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1 JOHN

Lesson 73

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A member of our SS class was in Angleton this week and saw this on the marquis at 1st Baptist Church.

Call me...we need to figure out some quick "damage control". Do you know the pastor or anyone else at 1st Baptist, Angleton? I'm concerned this will get back to Wade and the Executive Staff at CFBC...

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- > From: Mark Lanier < mark@marklanier.com>
- > Date: October 27, 2005 12:31:16 AM CDT
- > To: rbowman@fbcangleton.com
- > Subject: Church sign

> Pastor Bowman,

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> By way of introduction, my name is Mark Lanier. I am a christian in Northwest Houston who makes a living as a lawyer. My real joy in life (other than my family!) is the Sunday School class I teach each Sunday at church. I have taught for many years and spend a lot of time each week trying to do my best at sharing what I believe God would like me to share.

Last Sunday I was finishing my lesson on First Peter. The lesson is taped and I would be glad to share it with you (as I would any others I have taught). I was trying to explain to class that many people take their faith and wear it on Sundays but set it aside when they go out of church into the world. I was contrasting keeping the faith versus a pretend faith. In the process I stated that we should not be people who bark at employees or folks under us at work. I specifically said we are not to be those who bark at folks to "get their butt back to work." After I said that, I paused in regret. I told the class I wish I had not used the word "butt" because while where I grew up it was not an offensive term, it might be to others where they grew up. I apologized on the spot and told people I should have chosen a different way to express the attitude some people wrongly adopt while wearing a Christian faith.

I am emphatic, and I have repeatedly taught, that our language must be seasoned with Grace. I am not an advocate of any profanity and do not use it period -- in my personal life, my work life, or my church life. This is not new to me, I have not used profane vocabulary even in joking around. I could give you a list of many in Angleton who have known and been with me in pressure situations, who have seen me upset, and who will tell you that I always try to speak not just with words befitting our faith, but with an attitude and manner befitting our faith.

I came in tonight to an email indicating that someone in my class saw your church's sign. Attached to the email was a picture of your church sign reading, "Beware: attorney Mark Lanier uses profanity in God's house." I actually looked at it carefully thinking it might be a prank. (and if it is, ignore this email! It is too late in the evening for me to call the guy who sent it to me to see if it is authentic!) I thought it might be a prank because (1) It is not true and (2) no one I'm aware of from your church contacted me to discuss this or bring the charge against me personally, like I would expect from a Christian brother.

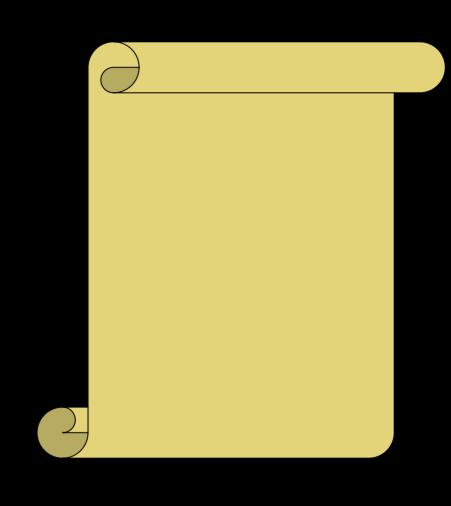
If it is real, I am hurt. I consider my life as one in service to our master. Anything good I can do, by the power of his grace, I want to do it. I am far from perfect in what I do, but it is the most serious matter to me. Would you please let me know why this sign is up, if indeed this is not a prank? I would like to know who is lodging this charge against me before a watching world without first coming to me.

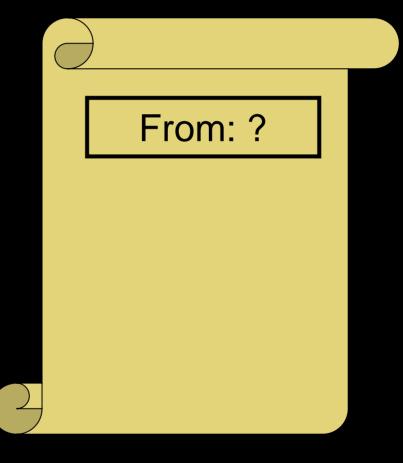
Thank you for taking the time to read this. I have many friends in full time ministry and I respect and admire what you do for God. I want to figure out what has prompted this and speak with whoever I need to.

Please feel free to email me here at home (mark@marklanier.com) or at work (wml@lanierlawfirm.com). Also feel free to call me at work (713-659-5200), home (281-955-5867) or cell (713-249-2405).

Mark

Pastor Bowman, Whew, it was a prank after all. And the worst (or funniest part of it) was it was one of our pastors that pulled the prank. After class last Sunday, I was so concerned over using the word "butt" that I went to one of our pastors who happens to be one of my dearest friends and told him my concern and frustration over using the word. Evidently he thought I would call him immediately upon receiving the email of the bogus church sign. He no doubt picked your church because I recently won a big vioxx case across the street from ya'll in the Angleton courthouse. He never dreamed I would get the email at 12:15 and not call him but send an immediate response to you. / Oh well... He and I have both learned a lesson ... Me, not to speak while on a double dose of benadryl... Him, to know the limits of practical joking with me!!! I am so sorry to have wasted your time with all this. Sometime I believe he and I should both come to Angleton to take you to lunch so you can learn we are fun loving brothers and not freaks! In him, Mark





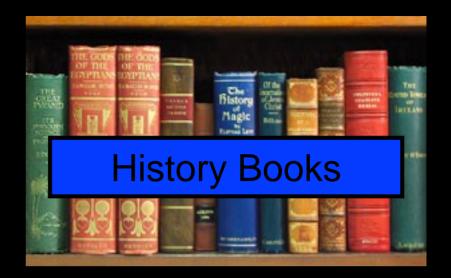
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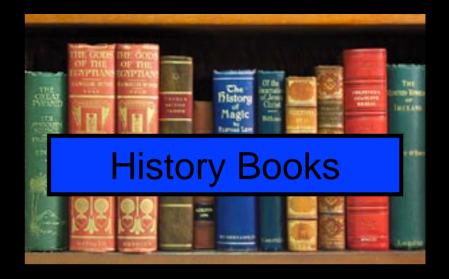
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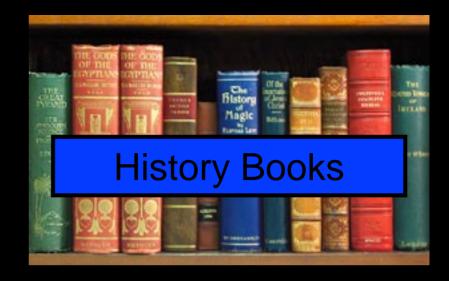
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Polycarp (Ten Years Later)



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Muratorian Canon (170)







"Seen" Jesus



"Seen" Jesus

"Heard" Jesus



"Seen" Jesus

"Heard" Jesus

"Felt" Jesus





Matches
John's Gospel



Matches
John's Gospel

In the "Beginning"



Matches
John's Gospel

In the "Beginning"

Nicodemus

Who did John Write it to?

Who did John Write it to?



Who did John Write it to?



When did John Write it?



When did John Write it?

90's



Why did John Write it?

90's



Why did John Write it?

90's



Congregations Requested It

Why did John Write it?

90's



Attack Early Heresies

"Antinomianism"

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"Against" +
"Law"

"Antinomianism"

A/k/a: "Anything goes!"



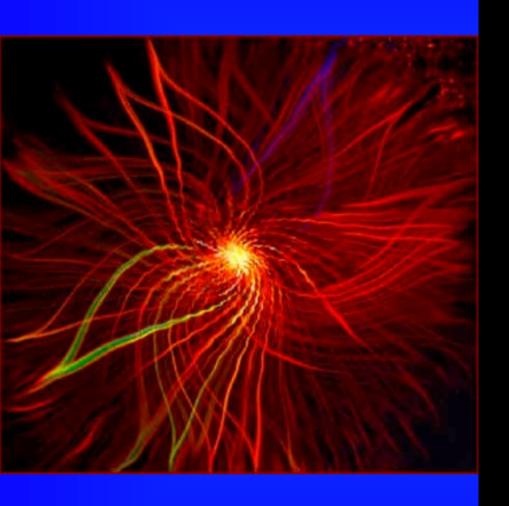
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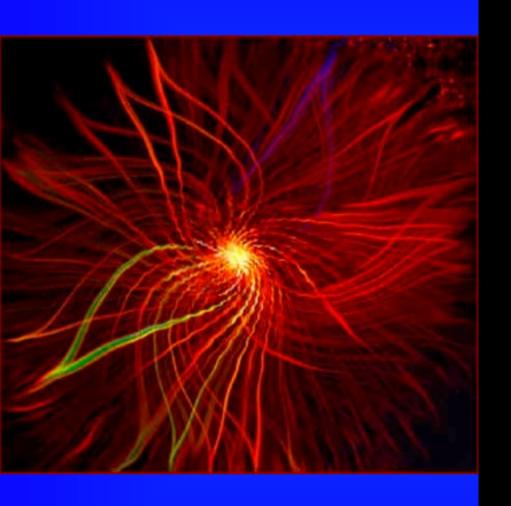
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A/k/a: "Christ was not Jesus!"

Themes of Fellowship

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Themes of Light

Themes of Fellowship

Themes of Light

Themes of Love

Epistle of I John

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"In the beginning..."

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"In the beginning..."

"That which was from the beginning..."

"... was the Word"

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"In the beginning..."

"That which was from the beginning..."

"... was the Word"

"... concerning the Word of life"

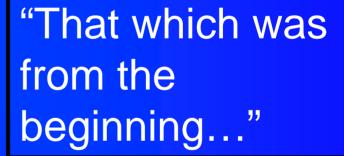




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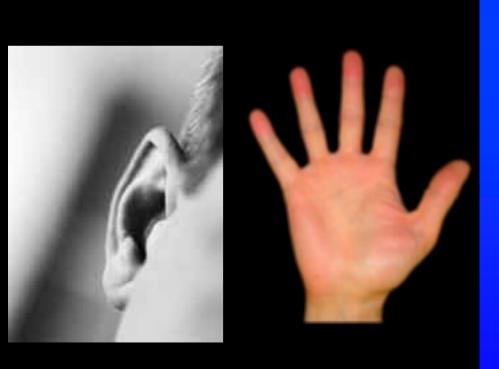






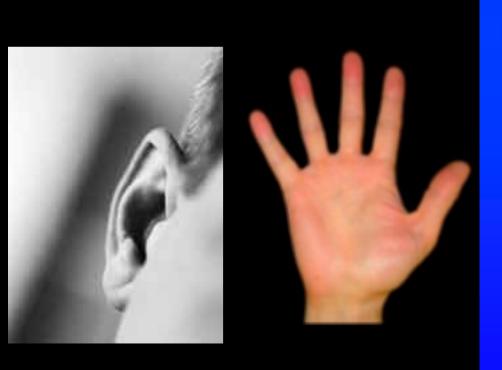






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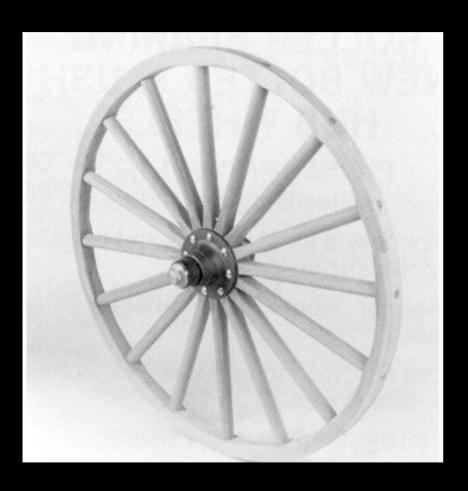


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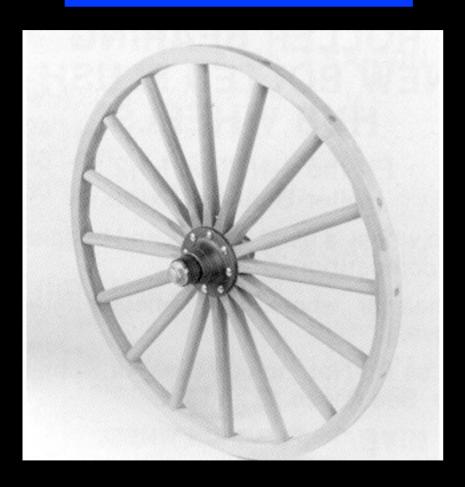
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"Commonness"

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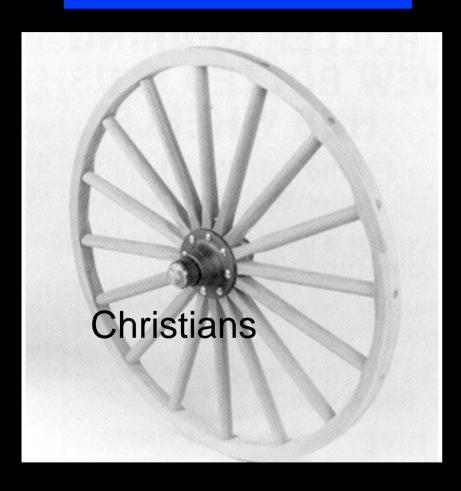


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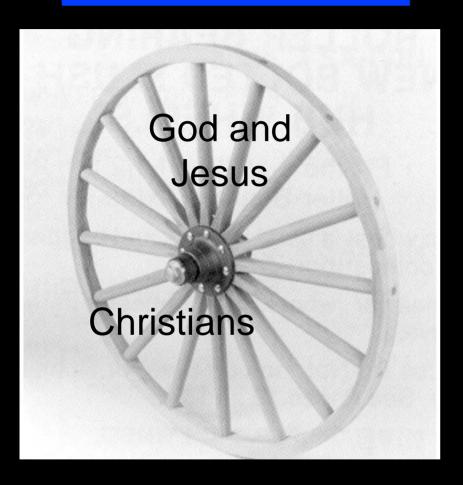
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"Commonness"



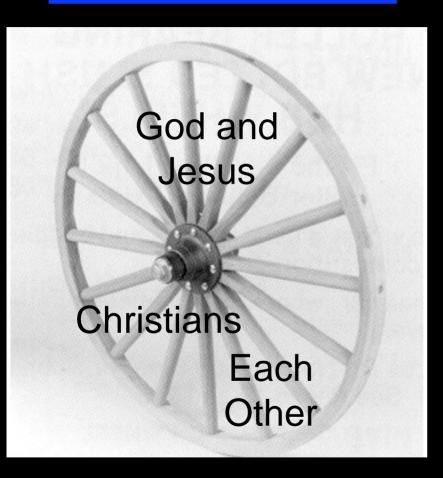
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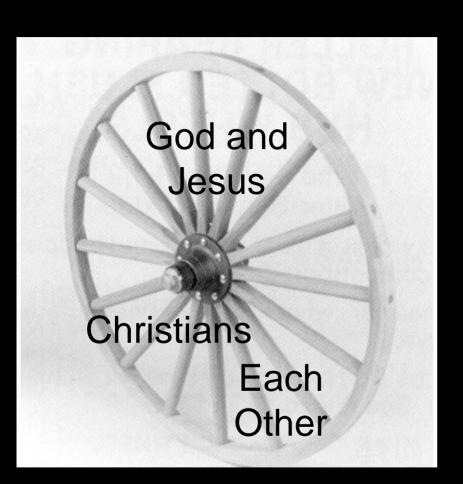
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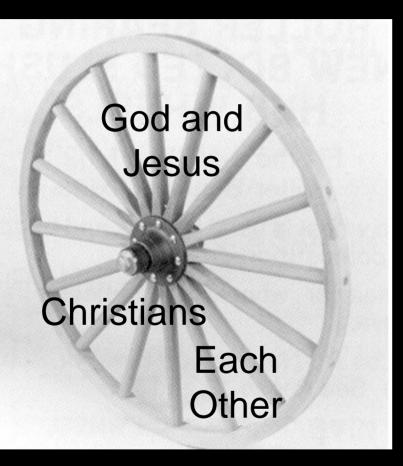
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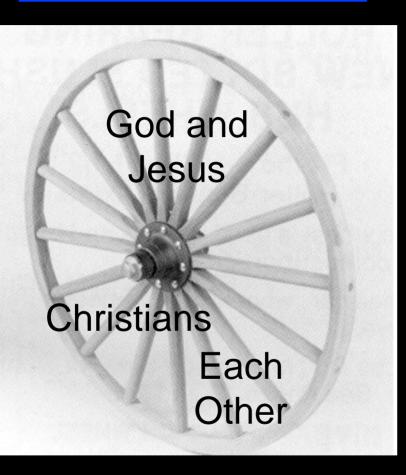
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God is Pure 100% Light



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Darkness
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Live Your Life
Oriented to that
Truth (Effort!)

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Confess Sins and Walk in Forgiveness

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Jesus Is Our Advocate

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In Jesus We Have Fellowship

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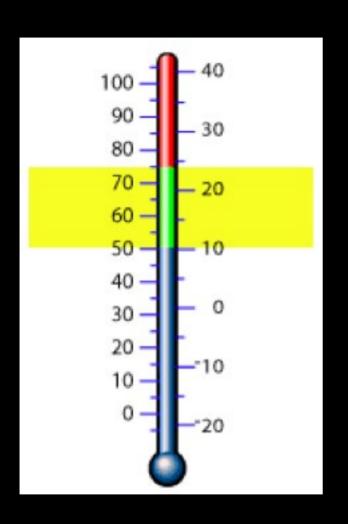
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In Jesus We Know God

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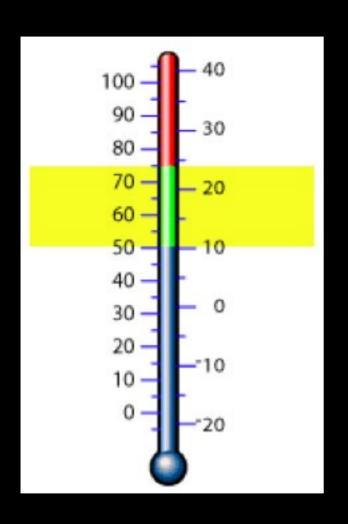
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Our Lives Show Our Faith



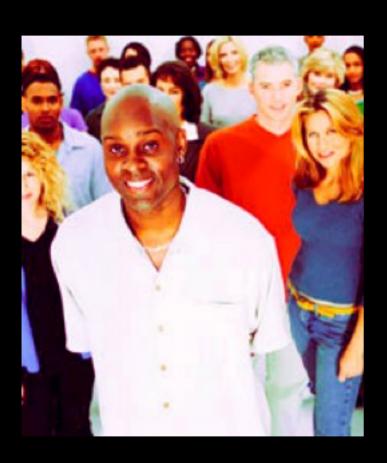
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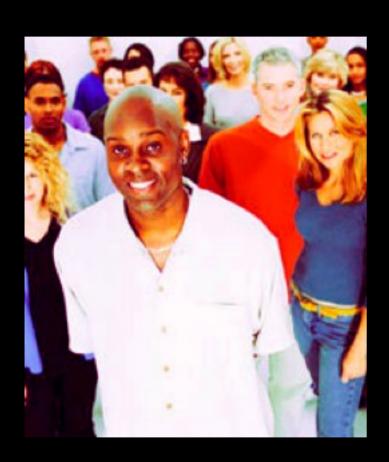
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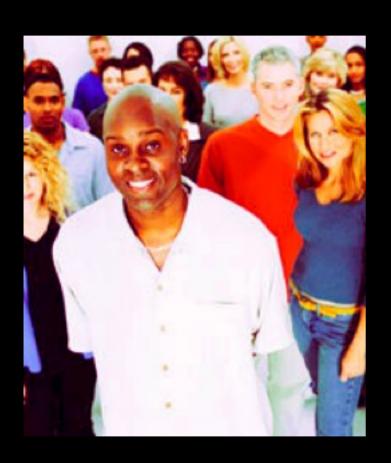
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Our Love Shows Our Faith



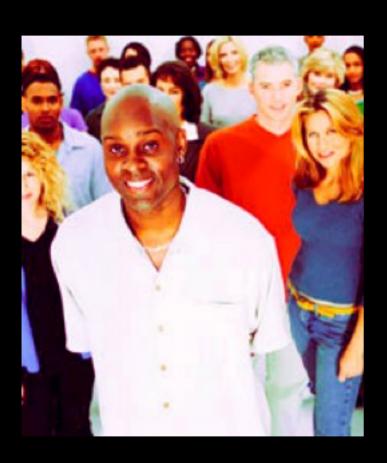


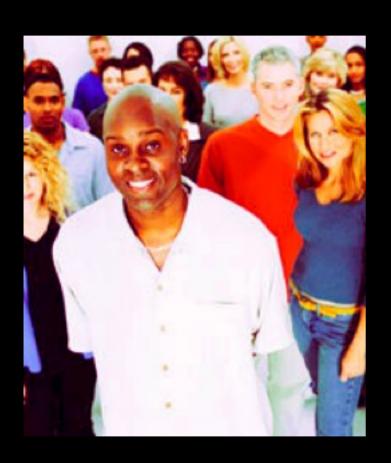
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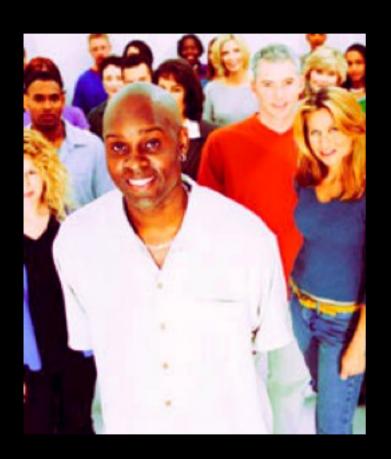
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"Sins have been forgiven on account of his name." (2:12)



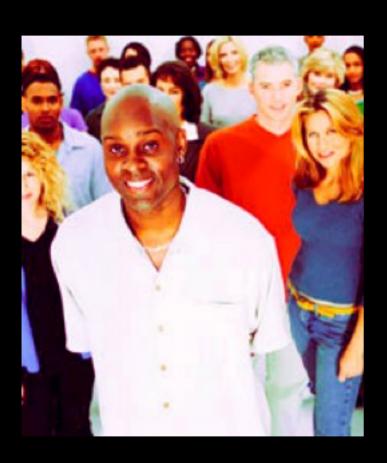


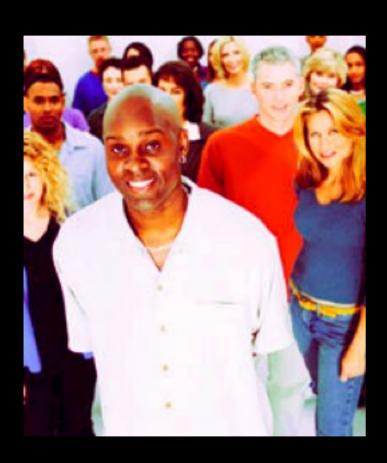
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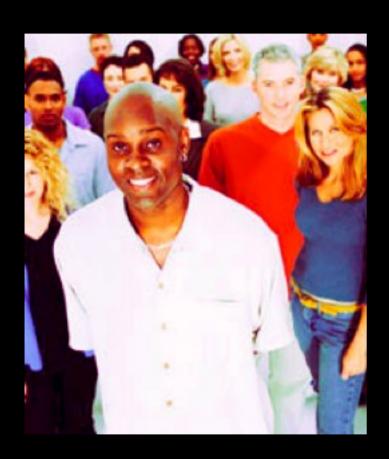
Know God intimately ...
Understand God as Eternal





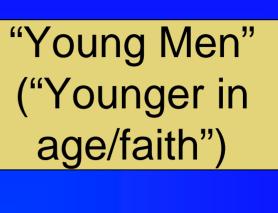
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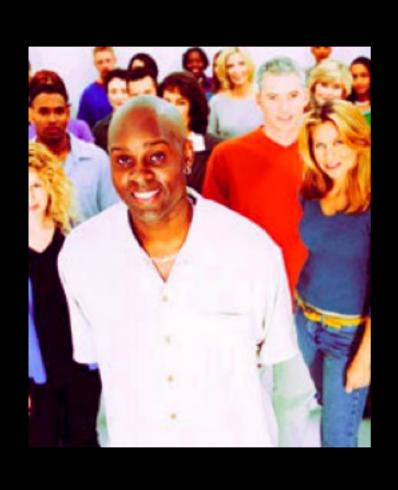


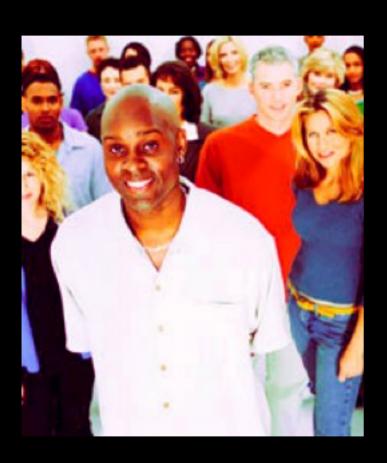
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Have Overcome the Evil One with the Word of God, BUT ...



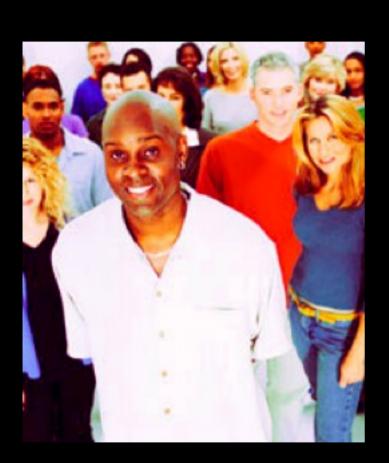
Don't love the world, it's lusts and boastings





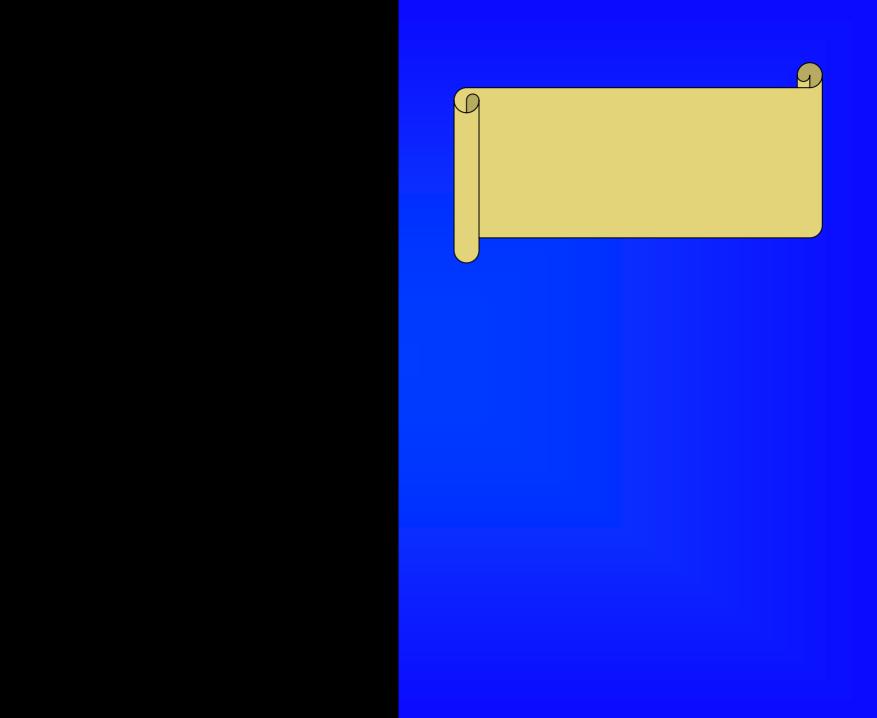


"Children" ("Kids in age/faith")



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Antichrists have come, more will come. Do not deny God the Father or Son.



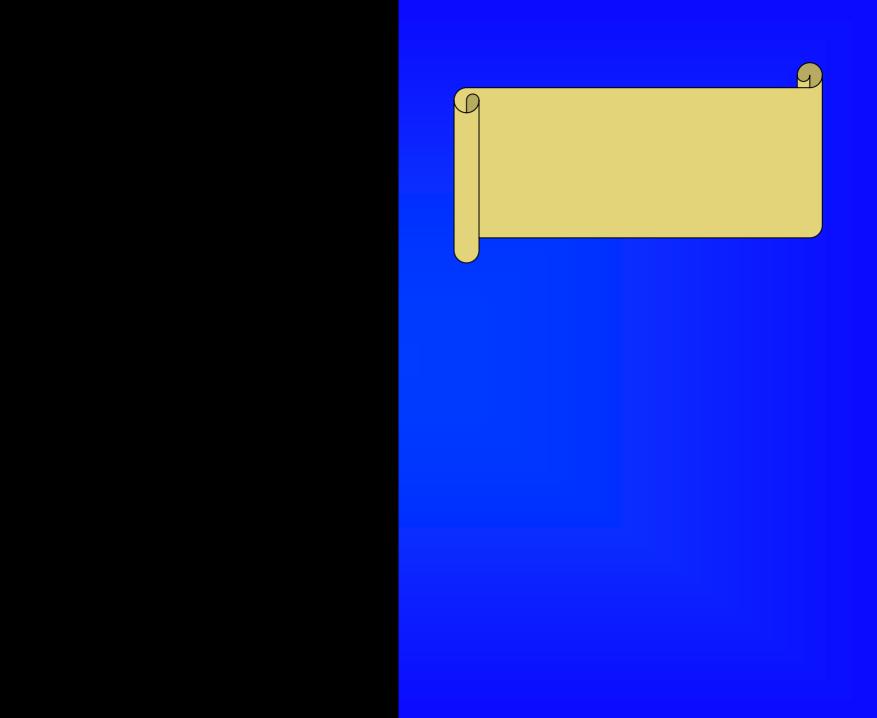


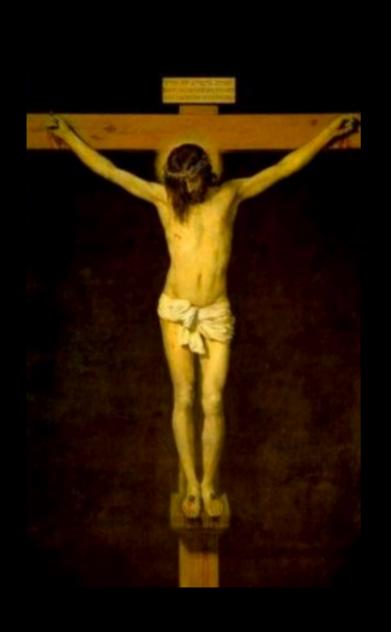
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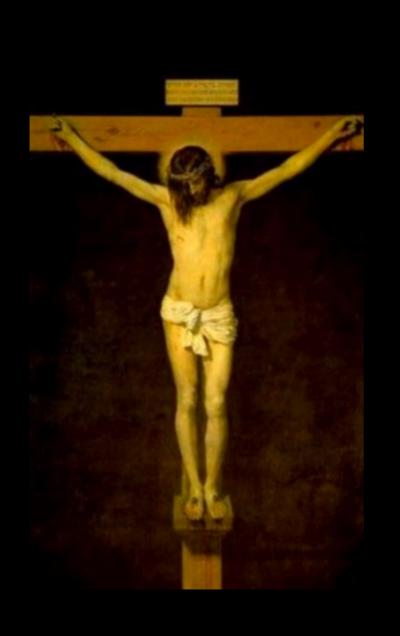
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Live lives that show God, his love and his truth to the world.



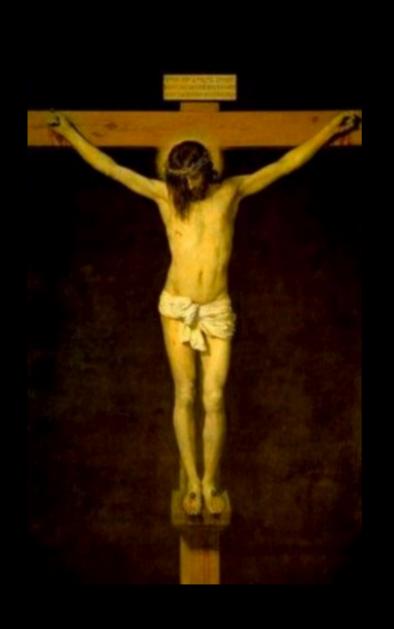


Avoid Sin and Satan's Work

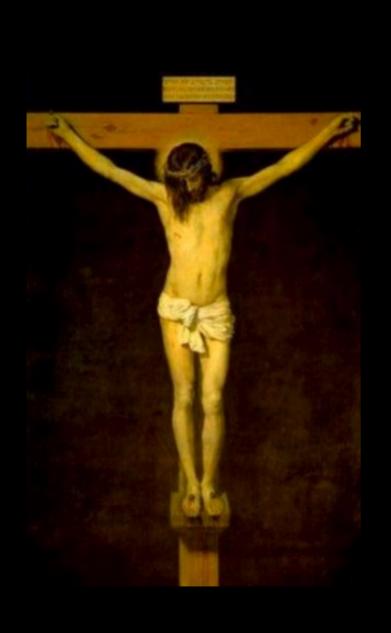


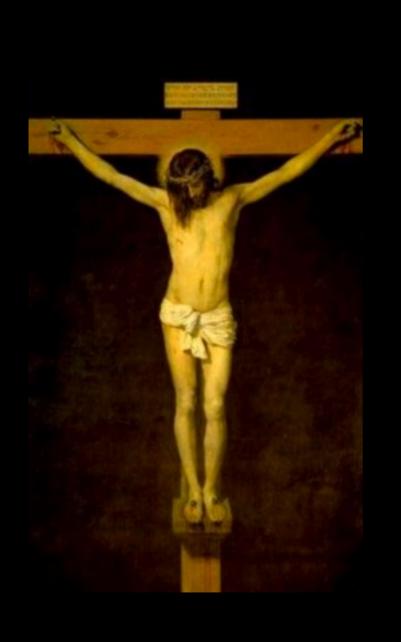
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Sin is Serious









Faith is knowing, not feeling



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We have an answer when our hearts condemn us. (Ps 43)



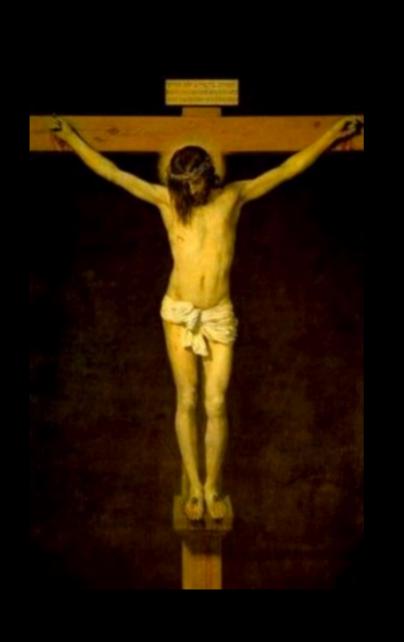
Faith is knowing, not feeling

We love because he first loved us



Faith is knowing, not feeling

This is our rebirth



Faith is knowing, not feeling

This is real, no apparition!

1. Jesus is Real.

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- 5. Love Holiness.