

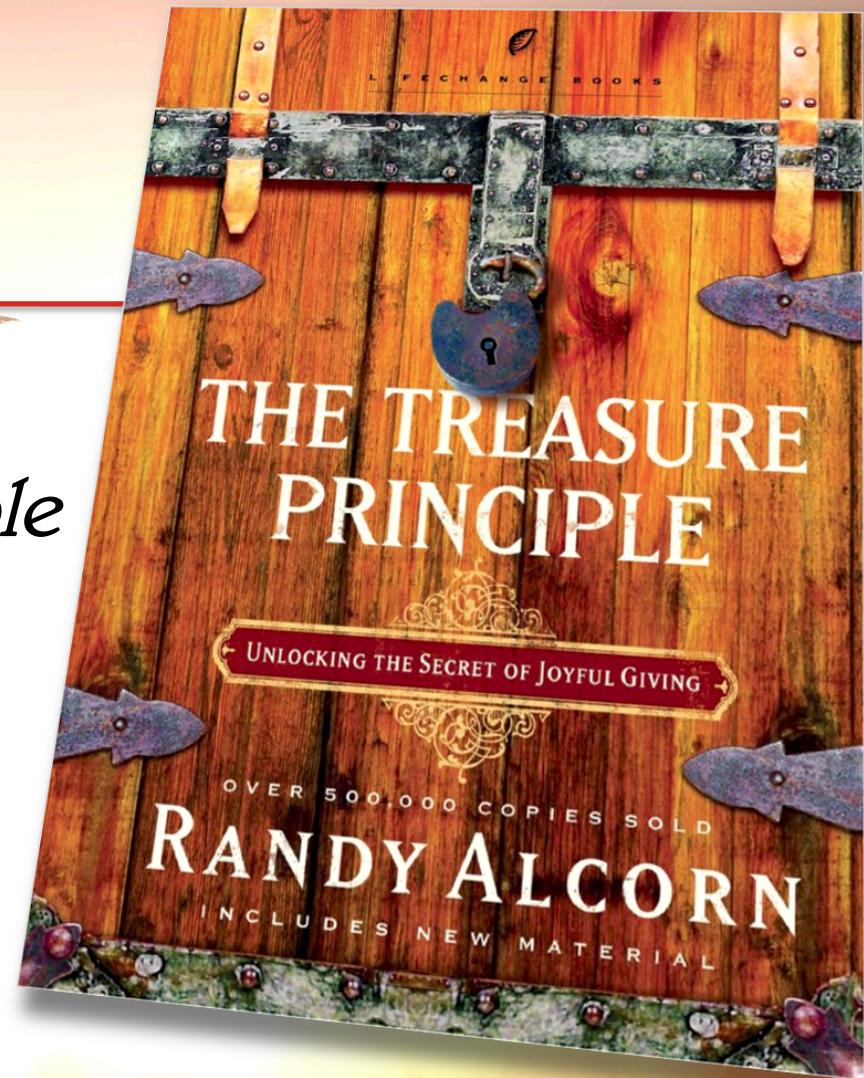


“When We *ALL*  
Get to Heaven”

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❖ *The Treasure Principle*  
— by Randy Alcorn



Biblical Answers to Common Questions

# HEAVEN

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# What will we learn?



- ❖ We should set our hearts and minds on Heaven.
- ❖ Heaven is not the default setting for fallen humanity.
- ❖ Salvation is assured for believers in Jesus.

## Cyprian:



“Anyone who has been in foreign lands longs to return to his own native land ...  
We regard paradise as our native land.”

## Philippians 1:21-24

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For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.

## 2 Corinthians 5:6,8

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Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord.

We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

## John 14:2

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[Jesus]: “My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?”



## Psalm 39:4

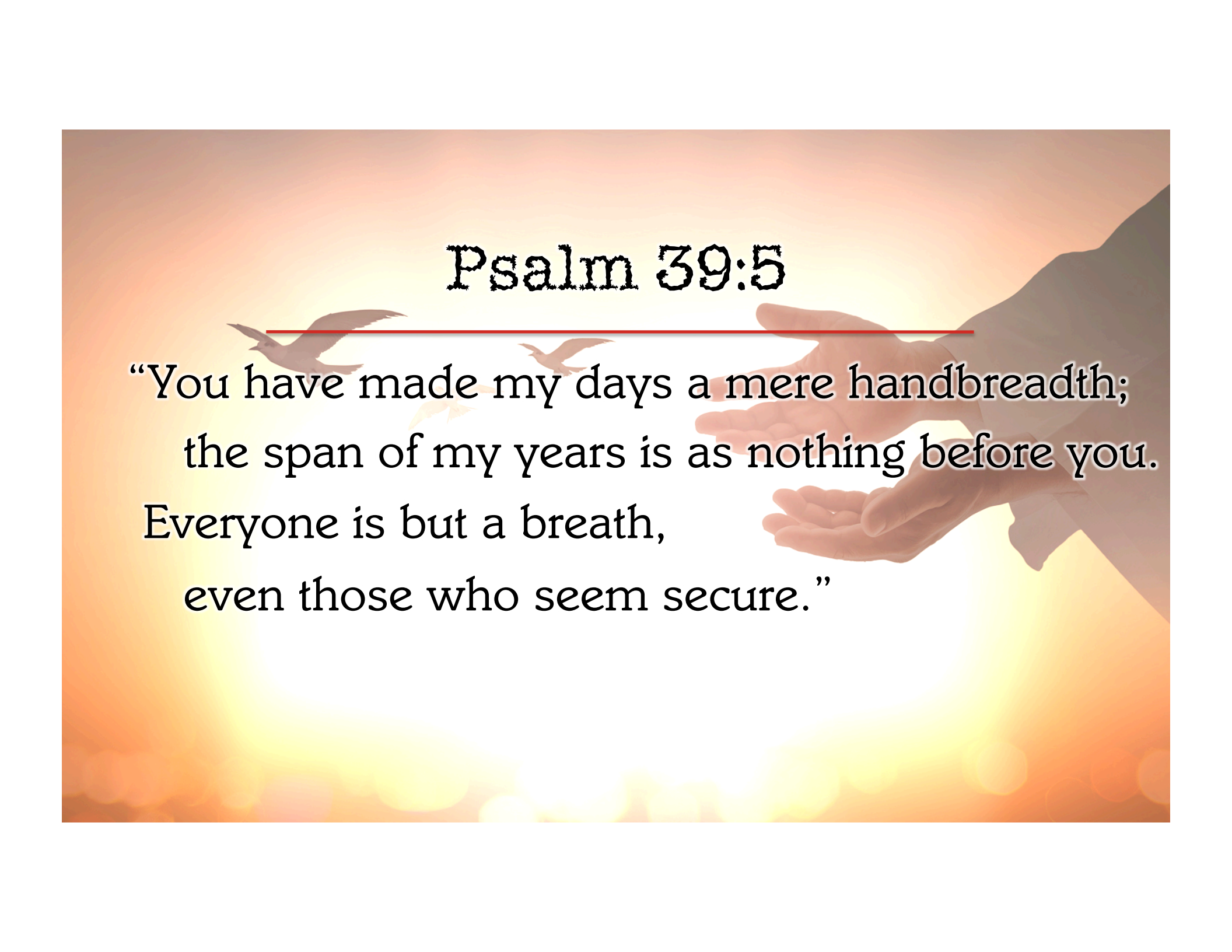


“Show me, Lord, my life’s end  
and the number of my days;  
let me know how fleeting my life is.”

## Psalm 39:5

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“You have made my days a mere handbreadth;  
the span of my years is as nothing before you.  
Everyone is but a breath,  
even those who seem secure.”



## Revelation 21:1-2

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Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

## Revelation 21:3

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“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.”

## Revelation 21:4

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“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

## Jonathan Edwards:

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“Resolved, to endeavor to obtain for myself as much happiness, in the other world, as I possibly can.”

## Huckleberry Finn:

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“She went on and told me all about the good place. She said all a body would have to do there was go around all day with a harp and sing, forever and ever. So I didn’t think much of it ...

## Huckleberry Finn:

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“I asked her if she reckoned Tom Sawyer would go there, and she said, not by a considerable sight. I was glad about that, because I wanted him and me to be together.”



## Charles Spurgeon:

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“To come to Thee, to come home from exile, to come to land out of the raging storm, to come to rest after long labour, to come to the goal of my desires and the summit of my wishes.”

## Hebrews 2:14-15

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Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death — that is, the devil — and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

## John 8:44

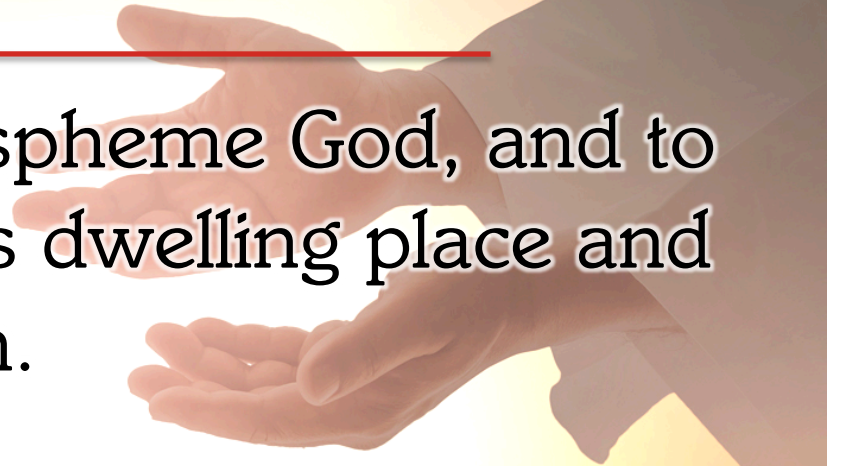
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[Jesus]: “You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

## Revelation 13:6

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It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven.



# Satan's slander:

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- ❖ God's person
- ❖ God's people
- ❖ God's place - Heaven



# Heaven =

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- ❖ Garden
- ❖ City
- ❖ Kingdom



## Randy Alcorn:

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“Discussions of Heaven tend to be either hyperimaginative or utterly unimaginative ... Both approaches are inadequate and dangerous. What we need is a biblically inspired imagination.”

## 1 Corinthians 2:9

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However, as it is written:

“What no eye has seen,  
what no ear has heard,  
and what no human mind has conceived” —  
the things God has prepared for those  
who love him—



# 1 Corinthians 2:10

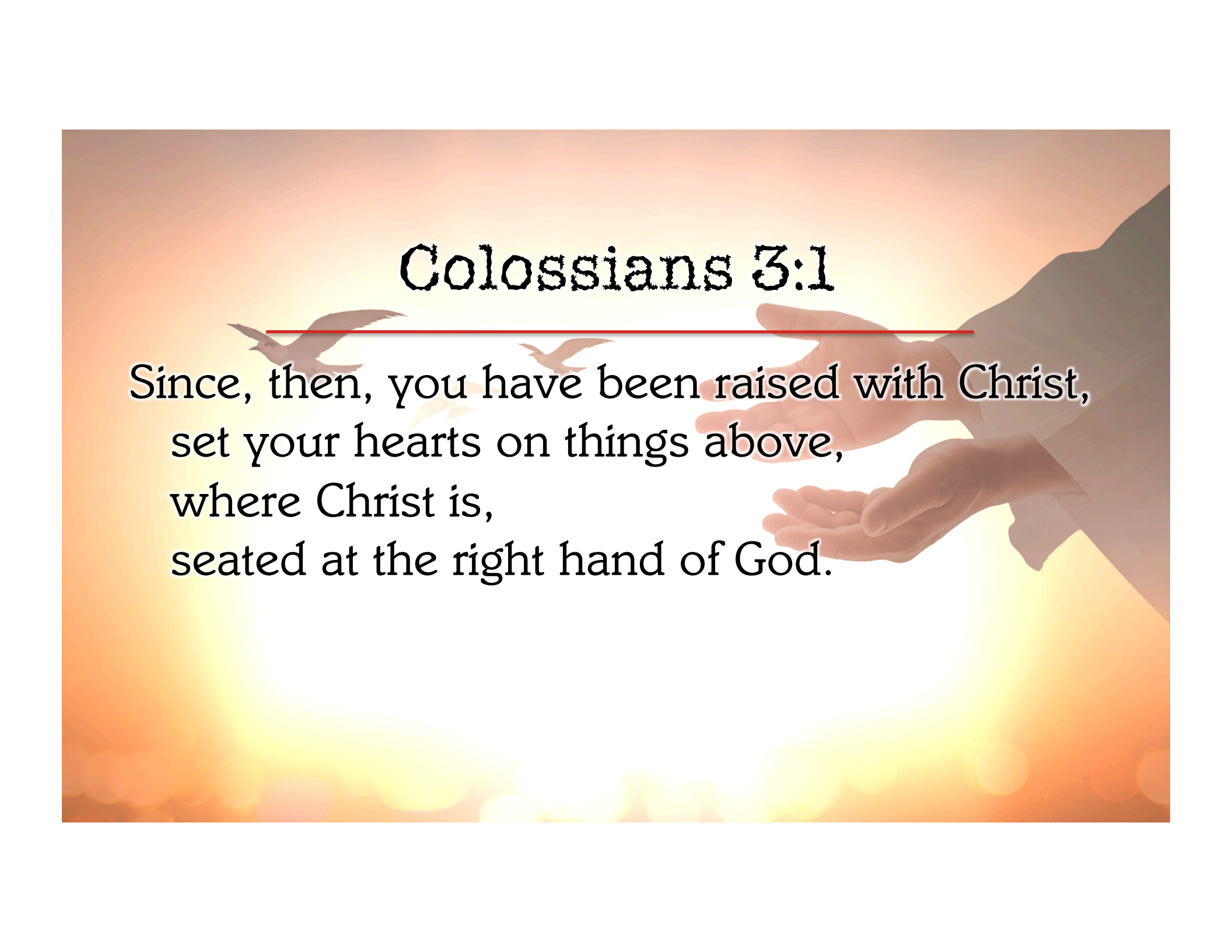


these are the things God has revealed to us  
by his Spirit.

## Colossians 3:1

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Since, then, you have been raised with Christ,  
set your hearts on things above,  
where Christ is,  
seated at the right hand of God.

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## Hebrews 11:16

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Instead, they were longing for a better country — a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

## C.S. Lewis:

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“It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth ‘thrown in’; aim at earth and you will get neither.”

## Matthew 7:13-14

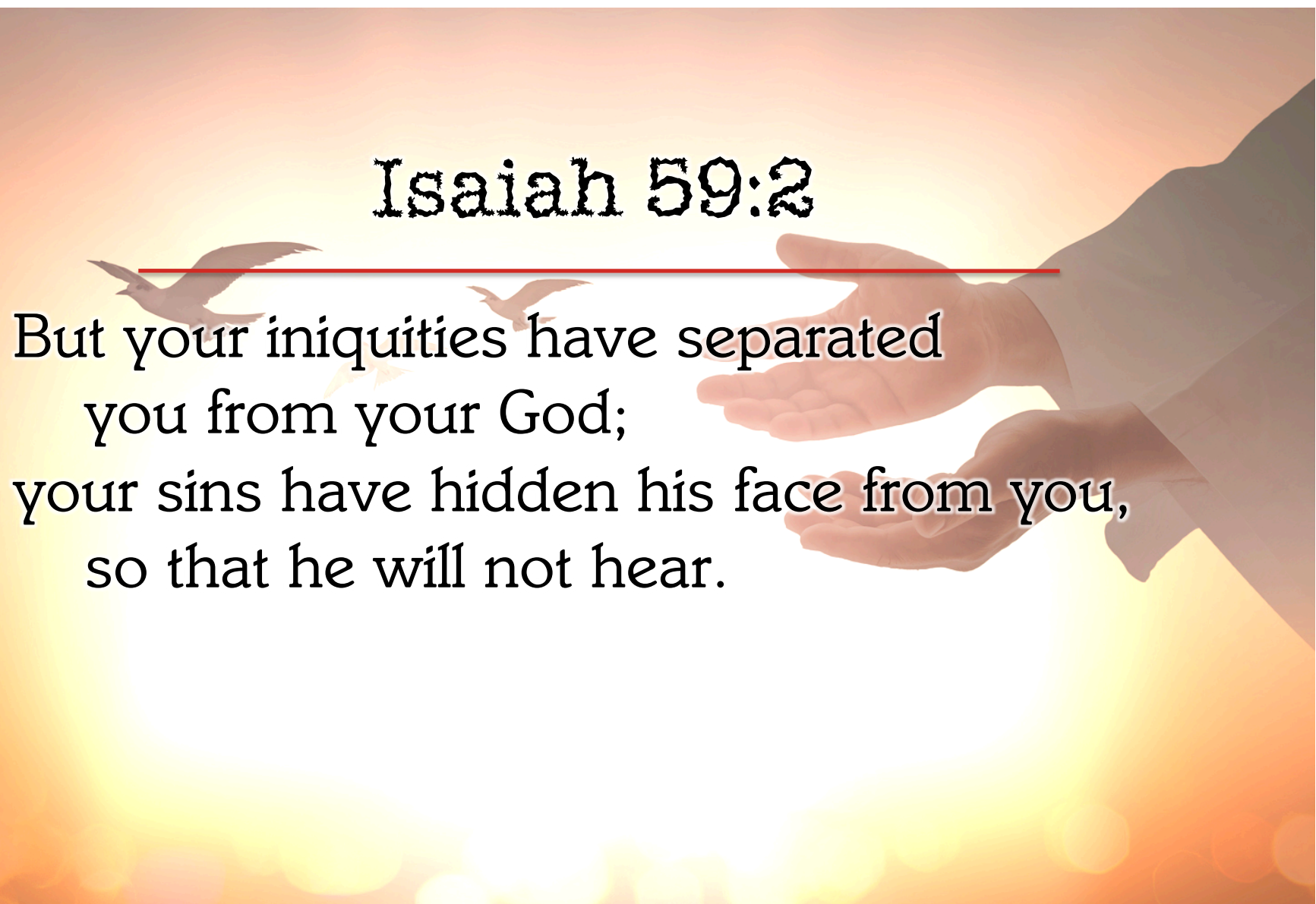
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[Jesus]: “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

## Isaiah 59:2

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But your iniquities have separated  
you from your God;  
your sins have hidden his face from you,  
so that he will not hear.



## Habakkuk 1:13

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Your eyes are too pure to look on evil;  
you cannot tolerate wrongdoing.

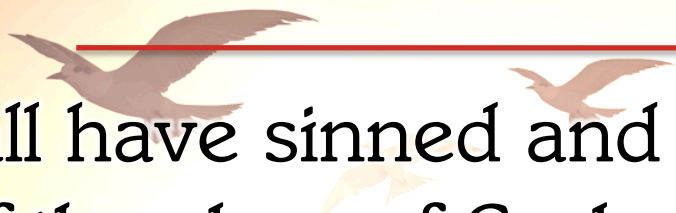
Why then do you tolerate the treacherous?

Why are you silent while the wicked  
swallow up those more righteous than themselves?

# Romans 3:23

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for all have sinned and fall short  
of the glory of God.





## Revelation 21:27

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Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

## 2 Corinthians 6:2

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For he says,

“In the time of my favor I heard you,  
and in the day of salvation I helped you.”

I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor,  
now is the day of salvation.

## Matthew 25:46

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[Jesus]: “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”



## Matthew 10:28

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[Jesus]: “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”

## Matthew 13:40-42

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[Jesus]: “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

## Revelation 20:12

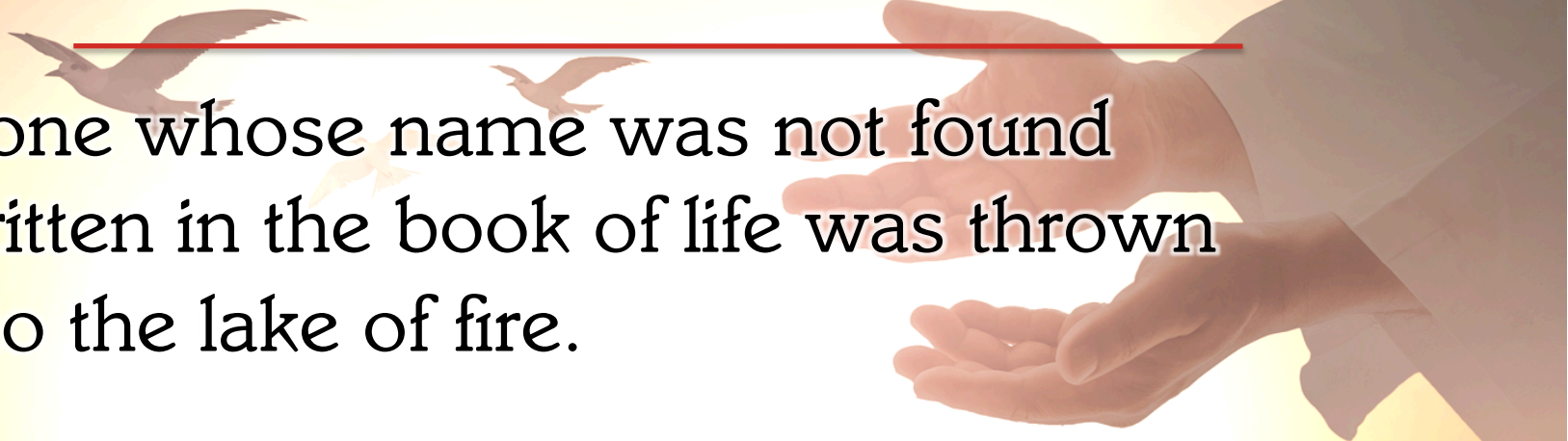
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And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

## Revelation 20:15

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Anyone whose name was not found  
written in the book of life was thrown  
into the lake of fire.



## Randy Alcorn:

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“Many imagine that it is civilized, humane and compassionate to deny the existence of an eternal Hell, but in fact it is arrogant that we, as creatures, would dare to take what we think is the moral high ground in opposition to what God the Creator has clearly revealed.”



# Life in Hell:

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- ❖ Terrible suffering
- ❖ Full consciousness
- ❖ Memories and desires intact
- ❖ No relief, comfort or hope





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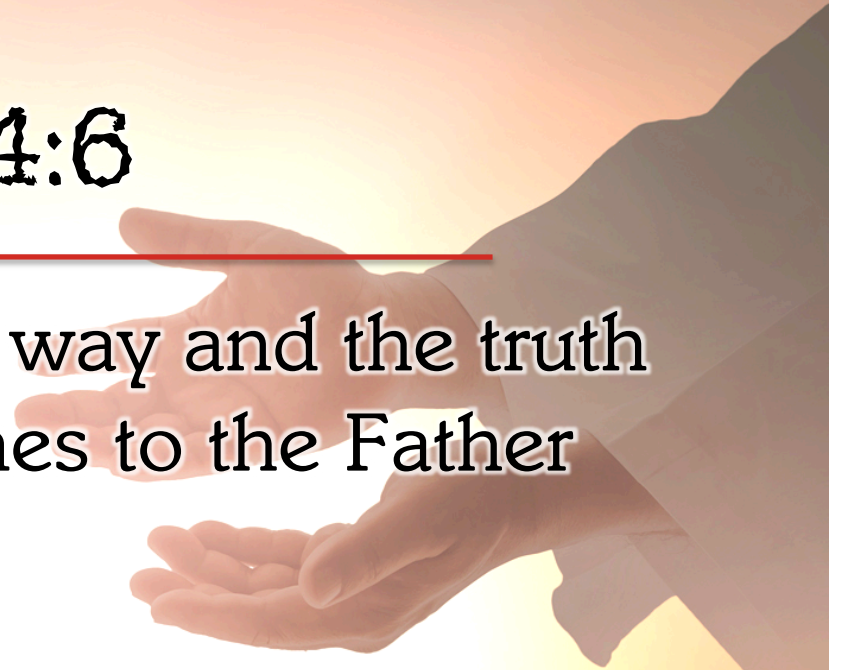
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“I have met no people who fully disbelieved  
in Hell and also had a living and life-giving  
belief in Heaven.”

## John 14:6

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Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."



## Randy Alcorn:

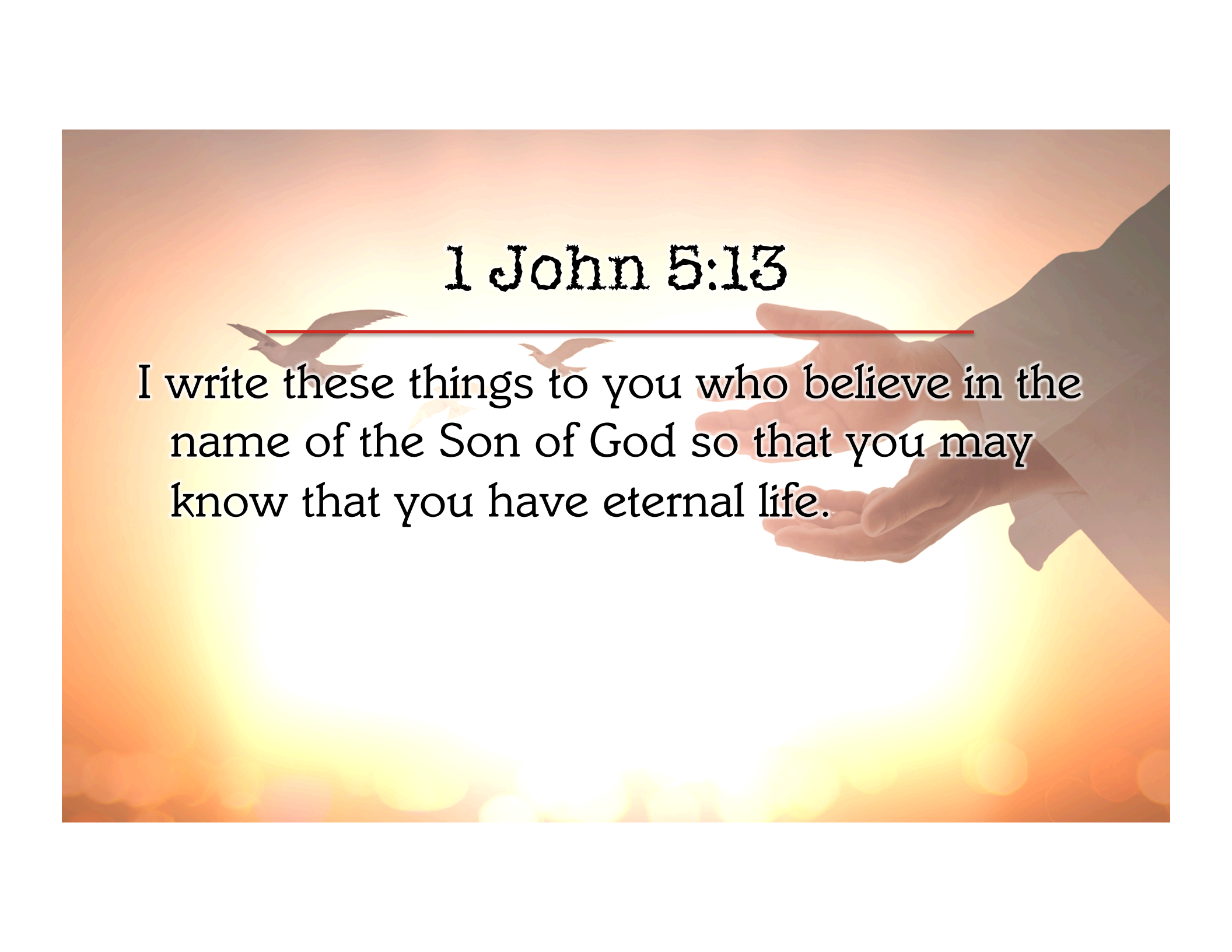
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“The best of life on Earth is a glimpse of Heaven; the worst of life is a glimpse of Hell. For Christians, this present life is the closest they will come to Hell. For unbelievers, it is the closest they will come to Heaven.”

## 1 John 5:13

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I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.



## Romans 6:23

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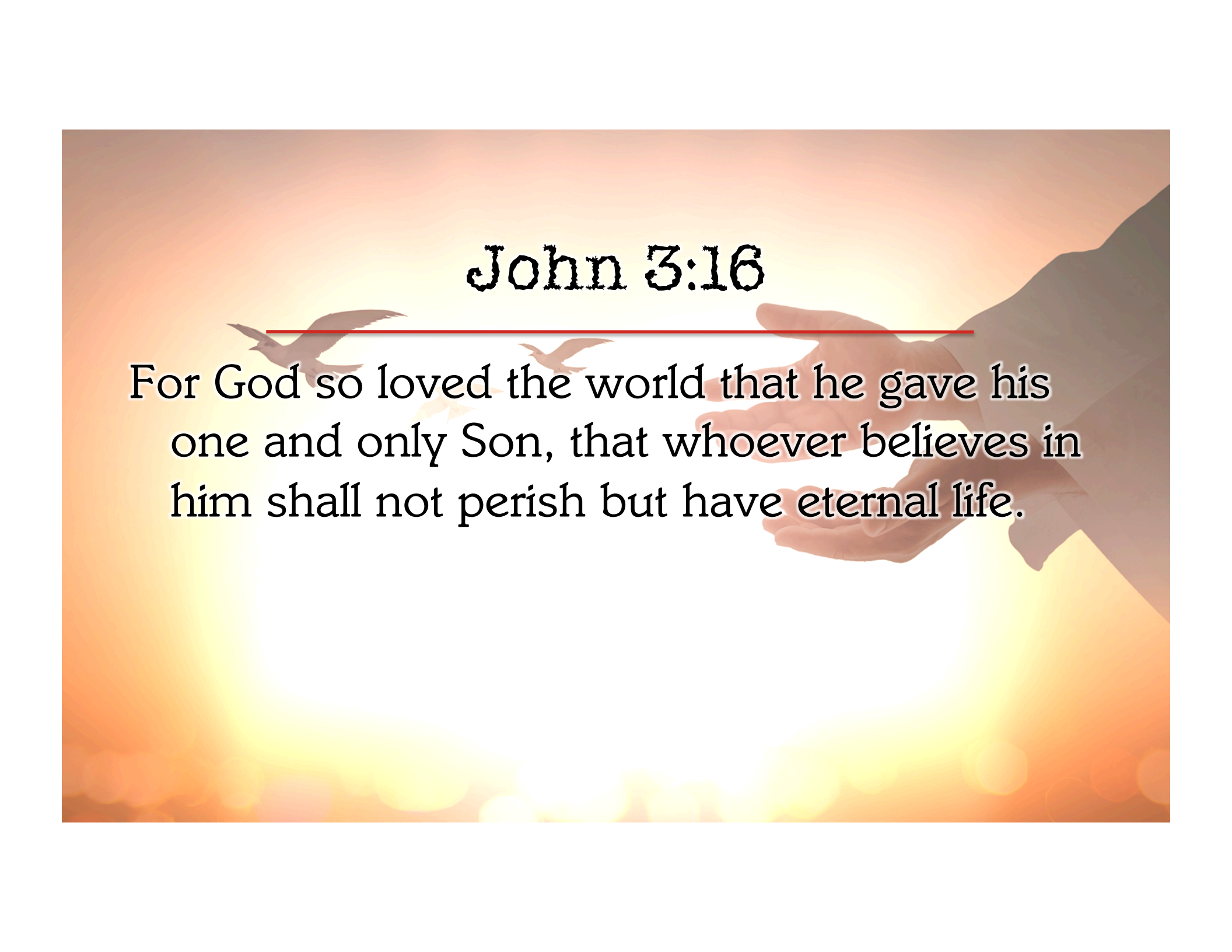
For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



## John 3:16

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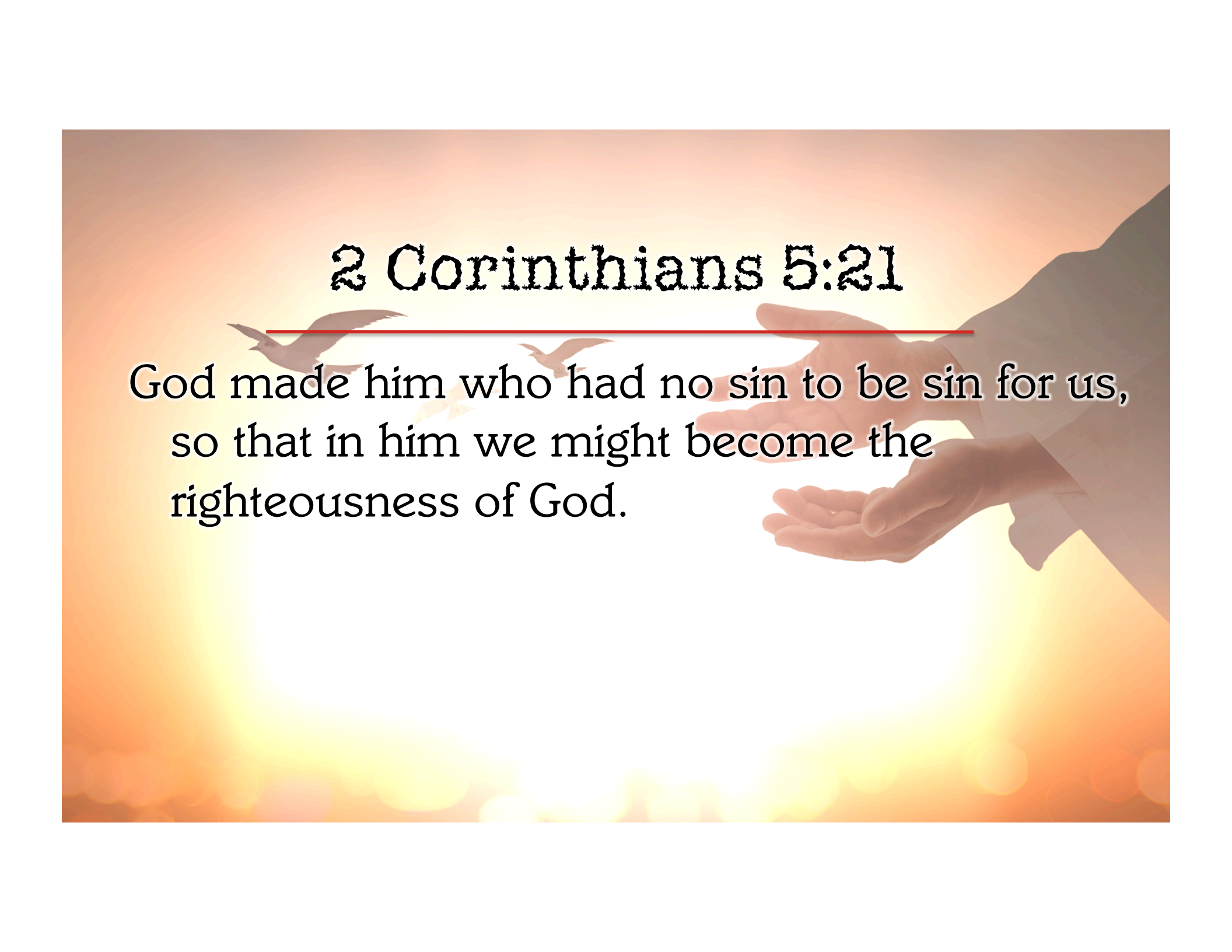
For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.



## 2 Corinthians 5:21

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God made him who had no sin to be sin for us,  
so that in him we might become the  
righteousness of God.





## Psalm 103:10-12


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he does not treat us as our sins deserve  
or repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his love for those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

## 1 John 1:9

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If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.



## Ephesians 2:8-9

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For it is by grace you have been saved,  
through faith — and this is not from  
yourselves, it is the gift of God —  
not by works,  
so that no one can boast.

## Randy Alcorn:

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“On the cross, Jesus experienced the Hell we deserve, so that for eternity we can experience the Heaven we don't deserve.”

## Isaiah 55:6

Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call on him while he is near.

# What have we learned?



- ❖ We should set our hearts and minds on Heaven.
- ❖ Heaven is not the default setting for fallen humanity.
- ❖ Salvation is assured for believers in Jesus.



# Are you being called?

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- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the Lord's Supper



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