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Part 1: Secret Sauce

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What is secret sauce?

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*the magical blend fat, sugar, other flavors that
makes your burger irresistible!*

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Revelation 2:1-7

¹ “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands. ² “ ‘I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. ³ I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name’s sake, and you have not grown weary.

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⁴ But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. ⁶ Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.”

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The Church is a Lamp

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Revelation 2:1

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Matthew 5:13-16

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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Love is What Shines

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Revelation 2:2-5

2 “ ‘I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. ³ I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name’s sake, and you have not grown weary. ⁴ ***But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.***

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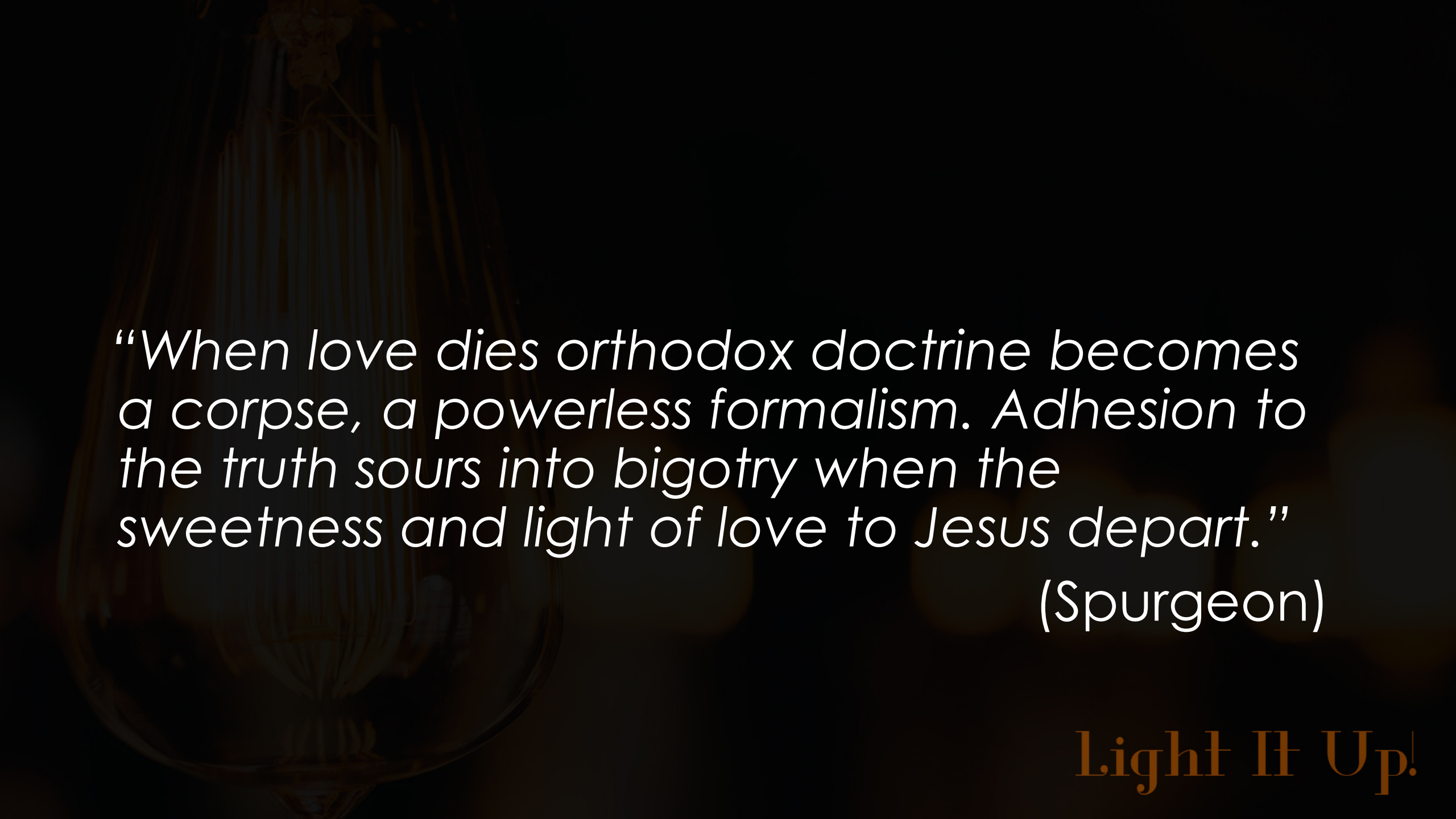
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Interesting to note what does not shine:

Hard work, holiness, passion for doctrine, passion for God's reputation, perseverance, but none of those are the secret sauce...

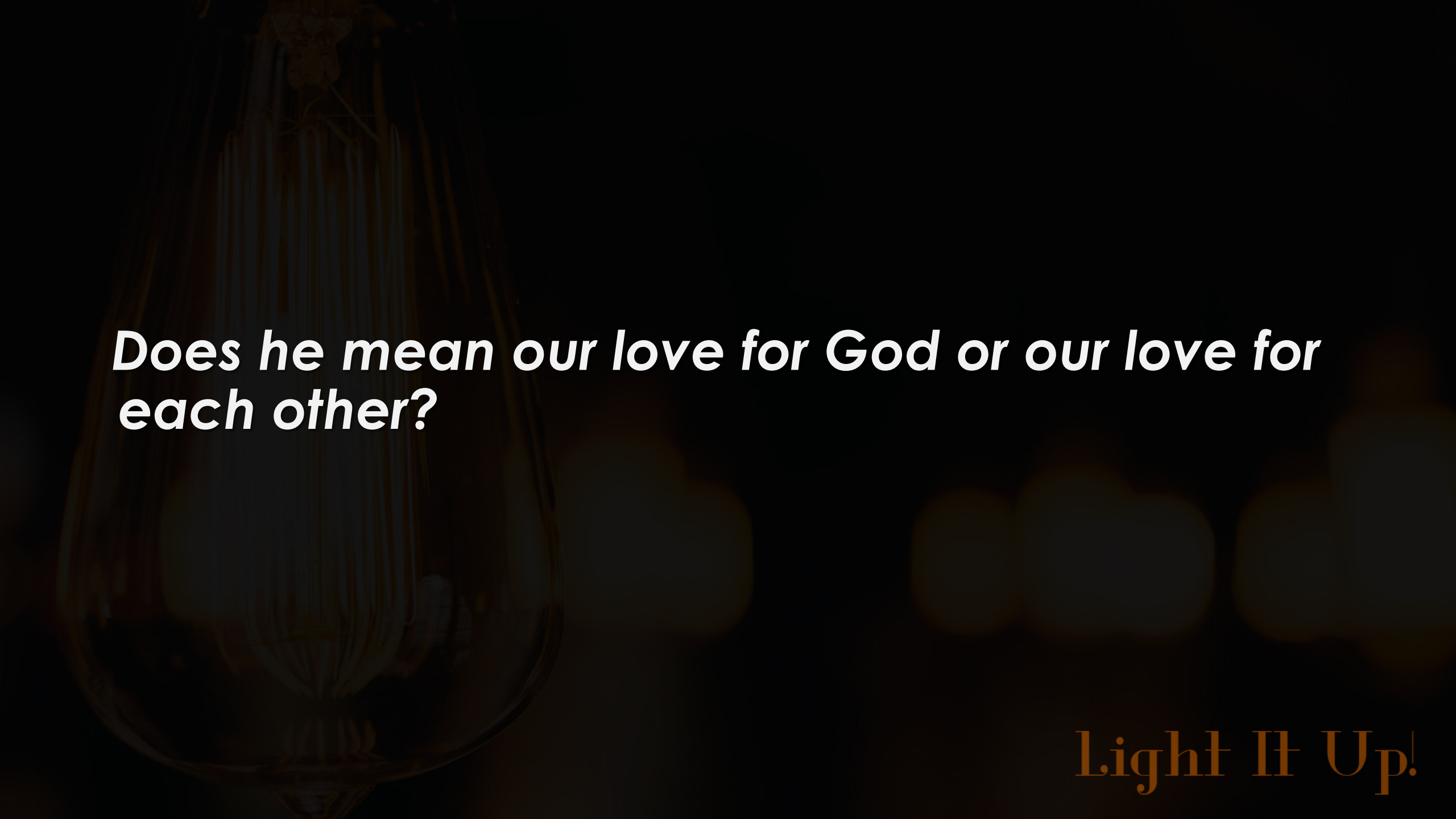
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“When love dies orthodox doctrine becomes a corpse, a powerless formalism. Adhesion to the truth sours into bigotry when the sweetness and light of love to Jesus depart.”

(Spurgeon)

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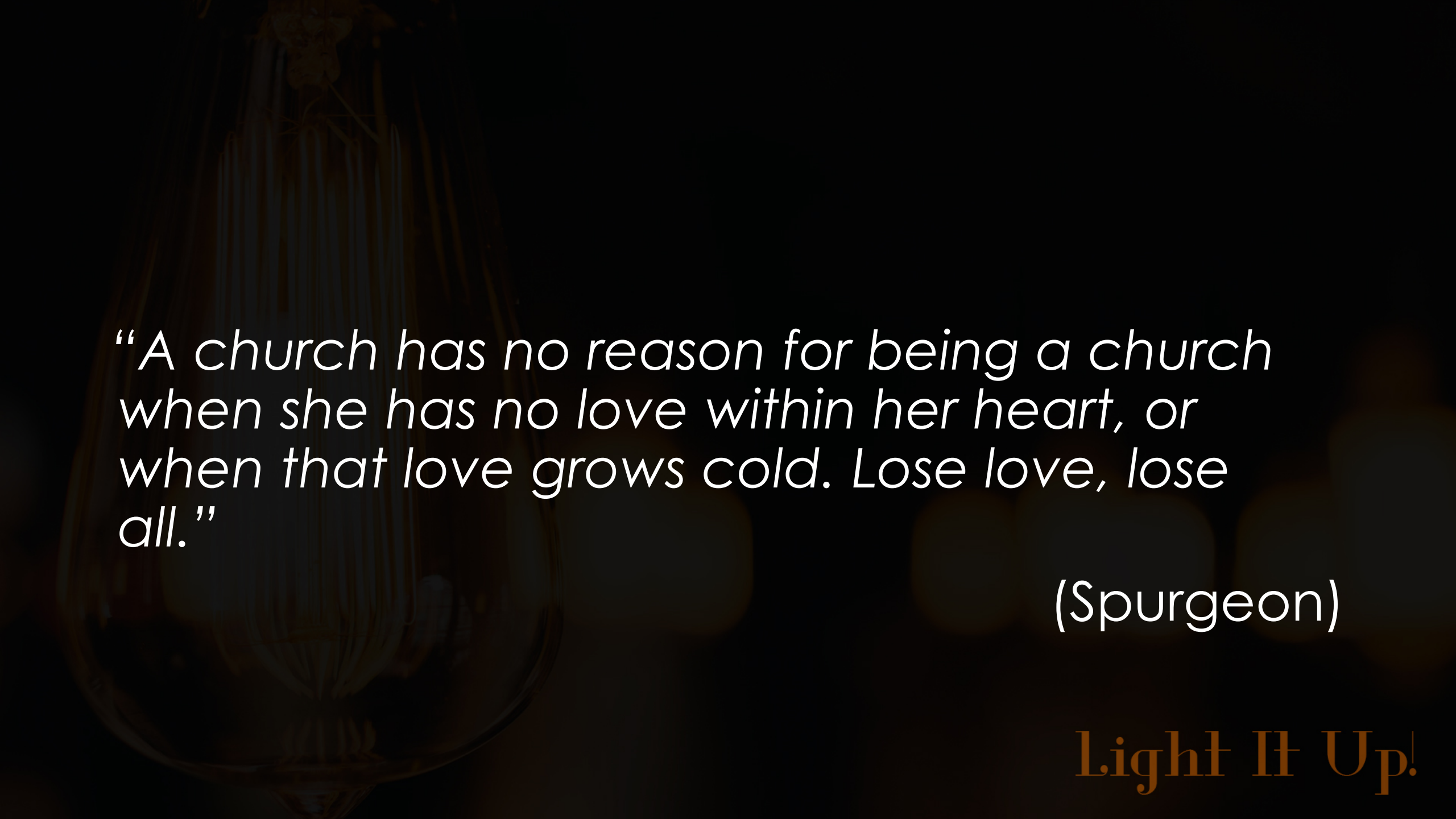
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Does he mean our love for God or our love for each other?

Answer: YES

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“A church has no reason for being a church when she has no love within her heart, or when that love grows cold. Lose love, lose all.”

(Spurgeon)

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The Way Back

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2 action steps:

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1: Remember

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1: Remember

2: Repent

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Remember:

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Remember:

What are we supposed to remember?

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Repent:

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Repent:

What does he mean to repent?

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