

# Romans





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# No Condemnation

## Romans 8:1-4



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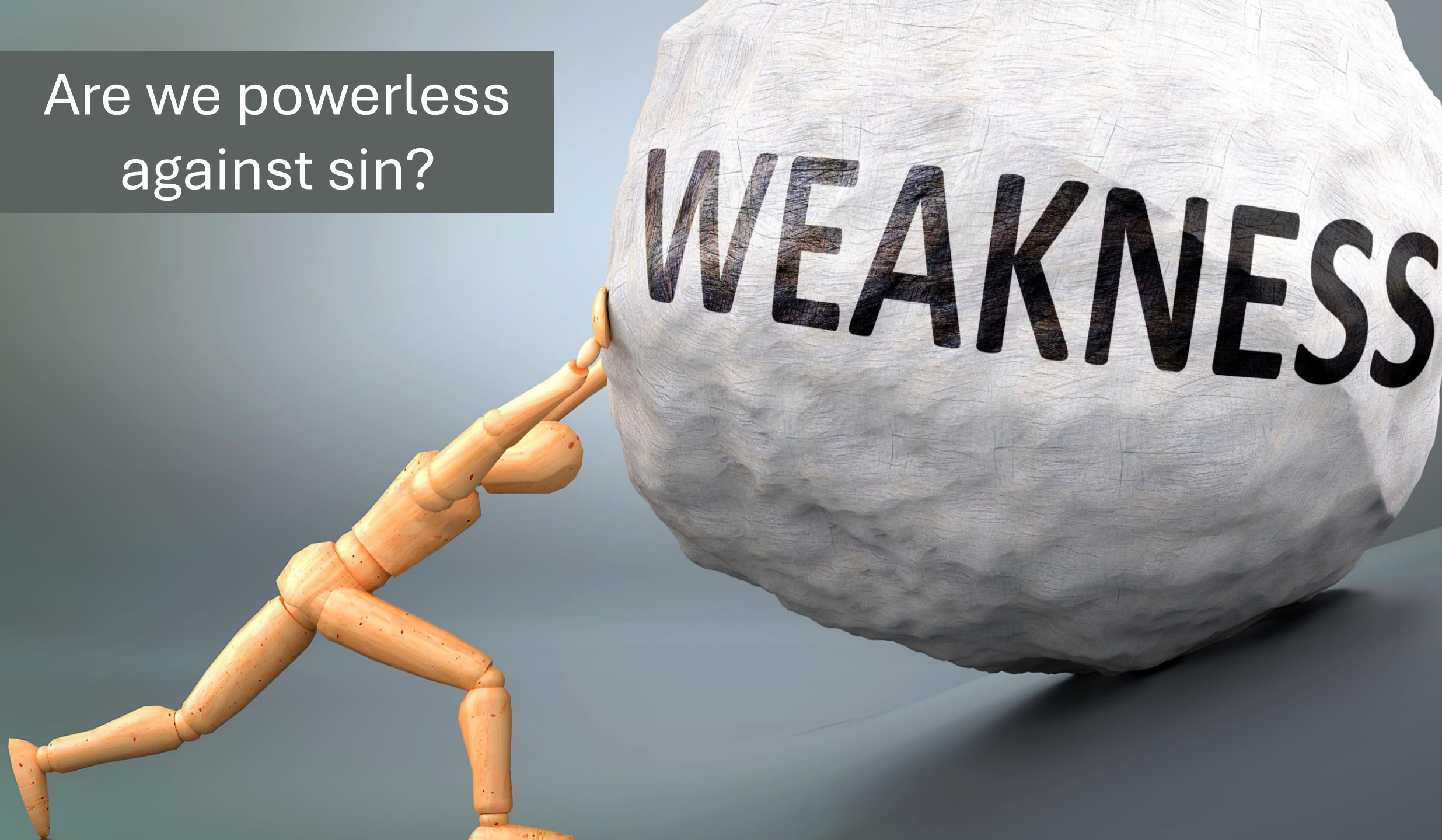
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Romans 8:1-4

Do you ever  
tire of waiting?



Are we powerless  
against sin?



The cry:  
“Wretched man  
that I am! Who will  
deliver me from this  
body of death?”

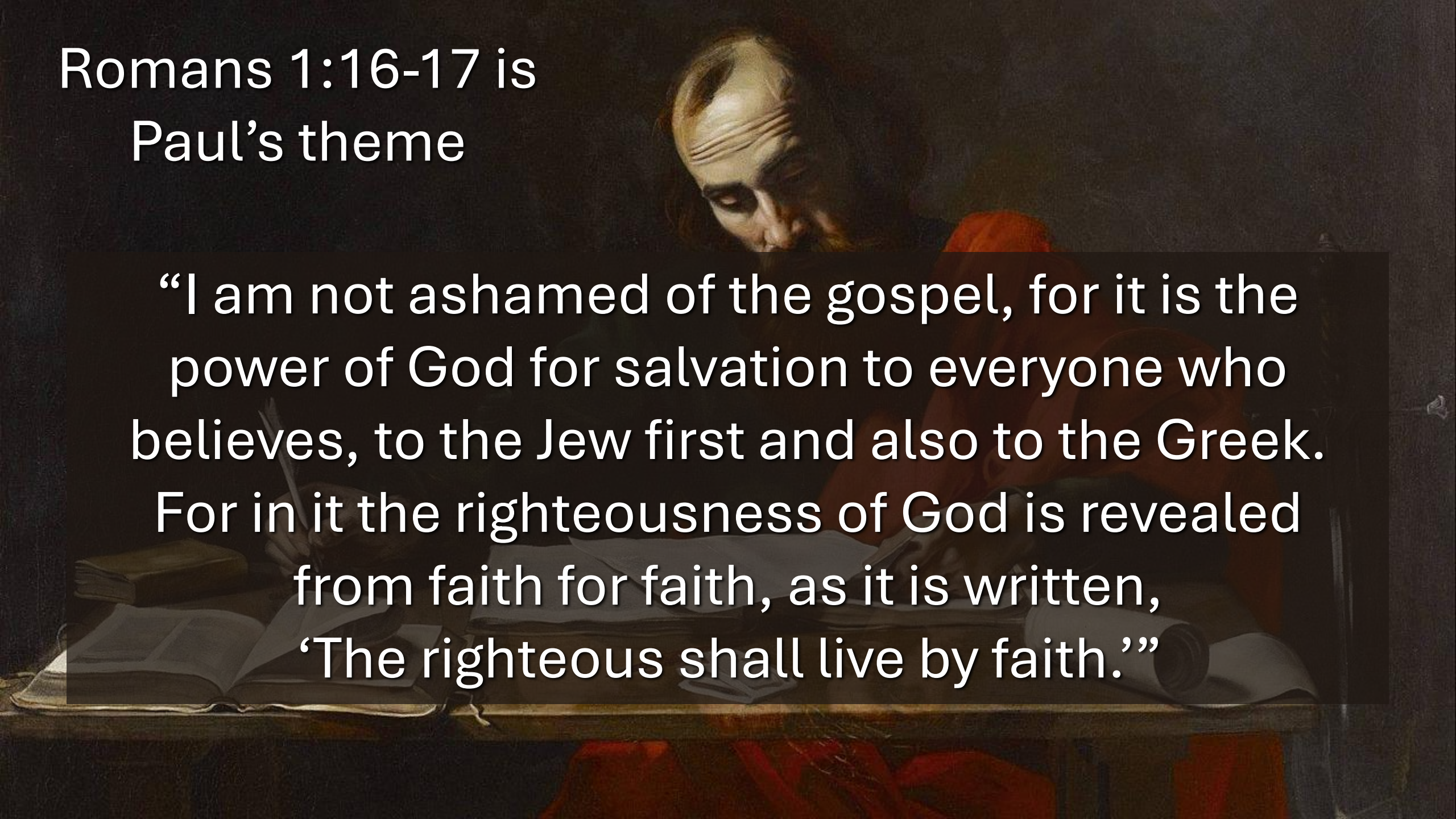


“Thanks be to God  
through Jesus  
Christ our Lord!”



A brief look back





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Paul's "Good news" ("gospel"):



Jesus' death,  
burial, and  
resurrection on  
our behalf

Isn't the "gospel"  
more than that?

"For I decided to know  
nothing among you  
except Jesus Christ  
and him crucified."  
(1 Cor. 2:2)

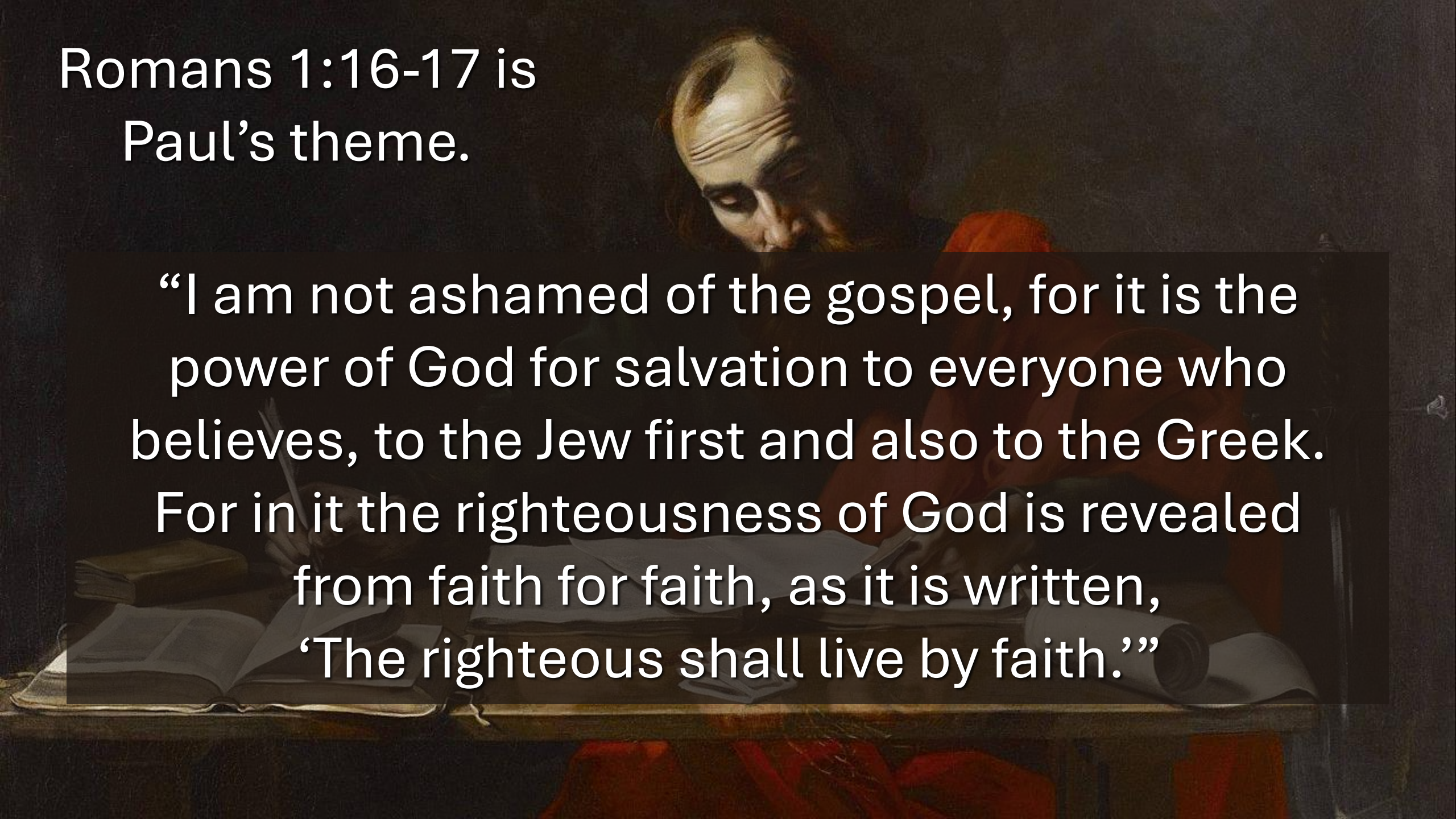


God's  
graciousness

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New  
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principles of judging:  
(Romans 2:1-11)

Live right – great  
Don't - uh oh!

Gentiles

(Those without the “Law”)



These perish

Jews

(Those under the “Law”)



These perish

Paul established  
universal sinfulness



Rom. 3:21

**But now** the  
righteousness of God  
has been manifested  
apart from the law,  
although the Law and  
the Prophets bear  
witness to it—

Rom. 3:21

**Νυνὶ δὲ** χωρὶς νόμου  
δικαιοσύνη θεοῦ  
πεφανέρωται  
μαρτυρουμένη ὑπὸ τοῦ  
νόμου καὶ τῶν  
προφητῶν,

But now...



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This isn't some small keyhole  
tucked away in the O.T.

A high-angle, wide shot of a person with reddish-brown hair tied back, wearing a white t-shirt and a black mesh backpack with orange accents. The person is seen from behind, looking out over a vast, dense urban landscape filled with numerous skyscrapers and buildings. The scene is captured from a high vantage point, likely a rooftop or a high-rise observation deck, with a clear blue sky and distant city horizons. The image is framed by dark, triangular shapes on the left and right sides, suggesting it's part of a larger presentation or video.

It's the point of the O.T.!

You died to  
sin's dominion;  
Don't let it reign  
in your body (ch. 6)





I know  
what's right




I want to do  
what's right



I can't do  
what's right

“Wretched man that I am! Who will  
deliver me from this body of death?”  
(Rom. 7:24)



“Thanks be to God  
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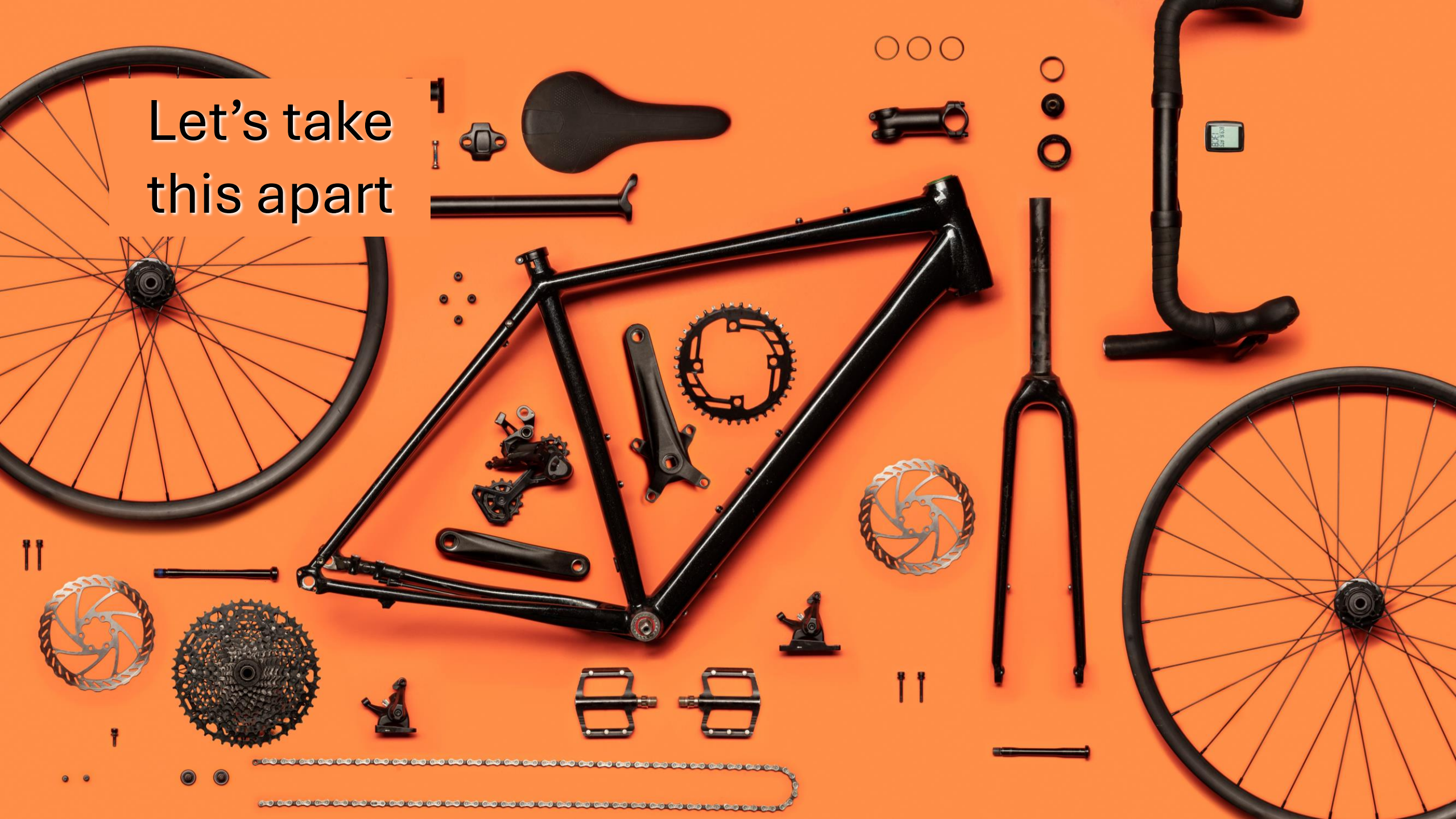
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Let's take  
this apart





The reality of condemnation

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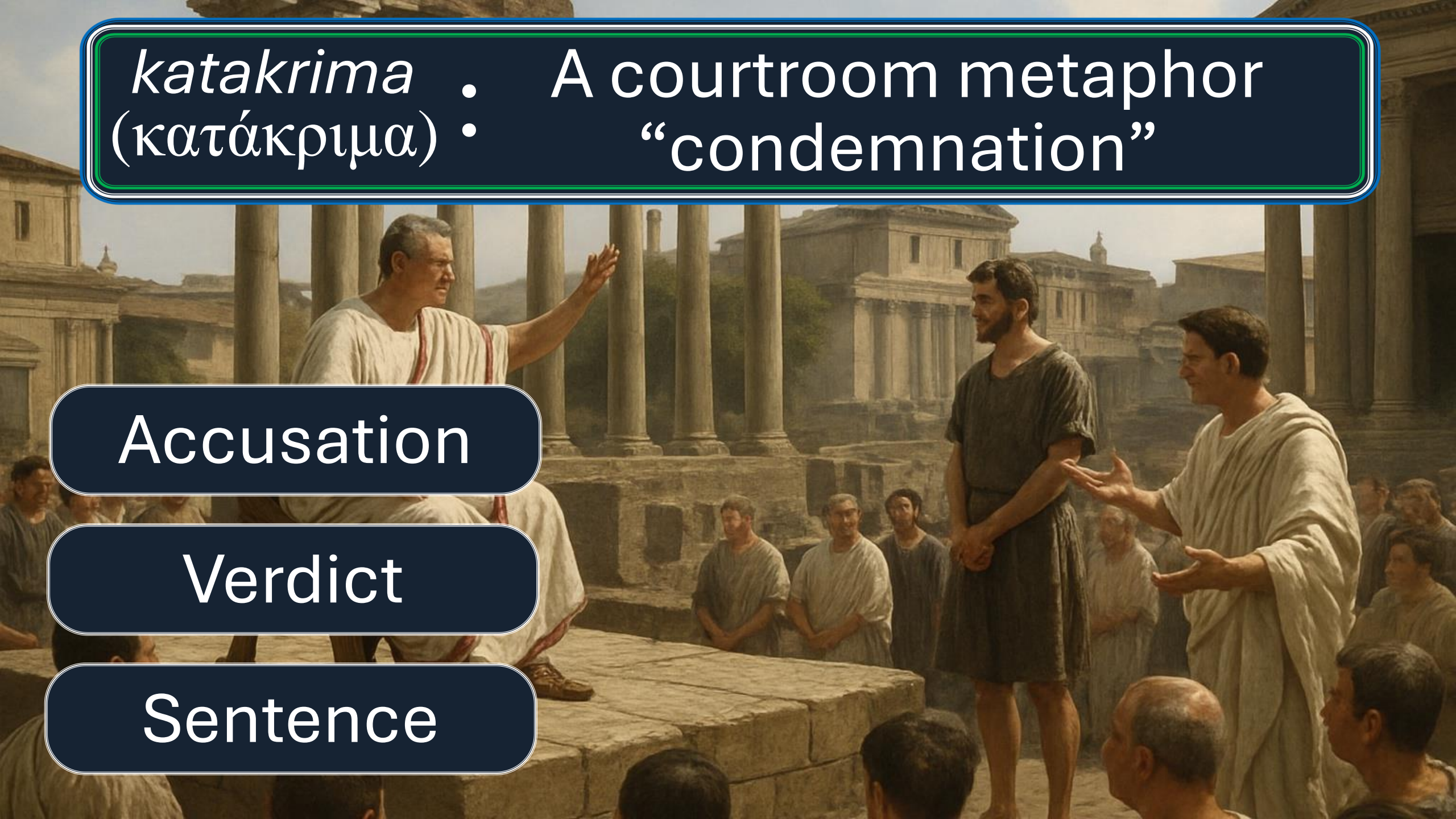
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Accusation

Verdict

Sentence



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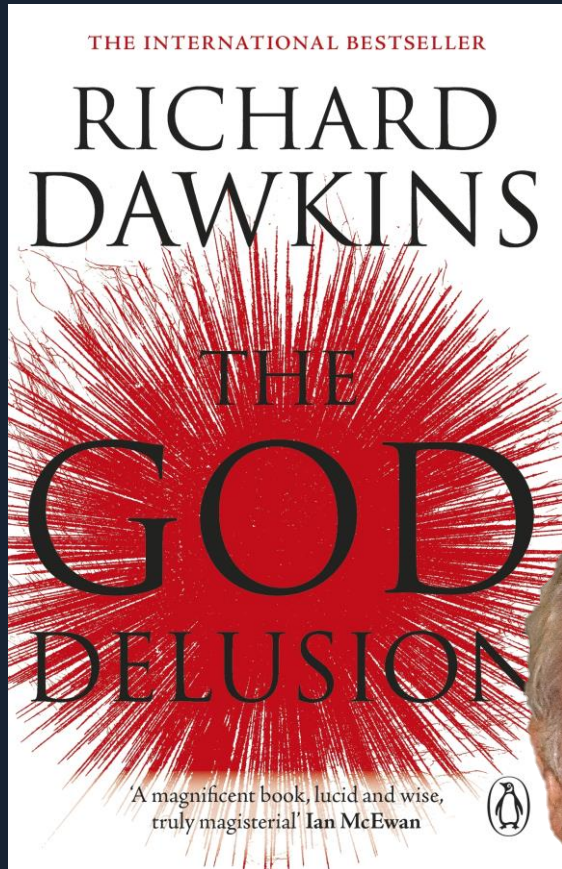
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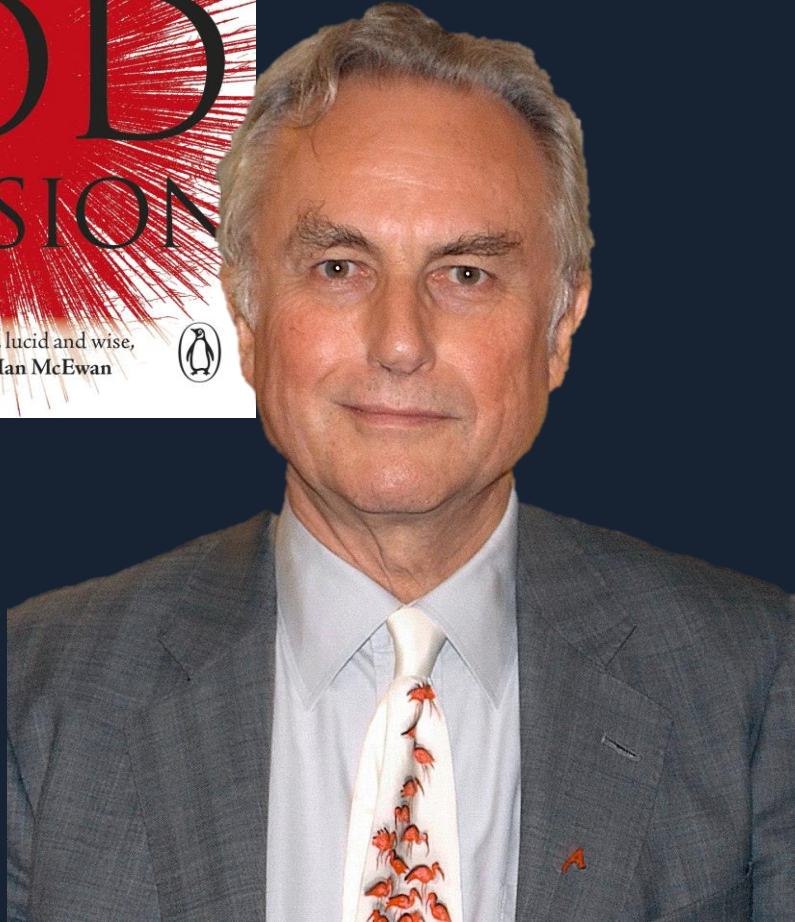


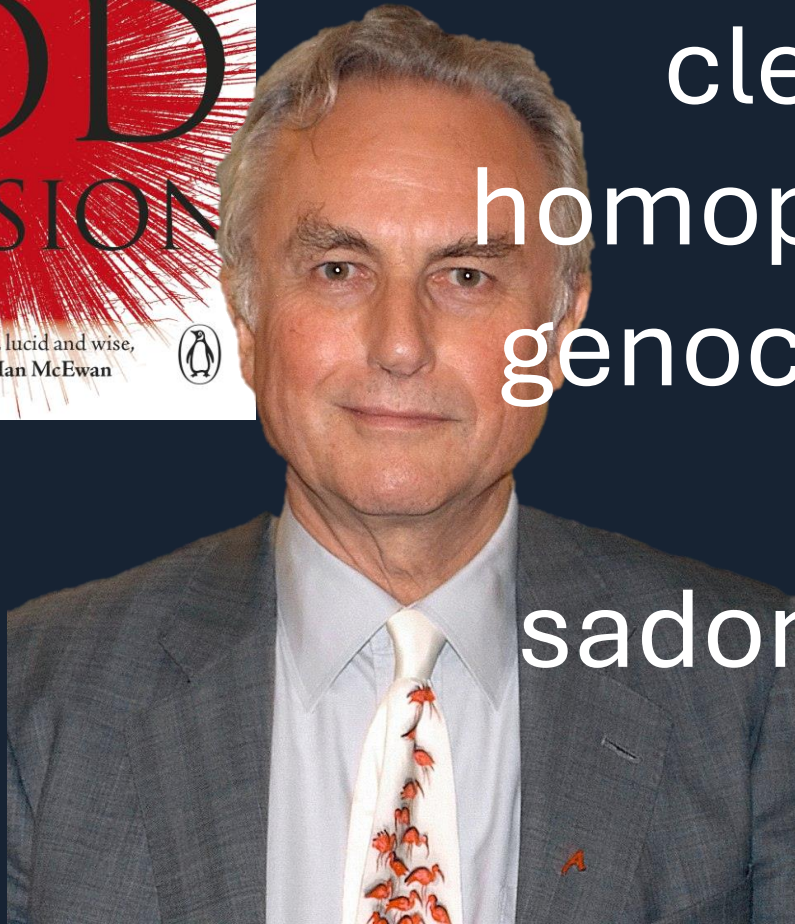
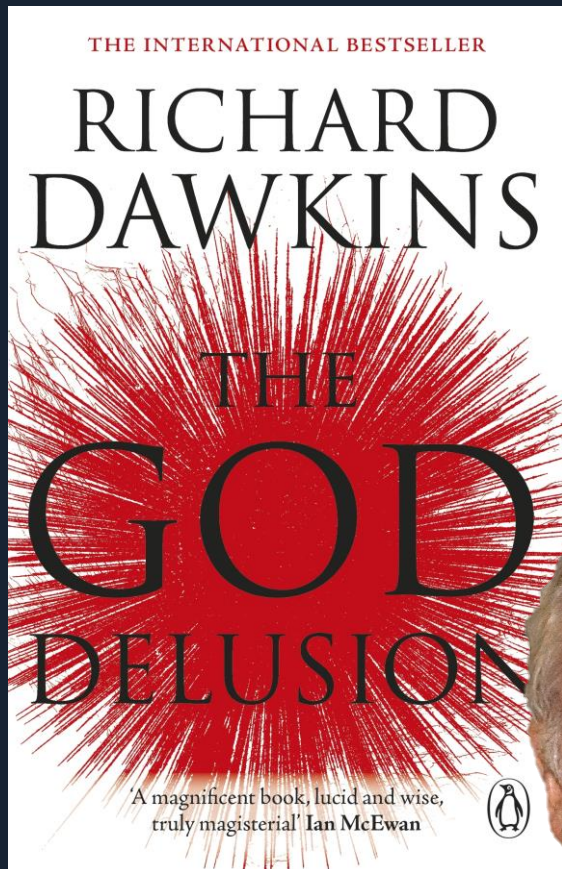
**DEFEND**

God is Good,  
But is He Always Good?



The God of the Old Testament:  
"arguably the most unpleasant  
character in all fiction:





jealous and proud of it; a petty, unjust, unforgiving control-freak; a vindictive, bloodthirsty ethnic cleanser; a misogynistic, homophobic, racist, infanticidal, genocidal, filicidal, pestilential, megalomaniacal, sadomasochistic, capriciously malevolent bully."

The question isn't whether the  
texts are there—they are.  
The question is “What do they tell  
us about God's character?”



Divine wrath is love's necessary response to evil, working toward the ultimate healing of all creation



The texts we  
can't ignore



Conquest of Canaan

The Flood Narrative

The Plagues of Egypt

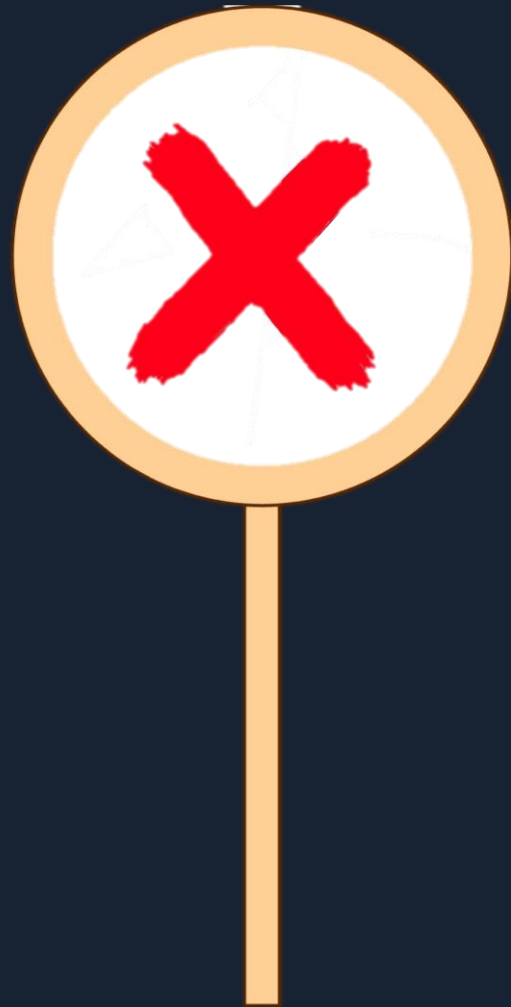
Uzzah and the Ark



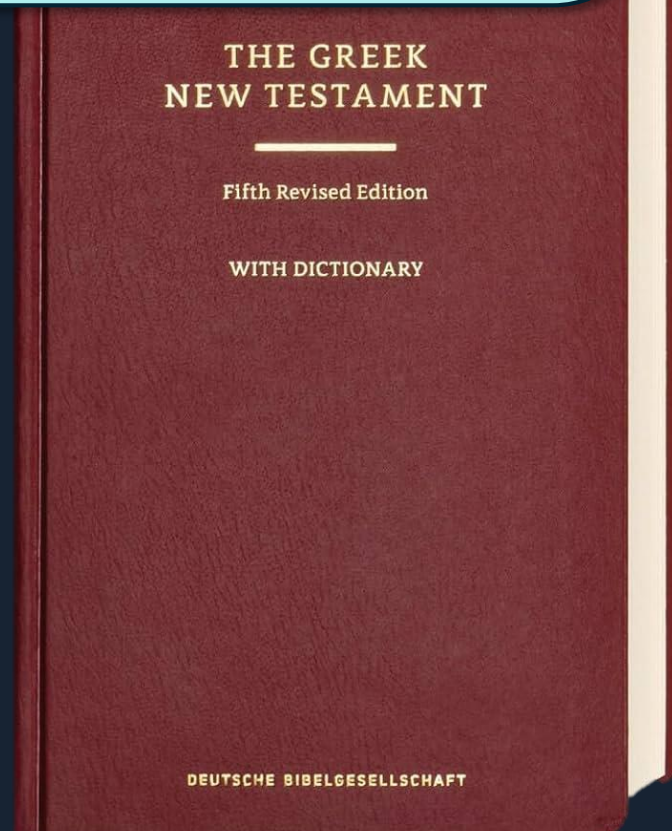
Bad Answers We  
Should Reject

**WRONG**

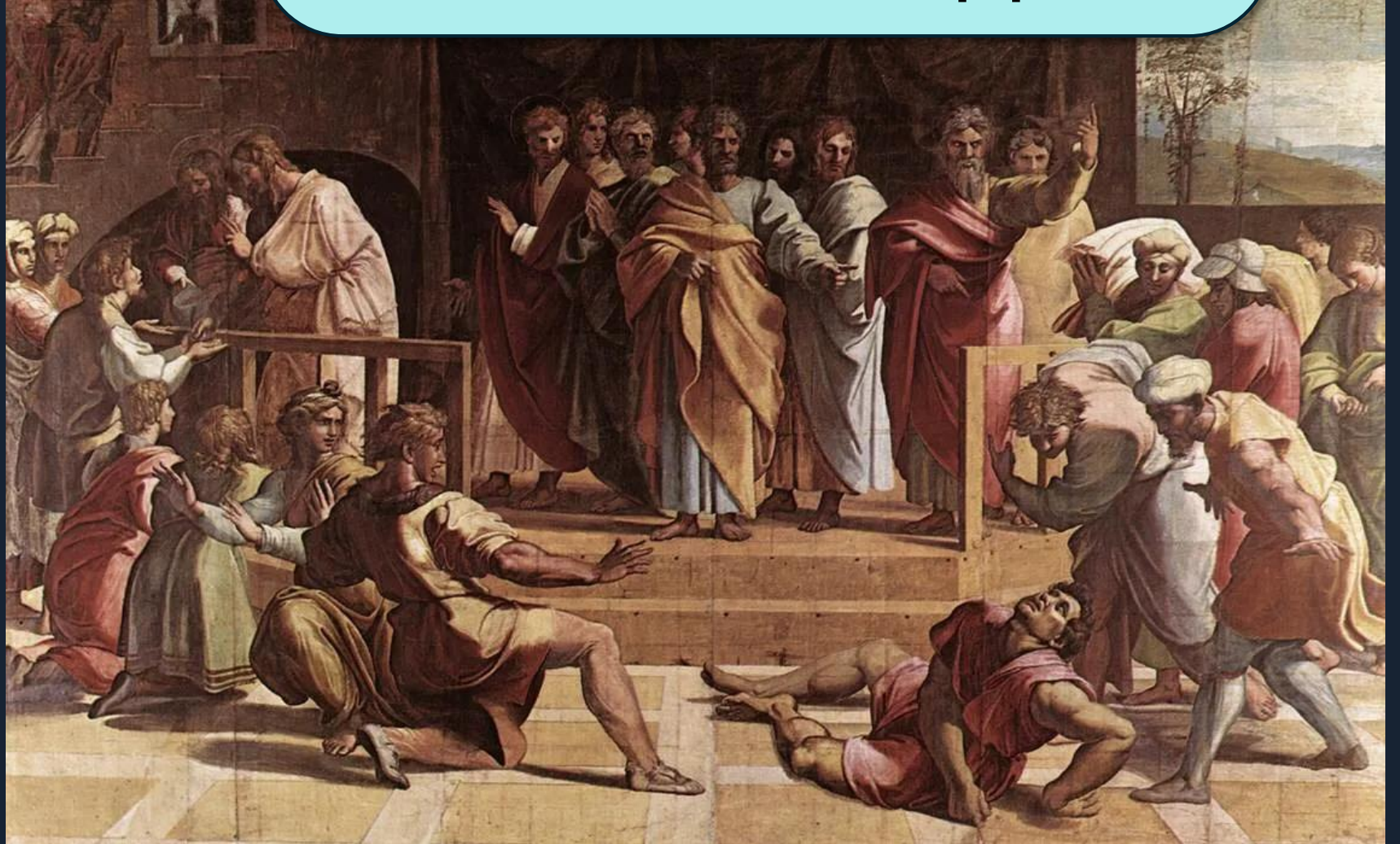
That's the OT, not the NT



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# Ananias and Sapphira



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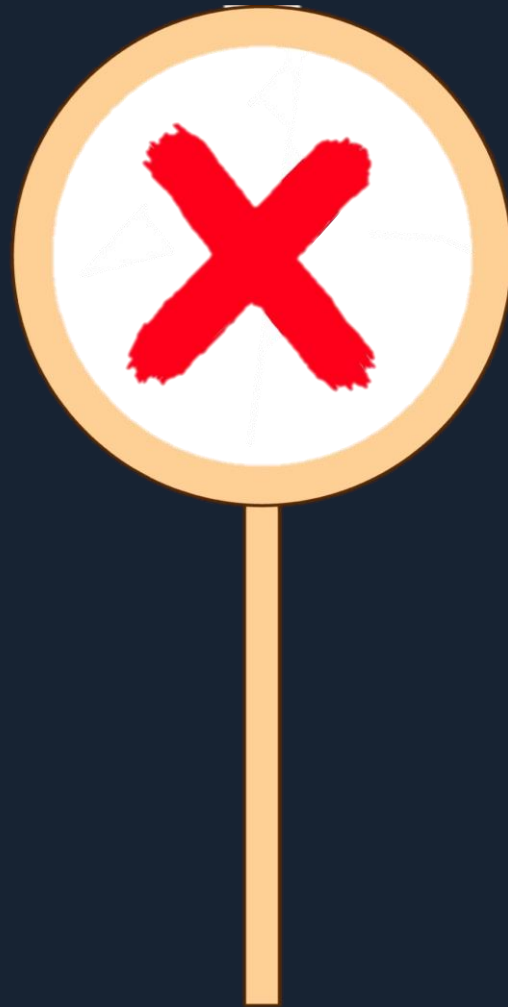
What they DIDN'T DO:

- Steal church funds
- Commit adultery
- murder

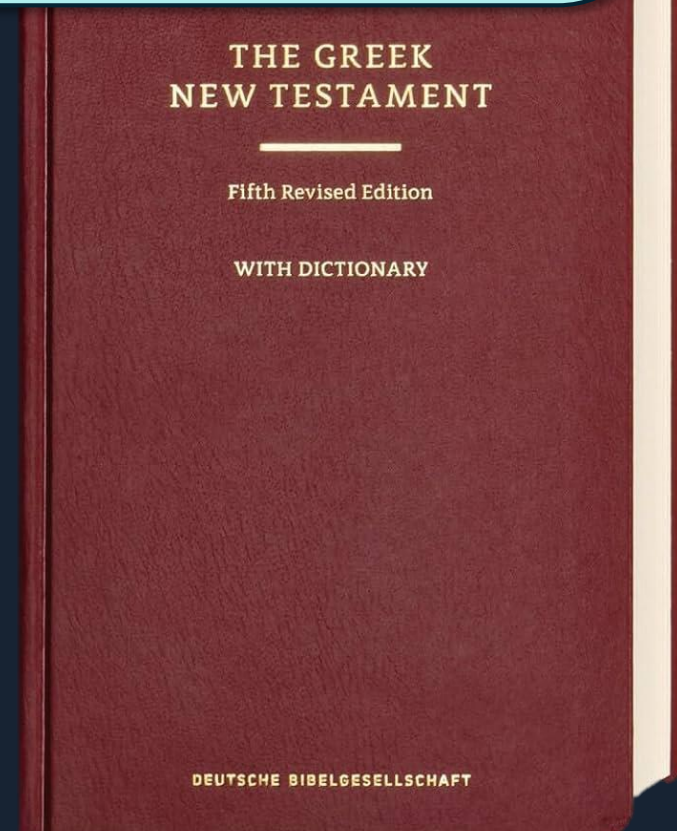
What they DID DO:

- Sold property ✓
- Gave to the church ✓
- ✗-pretended they gave all

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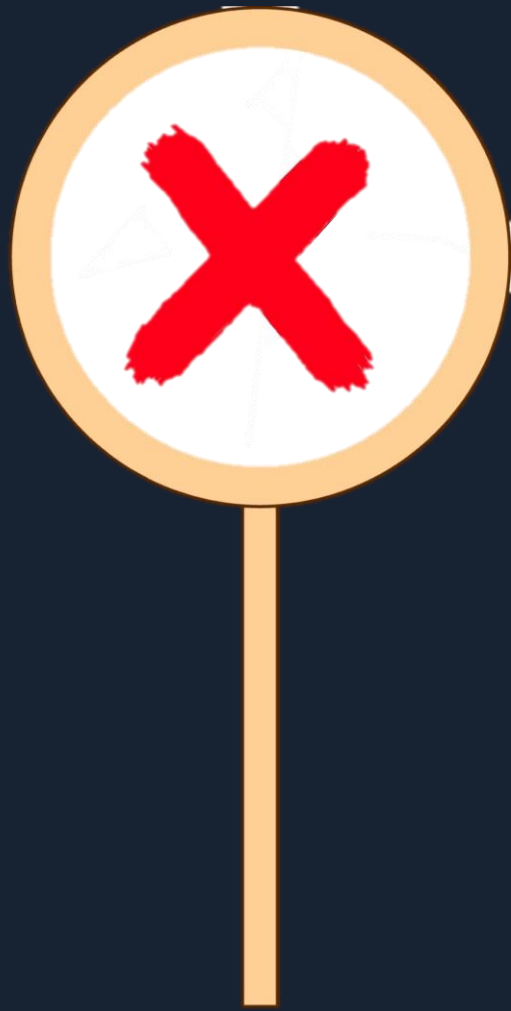




**WRONG**

Those are primitive  
cultural expressions  
we've outgrown

Mt. 10:14-15 "if anyone will  
not receive you or listen to  
your words, shake off the  
dust from your feet when you  
leave that house or town.



WRONG

The people  
misunderstood God



Too many texts;  
too many places



**PROBLEM**

We're trying to rescue God from something Scripture never treats as a problem needing explanation:

God's active opposition to evil!!!




The biblical writers don't apologize for God's wrath. They celebrate it!

Ps. 7:11

God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day.

Ps. 7:12

אֱלֹהִים שׁוֹפֵט צְדִיק וְאֵל  
זַעַם בְּכָל-יּוֹם:

A person's hands are shown holding a large, empty white circle. The hands are positioned at the top and bottom edges of the circle. The background is a solid light orange color. The text is overlaid on the image in two light blue rounded rectangular boxes.

We're the problem; not God

We've lost the category of  
evil serious enough to  
warrant divine judgment



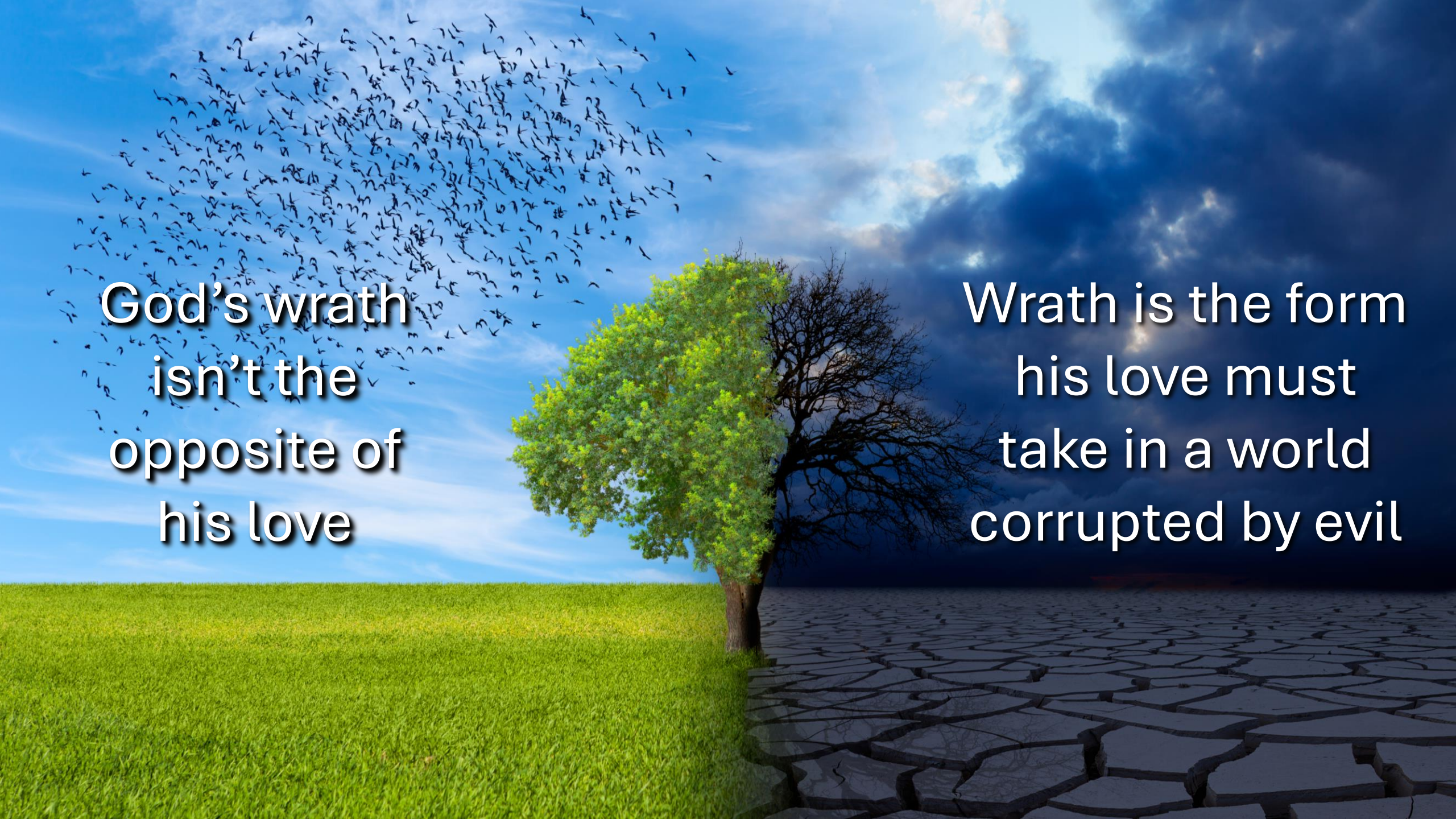
The problem of reconciling human suffering with the existence of a God who loves, is only insoluble so long as we attach a trivial meaning to the word 'love', and look on things as if man were the centre of them.

The surgery  
metaphor



The logic of  
divine wrath



A landscape image with a green field on the left, a tree in the center, and a cracked, dark ground on the right under a blue sky with birds. The text is overlaid on the image.

God's wrath  
isn't the  
opposite of  
his love

Wrath is the form  
his love must  
take in a world  
corrupted by evil



## Wrath is real

Rom. 1:18 “For the wrath of God **is revealed** from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men”

Rom. 2:5 “you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment **will be revealed.**”

Jn. 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Jn. 3:16

οὕτως γὰρ ἠγάπησεν ὁ θεὸς τὸν κόσμον, ὥστε τὸν υἱὸν τὸν μονογενῆ ἔδωκεν, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται ἀλλ' ἔχη ζωὴν αἰώνιον.

Jn. 3:36

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God **remains** on him.

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ὁ πιστεύων εἰς τὸν υἱὸν ἔχει ζωὴν αἰώνιον· ὁ δὲ ἀπειθῶν τῷ υἱῷ οὐκ ὄψεται ζωὴν, ἀλλ' ἡ ὀργὴ τοῦ θεοῦ **μένει** ἐπ' αὐτόν.

*Present tense*



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Union with Christ!

Not just admiring  
his character  
(though we do)

ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ.



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You **died with** him (6:3-4)

**...buried with** him (6:4)

**...raised with** him (6:4-5)

**...wedded to** him (7:4)

ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ.



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“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Cor. 5:21)

Scenario 1

Scenario 2



# Scenario 1

Accusation: You've sinned

Verdict: Guilty

Sentence: Wrath/Death



Accusation: Your sins on Christ

Verdict: Christ took your guilt

Sentence: Christ paid you penalty

Scenario 2



# NO CONDEMNATION!

Because God sees  
HIS righteousness  
in you!



Live in REALITY!



The enemy's  
primary  
tactic:




Forget  
Romans 8:1!

You've been told  
to stop thinking!!!

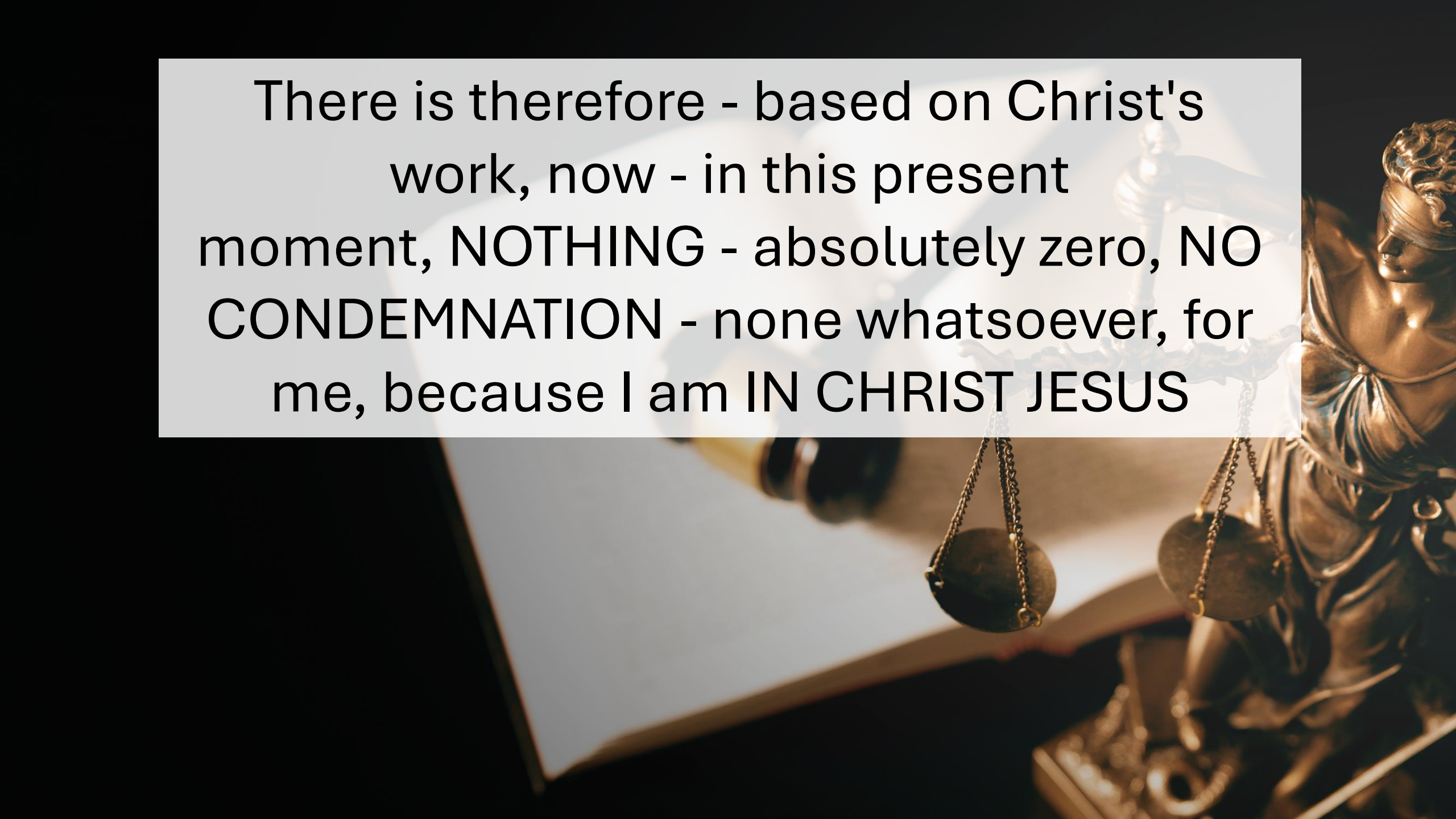


Truth: "I never was worthy. That's why I'm  
in Christ, not standing on my own. There is  
**NO CONDEMNATION** for those in Christ Jesus."

**TRUTH**

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When guilt and  
condemnation  
assault you,  
speak Romans  
8:1 aloud!

A golden statue of Lady Justice, the personification of the goddess of justice, is shown holding a pair of scales. The statue is positioned on the right side of the image, with its head turned slightly to the left. The scales are suspended from a central point, and the pans are visible. The background is dark, and the lighting highlights the metallic texture of the statue. A white rectangular text box is overlaid on the left and center of the image, containing the text.

There is therefore - based on Christ's  
work, now - in this present  
moment, **NOTHING** - absolutely zero, **NO  
CONDEMNATION** - none whatsoever, for  
me, because I am **IN CHRIST JESUS**

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# Points for Home



Own what you  
deserve

“None is righteous,  
no, not one”  
(Rom. 3:10)

# Points for Home



Fully believe  
the truth

“There is therefore  
now no condemnation  
for those who are in  
Christ Jesus”  
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