

Come & See  
Christianity



# “Come And See Christianity” (“God’s Family Tree”)

Ephesians 1:3-5

November 15, 2020

Who is the author-of & authority-over your life's story?

## Ephesians 1: 3-5

**Blessed** be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed** us with every spiritual **blessing** in the heavenly *places* in Christ, <sup>4</sup>just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love <sup>5</sup> He predestined us to **adoption** as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind **intention of His will...**

# The 5 Facts for the Family of God

1. **Creator**
2. **Corruption**
3. **Christ**
4. **Church**
5. **Coming-again**

## Timeless Truth

God has a **perfect** &  
**power-filled plan** for His  
imperfect  
but passionate people.

## Last time's Timeless Truth

Christians are the  
fore-chosen, faithful,  
fighting, fruitful family  
of God!

CREATOR

## 2 Timothy 3:16-17

ALL Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Answer:

The God of the Word

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the Word of God

are the **eternal** author

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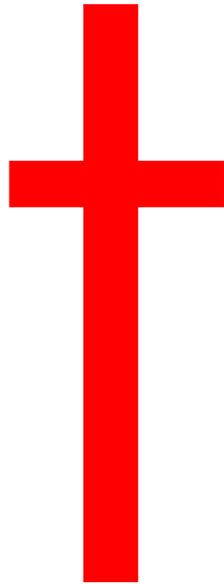
**ultimate** authority in your life.

## Hebrews 4:12

For the **Word of God** is living and active,  
sharper than any two-edged sword,  
**piercing to the division of soul**  
and of spirit, of joints and of marrow,  
and **discerning the thoughts**  
and intentions of the heart.

## 1 Corinthians 15:19

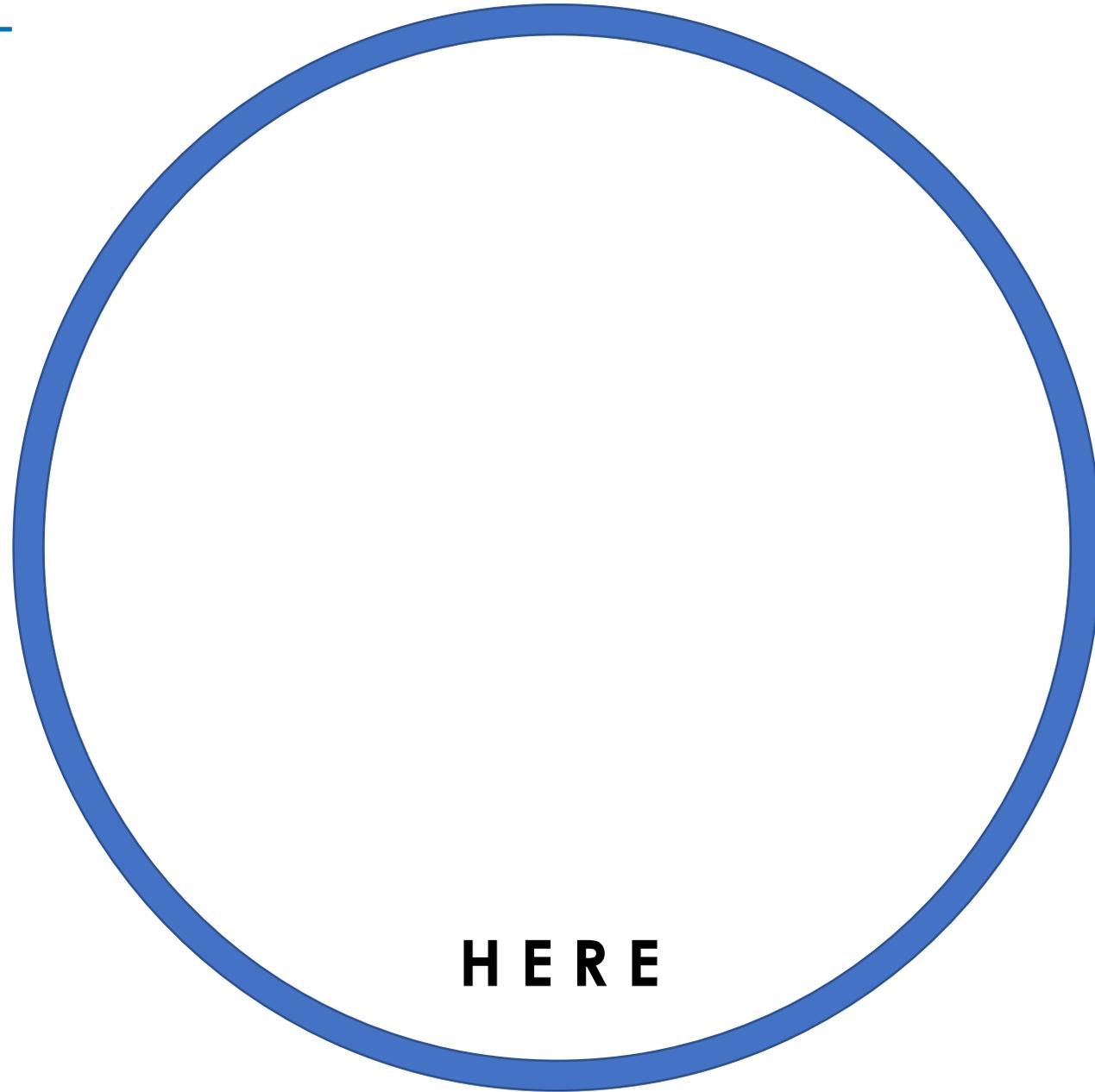
If only for this life we have **hope in Christ**,  
we are of all people most to be pitied.



"He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said.  
**Come and see...**" (Matthew 28:8)

# Genesis 1:1

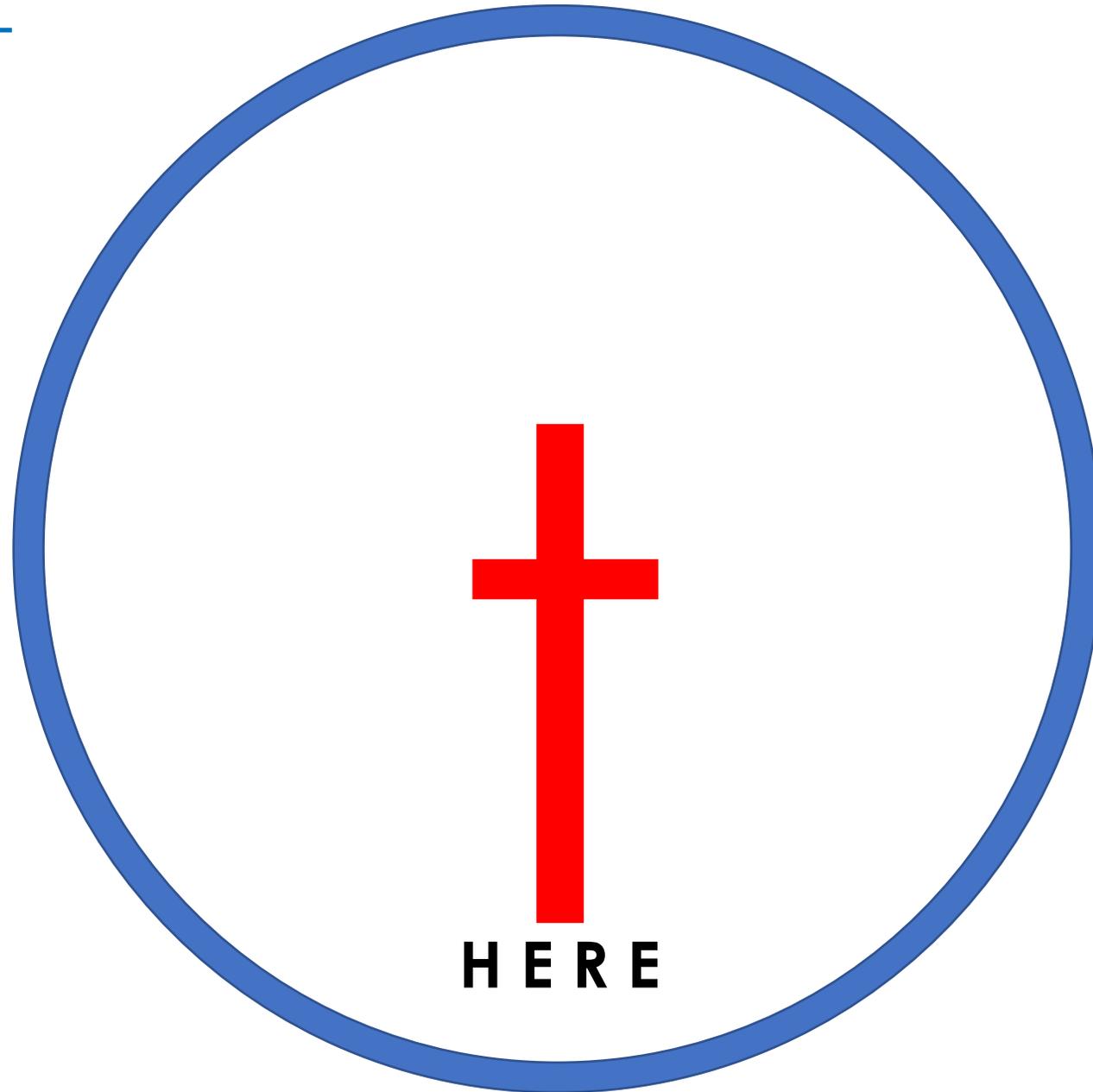
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**God**  
**created**  
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and the  
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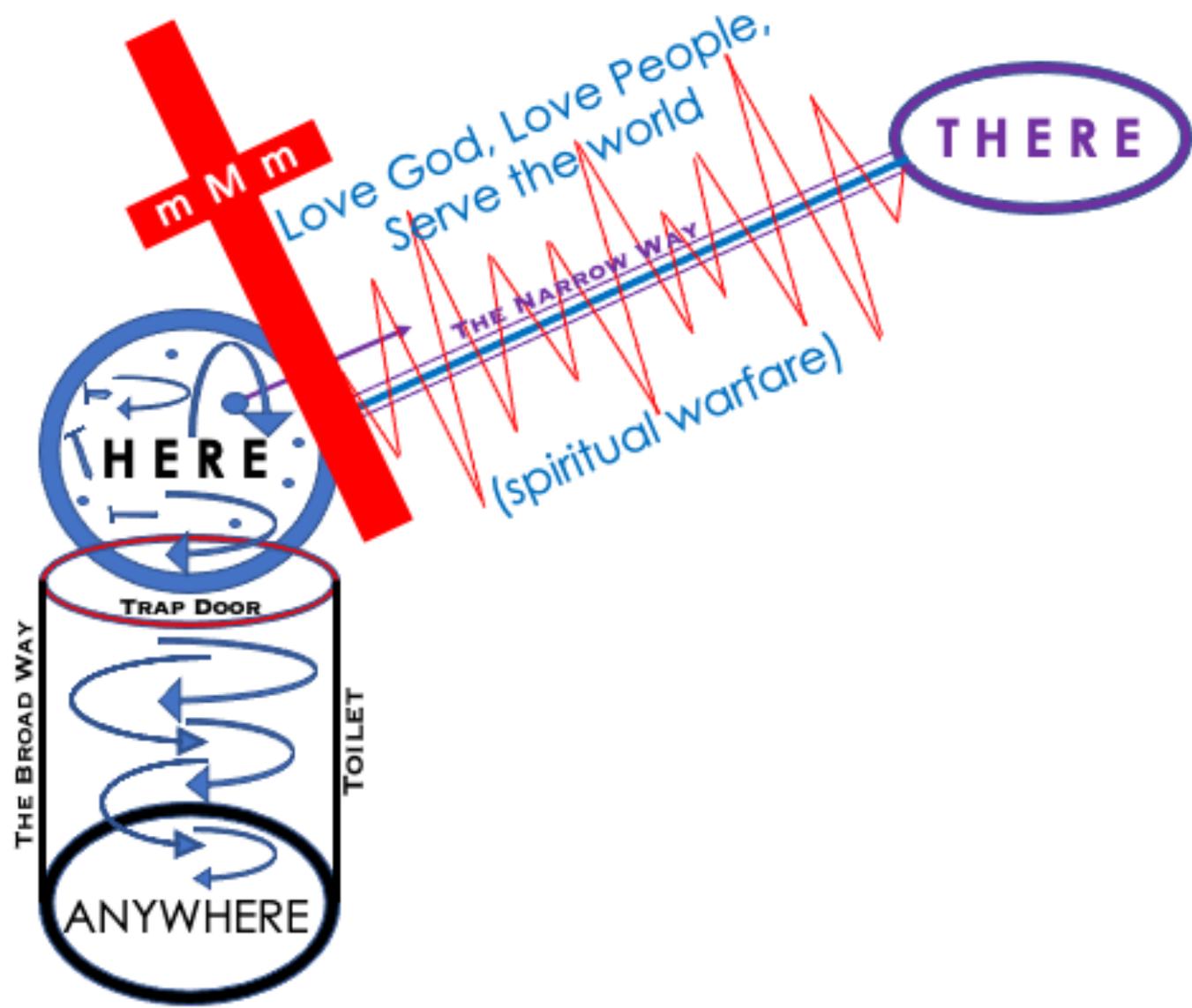
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# John 1:1

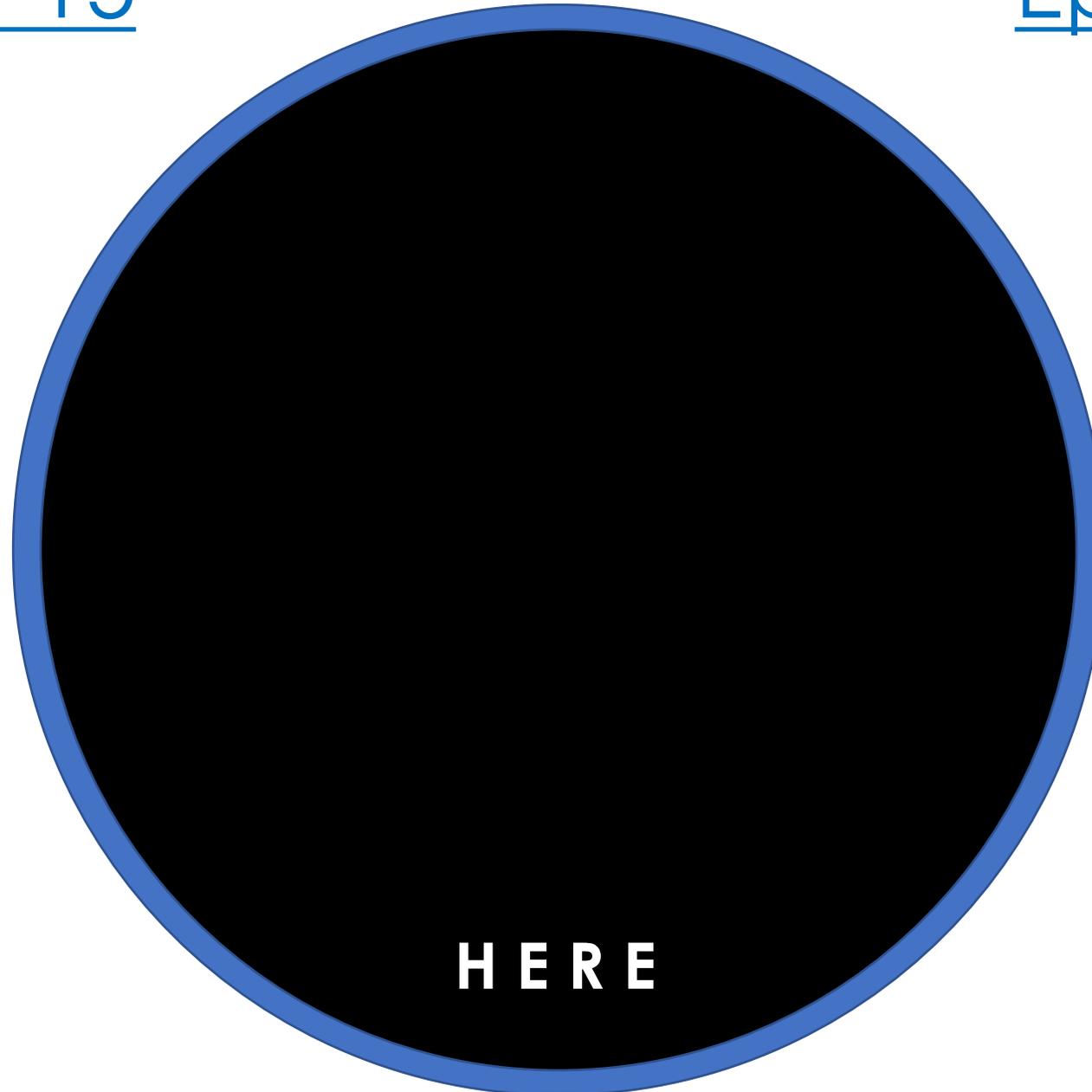
In the  
beginning  
was the  
Word, and  
the Word  
was with  
God, and  
the Word  
was God.



CORRUPTION

# Genesis 3:1-15

Satan says:  
“Did God  
really say...  
(and)  
you will not  
surely die...  
(and)  
you will be  
like God...”



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# Ephesians 2:1

God Word says:  
YOU were  
**dead** in the  
trespasses  
and **sins** in  
which YOU  
once  
**walked...**

# John 3:16

For God so  
**loved** the  
world...



CHRIST

## John 3:16

For God so  
**loved** the  
world the **He**  
**gave** His only  
Son, that  
**whosoever**  
**believes**  
in Him will  
not perish,  
but will have  
**eternal life.**



## John 3:3 & 36

God says:  
You **must** be  
born again!  
(and)  
**Only** those  
who **believe**  
**& obey**  
Christ will  
have  
eternal life...

CHURCH

## Acts 1:8

But YOU  
will receive  
power  
when the  
**Holy Spirit**  
comes on  
you, & you  
will be **My**  
witnesses  
(locally,  
regionally, &  
globally).



## Mark 16:15

And He  
(Jesus) said  
to them,  
"**Go** into  
all the world  
and **preach**  
the gospel  
to  
all creation"

# Matthew 10:16

"I am  
sending you  
out as sheep  
amongst  
wolves,  
therefore, **BE**  
as shrewd as  
serpents & as  
innocent as  
doves...



# Jude 1:3

...contend  
(a.k.a. **fight**)  
for the faith  
that was  
once for all  
**delivered**  
to the  
**saints.**

## Luke 10:6

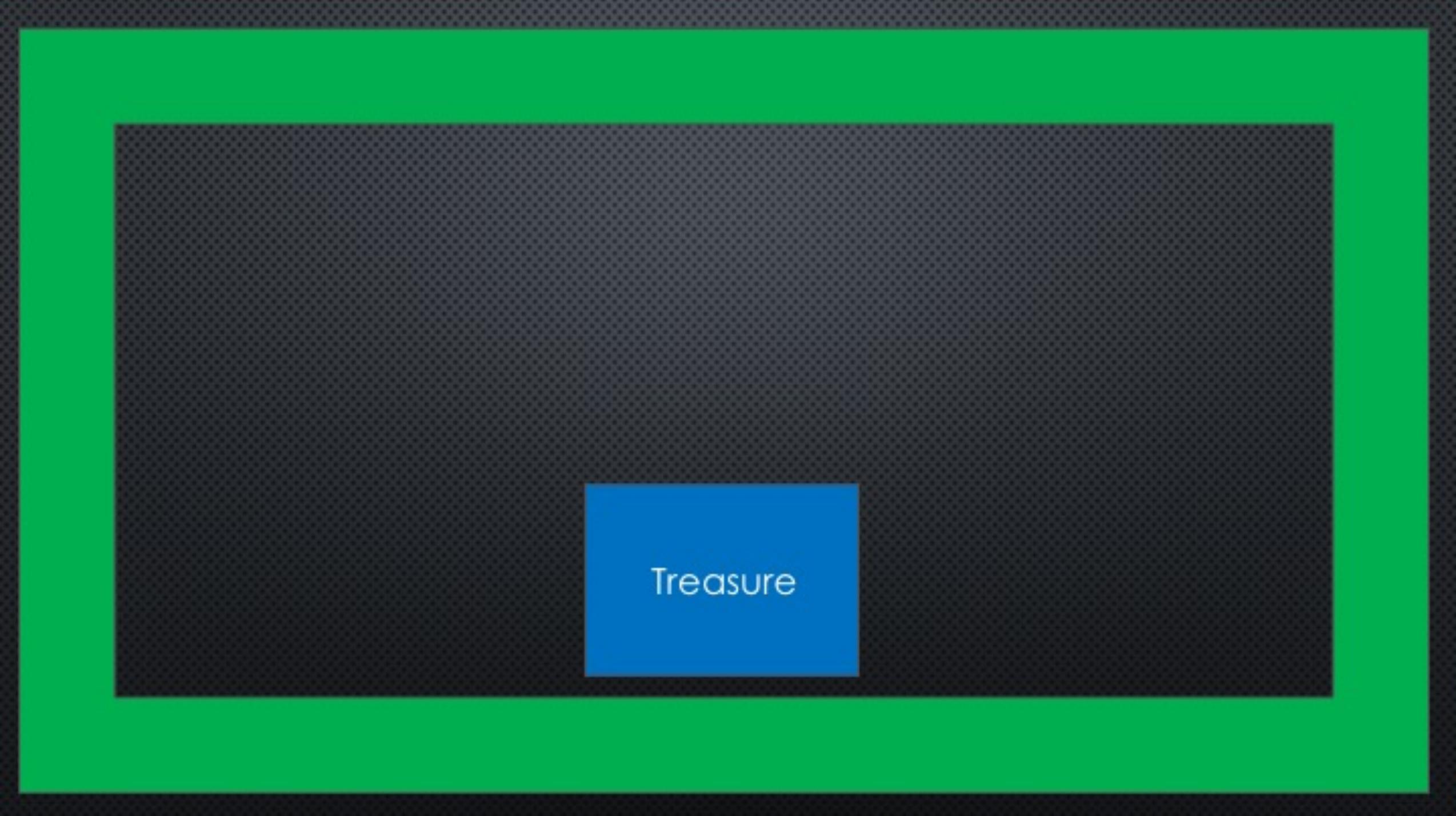
"If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you.



## Matthew 13:44

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells ALL that he has and buys that field...

# Real-estate of the **HEART**

Treasure

Mark 8:36

# The American Dream...

	Trophies	Treasure		

# The Cultural-church's compromise... Acts 20:30

Trophies

Treasure

The Cultural-church's LIE!

2 Timothy 4:3

Trophies



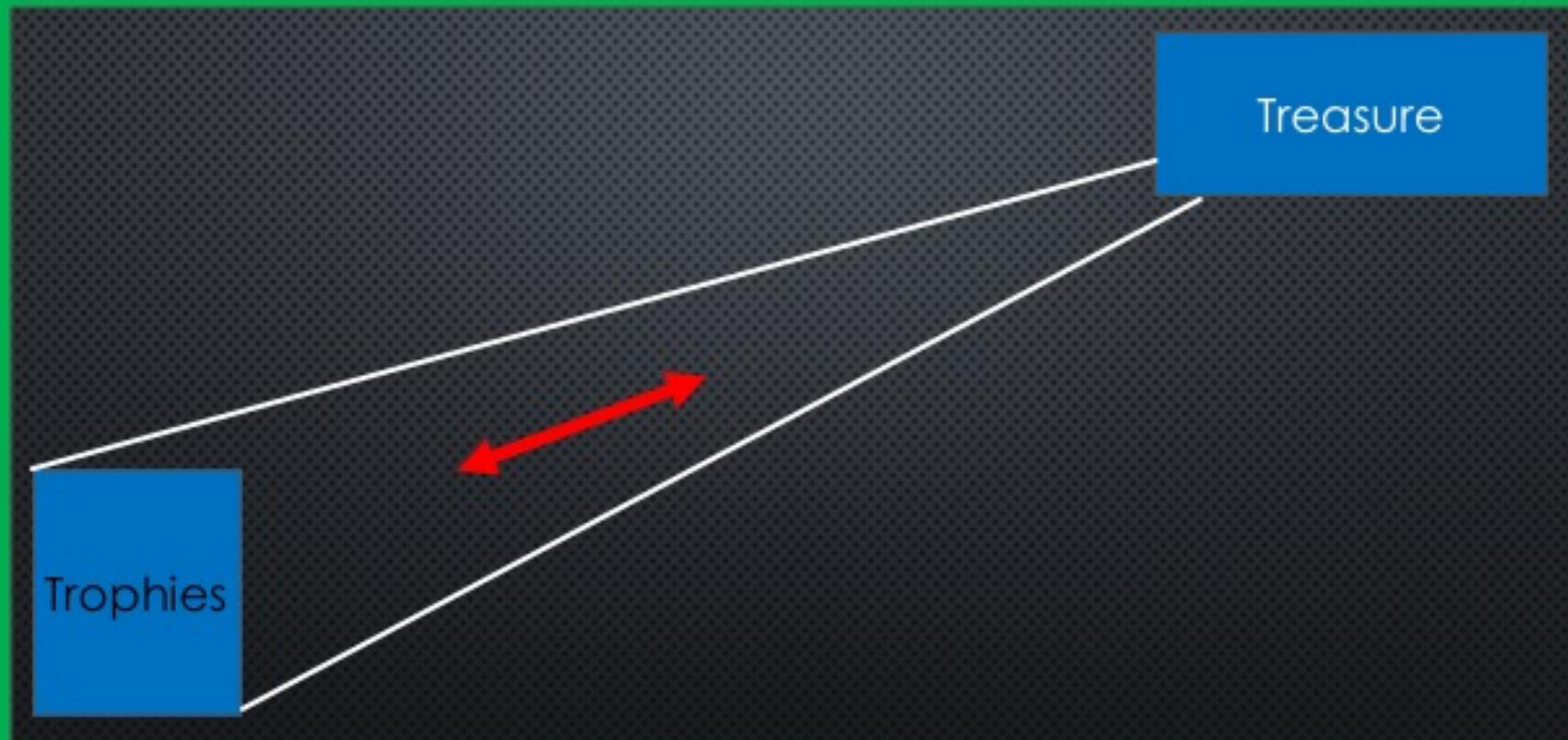
Treasure

Biblical truth in love... Colossians 3:2

Treasure  
( HEAVEN )

Trophies  
( HELL )

# Christ commands a choice...



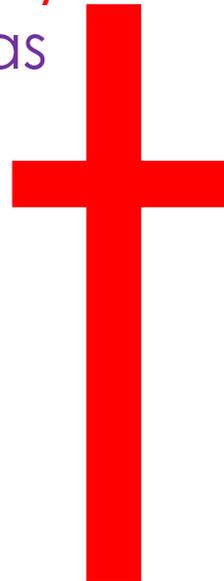


*For where your **treasure** is  
there your **heart** will be also.*

- **Jesus the Christ**  
(Matthew 6:21)

# Luke 8:5-15

A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. **6** And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. **7** And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. **8** And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded (30, 60) 100-fold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

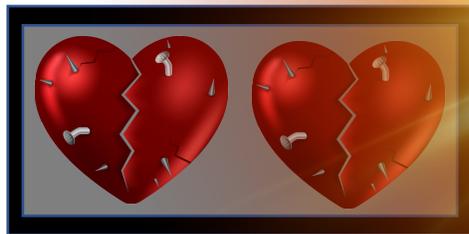
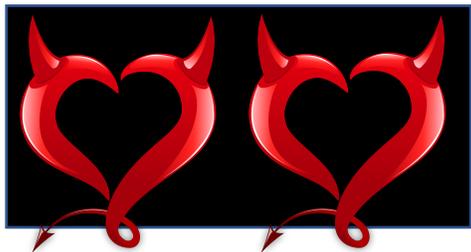


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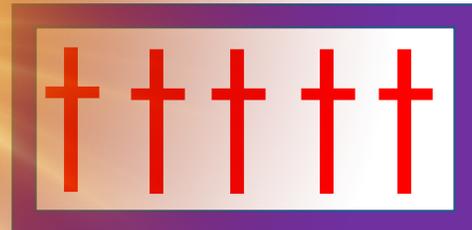


# Luke 8:5-15

9 And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, 10 he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' 11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12 The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. 14 And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. 15 As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.



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## Romans 8:5-7a

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>For to set the mind on the **flesh is death,**



# Romans 8:5-7a

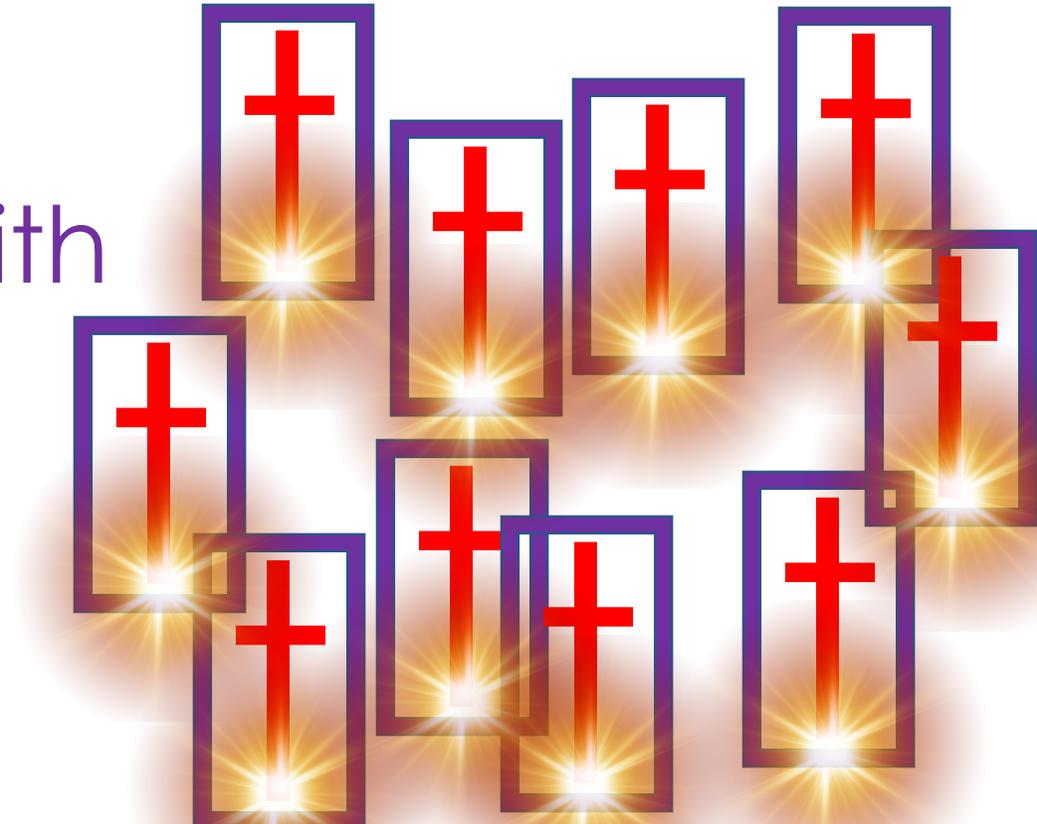
For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>For to set the mind on the **flesh is death**, but to set the mind on the **Spirit is life** and **peace**. <sup>7</sup>For the mind that is set on the **flesh is hostile to God...**



Flesh

vs.

Faith



Are **you** living in a  
**forest** of **flesh...**  
or a  
**family** of **faith?**

(read 2 Corinthians 13:5)

Make no mistake...

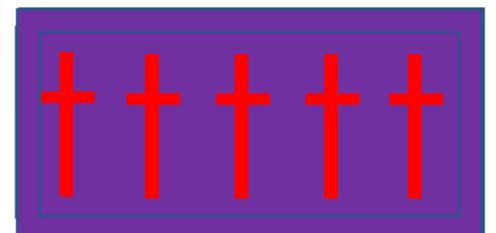
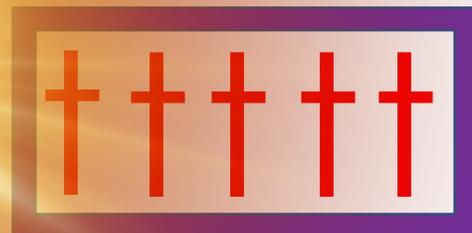
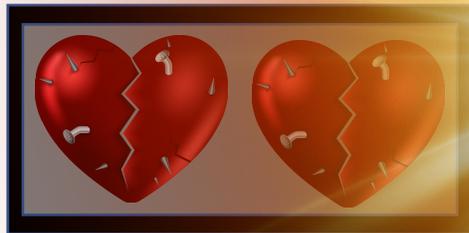
**The forest of the flesh**  
**is at war with**  
**the family of faith**

(read Matthew 12:30)

John 15:5

I am the vine, you are the branches;  
he who abides in Me and I in  
him, he bears much fruit, for apart from  
Me you can do nothing.

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# The Tree of Life

(Bible Project video)

(Let me ask you again...)

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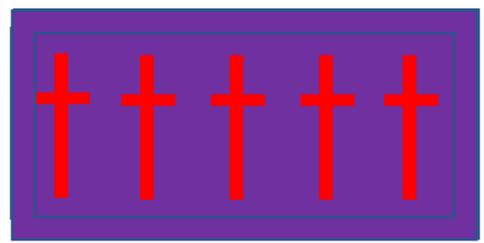
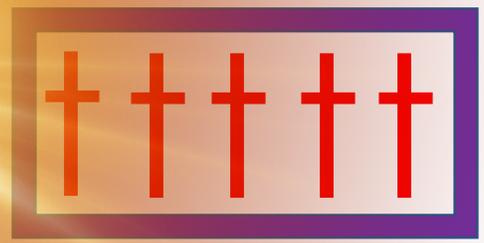
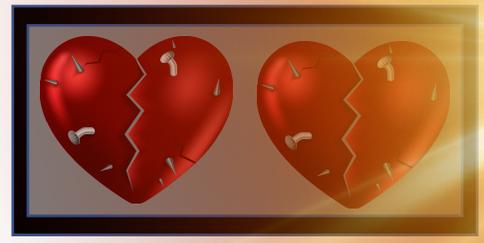
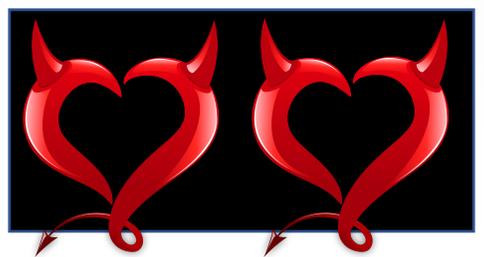


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Remember...

our branches  
are fruit-producing,  
only & always  
because of the atoning work of  
Christ's crucifixion tree...

## Titus 2:11-15

For the **grace of God** has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup>training us to **renounce ungodliness** and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and **godly lives** in the present age, <sup>13</sup>waiting for our **blessed hope**, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior **Jesus Christ**, <sup>14</sup>who **gave himself for us to redeem us** from all lawlessness and to purify for himself **a people for his own possession** who are **zealous for good works**.

<sup>15</sup>**Declare these things**; exhort and rebuke with **all authority**. Let **no one** disregard you.

Titus

2:11-15

Matthew 28:18-20  
Ephesians 4:11-16

Acts 1:8 & 2:41-47  
Galatians 5:22-24

Matthew 5:2-11  
Ephesians 6:10-20

1 Corinthians 13:1-8  
2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Mark 12:28-31  
Luke 14:27

Ephesians  
2: 8-10

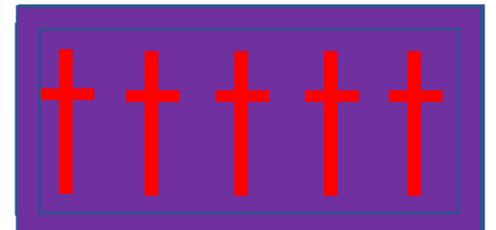
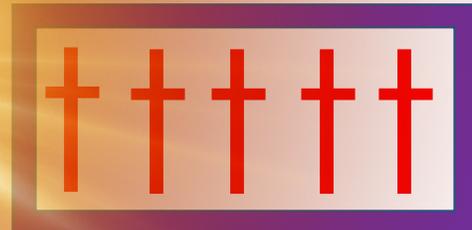
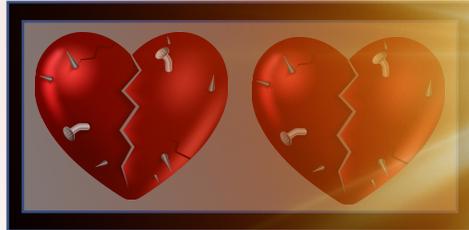
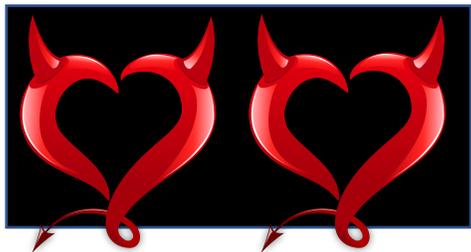
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5. Matthew 28:18-20
6. Acts 1:8 & 2:41-47
7. Galatians 5:22-23
8. Matthew 5:2-11
9. Ephesians 6:10-20
10. 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a
11. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
12. Matthew 7:16

BE-ing  
beautiful  
biblical  
branches!

## Ephesians 2: 8-10

For it is **by grace** you have been saved, **through faith**—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God —  
9 **not by works**, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God prepared in advance **for us to do.**

Luke 14:27

"Whoever does not carry  
his own cross and come  
after Me cannot be  
My disciple."

## Mark 12: 28-31

“Which commandment is the most important of all?” 29 Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall **love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.**’ 31 The second is this: ‘You shall **love your neighbor as yourself.**’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

# Ephesians 4:11-16

And He gave some as **apostles**, and some as **prophets**, and some as **evangelists**, and some as **pastors** and **teachers**, 12for the **equipping of the saints for the work of service**, to the building up of the body of Christ; 13until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. 14As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15but **speaking the truth in love**, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, even Christ, 16from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

## Matthew 28: 18-20

Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Therefore, **go** and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Acts 1:8

But **you will receive** power  
when the Holy Spirit comes  
on you, and **you will BE**

**My witnesses...**

(locally, regionally, & globally)

## Acts 2:41-47

Then **those who gladly received his word** were baptized. There were added that day about three thousand souls. **42** They **continued steadfastly** in the apostles' **teaching** and **fellowship**, in the **breaking of bread**, and **prayer**. **43** Fear came on every soul, and **many wonders and signs** were done through the apostles. **44** All who believed were **together**, and had all things **in common**. **45** They **sold their possessions** and goods, and distributed them to all, according **as anyone had need**. **46** Day by day, **continuing steadfastly** with **one accord** in the temple, and breaking bread at home, they took their food **with gladness** and **singleness of heart**, **47 praising God**, and having favor with all the people. The **Lord added** to the assembly day by day those who were **being saved**.

## Galatians 5: 22-23

...the fruit of the Spirit is  
love, joy, peace, patience,  
kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness,  
23gentleness, self-control...

# Matthew 5: 2-11

**3**“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**4**“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

**5**“Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth. **6**“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. **7**“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive

mercy. **8**“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. **9**“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. **10**“Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**11**“Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. **12**“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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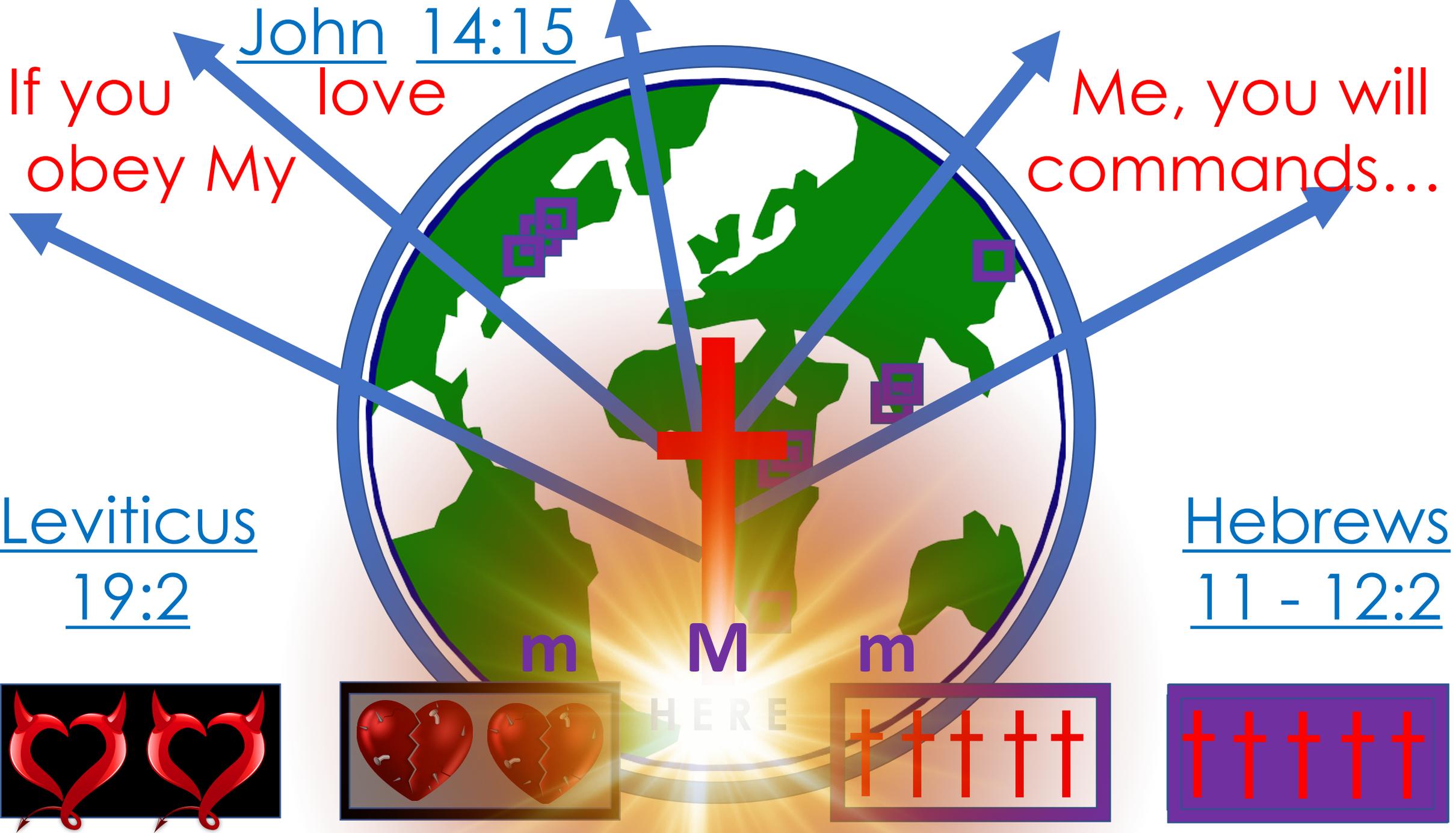
If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, **I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.** 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, **I am nothing.** 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, **I gain nothing.** 4 **Love is patient** and **kind**; love **does not envy or boast**; it is **not arrogant** 5 **or rude**. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does **not rejoice at wrongdoing**, but **rejoices with the truth.** 7 **Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.** 8 Love never fails/ends.

## 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ**, he is a **new creation**. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. **18 All this is from God**, who **through Christ reconciled us to himself** and gave us **the ministry of reconciliation**; **19** that is, **in Christ** God was **reconciling the world to himself**, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us **the message of reconciliation**. **20** Therefore, **we are ambassadors for Christ**, **God making his appeal through us**. We implore you on behalf of Christ, **be reconciled to God**. **21** **For our sake He made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.**

John 15:8

My Father is glorified by this,  
that **you bear much fruit**,  
and so prove  
to be My disciples.



John 14:15

If you love  
obey My

Me, you will  
commands...

Leviticus  
19:2

Hebrews  
11 - 12:2

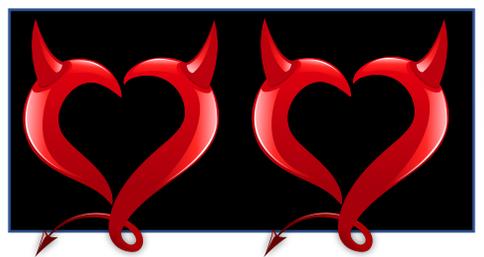


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## Leviticus 19:2

Speak to all the congregation  
of the people of Israel and say to them,

“You shall be holy,  
for I the LORD  
your God am holy.”

John 14:15

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20:21

If you  
obey My  
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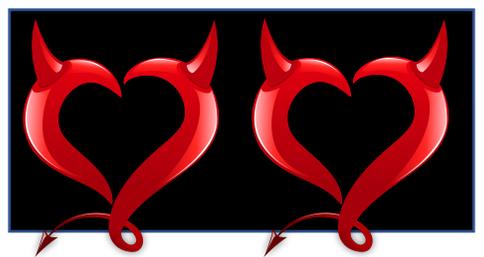


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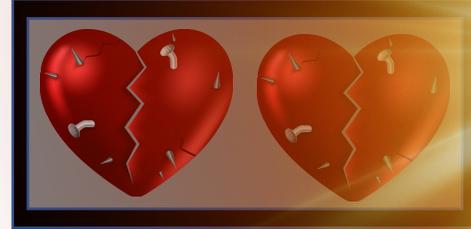
## Hebrews 12: 1-2

1Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also **lay aside every encumbrance** and the **sin** which so easily entangles us, and let us **run with endurance the race that is set before us**, 2 **fixing our eyes on Jesus**, the author and perfecter of faith, who **for the joy set before Him endured the cross**, despising the shame, and has **sat down** at the right hand of **the throne of God**.

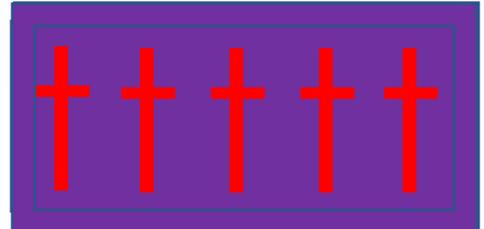


you will know them by their fruits

Matthew 7:16



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Good biblical fruit is  
**family-oriented,**  
**faithful obedience.**

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## Revelation 19:16

And on His robe and on His thigh, He has a name written, "**KING OF KINGS,**  
& **LORD OF LORDS.**"

The family of God  
is a  
**forest**  
of **love & light!**

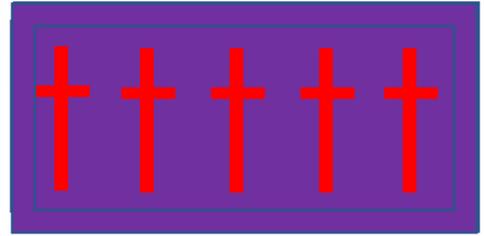
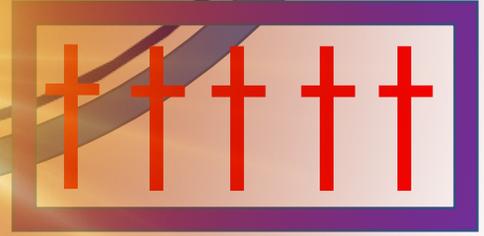
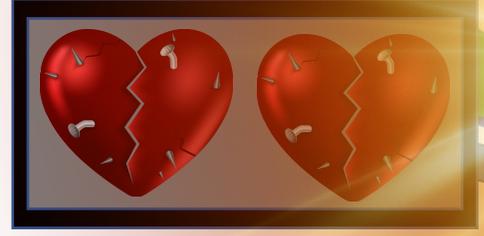
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You are the  
light of the  
**world!**

Matthew 5:14

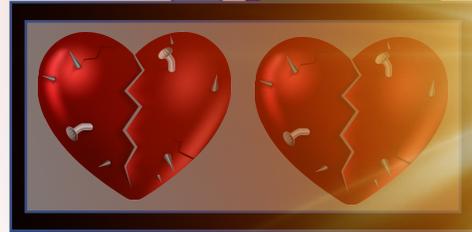
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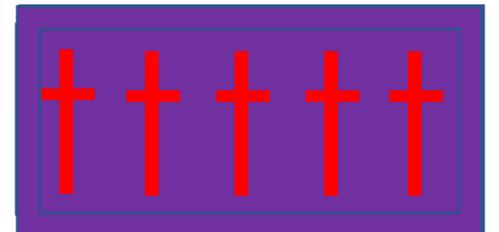
“Christians are set-apart, Spirit-filled,  
saved and sent out, to serve as God’s forest  
& faith-family, who contrast culture with the  
‘look in Christ’s face, the tone of His voice,  
and the touch of His hands’ - all by God’s  
grace & for His glory... as lived out & loving  
fruit of The Gospel.”

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God's  
Family



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tree

