

GALATIANS

Jesus + nothing

Galatians 4.8-20 “Don’t Run From Jesus”

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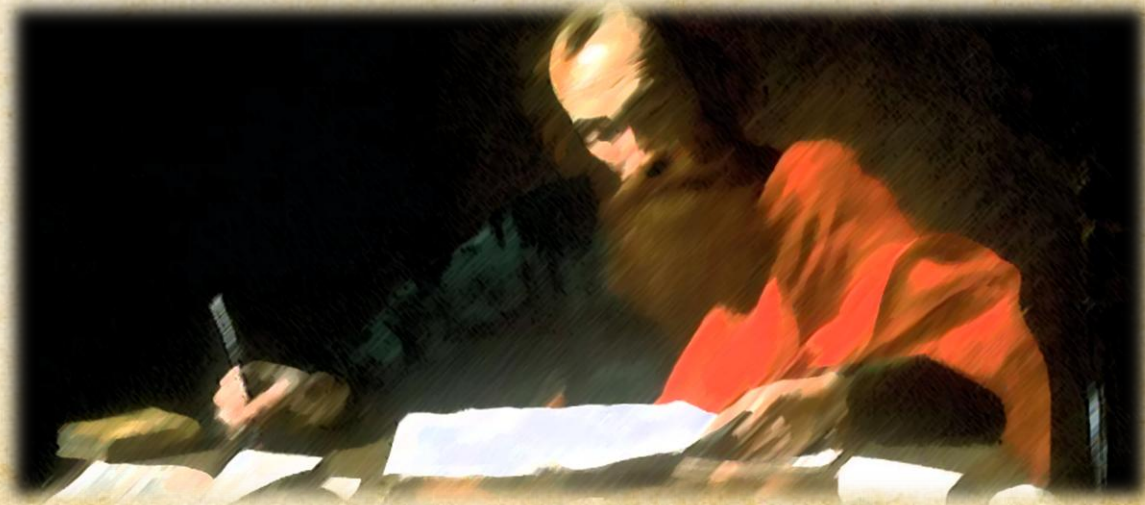
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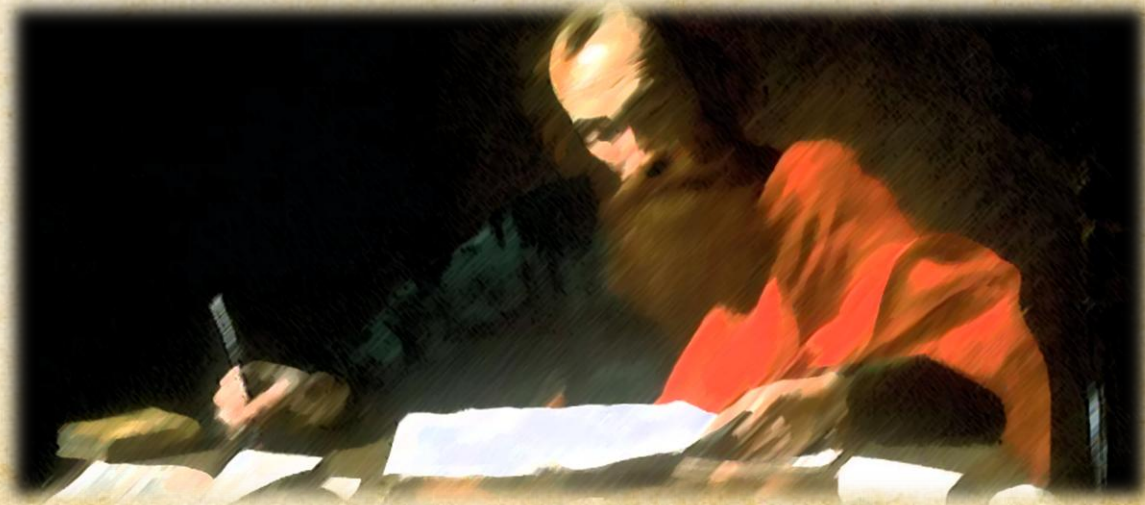
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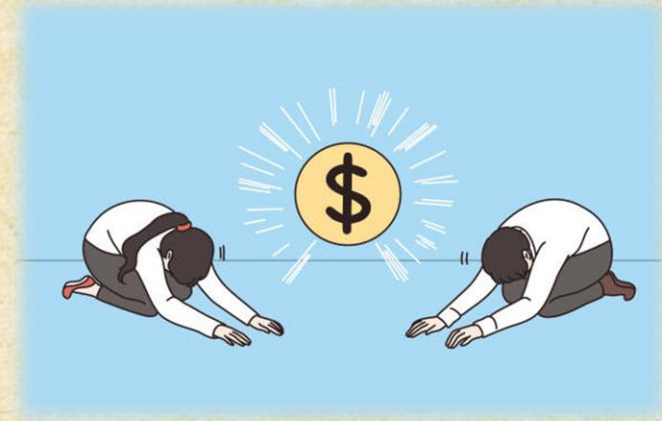
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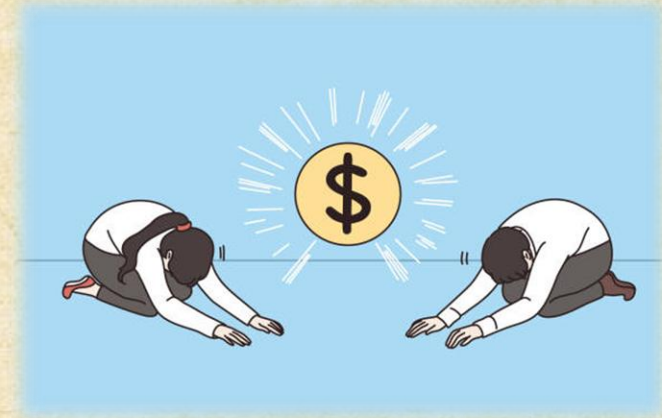
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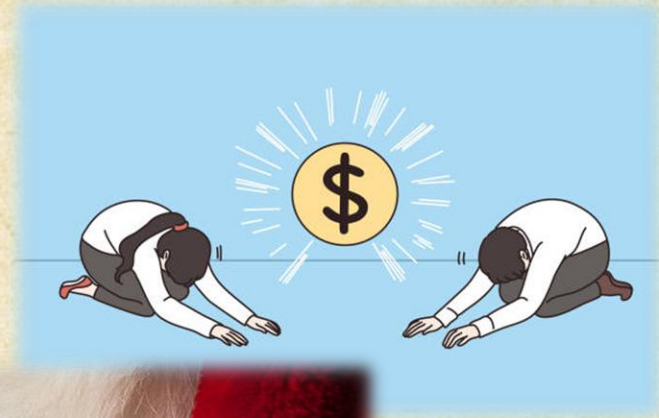
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“The grand and central basis of Christian assurance is not how much our hearts are set on God, but how unshakably His heart is set on us”

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- “court you eagerly” =
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- Vs 19 “My children, I am again suffering labor pains for you until Christ is formed in you.”





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All About Me

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