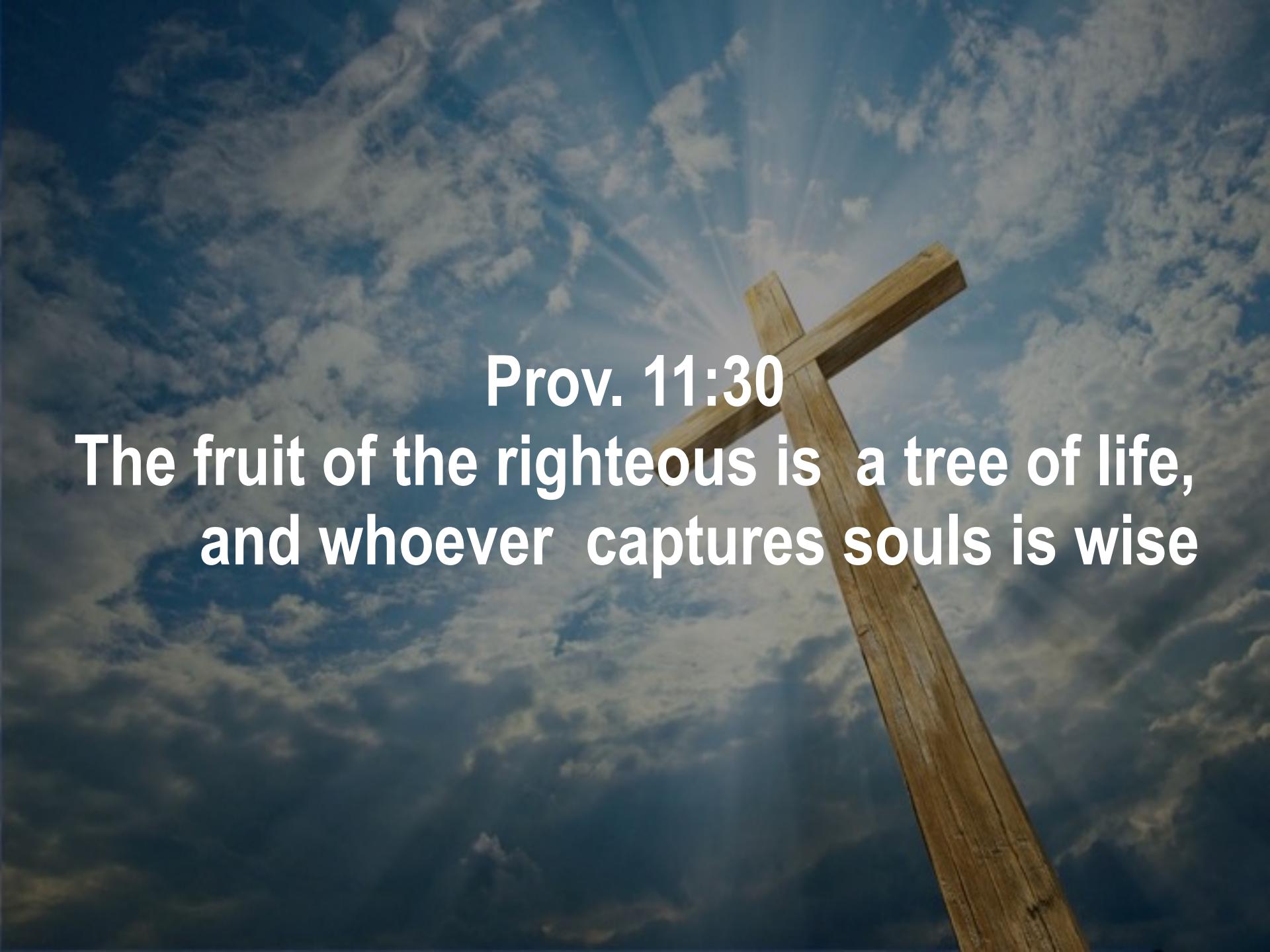


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The Courage to Win
People to Christ

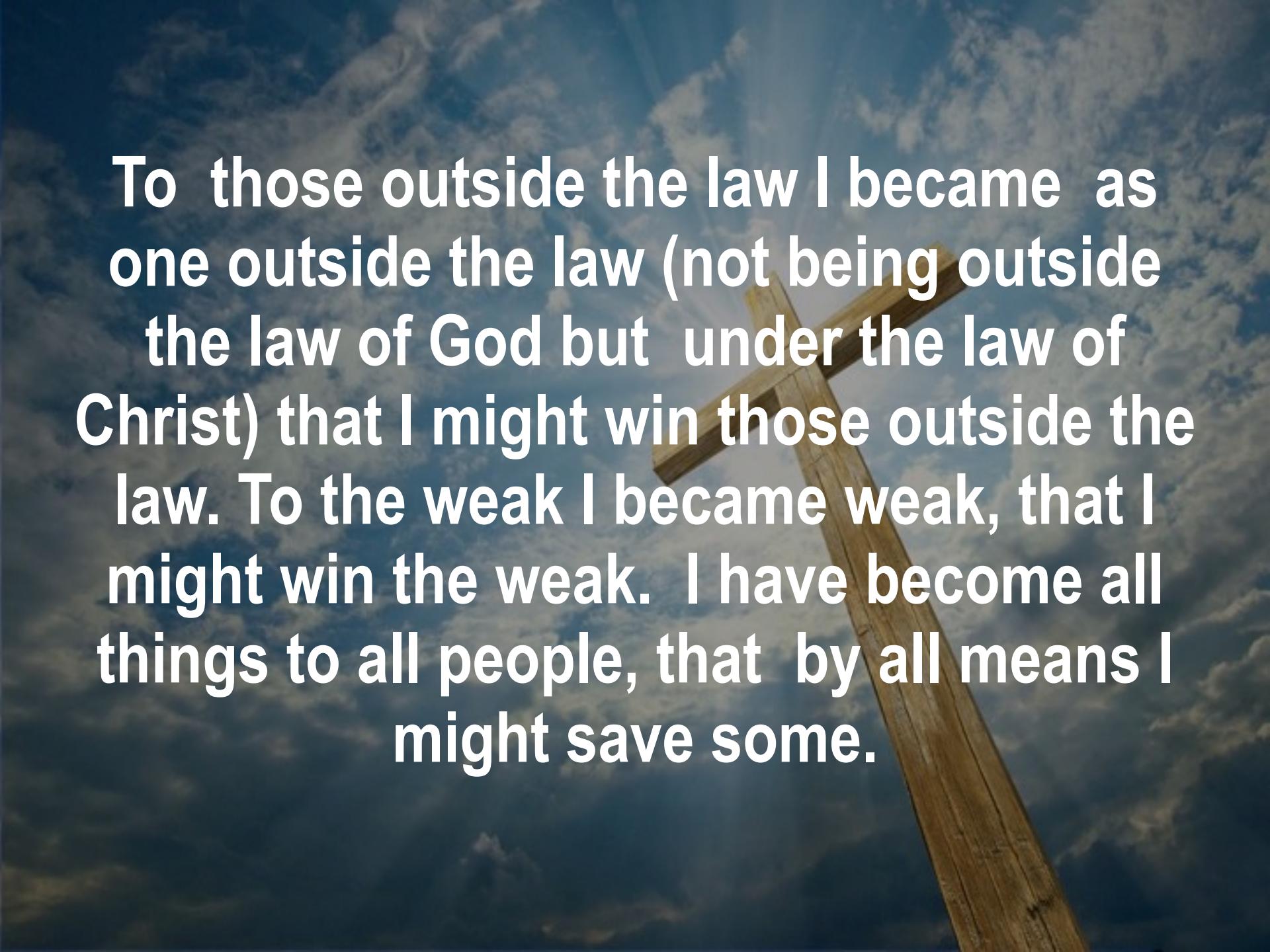
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Prov. 11:30

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

1Cor. 9:19-22

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law

A wooden cross is positioned diagonally across the frame, silhouetted against a dramatic sky filled with dark, heavy clouds. The cross is made of simple wooden beams. The background is a deep blue, suggesting either dawn or dusk, with bright highlights through the clouds.

To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.

A photograph of a simple wooden cross standing against a backdrop of a blue sky filled with white and grey clouds. The cross is positioned in the lower right corner of the frame, angled slightly towards the viewer.

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

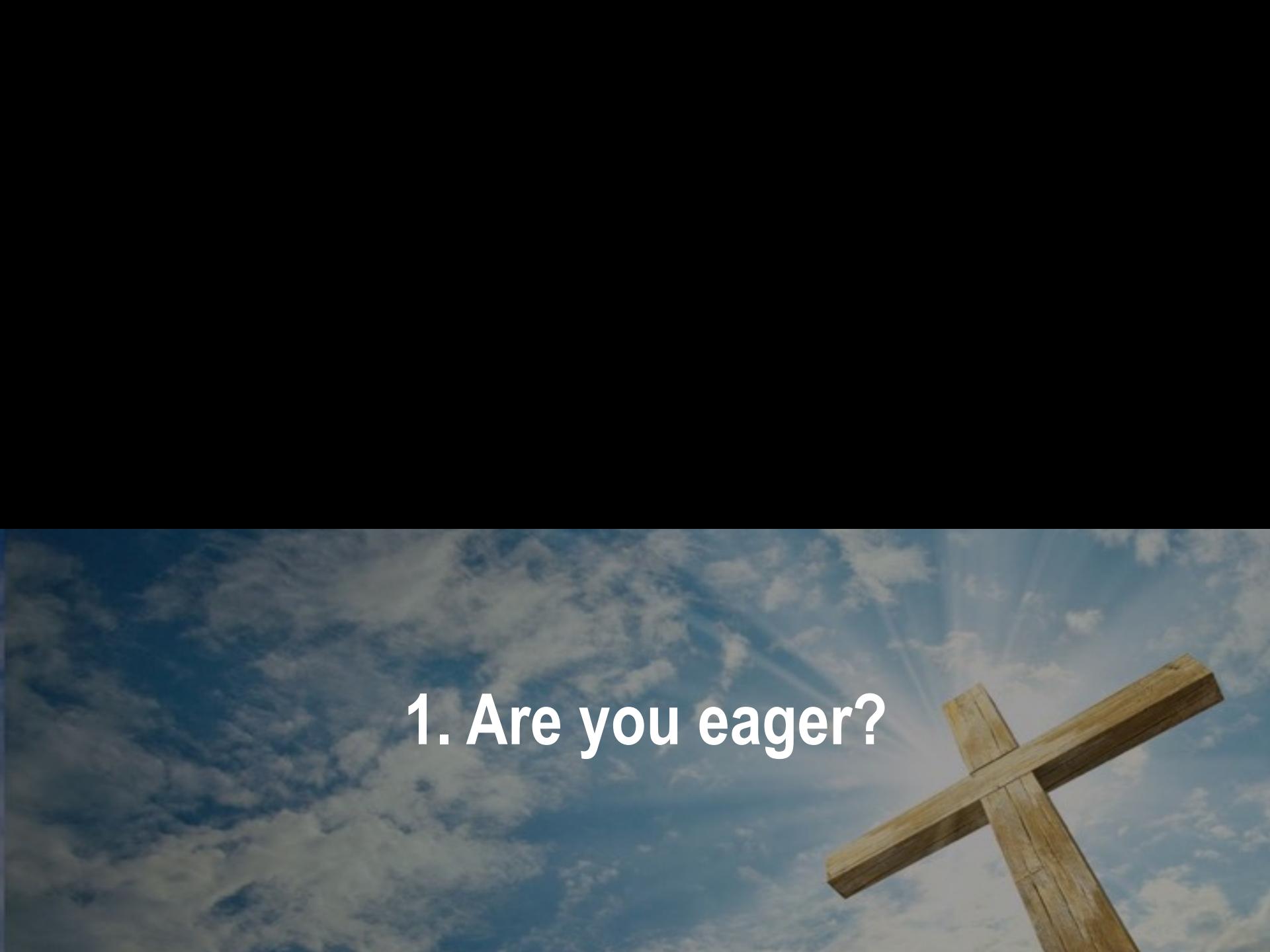
What does it mean to “win” a soul to Christ?

- 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

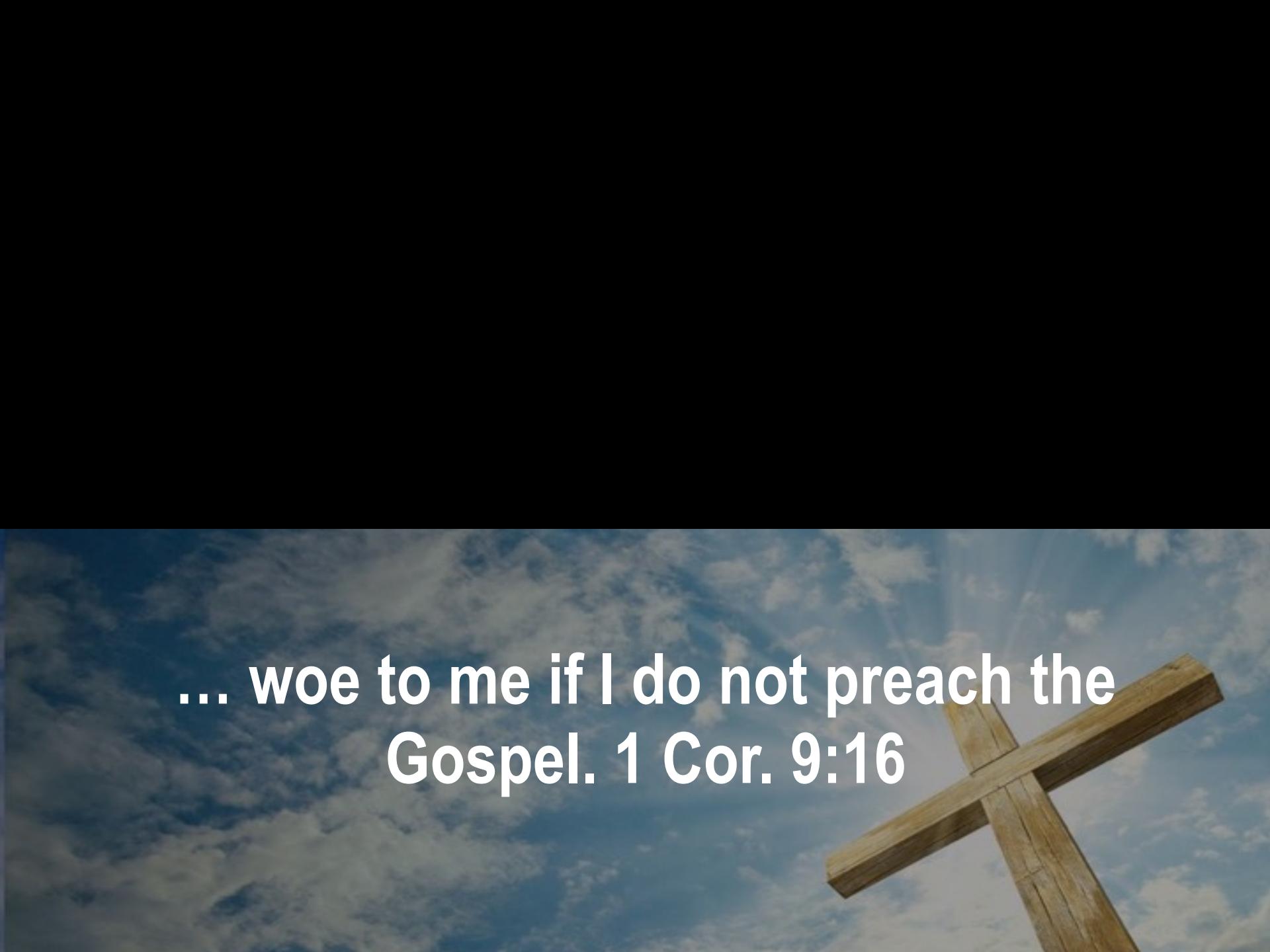
- to change allegiance (Col. 1:13) “ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.”

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1. Are you eager?

A wooden cross stands prominently in the lower right foreground, its silhouette dark against a bright, cloudy sky. The sky is filled with various shades of blue and white, with some darker, more dramatic clouds on the left side.

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

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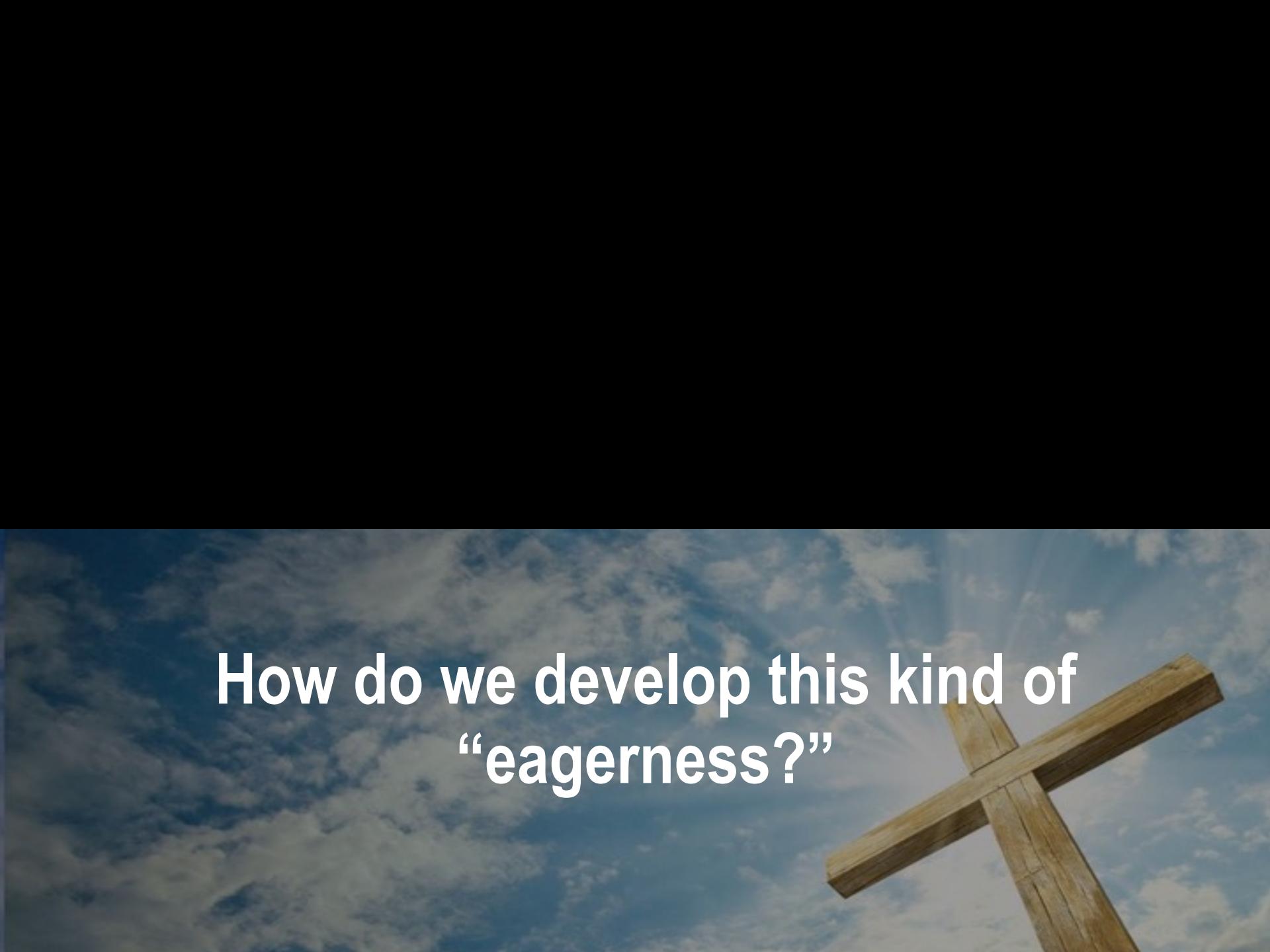
... woe to me if I do not preach the
Gospel. 1 Cor. 9:16

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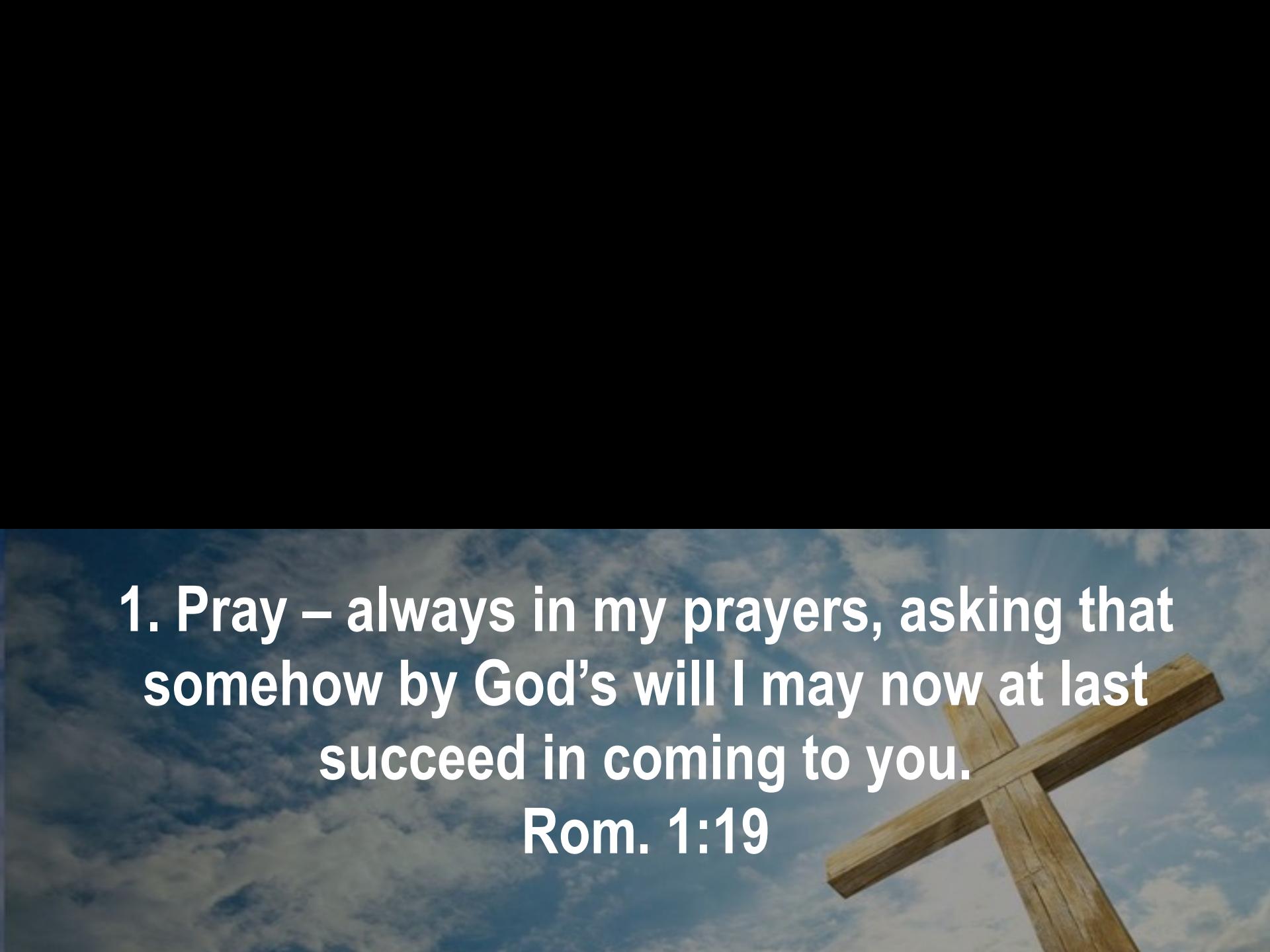
Willing? Determined? Enthusiastic?
Energetic? Desire? Passion?

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“Under obligation” - “debtor”

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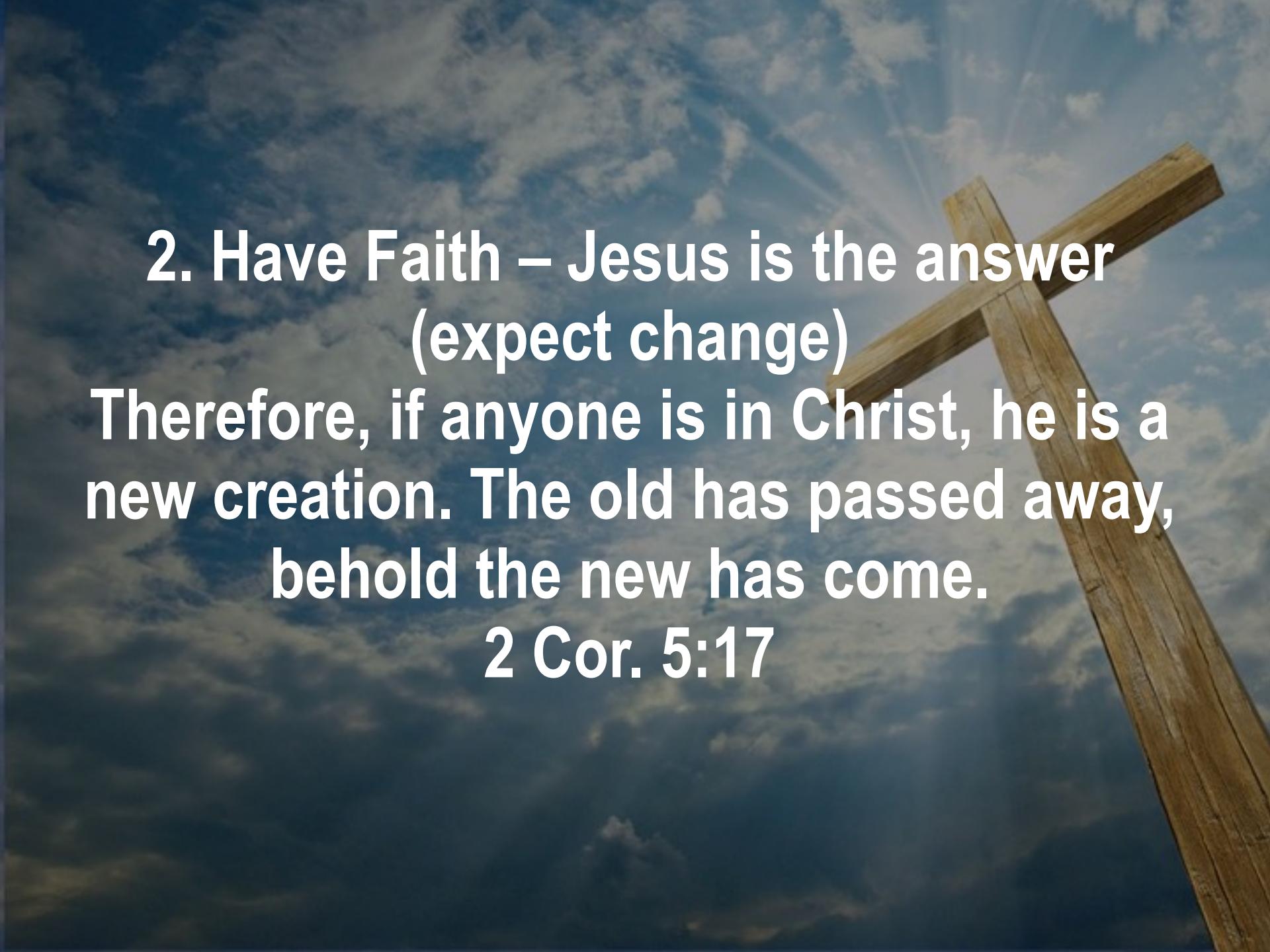
How do we develop this kind of
“eagerness?”

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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

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

A wooden cross stands prominently on the right side of the frame, its silhouette stark against a sky filled with dramatic, swirling clouds. The clouds range from deep blues and blacks to bright whites and yellows, suggesting either a sunrise or sunset. The cross is simple, made of two intersecting wooden beams. In the background, a faint, circular light source, possibly the sun, is visible through the clouds.

**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.**

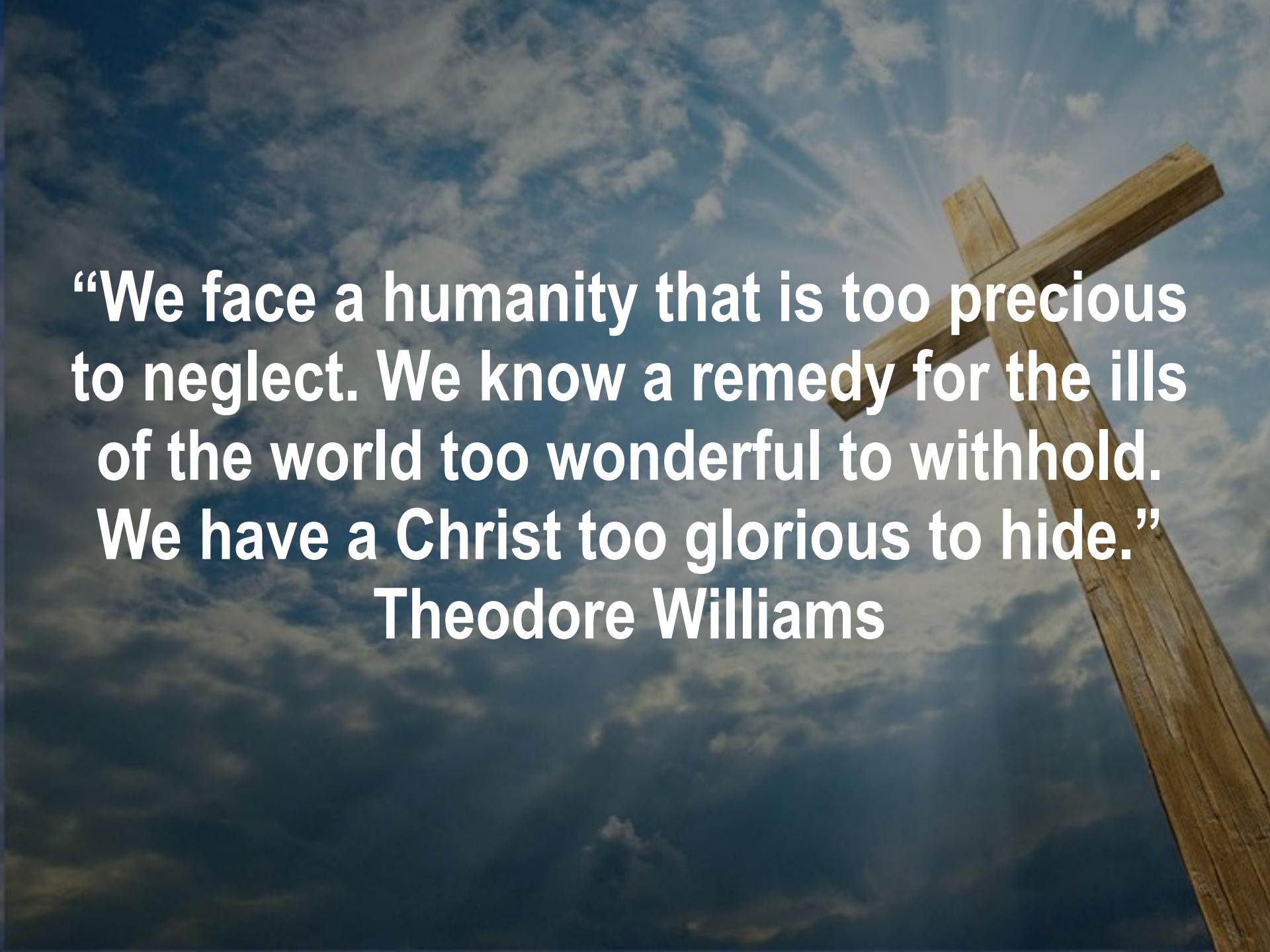
2 Cor. 5:17

3. Love Jesus!

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

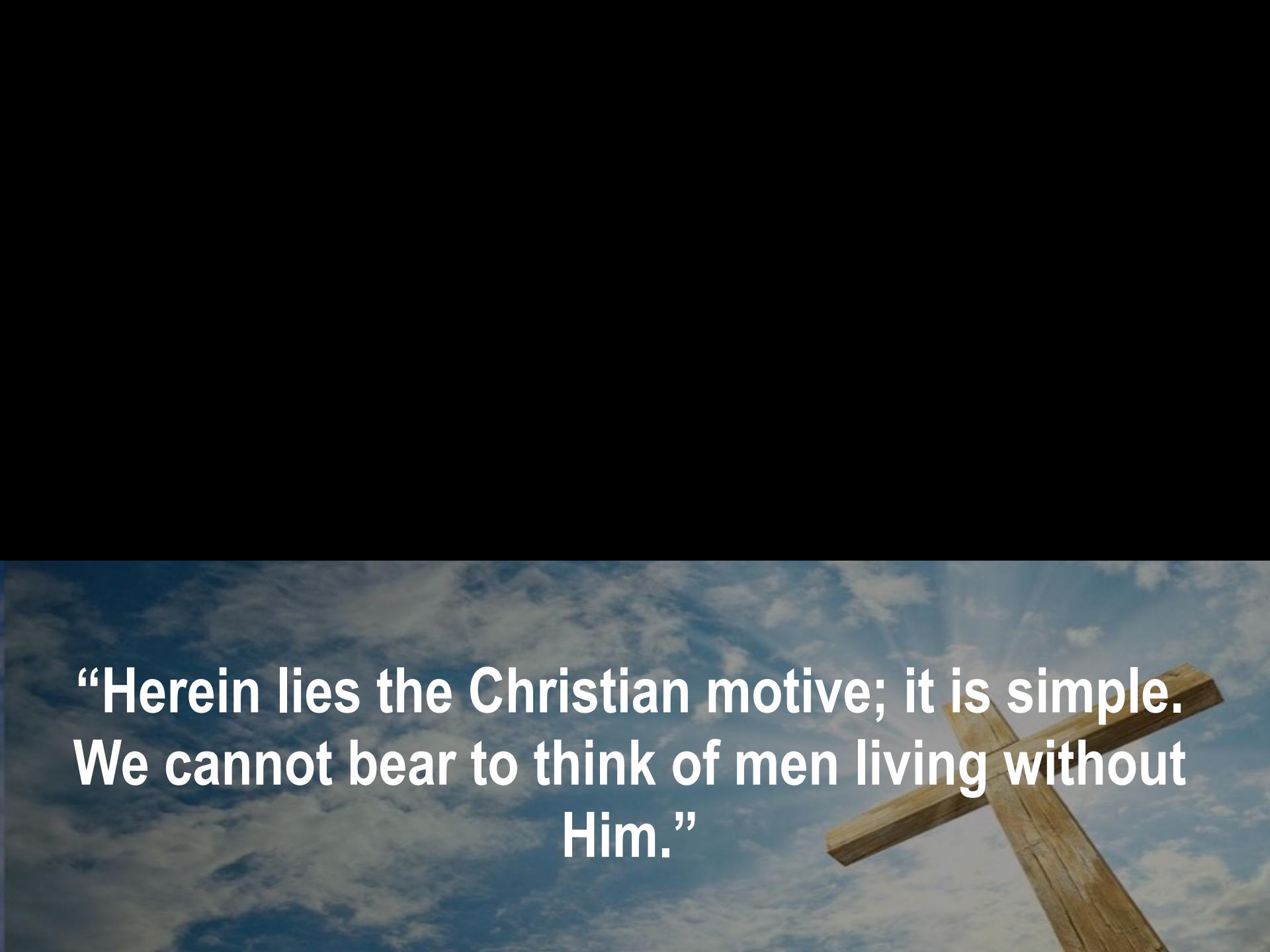
I have told the glad news of deliverance in
the great congregation, behold I have not
restrained my lips as you know, O Lord. I
have not hidden your deliverance within
my heart; .. I have not concealed your
steadfast love and your faithfulness.

Ps. 40: 9-10

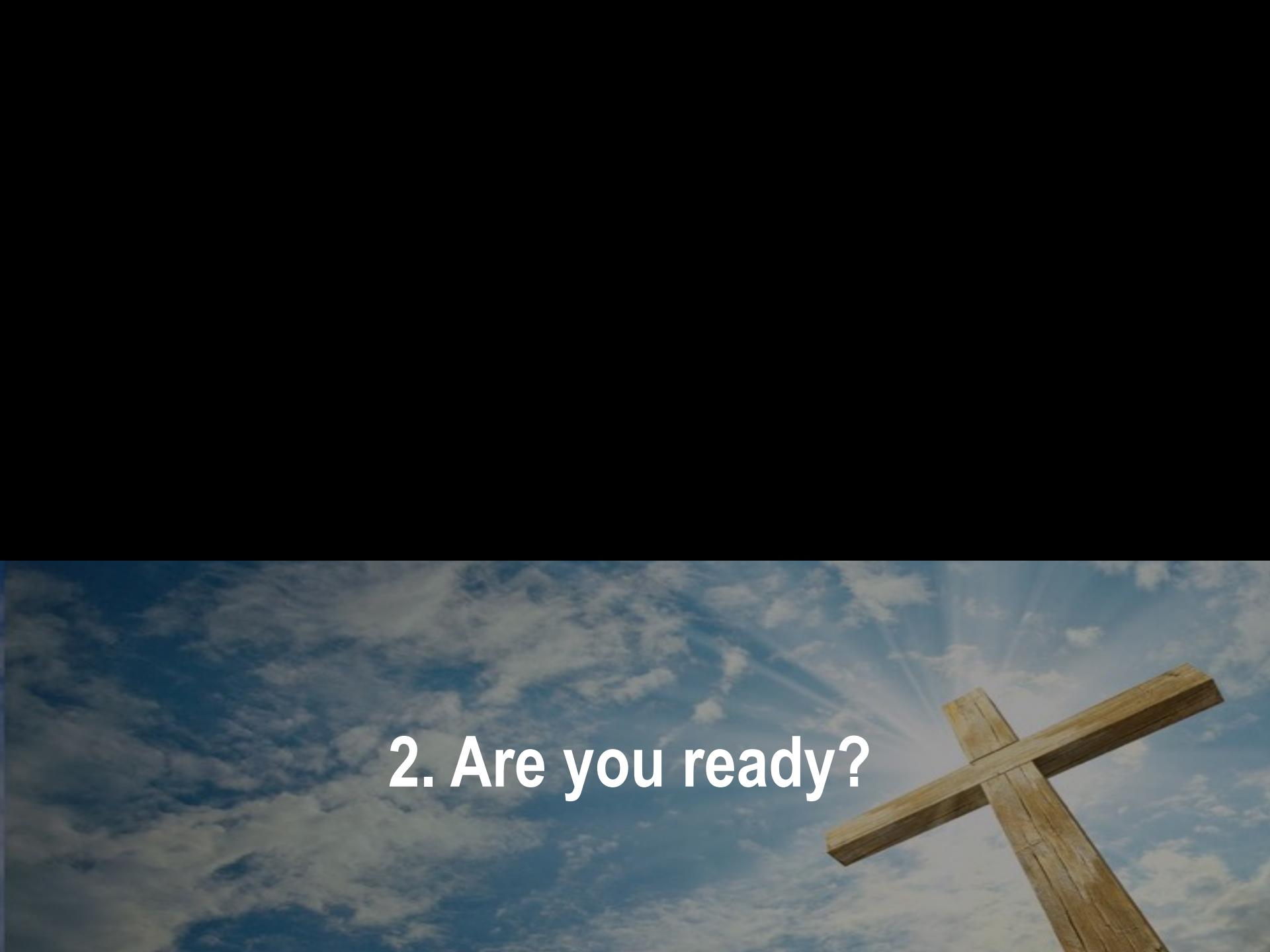
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**“We face a humanity that is too precious
to neglect. We know a remedy for the ills
of the world too wonderful to withhold.
We have a Christ too glorious to hide.”**

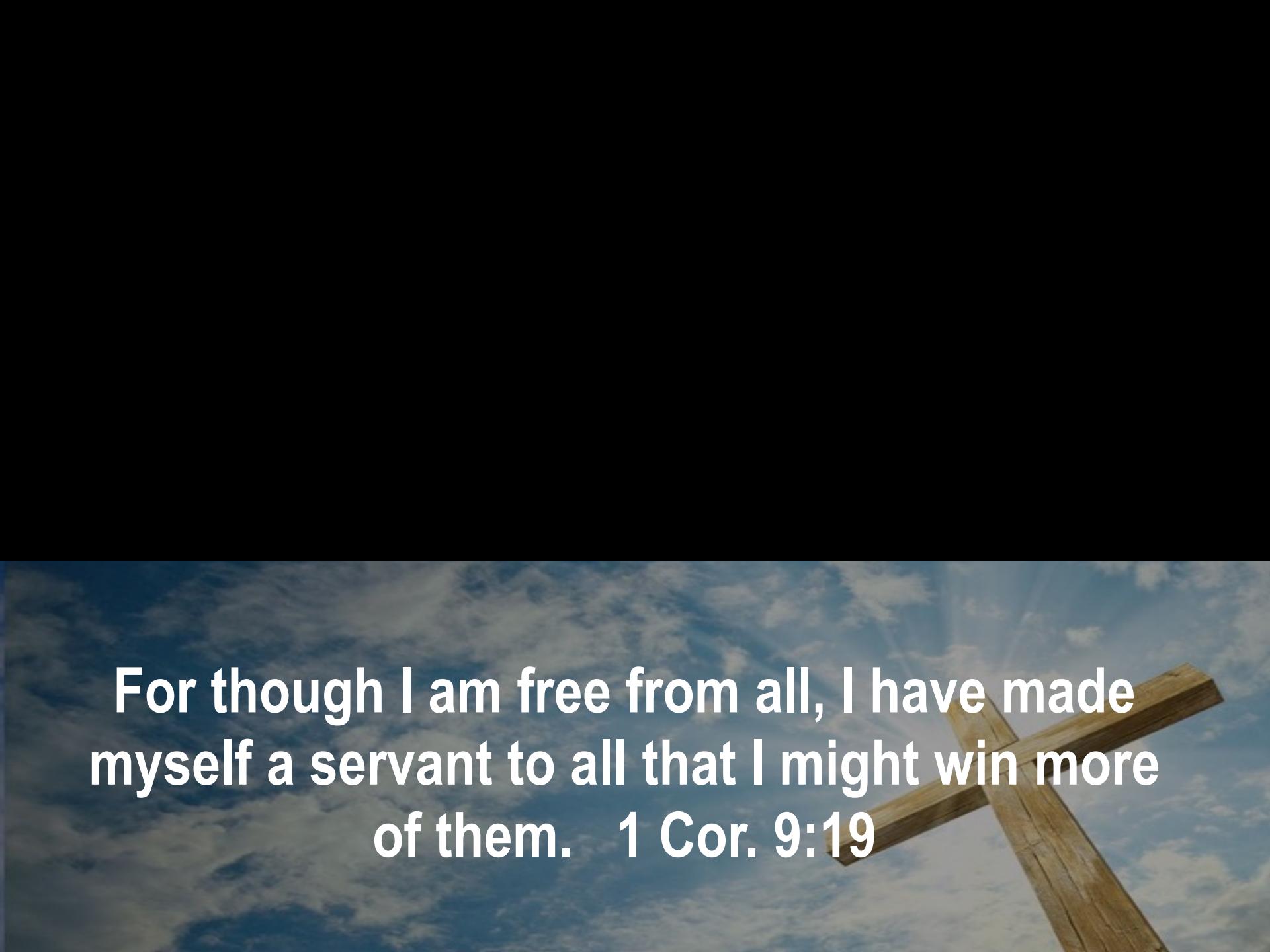
Theodore Williams

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



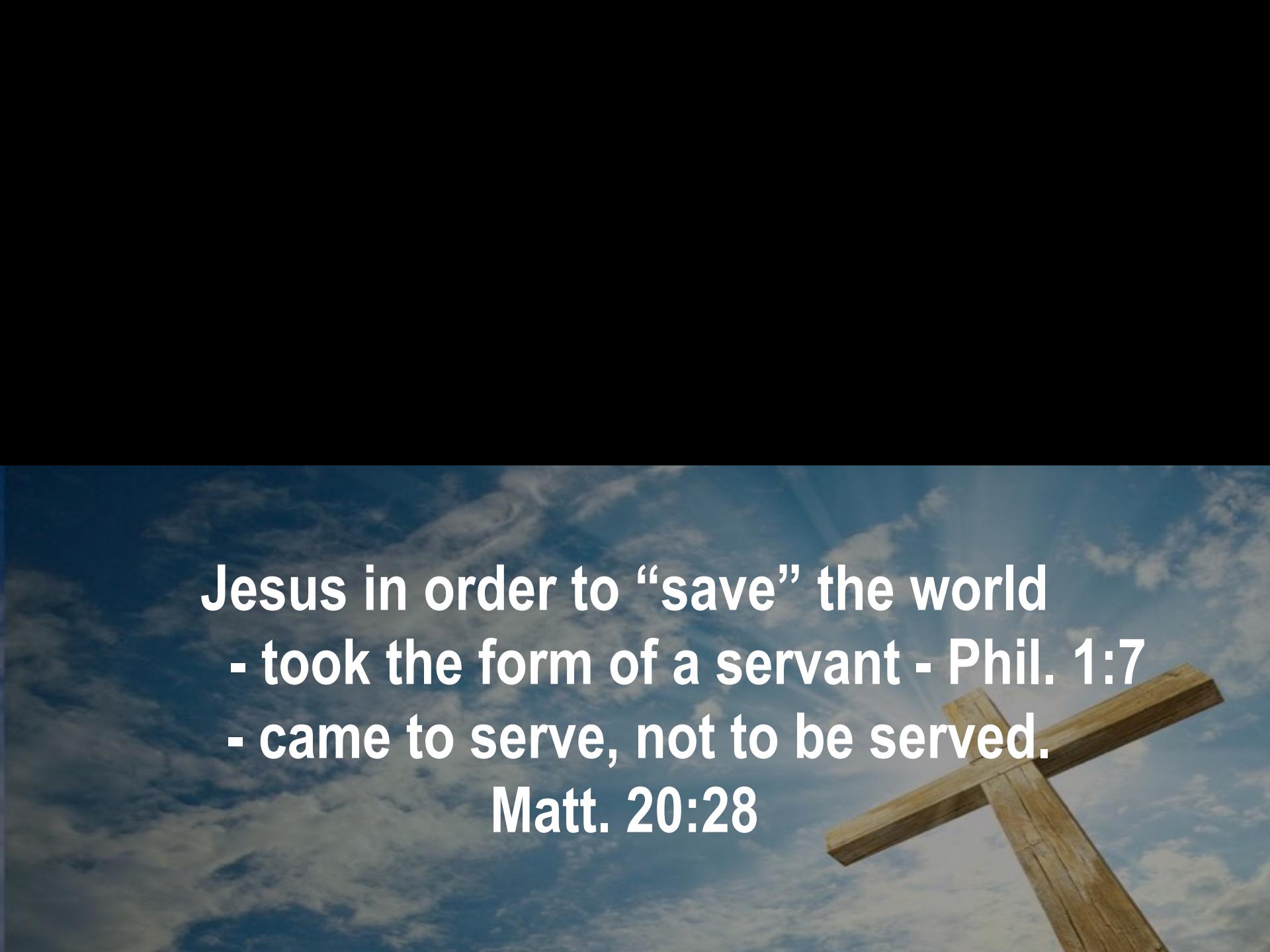
2. Are you ready?

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**For though I am free from all, I have made
myself a servant to all that I might win more
of them. 1 Cor. 9:19**

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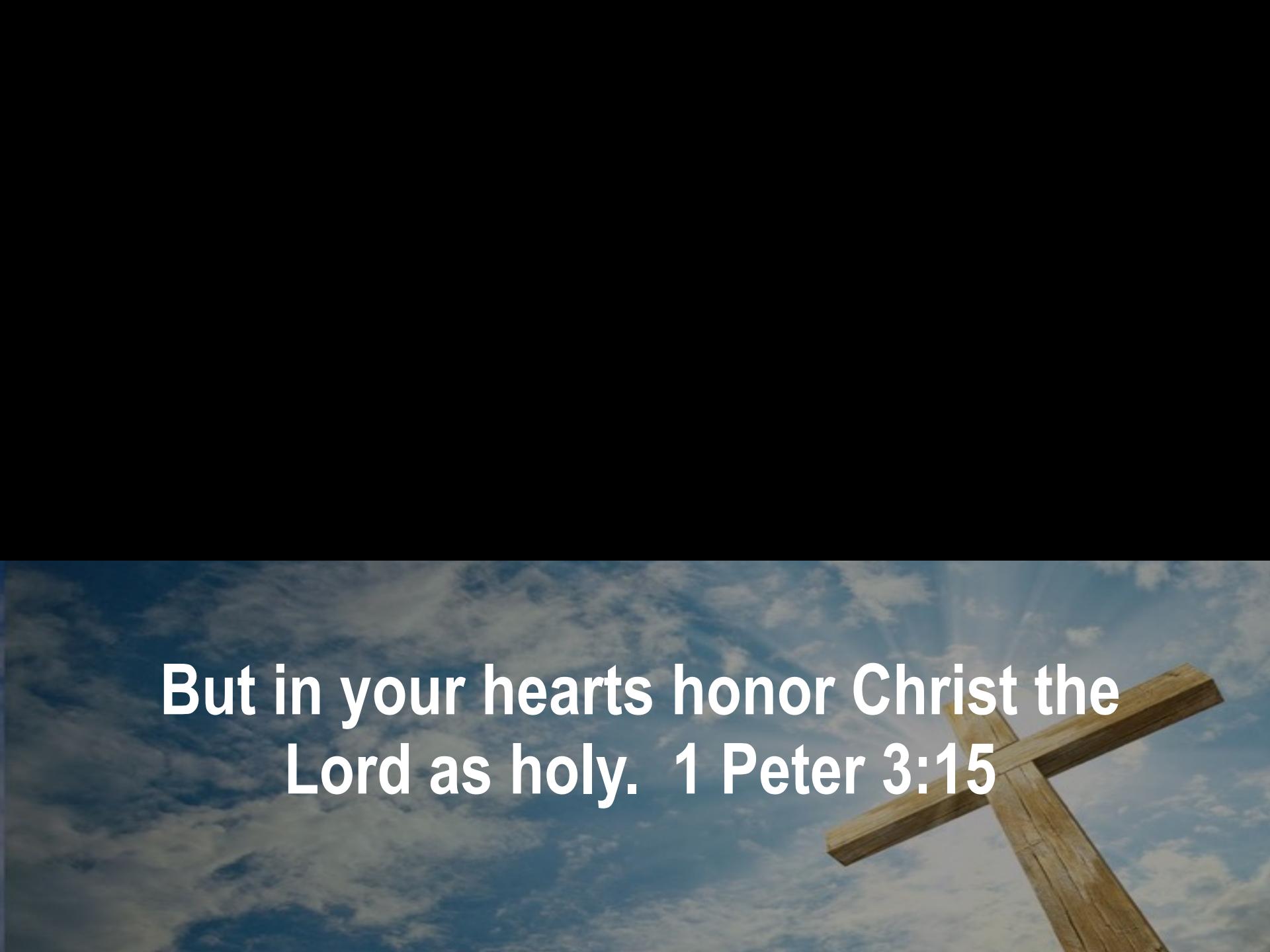
Live as people who are free not using your freedom as a cover up for evil, but living as servants of God. 1 Peter 2:16

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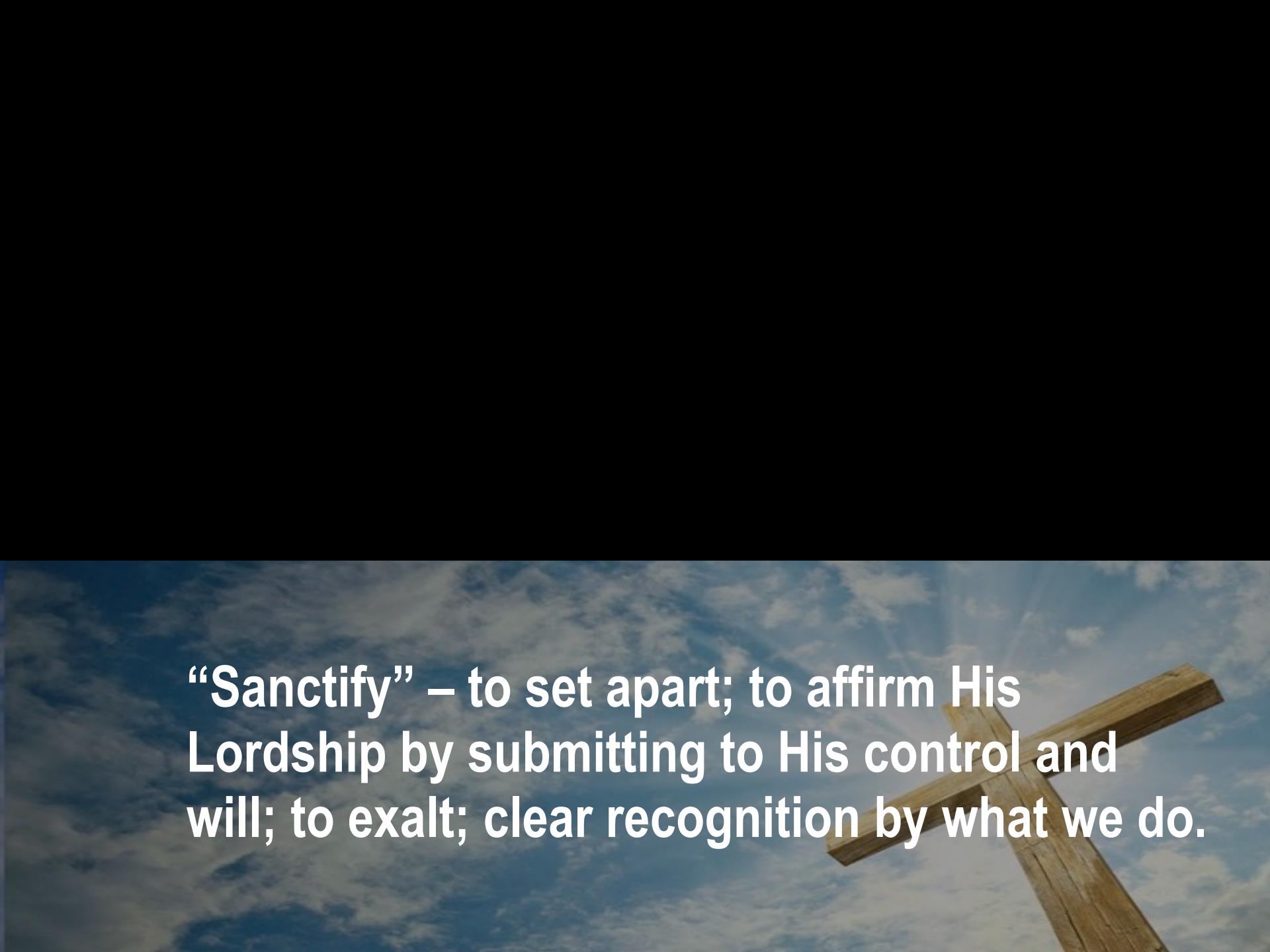
Jesus in order to “save” the world

- took the form of a servant - Phil. 1:7**
- came to serve, not to be served.**

Matt. 20:28

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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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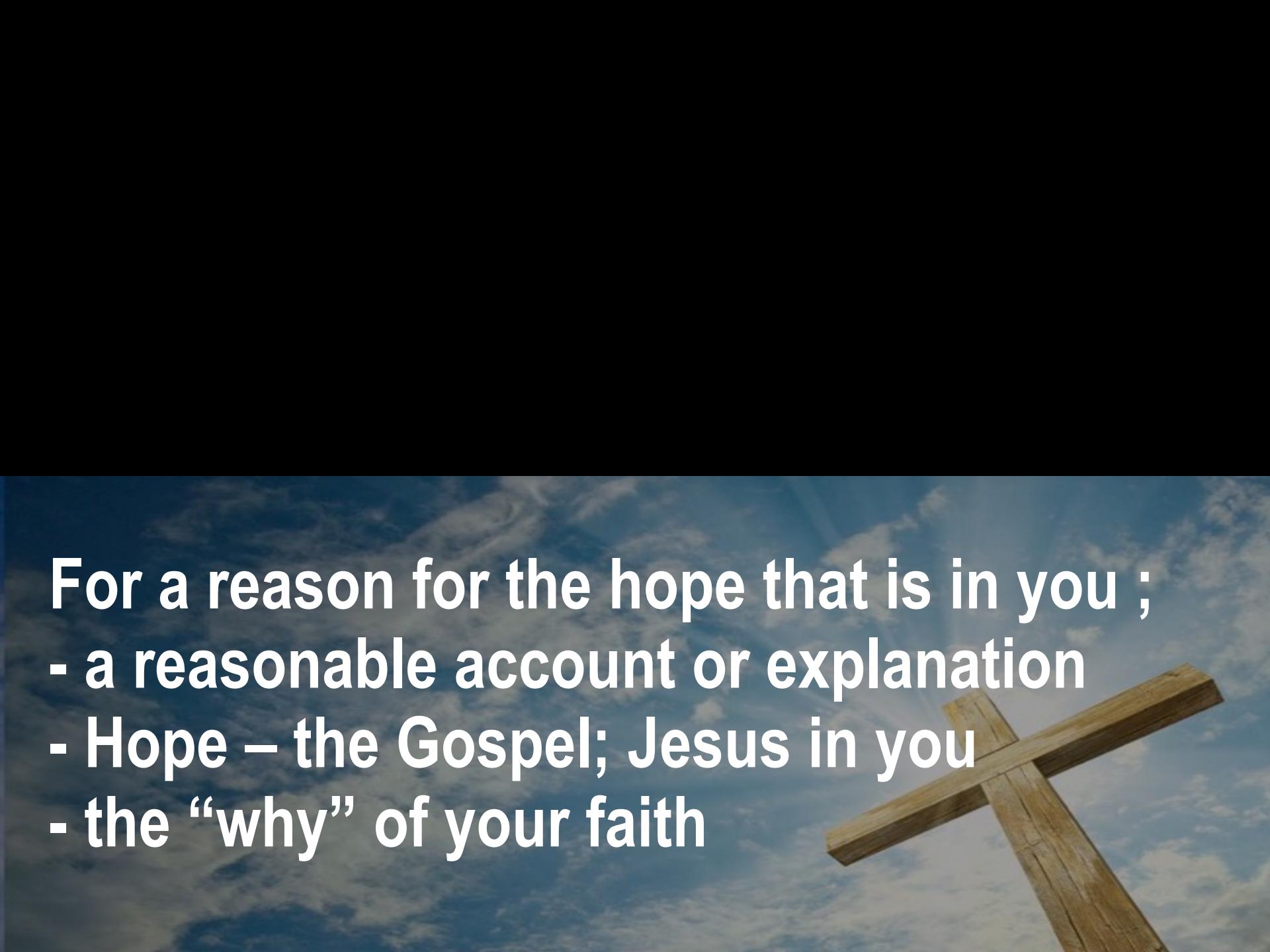
Prepared?

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

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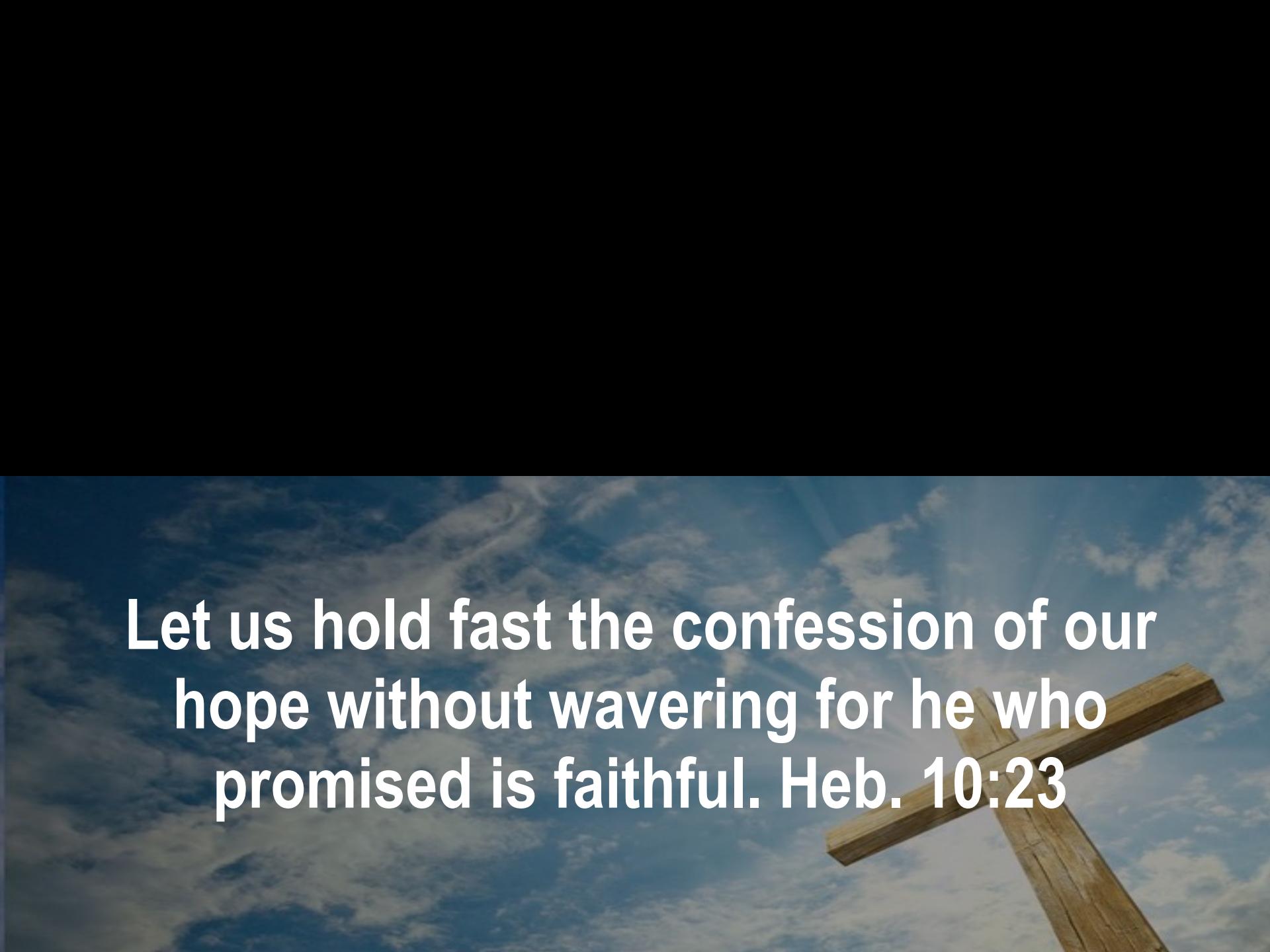
**... to make a defense to anyone who
asks you.**

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

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For a reason for the hope that is in you ;

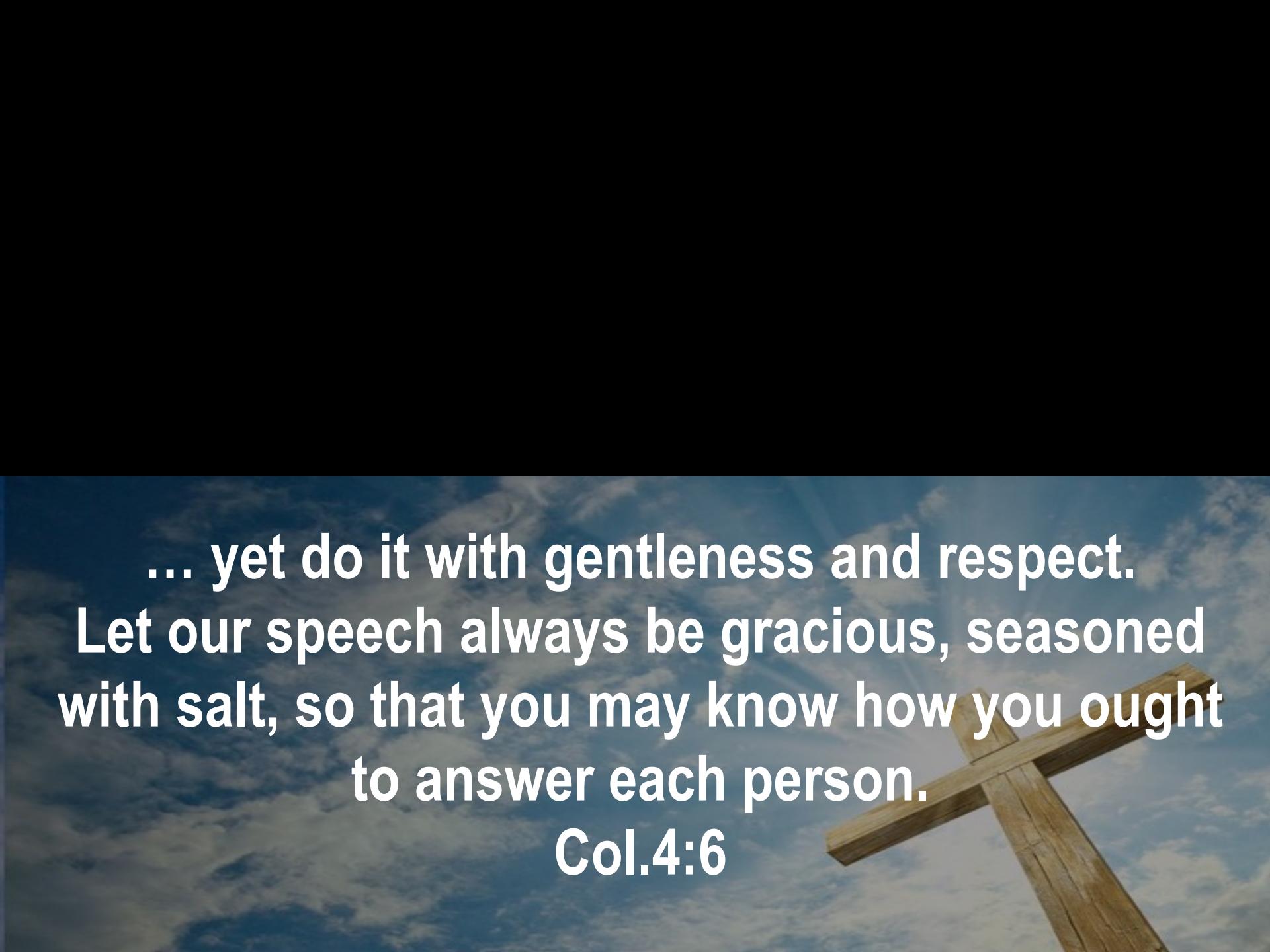
- a reasonable account or explanation**
- Hope – the Gospel; Jesus in you**
- the “why” of your faith**

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

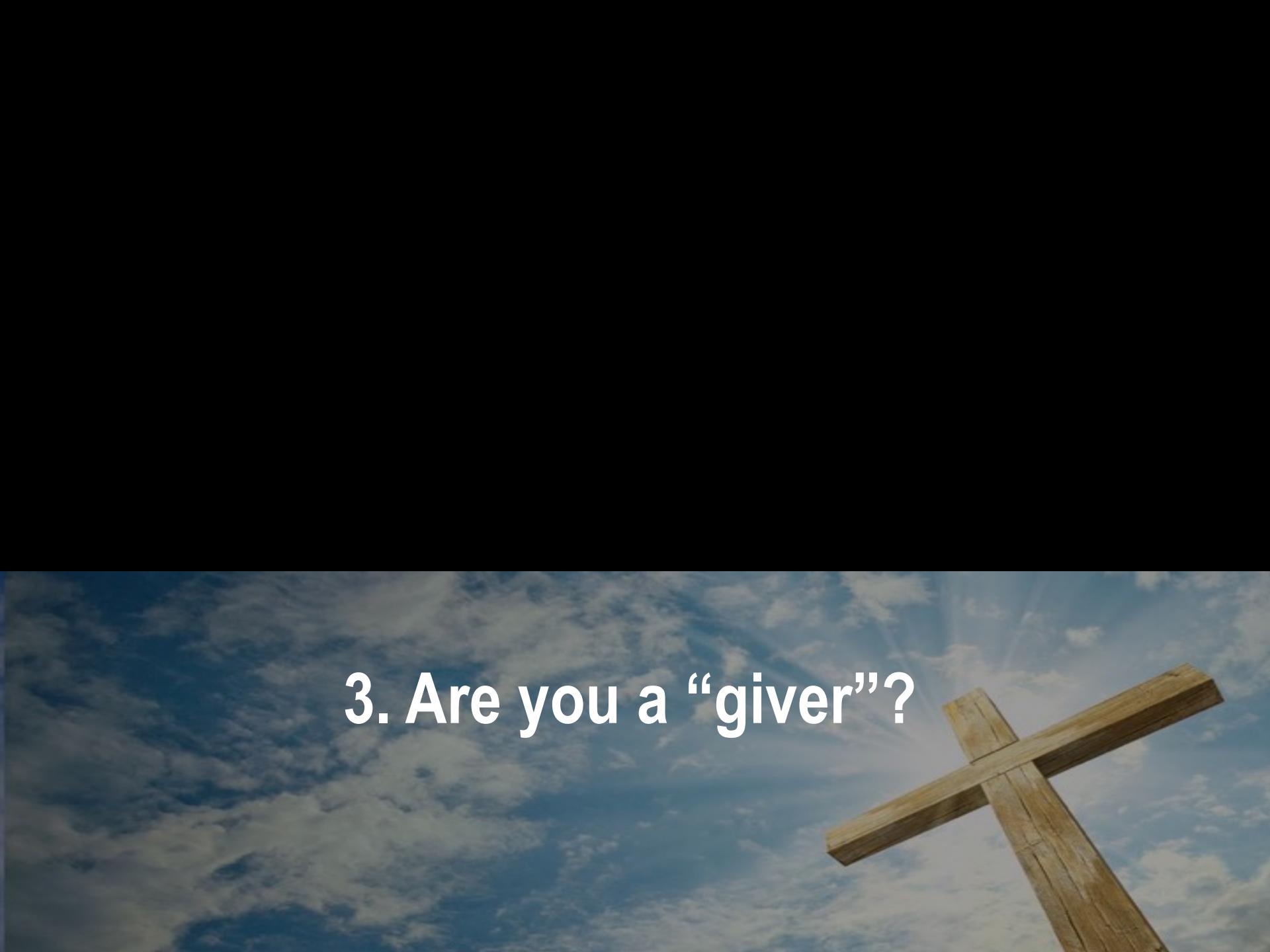
Biblical Hope

- 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.”

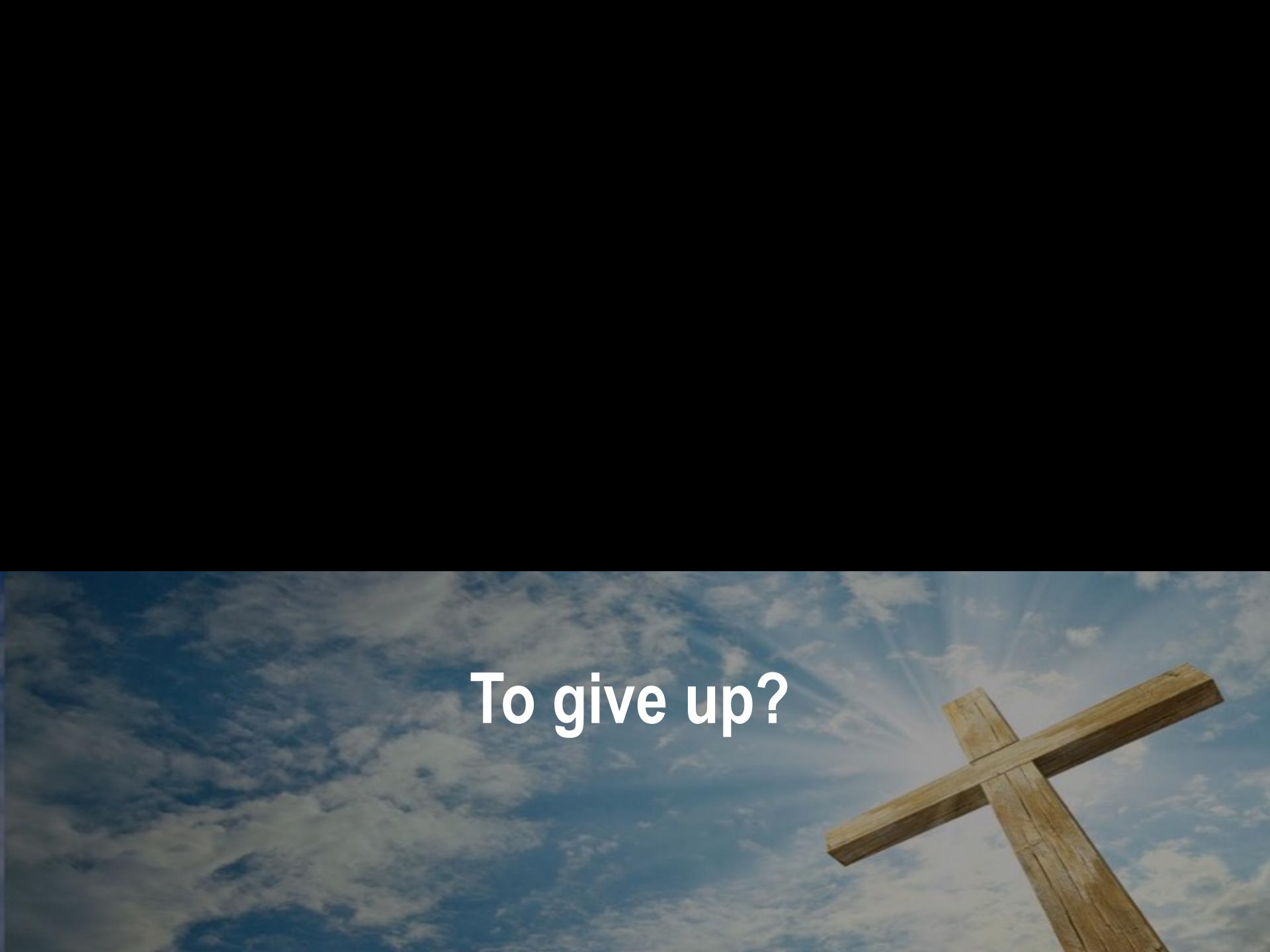
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**... yet do it with gentleness and respect.
Let our speech always be gracious, seasoned
with salt, so that you may know how you ought
to answer each person.**

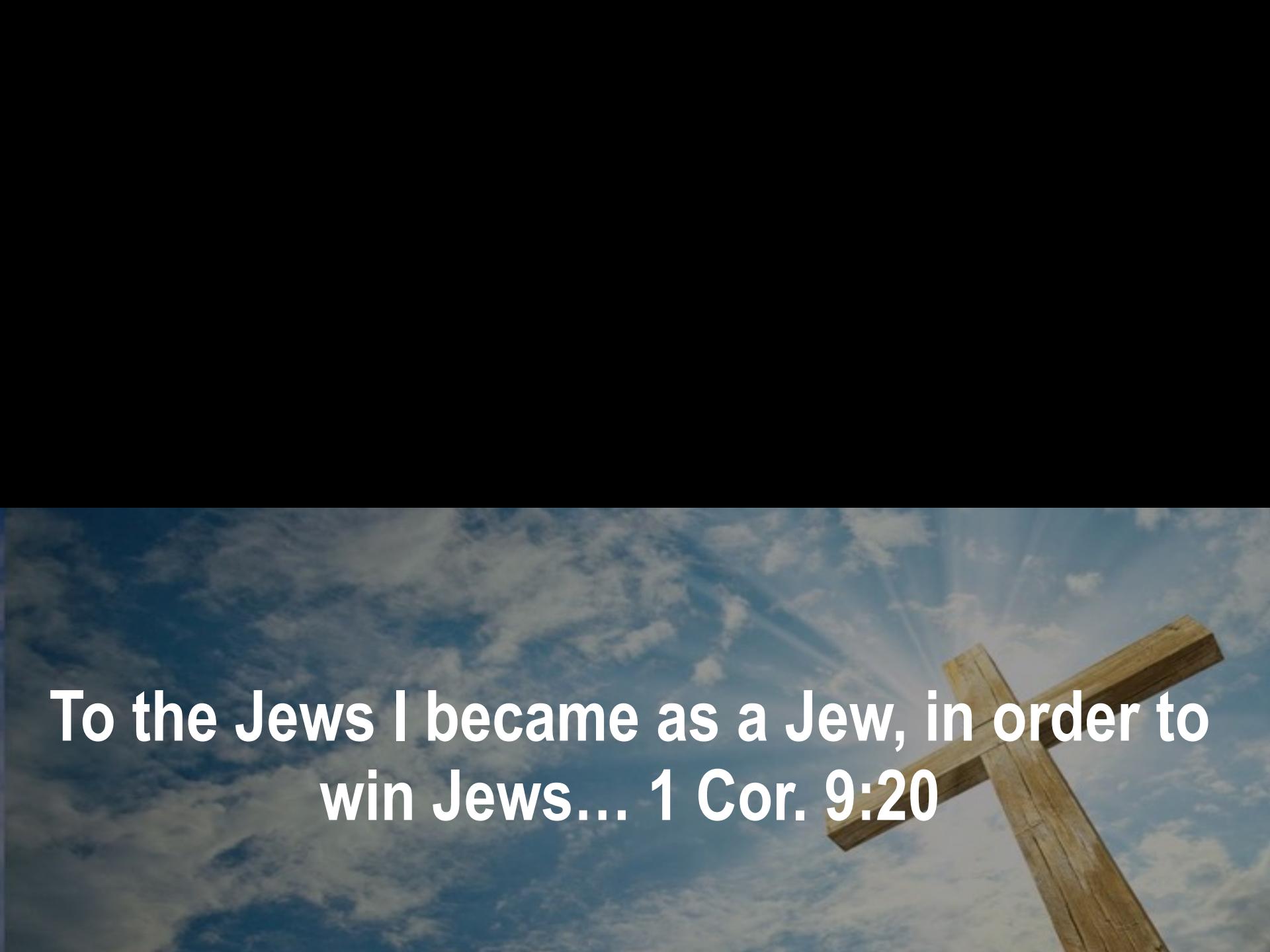
Col.4:6

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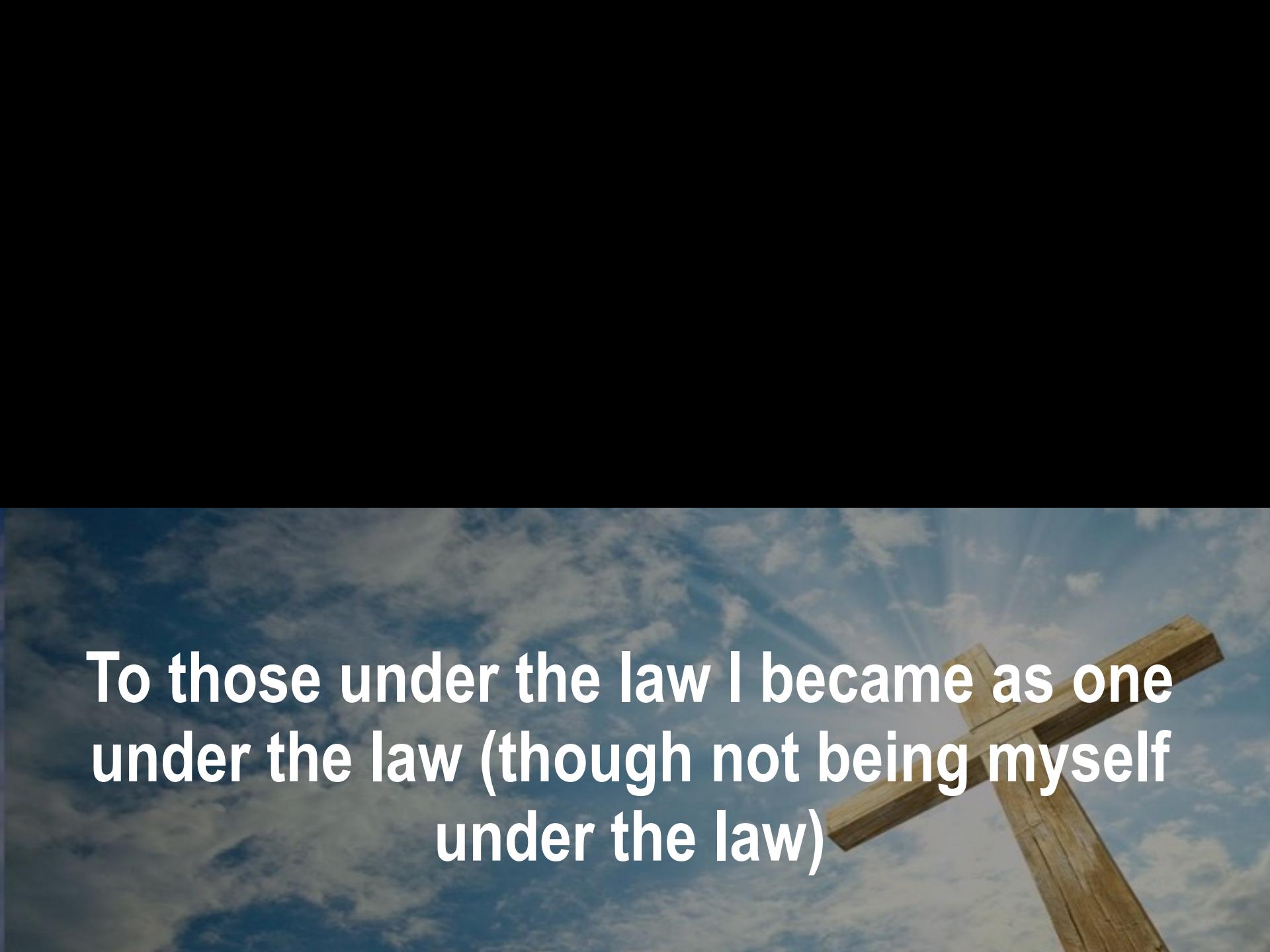
3. Are you a “giver”?

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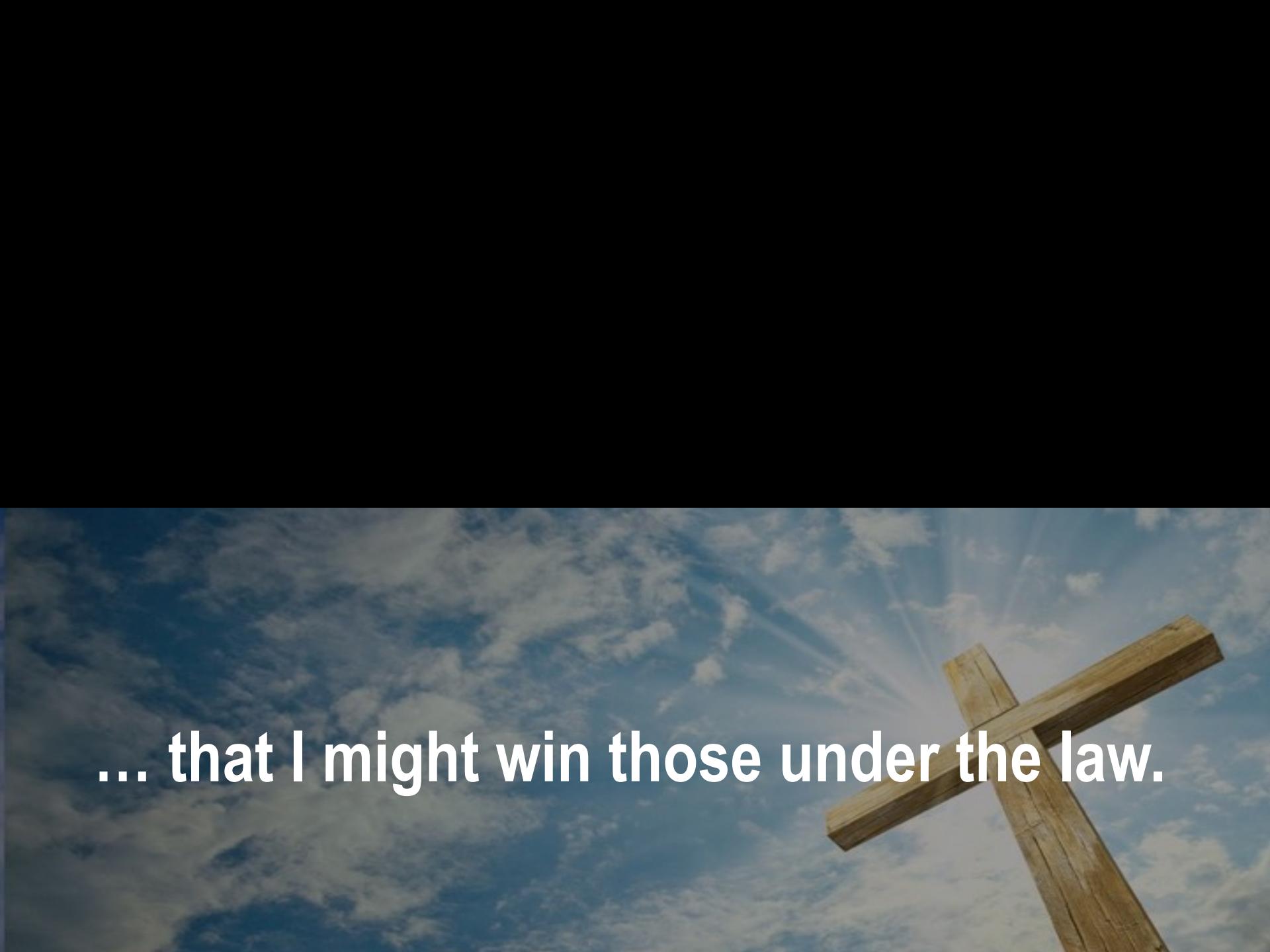
To give up?

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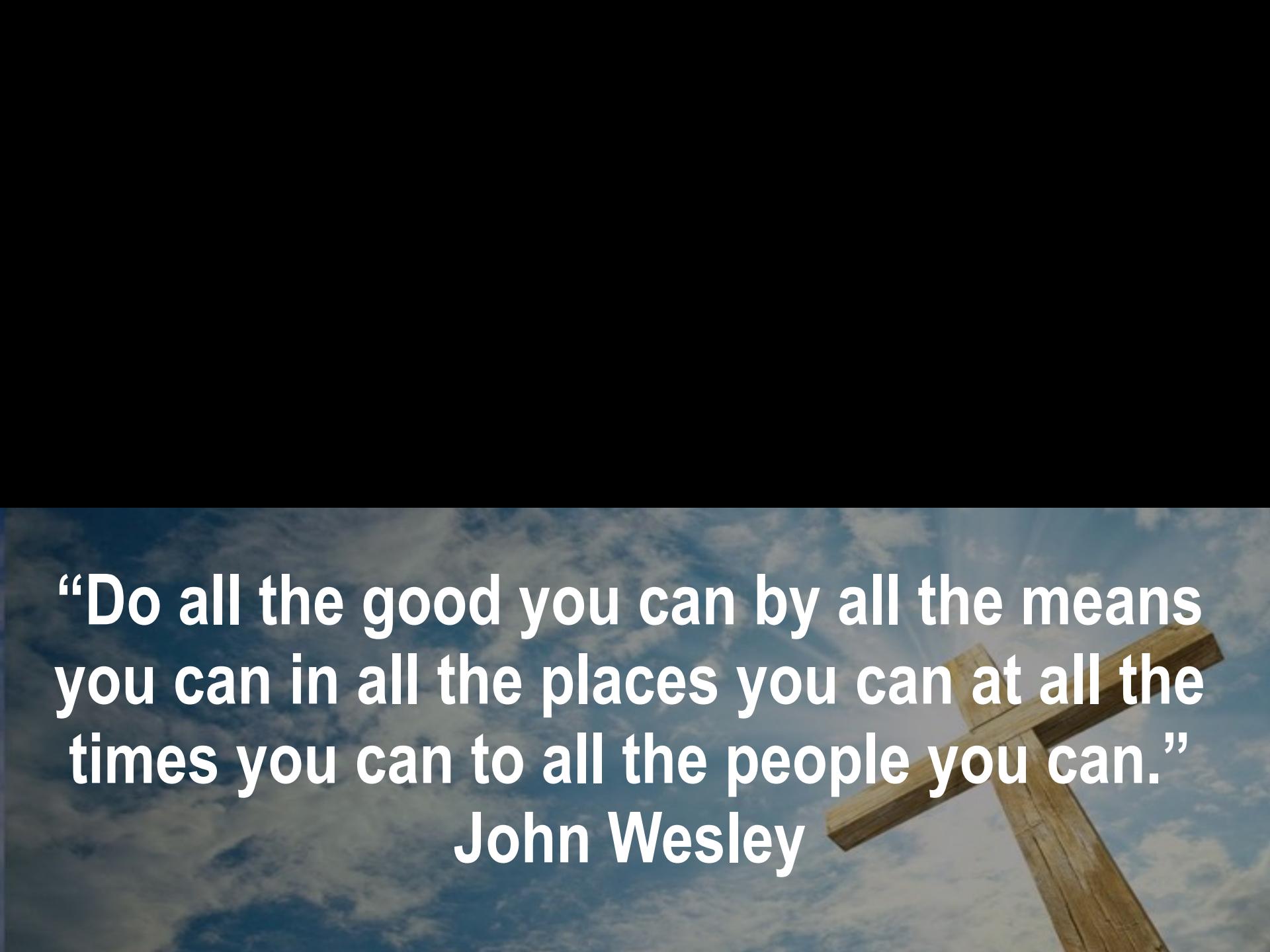
To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to
win Jews... 1 Cor. 9:20

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To those under the law I became as one
under the law (though not being myself
under the law)

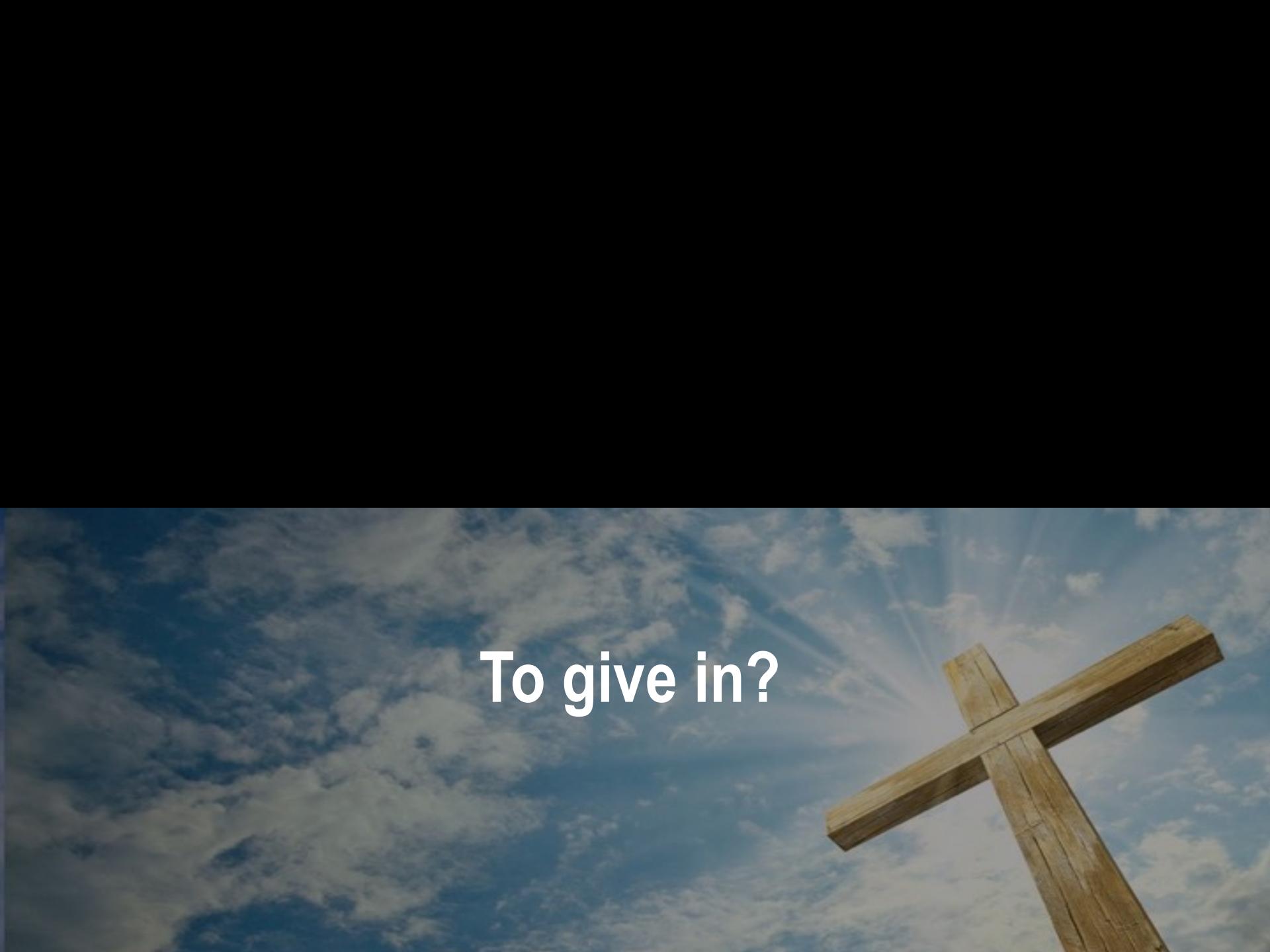
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... that I might win those under the law.

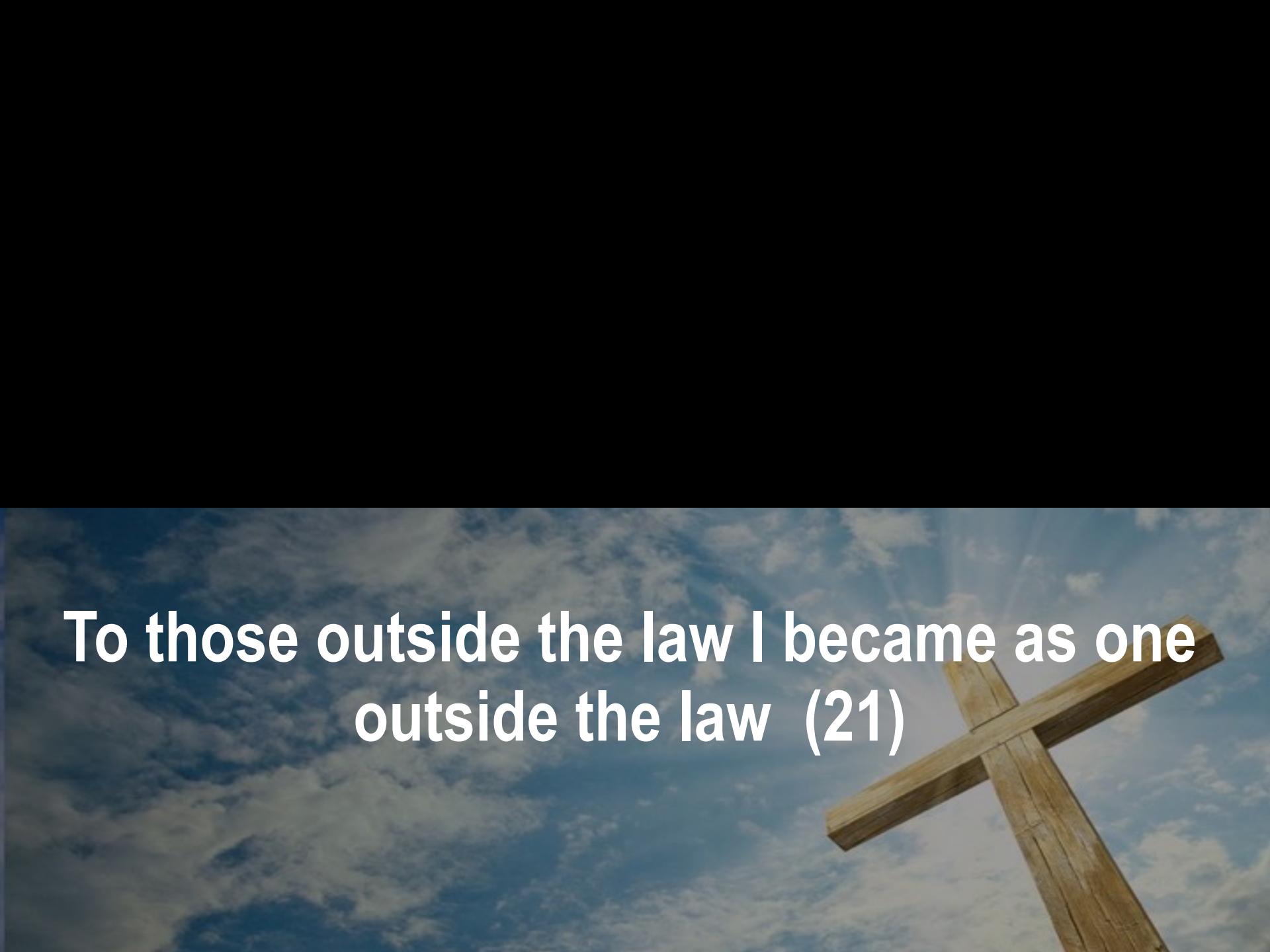
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“Do all the good you can by all the means
you can in all the places you can at all the
times you can to all the people you can.”

John Wesley

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To give in?

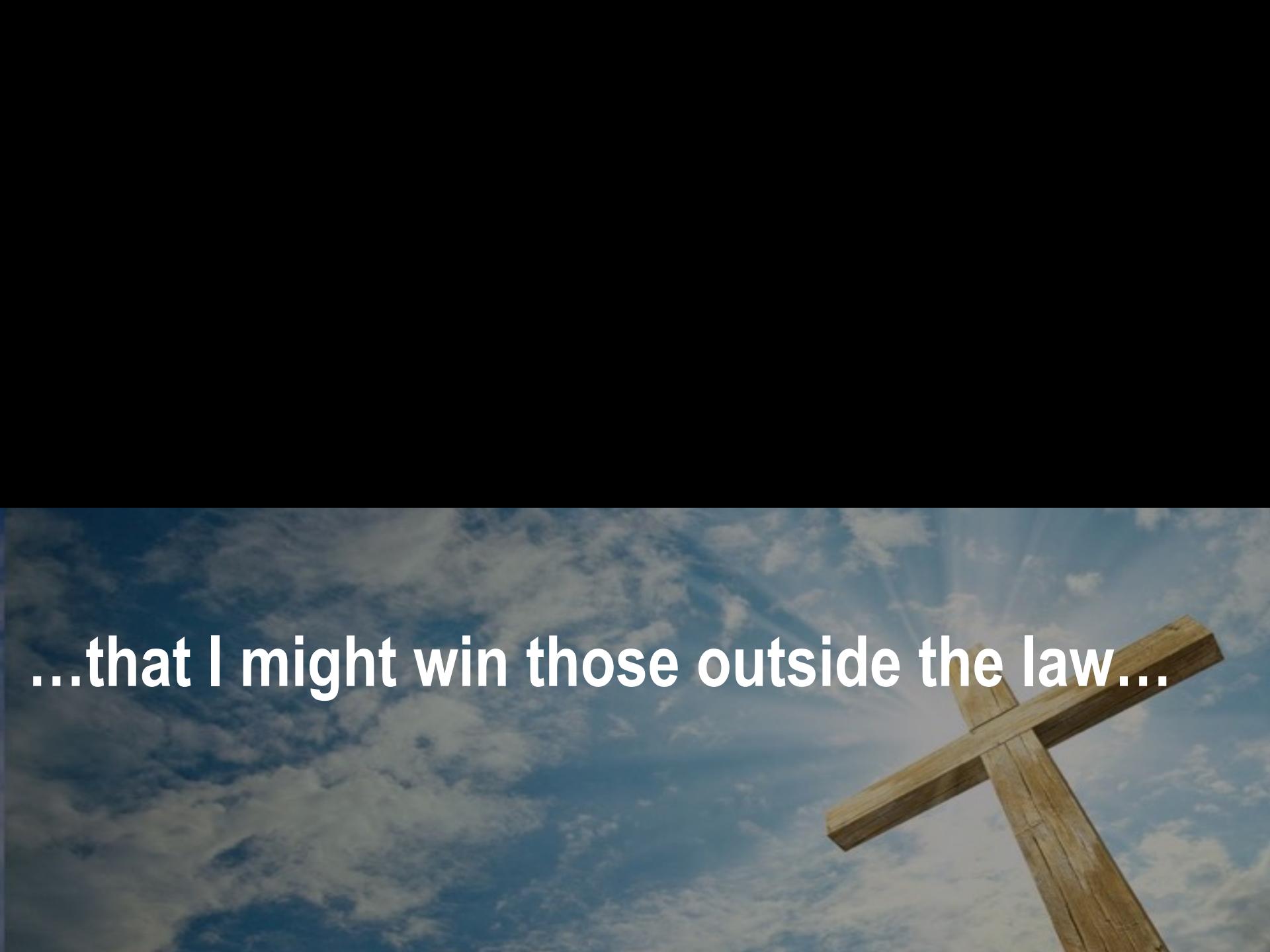
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To those outside the law I became as one
outside the law (21)

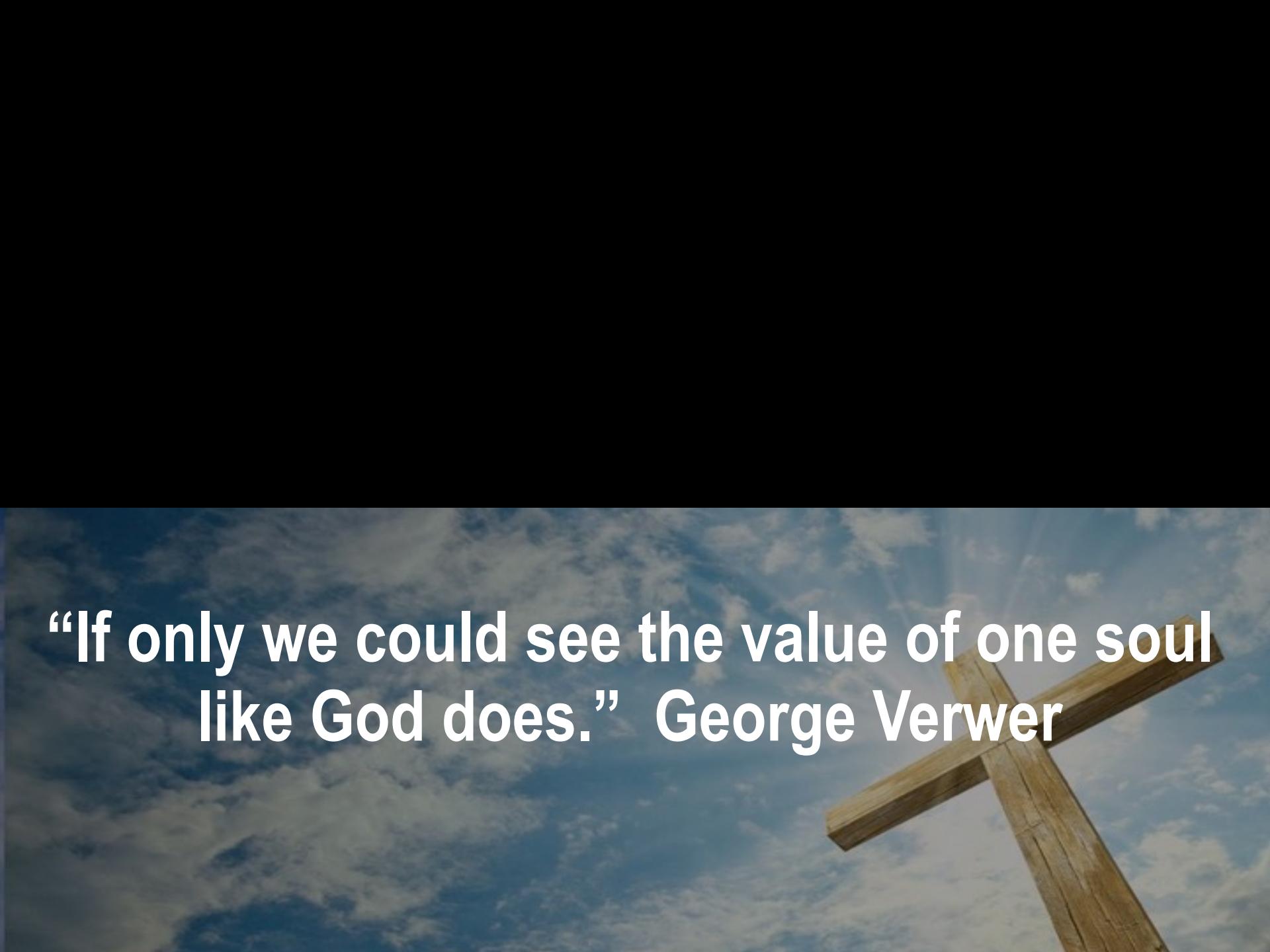
**... not being outside the law of God, but under
the law of Christ**

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

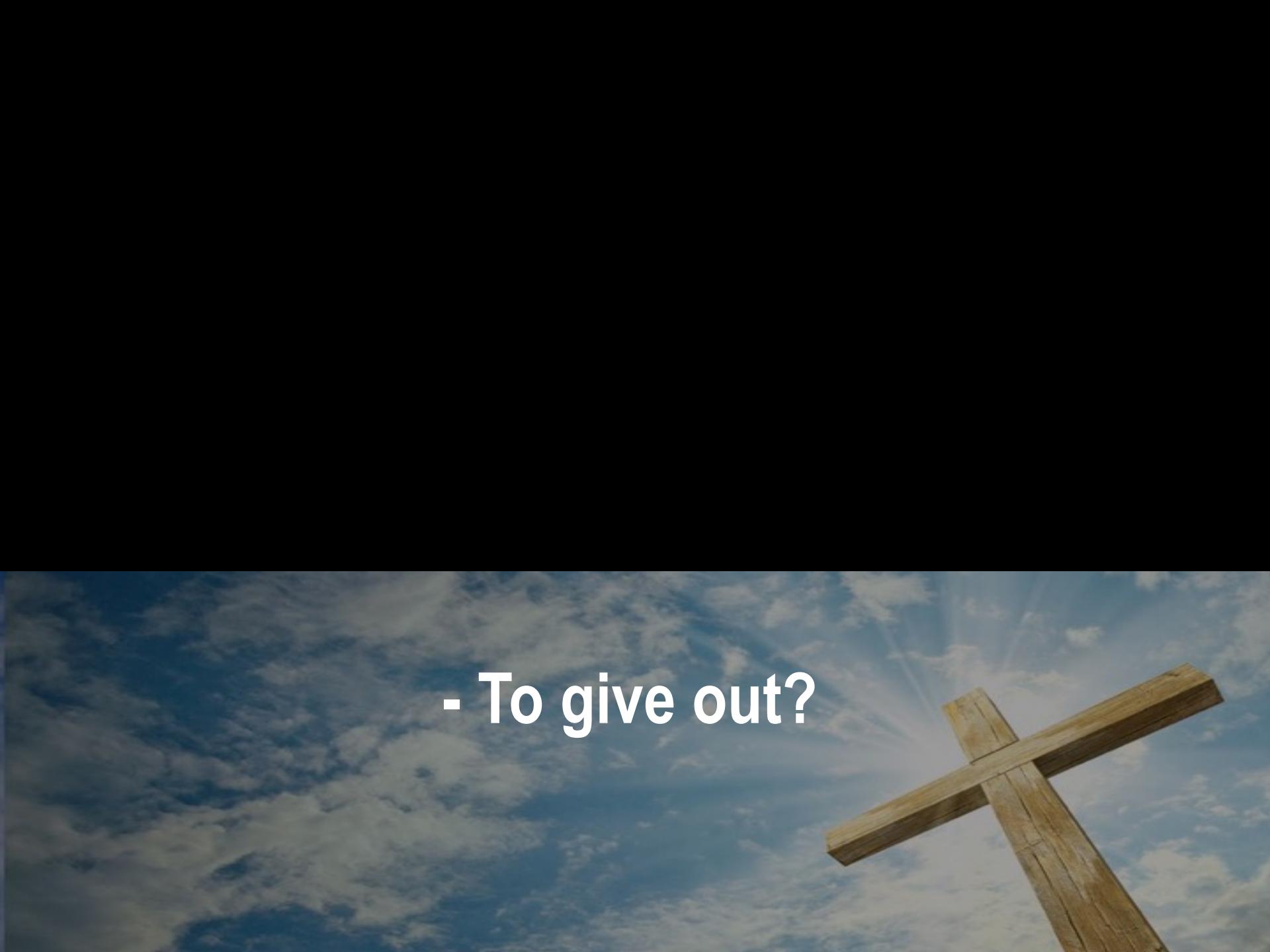


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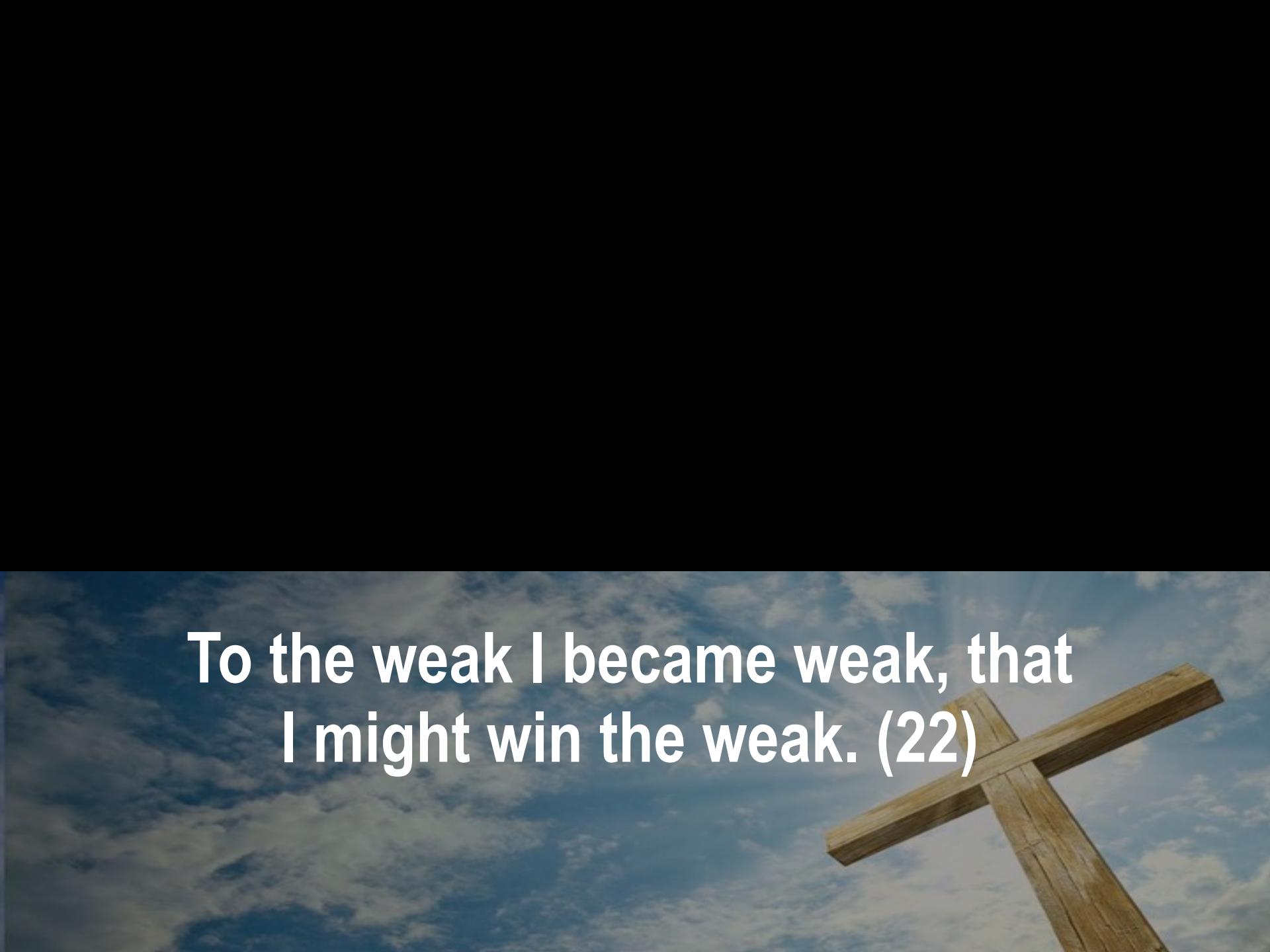
...that I might win those outside the law...

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

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- To give out?

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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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I have become all things to all people, that
by all means I might save some.

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**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?