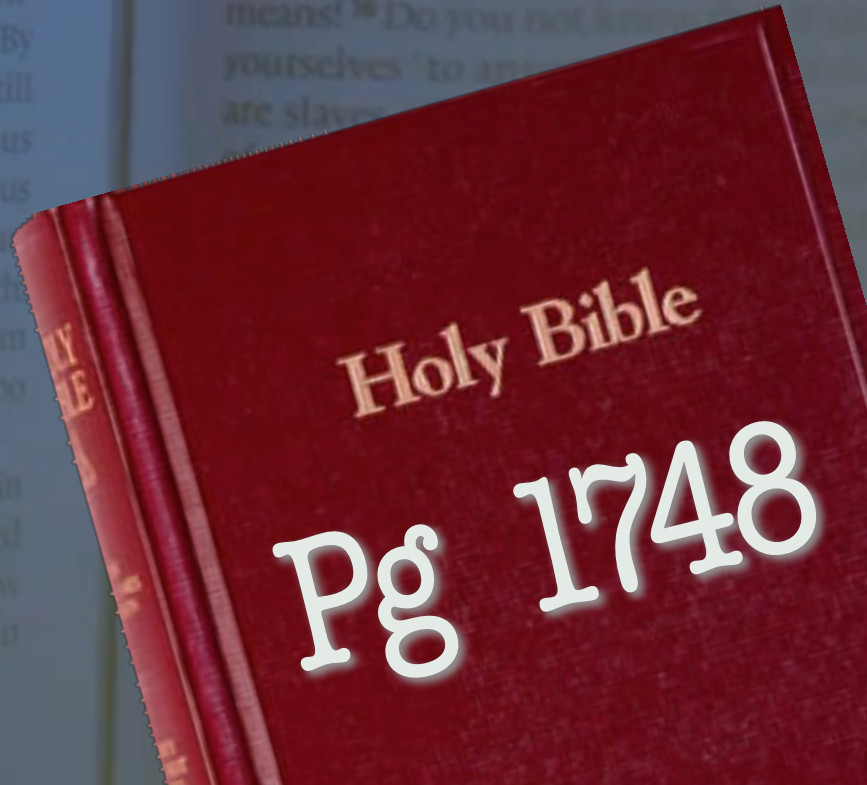
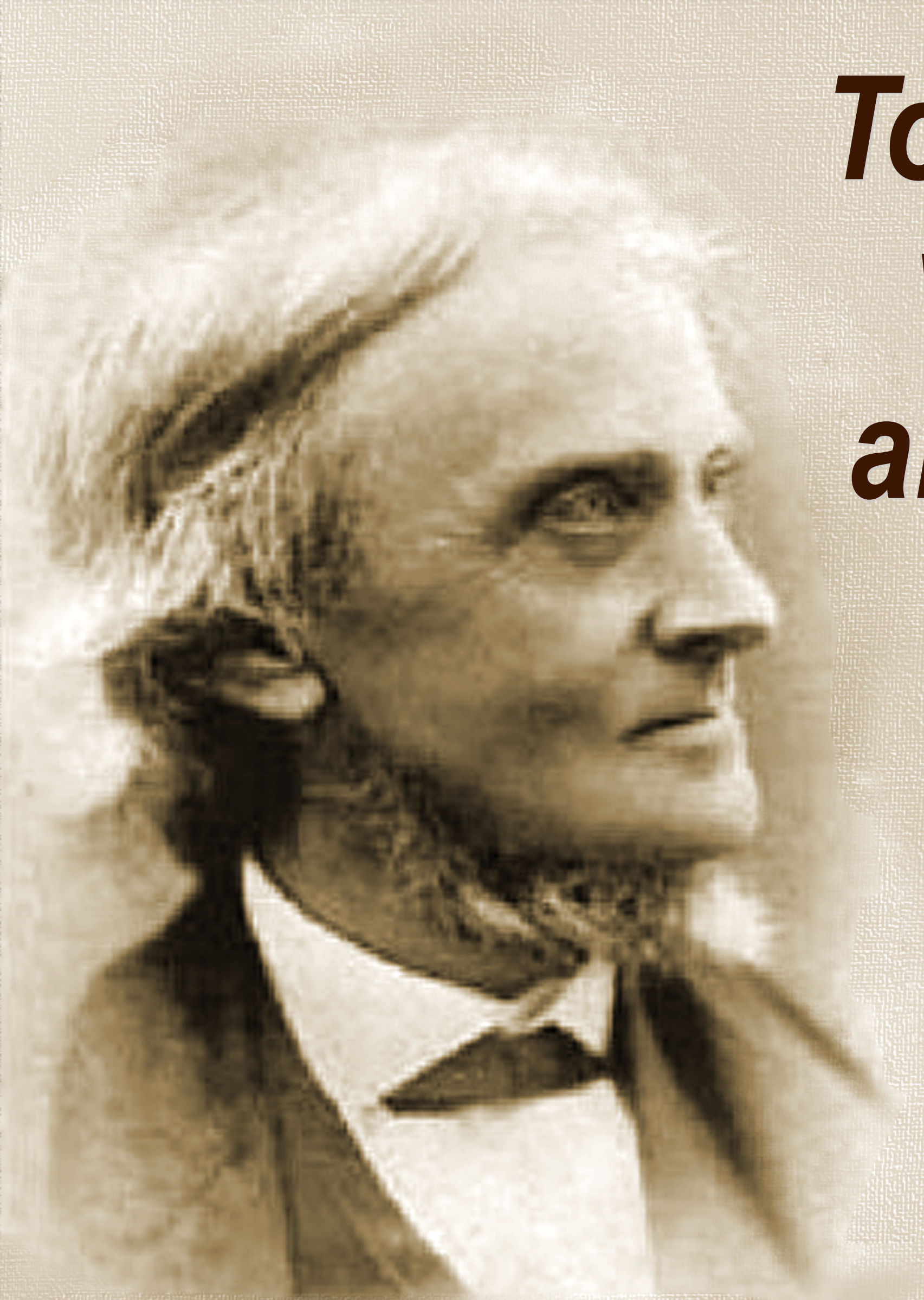


THE BOOK OF ROMANS THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

12:2





***To know beyond doubt
what I ought to do,
and knowing, to have
no hesitation or reluctance
in doing it,
seems to me to be
heaven upon earth,
and the man that has it
needs but little more***

Alexander Maclaren
1826-1910

Your kingdom come.
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:10

GOOD, PLEASING, PERFECT **WILL OF GOD**

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**Teach me to do Your will,
For You are my God;
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And this is the **will of Him** who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

John 6:40

**The Lord is ...not willing that any
should perish but that all should come
to repentance.**

2 Peter 3:9

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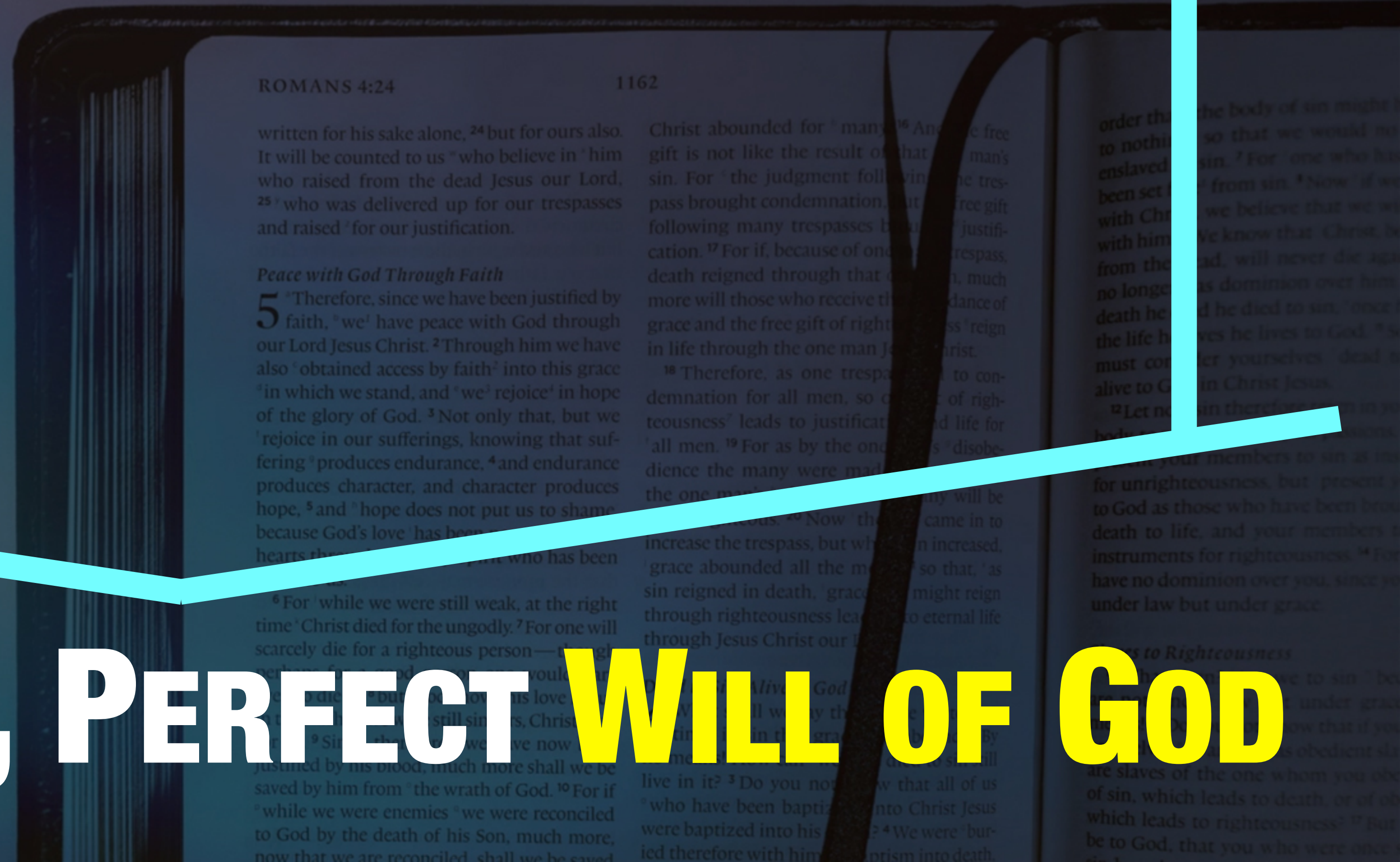
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↳ *willing, intentional, continual, total surrender*

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DON'T BE CONFORMED BY WORLD

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SPIRIT OF THE AGE, not physical creation

↳ *sinful bent of this world, influenced by Satan*

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**We know that we are of God, and
the whole world lies under the
sway of the wicked one.**

1 John 5:19

...you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

Ephesians 2:2

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**Don't copy the behavior and customs
of this world (NLT)**

**Do not be conformed to this world (*this
age*), [*fashioned after and adapted to its
external, superficial customs*] (AMP)**

**Don't let the world around you squeeze
you into its own mold (Phillips)**

Ephesians 5:6

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↳ *creating hypocritical, dishonest lives*

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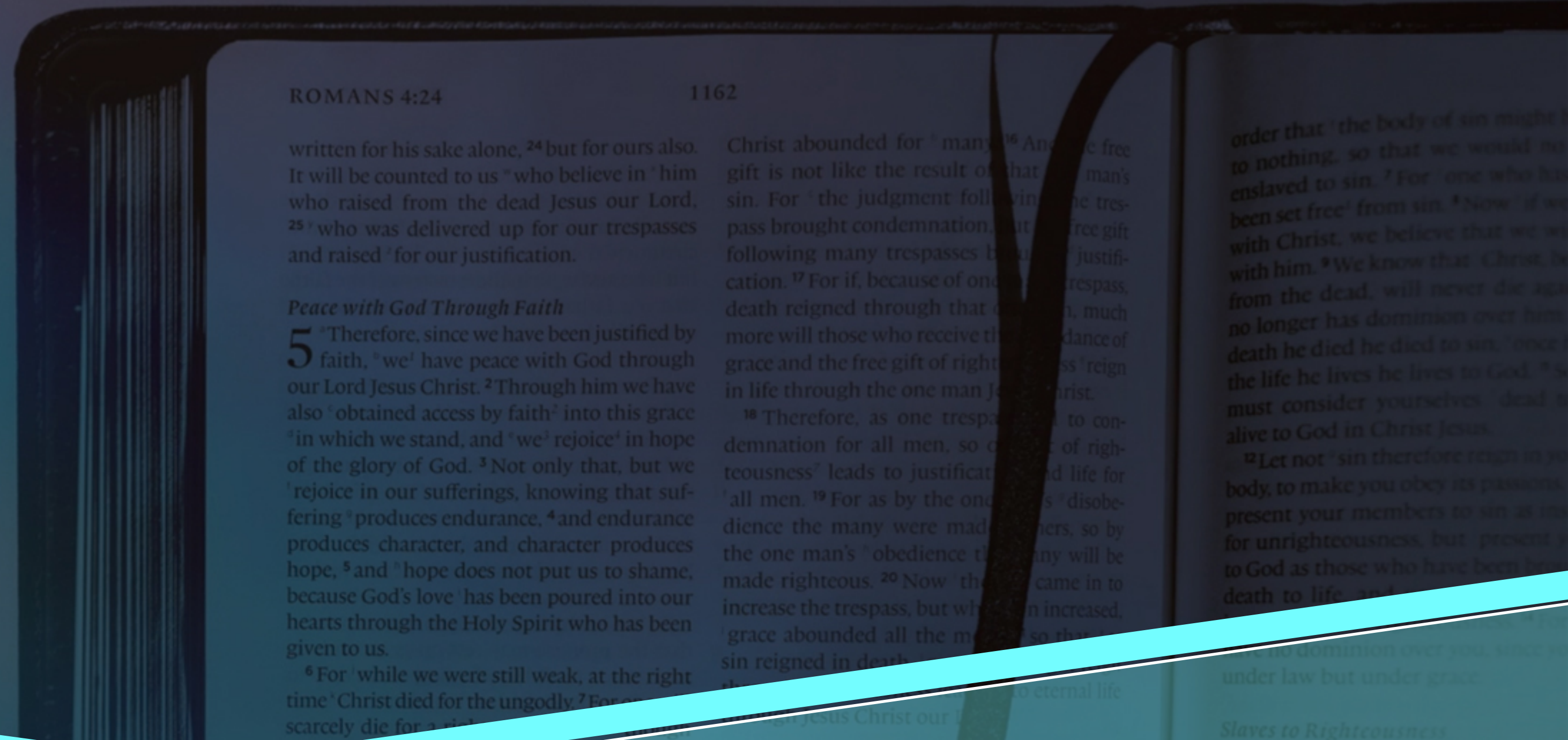
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OUTWARD LIFE MANIFEST INWARD NATURE



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...Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was **transfigured** before them. His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them.

Mark 9:2-3

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 BY RENEWING - being what God made us

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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, **all things have become new.**

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

2 Corinthians 4:16

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and have put on the new man **who is renewed in knowledge** according to the image of Him who created him,

Colossians 3:10

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by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, **that through these** you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2 Peter 1:4

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

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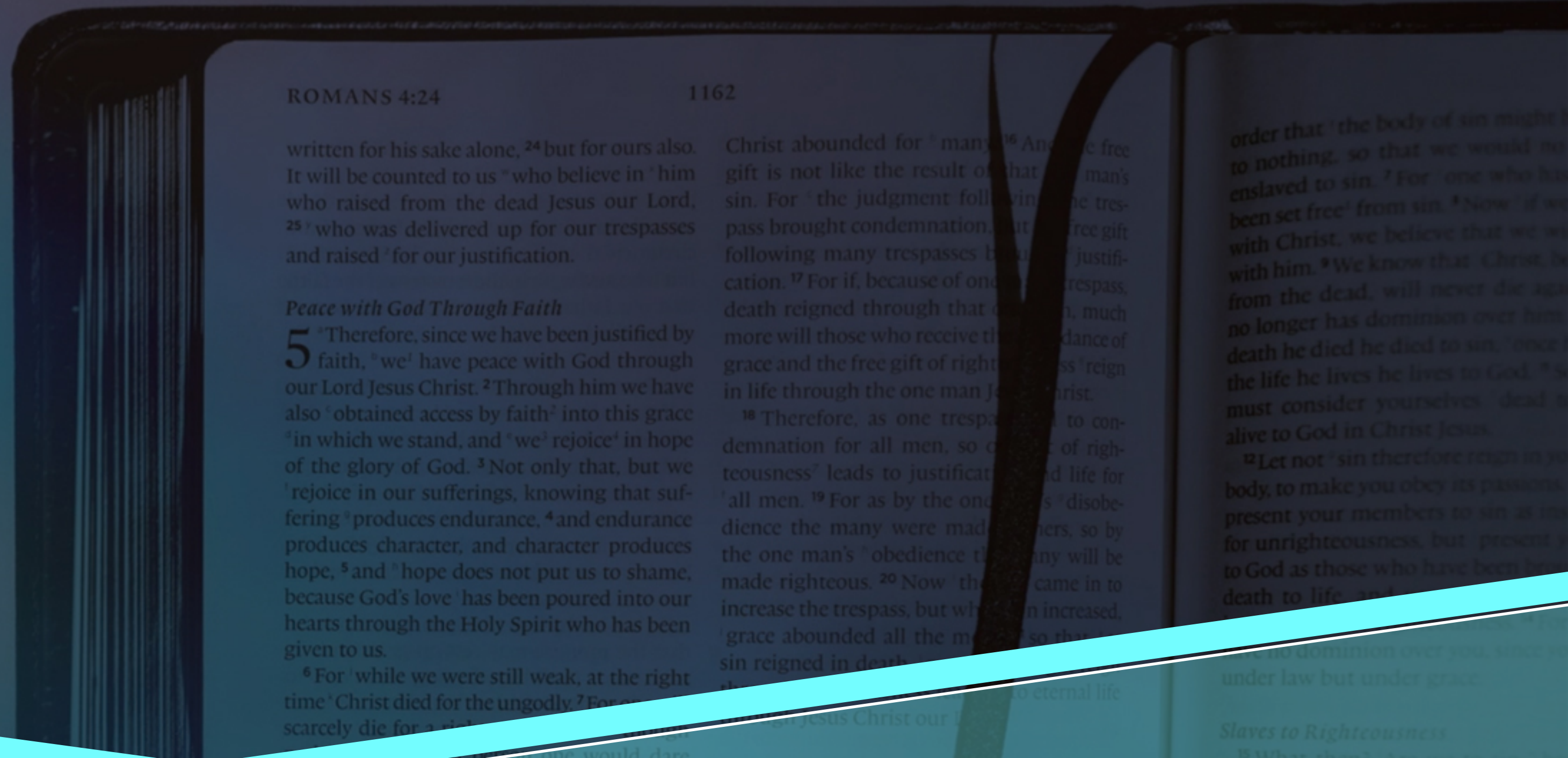
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that by testing you may discern what is
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so that you may approve what the will of
God is *(LSB)*

Then you will be able to test and approve
what God's will is *(NIV)*

Ephesians 5:6

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**A man's heart plans his way,
But the Lord directs his steps.**

Proverbs 16:9

Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow...

James 4:13-14

Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.” But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

James 4:15–16

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“If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods’—which you have not known—‘and let us serve them,’

Deuteronomy 13:1–2

**you shall not listen to the words of
that prophet or that dreamer of
dreams, for the Lord your God is
testing you to know whether you love
the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul.**

Deuteronomy 13:3

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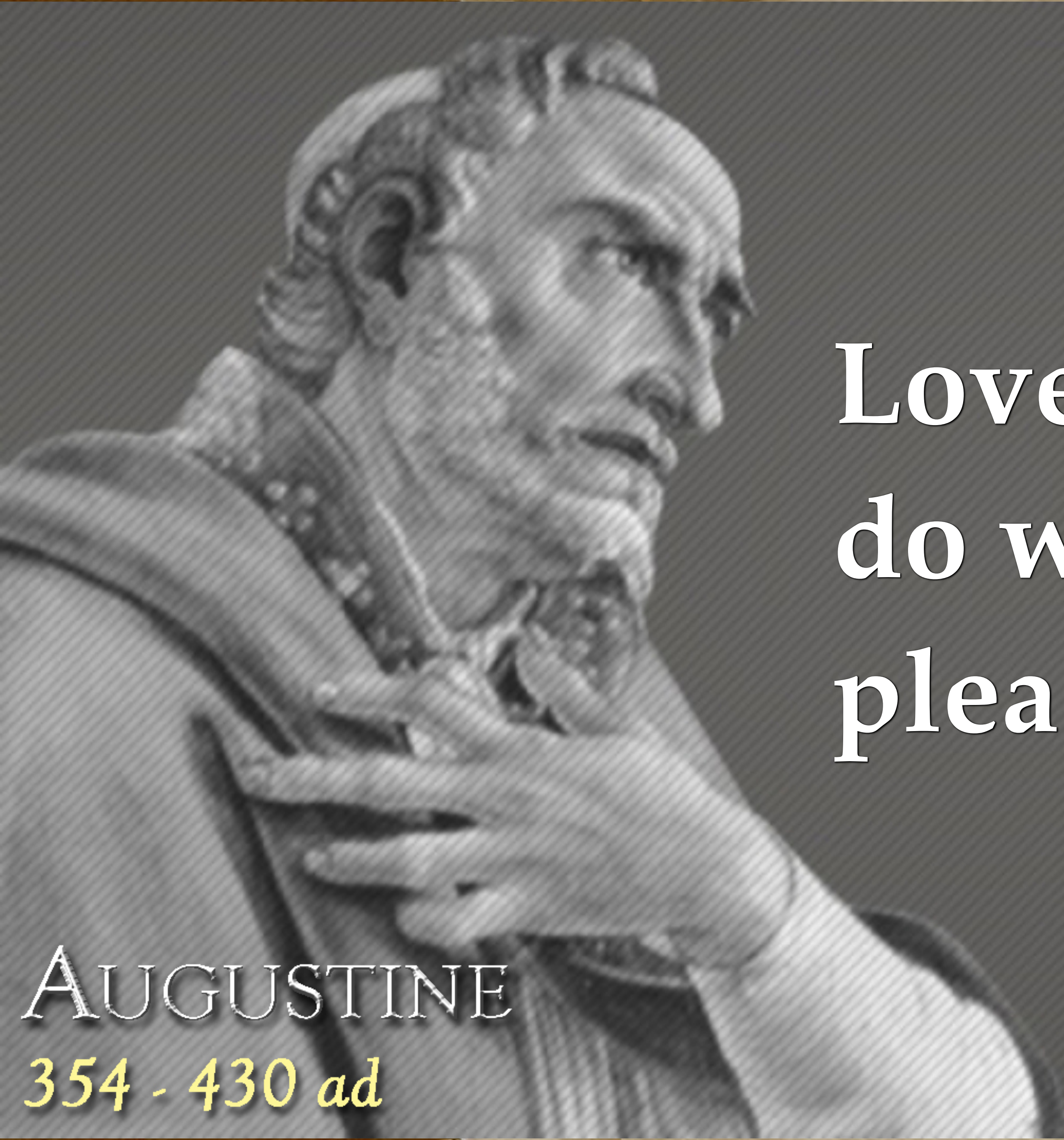
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...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is **God who works in you both to will and to do** for His good pleasure.

Philippians 2:12-13

**Delight yourself also in the Lord, And
He shall give you the desires of
your heart.**

Psalm 37:4



Love God and
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please.

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In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.**

Proverbs 3:5-6

**You comprehend my path...
And are acquainted with all my ways...
You have hedged me behind and before,
And laid Your hand upon me.**

Psalm 139:3-5

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
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written for his sake alone,²⁴ but for ours also. It will be counted to us²⁵ who believe in²⁶ him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord,²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised²⁷ for our justification.

Peace with God Through Faith

5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,¹ we² have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.² Through him we have also³ obtained access by faith² into this grace³ in which we stand, and⁴ we³ rejoice⁴ in hope of the glory of God.³ Not only that, but we⁴ rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering⁵ produces endurance,⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,⁵ and⁶ hope does not put us to shame, because God's love⁷ has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶ For⁷ while we were still weak, at the right time⁸ Christ died for the ungodly.⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸ but⁹ God shows his love for us in that⁹ while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.⁹ Since, therefore,¹⁰ we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from¹¹ the wrath of God.¹⁰ For if¹¹ while we were enemies¹² we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved

Christ abounded for¹³ many.¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that¹⁴ one man's sin. For¹⁵ the judgment following¹⁵ the trespass brought condemnation, but¹⁶ the free gift following many trespasses brought¹⁷ justification.¹⁷ For if, because of one¹⁸ man's trespass, death reigned through that¹⁸ one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness¹⁹ reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so²⁰ one act of righteousness²¹ leads to justification and life for²² all men.¹⁹ For as by the one²³ man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's²⁴ obedience the many will be made righteous.²⁰ Now²⁵ the gift came in to increase the trespass, but where²⁶ sin increased, grace²⁷ abounded all the more²⁸ so that,²⁹ as sin reigned in death, grace³⁰ might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dead to Sin, Alive to God

6 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?² By no means! How can³ we who died to sin still live in it?³ Do you not know that all of us⁴ who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?⁴ We were⁵ buried therefore with him by baptism into death,

order that⁶ the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.⁷ For⁸ one who has been set free⁹ from sin.⁸ Now⁹ if we are dead with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.¹⁰ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; no longer has dominion over him. Just as death he died he died to sin,¹¹ once¹² the life he lives he lives to God.¹³ So must consider yourselves¹⁴ dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹² Let not¹⁵ sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members as instruments for righteousness.¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Slaves to Righteousness

¹⁵ What then? Are we to sin¹⁶ because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you offer yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?¹⁷ But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves to sin have now become obedient from the heart to the teaching of the

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ROMANS 12

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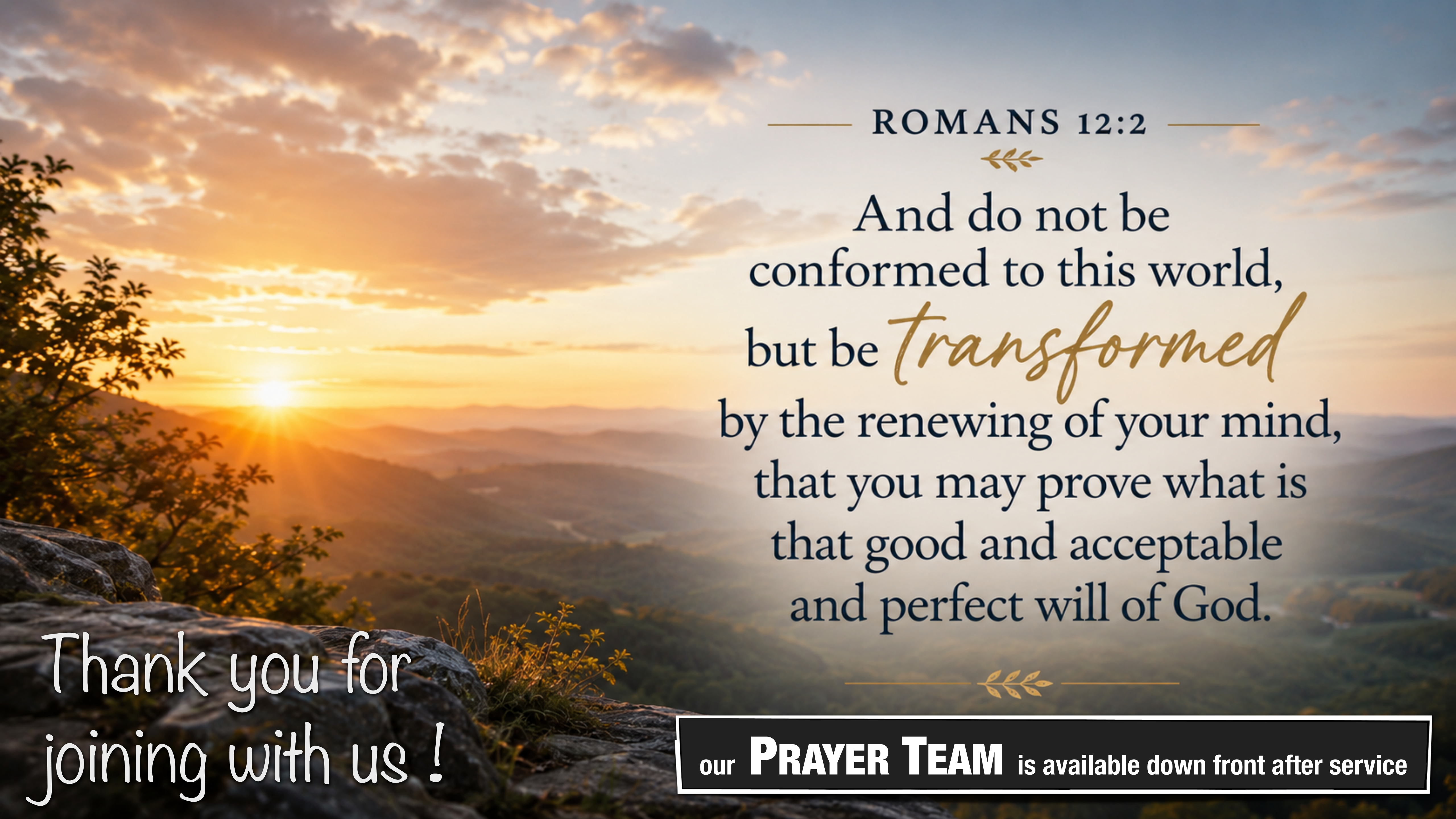
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