

# 2 CORINTHIANS

## A Verse-by-Verse Study



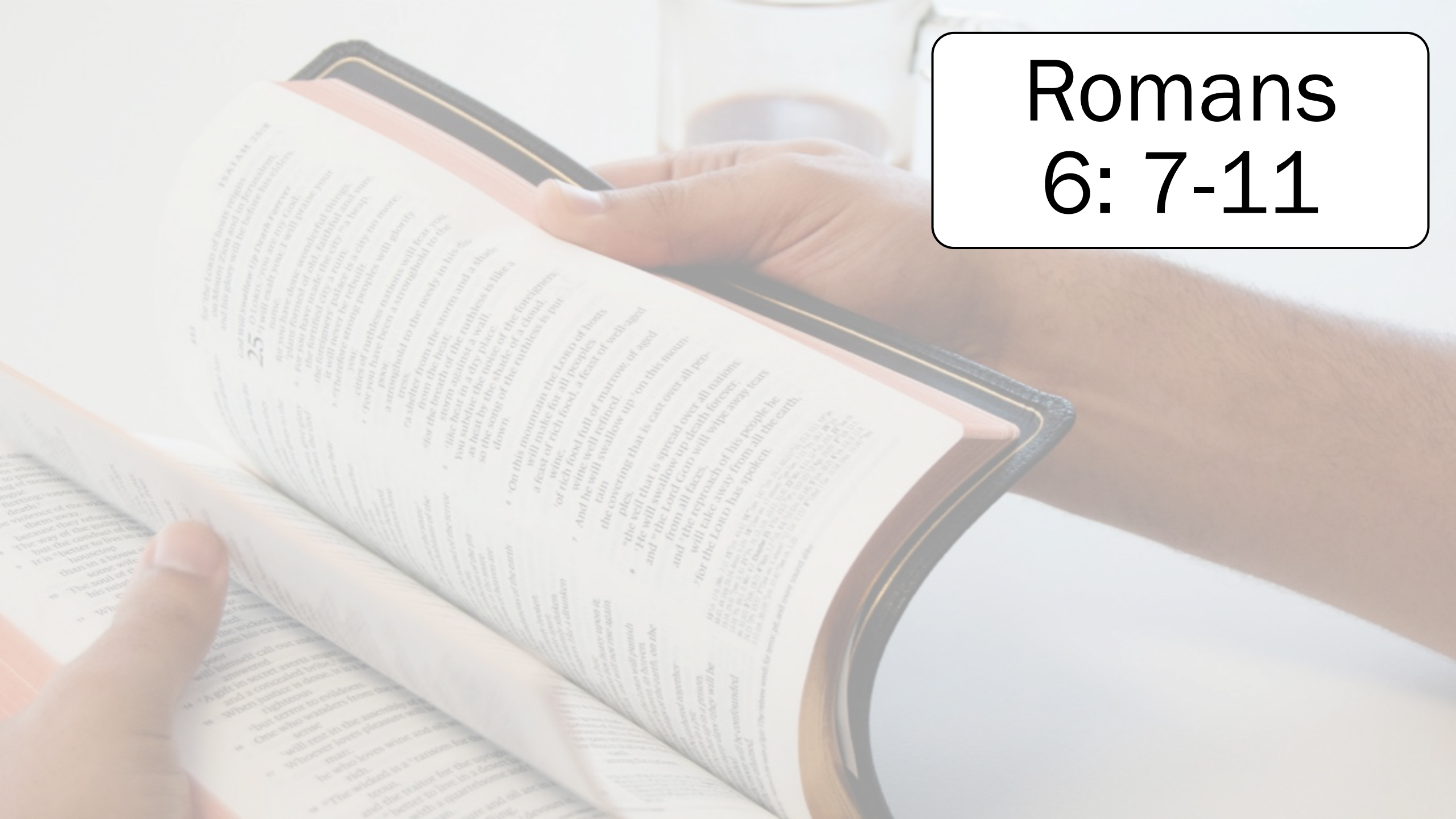
## 2 Corinthians 5: 14 (NASB)

*For the love of Christ controls us, **having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died;***



# Romans

## 6: 7-11



## Romans 6: 7-11 (NASB)

*for the one who has died is freed from sin.*

*Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,*

## Romans 6: 7-11 (NASB)

*knowing that Christ, having been raised  
from the dead, is never to die  
again; death no longer is master over  
Him.*

## Romans 6: 7-11 (NASB)

*For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all time; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. So you too, consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

## 2 Corinthians 5: 14 (NASB)

*For the love of Christ controls us, having  
concluded this, that one died for all,  
therefore all died;*

## 2 Corinthians 5: 15 (NASB)

*and He died for all, so that those who live would no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose on their behalf.*



Question?

What does it  
mean to no  
longer live for  
yourself?

Question?

So who do we  
live for?

## 2 Corinthians 5: 15 (NASB)

*and He died for all, so that those who live would no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose on their behalf.*

## 2 Corinthians 5: 16 (NASB)

*Therefore **from now on** we recognize no one by the flesh; even though we have known Christ by the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer.*



Question?

What does it  
mean when you  
use the  
statement “from  
now on”?

## 2 Corinthians 5: 16 (NASB)

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Question?

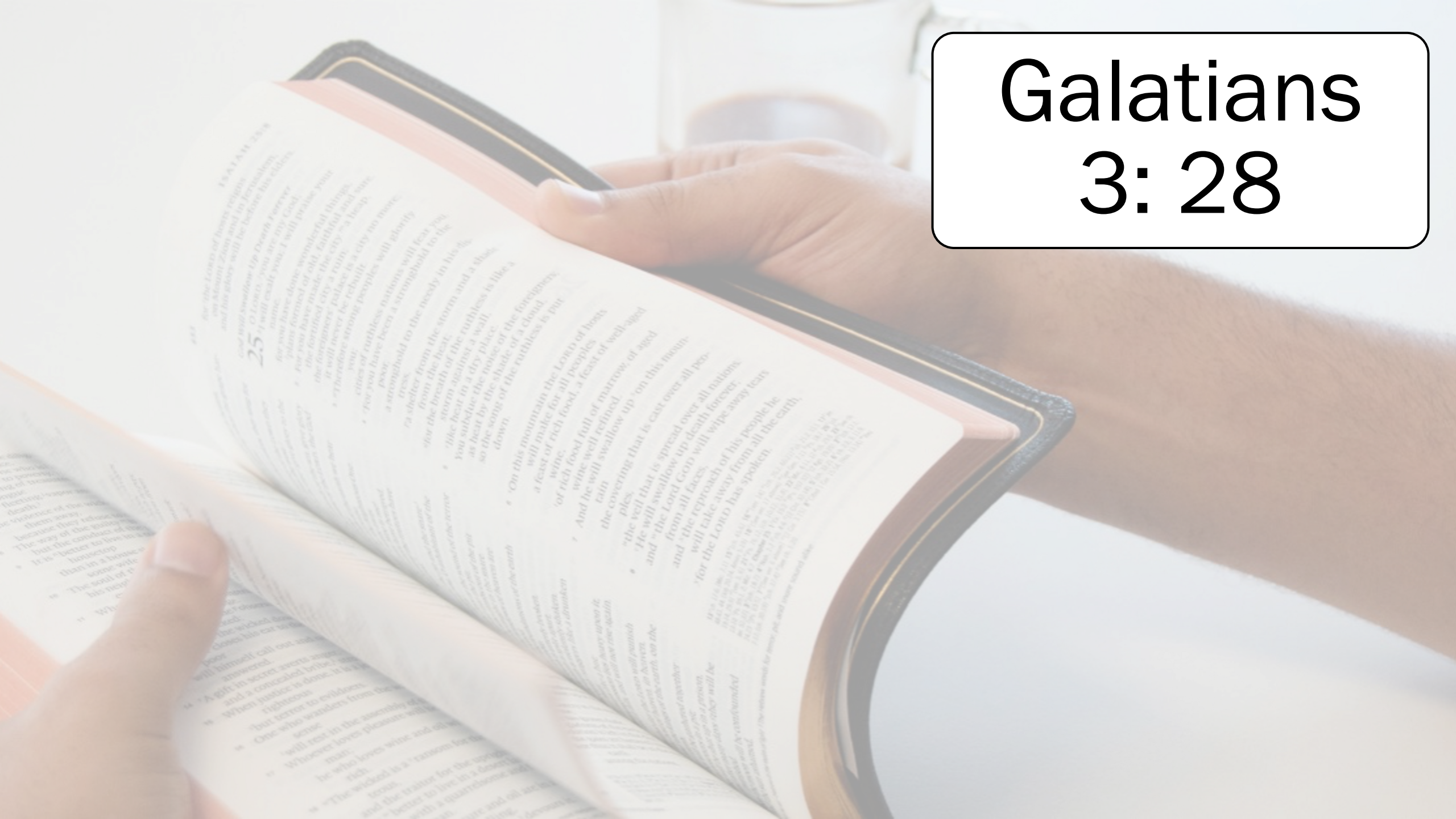
What is Paul  
meaning when  
he says they no  
longer recognize  
each other by  
the flesh?

Paul is saying we should no longer view each other as the world does through the lens of appearance, race, ethnicity, status, wealth or influence



# Galatians

## 3: 28



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For you have done wonderful things,  
the fortified city a ruin,  
it will never be rebuilt.  
Therefore strong peoples will glory  
in you;  
cities of ruthless nations will glory  
in you.  
For you have been a stronghold to the  
trees,  
a shelter from the storm and a shade  
from the heat;  
like hear in a dry place,  
as heat by the shade of a cloud  
down.  
On this mountain the Lord of hosts  
will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged  
wine,  
wine well refined,  
And he will swallow up  
the covering that is cast over all peo-  
ples.  
The veil that is spread over all nations  
and the Lord God will wipe away  
from all faces  
will take away from all the earth  
for the Lord has spoken.

## Galatians 3: 28 (NASB)

*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

## 2 Corinthians 5: 16 (NASB)

*Therefore from now on we recognize no one by the flesh; even though we have known Christ by the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer.*

Question?

What does it  
mean to no  
longer know  
Christ by the  
flesh?



Even though Jesus walked the Earth in the flesh and people saw Him, heard Him, touched Him and ate with Him, He has ascended back into heaven.

Christ is no longer in the flesh, He was, is and forever will be God.

## 2 Corinthians 5: 16 (NLT)

*So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now!*

## 2 Corinthians 5: 17 (NASB)

*Therefore if anyone is in Christ, this person is a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*

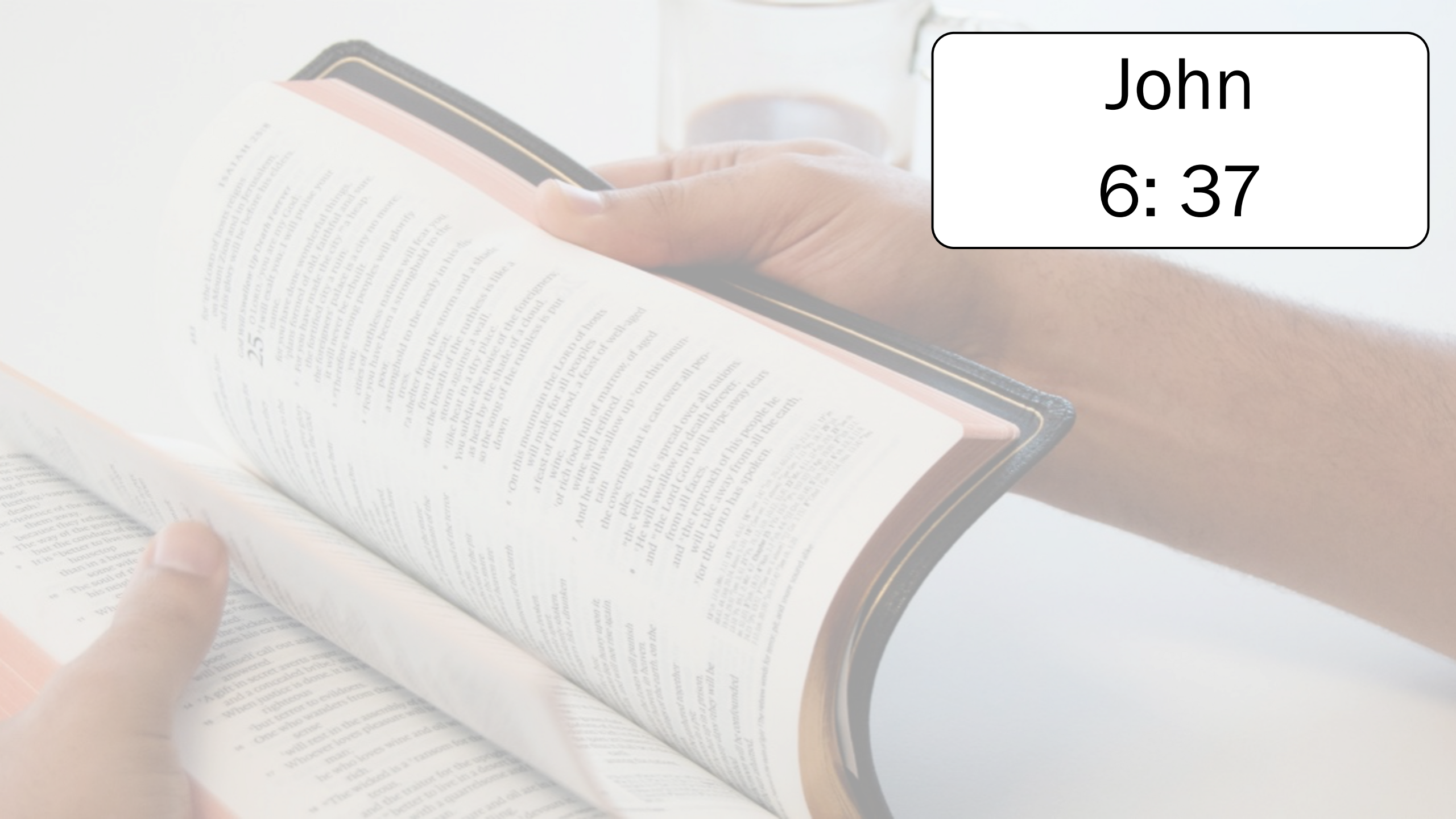
Question?

What does it  
mean to be in  
Christ?

God created us to be social, so we all desire to belong, we have a desire to be recognized or known as a part of something.

# John

## 6: 37



## John 6: 37 (NASB)

*Everything that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I certainly will not cast out.*



# Romans

## 1: 5-6



## Romans 1: 5-6 (NIV)

*Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake. And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.*

## 2 Corinthians 5: 17 (NASB)

*Therefore if anyone is in Christ, **this person is a new creation**; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*

Question?

What does it  
mean that we  
who belong to  
Christ are a new  
creation?



# 1 Peter

## 1: 17-23



## 1 Peter 1: 17-23 (NIV)

*Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, **live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.** For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors,*

## 1 Peter 1: 17-23 (NIV)

*but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.*



## 1 Peter 1: 17-23 (NIV)

*Now that you have purified yourselves **by obeying the truth** so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. **For you have been born again**, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.*

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**IF YOU DON'T  
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AGAIN** 😊 MSK

Question?

What does it  
mean that the  
old things have  
passed away?

OUT WITH THE  
**OLD**



# Ephesians

## 2: 1-3



## Ephesians 2: 1-3 (NIV)

*As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.*



## Ephesians 2: 1-3 (NIV)

*All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts.*

*Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.*

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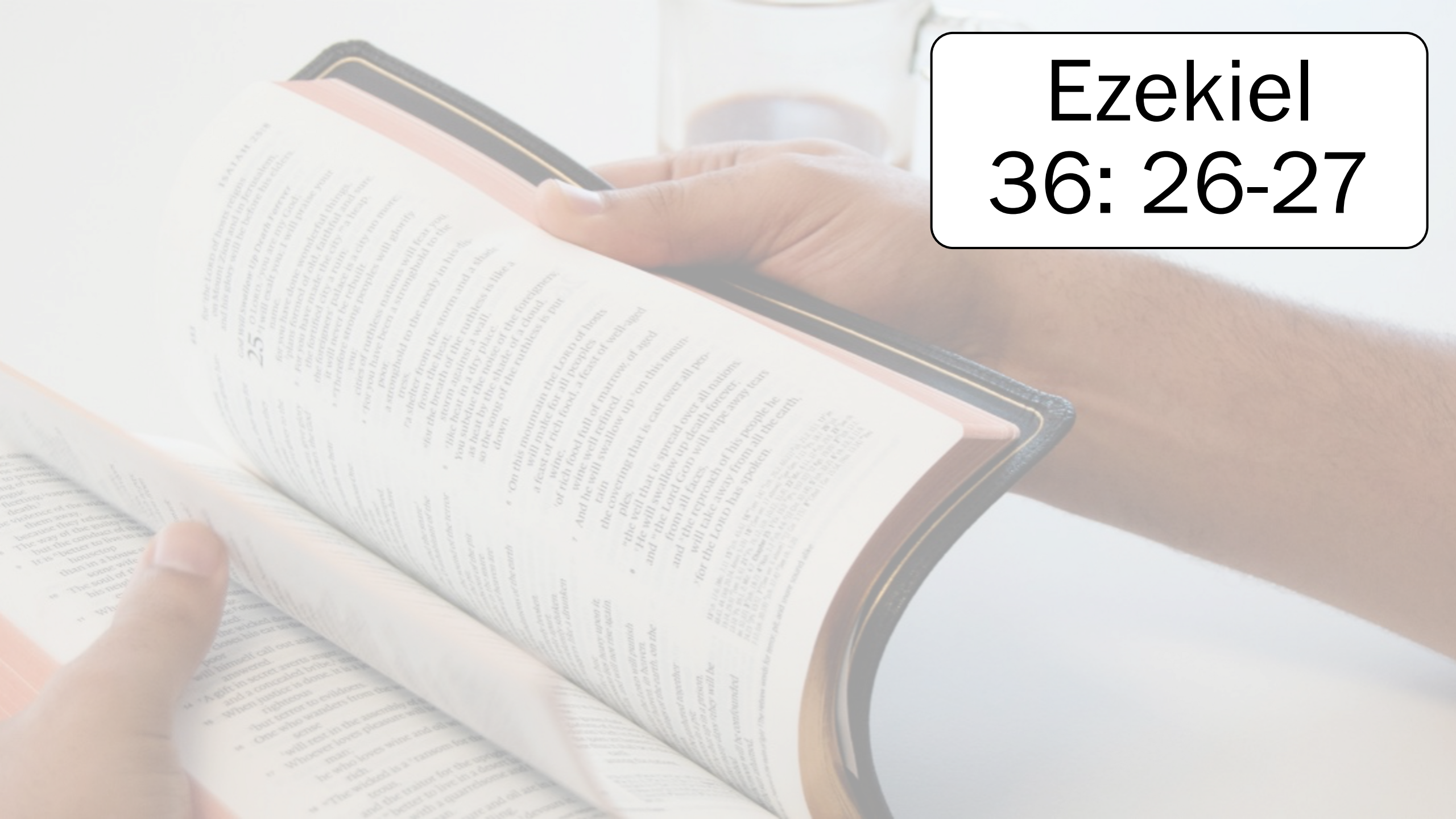
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# Ezekiel

## 36: 26-27



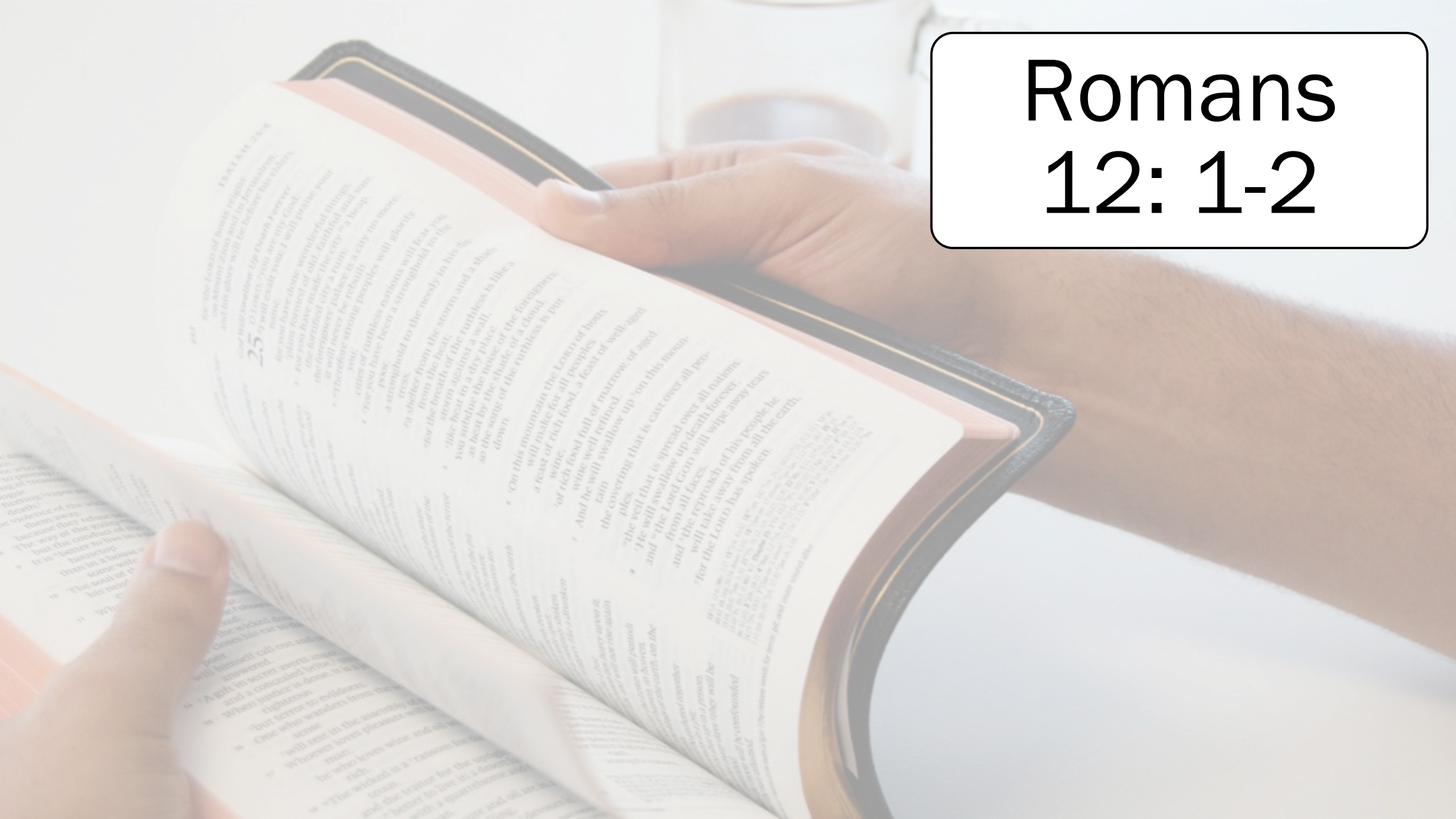
## Ezekiel 36: 26-27 (NIV)

*I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.*



# Romans

## 12: 1-2



## Romans 12: 1-2 (NIV)

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.*

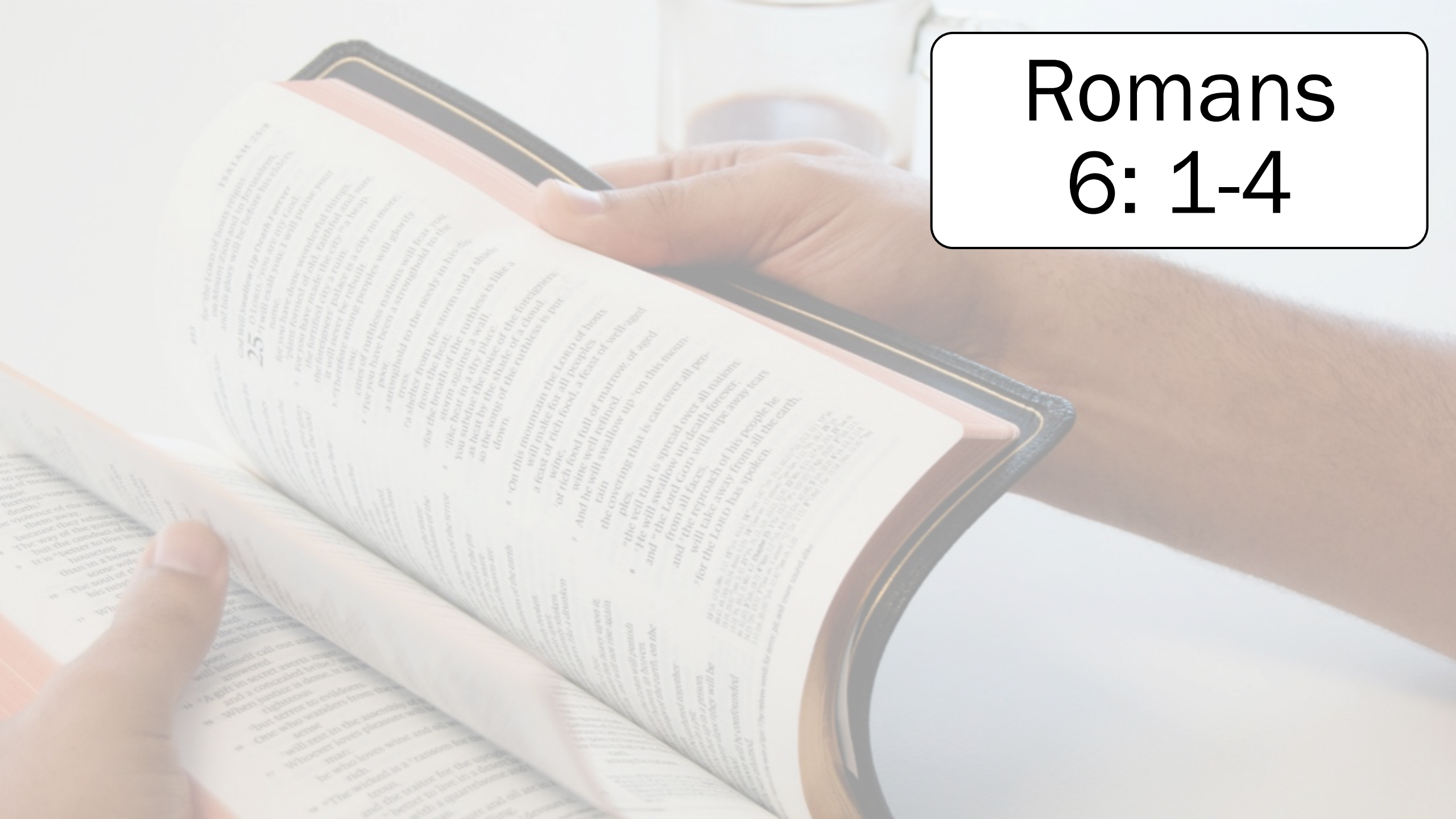
## Romans 12: 1-2 (NIV)

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*



# Romans

## 6: 1-4



## Romans 6: 1-4 (NIV)

*What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase*

## Romans 6: 1-4 (NIV)

*By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?*

## Romans 6: 1-4 (NIV)

*We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*

# The New You!

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Is there a marked difference in your passions and pursuits?

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Is there a lessening of self or desires of the flesh within you?

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Are you living life with an eternal perspective?

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Is there a Jesus centered mindset that governs your actions ?

## 2 Corinthians 5: 17 (NASB)

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## 2 Corinthians 5: 18 (NASB)

*Now all these things are from God, who  
reconciled us to Himself through Christ  
and gave us the ministry of  
reconciliation,*



Question?

What does it  
mean to be  
reconciled to  
God?

# Reconciled

Greek: katallasso, kat-al-las'-so

- To effect a mutual change
- To bring forth the answer for recovery
- Propitiation

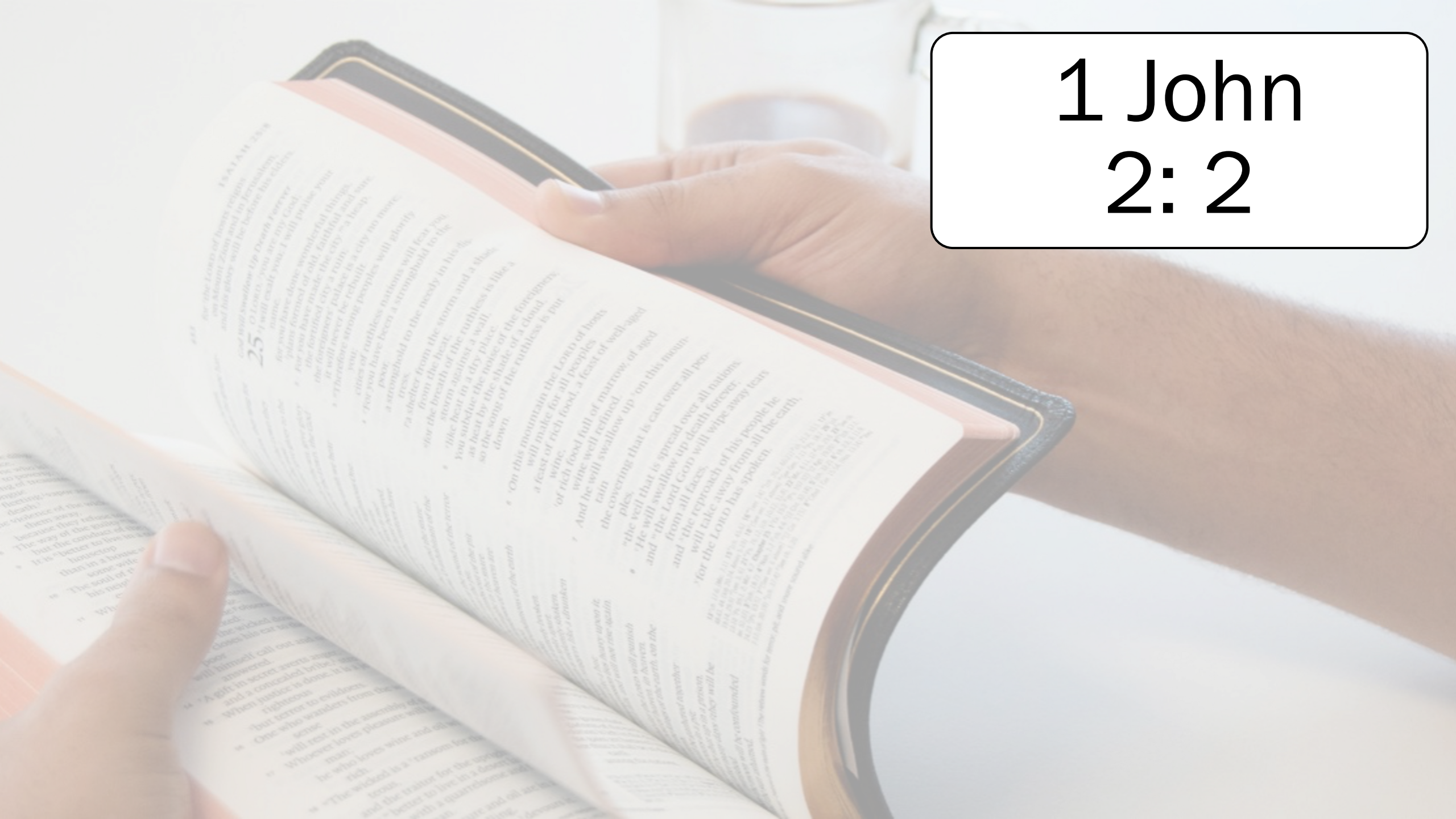
Propitiation means the turning away of wrath by an offering. The appeasing of or the placating of.

The satisfying of the wrath of God against sinners, by the atoning sacrificial work of Jesus Christ."

*Charles C. Ryrie (1999-01-11). Basic Theology: A Popular Systematic Guide to Understanding Biblical Truth*

# 1 John

## 2: 2



## 1 John 2: 2 (NIV)

*and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.*

## 2 Corinthians 5: 18 (NASB)

*Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,*



Question?

What is the  
ministry of  
reconciliation?

# Romans

## 5: 10-11



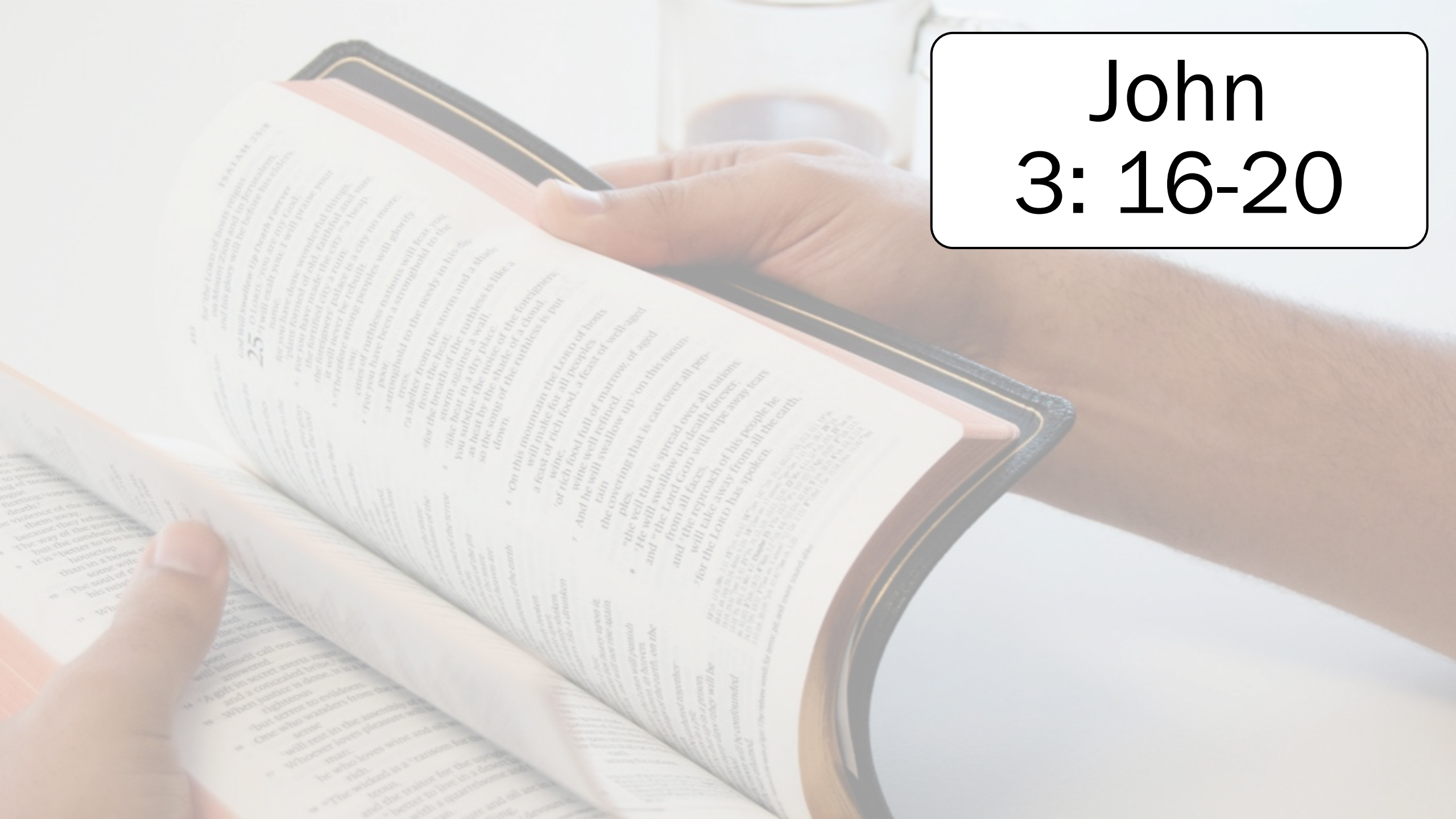
## Romans 5: 10-11 (NIV)

*For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*



# John

## 3: 16-20



## John 3: 16-20 (NIV)

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

## John 3: 16-20 (NIV)

*For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. **Whoever believes in him is not condemned,***



Question?

What happens if  
we are not  
reconciled to  
God before we  
die?

## John 3: 16-20 (NIV)

*but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.*

## John 3: 16-20 (NIV)

*This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.*

## 2 Corinthians 5: 18 (NASB)

*Now all these things are from God, who  
reconciled us to Himself through Christ  
and gave us the ministry of  
reconciliation,*

## 2 Corinthians 5: 19 (NASB)

*namely, that God was in Christ  
reconciling the world to Himself, not  
counting their wrongdoings against them,  
and He has committed to us the word of  
reconciliation.*

## 2 Corinthians 5: 20 (NASB)

*Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*



Question?

What is an  
ambassador?

In the first century, when Paul wrote this letter, the practices of the Roman Empire were very well known.

When the Roman Emperor desired to send a message to a yet unconquered region, he would do so using his “legatus” or ambassador.

This ambassador was often deployed into a region that was hostile against the Roman Empire, however the ambassador was known to be under the protection of the emperor.

The emperor would send his ambassador with a message of peace, which often required surrender.

When the ambassador spoke, he spoke for the emperor and the entire empire.

Question?

How is this  
similar to our  
duties as  
ambassadors  
for Christ?

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Question?

Why are we  
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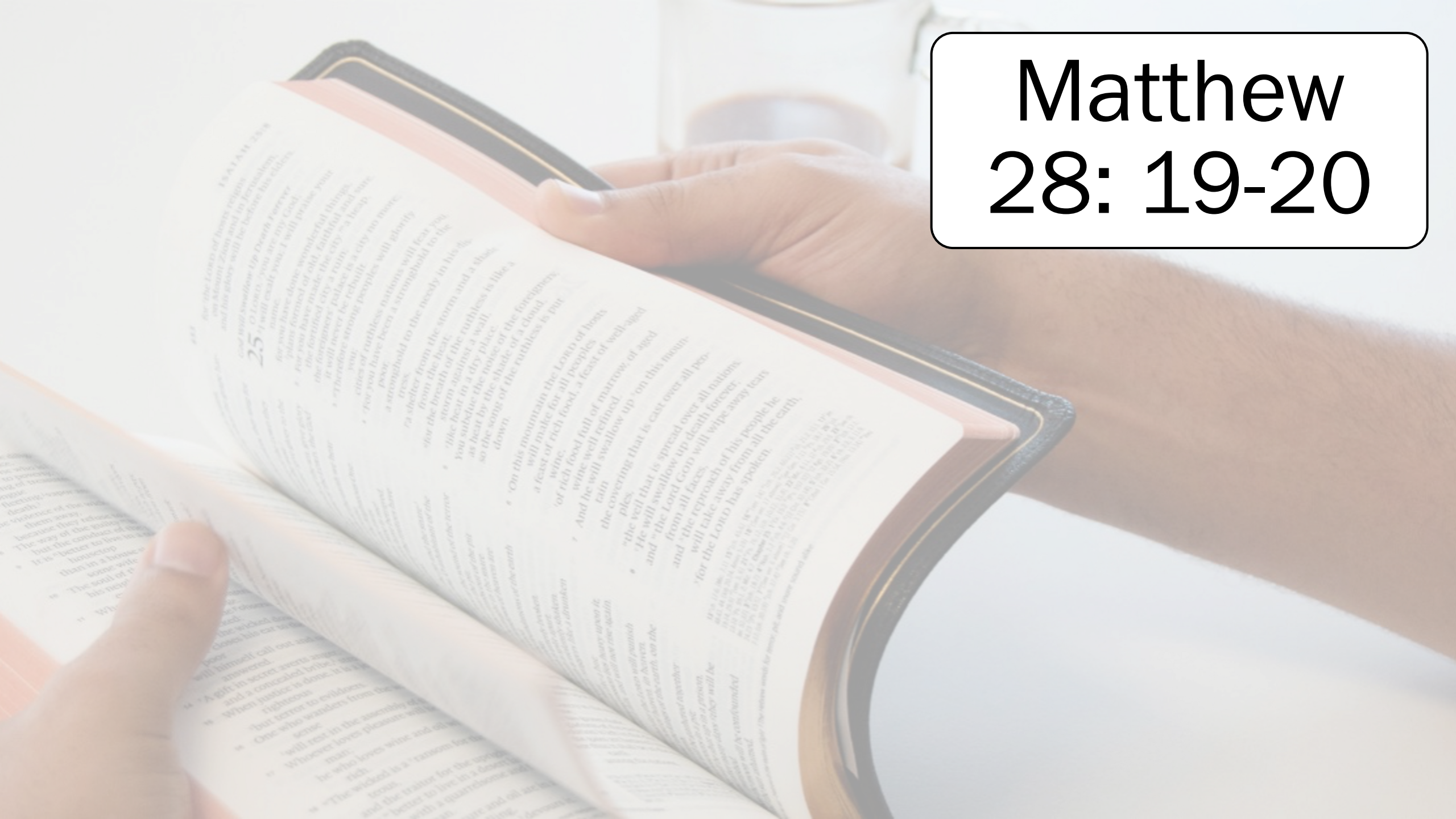
What message  
are we bringing  
to the world as  
ambassadors of  
Christ?

## 2 Corinthians 5: 20 (NASB)

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# Matthew

## 28: 19-20



## Matthew 28: 19-20 (NIV)

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*



## 2 Corinthians 5: 21 (NASB)

*He made Him who knew no sin to be sin in our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

Question?

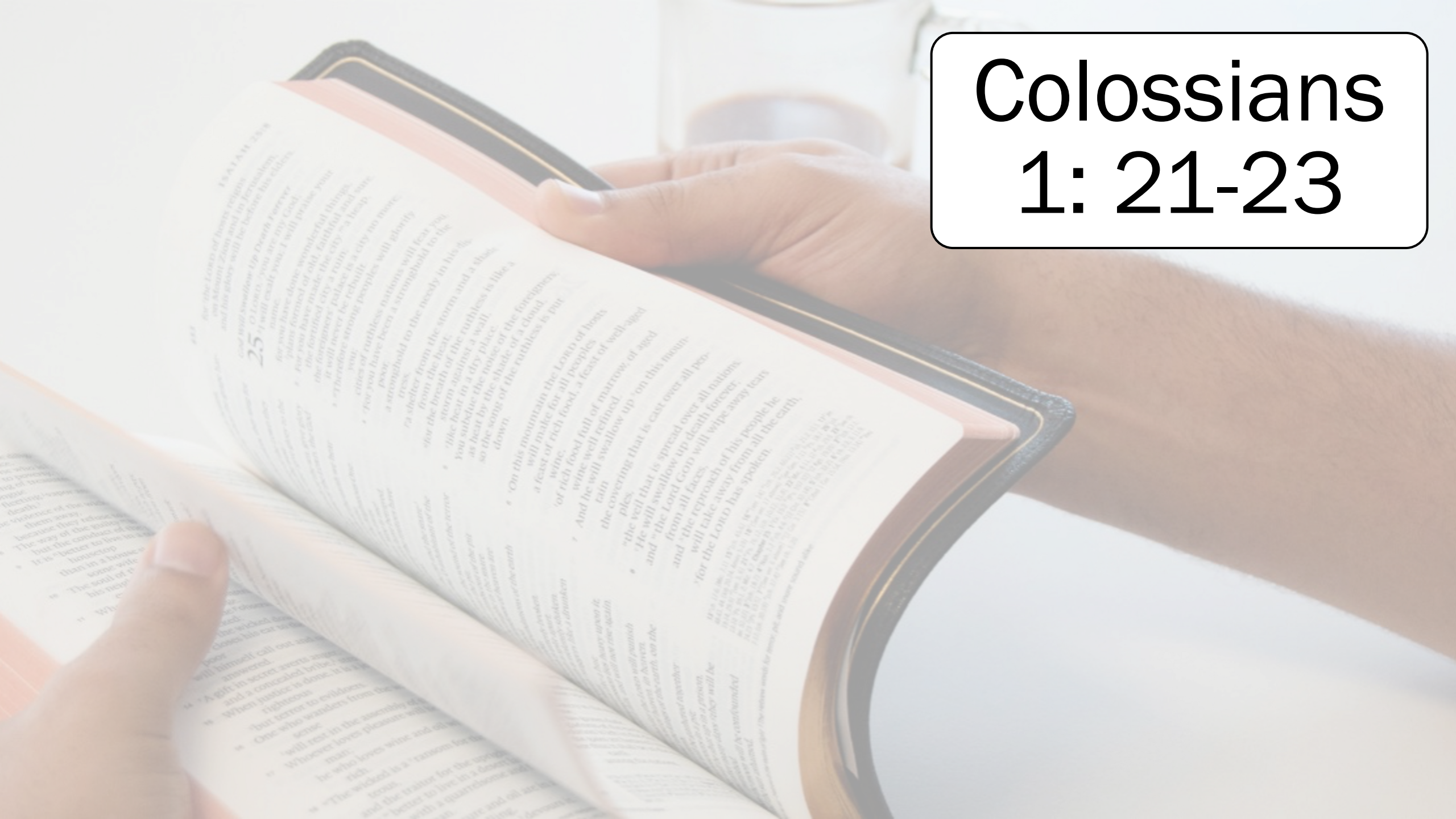
What does it  
mean that Jesus  
was made sin?

Question?

How should  
knowing we are  
ambassador for  
Christ change  
the way we live?

# Colossians

## 1: 21-23



## Colossians 1: 21-23 (NIV)

*Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation*

## Colossians 1: 21-23 (NIV)

*if you continue in your faith,  
established and firm, and do not move  
from the hope held out in the gospel. This  
is the gospel that you heard and that has  
been proclaimed to every creature under  
heaven, and of which I, Paul, have  
become a servant.*



## 2 Corinthians 6: 1 (NASB)

*And working together **with Him**, we also  
urge you not to receive the grace of God  
in vain*

Question?

Who is Him  
referencing?

## 2 Corinthians 6: 1 (NASB)

*And working together with Him, we also  
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Question?

What does it  
mean to receive  
the Grace of  
God in vain?

# Vain

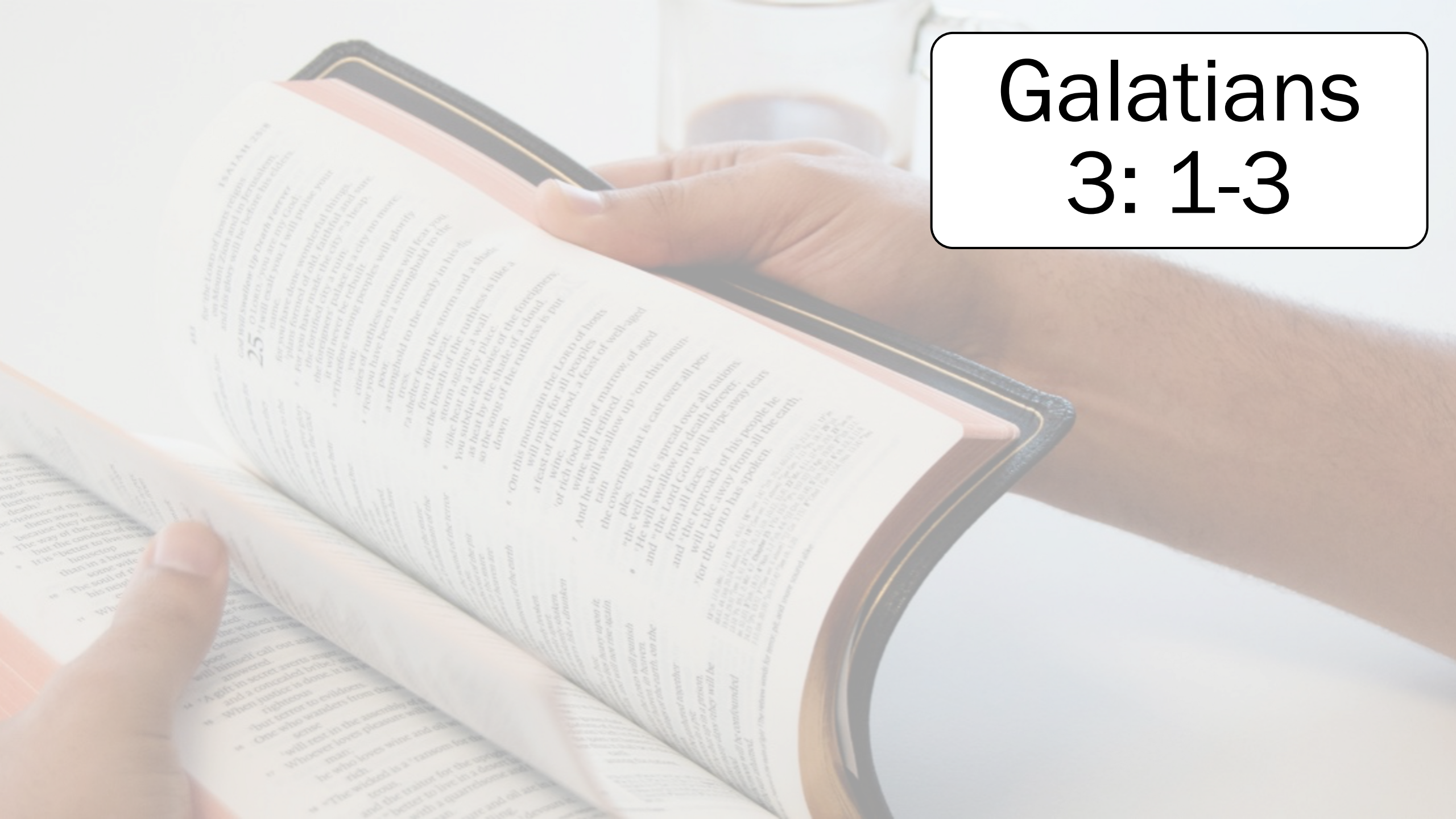
Greek: kenos, ken-os'

- Emptiness
- Into a vacuum
- Something existing, but having no meaning or purpose.

To receive the Grace of God in vain is to live a life that is empty of the Spirit. To live a life that is contrary to Biblical Truth. To live in such a manner that your lifestyle and actions contradicts the Bible.

# Galatians

## 3: 1-3





## Galatians 3: 1-3 (NIV)

*You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified.*

## Galatians 3: 1-3 (NIV)

*I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?*

## 2 Corinthians 6: 1 (NASB)

*And working together with Him, we also  
urge you not to receive the grace of God  
in vain*

## 2 Corinthians 6: 2 (NASB)

*for He says,*

*“At a favorable time I listened to you,  
And on a day of salvation I helped you.”*

*Behold, now is “a favorable time,”  
behold, now is “a day of salvation”—*

Question?

What does it  
mean that now  
is the day of  
salvation?

Question?

Would people  
act differently if  
they knew there  
would not be  
another chance  
for salvation in  
the future?

Question?

What are some  
lies satan uses  
to get people to  
put off salvation  
for another day?



- You have plenty of time so no need to rush.
- Enjoy your life first. Experience what the world has to offer. Satisfy your curiosity. Sew your wild oats. There is always tomorrow.
- God loves you, so He will give you time to repent later.
- It is a tough decision. Is God really there? Is He real? Maybe you should wait to see more proof before fully committing.
- You are not good enough to be a follower of Jesus now. Your life is a mess. Get your life in order first and then you can be worthy enough to come to God.

# True Story

A preacher by the name of Caesar Malan heard a woman with a beautiful voice singing at a public event. After she finished singing, the preacher went up to her and said the following words:

"I thought, as I listened to you tonight young lady, how tremendously the cause of Christ would be benefited if your talents were dedicated to Him,"

Knowing she was not a Christian he then said. "You know, young lady, you are a sinner in the sight of God. But I am glad to tell you that the blood of Jesus Christ, His son, cleanses you from all sin."

This so offended the young singer that she snapped back at him, so he replied, "Lady, I mean no offense. I pray God's spirit will convict you."

Later that night the young woman went to bed but couldn't sleep. The face of the preacher appeared before her as his words rang through her mind.

A few days later she called Dr. Malan and apologized. She said she wanted to clean up her life before becoming a Christian. Malan answered, "Come just as you are." She gave her life to Christ that day.



A few years later while remembering her rebirth in Christ she wrote a song as she recalled the words that were spoken to her by this preacher:

# Charlotte Elliott



"Just as I am without one plea, but  
that thy blood was shed for me.  
And that thou bids me come to  
thee, oh, Lamb of God, I come."