

What It Really Means To Be A Christian

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¹¹ Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed; ¹² for before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision. ¹³ And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy.

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¹⁴ But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before *them* all, “If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews?” ¹⁵

We *who* are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, ¹⁶ knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ,

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even we have believed in Christ Jesus,
that we might be justified by faith in
Christ and not by the works of the law;
for by the works of the law no flesh shall
be justified. ¹⁷ “But if, while we seek to
be justified by Christ, we ourselves also
are found sinners, *is* Christ therefore a
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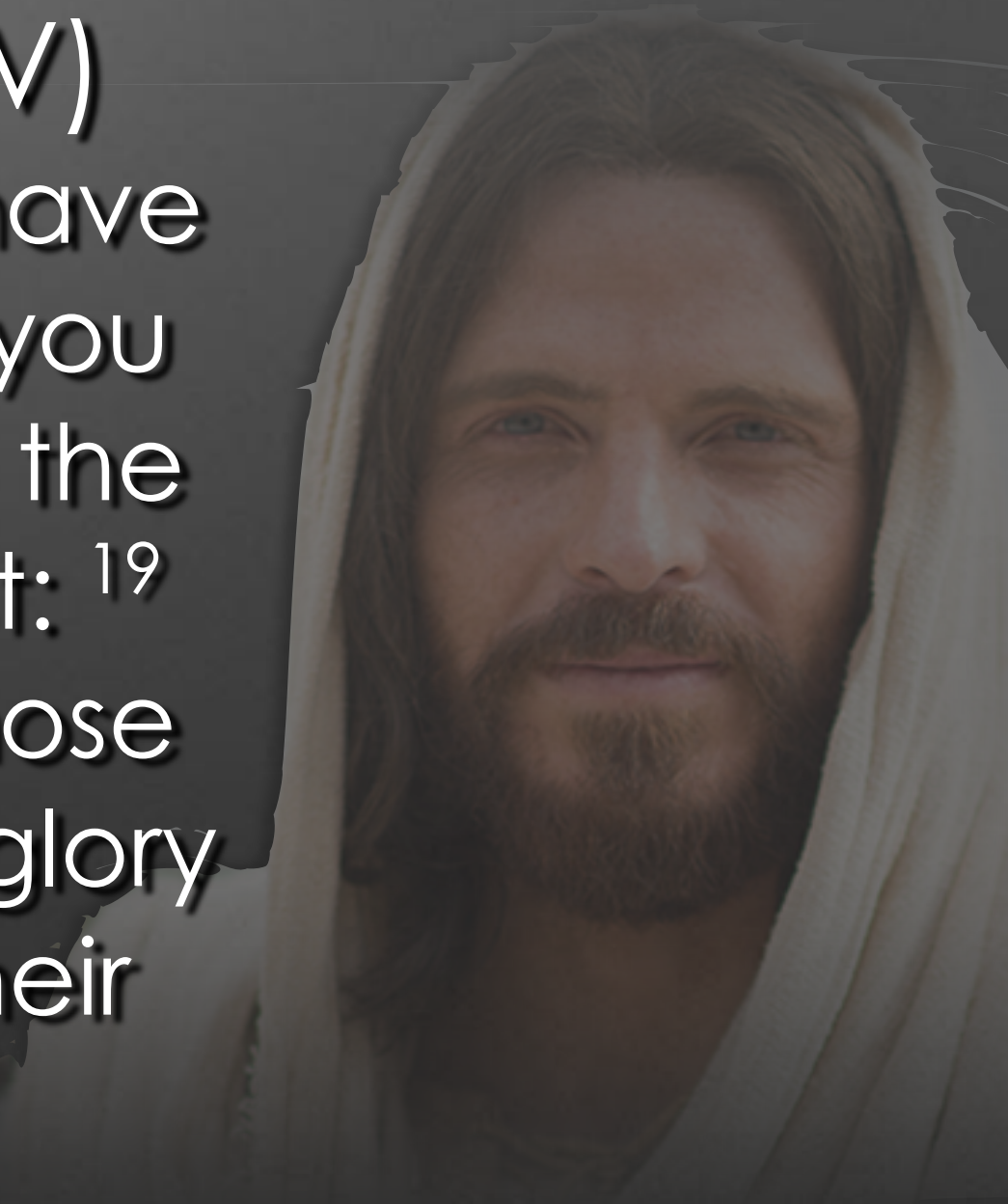
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We All Live For Someone ...

Ourselves — *(Selfishness / Self governing / Self-fulfillment ...)*

Philippians 3:18–19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:* ¹⁹ whose end is destruction, whose god is *their* belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.



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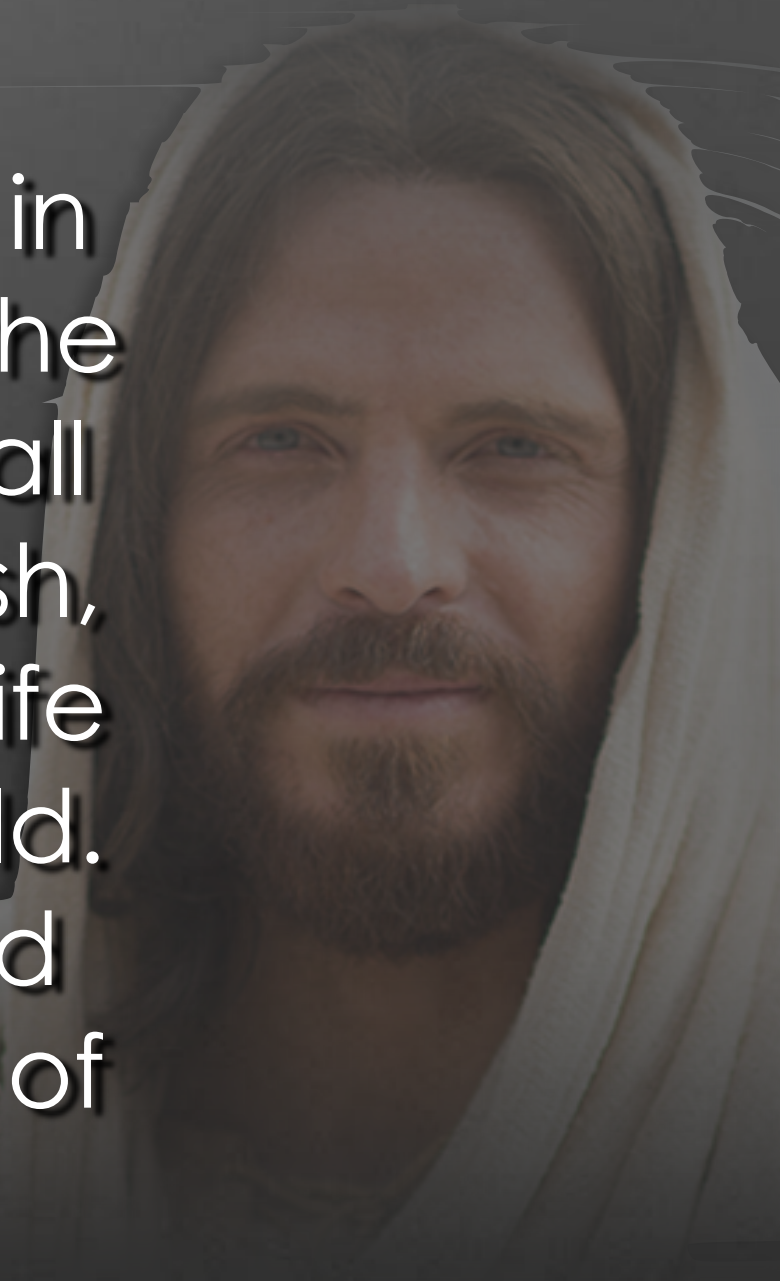
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1 John 2:15–17 (NKJV)

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.



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Other People — *(Family, Friends, Mentors, ...)*

- ◆ Family — Mt 10:34-38
- ◆ Friends — 1 Cor 15:33;
Prov 1:10-19
- ◆ Mentors — Mat 7:15; 2
Pet 2:2; 18-22
- ◆ Opposition — Mat. 10:28;
Ac. 4:13; 20:24; 1 Pe. 3:14.



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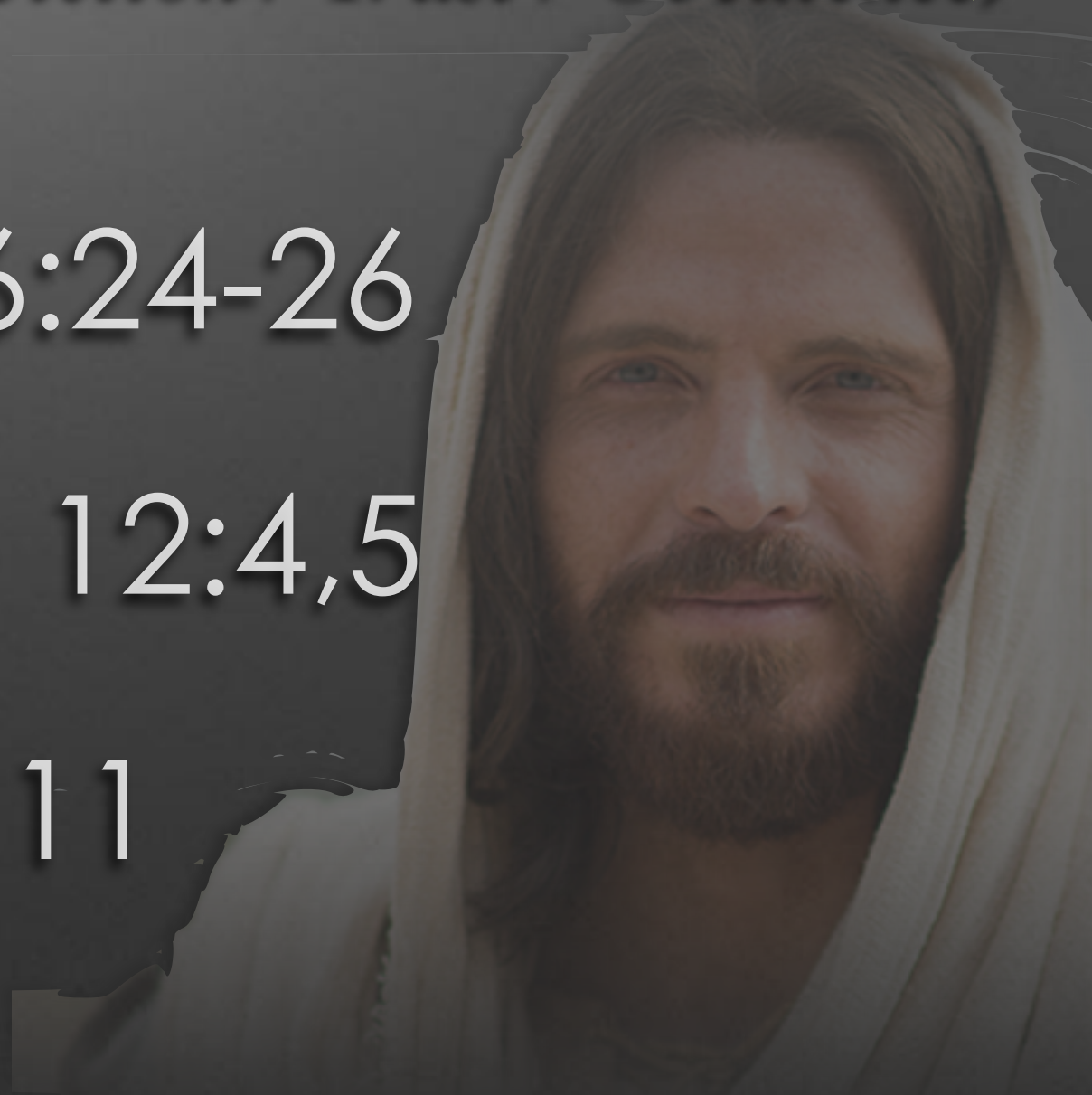
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Christ / God — *(Conviction / Trust / Obedience)*

◆ Deny self — Mt 16:24-26

◆ Fear God — Luke 12:4,5

◆ Trust God — Heb 11



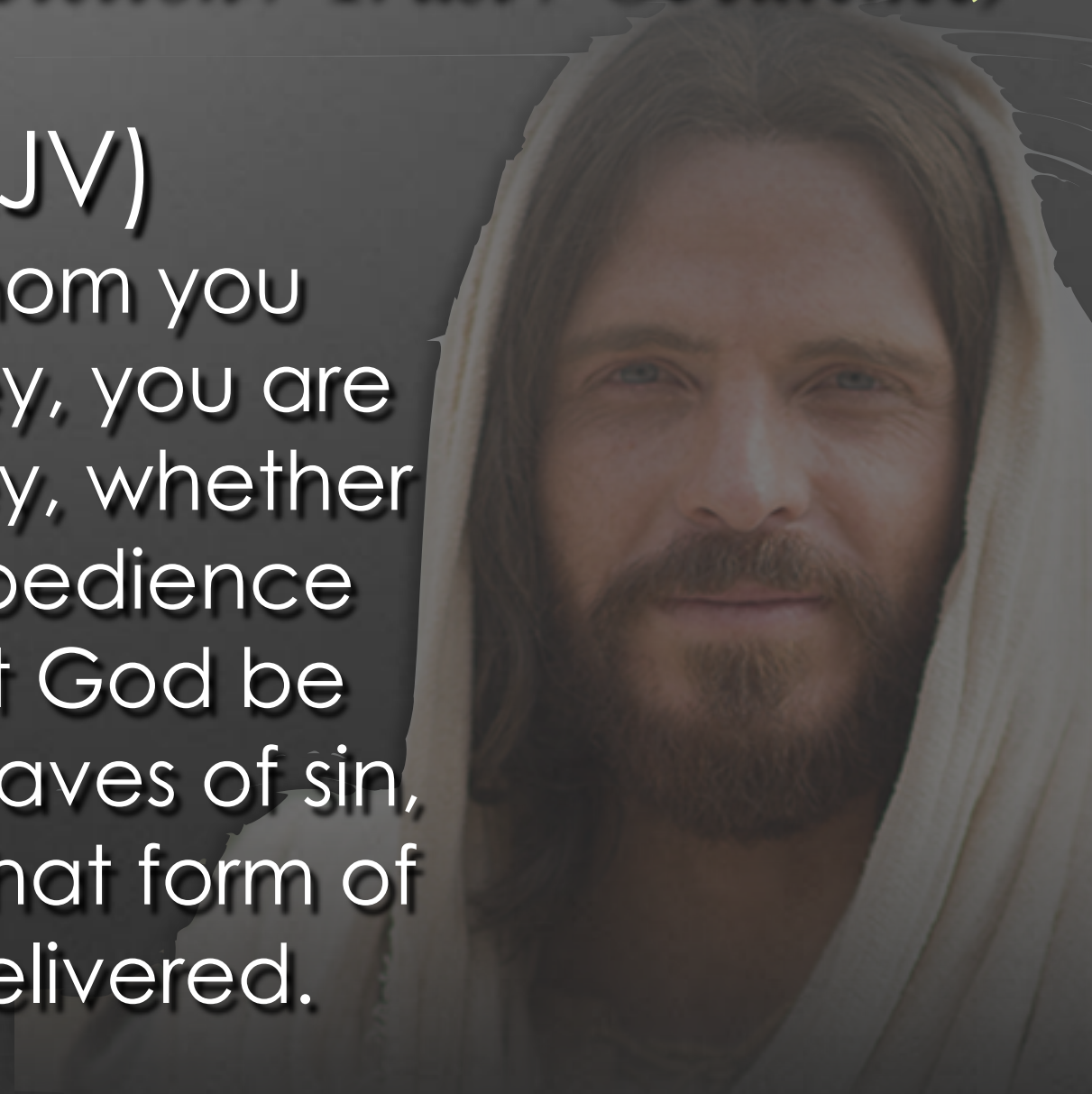
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Romans 6:16–17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness? ¹⁷ But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.



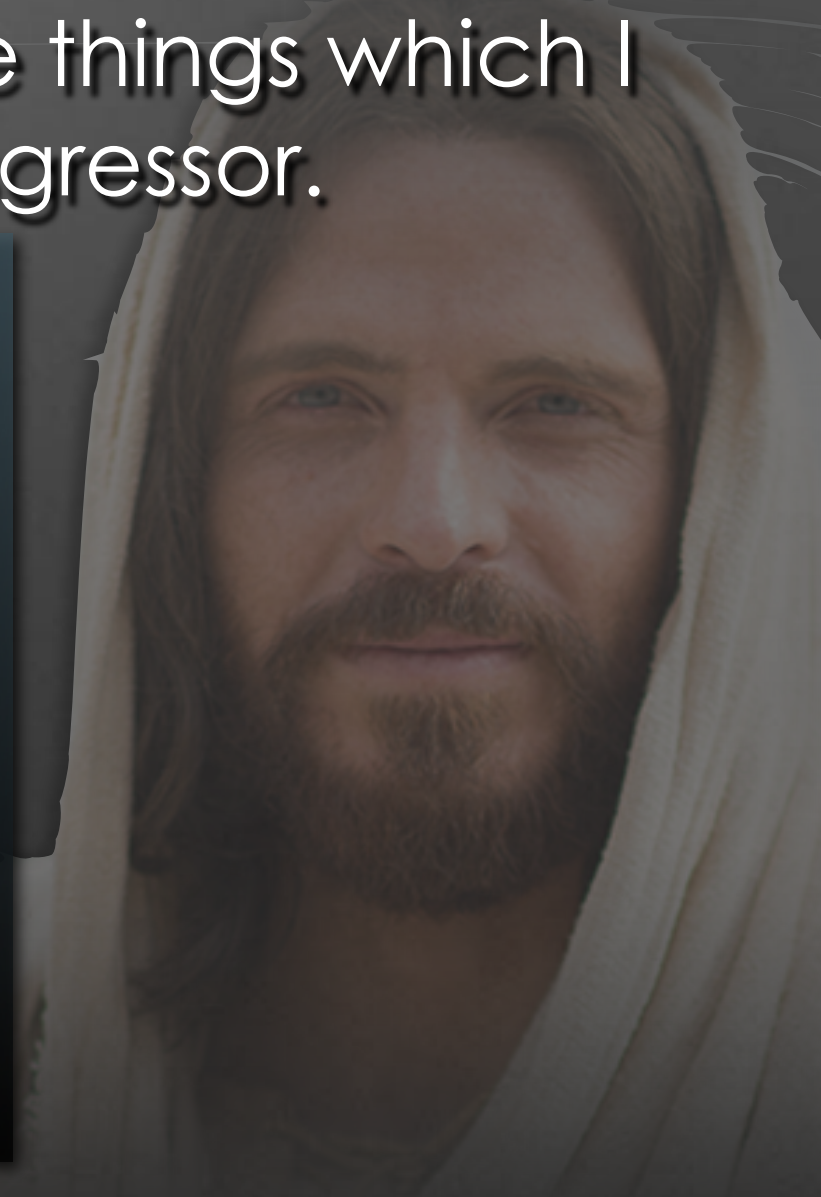
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- ✦ We can, (and at times do), allow our OLD ways to return – thus we need to always be on guard! (Rom 16:19-22; 2 Pet 2:20-22)
- ✦ We CANNOT follow Christ & sin at the same time — (1 John 1:5-9; 3:9)
- ✦ Actions speak louder than words!



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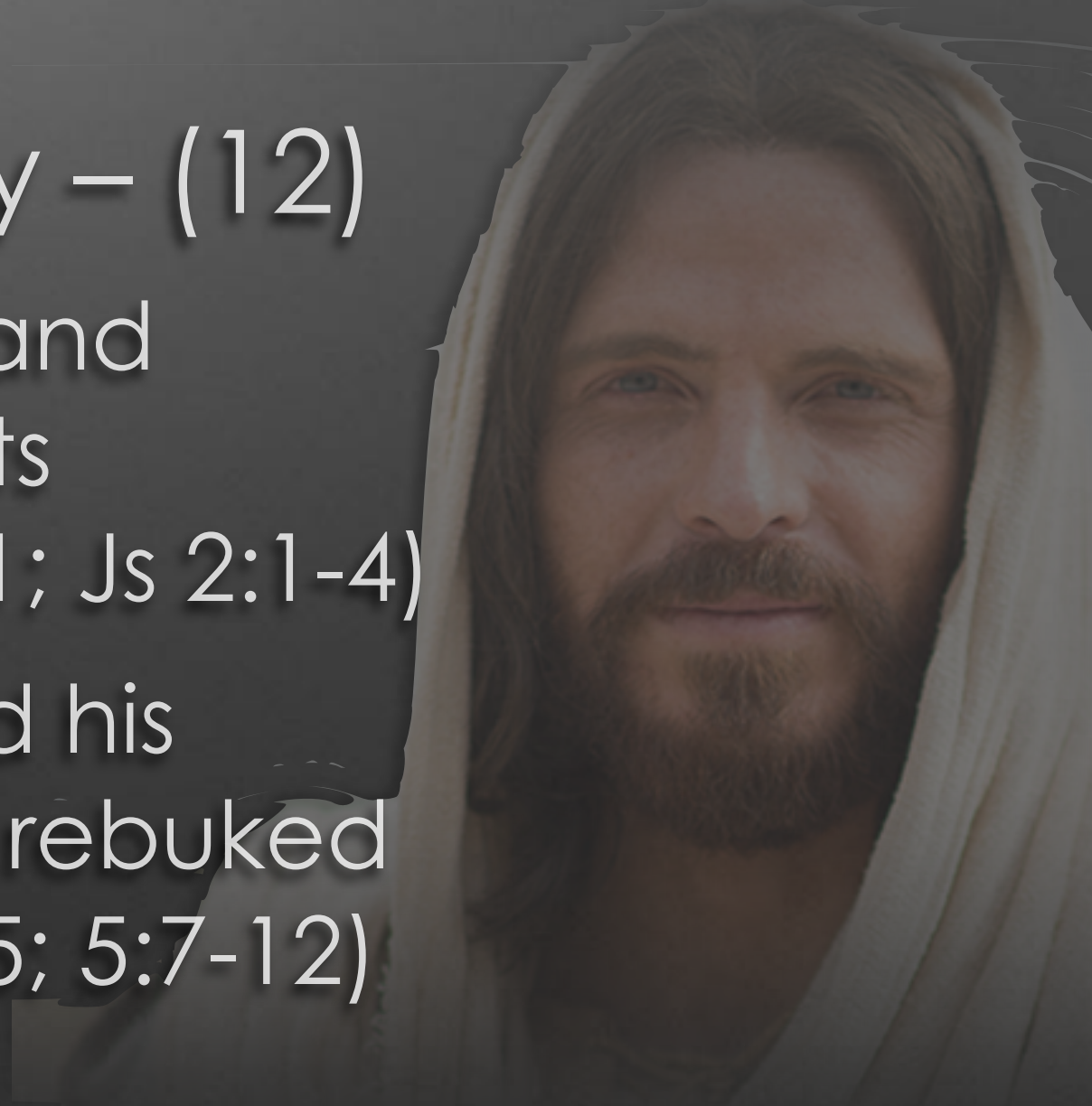
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◆ Peter Rebuilt Partiality – (12)

- ◆ He had learned better and taught against it!! – (Acts 10:9-16,28, 34,35; 15:7-11; Js 2:1-4)
- ◆ He should have rebuked his Jewish brethren as Paul rebuked him – (Luk 17:3; Gal 2:4,5; 5:7-12)



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- ◆ Partiality Is SINFUL —

- ◆ Brotherly love makes NO DISTINCTION!! – (Act 10:34; 11:12; 15:9; Rom 2:11; 3:22; 10:12; James 2:1-4; Gal 3:28,29)
- ◆ Do our words and actions teach against this sin?



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◆ Rebuilt His Fear of Men – (12)

- ◆ “Fearing The Circumcision” (12)
- ◆ Had heard Jesus teach “be not afraid of them that kill the body, – (Mat 10:28)
- ◆ Peter asserted firm allegiance to Christ, defended Him in the garden, but then denied Jesus 3 times – (Luke 22:54-62)
- ◆ Peter repented & previously manifested great boldness — (Act 4:8-12; 4:19).



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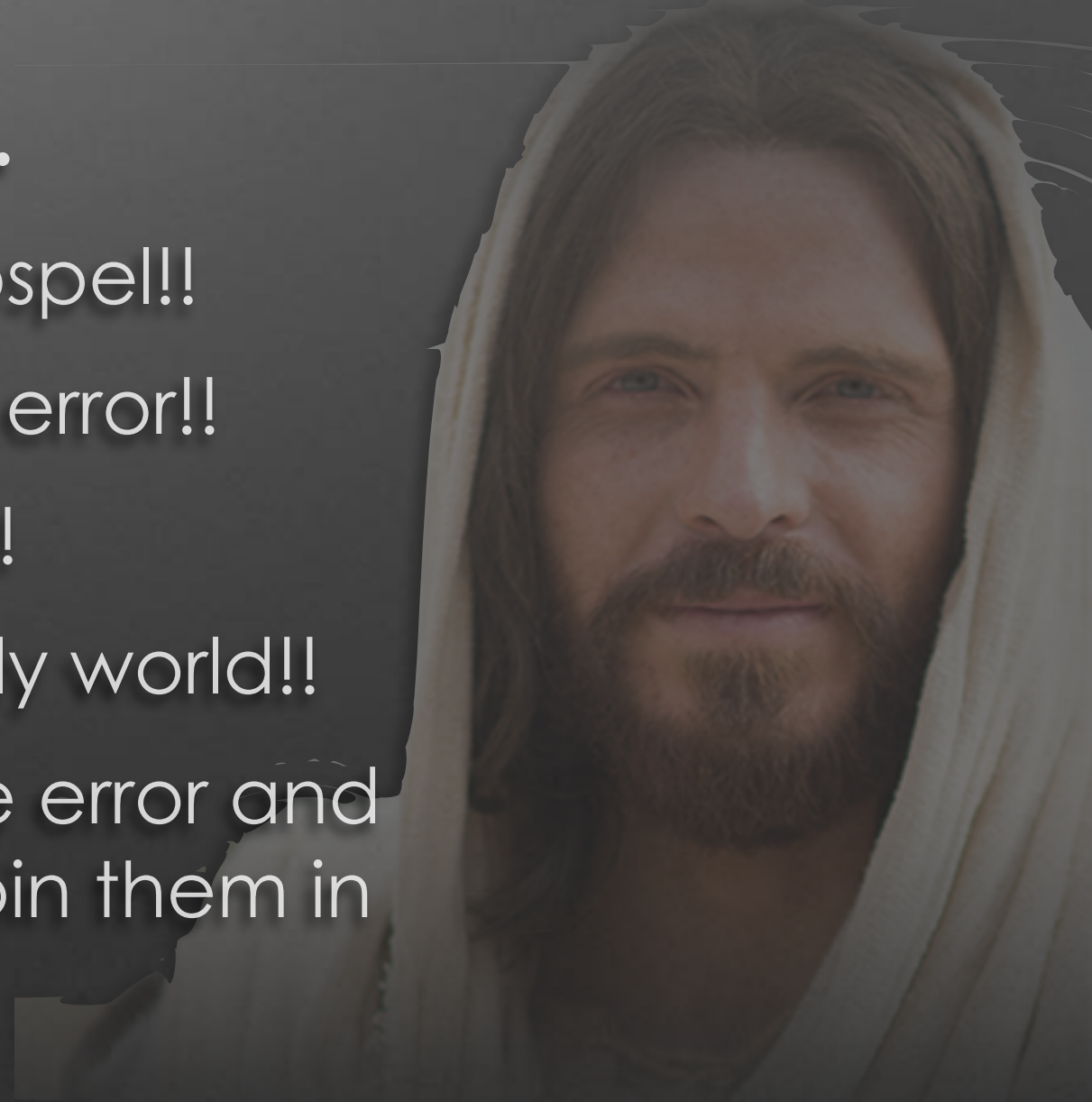
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◆ It takes courage to ...

- ◆ Leave error and obey the gospel!!
- ◆ Stand for the truth & oppose error!!
- ◆ Preach the gospel to the lost!
- ◆ Live for the Lord in an ungodly world!!
- ◆ Oppose friends who practice error and who try to influence you to join them in unauthorized practices!!



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◆ Rebuilt A Negative Influence – (13)

- ◆ Peter's problem was not what he truly believed, but what he practiced. He played the hypocrite! (Acts 11:3-13)
- ◆ Barnabas & other Jews were “carried away” with this “hypocrisy.” - (13)
- ◆ Barnabas was not a young Christian!! – demonstrating the POWER of influence!



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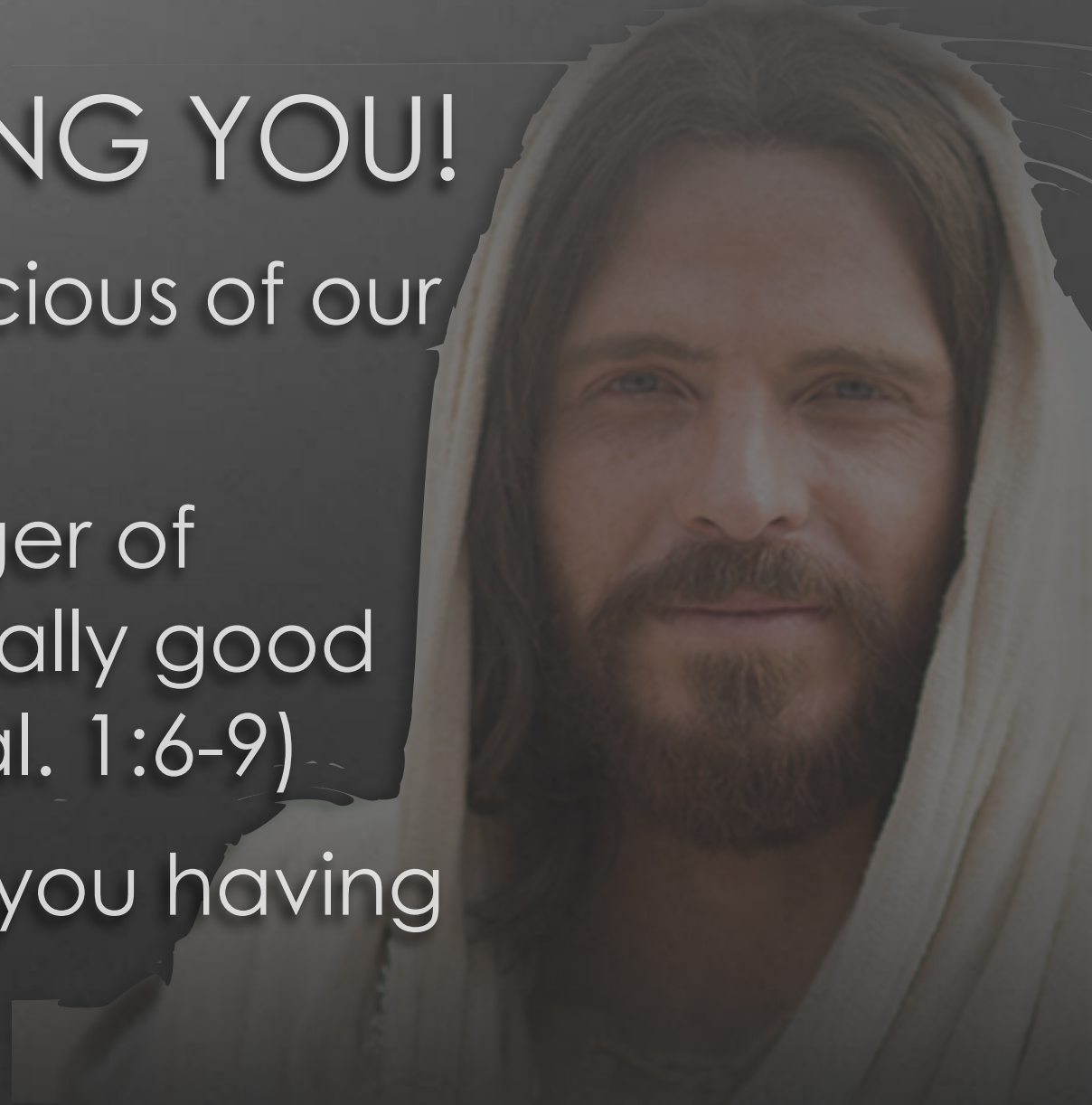
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◆ SOMEONE IS WATCHING YOU!

- ◆ We MUST ALWAYS be conscious of our influence – (Mat. 5:13-16)
- ◆ This demonstrates the danger of following men – even normally good and respectable men!! (Gal. 1:6-9)
- ◆ What kind of influence are you having on those around you??



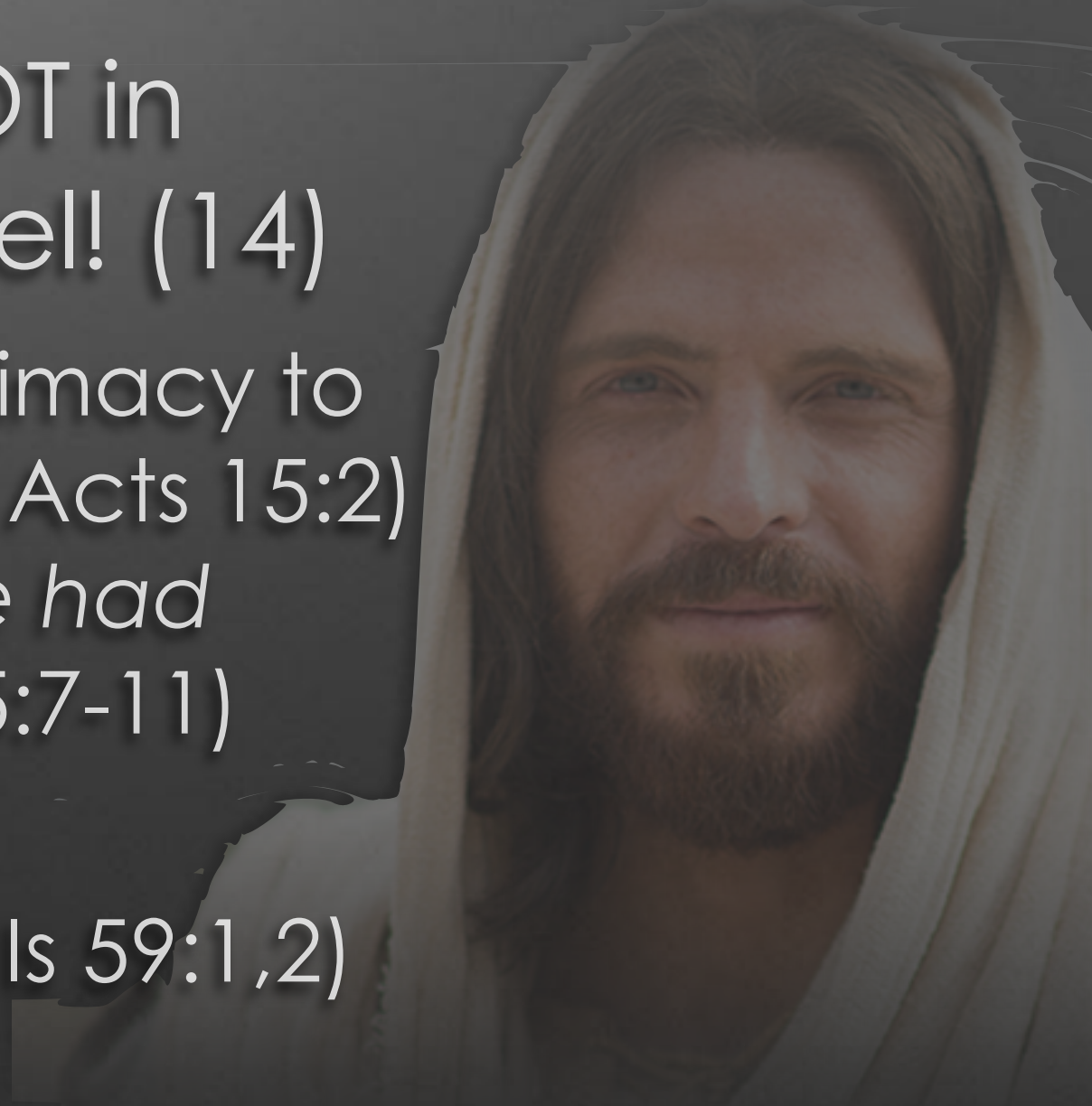
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- ◆ Peters actions were NOT in keeping with the Gospel! (14)
- ◆ Gave credence and legitimacy to the Judaisers - (1-5; 15-18; Acts 15:2)
- *built again that which he had once destroyed* – (Acts 15:7-11)
- ◆ He had become a
“TRANSGRESSOR!” (vs. 18; Is 59:1,2)



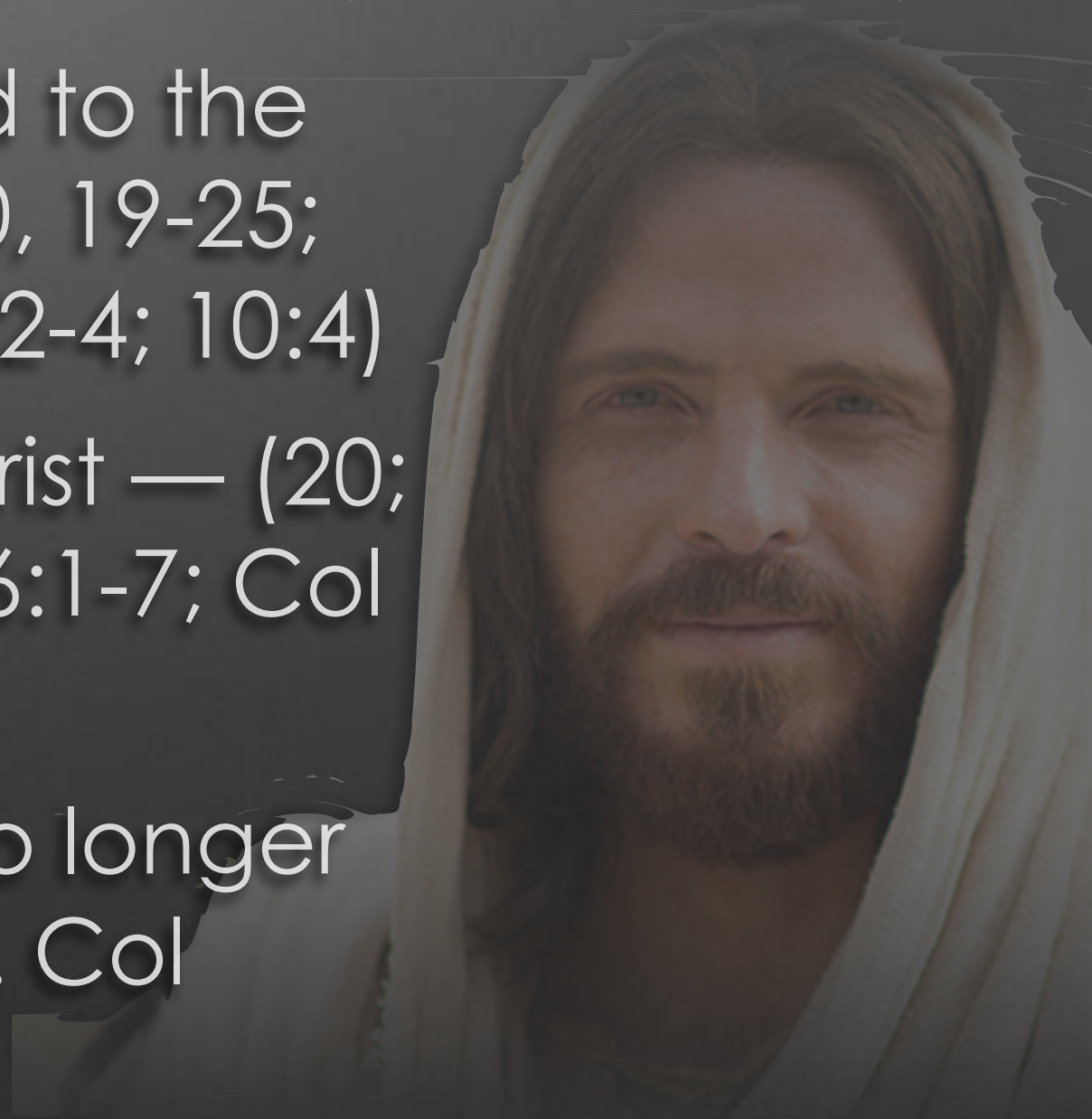
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- ◆ Paul, through the Law died to the Law — (19; cf. 1:13-16; 3:10, 19-25; Rom 3:19,20; 7:4-6,10,11; 8:2-4; 10:4)
- ◆ Paul was crucified with Christ — (20; 5:24; 6:14; Act 22:16; Rom 6:1-7; Col 2:11-14)
- ◆ Christ lived in Paul, (Paul no longer lived for himself!) — (20; cf. Col 3:1-17; Rom. 6:1-14)



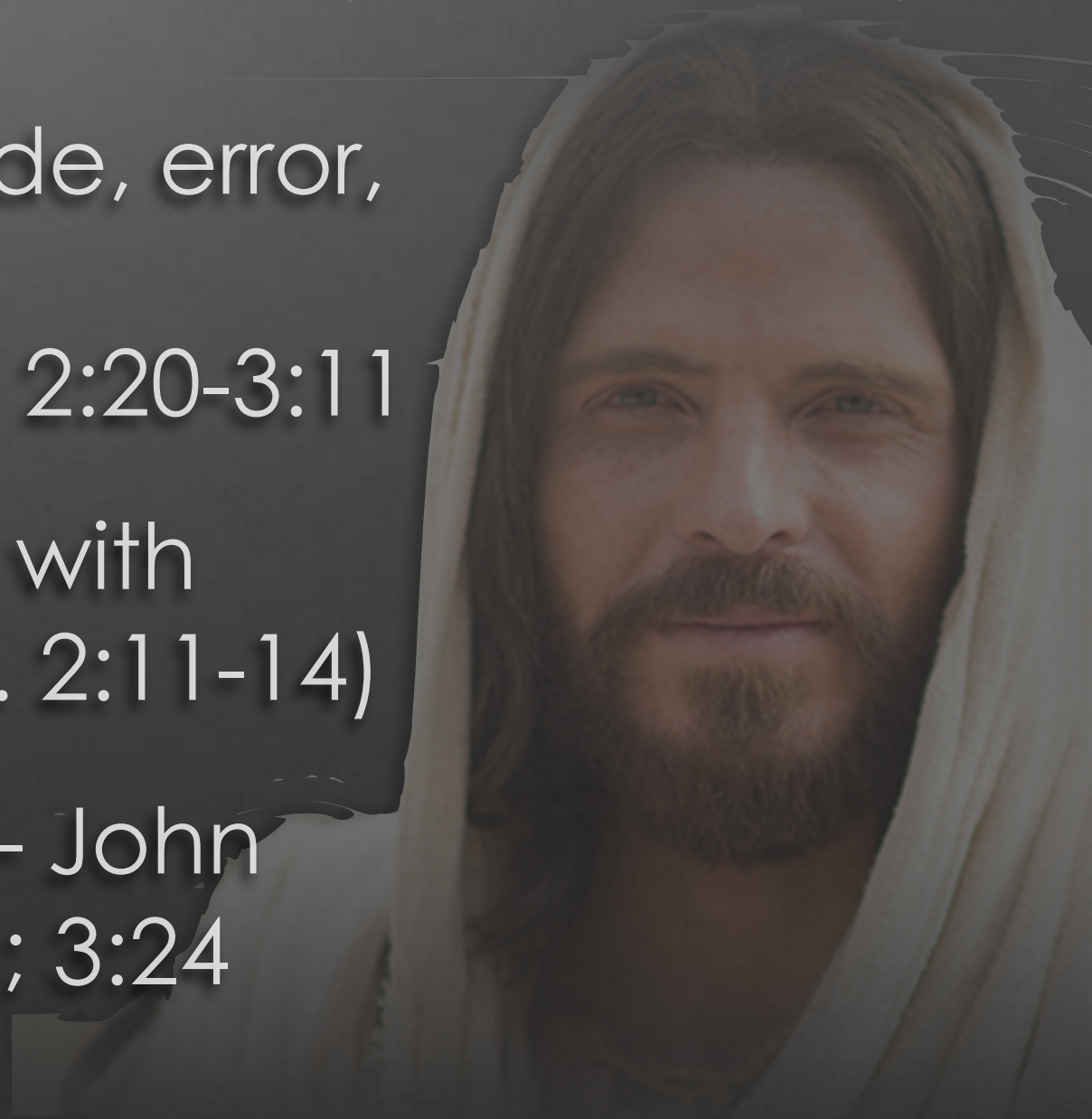
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- ◆ Have we “DIED” to lust, pride, error, etc. — Anything that is not according to Christ — Col. 2:20-3:11
- ◆ Have we been “crucified” with Christ? — (Rom 6:1-14; Col. 2:11-14)
- ◆ Does Christ “live in me?” — John 14:21-23; 15:9,10; 1 Jn 2:3-6; 3:24



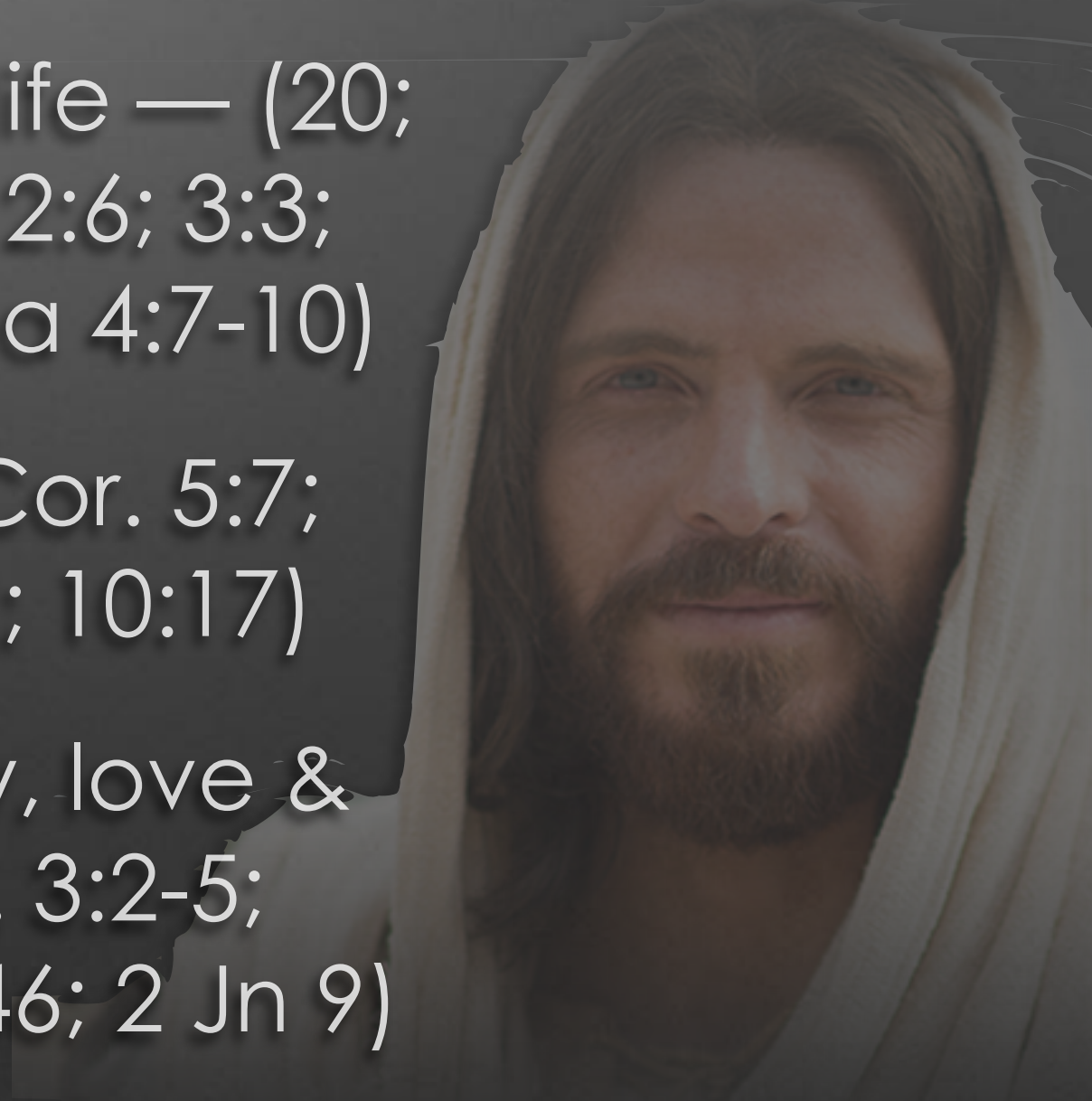
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- ◆ We can live GODLY in this life — (20; cf. Rom 6:1-19; 12:1,2; 1 Jn 2:6; 3:3; Titus 2:11-14; 1 Cor. 10:13; Ja 4:7-10)
- ◆ We can live by faith — (2 Cor. 5:7; Heb 11:1-12:3; Rom 1:16,17; 10:17)
- ◆ Trusting in His grace, mercy, love & authority — (Eph 2:1-10; Tit. 3:2-5; Rom 5:6-10; Act 2:36; Lk 6:46; 2 Jn 9)



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◆ **The true ANSWER is REVEALED In**

- ◆ My character — Gal. 5:19-23;
- ◆ My affections — Col. 3:1-17
- ◆ My thoughts — 2 Cor 10:5
- ◆ How I treat others — 1 Jn 3:16-21; Mat 5:43-48
- ◆ How I utilize my time — Eph 5:15-19; Heb 10:24,25
- ◆ Where I take my stand — Gal. 5:1; 1 Cor 15:58; Col. 1:23; Rev 2:10; Gal 2:5 ...

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Rom 6:3-7; Col. 2:11-14

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Have YOU crucified
your sinful desires &
love for the world?

Gal. 5:24; Gal 6:14; 1 Jn 2:15-17

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will we repent?

2 Pet 3:15,16; 1 Jn 1:9

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