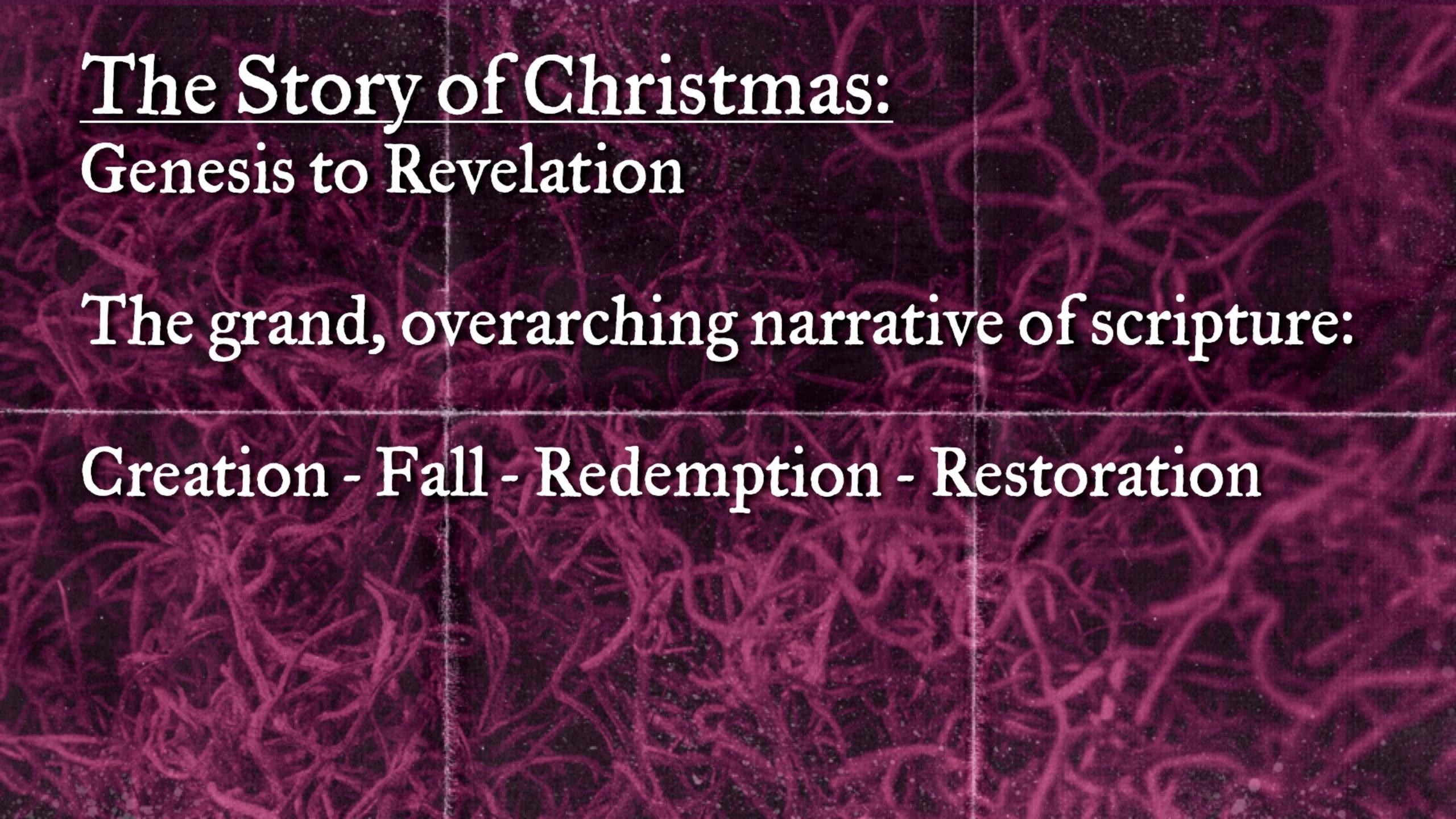
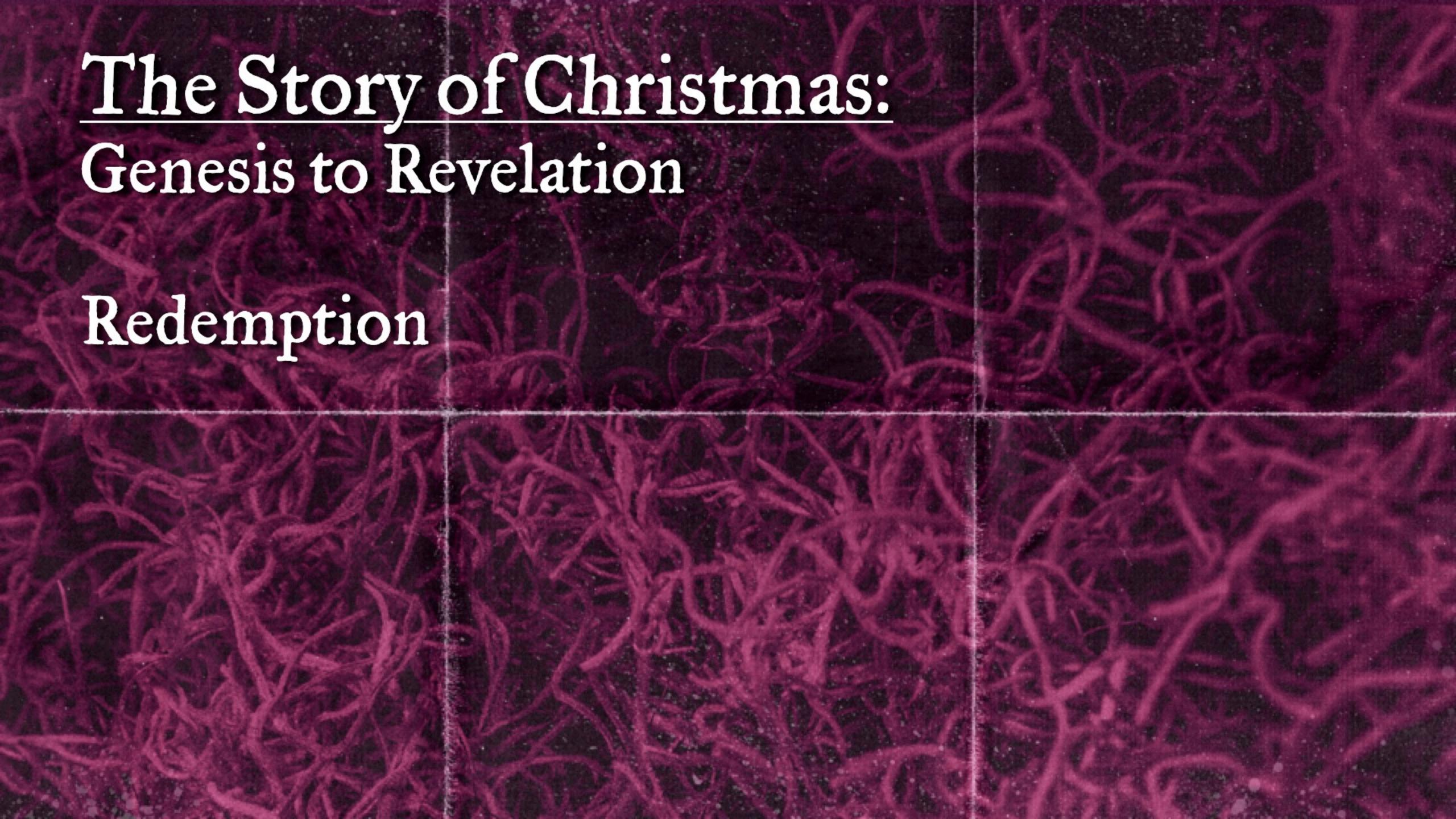


Exodus 20:2 | Isaiah 43:1; 53:5-6 | Matthew 4:16

Ephesians 1:7 | 2 Corinthians 5:21 | 1 Peter 1:18-19

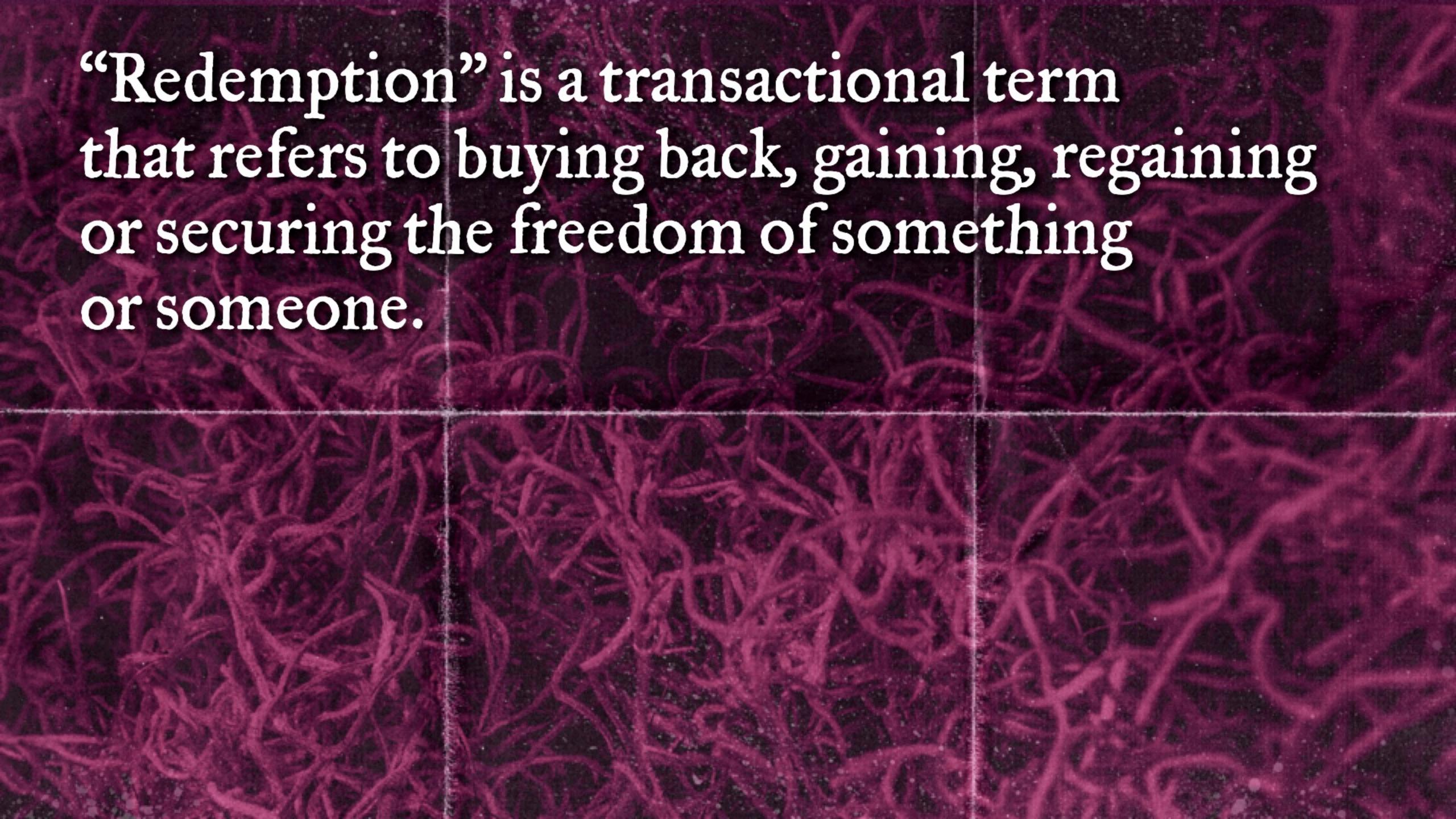


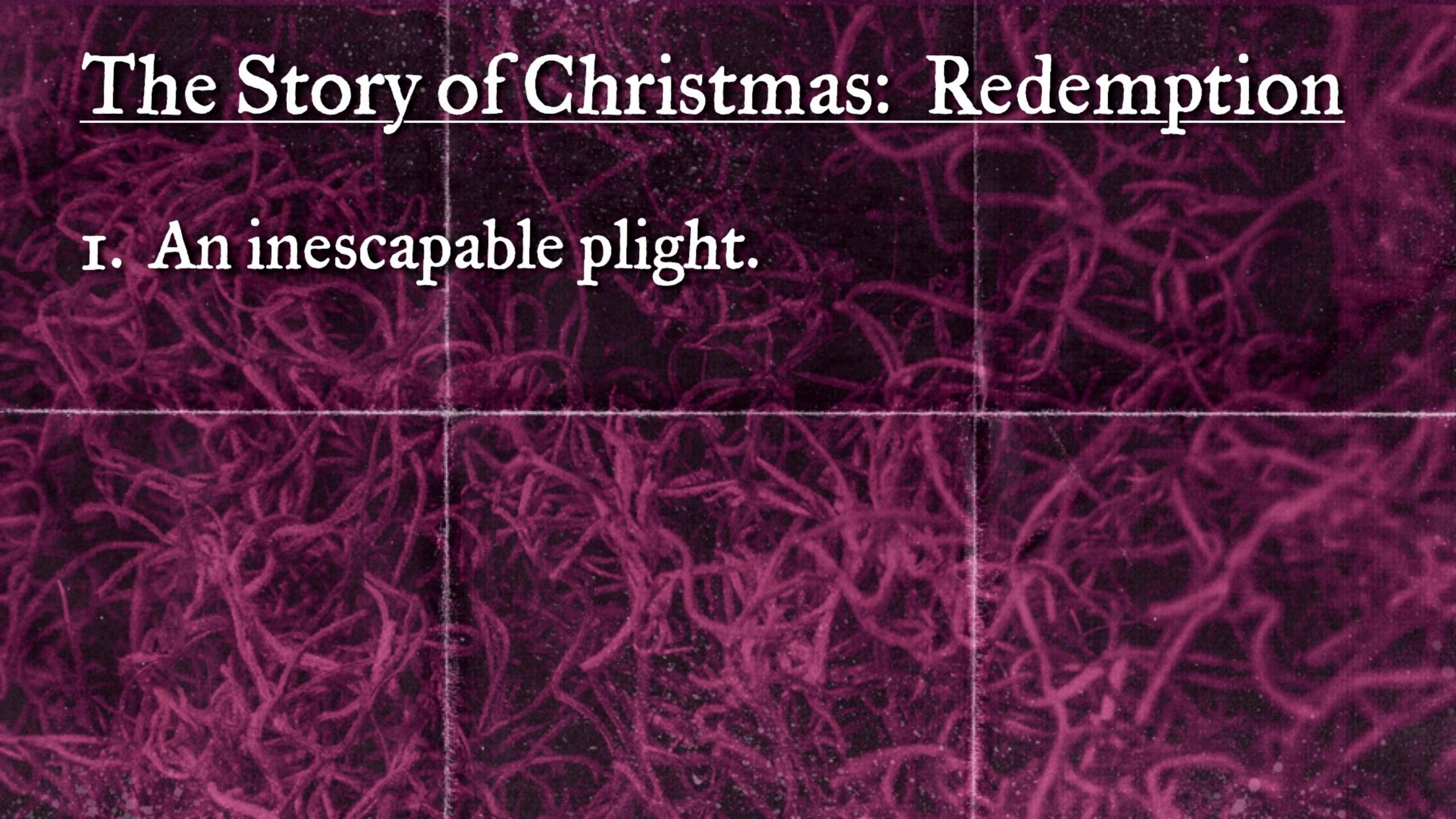






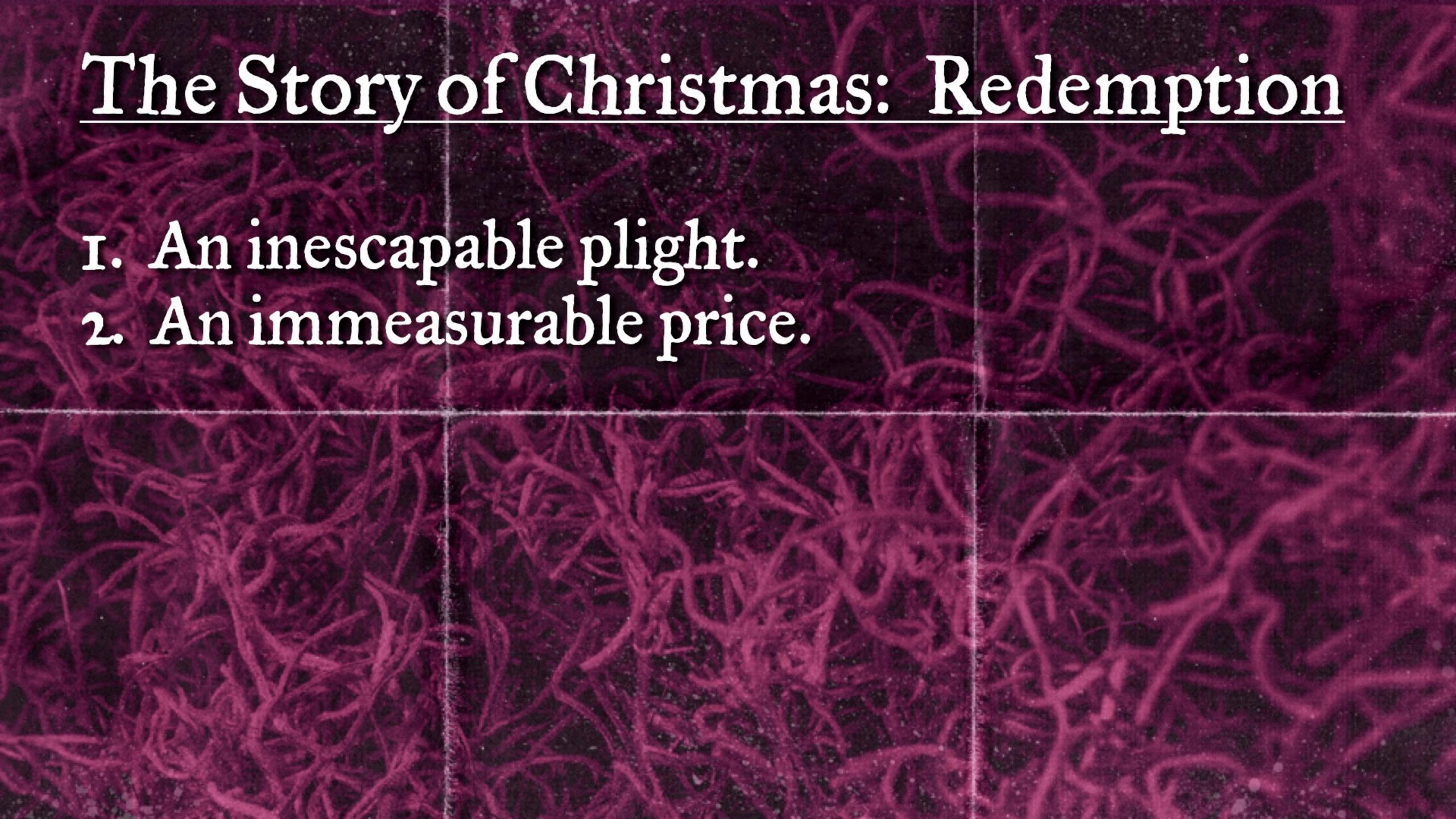
- What does "redemption" mean?
- Is it true that everybody needs redemption?
- Where can we find true redemption?
- Can sinful human beings ever be reconciled to a holy and righteous God?





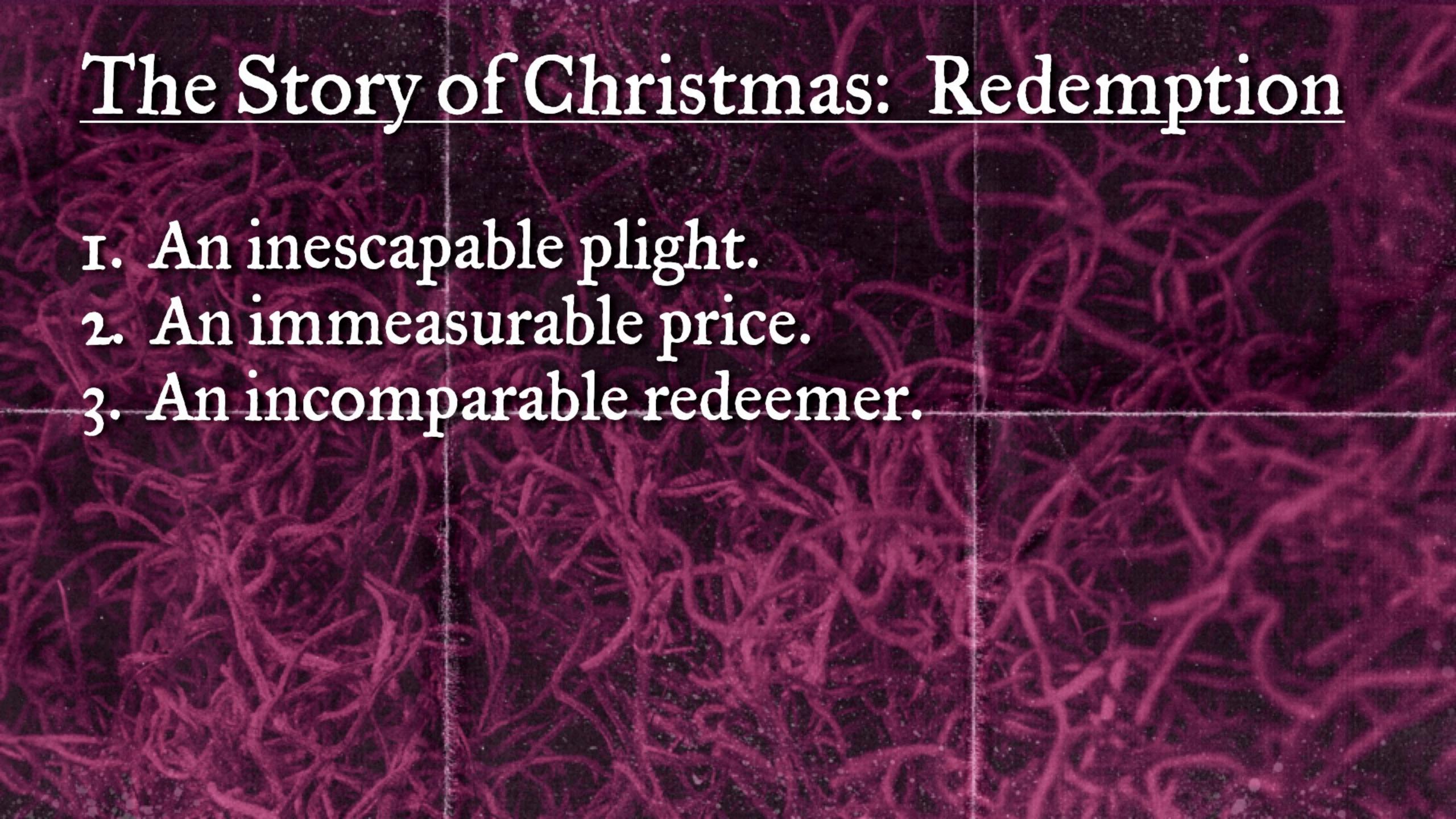
"The coming of God is not only glad tidings, but first of all frightening news for everyone who has a conscience. Only when we have felt the terror of the matter, can we recognize the incomparable kindness."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer
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"Who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross."

- Philippians 2:6-8



The story of Christmas/the Incarnation is the story of redemption because redemption is:

- A recognition of humanity's predicament.
- A demonstration of God's love.
- A demonstration of Divine justice.
- A reflection of Christ's victory over sin and evil.
- A satisfaction of the holiness of God.
- An atonement from sin and freedom for sinners.
- A confirmation that this God of the Bible is indeed trustworthy.

"And can it be that I should gain An interest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?"

- Charles Wesley 1738

"Redeemed! It means the slave set free, the exiled restored to citizenship, the convict pardoned, the bankrupt released, the ransom paid. God visits earth, but he does not come empty-handed; he brings the price of souls in hands that are pierced on the way."

- George Eliot

"Life between Jesus' two Advents [1] deepens our sadness over the brokenness in God's world and ourselves; [2] fuels our humility and joy in response to what God's done about it in Jesus; and [3] intensifies our hope and commitment to missional living until the Day of all things new."

- Scotty Smith