

Romans



The Moment of Truth in the Courtroom

Does the charge stand?



A grand, classical courtroom with a central throne, columns, and a starry sky with a bright light source. The scene is illuminated by a powerful beam of light from above, creating a dramatic and ethereal atmosphere. The architecture features tall columns and arches, with the Greek word ΔΙΚΑΙΟΣΥΝΗ (Dikaiosynē) inscribed on the balustrade. The sky is filled with stars and clouds, suggesting a celestial or divine setting.

Humanity's final courtroom

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ἡμῶν.

A group of diverse people, including a woman in the foreground with her hand raised, are shown in a church setting. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and bright light from windows. The overall atmosphere is one of worship and praise.

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brought against me?

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Paul answers with a
person! Christ!!!



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in sin that grace may
abound? (6:1)

NO!

We died to sin *with*
Christ! (6:1-14)





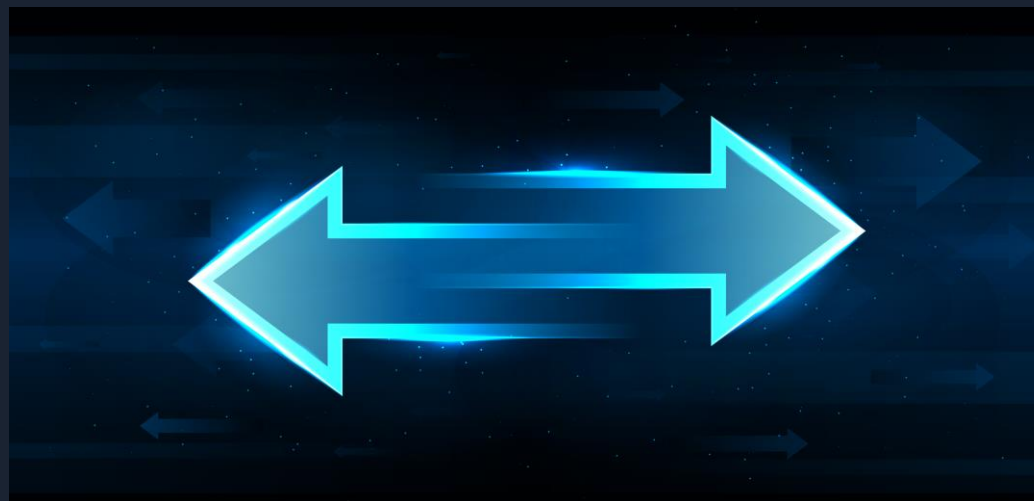
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We changed
masters (6:15-23)



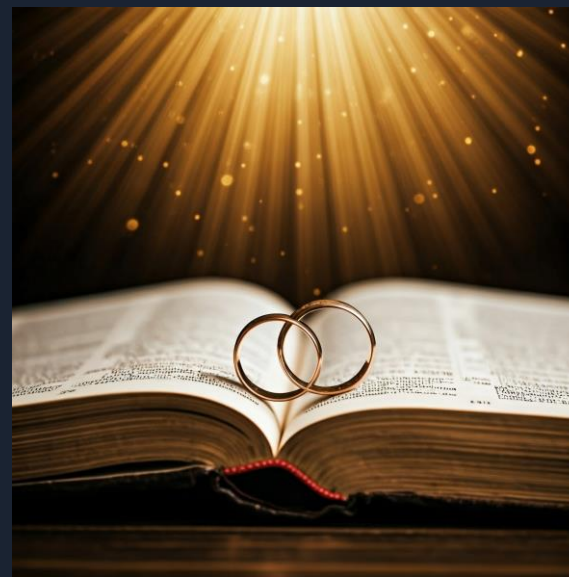


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We died to law and
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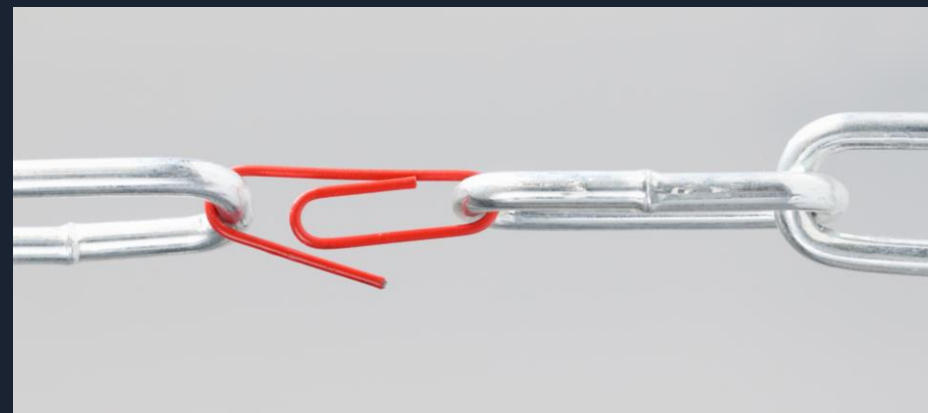


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We escaped a
powerless law (7:7-25)





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No judgment! We walk
by God's Spirit (8:1-11)



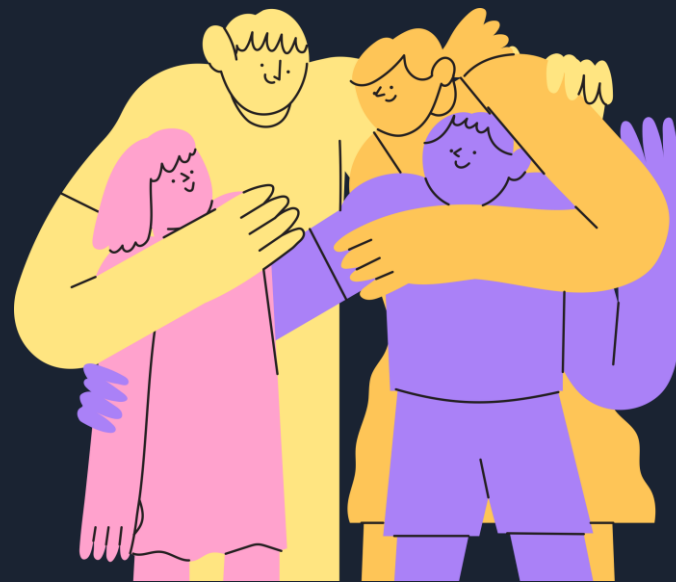


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Adopted children;
fellow heirs (8:12-17)





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Creation groans;
we wait in hope (8:18-25)



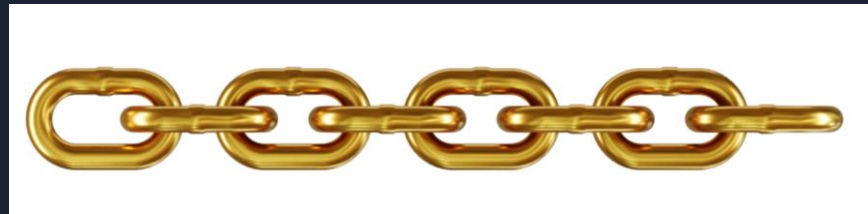


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The interceding Spirit and
golden chain (8:26-30)





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God is for us; he didn't
spare his Son! (8:31-32)





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The courtroom closes
with no charge!!! (8:33-34)





Romans 8 – Notice the bookends

Rm. 8:1

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now no
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Romans – The closed circle

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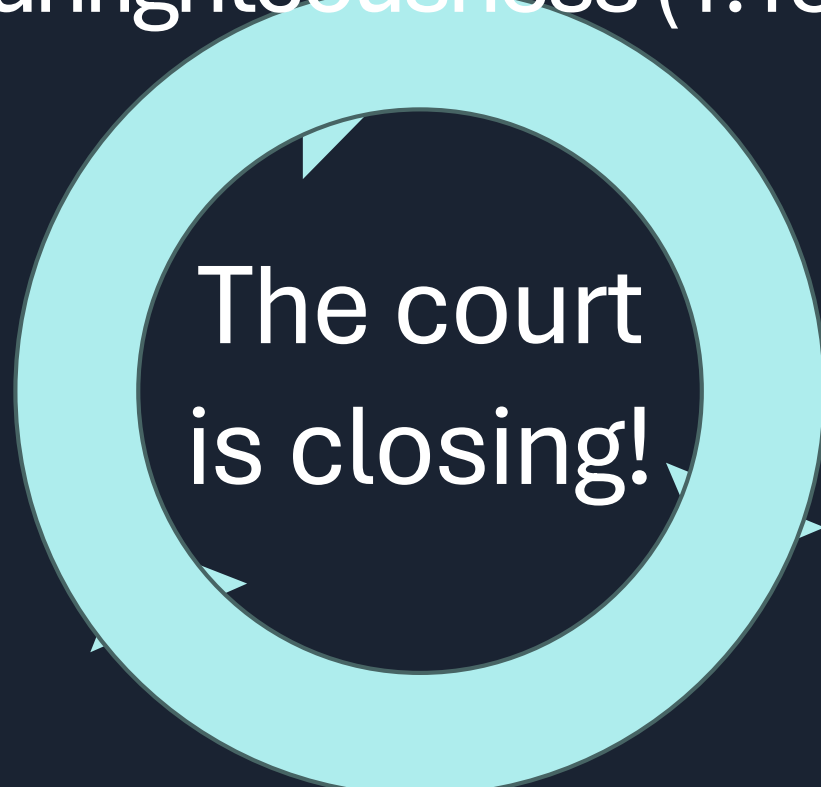
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Acts 19:38

Acts 23:28-29

Acts 26:2-7



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ἐγκαλέσει
“to file a charge in court”

Who is bringing
a charge?



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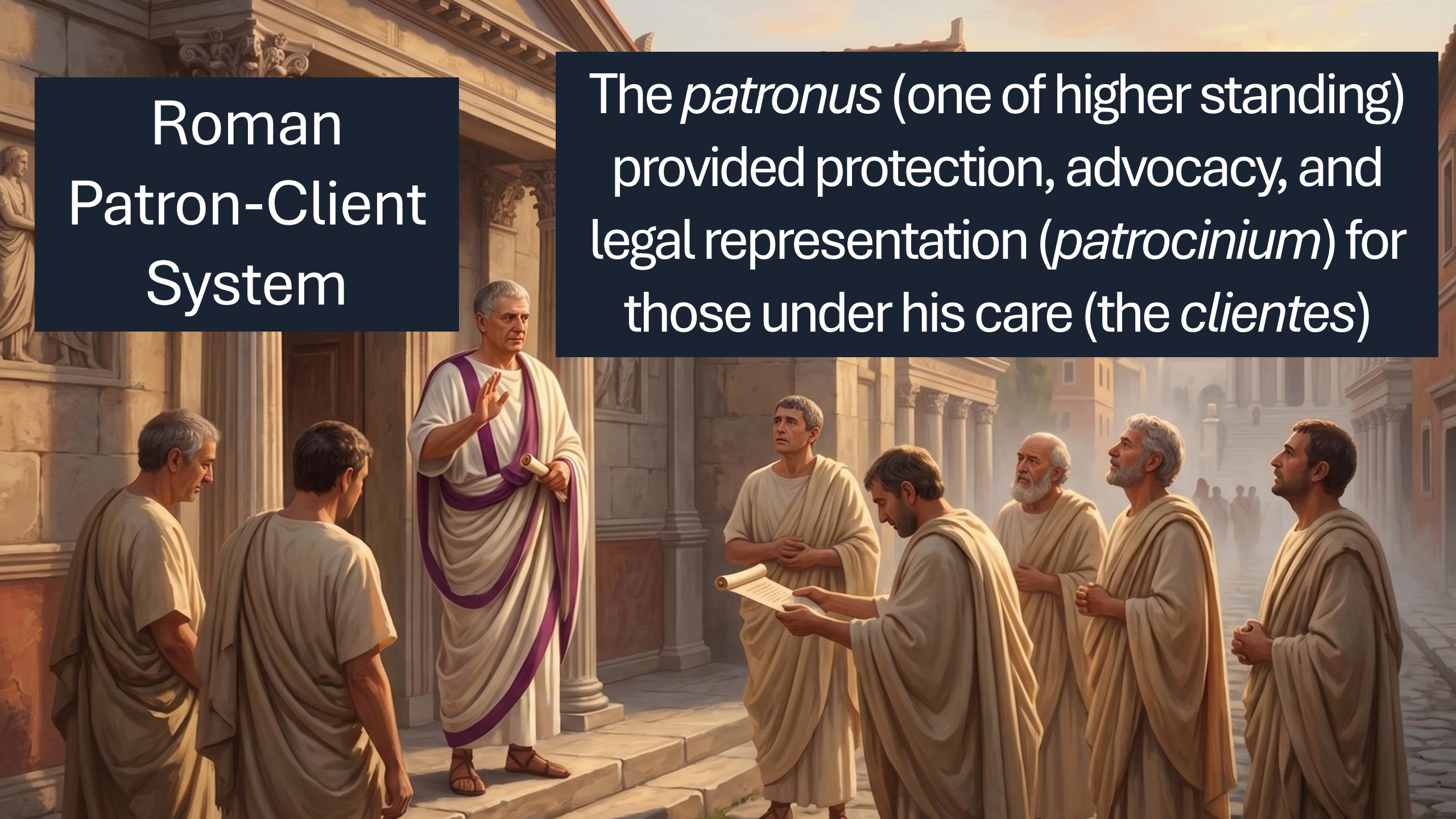
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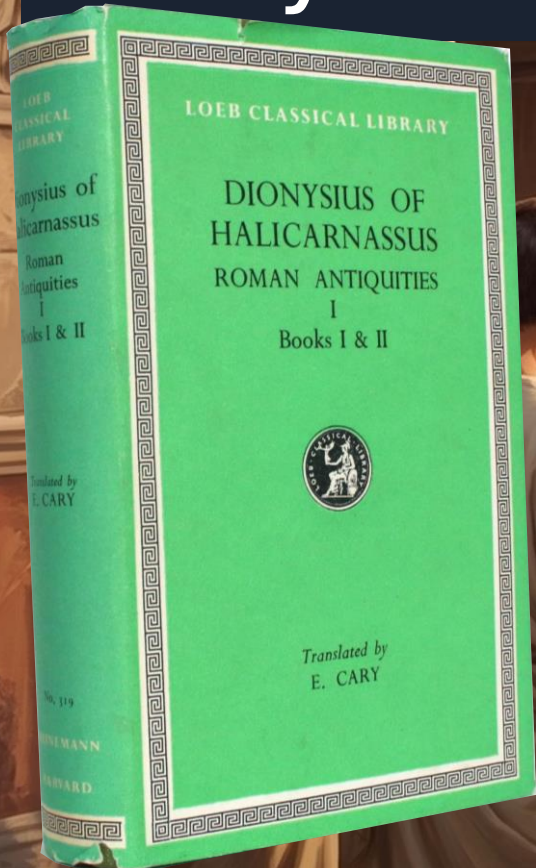
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Roman Patron-Client System

The *patronus* (one of higher standing) provided protection, advocacy, and legal representation (*patrocinium*) for those under his care (the *clientes*)



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Mic drop!!!



A Cicero moment



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Case Closed!



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See the
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ἀποθανών

“aorist” verb form
a “done deal”

ἡμῶν.

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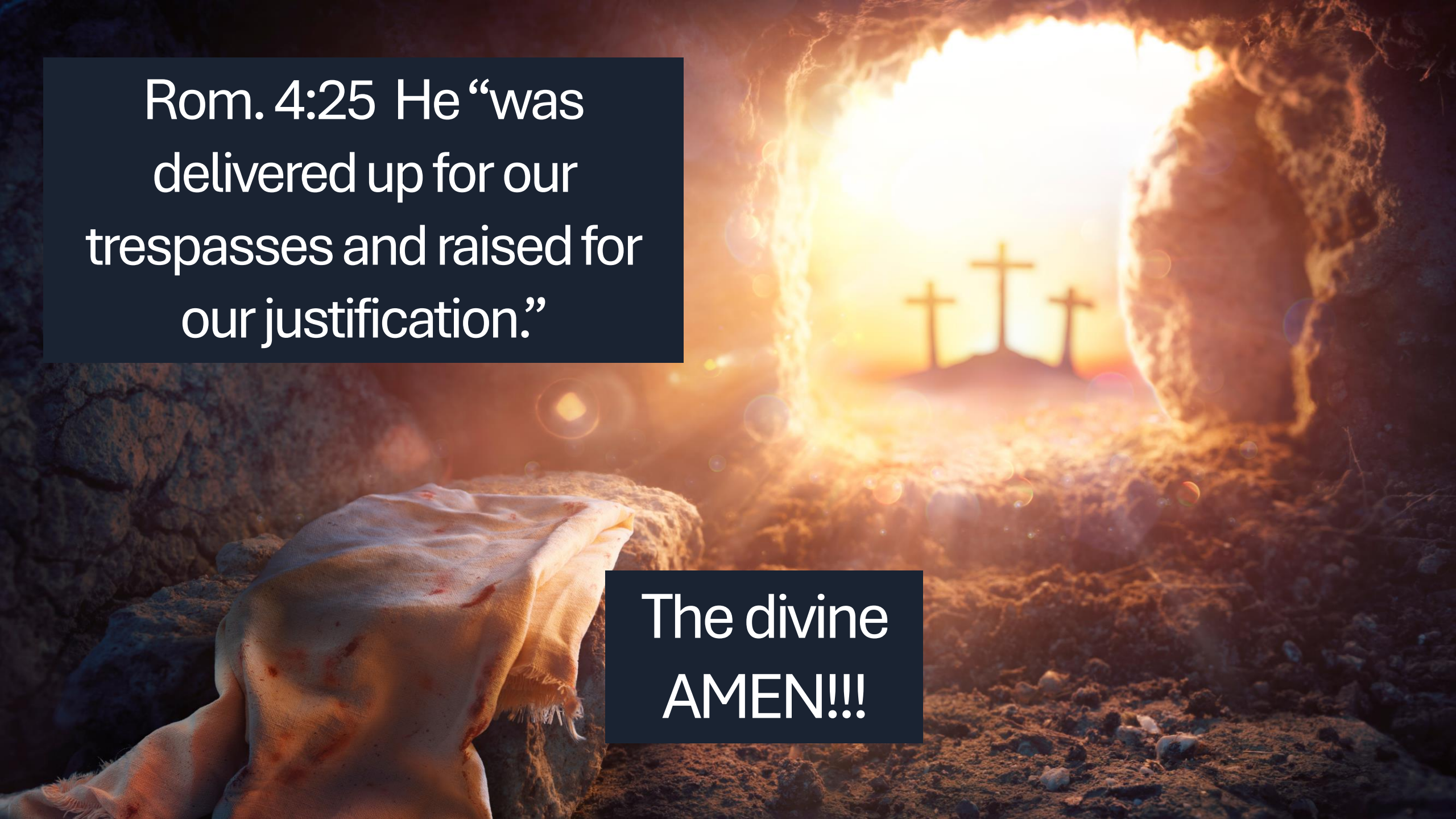
Rom. 4:25 He “was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.”

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The divine
AMEN!!!



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Ps. 110:1

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Any accuser who
wants to bring
charges to God,
has to go through
Christ first!



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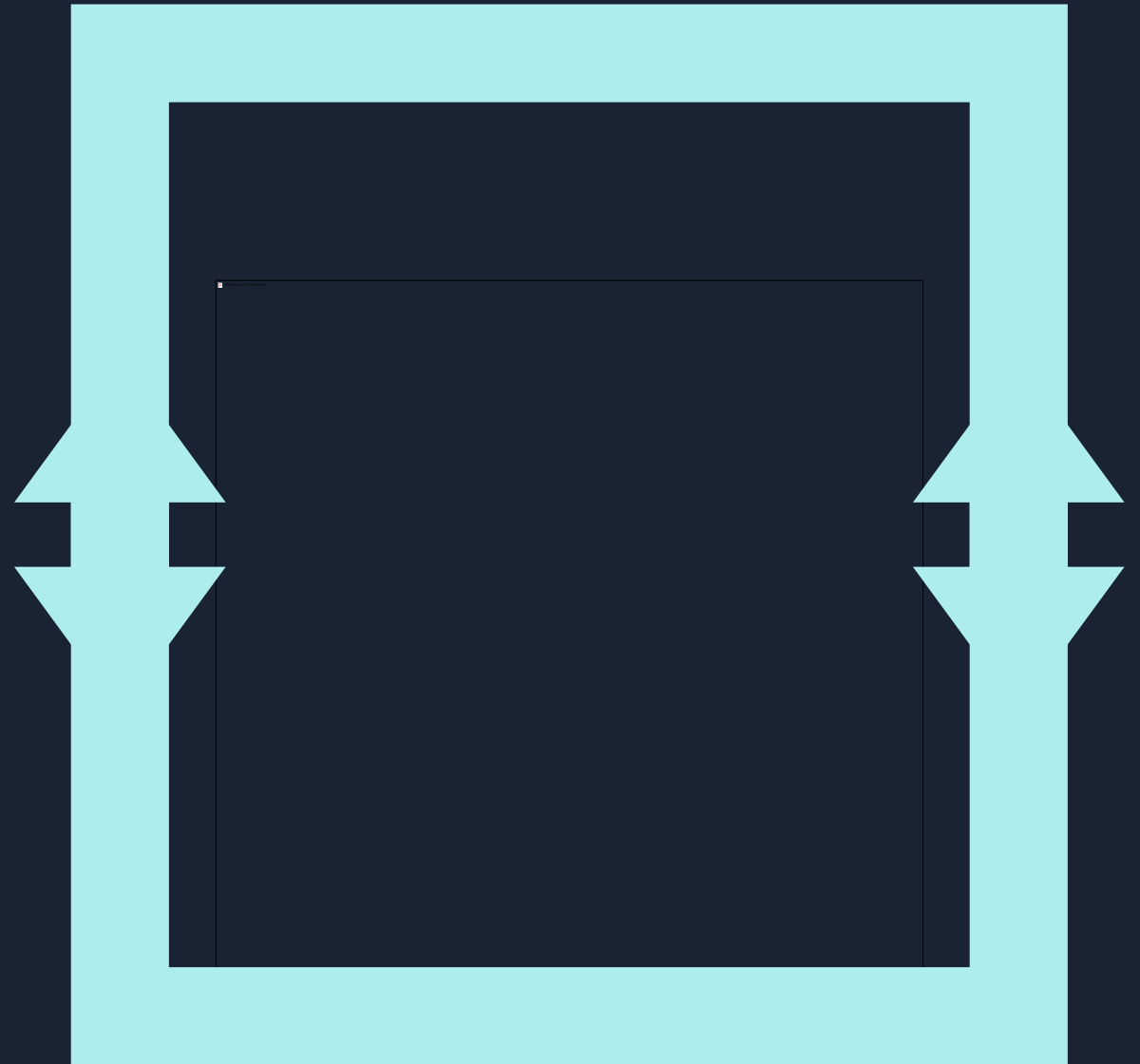
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While Christ intercedes
from above (Rom. 8:34)

The Spirit intercedes
from below (Rom. 8:26)



2 Tim. 1:12

I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.

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οἶδα γὰρ ᾧ πεπίστευκα
καὶ πέπεισμαι ὅτι
δυνατός ἐστιν τὴν
παραθήκην μου φυλάξαι
εἰς ἐκείνην τὴν ἡμέραν.



Humanity's final
courtroom

Can I be condemned?

Christ died

Your penalty was paid

Christ was raised

The payment is accepted

Christ is enthroned

Your advocate sits with the king

Christ intercedes

You are covered in prayer!



Who shall bring a charge?



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Two Voices that try to
speak anyway

**Satan a/k/a
“the accuser”**

Job 1-2

Zech. 3:1

Rev. 12:10

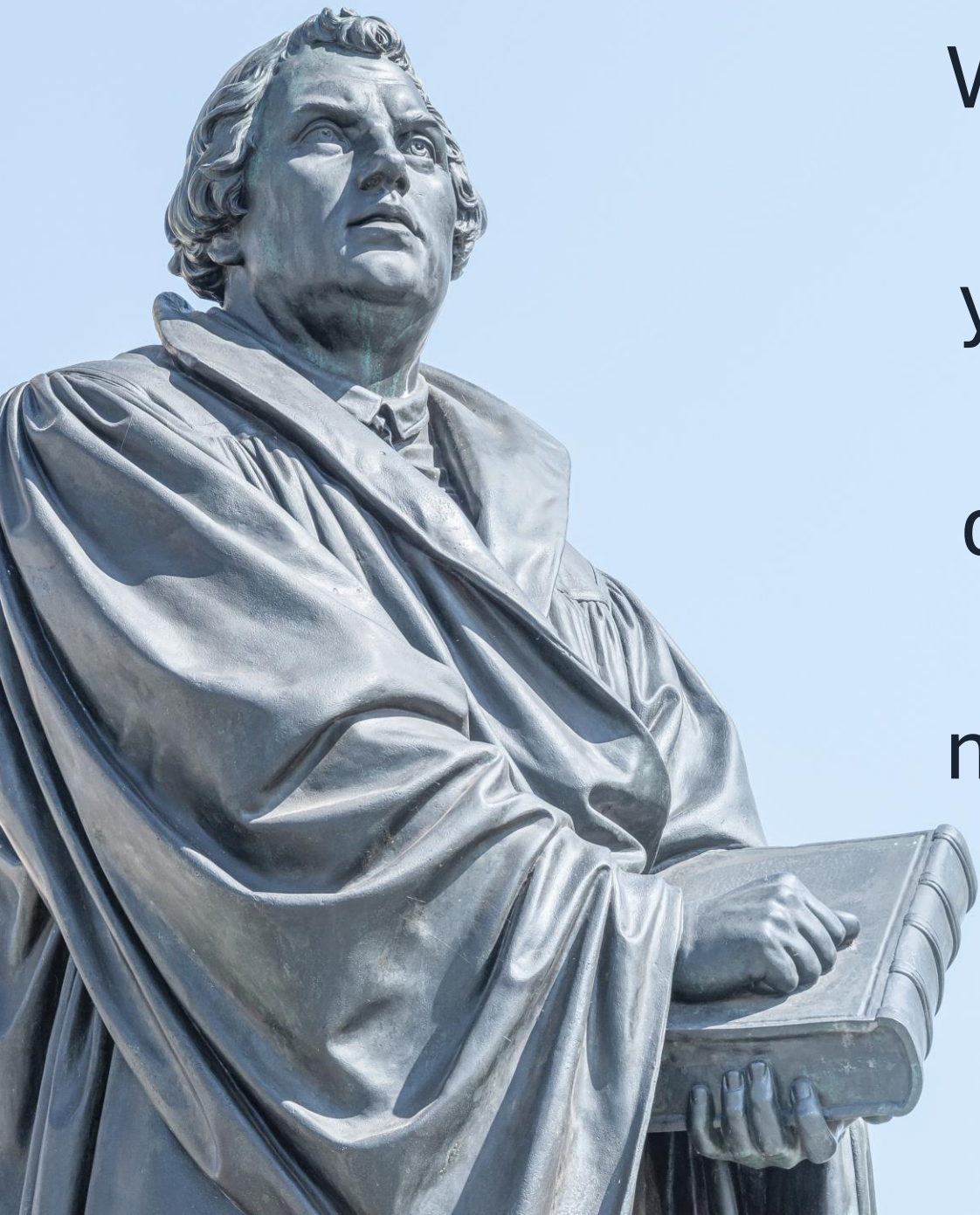
The charges are real,
but they can't be filed!





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When the devil throws your sins
in your face and declares that
you deserve death and hell, tell
him this: I admit that I deserve
death and hell. What of it? For I
know One who suffered and
made satisfaction on my behalf.
His name is Jesus Christ,
Son of God, and where He is,
there I shall be also.

Your voice in
your head!





Points for
Home

The case is closed.

“It is God who justifies.”
(Rom. 8:33)

Now walk out free.



Points for
Home

When you feel weak,
remember:

“The Spirit intercedes... Jesus
intercedes...”
(Rom. 8:26, 34)

You are covered!



Points for
Home

Don't succumb to
the voices:

“There is no condemnation!”
(Rom. 8:1)

Only the voice of God matters!

Lunch topic:

Which voice is harder to silence: the accuser, or your own inner critic?

