Soteriology

Session 14



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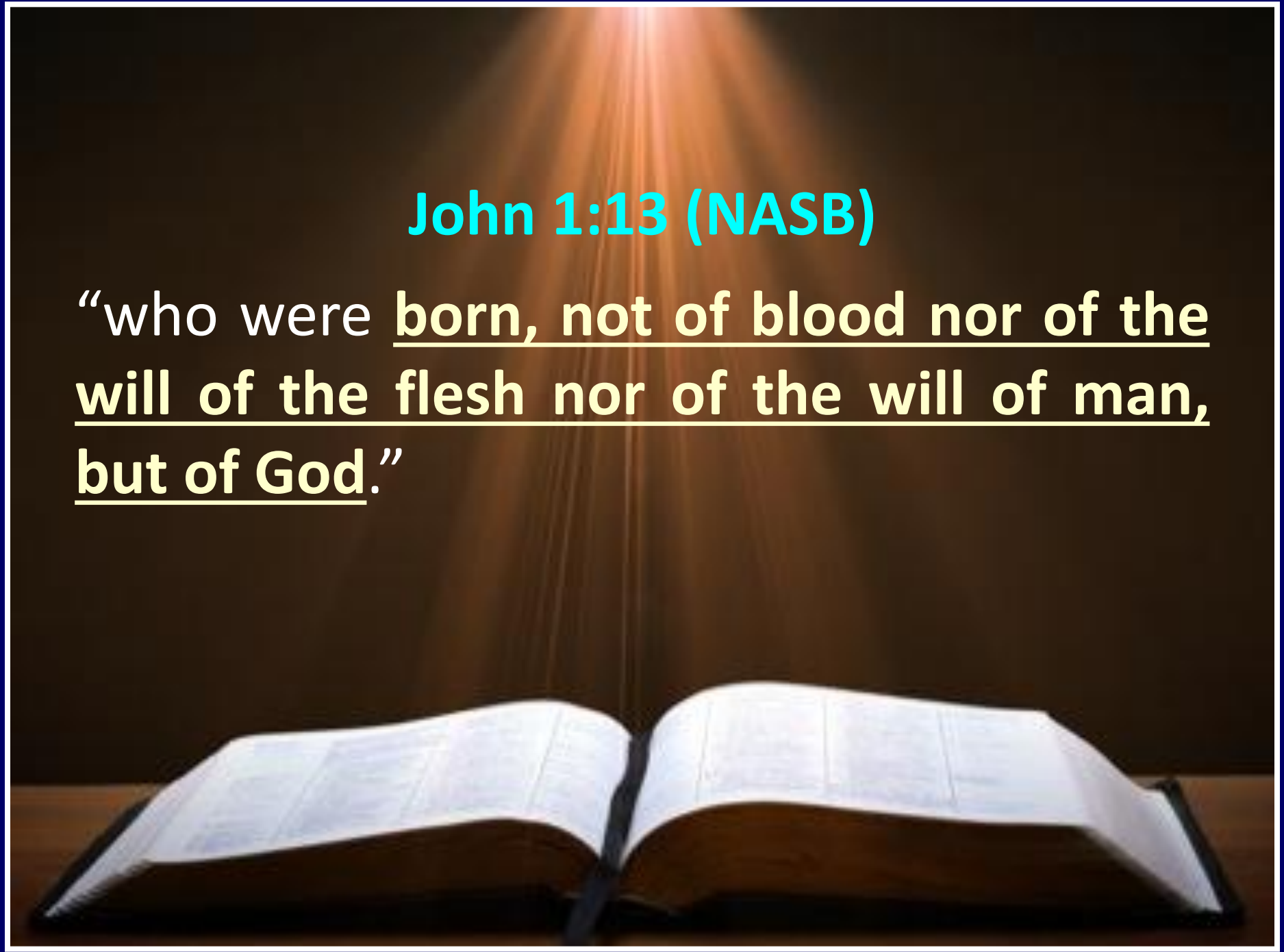
- Definition – impartation of divine life
- Needed because of spiritual death – Gen. 2:16-17; Eph. 2:1
- New birth – John 3:5
- If your are born **<u>once</u>** you will die **<u>twice</u>**; if you are born **<u>twice</u>** you will die **<u>once</u>**



Regeneration

- Greek – *palingenesia*
- Titus 3:5; Matt. 19:28
- Accomplished through exposure to God's Word – Jas. 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:23; Rom. 10:17; 2 Tim. 3;15
- Does regeneration precede faith? No! **Result** of salvation rather than its **cause** – John 1:12-13; 3:16; 5:24; 6:40, 47; 20:30-31




John 1:13 (NASB)
"who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

John 1:12-13 (NASB)

"But as many as **received** Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who **believe** in His name, [13] who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."



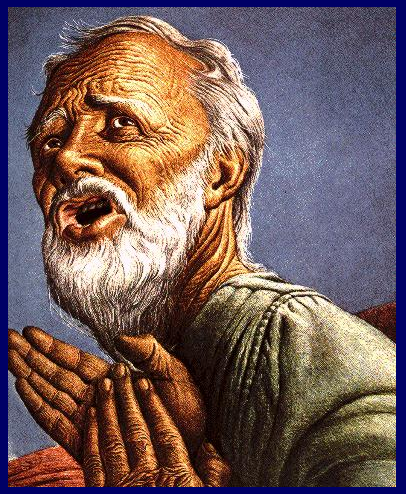
Belief – God's One Condition for Justification

Gen 15:6

Then he **believed** in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever **believes** in Him shall not perish, but have **eternal life**.



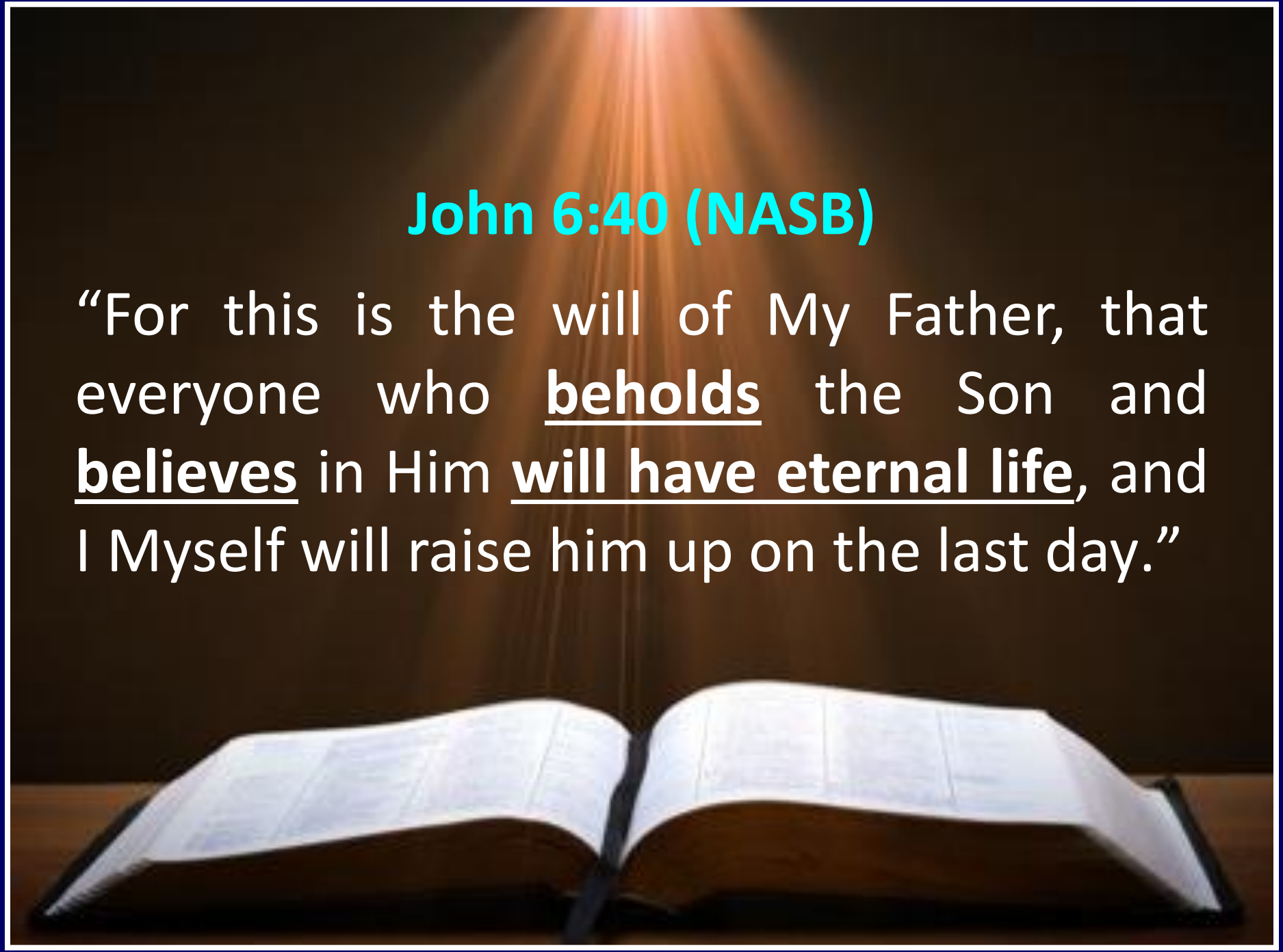
Acts 16:30-31

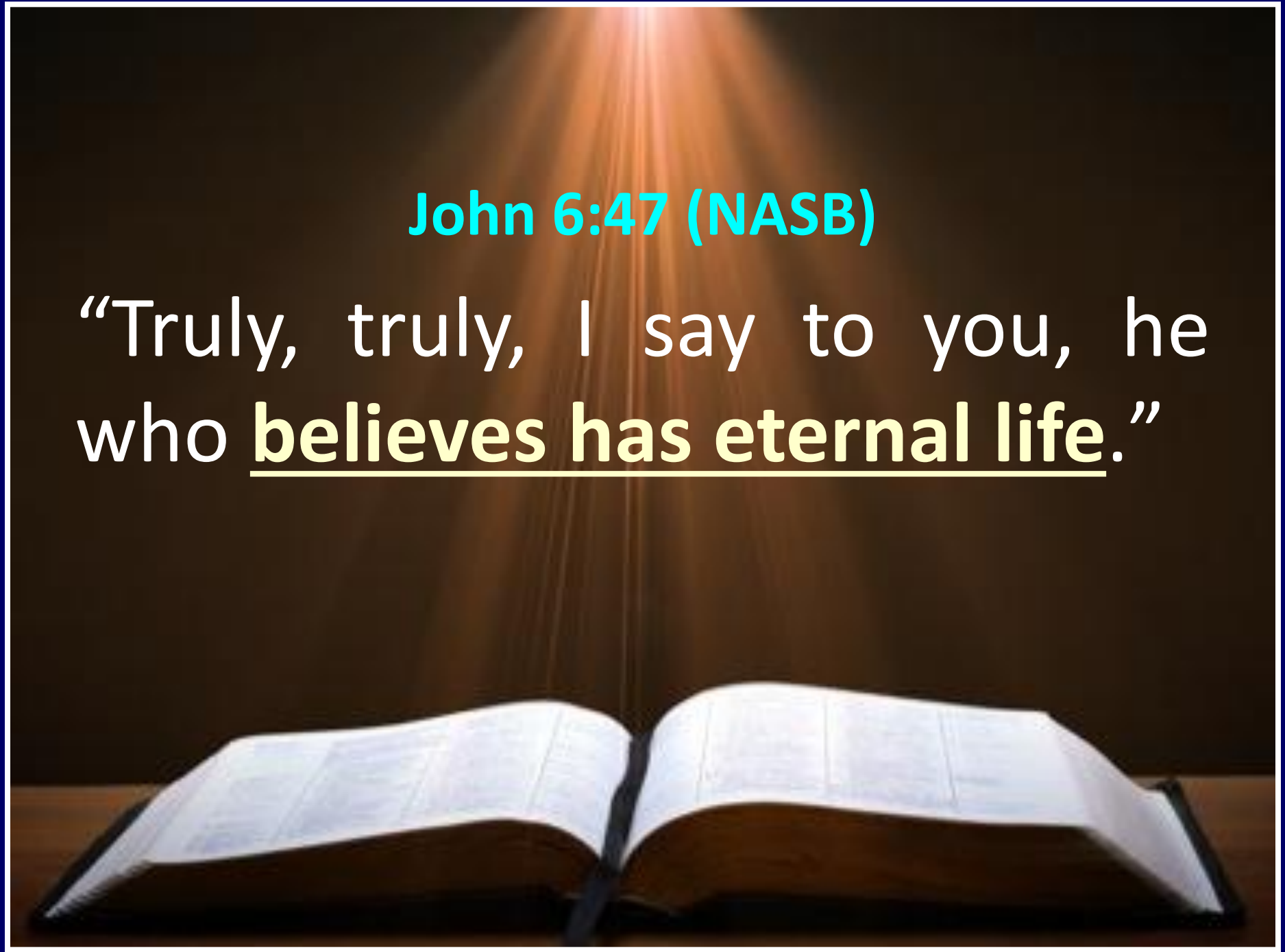
"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They said, "**Believe** in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved..."

John 5:24 (NASB)

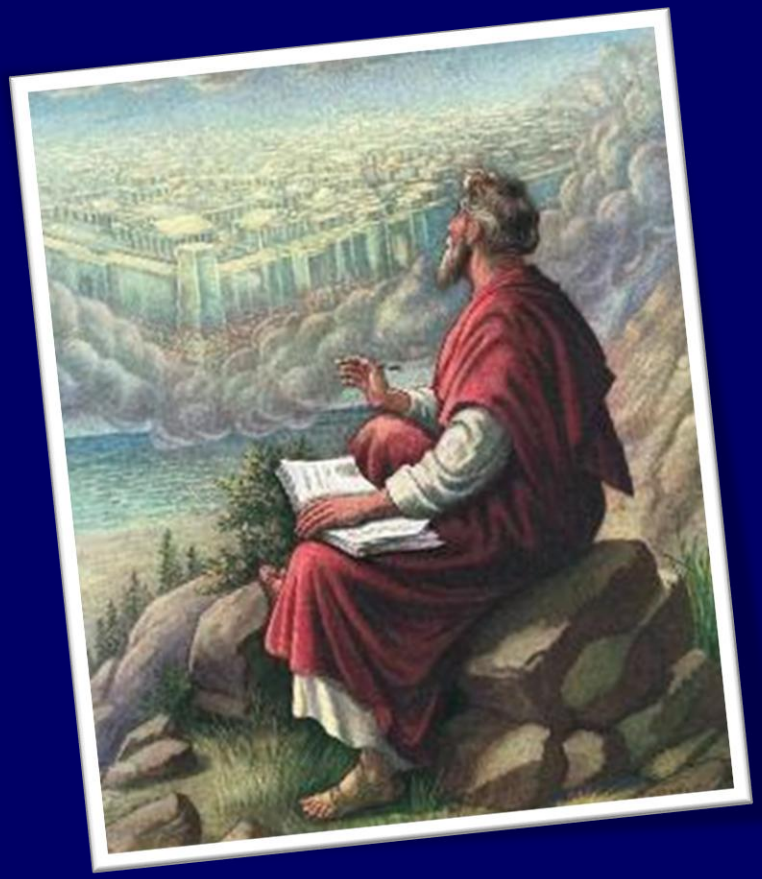
"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and **believes Him** who sent Me, **has eternal life**, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life."




John 6:40 (NASB)
“For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”


John 6:47 (NASB)
“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who **believes has eternal life**.”

John 20:30-31



“Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may **believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have **life** in His name.”

John 16:7-11 (NASB)

“But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the **Helper** will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. [8] And He, when He comes, will **convict the world** concerning **sin** and righteousness and judgment; [9] concerning sin, **because they do not believe in Me**; [10] and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; [11] and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.”





Ephesians 2:8-9

"For by grace you have been saved through **faith**; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the **gift** of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."

Does Regeneration Precede Faith?



"If I am to preach the faith in Christ to a man who is regenerated, then the man, being regenerated, is saved already, and it is an unnecessary and ridiculous thing for me to preach Christ to him, and bid him to believe in order to be saved when he is saved already, being regenerate. Am I only to preach faith to those who have it? Absurd, indeed! Is not this waiting till the man is cured and then bringing him the medicine? This is preaching Christ to the righteous and not to sinners."

[Spurgeon - Sermon entitled The Warrant of Faith].



John MacArthur, Jr.

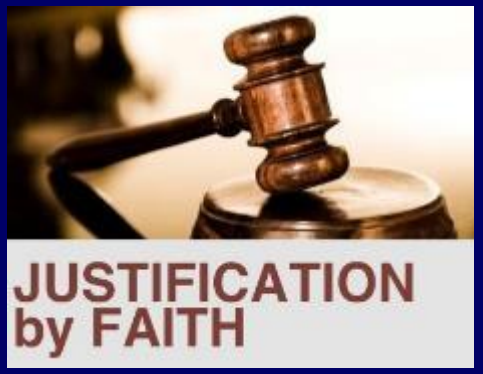
Tape GC 90-21 on Lordship salvation, last part of tape, comments made during the closing invitation.

If faith is a gift of God, THEN HOW DO I GET IT? Do I do nothing and hope that God will sovereignly bestow it upon me? Or, do I cry out to God and pray that He will give me the gift of saving faith? Dr. MacArthur apparently holds to this second option. At the end of one of his messages he gave a salvation appeal and said the following: "Faith is a gift from God...it is permanent...the faith that God gives begets obedience...God gave it to you and He sustains it...May God grant you a true saving faith, a permanent gift that begins in humility and brokenness over sin and ends up in obedience unto righteousness. That's true faith and it's a gift that only God can give, **and if you desire it pray and ask that He would grant it to you.**"

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Justification



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- Forensic term
- Key verses – Rom 5:16, 18; Rom 8:33-34
- Declarative act at a point in time rather than a long process
- Past event rather than something that occurs over a process of time as a person becomes more righteous – John 5:24; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; 1 John 5:4; 1 John 5:12-13; 1 Cor. 6:11; Rom. 4:5; 8:30

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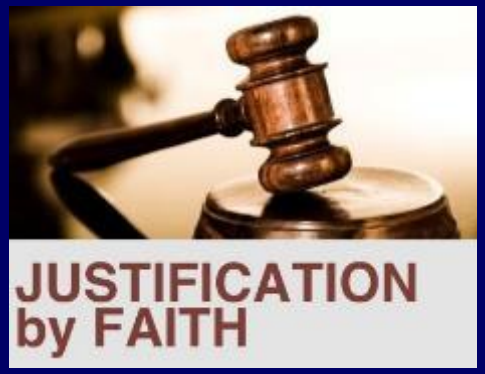


Romans 8:29–30

29 For those whom He **foreknew**, He also **predestined** *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; 30 and these whom He predestined, He also **called**; and these whom He called, He also **justified**; and these whom He justified, He also **glorified**. (NASB95)

Justification

- Opposite of condemnation – Rom. 5:16; 8:33-34
- Basis of justification – faith (Rom. 3:28) and grace alone (Rom. 3:24) and not works (Rom. 3:20)
- Source of justification – imputation – Philip. 3:9; 2 Cor. 5:21



3 Transfers / Imputations

Adam's Sin to All Humanity	Humanity's Sin to Jesus Christ	Christ's Righteousness to Believers
Hamartiology Rom. 5:12	Christology 2 Cor. 5:21	Soteriology Phil. 3:9







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Forgiveness Of All Pre-Cross Sins

- Gen. 15:6 (KJV); Acts 17:30; Rom. 3:25
- How were those in OT times personally saved?
  - Basis: cross
  - Means: faith
  - Object: God
  - Content: Debated (2 options)
    - God's generic revelation – Heb. 11:30
    - Specific faith in a promised Messiah – Gen. 15:6; Gal. 3:16; Gen. 3:15; 4:1; 5:29





Genesis 3:15

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.” (NASB)



Genesis 4:1

"Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, "I have gotten a manchild with ***the help of*** the LORD." (NASB)



Genesis 5:28-29

“[28] Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and became the father of a son. [29] Now he called his name Noah, saying, “This one will give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands *arising* from the ground which the LORD has cursed.” (NASB)

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Capacity for Good Works

- Good works – Ephes. 2:8-10; Jas 2:18, 26
- Overcoming habitual sins that characterize unbelievers – Gal. 5:19-21; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Eph. 5:5; Rev. 21:8; 22:15
- Desirable but not automatic
  - Good works – John 15:8
  - Habitual Sin – 2 Pet 2:7; 1 Cor. 3:15; 6:19



JUSTIFICATION – SALVATION	DISCIPLESHIP
FREE GIFT	COSTLY
RECEIVED THROUGH FAITH	ENTERED INTO THROUGH COMMITMENT AND OBEDIENCE THROUGH THE SPIRIT'S ENABLEMENT
NOT BY WORKS	INVOLVES OUR COOPERATION
INSTANT	LIFE-LONG PROCESS
JUSTIFICATION	SANCTIFICATION
JESUS PAID THE PRICE	BELIEVER PAYS THE PRICE
TRUSTING JESUS AS SAVIOR	FOLLOWING JESUS AS LORD
BELIEVE THE GOSPEL	OBEY THE COMMANDS
ONE CONDITION	MULTIPLE CONDITIONS
EXPERIENCED BY ALL CHRISTIANS	EXPERIENCED BY SOME CHRISTIANS
RESULTS IN ETERNAL LIFE	RESULTS IN REWARDS & AUTHORITY

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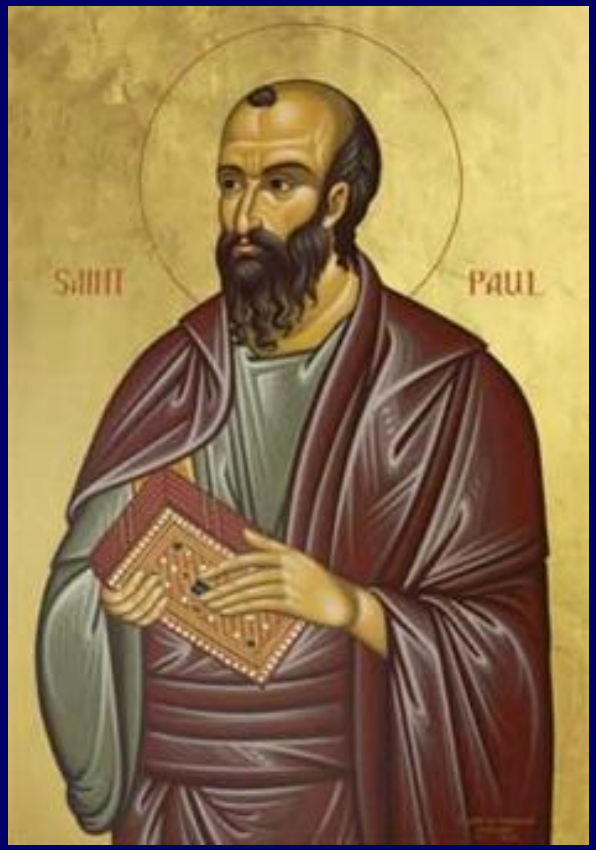
[1] And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to **spiritual** *people* but as to **carnal**, as to **babes** in Christ. [2] I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it,* and even now you are **still not able**; [3] for you are still carnal. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like *mere* **men**? (NKJV)

4 Kinds of People from 1 Corinthians 3:1-3



Carnal Christianity
"an unfortunate possibility"

- Exod. 19:1ff
- Acts 10:14
- Gal. 2:11-14
- Acts 19:18-19
- 1 Cor. 1:2, 7
- 1 Cor. 3:15
- 1 Cor. 6:19
- 1 Cor. 9:24-27
- Philip. 4:2-3
- Lot – Gen. 13:12; 19:4-8, 14, 30-38 vs. Gen 19:22; 2 Pet. 2:7-8



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