

# NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

## 1 JOHN

### Lesson 73

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A member of our SS class was in Angleton this week and saw this on the marquis at 1st Baptist Church.

Call me...we need to figure out some quick "damage control". Do you know the pastor or anyone else at 1st Baptist, Angleton? I'm concerned this will get back to Wade and the Executive Staff at CFBC...

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FIRST  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH



SUNDAY SERVICES

WORSHIP

9:00 AM

10:30 AM

BIBLE STUDY

9:00 AM

10:30 AM

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**BEWARE:  
ATTORNEY MARK LANIER  
USES PROFANITY  
IN GOD'S HOUSE**

> From: Mark Lanier <mark@marklanier.com>

> Date: October 27, 2005 12:31:16 AM CDT

> To: rbowman@fbcangleton.com

> Subject: Church sign

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> Pastor Bowman,

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> By way of introduction, my name is Mark Lanier. I am a christian in Northwest Houston who makes a living as a lawyer. My real joy in life (other than my family!) is the Sunday School class I teach each Sunday at church. I have taught for many years and spend a lot of time each week trying to do my best at sharing what I believe God would like me to share.

Last Sunday I was finishing my lesson on First Peter. The lesson is taped and I would be glad to share it with you (as I would any others I have taught). I was trying to explain to class that many people take their faith and wear it on Sundays but set it aside when they go out of church into the world. I was contrasting keeping the faith versus a pretend faith. In the process I stated that we should not be people who bark at employees or folks under us at work. I specifically said we are not to be those who bark at folks to "get their butt back to work." After I said that, I paused in regret. I told the class I wish I had not used the word "butt" because while where I grew up it was not an offensive term, it might be to others where they grew up. I apologized on the spot and told people I should have chosen a different way to express the attitude some people wrongly adopt while wearing a Christian faith.

I am emphatic, and I have repeatedly taught, that our language must be seasoned with Grace. I am not an advocate of any profanity and do not use it period -- in my personal life, my work life, or my church life. This is not new to me, I have not used profane vocabulary even in joking around. I could give you a list of many in Angleton who have known and been with me in pressure situations, who have seen me upset, and who will tell you that I always try to speak not just with words befitting our faith, but with an attitude and manner befitting our faith.

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I came in tonight to an email indicating that someone in my class saw your church's sign. Attached to the email was a picture of your church sign reading, "Beware: attorney Mark Lanier uses profanity in God's house." I

actually looked at it carefully thinking it might be a prank. (and if it is, ignore this email! It is too late in the evening for me to call the guy who sent it to me to see if it is authentic!) I thought it might be a prank because (1) It is not true and (2) no one I'm aware of from your church contacted me to discuss this or bring the charge against me personally, like I would expect from a Christian brother.

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If it is real, I am hurt. I consider my life as one in service to our master. Anything good I can do, by the power of his grace, I want to do it. I am far from perfect in what I do, but it is the most serious matter to me. Would you please let me know why this sign is up, if indeed this is not a prank? I would like to know who is lodging this charge against me before a watching world without first coming to me.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I have many friends in full time ministry and I respect and admire what you do for God. I want to figure out what has prompted this and speak with whoever I need to.

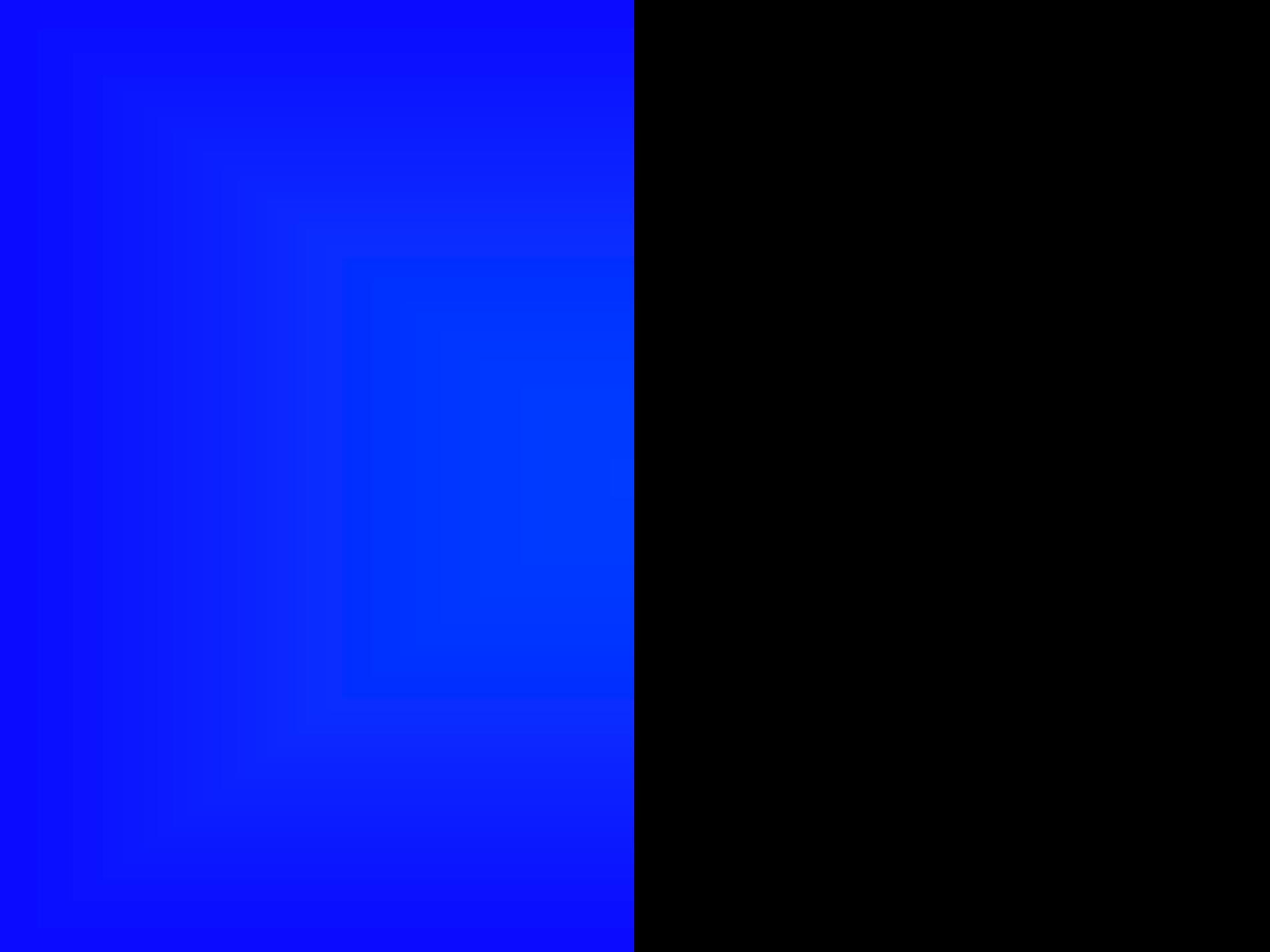
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Please feel free to email me here at home (mark@marklanier.com) or at work (wml@lanierlawfirm.com). Also feel free to call me at work (713-659-5200), home (281-955-5867) or cell (713-249-2405).

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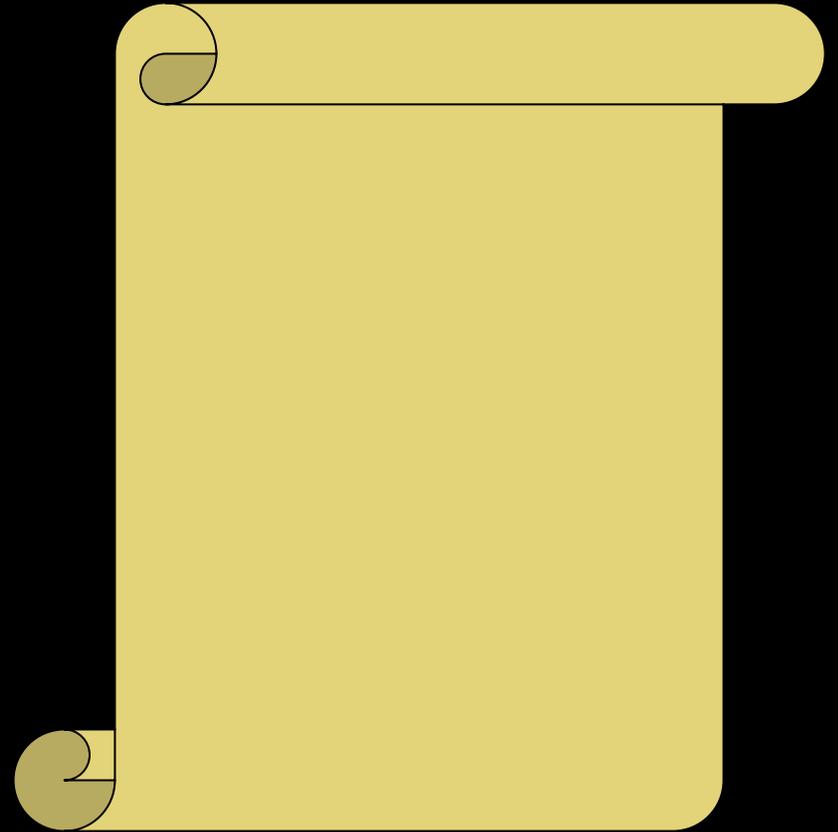
Mark

Pastor Bowman, Whew, it was a prank after all. And the worst (or funniest part of it) was it was one of our pastors that pulled the prank. After class last Sunday, I was so concerned over using the word "butt" that I went to one of our pastors who happens to be one of my dearest friends and told him my concern and frustration over using the word. Evidently he thought I would call him immediately upon receiving the email of the bogus church sign. He no doubt picked your church because I recently won a big viox case across the street from ya'll in the Angleton courthouse. He never dreamed I would get the email at 12:15 and not call him but send an immediate response to you. ^ Oh well... He and I have both learned a lesson ... Me, not to speak while on a double dose of benadryl... Him, to know the limits of practical joking with me!!! I am so sorry to have wasted your time with all this. Sometime I believe he and I should both come to Angleton to take you to lunch so you can learn we are fun loving brothers and not freaks! In him, Mark

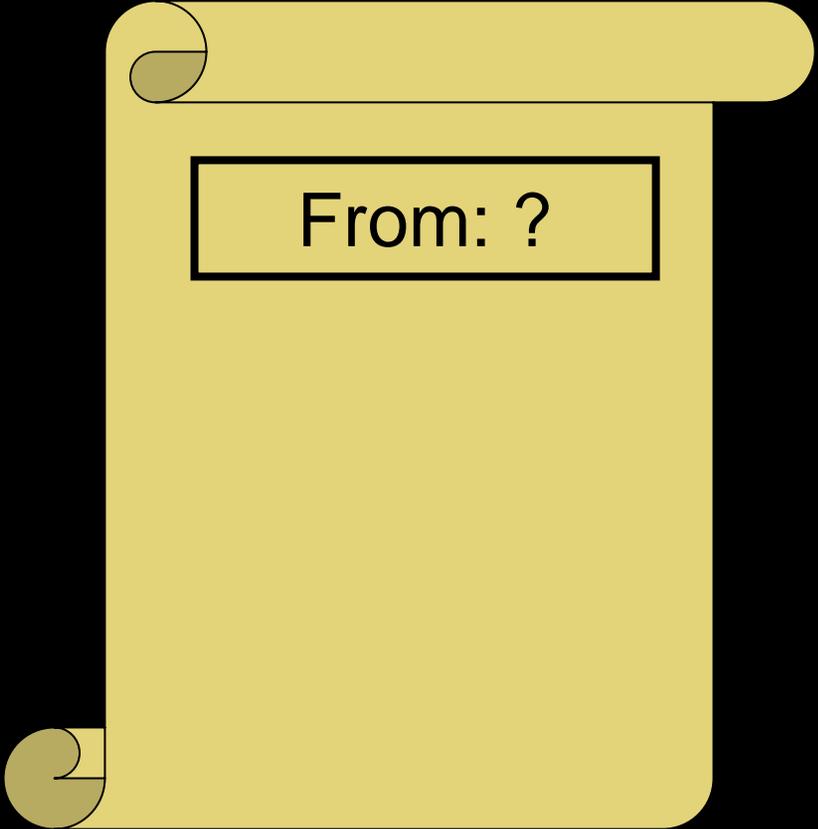


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unique letter

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unique letter

From: ?

To: ?

So why do we  
call it I John?

From: ?

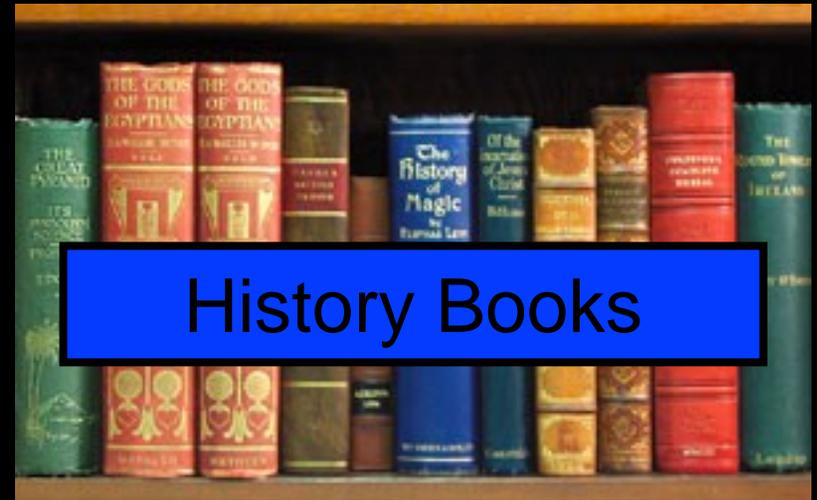
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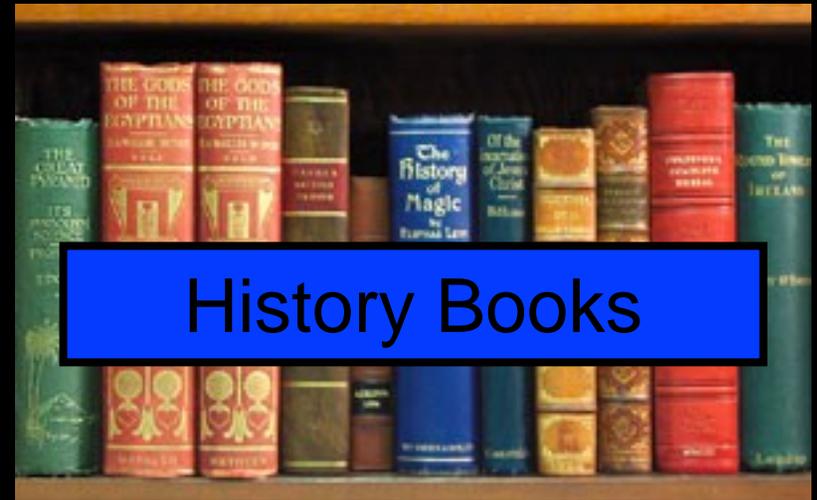


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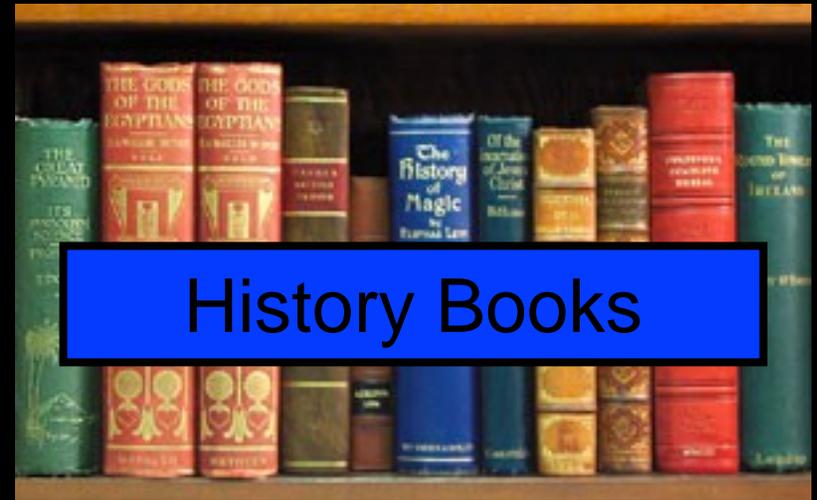
## History Books

So why do we  
call it I John?



Polycarp  
(Ten Years  
Later)

So why do we  
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History Books

Polycarp  
(Ten Years  
Later)

Muratorian  
Canon (170)

So why do we  
call it I John?

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So why do we  
call it I John?



Eyewitness

So why do we  
call it I John?



Eyewitness

“Seen” Jesus

So why do we  
call it I John?



Eyewitness

“Seen” Jesus

“Heard” Jesus

So why do we  
call it I John?



Eyewitness

“Seen” Jesus

“Heard” Jesus

“Felt” Jesus

So why do we  
call it I John?

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So why do we  
call it I John?



Matches  
John's Gospel

So why do we  
call it I John?



Matches  
John's Gospel

In the "Beginning"

So why do we  
call it I John?



Matches  
John's Gospel

In the "Beginning"

Nicodemus

Who did John  
Write it to?

Who did John  
Write it to?



Who did John  
Write it to?



When did John  
Write it?



90's

When did John  
Write it?



90's

Why did John  
Write it?



90's

Why did John  
Write it?



Congregations  
Requested It

90's

Why did John  
Write it?



Attack Early  
Heresies

John Attacked  
Early Heresies

“Antinomianism”

John Attacked  
Early Heresies

John Attacked  
Early Heresies

“Antinomianism”

“Against” +  
“Law”

John Attacked  
Early Heresies

“Antinomianism”

A/k/a: “Anything  
goes!”



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“Antinomianism”

A/k/a: “Anything goes!”

“Cerinthianism”

A/k/a: “Christ was not Jesus!”

The Text:  
A Symphony, not an Outline

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Themes of  
Fellowship

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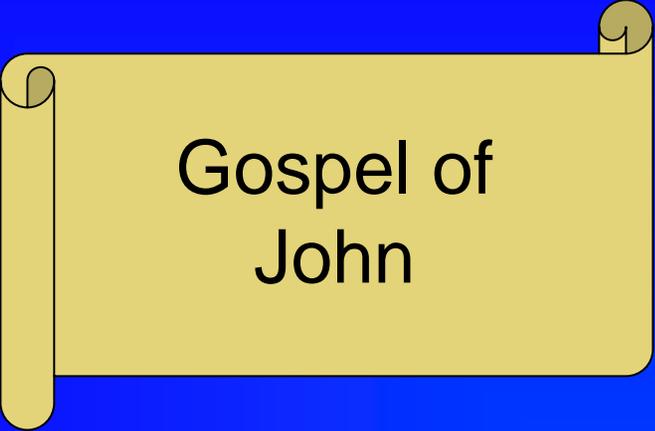
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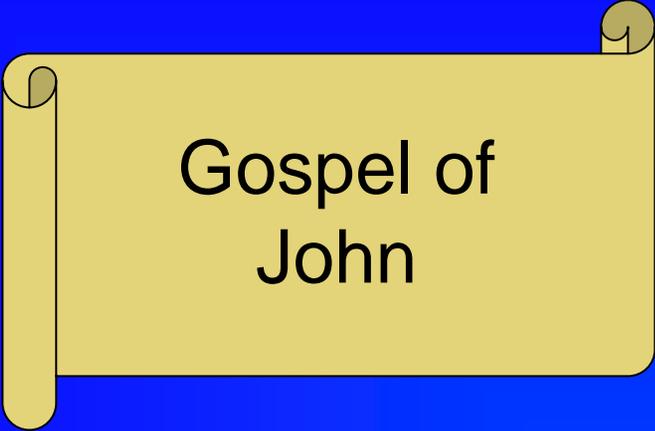
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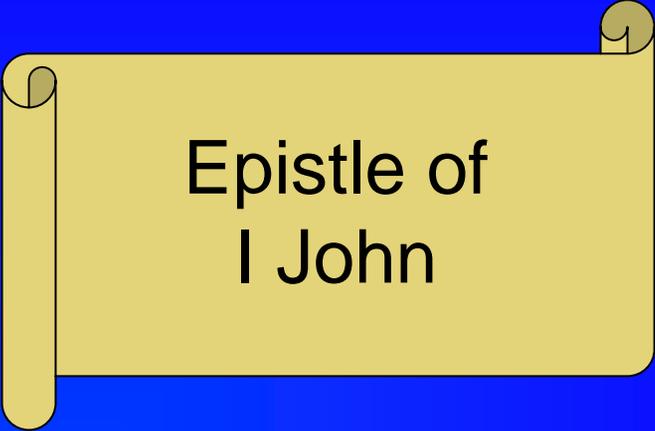
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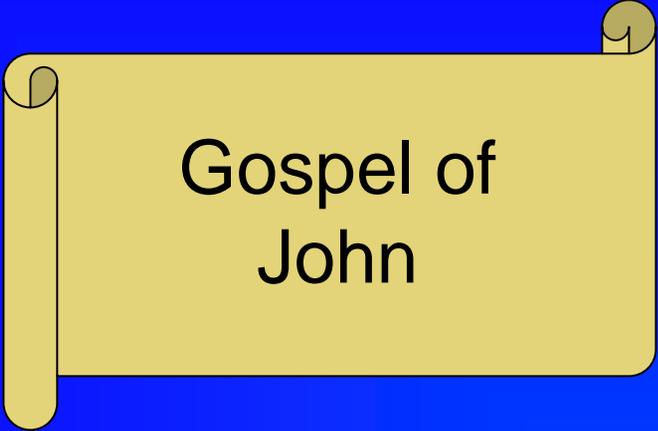
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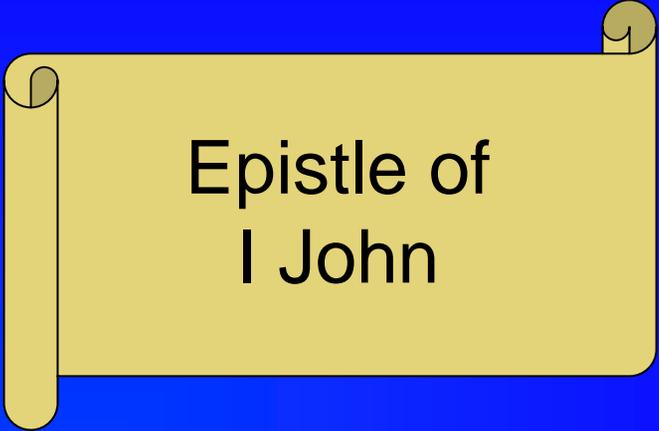
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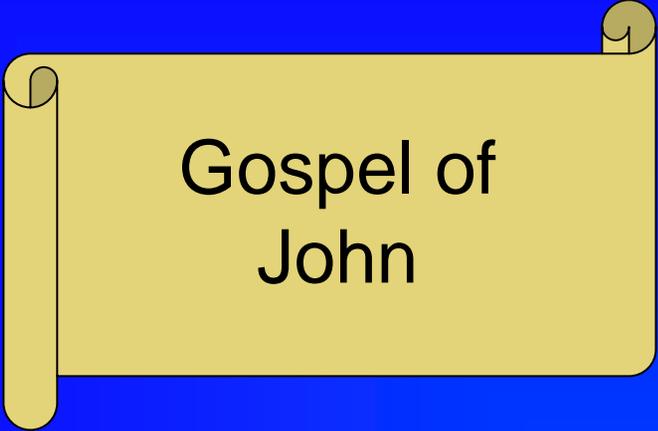
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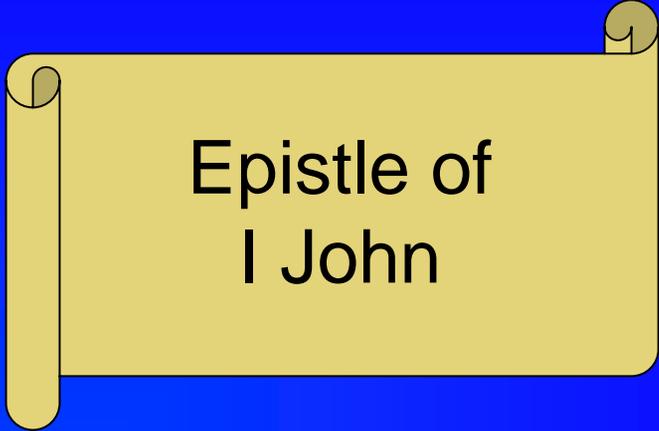
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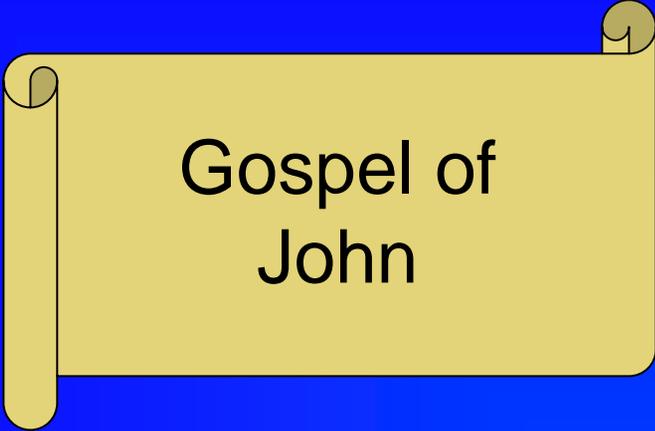
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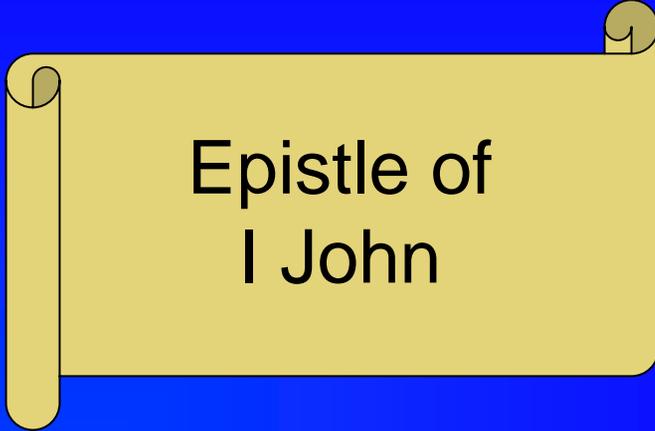
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“In the  
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“That which was from  
the beginning...”



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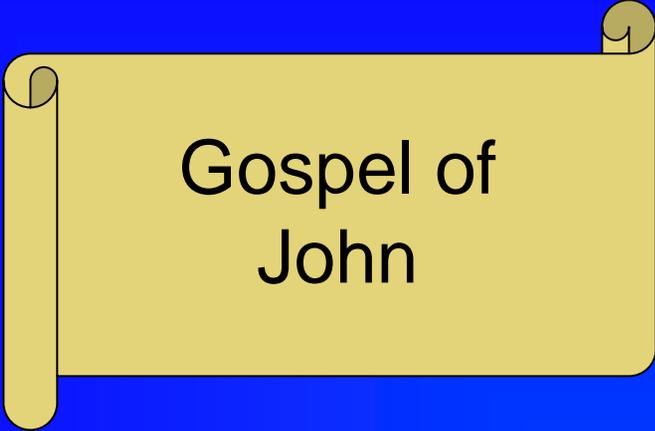


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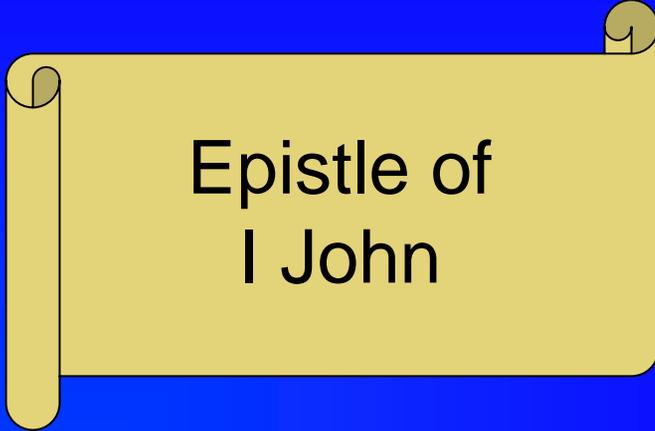
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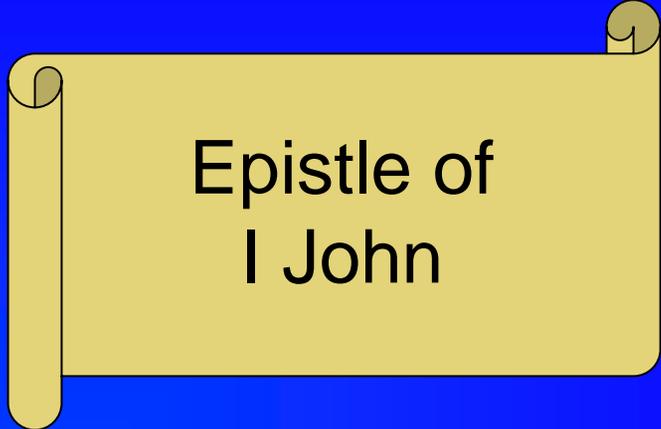
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“In the  
beginning...”

“That which was from  
the beginning...”

“... was the  
Word”

“... concerning the  
Word of life”



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“That which was  
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## Epistle of I John

“That Which was  
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“the Word of  
Life”

“Fellowship”

*Koinonia*

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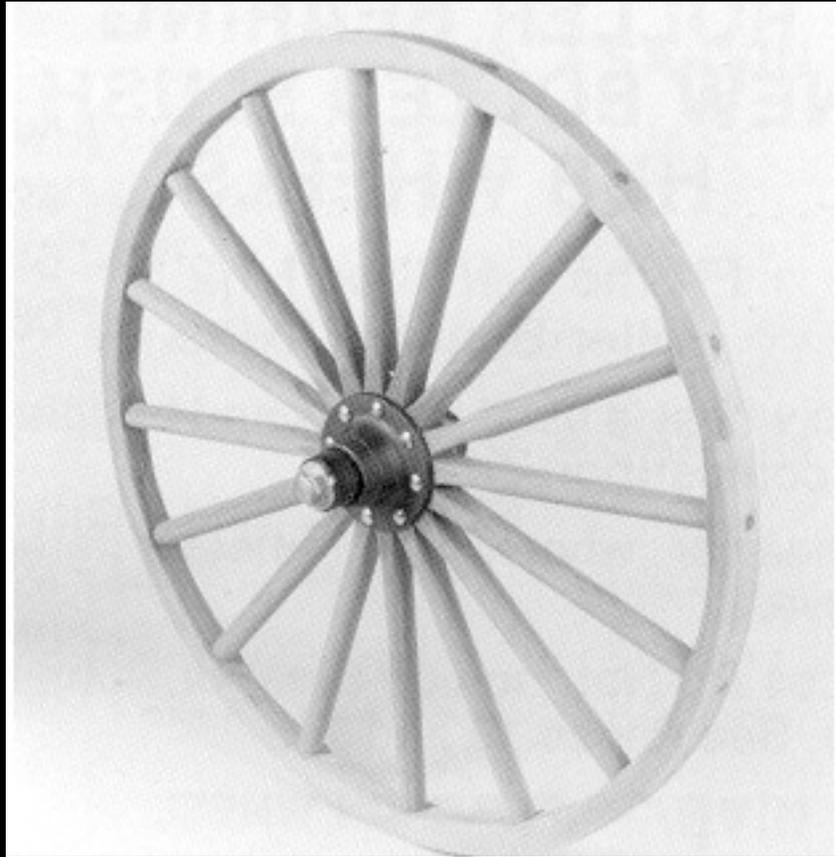
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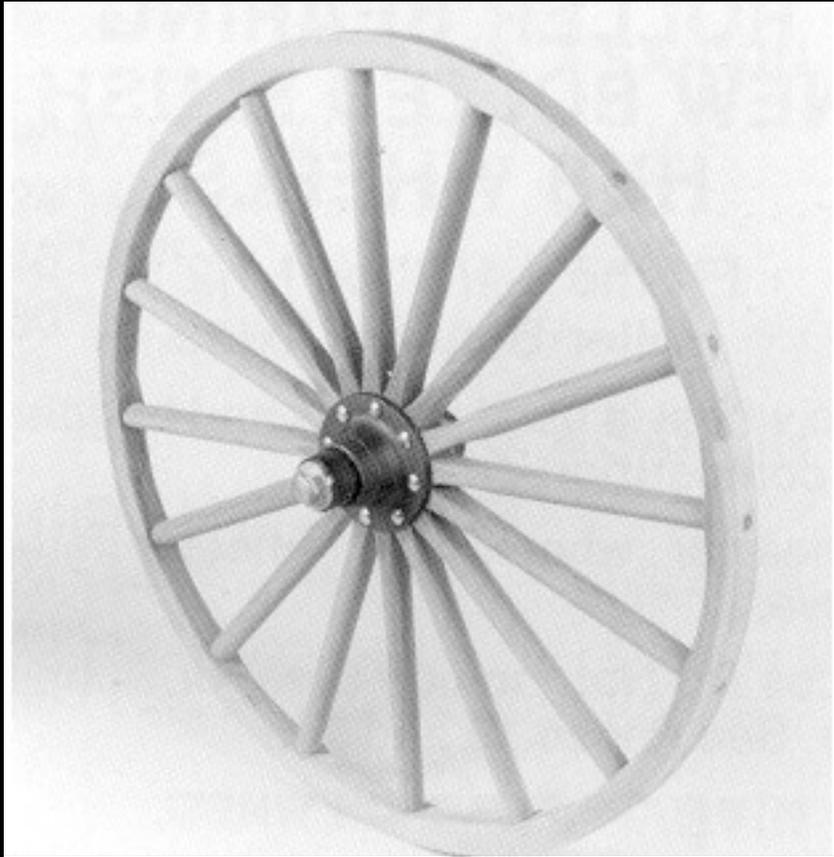
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Because of  
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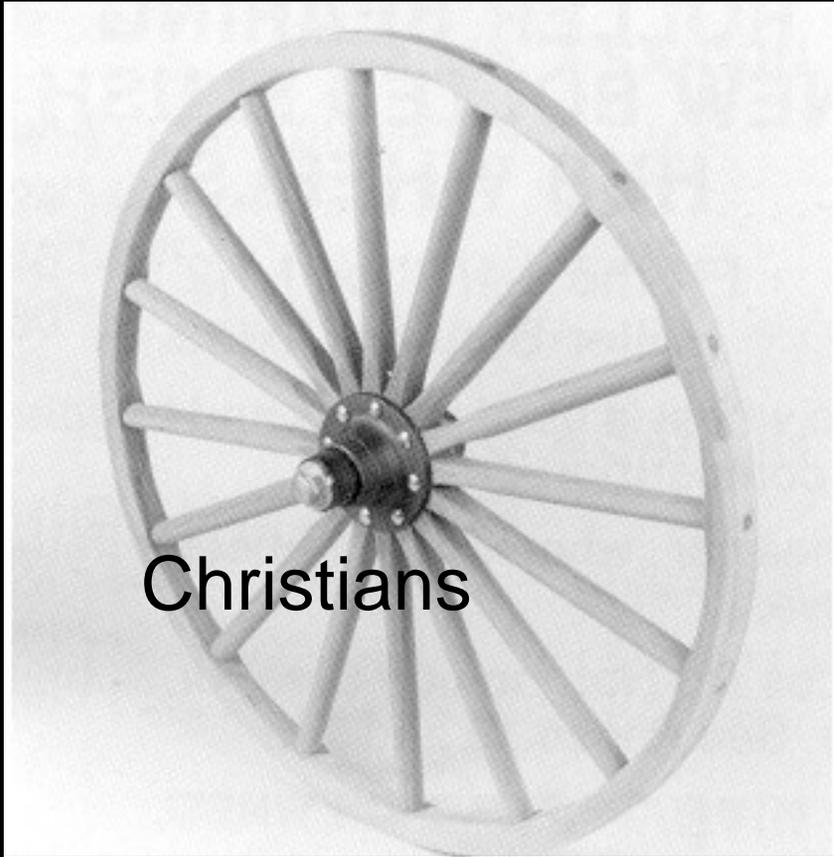
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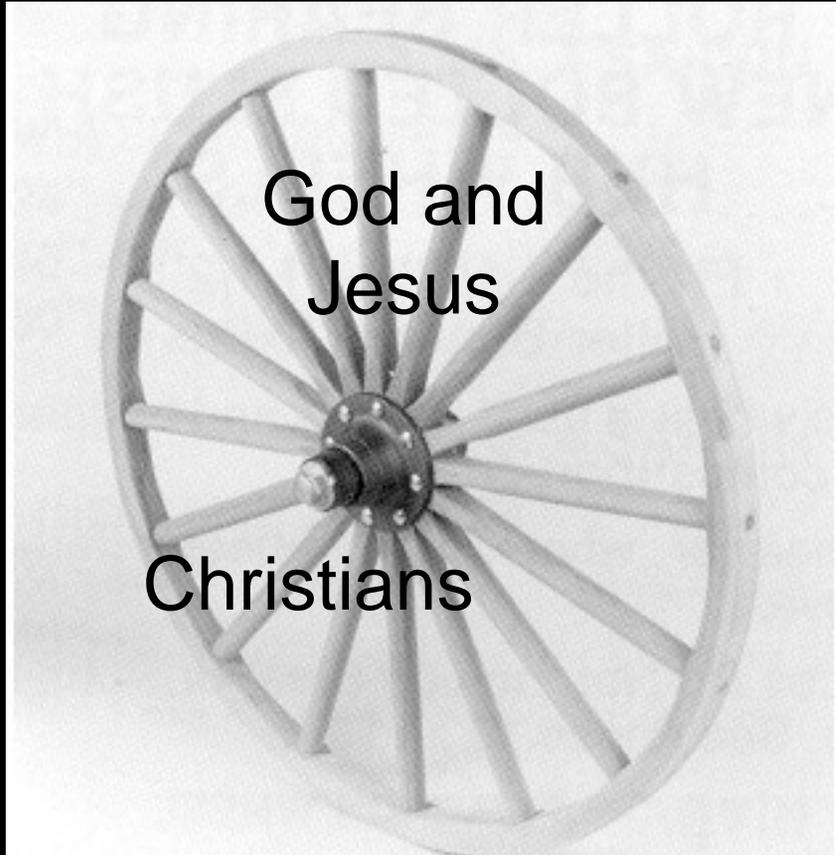
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God and  
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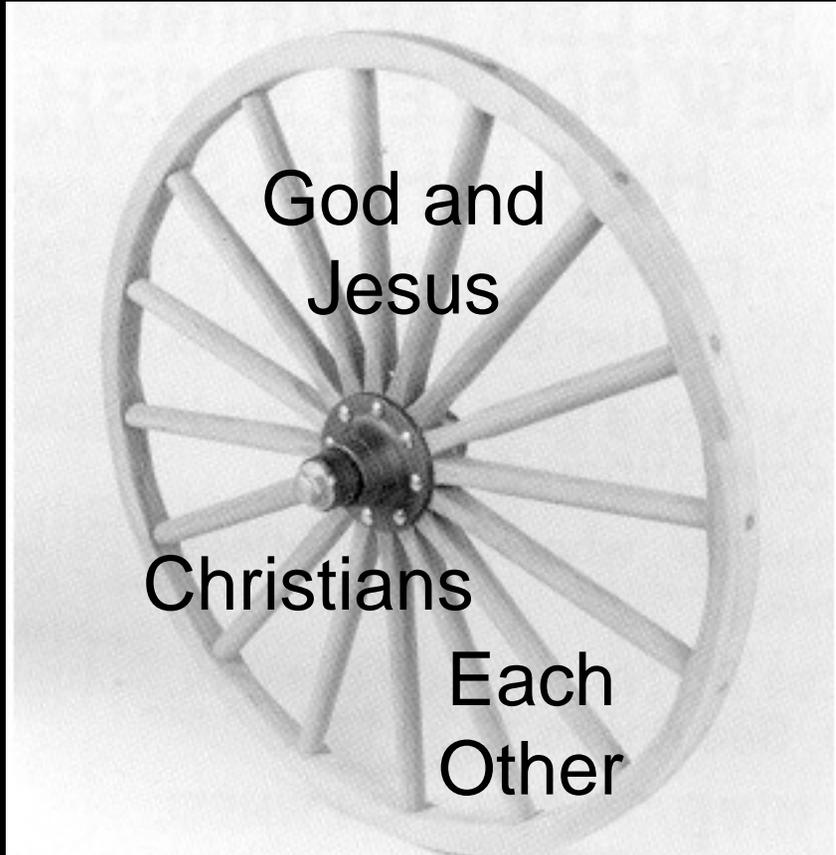
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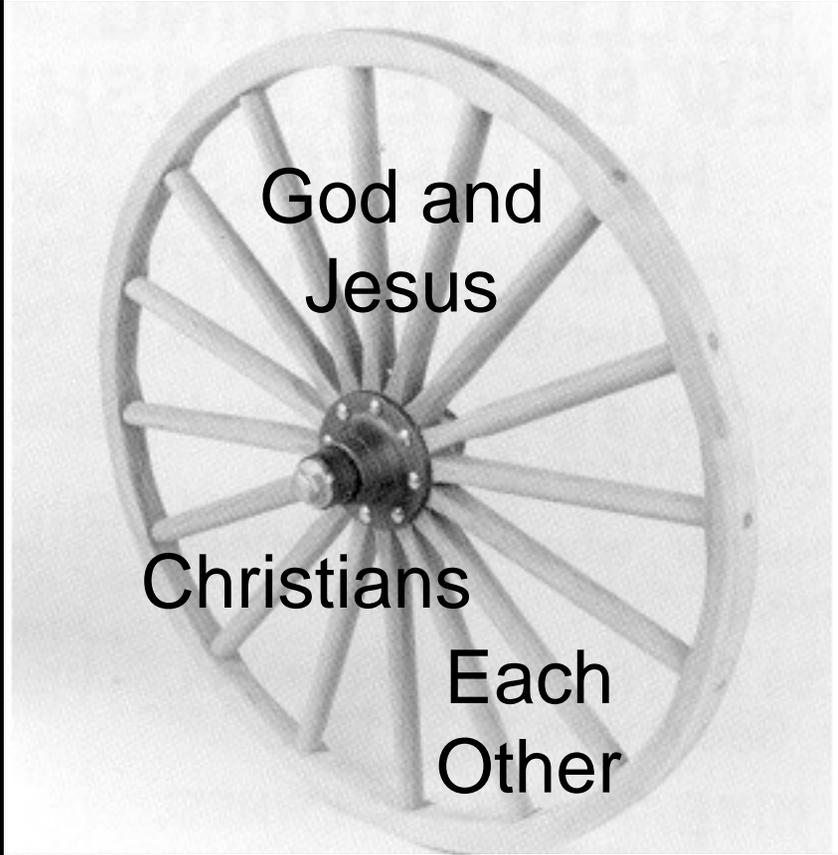
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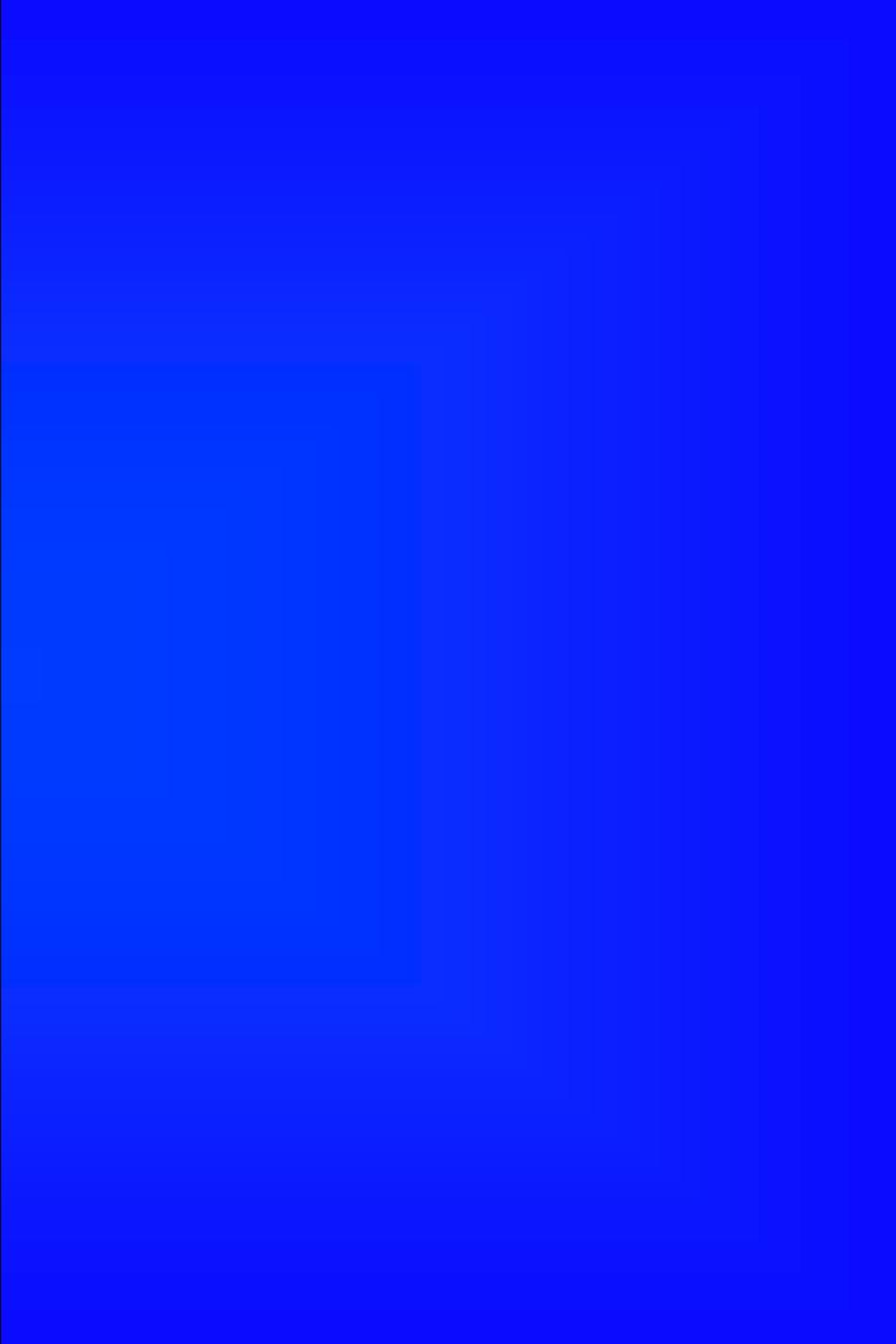
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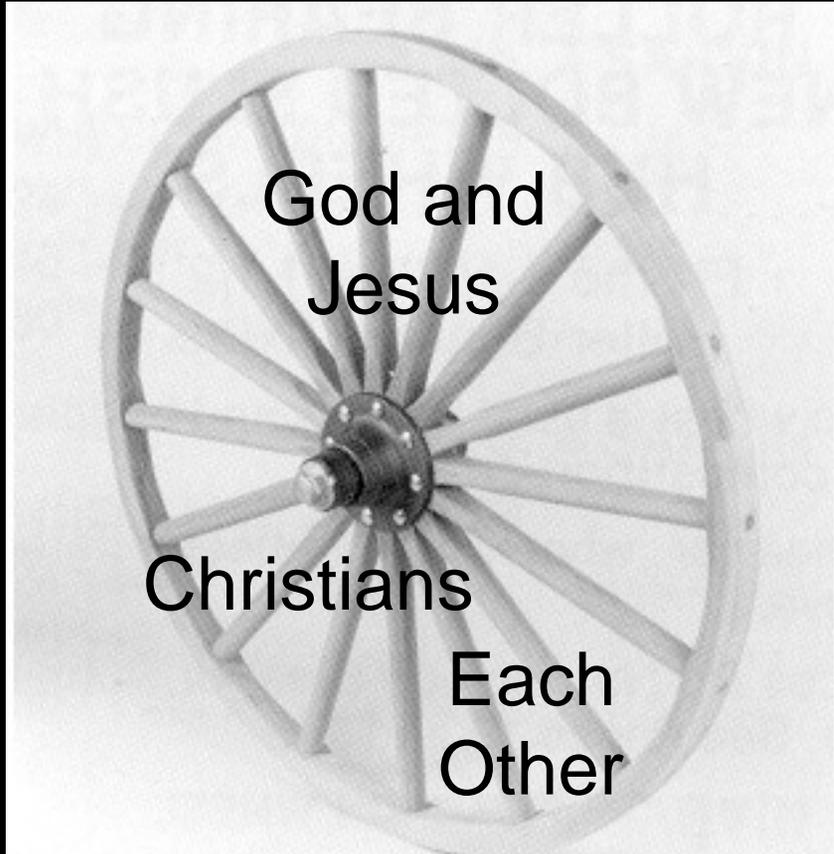


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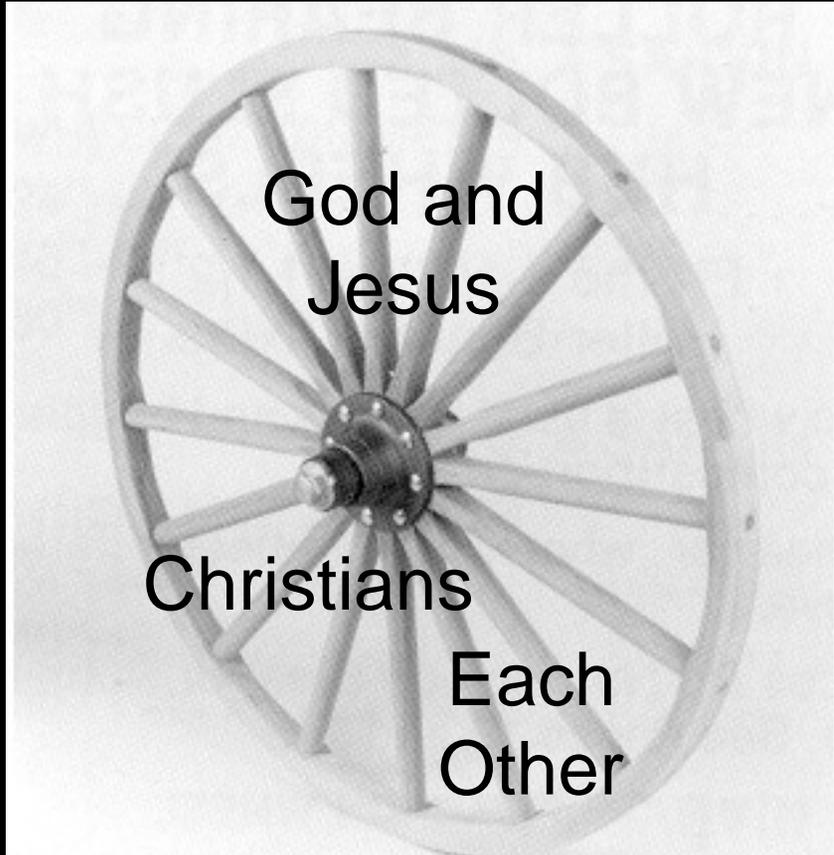
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# Why Does it Take Jesus?



God is Pure  
100% Light

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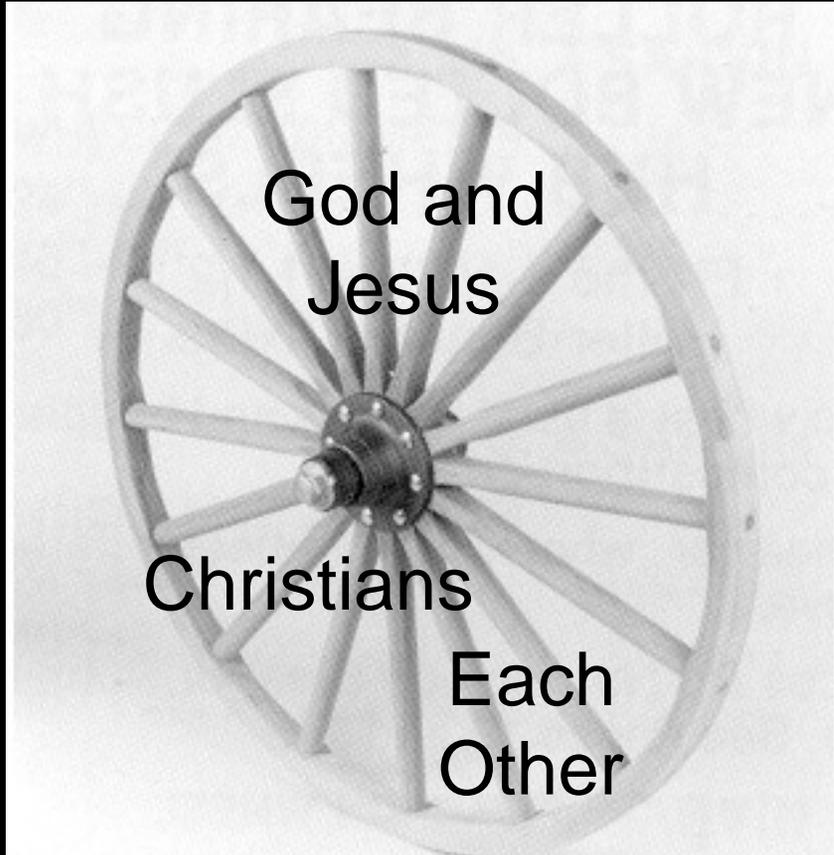
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**Not Perfectionism!**

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Live Your Life  
Oriented to that  
Truth (Effort!)

**Not Perfectionism!**

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In Jesus We Have Fellowship

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In Jesus We Know God

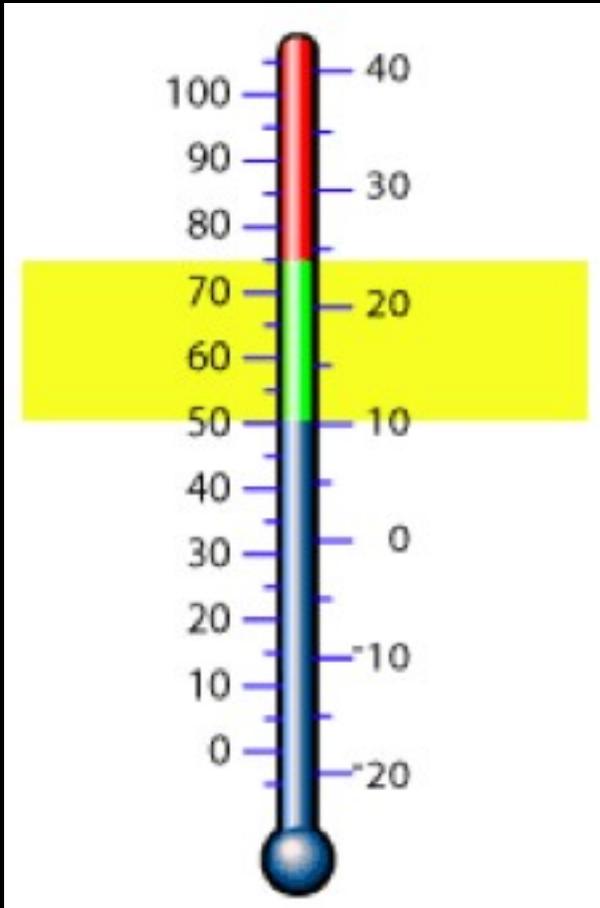
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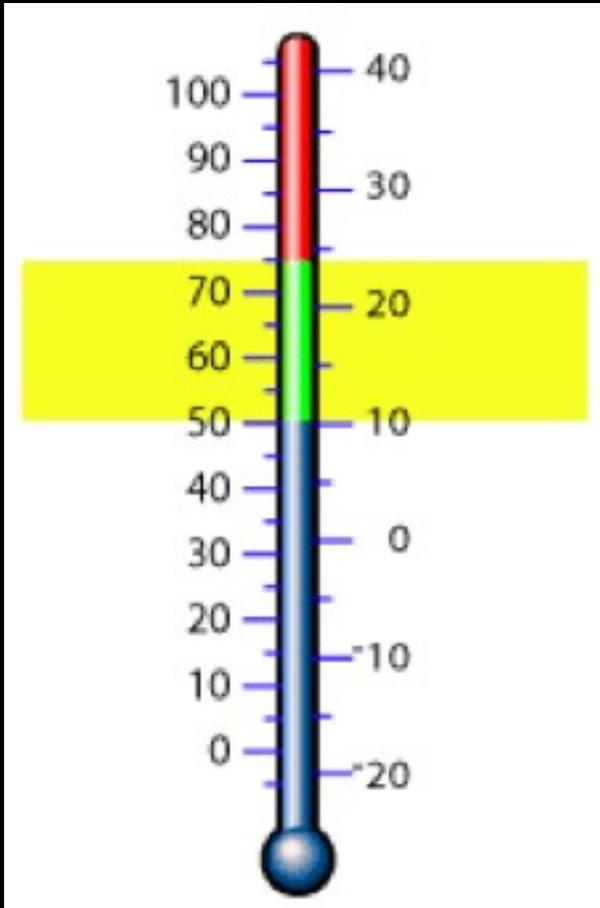
Our Lives Show Our Faith



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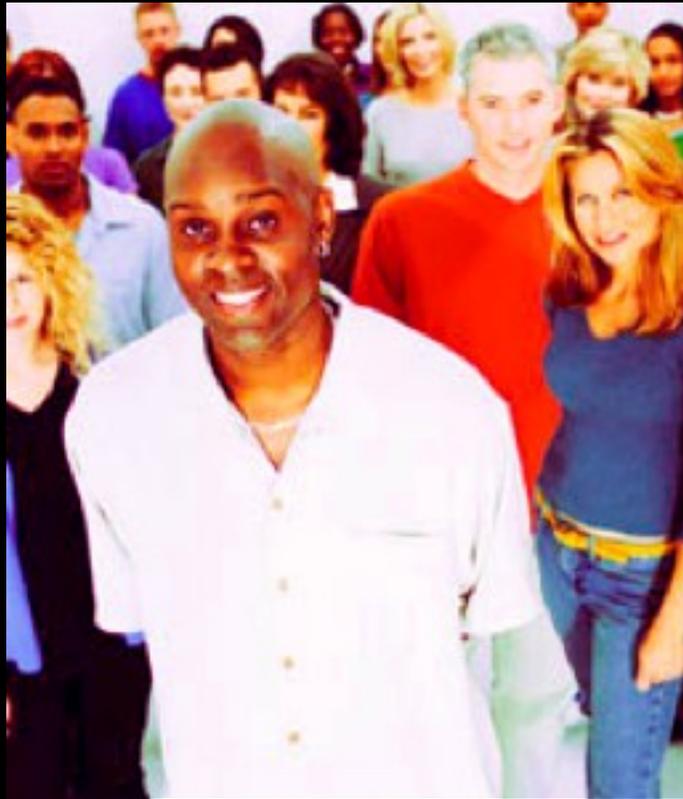
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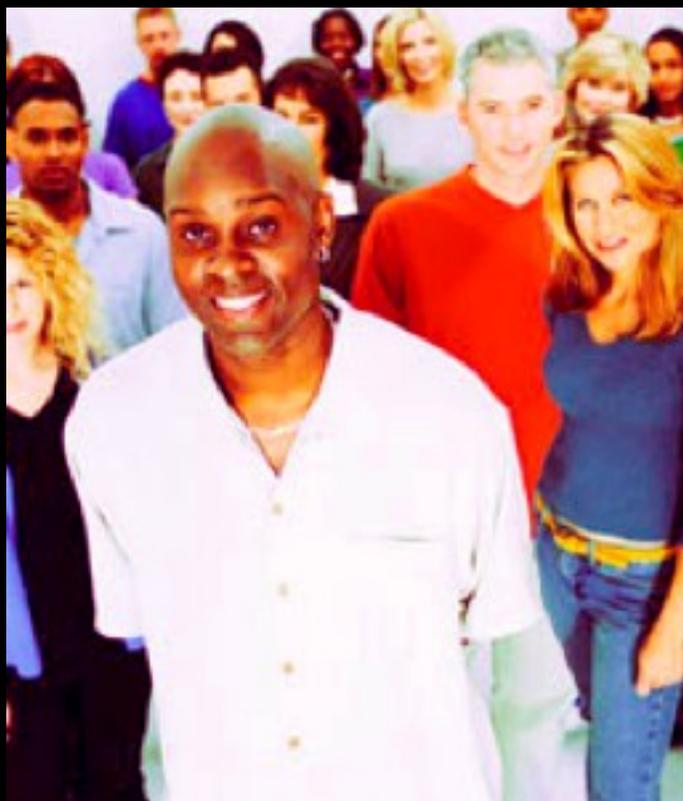


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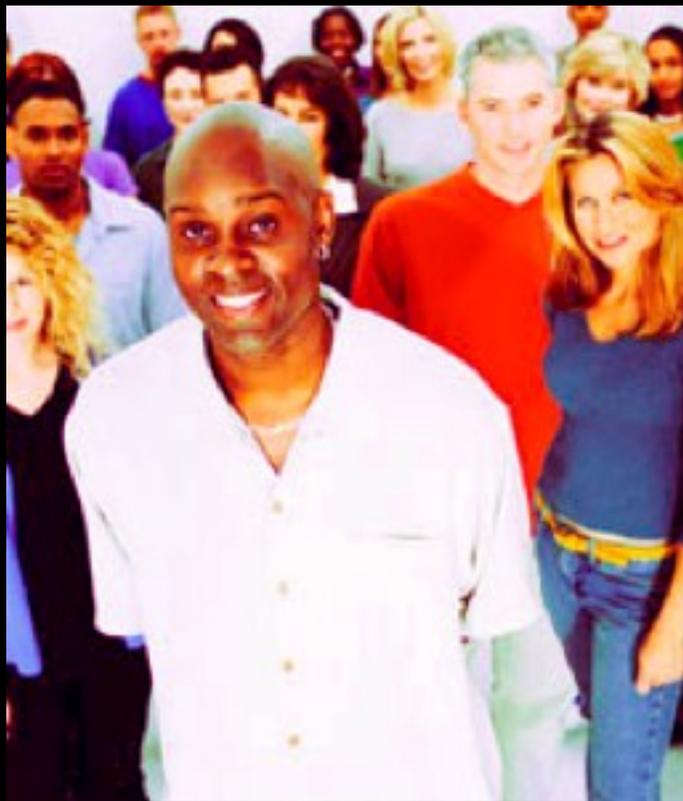
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Our Love Shows Our Faith



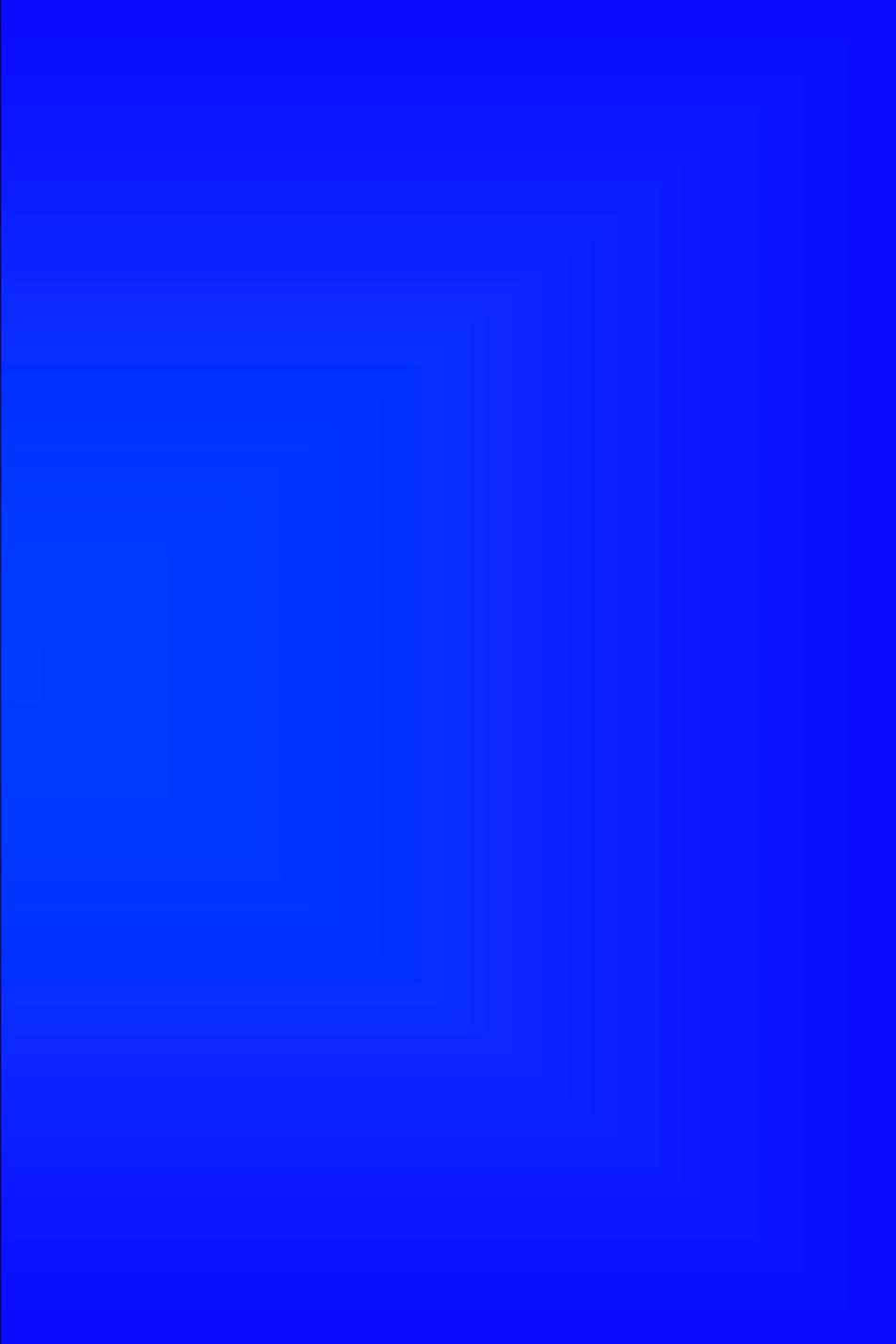
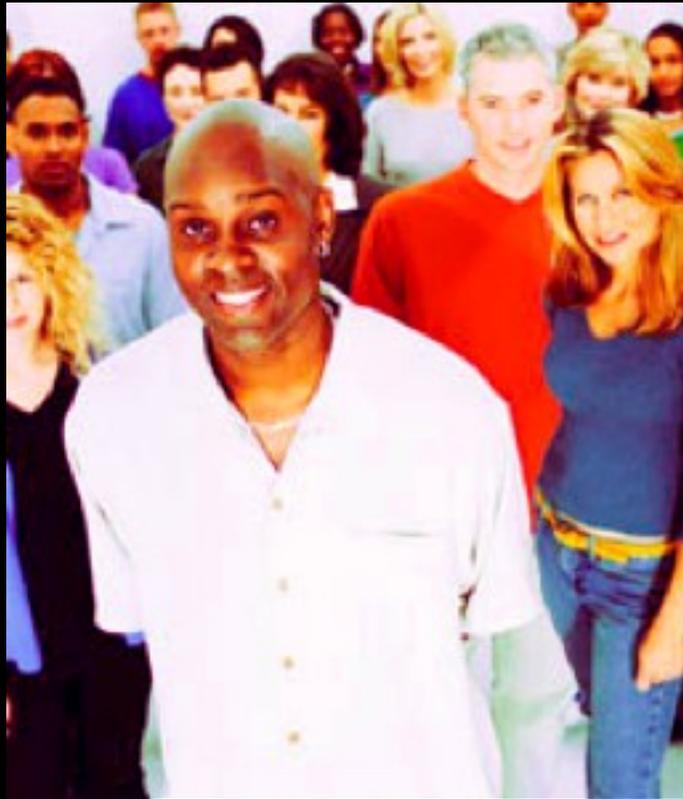


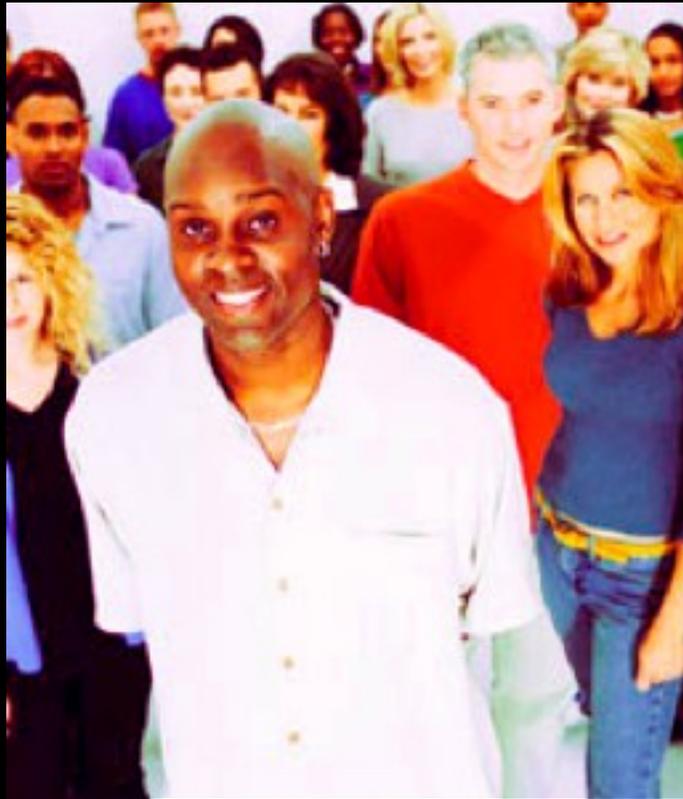
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(Meaning “All”)



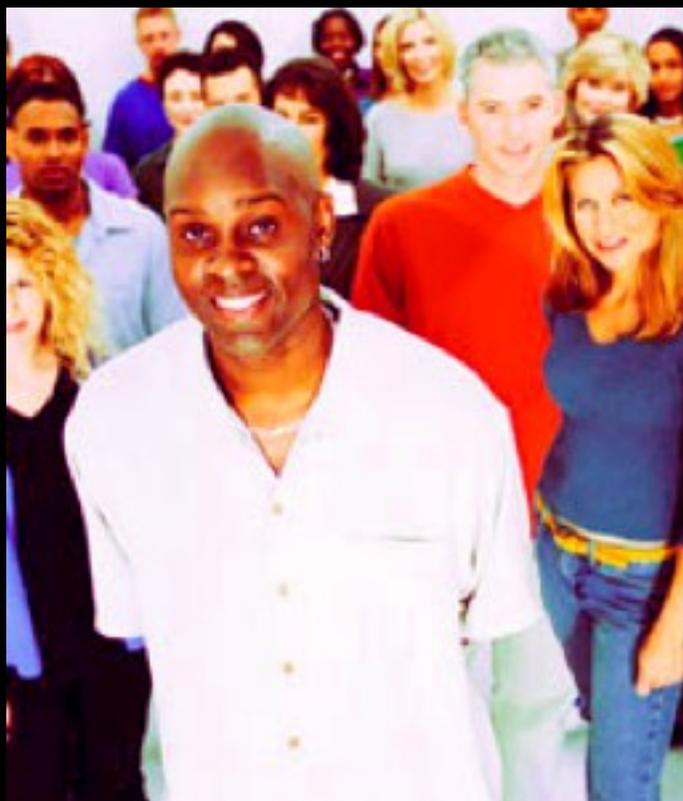
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“Sins have been  
forgiven on  
account of his  
name.” (2:12)



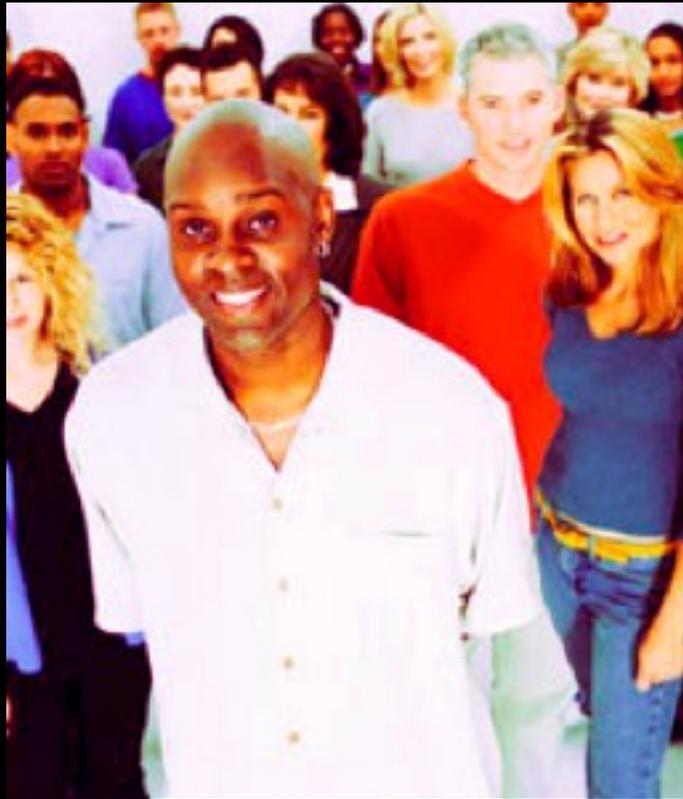


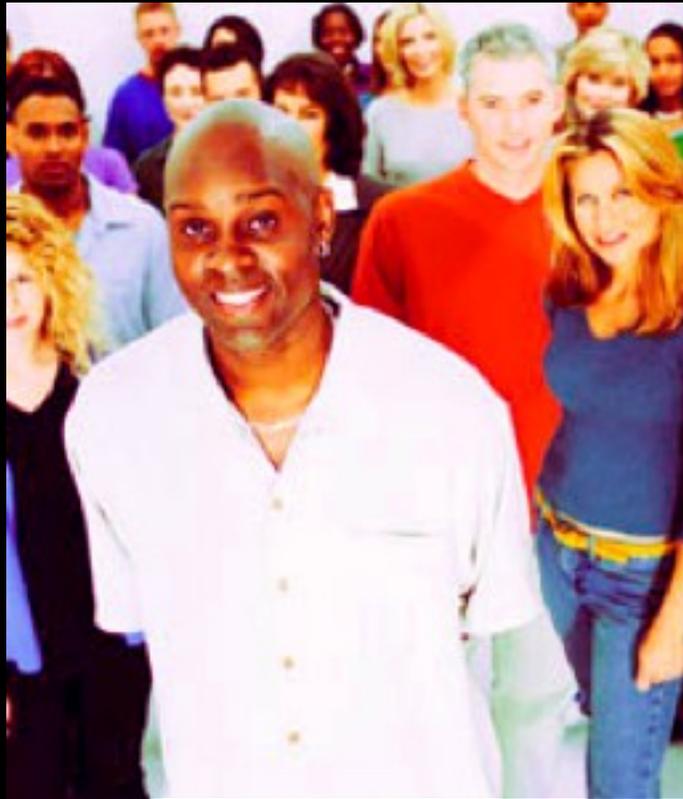
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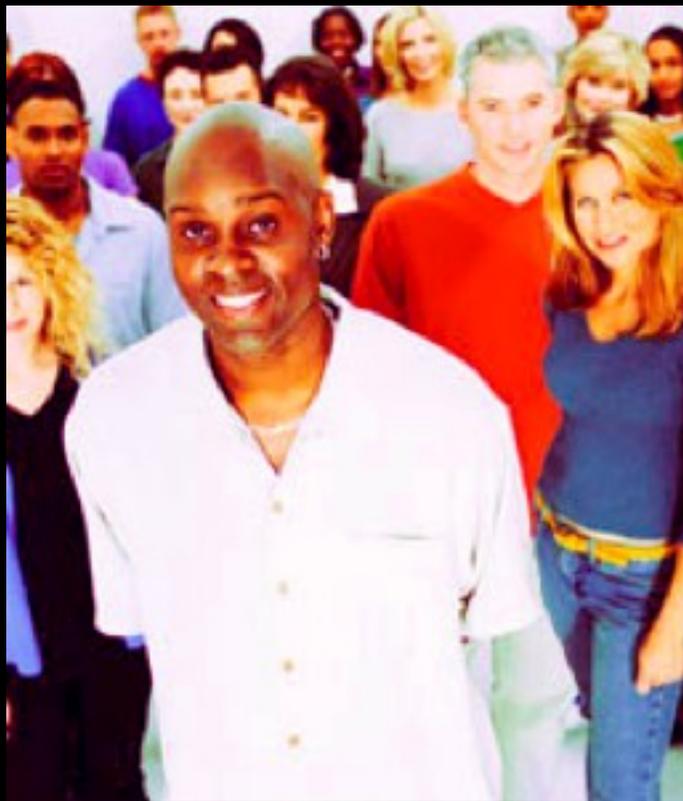
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Know God  
intimately ...  
Understand God  
as Eternal



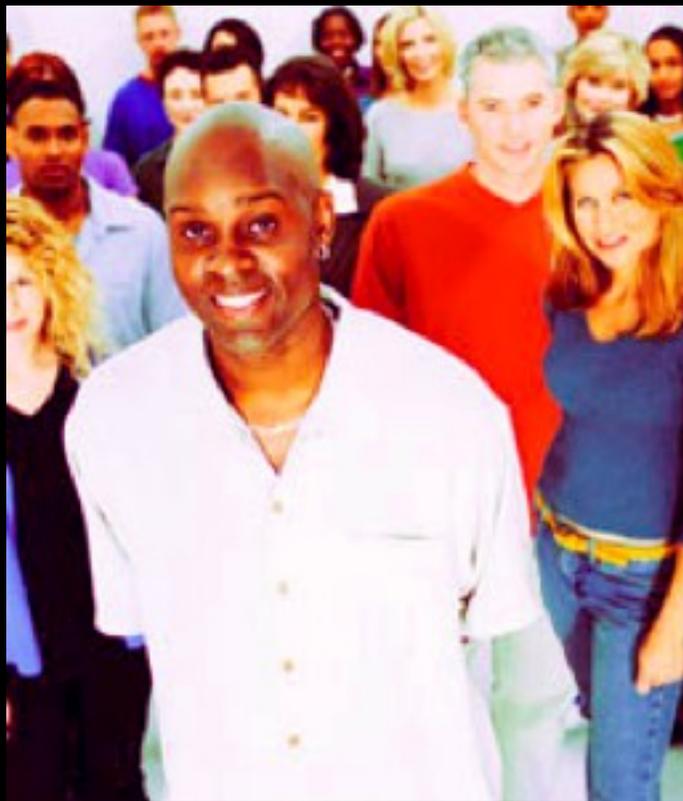


“Young Men”  
 (“Younger in  
 age/faith”)



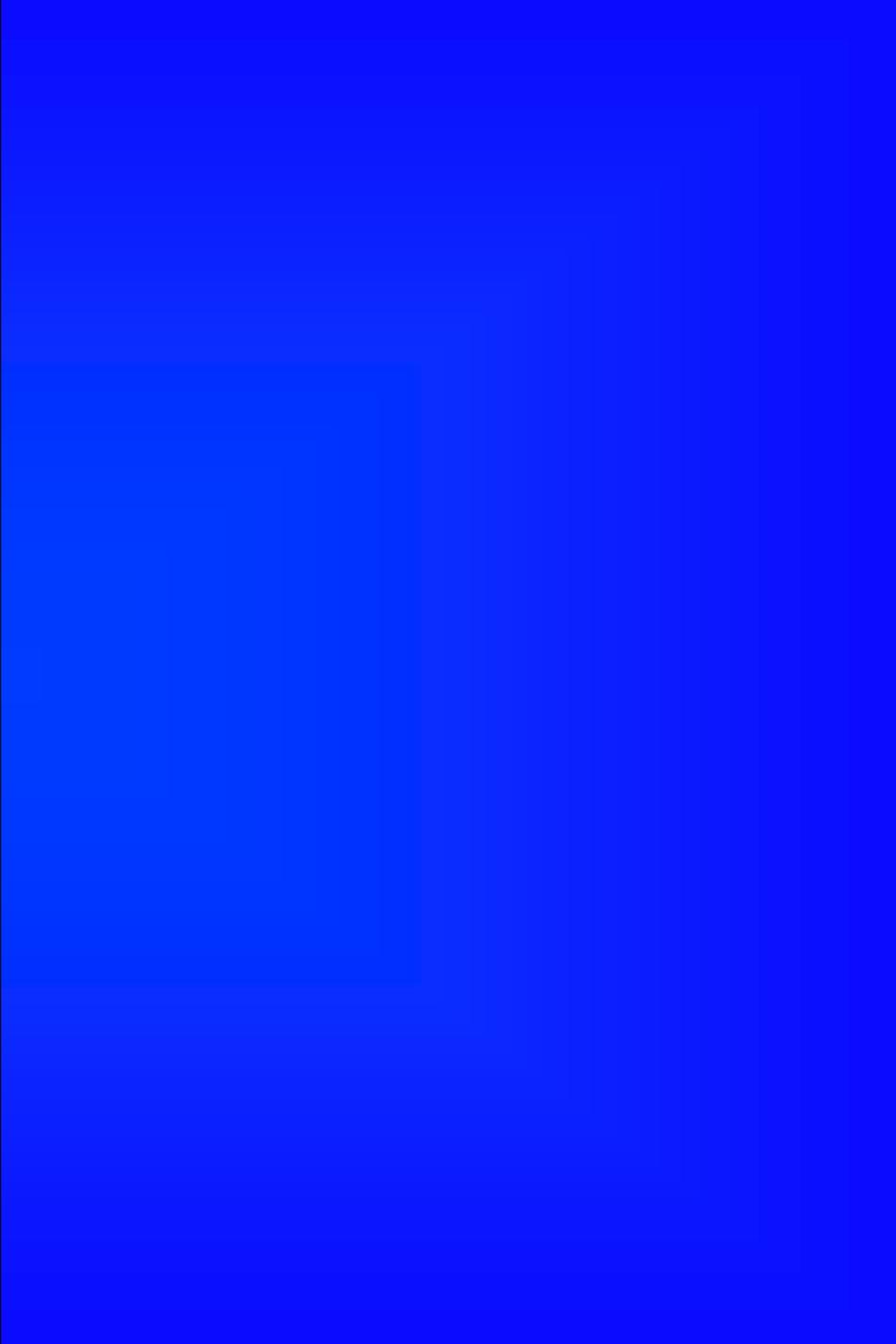
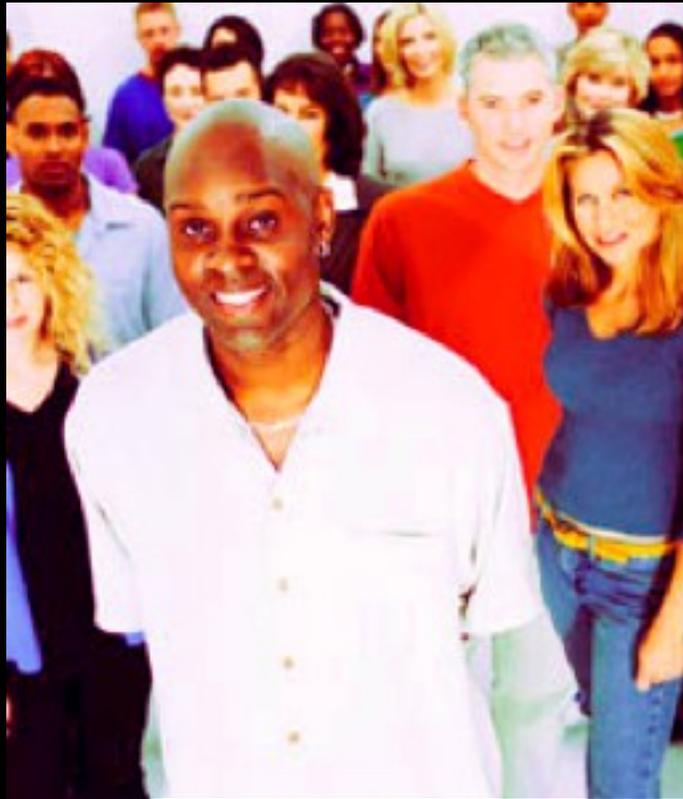
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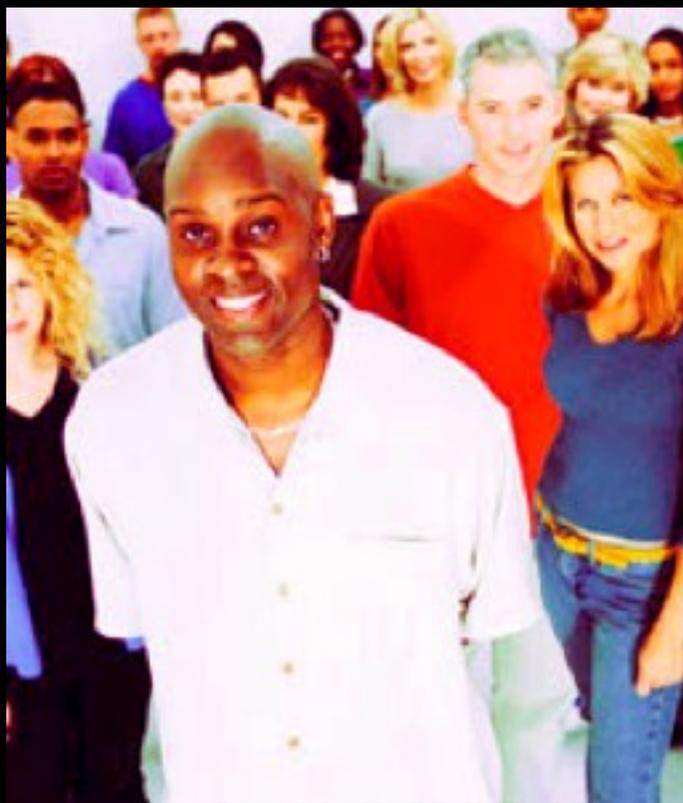
Have Overcome  
the Evil One with  
the Word of God,  
BUT ...



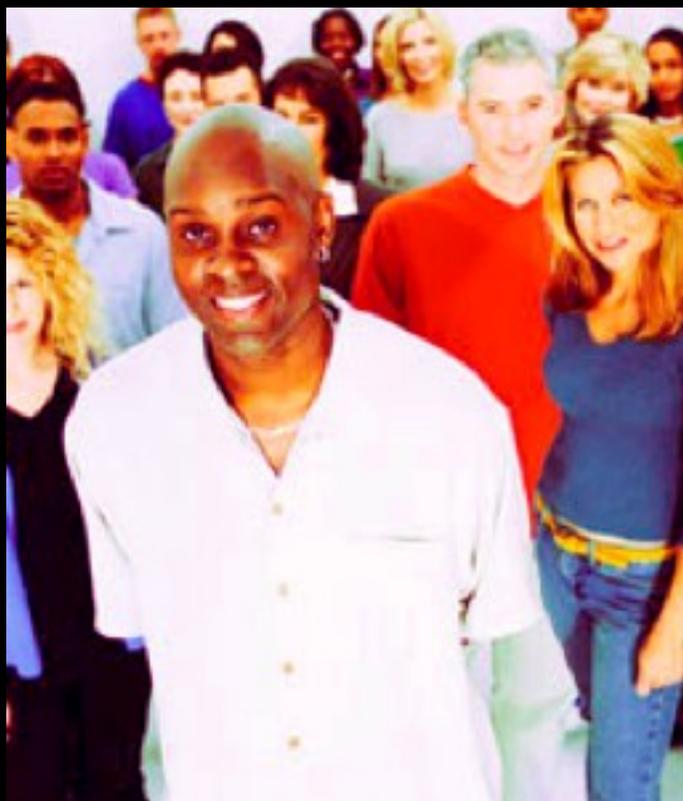
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Don't love the  
world, it's lusts  
and boastings



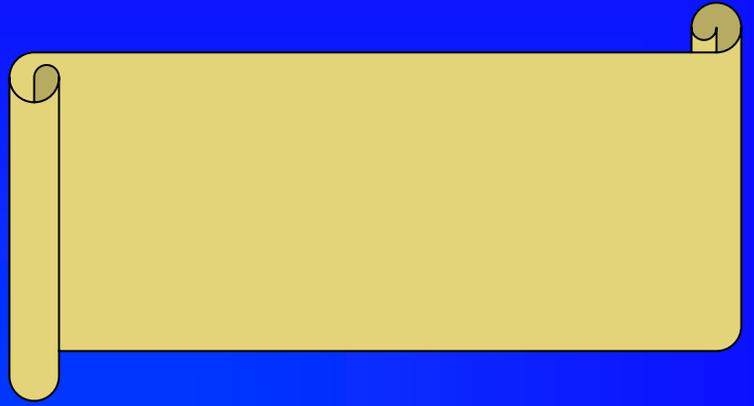


“Children” (“Kids  
in age/faith”)



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Antichrists have  
come, more will  
come. Do not  
deny God the  
Father or Son.



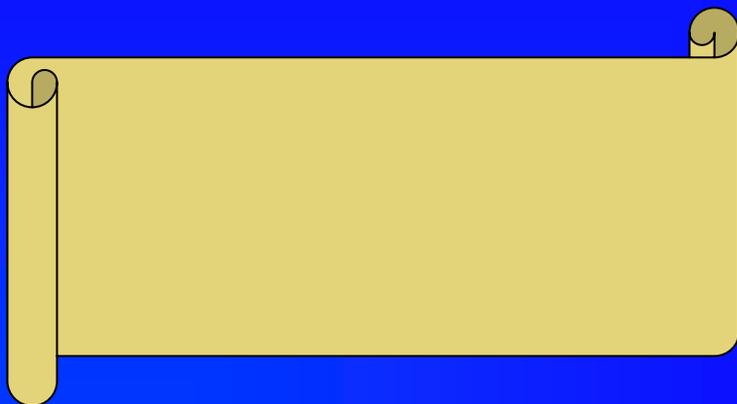


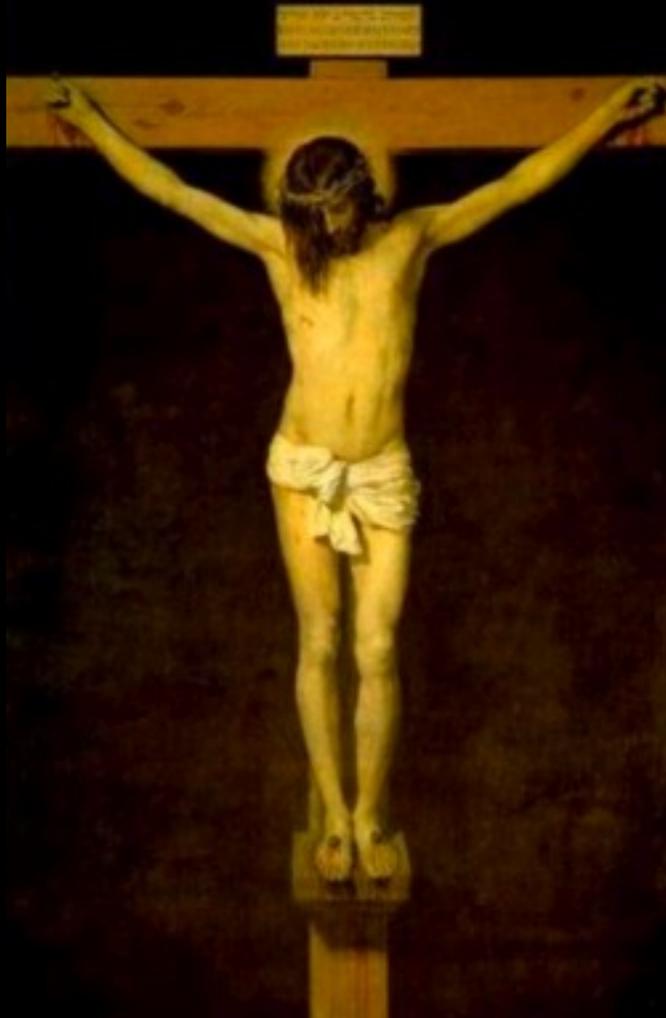
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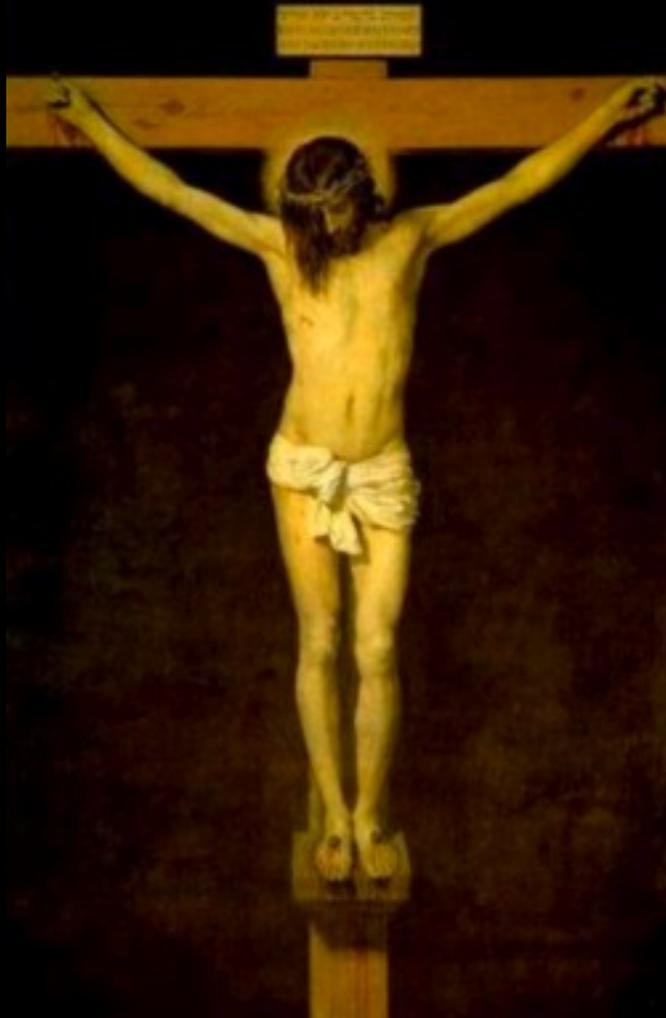
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Live lives that  
show God, his  
love and his truth  
to the world.



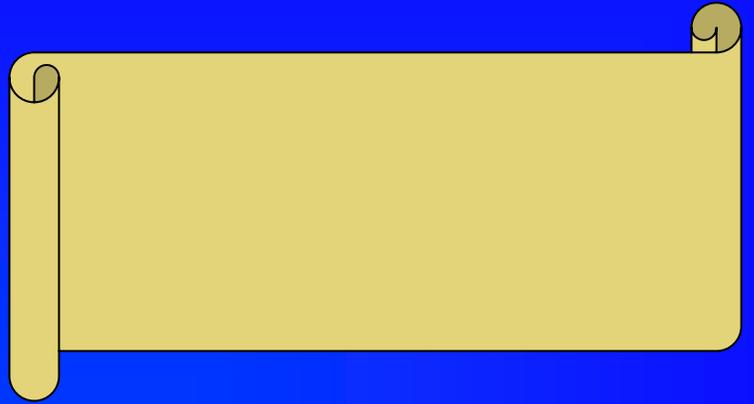
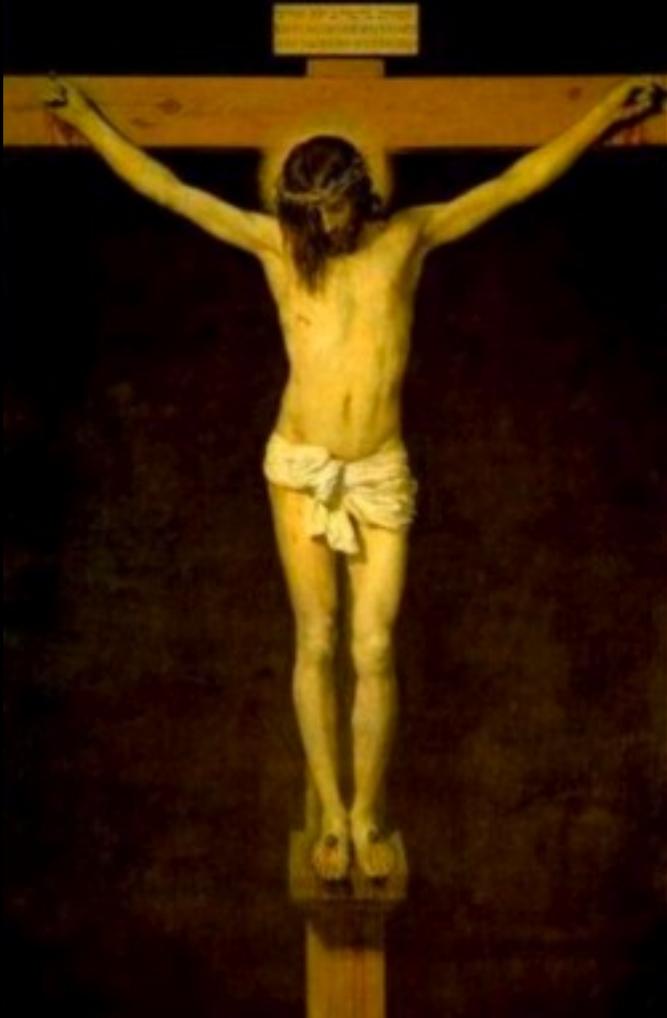


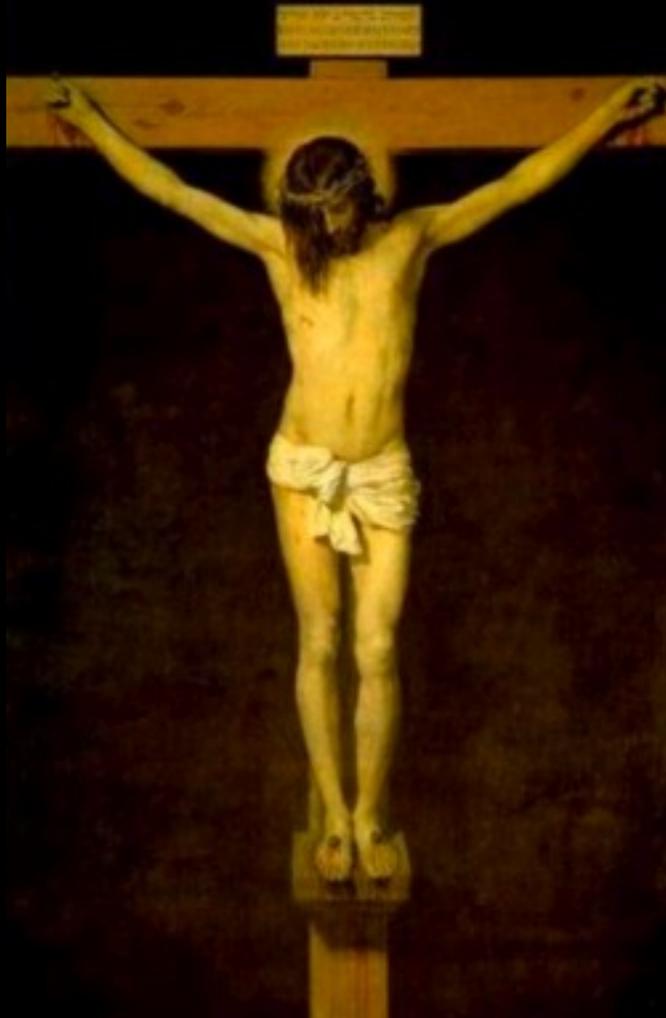
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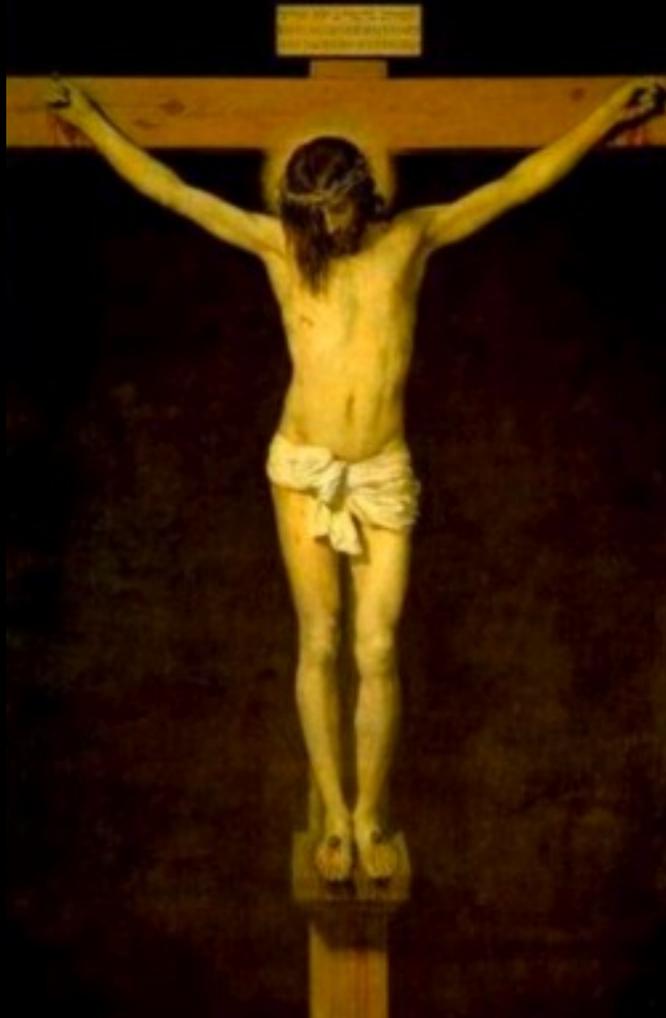
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Sin is Serious



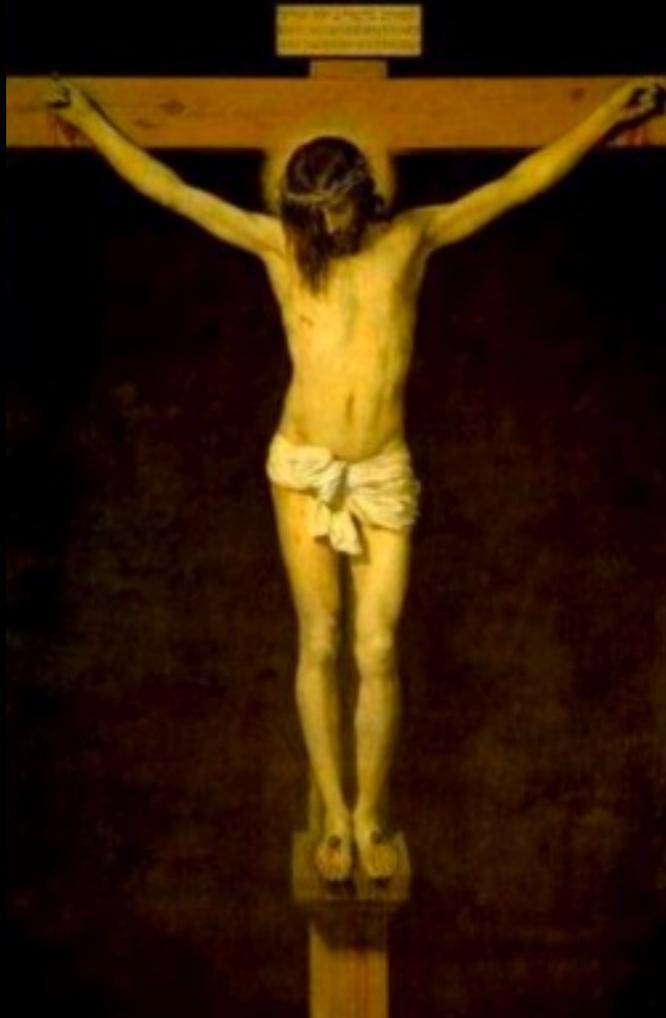


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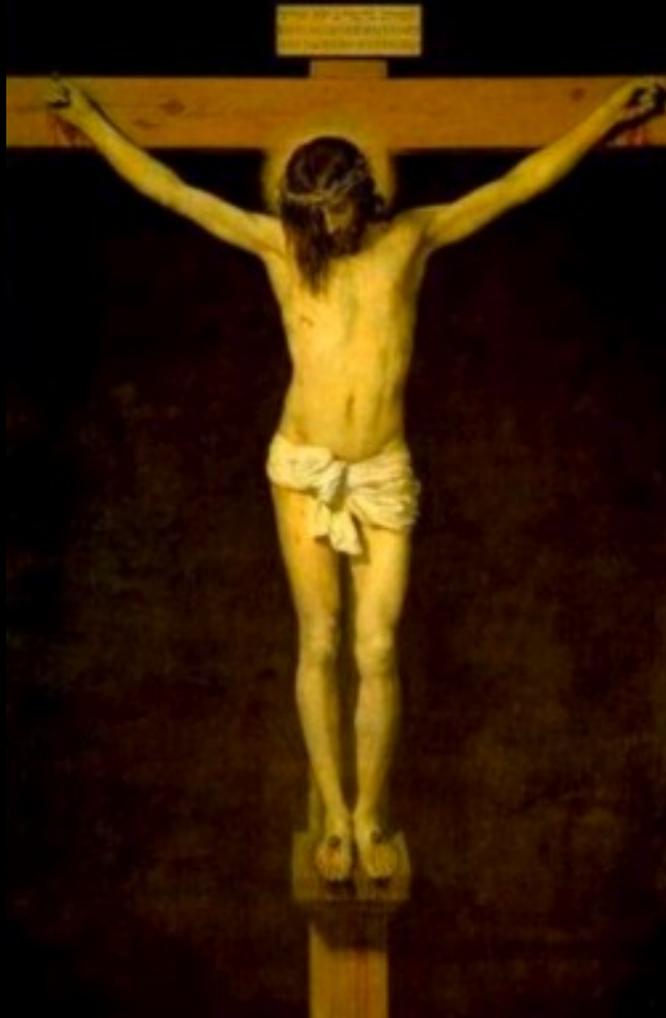
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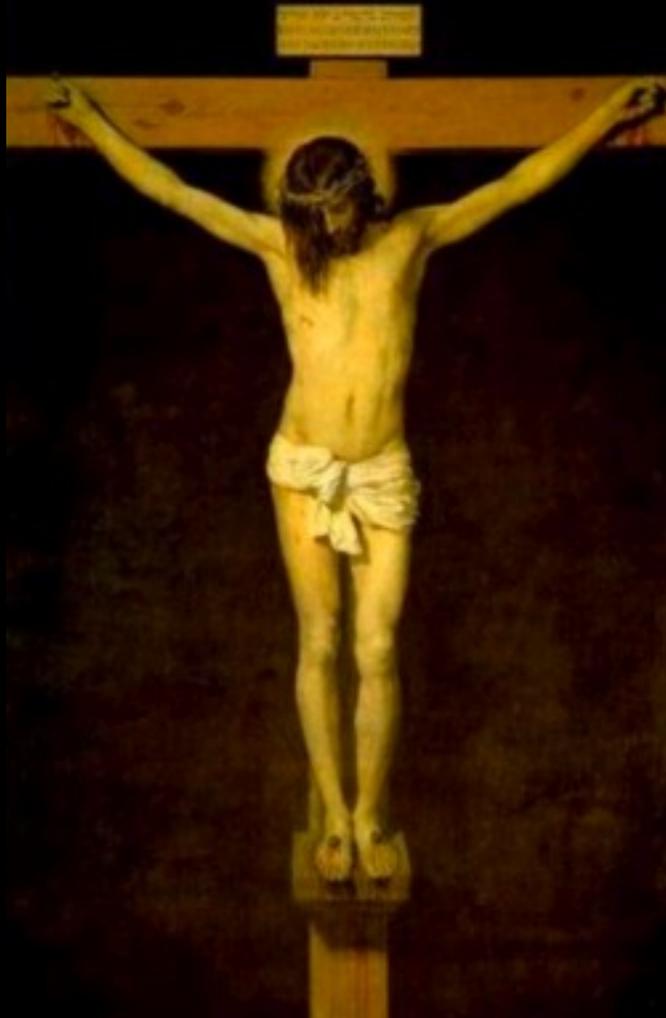
We have an  
answer when our  
hearts condemn  
us. (Ps 43)



## Mind vs. Heart

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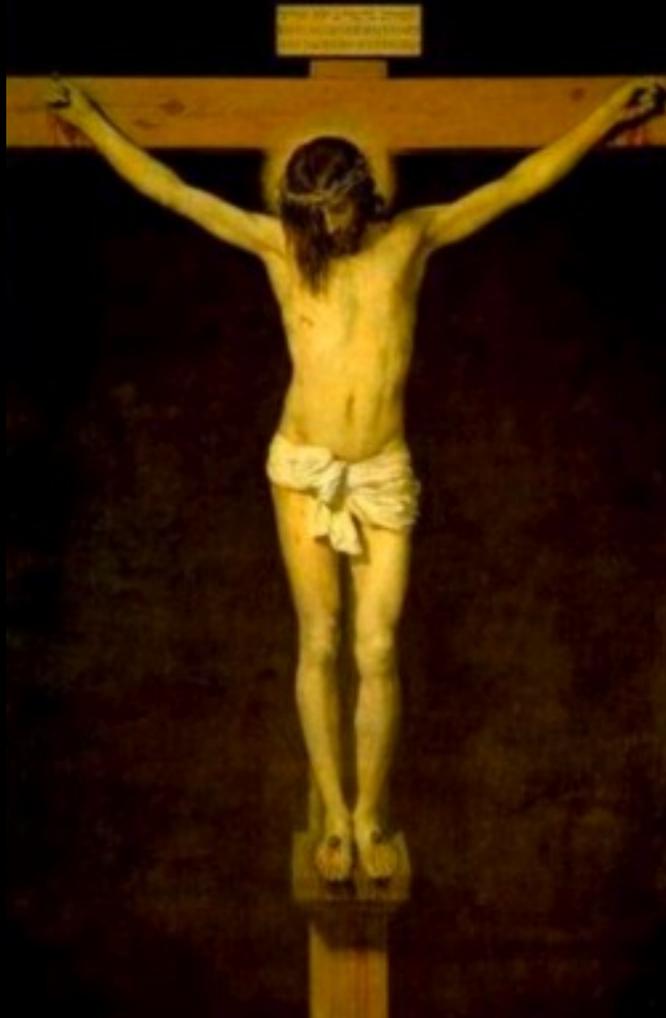
We love because  
he first loved us



## Mind vs. Heart

Faith is knowing,  
not feeling

This is our  
rebirth



## Mind vs. Heart

Faith is knowing,  
not feeling

This is real, no  
apparition!

# Points for Home

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