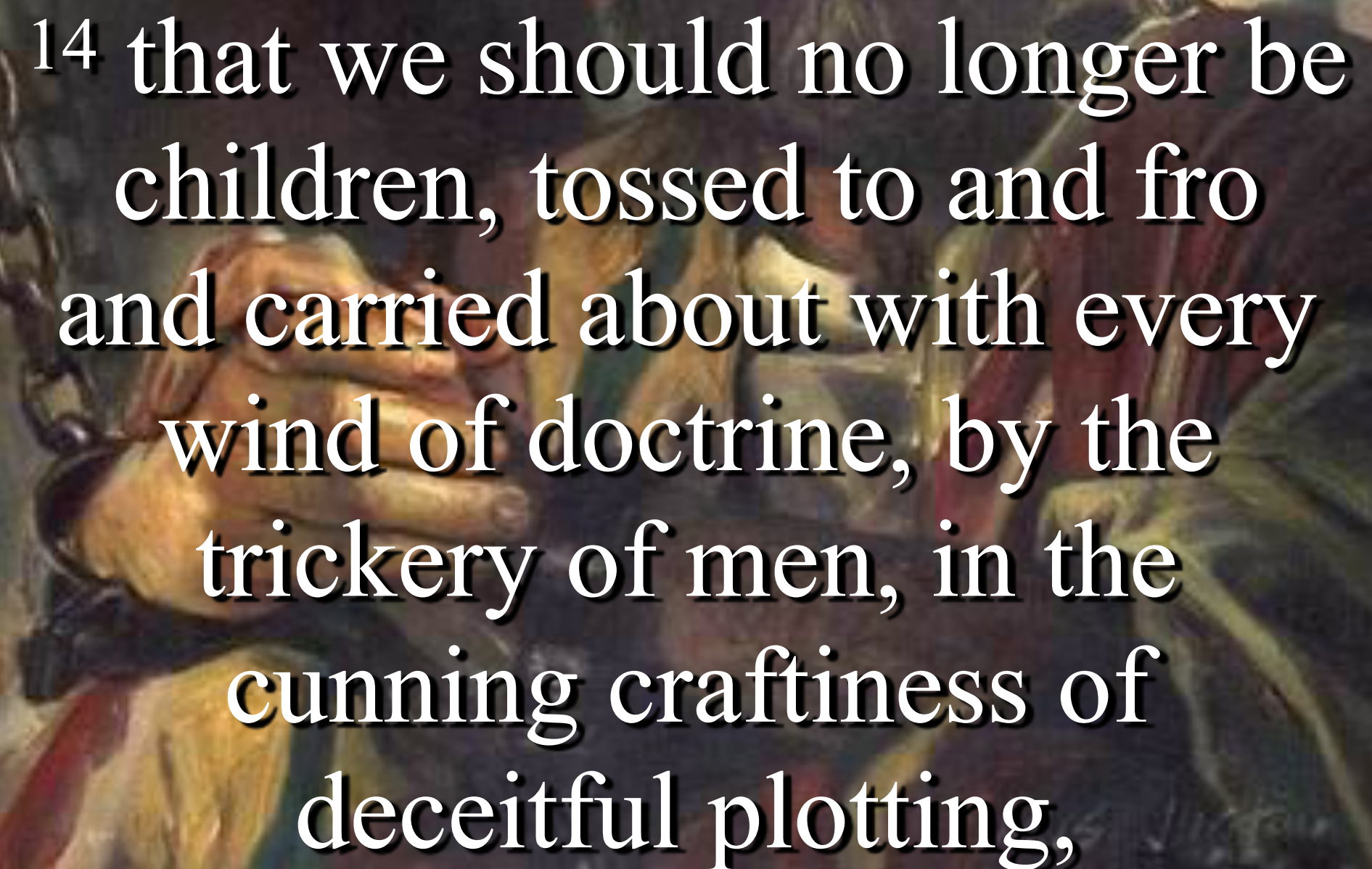


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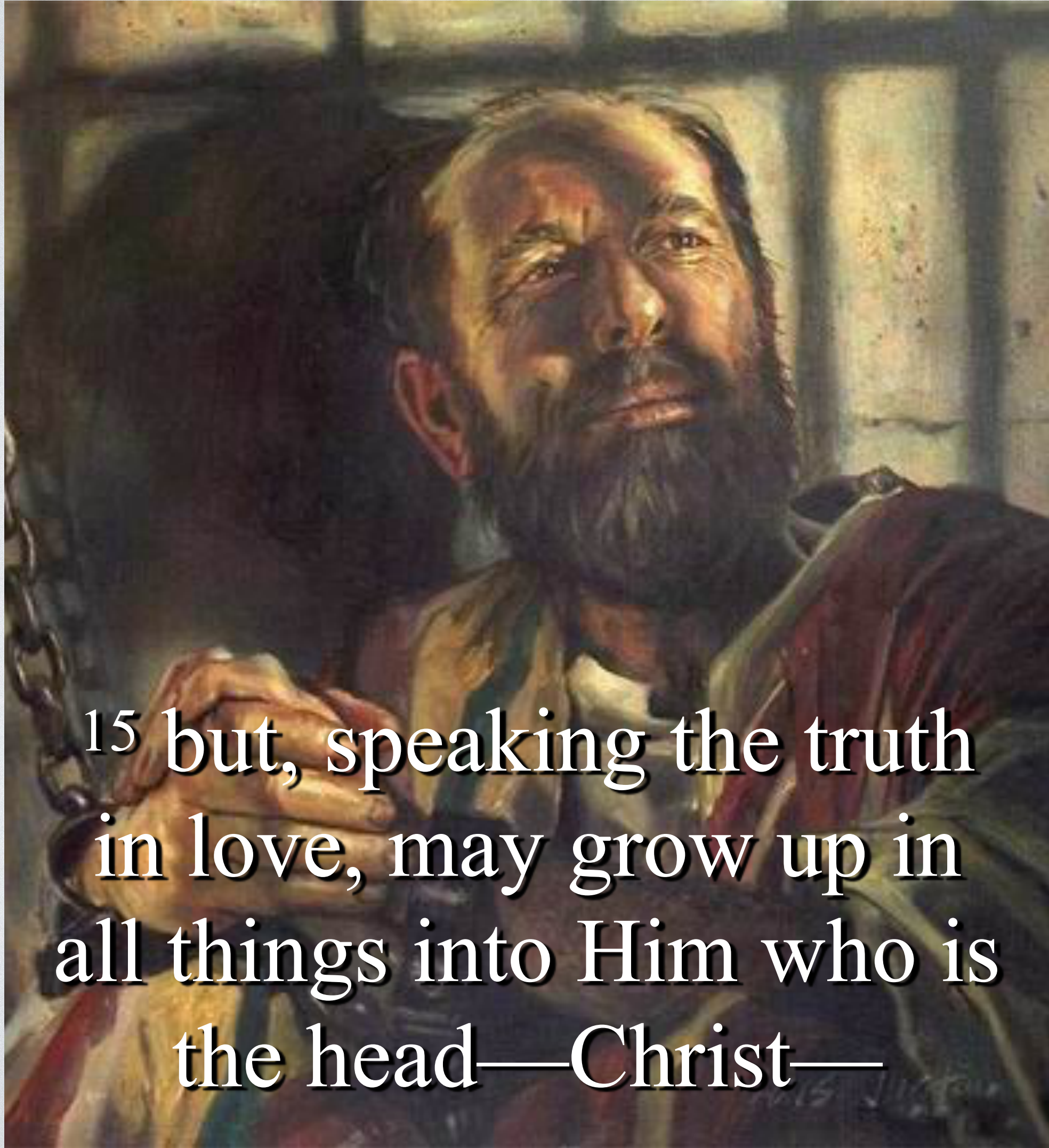
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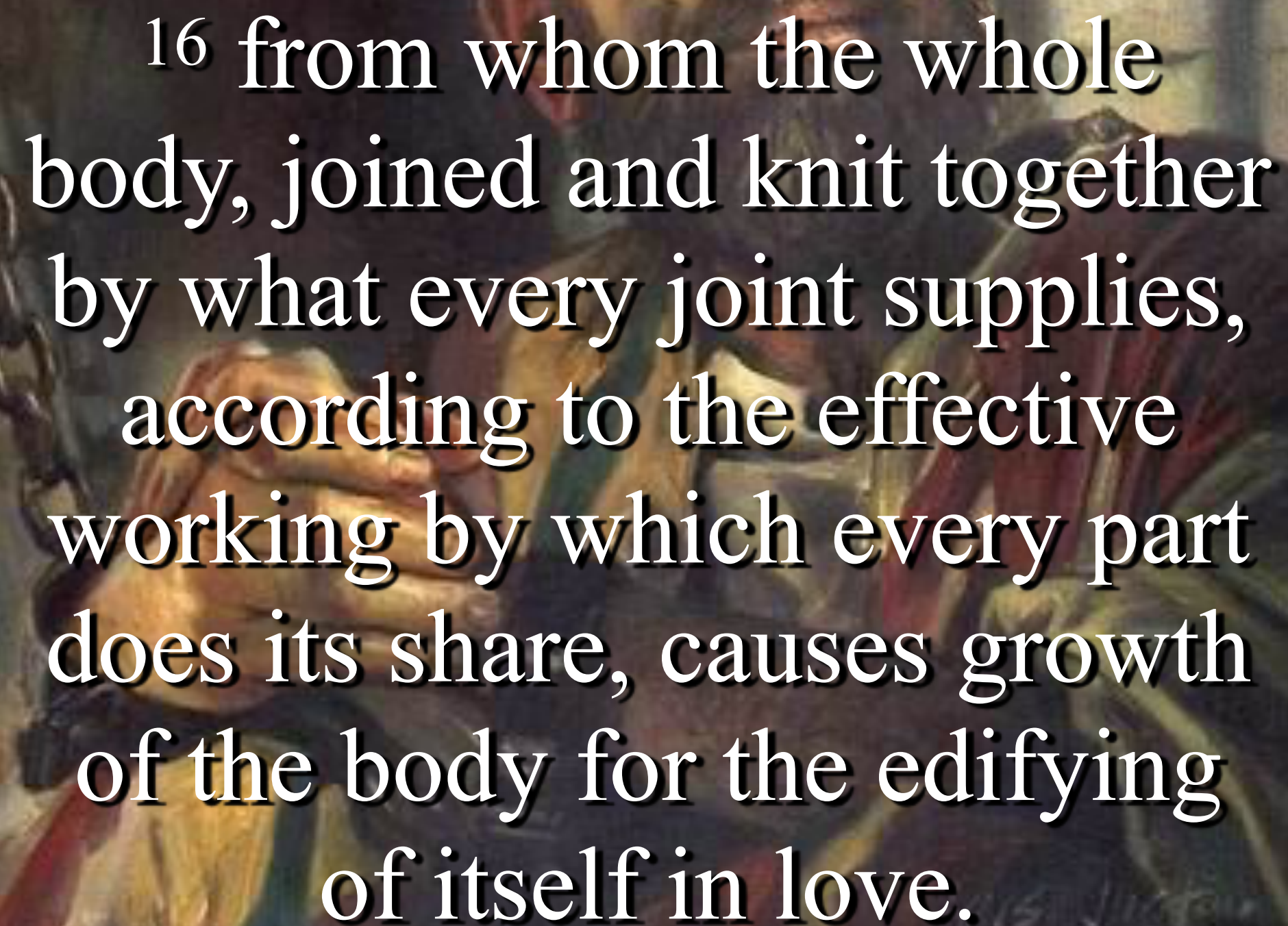
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- It starts with doing what we know to be true - then growing in knowledge & service?
- ▶ First we must obey the first principles of the gospel (Heb 5:8,9; Mk 16:16; Acts 2:38).
- ▶ Growing in faith, diligently serving the Lord (2 Pet 1:5-10).
- ▶ WE WILL GROW and find Eternal joy (Rom 8:18; 1 Cor 15:58).



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