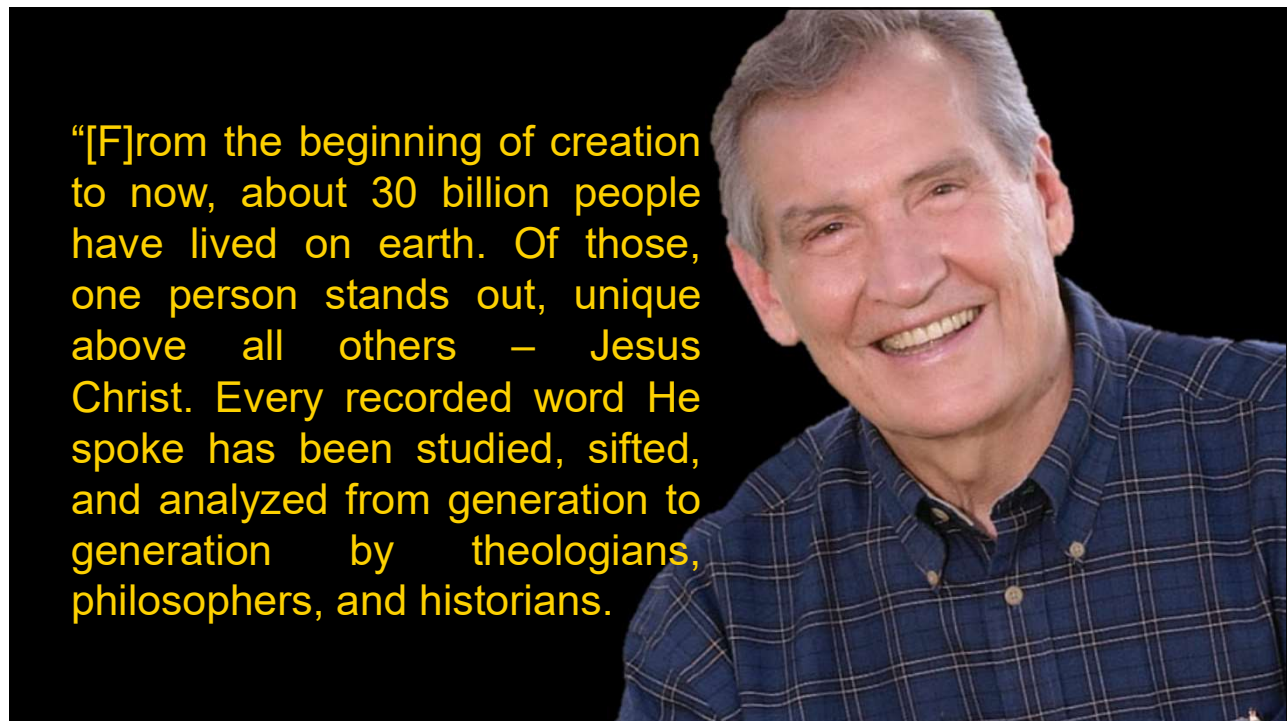
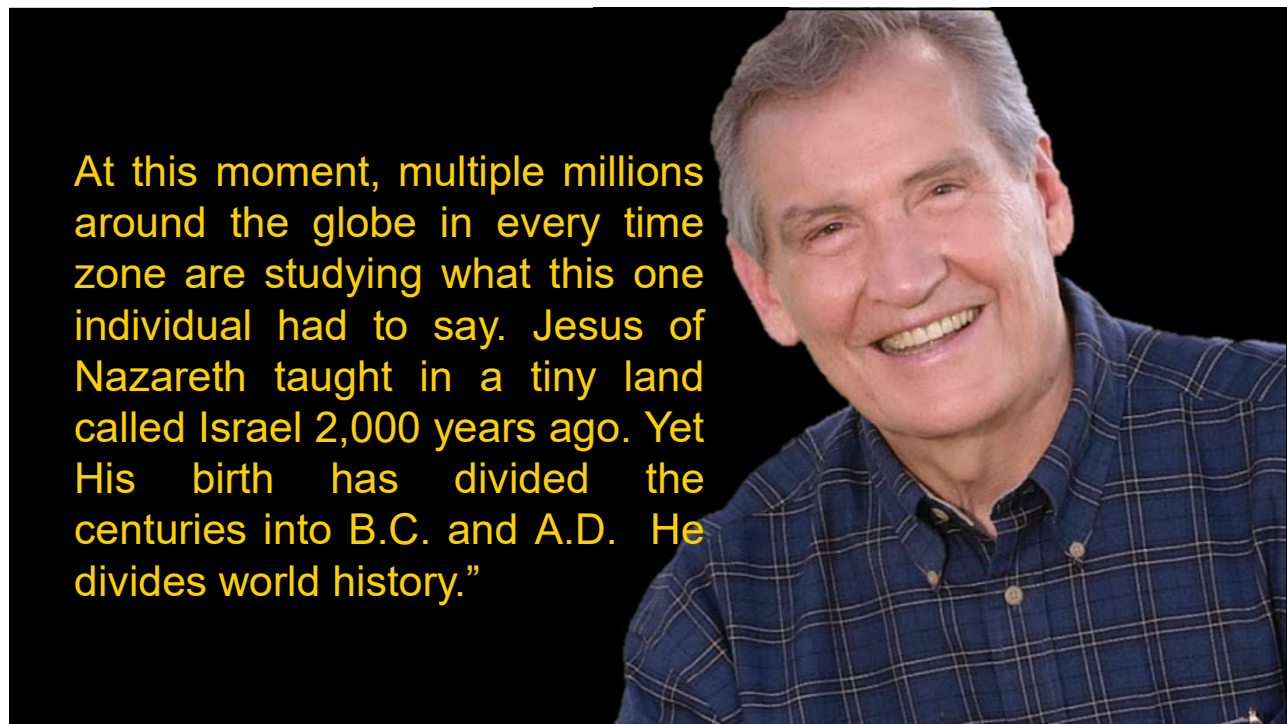


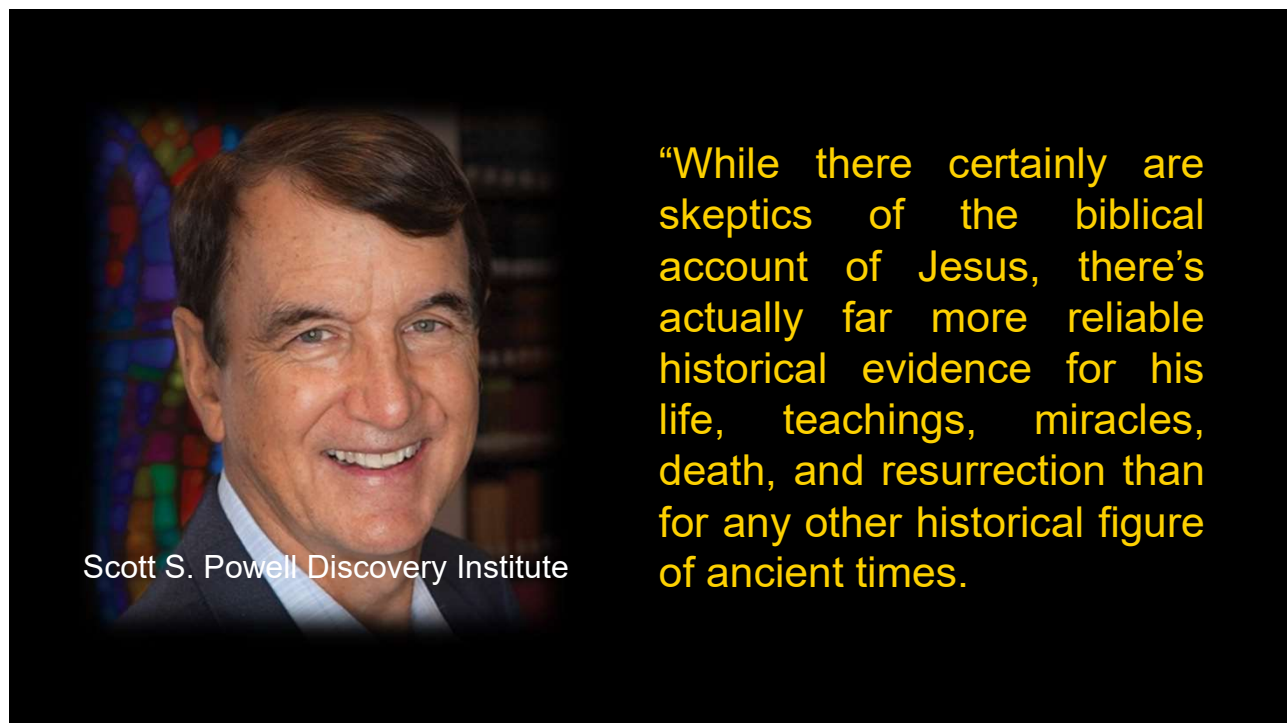
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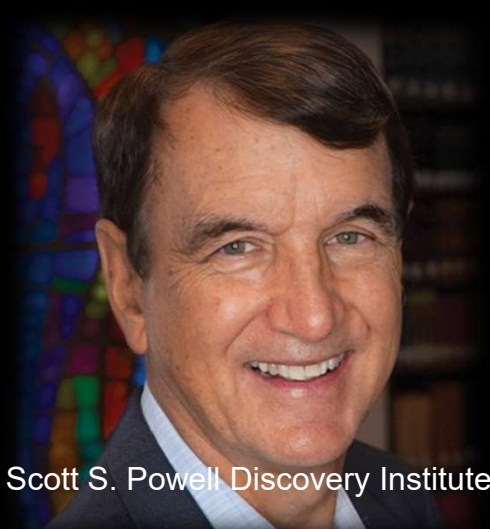
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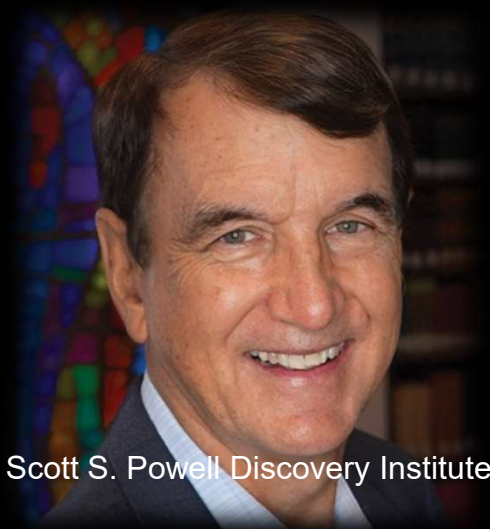
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Christ is the only person in history who was pre-announced starting a thousand years before he was born, with 18 different prophets from the Old Testament between the tenth and the fourth centuries BC predicting his coming birth, life, and death – with David writing about His crucifixion at a time crucifixion was unknown as a means of execution.

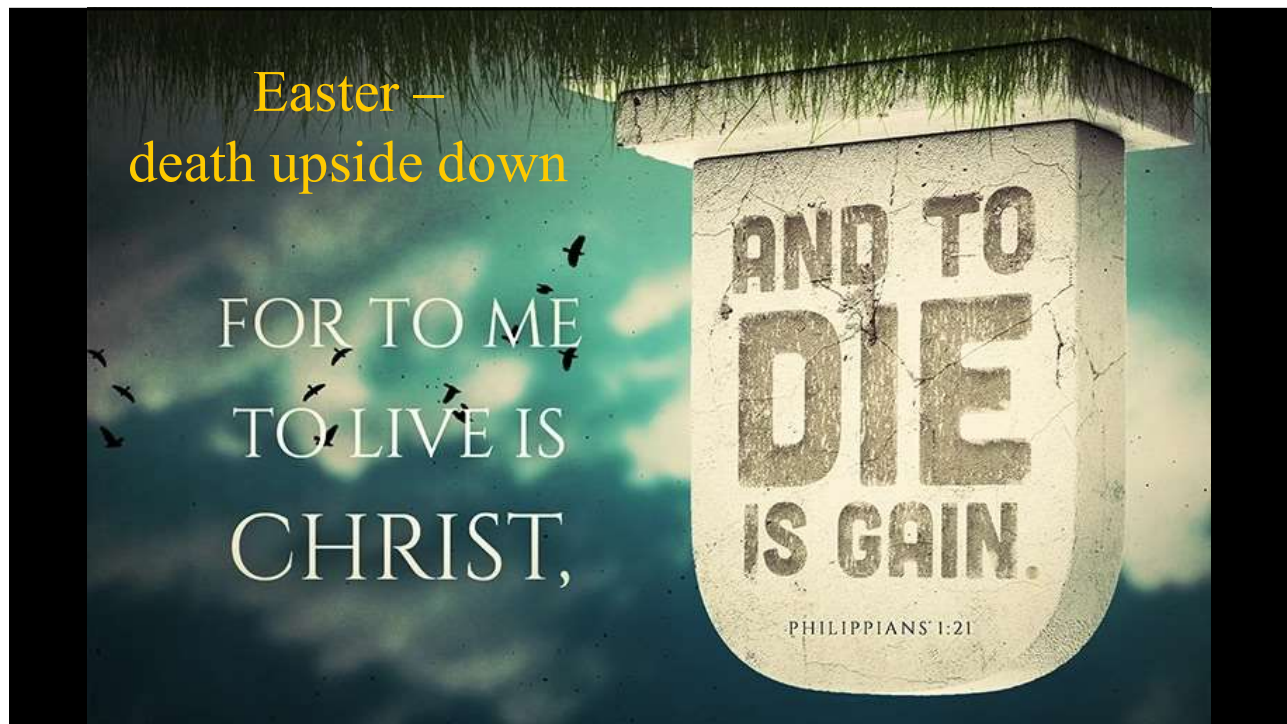
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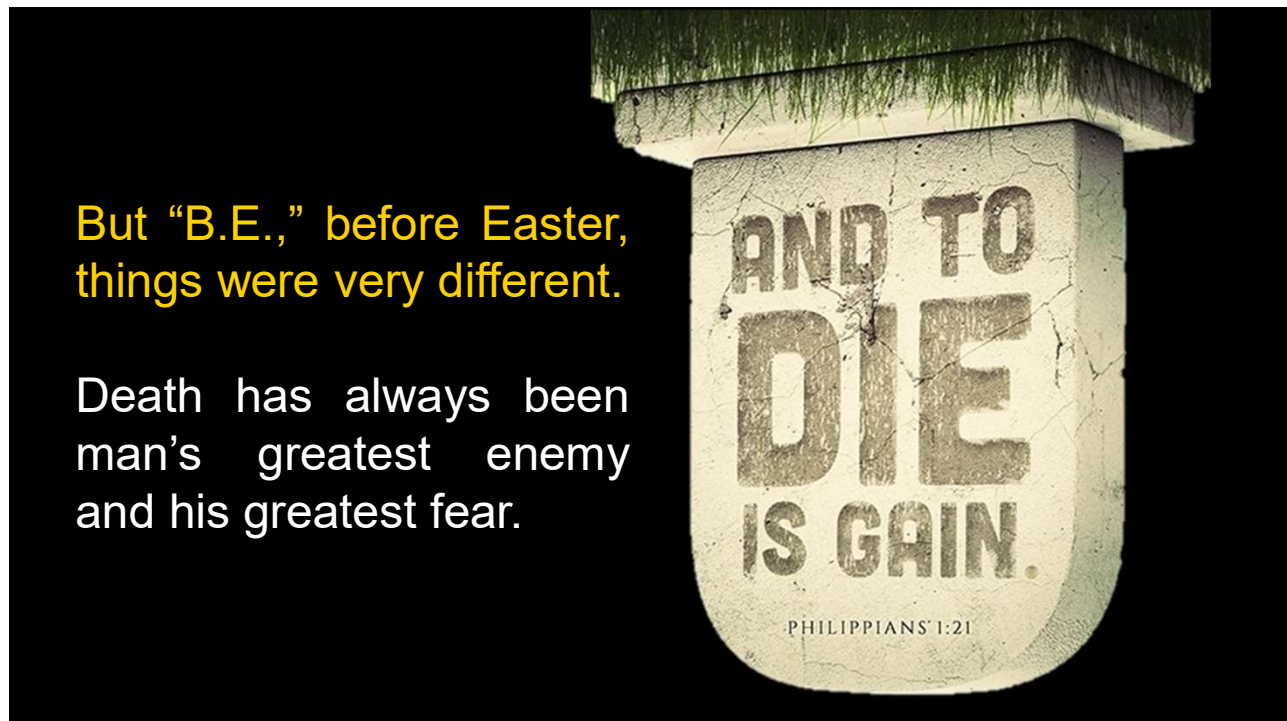
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Hundreds of years later, those prophecies were fulfilled in surprisingly accurate and minute detail. ... It turns out that Easter is one of ancient history's most carefully scrutinized and best-attested events. The resurrection is real, and changes everything."

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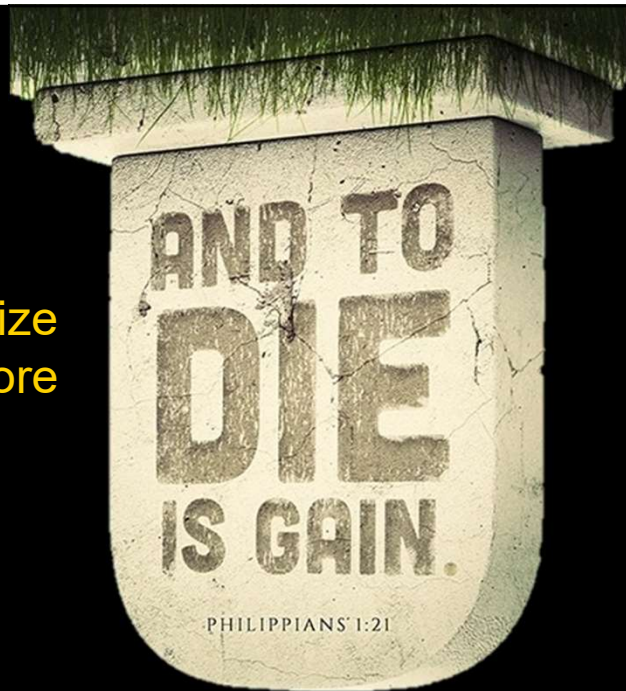


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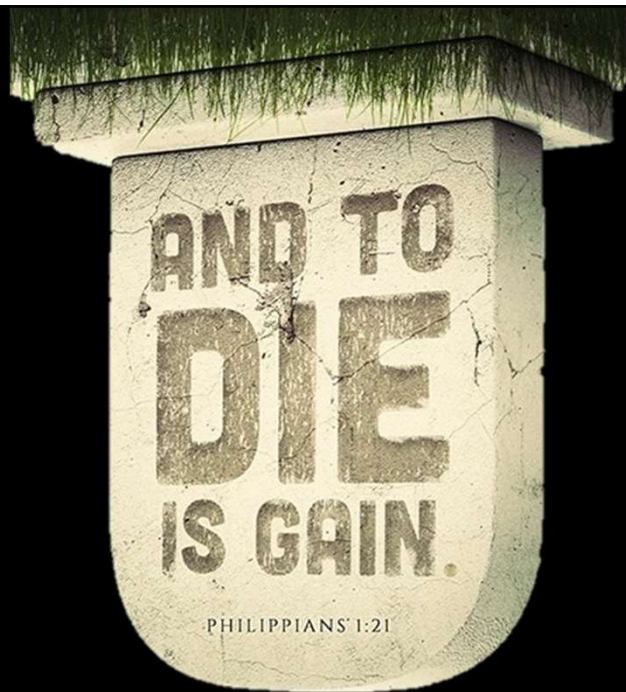
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Three words characterize
those living “B.E.” – before
Easter:



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1. Night



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Is 9:2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined. (Mt 4:16)

Acts 26:18 to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God,

AND TO
DIE
IS GAIN.

PHILIPPIANS 1:21

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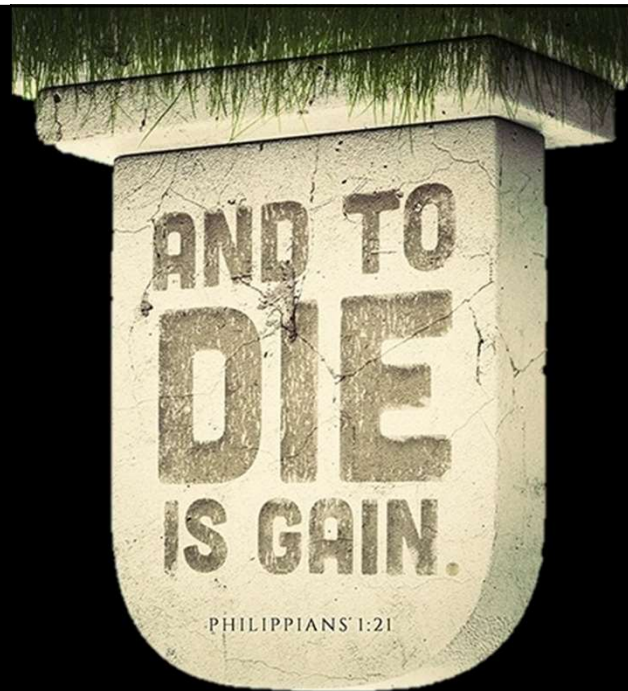
Jn 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

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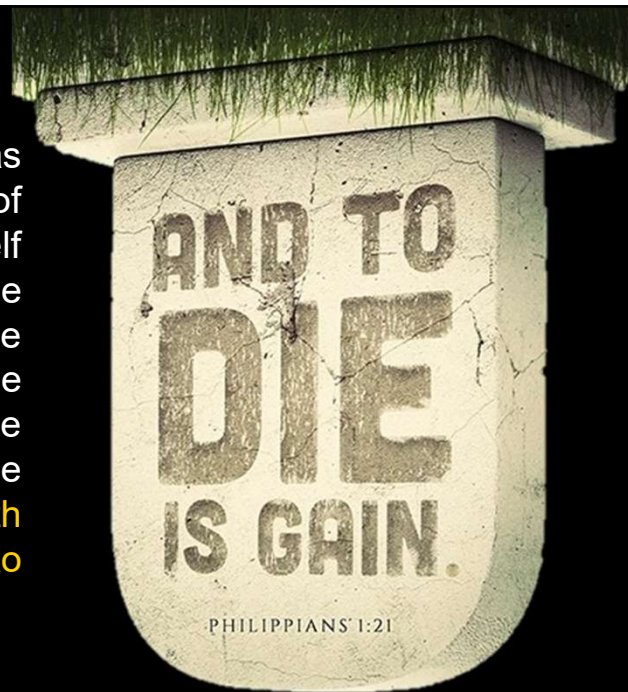
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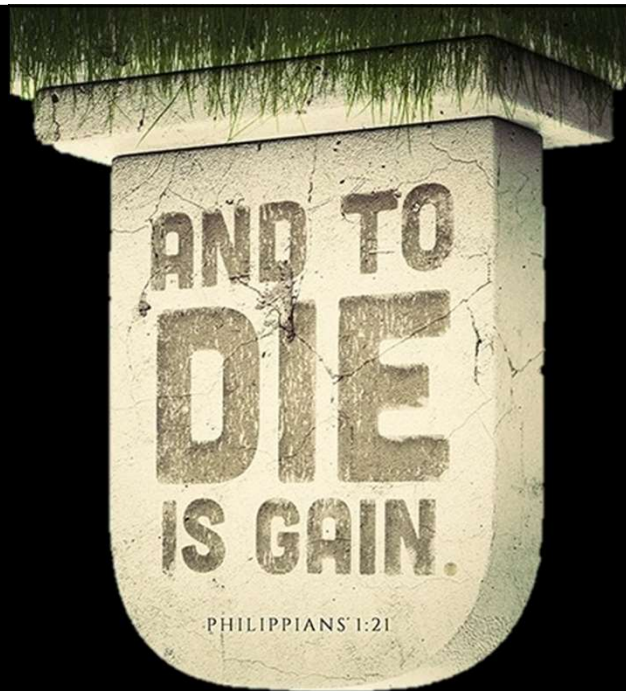
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Heb 2:14-15 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.



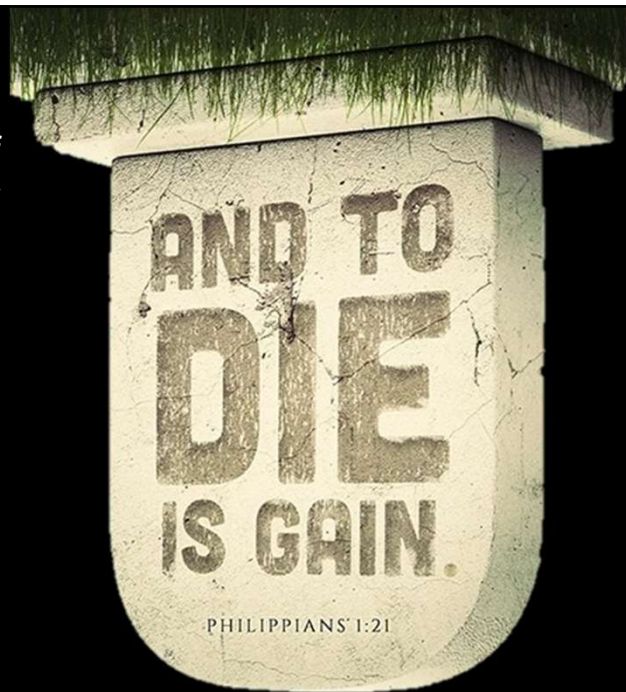
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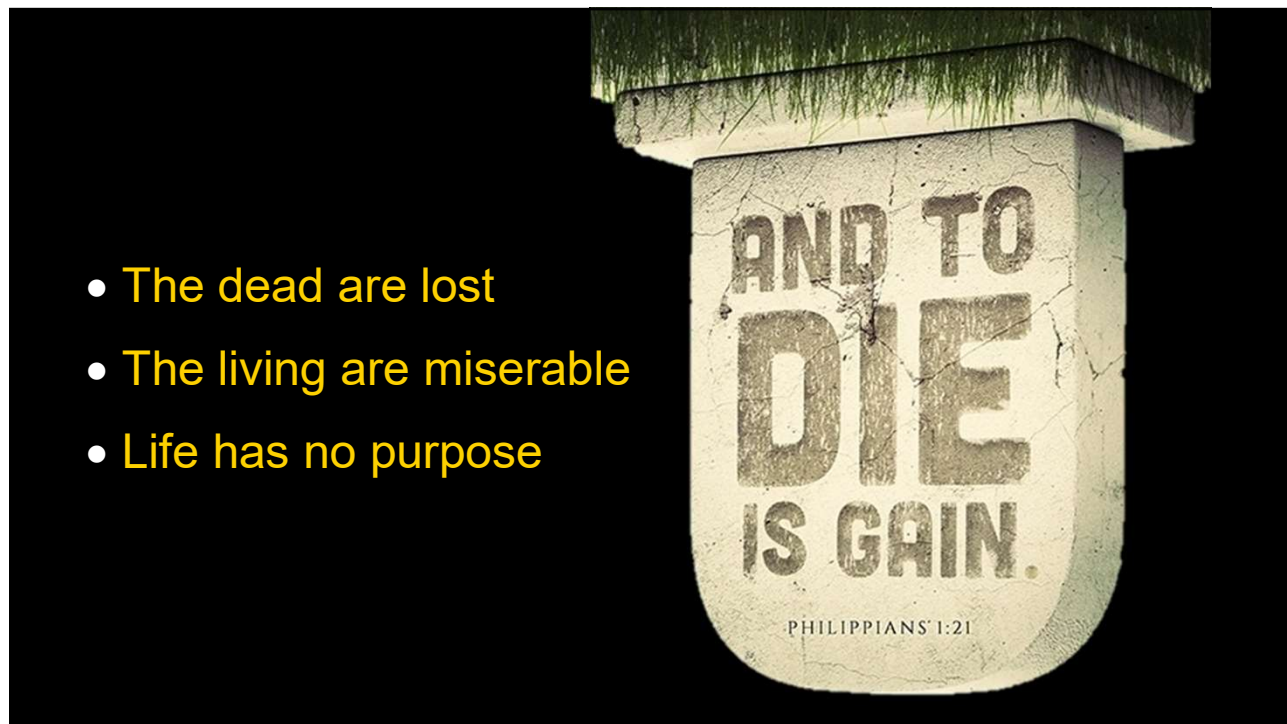


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1 Cor 15:17-19,32 And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! ¹⁸ Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ **have perished**. ¹⁹ If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the **most pitiable**. ... ³² If the dead do not rise, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!"

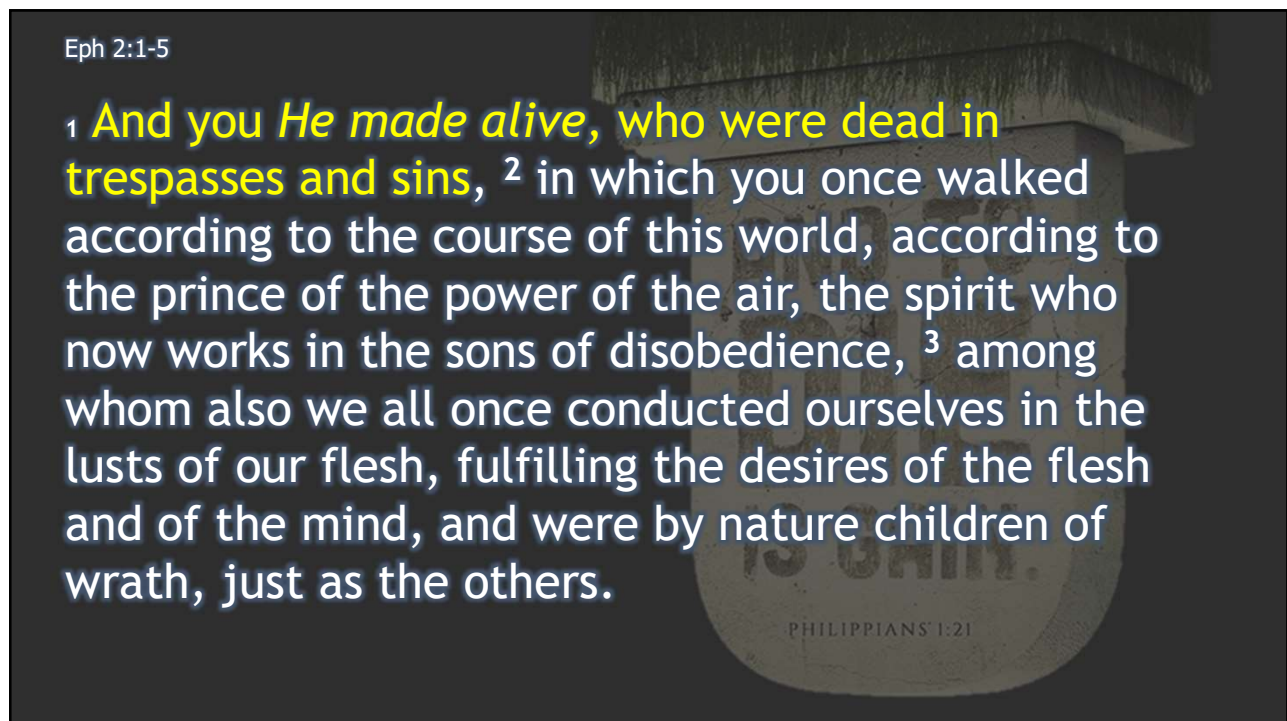


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- The dead are lost
- The living are miserable
- Life has no purpose

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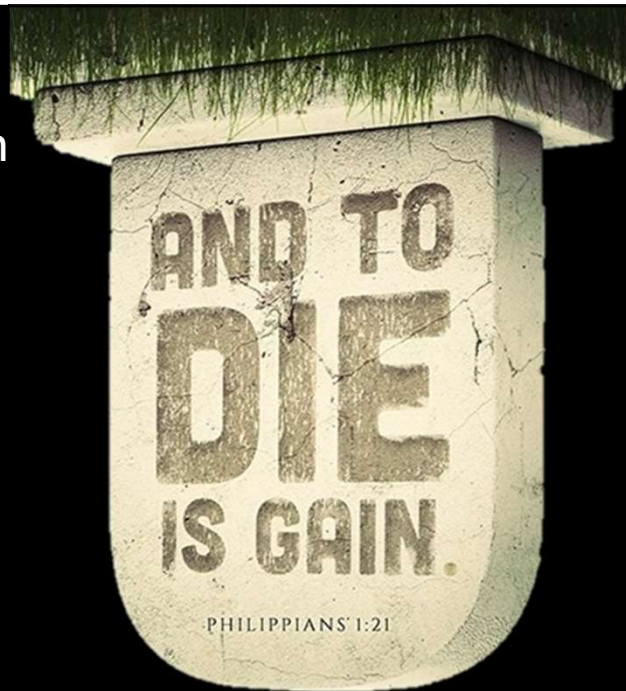
Eph 2:1-5

¹ And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which 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, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

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Eph 2:4-5

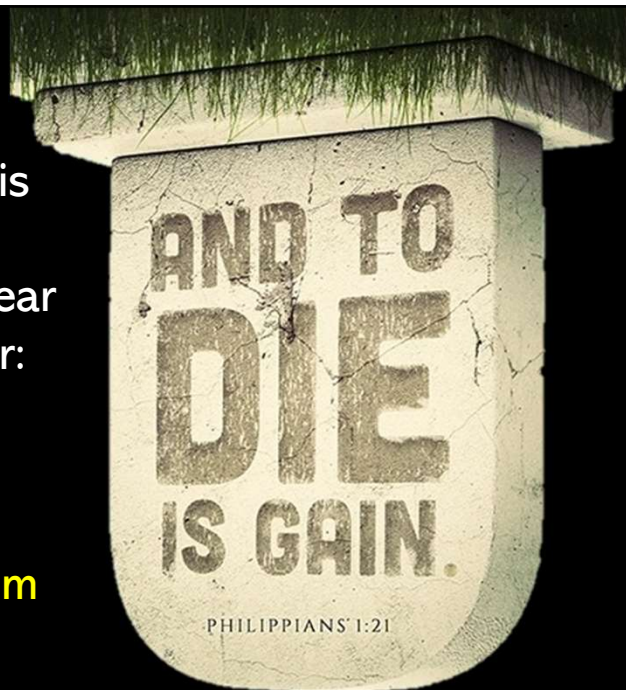
⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when **we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ**



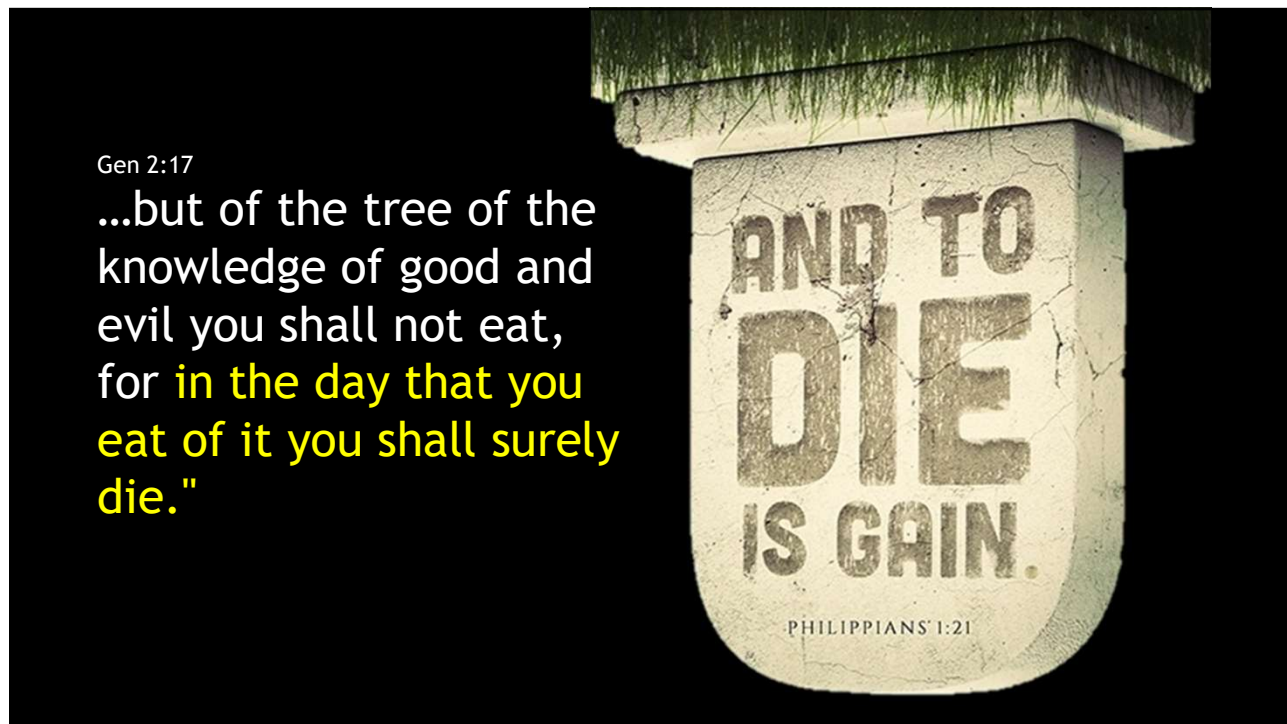
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Isa 59:1-2

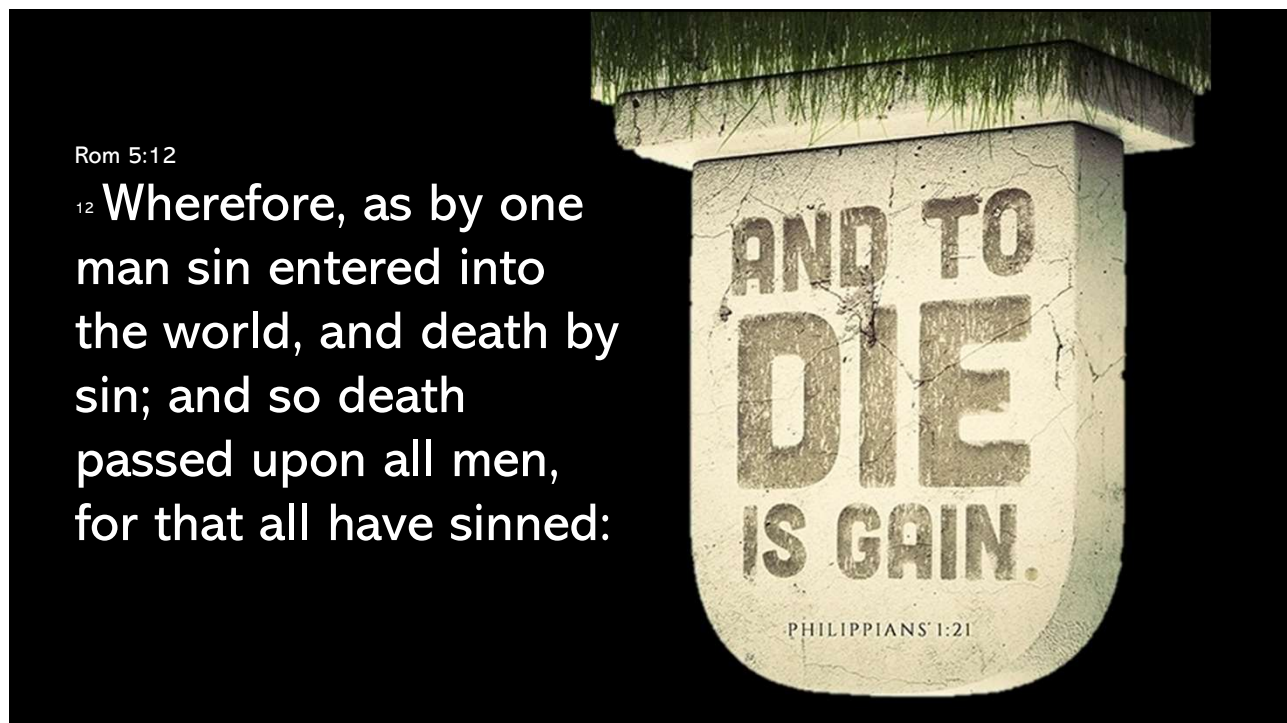
Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: **But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you,**



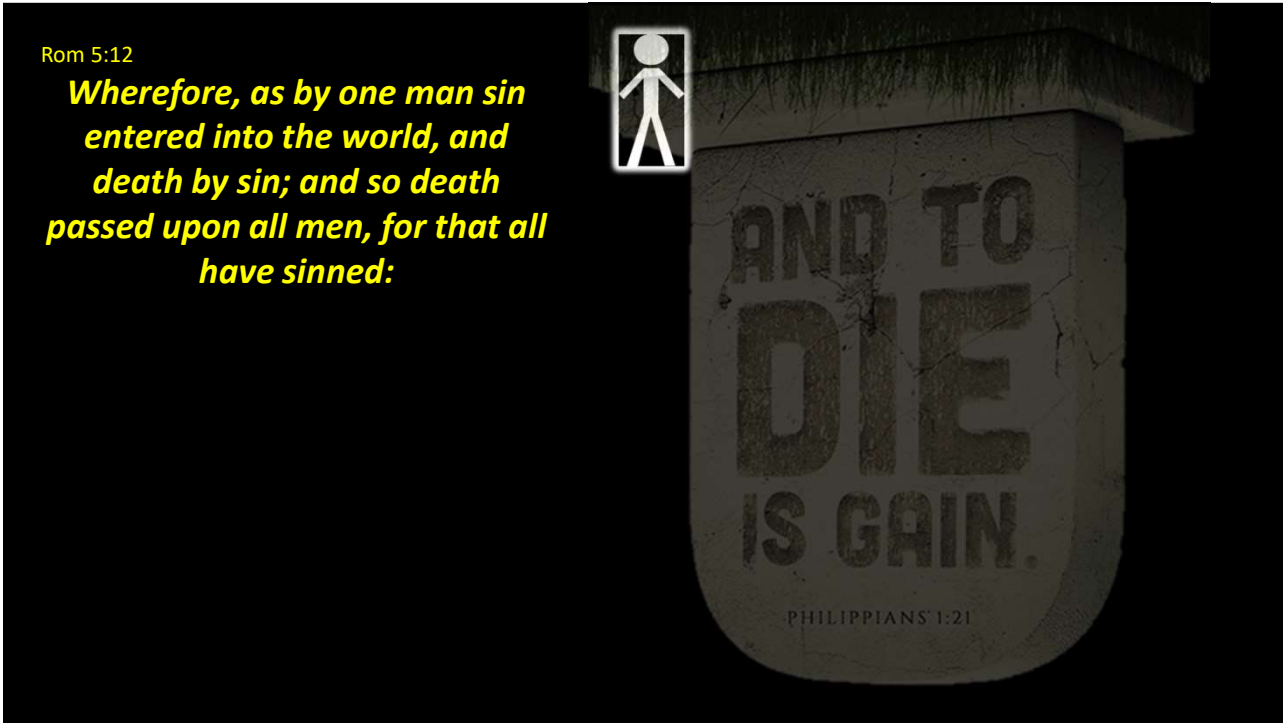
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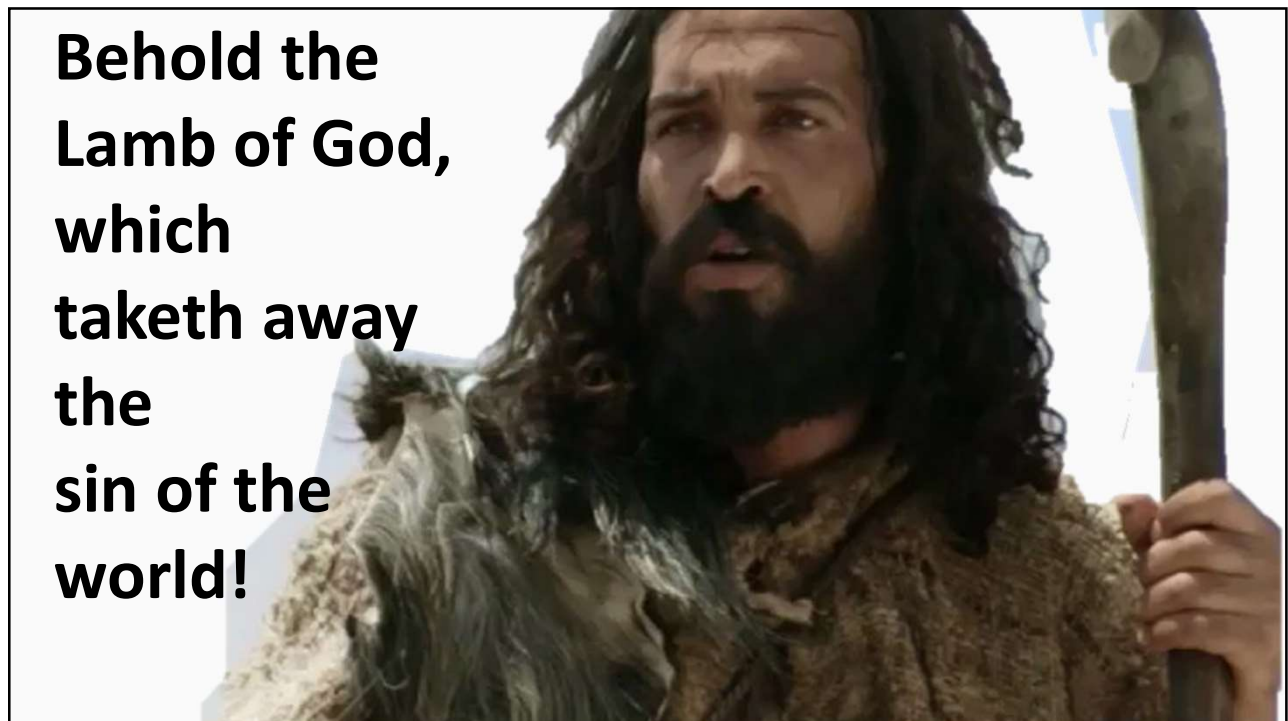
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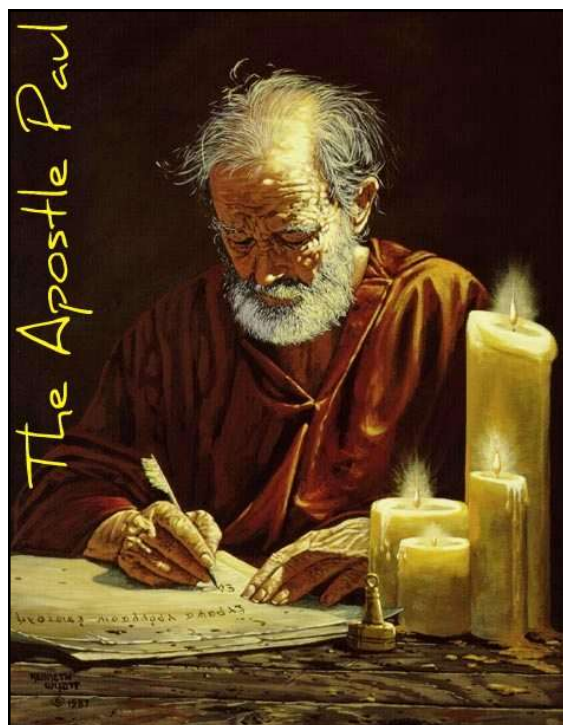
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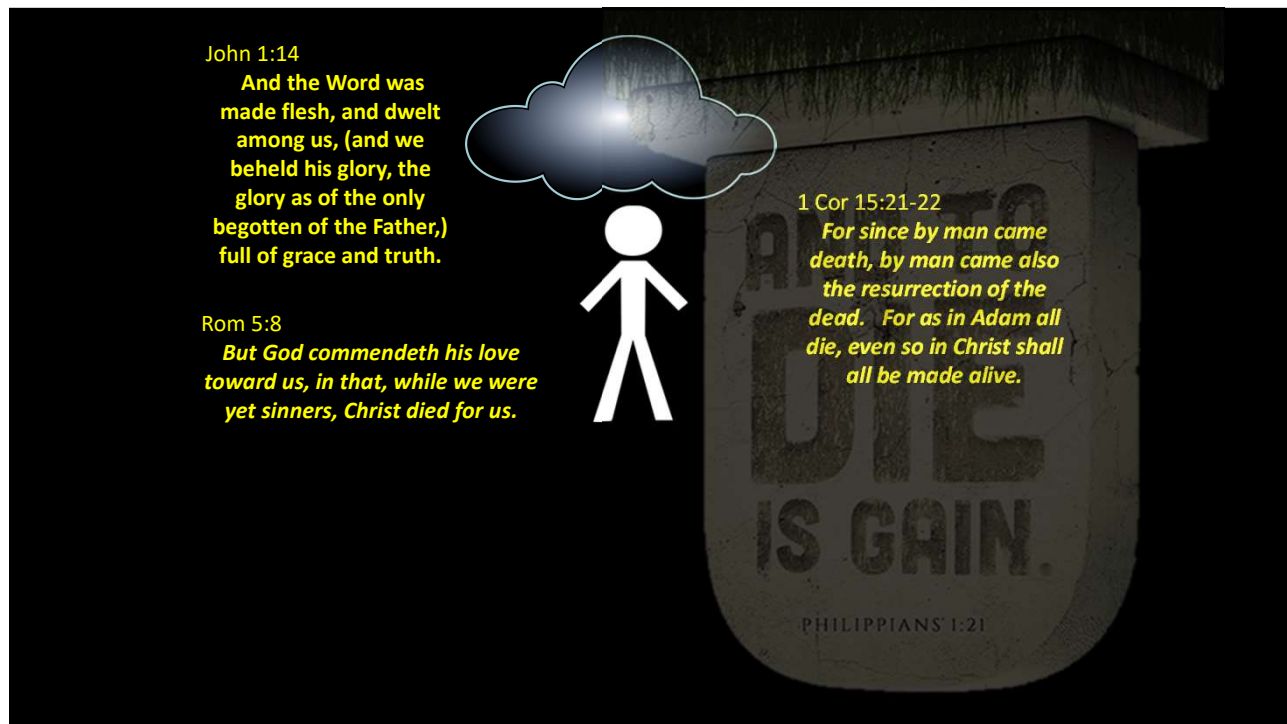


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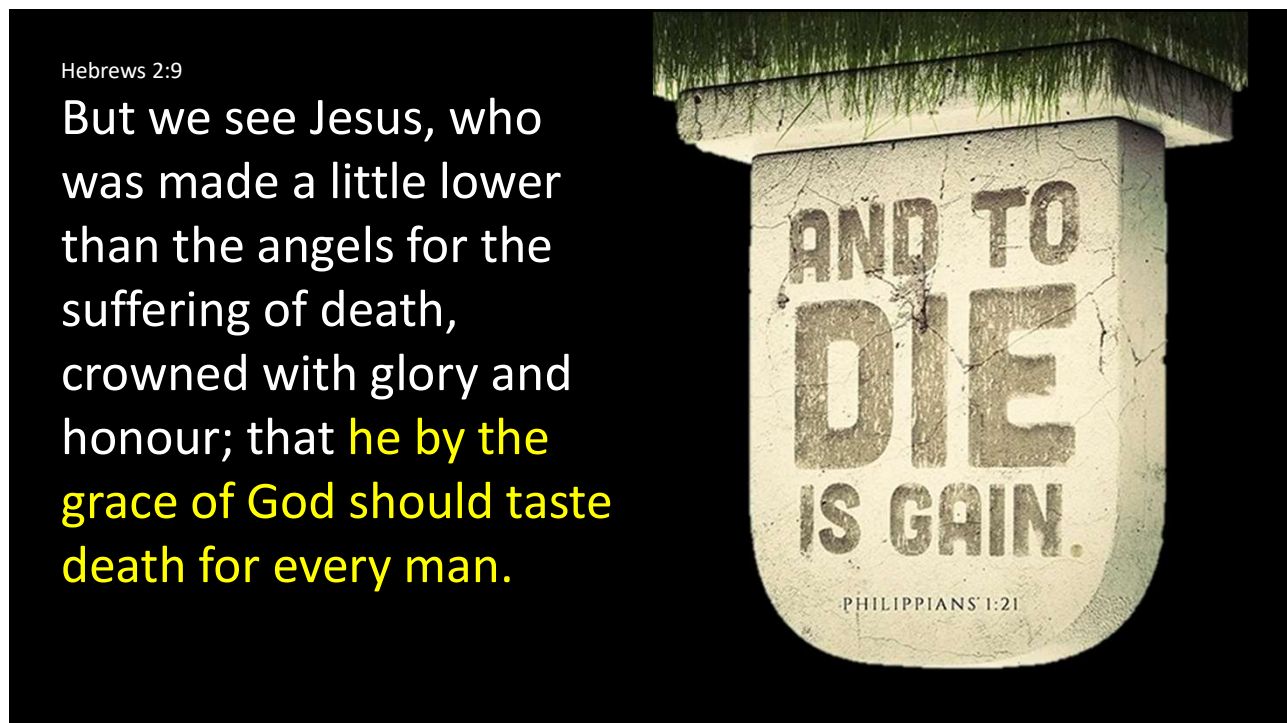
(4) For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

(11) And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God.

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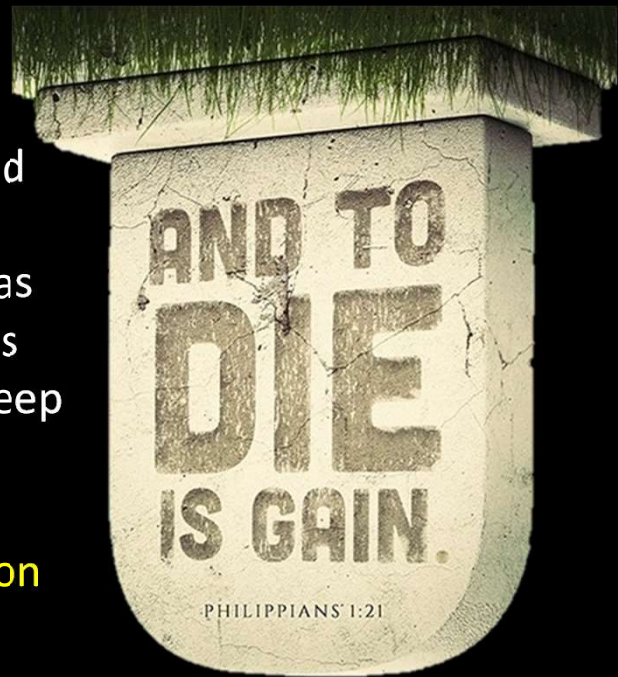
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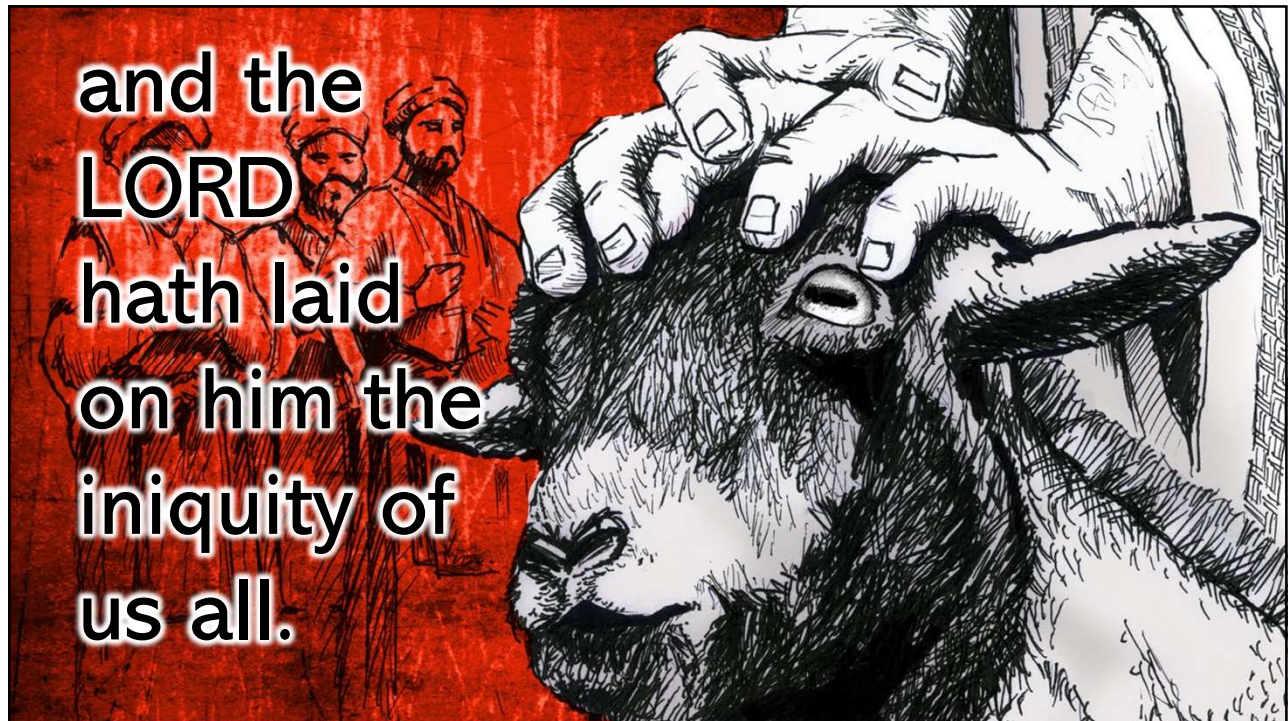
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Isaiah 53:5, 7

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and **the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.**



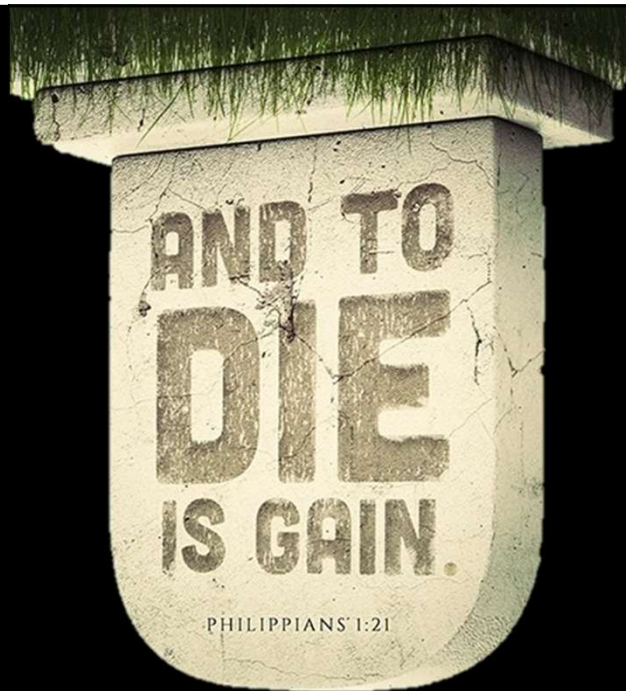
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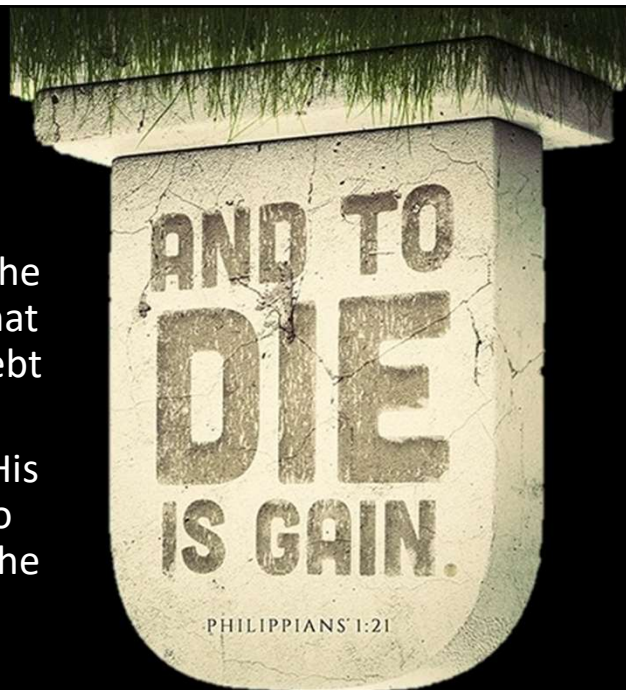
1 Cor 15:22

For as in Adam all
die, even so in
Christ shall all be
made alive.

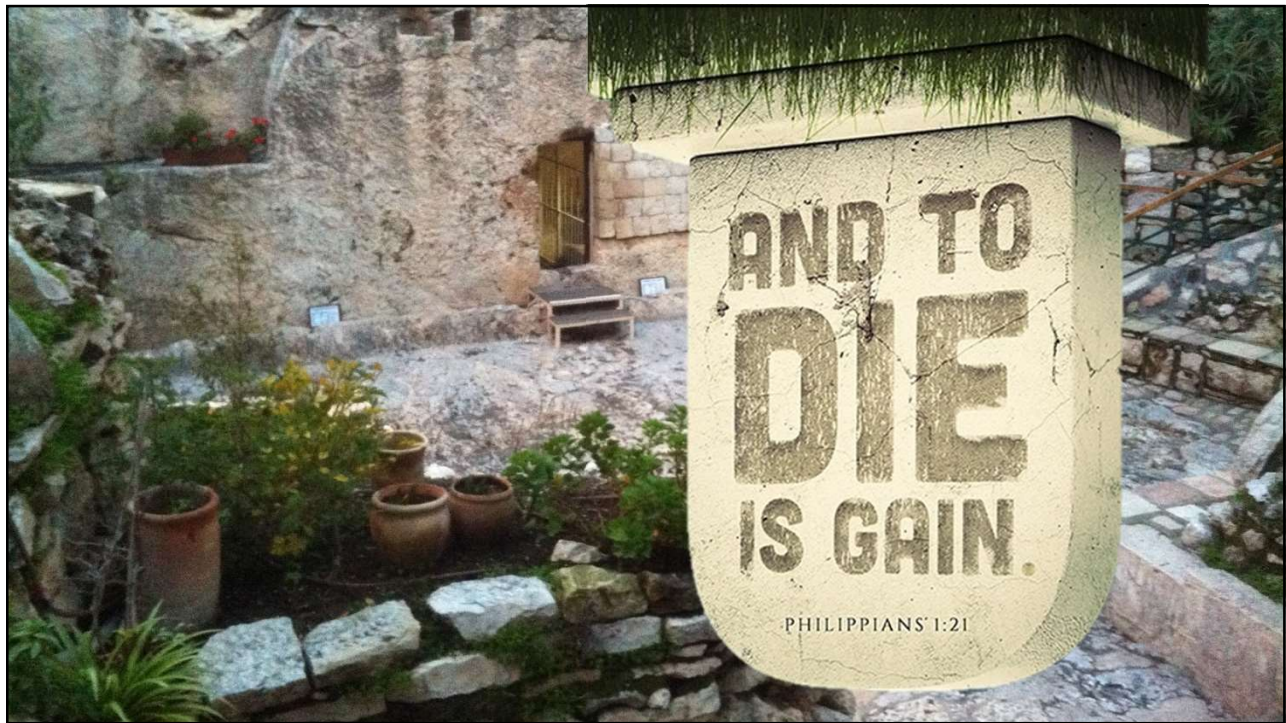


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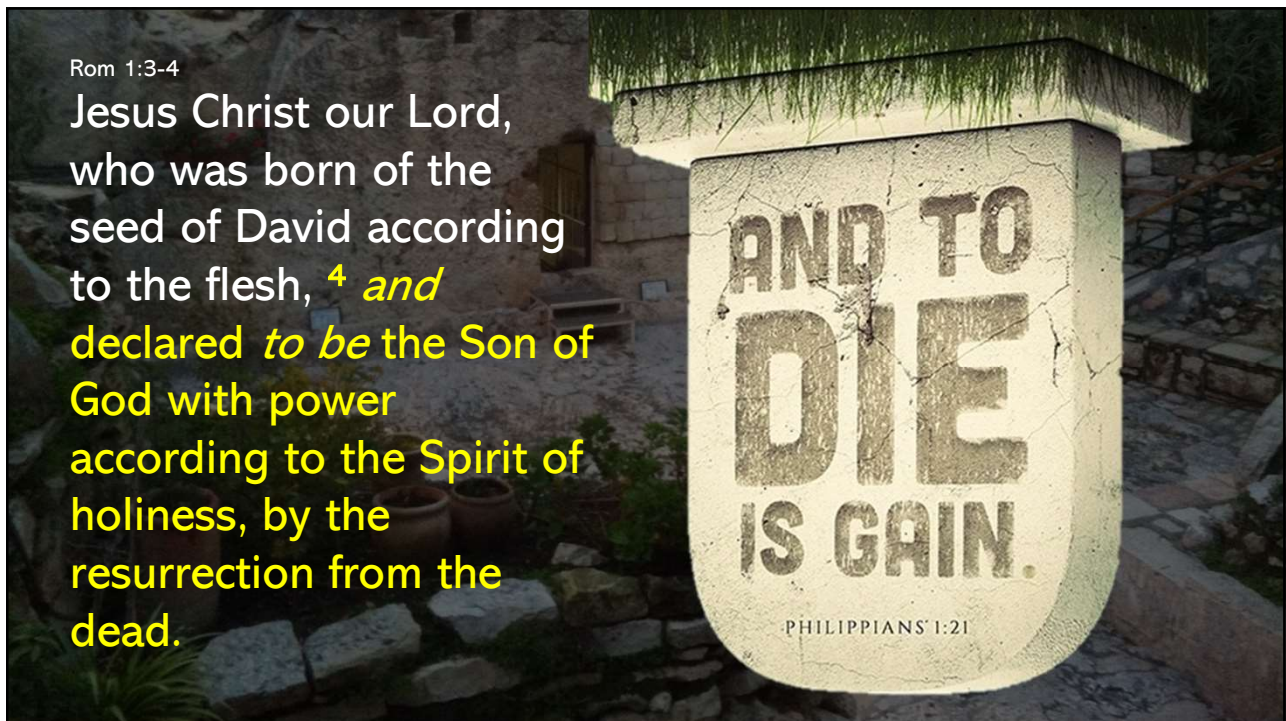
- **As Creator and Lord** - He is the offended party, and therefore the only one who can offer forgiveness.
- **As Sovereign Judge** - He is the only one that can declare that justice has been met and debt paid in full.
- **Being "Holy, Holy, Holy"** - His righteousness is sufficient to atone for the sinfulness of the entire world.



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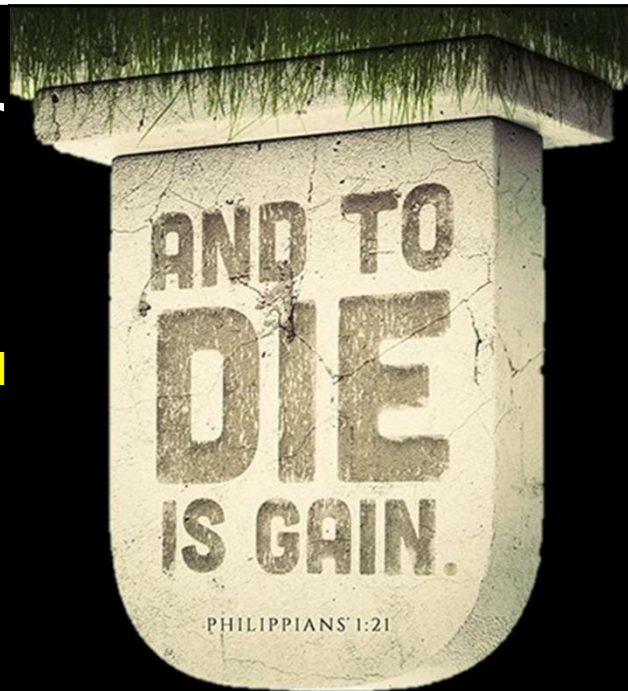
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Before Easter

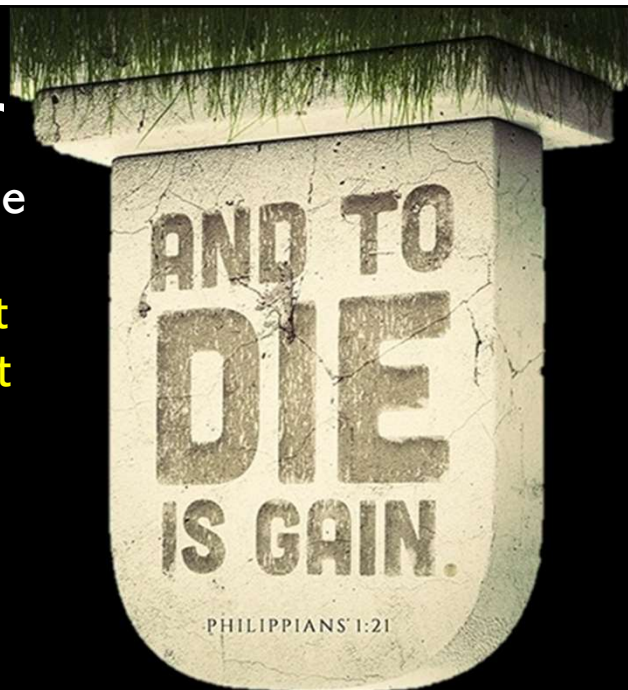
- The dead are lost in their sin and without hope.
- **AFTER**, we are justified by the blood of Jesus, called children of God by faith in Jesus' finished work.



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Before Easter

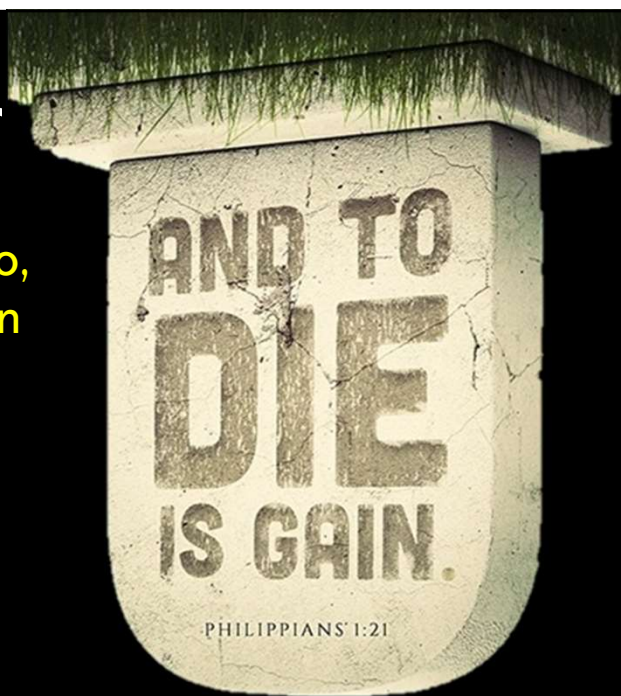
- The living are miserable all they have is this
- **AFTER**, no matter what our age, the best is yet to come.



38

Before Easter

- Life has no purpose
- **AFTER**, whatever we do, we are to glorify God in all that we do.



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Muhammad's Tomb

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Buddha's Tomb

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Confucius Tomb

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1 Cor 15:51-55

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed —
52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

45

1 Cor 15:51-55

54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written:

*"Death is swallowed up in victory."**
55 *"O Death, where is your sting?
O Hades, where is your victory?"**

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