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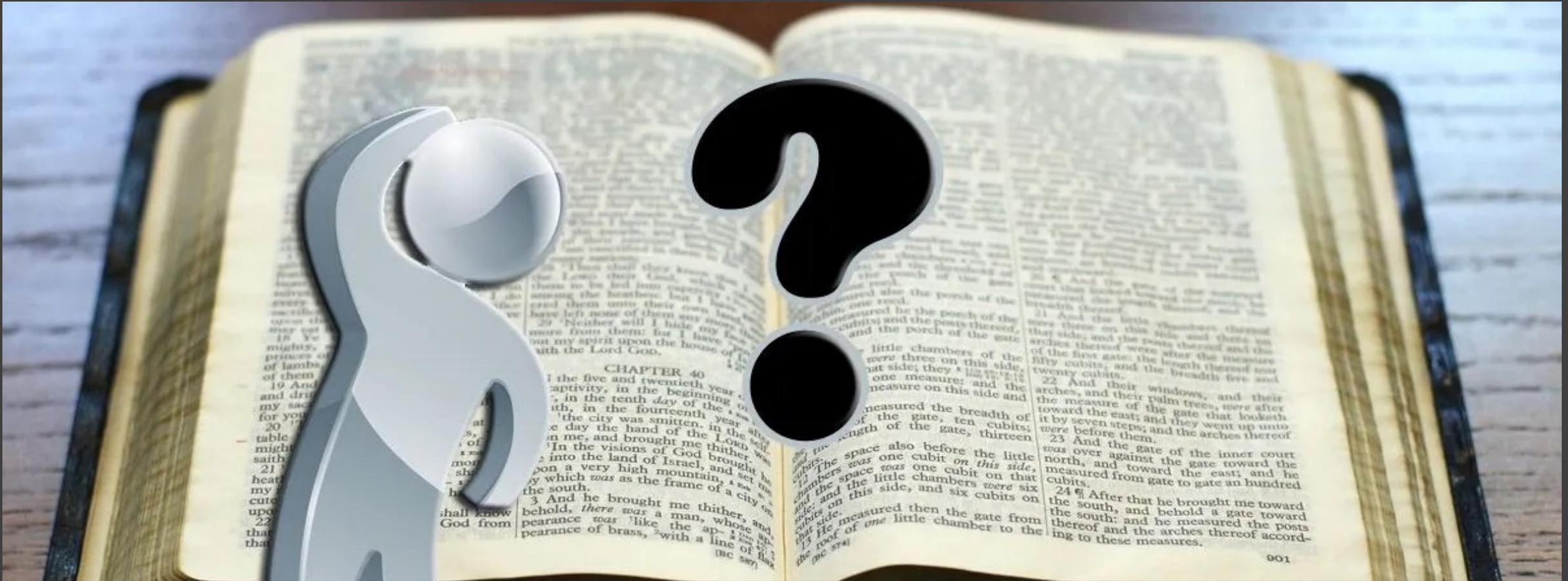
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FIGHTING for  
the GOSPEL

A Verse-by-Verse Study

## Galatians 5: 7 (NIV)

*You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth?*



What happens when  
someone cuts in on you?



What is Truth?



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Turn to:  
John 17: 14-17

## John 17: 14-17 (NIV)

*I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.*

## John 17: 14-17 (NIV)

*My prayer is not that you take them out of the world **but that you protect them from the evil one.** They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.*

## John 17: 14-17 (NIV)

*Sanctify them by the truth;  
your word is truth.*



What can keep you from obeying the Truth?

## Galatians 5: 7 (NIV)

*You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth?*



What are some things satan wants to cause Christians to do?

## Galatians 5: 8 (NIV)

*That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you.*



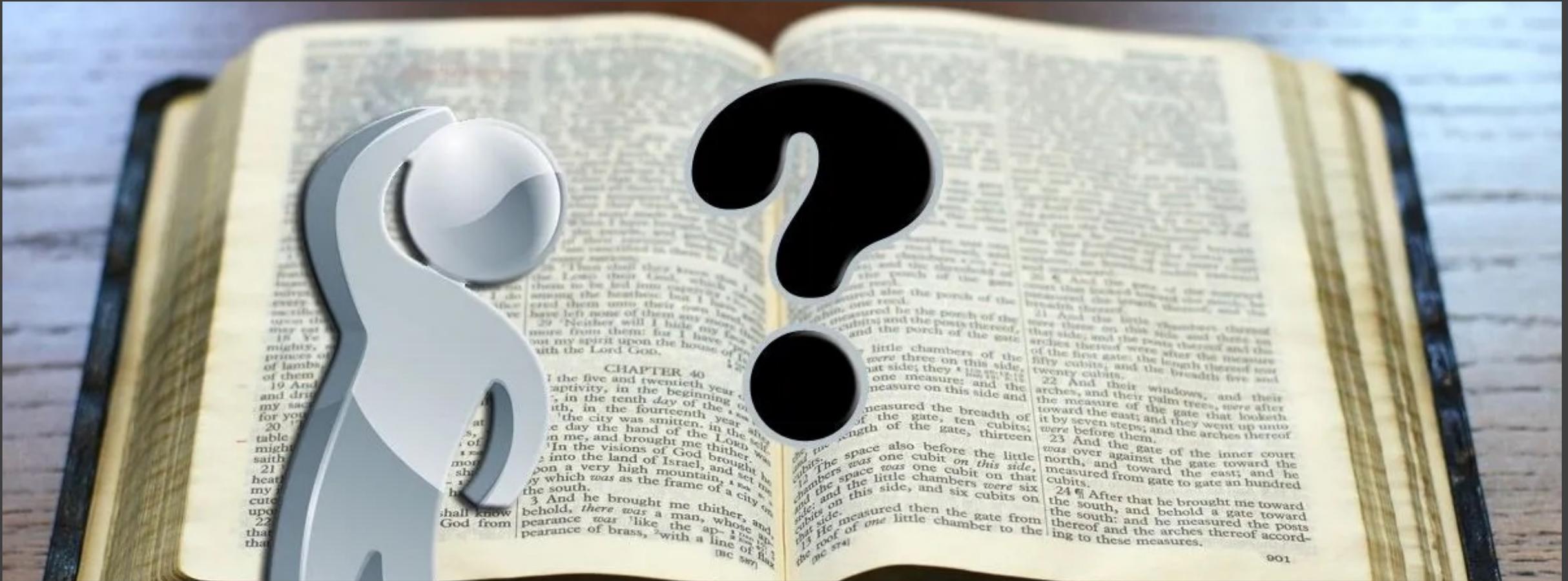
Who is the One who calls us?

## Galatians 5: 8 (NASB)

*This persuasion did not come from  
Him who calls you.*

## Galatians 5: 9 (NIV)

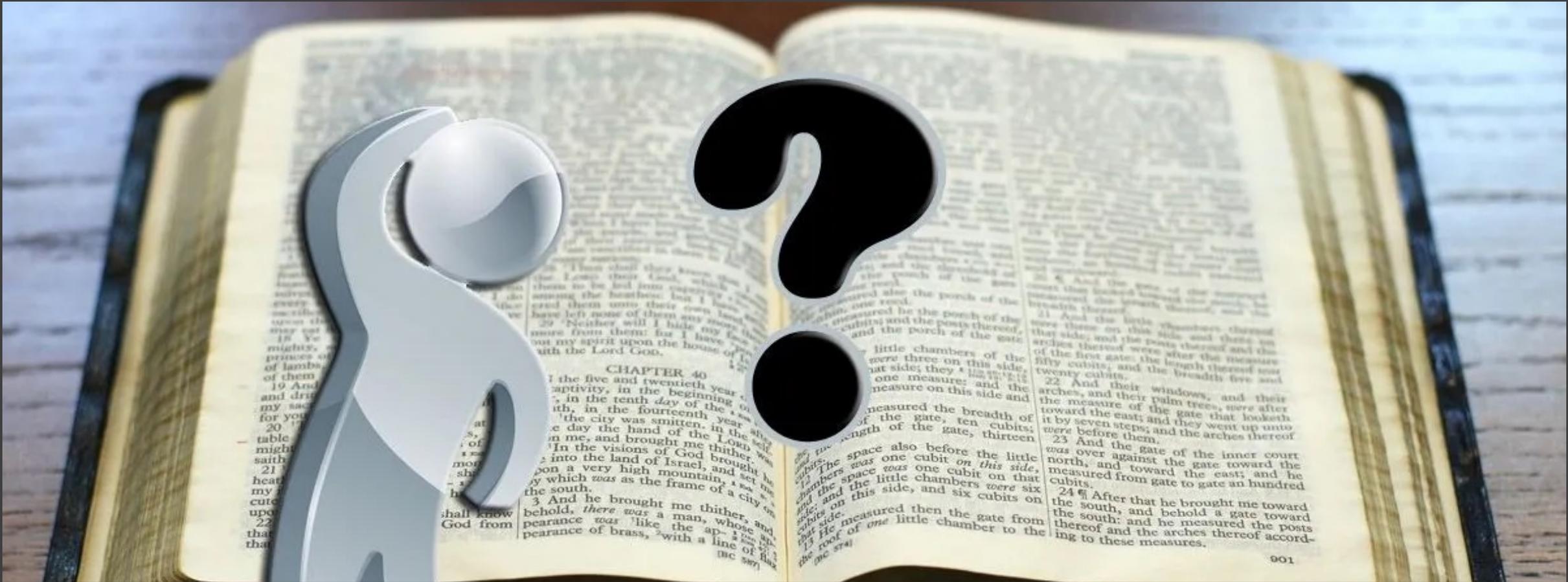
*“A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough.”*



What does Paul mean by  
this?

## Galatians 5: 10 (NIV)

*I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion, whoever that may be, will have to pay the penalty.*



What penalty?



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Turn to:  
James 3: 1

## James 3: 1 (NIV)

*Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.*



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Turn to:  
Matthew 18: 1-9

## Matthew 18: 1-9 (NIV)

*At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”*

## Matthew 18: 1-9 (NIV)

*He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."*



What does Jesus mean by  
this?

## Matthew 18: 1-9 (NIV)

*Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.*

## Matthew 18: 1-9 (NIV)

*“If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.*”



How can we cause children to stumble?



How does Jesus feel about those who cause children to stumble?

## Matthew 18: 1-9 (NIV)

*“If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.*

## Matthew 18: 1-9 (NIV)

*Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come!*

## Matthew 18: 1-9 (NIV)

*If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire.*



What is the eternal fire Jesus is referring to?

## Matthew 18: 1-9 (NIV)

*And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.*

THERE IS NO  
**HELL**  
ACCORDING TO THE  
**BIBLE**

Is it really possible that, according to the Bible, there is no hell in which any one burns or suffers in any way? Yes, says Lutheran Pastor John Frey and, in this book, he shows how his evidence and his prayers brought about this answer.

JOHN D. FREY

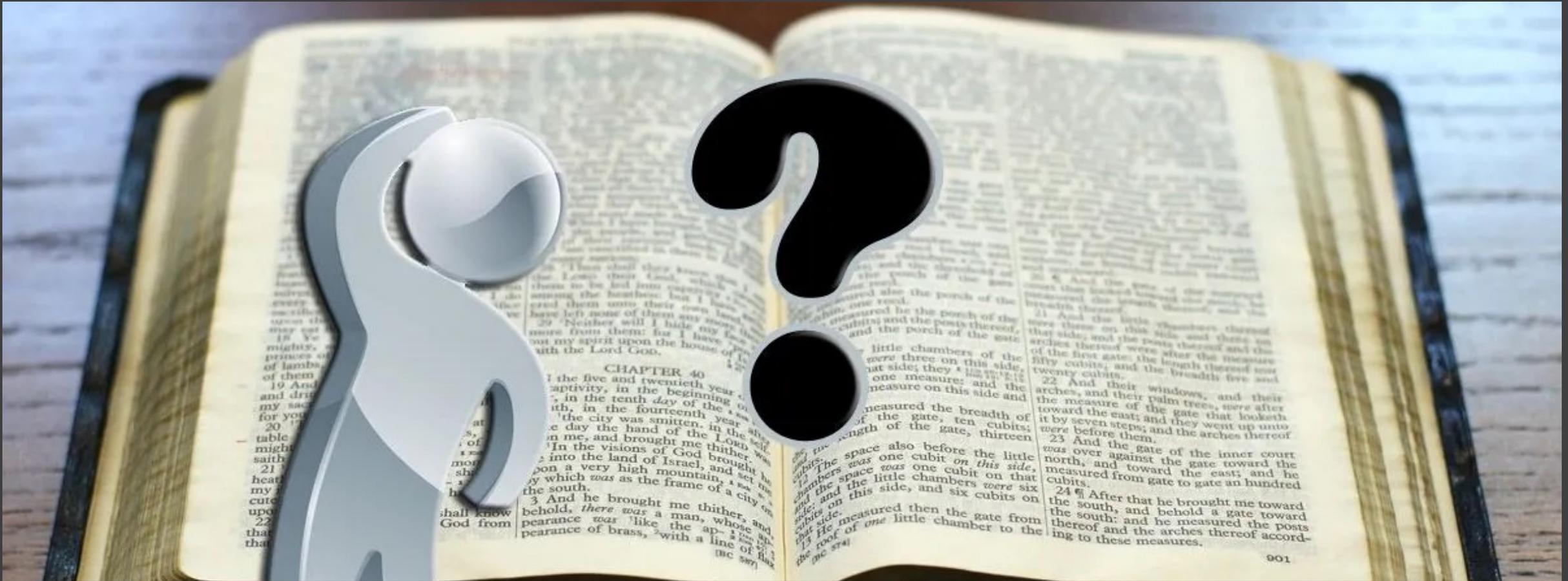


## Galatians 5: 10 (NIV)

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## Galatians 5: 11 (NIV)

*Brothers and sisters, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished.*



What point is Paul making here?

## Galatians 5: 12 (NIV)

*As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves!*

## Galatians 5: 13 (NIV)

*You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.*



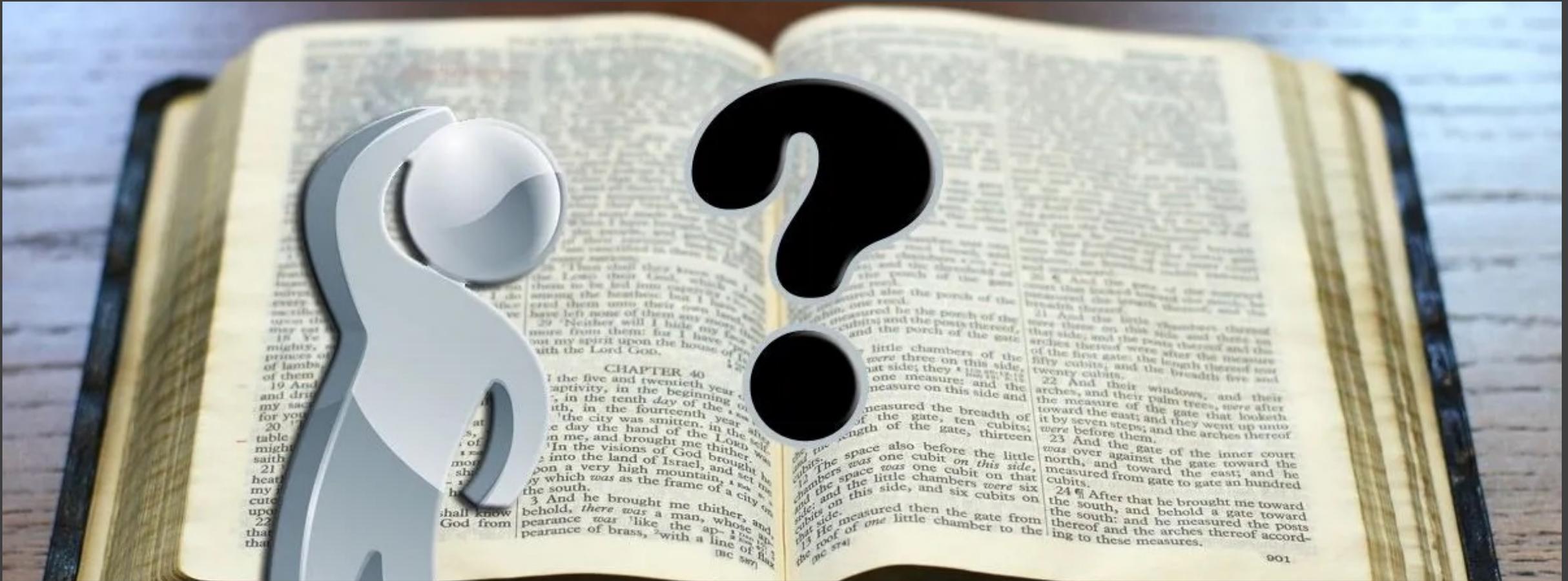
What group is Paul speaking to here?

## Galatians 5: 14 (NIV)

*For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”*



How do you love yourself?



What point is Paul making here?



What happens when we don't love each other as ourselves?

## Galatians 5: 15 (NIV)

*If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.*



So how do we stop this from happening?

# Galatians 5: 16a (NIV)

So I say, walk by the Spirit,



What does it mean to walk by  
the Spirit?

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How we behave

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How we conduct ourselves

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How we live

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It's a continual walking, It's a  
continual talking, existing, interacting



How do we know when we are walking by the Spirit?

## Galatians 5: 16 (NIV)

*So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.*



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Turn to:  
Romans 6: 9-12

## Romans 6: 8-23 (NIV)

*Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.*

## Romans 6: 8-23 (NIV)

*In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.*

## Romans 6: 8-23 (NIV)

*Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.*

## Romans 6: 8-23 (NIV)

*For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.*

## Romans 6: 8-23 (NIV)

*What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?*

## Romans 6: 8-23 (NIV)

*But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance.*

## Romans 6: 8-23 (NIV)

*your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.*

## Romans 6: 8-23 (NIV)

*I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness.*

## Romans 6: 8-23 (NIV)

*When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death!*

## Romans 6: 8-23 (NIV)

*But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.*

## Romans 6: 8-23 (NIV)

*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*



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Turn to:  
Romans 6: 9-12

## 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17 (NIV)

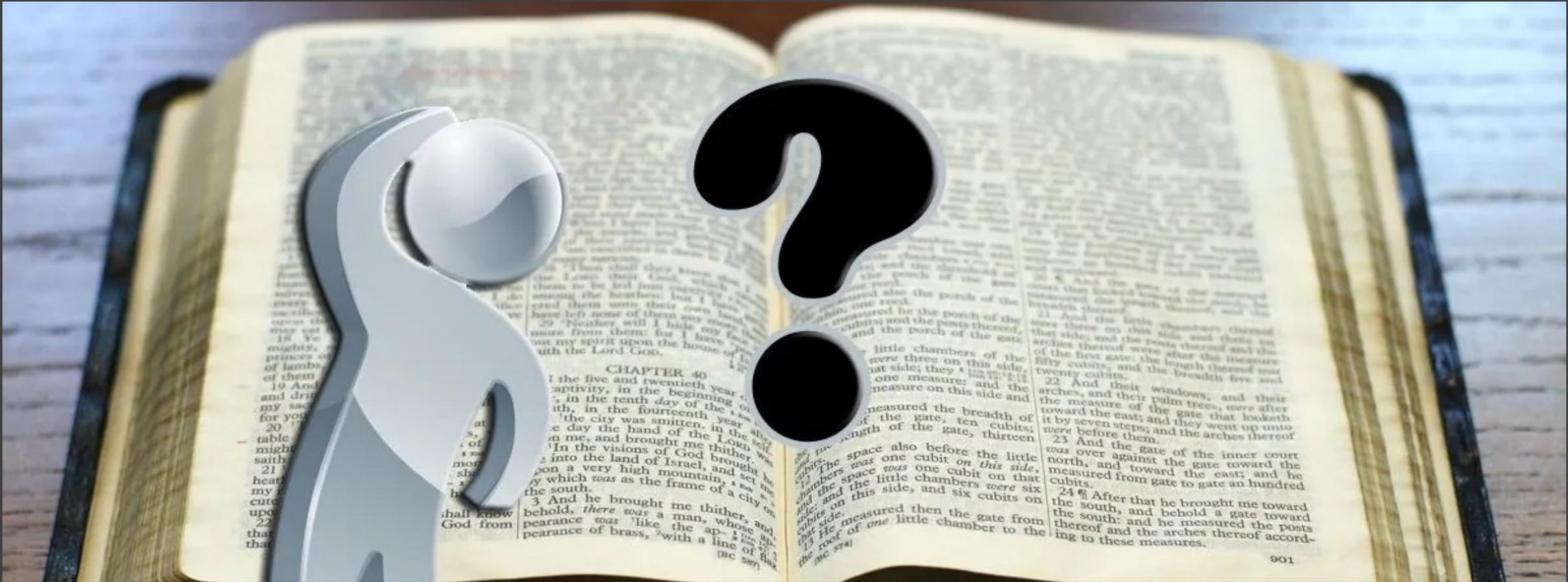
*For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.*

## 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17 (NIV)

*So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

## Galatians 5: 16 (NIV)

*So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.*



Is walking active or passive?



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Turn to:  
Matthew 7: 15-23

## Matthew 7: 15-23 (NIV)

*“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.*

*By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?*

## Matthew 7: 15-23 (NIV)

*Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.*

## Matthew 7: 15-23 (NIV)

*Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.*

## Matthew 7: 15-23 (NIV)

*“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.*”

## Matthew 7: 15-23 (NIV)

*Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'*

## Galatians 5: 16 (NIV)

*So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.*

## Galatians 5: 17 (NIV)

*For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh.*

## Galatians 5: 18 (NIV)

*They are in conflict with each other,  
so that you are not to do whatever  
you want.*



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Turn to:  
1 John 2: 16-17

## 1 John 2: 15-17 (NIV)

*Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.*

## 1 John 2: 15-17 (NIV)

*For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.*

## 1 John 2: 15-17 (NIV)

*The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.*



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Turn to:  
2 Kings 5: 1-15

## 2 Kings 5: 1-15 (NLT)

*The king of Aram had great admiration for Naaman, the commander of his army, because through him the Lord had given Aram great victories. But though Naaman was a mighty warrior, he suffered from leprosy.*

## 2 Kings 5: 1-15 (NLT)

*At this time Aramean raiders had invaded the land of Israel, and among their captives was a young girl who had been given to Naaman's wife as a maid. One day the girl said to her mistress, "I wish my master would go to see the prophet in Samaria. He would heal him of his leprosy."*

## 2 Kings 5: 1-15 (NLT)

*So Naaman told the king what the young girl from Israel had said. "Go and visit the prophet," the king of Aram told him. "I will send a letter of introduction for you to take to the king of Israel." So Naaman started out, carrying as gifts 750 pounds of silver, 150 pounds of gold, and ten sets of clothing.*

## 2 Kings 5: 1-15 (NLT)

*The letter to the king of Israel said: "With this letter I present my servant Naaman. I want you to heal him of his leprosy."*

*When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes in dismay and said, "Am I God, that I can give life and take it away?"*

*Why is this man asking me to heal someone with leprosy? I can see that he's just trying to pick a fight with me."*

## 2 Kings 5: 1-15 (NLT)

*But when Elisha, the man of God, heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes in dismay, he sent this message to him: “Why are you so upset? Send Naaman to me, and he will learn that there is a true prophet here in Israel.”*

## 2 Kings 5: 1-15 (NLT)

*So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and waited at the door of Elisha's house. But Elisha sent a messenger out to him with this message: "Go and wash yourself seven times in the Jordan River. Then your skin will be restored, and you will be healed of your leprosy."*

## 2 Kings 5: 1-15 (NLT)

*But Naaman became angry and stalked away.*

## 2 Kings 5: 1-15 (NLT)

*“I thought he would certainly come out to meet me!” he said. “I expected him to wave his hand over the leprosy and call on the name of the Lord his God and heal me!*

## 2 Kings 5: 1-15 (NLT)

*Aren't the rivers of Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than any of the rivers of Israel? Why shouldn't I wash in them and be healed?" So Naaman turned and went away in a rage.*

## 2 Kings 5: 1-15 (NLT)

*But his officers tried to reason with him and said, “Sir, if the prophet had told you to do something very difficult, wouldn’t you have done it? So you should certainly obey him when he says simply, ‘Go and wash and be cured!’”*

## 2 Kings 5: 1-15 (NLT)

*So Naaman went down to the Jordan River and dipped himself seven times, as the man of God had instructed him. And his skin became as healthy as the skin of a young child, and he was healed!*

## 2 Kings 5: 1-15 (NLT)

*Then Naaman and his entire party went back to find the man of God. They stood before him, and Naaman said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from your servant."*

## Galatians 5: 18 (NIV)

*They are in conflict with each other,  
so that you are not to do whatever  
you want.*



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Turn to:  
Romans 8: 13-14

## Romans 8: 13-14 (NIV)

*For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.*



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Turn to:  
Romans 13: 13-14

## Romans 13: 13-14 (NIV)

*Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.*

## Romans 13: 13-14 (NIV)

*Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.*