

What Revival Looks Like
How Revival Acts
Acts 26:1-18



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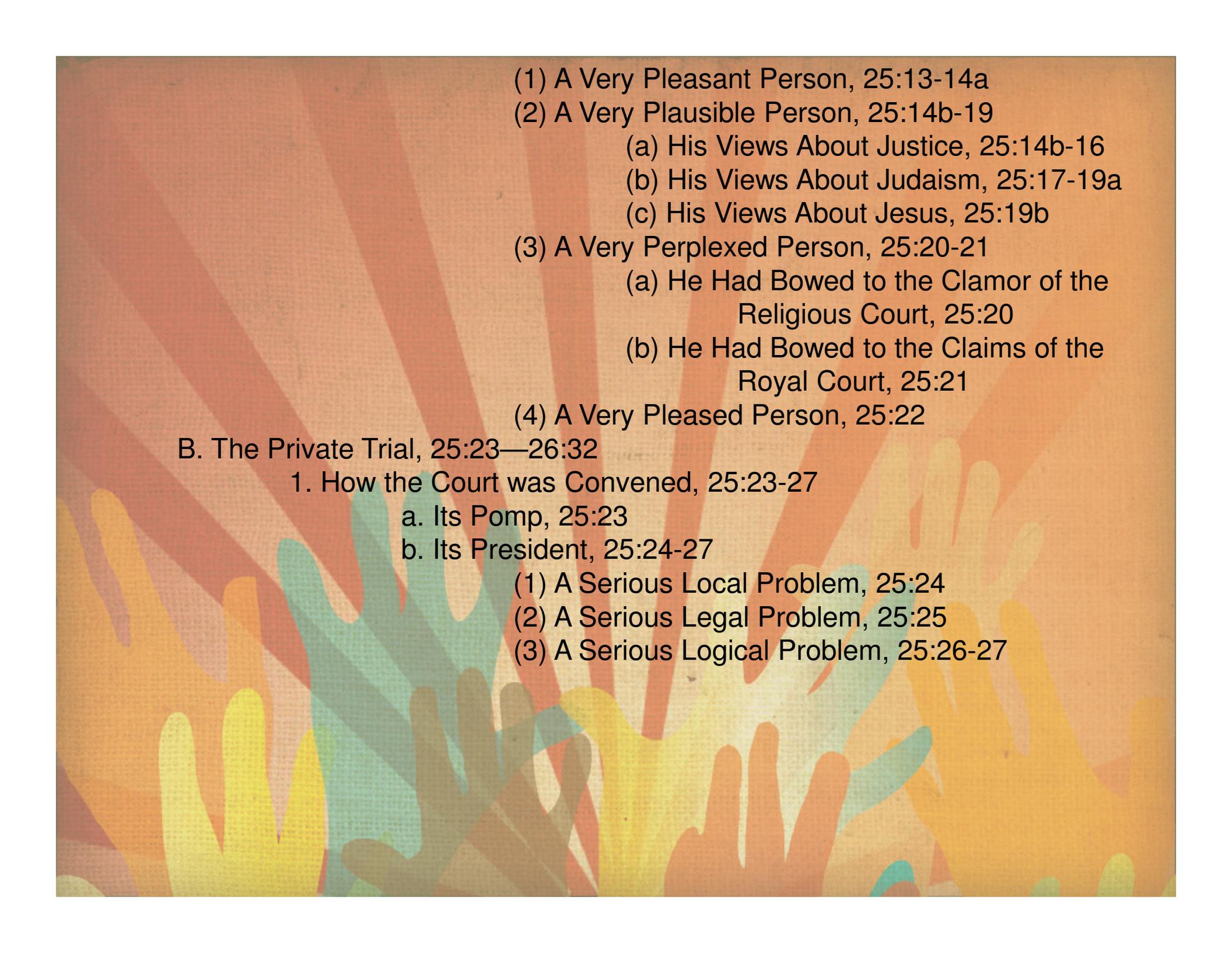
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Acts 26:1 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, **Thou art permitted to speak for thyself.** Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself:

2 I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews:

Acts 9:15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, **to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings,** and the children of Israel:

(b) Explained, 26:3a “Especially *because I know* thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews...”

(2) His Plea, 26:3b “...wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently.”

b. Paul’s Conversion, 26:4-23

(1) Paul and His Religious Countryman, 26:4-11

(a) His Fame, 26:4-5

i. Everyone Knew Who He Was, 26:4

Acts 26:4 **My manner of life from my youth**, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, **know all the Jews**;

ii. Everyone Knew What He Was, 26:5

Acts 26:5 Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.

(b) His Faith, 26:6-8

i. Not Incongruous with Hebrew Religion, 26:6-7

Acts 26:6 And now I stand and am judged for **the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers:**

7 Unto which *promise* our twelve tribes, instantly serving *God* day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.

ii. Not Incredible to
Human Reason, 26:8

Acts 26:8 **Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you,** that God should raise the dead?

(c) His Fanaticism, 26:9-11

i. Paul's Mind, 26:9

Acts 26:9 **I verily thought with myself,** that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

Prov. 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death. (cf. 16:25)

ii. Paul's Method, 26:10

Acts 26:10 Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against *them*.

iii. Paul's Madness, 26:11

Acts 26:11 And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled *them* to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted *them* even unto strange cities.

Original Word: ἐμμαίνομαι

Transliteration: emmainomai

Definition: to rage against

Usage: I am madly enraged with.

emmaínomai (from *en*, "in" and *maínomai*, "behave as a maniac" Acts 26:24-25) – properly, locked in the frenzy of rage (fury), and used only in Ac 26:11. Here Paul describes his *pre-conversion* behavior as deranged (acting *completely irrational*). <https://biblehub.com/greek/1693.htm>

(2) Paul and the Resurrected Christ,
26:12-18

(a) How the Lord Met Him, 26:12-14

i. Unexpectedly, 26:12

Acts 26:12 Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,

ii. Unmistakably, 26:13-14

Acts 26:13 At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? *it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.*

(b) How the Lord Mastered Him,
26:15-18

i. The Revelation of His
Person, 26:15

Acts 26:15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

ii. The Revelation of His
Plan, 26:16-18

- You Are to Be a Faithful Witness, 26:16

Acts 26:16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

- You Are to Be a Fearless Worker, 26:17-18
 - Given a Mission, 26:17

Acts 26:17 Delivering thee from the people, and *from* the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

- Given a Message, 26:18

Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, *and* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Observe five goals to accomplish:

1. “To open their eyes, *and*
2. to turn *them* from darkness to light, and
3. *from* the power of Satan unto God,
4. that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and
5. inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.”

Isa. 35:5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Isa. 42:6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for **a light of the Gentiles**;

7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, *and* them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. ...

16 And I will bring the blind by a way *that* they knew not; I will lead them in paths *that* they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.

Col. 1:12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

13 Who hath **delivered us from the power of darkness**, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

14 In whom we have redemption **through his blood**, *even the forgiveness of sins*:

Conclusion

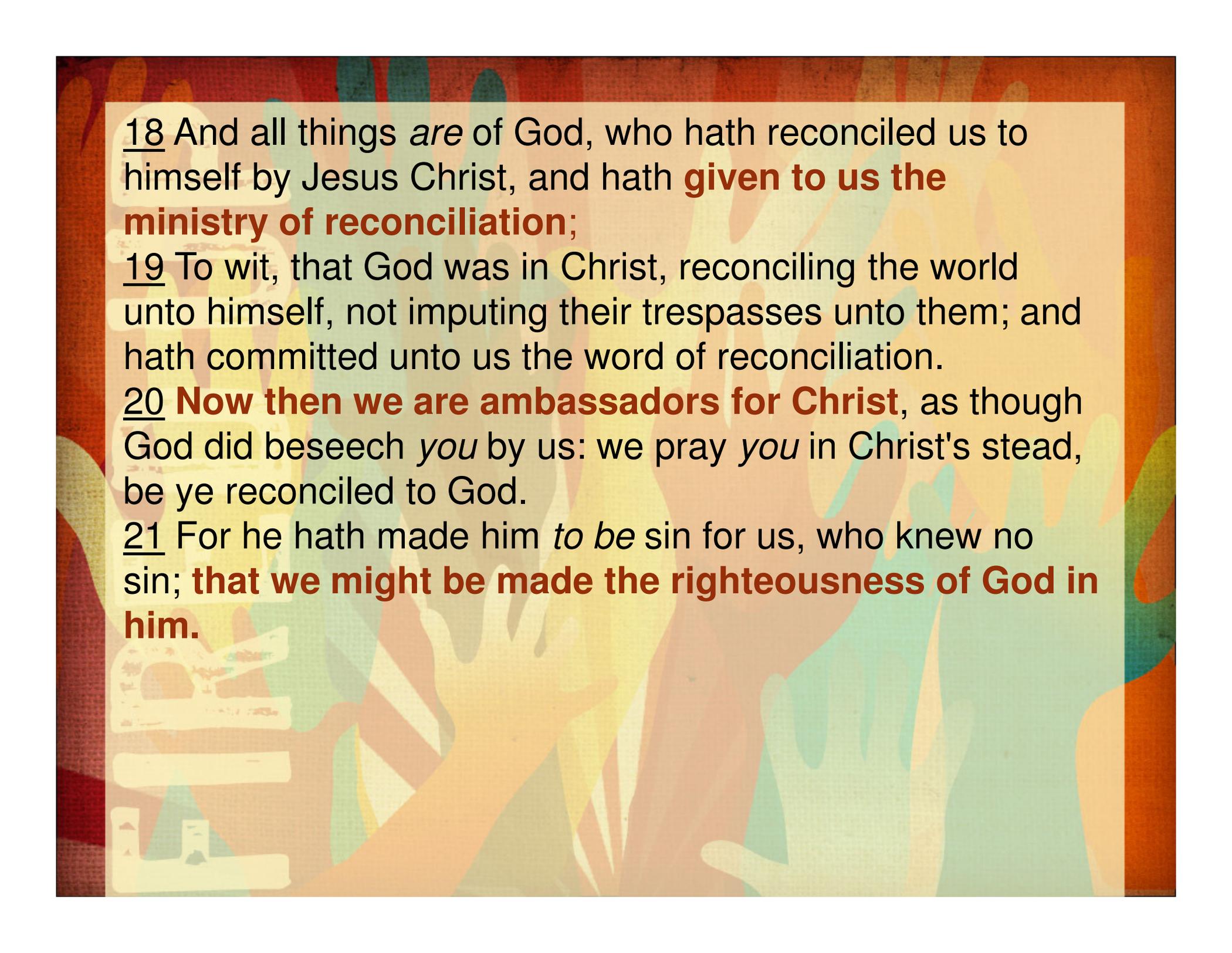
2 Cor. 5:13 For whether we be beside ourselves, *it is* to God: or whether we be sober, *it is* for your cause.

14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

15 And *that* he died for all, that they **which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him** which died for them, and rose again.

16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we *him* no more.

17 Therefore **if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature:** old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.



18 And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath **given to us the ministry of reconciliation;**

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 **Now then we are ambassadors for Christ,** as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; **that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**