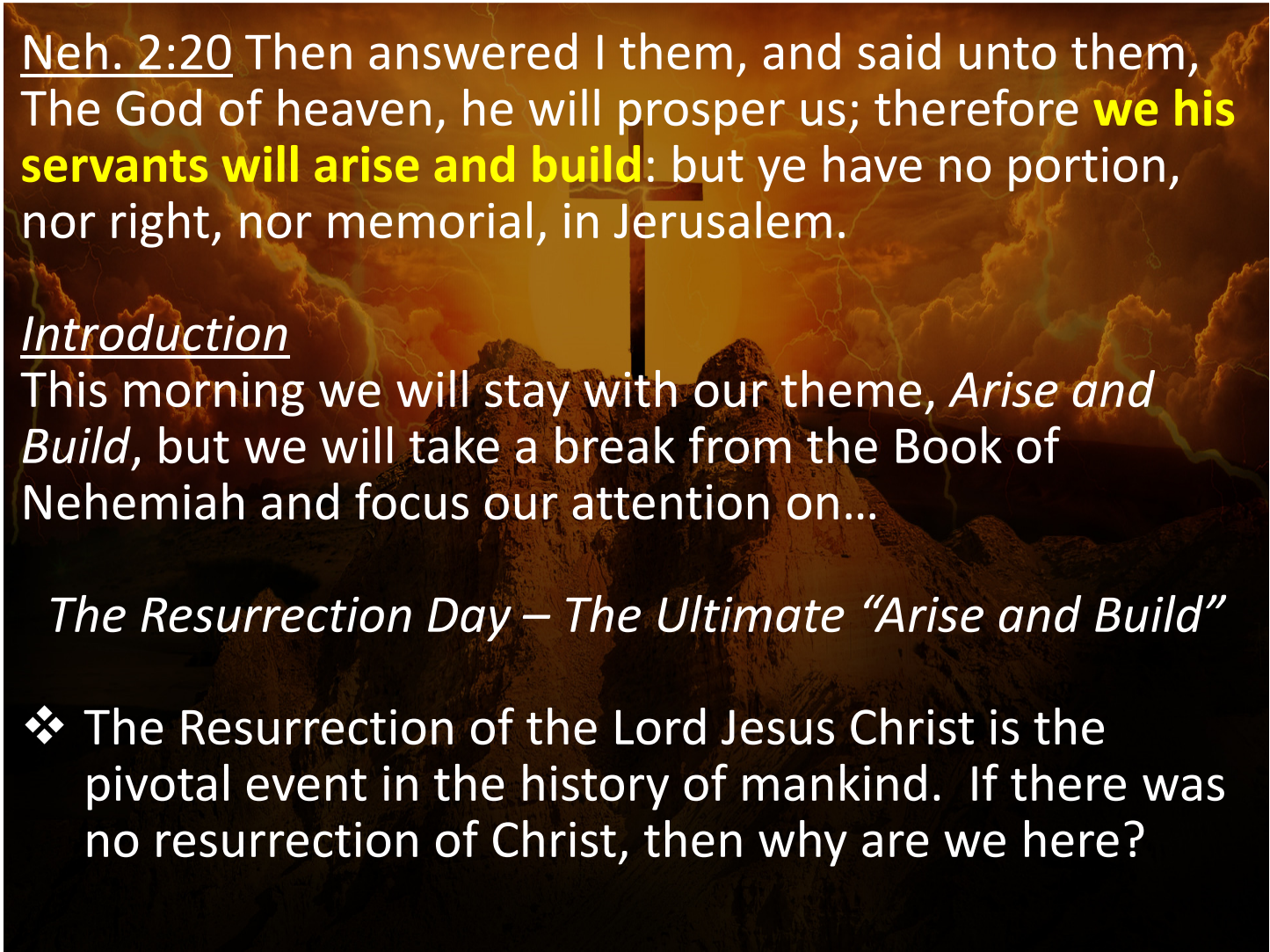




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*The Resurrection Day –
The Ultimate “Arise and Build”*

Neh. 2:20



Neh. 2:20 Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore **we his servants will arise and build**: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

Introduction

This morning we will stay with our theme, *Arise and Build*, but we will take a break from the Book of Nehemiah and focus our attention on...

The Resurrection Day – The Ultimate “Arise and Build”

- ❖ The Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is the pivotal event in the history of mankind. If there was no resurrection of Christ, then why are we here?

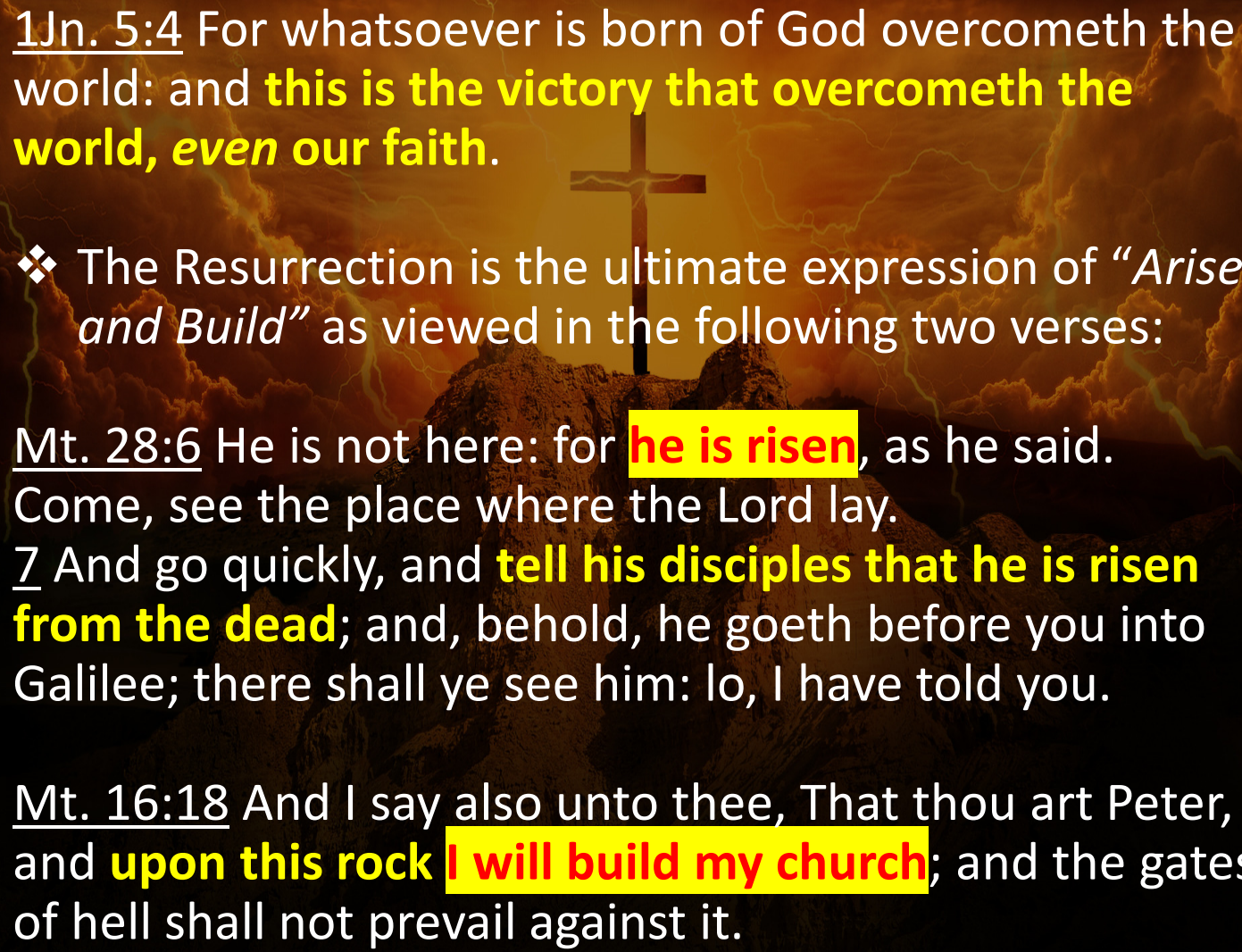


1 Cor. 15:14 And **if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. ... 19** **If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.**

❖ The Resurrection is true and is the impetus for believers in Christ to endure hardships and live a victorious life, for His glory!

1 Pet. 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto **a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

1 Cor. 15:57 But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us **the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**



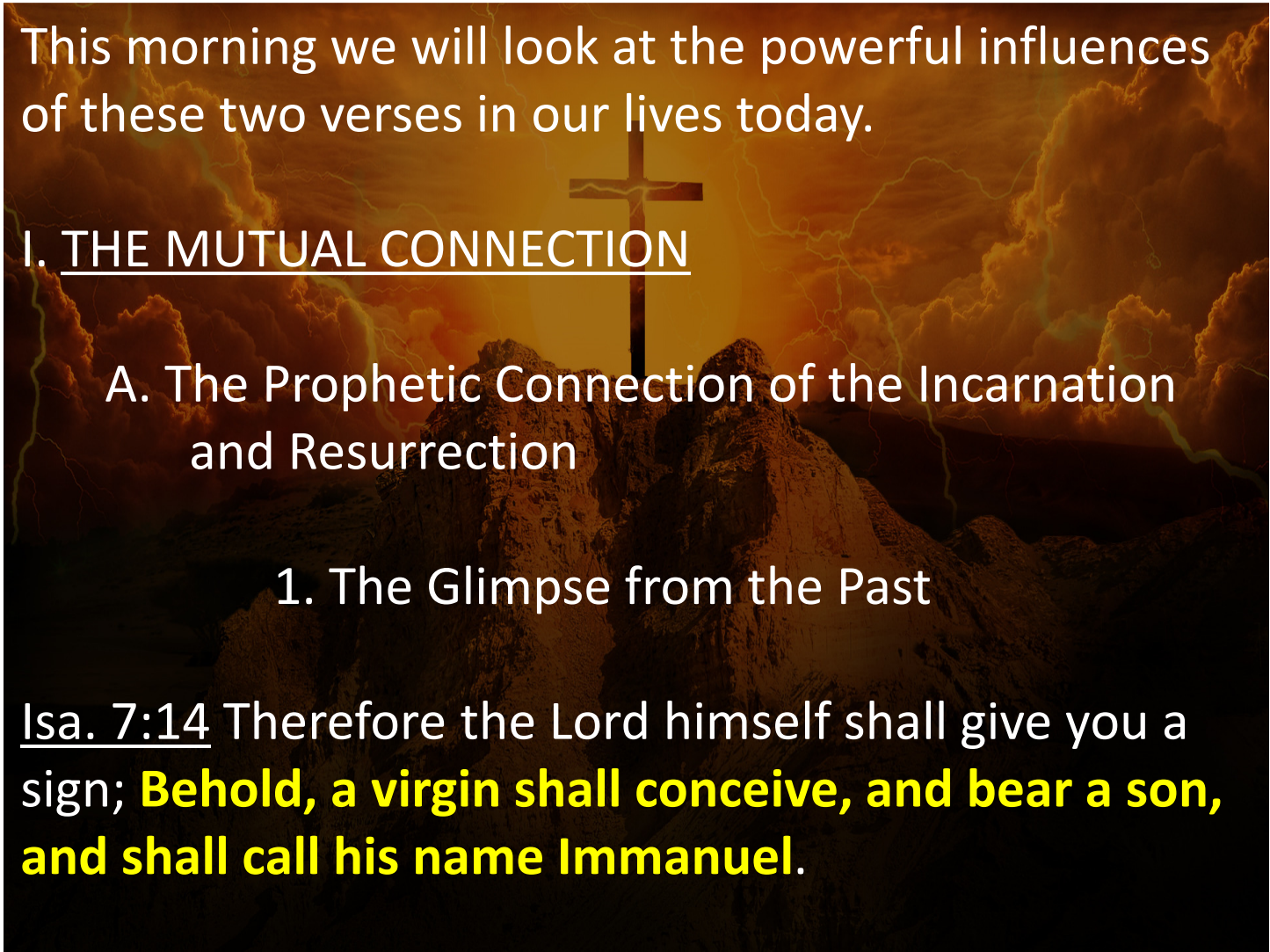
1Jn. 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and **this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.**

❖ The Resurrection is the ultimate expression of “*Arise and Build*” as viewed in the following two verses:

Mt. 28:6 He is not here: for **he is risen**, as he said.
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7 And go quickly, and **tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead**; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

Mt. 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and **upon this rock I will build my church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.



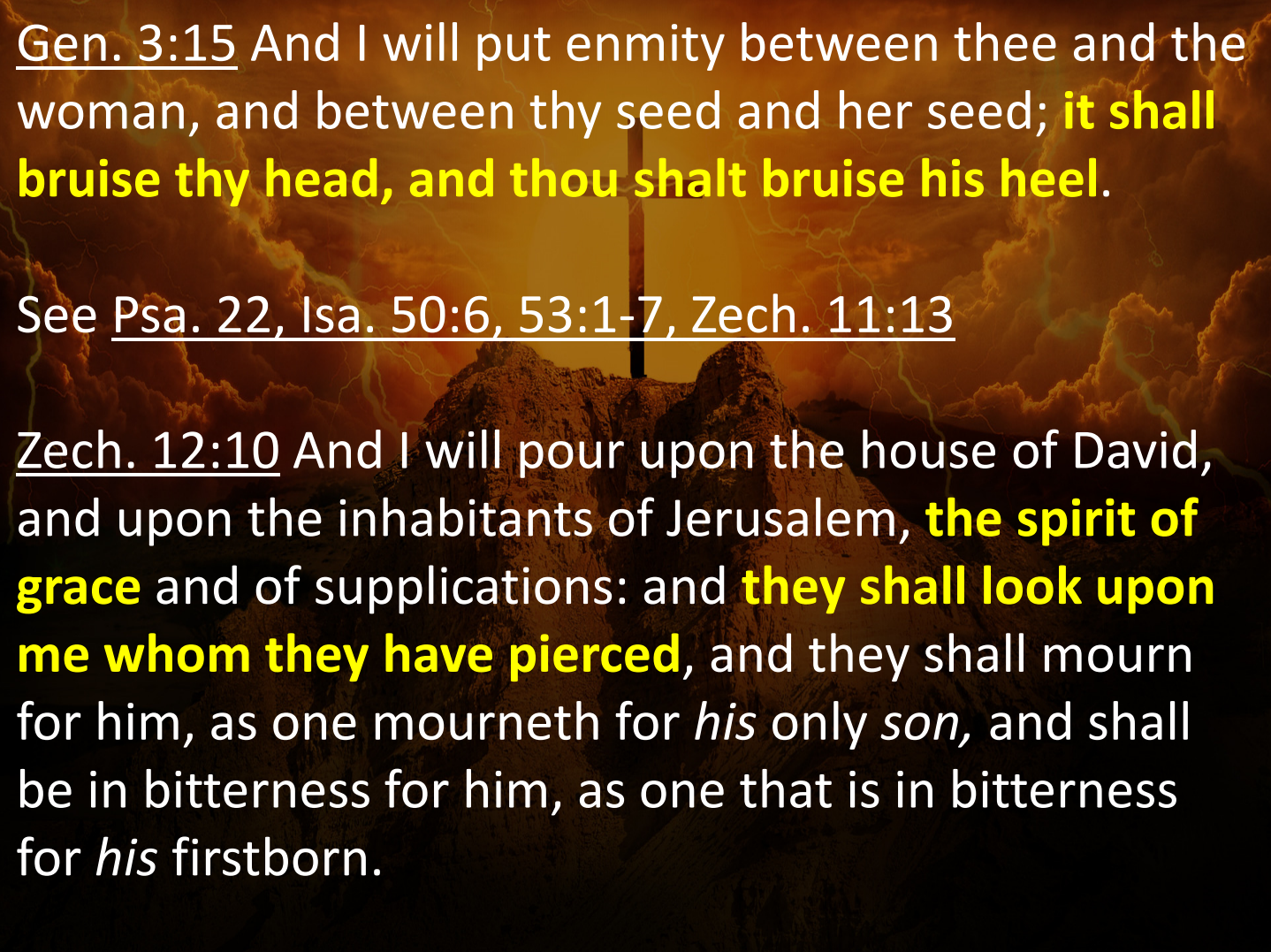
This morning we will look at the powerful influences of these two verses in our lives today.

I. THE MUTUAL CONNECTION

A. The Prophetic Connection of the Incarnation and Resurrection

1. The Glimpse from the Past

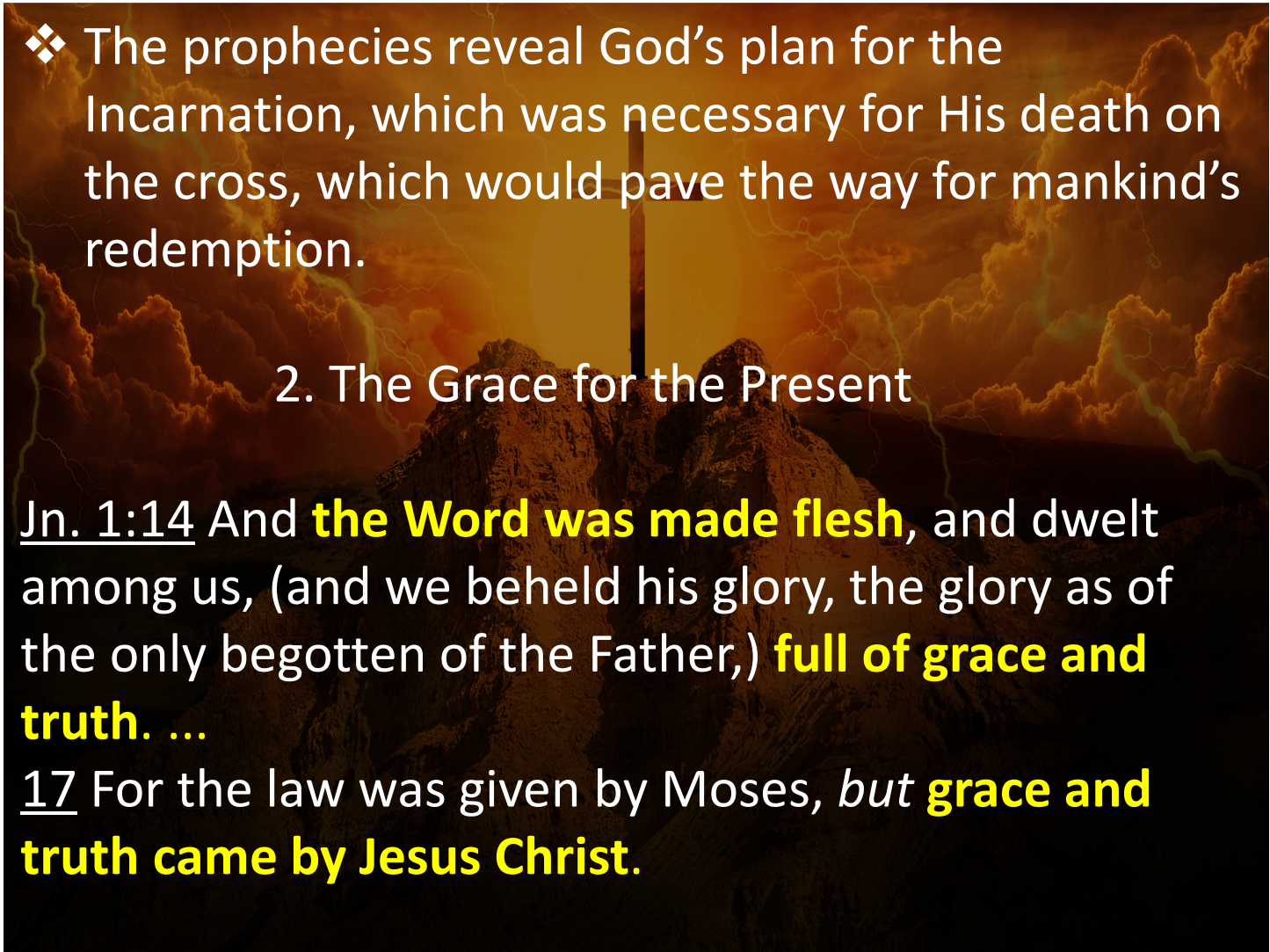
Isa. 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; **Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.**



Gen. 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; **it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.**

See Psa. 22, Isa. 50:6, 53:1-7, Zech. 11:13

Zech. 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, **the spirit of grace** and of supplications: and **they shall look upon me whom they have pierced**, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.



❖ The prophecies reveal God's plan for the Incarnation, which was necessary for His death on the cross, which would pave the way for mankind's redemption.

2. The Grace for the Present

Jn. 1:14 And **the Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) **full of grace and truth. ...**

17 For the law was given by Moses, *but* **grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.**



Eph. 2:5 Even **when we were dead in sins**, hath quickened us together with Christ, (**by grace ye are saved;**) ...

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.

2 Tim. 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, **not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace**, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,



B. The Powerful Connection of the Incarnation and Resurrection

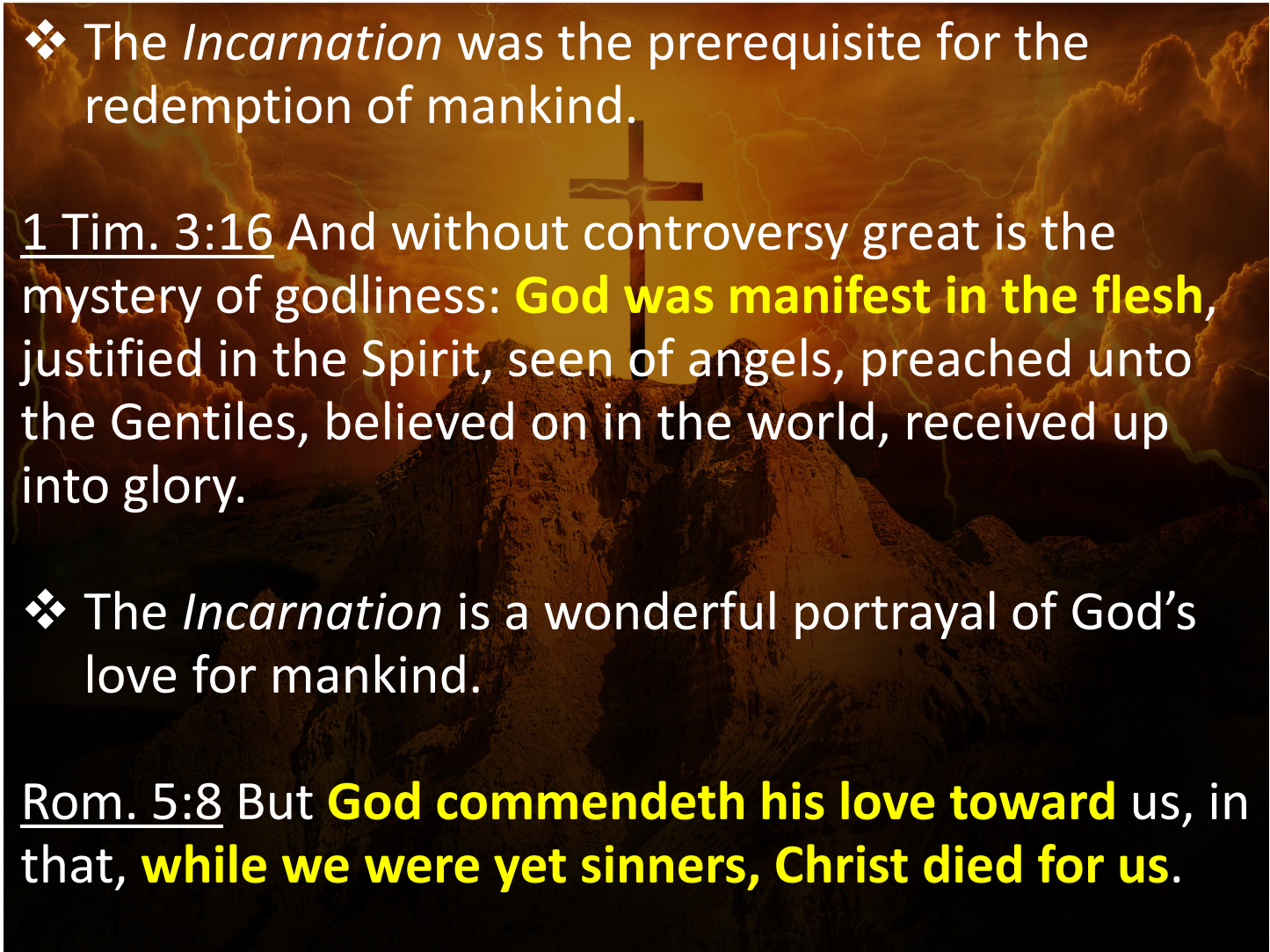
- ❖ Without the *Incarnation*, there would be no power in the efficacy of the cross.

Phil. 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, **being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:**

7 But **made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant,** and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And **being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**

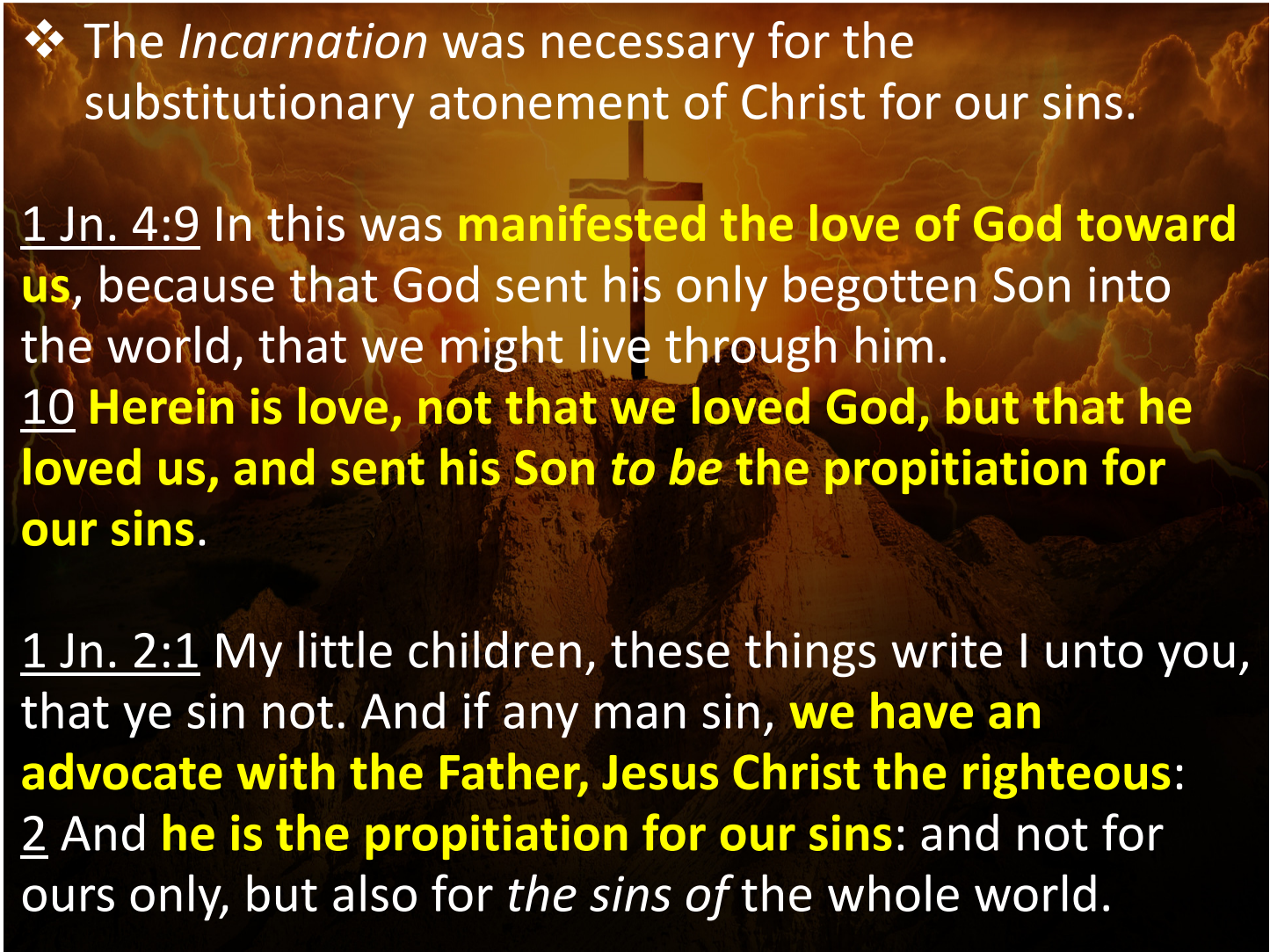


❖ The *Incarnation* was the prerequisite for the redemption of mankind.

1 Tim. 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

❖ The *Incarnation* is a wonderful portrayal of God's love for mankind.

Rom. 5:8 But **God commendeth his love toward** us, in that, **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**



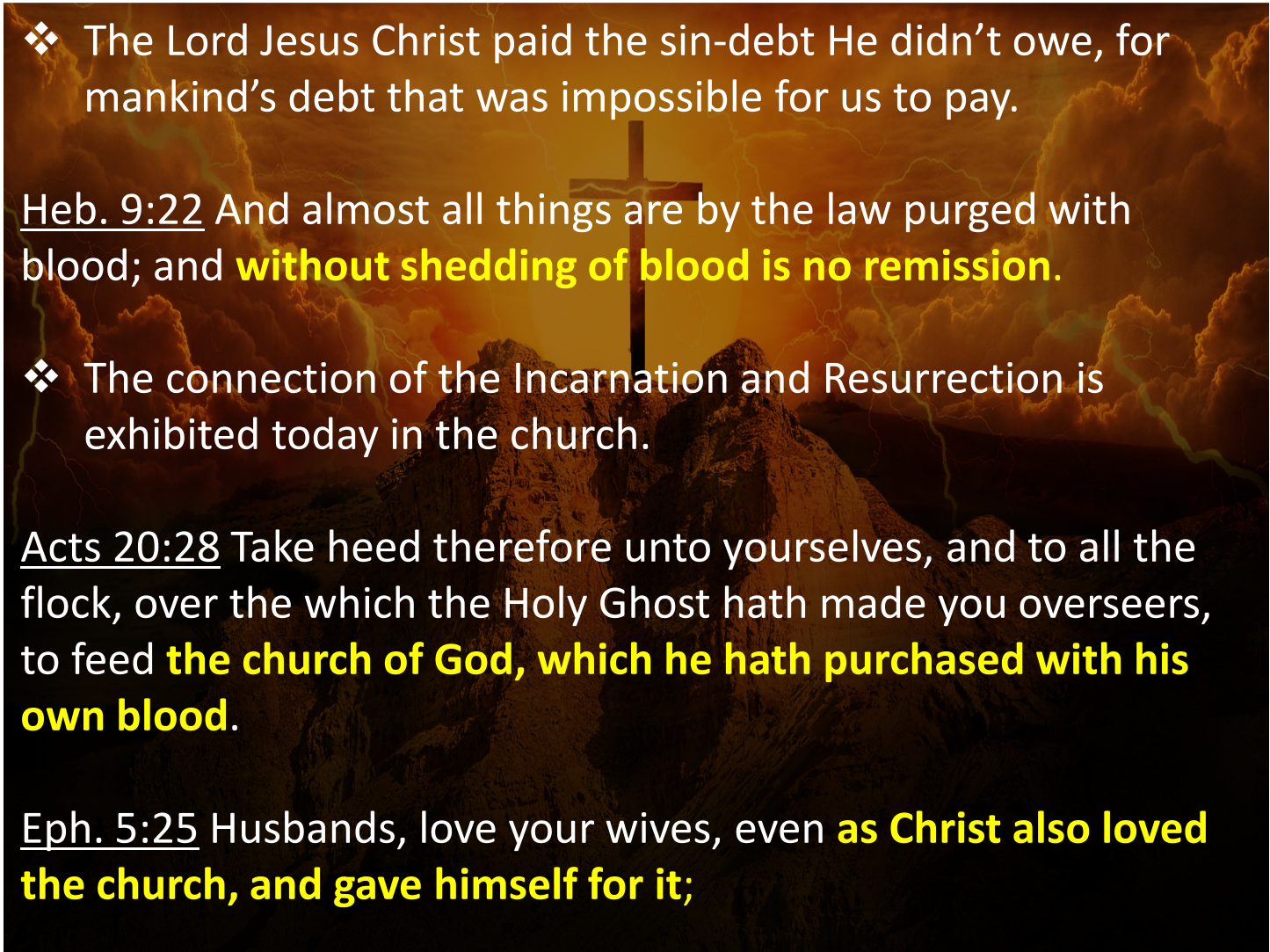
❖ The *Incarnation* was necessary for the substitutionary atonement of Christ for our sins.

1 Jn. 4:9 In this was **manifested the love of God toward us**, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 **Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

1 Jn. 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, **we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:**

2 And **he is the propitiation for our sins:** and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of the whole world.*

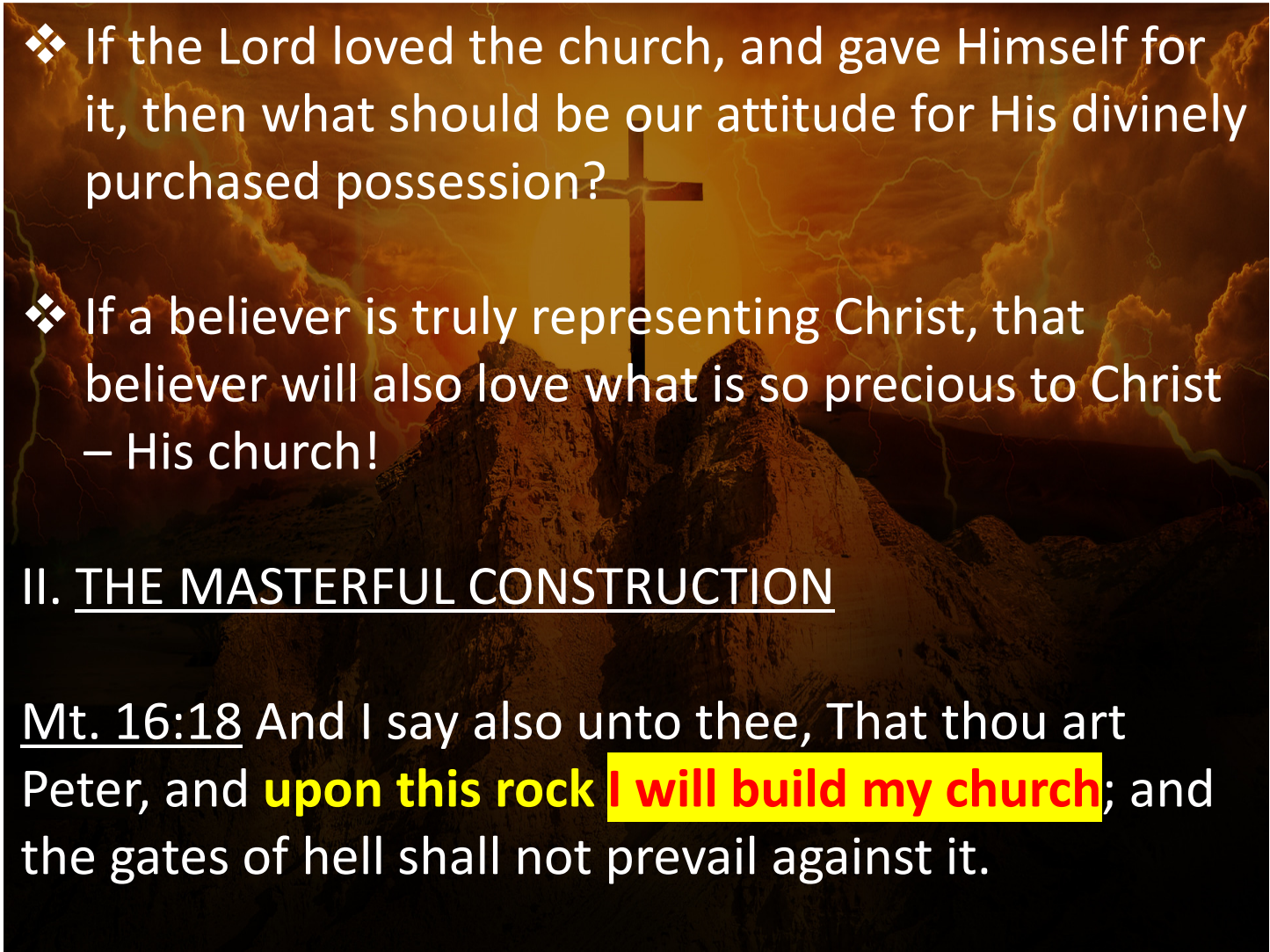
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- ❖ The Lord Jesus Christ paid the sin-debt He didn't owe, for mankind's debt that was impossible for us to pay.

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

- ❖ The connection of the Incarnation and Resurrection is exhibited today in the church.

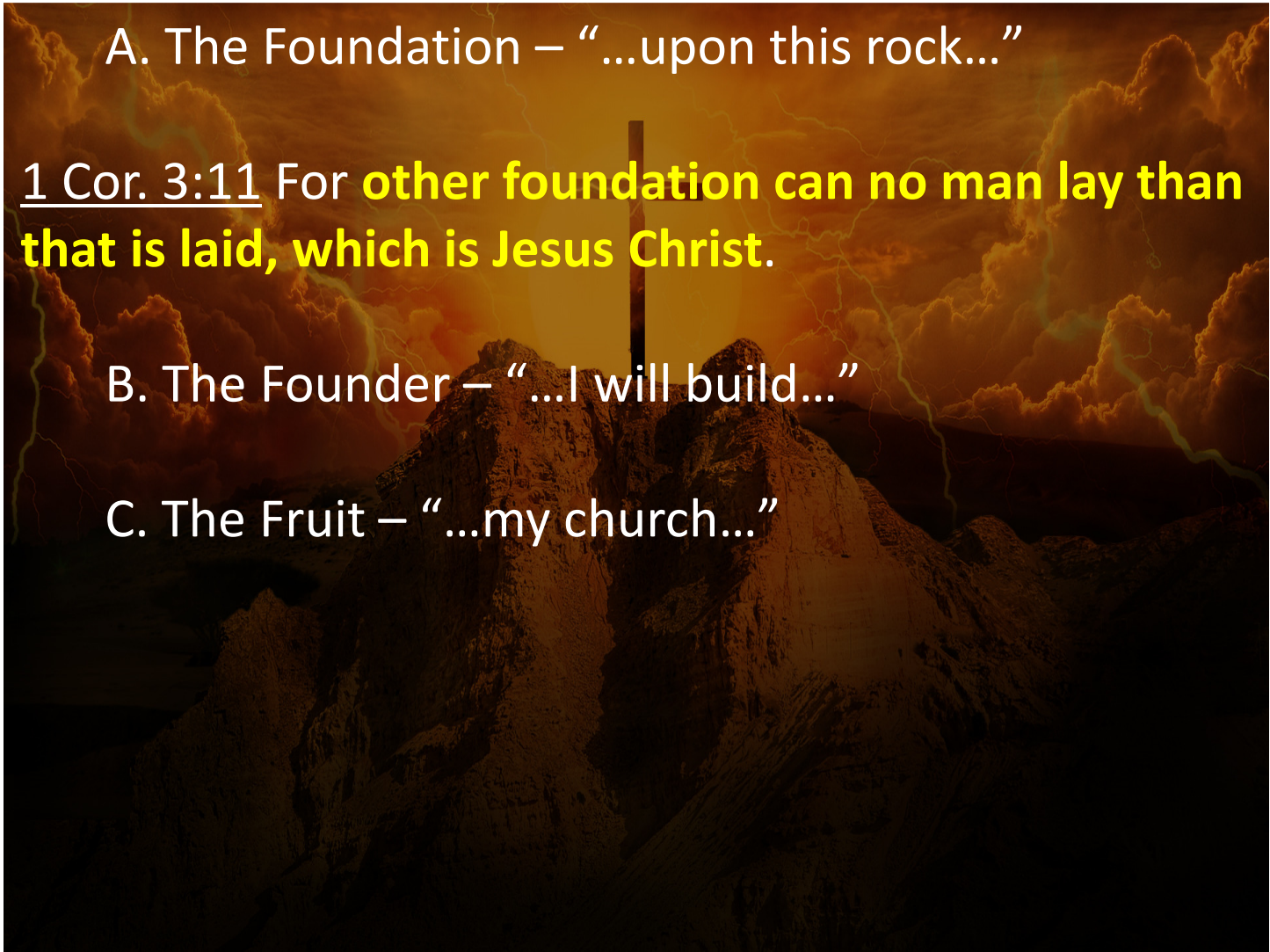
Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed **the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.**

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

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- ❖ If the Lord loved the church, and gave Himself for it, then what should be our attitude for His divinely purchased possession?
 - ❖ If a believer is truly representing Christ, that believer will also love what is so precious to Christ – His church!

II. THE MASTERFUL CONSTRUCTION

Mt. 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and **upon this rock I will build my church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.



A. The Foundation – “...upon this rock...”

1 Cor. 3:11 For **other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

B. The Founder – “...I will build...”

C. The Fruit – “...my church...”



Jn. 15:1 **I am the true vine**, and my Father is the husbandman. ...

4 **Abide in me, and I in you.** As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 **I am the vine, ye are the branches:** He that abideth in me, and I in him, **the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.** ...

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8 **Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.**

III. THE MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION

A. The Head = The Lord Jesus Christ

Col. 1:18 And **he is the head of the body, the church:** who is the beginning, **the firstborn from the dead;** that **in all things he might have the preeminence.**

B. The Body = believers identifying with Him via baptism.

Rom. 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, **to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think;** but to think soberly, according as **God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.**

4 For as **we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:**

5 So **we, being many, are one body in Christ,** and every one members one of another.

1 Cor. 12:18 But **now hath God set the members every one of them** in the body, **as it hath pleased him.**

28 And **God hath set some in the church,** first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

- ❖ God's plan for His children is participation in a local church – for which He loved and died!
- ❖ If a church is important enough for the Lord to die for, then it should be important to us, too!

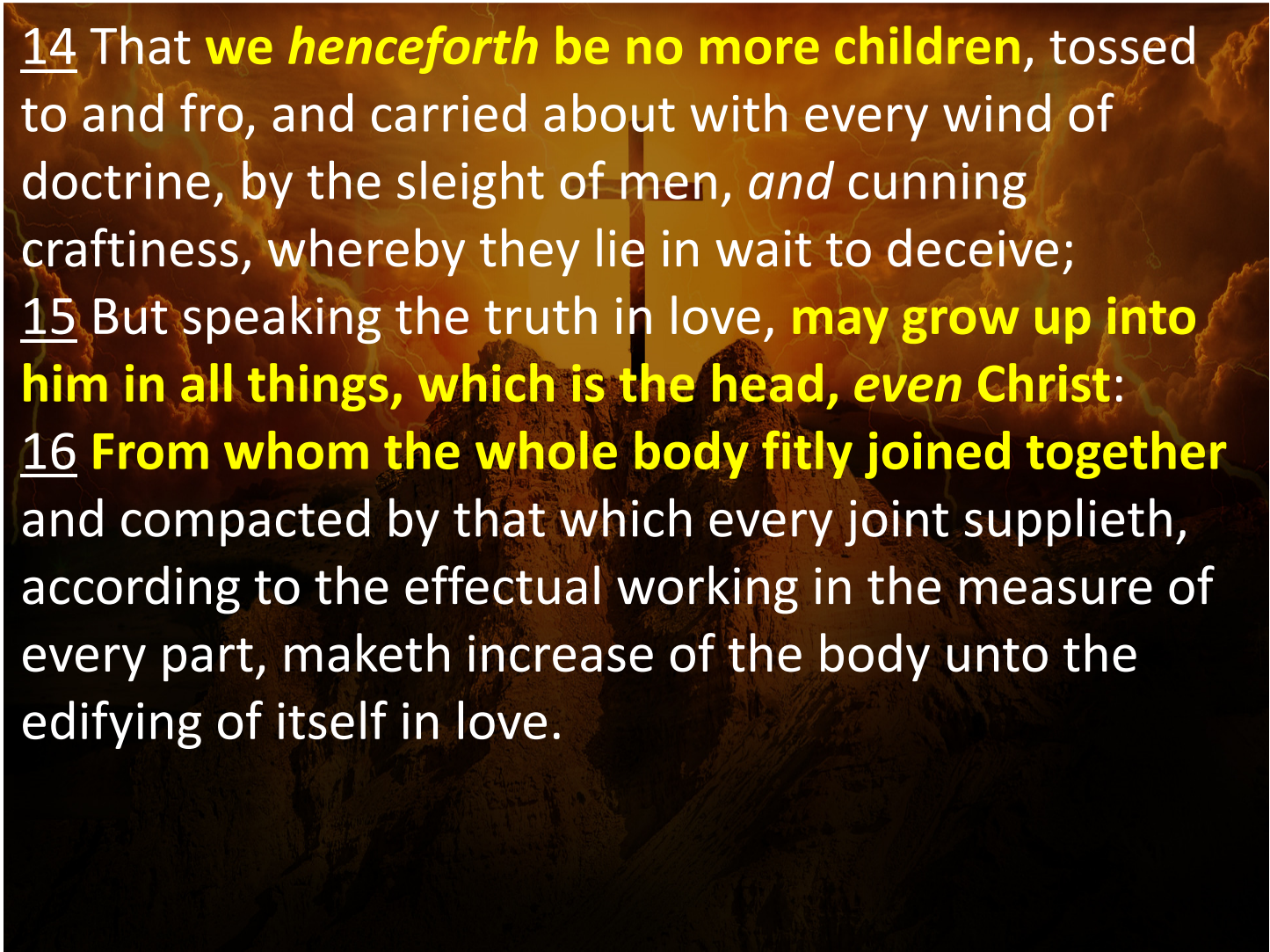


C. The Function = represent Christ on this earth during our lifetime.

Eph. 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For **the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:**

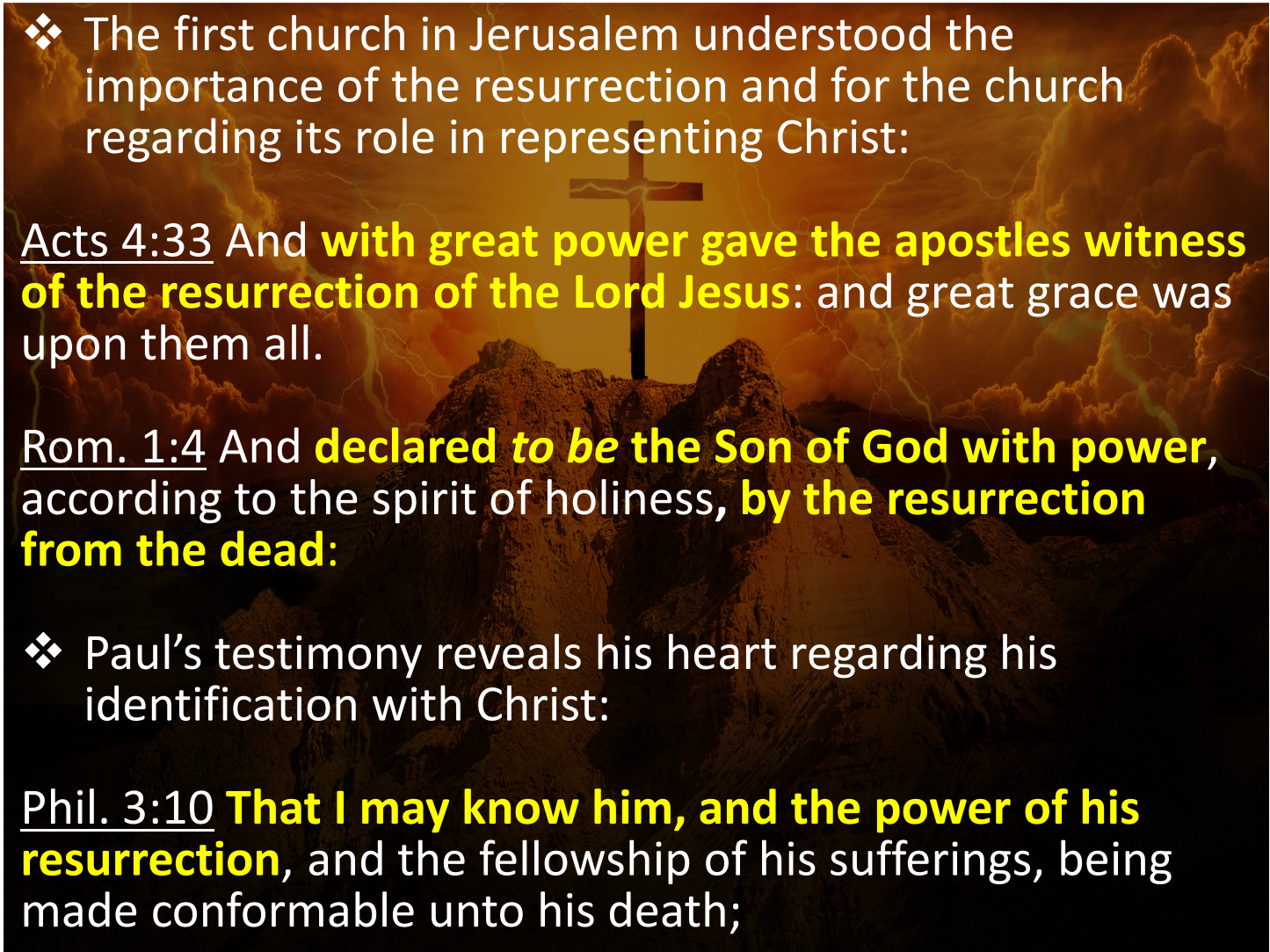
13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, **unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:**



14 That **we henceforth be no more children**, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, **may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:**

16 **From whom the whole body fitly joined together** and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

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- ❖ The first church in Jerusalem understood the importance of the resurrection and for the church regarding its role in representing Christ:

Acts 4:33 And **with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus:** and great grace was upon them all.

Rom. 1:4 And **declared to be the Son of God with power,** according to the spirit of holiness, **by the resurrection from the dead:**

- ❖ Paul's testimony reveals his heart regarding his identification with Christ:

Phil. 3:10 **That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection,** and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

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❖ The church, so important to Christ, is the place for us to grow in Christ.

2 Pet. 3:18 But **grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever.** Amen.

❖ When our life is over, we will one day give an account as to how the resurrection affected our lives.

Eph. 3:20 **Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think,** according to the power that worketh in us,
21 **Unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus** throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.



❖ We are His workmanship, created for His glory.

Phil. 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that **he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:**

Phil. 2:13 For **it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.**

❖ The resurrection is the message that **He is risen, and now building His churches**, for His glory.

❖ By God's grace, for His glory, let us *Arise and Build*, according to His plan for our lives!



Conclusion

2 Cor. 5:14 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. ...**

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

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.