

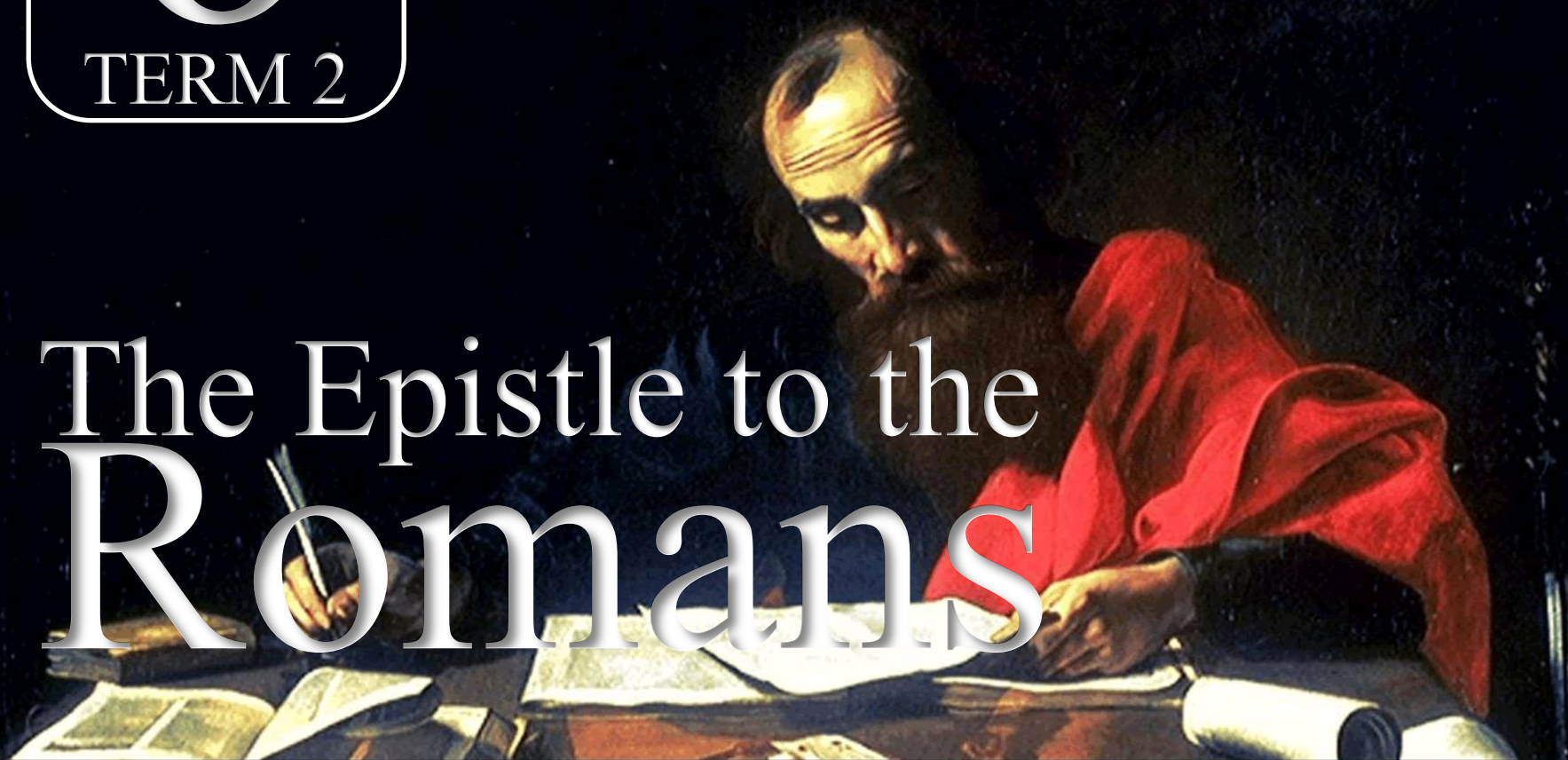


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WHAT THE  
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The Epistle to the  
Romans



# Romans Chapters 1-8 – Salvation:

- Justification
- Sanctification
- Glorification

## Romans

# Romans Chapters 9-11 – Israel

# Romans Chapters 12-16 – Practical

## Key Theme

# ROMANS

GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS REVEALED

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

**“For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written,**

**‘The just shall live by faith.’”**

ROMANS 1:16-17

# Paul the Theological Architect/Engineer



The Courthouse



The Power Plant



The Synagogue



The Church



# The Courthouse Docket



"Revelation and not reason is the guide to faith."  
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## Sin

demands  
righteousness

The Gentiles guilty against God's law.  
Romans 1:18–32

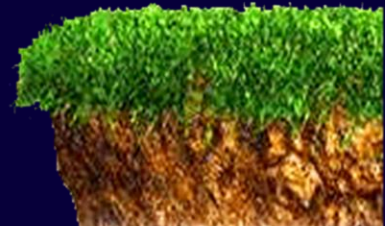
The Jews guilty against God's law.  
Romans 2:1–3:8

The whole world guilty (no not one)  
Romans 3:9–20



# SIN

# God



*Sin separates* people from God



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## Salvation

declares  
righteousness

What is "Justification"? Role of Christ.  
Romans 3:21–31

Justification illustrated in Abraham.  
Romans 4

Justification explained in Adam.  
Romans 5

# Aren't the Jews Already Chosen?

## **YES** - as a nation

- The Jews received, recorded, and preserved the Word of God.
- Their unfaithfulness didn't nullify the faithfulness of God to them.
- God does not lie.

## **NO** – individually

- Individually there is none righteous, no not one.
- Everyone, Jew and Gentile alike, will be held accountable to God unless they repent and trust in Christ.
- Our best works cannot justify us.







# Power in Action



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**Sanctification**  
righteousness  
defended

Victory over the Flesh.  
Romans 6

Liberty from the law.  
Romans 7

Security in the Spirit  
Romans 8



# God's Chosen People



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**Sovereignty**  
righteousness  
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Israel's past riches.  
Romans 9

# PREFACE

‘WHO IS ON THE  
LORD’S SIDE?  
LET HIM COME  
TO ME.’

EXODUS 32:26

‘The Adoration of the Golden Calf’ by Nicholas Poussin, c. 1634.



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Romans 9

Israel's present rejection.  
Romans 10

Israel's future restoration.  
Romans 11

<sup>36</sup>FOR OF HIM [GOD]  
AND THROUGH HIM  
AND TO HIM  
ARE ALL THINGS,  
TO WHOM  
BE GLORY  
FOREVER,  
AMEN.



# Epistle to the Romans

## SIN

Righteousness  
Demanded

- The Gentiles guilty—1:18–32
- The Jews guilty—2:1–3:8
- The whole world guilty—3:9–20

## SALVATION

Righteousness  
Declared

- Justification stated—3:21–31
- Justification illustrated in Abraham—4
- Justification explained in Adam—5

## SANCTIFICATION

Righteousness  
Defended

- Victory—the flesh—6
- Liberty—the Law—7
- Security—the Spirit—8

## SOVEREIGNTY

Righteousness  
Declined

- Israel's past riches—9
- Israel's present rejection—10
- Israel's future restoration—11

## SERVICE

Righteousness  
Demonstrated

- In the church body—12
- In society—13
- Toward the weaker believer—14:1–15:6

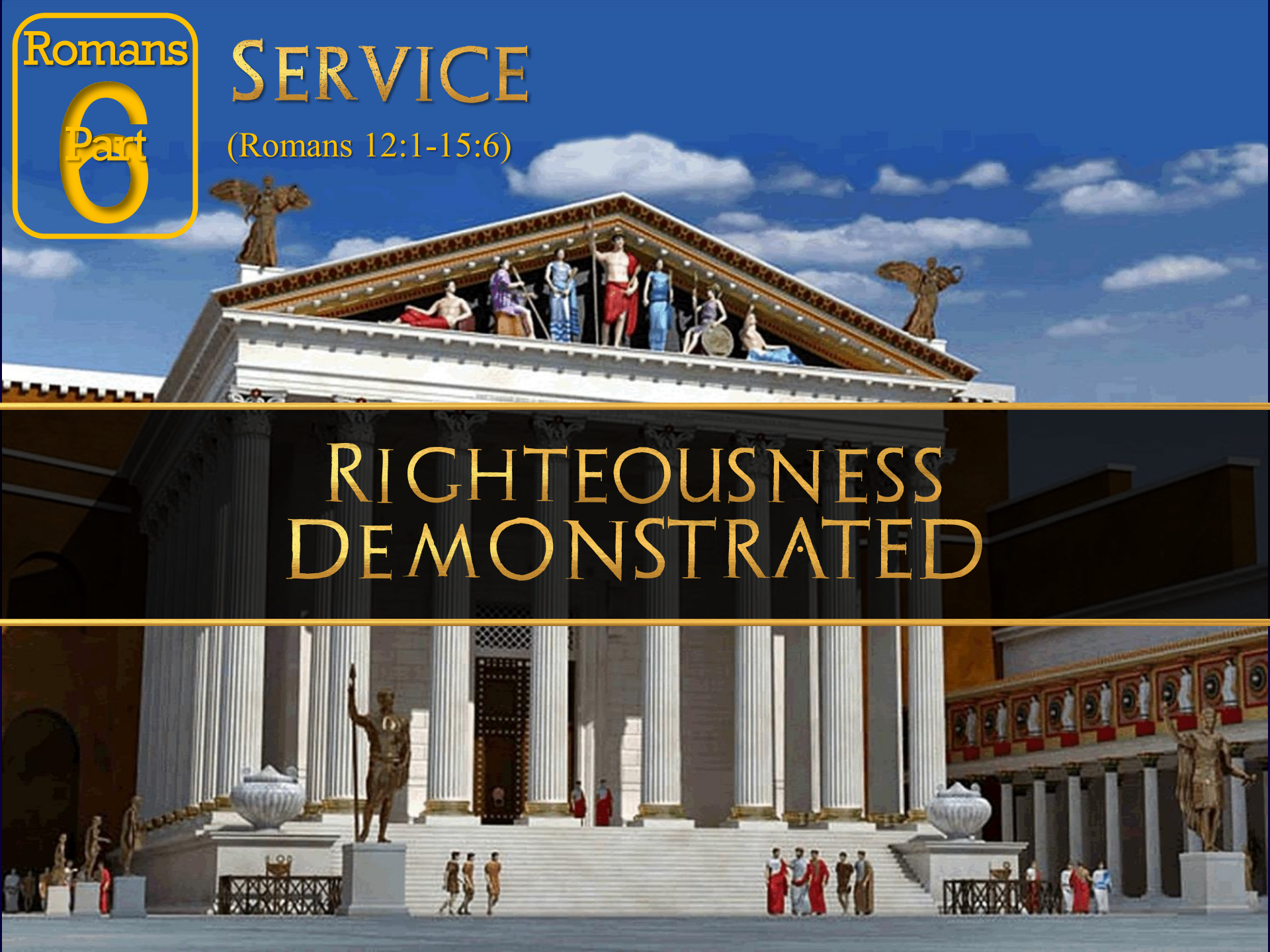
Romans

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# SERVICE

(Romans 12:1-15:6)

## RIGHTEOUSNESS DEMONSTRATED



# Paul the Theological Architect/Engineer

## The Church

Paul uses the final section of Romans, Chapters 12-15, to describe how the church is practically supposed to operate in light of the all the amazing truths about God in this book. He ends this letter, as he does all of his letters, with very practical advice.





# The Body of Believers



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## Service

righteousness  
demonstrated

In the Church Body.  
Romans 12

In society.  
Romans 13

To the weaker believer.  
Romans 14-15:6

# Chapter 12

# ROMANS



**12** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service.*



<sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.



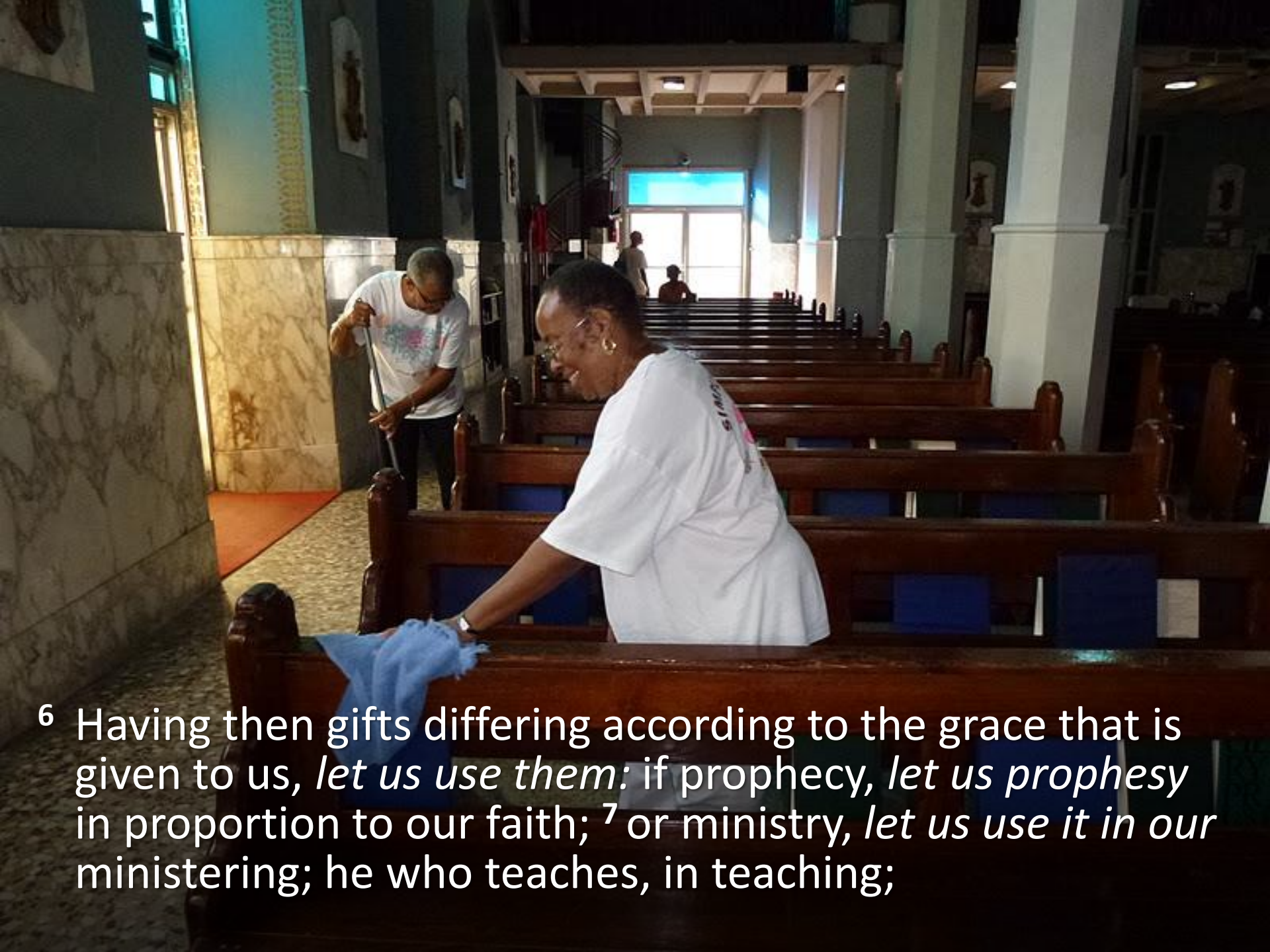
<sup>3</sup> For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.



**Humble people serve others.  
The proud wait to be served.**

<sup>4</sup> For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,  
<sup>5</sup> so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.





<sup>6</sup> Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup> or ministry, *let us use it in our* ministering; he who teaches, in teaching;

8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.





**9 LET LOVE BE  
WITHOUT  
HYPOCRISY.  
ABHOR WHAT  
IS EVIL. CLING TO  
WHAT IS**

**Good.**

**ROMANS 12:9**

**Behave Like  
a Christian**



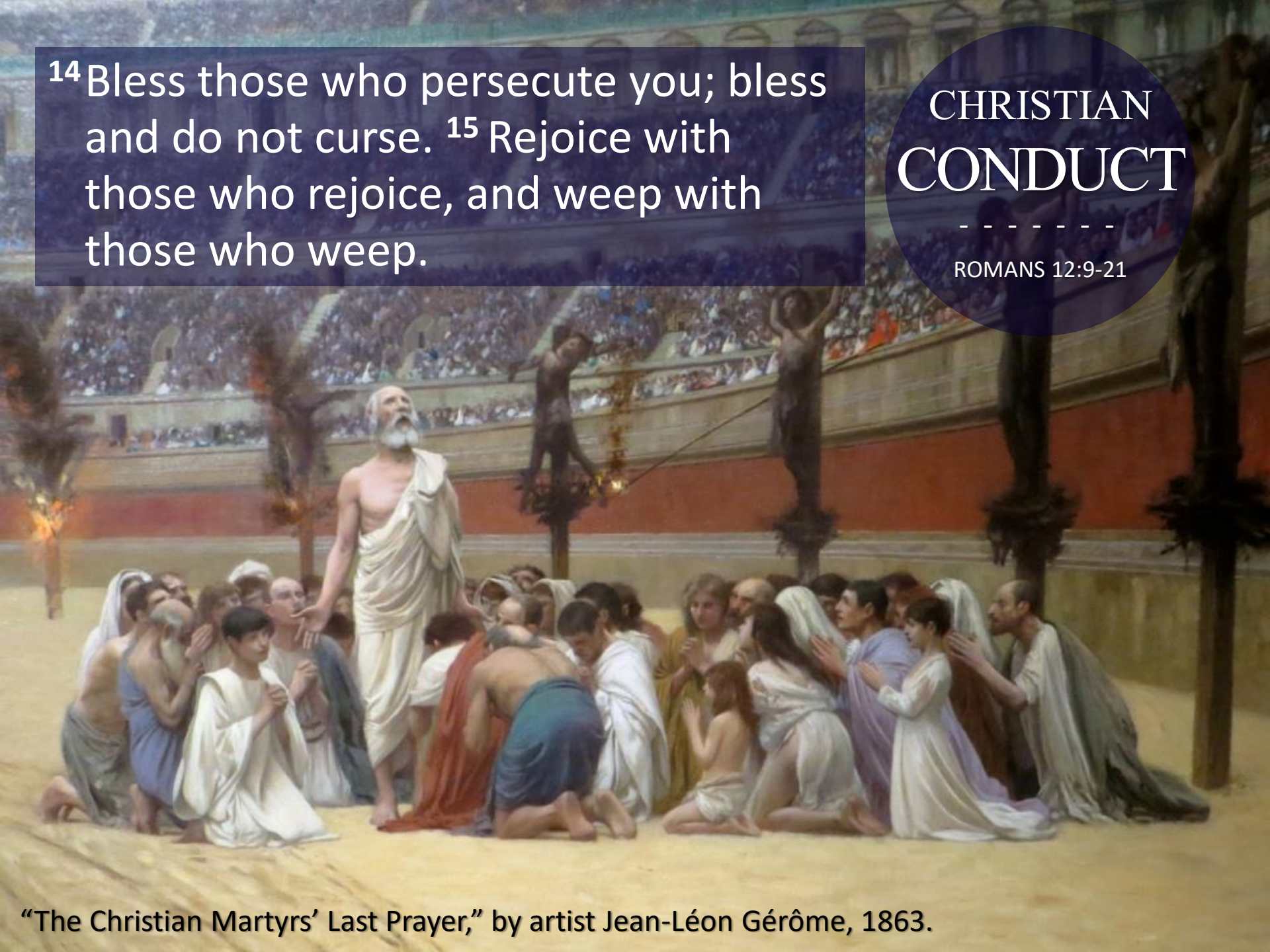
<sup>10</sup> Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; <sup>11</sup> not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; <sup>12</sup> rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; <sup>13</sup> distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.



<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

# CHRISTIAN CONDUCT

ROMANS 12:9-21



“The Christian Martyrs’ Last Prayer,” by artist Jean-Léon Gérôme, 1863.



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CONDUCT

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ROMANS 12:9-21



**<sup>16</sup>Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.**

**ROMANS 12:16**



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CONDUCT

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ROMANS 12:9-21

# PEACEABLE

**<sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.**

**<sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.**

<sup>19</sup> Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance *is* Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. [Deut. 32:35]

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ROMANS 12:9-21



<sup>20</sup> Therefore

“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;  
If he is thirsty, give him a drink;  
For in so doing you will heap coals  
of fire on his head.” [Proverbs 25:21]

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ROMANS 12:9-21



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for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.

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Romans 12:20

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ROMANS 12:9-21

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but  
overcome evil with good.


Romans 12:21





An aerial view of ancient Rome, showing the Colosseum in the background and various classical buildings and streets in the foreground. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light.

# Chapter 13

An aerial view of a Roman street, showing a colonnade of columns on the right side and a central open area with a tree and a small structure. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light.

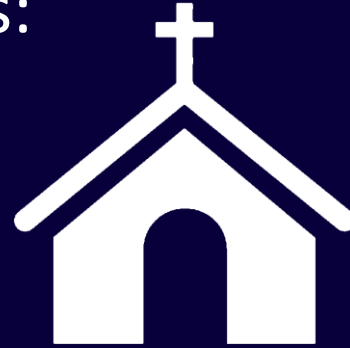
# ROMANS



# Our Relationship to the State

● God established three institutions:

- the home,
- the church, and
- the government.



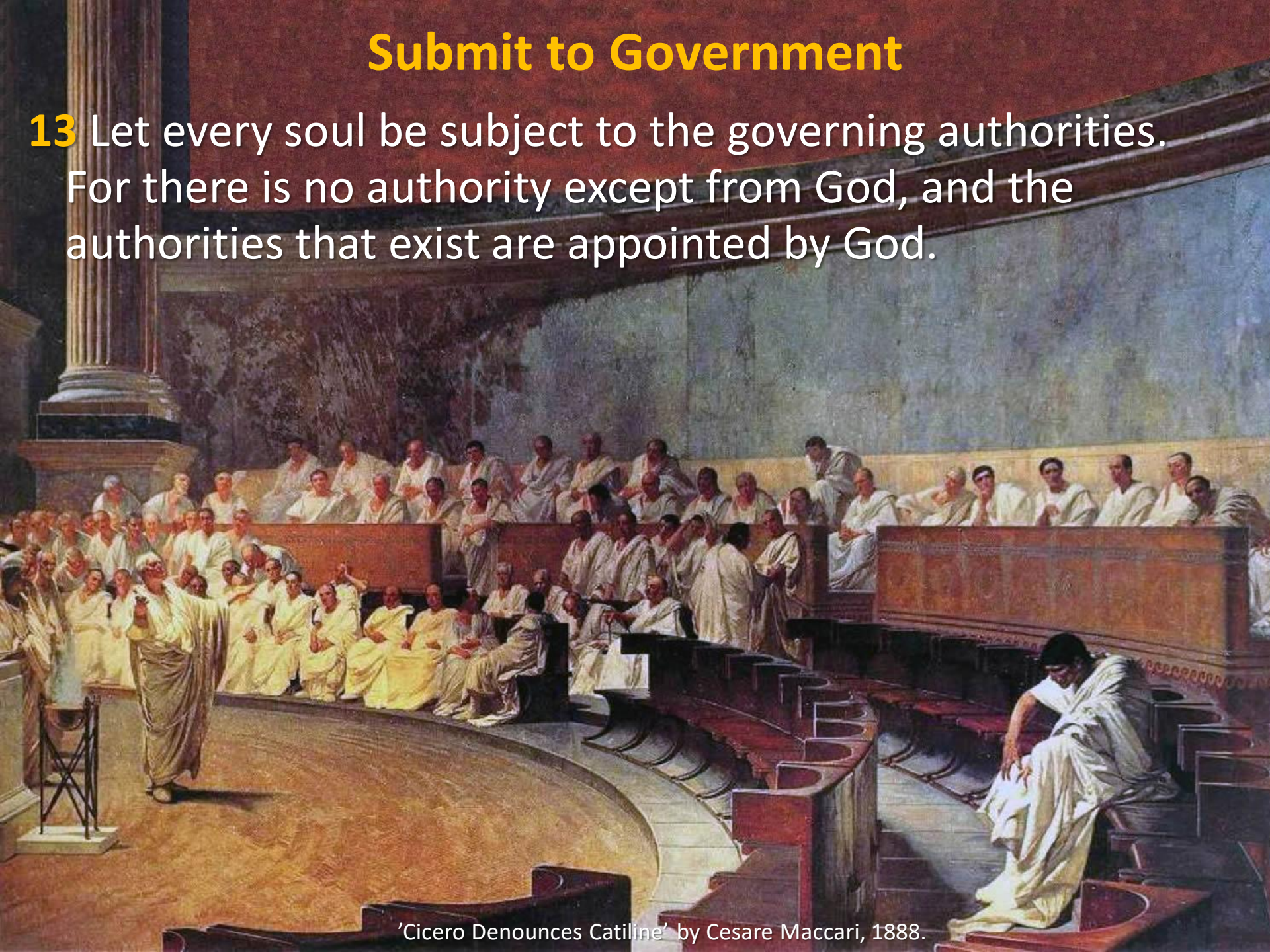
● Paul was writing to believers at the very heart of the Roman Empire. As of AD 57, the great persecutions had not begun, but were on the way. Christianity was still considered a Jewish sect, and the Jewish religion was approved by Rome.

● But the day would come when it would be very difficult, if not impossible, for a Christian to be loyal to the emperor. He could not in good conscience drop incense on the altar and affirm that, “Caesar is god!”

- Some people teach riot and rebellion Christ's name. They want people to disobey the law, rebel against authorities, and permit every man to do that which is right in his own eyes. Paul refutes this by explaining four reasons why the Christian must be subject to the laws of the State.
  - **For wrath's sake.** God established government because man is a sinner. The authority to rule comes originally from God.
  - **For conscience's sake.** A Christian ought to obey because of conscience, but if State interferes with conscience, then obey God rather than man.
  - **For love's sake.** "Love one another" is the new commandment that Christ gave to us. If we love others, we won't sin against them.
  - **For Jesus' sake.** We want to be found faithful when Christ returns.

## Submit to Government

**13** Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.



'Cicero Denounces Catiline' by Cesare Maccari, 1888.



<sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

<sup>3</sup> For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil.

Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? ROMANS 13:3b



“Trust me, I’m from the government!”

Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.

4 For he is God's minister to you for good.

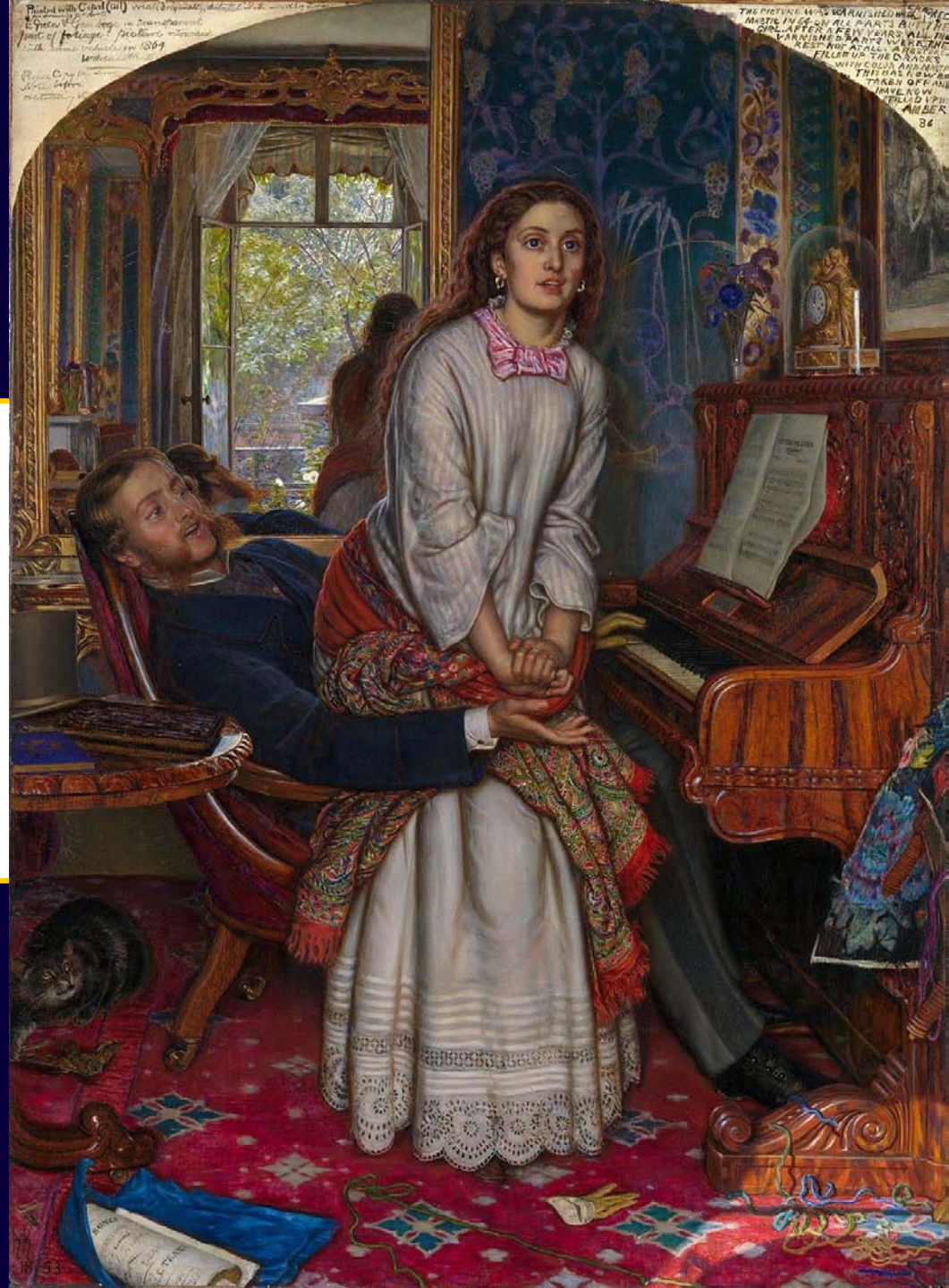
But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.



"Justitia" by Howard David Johnson, 2012.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore *you* must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake.

'The Awakening Conscience' by William Holman Hunt, 1853.







<sup>6</sup> For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing.

<sup>7</sup> Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are *due*, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

'The vocation of St. Matthew' by Arnold Houbraken, c. 1710.

## Love Your Neighbor

<sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

<sup>9</sup> For the commandments,  
“You shall not commit adultery,”  
“You shall not murder,”  
“You shall not steal,”  
“You shall not bear false witness,”  
“You shall not covet,”



and if *there is* any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely,

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

MATTHEW 22:39



**“You Shall Love  
Your Neighbor As  
Yourself”**

<sup>10</sup> Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore

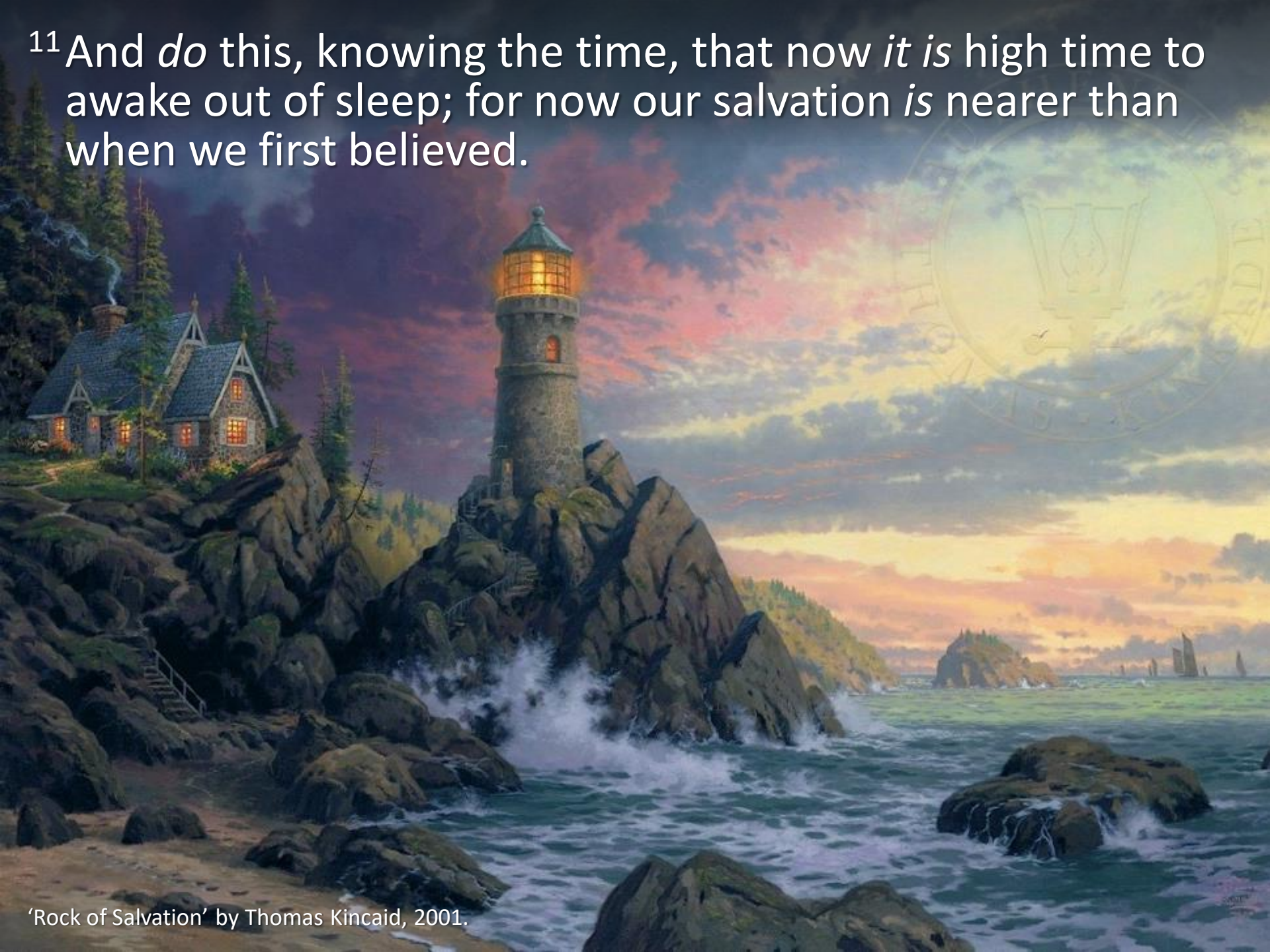
**LOVE**

**IS THE FULFILLMENT  
OF THE LAW**


**ROMANS 13:10**



<sup>11</sup> And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we first believed.



'Rock of Salvation' by Thomas Kincaid, 2001.



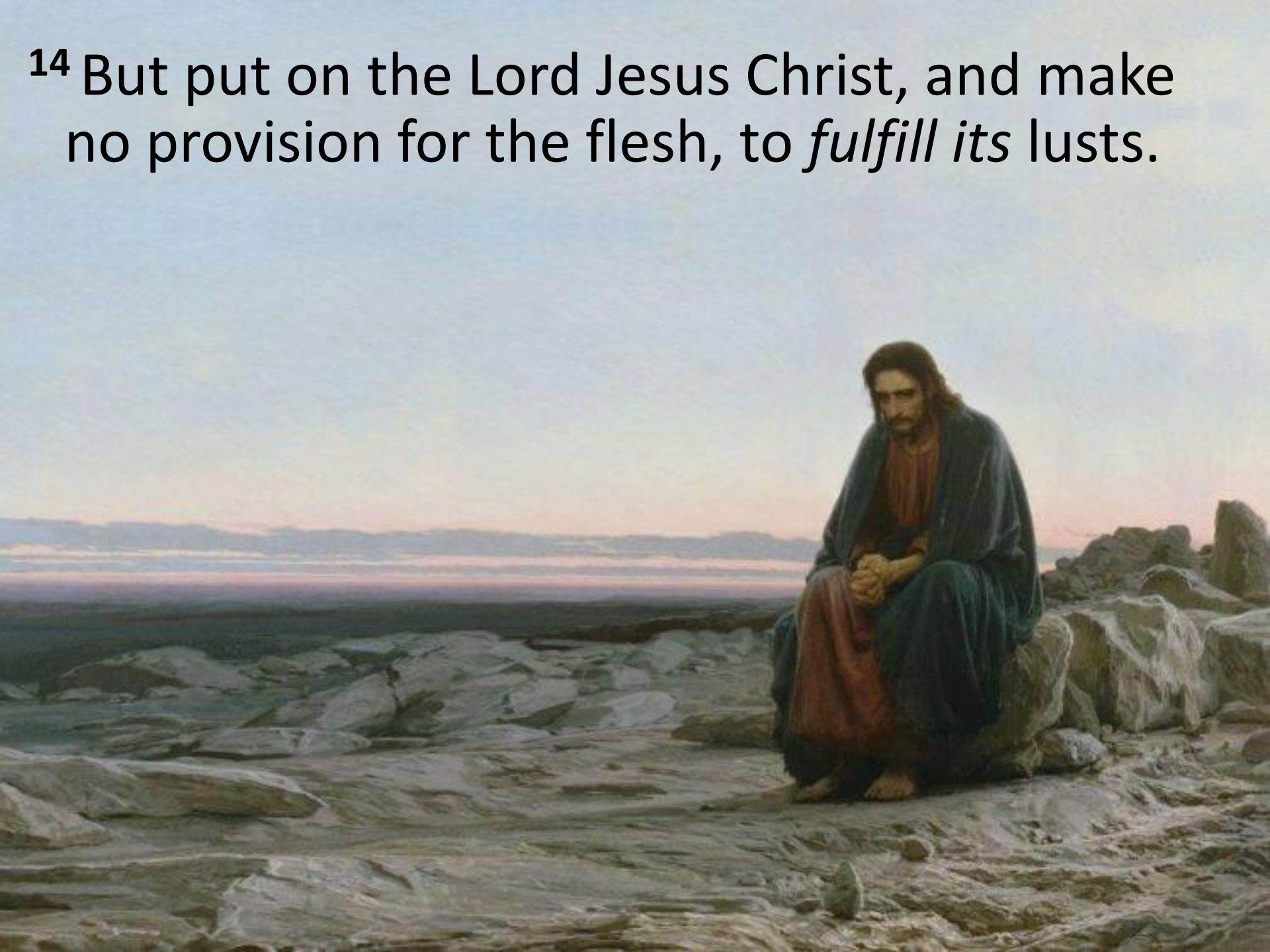
<sup>12</sup> The night is far spent,  
the day is at hand.  
Therefore let us cast  
off the works of  
darkness, and

let us put on the  
**armor of light.**

<sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

INSTEAD OF LIVING IN THE  
SHADOWS OF YESTERDAY,  
WALK IN THE LIGHT OF TODAY  
AND THE HOPE OF TOMORROW

<sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts.







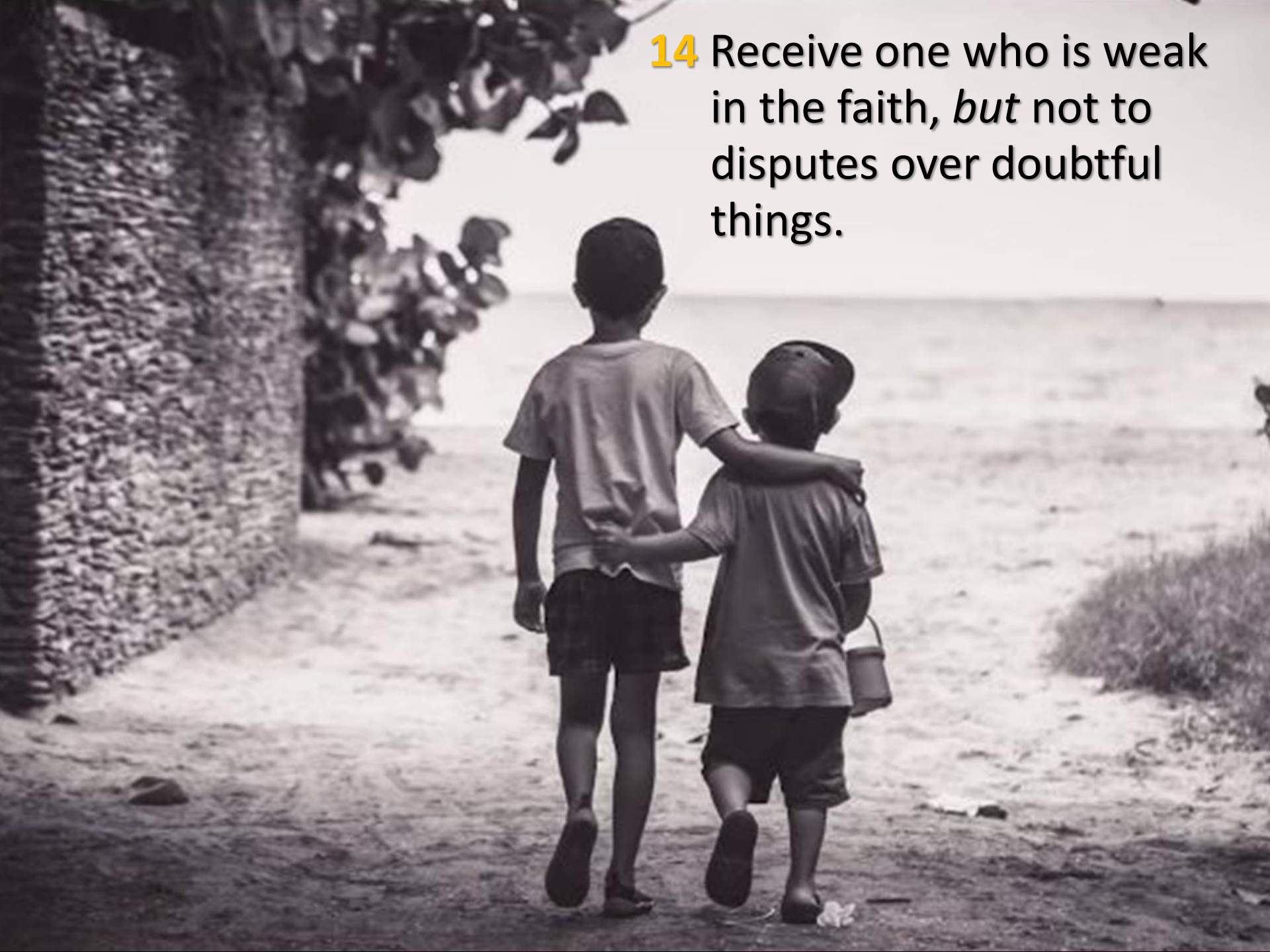
# Chapter 14



# ROMANS

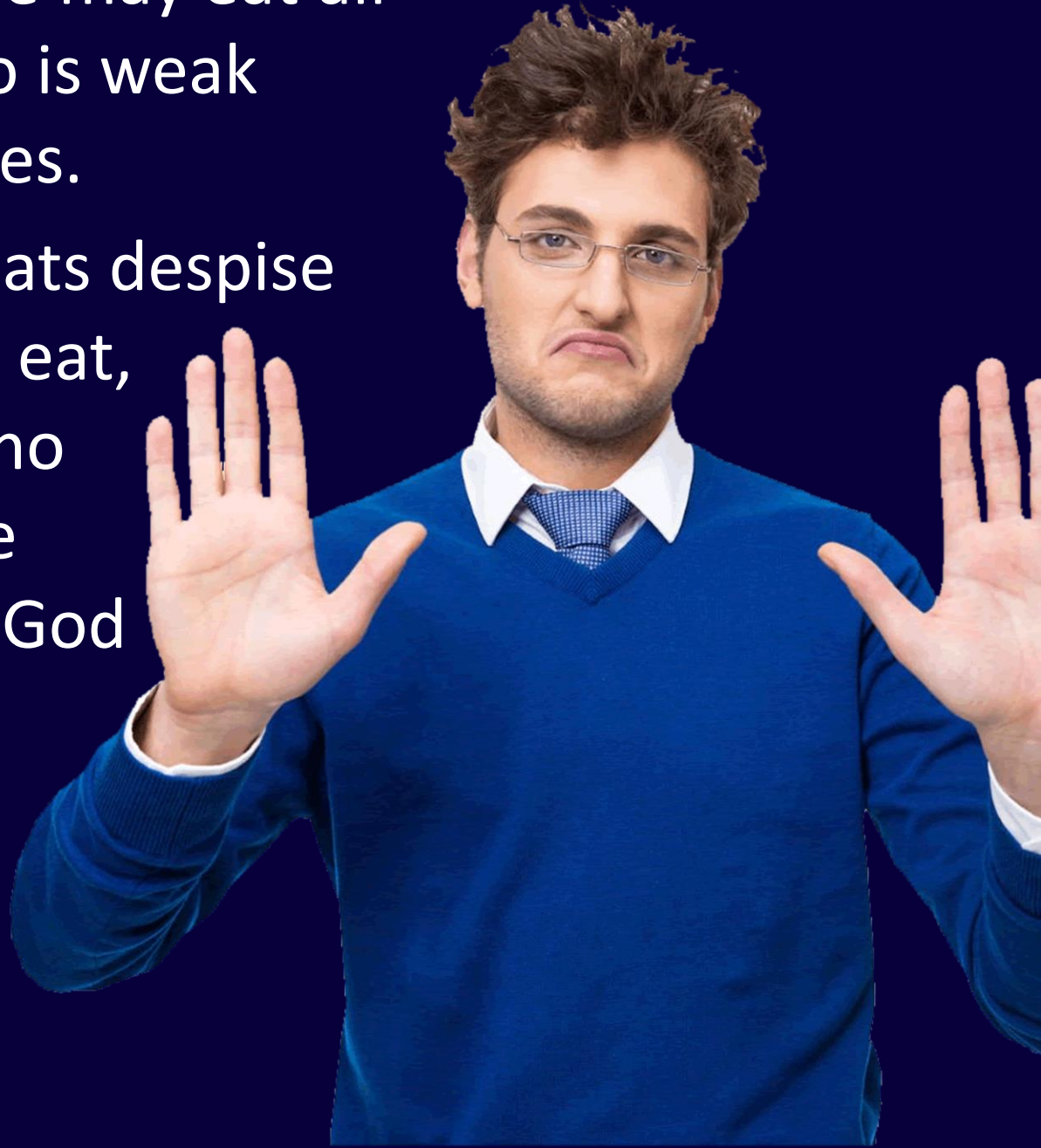


**14** Receive one who is weak in the faith, *but* not to disputes over doubtful things.



<sup>2</sup> For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats *only* vegetables.

<sup>3</sup> Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him.



4 Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.



<sup>5</sup> One person esteems *one* day above another; another esteems every day *alike*. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind.

<sup>6</sup> He who observes the day, observes *it* to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe *it*.

'The Lord's Prayer'  
by James Tissot, 1896.



He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks.



'Saying Grace' by Norman Rockwell, 1951.

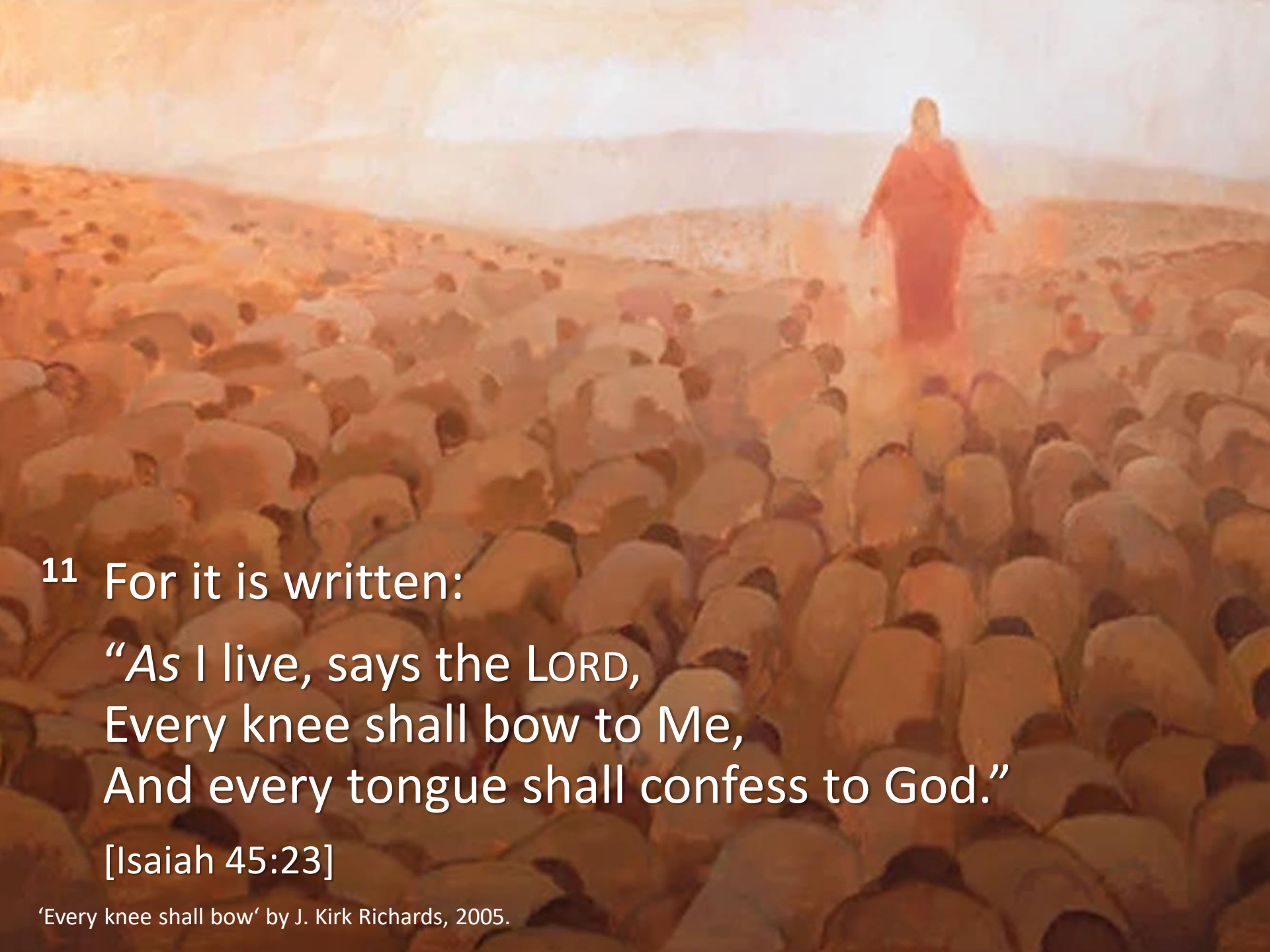
- 7 For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself.
- 8 For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.



<sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup> But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.







11 For it is written:

“As I live, says the LORD,  
Every knee shall bow to Me,  
And every tongue shall confess to God.”

[Isaiah 45:23]



<sup>12</sup> So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in *our* brother's way.