An open book with a red bookmark is shown in a close-up, low-angle shot. The pages are aged and yellowed, and the text is mostly illegible due to a shallow depth of field. The book is set against a dark, almost black background, with a light-colored surface visible at the bottom. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the paper and the spine of the book.

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# The Word of the LORD

**John 1:1** “In the beginning was the  
Word, and the Word was with God, and  
the Word was God.”

# The Word of the LORD

**John 1:14** “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

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**Genesis 15:1**

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.”

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**Isaiah 40:8** “the word of God stands forever”

**Isaiah 55:11** “My word...shall accomplish what I please” ... “it shall prosper”

**Jeremiah 1:12** “I am ready to perform My Word”

# The Word of the LORD

**Jeremiah 23:29** “My word is like a fire...like a hammer”

**2 Timothy 2:9** “the word of God is not chained.”

**Hebrew 4:12** “the word of God is living and powerful.”

# The Word of the LORD

**Acts 5:39** “you cannot overthrow it”

**Acts 6:7** “the word of God spread.”

**1 Peter 1:25** “the word of the Lord endures forever.”

# KEY POINTS

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Turkey

Athens  
Corinth

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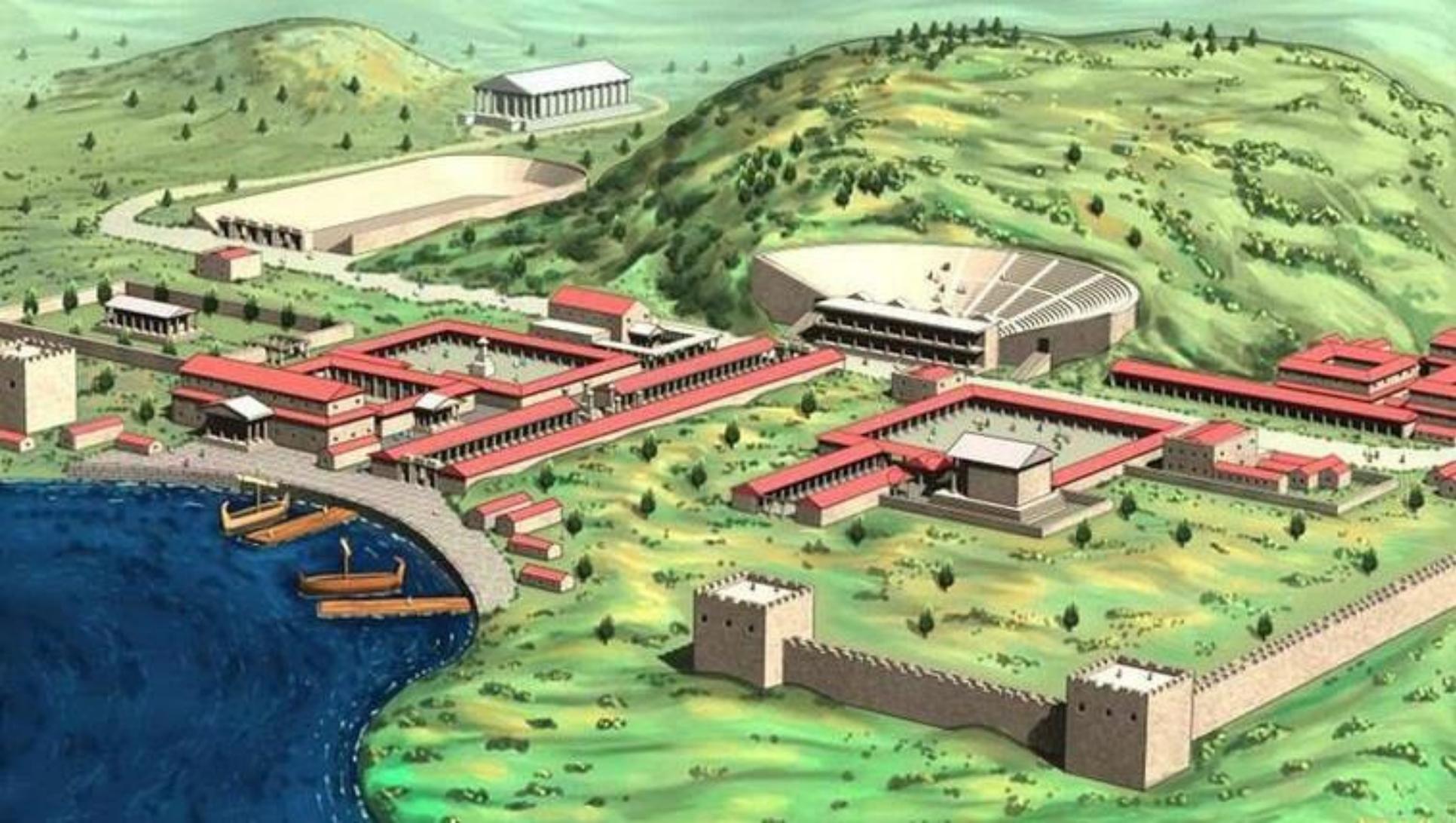
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# 1 Corinthians 16:8-9

“I will tarry in Ephesus until Pentecost. For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries”











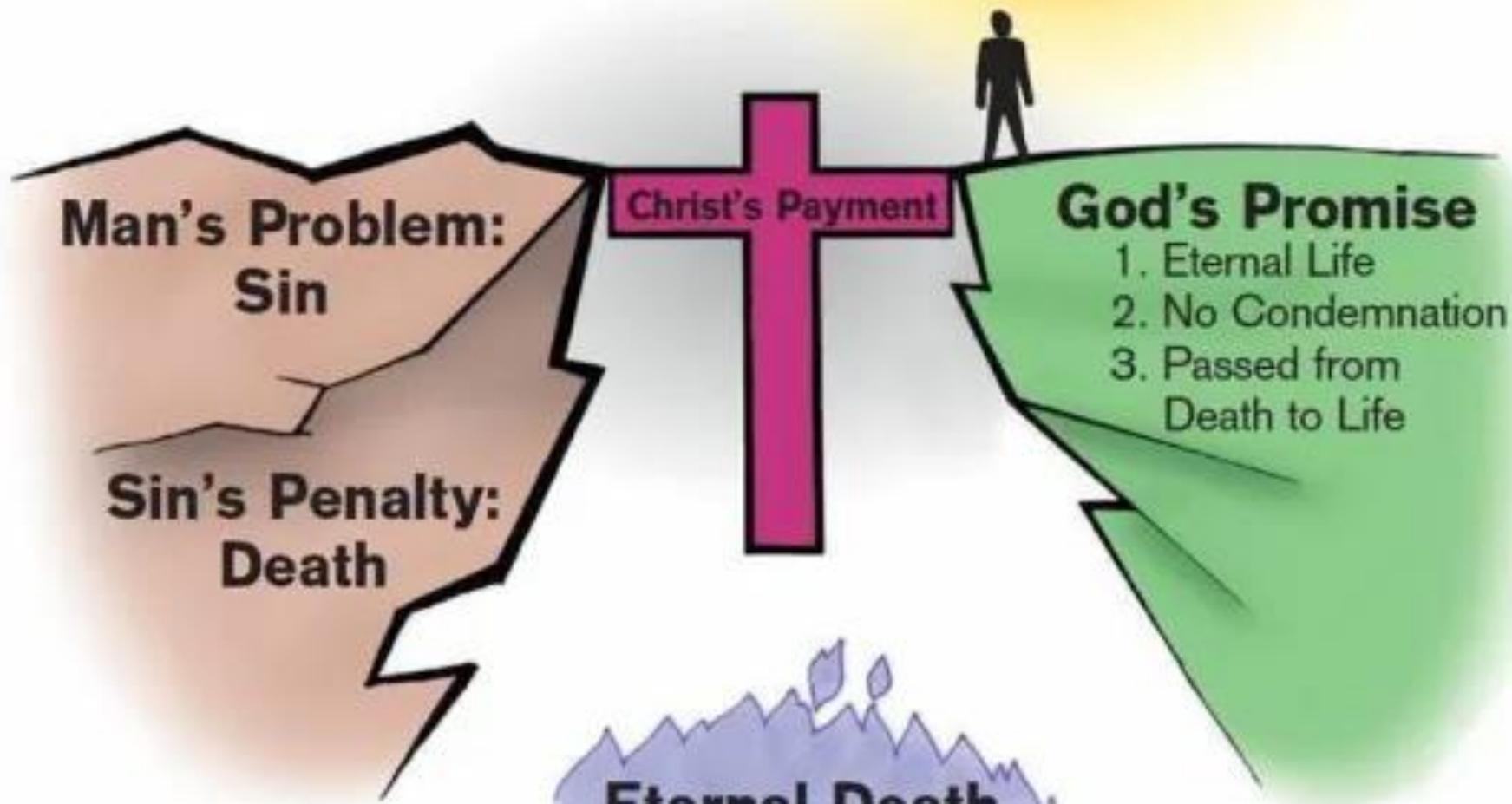
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# God's Purpose



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# The Word of the LORD

## Acts 1:5

Jesus said, “For John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

# The Word of the LORD

## Acts 1:8

Jesus said, “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”



There is no better evangelist in  
the world than the Holy Spirit.

~ Dwight L. Moody

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***Archaeological Museum of Ephesus***

# Acts 17:24

God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.

# Acts 17:29

Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.

# Psalm 115

<sup>3</sup> Our God is in heaven;

He does whatever He pleases.

<sup>4</sup> Their idols are silver and gold,

The work of men's hands.

<sup>5</sup> They have mouths,

but they do not speak;

Eyes they have, but they do not see;

# Psalm 115

<sup>6</sup> They have ears, but they do not hear;

Noses they have, but they do not smell;

<sup>7</sup> They have hands, but they do not handle;

Feet they have, but they do not walk;

Nor do they mutter through their throat.

# Psalm 115

<sup>8</sup> Those who make them are like them;

So is everyone who trusts in them.

<sup>9</sup> O Israel, **trust in the Lord**;

He is their help and their shield.

# Diana of the Ephesians



DIANA OF EPHESUS.



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# The Word – TAUGHT

1. Boldly

2. Persistently

3. Persuasively

4. Effectively



PONTUS AND  
BITHYNIA

Troas  
Assos

Mitylene  
Lesbos Pergamum

Thyatira

ROMAN PROVINCE OF  
**ASIA**

Chios Smyrna Sardis

Philadelphia

GALATIA

Samos **Ephesus**

Antioch of  
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# The Word – TRIUMPHS

- 1. Unusual Miracles**
- 2. Physical Healing**
- 3. Spiritual Deliverance**
- 4. Counterfeits Exposed**

# **The Word – TRANSFORMS**

**1. Influence of the WORD**

**2. Jesus Magnified**

**3. Sins Confessed**

**4. Books Burned**

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1. Spoke Evil of the Way
2. Aggressive Language
3. Persuasive Language
4. Real Concern - Money



# **The Word – TESTED**

- 1. Ephesus Guardian of Temple**
- 2. Disciples are Innocence**
- 3. Courts are Open**
- 4. No Explanation**

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