

You Were  
Dead...

**But God!**

Ephesians 2:1-10



# THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

I & II Corinthians

Galatians **2:1-10**

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

I & II Thessalonians

I & II Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

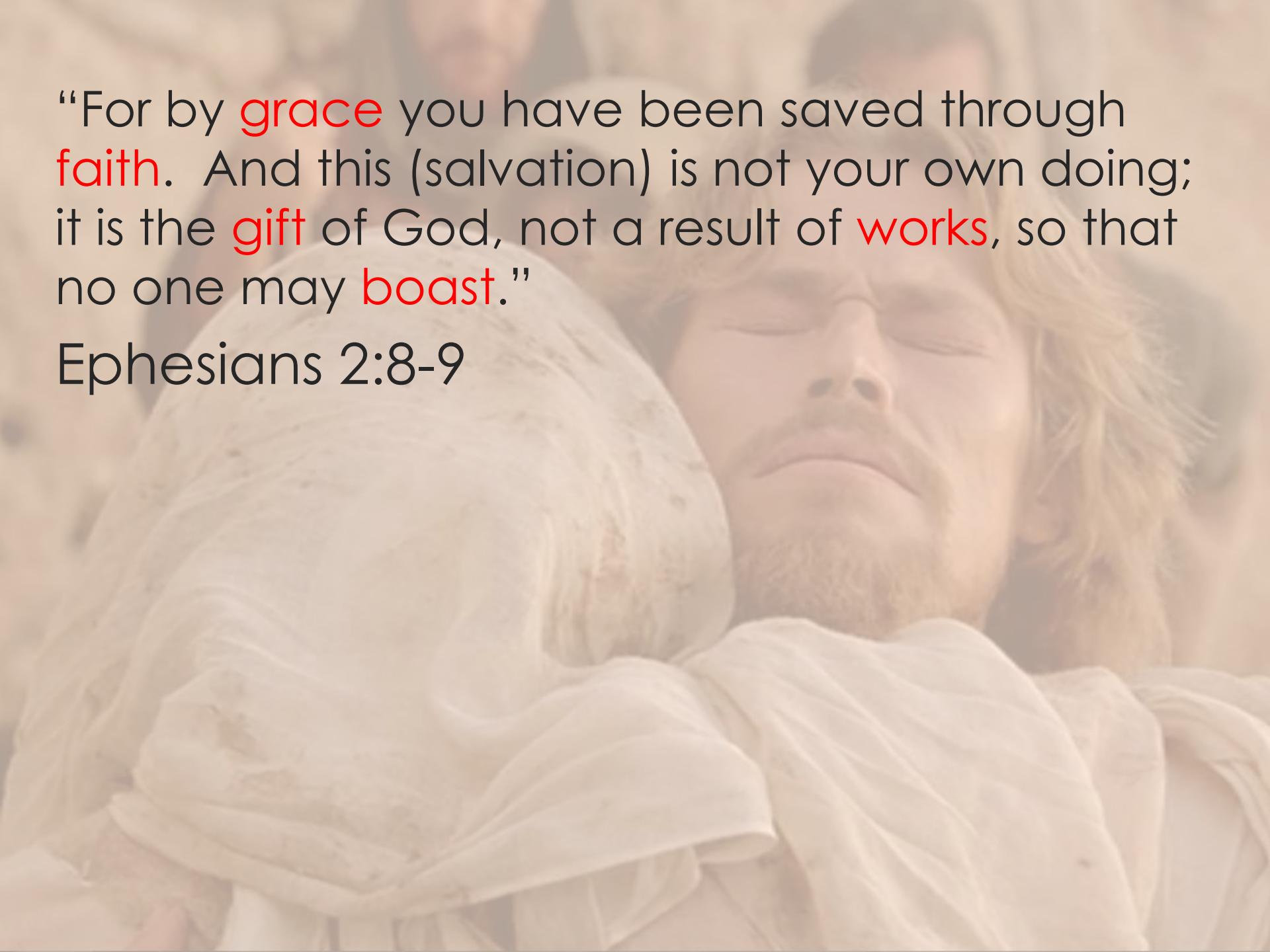
James

I & II Peter

I, II, & III John

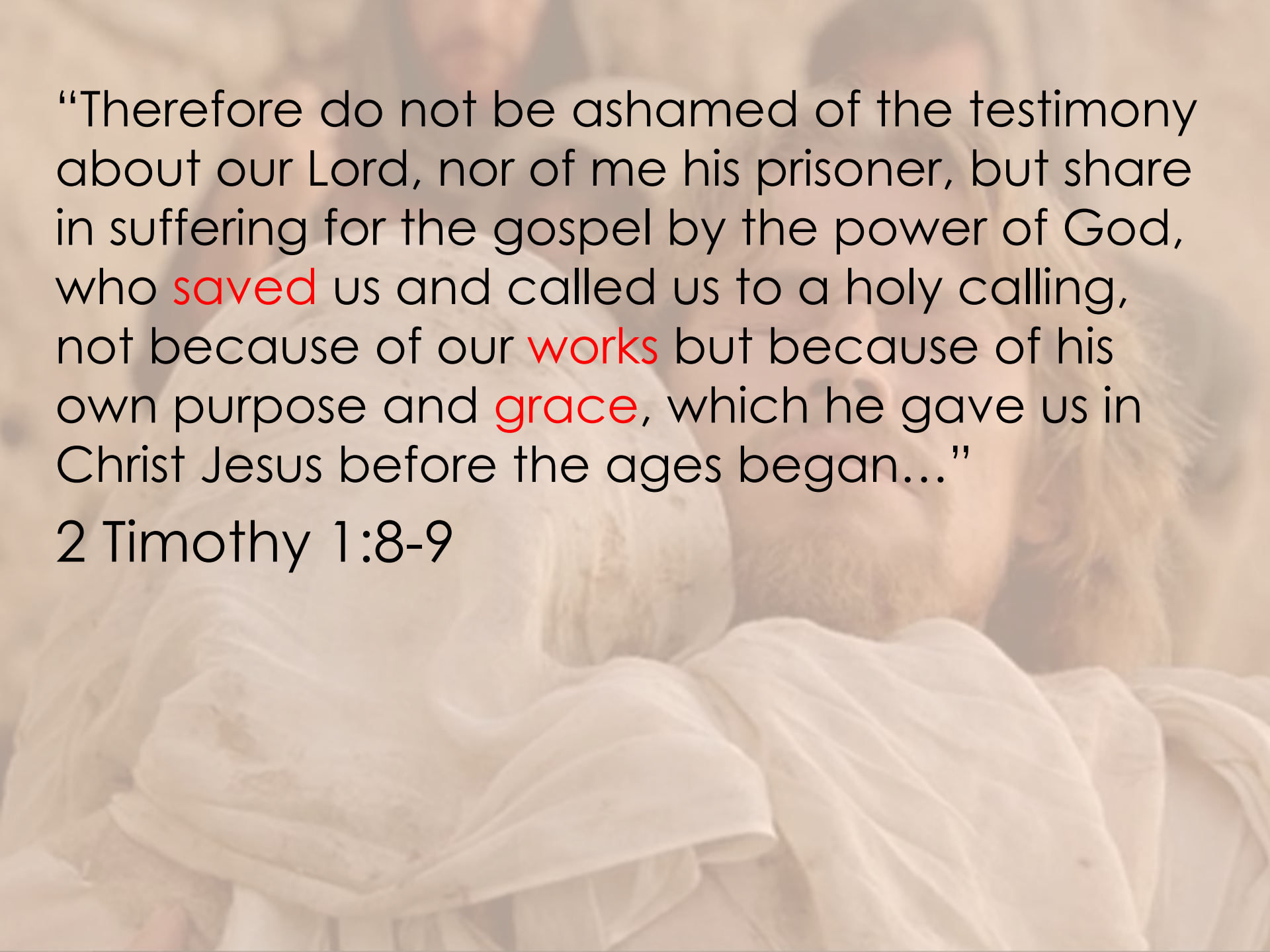
Jude

Revelation



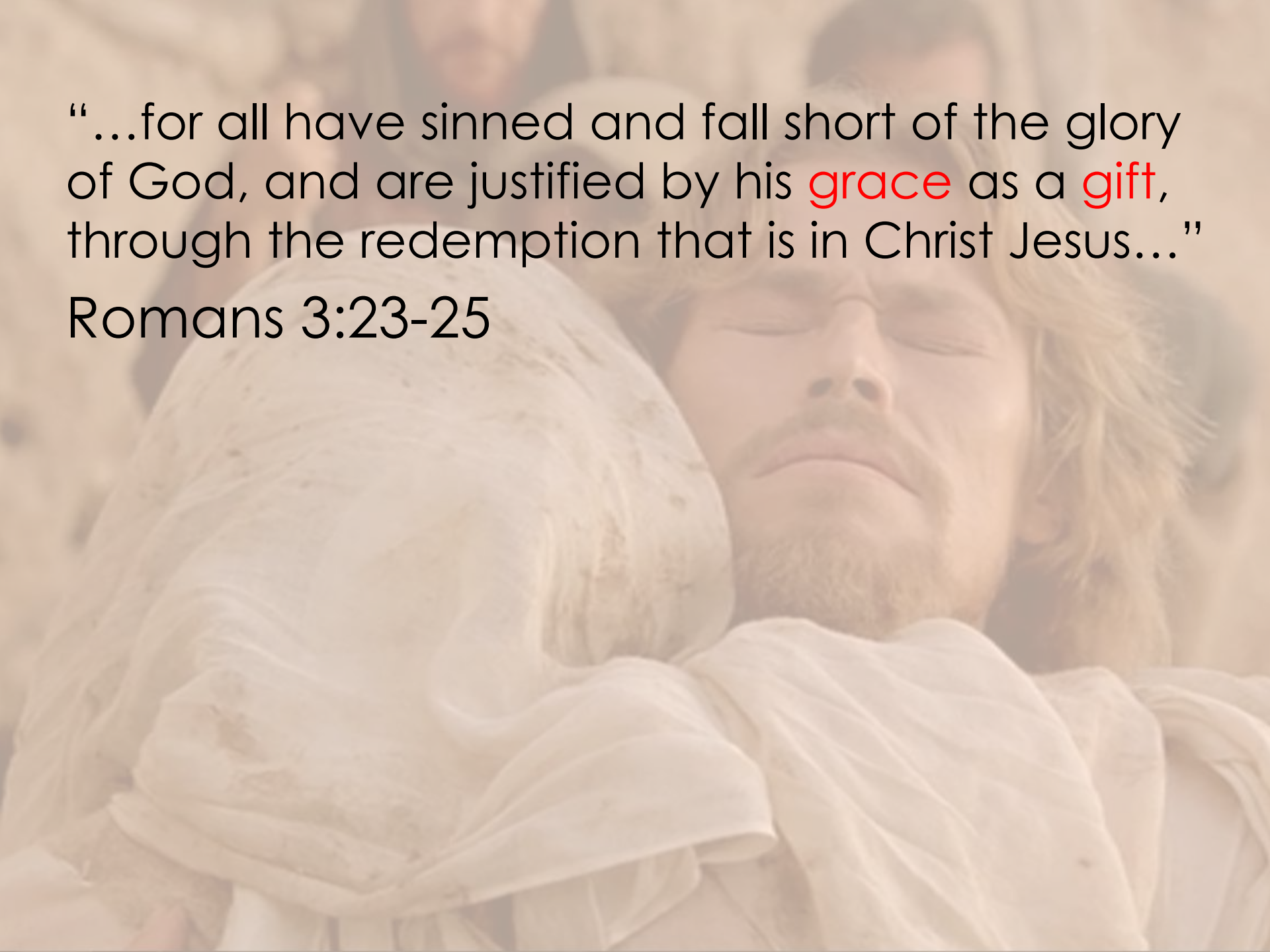
“For by **grace** you have been saved through **faith**. And this (salvation) is not your own doing; it is the **gift** of God, not a result of **works**, so that no one may **boast**.”

Ephesians 2:8-9



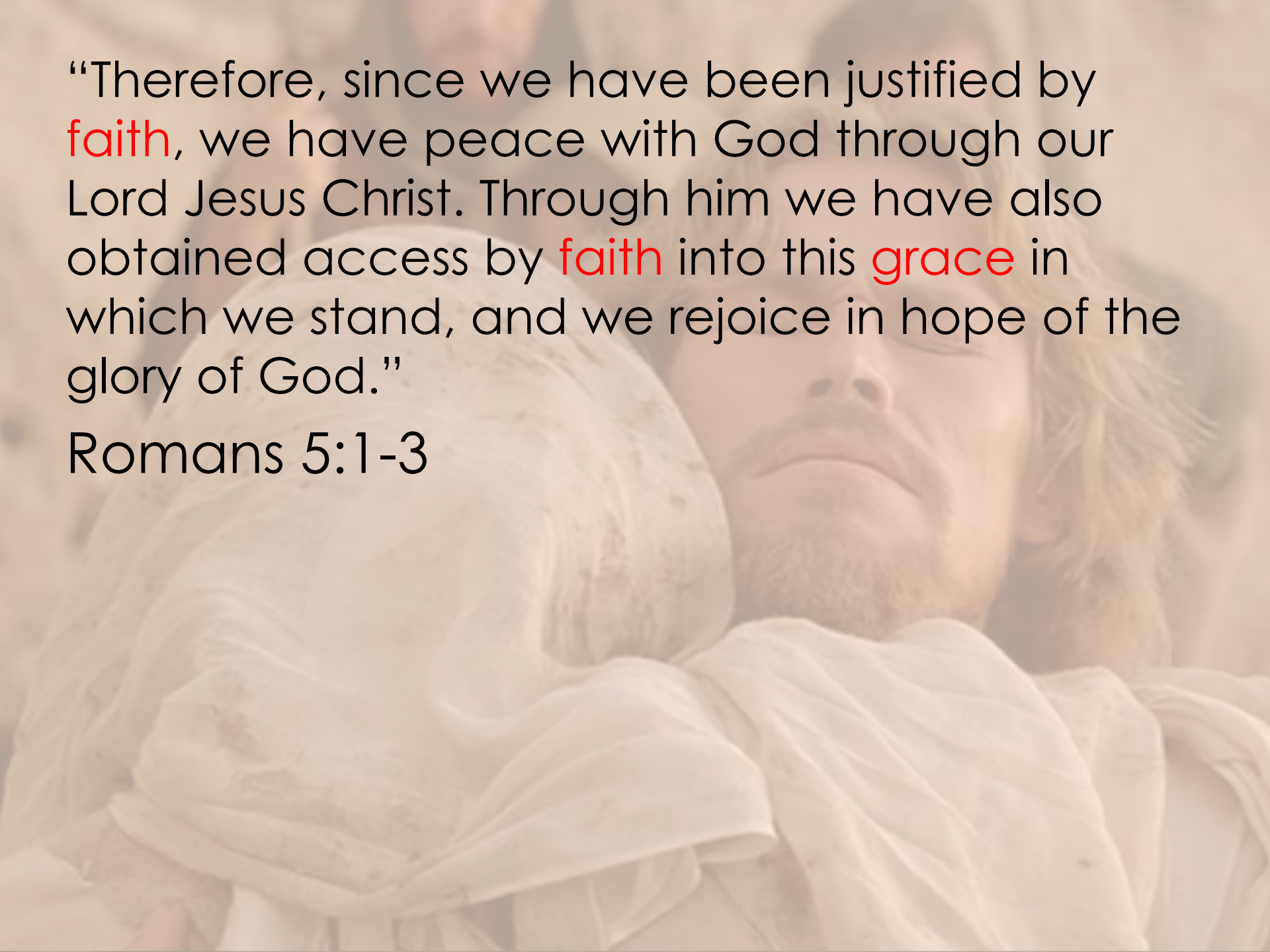
“Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who **saved** us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our **works** but because of his own purpose and **grace**, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began...”

2 Timothy 1:8-9



“...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his **grace** as a **gift**, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...”

Romans 3:23-25



“Therefore, since we have been justified by **faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by **faith** into this **grace** in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

Romans 5:1-3

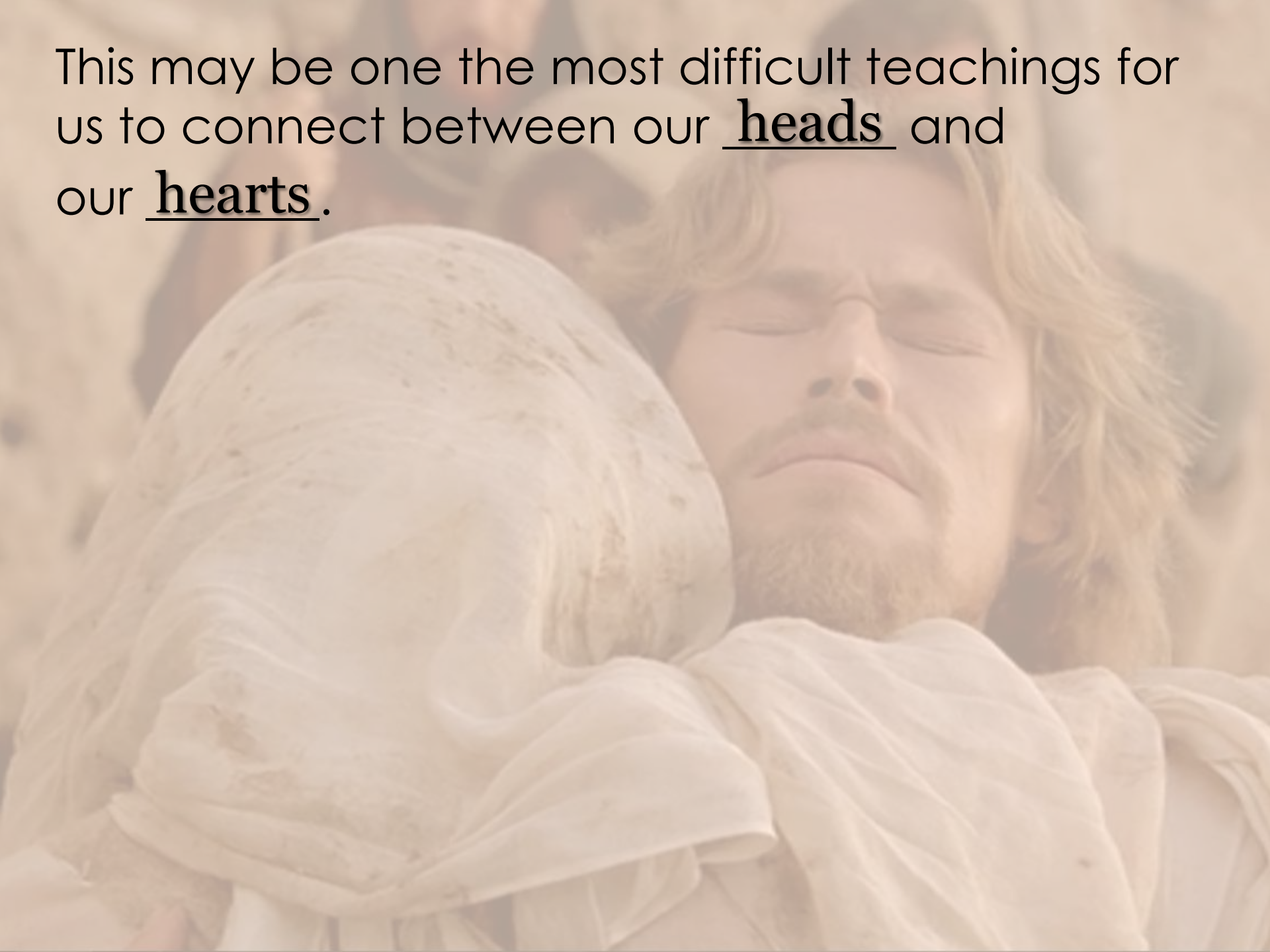


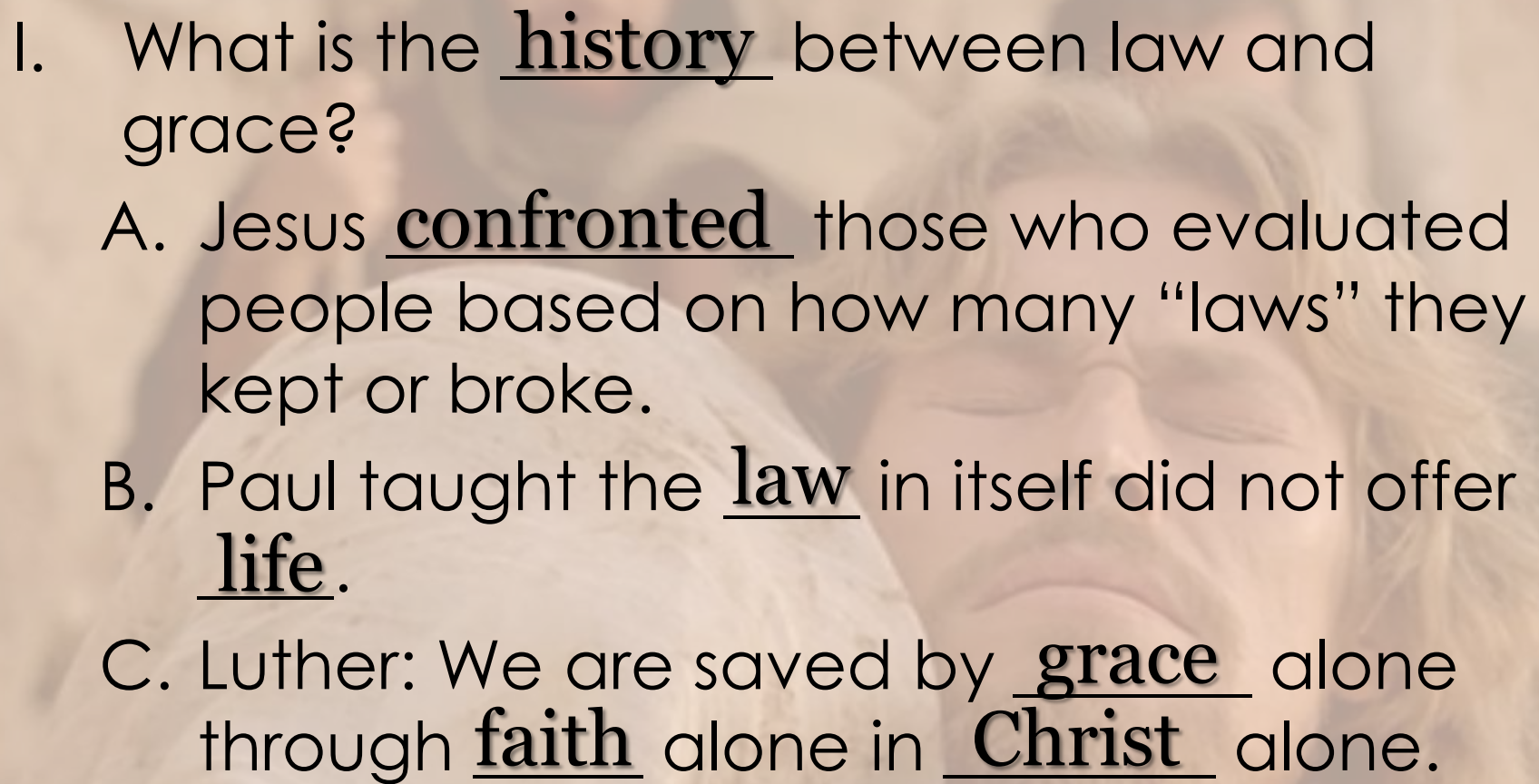
“But if it is by **grace**, it is no longer on the basis of **works**; otherwise **grace** would no longer be **grace**.”

Romans 11:6



This may be one the most difficult teachings for us to connect between our heads and our hearts.



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- I. What is the history between law and grace?
- A. Jesus confronted those who evaluated people based on how many “laws” they kept or broke.
- B. Paul taught the law in itself did not offer life.
- C. Luther: We are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.

II. What really is the dilemma ?

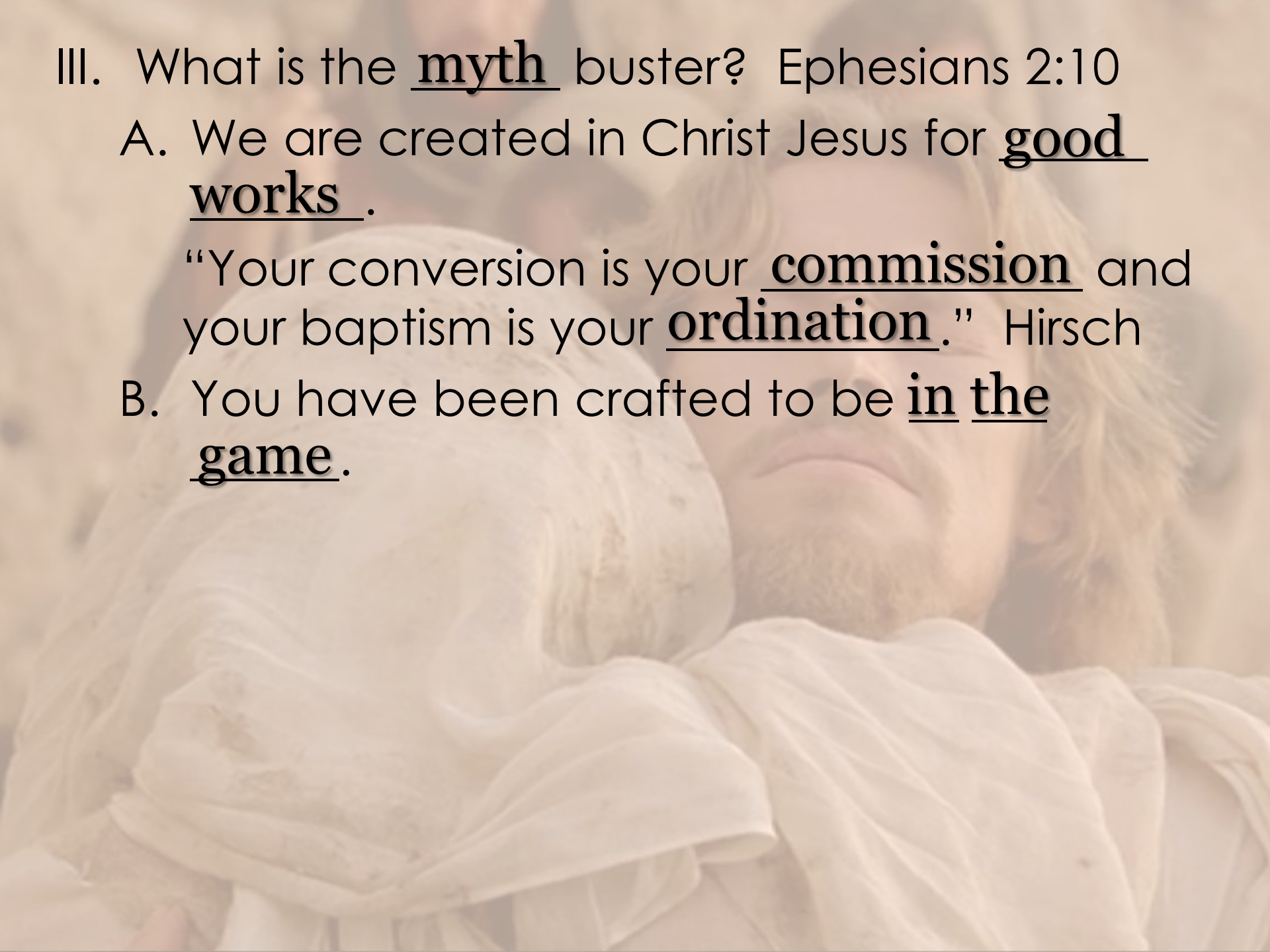
A. Many fear if we preach this it will feel as if we just gave a permission slip to people to sin.

B. Others teach none of that matters to God.

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C. In Christ we fight FROM a place of victory and reject the lie that we are fighting FOR victory.



III. What is the myth buster? Ephesians 2:10

A. We are created in Christ Jesus for good works .

“Your conversion is your commission and your baptism is your ordination .” Hirsch


B. You have been crafted to be in the game .



If you have received salvation, it was by grace  
alone through faith alone in Christ alone.

But God... made you alive and put you right into  
the action.

The work you were created to do is done for the  
sake of Christ, and it brings glory to God.



Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,  
coming down from the Father of lights,  
with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.  
~James 1:17

*For heaven's sake, open your gifts.*

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# Prayer Person this Week

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