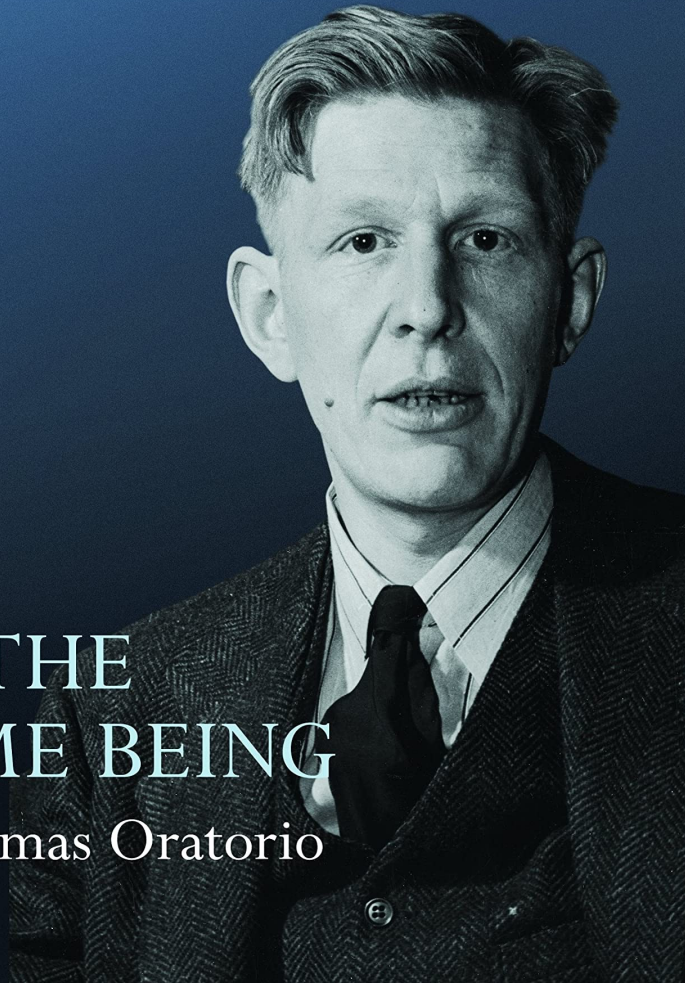


Romans



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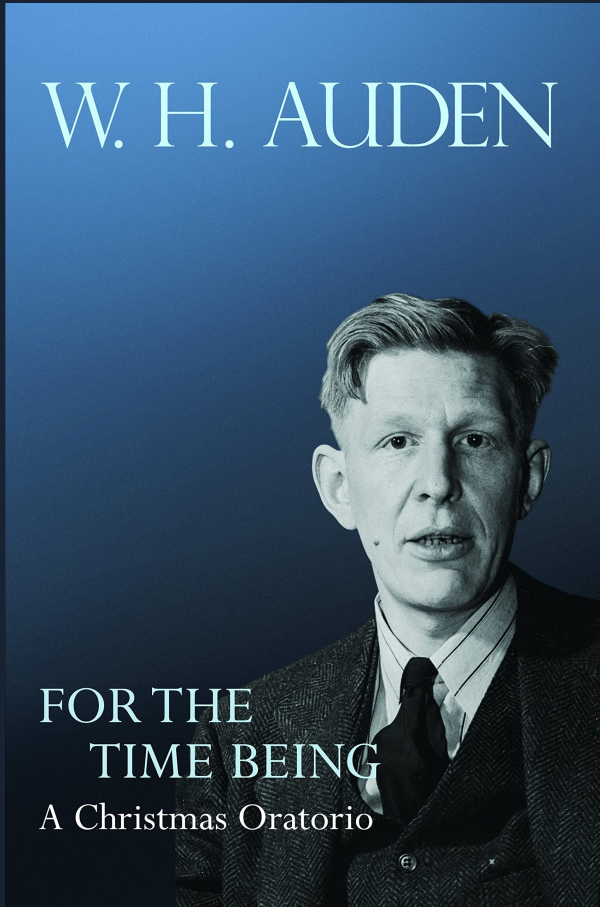


FOR THE
TIME BEING

A Christmas Oratorio

Herod:

“ I like committing crimes.
God likes forgiving them.
Really the world is
admirably arranged



Romans 6:1

What shall we say
then? Are we to
continue in sin that
grace may abound?

Romans 6:1

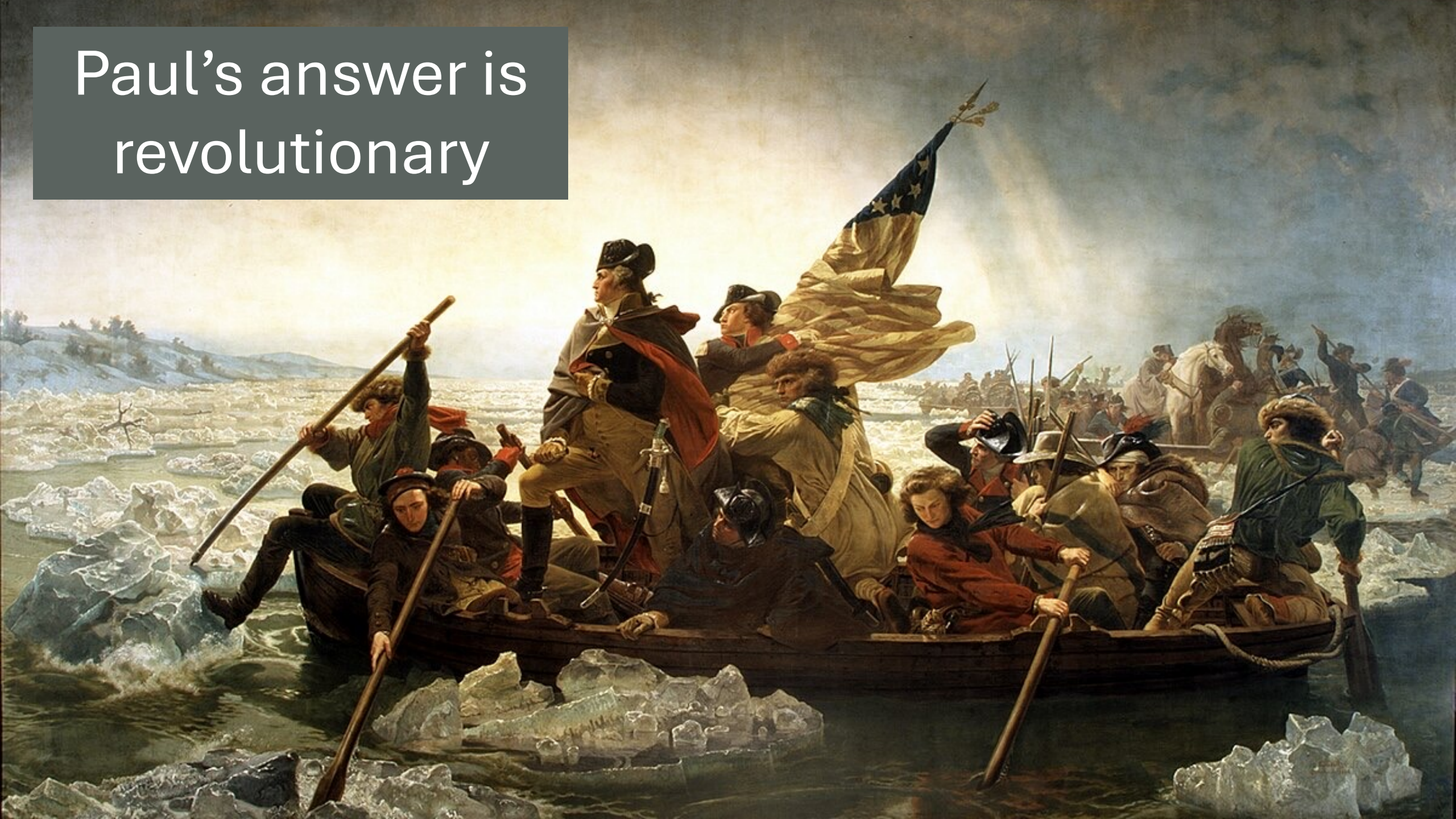
Τί οὖν ἐροῦμεν;
ἐπιμένωμεν τῇ ἁμαρτίᾳ,
ἵνα ἡ χάρις πλεονάσῃ;

A hand is holding a rectangular card with a white border. The card features a dark blue header bar at the top with the word "GRACE" in white. Below this is a light purple bar. To the left of the main text area is a blue square. The main text area has a light yellow background and contains the text "My License to sin?" in bold black font. A dark blue footer bar is at the bottom.

GRACE

**My License
to sin?**

Paul's answer is
revolutionary





Paul doesn't say:
“Try Harder!”

Paul doesn't
use threats of
punishment



Paul asks a logical
question that's a
game changer



Romans 6:2

By no means! How can
we who died to sin still
live in it?

Romans 6:2

μὴ γένοιτο. οἵτινες
ἀπεθάνομεν τῇ ἁμαρτίᾳ,
πῶς ἔτι ζήσομεν ἐν αὐτῇ;

Paul is using
language of
“realm transfer”

UK Border



Romans 6:3

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

Romans 6:3

ἢ ἀγνοεῖτε ὅτι, ὅσοι
ἐβαπτίσθημεν εἰς
Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν, εἰς τὸν
θάνατον αὐτοῦ
ἐβαπτίσθημεν;

Romans 6:4

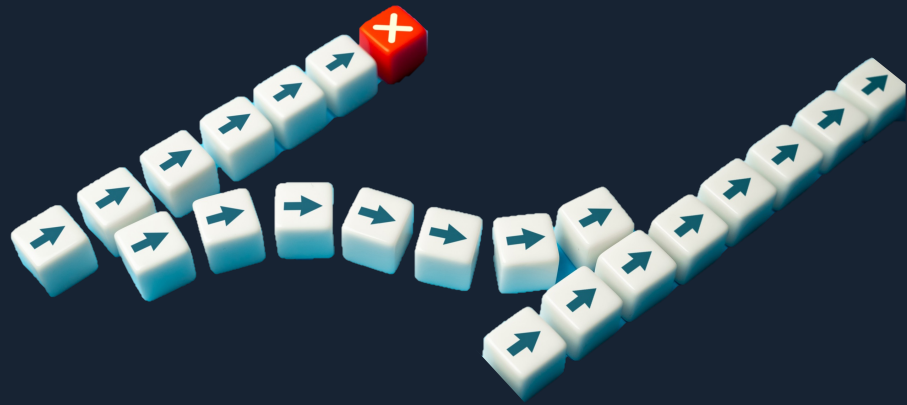
We were buried
therefore with him by
baptism into death, in
order that, just as
Christ was raised from
the dead by the glory of
the Father, we too
might walk in newness
of life.

Romans 6:4

συνετάφημεν οὖν αὐτῷ
διὰ τοῦ βαπτίσματος εἰς
τὸν θάνατον, ἵνα ὥσπερ
ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ἐκ
νεκρῶν διὰ τῆς δόξης
τοῦ πατρός, οὕτως καὶ
ἡμεῖς ἐν καινότητι ζωῆς
περιπατήσωμεν.

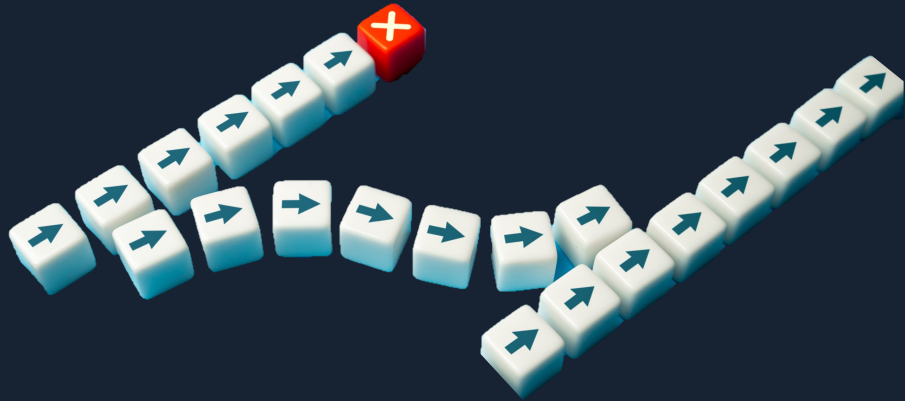
We have an
alignment with Christ





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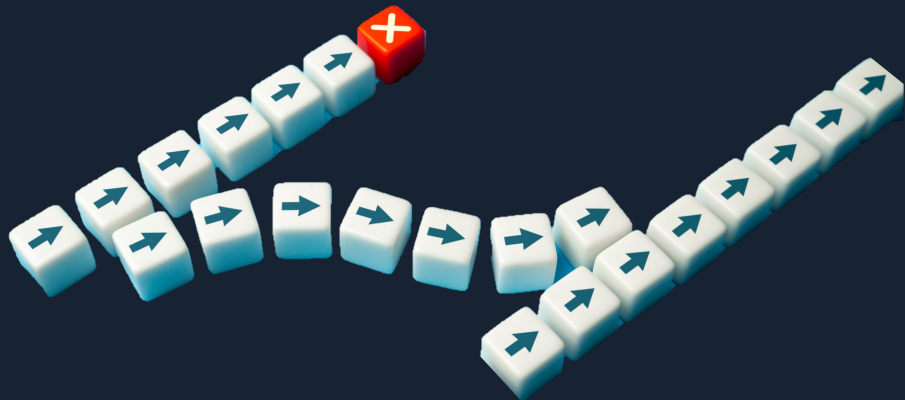


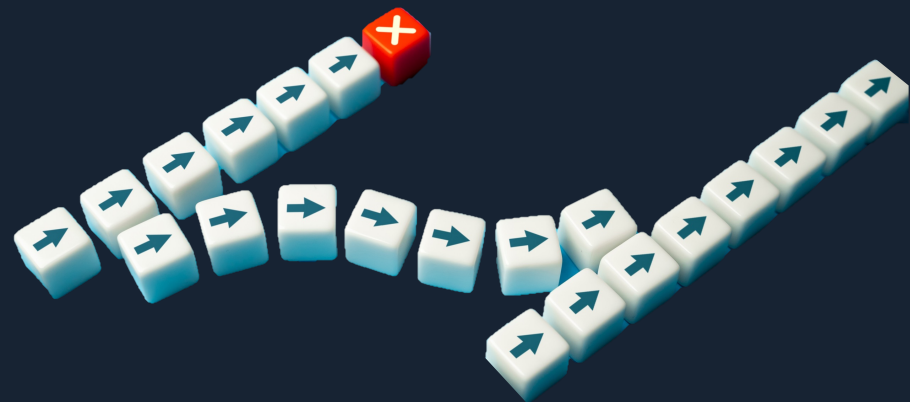
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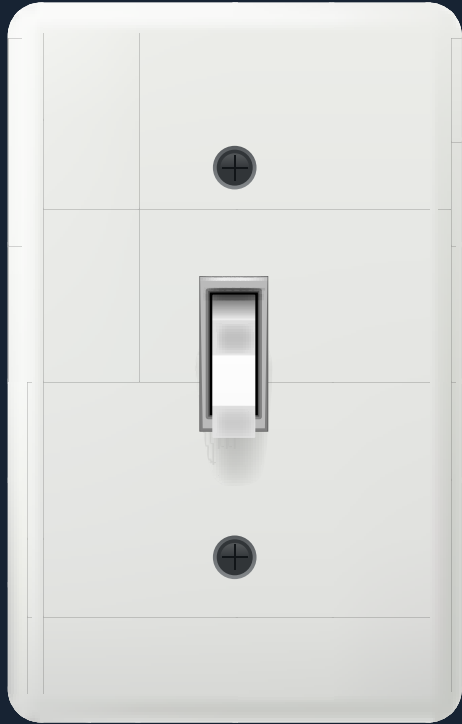
Romans 6:5

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Romans 6:5

εἰ γὰρ σύμφυτοι
γεγόναμεν τῷ ὁμοιώματι
τοῦ θανάτου αὐτοῦ, ἀλλὰ
καὶ τῆς ἀναστάσεως
ἐσόμεθα·

The logic:



If...

If you flip
the switch

Then...

then the light
comes on

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If cocoa is in
the batter,
it will certainly
be in the cake



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sumphutoi •
(σύμφυτοι) •

A botanical metaphor

“Comfrey”
(*Symphytum*)



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Greek
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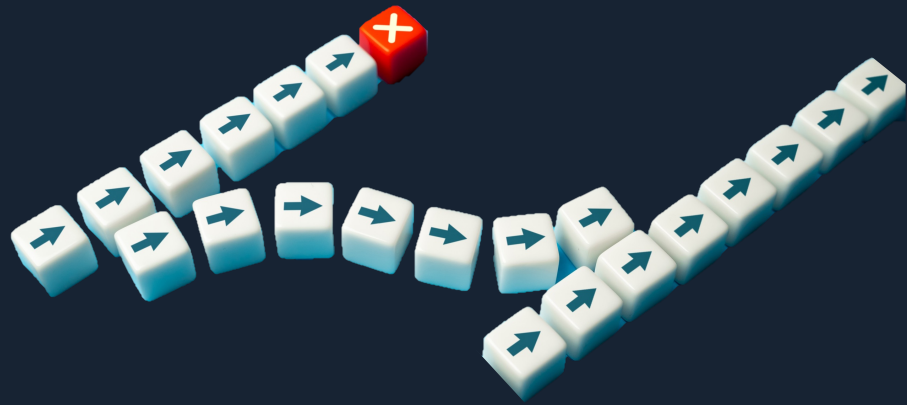
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The spiritual reality
of baptism:
We are organically
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death and resurrection

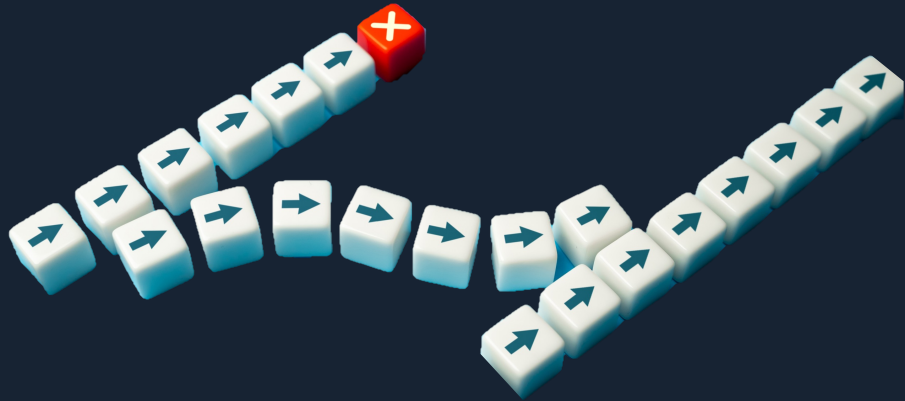


2 Tim. 2:11



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(v. 6)

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We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

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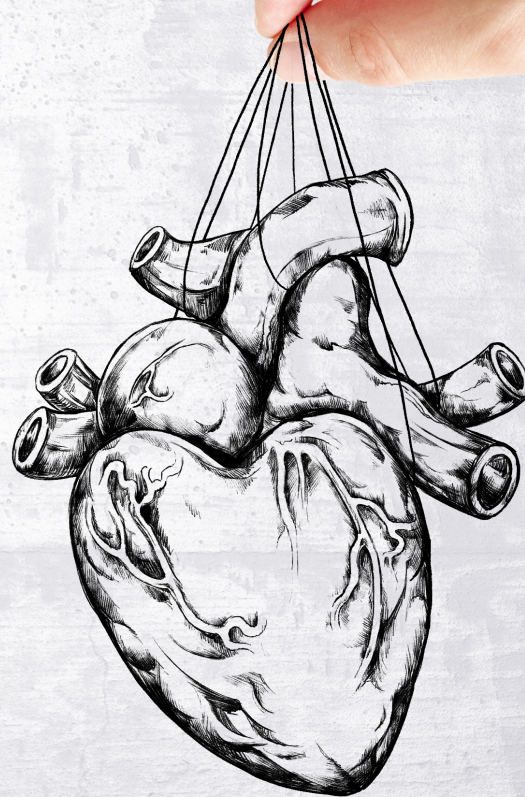
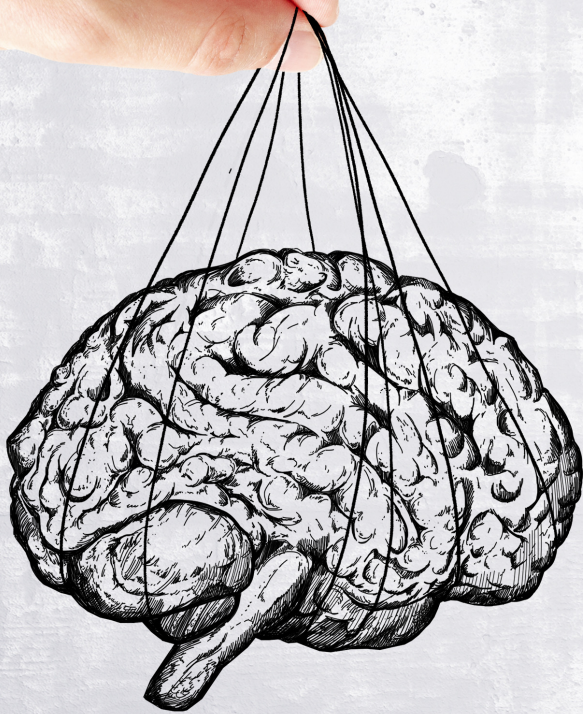
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Knowledge
vs. feelings

1 Jn 3:19-20

Ps 42-43



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palaios
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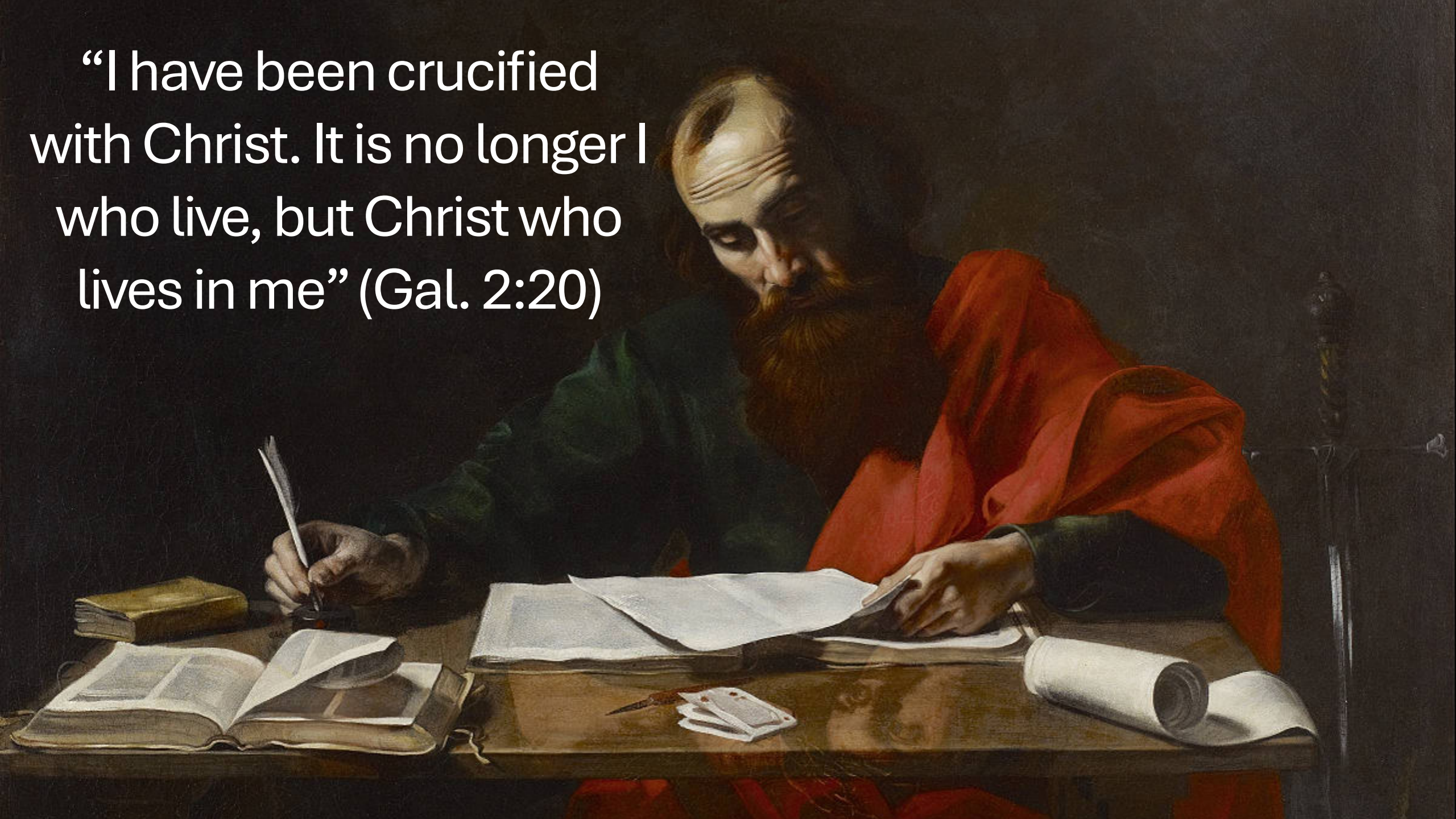
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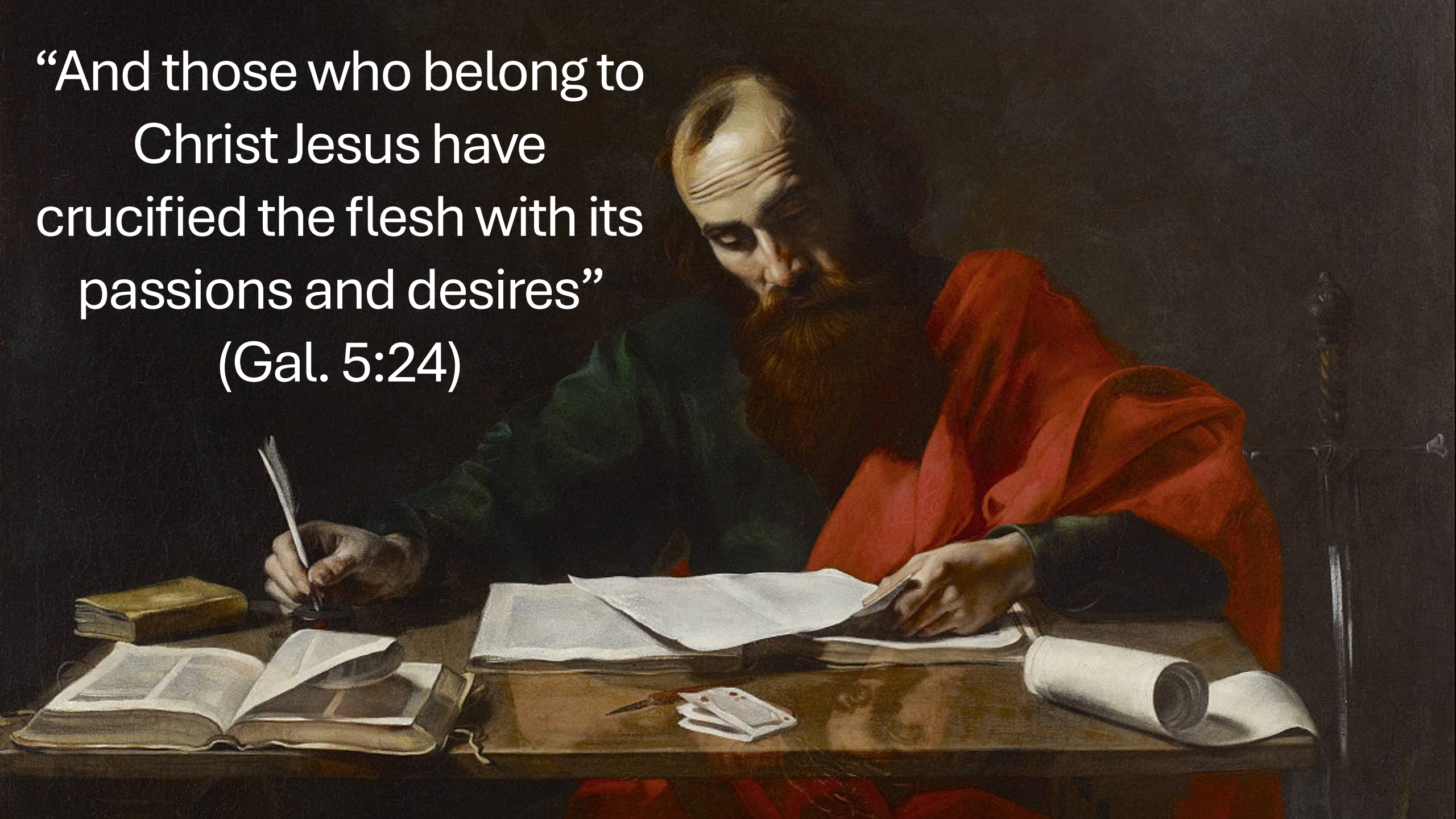
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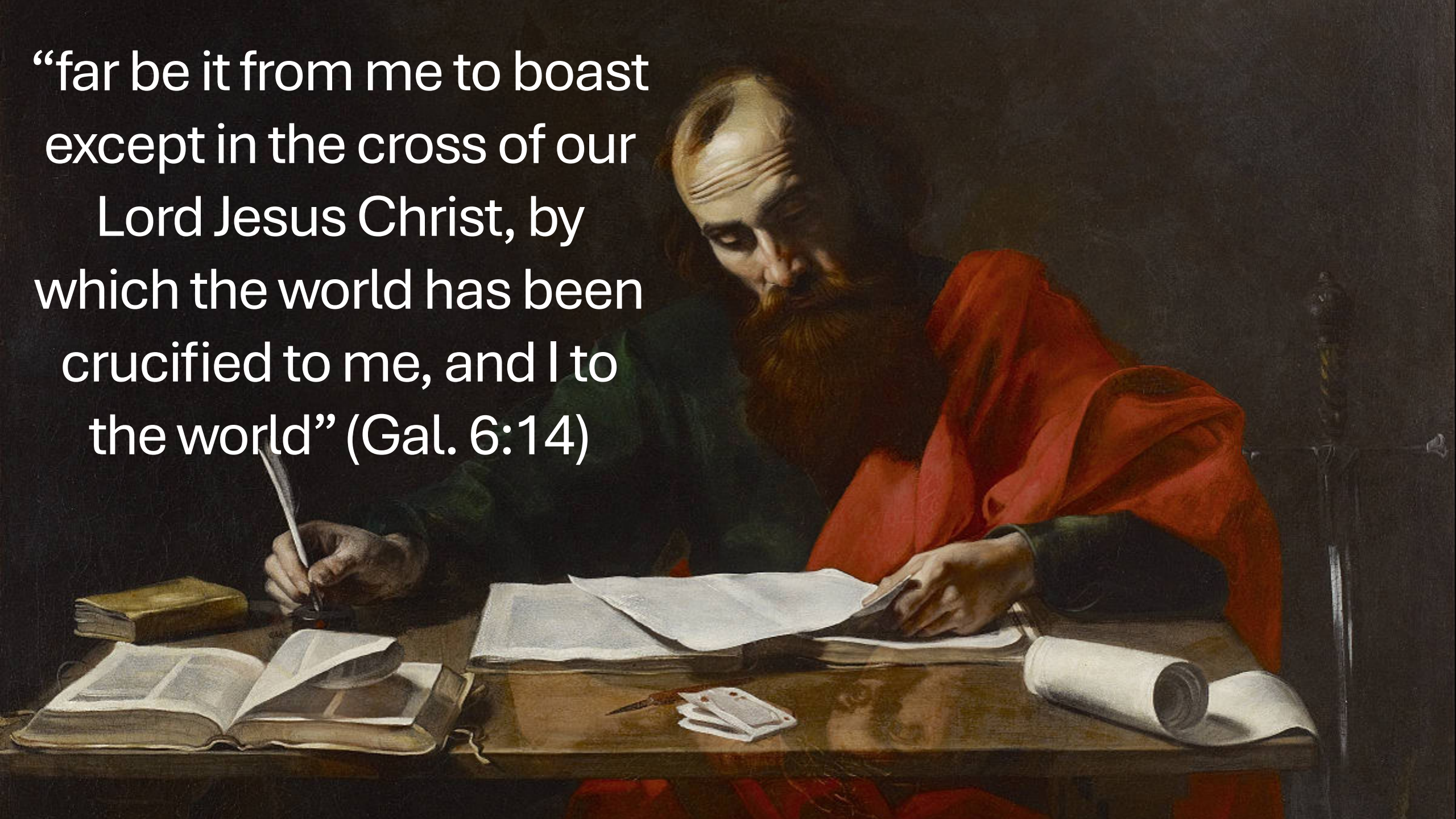
“I have been crucified
with Christ. It is no longer I
who live, but Christ who
lives in me” (Gal. 2:20)



“And those who belong to
Christ Jesus have
crucified the flesh with its
passions and desires”
(Gal. 5:24)



“far be it from me to boast
except in the cross of our
Lord Jesus Christ, by
which the world has been
crucified to me, and I to
the world” (Gal. 6:14)



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hina : A “*hina* purpose clause”
(ἵνα) :

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katargēthē • Rendered powerless
(καταργηθῇ) • Put out of business!

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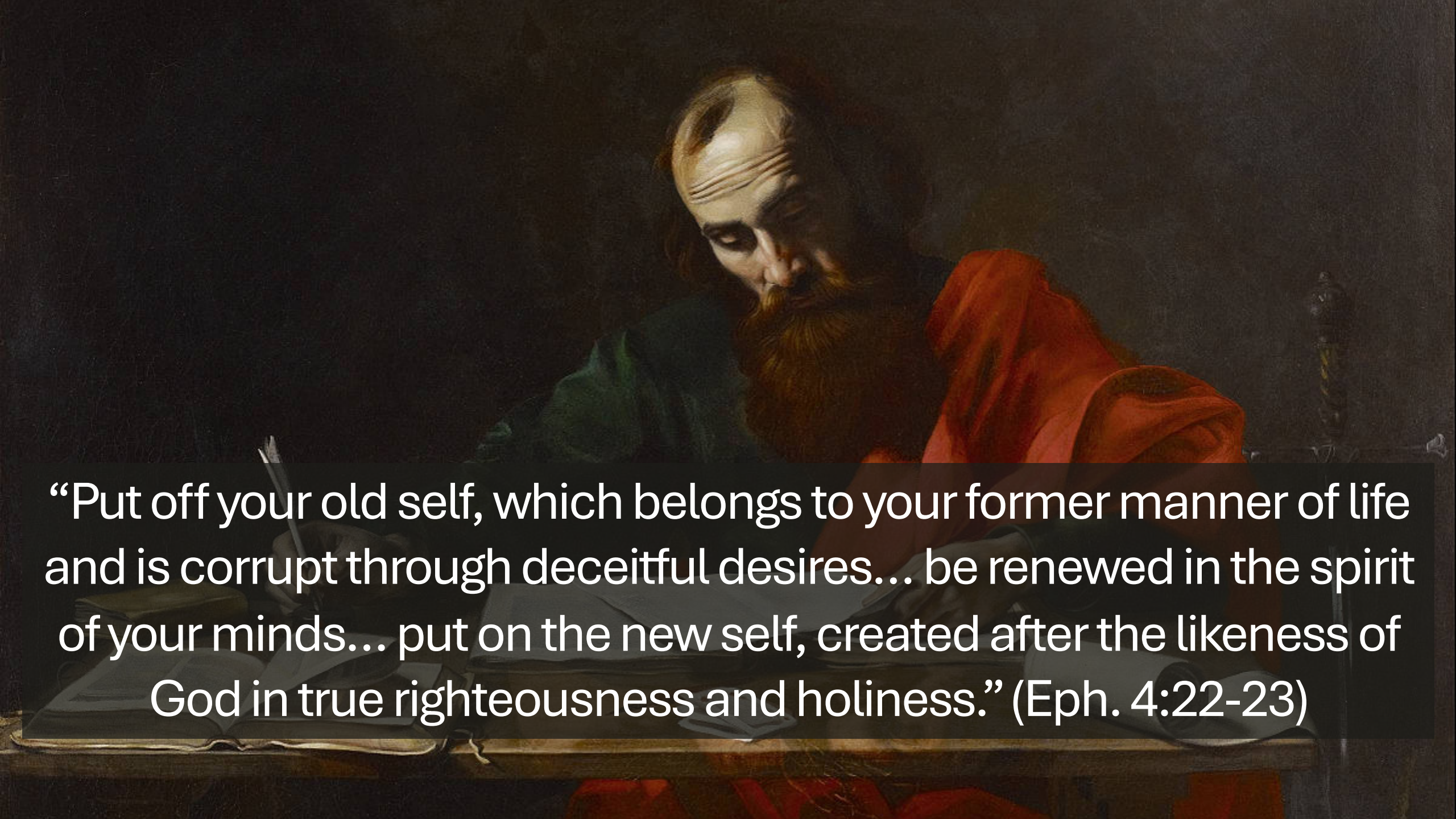
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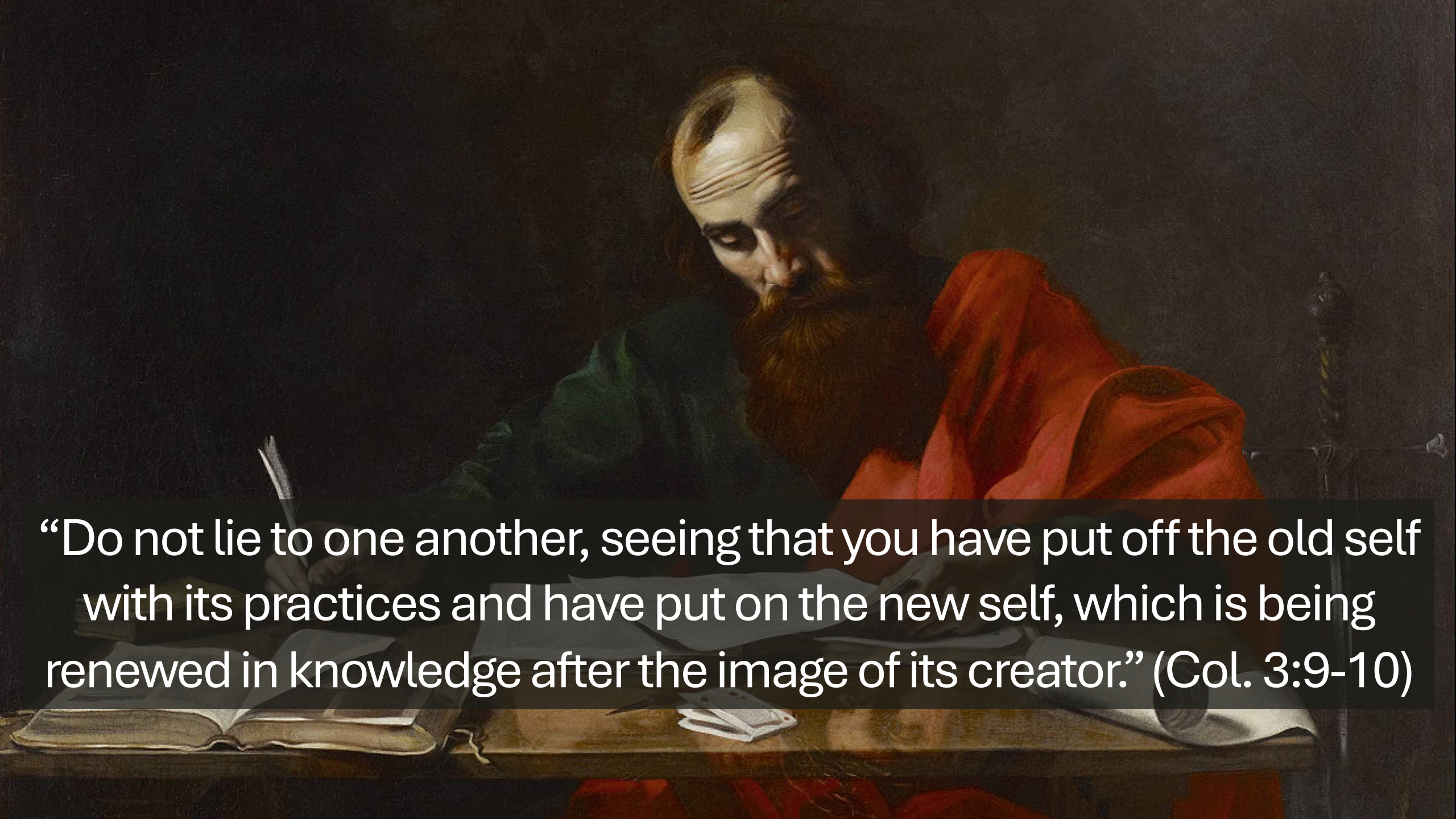
A white rectangular sign with a thin black border is taped to a silver metal shutter door with two pieces of yellow tape. The sign contains the text: "Sorry, We're" in red cursive, "CLOSED" in large red block letters with a black outline, and "FOR EVER!" in black cursive.

Sorry, We're
CLOSED
FOR EVER!

Our old identity as a slave to sin has been legally and actually terminated. Sin no longer has any business in our lives.

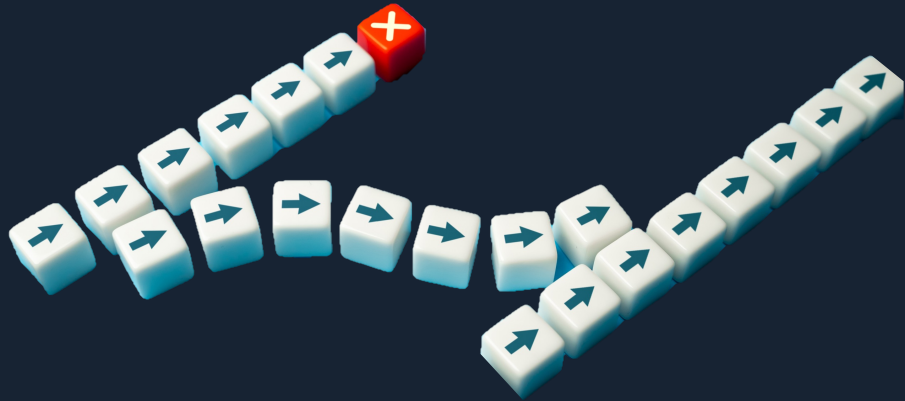
A classical painting of a bearded man with a receding hairline, wearing a red robe over a dark garment. He is seated at a desk, leaning forward and writing in a large open book with a quill pen. The scene is dimly lit, with a strong light source from the left illuminating his face and the book. The background is dark and indistinct.

“Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires... be renewed in the spirit of your minds... put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.” (Eph. 4:22-23)



“Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.” (Col. 3:9-10)

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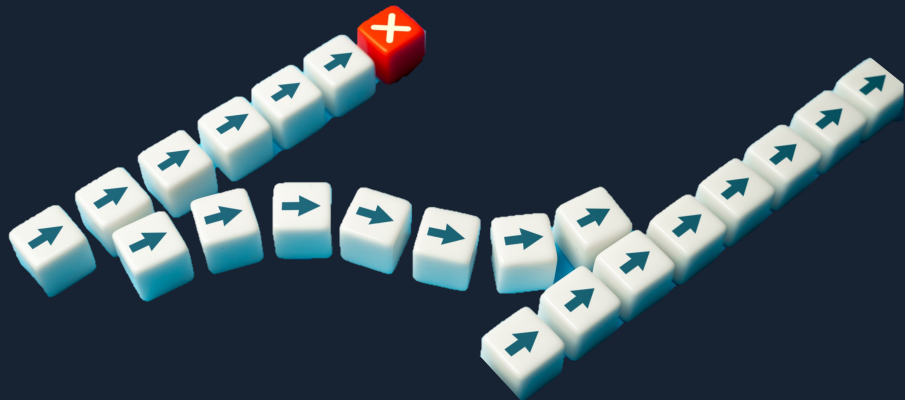


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(v. 7)



Romans 6:7

For one who has died
has been set free from
sin.

? FREE?
• JUSTIFIED?

Romans 6:7

ὁ γὰρ ἀποθανὼν
δεδικαίωται ἀπὸ τῆς
ἁμαρτίας.

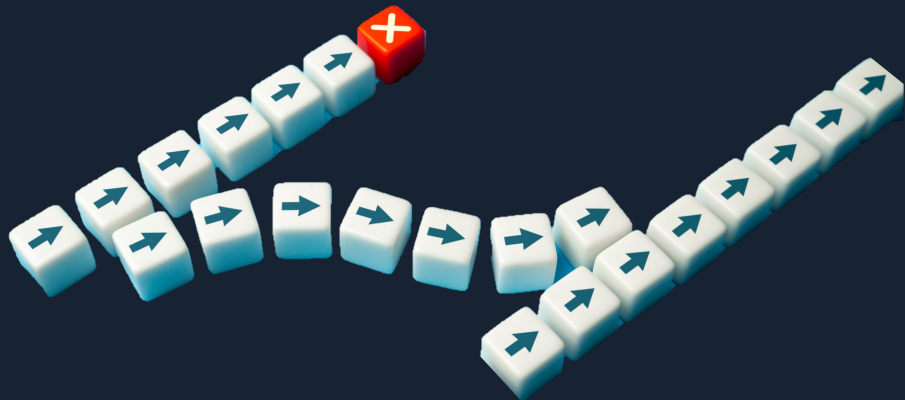
You can't make a dead
man do anything!



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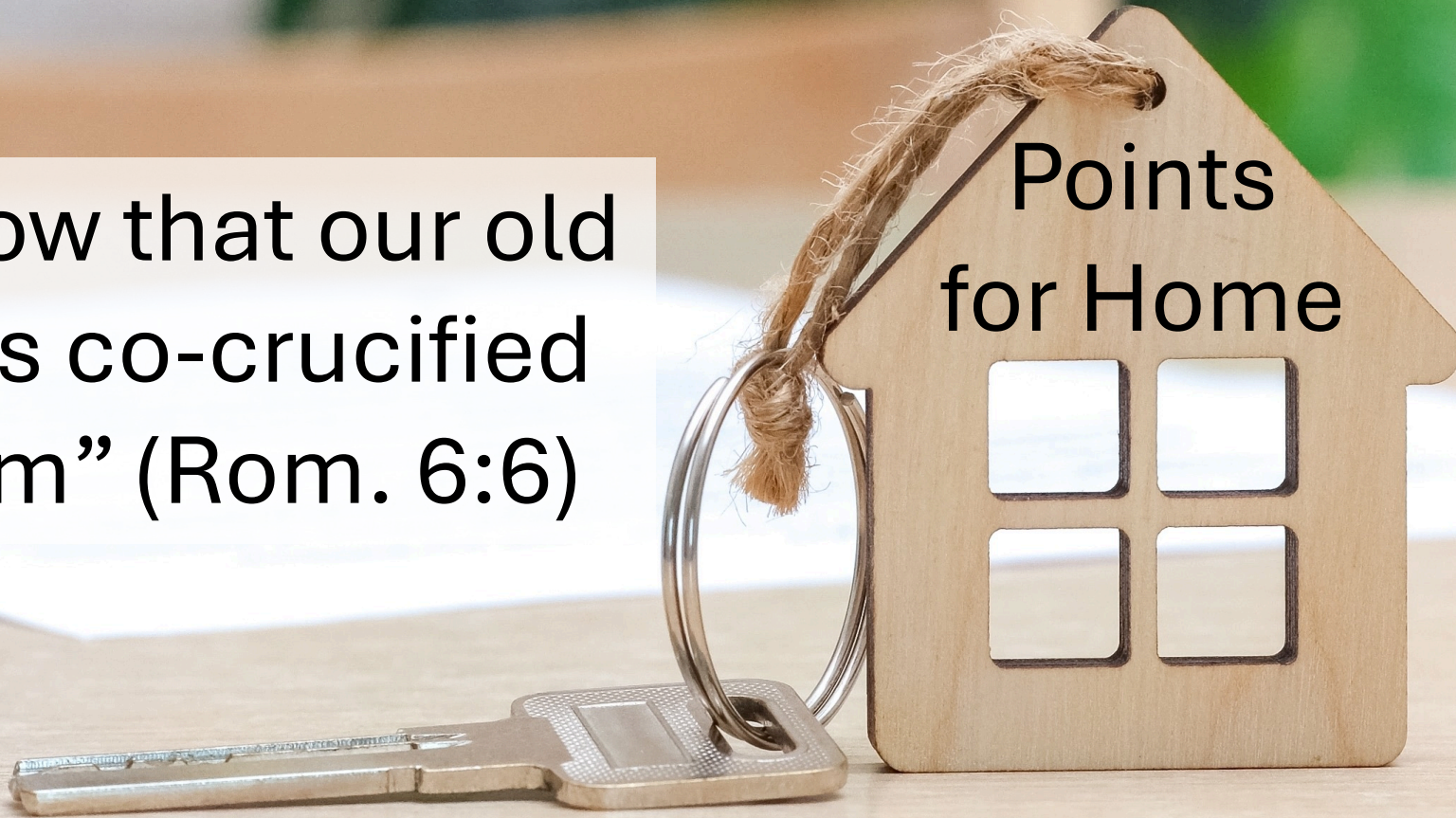
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Know the truth!

“We know that our old self was co-crucified with him” (Rom. 6:6)

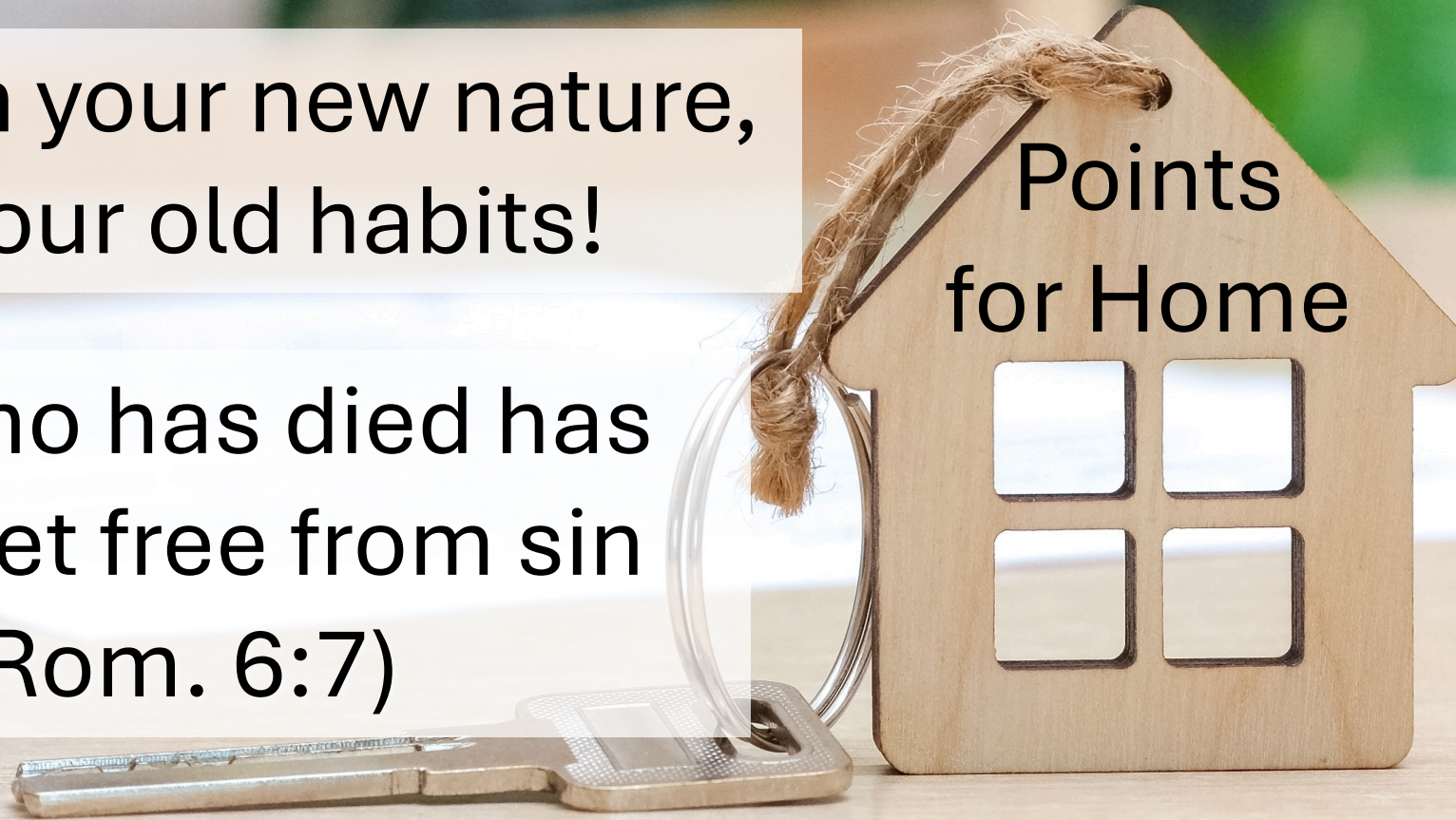
Points
for Home



Process the implications

Live from your new nature,
not your old habits!

One who has died has
been set free from sin
(Rom. 6:7)



Learn to use the tools

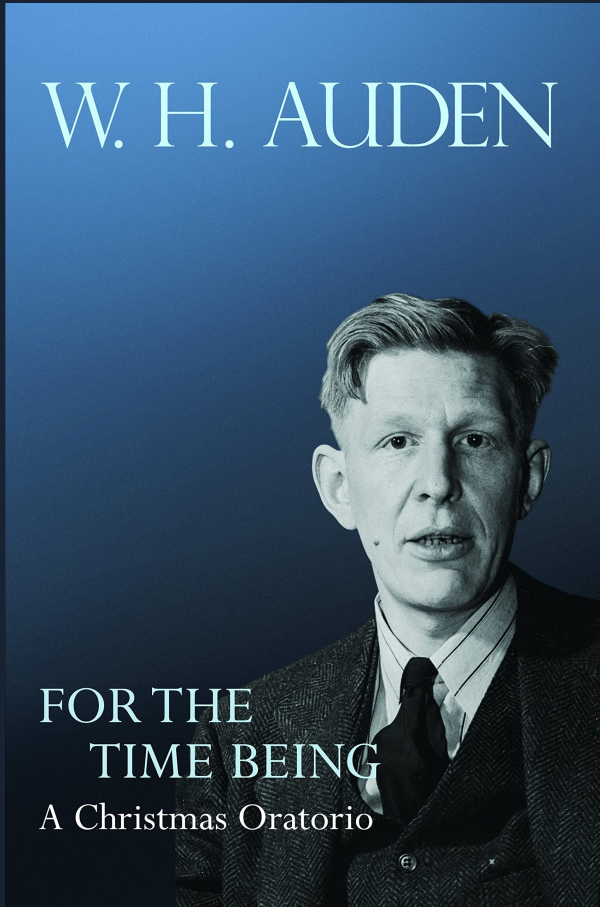
You're not fighting to
become free—you're
learning to live free!

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Herod thought grace was a
cleanup service for inevitable sin.

Paul reveals grace as a ***transformation
power*** that makes ***new life*** inevitable!

Romans

