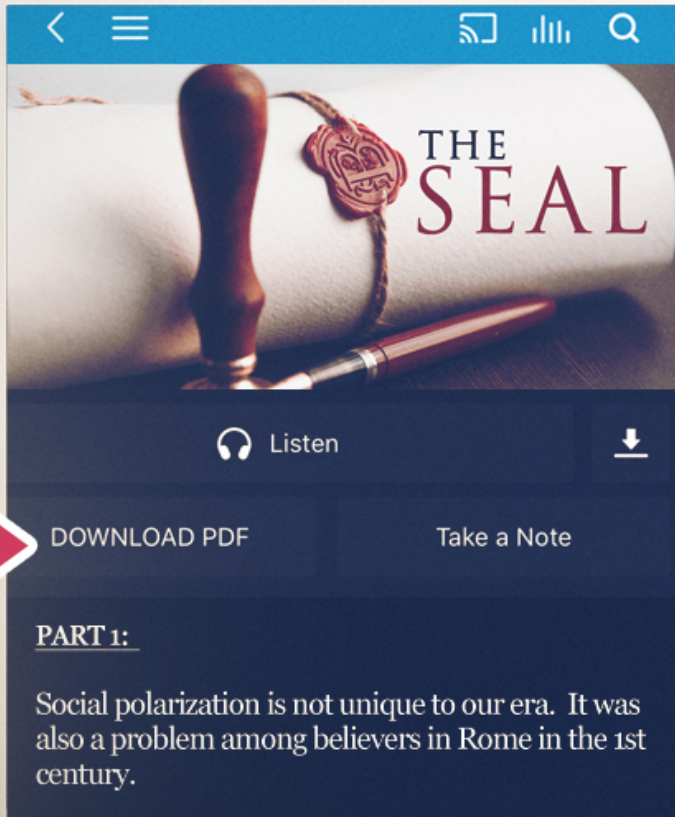




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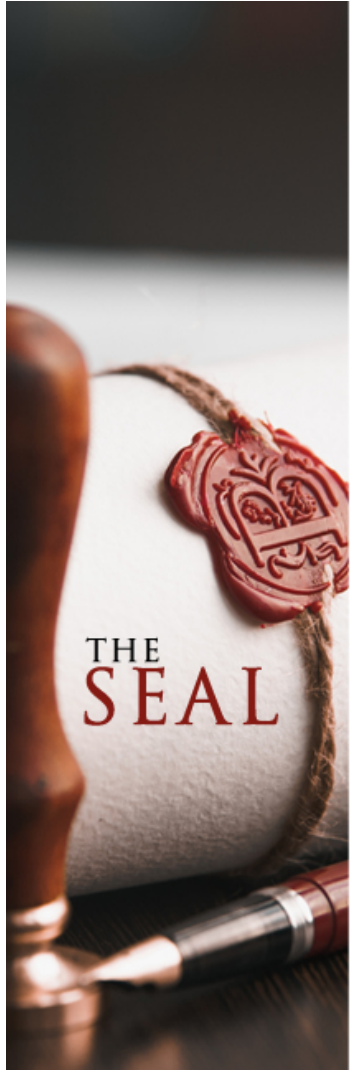
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## JOHN 20: 30-31 (ESV)

“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”



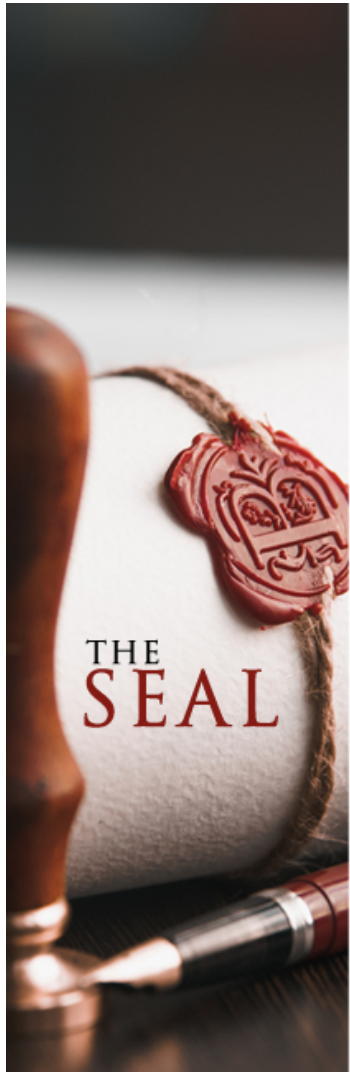


# HEBREWS 2:1

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“Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.”



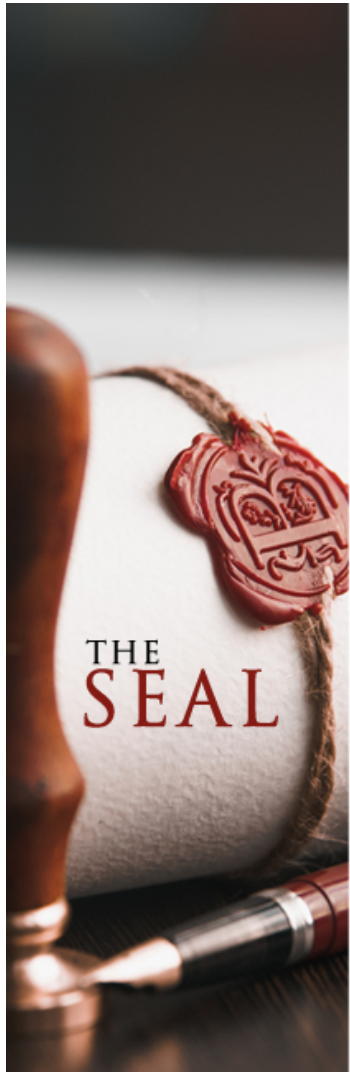


# HEBREWS 2:3a

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“How shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?”



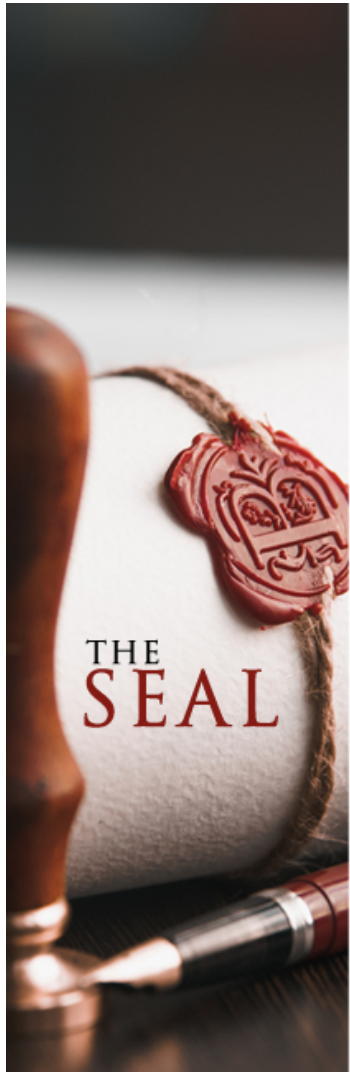


## HEBREWS 6:4-8

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“For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away,”



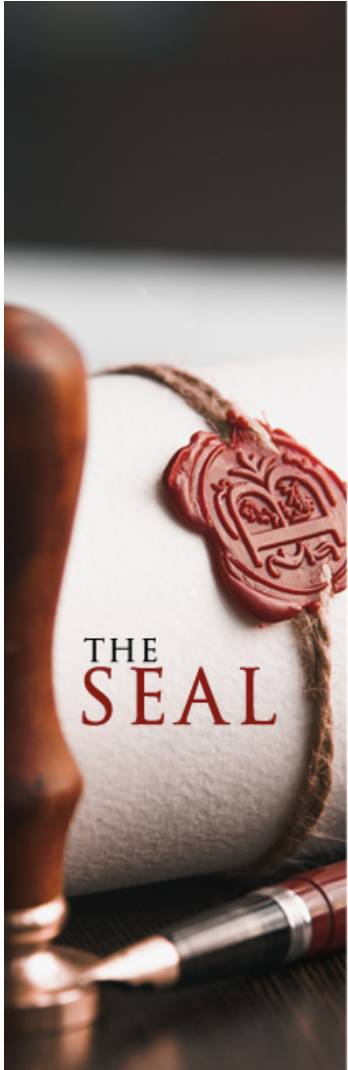


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“to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt. For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated,”



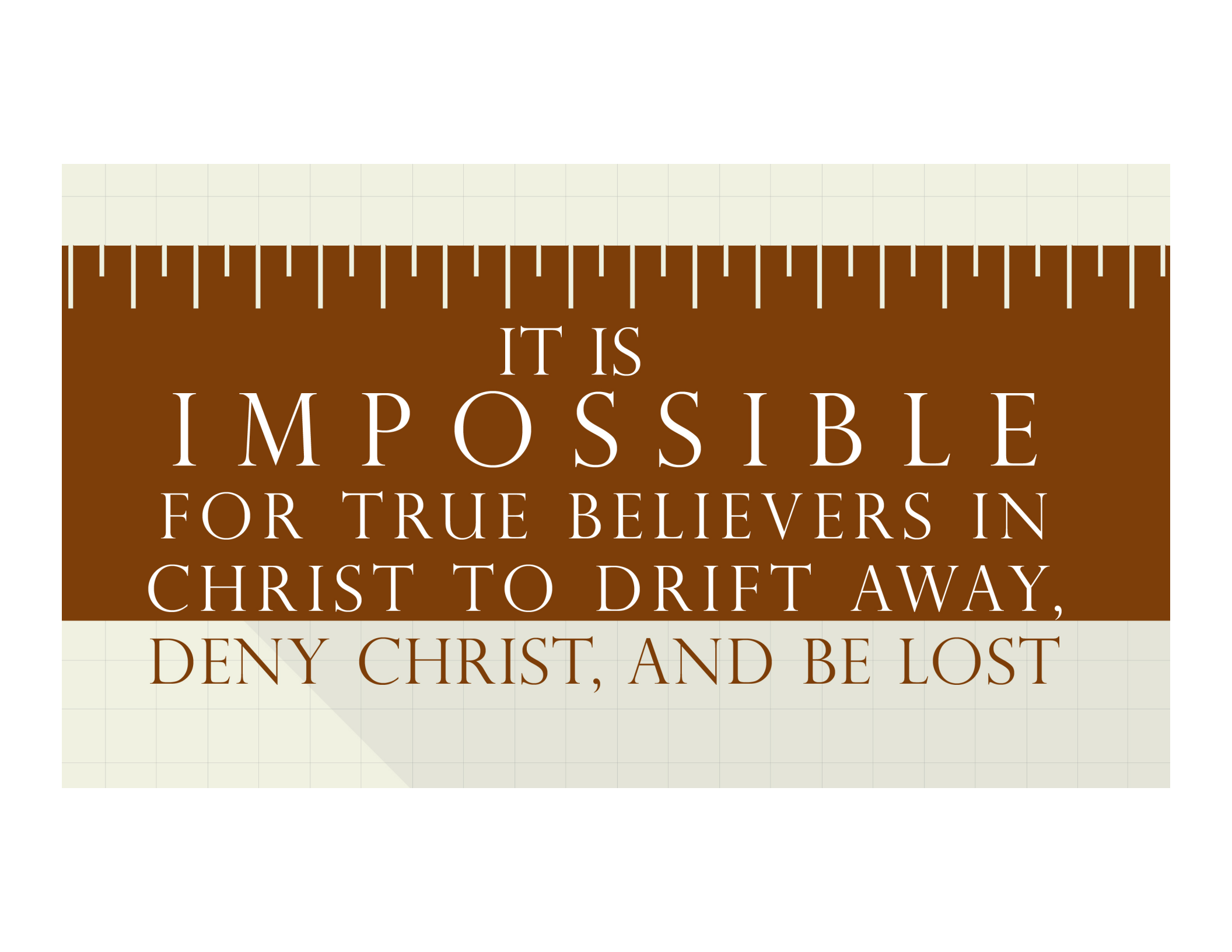


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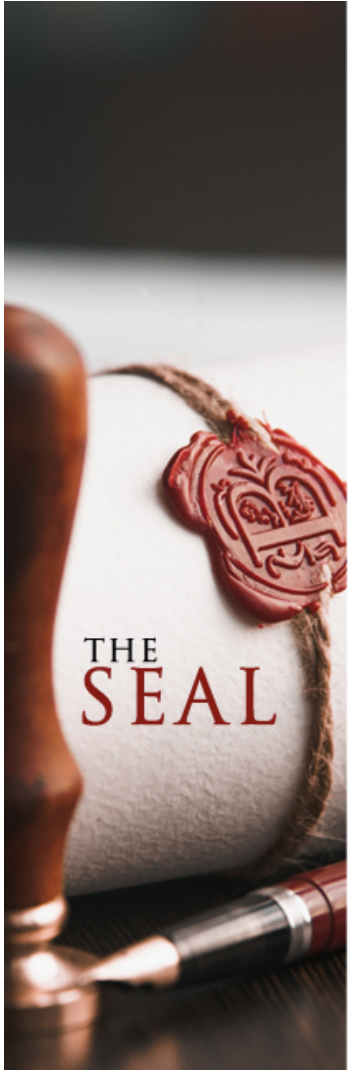
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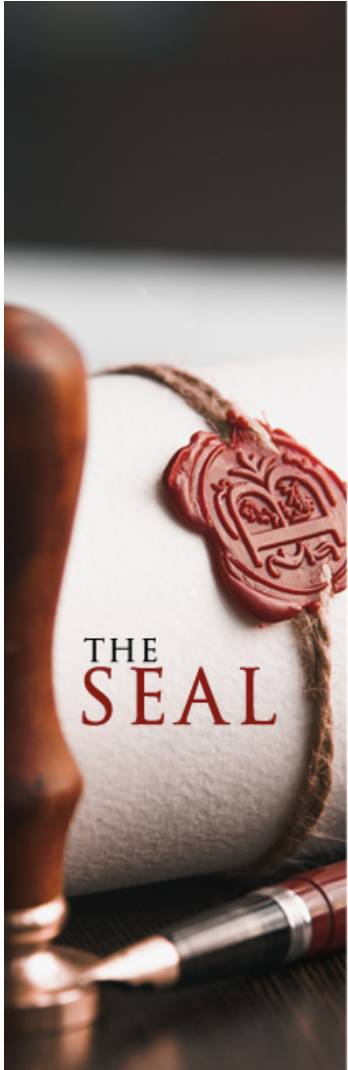




### 3 IMPORTANT QUESTIONS:

- When is salvation impossible?
- Was the person who has fallen away ever saved?
- What does this mean for us?





## 1. When Is Salvation Impossible?

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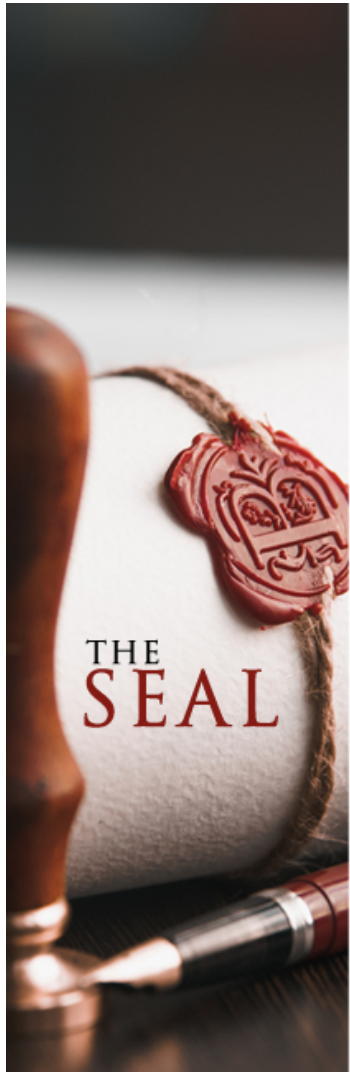




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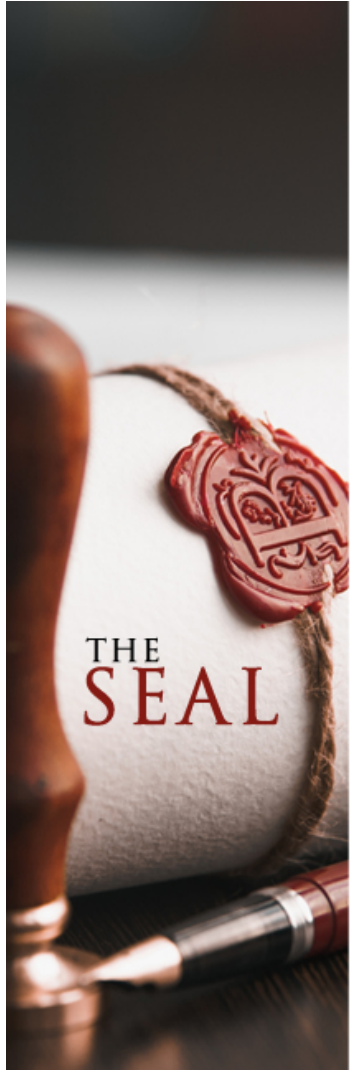


# HEBREWS 10:29

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“How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?”



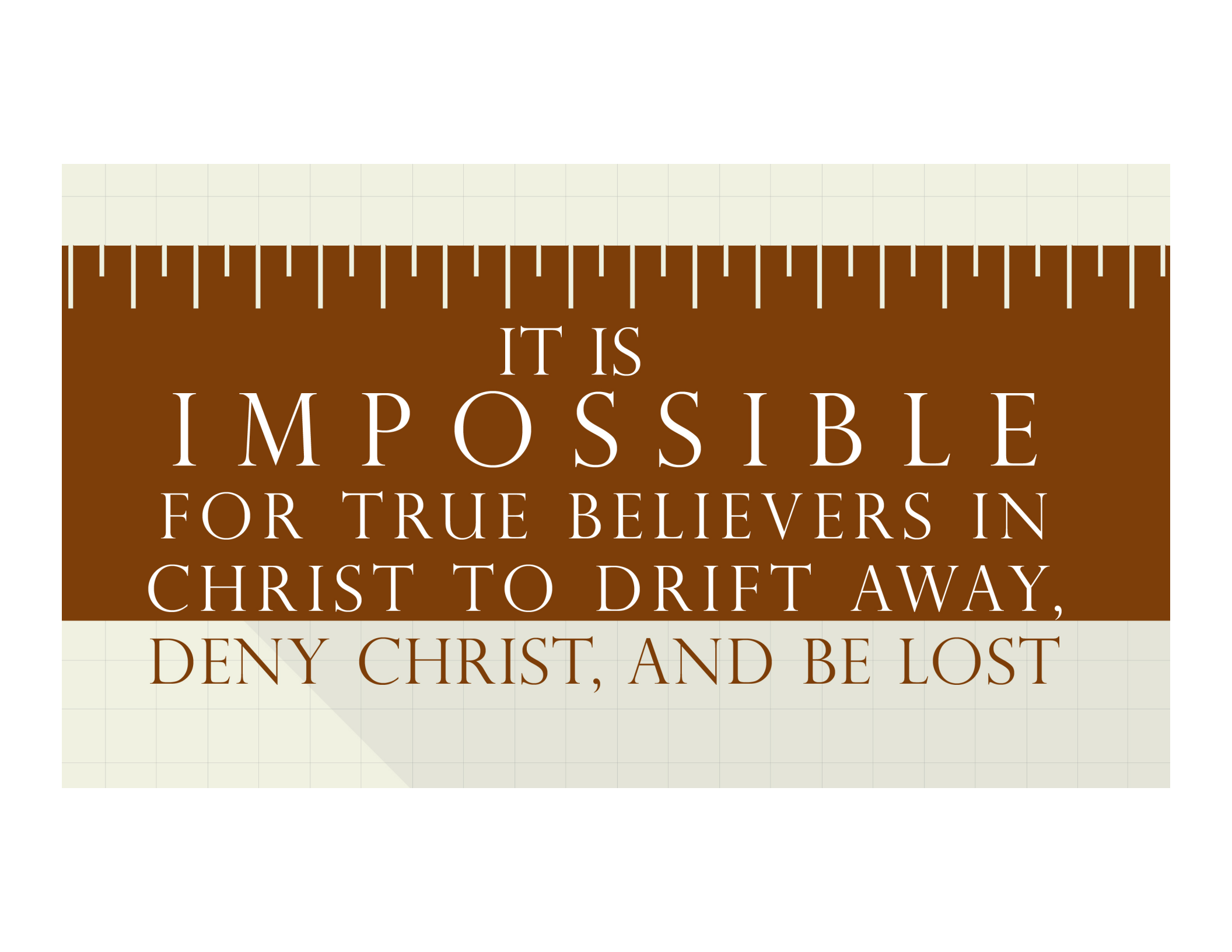


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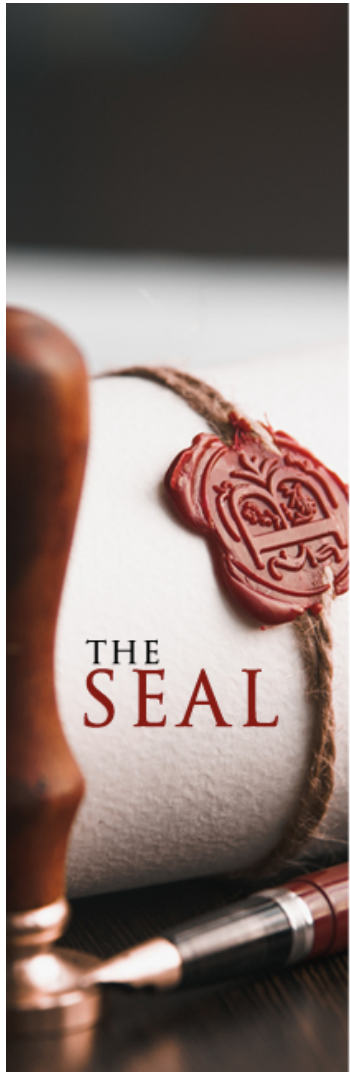
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“...who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.”





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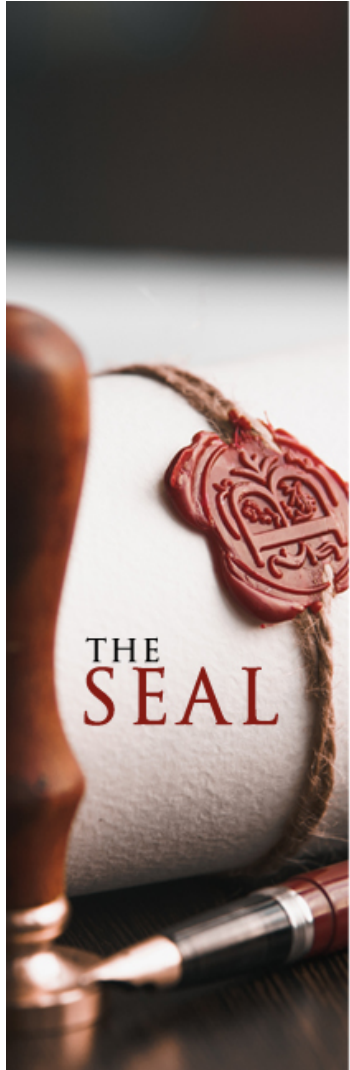
**John 10:27–29 (ESV)** “My sheep ... will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ...and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.”





## EPHESIANS 1 13-14 (ESV)

“In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.”

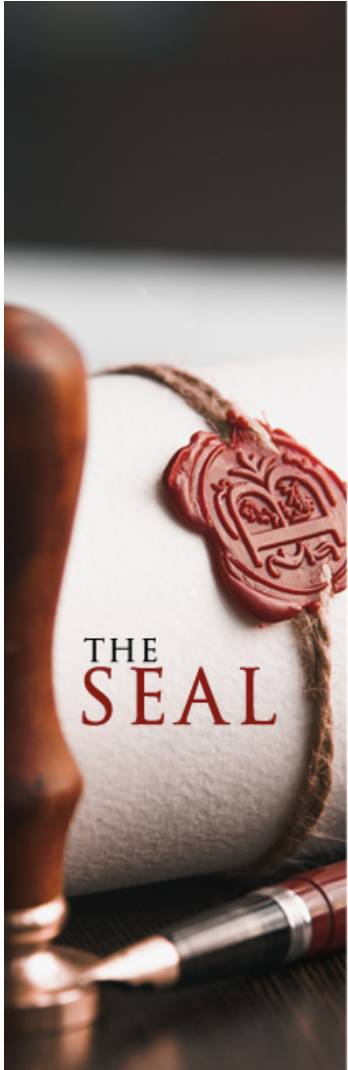


# EPHESIANS 4:30

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“...by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”



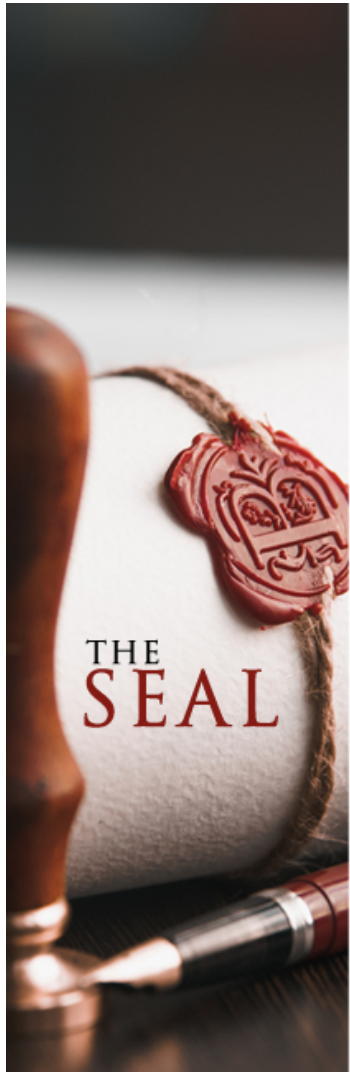


# 1 JOHN 2:19

ESV - ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION

“They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.”



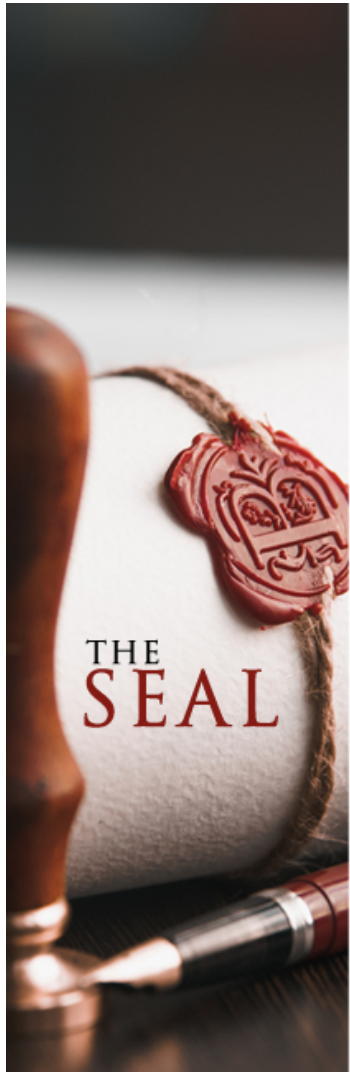


# 1 PETER 1:3-5

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“...He has caused us to be born again to a living hope ... to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”



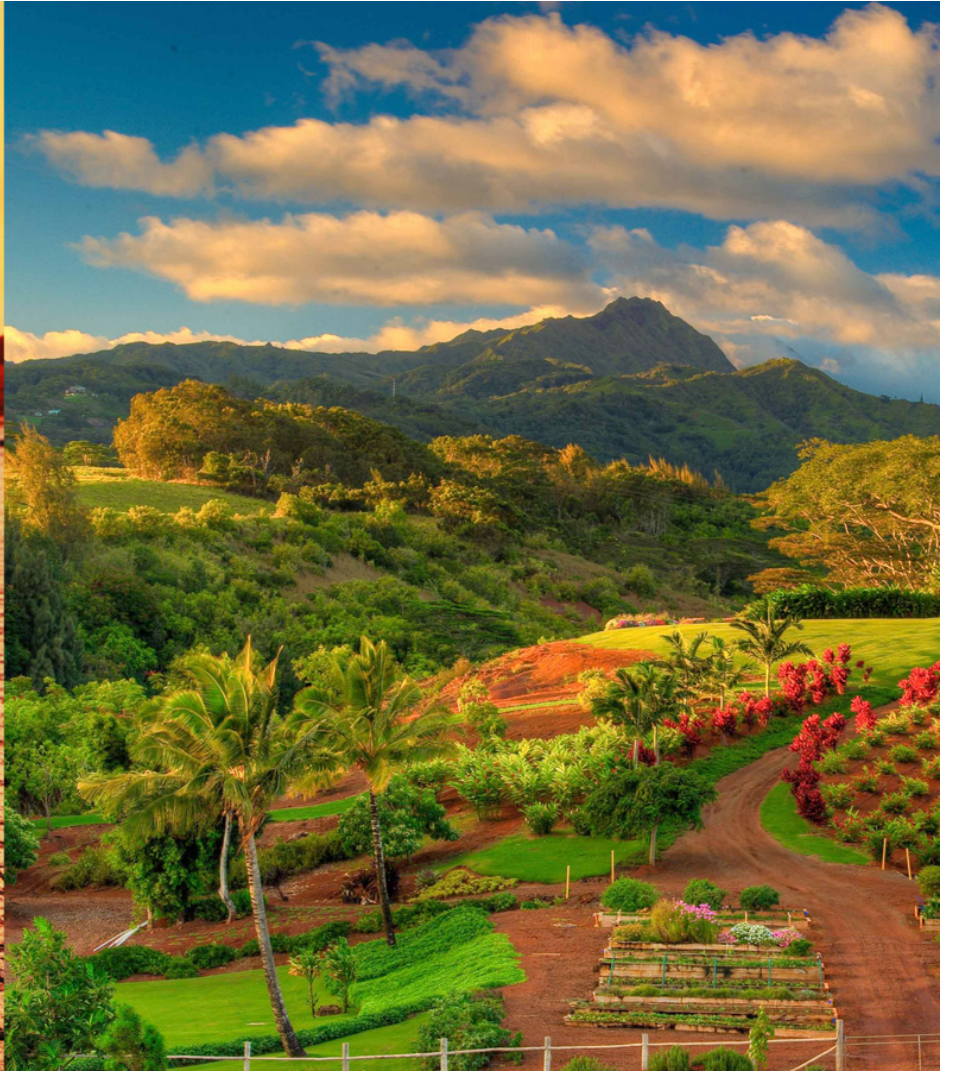


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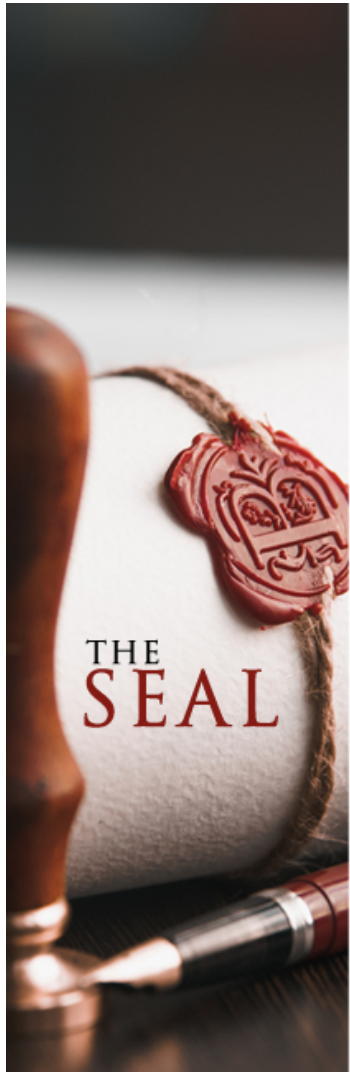
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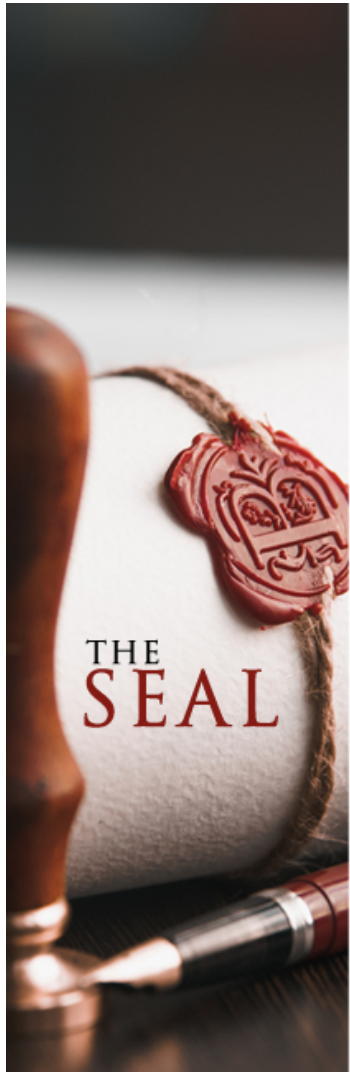


# HEBREWS 6:9

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“Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation.”



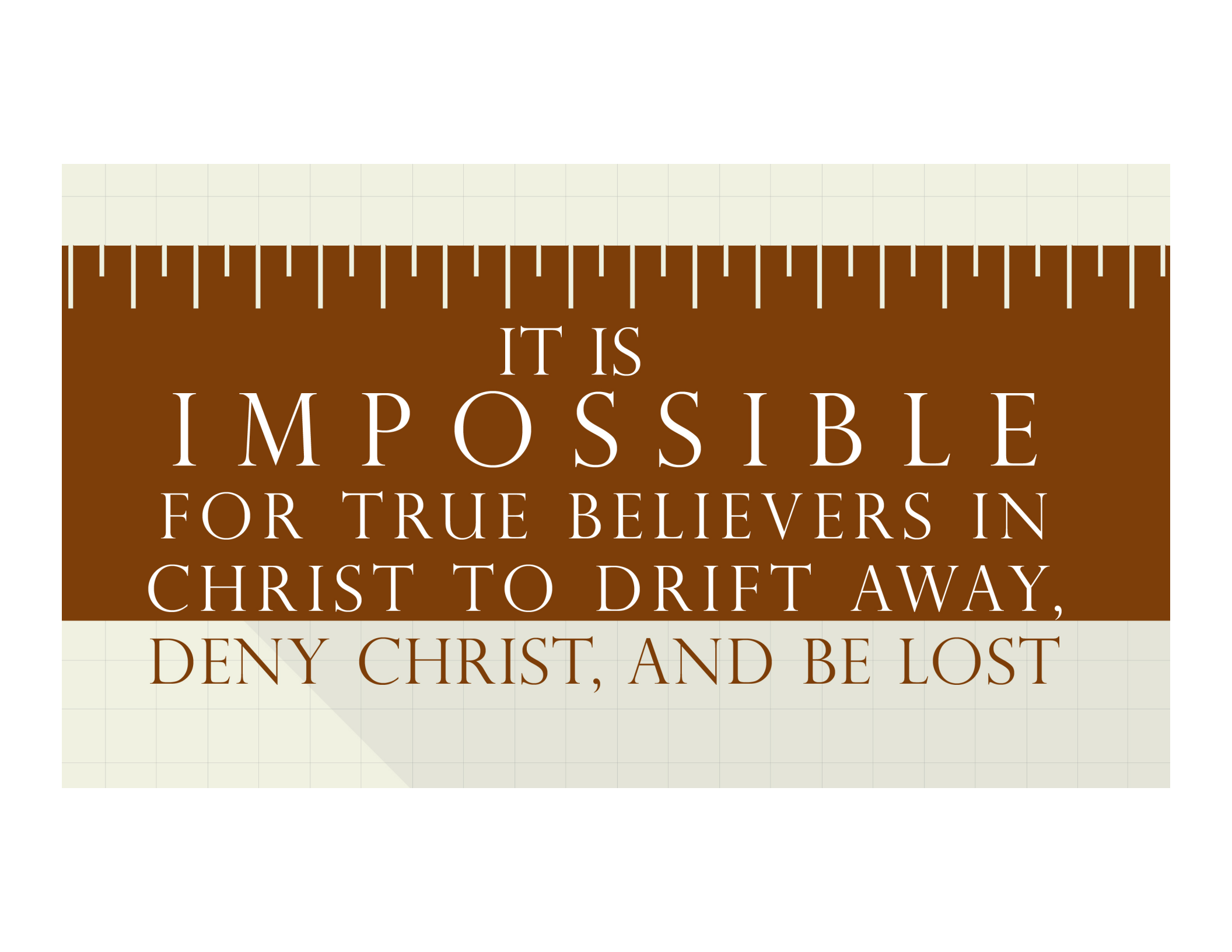


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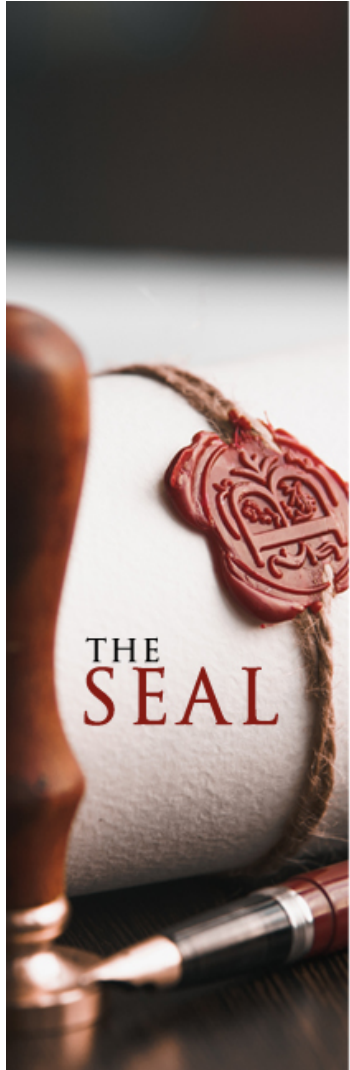
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“For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.”





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### 3. What Does This Mean for Us?



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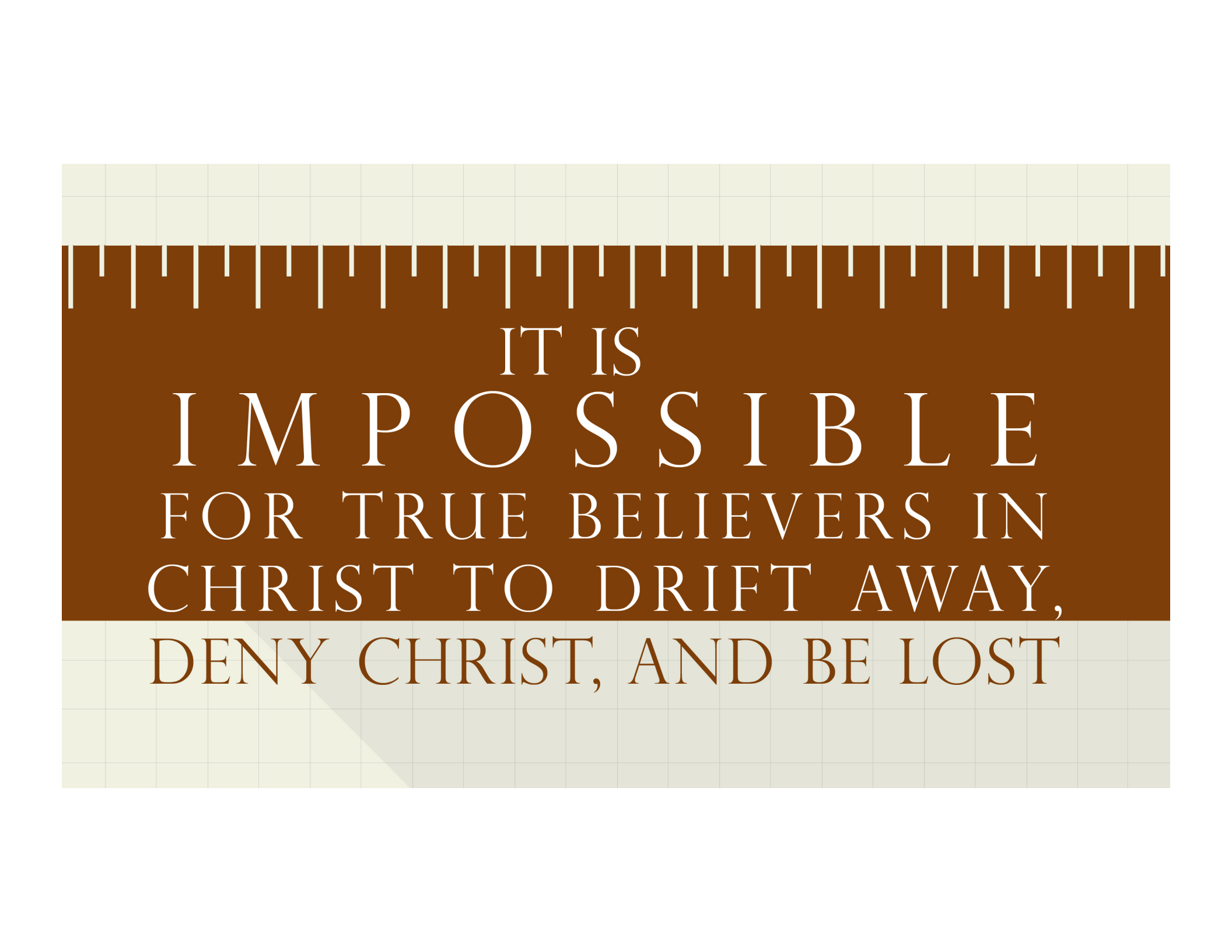
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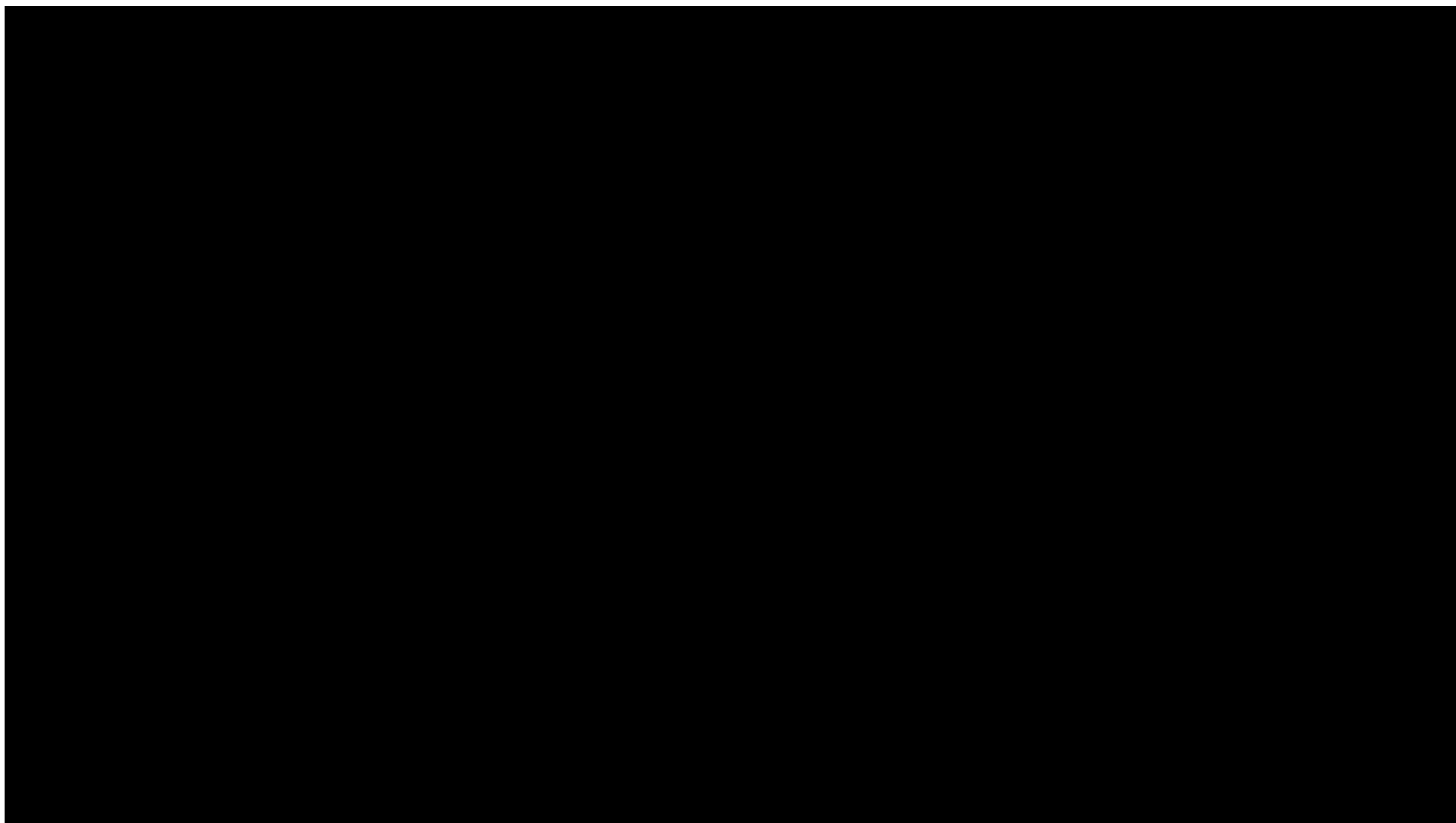




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