

A wooden cross is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the image, set against a vibrant blue sky filled with soft, white clouds. A bright sunburst effect emanates from behind the top of the cross, creating a halo of light rays that spread across the sky. The overall mood is one of hope and divine light.

**The Courage to Win
People to Christ**

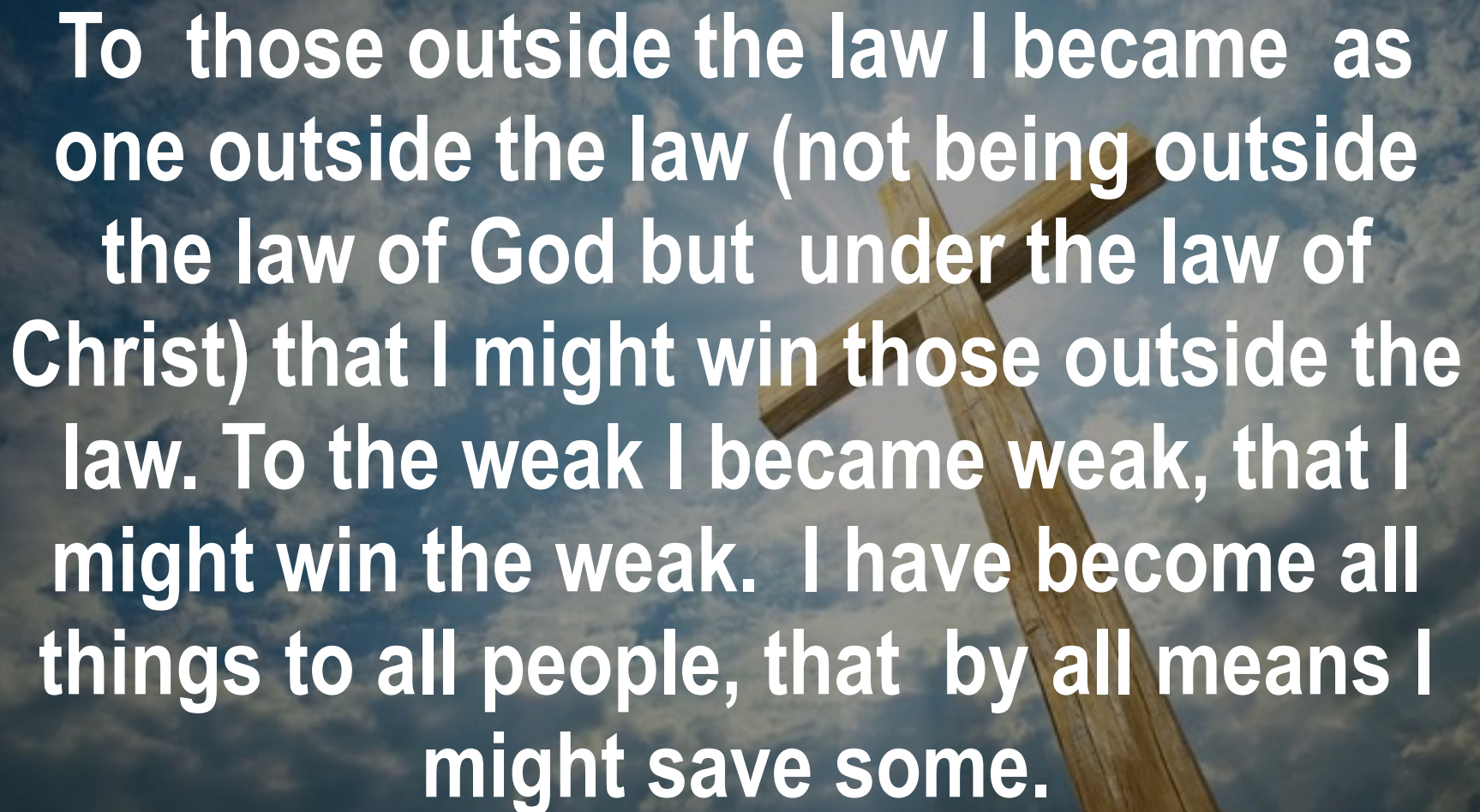
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Prov. 11:30

**The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,
and whoever captures souls is wise**

1Cor. 9:19-22

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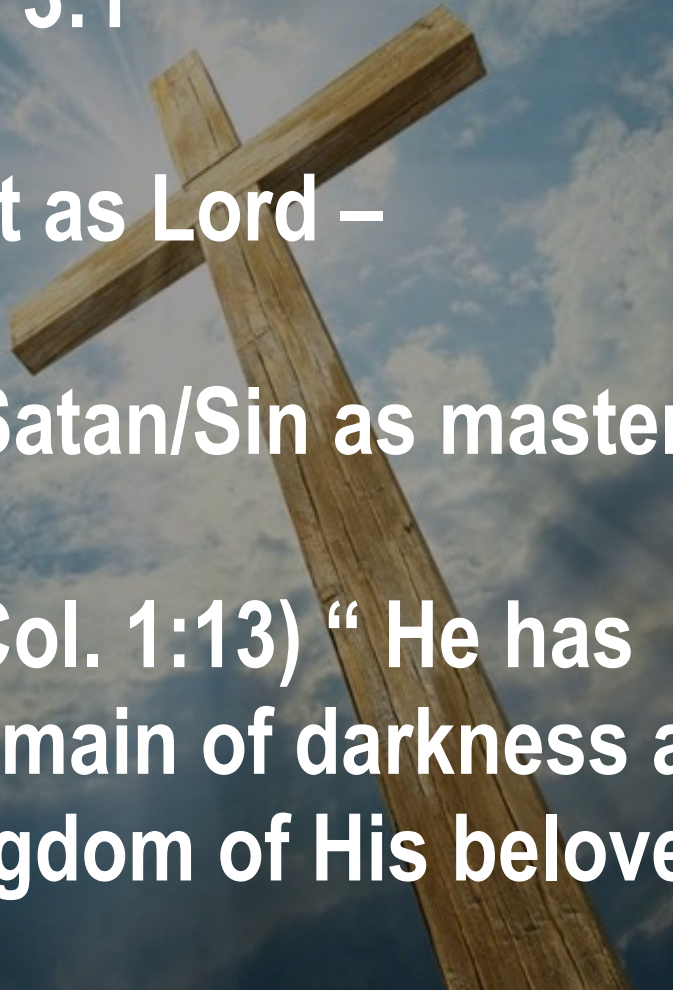
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1. What attitudes are necessary to be more fearless in sharing Christ with people?



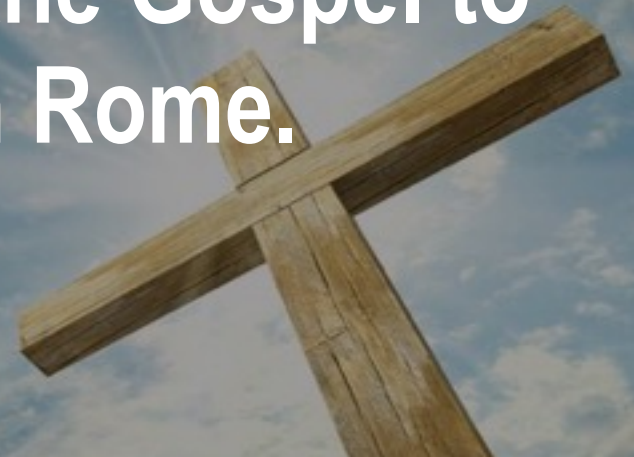
What does it mean to “win” a soul to Christ?

- to “gain” – Matt. 18:15
 - to “convince” – 1 Peter 3:1
 - to “catch” – Matt. 4:19
 - to “surrender” to Christ as Lord –
Rom. 6:11-13
instead of yielding to Satan/Sin as master
Rom.6:11-13
 - to change allegiance (Col. 1:13) “ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.”
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1. Are you eager?



**So I am eager to preach the Gospel to
you also who are in Rome.
Rom. 1:15**



**... woe to me if I do not preach the
Gospel. 1 Cor. 9:16**



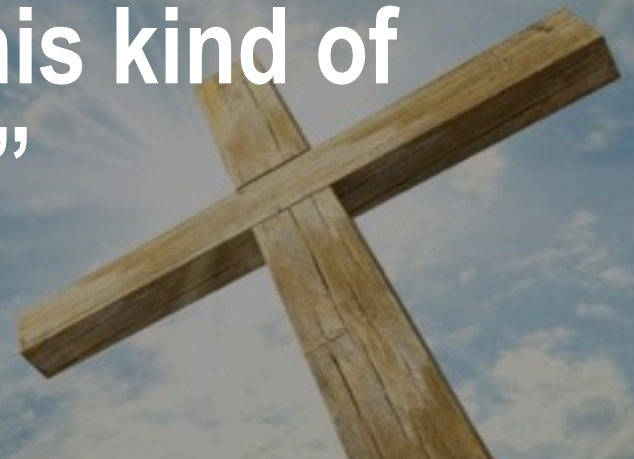
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**Willing? Determined? Enthusiastic?
Energetic? Desire? Passion?**

“Under obligation” - “debtor”

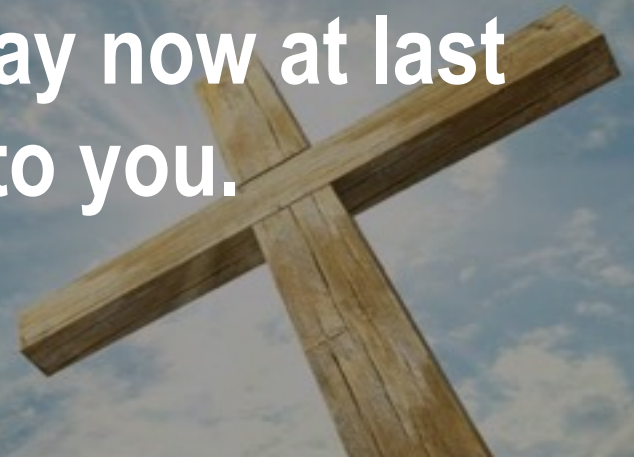
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**How do we develop this kind of
“eagerness?”**

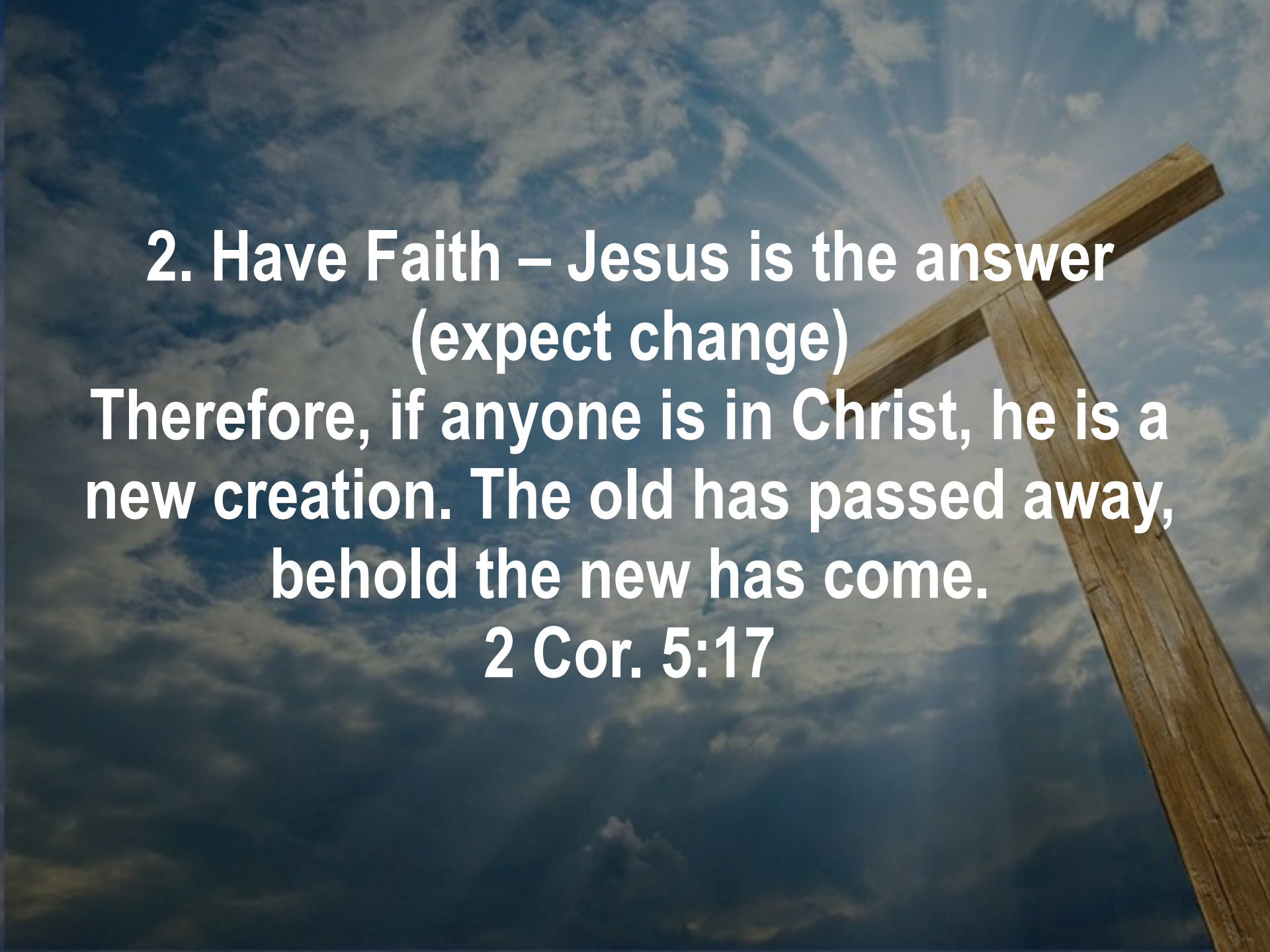


1. Pray – always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God’s will I may now at last succeed in coming to you.

Rom. 1:19



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- “open my eyes, Lord”
 - “fill me with your compassion”
 - “open doors of conversation”

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2. Have Faith – Jesus is the answer (expect change)

**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a
new creation. The old has passed away,
behold the new has come.**

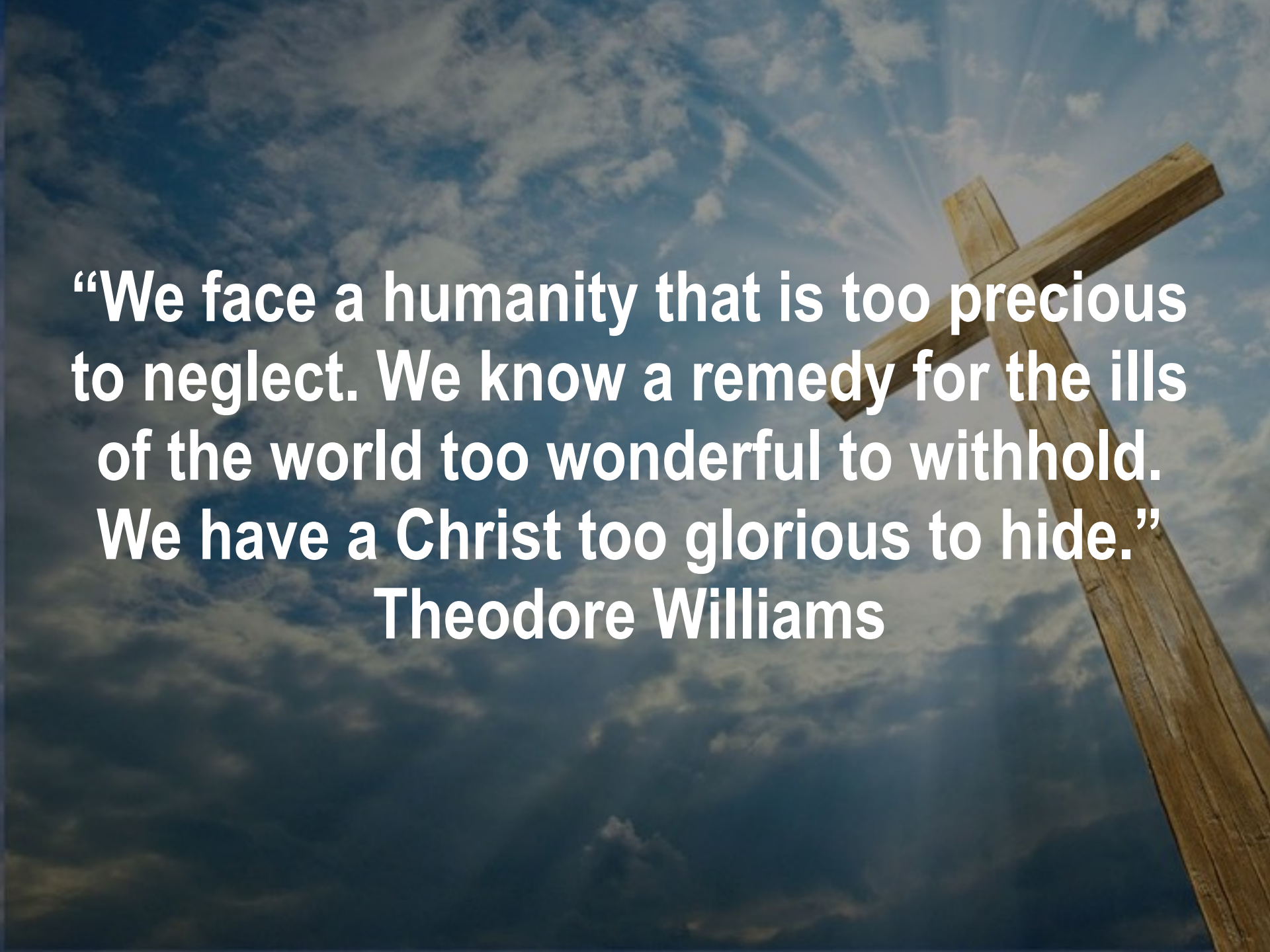
2 Cor. 5:17

3. Love Jesus!

... that I may know Him...” Phil. 3:10

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation, behold I have not restrained my lips as you know, O Lord. I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; .. I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

Ps. 40: 9-10

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“We face a humanity that is too precious to neglect. We know a remedy for the ills of the world too wonderful to withhold. We have a Christ too glorious to hide.”

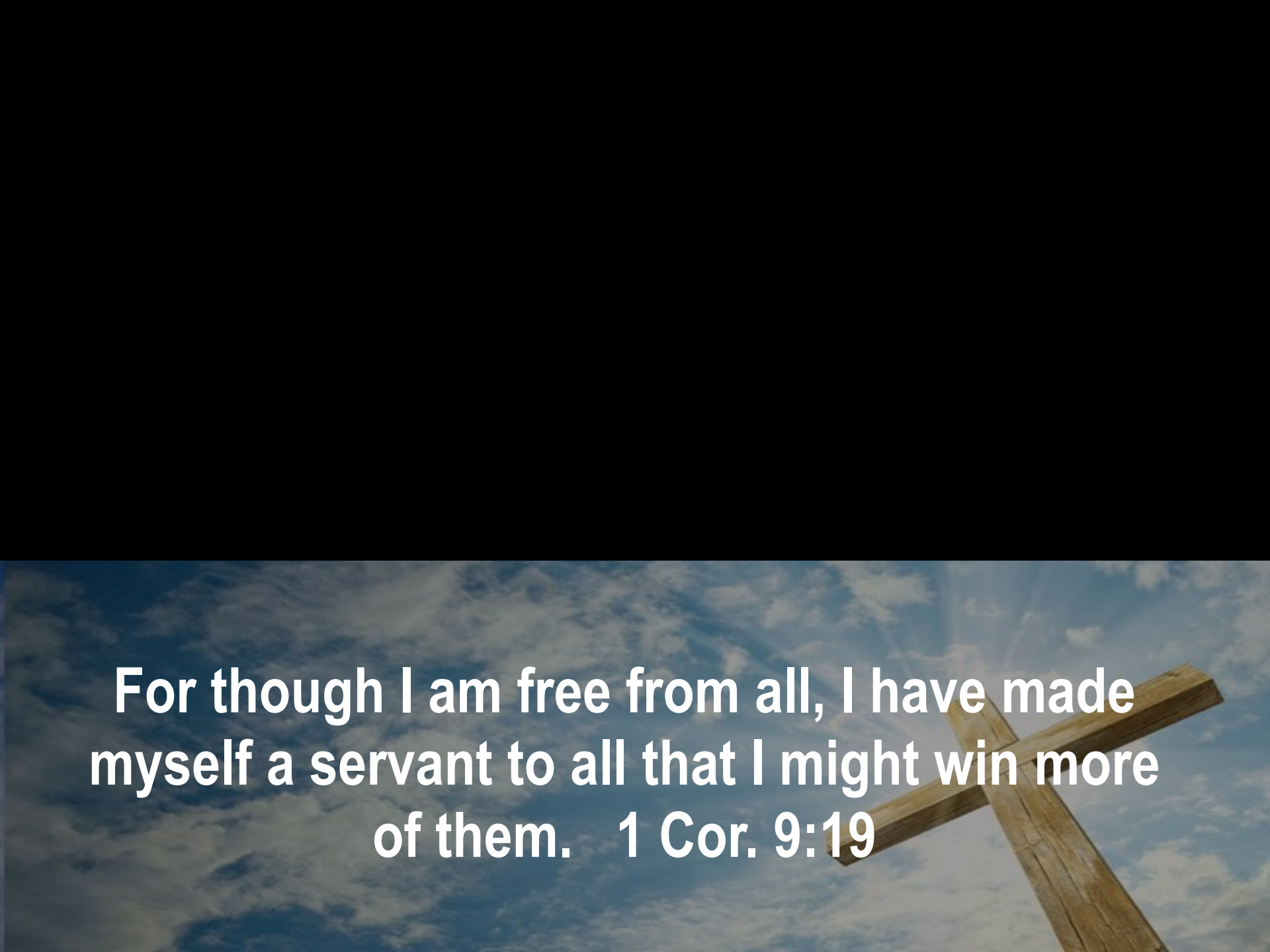
Theodore Williams

**“Herein lies the Christian motive; it is simple.
We cannot bear to think of men living without
Him.”**

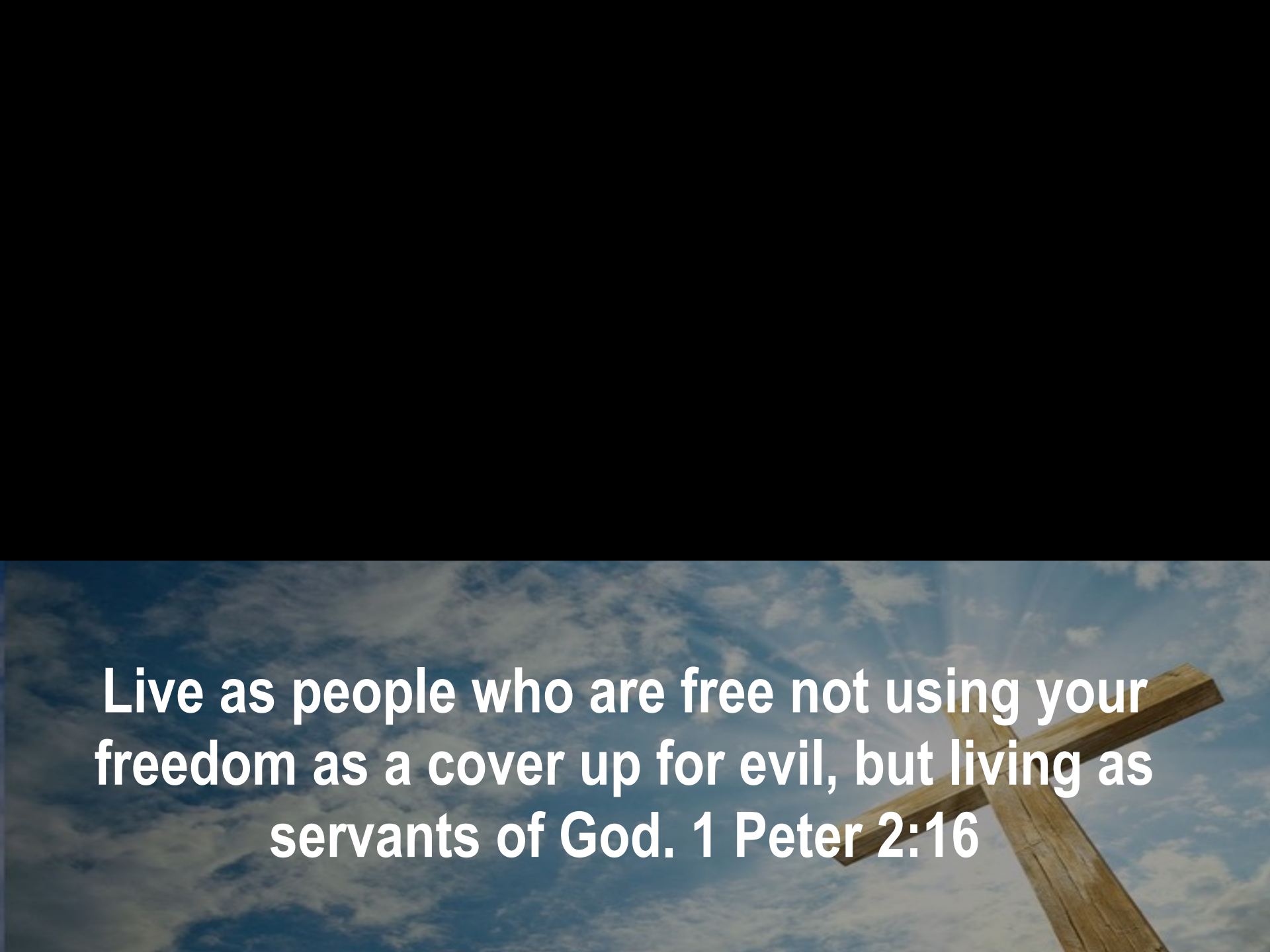


2. Are you ready?



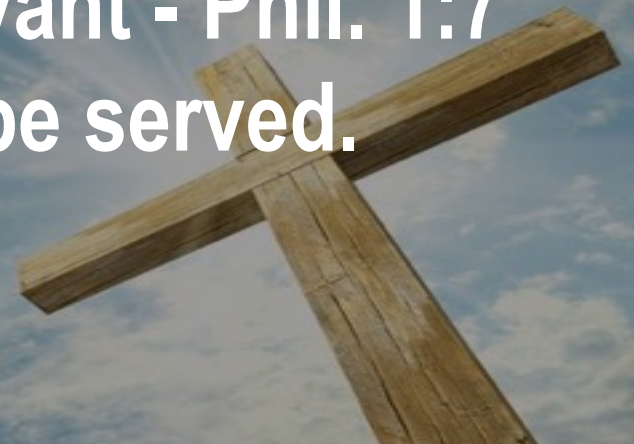
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Live as people who are free not using your freedom as a cover up for evil, but living as servants of God. 1 Peter 2:16

Jesus in order to “save” the world
- took the form of a servant - Phil. 1:7
- came to serve, not to be served.
Matt. 20:28

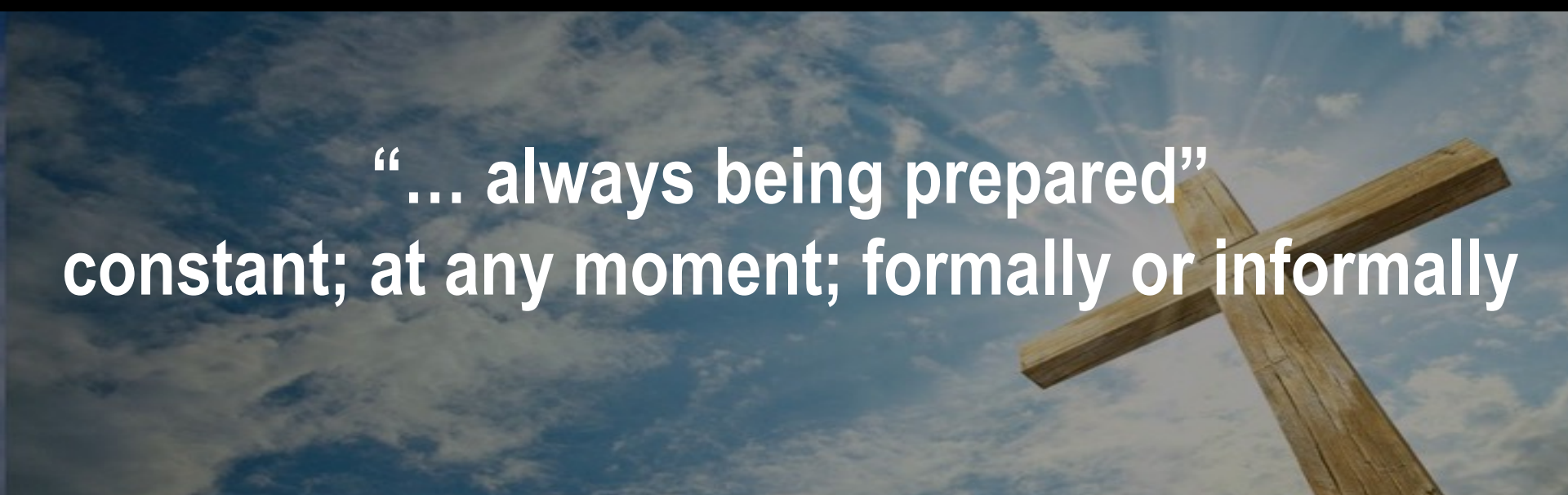


**But in your hearts honor Christ the
Lord as holy. 1 Peter 3:15**



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“Sanctify” – to set apart; to affirm His Lordship by submitting to His control and will; to exalt; clear recognition by what we do.


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**“... always being prepared”
constant; at any moment; formally or informally**

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Prepared?

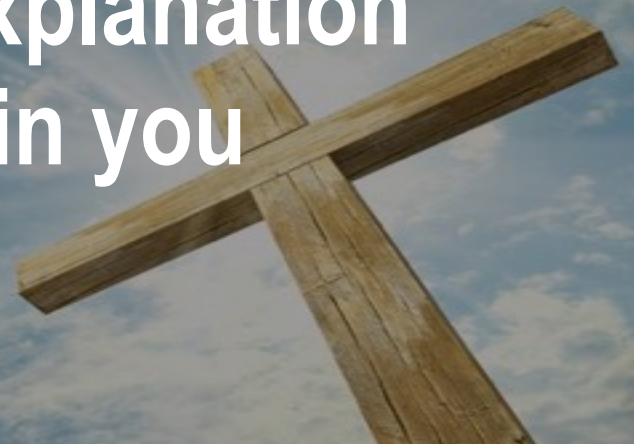
- Ready in prayer?
- Ready with God's Word?
- Ready for open doors?

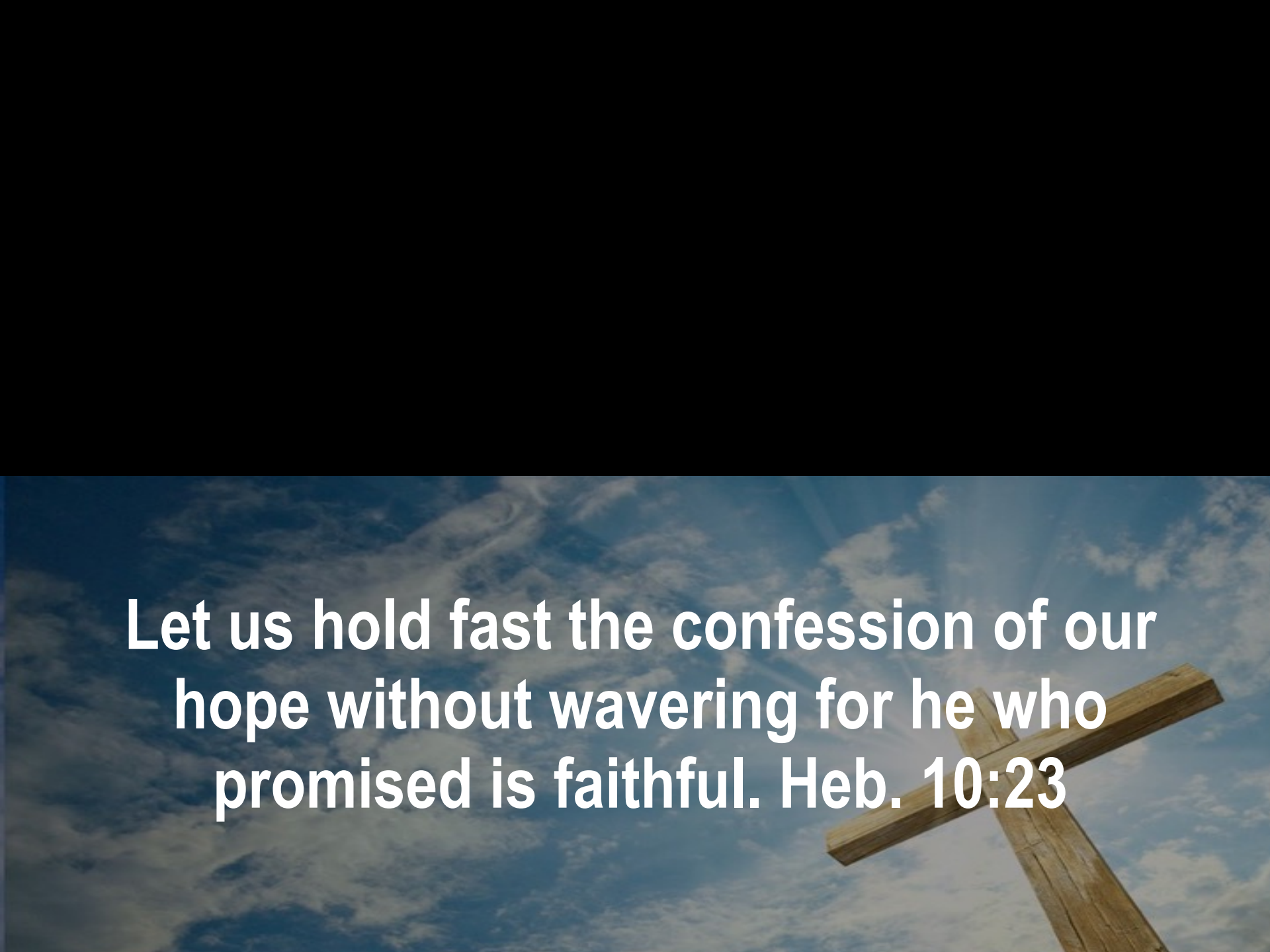
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... to make a defense to anyone who asks you.

- without getting defensive**
- make an argument without arguing**

For a reason for the hope that is in you ;
- a reasonable account or explanation
- Hope – the Gospel; Jesus in you
- the “why” of your faith



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**Let us hold fast the confession of our
hope without wavering for he who
promised is faithful. Heb. 10:23**

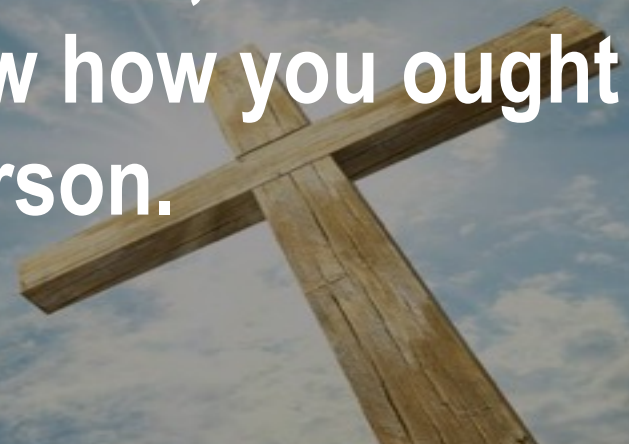
Biblical Hope

- A “Living” Hope – 1 Peter 1:3
- A “Joyful” Hope – Prov. 10:28
- A “Loving” Hope – Ps. 33:18
- A “Blessed” Hope – Titus 2:13
- A “Sure and Steadfast” Hope – Heb. 6:19
- A “Glorious” Hope – Col. 1:27
- A “Relational” Hope – Col. 1:27

“Christ in you the hope of glory.”

**... yet do it with gentleness and respect.
Let our speech always be gracious, seasoned
with salt, so that you may know how you ought
to answer each person.**

Col.4:6

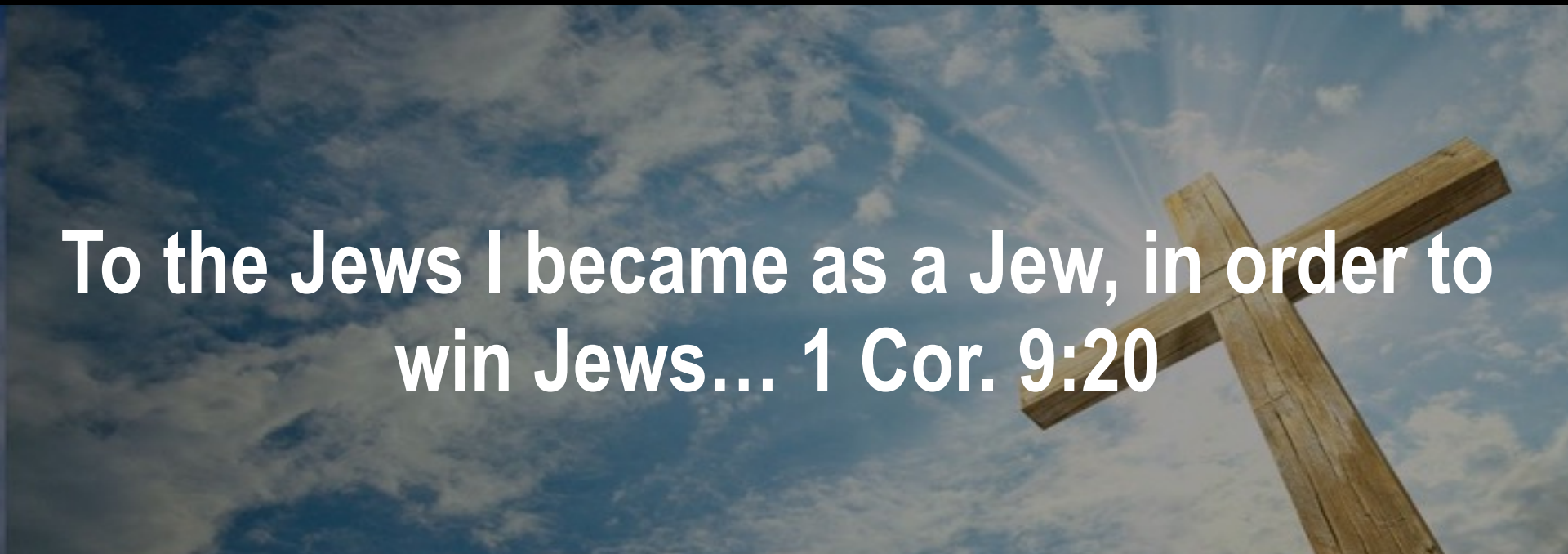


3. Are you a “giver”?



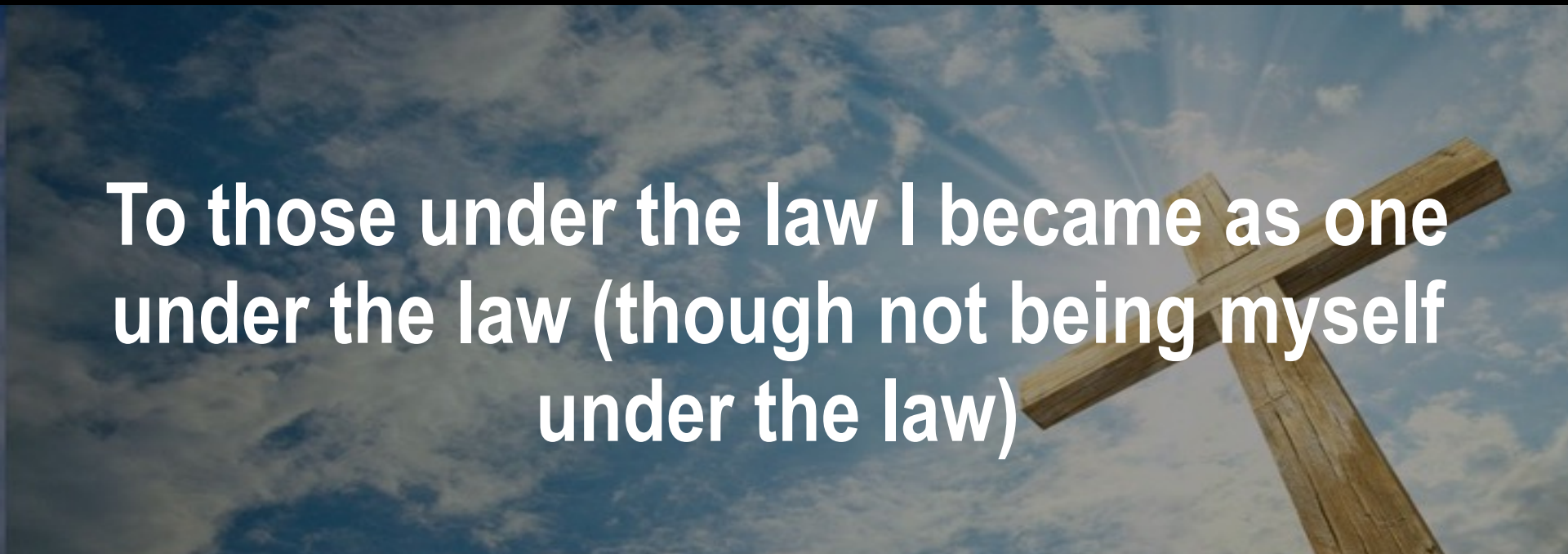
To give up?



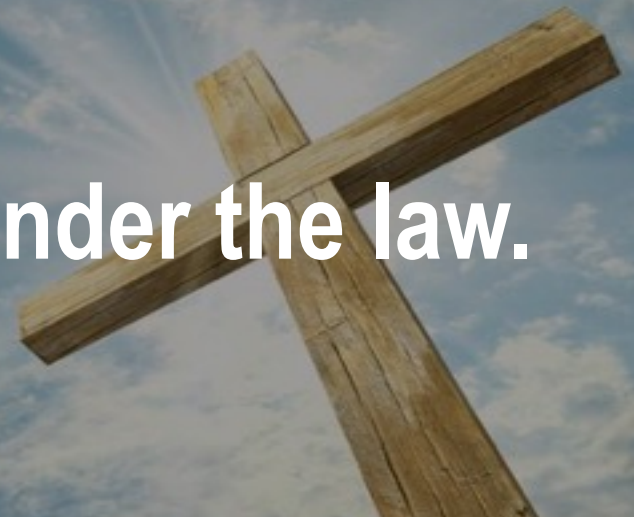
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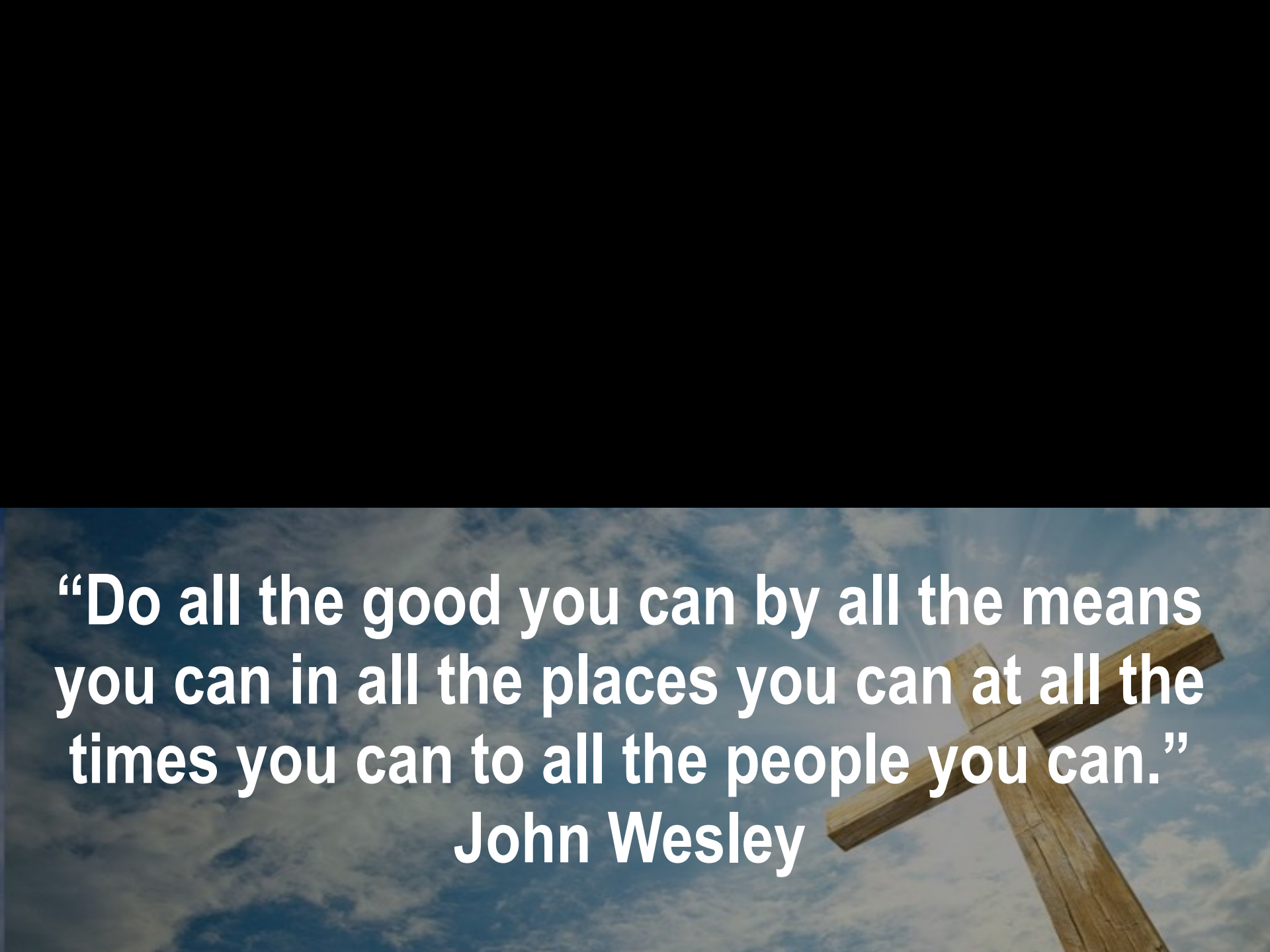
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under the law)**

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... that I might win those under the law.



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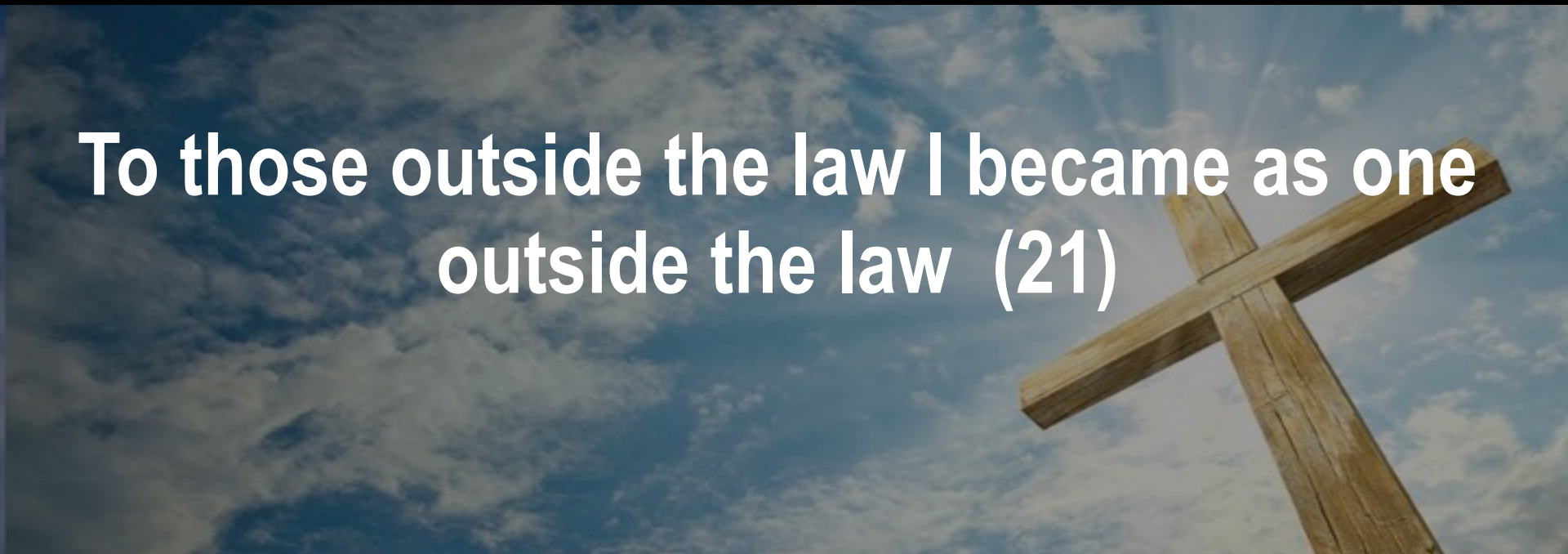
**“Do all the good you can by all the means
you can in all the places you can at all the
times you can to all the people you can.”**

John Wesley

To give in?

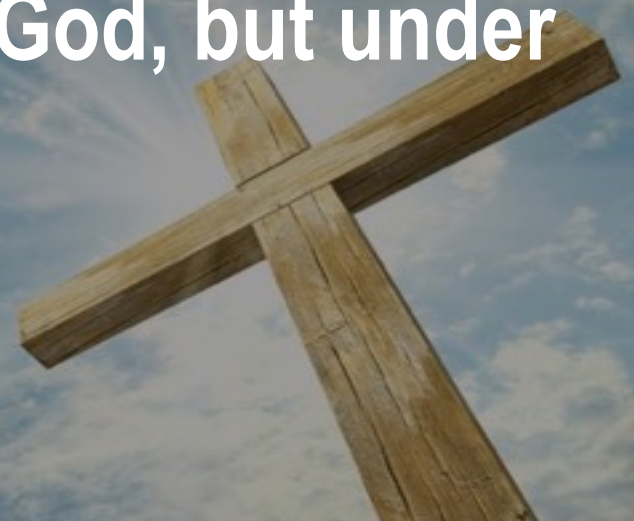


**To those outside the law I became as one
outside the law (21)**

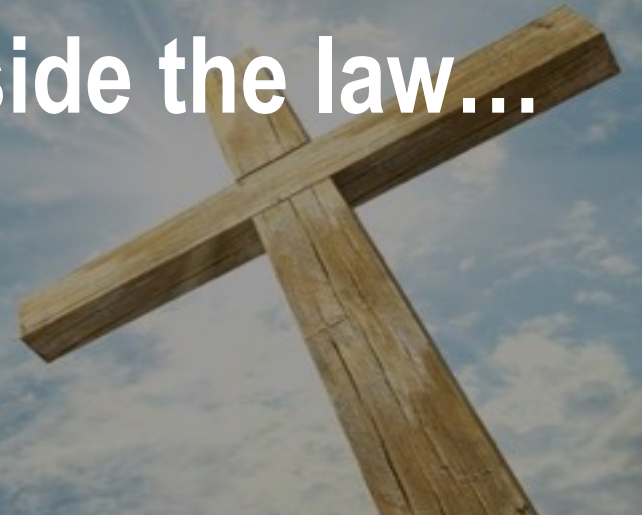
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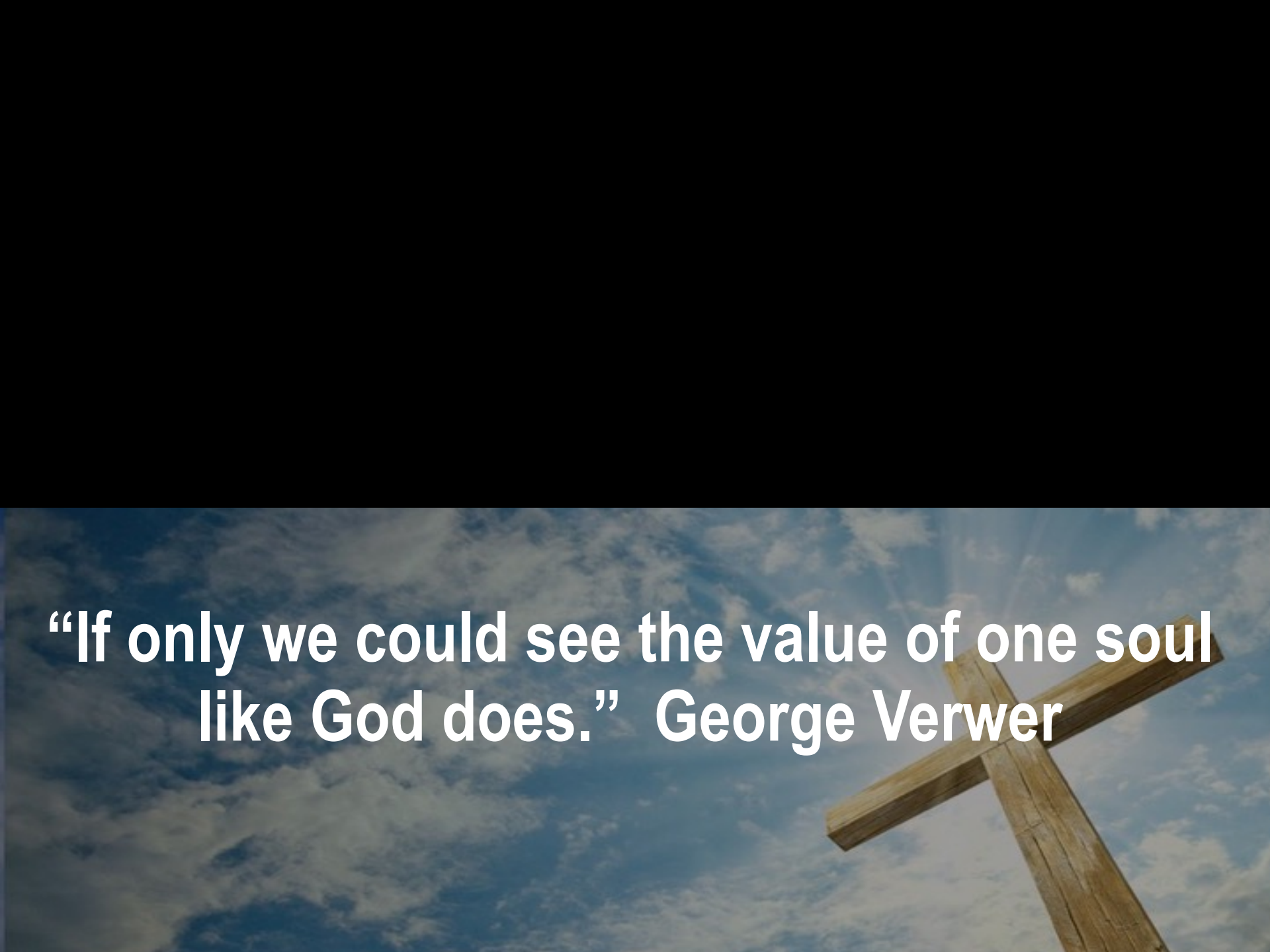
... not being outside the law of God, but under the law of Christ

- Love Him with all our heart**
- Love one another**



...that I might win those outside the law...



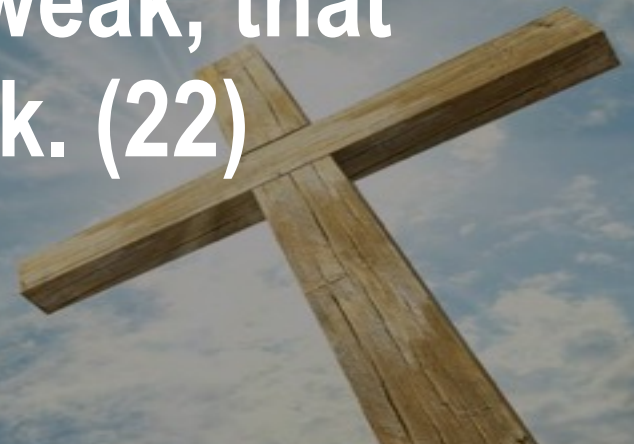
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**“If only we could see the value of one soul
like God does.” George Verwer**

- To give out?



**To the weak I became weak, that
I might win the weak. (22)**

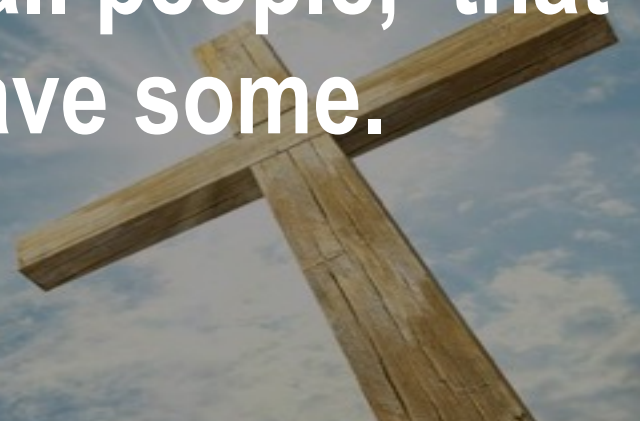


Spiritually “weak”

- weak in faith – Rom. 14:1**
- weak conscience – 1 Cor. 8:7**
- weak in choices – Rom. 5:6**
- weak in flesh – Matt. 26:41**



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by all means I might save some.**



**Recovery of a dead body?
or a Rescue Operation?**



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Do we see our culture as so bad we write off any possibility of rescue?

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