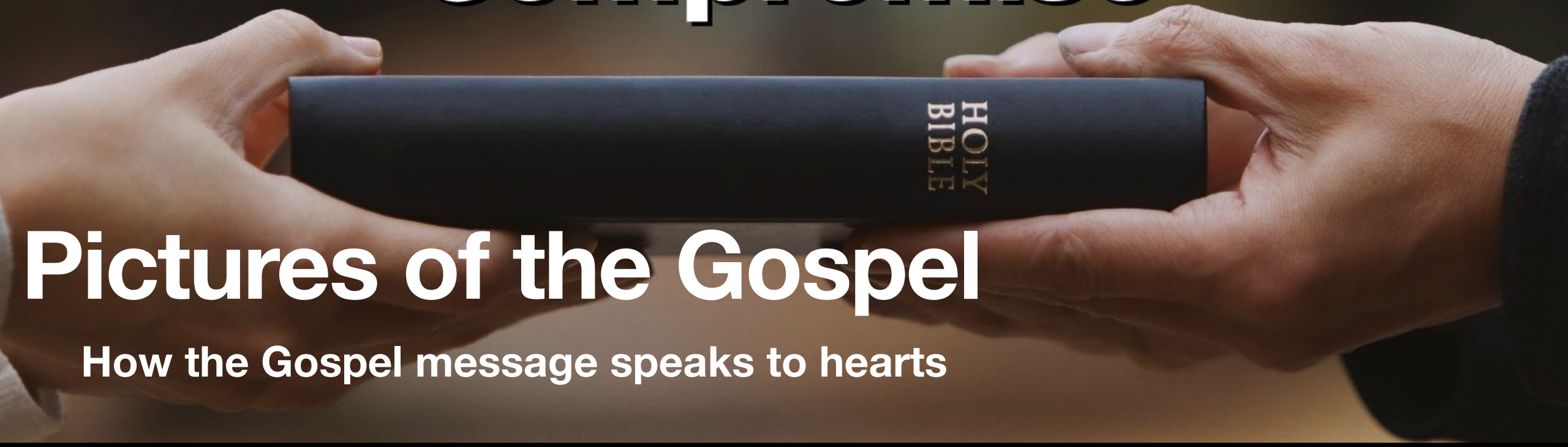


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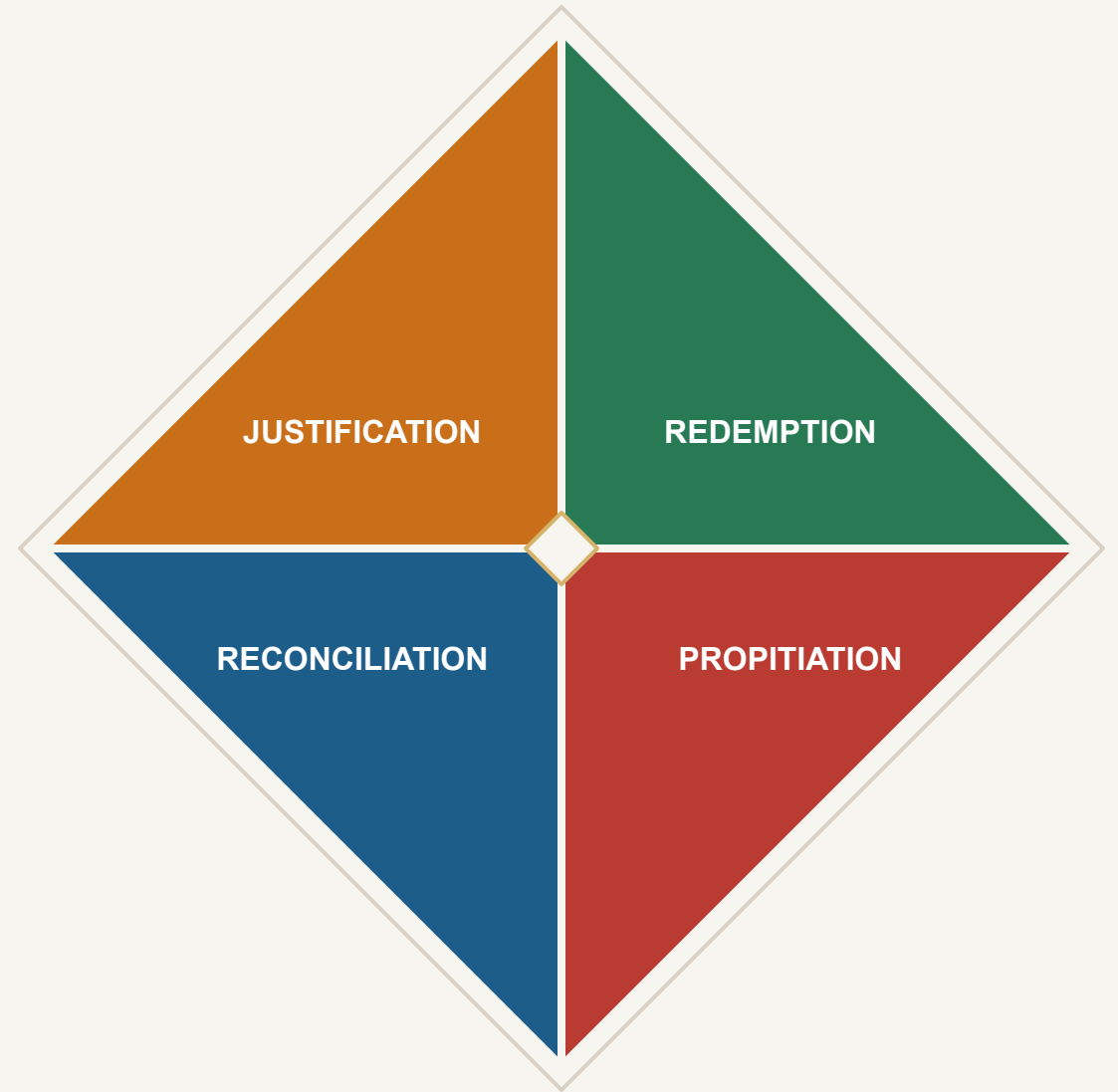
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JUSTIFICATION

Problem

You are guilty.

- **Exodus 34:7b** — “...who will by no means clear the guilty”
- **James 2:10** — “For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become **guilty of all of it.**”
- **Romans 6:23** — “For the wages of sin is death...”
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JUSTIFICATION

Solution

Jesus takes our place and bears our judgment.

- **2 Corinthians 5:21** — “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, that we might become the righteousness of God”
- **Isaiah 53:5–6** — “he was pierced for our transgressions... the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all”
- **Colossians 2:14** — “By canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross”



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RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

- **Romans 3:28** — “one is justified by faith apart from works of the law”
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JUSTIFICATION

Result

We are declared righteous and there is no condemnation.

- **Romans 8:1** — “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus”
- **Romans 8:33–34a** — “Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?”
- **Philippians 3:9** — “not having a righteousness of my own... but that which comes through faith in Christ”



JUSTIFICATION

Felt Need

- The person carrying a guilty conscience
- Someone haunted by something they have done
- The person who thinks, “I’m not good enough.”
- The person asking, “How could God forgive someone like me?”
- The religious person who thinks acceptance with God must be earned
- The moral perfectionist who is constantly trying to prove themselves





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REDEMPTION

Problem

You are a slave to sin and cannot free yourself.

- **John 8:34** — “Everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.”
- • **Titus 3:3** — “slaves to various passions and pleasures”
- **Romans 6:16** — “you are slaves of the one whom you obey”
- **Romans 7:16** — “For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.”

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REDEMPTION

Solution

Jesus redeems us with his blood and pays the ransom for our freedom.

- **Mark 10:45** - “The Son of Man came... to give his life as a ransom for many”
- **Galatians 3:13** - “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us”
- **1 Corinthians 6:20** - “you were bought with a price”
- **1 Corinthians 6:20a** – “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness”
- **Ephesians 1:7** - “In him we have redemption through his blood”
- **1 Peter 1:18–19** - “you were ransomed... with the precious blood of Christ”
- **Titus 2:14** - “who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness”



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- **1 Corinthians 6:20** — “you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body”
- **Romans 6:13** — “present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life”
- **Romans 6:19** — “present your members as slaves to righteousness”



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REDEMPTION

Result

We are set free from sin's mastery and now belong to God.

- **Colossians 1:13–14** - “He has delivered us from the domain of darkness... in whom we have redemption”
- **John 8:36** - “If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed”
- **Galatians 5:1** - “For freedom Christ has set us free”
- **Romans 6:22** - “you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God”



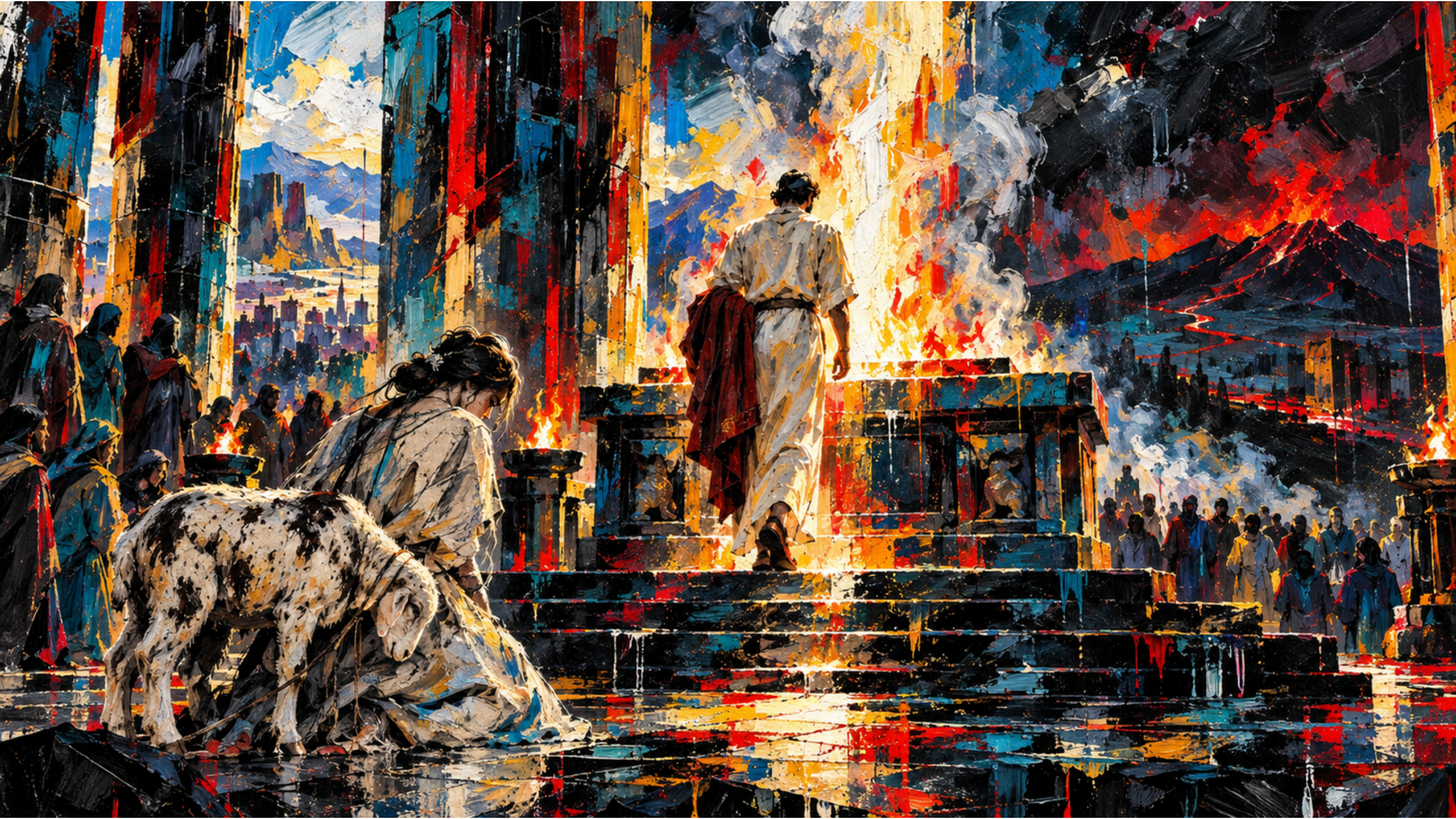
REDEMPTION

Felt Need

- The person trapped in an addiction
- The person who feels controlled by desires they hate
- The person who says, “I know this is destroying me, but I can’t stop.”

The person who says, “I can stop whenever I want.”

- The person longing not merely for forgiveness, but for freedom





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PROPITIATION

Problem

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- **Romans 1:18** - "the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness"
- **Romans 2:5** - "you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath"
- **Ephesians 2:3** - "were by nature children of wrath"
- **John 3:36** - "Whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him"

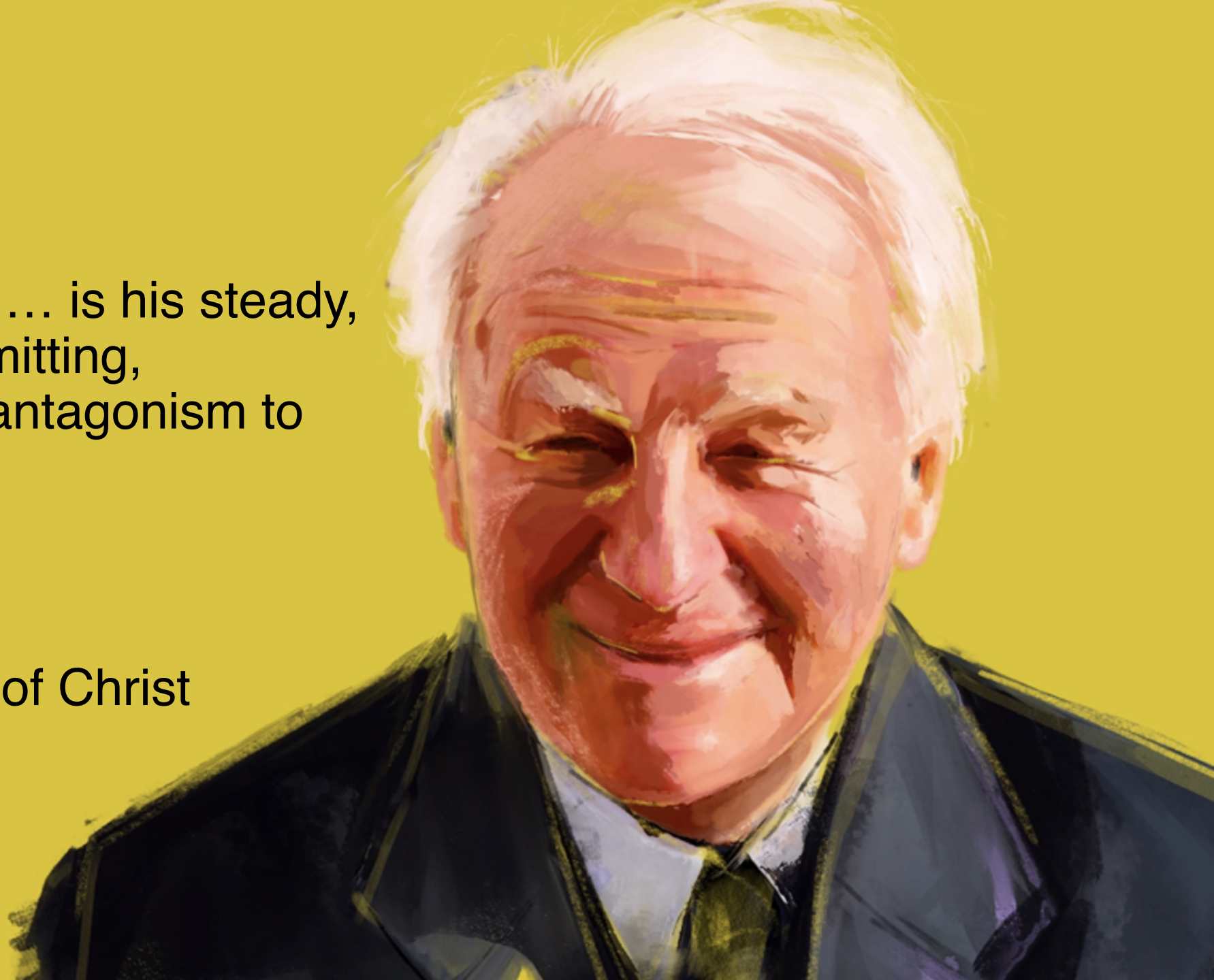
“God’s wrath in the Bible is never the capricious, self-indulgent, irritable, morally ignoble thing that human anger so often is.”

J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*



The wrath of God ... is his steady,
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John Stott, Cross of Christ





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PROPITIATION

Solution

Jesus becomes the propitiatory sacrifice for us, satisfying God's righteous judgment against sin.

- **John 1:29** - "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"
- **Romans 3:25** - "whom God put forward as a **propitiation** by his blood"
- **Hebrews 2:17** - "to make **propitiation** for the sins of the people"
- **1 John 2:2** - "He is the **propitiation** for our sins"
- **1 John 4:10** - "Not that we have loved God he loved us and sent his Son to be the **propitiation** for our sins"
- **Isaiah 53:4-5** – Surely, he **took up our pain**
and **bore our suffering**,
yet we considered him **punished by God**,
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PROPITIATION

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God's wrath is removed and we have peace and reconciliation with God.

- **Romans 5:1** - "we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"
- **Romans 5:9** - "justified by his blood... saved by him from the wrath of God"
- **Romans 5:10** - "while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son"
- **Colossians 1:20** - "making peace by the blood of his cross"
- **1 Thessalonians 1:10** - "Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come"
- **Hebrews 12:18, 21-22** - "You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm... The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, "I am trembling with fear."

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly"



PROPITIATION

Felt Need

- The person who is afraid of God
- Someone deeply conscious that God is holy and they are not
- The person terrified of death, judgment, or hell
- Someone who feels, “God must hate me.”
- The person wondering whether God could ever truly be at peace with them
- Someone who minimizes sin because the idea of divine judgment frightens them
- Someone who “emphasizes” God’s love at the neglect of his righteousness





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Reconciliation

Problem

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- **Ephesians 2:12** — “separated from Christ... strangers... having no hope and without God in the world”
- **Colossians 1:21** — “you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind”
- **Ephesians 2:12** — “strangers to the covenants of promise... without God in the world”
- **Ephesians 2:19** — “you are no longer strangers and aliens”

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Reconciliation

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God's Son comes for us, bears our curse, and brings us into the Father's family.

- **2 Corinthians 5:18-21** - "In Christ God was **reconciling** the world to himself... for our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."
- **Galatians 4:4-5** - "God sent forth his Son... to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive **adoption as sons**"
- **Ephesians 1:5** - "he predestined us for **adoption** to himself as sons through Jesus Christ"
- **1 Peter 3:18** - "Christ also suffered once for sins... **that he might bring us to God**"

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- **Result:**



Reconciliation

Response

Receive Christ and come to the Father through faith.

- **John 1:12** - "to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God"
- **Galatians 3:26** - "in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith"

Revelation 3:20 - "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me"

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- **Result:** Adopted into God's family as his children and heirs.



Reconciliation

Result

We are adopted into the family of God and become his children and heirs.

- **Romans 8:15** — “you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’”
- **Romans 8:16** — “we are children of God”
- **1 John 3:1** — “See what Great love the Father has for us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are”
- **Galatians 4:6** — “God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’”
- **2 Corinthians 6:18** — “I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me”
- **Ephesians 2:19** — “members of the household of God”
- **John 14:2** — “In my Father’s house are many rooms.”
- **Romans 8:17** — “and if children, then heirs”



RECONCILIATION

Felt Need

- The person suffering from loneliness
- Someone who feels abandoned, unwanted, rejected, or forgotten
- The person who has never experienced a loving father
- Someone whose family relationships are fractured
- The outsider who never feels as though they belong anywhere
- The person asking, “Could God actually want me?”

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Problem

The penalty we deserve for our sins

JUSTIFICATION

We are guilty before God, who must judge us.

REDEMPTION

We are enslaved to sin, which leads to death.

PROPITIATION

Our sin makes us enemies of God.

RECONCILIATION

We are alienated from God, outside his family and fellowship.

Solution

Christ got what we deserved, we get what Christ deserved.

JUSTIFICATION

He was declared guilty
so that we might be declared righteous.

REDEMPTION

He gave his life as our ransom
so that we might be set free.

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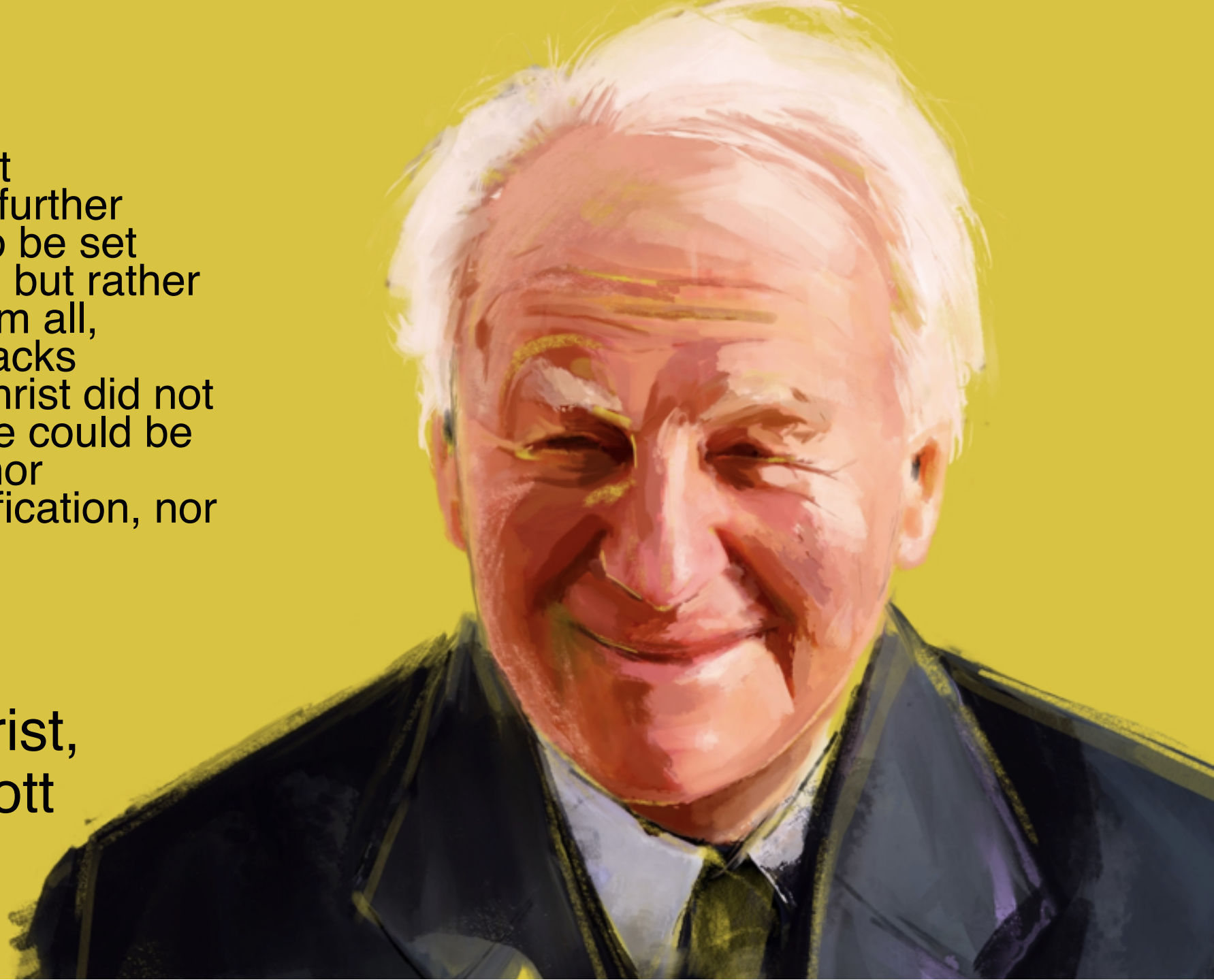
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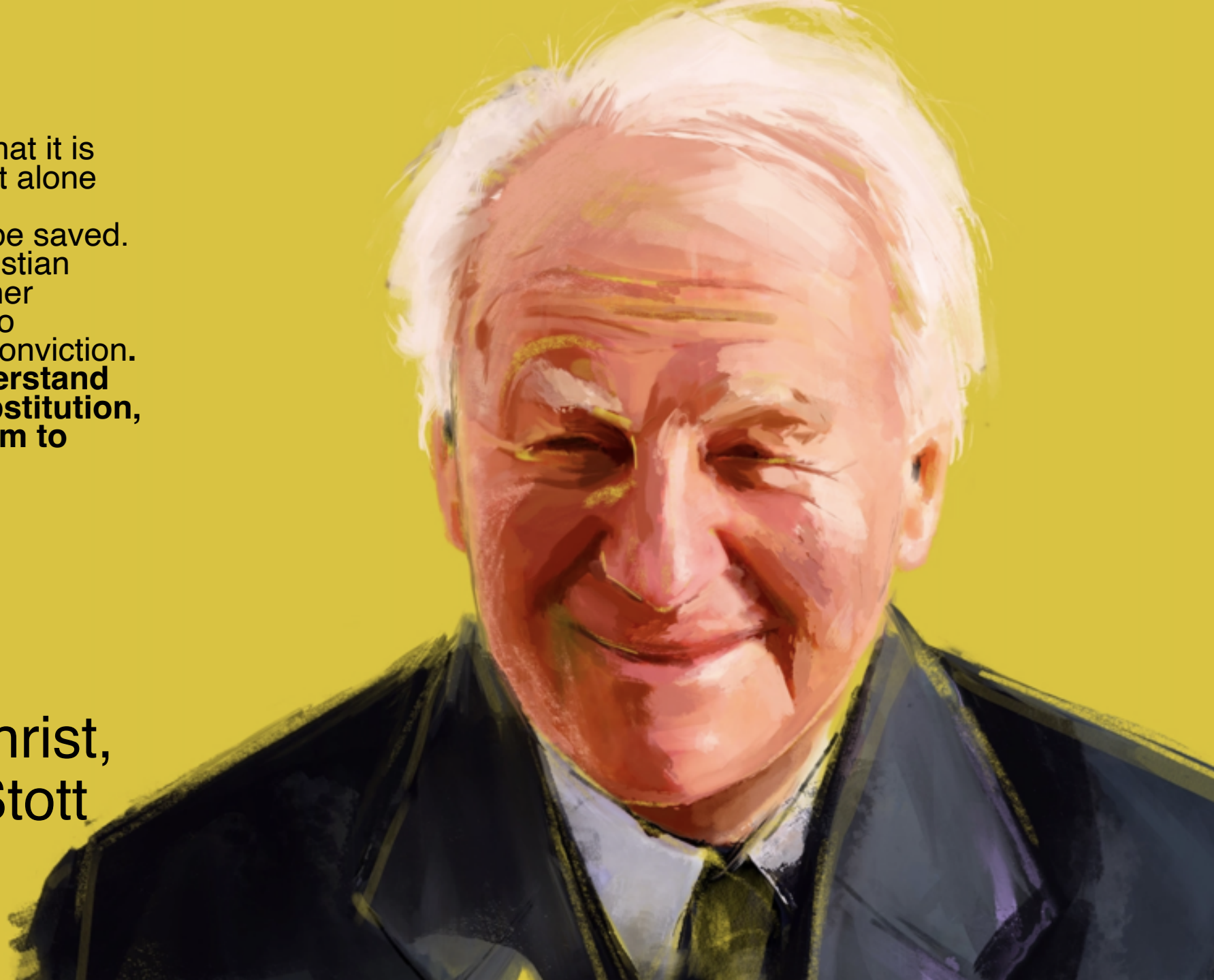
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We invite a response

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Result

The victory we have now in Christ

JUSTIFICATION

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REDEMPTION

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