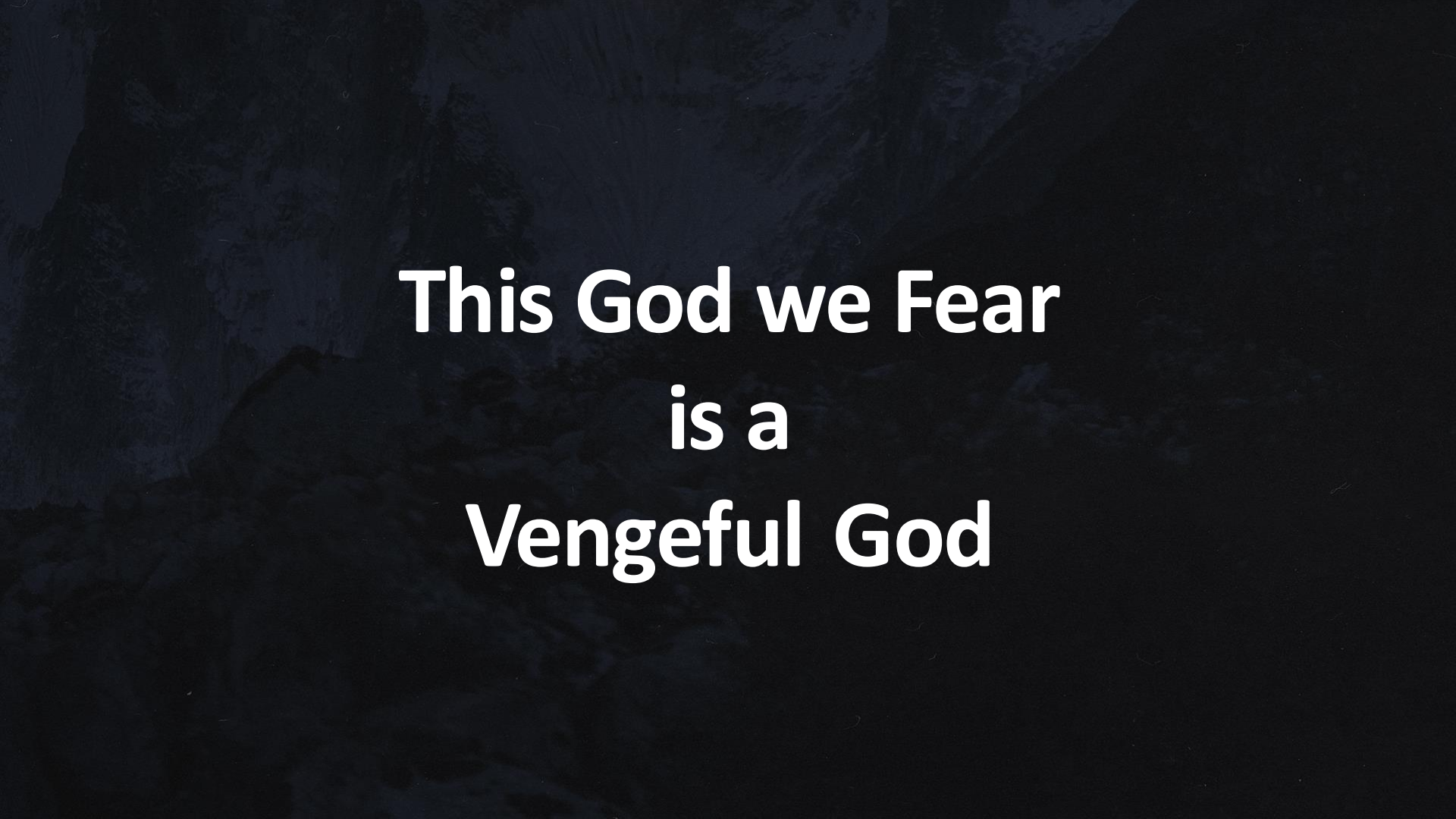


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is a
Vengeful God**

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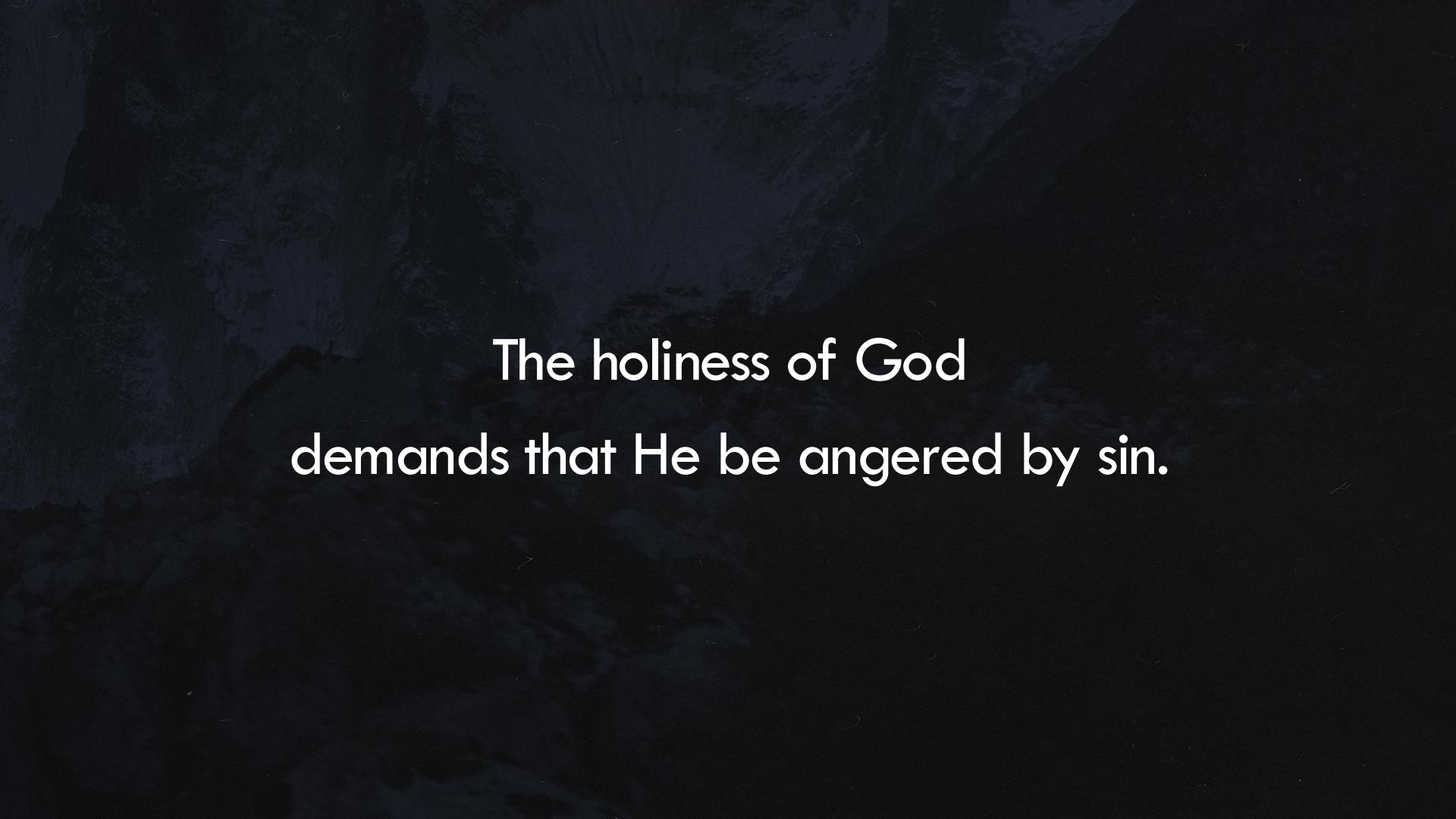
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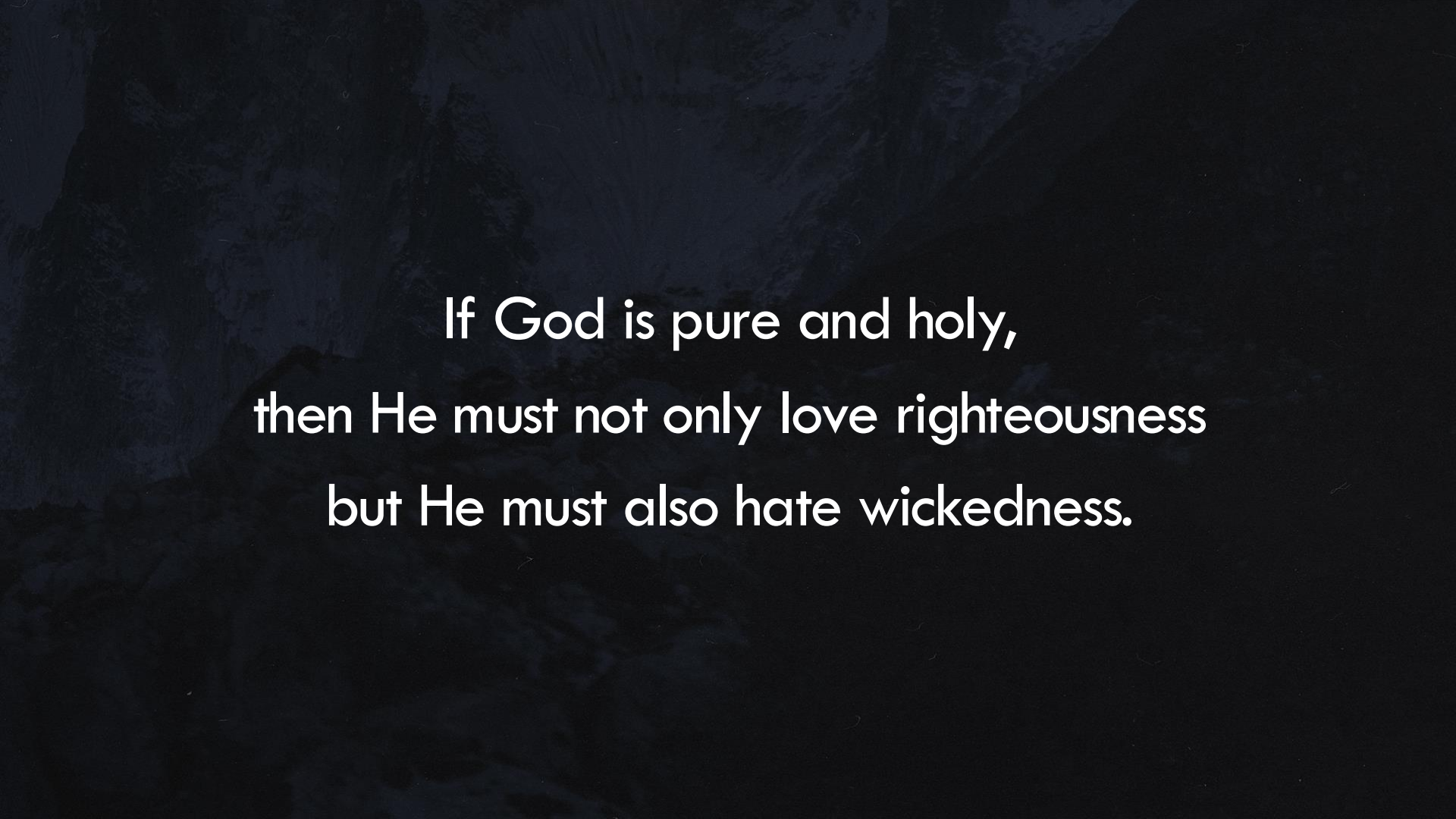
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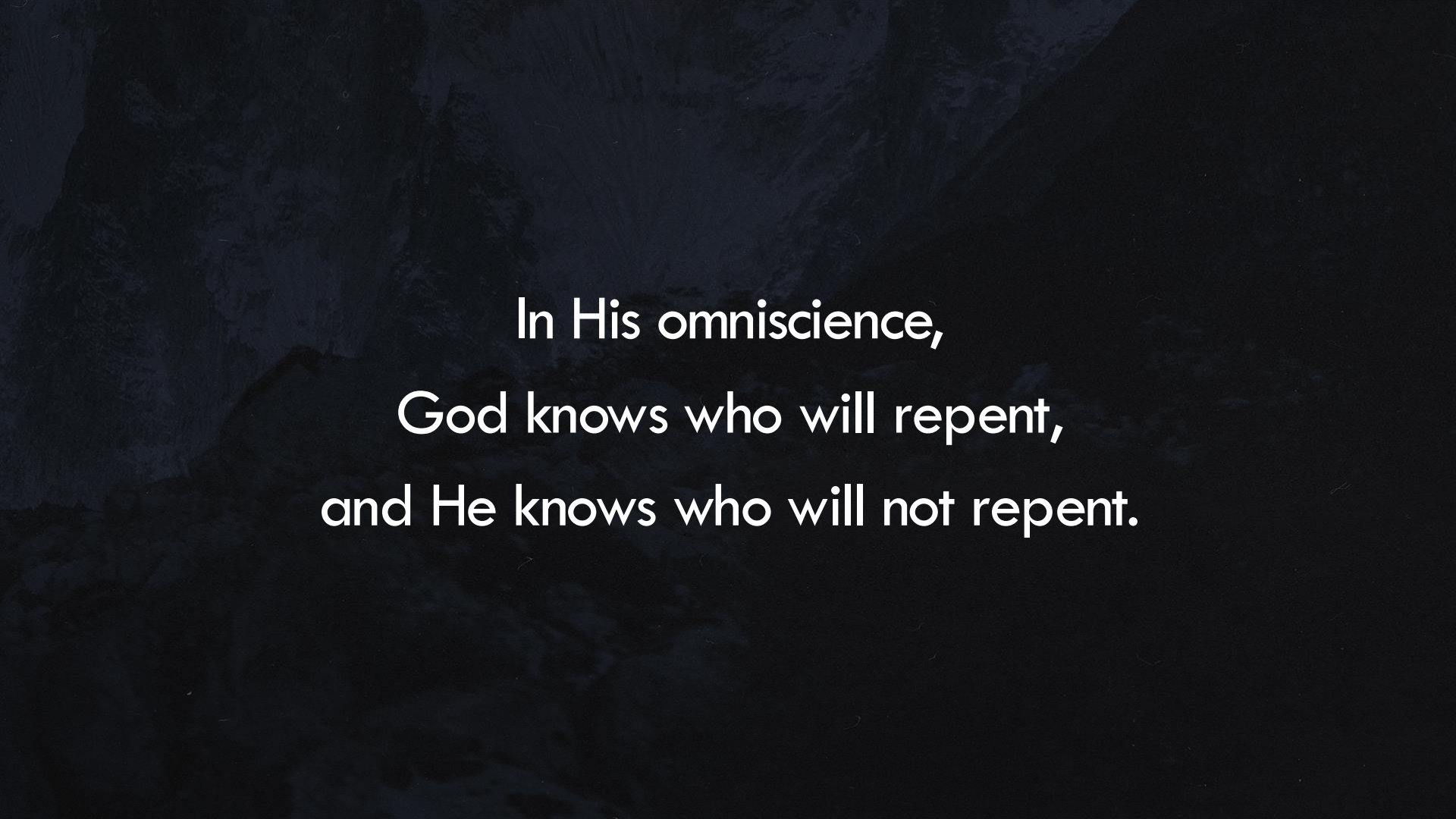
- 1 John 1:5 – God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.



The holiness of God
demands that He be angered by sin.



If God is pure and holy,
then He must not only love righteousness
but He must also hate wickedness.



In His omniscience,
God knows who will repent,
and He knows who will not repent.

Romans 1:18

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.

Revelation 6:9-10

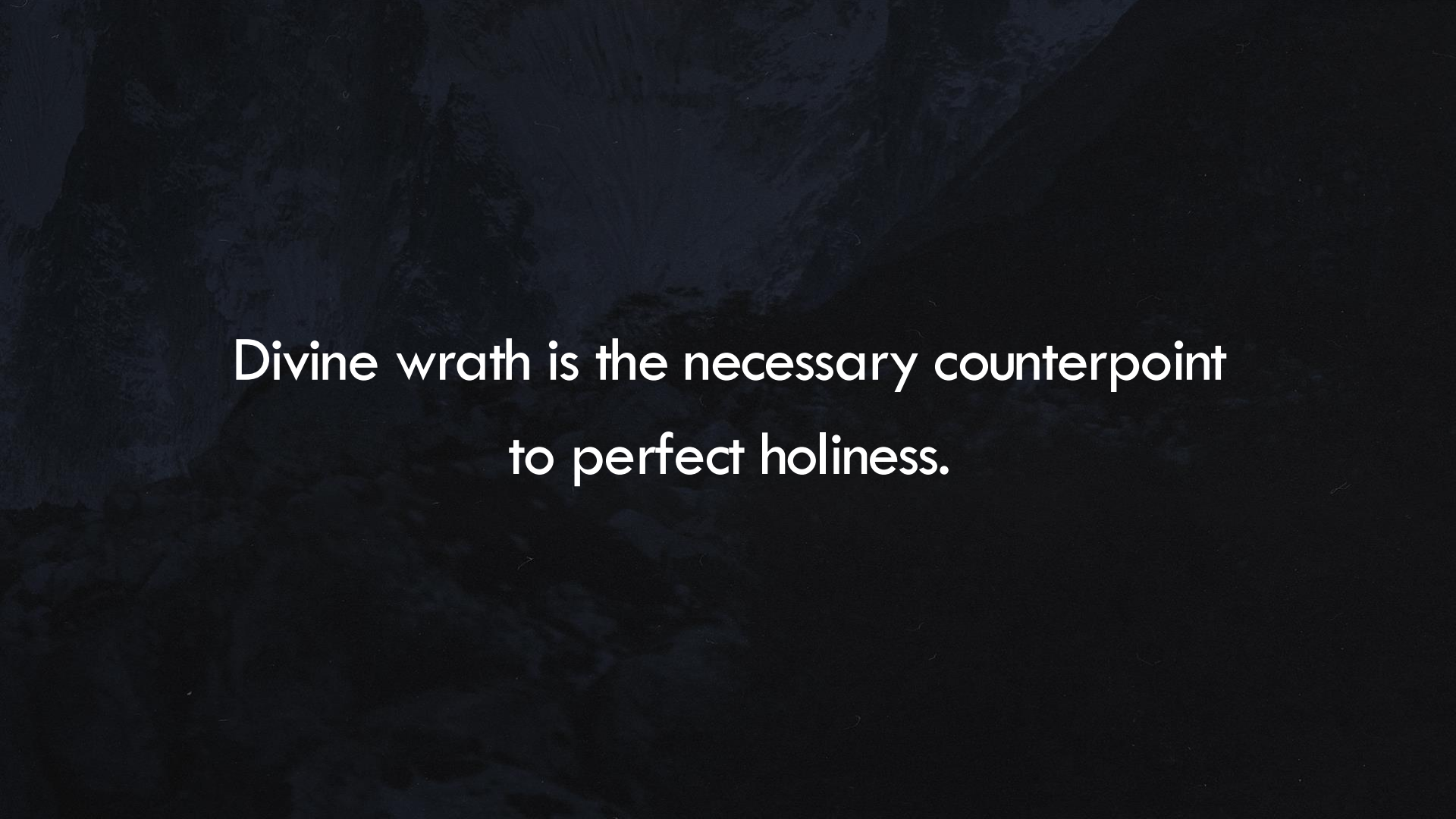
When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?”

During the first 300 years of the Church, there were thirty Roman emperors, proconsuls, and high officials who distinguished themselves by their zeal and rage against Christians & Christianity. One became deranged; one was slain by his own son; two became blind; one was drowned; one was strangled; one died in a miserable captivity; one died of so loathsome a disease that several of his physicians were put to death, because they could not abide the stench that

filled his room; two committed suicide; a third attempted it, but had to call for help to finish the bloody work; five were assassinated by their own servants; six others died the most horrible deaths, having strange diseases; and eight were killed in battle or after being tortured as prisoners.

Romans 2:5

But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God.



Divine wrath is the necessary counterpoint
to perfect holiness.

1. God is Provoked

- Deut. 1:34-35 – Then the Lord heard the sound of your words, and He was angry and took an oath, saying, “Not one of these men, this evil generation, shall see the good land which I swore to give your fathers.”

1. God is Provoked

- Deut. 9:7-8 – Remember, do not forget how you provoked the Lord your God to wrath in the wilderness; from the day that you left the land of Egypt until you arrived at this place, you have been rebellious against the Lord. Even at Horeb you provoked the Lord to wrath, and the Lord was so angry with you that He would have destroyed you.

1. God is Provoked

- Psalm 106:32 – They also provoked Him to wrath at the waters of Meribah.

1. God is Provoked

- Zech. 8:14 – “...I determined to do harm to you when your fathers provoked Me to anger,” says the Lord of armies, “and I have not relented.”

2. God is Fiery

- God is ignited with fiery anger toward sin and the unrepentant sinner.
- Exodus 4:14 – Then the anger of the Lord burned against Moses.
- Exodus 15:8 – At the blast of Your nostrils the waters were piled up.

2. God is Fiery

- Numbers 11:1 – Now the people became like those who complain of adversity in the hearing of the Lord; and when the Lord heard it, His anger was kindled, and the fire of the Lord burned among them and consumed some on the outskirts of the camp.

2. God is Fiery

- Psalm 2

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- Psalm 2:5 – Then He will speak to them in His wrath, and terrify them in His burning anger.
- Psalm 2:12 – Pay homage to the Son or He will be angry and you will perish in your rebellion, for His anger may ignite at any moment.

3. God is Indignant

- Ezekiel 21:31 – I will pour My indignation on you.
- Psalm 7:11 – God is a righteous judge, and a God who has indignation every day.

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- Ephesians 2:3 – We once lived and conducted ourselves in the passions of our flesh, obeying the impulses of the flesh and the thoughts of the mind. We were then by nature children of wrath and heirs of His indignation, like the rest of mankind.

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- Romans 2:8 – But to those who are rebellious, and reject the truth, and follow iniquity, will come wrath and indignation.

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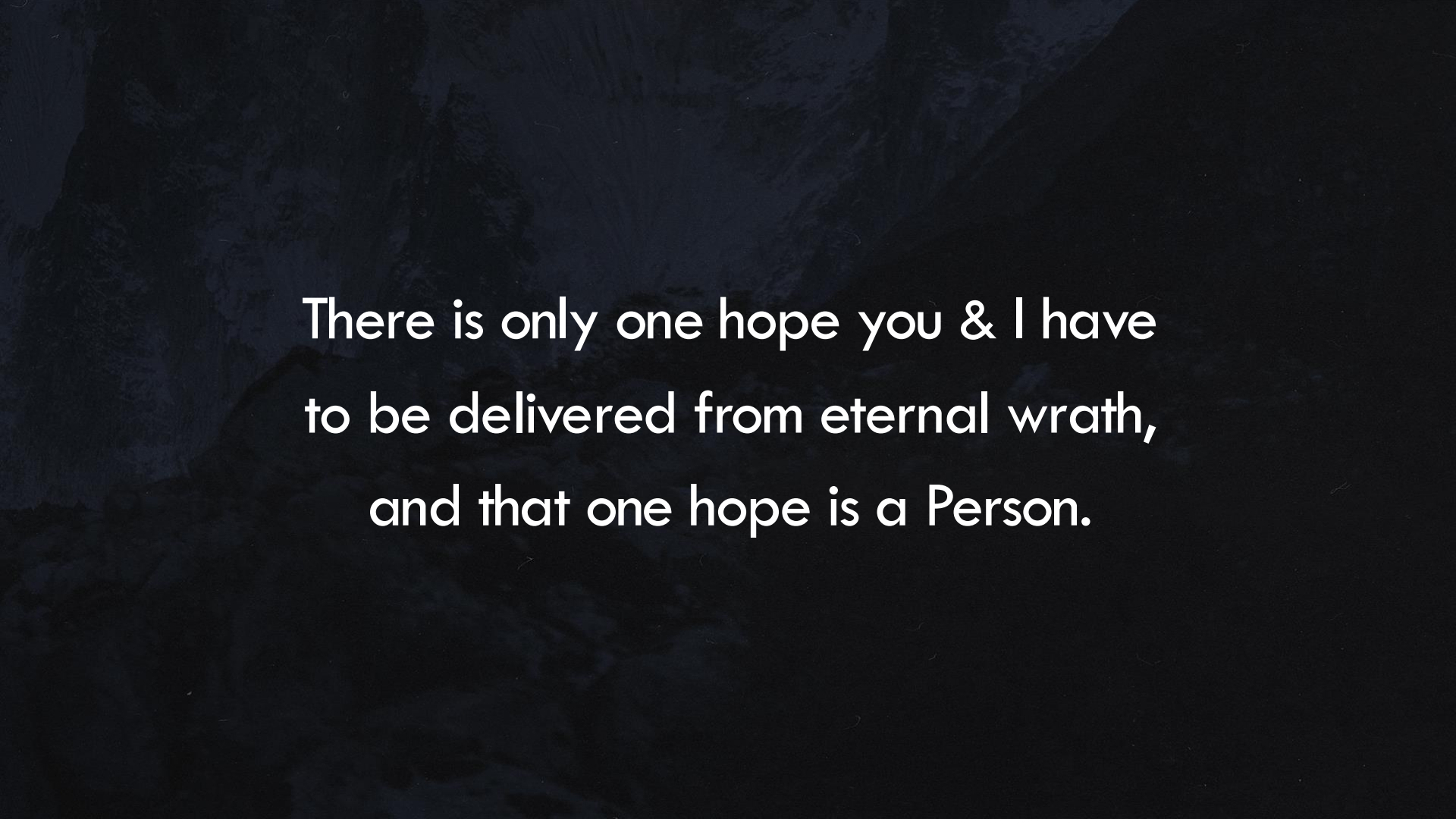
- Revelation 14:10 – They will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger.
- 2 Thessalonians 1:8 – ...dealing out vengeance to those who do not know God, and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

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- Revelation 14:19 – The angel swung his sickle to the earth and gathered the clusters from the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God.

Our Only Hope

- There is no humanly devised way to escape this vengeance of God.



There is only one hope you & I have
to be delivered from eternal wrath,
and that one hope is a Person.

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- Hebrews 2:2 – Every transgression and disobedience will receive its just penalty.
- 1 John 1:9 – If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Our Only Hope

2 OUR PROBLEM



1 GOD

Romans 3:23

- All have sinned
- We all fall short

Romans 6:23

- Physical death
- Spiritual death

Hebrews 9:27

- Sin → Death
→ Judgment

Ephesians 2:8-9

- Good works =
not enough

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GOD'S SOLUTION

Romans 5:8

- Jesus died for us

1 Peter 3:18

- Jesus brings you to God

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OUR RESPONSE

John 1:12

- Believe and receive

Revelation 3:20

- Jesus longs to have a personal relationship with you

John 3:16

- God loves us
- God wants to give us eternal life

John 10:10

- Abundant life
- Purpose, impact, meaning, peace, joy, love & acceptance

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