



# 1 CORINTHIANS

SINNERS *made* SAINTS

# 1 Corinthians 14: 39 (NASB)

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*Therefore, my brothers and sisters, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.*

Paul is saying that we should wish to be able to speak, under the teaching and gifting of the Holy Spirit, in such a manner as to edify the church.

He is also reminding us that the ability to speaking foreign tongues is valuable and should not be ignored or prohibited.

The ability to communicate in foreign languages and to speak to God in the Spirit in prayer is a valuable gift for the proper occasion.

# 1 Corinthians 14: 40 (NASB)

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*But all things must be done  
properly and in an orderly way.*

We again see  
Paul is  
correcting this  
Church for  
having a  
chaotic service.



So far in this letter  
Paul first dealt  
with the carnality  
and sin that  
existed in the  
Church in Corinth.



Then he addressed  
spirituality, love  
and the use of the  
gifts as well as the  
structure of the  
Church service.

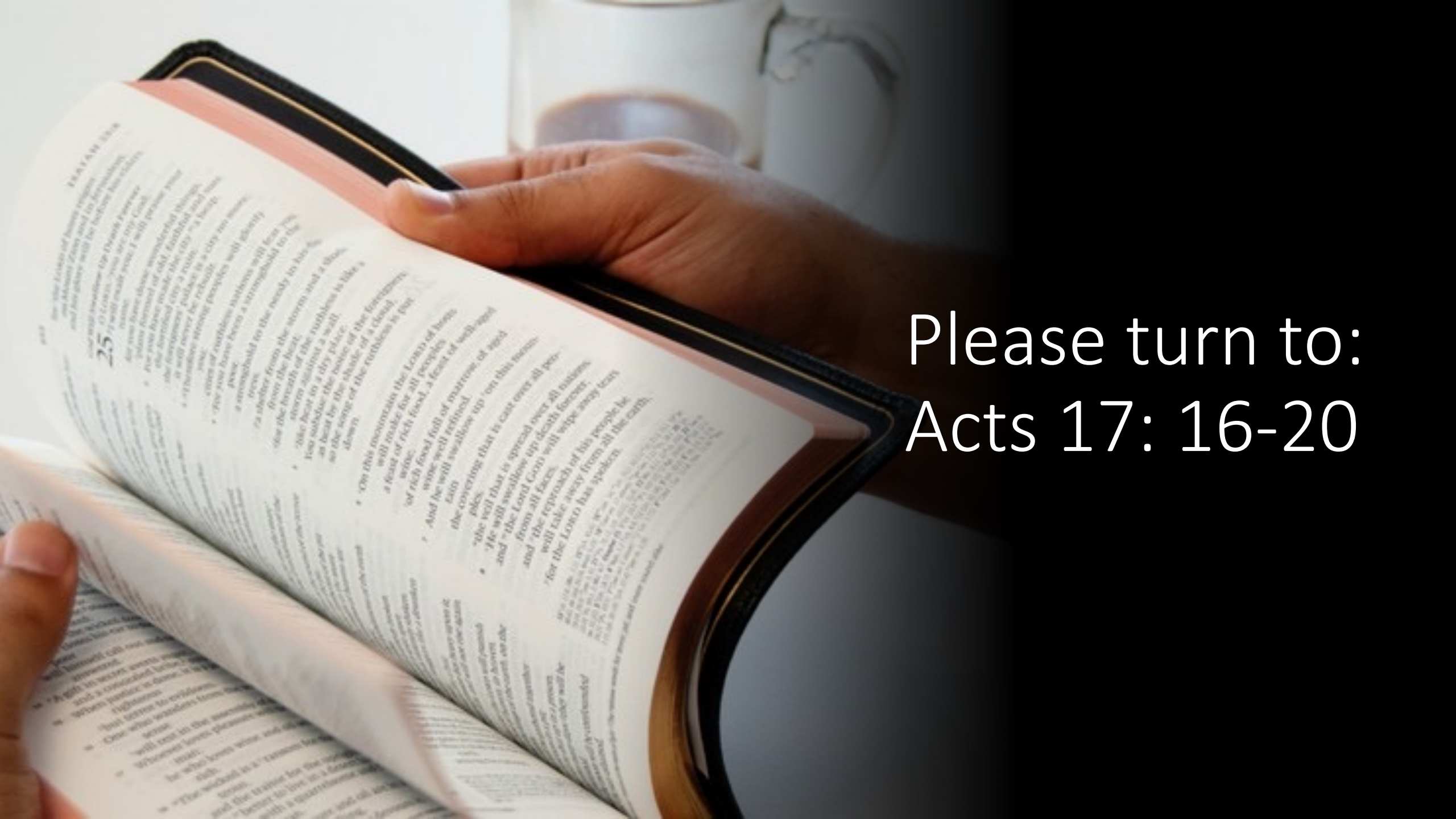






Now Paul is going to discuss the substance of being a Christian.

The Greeks were very proud about how spiritual they were, but there was one thing they just couldn't understand, and that was the resurrection from the dead.



Please turn to:  
Acts 17: 16-20

## Acts 17: 16-20 (NIV)

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*While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols.*



Why was Paul  
greatly  
distressed?



## Acts 17: 16-20 (NIV)

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## Acts 17: 16-20 (NIV)

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*So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there.*

## Acts 17: 16-20 (NIV)

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*A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbler trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods."*



Acts 17: 16-20 (NIV)

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*They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.*

## Acts 17: 16-20 (NIV)

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*Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?"*

## Acts 17: 16-20 (NIV)

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*You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean.”*

# 1 Corinthians 15: 1 (NASB)

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*Now I make known to you,  
brothers and sisters, the gospel  
which I preached to you, which  
you also received, in which you  
also stand,*



What does  
it mean to  
preach?

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What does  
it mean to  
receive?

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also stand,*





# STAND FIRM

What does it mean to stand?

# 1 Corinthians 15: 2 (NASB)

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*by which you also are saved, if  
you hold firmly to the word  
which I preached to you, unless  
you believed in vain.*

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# The Word

Preached

Received

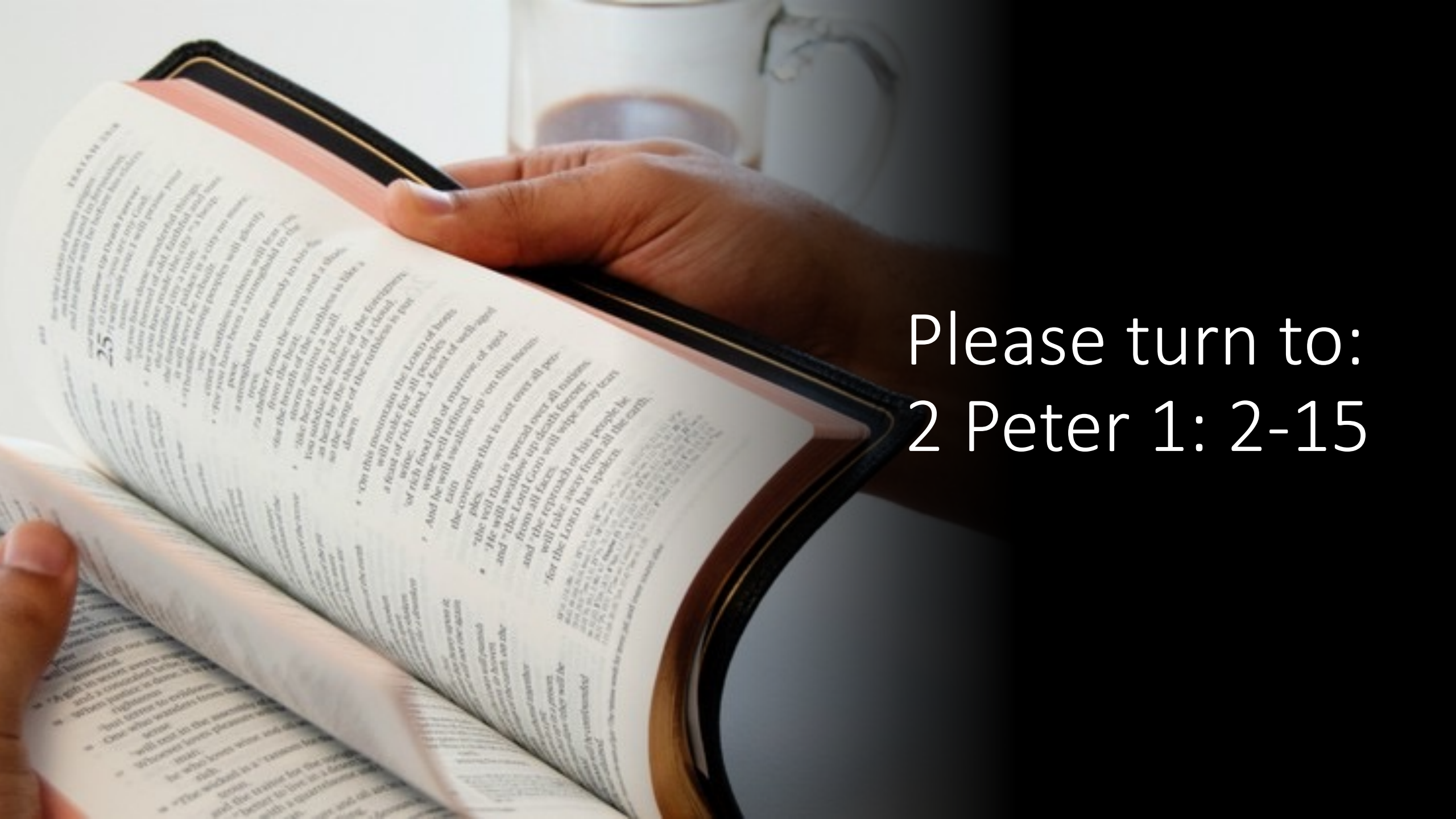
Stand upon

Saves

Hold Firmly



How do you hold firmly to the  
Word?



Please turn to:  
2 Peter 1: 2-15

## 2 Peter 1: 2-15 (NIV)

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*Grace and peace be yours in  
abundance through the  
knowledge of God and of Jesus  
our Lord.*

## 2 Peter 1: 2-15 (NIV)

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*His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.*



## 2 Peter 1: 2-15 (NIV)

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*Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.*

## 2 Peter 1: 2-15 (NIV)

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*For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control;*

## 2 Peter 1: 2-15 (NIV)

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*and to self-control,  
perseverance; and to  
perseverance, godliness; and to  
godliness, mutual affection;  
and to mutual affection, love.*

## 2 Peter 1: 2-15 (NIV)

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*For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. .*

## 2 Peter 1: 2-15 (NIV)

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*But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.*

## 2 Peter 1: 2-15 (NIV)

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*Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election.*

## 2 Peter 1: 2-15 (NIV)

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*For if you do these things, you will never stumble, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

## 2 Peter 1: 2-15 (NIV)

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*So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have.*



## 2 Peter 1: 2-15 (NIV)

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*I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.*

## 2 Peter 1: 2-15 (NIV)

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*And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.*

Question?

What happens if  
we allow society  
to change the  
Word?

# 1 Corinthians 15: 2 (NASB)

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*by which you also are saved, if you hold firmly to the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.*


# 1 Corinthians 15: 3 (NASB)

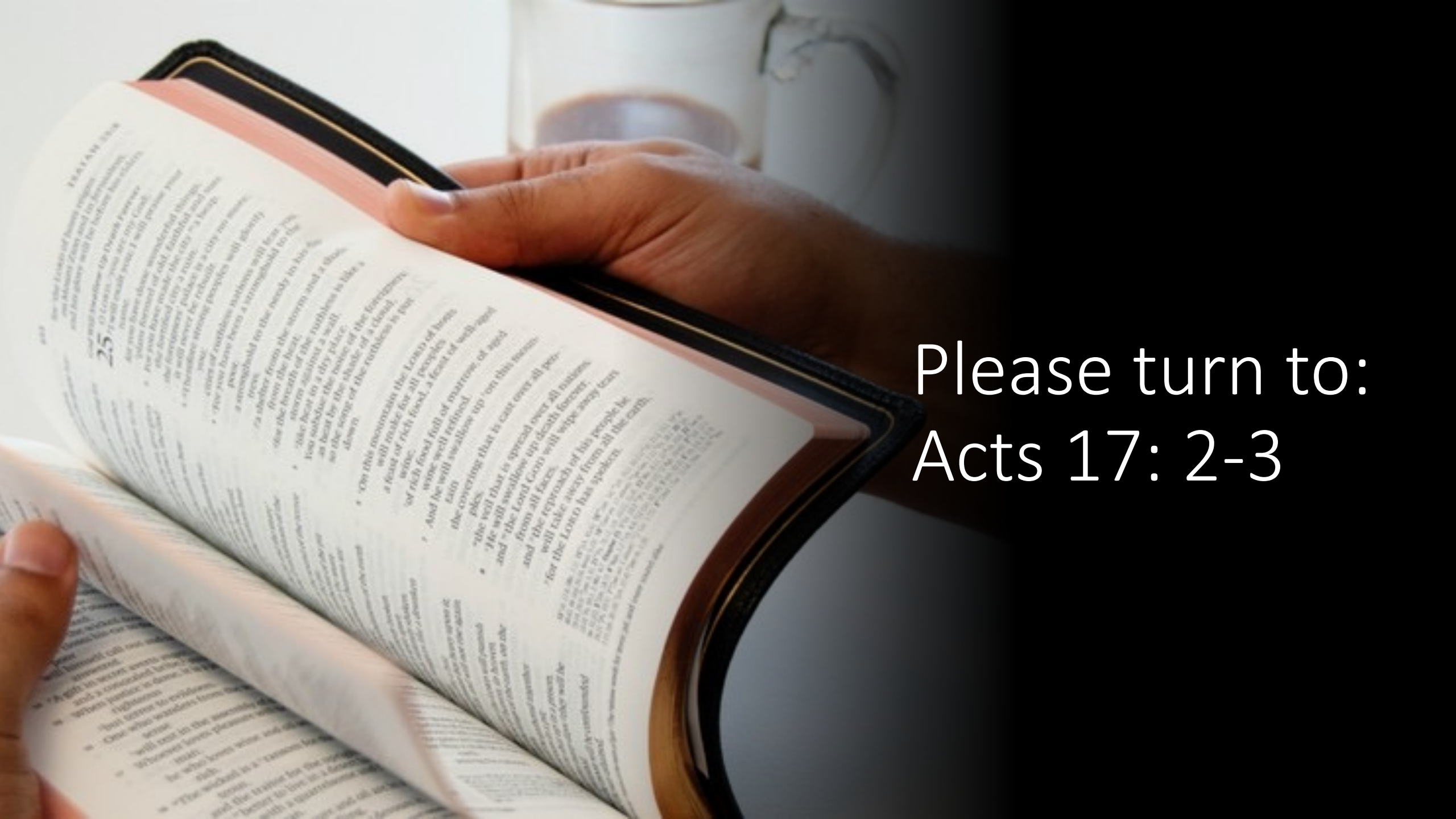
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*For I handed down to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,*

Question?

What point is Paul making when he says "*Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures?*"





Please turn to:  
Acts 17: 2-3

Acts 17: 2-3 (NASB)

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*And according to Paul's custom, he visited them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures,*



Acts 17: 2-3 (NASB)

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***explaining and giving evidence***  
***that the Christ had to suffer***  
***and rise from the dead,***  
***and saying, This Jesus whom I***  
***am proclaiming to you is***  
***the Christ.***

1 Corinthians 15: 3 (NASB)


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*For I handed down to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,*


# 1 Corinthians 15: 4 (NASB)

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*and that He was buried, and  
that He was raised on the third  
day according to the  
Scriptures,*



Paul has proven Jesus  
is the Messiah with  
scripture, now he is  
going to back that up  
with eyewitnesses!



1 Corinthians 15: 5 (NASB)

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**and that He appeared**  
***to Cephas, then to the twelve.***

1 Corinthians 15: 6 (NASB)

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*After that He appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;*

# 1 Corinthians 15: 7 (NASB)

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*then He appeared to James,  
then to all the apostles;*

# 1 Corinthians 15: 8 (NASB)

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*and last of all, as to one  
untimely born, He appeared to  
me also.*



# 1 Corinthians 15: 9 (NASB)

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*For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.*

Question?



Why does Paul consider himself  
the least of the apostles?

# 1 Corinthians 15: 9 (NASB)

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*For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.*

Question?



What does Paul also understand since he knows he once persecuted the Church?

1 Corinthians 15: 10 (NASB)

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*But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.*

# 1 Corinthians 15: 11 (NASB)


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*Whether then it was I or they,  
so we preach and so you  
believed.*


1 Corinthians 15: 12 (NASB)

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*Now if Christ is preached, that  
He has been raised from the  
dead, how do some among you  
say that there is no resurrection  
of the dead?*



What are some in this  
Church struggling with?

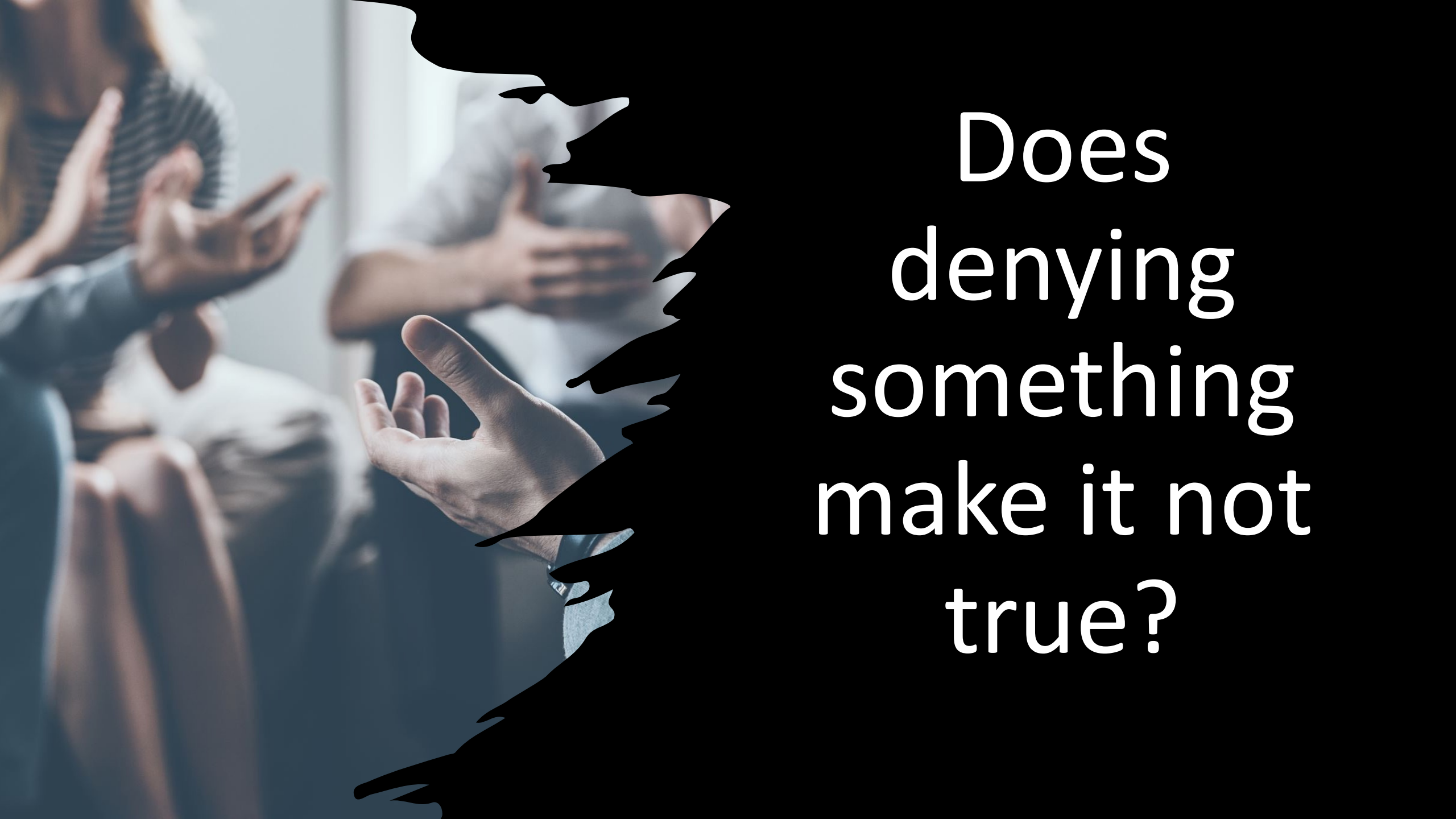




1 Corinthians 15: 12 (NASB)

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*Now if Christ is preached, that  
He has been raised from the  
dead, how do some among you  
say that there is no  
resurrection of the dead?*



Does  
denying  
something  
make it not  
true?

# 1 Corinthians 15: 13 (NASB)

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*But if there is no resurrection of  
the dead, then not even Christ  
has been raised;*

# 1 Corinthians 15: 14 (NASB)

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*and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, your faith also is in vain.*



What point  
is Paul  
making  
here?

# 1 Corinthians 15: 15 (NASB)

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*Moreover, we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised.*

# 1 Corinthians 15: 16 (NASB)

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*For if the dead are not raised,  
then not even Christ has been  
raised;*

1 Corinthians 15: 17 (NASB)

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*and if Christ has not been  
raised, your faith is  
worthless; you are still in your  
sins.*



# 1 Corinthians 15: 18 (NASB)

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*Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.*

How  
important is  
knowing Christ  
rose from the  
dead?



# 1 Corinthians 15: 19 (NASB)

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



Please turn to:  
1 John 1: 1-4

1 John 1: 1-4 (NASB)

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*What was from the beginning,  
what we have heard, what we  
have seen with our eyes, what  
we have looked at  
and touched with our hands,  
concerning the Word of Life—*

1 John 1: 1-4 (NASB)

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*and the life was revealed, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was revealed to us*

1 John 1: 1-4 (NASB)

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*what we have seen and heard we  
proclaim to you also, so that you  
too may have fellowship with us;  
and indeed our fellowship is with  
the Father, and with His Son Jesus  
Christ.*

# 1 John 1: 1-4 (NASB)

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*These things we write, so that  
our joy may be made complete.*



# 1 Corinthians 15: 20 (NASB)

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**But the fact is, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.**

# 1 Corinthians 15: 21 (NASB)

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*For since by a man death came,  
by a man also came the  
resurrection of the dead.*



## Romans 5: 12 (NIV)

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*Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned*

## Romans 5: 14-15 (NIV)

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*Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.*

Question?



What does it mean that Adam  
is a pattern of the one to  
come?

## Romans 5: 14-15 (NIV)

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*But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!*

Romans 5: 19 (NIV)

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*For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.*



1 Corinthians 15: 22 (NASB)

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*For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.*

# 1 Corinthians 15: 23 (NASB)

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*But each in his own order:  
Christ the first fruits, after  
that those who are Christ's  
at His coming,*

Jesus was the first to have been resurrected from the dead into the eternal. He died, He was buried and then He was raised in resurrection with a glorified, physical body. – unlike all others !

# 1 Corinthians 15: 23 (NASB)

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*But each in his own order:  
Christ the first fruits, after  
that those who are Christ's  
at His coming,*

1 Corinthians 15: 24 (NASB)

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*then comes the end, when He*  
*hands over the kingdom*  
*to our God and Father, when He*  
*has abolished all rule and all*  
*authority and power.*

# 1 Corinthians 15: 25-26 (NASB)

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*For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death.*

# Eternity

Heaven

Hell

Tribulation

Great Tribulation

Christ Returns to Earth

1000 Year Reign of Christ

Great White Throne

New Heaven and Earth

Death Abolished-Eternity

Eternity



Heaven

Hell



# 1 Corinthians 15: 27 (NASB)

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*For He has put all things in subjection under His feet. But when He says, "All things are put in subjection," it is clear that this excludes the Father who put all things in subjection to Him.*

God



Christ

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