

HOW & WHEN CHRISTIANS ARE CLEANSED OF THEIR

SIN



*When a Christian sins, what does the Bible teach
he/she must do to be cleansed of his/her sin?*

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Our understanding of what the Scriptures teach about SIN significantly affects to our understanding the plan of salvation, our view of ourselves and others, and our attitude towards sin in striving to live for God.



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FALSE VIEWS OF SIN:

SIN



Sin is inherited from Adam

We are born sinners

Our very flesh is sinful

Sin is the natural product of the flesh

Sin is unavoidable

Sin is vague & unknowable

Sin is not sin

Things NOT sinful as sin

Defining What Sin Is

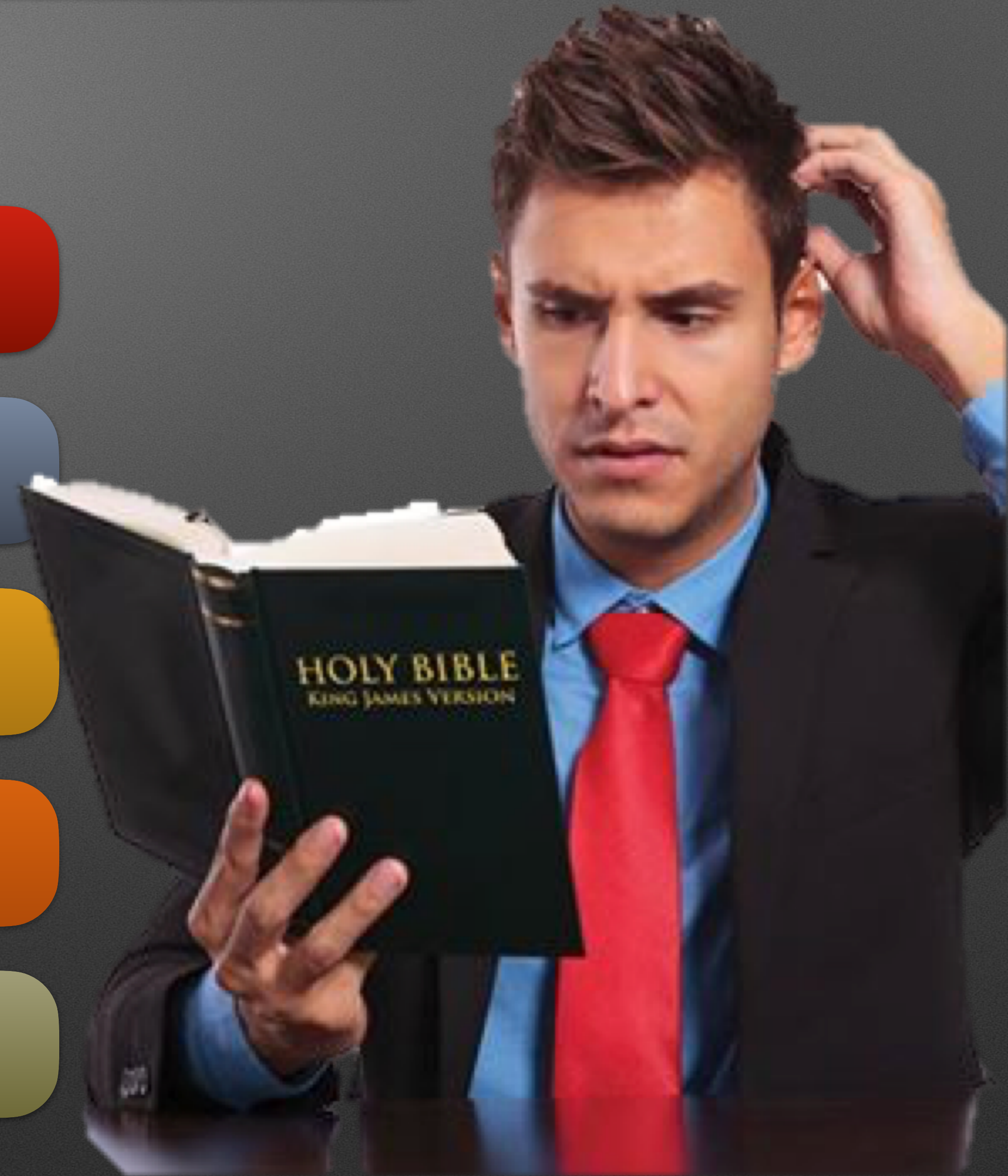
Lawlessness 1 John 3:4

All Unrighteousness 1 John 5:17

Missing the mark Rom 3:23

If Not Of Faith Rom 14:23

Omitting Known Duty James 4:17



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COMMISSION

Doing what God Forbids (Gen 2:17,18; 3:6,17; 1 Cor 6:9-11).

Adding to God's Word (Deut. 4:2; Rev. 22:19; 2 Sam. 6:3; Num. 4:1-15; Mat. 15:5,6).

Making substitutions (Gen. 4:4; Lev. 10; Heb 8:5).

OMISSION

Not doing what God Commands (1 Sam. 15; 1 Chro. 15:13).

Subtracting from God's Word (Deut. 4:2; Rev. 22:19; Mat. 23:1-3).

Knowing to do good and not doing it (Jam. 4:17)

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

Understanding What Sin Is

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■ Knowledge ■ Teaching
■ Patience ■ Service



No such thing as situational ethics!!

Adultery – Homosexuality

Fornication – Murder

Lying - Stealing, etc. . . .

Absolute, Immediately Condemns –

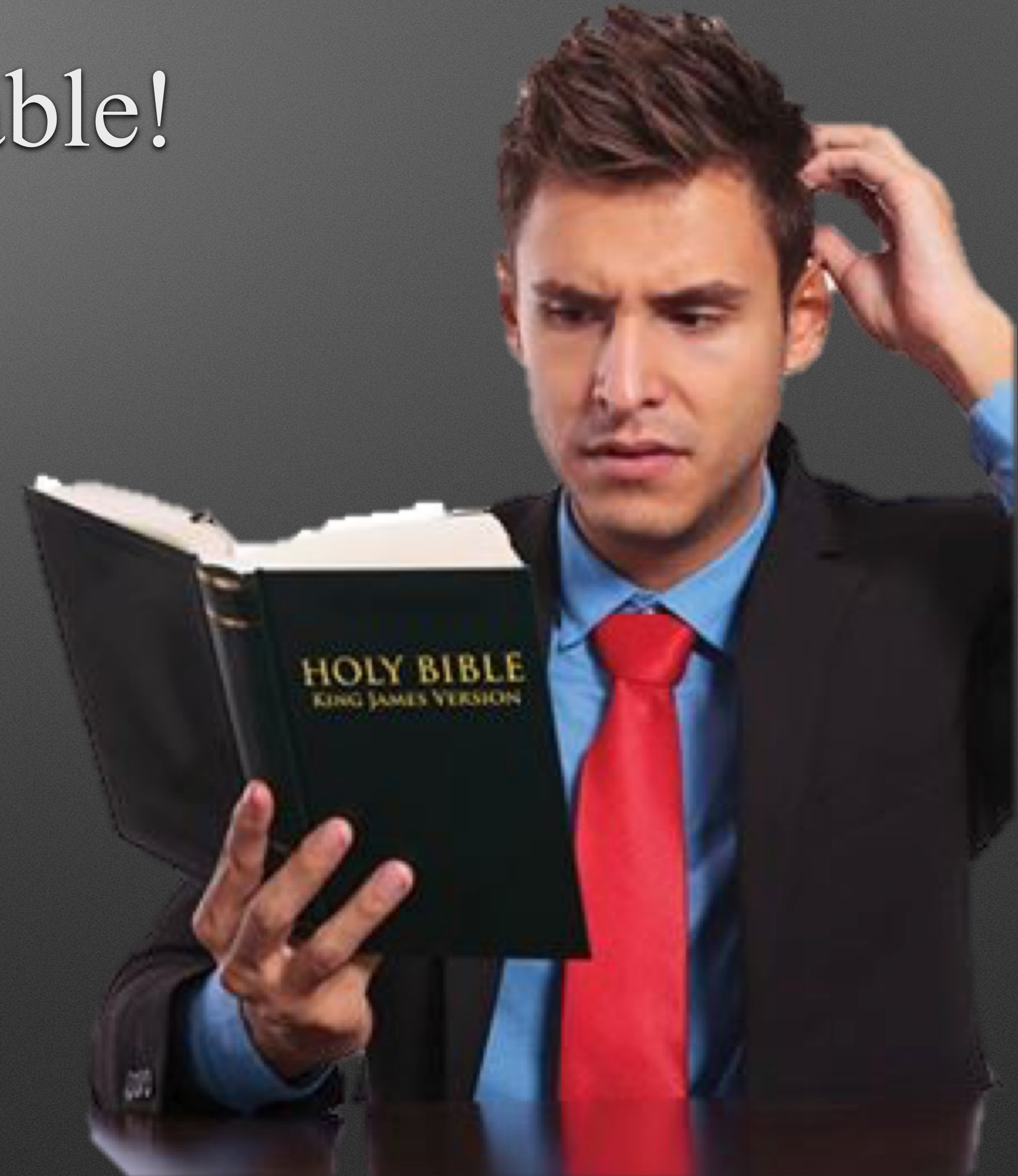
1 Cor 6:9-11;

Gal 5:19-21

No Time - Heb 13:4

Understanding What Sin Is

- SIN is NOT vague & unknowable!
- SIN is NOT unavoidable!
- Is our view of sin causing:
 - ▶ Undue fear?
 - ▶ A lack of concern regarding our sins?
 - ▶ Lack of confidence?



What Place Does Sin Have In The Life of A Child of God?

JOHN'S RESPONSE TO THE ERRORS OF GNOSTICISM



- One of the special objects for which First John was written was to counteract the errors of the dangerous, deadly heresy of the day, later known as Gnosticism.
- There were three sects whose heretical teachings began to influence the churches in the latter part of the 1st century: The Ebionites, followers of Ebion; The Docetics; and Cerinthians.

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- The Ebonites declared that Jesus was a mere man, denying his deity.
- One branch of the Cerinthian Gnostic maintained his body was, for a time, occupied by an aeon, eon, ("an emanation or phase of the supreme deity"), called Christ.
- The Docetic Gnostic argued that he only appeared to possess a body, but only a shadowy phantom.

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- Claimed to have reached such an advanced stage of spiritual experience and knowledge that they were 'beyond good and evil'.
- They contended that once regenerated, they were pure in spirit, and it mattered not what the body did, since it was inherently evil anyway because it was material.

The Christian And Sin



The Formula For Continued Fellowship

1 John 1:3-2:6

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**Man was
created to be
in fellowship
with God**

**Gen. 1:25-27;
Acts 17:26,27;**

1 John 1:3-4 (NKJV)

³ that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

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**BUT - our
fellowship with
God is broken
by our sin –**

Isaiah 59:1,2;

Romans 3:23; 5:12

Romans 6:23;

1 Cor. 6:9-10

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**Fellowship with
God can only
be regained IN
JESUS –**

Acts 2:38;
Romans 6:3-6;
Gal. 3:26-28;
Eph 2:14-17

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**God is
absolute in
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and holiness.
There is NO
amount of evil
or sin in Him.**

1 John 1:5-7 (NKJV)

⁵ This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth

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- **“Walk”** - in the present tense indicates our manner of life, the way we live (John 8:12; Romans 6:4; 8:4; etc, . . .).
- **Light** – (metaphorically, of moral and spiritual truth, righteousness and holiness).
- Our manner of life should consist of faithfulness, godliness, purity, brotherly love, growth.

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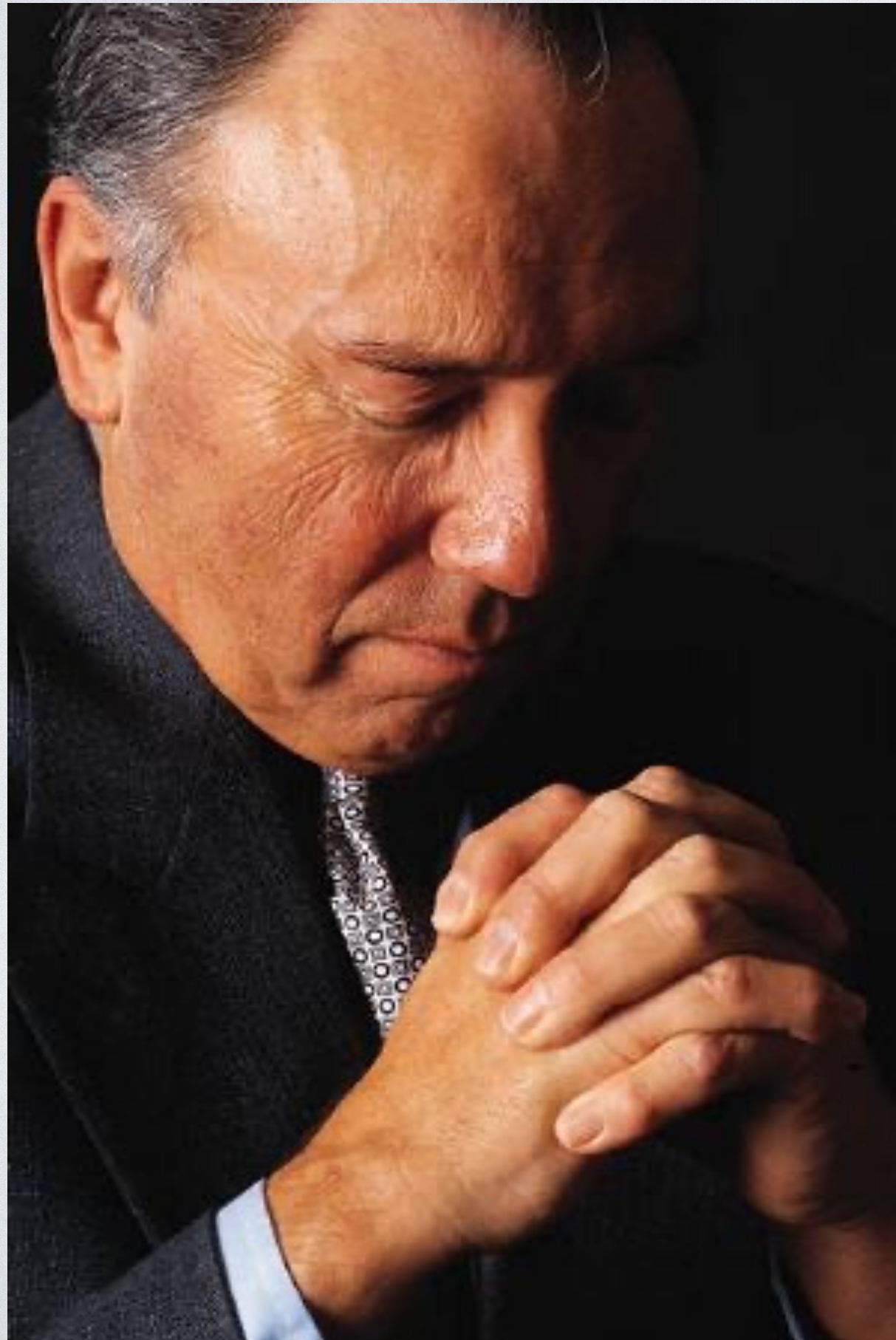


Our Sin Is Exposed

- By God's nature (1 Jn 1:5; Hab 1:12-13; 1 Pet. 1:13-16)
- By God's Word (Ps. 119:105; Prov. 6:23; Eph. 5:1-18; Gal. 5:19-21)
- By nature (Rom. 1:26,27; Prov. 13:15; 14:34; Jer 2:19)

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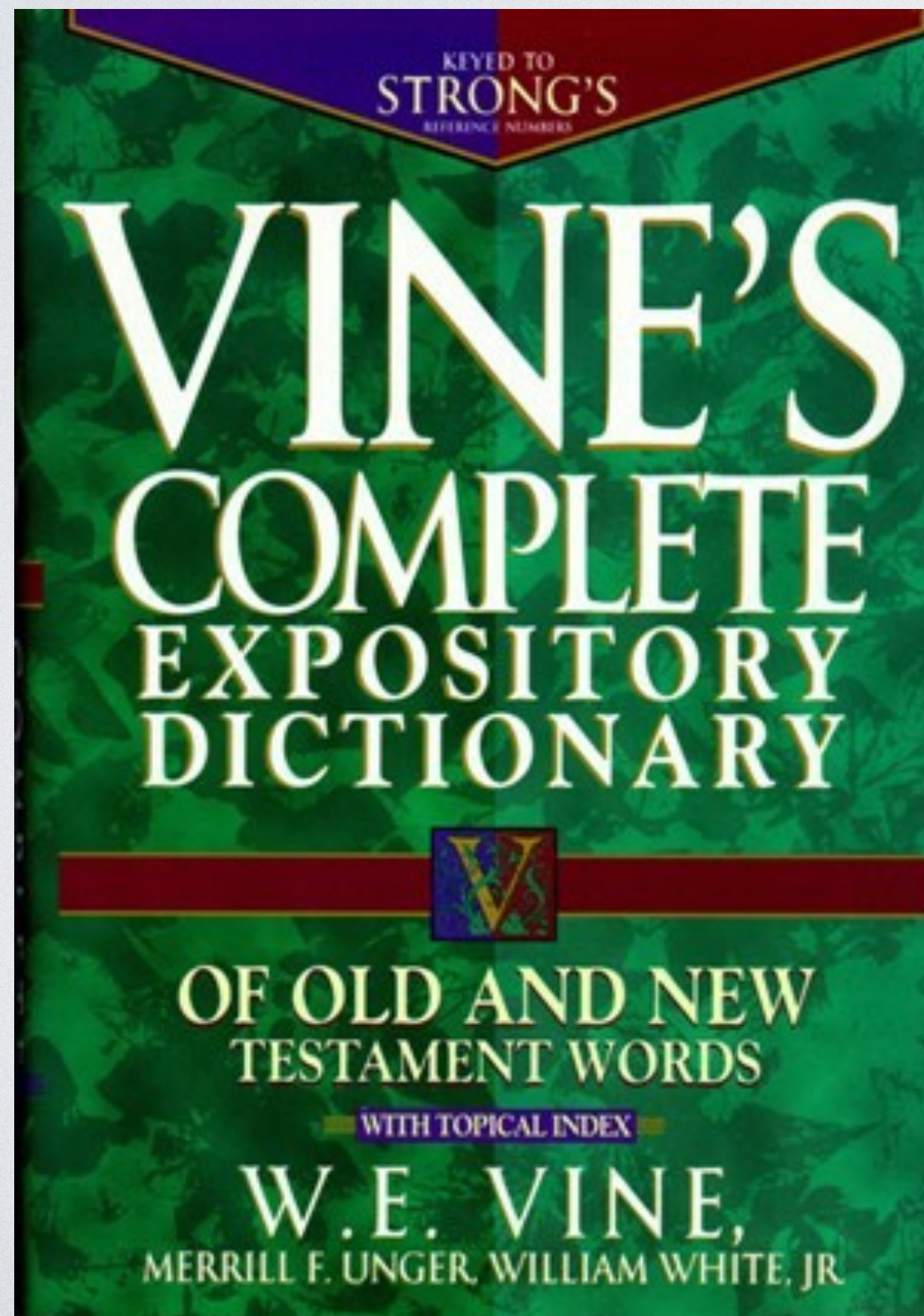


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⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

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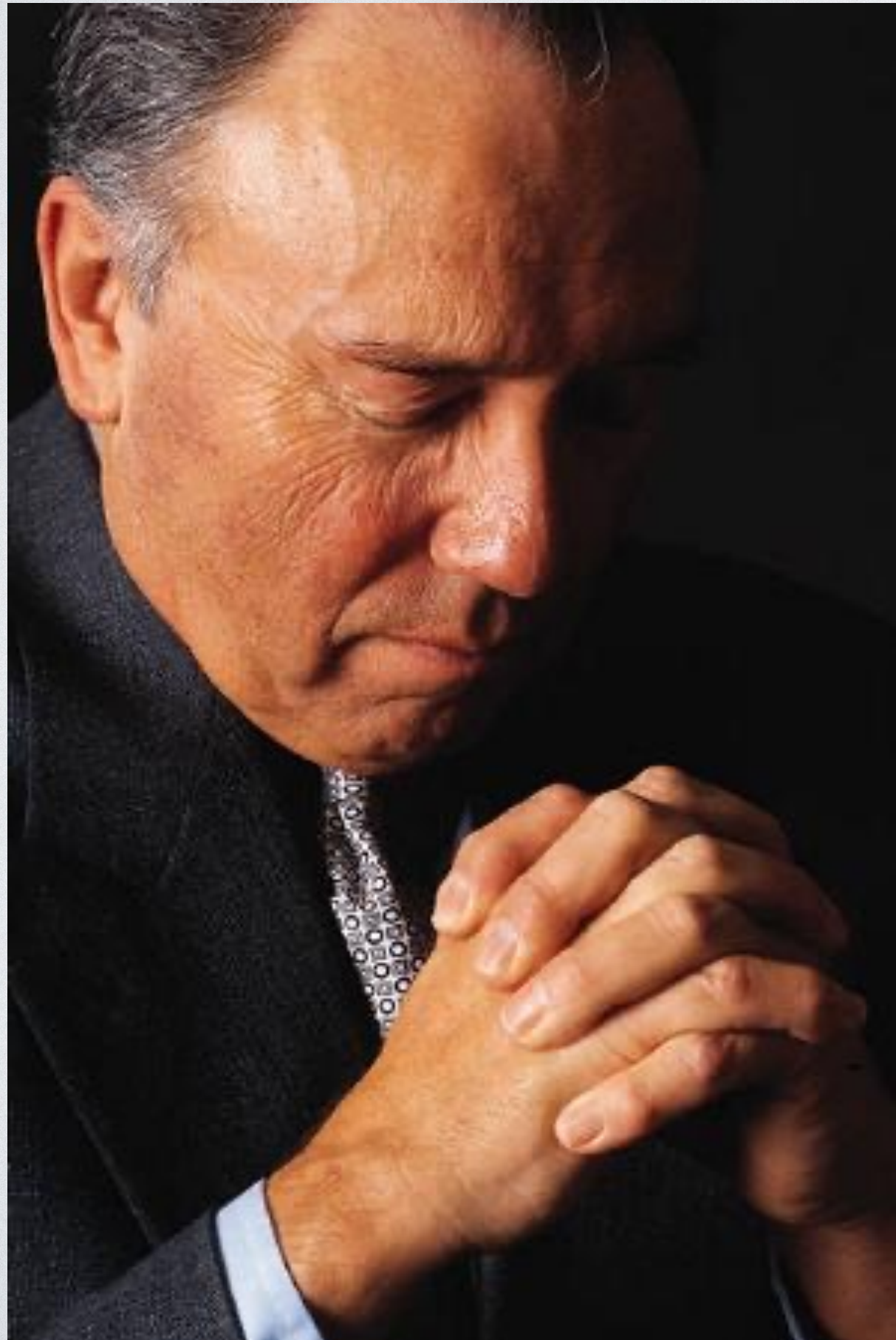


Confess – Verb - Strong's Number: <G3670>

Original Word: ὁμολογέω, homologeō
lit., "to speak the same thing" (homōs, "same," legō, "to speak"), "to assent, accord, agree with," denotes, (a) "to confess, declare, admit," John 1:20; e.g., Acts 24:14; Heb. 11:13; (b) "to confess by way of admitting oneself guilty of what one is accused of, the result of inward conviction," 1 John 1:9;
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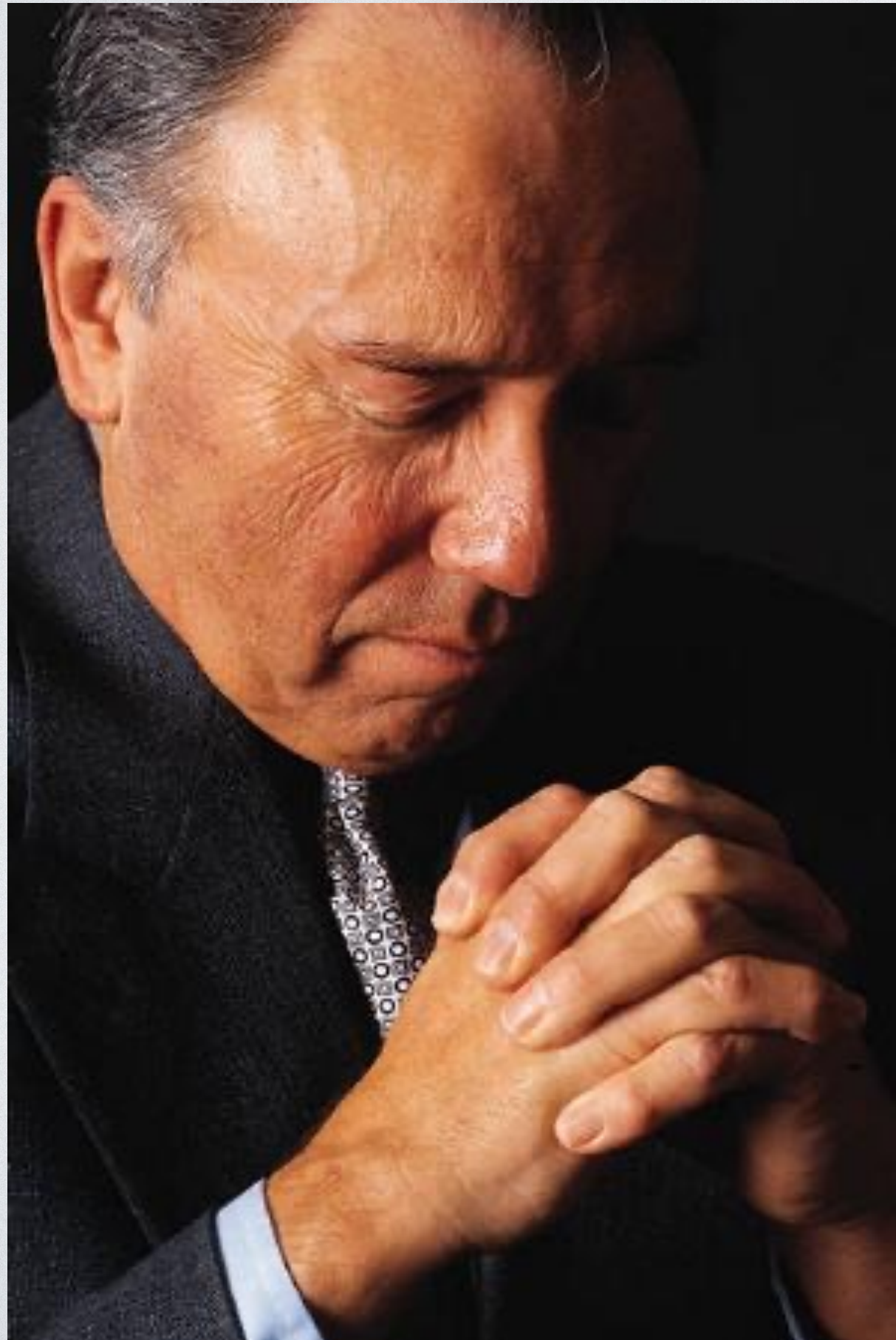
- Quickly (Isaiah 55:6,7; 2 Cor 6:2; Heb 3:13)
- Specifically (confess our sins) - (Proverbs 28:13; Psalm 32:5; 51:1-4)
- Confidently (He is faithful and just) (1 Cor 1:9; Heb 6:18; Rom 3:26)

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WE MUST REPENT

Acts 8:20–24 (NKJV)

²⁰ But Peter said to him, “Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money! ²¹ You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God.



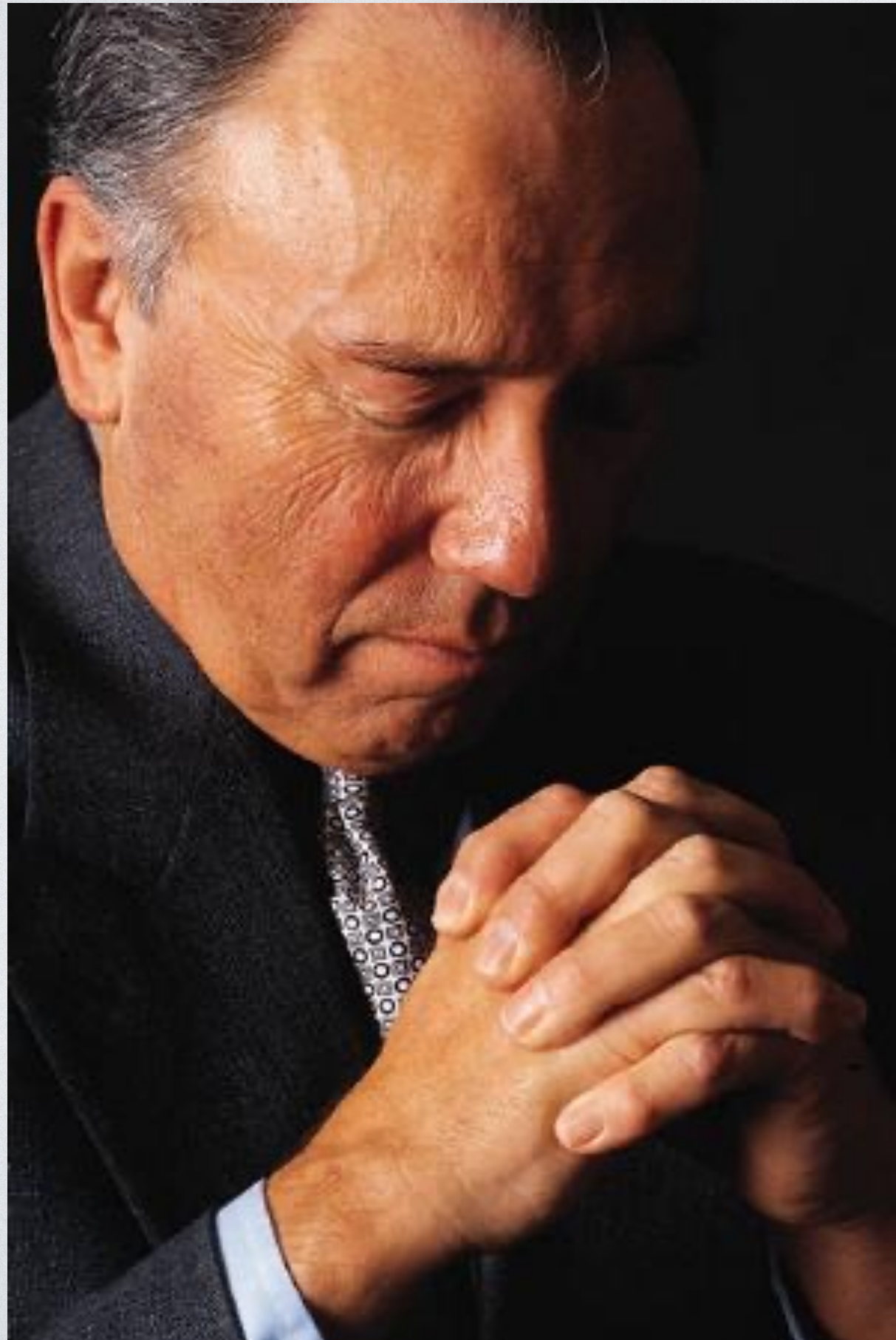
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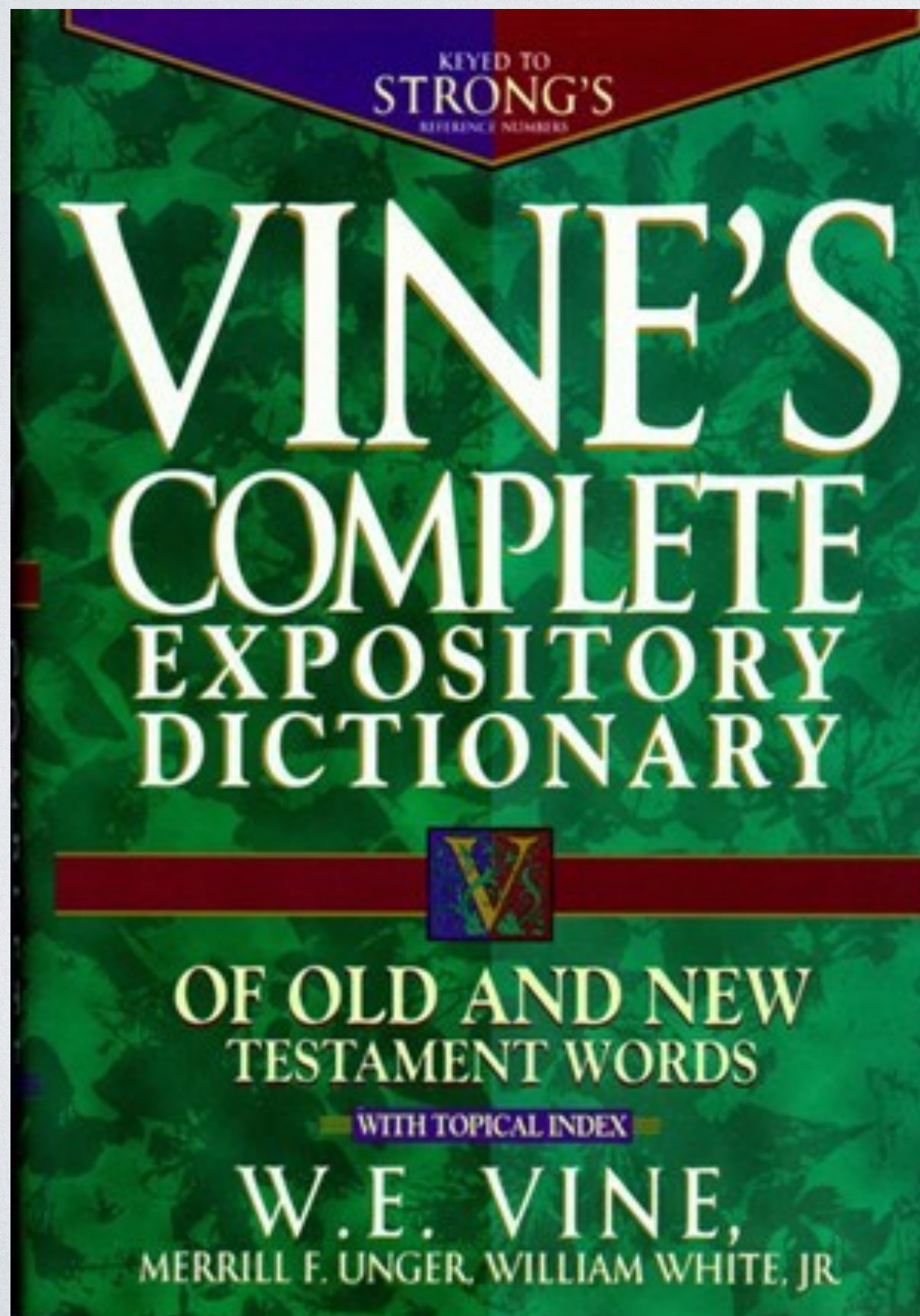
²² Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. ²³ For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity.” ²⁴

Then Simon answered and said, “Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me.”



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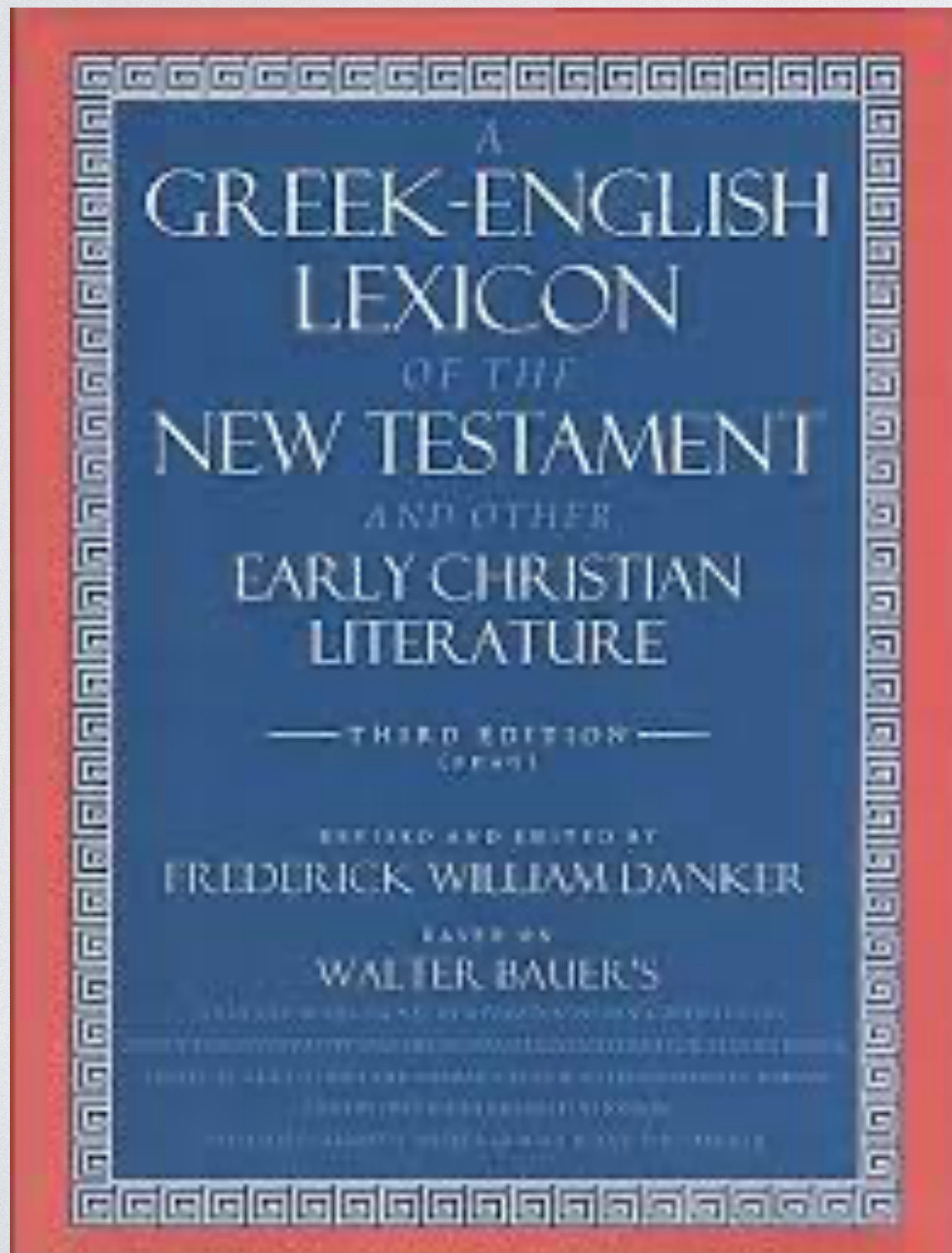


Repent – 1. *metanoëo* (μετανοέω, 3340), lit., “to perceive afterwards” (*meta*, “after,” implying “change,” *noëo*, “to perceive”; *nous*, “the mind, the seat of moral reflection”), ... hence signifies “to change one’s mind or purpose,” always, in the NT, involving a change for the better, an amendment, and always, except in Luke 17:3, 4, of “repentance” from sin.

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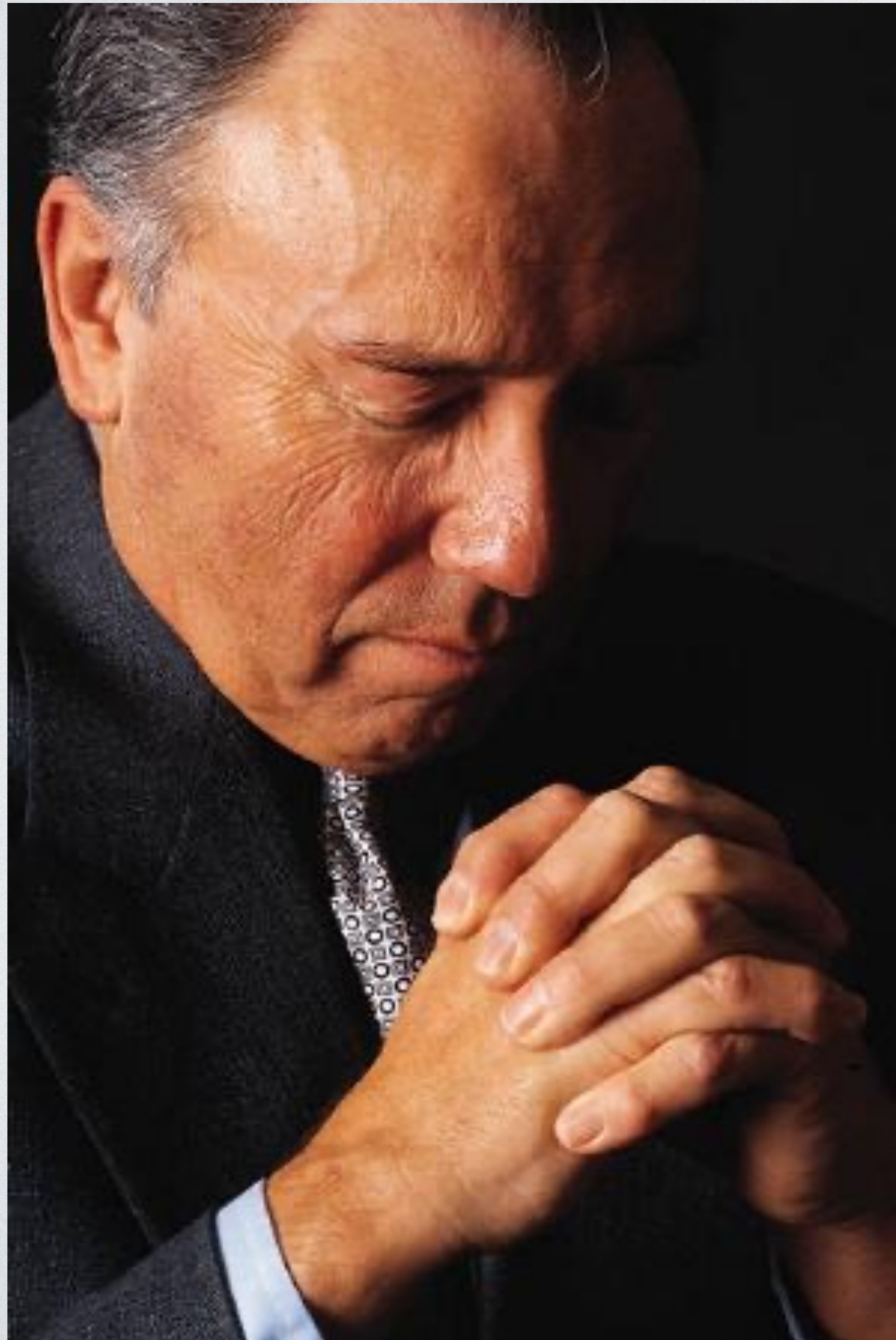
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- ① change one's mind
- ② feel remorse, repent, be converted ... Failure to repent leads to destruction **Lk 13:3, 5; Mt 11:20 ...** the negative impulse of turning away is dominant, ...*repent and turn away from someth.* ἀπὸ τῆς κακίας (Jer 8:6; Just., D. 109, 1) **Ac 8:22**

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- From the case of Simon we learn that the forgiveness of the sins one commits after baptism is conditioned on repentance.
- The unrepentant can expect no forgiveness. (Luke 13:3-5; Acts 17:30)
- Peter told Simon to pray (1 Jn 1:9)

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- Sin no more – John 5:14
- Go and sin no more – John 8:11
- Not to continue in sin – Rom 6:1,2,6,7,11,12-15
- Do not sin – 1 Cor. 15:34
- Grace teaches us – Tit 2:11,12

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**If we sin – we
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- Sinners must recognize their desperate situation brought on by the devastating nature of sin.
- Sinners must in faith appeal to Jesus for cleansing.
- Jesus eagerly, compassionately grants deliverance from sin to ALL who by faith fully surrenders their will and life to His will & life.

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- **Hear** the Gospel (Rom. 10:17)
- **Believe** that Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)
- **Repent** of Your Sins (Acts 17:30)
- **Confess** Jesus as God's Son & the risen Lord (Rom. 10:9-10)
- Be **Baptized** for Forgiveness of Sins (Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-6)
- Live **Faithfully** in service to Jesus, (Col. 1:23; 1 Jn 1:9,10; Acts 8:22)

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- **Imitate God as dear children (1 Jn 1:5,7; Eph 5:1,2)**
- **Abstain from sin (1 Jn 2:1; Eph. 5:3-7)**
- **Walk as children of light (1 Jn 1:7; Eph. 5:8-14)**
- **If we sin - repent, confess and pray (1 Jn 1:9; Acts 8:22)**

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The Question for
us today is:

*What Will We Do
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