



THE BOOK OF

MADE ALIVE BY GRACE

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(Ephesians 2:1-10)

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- ▶ **All Spiritual Blessings are In Christ (1:3)**
 - ▶ He chose us in him (1:4)
 - ▶ Adopted as Sons (1:5)
 - ▶ Accepted In Christ (1:6)
 - ▶ Redemption & Forgiveness (1:7,8)
 - ▶ Obtained An Inheritance (1:11-14)

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- ▶ **All Spiritual Blessings are In Christ (1:3)**
 - ▶ God has provided these riches in Christ according to His predetermined will!
 - ▶ God has provided these riches by His sovereign power!

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▶ PAUL'S PRAYER:

- ▶ That they might **know** God (1:17)
- ▶ That they might **know** the hope of His calling (1:18a)
- ▶ That they might **know** the glorious riches of His inheritance in the saints (1:18b)
- ▶ That they might **know** the exceeding greatness of God's power exhibited through Jesus toward believers (1:19-23)

Ephesians 2:1–10 (NKJV)

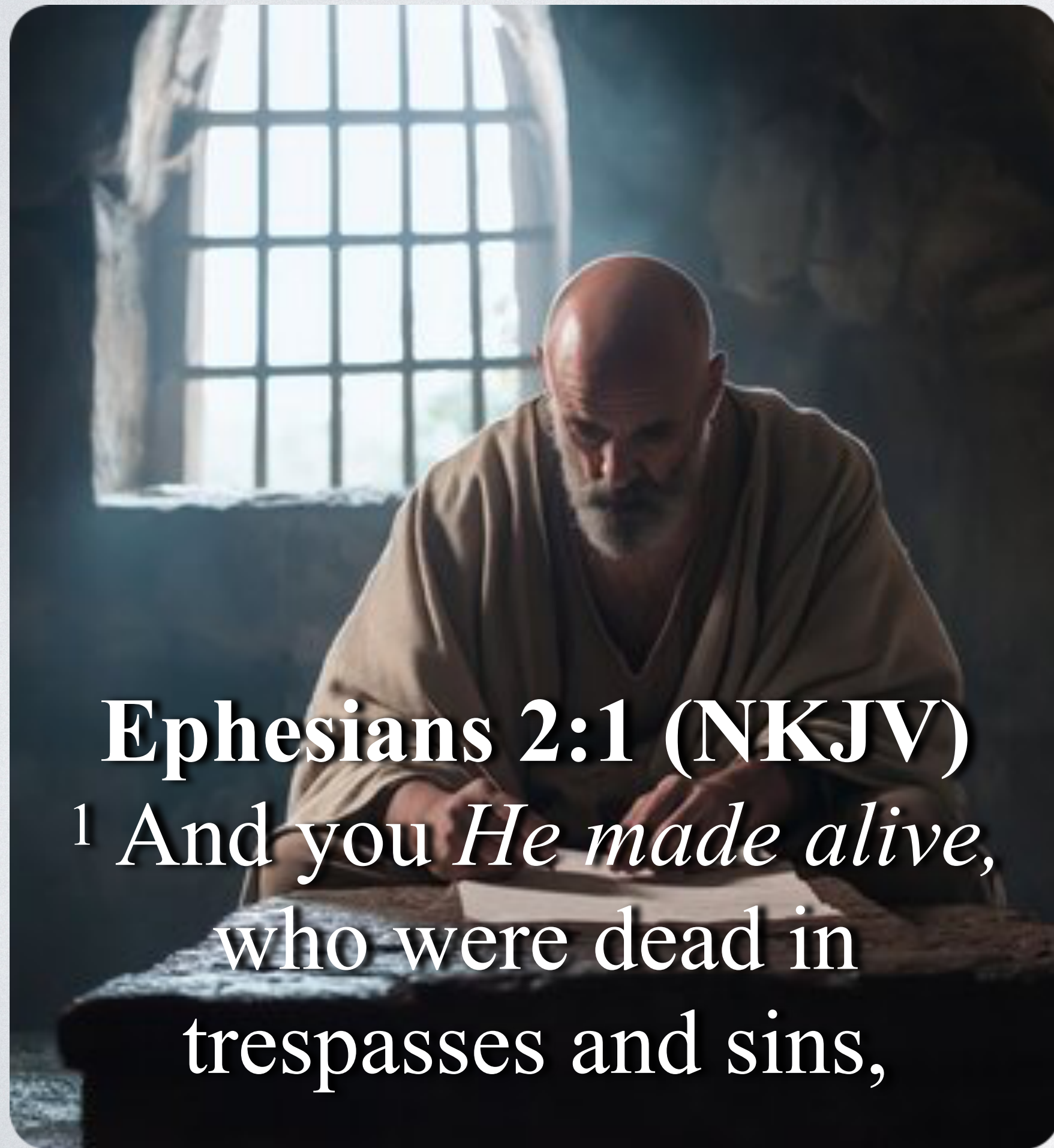
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“Who were dead in trespasses and sins” (2:1)



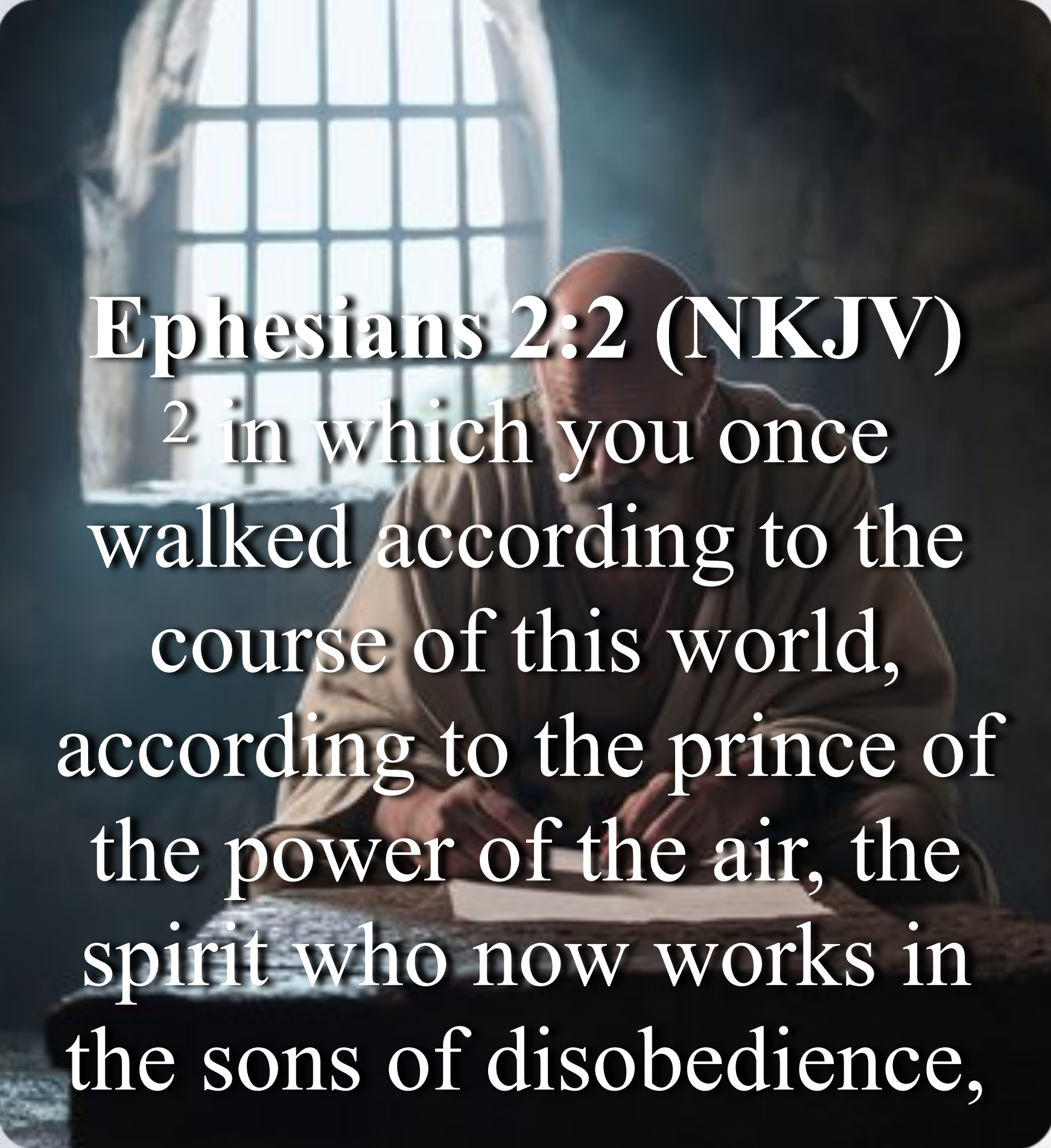
Ephesians 2:1 (NKJV)

¹ And you *He made alive*,
who were dead in
trespasses and sins,

- This "death" signifies the state of being separated from God due to our trespasses and sins, (Isa. 59:1,2; Jam. 2:26; Rom. 3:23; 5:12; 6:23)
- This "death" does not imply total incapacity or lack of ability to respond to God's gracious gift of salvation, (Luke 15:24; Rev. 3:1).

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“in which you once walked, ...” (v. 2)



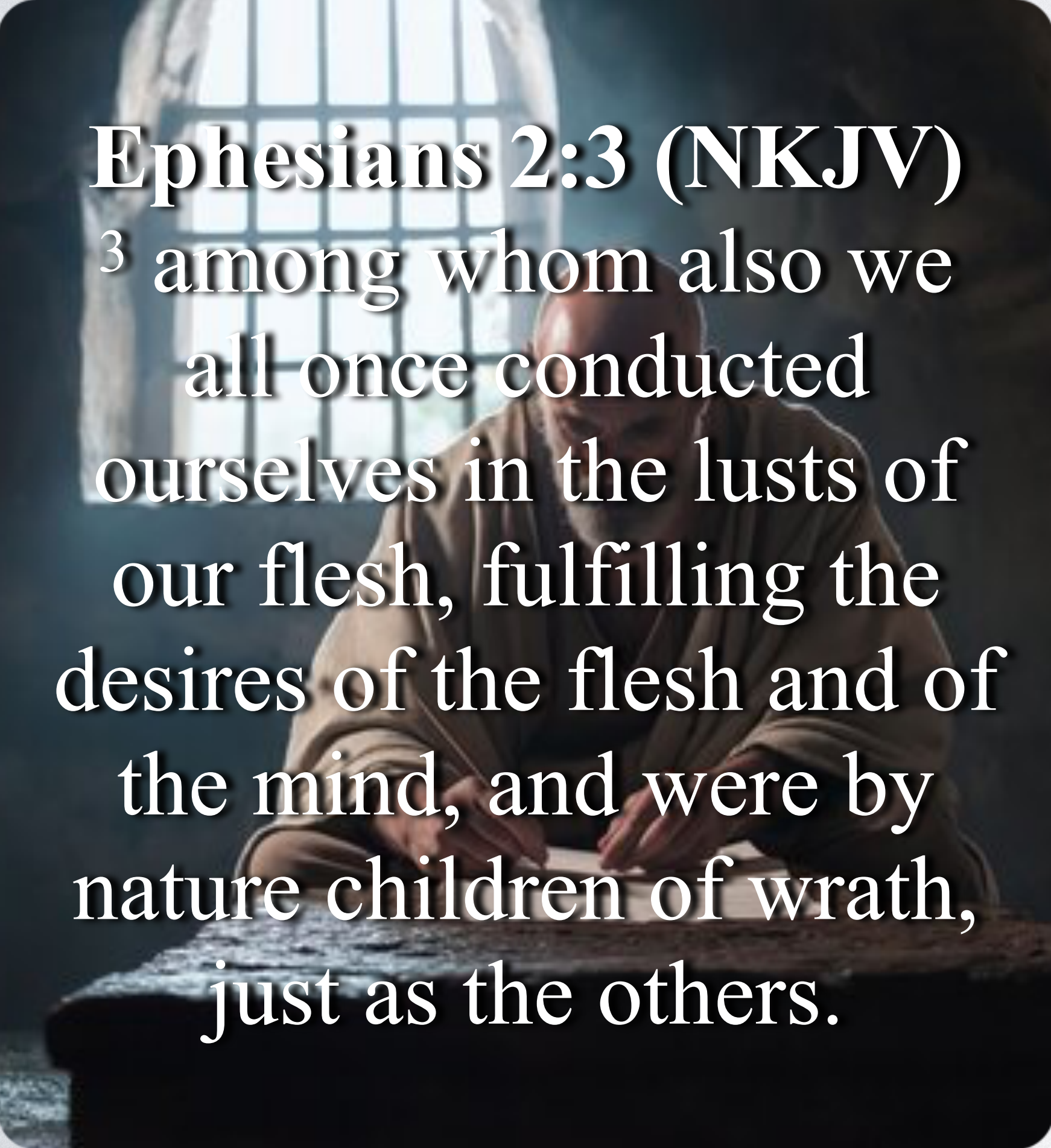
Ephesians 2:2 (NKJV)

² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

- By the world's standards (Col. 1:21; Rom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; Jam. 4:4)
- Having been influenced by Satan, thus his child (1 John 5:19; John 8:44; Mat. 13:38)
- With those who were “the sons of disobedience” whose spirit or disposition was influenced by Satan, (1 Cor. 2:12; Isa 30:1; Eph. 5:6; 1 Jn 3:10)

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“were by nature children of wrath, ...” (v. 3)

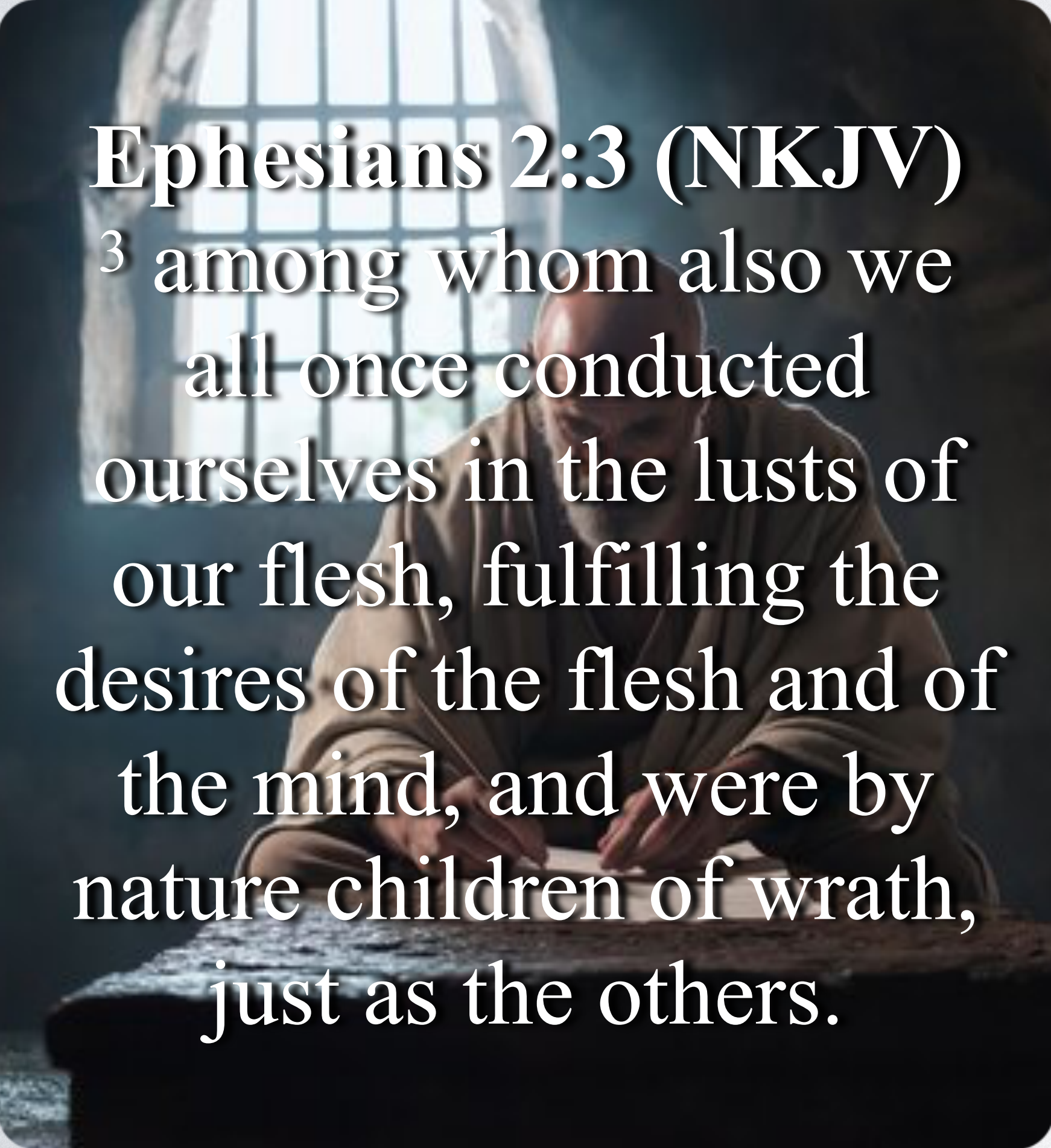


Ephesians 2:3 (NKJV)
³ among whom also we
all once conducted
ourselves in the lusts of
our flesh, fulfilling the
desires of the flesh and of
the mind, and were by
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just as the others.

- All who are outside of Christ (Eph. 2:12; even religiously devout people – Acts 2; 9; 10; 16; Rom. 7:14-24, etc.)
- We have all conducted ourselves according to the desires of our flesh, and mind, (Rom. 3:9-20,23; Titus 3:3).
- The product of a sinful life is the propensity to sin even more (2 Pet. 2:14; John 8:34; Rom 6:16)

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- “Nature,” *phusis* (φύσις, 5449) describes one’s moral state resulting from choices made, which are influenced by societal norms and environments, (*not intrinsic nature*), (vs. 2; Rom. 12:1,2; Gen. 1:26; 9:6; Eccl. 7:29; 1 Cor. 11:7; Jam. 3:9)
- This passage speaks to the fruit of their practice, not the cause, and “WRATH” will be the result (Rom. 1:18-39).

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WE ARE MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE

God is the creator and author of
the nature that we are born with.
(Gen. 1:26-27; 9:6; 1 Cor. 11:7; James 3:9)

**Neither Adam nor the devil
forms our inherent nature.**

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**The Bible says that God personally
forms our constitution in the womb:**

“Thy hands have made me and fashioned
me” (Psalm 119:73).

“I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and
wonderfully made: marvelous are thy
works...” (Ps. 139:14).

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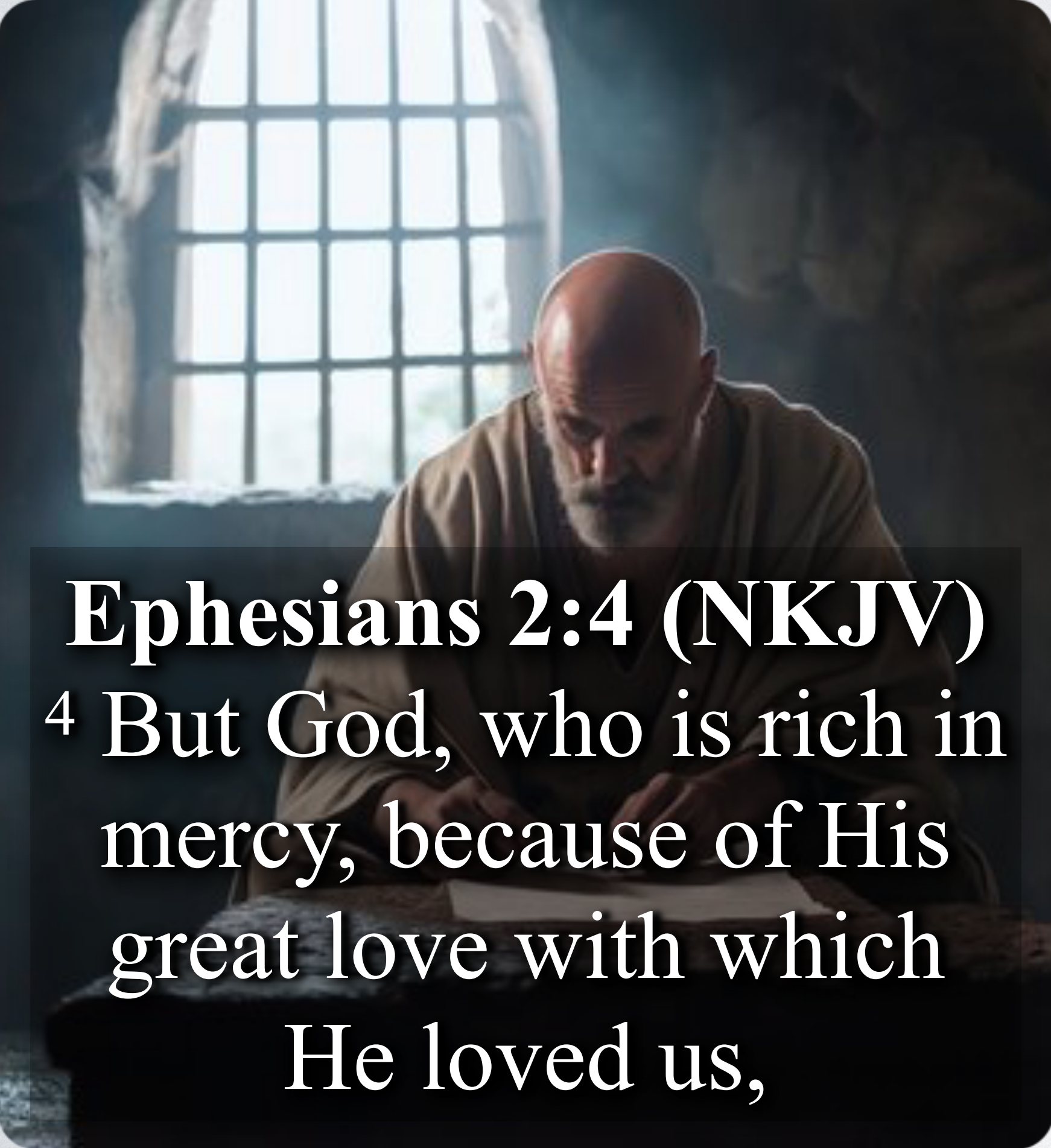
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- We are all sinners in need of salvation (Ecc. 7:20; Rom. 3:23; Gal. 3:22; etc.)
- We CANNOT save ourselves from our sins apart from God's gracious provision (Is. 59:1,2; 64:6; Jer. 10:23; Rom 6:23; 7:23,24; 10:4-17)

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“But God ... made us alive together with Christ” (v. 4,5)



Ephesians 2:4 (NKJV)

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

- Made possible **BECAUSE** God is RICH in MERCY (vs. 4 - pity, compassion; Ex. 34:6,7; Neh. 9:17; Ps. 51:1; Rom 2:4; Titus 3:3-5; 1 Pet 1:3).
- Made possible **BECAUSE** of His GREAT LOVE for us (vs. 4 - John 3:16; Rom. 5:6-10).

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BASIS / GROUNDS

Ep. 2:4; Jn 3:16; Rom. 5:8-11

**God's Universal
Kindness, Love & Mercy
manifested in Christ**



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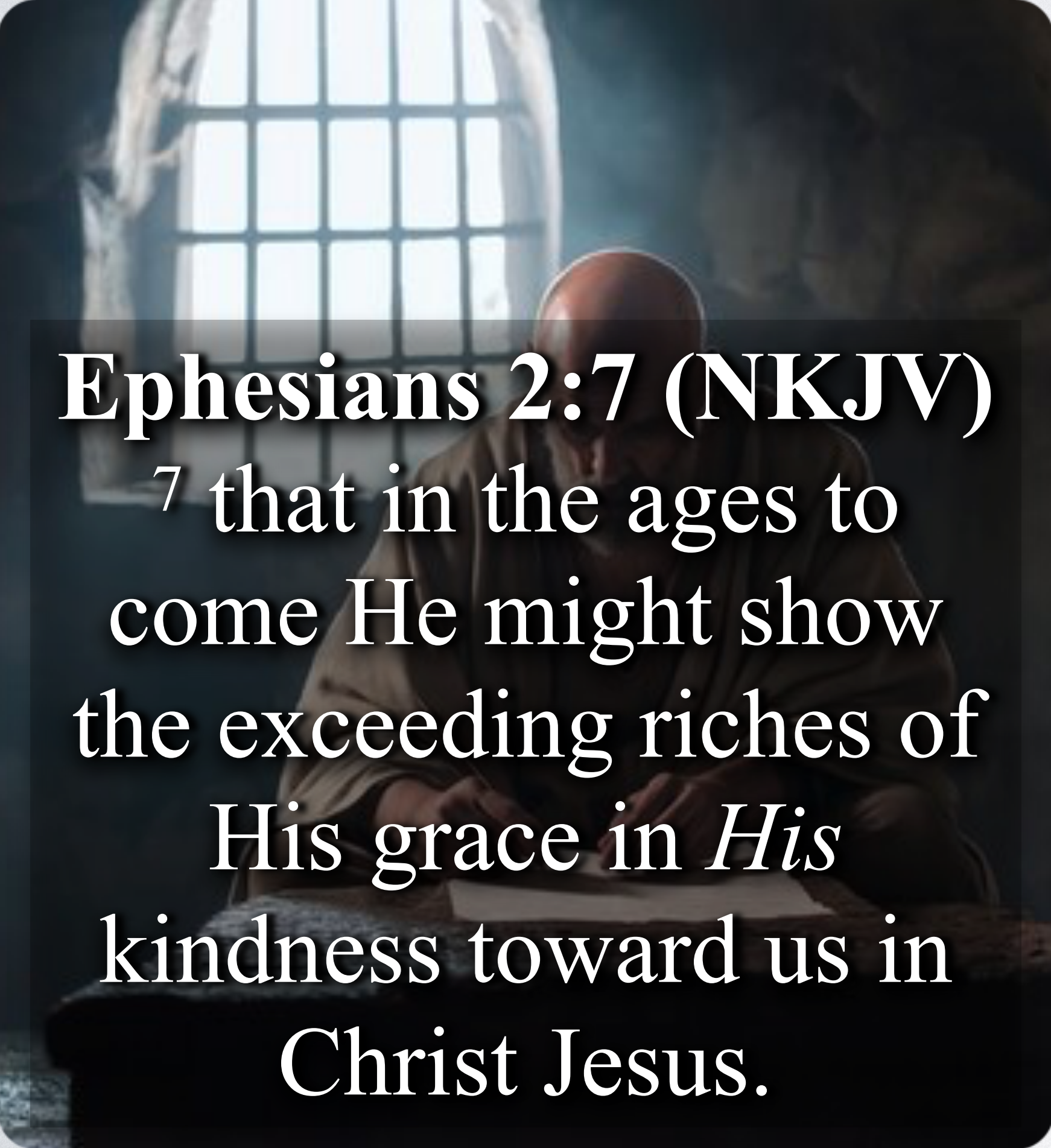
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Ephesians 2:5 (NKJV)
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- Made us ALIVE in Christ (vs. 5 - Ep. 1:19,20; Rom. 6:3-6; Col. 2:11-13; 3:1-3).
- By grace [favor] you have been saved (vs. 5; Ep 1:6; Rom. 3:23,24; Titus 2:11,12; etc.).
- Into heavenly citizenship, “in Christ Jesus” (vs. 6; Ep 1:3; 2:19; Phili 3:20).

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Ephesians 2:7 (NKJV)

⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

- That forevermore there will remain a monument of “the exceeding riches of His grace” (vs. 7; John 3:16; 1 Tim 1:16,17; 1 Pet. 1:3-9)
- Grace realized only **in Christ** (vs. 7; Gal. 3:26-29)

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PROVISION / MEANS

Rom. 1:16; 2 Tim 1:8-12

**The Gracious Gift
of God's Son & The
FAITH (Gospel)**

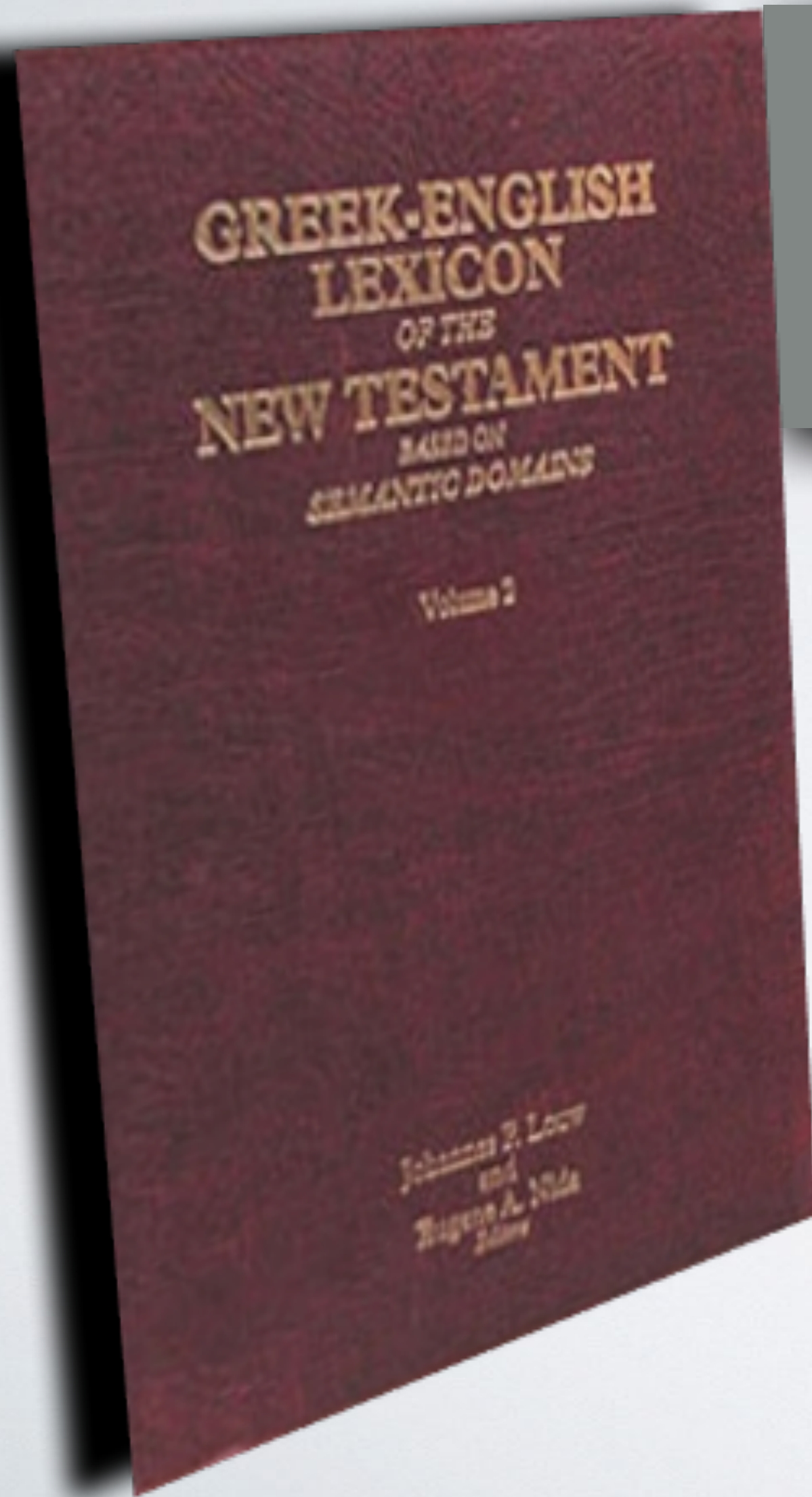
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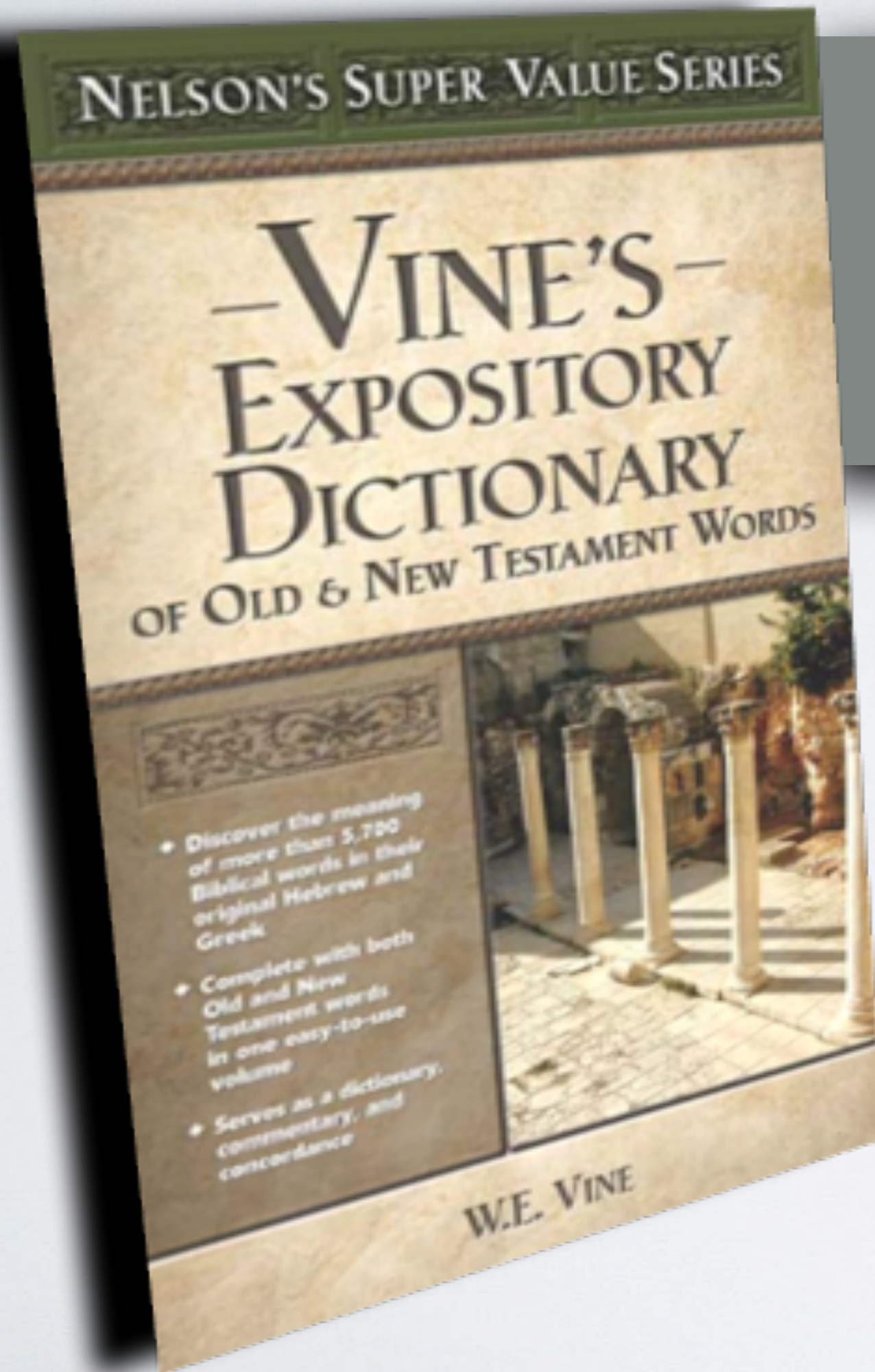
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L.N. - 25.89 f: a favorable attitude toward someone or something—‘favor, good will.’

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains* (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 298). New York: United Bible Societies.



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GRACE

1. charis (χάρις, Strong's # 5485; L.N. - 25.89)

(1) on the part of the bestower, the friendly disposition from which the kindly act proceeds, graciousness, loving-kindness, goodwill generally, e.g., Acts 7:10; especially with reference to the divine favor or “grace,” e.g., Acts 14:26; in this respect there is stress on its freeness and universality, ...thus it is set in contrast with debt, Rom. 4:4, 16, with works, 11:6, and with law, John 1:17;

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Ephesians 2:1-10

⁸ ^oFor by grace you have been saved ^pthrough faith, and that not of yourselves; ^qit is the gift of God, ⁹ not of ^rworks, lest anyone should ^sboast. ¹⁰ For we are ^tHis workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

DEAD / LOST

Separated from God
Because of
Disobedience (sin)
Verses 1-4, 5

GRACE / MERCY

God's love provided a
way for men to be
made alive, saved, raised
Verses 1, 4, 5, 6

ALIVE / SAVED

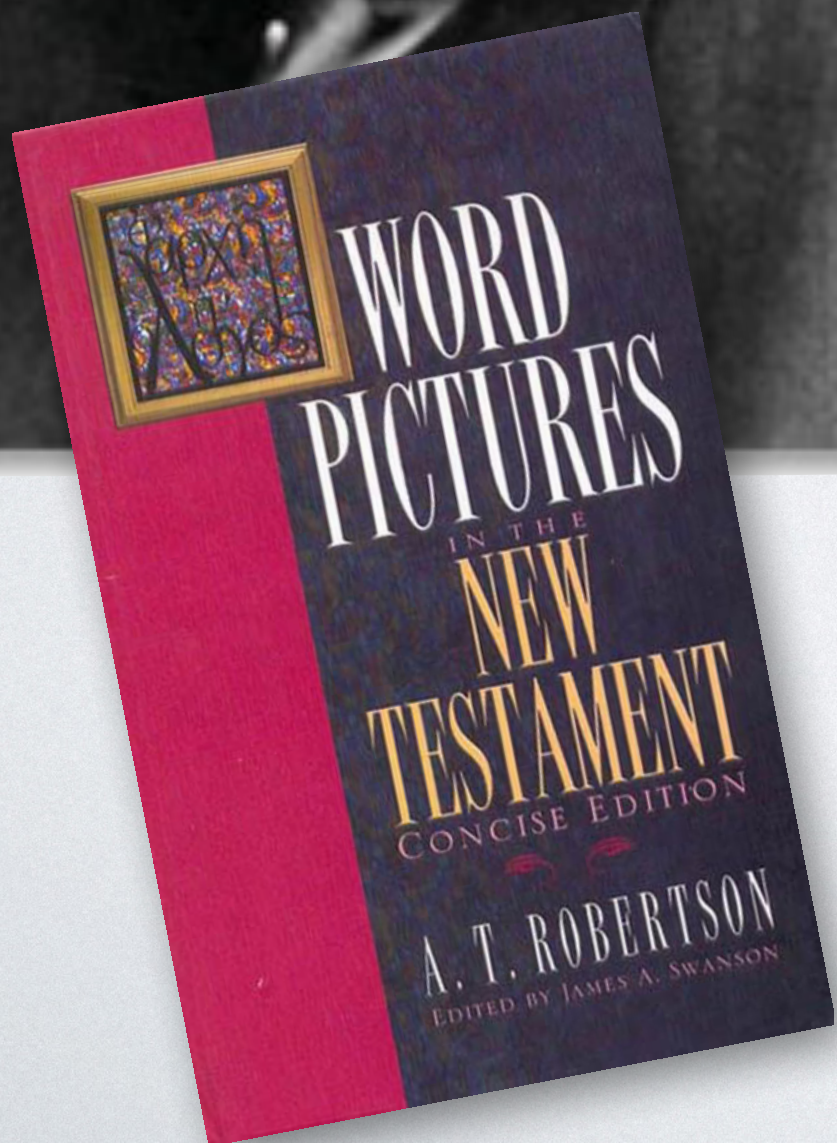
Through our faith, we
are made alive, saved,
raised, in Christ
Verses 1, 6-10

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FAITH, NOT AN IRRESISTIBLE GIFT

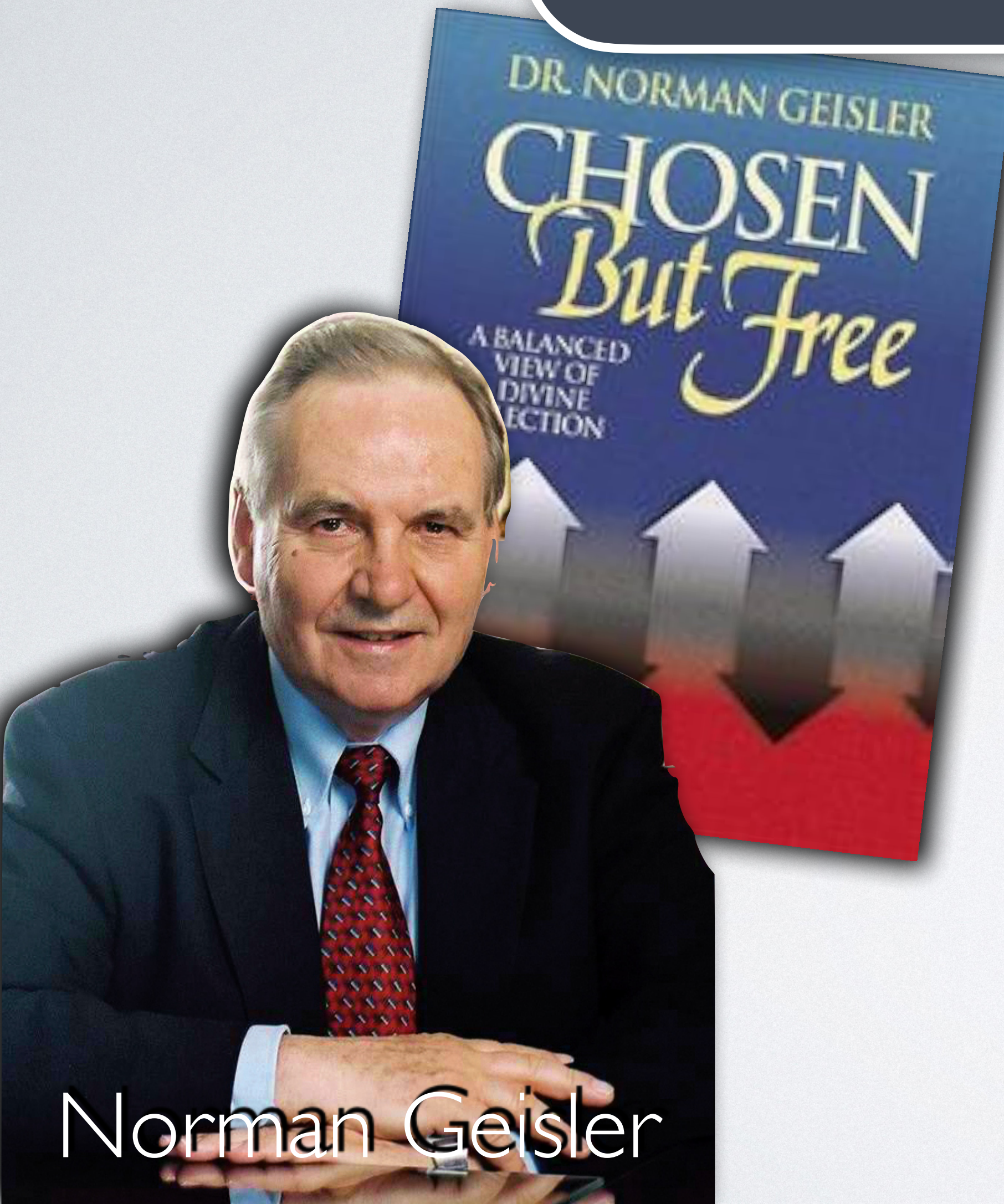
- ▶ Through faith (dia pisteōs). This phrase he adds in repeating what he said in Ephes. 2:5 to make it plainer. "Grace" is God's part, "faith" ours.
- ▶ And that (kai touto). Neuter, not feminine tautē, and so refers not to pistis (feminine) or to charis (feminine also), but to the act of being saved by grace conditioned on faith on our part. Paul shows that salvation does not have its source (ex humōn, out of you) in men, but from God. Besides, it is God's gift (dōron) and not the result of our work.



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FAITH, NOT AN IRRESISTIBLE GIFT



“However plausible this interpretation, (*i.e. faith being a miraculous gift, DM*), may seem in English, it is very clear from the Greek that Ephesians 2:8,9 is not referring to faith as a gift from God.”
(*Chosen But Free*, page 189)

Norman Geisler

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HOW FAITH COMES ...

Romans 10:13-17

Fact

Witness

Testimony

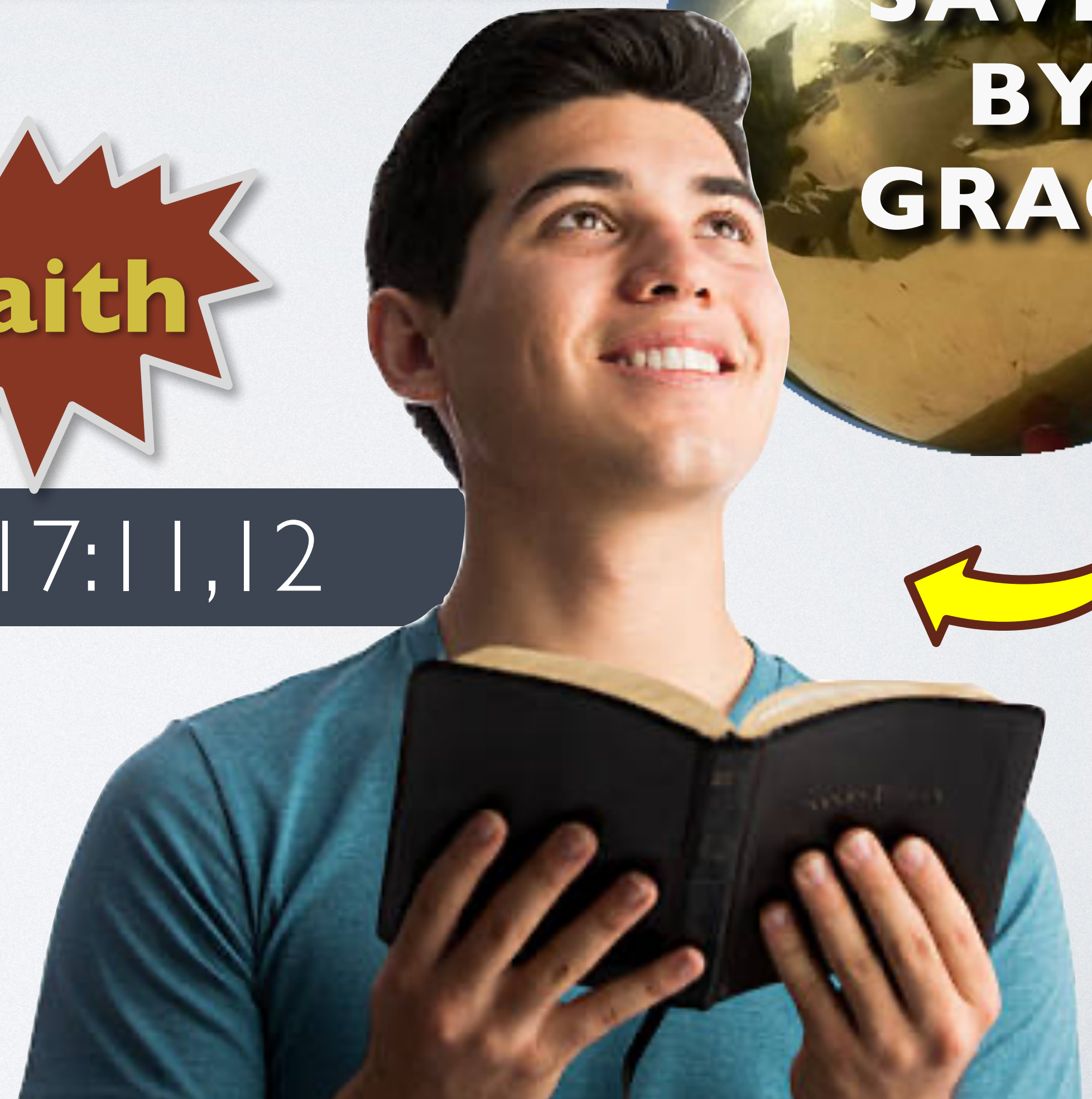
Confirmation

John 20:30,31

Faith

Acts 17:11,12

**SAVED
BY
GRACE**



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Romans 10:14-17

HOW FAITH COMES ...

- One can't **call** until they first **believe** (14)
 - One can't **believe** until they have **heard** (14)
 - One can't **hear** without the message being **proclaimed** (14)
 - The message can't be **proclaimed** until it is **sent** (15)
 - But they have not all **obeyed the gospel** (16)
 - For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has **believed our report?**" (16)
 - So then **faith** comes by **hearing**, (17)
 - and **hearing** by the **word of God** (17)
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(FAVOR) GRACE VS. WORKS (DESERVING)

**A thing is deserved
or it is NOT.**

How can any sinner
deserve a right
standing with God?

**JESUS, and the
GOSPEL IS THE ONLY
WAY (John 14:6).**

Romans 4:4 (NKJV)

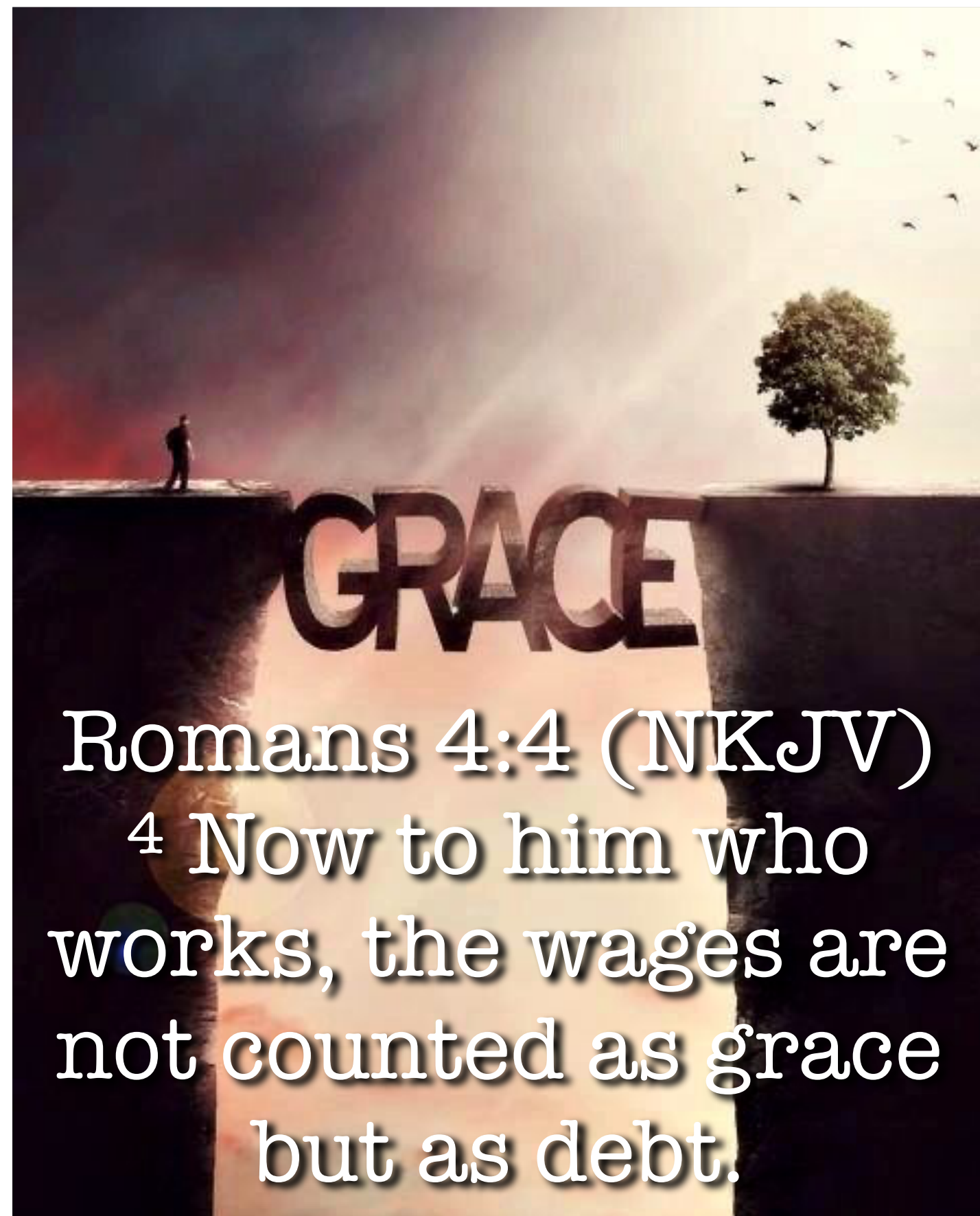
4 Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.

Romans 11:6 (NKJV)

⁶ And if by grace, then *it is* no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if *it is* of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.

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(FAVOR) GRACE VS. WORKS (DESERVING)



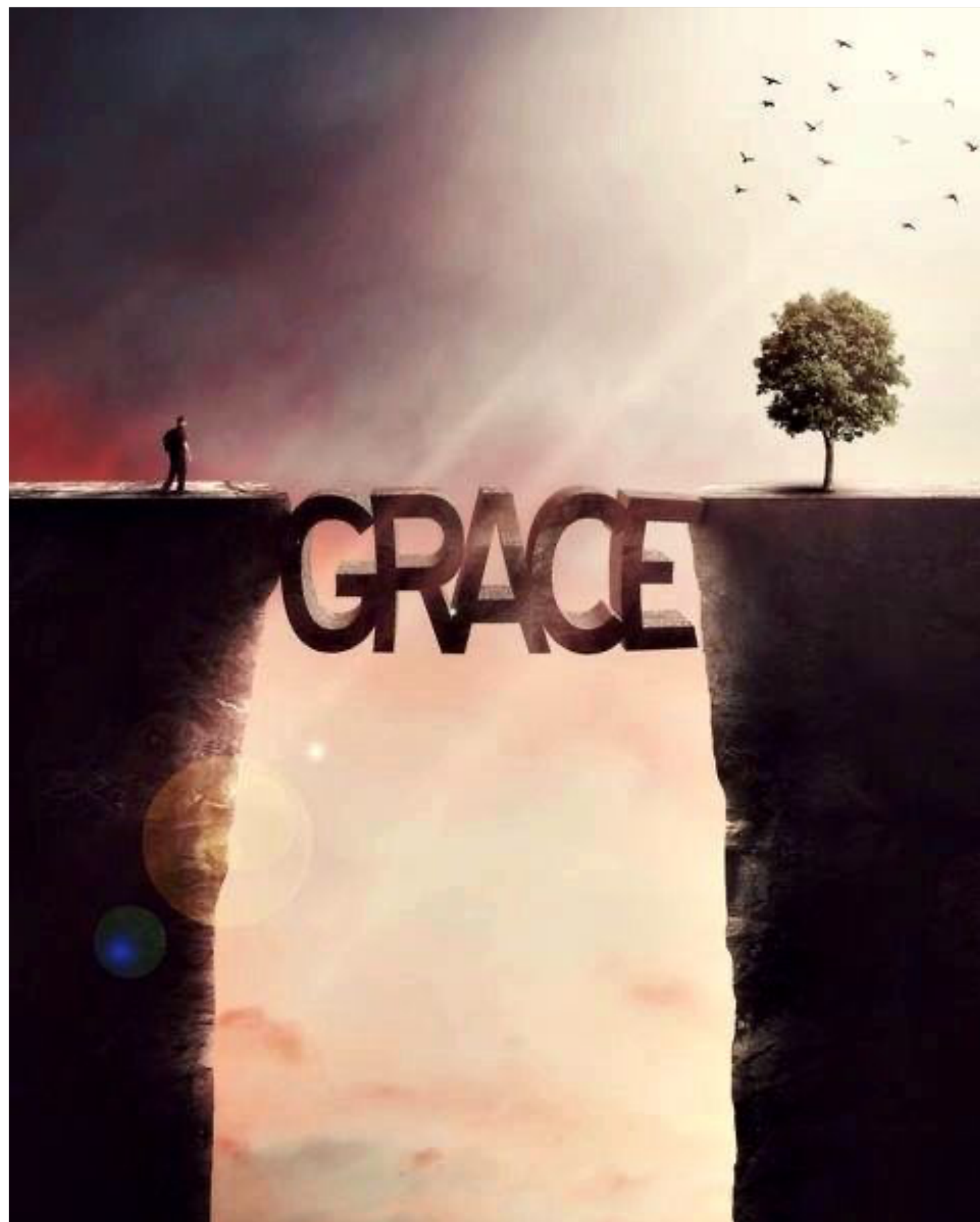
Romans 4:4 (NKJV)

⁴ Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.

- God is NOT under obligation to man (Rom 4:4, 5; Mat 18:23-35)
- God's love & provisions are not deserved! (John 3:16; Rom 5:8; 1 John 4:9,10)
- The means of salvation is not deserved! (Mat 26:28; Rom 5:8-10; 10:5-13; Heb. 2:9)
- Not a single spiritual blessing available in Christ is deserved (Ep 1:3; Col. 1:19; 2:9,10)

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(FAVOR) GRACE VS. WORKS (DESERVING)



- Salvation is by grace [We do *not* deserve it nor can we earn it] (Titus 2:11; 3:5-7; Ro. 3:24; 4:4; 11:6; Ep. 1:7; 2:5-8; 2 Thes. 2:16)
- We have a choice to receive / continue in (Acts 13:43; Gal. 5:4; Heb. 10:29; 12:15)
- The doctrine of grace has been misconstrued & abused (Rom. 6:1,15; Jude 1:4)

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WHICH VIEW DOES THE BIBLE TEACH?



UNCONDITIONAL:

**All of God,
NONE of man.**

We contribute
NOTHING in regard to
receiving our salvation.

Any free will act of
obedience on our part
nullifies God's grace.



CONDITIONAL:

**Provision
Freely Given By God**

We receive salvation
through trusting God in
submitting to His terms.

Submission does not
earn or deserve
salvation.



MERITED / EARNED

**None of
God, ALL of man.**

We are good enough to
be saved.

We have done enough
good to outweigh our sin.
Our obedience earns our
approval before God.

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BASIS / GROUNDS

Jn 3:16; Rom. 5:8-11

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PROVISION / MEANS

Rom. 1:16; 2 Tim 1:8-12

**The Gracious Gift
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FAITH (Gospel)**

**CONDITIONAL
via a SUBMISSIVE
FAITH!**

RECEPTION

Romans 6:16-18

HEARING / BELIEVING
REPENTING / CONFESSING
BAPTISM / FAITHFUL

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THE BIBLICAL VERSION of GRACE:



Ephesians 2:8–9 (NKJV)

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is the gift of God,* ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

- Grace does NOT nullify the Law of Christ (Gal 6:2; Rom 6:1; 8:1)
- Grace does NOT permit the one who has received it to continue in sin (Rom 6:1,2; 1 Pet 1:14; 2:16; 4:1-4; Gal 5:13; 1 Jn 3:4)
- Grace does not exclude obedience (Gal 2:20; Heb 5:8.9; Rom. 6:15-18; Eph. 2:10)

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THE BIBLICAL VERSION of GRACE:

Our perspective of God's GRACIOUSNESS should ALWAYS be that of an unworthy, totally dependent servant (Luke 17:10)

Luke 17:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.' ”



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Ephesians 2:8–9 (NKJV)

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is the gift of God,* ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

- Noah saved by grace through faith (Gen. 6:8; Heb 11:7)
- Naaman healed by grace through faith (2 Kings 5:1-19; Lk 4:27)
- Walls of Jericho fell by grace through faith (Joshua 6:2,15,16,20; Heb 11:30)
- When we by FAITH obey, grace is received - not earned or nullified!

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NO ONE SAVED WITHOUT GRACE

**GOD
PROVIDES**

**GOD
SPEAKS**

**MAN
HEARS**

**MAN
BELIVES /
OBEYS**

GOD SAVES!

Noah - Gen. 6:8,13-17; 22; 7:5; Heb 11:7

Abraham – Gen 12:4; 15:6; 17:10,23; 22:3,16-18; Rom. 4:1-12

Israel – Ex. 12:13; 14:30; Dt 30:15-19; Jos 6; 1 Cor 10:1-13

Us – Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 8:12,37; Rom 6:3-6; 10:9-13; Gal. 3:26,27; Col. 2:11-13; 1 Pet 3:21; 1 Jn 1:9

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GOD'S PROVISION of SALVATION



- Jesus died on the cross to provide an acceptable sacrifice for our sins (Is. 53:11; Mt. 26:28; Jn 3:16; Rom. 5:8-10; Heb. 2:9; 9:14,15,26,27; 10:12; 1 Jn 2:1,2)
- Jesus was buried, but 3 days later was raised to sit on His throne (Jn. 14:9; Acts 2:29-36; Ro. 4:25; 5:10,18; 1 Cor. 15:17)

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GOD'S REVEALED CONDITIONS



- MUST hear and by faith submit to Jesus (Jn. 3:14-18; 8:24; Acts 2:36-41; Rom. 10:1-17)
- 📌 INCLUDES CONFESSION (Ro. 10:9,10)
- 📌 INCLUDES REPENTANCE (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30,31; 20:21; 26:20; 2 Pet. 3:9)
- 📌 INCLUDES being BAPTIZED in the name of Jesus for the remission of our sins (Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-6,16-18; Gal. 3:26,27; ...)

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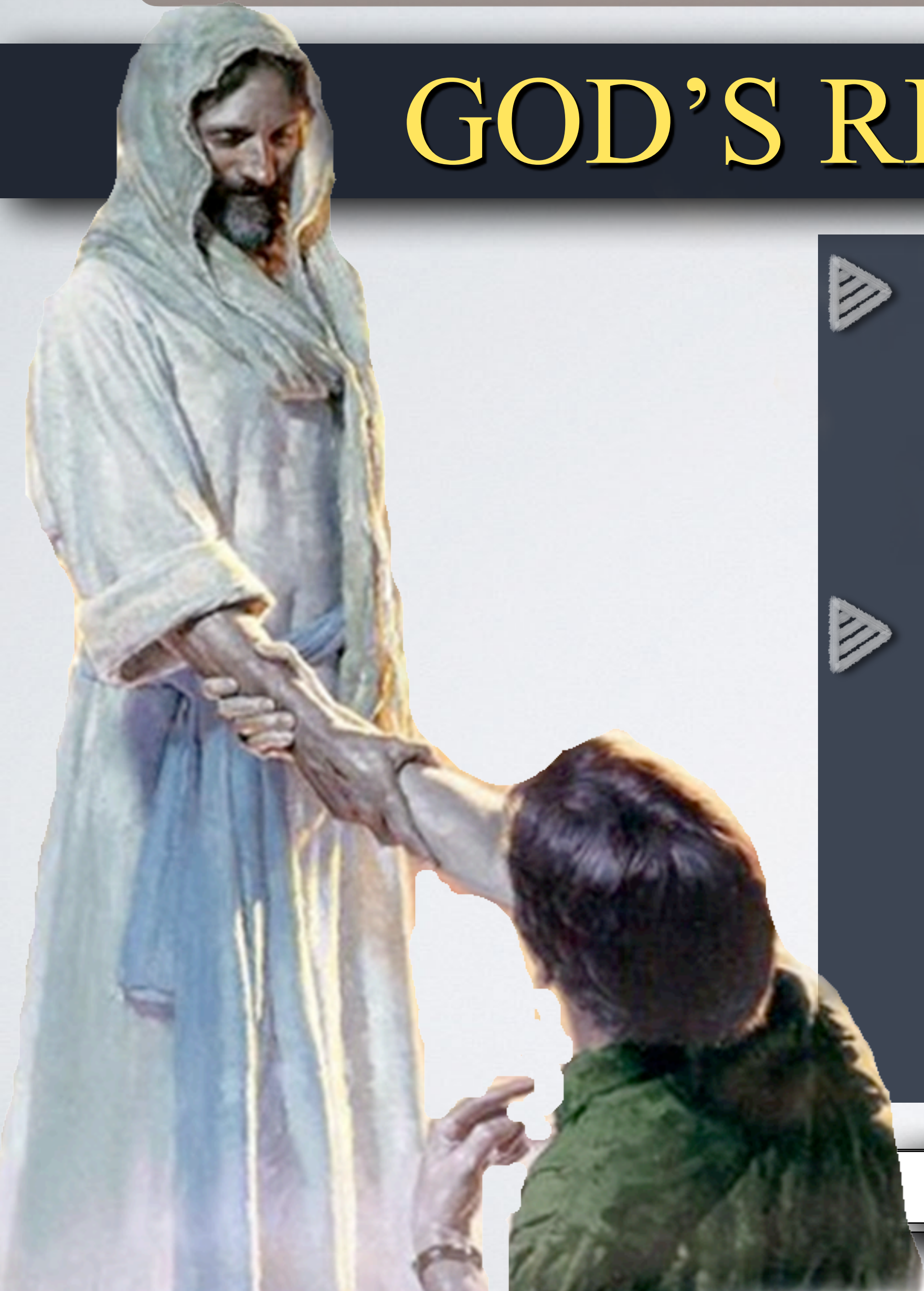
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Titus 2:14; 2 Corinthians 15:58; etc.



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GOD'S REVEALED CONDITIONS



- ▶ The concept of saving faith is **NEVER** contrasted with faithful obedience in scripture.
- ▶ The premise that “*if we have to do anything at all to receive salvation we would earn salvation,*” is a premise that despises the value of the sacrifice of Christ (Heb. 10:26-31).

faith / repentance / confession / baptism / faithfulness

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OUTSIDE CHRIST

Lost Without Hope

NO spiritual blessings

NOT chosen

NOT children of God

NOT accepted

NO redemption

NO forgiveness

NO heavenly Inheritance

Saved by
grace through
faith ...

Baptized Into

Rom. 6:3-6

Gal. 3:26,27

Acts 2:38,47

HAS HOPE

CHRIST'S CHURCH

ALL spiritual blessings

Chosen

A child of God

Accepted

Redeemed

Forgiven

A Heavenly

Inheritance

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If you are NOT in Christ,
do you realize the
immense poverty you are
in and the hopelessness
you should feel?

John 8:34; Mat. 11:28-30

GOOD NEWS: You can be
baptized into Christ NOW!
(Rom. 6:3-6; Gal. 3:26,27)

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John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8,9; Romans 10:17; John 8:24; Acts 17:30;
Romans 10:9,10; Acts 2:38; 10:43,47,48; Hebrews 10:36-39

Salvation By Grace - (IN CHRIST)

Through Faith (IN CHRIST)

**SAVED /
HEAVEN**

HEAR
the word
of God

BELIVE in
JESUS'
name

REPENT
turn from
sin to God

CONFESS
Jesus as
the Christ

BAPTISM
into JESUS
forgiven

BELIEVER
Abiding in
Christ

REJECT

UNBELIEF

IMPENITENT

FEARFUL

DISOBEDIENT

RETURN

Lost - the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Romans 5:8–11 (NKJV)

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹ And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.