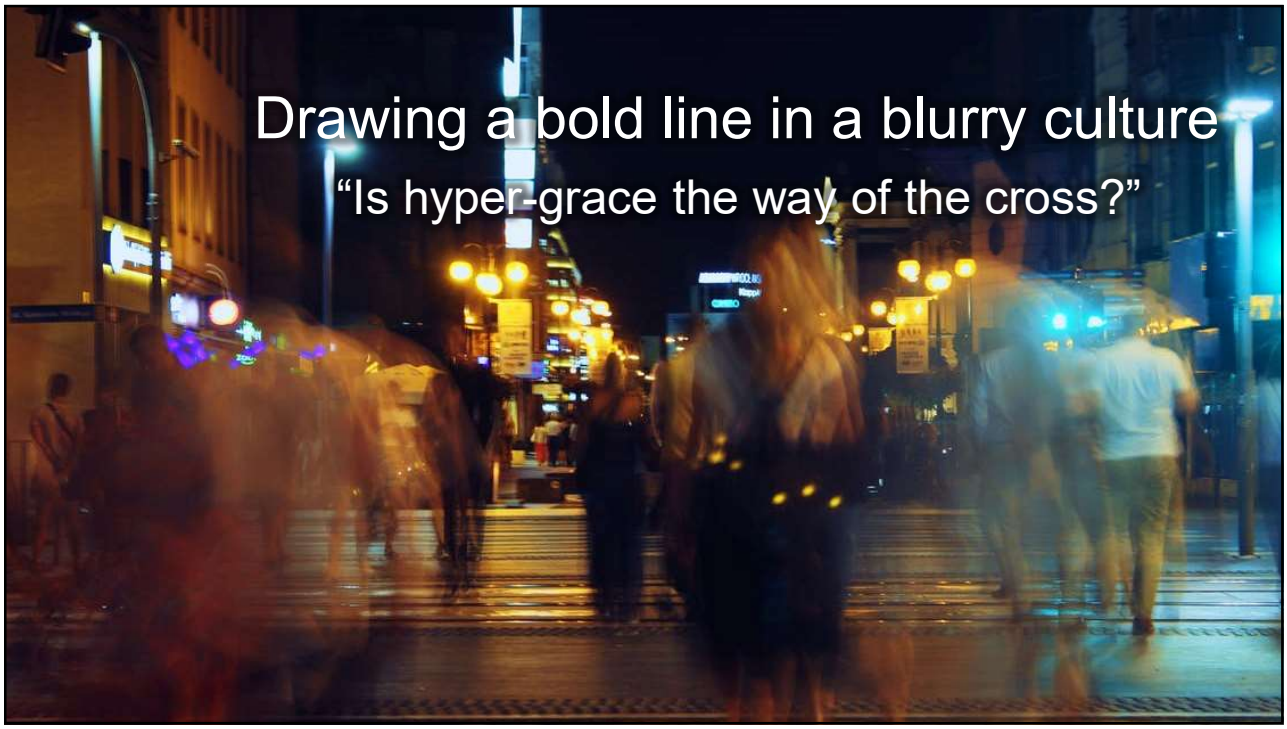
Drawing a bold line in a blurry culture
"Is hyper-grace the way of the cross?"

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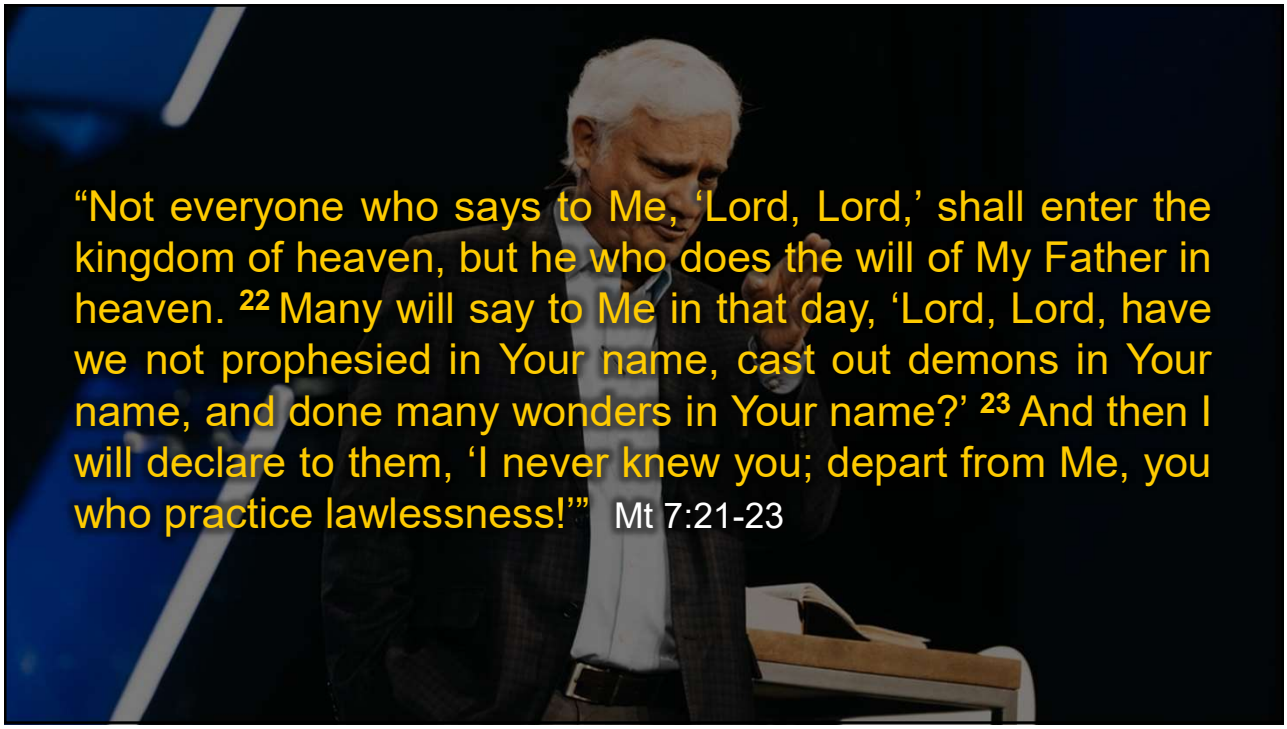
"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'" Mt 7:21-23

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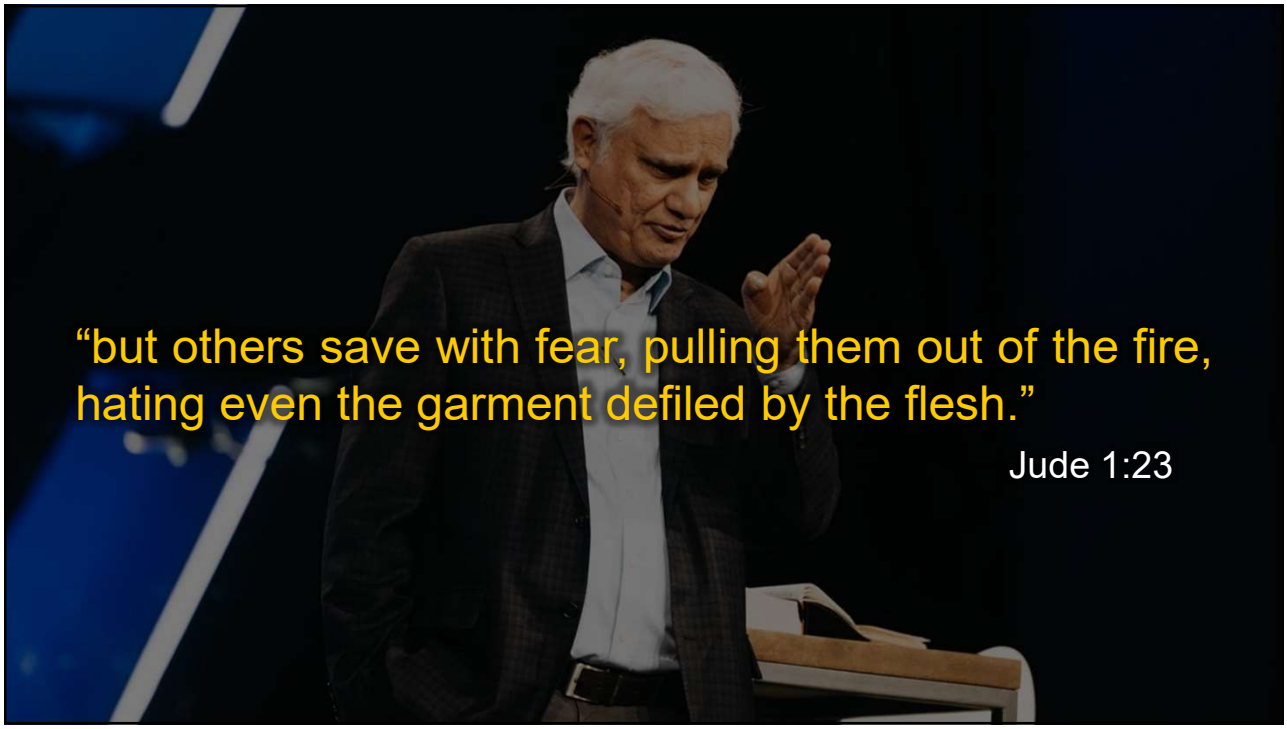
“but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.”
Jude 1:23

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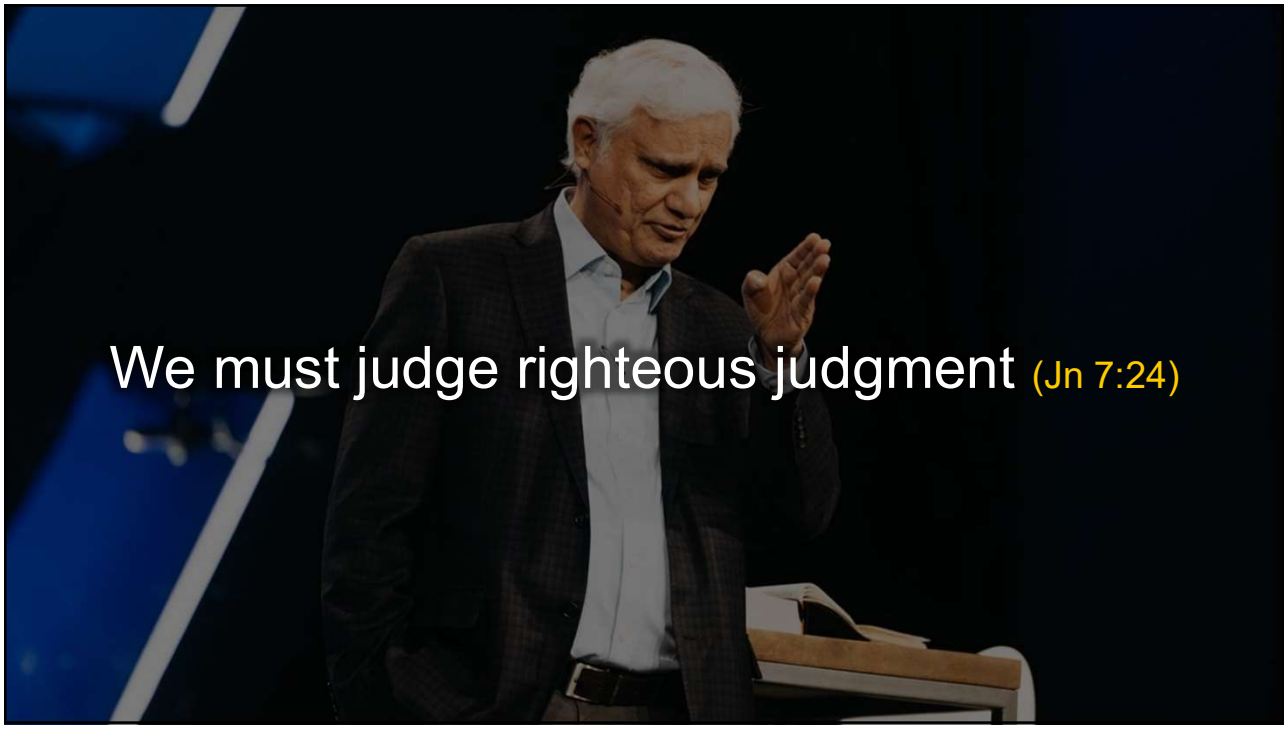
We must judge righteous judgment (Jn 7:24)

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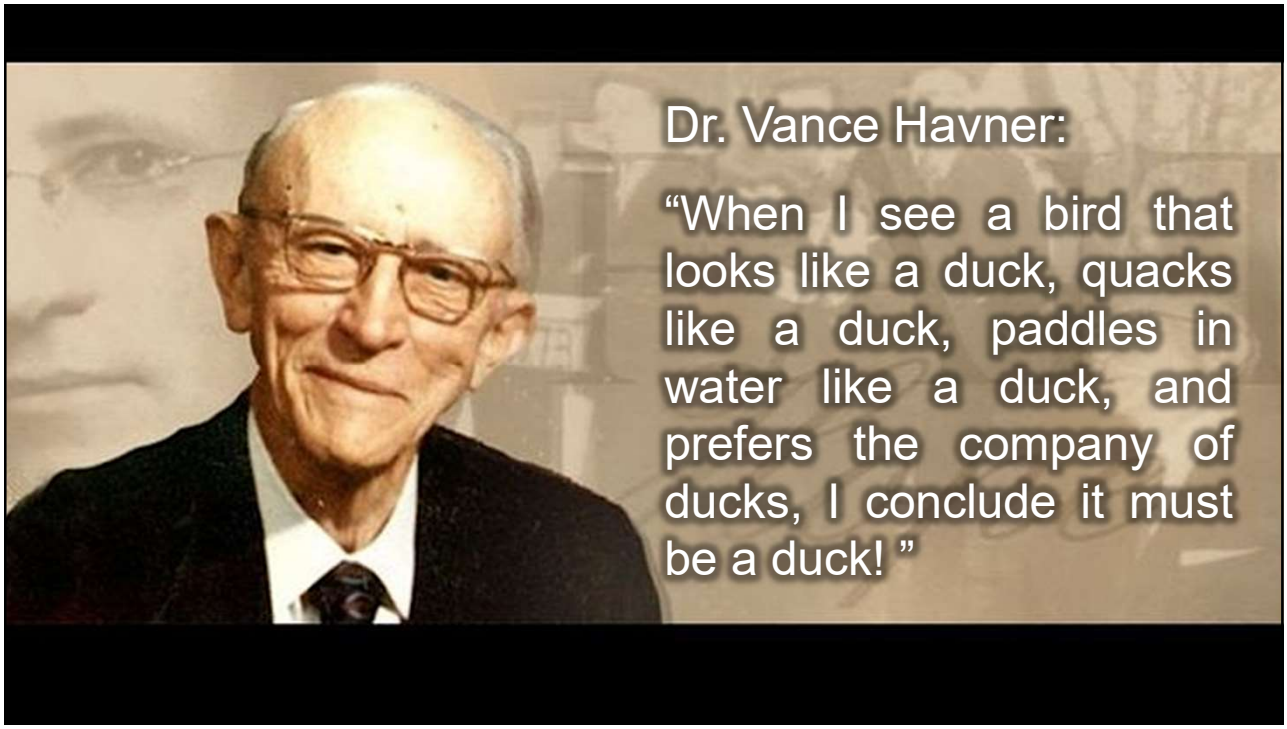
Dr. Vance Havner:
"When I see a bird that looks like a duck, quacks like a duck, paddles in water like a duck, and prefers the company of ducks, I conclude it must be a duck! "

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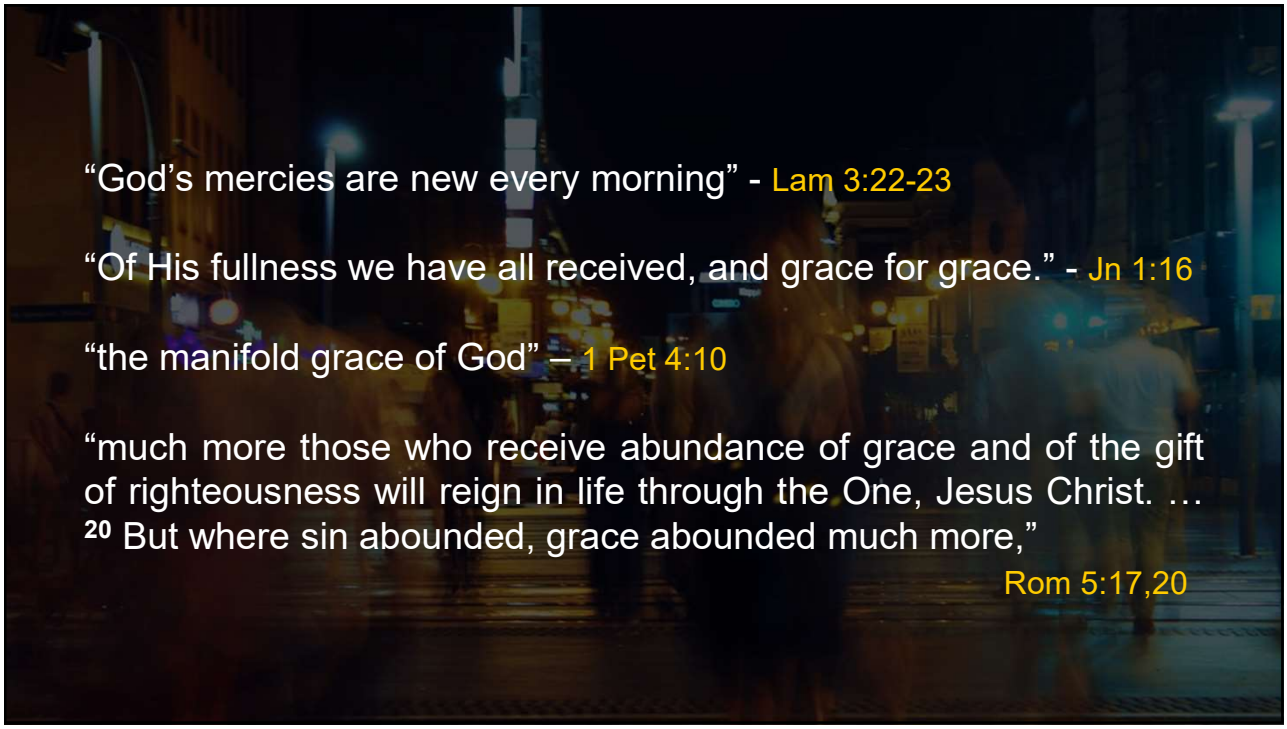
"God's mercies are new every morning" - Lam 3:22-23
"Of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace." - Jn 1:16
"the manifold grace of God" – 1 Pet 4:10
"much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. …
20 But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,"
Rom 5:17,20

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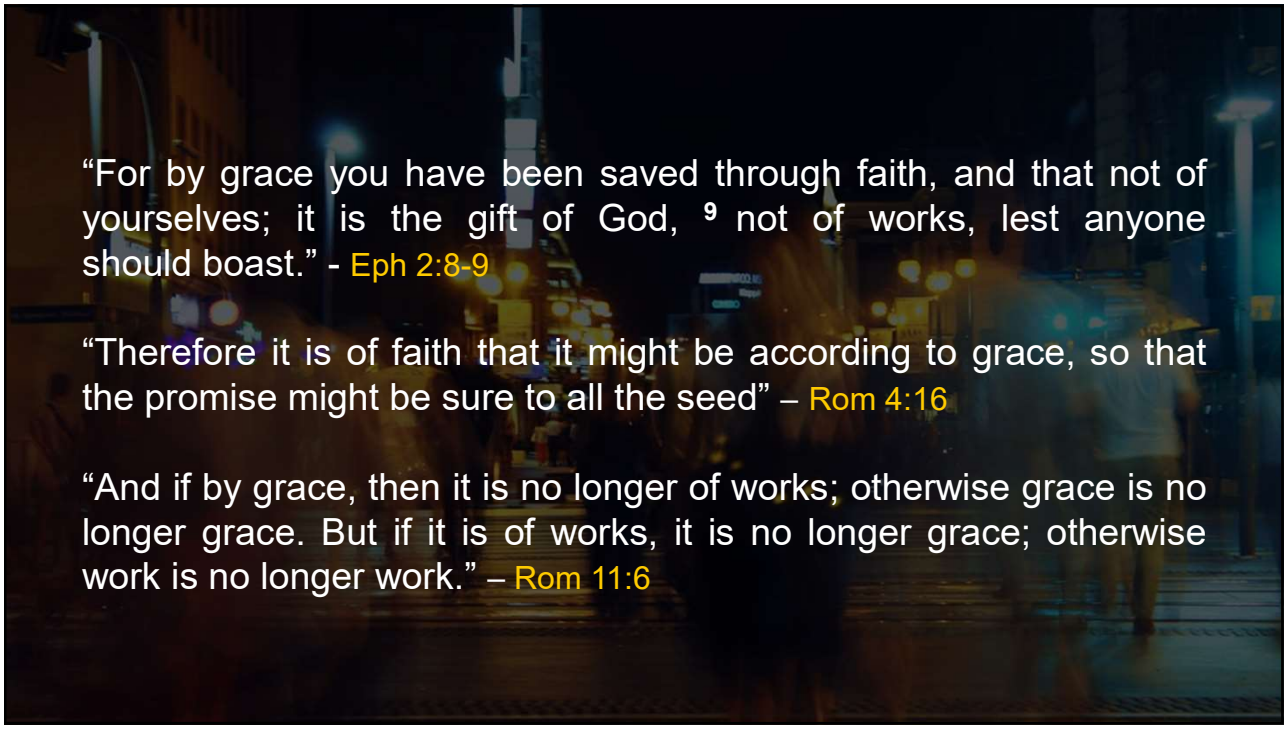
"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast." - Eph 2:8-9
"Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed" – Rom 4:16
"And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work." – Rom 11:6

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1. We are not saved by good works, but we are saved for good works.

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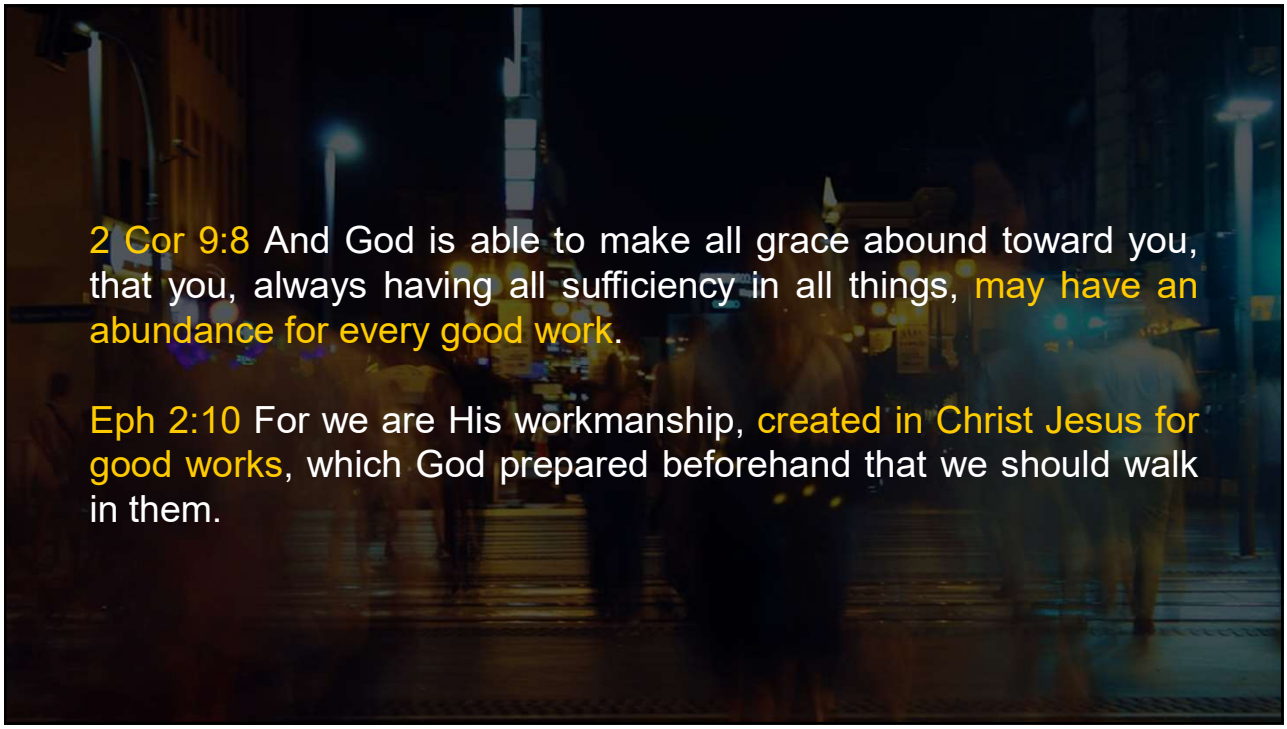
2 Cor 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.
Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

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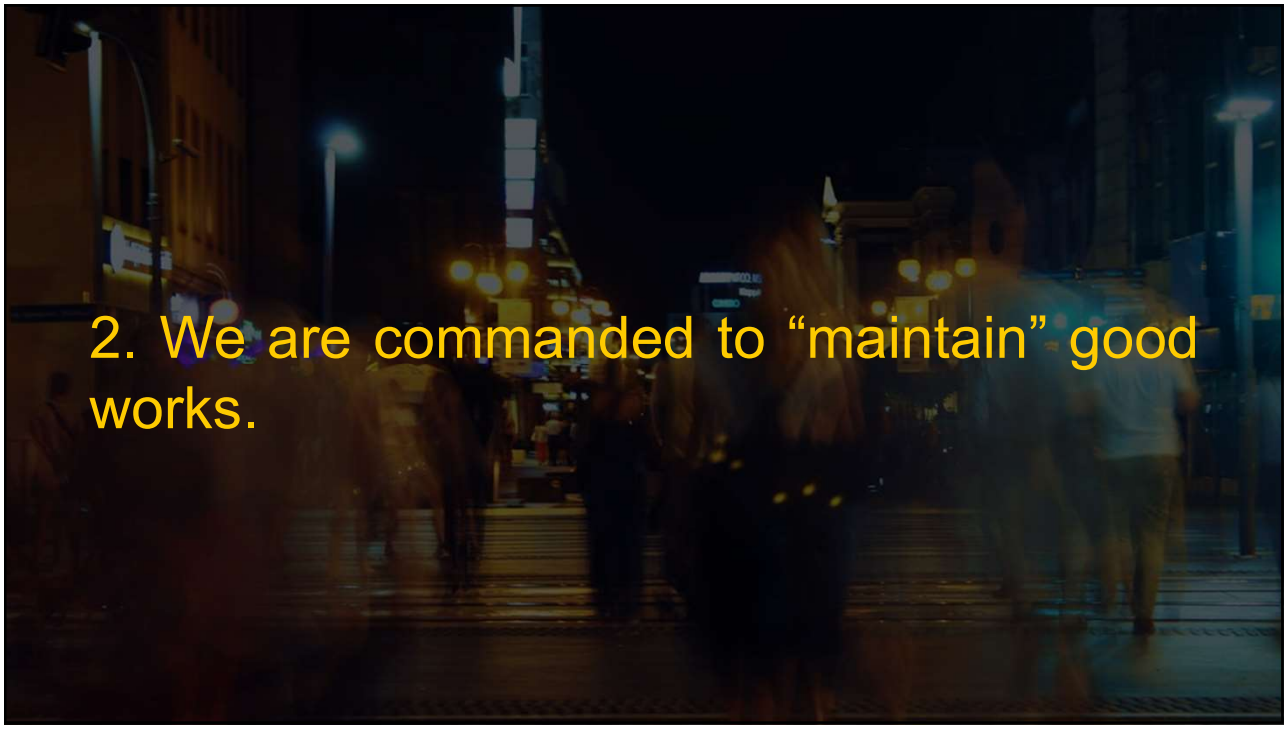
2. We are commanded to “maintain” good works.

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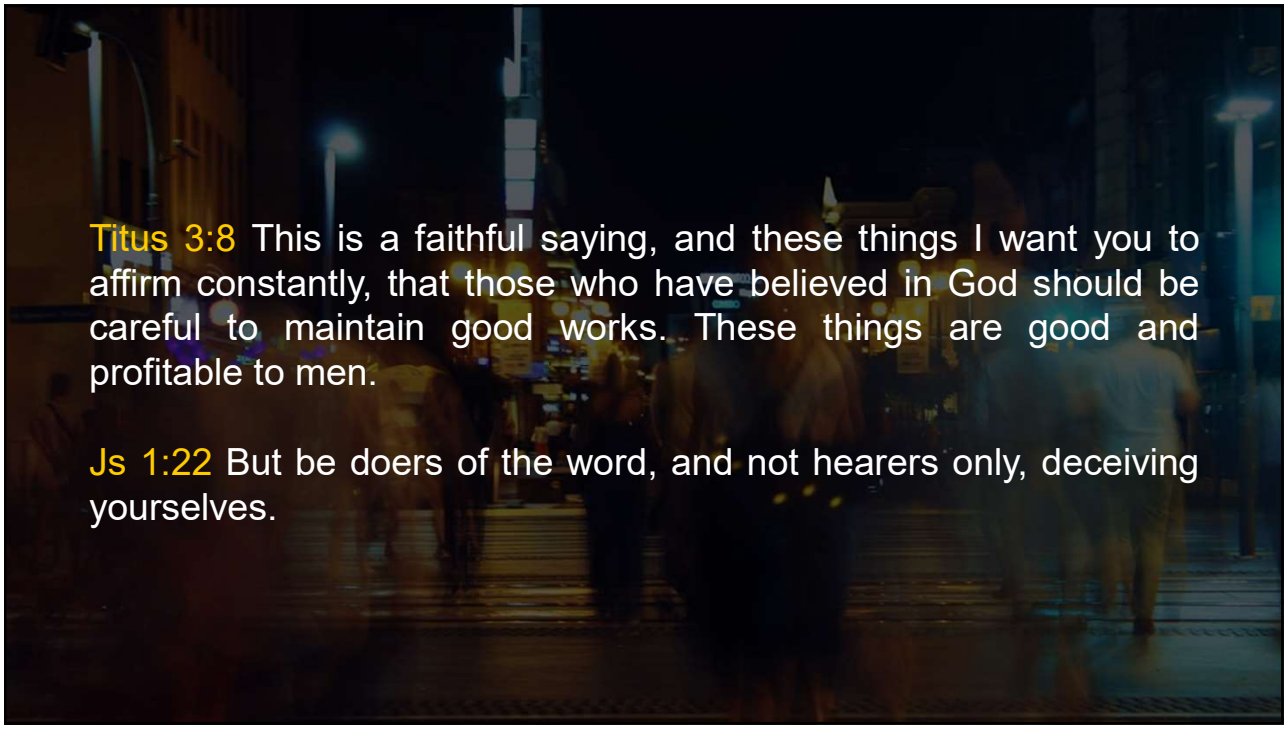
Titus 3:8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.
Js 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

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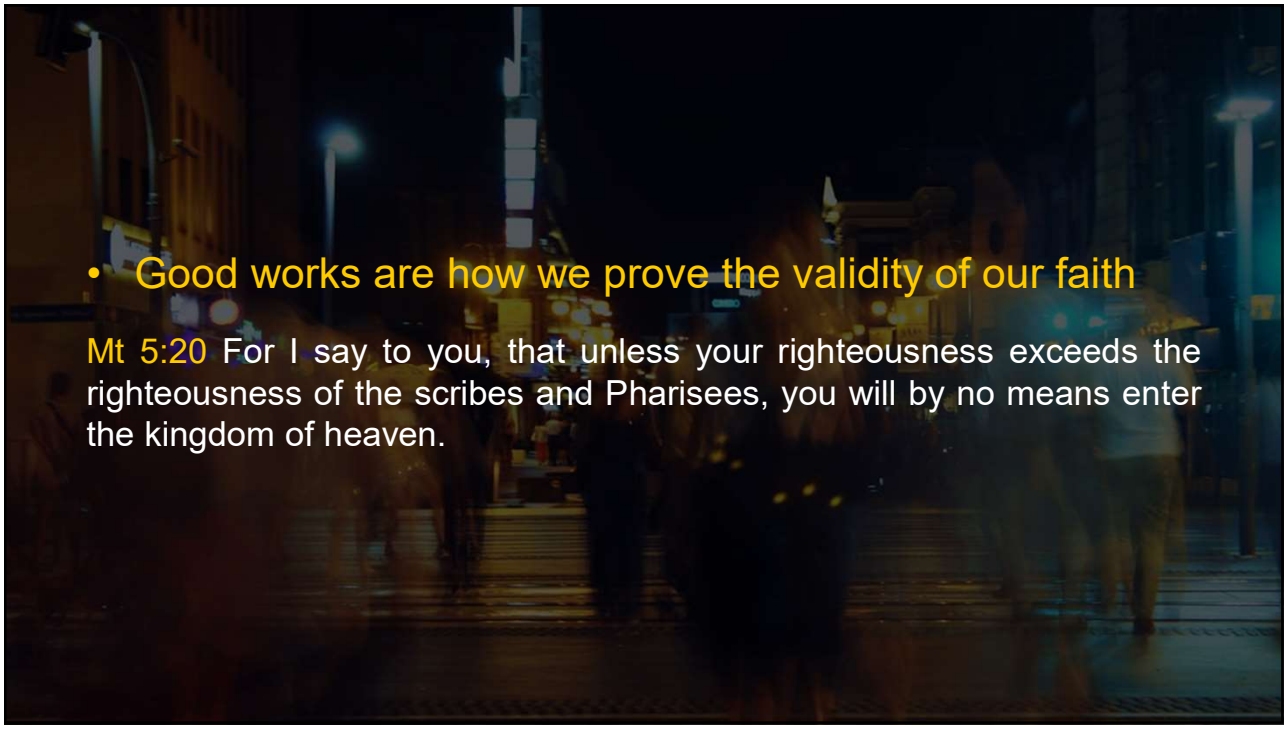
• Good works are how we prove the validity of our faith
Mt 5:20 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

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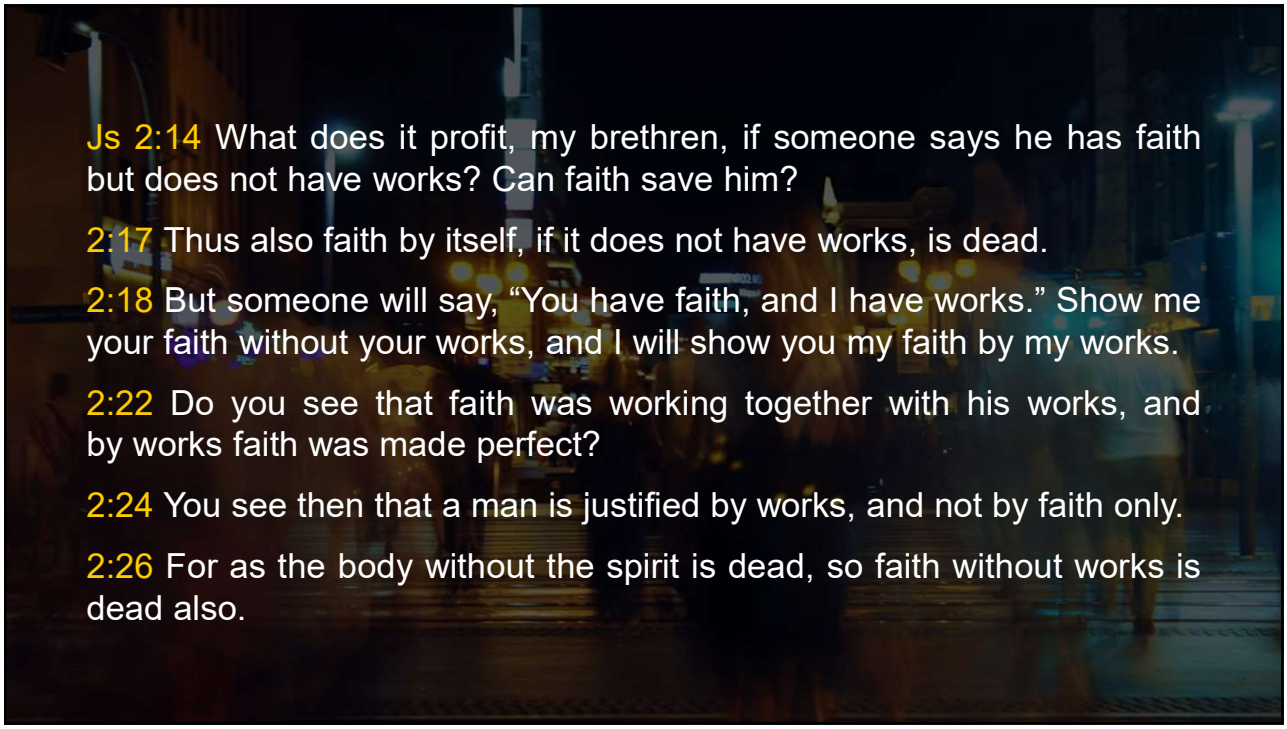
Js 2:14 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?
2:17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.
2:18 But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.
2:22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?
2:24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.
2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

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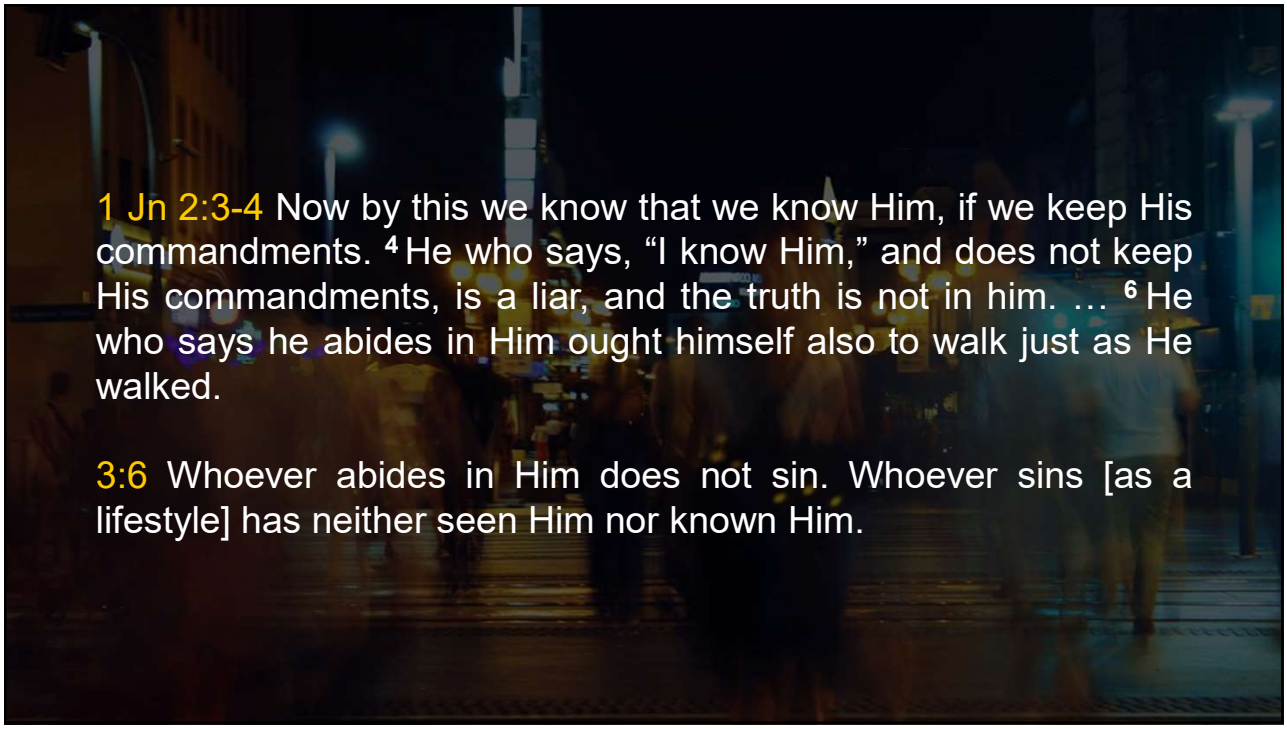
1 Jn 2:3-4 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. … 6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.
3:6 Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins [as a lifestyle] has neither seen Him nor known Him.

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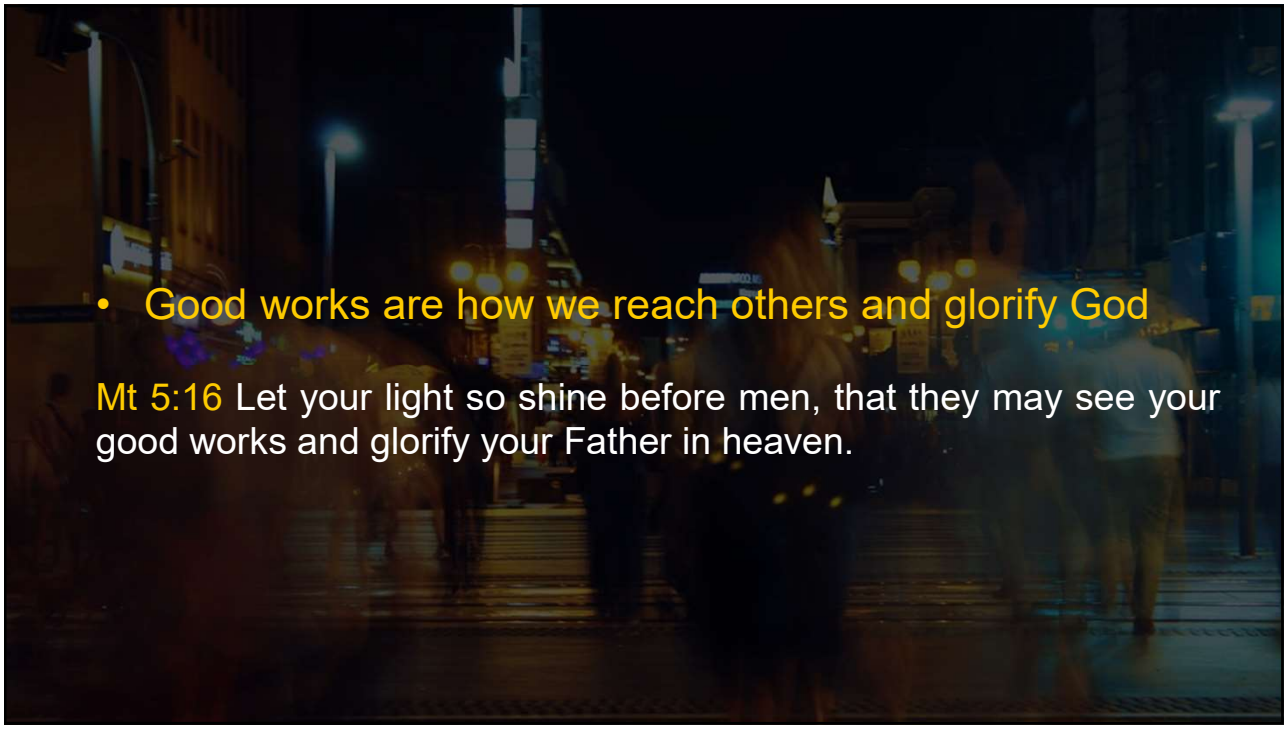
• Good works are how we reach others and glorify God
Mt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

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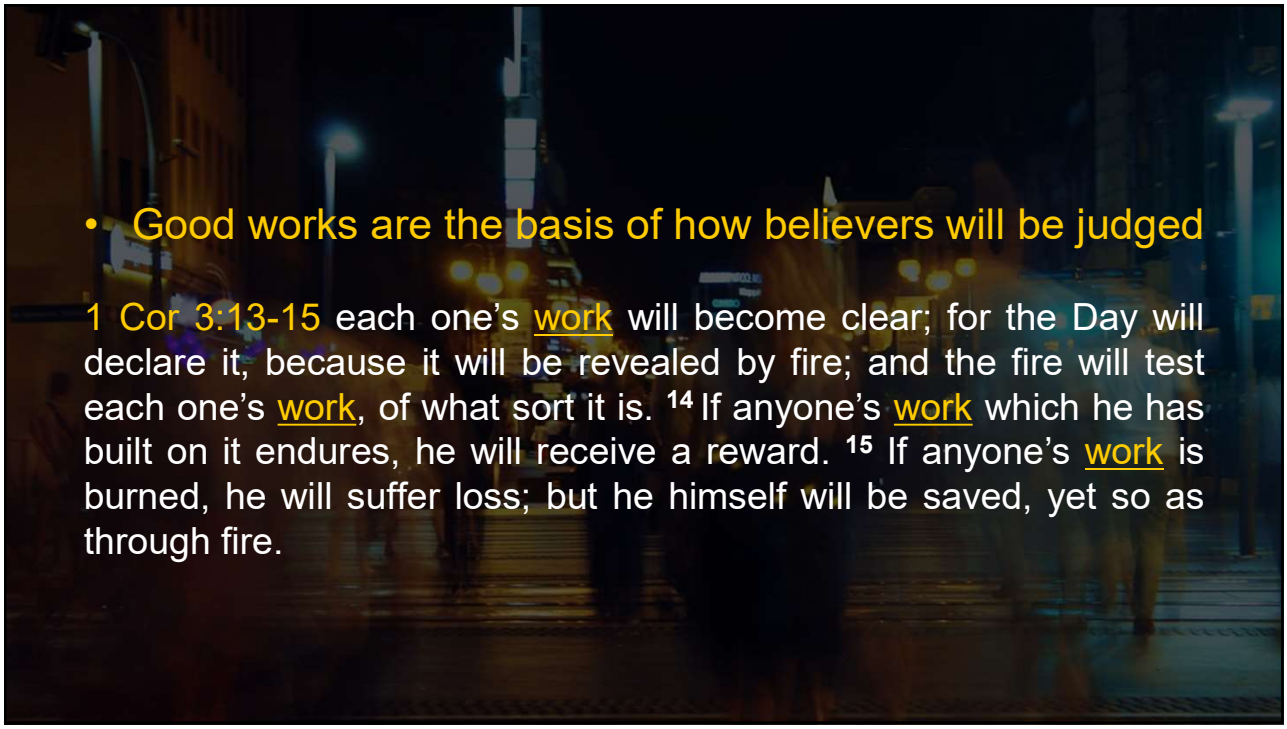
• Good works are the basis of how believers will be judged
1 Cor 3:13-15 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

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3. Believers are free to pursue their desires and dreams – as long as they are God-honoring.

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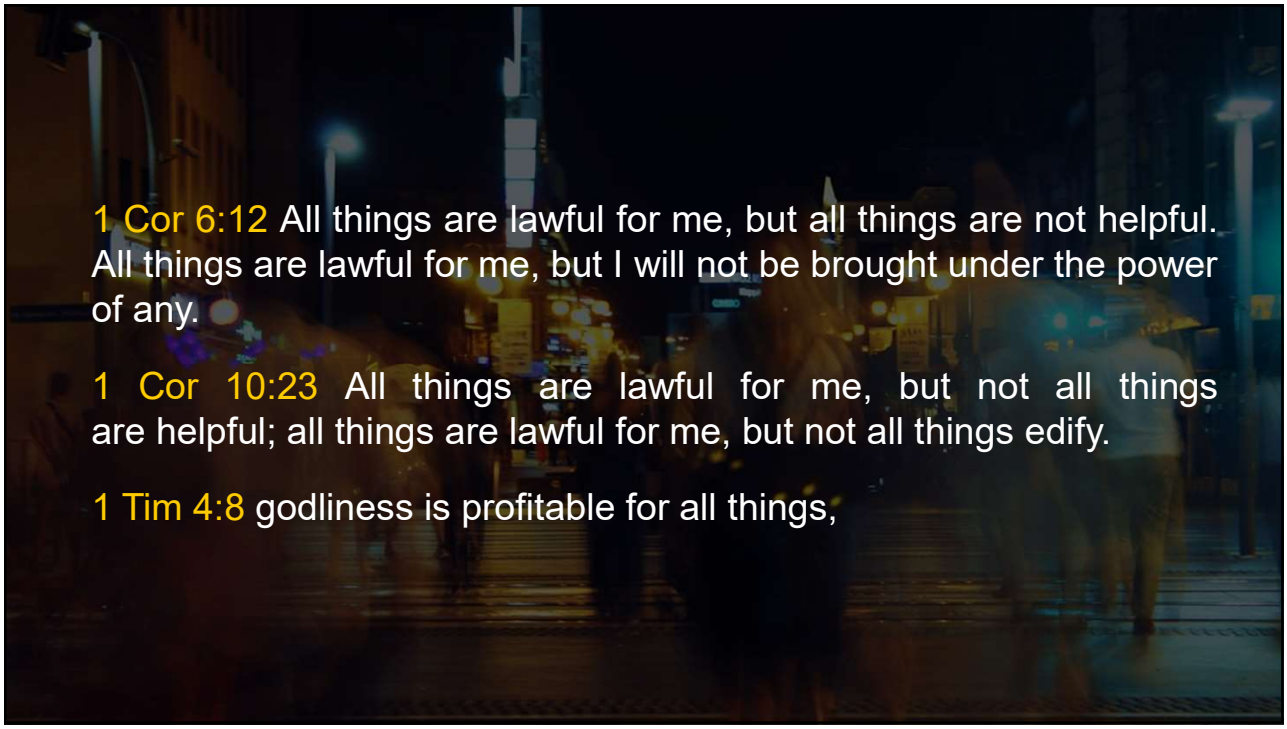
1 Cor 6:12 All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.
1 Cor 10:23 All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify.
1 Tim 4:8 godliness is profitable for all things,

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4. The works of the flesh are a disgrace to grace.

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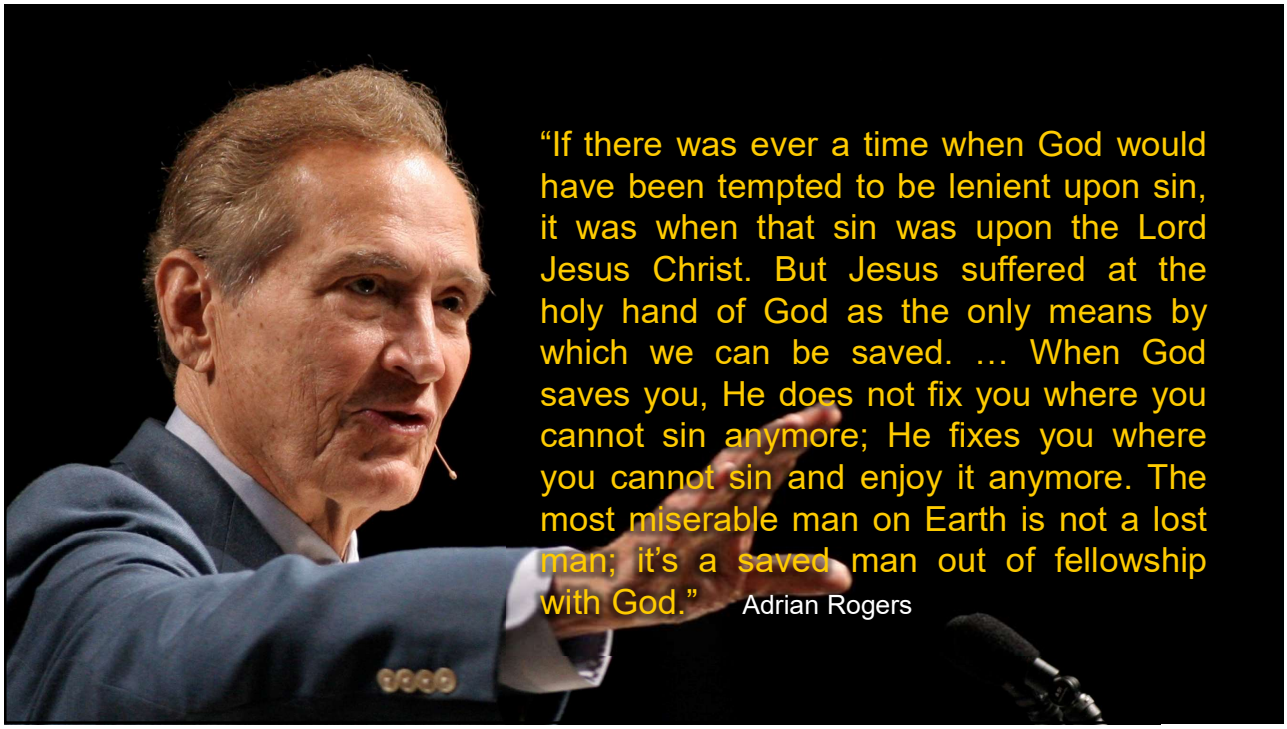
"If there was ever a time when God would have been tempted to be lenient upon sin, it was when that sin was upon the Lord Jesus Christ. But Jesus suffered at the holy hand of God as the only means by which we can be saved. … When God saves you, He does not fix you where you cannot sin anymore; He fixes you where you cannot sin and enjoy it anymore. The most miserable man on Earth is not a lost man; it's a saved man out of fellowship with God." Adrian Rogers

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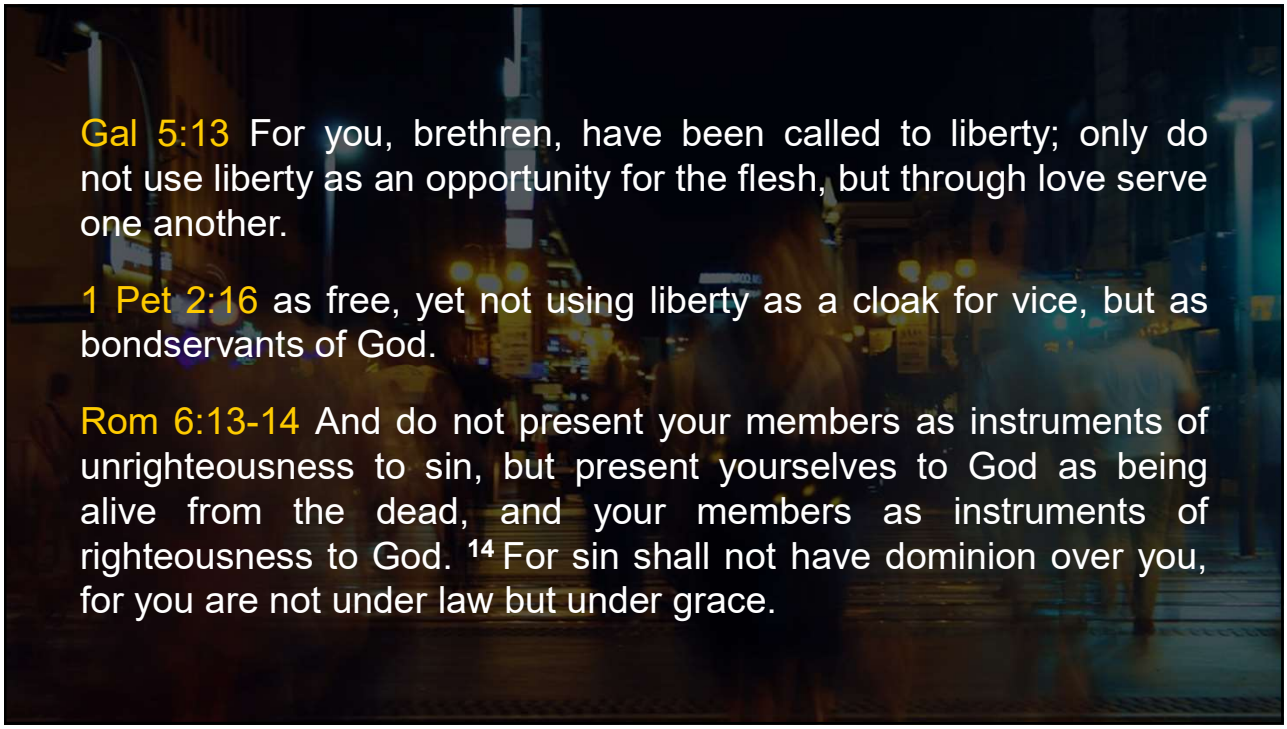
Gal 5:13 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.
1 Pet 2:16 as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.
Rom 6:13-14 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

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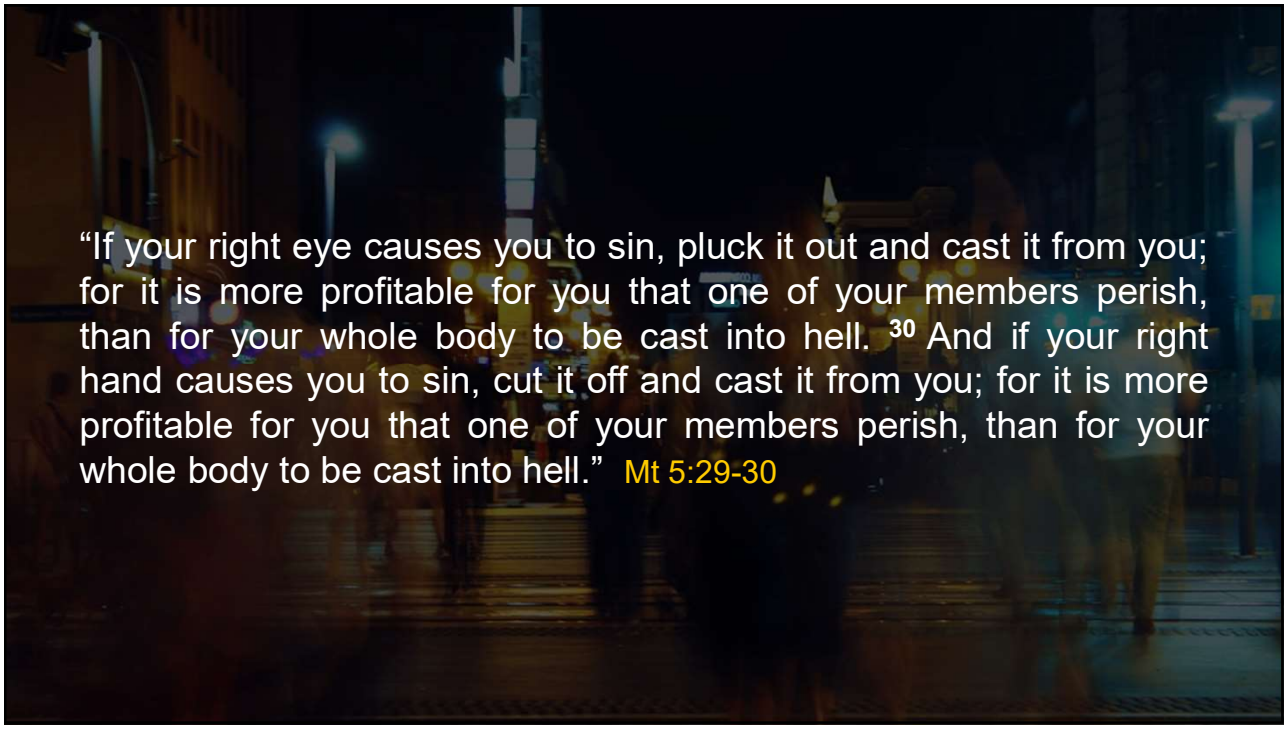
“If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.” Mt 5:29-30

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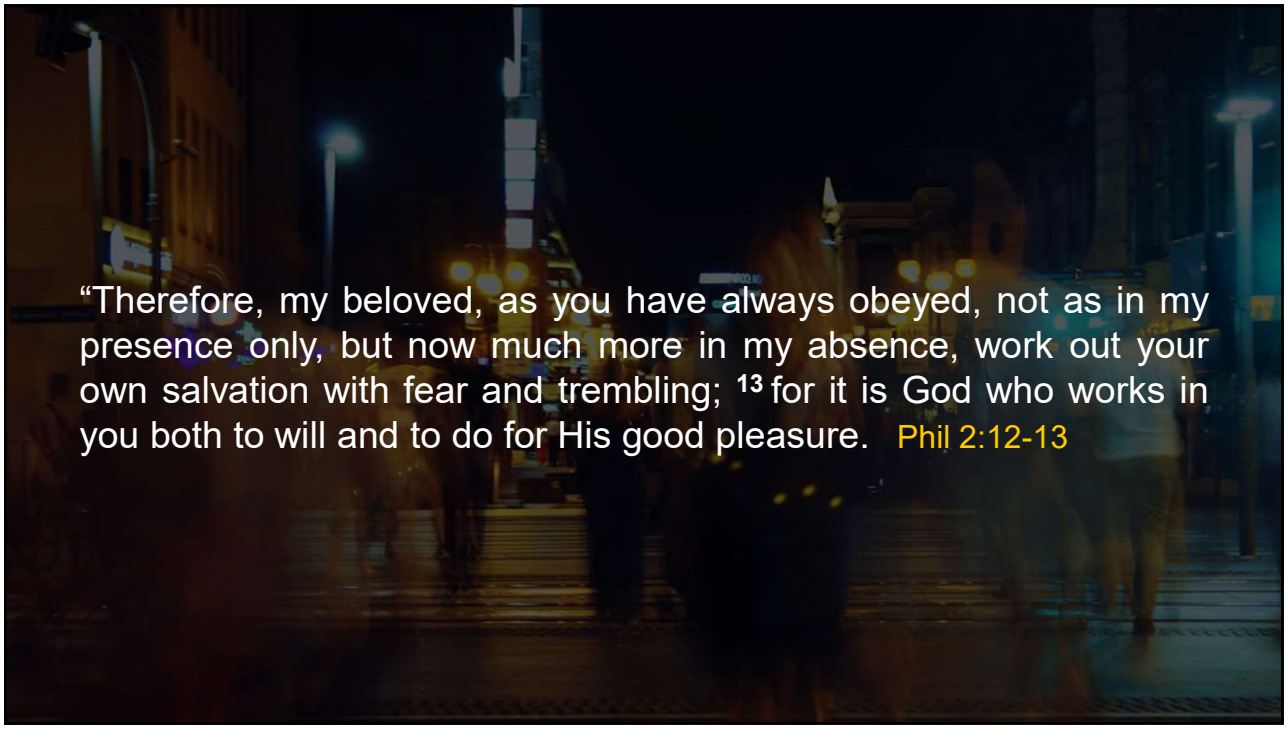
“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. Phil 2:12-13

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