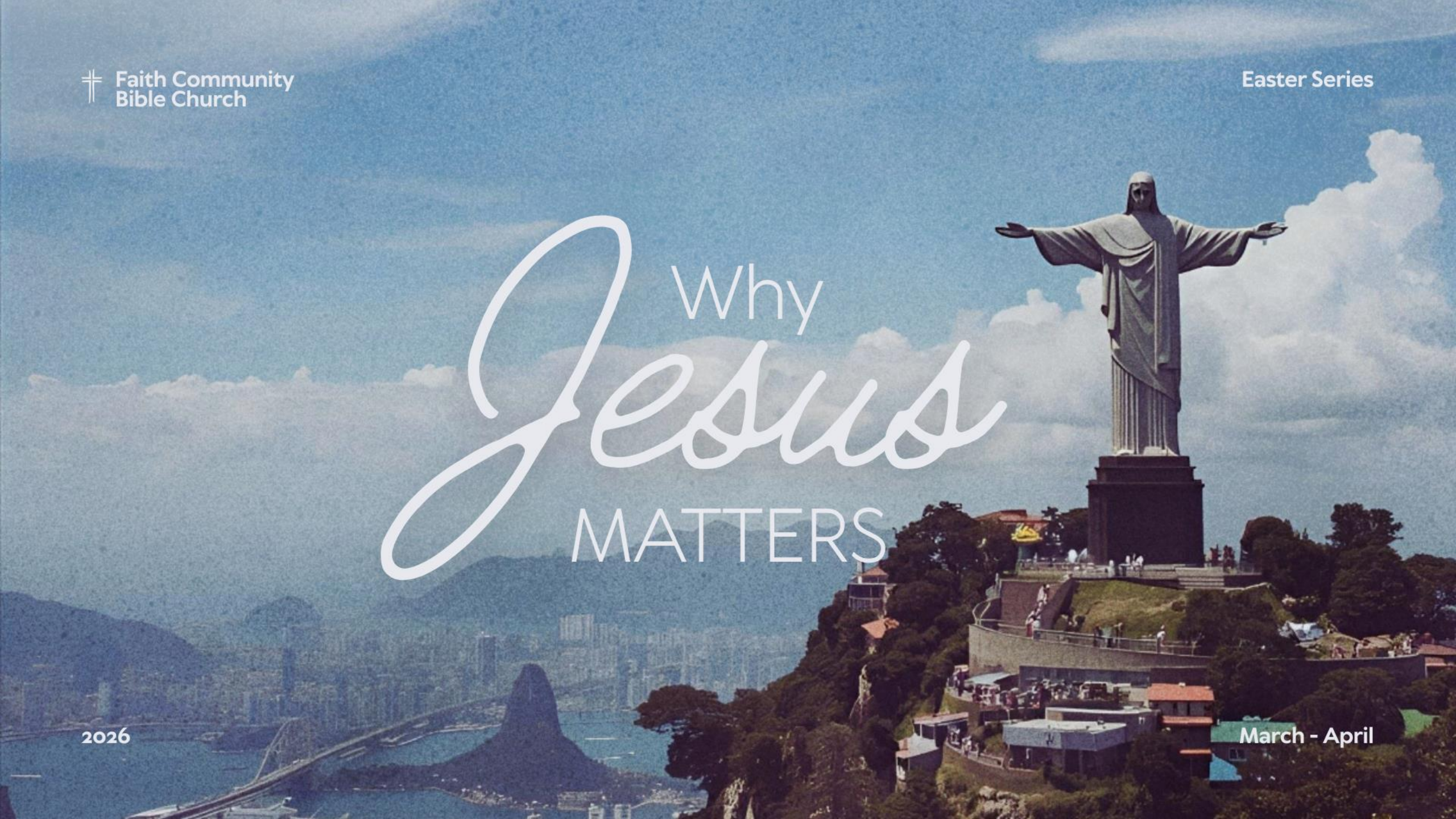


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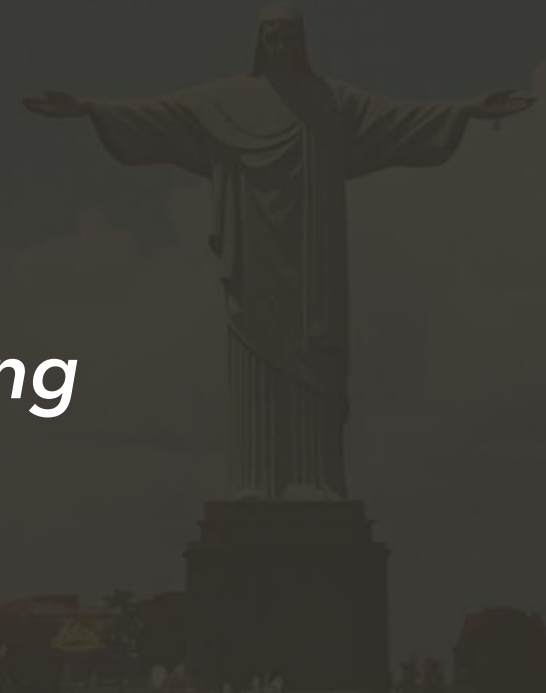


JESUS DIES A SINNER'S DEATH

John 19:16 – 42



*What is Jesus Accomplishing
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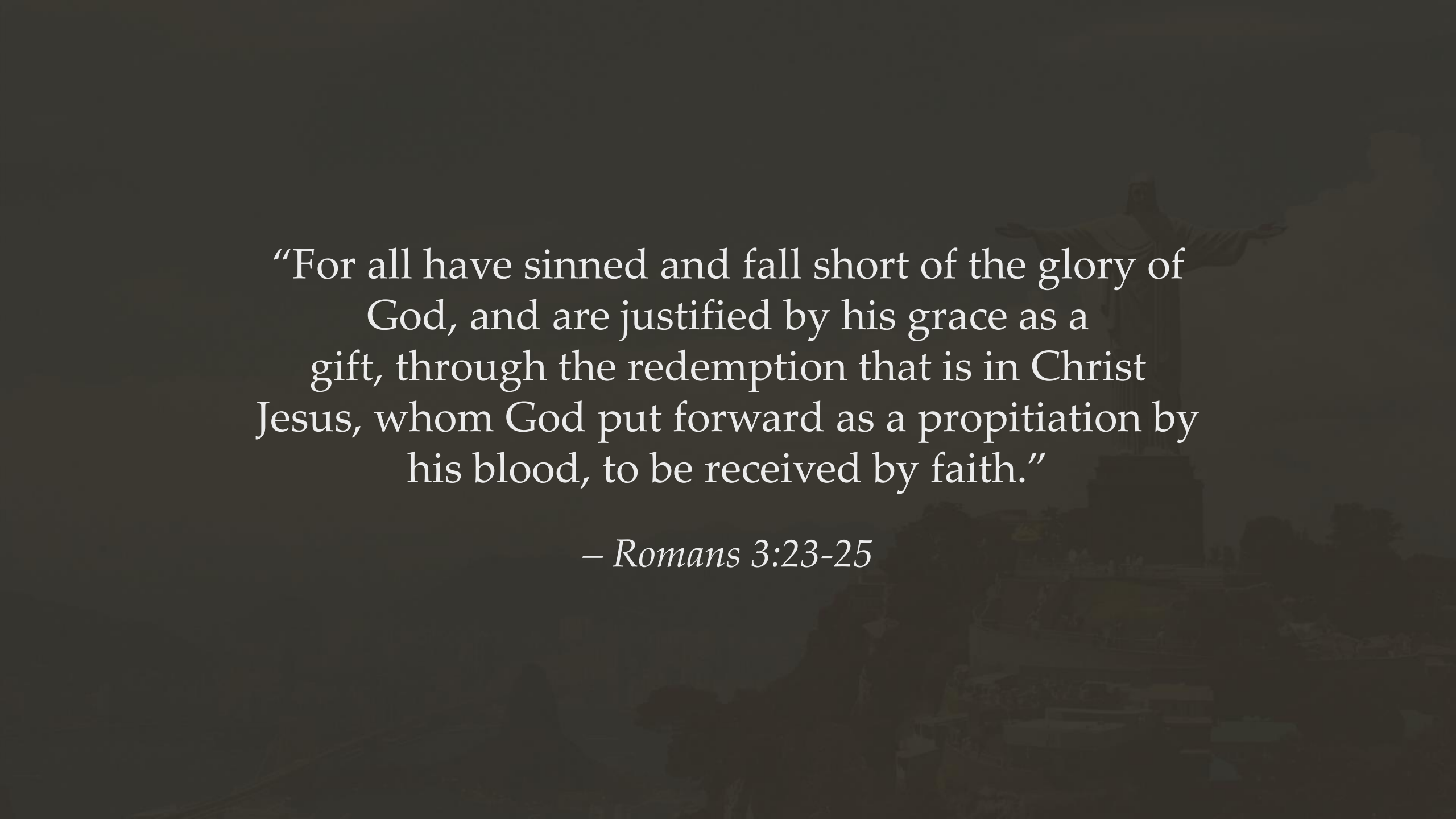
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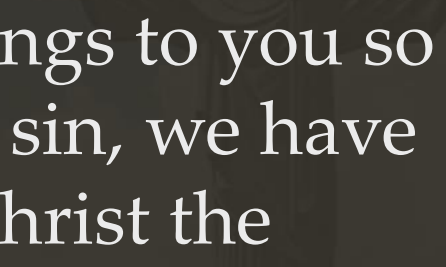
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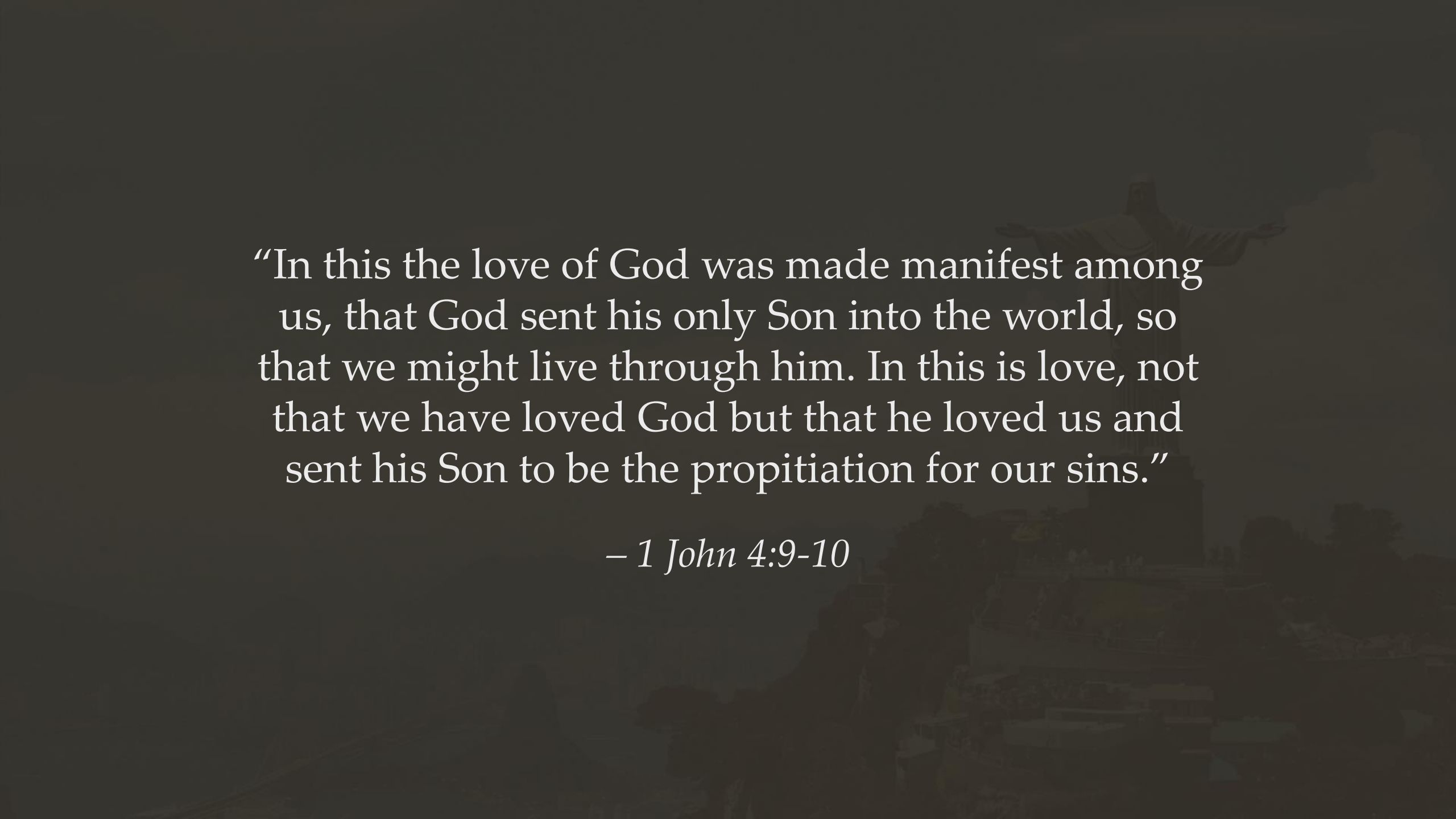
“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.”

– *Romans 3:23-25*



“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”

– *1 John 2:1-2*



“In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

– *1 John 4:9-10*

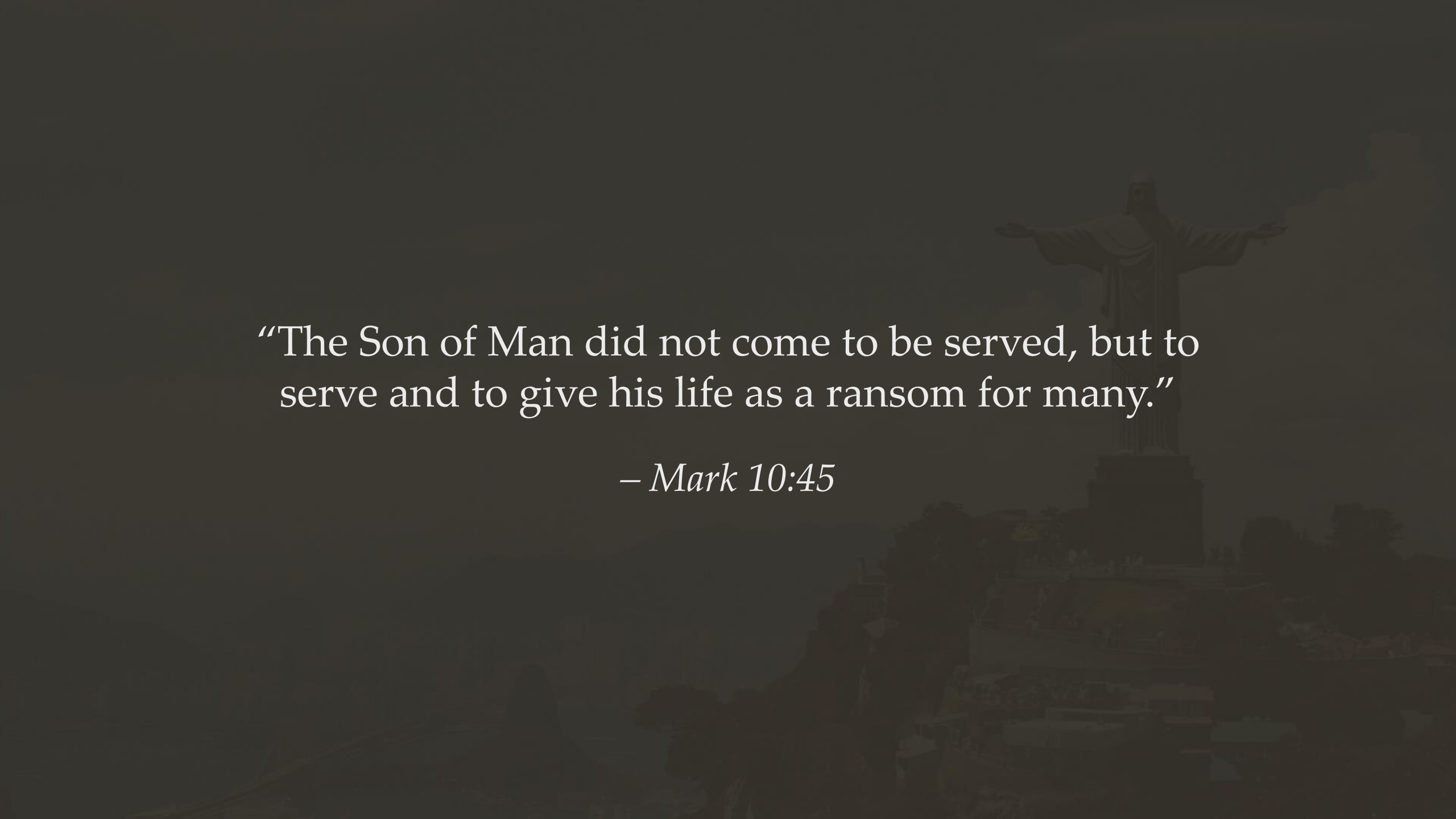
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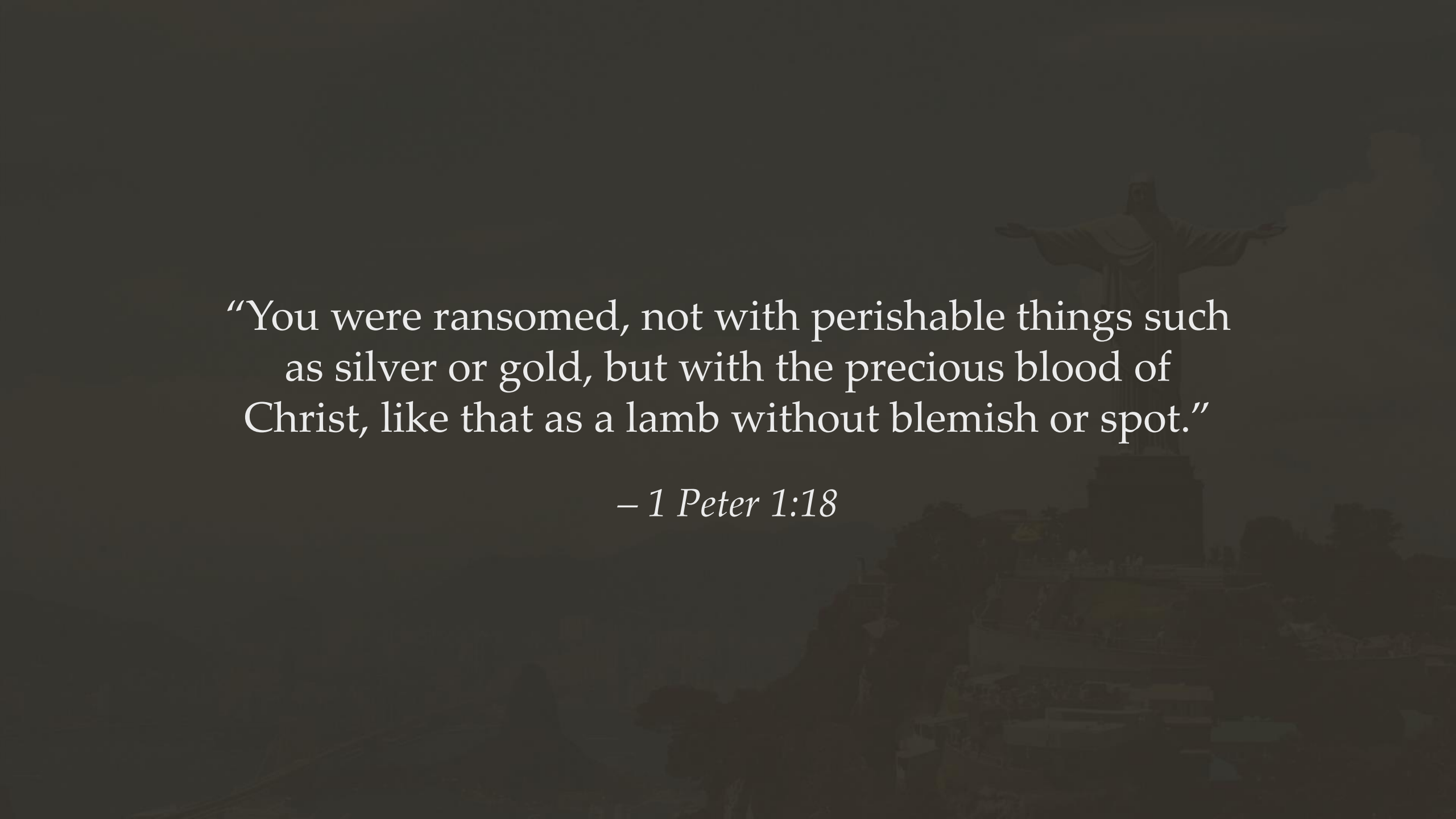
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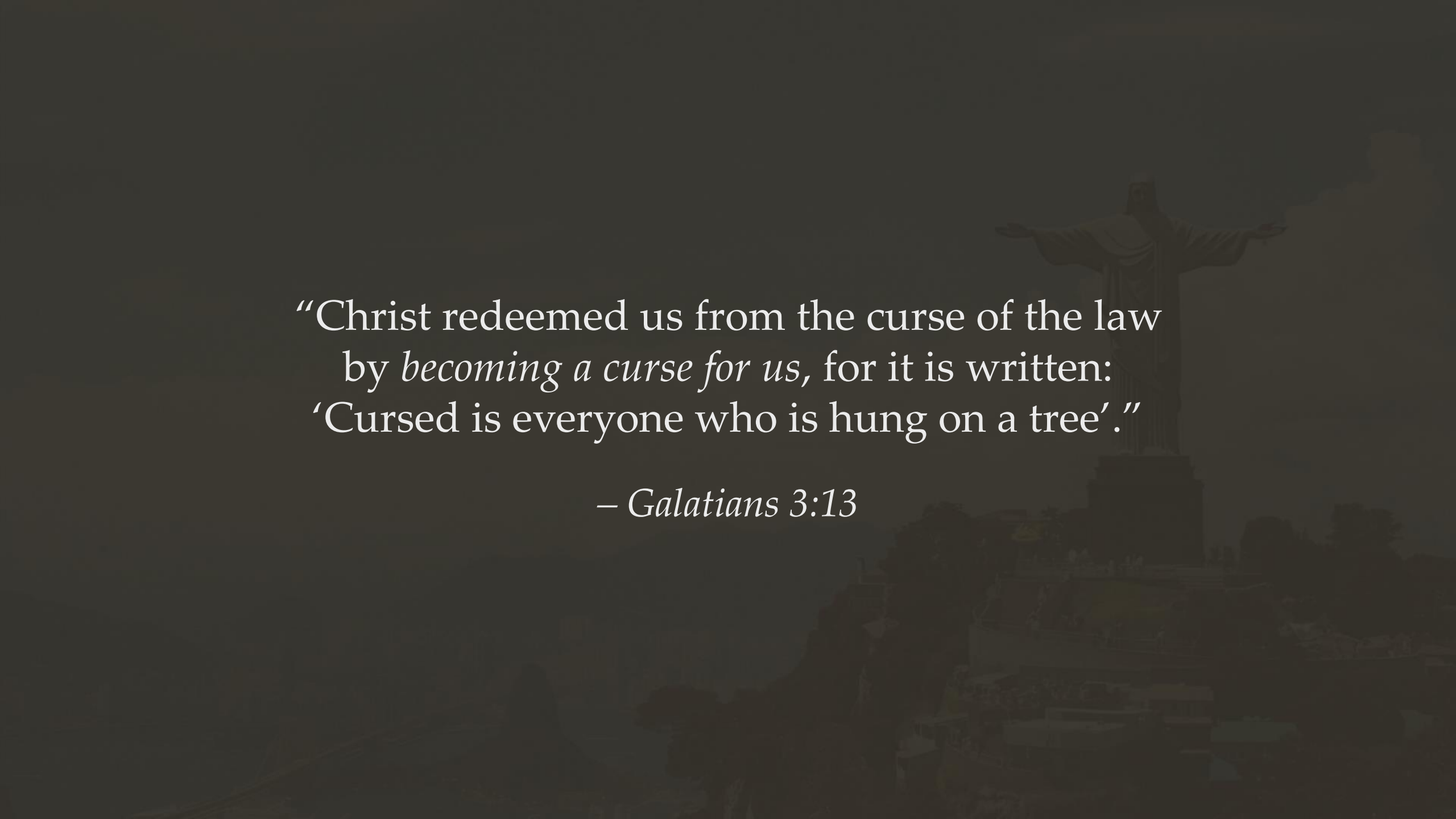
“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

– *Mark 10:45*



“You were ransomed, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that as a lamb without blemish or spot.”

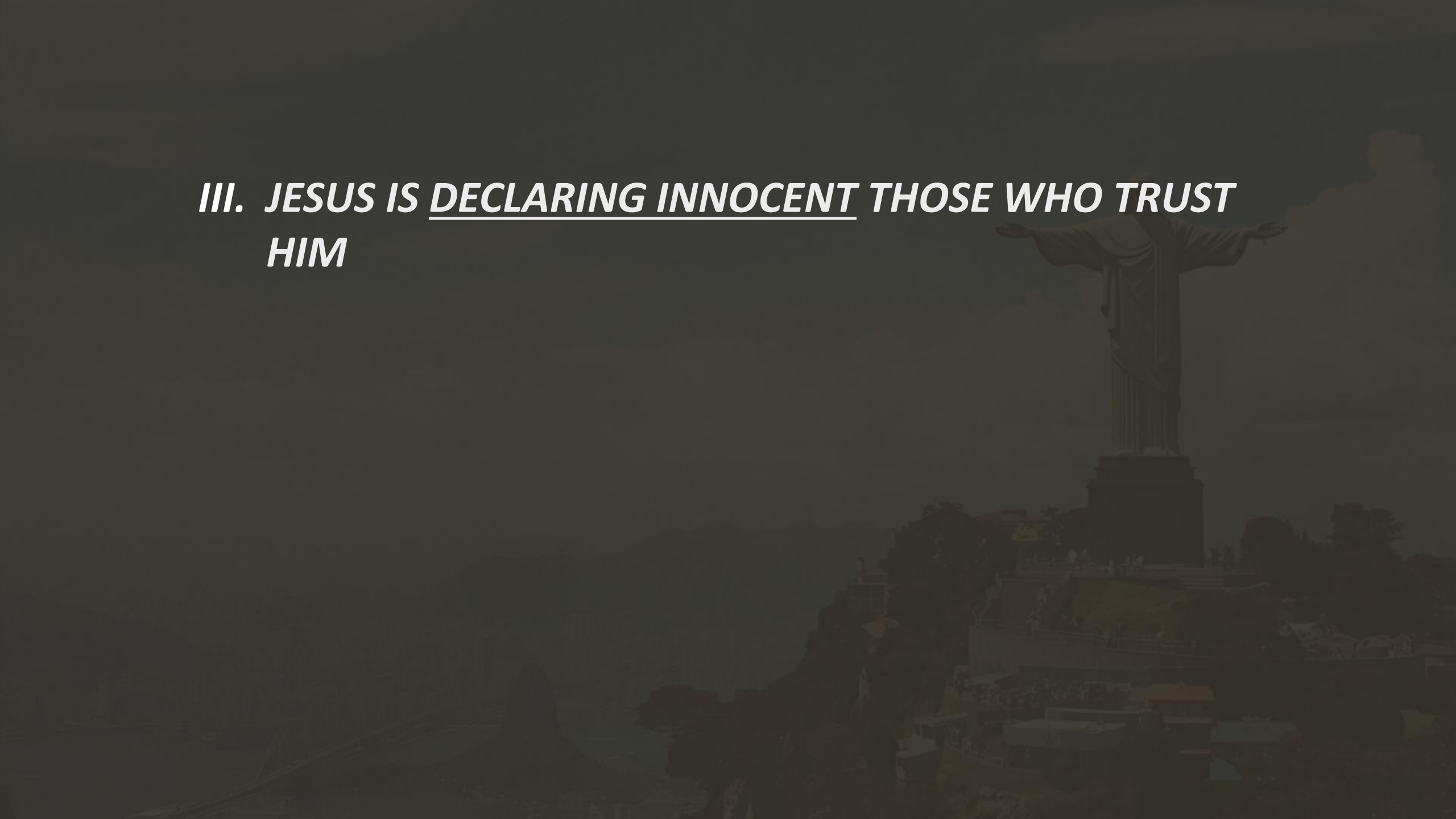
– *1 Peter 1:18*



“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law
by *becoming a curse for us*, for it is written:
‘Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree’.”

– *Galatians 3:13*

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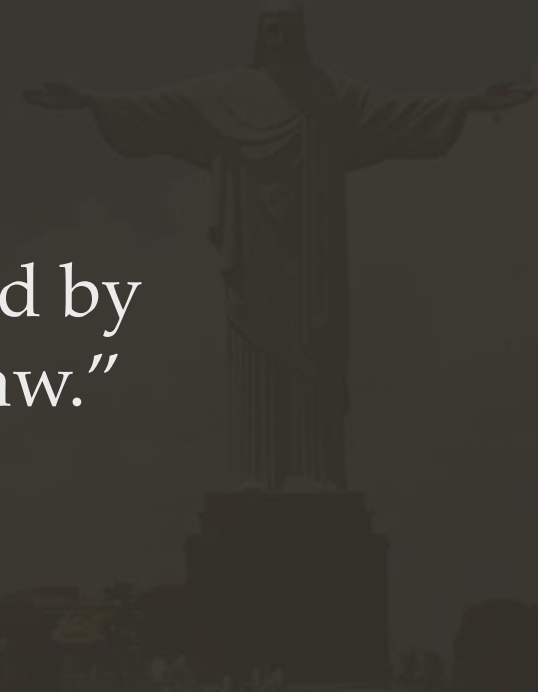
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This is the Doctrine of Justification.



“For we hold that one is justified by
faith apart from works of the law.”

– *Romans 3:28*



“We know that a person is not justified by works of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.”

– *Galatians 2:16-17*

“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might be heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

– *Titus 3:4-7*

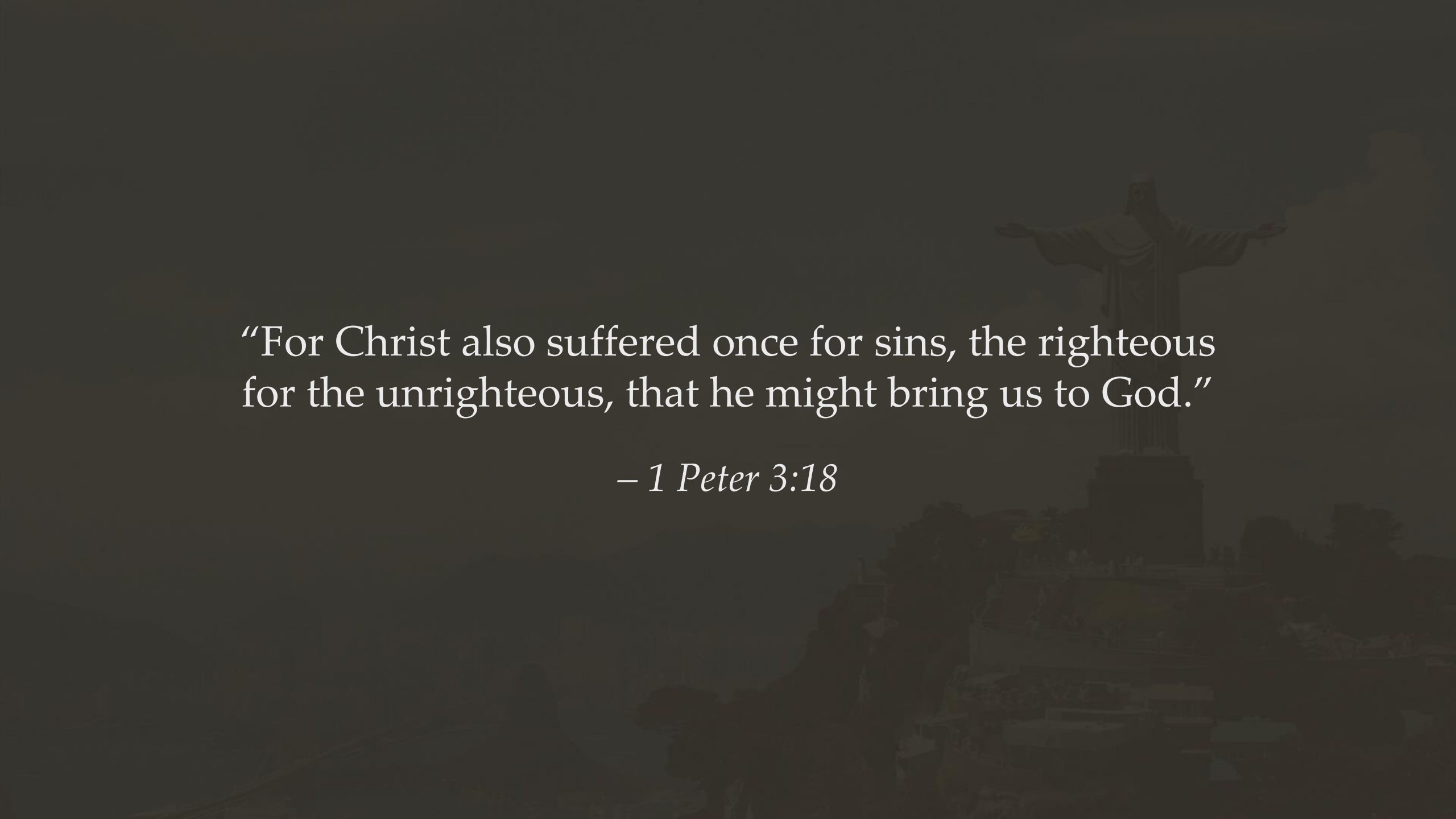
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This is the Doctrine of Reconciliation.





“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous
for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.”

– *1 Peter 3:18*

“All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

– 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

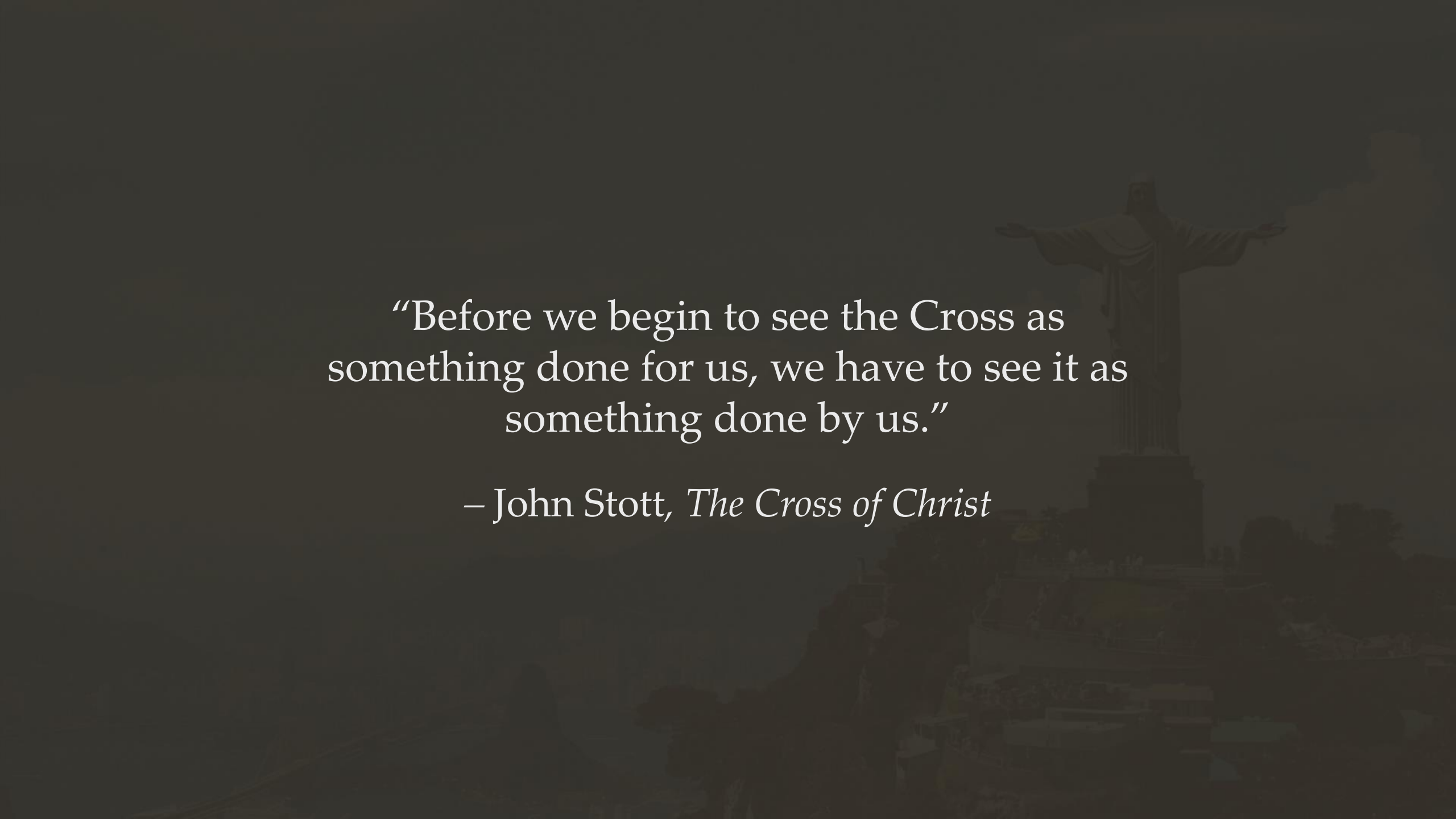
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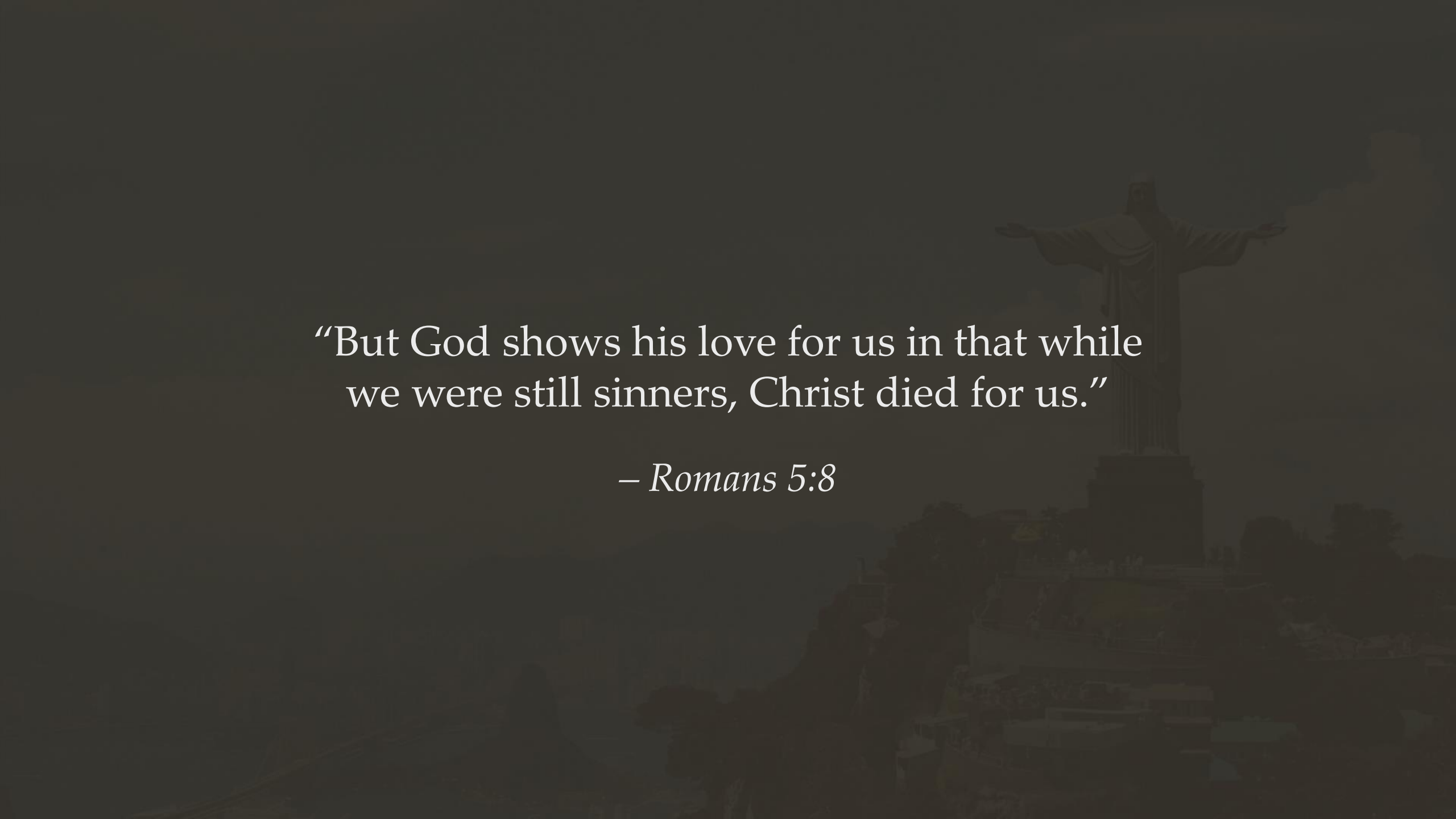
“Before we begin to see the Cross as something done for us, we have to see it as something done by us.”

– John Stott, *The Cross of Christ*



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“But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

– *Romans 5:8*



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- *“It is finished!” Nothing left to pay, and nothing left for us to contribute.*