



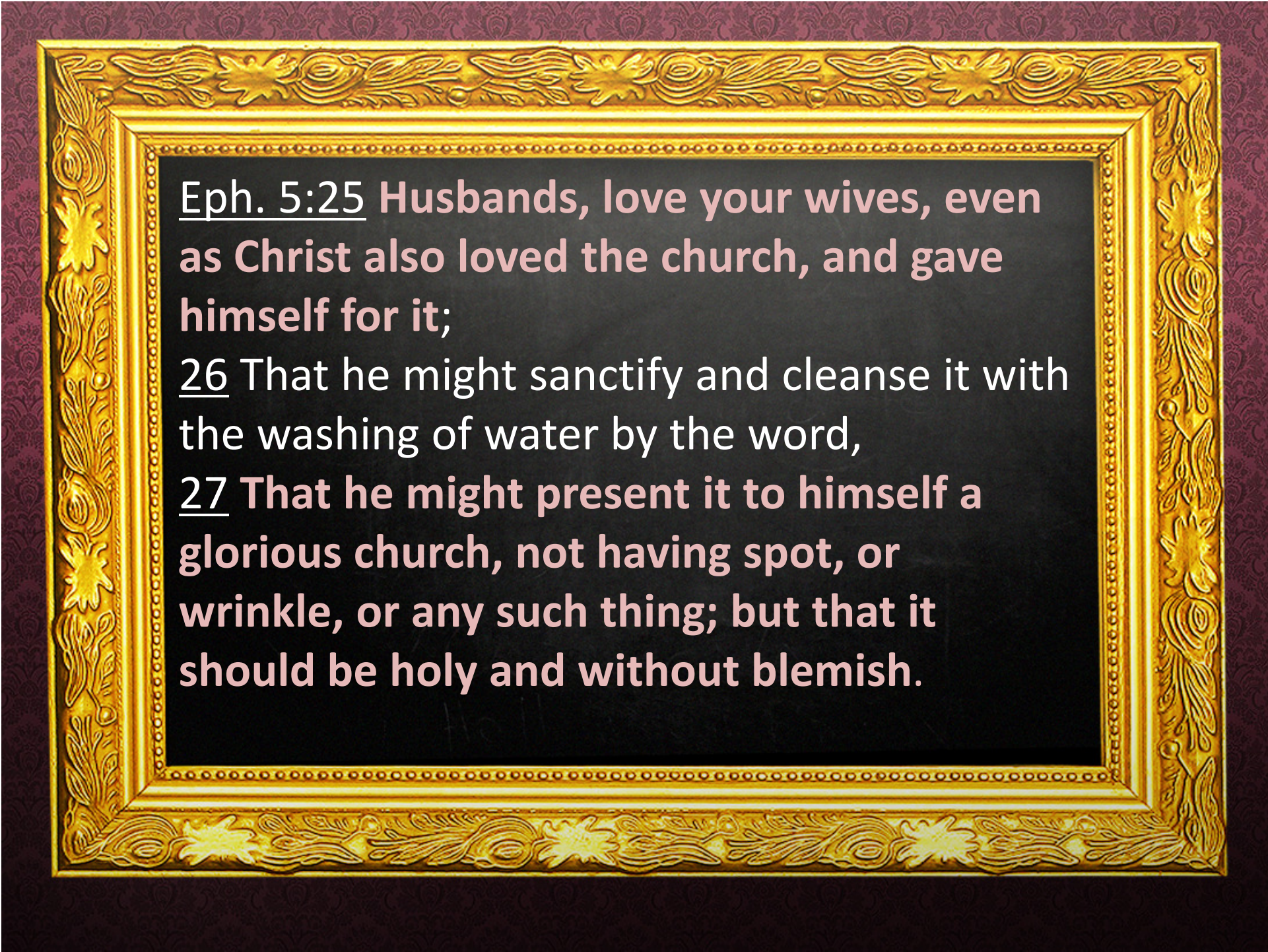
Portrait of a Priceless Church

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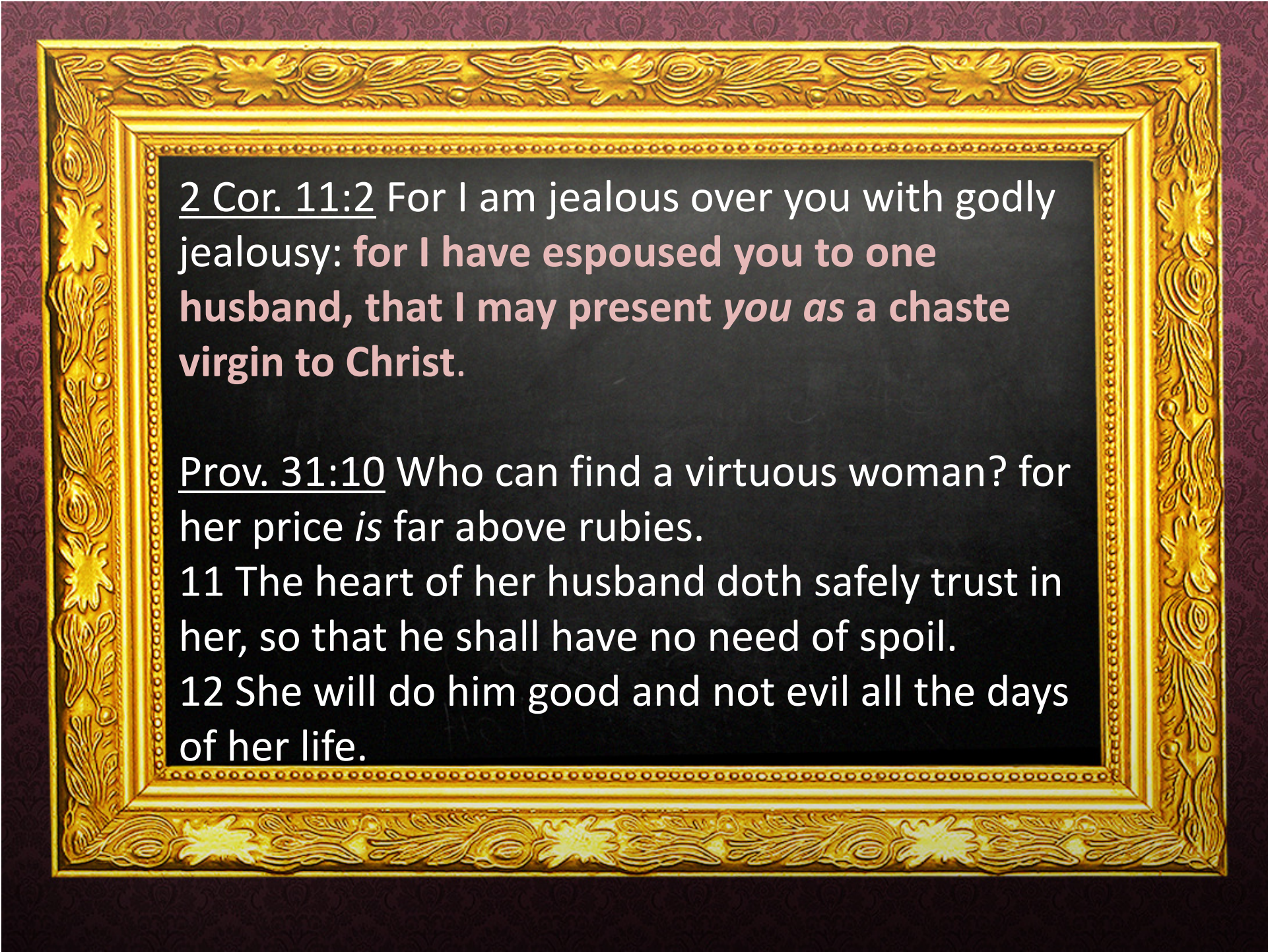
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Eph. 5:25 **Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;**

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.



2 Cor. 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: **for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.**

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I. Taking care of GLORIFYING THE SAVIOR, 31:10-12

A. The Challenge, 31:10a – “Who can find a virtuous woman?”

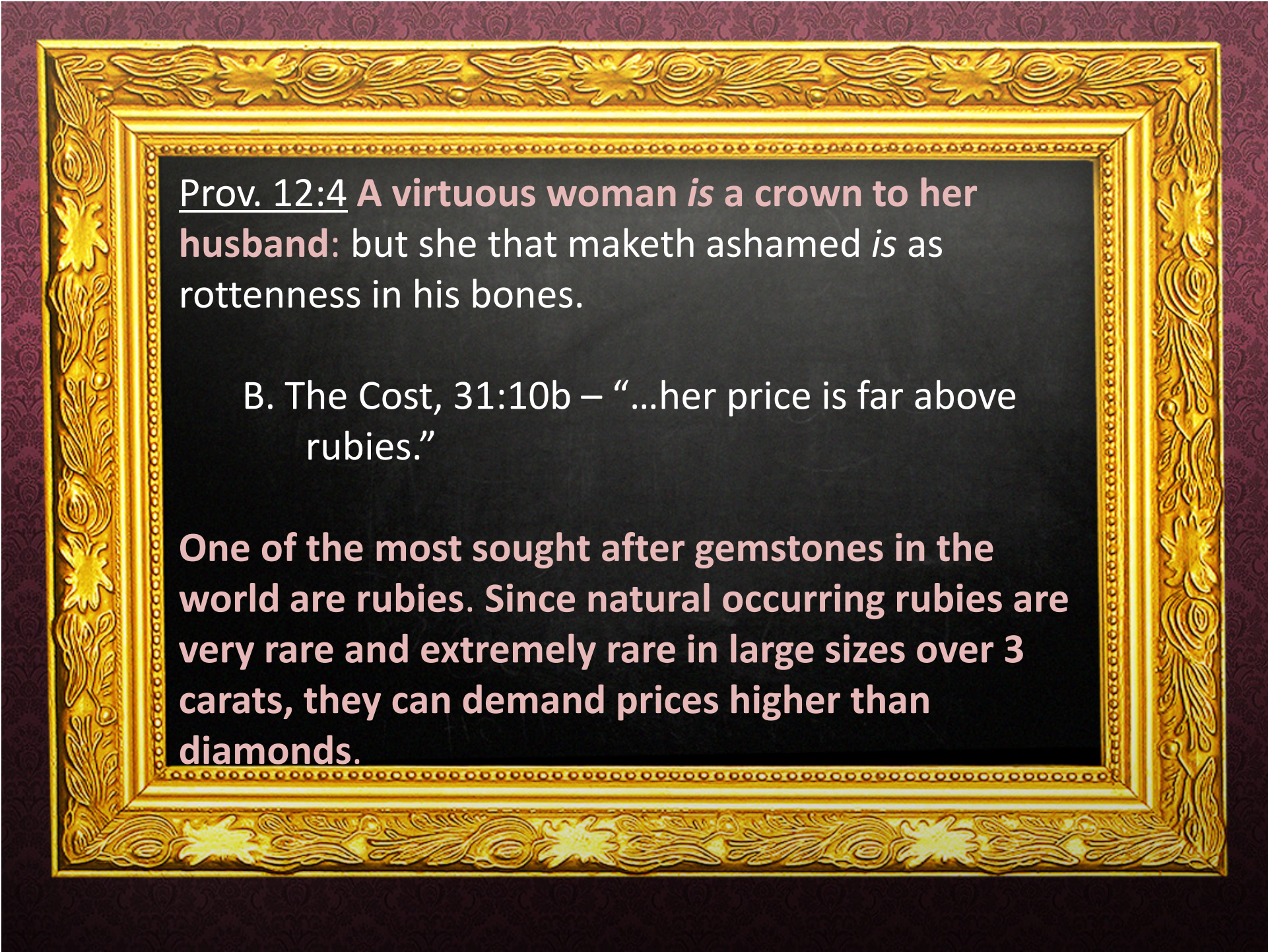
Original Word: חַיִּיל

Transliteration: chayil

Phonetic Spelling: (khah'-yil)

Short Definition: army, strength, efficiency, wealth, army, valiant, capable, virtuous

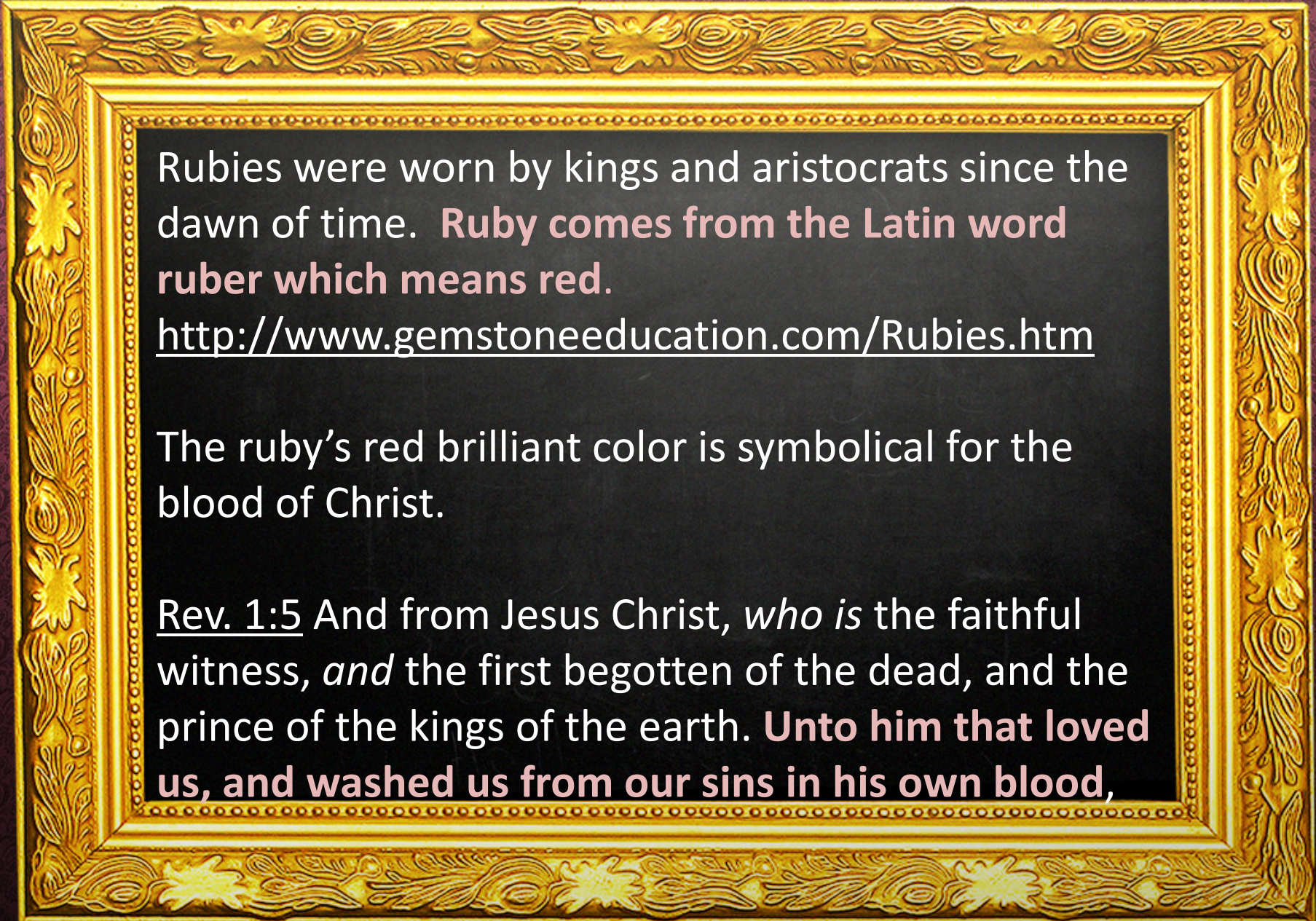
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Prov. 12:4 **A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband:** but she that maketh ashamed *is* as rottenness in his bones.

B. The Cost, 31:10b – “...her price is far above rubies.”

One of the most sought after gemstones in the world are rubies. Since natural occurring rubies are very rare and extremely rare in large sizes over 3 carats, they can demand prices higher than diamonds.

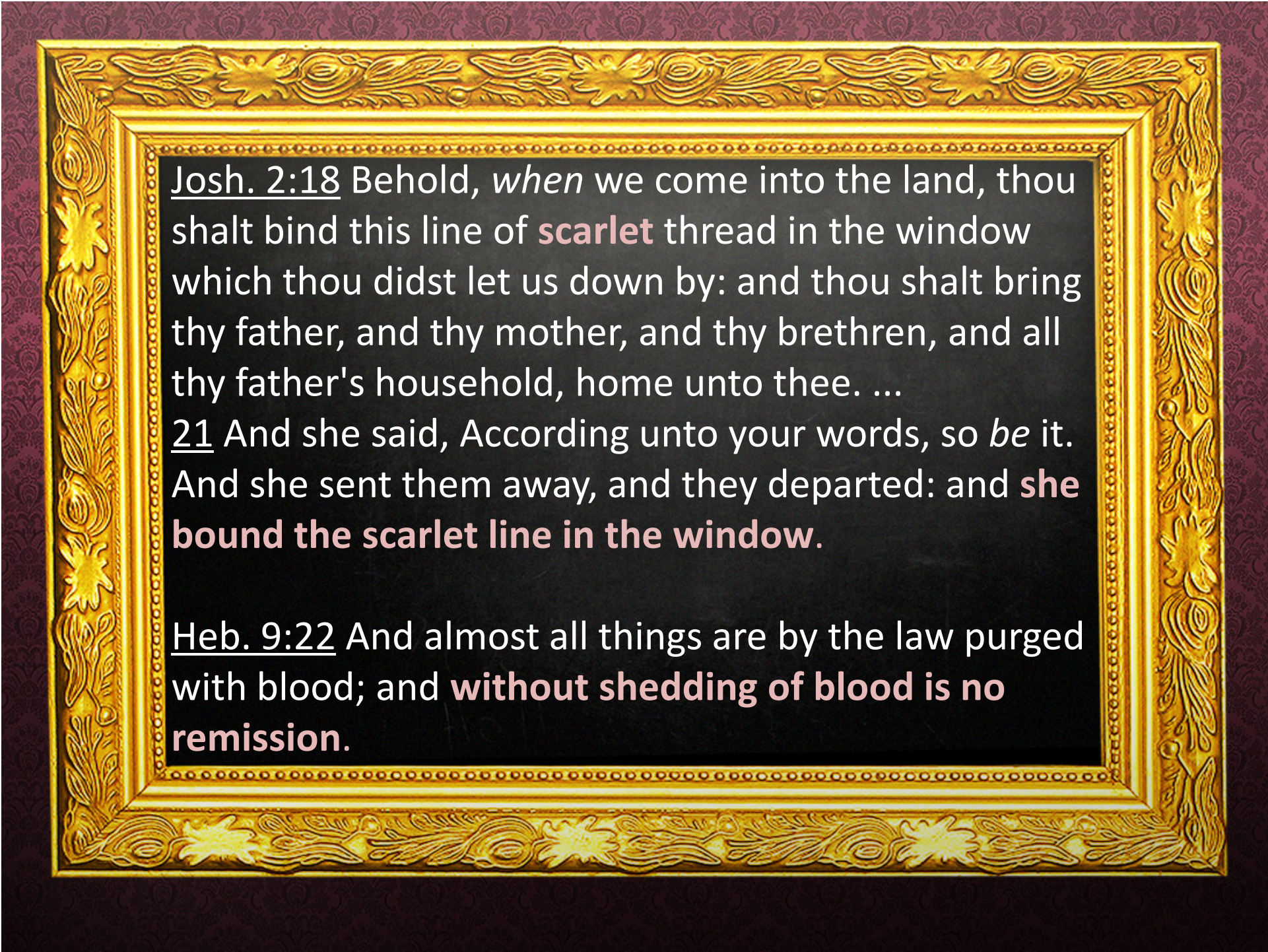


Rubies were worn by kings and aristocrats since the dawn of time. **Ruby comes from the Latin word ruber which means red.**

<http://www.gemstoneeducation.com/Rubies.htm>

The ruby's red brilliant color is symbolical for the blood of Christ.

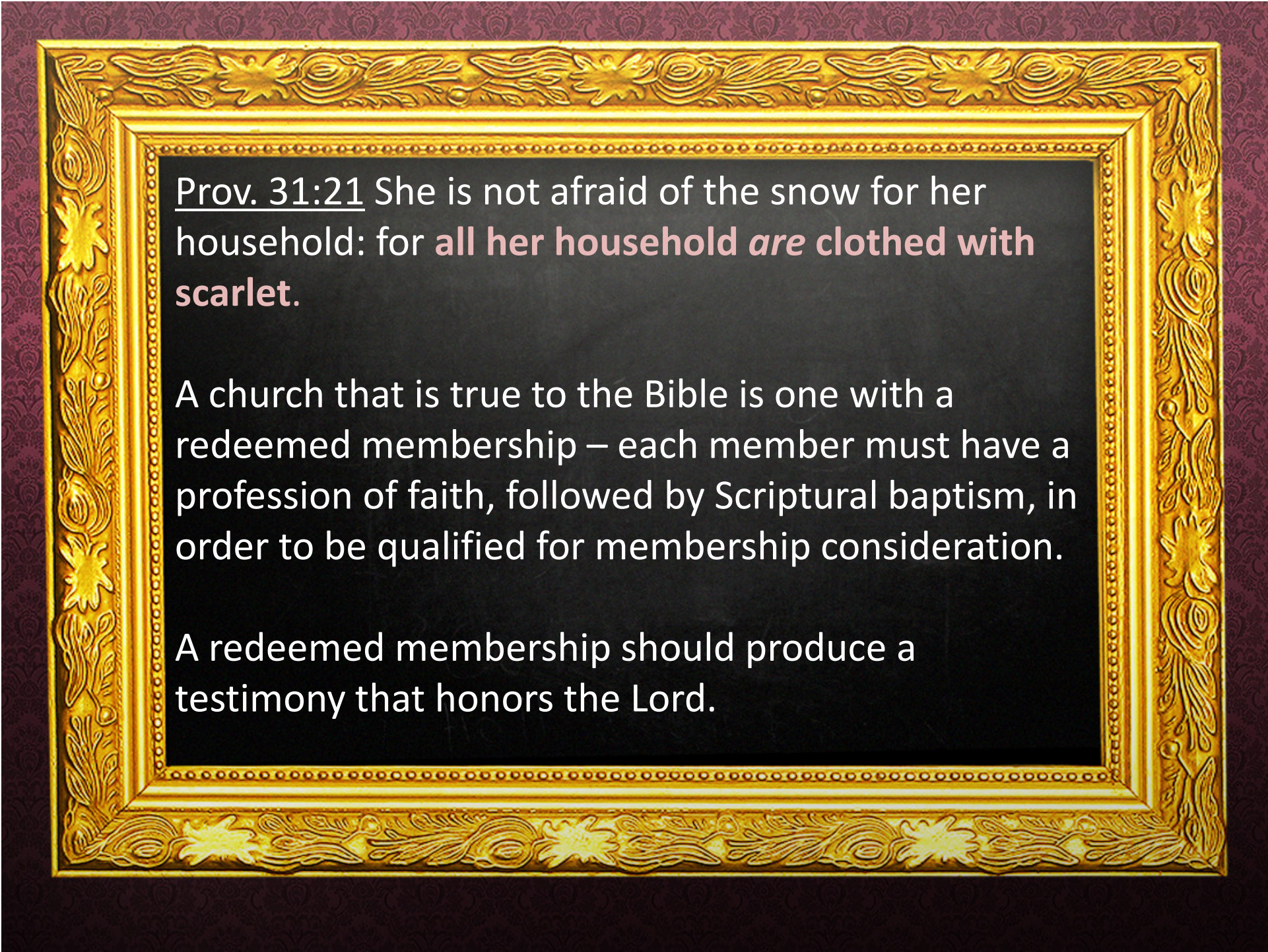
Rev. 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. **Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,**



Josh. 2:18 Behold, *when* we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of **scarlet** thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee. ...

21 And she said, According unto your words, so *be* it. And she sent them away, and they departed: and **she bound the scarlet line in the window.**

Heb. 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood is no remission.**



Prov. 31:21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for **all her household are clothed with scarlet.**

A church that is true to the Bible is one with a redeemed membership – each member must have a profession of faith, followed by Scriptural baptism, in order to be qualified for membership consideration.

A redeemed membership should produce a testimony that honors the Lord.

C. The Confidence, 31:11a – “The heart of her husband doth **safely trust** in her...”

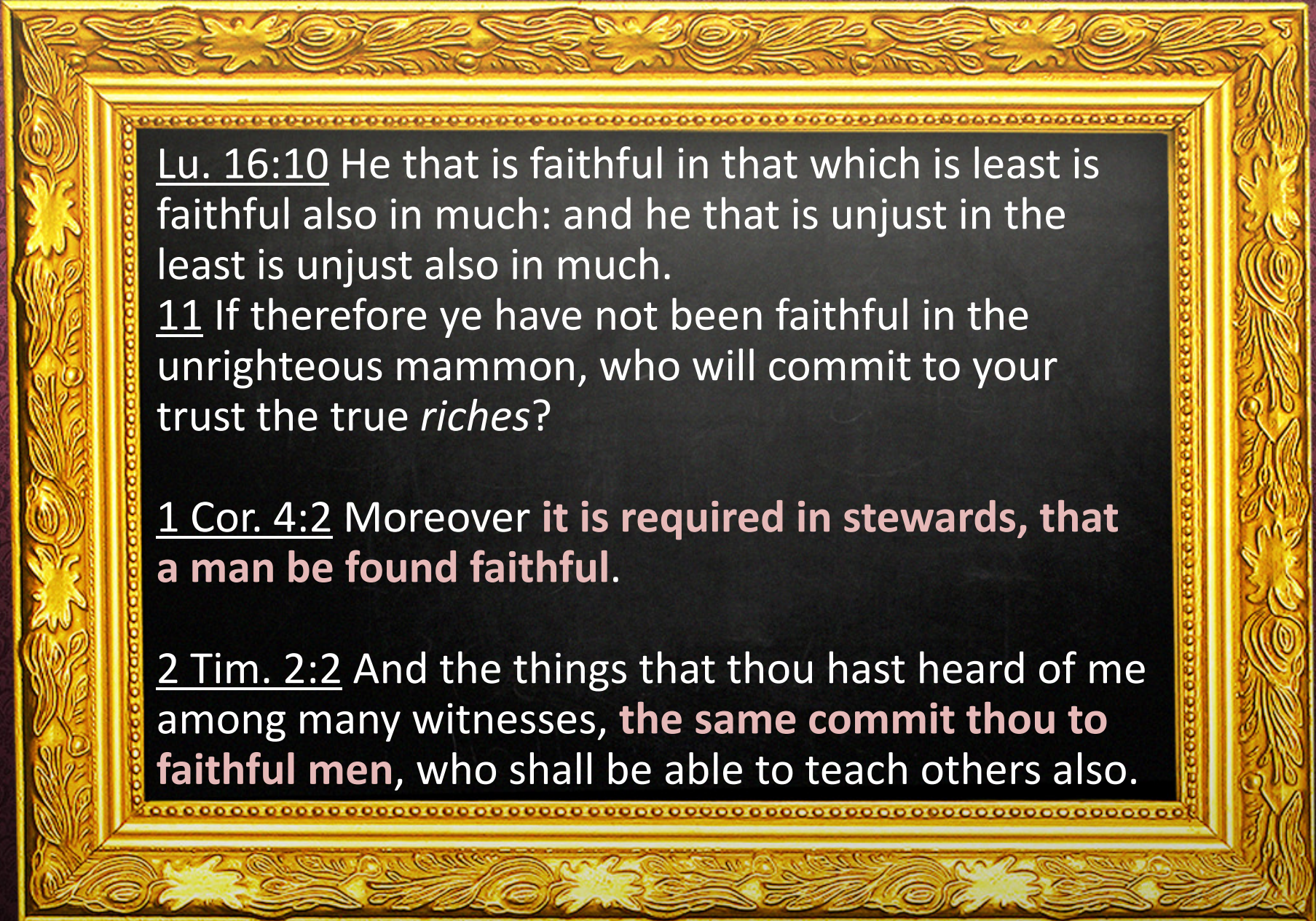
Trust = peace of mind via confidence in the integrity of his bride.

Original Word: בַּטַּח

Transliteration: batach

Short Definition: trust, confidence, secure

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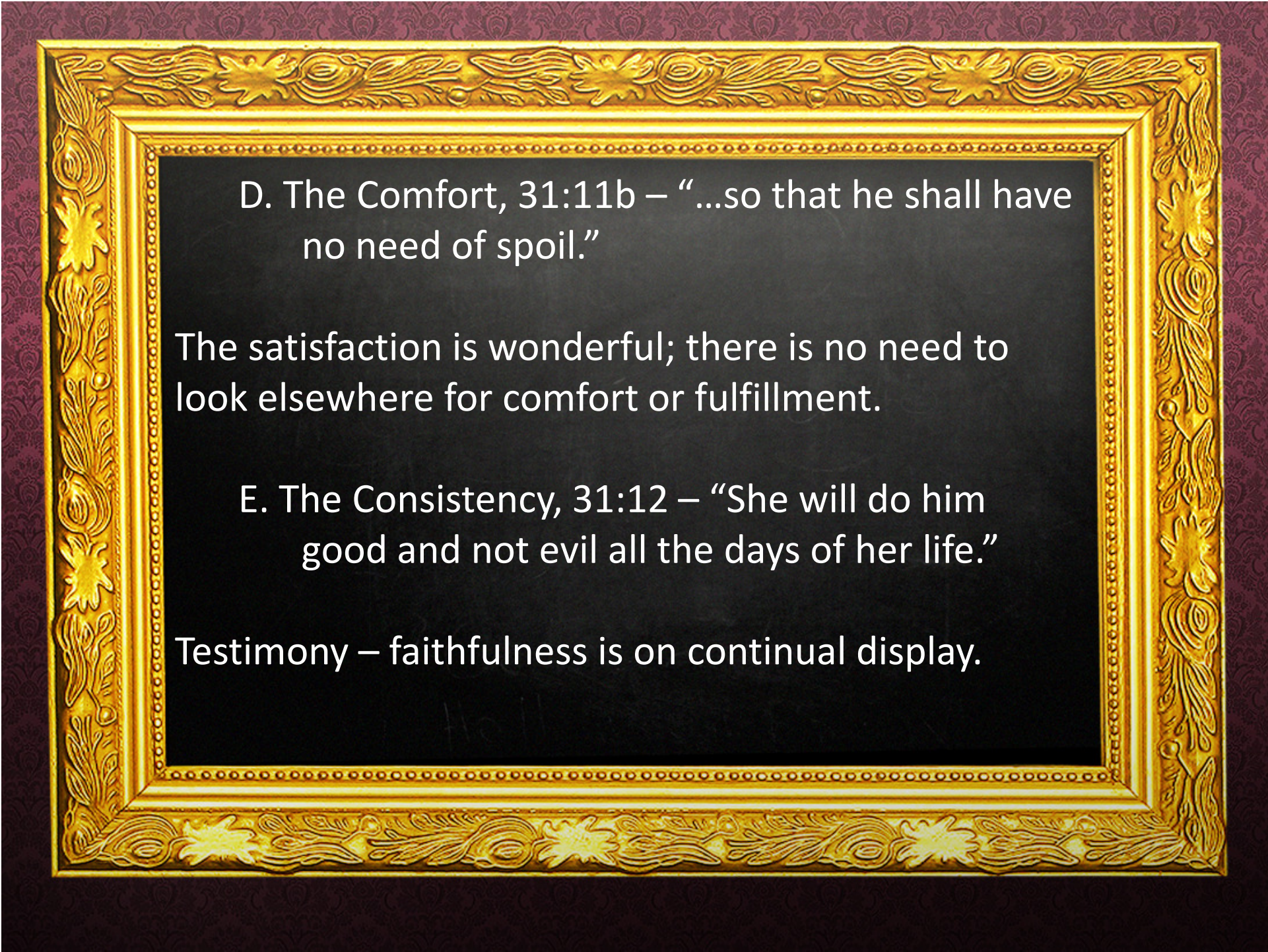


Lu. 16:10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true *riches*?

1 Cor. 4:2 Moreover **it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.**

2 Tim. 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, **the same commit thou to faithful men**, who shall be able to teach others also.

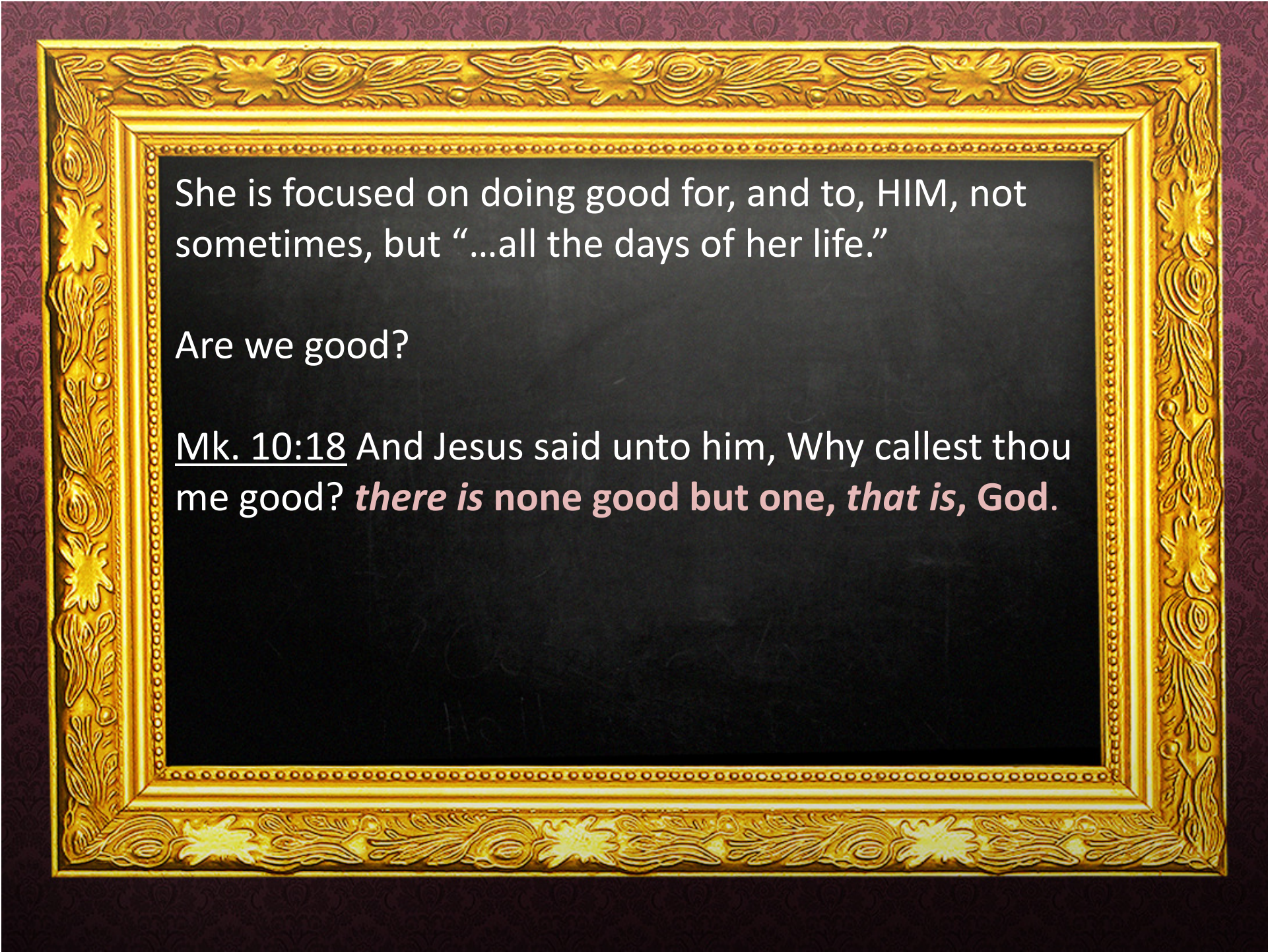


D. The Comfort, 31:11b – “...so that he shall have no need of spoil.”

The satisfaction is wonderful; there is no need to look elsewhere for comfort or fulfillment.

E. The Consistency, 31:12 – “She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.”

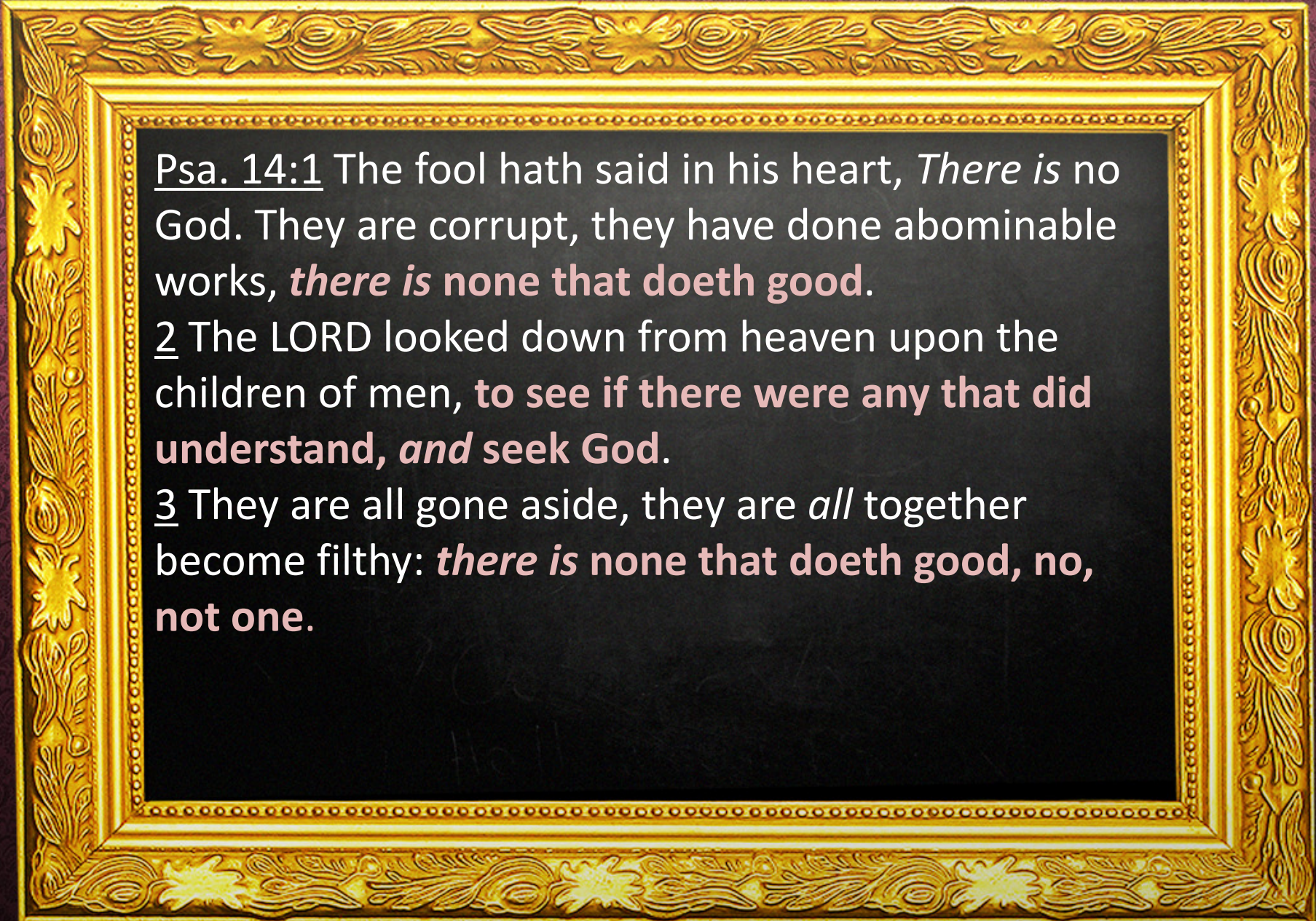
Testimony – faithfulness is on continual display.



She is focused on doing good for, and to, HIM, not sometimes, but “...all the days of her life.”

Are we good?

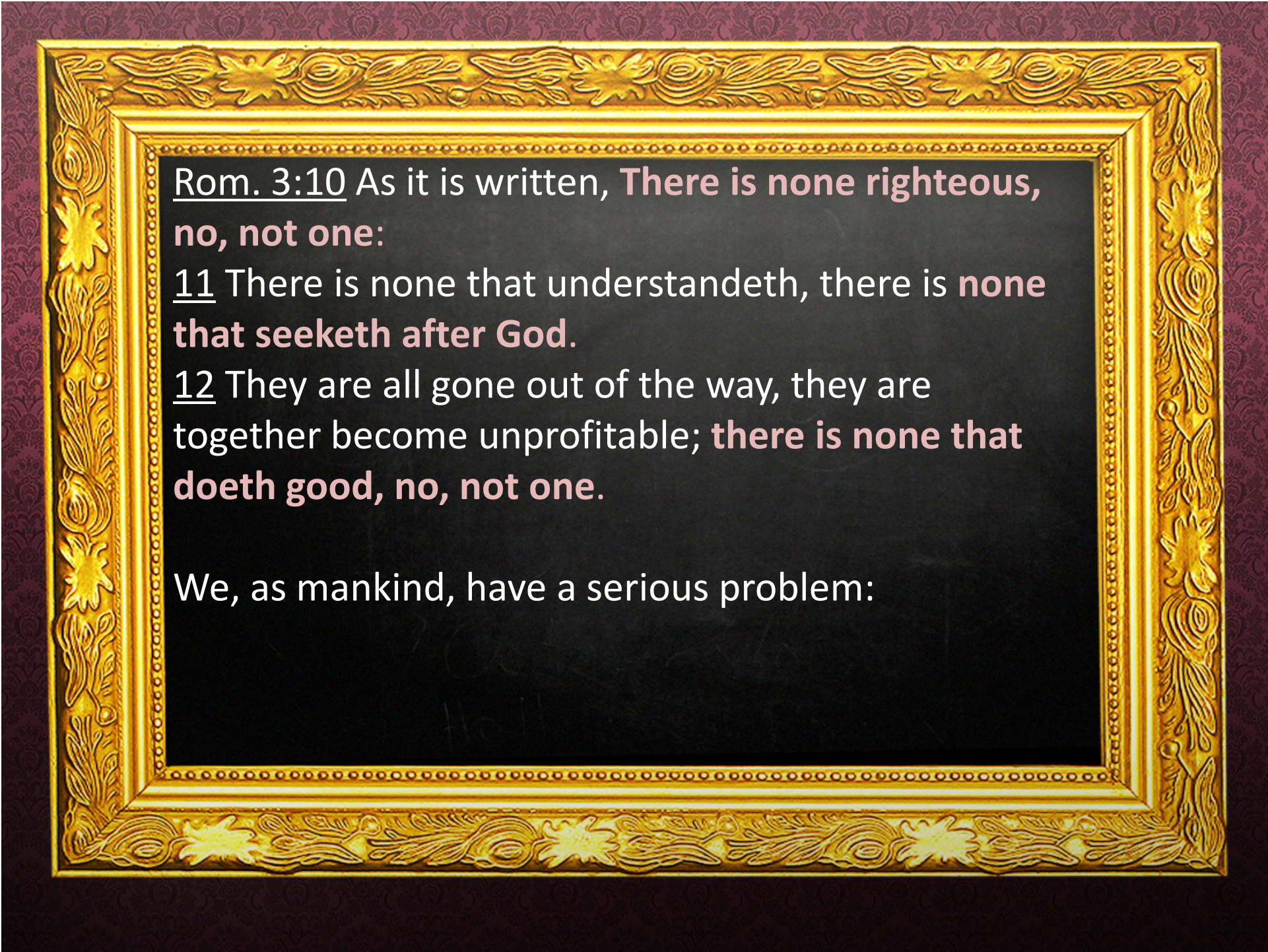
Mk. 10:18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is none good but one, that is, God.*



Psa. 14:1 The fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, ***there is none that doeth good.***

2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, ***to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.***

3 They are all gone aside, they are *all* together become filthy: ***there is none that doeth good, no, not one.***

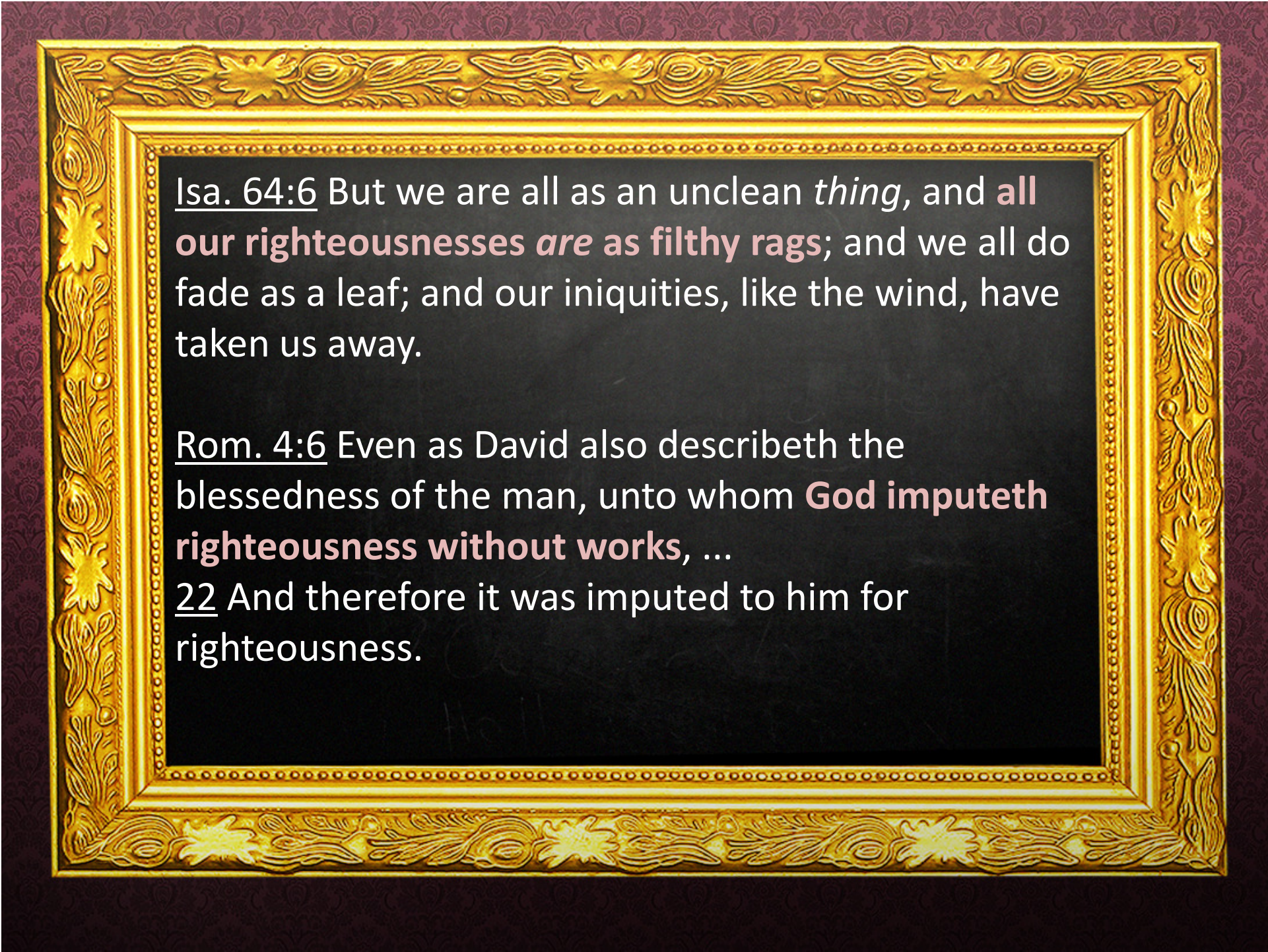


Rom. 3:10 As it is written, **There is none righteous, no, not one:**

11 There is none that understandeth, there is **none that seeketh after God.**

12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; **there is none that doeth good, no, not one.**

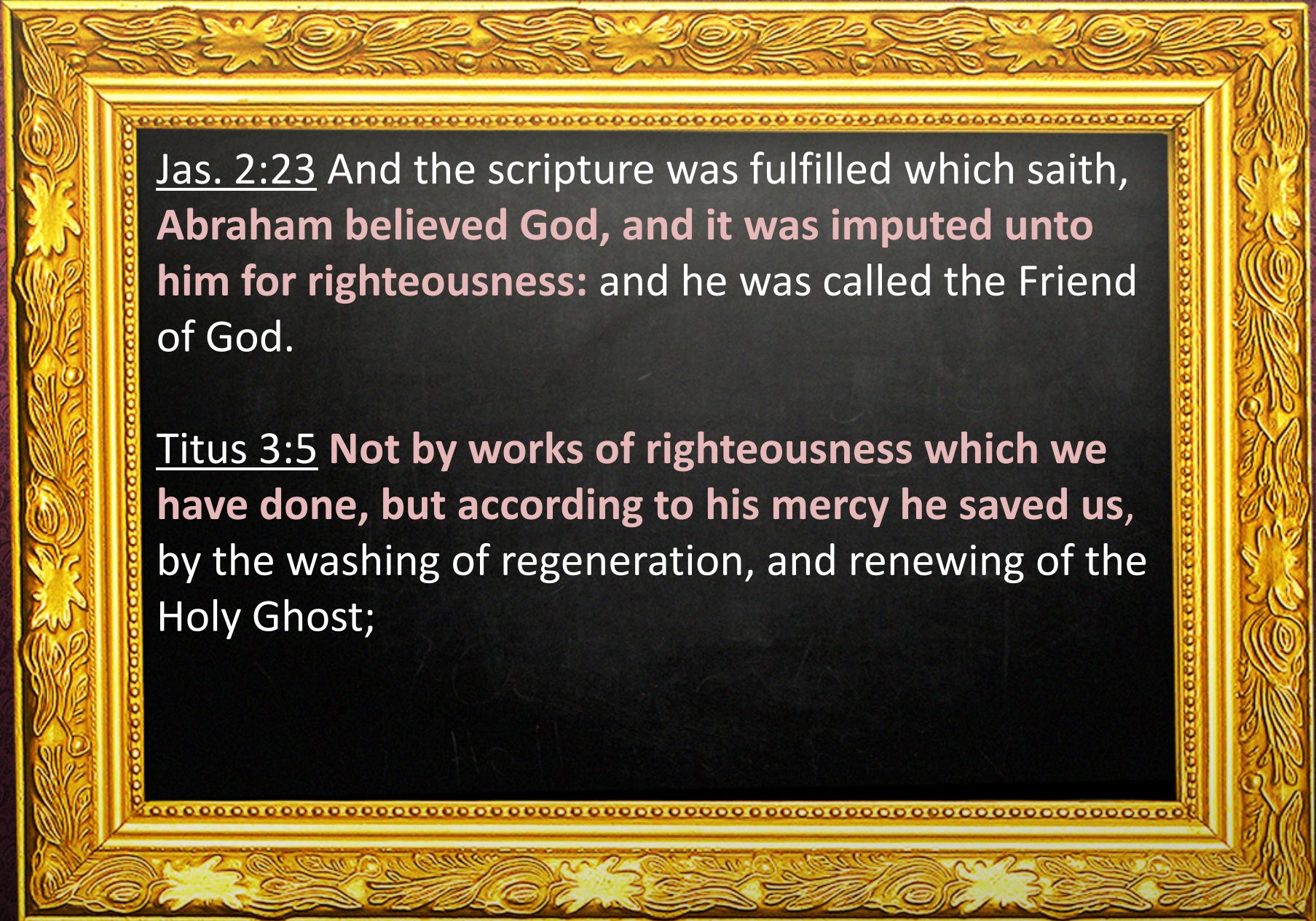
We, as mankind, have a serious problem:



Isa. 64:6 But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and **all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags**; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Rom. 4:6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom **God imputeth righteousness without works**, ...

22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.



Jas. 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, **Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness:** and he was called the Friend of God.

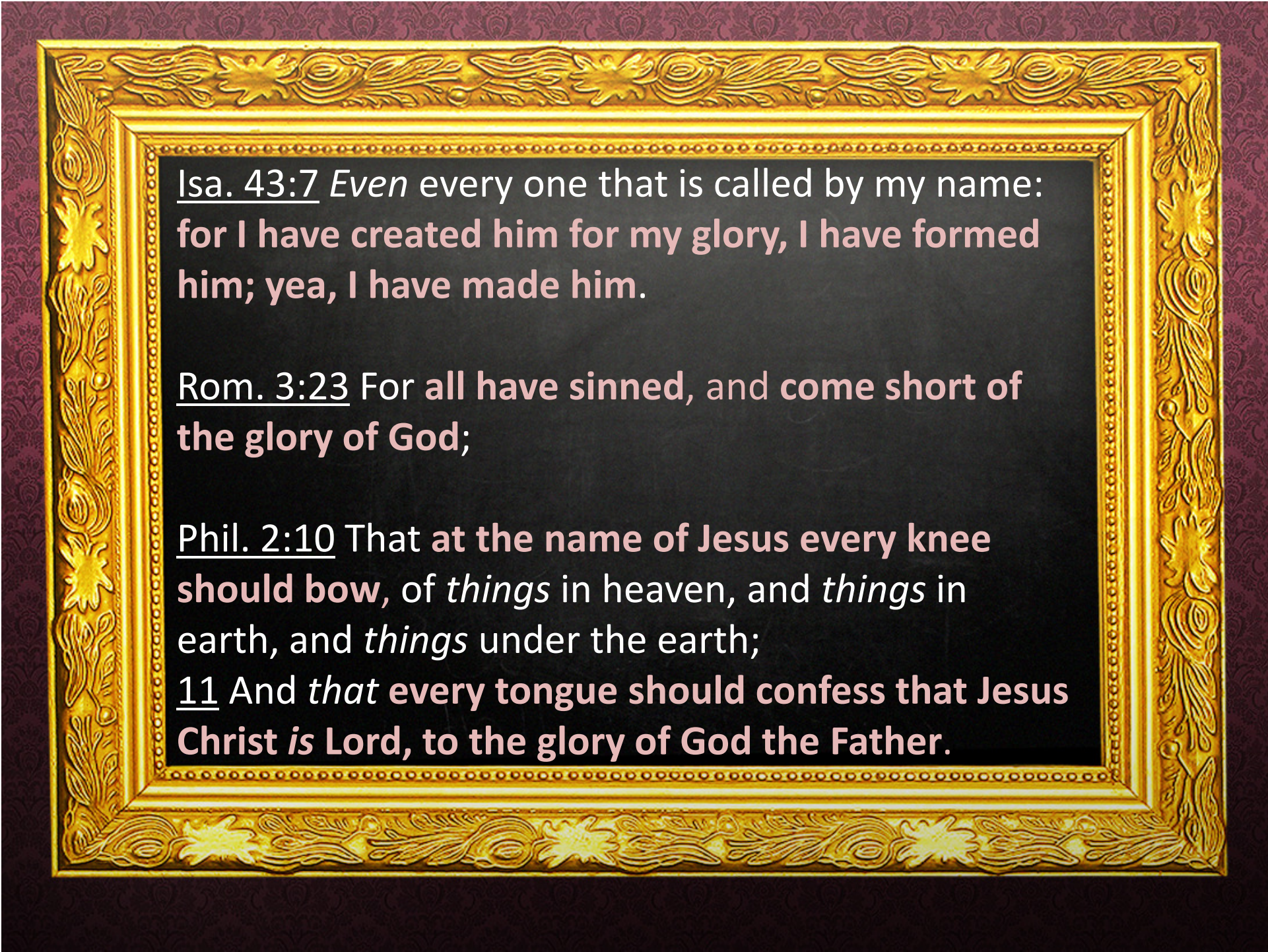
Titus 3:5 **Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us,** by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Conclusion

Eph. 2:8 For **by grace are ye saved through faith;** and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God:
9 **Not of works,** lest any man should boast.

10 **For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.**

Jn. 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**



Isa. 43:7 *Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.*

Rom. 3:23 *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

Phil. 2:10 *That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;*

11 *And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*