

13 Disciples



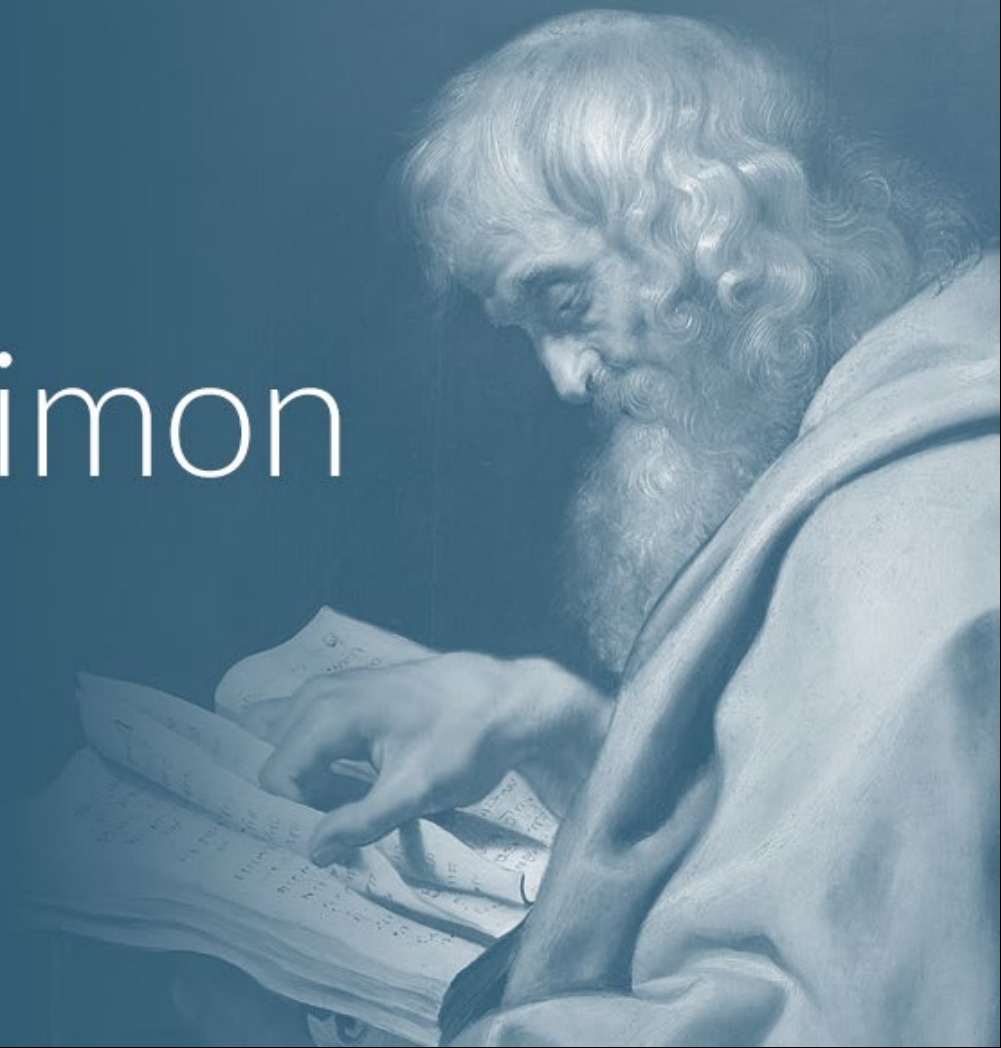
Lessons in
following Christ

13 Disciples



**Discipleship Lessons from
Simon the Zealot!**

Who was Simon the Zealot



Simon the Zealot?

- “Canaanite” = “zealous”
- Zealots, Sicarii, Assassins?
- More Zealous after he met Christ!!



ZEALOT

- **There is debate whether Simon the Zealot belonged to the Jewish sect of the Zealots or if it just referred to his religious zeal.**
- **The name is also used to distinguish him from Simon Peter**

THE ORIGIN

Terror in Antiquity: 1st -14th Century AD

The earliest known organization that exhibited aspects of a modern terrorist organization was the Zealots of Judea. Known to the Romans as sicarii, or dagger-men, they carried on an underground campaign of assassination of Roman occupation forces, as well as any Jews they felt had collaborated with the Romans.

The Zealots were an organized guerilla-style terrorist group who relied upon the terrorist strategies of provocation, intimidation and propaganda of deed in order to accomplish their political and religious objectives.



Sicarii Latin meaning is "dagger men"

Violent means??

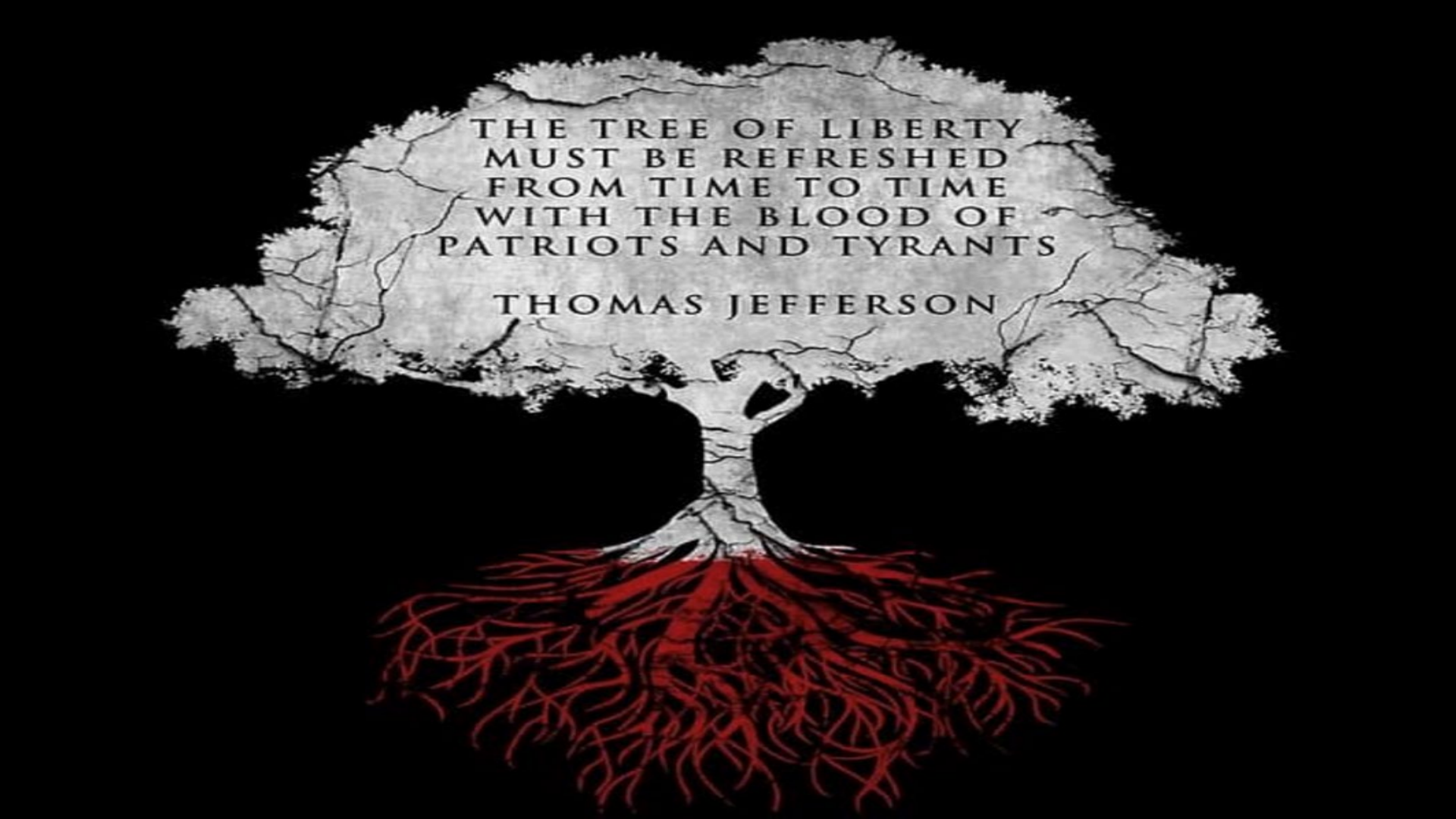
- **Moses killed an Egyptian taskmaster**
Exodus 2
- **Book of Judges: Samson, Gideon, Ehud . .**



Violent means??

- **Maccabees, 200 years earlier; Hanukkah**
- **The Jewish revolt! Jerusalem falls!**





THE TREE OF LIBERTY
MUST BE REFRESHED
FROM TIME TO TIME
WITH THE BLOOD OF
PATRIOTS AND TYRANTS

THOMAS JEFFERSON

Jewish Rebellion

- 66 AD Zealots rebelled against Rome
- 70 AD Romans attacked Jerusalem & destroyed the Temple (Western Wall/ Wailing Wall)
- Masada- Jewish hilltop fortress- fought Romans- lost in 73 AD



- 1000 Jewish zealots at Masada committed suicide rather than surrendering to the Romans (see Article)
- 132 AD another Jewish rebellion
- Diaspora- Jews drive from homeland



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By force! Of love!

- John 6:15 – So Jesus, aware that they intended to come and take Him by force to make Him king, withdrew . . .
- Zealots tried to use Jesus to . . .



SIEGE OF JERUSALEM (70 AD)

PART
1.



THE GREAT JEWISH
REVOLT



Paul was accused of being a zealot

- Acts 21:38 – “Then you are not the Egyptian who some time ago stirred up a revolt and led the four thousand men of the Assassins”





Jesus predicted their revolt and . . .

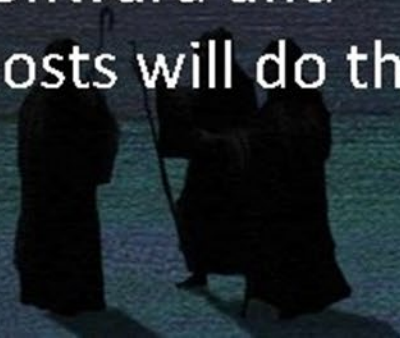
- **Luke 19:43 – “For the days will come upon you when your enemies will put a barricade against you and surround you and hem you in on every side . . . because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.”**





Isaiah 9 : 6 - 7

⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless **peace** for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.



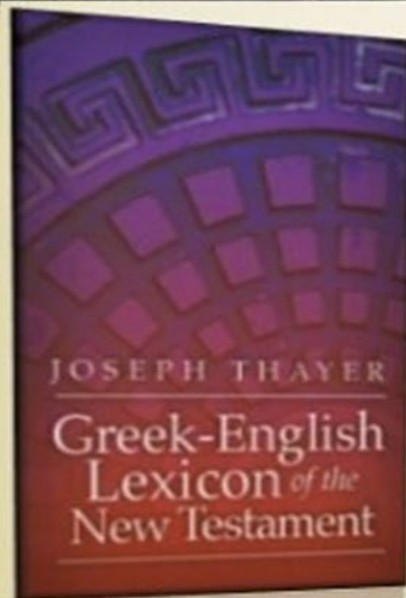
Jesus had Zeal!

- Jesus had a zeal for His kingdom!
- He put on garments of vengeance for clothing And wrapped Himself with zeal as a cloak. – Isaiah 59:16-17



ZEALOUS FOR GOOD WORKS

Defining ZEAL - "to strive after something." - TDNT



Strong's Number: <G2205> **Original Word:** ζήλος, *zēlos*

1. "zeal, ardor in embracing, pursuing, defending anything": *2 Corinthians* 12:11; 9:2; κατα ζηλος, as respects zeal (in maintaining religion), *Philippians* 3:6; with the genitive of the object, "zeal in behalf of, for" a person or thing, *John* 2:17 from *Psalms* 68:10 (*Psalms* 69:10); *Romans* 10:2 . . . —
Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon



Where's your Zeal?

- Romans 10:2 – For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge.
- We all have zeal for something!

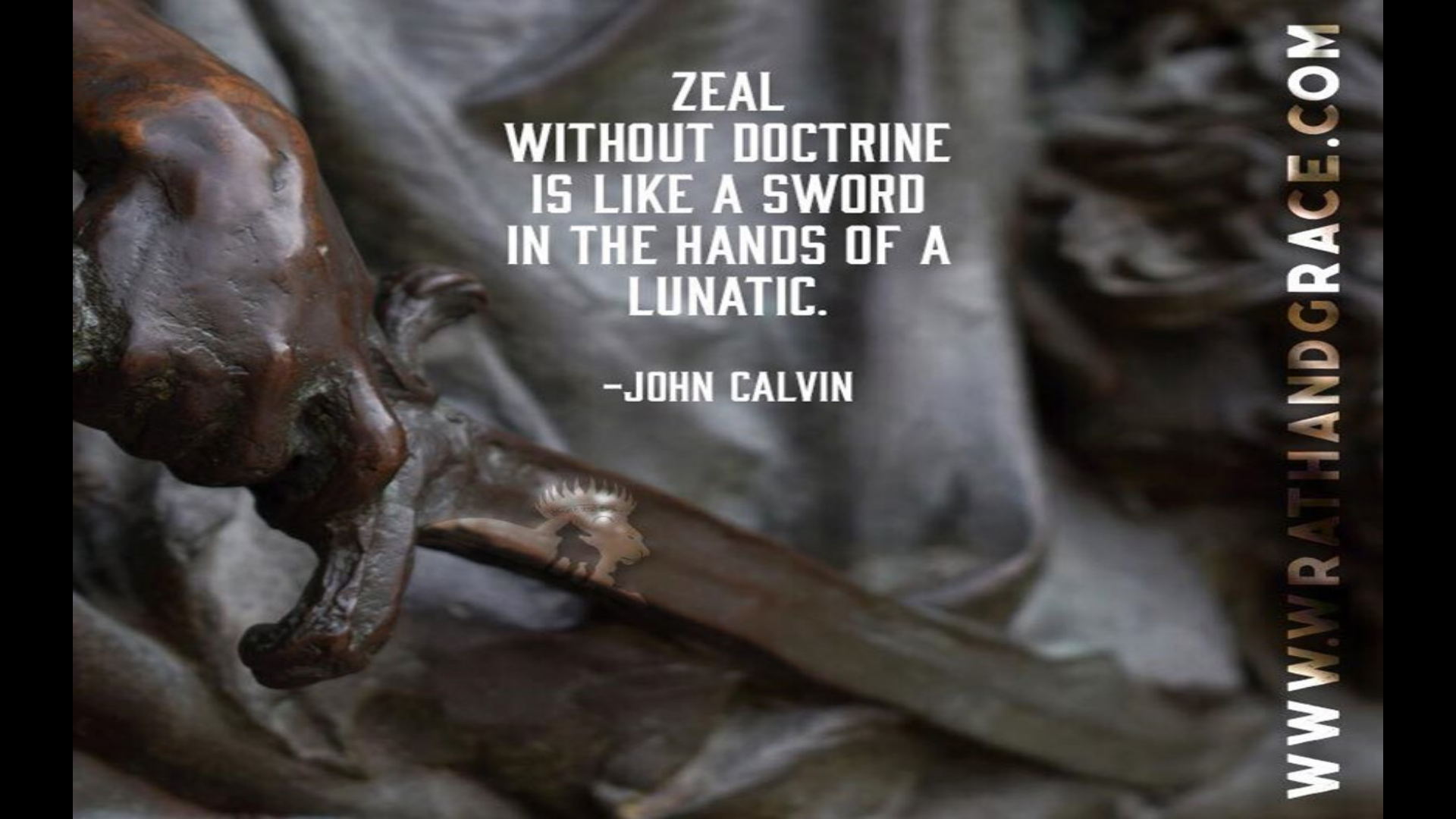


ZEALOUS FOR GOOD WORKS

ZEAL *Can Be* GOOD *or* BAD



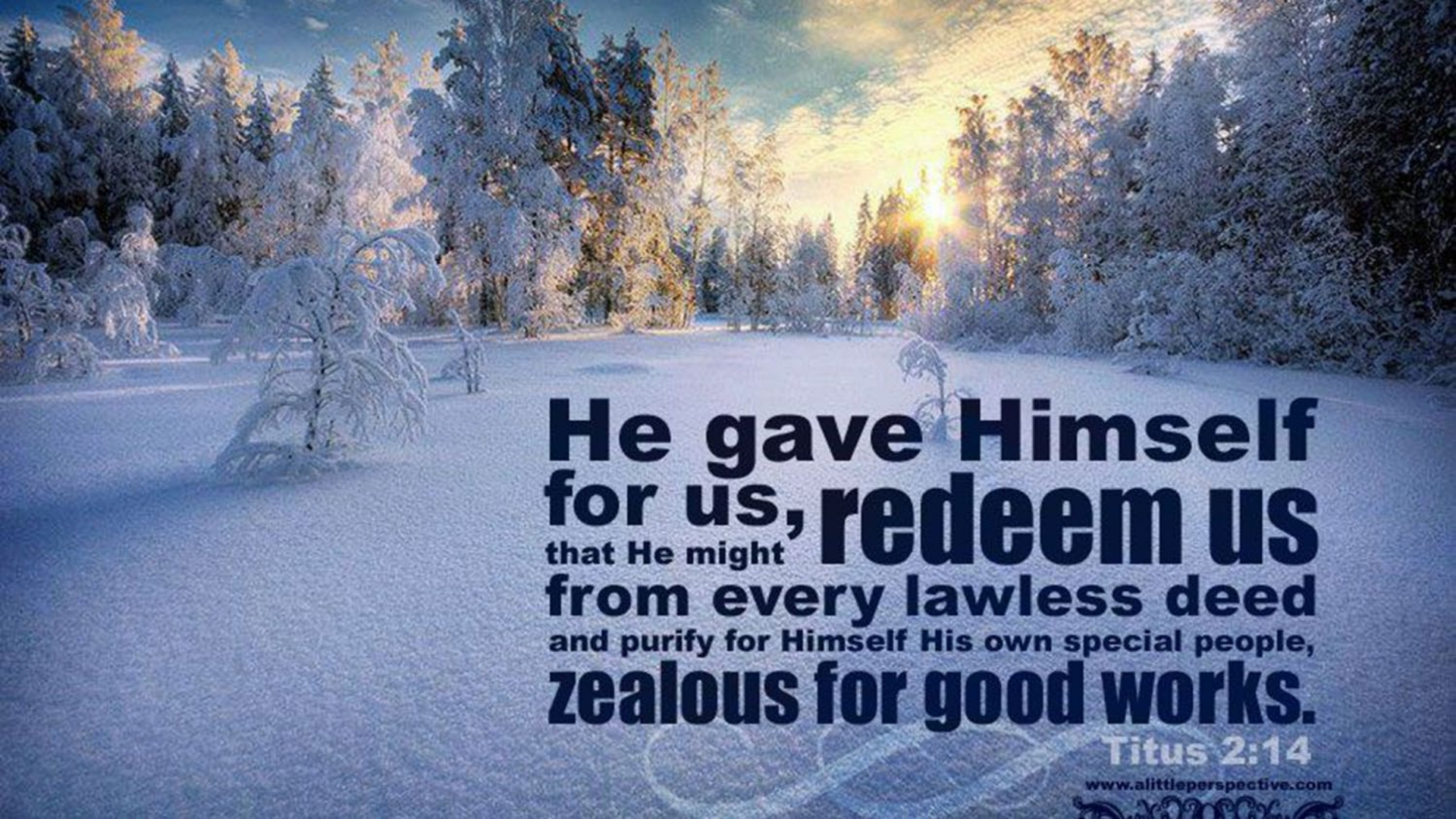
- Zeal without Knowledge – Rom. 10:1-3; Acts 22:3-5; Phil. 3:6; 1 Tim. 1:13.
- Zeal that is Selfish & Self-serving – 1 Tim. 6:9-11; Rom. 12:11.
- Zeal for the Traditions of Men – Mat. 15:7-9; Gal. 1:14; Col. 2:8
- Religious zeal for error – Rom. 16:18; Gal. 4:17; 2 Tim 2:17.



**ZEAL
WITHOUT DOCTRINE
IS LIKE A SWORD
IN THE HANDS OF A
LUNATIC.**

-JOHN CALVIN

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**He gave Himself
for us, redeem us**
that He might
from every lawless deed
and purify for Himself His own special people,
zealous for good works.

Titus 2:14

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**"As many as I love,
I rebuke and chasten: be**

ZEALOUS

therefore, and repent."

Revelation 3:19

A person is captured in mid-air, running across a dry, hilly landscape. They are wearing a dark blue short-sleeved shirt with a vibrant floral pattern in shades of pink, orange, and yellow. Their pants are a light beige or khaki color, and they are wearing black sneakers with white laces and soles. The background consists of rolling, golden-brown hills under a clear sky. The overall mood is one of dynamic movement and resilience.

*Life Can
Cause You To
Lose
Your Zeal
For God.*

Find It Through Your Sorrow

“For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.” - II Corinthians 7:10-11

Do you have Zeal born of Love?

- **Jesus loves us with Zeal! & His church!**
- **Do you repent with Zeal?**



Do you have Zeal born of Love?

- Are you zealous for service? Deeds!
- Zeal often kills, our zeal is willing to die!



**LUKEWARM
NO MORE**

**BECAUSE YOU ARE LUKEWARM,
& NEITHER COLD NOR HOT,
I WILL VOMIT YOU
OUT OF MY MOUTH.**

REVELATION 3:16





MEDITERRANEAN
SEA



SYRIA

Hula Valley &
Nature Reserve

The Galilee

The Golan

Sea of
Galilee

Akko
HAIFA

Nazareth

Caesarea

Beit She'an

Nablus

Tel Aviv

AMMAN

Jericho

Ramla

Bethlehem

Jerusalem

Gaza City

Hebron

Dead Sea

Ein Gedi

Masada

Be'ersheva

ISRAEL

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The Negev

EGYPT

Mitzpe
Ramon

JORDAN

Suez Canal

Port Said

SIEGE OF MASADA (73 AD)



THE GREAT JEWISH
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& REPENT.**

REVELATION 3:19









Those whom I love, I reprove
and discipline, so be zealous
and repent. Behold, I stand at
the door and knock. If anyone
hears my voice and opens the
door, I will come in to him and
eat with him, and he with me.

The one who conquers, I will
grant him to sit with me on my
throne, as I also conquered and
sat down with my Father on his
throne.

REVELATION 3:19-21 ESV

ZEALOUS TO REPENT



REVELATION 3:19-20





My zeal for God and his work

BURNS HOT!

PSALM 69:9

within me



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