



THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

God's Power
Romans 1:1-17

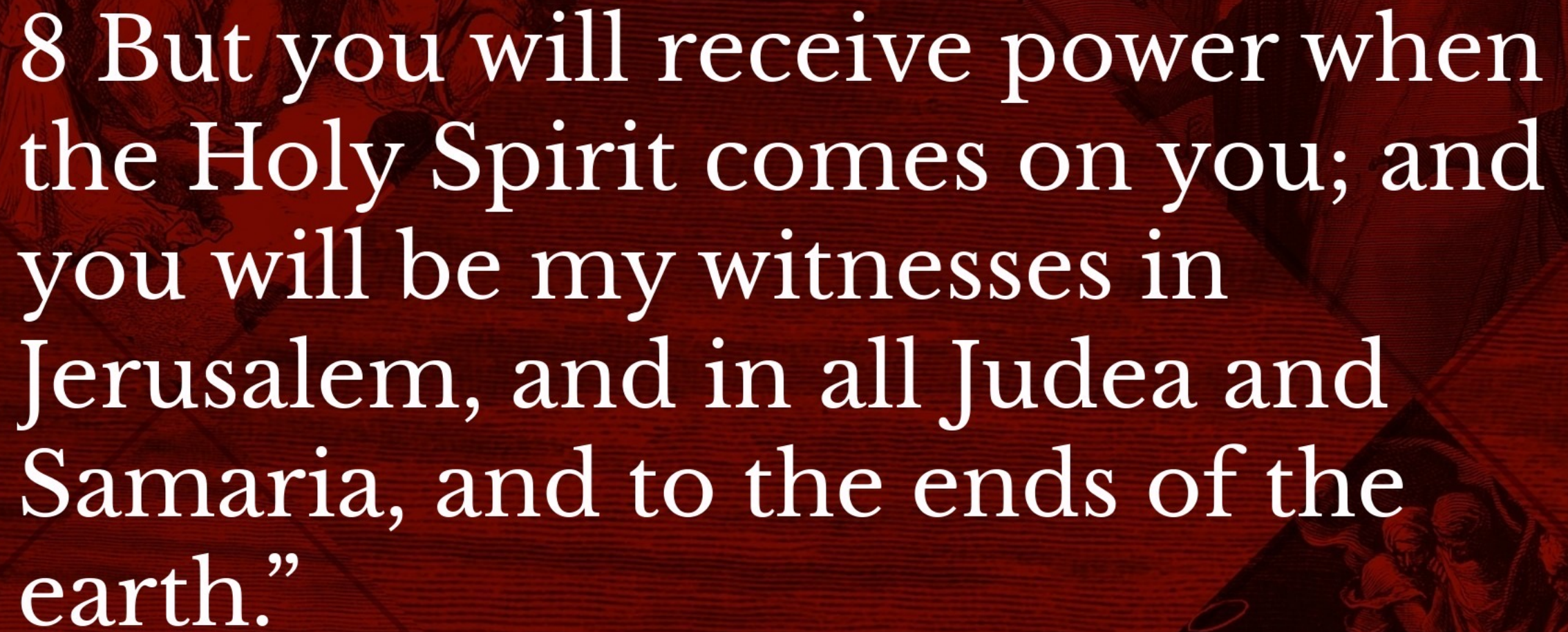
Olivet Gospel Church

February 13, 2022

Pastor Frederick Butler



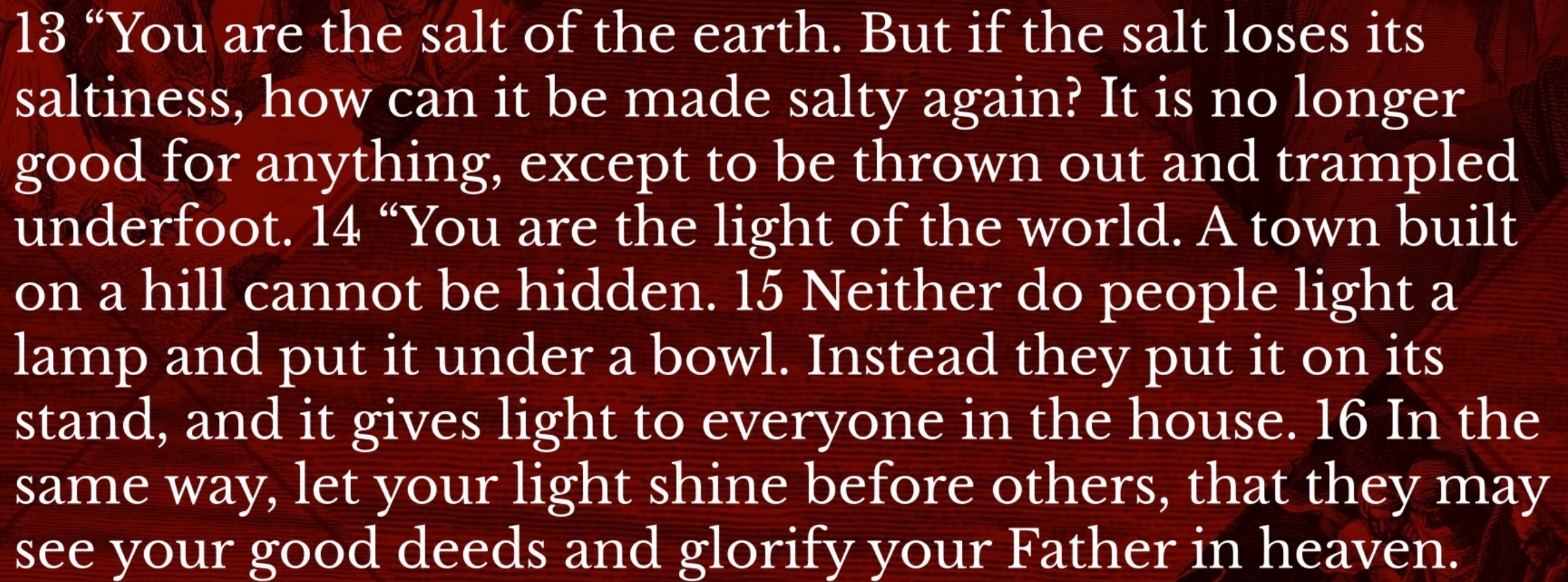
INTRODUCTION



8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

ACTS 1:8

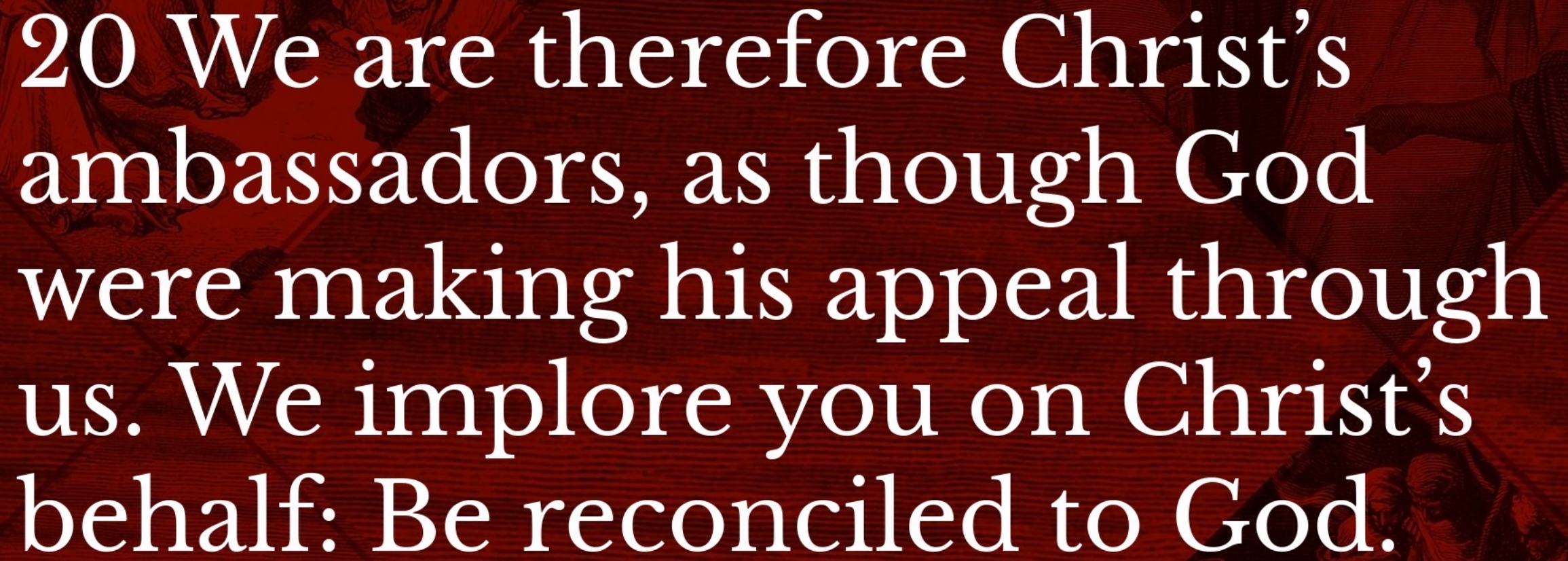
NIV



13 “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. 14 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

MATTHEW 5:13–16

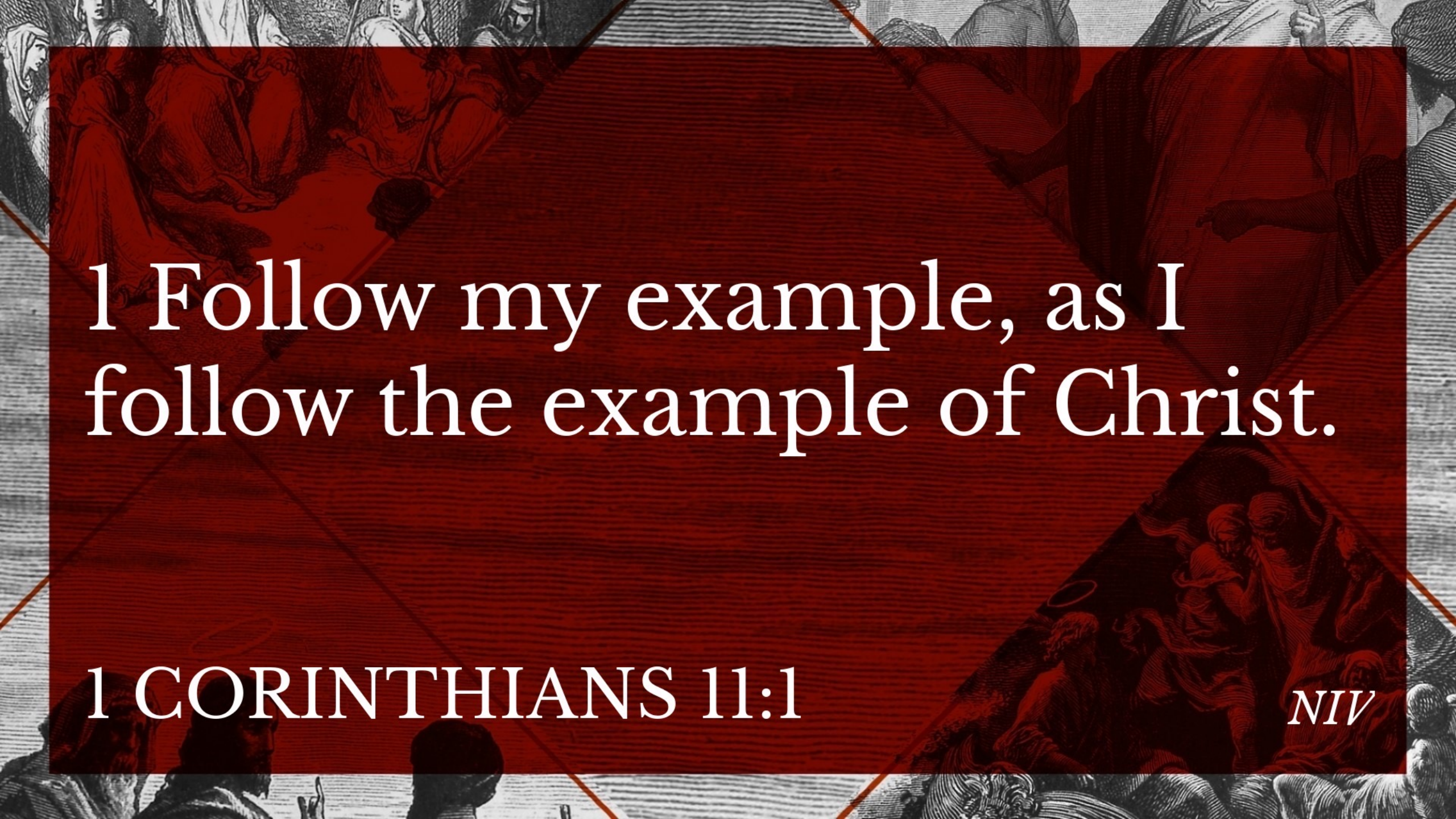
NIV



20 We are therefore Christ's
ambassadors, as though God
were making his appeal through
us. We implore you on Christ's
behalf: Be reconciled to God.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

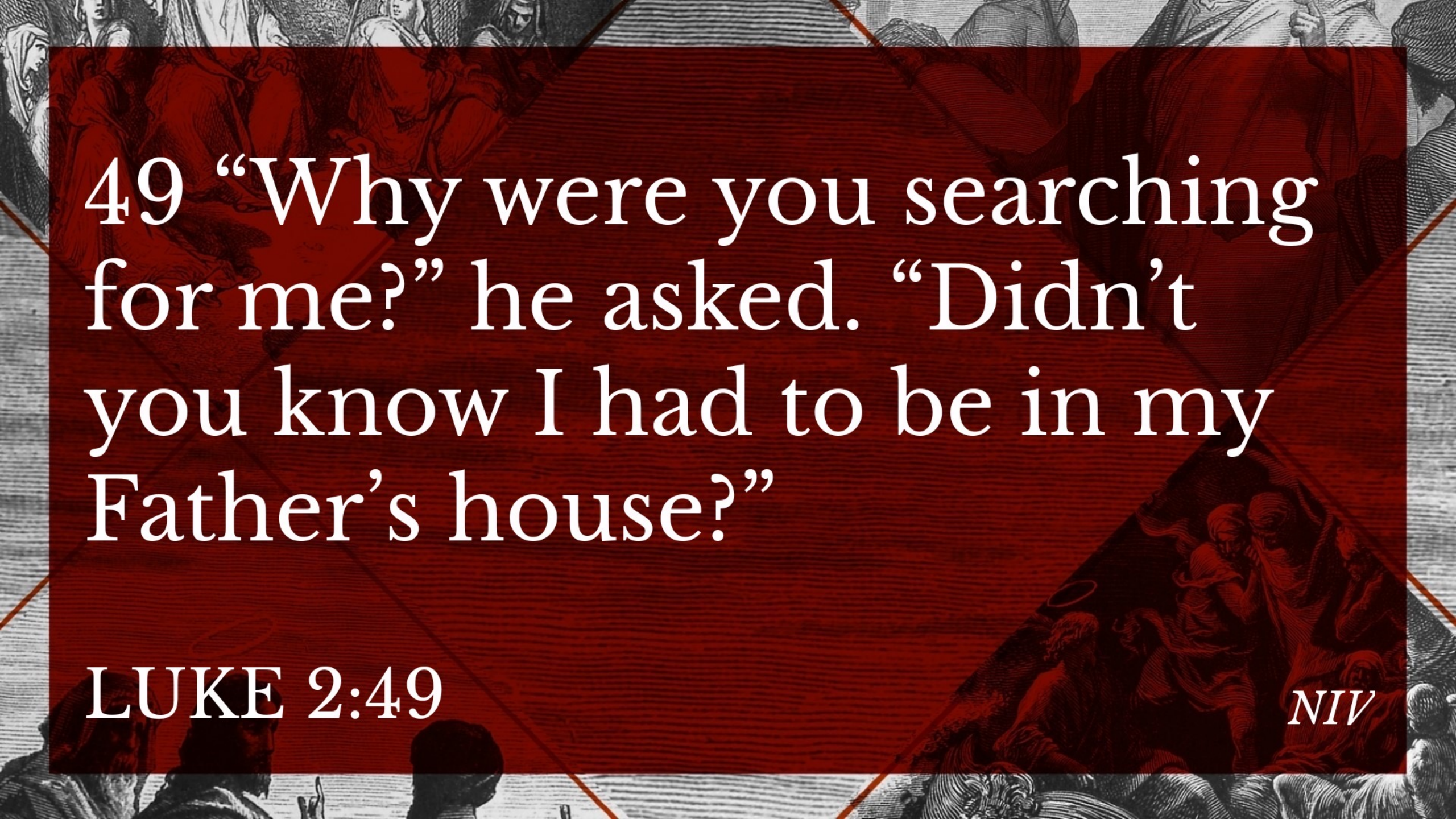
NIV



1 Follow my example, as I
follow the example of Christ.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:1

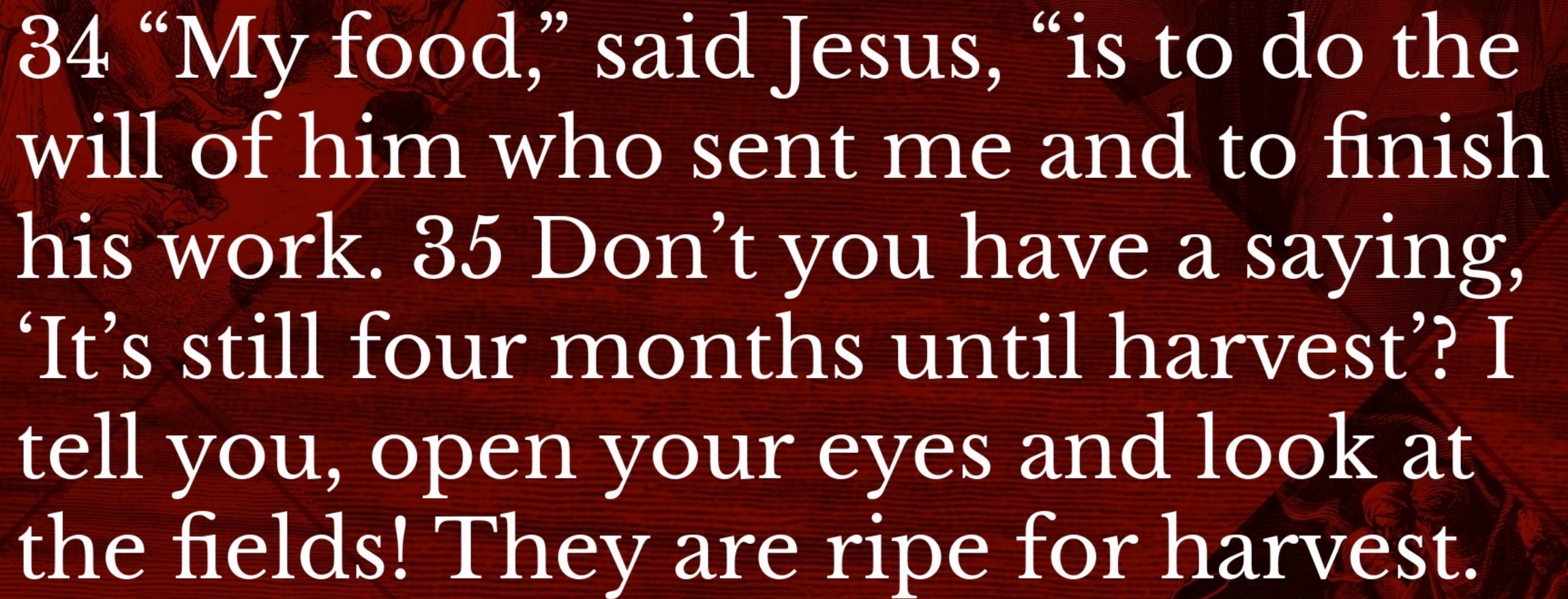
NIV



49 “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?”

LUKE 2:49

NIV



34 “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. 35 Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

JOHN 4:34–35

NIV



THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL
ROMANS 1:1-17



HOW PAUL INTRODUCES HIMSELF



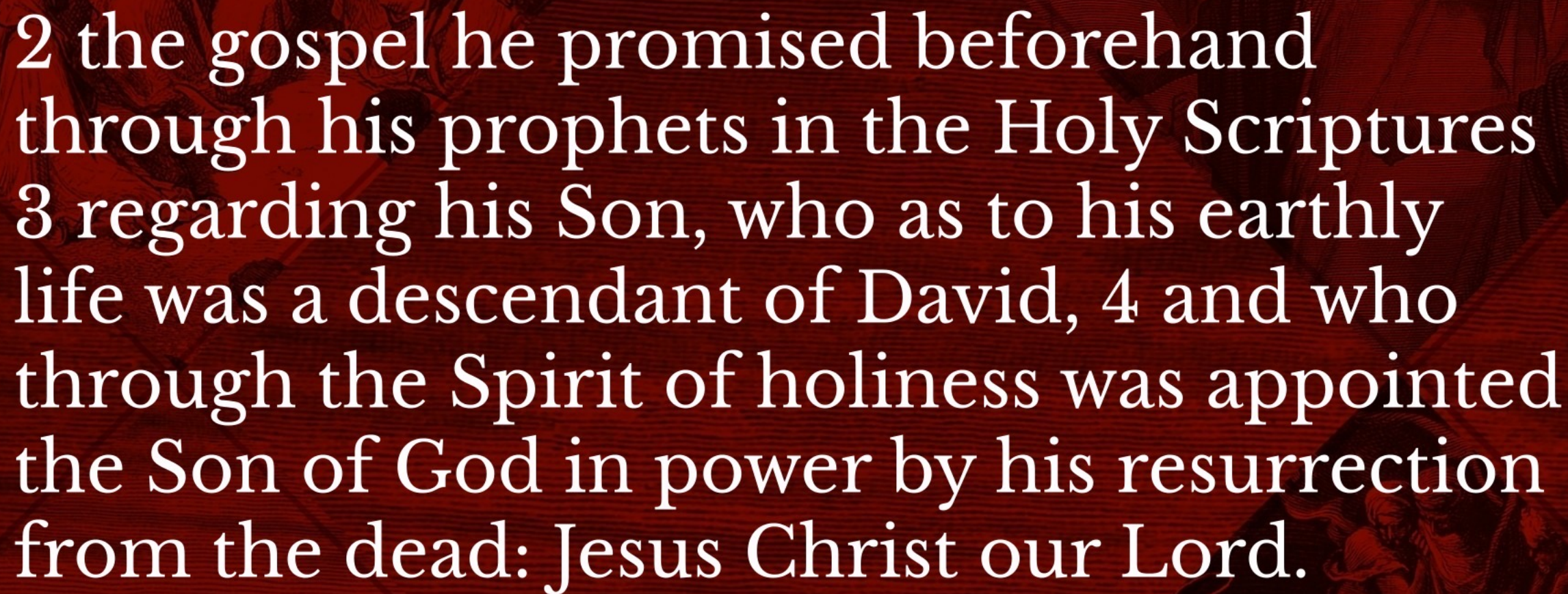
Servant (v. 1-3)

- The first role Paul assign to himself is Servant of Christ Jesus (v. 1)
- Called to be an Apostle (v. 1a)
- Set apart for the Gospel (v. 1b)



The Source of the Gospel

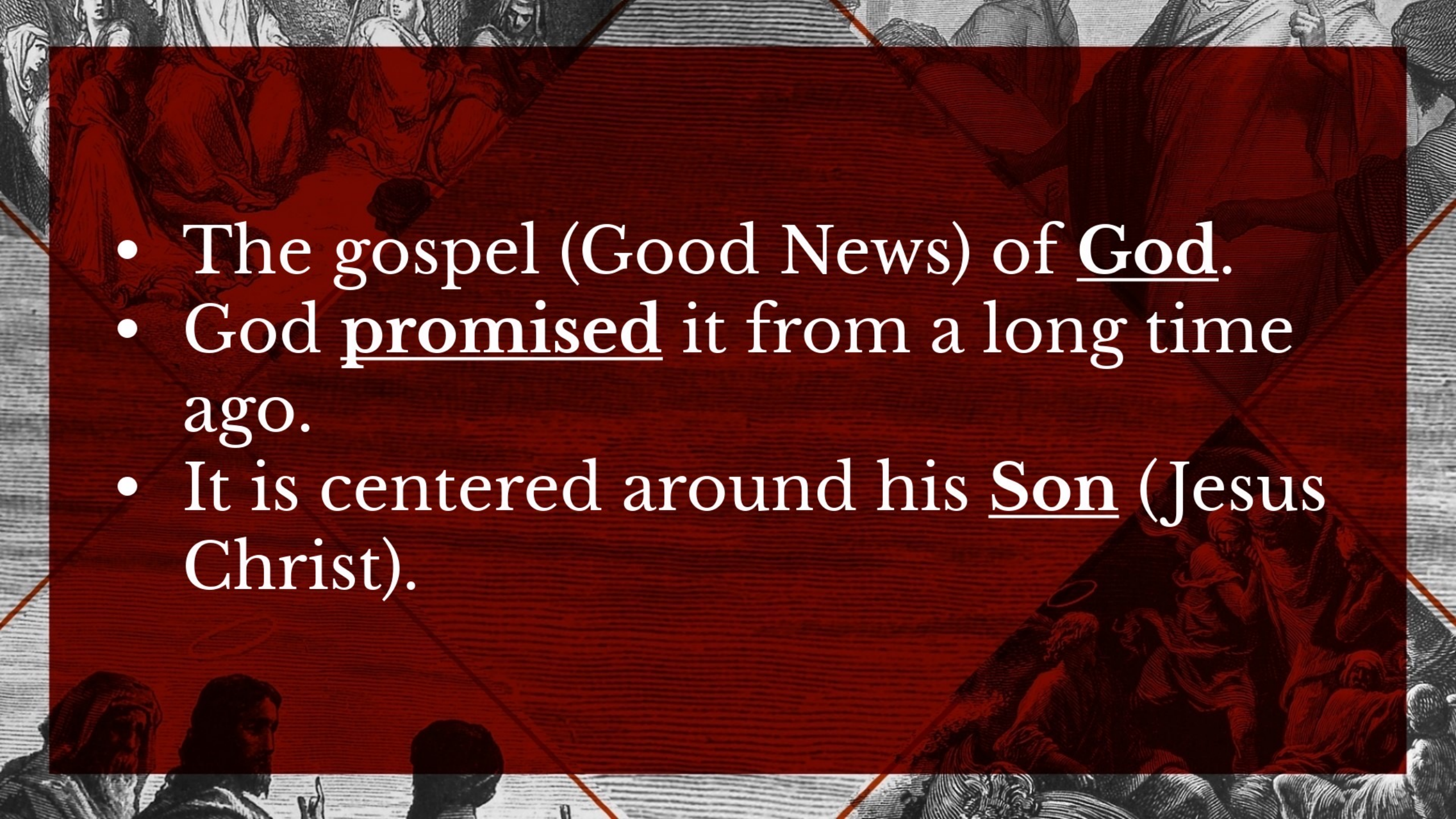
- God's gospel (Romans 1:1b-4)



2 the gospel he promised beforehand
through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures
3 regarding his Son, who as to his earthly
life was a descendant of David, 4 and who
through the Spirit of holiness was appointed
the Son of God in power by his resurrection
from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

ROMANS 1:1B-4

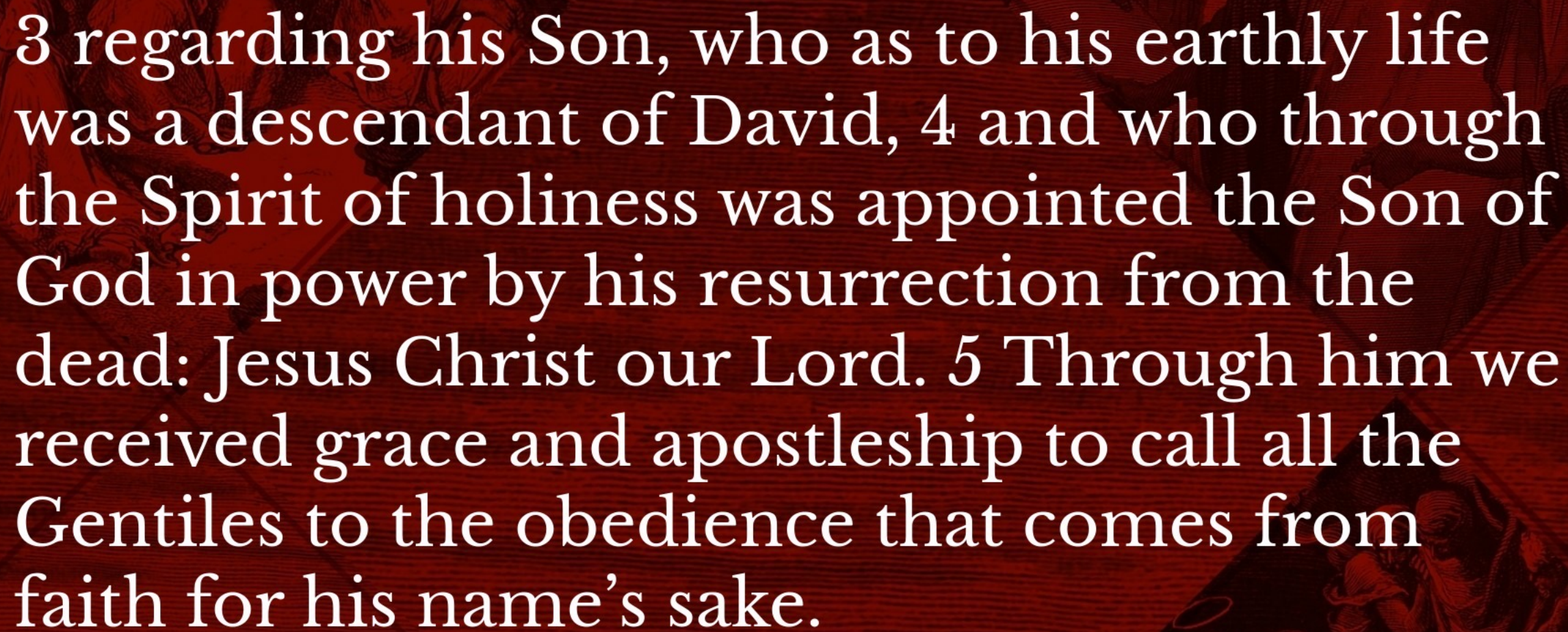
NIV

- 
- The gospel (Good News) of God.
 - God promised it from a long time ago.
 - It is centered around his Son (Jesus Christ).



The Son (v. 3-5)

- From a human perspective he is a descendant of David.
- The divine Jesus is revealed when he came back from the Dead.



3 regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, 4 and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. 5 Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake.

ROMANS 1:3–5

NIV



The Gospel is a CALL (v .5-7)

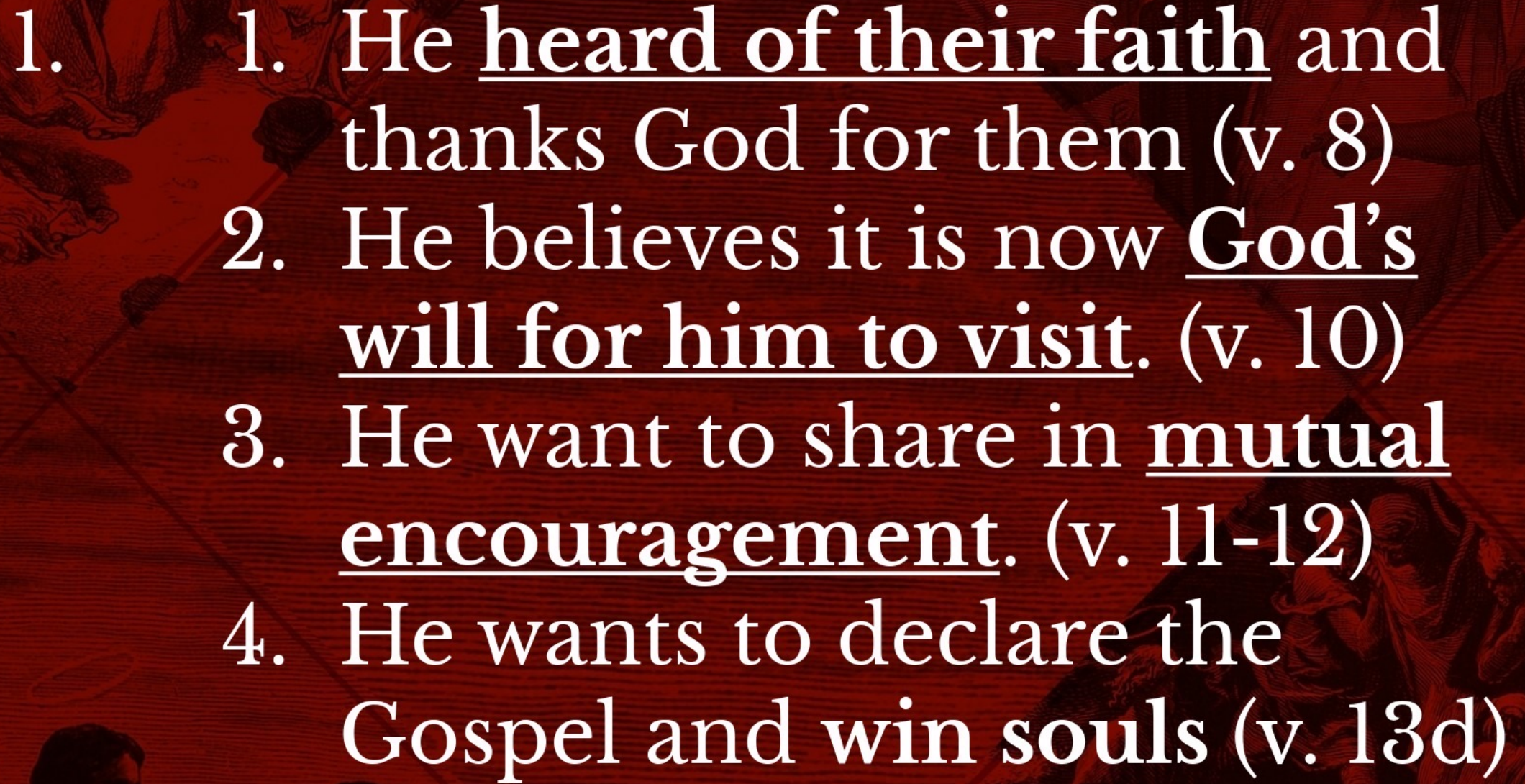
God calling people to faith in Jesus Christ.

God calling people to obedience to Jesus Christ.

God calling people to holiness (set apart).

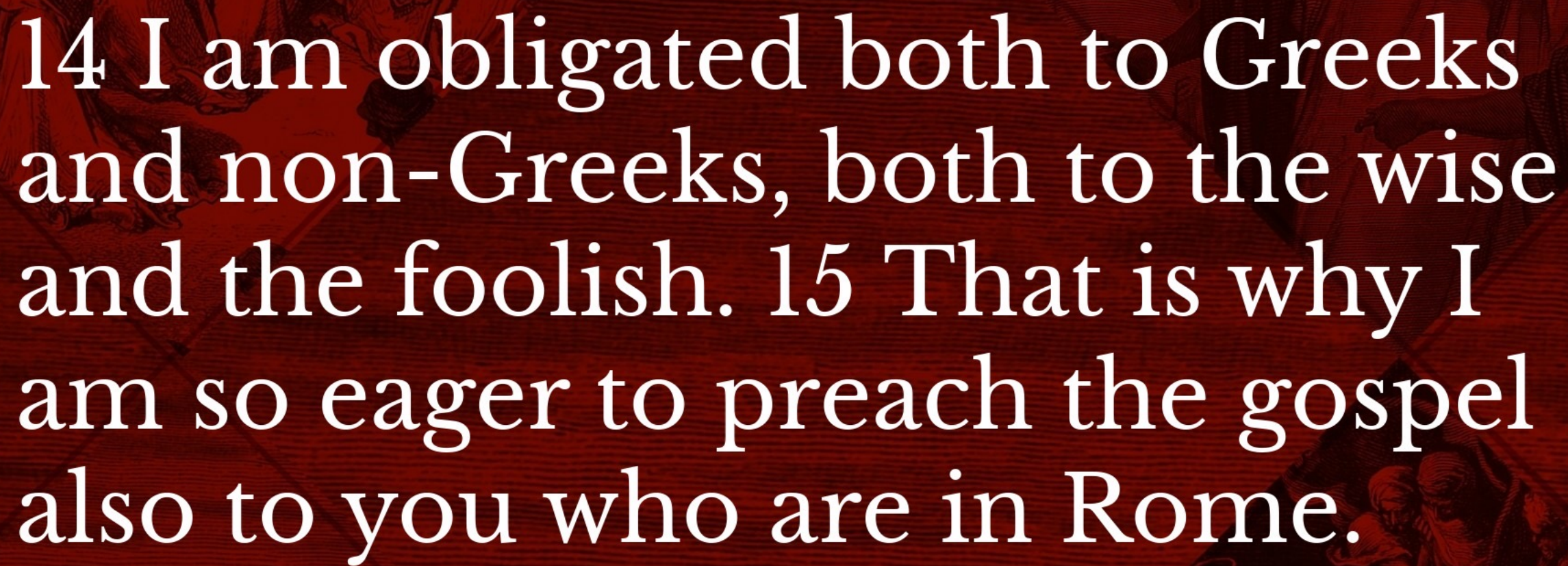


WHY PAUL WANTS TO VISIT
ROME...

- 
1. He heard of their faith and thanks God for them (v. 8)
 2. He believes it is now God's will for him to visit. (v. 10)
 3. He want to share in mutual encouragement. (v. 11-12)
 4. He wants to declare the Gospel and win souls (v. 13d)



THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL



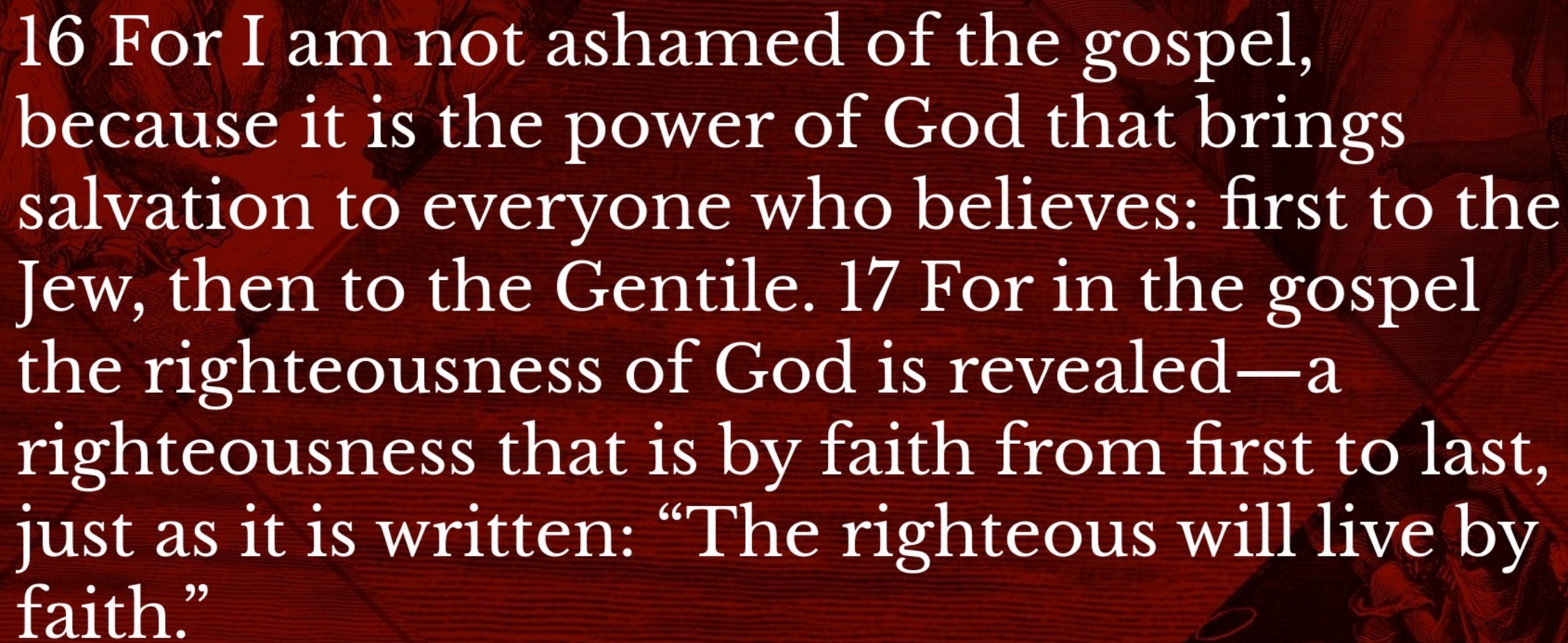
14 I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. 15 That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.

ROMANS 1:14–15

NIV



NOT ASHAMED OF THE
POWER OF GOD (V. 16-17)



16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

ROMANS 1:16–17

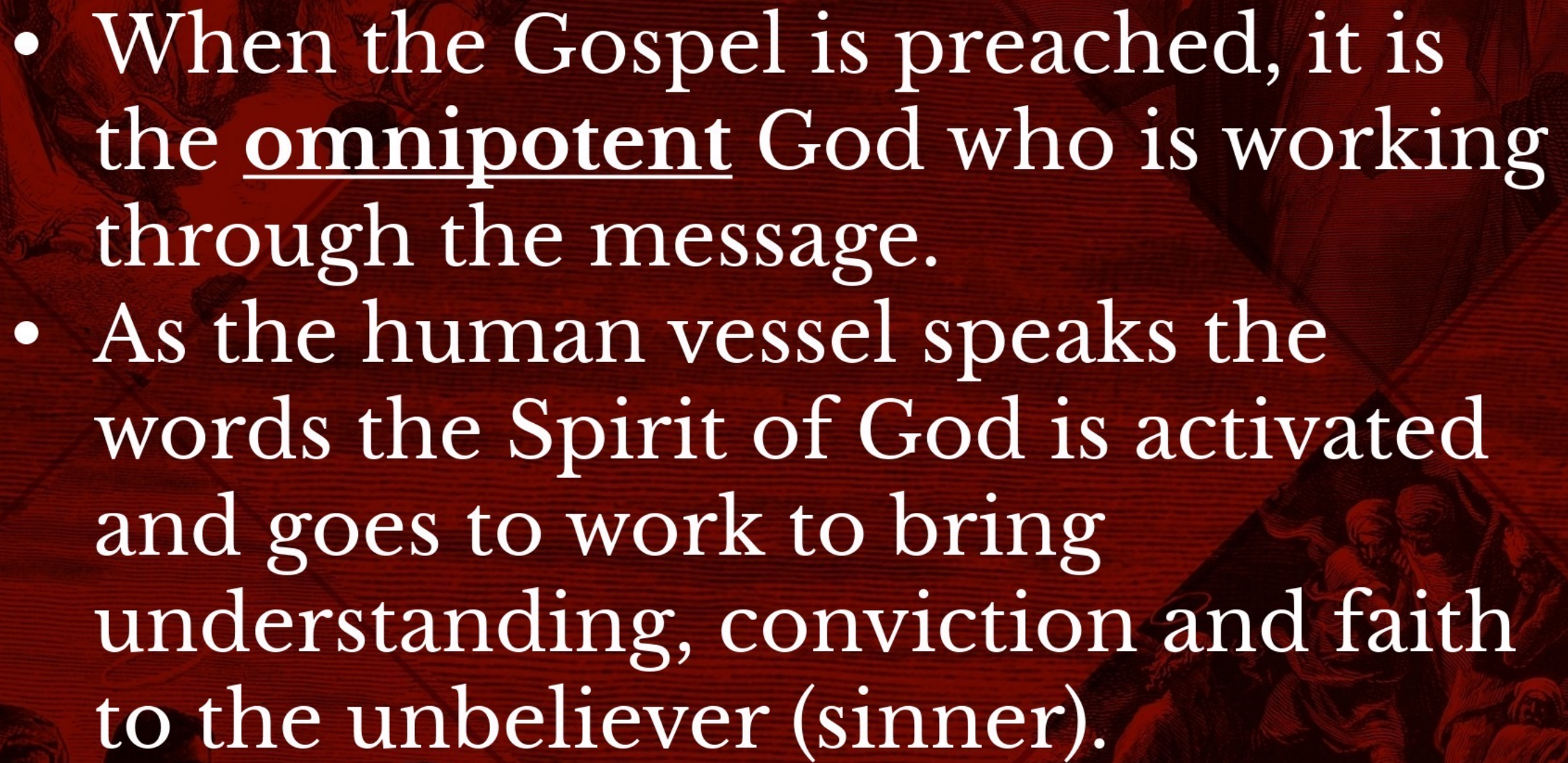
NIV

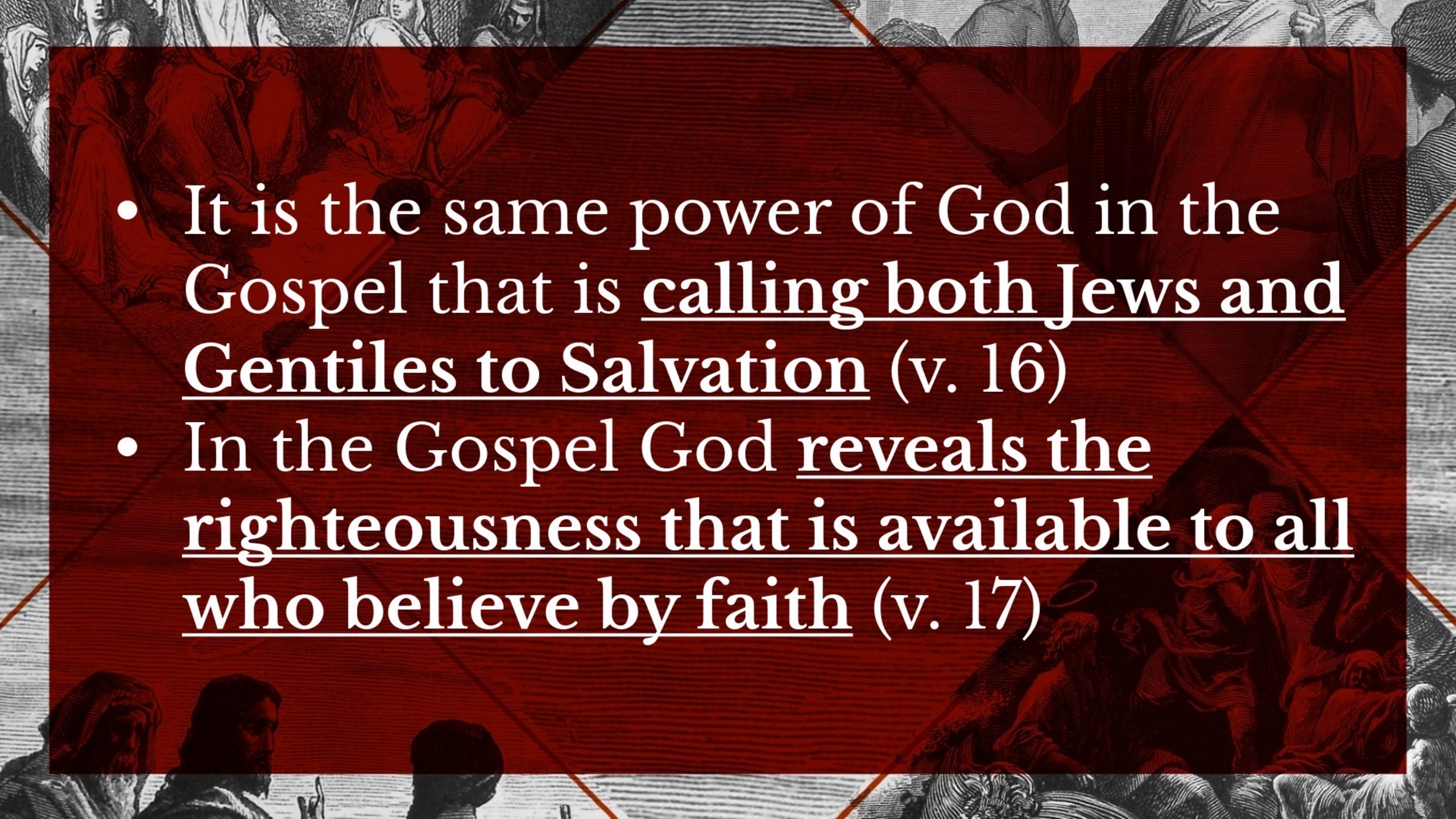


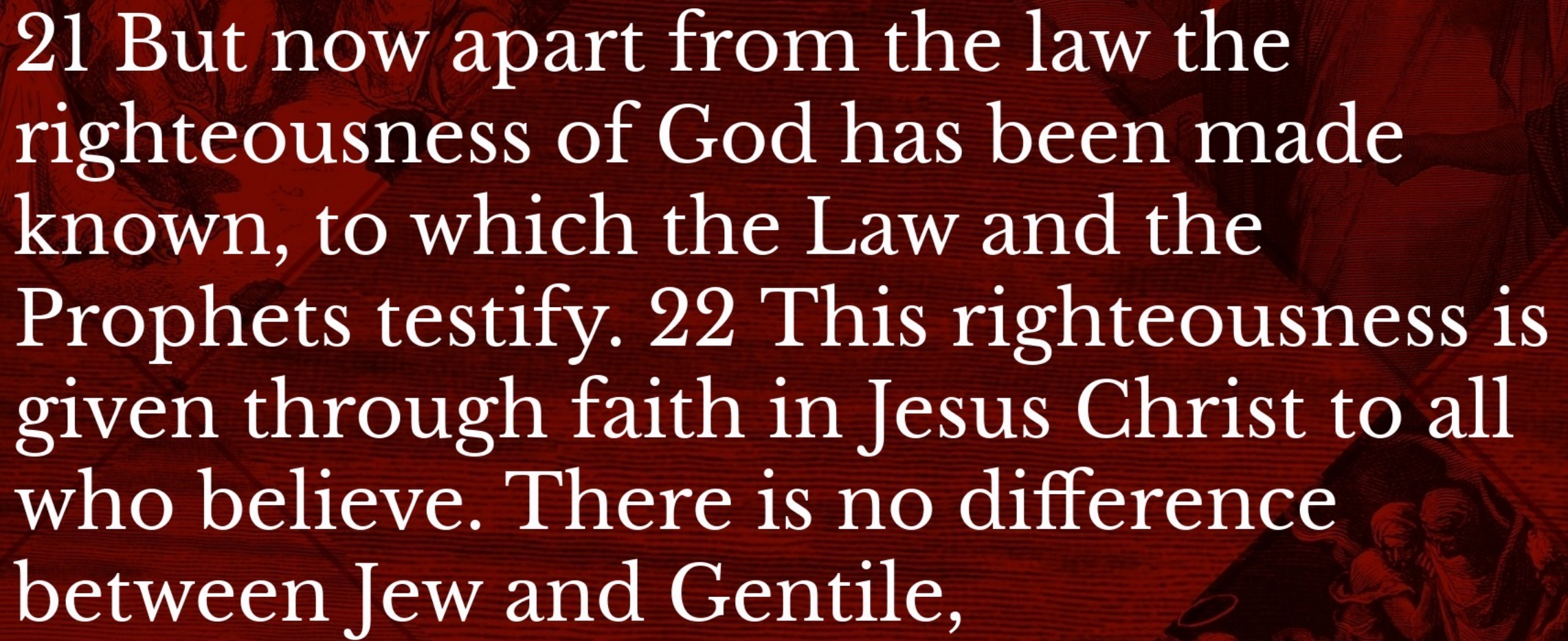
IT IS THE POWER OF GOD



The Power of God in the Gospel

- 
- When the Gospel is preached, it is the omnipotent God who is working through the message.
 - As the human vessel speaks the words the Spirit of God is activated and goes to work to bring understanding, conviction and faith to the unbeliever (sinner).

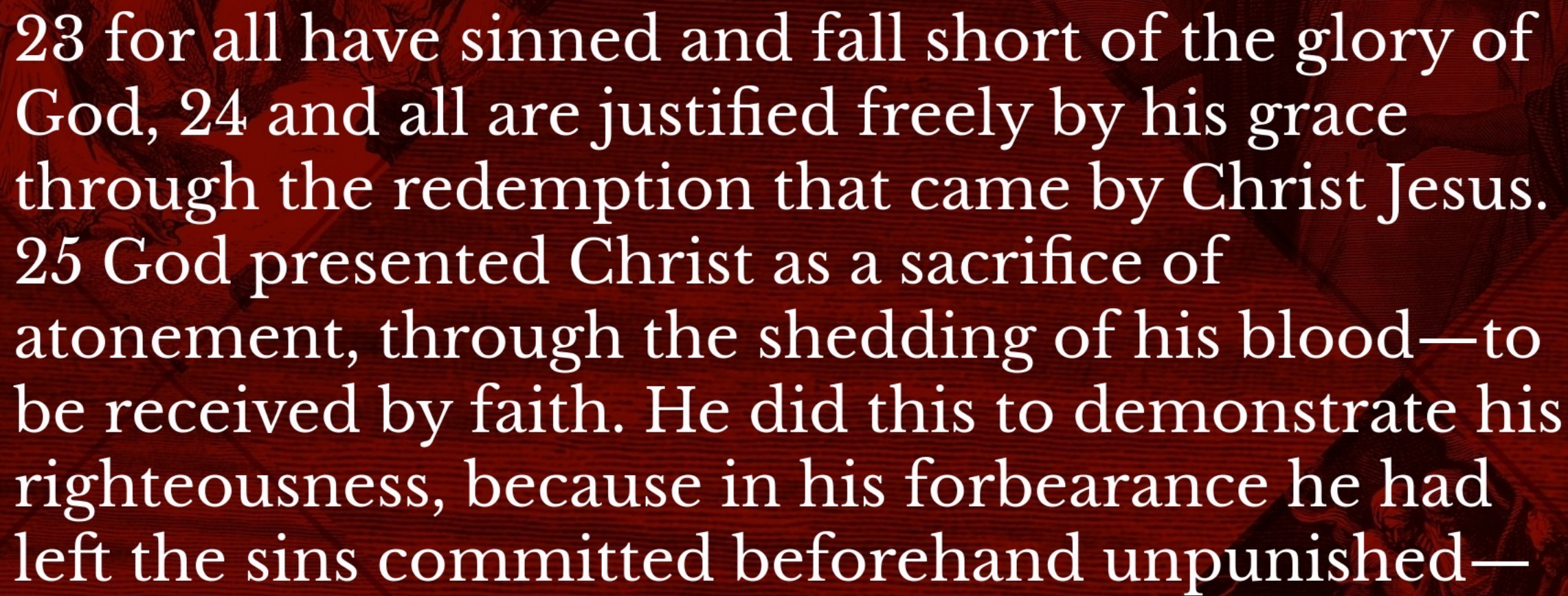
- 
- It is the same power of God in the Gospel that is calling both Jews and Gentiles to Salvation (v. 16)
 - In the Gospel God reveals the righteousness that is available to all who believe by faith (v. 17)



21 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,

ROMANS 3:21–22

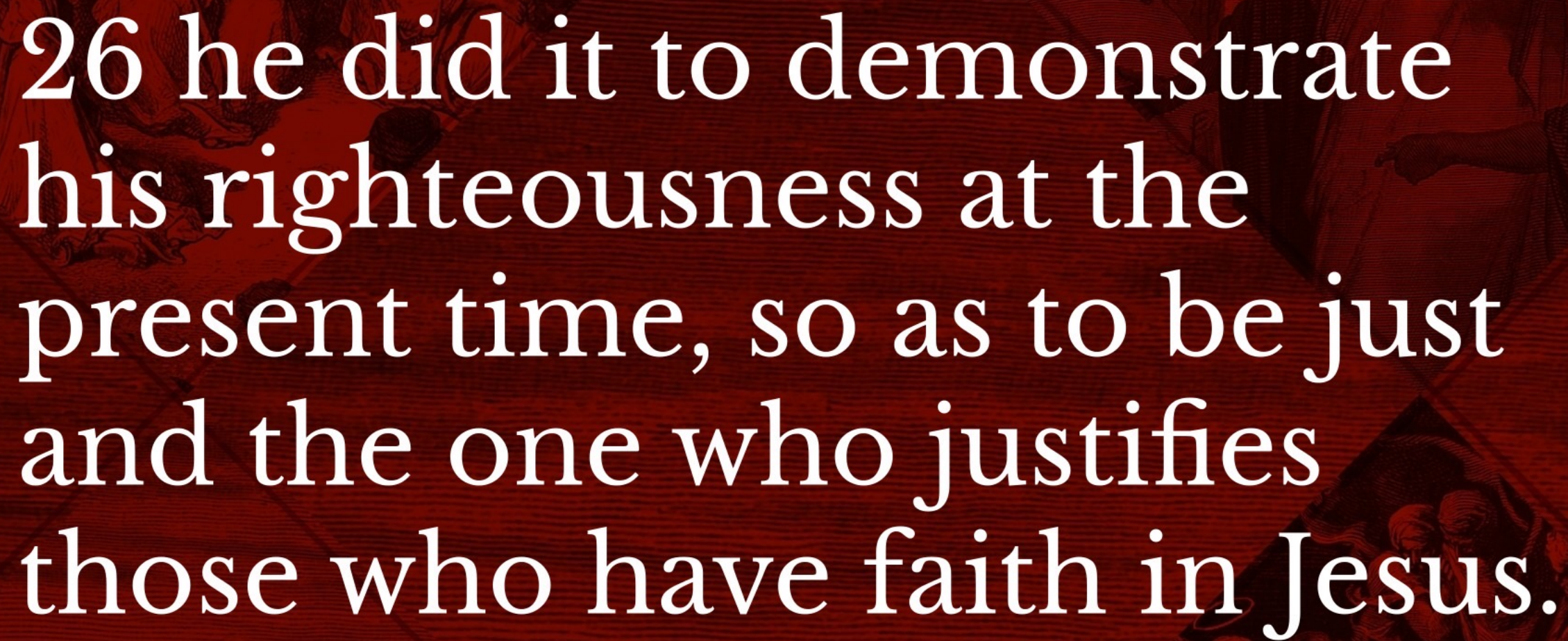
NIV



23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of
God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace
through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.
25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of
atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to
be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his
righteousness, because in his forbearance he had
left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—

ROMANS 3:23–25

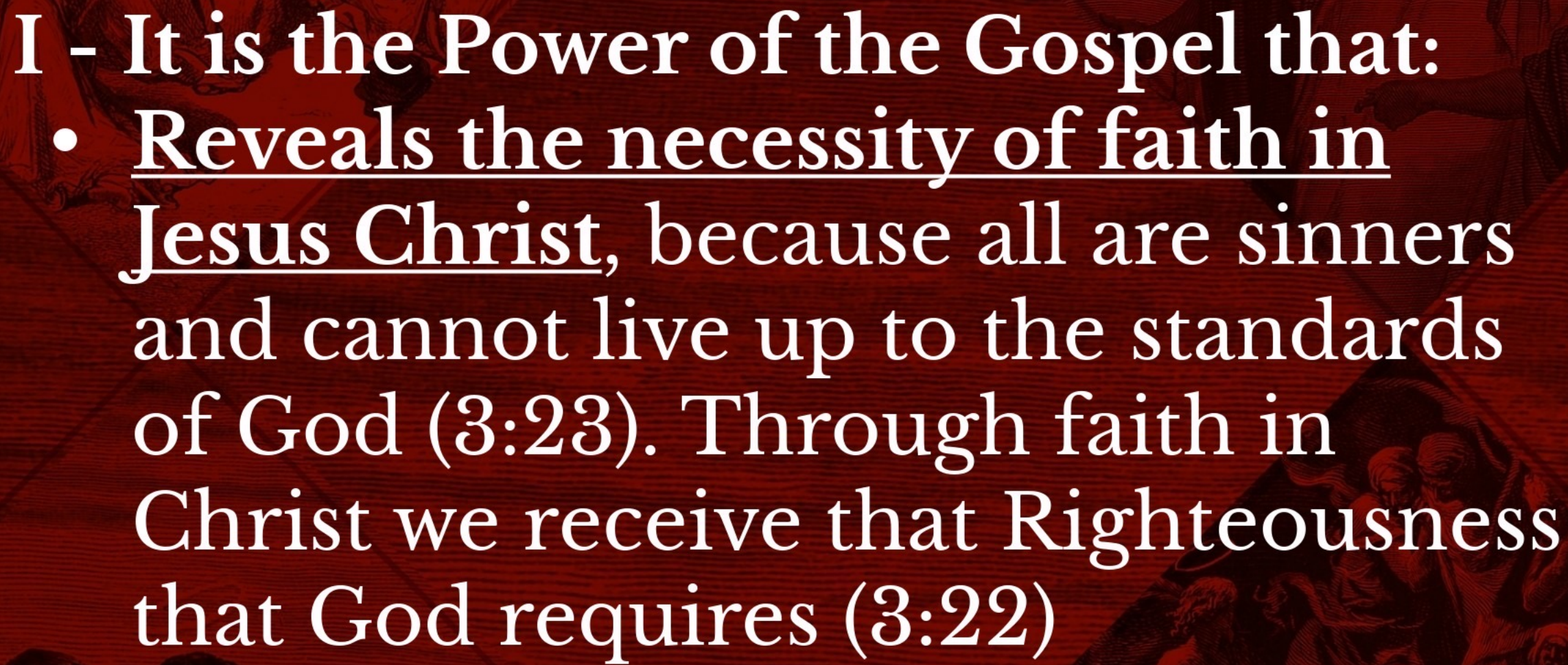
NIV



26 he did it to demonstrate
his righteousness at the
present time, so as to be just
and the one who justifies
those who have faith in Jesus.

ROMANS 3:26

NIV



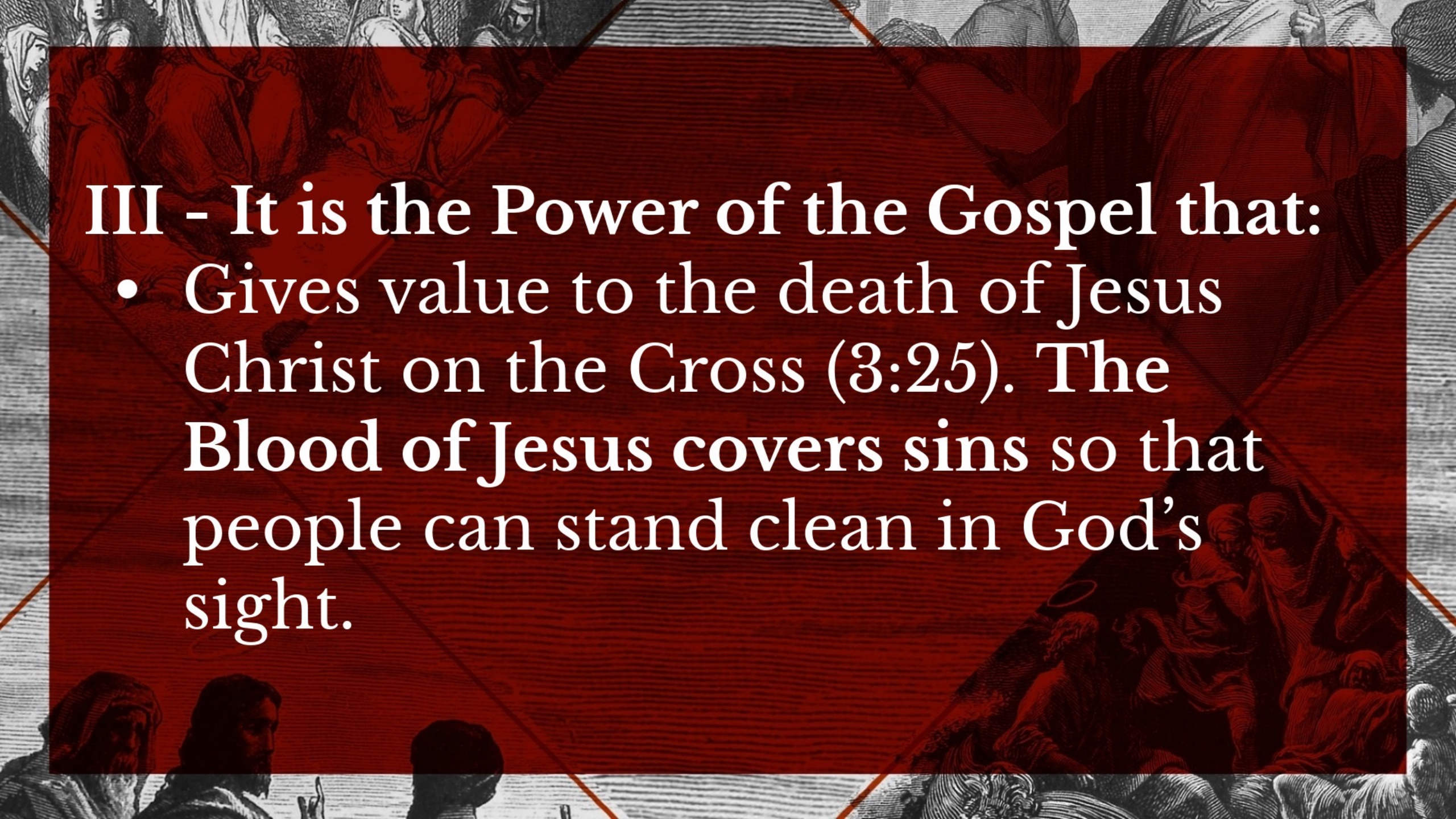
I - It is the Power of the Gospel that:

- Reveals the necessity of faith in Jesus Christ, because all are sinners and cannot live up to the standards of God (3:23). Through faith in Christ we receive that Righteousness that God requires (3:22)




II - It is the Power of the Gospel that:

- Opens access to justification -
guiltless before God through Christ
(3:24)
- Activates the redemption through
Jesus Christ (3:24)



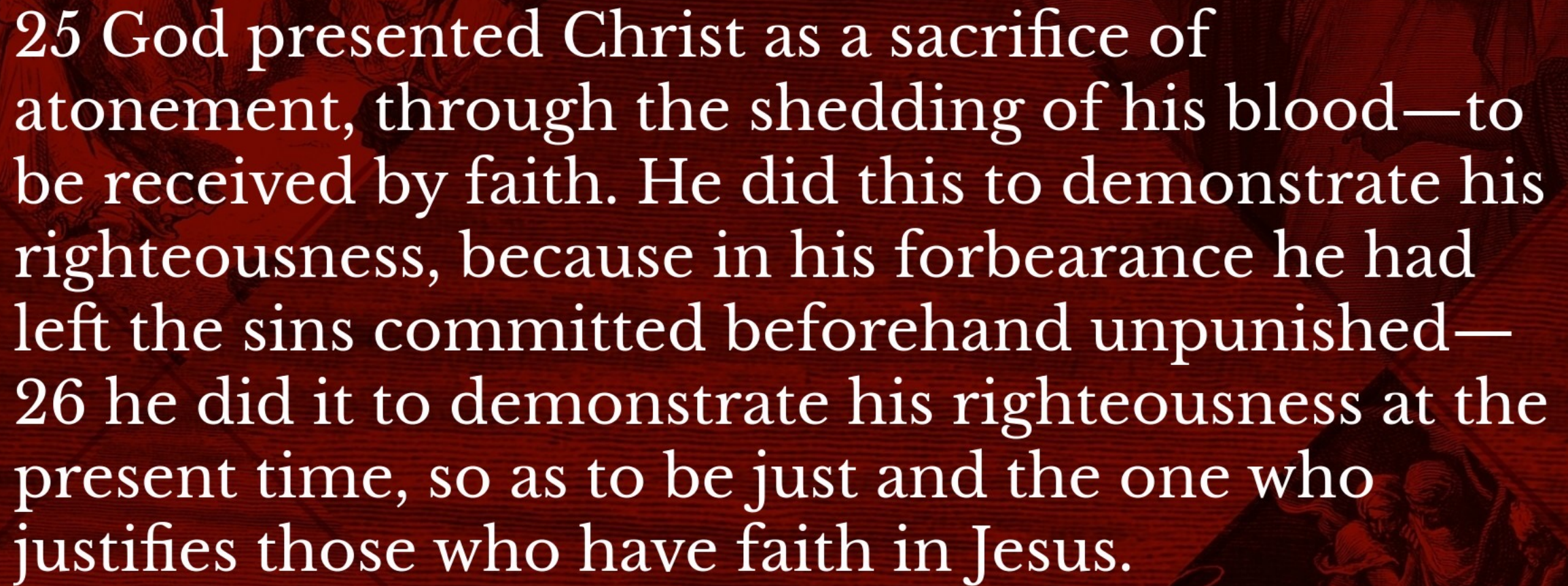
III - It is the Power of the Gospel that:

- Gives value to the death of Jesus Christ on the Cross (3:25). The **Blood of Jesus covers sins** so that people can stand clean in God's sight.



IV - It is the Power of the Gospel that:

- Displays God's enduring patience, love and mercy (3:25-26)



25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—
26 he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

ROMANS 3:25–26

NIV



AMEN.