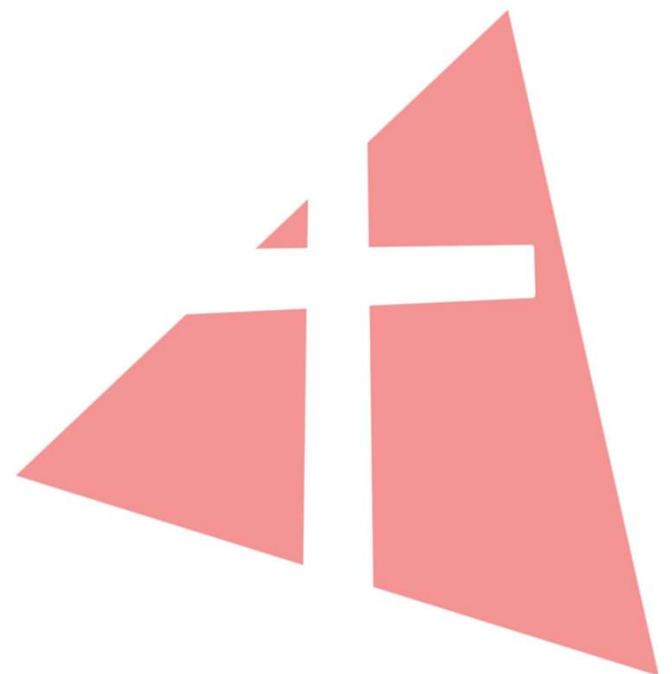


# **WHO AM I?**

**Part 2: Restoration in Christ**

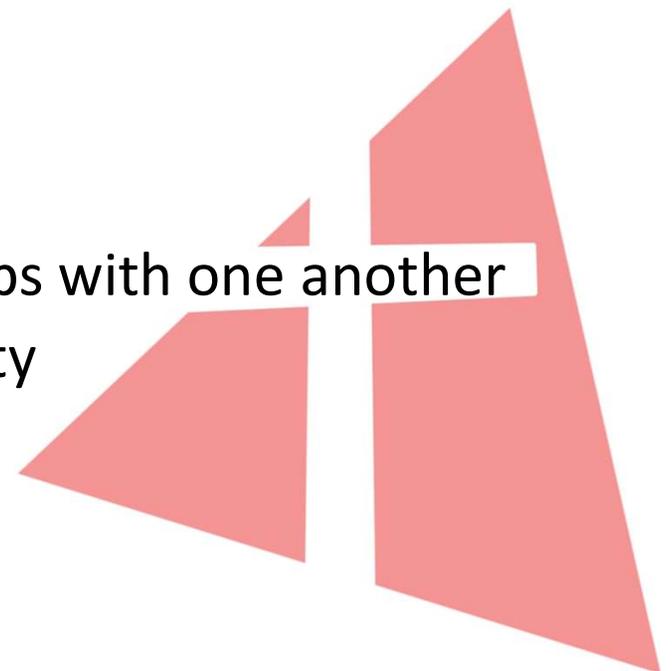
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# LAST TIME

## ○ Creation and Fall

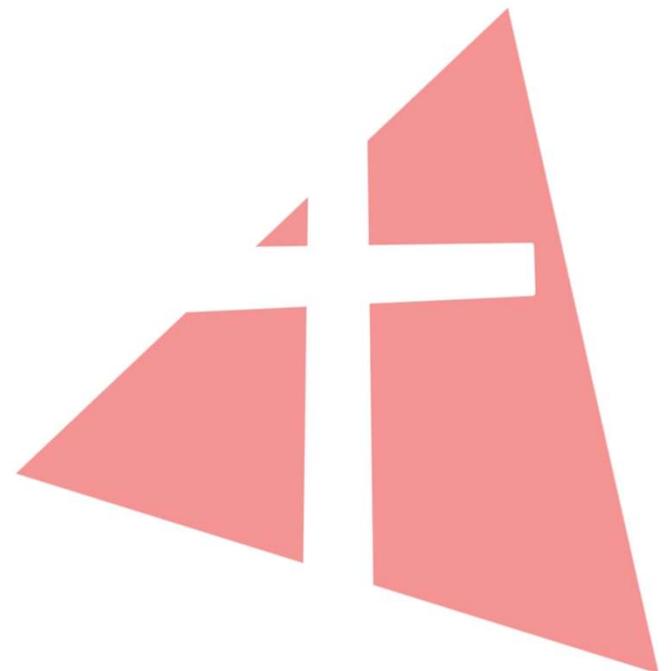
- God created us to worship Him
- God created us as His children
- God created us to rule
- God created us for good works
- God created us for meaningful relationships with one another
- God created us to live in safety and security



# LAST TIME

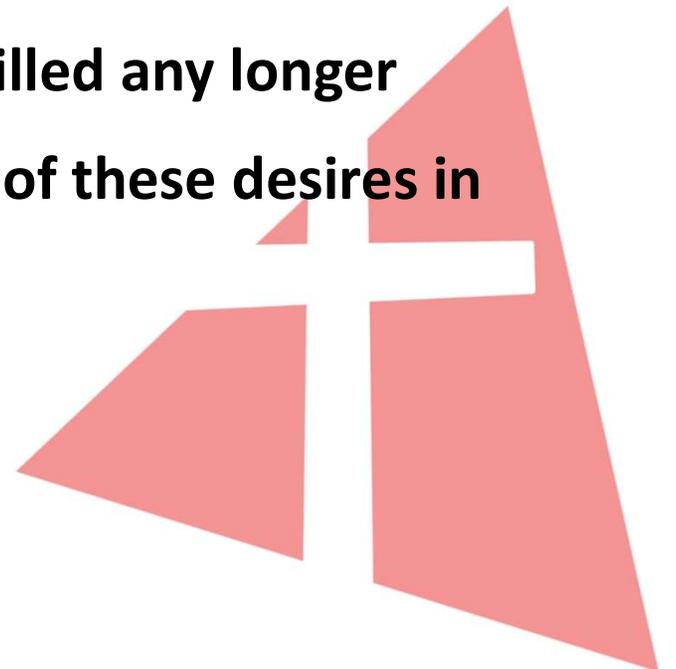
## ○ Because of sin

- Worship turned into fear
- We became children of wrath
- We became slaves instead of rulers
- Work became a burden
- Relationships got separated
- Our safety and security got lost



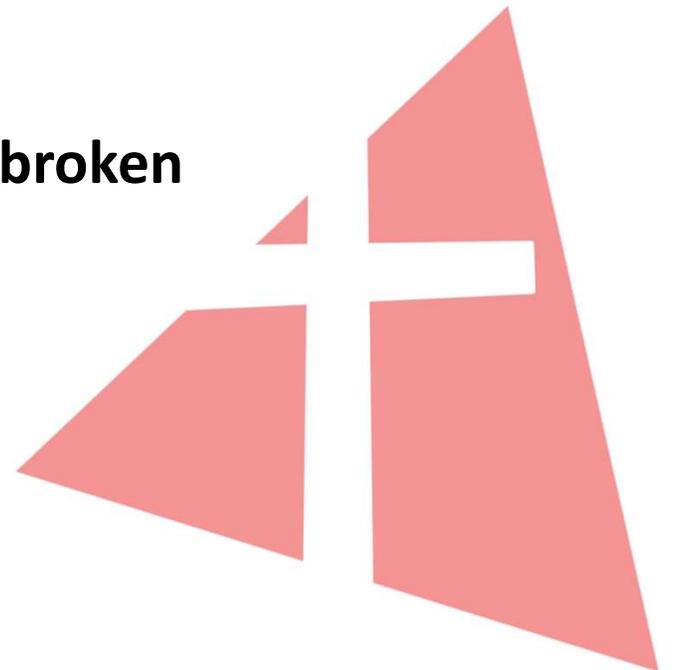
# LAST TIME

- **We still have these God-given desires within us**
- **But because of sin, these desires are not fulfilled any longer**
- **Most people now chase after the fulfillment of these desires in their own strength**



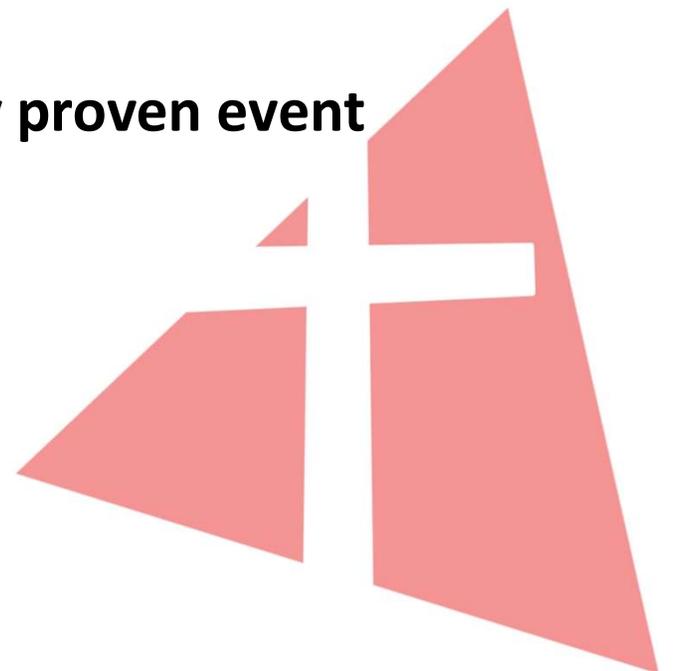
# TOPIC TODAY

- Sin is not the end of the story
- Jesus offered to restore everything that was broken



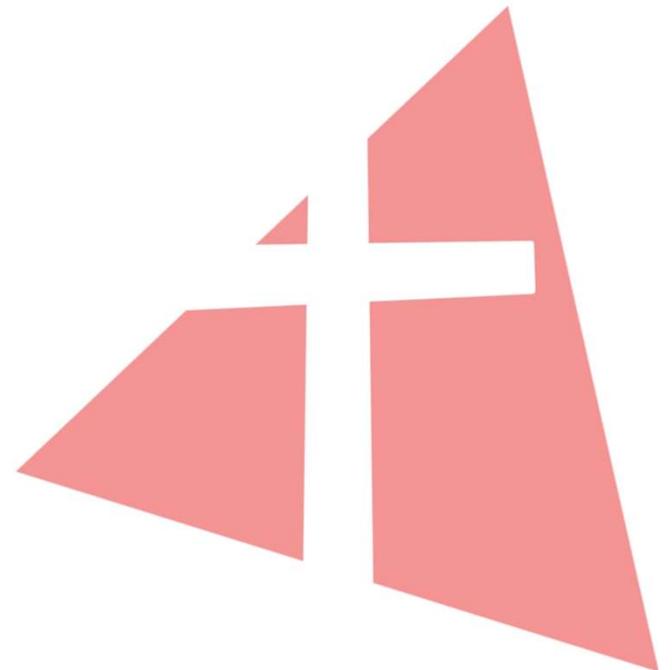
# THE CROSS

- **Jesus' death and resurrection is a historically proven event**



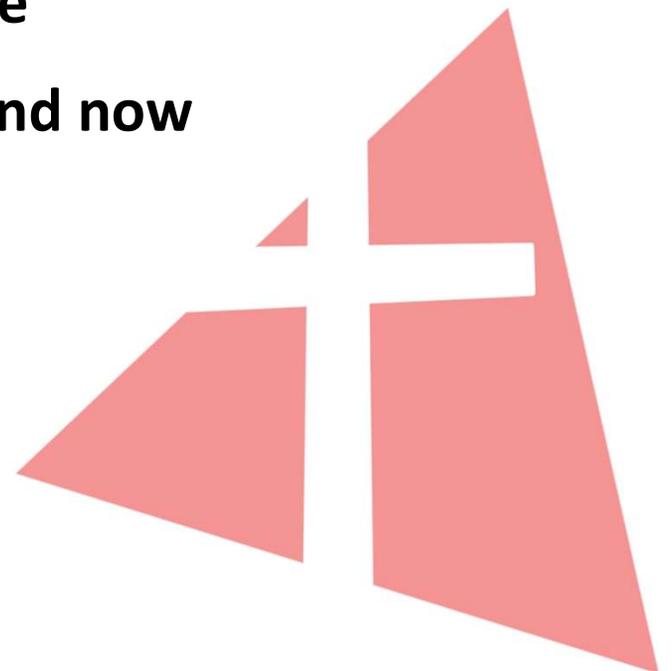
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- **Jesus claimed to be God**
- **Either Jesus**
  - Was Evil
  - Was Deluded
  - Is God



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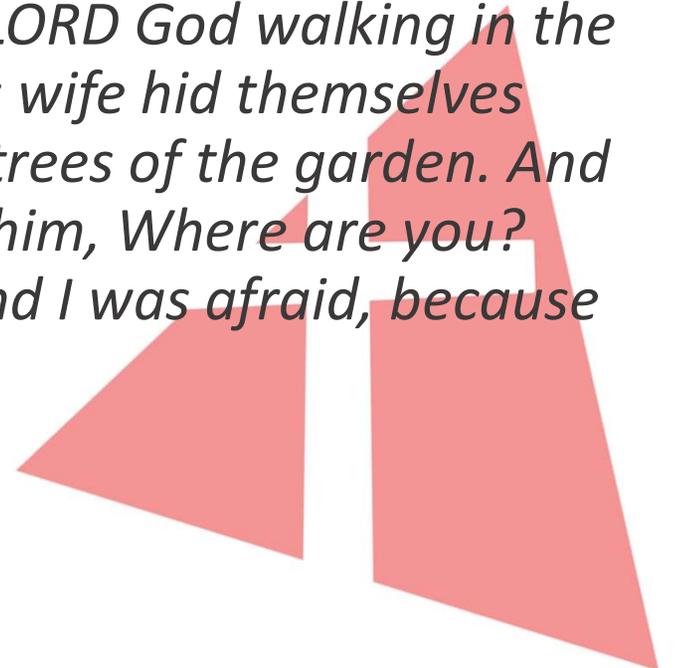
- Jesus didn't only offer us "things in the future"
- He offered to restore everything right here and now
- All we have to do: Accept it, by Faith



# WORSHIP

- **The problem**

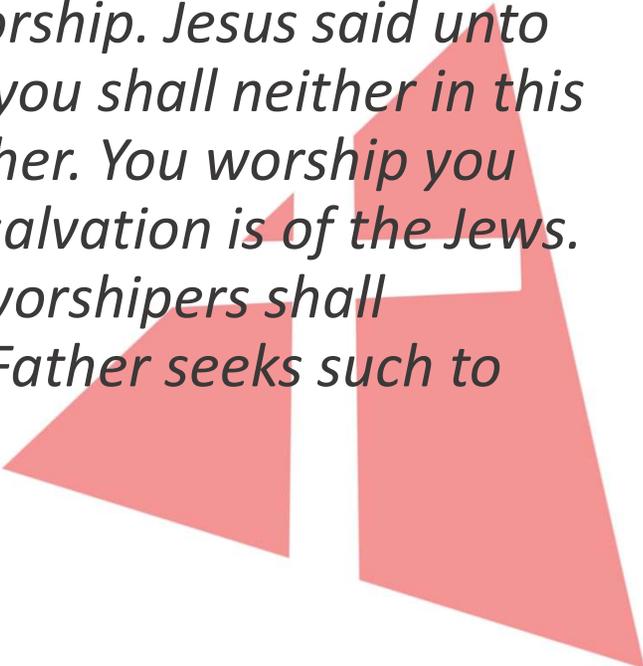
*Genesis 3:8-10 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where are you? And he said, I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.*



# WORSHIP

## ○ The solution

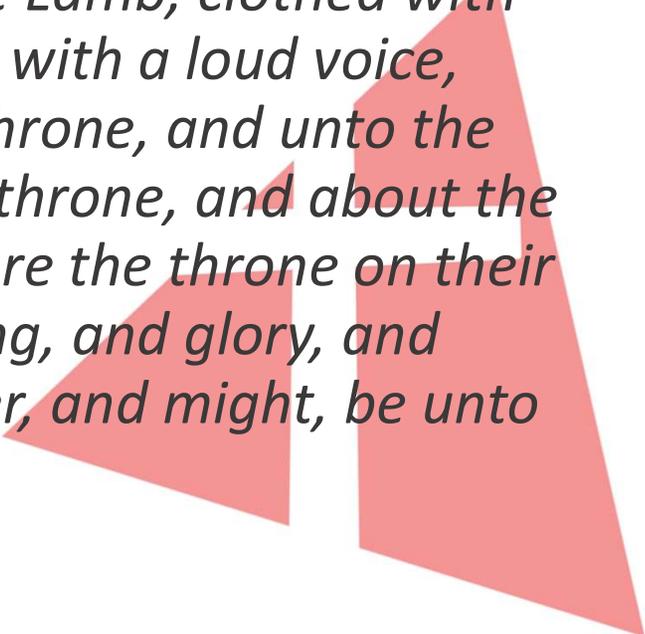
*John 4:20-23 Our fathers worshiped in this mountain; and you say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus said unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour comes, when you shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship you know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship him.*



# WORSHIP

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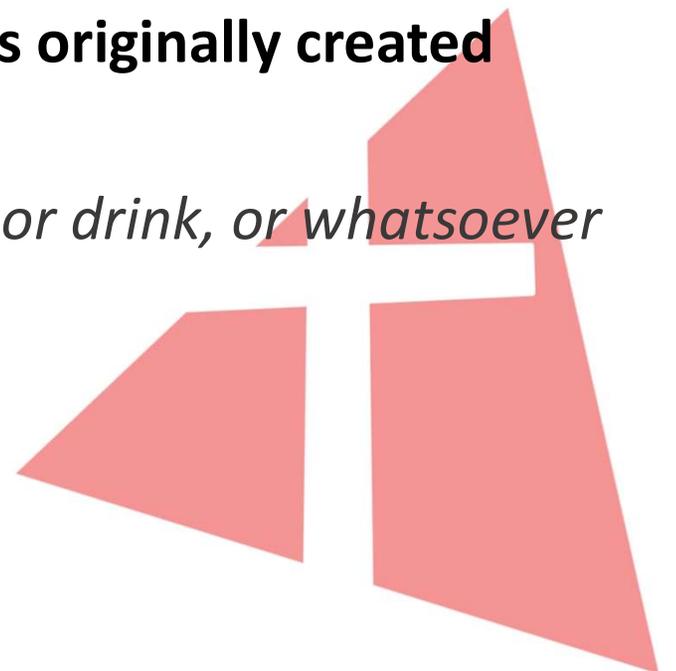
*Revelation 7:9-12 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and tribes, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God who sits upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four living creatures, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshiped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever. Amen.*

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# WORSHIP

- I personally feel most fulfilled when I worship God
- God has restored the purpose for which I was originally created

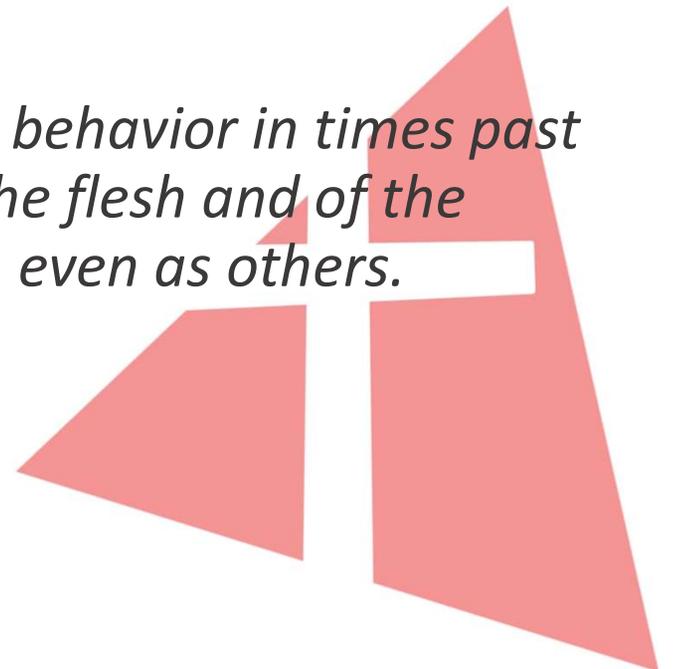
*1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore you eat, or drink, or whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God.*



# GOD CREATED US AS HIS CHILDREN

- **The problem: Sin made us children of wrath**

*Ephesians 2:3 Among whom also we all had our behavior in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.*



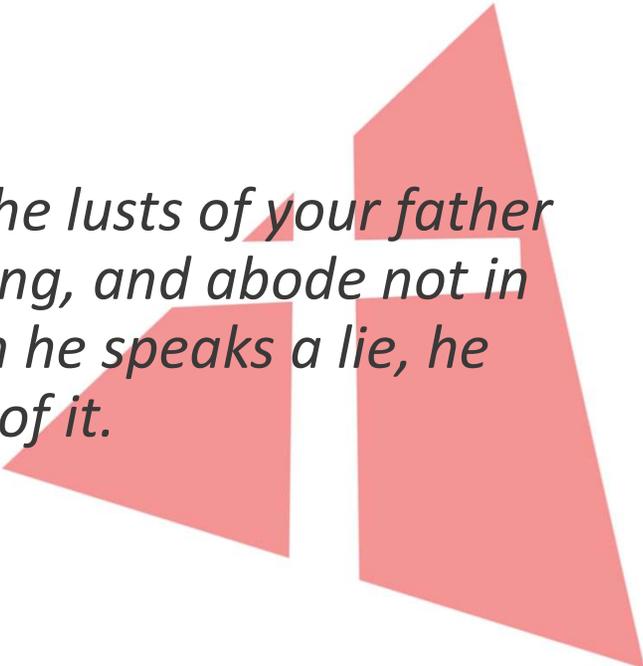
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*Ephesians 2:4-5 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love with which he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, has made us alive together with Christ, (by grace you are saved;)*

- **Sin made us children of the devil**

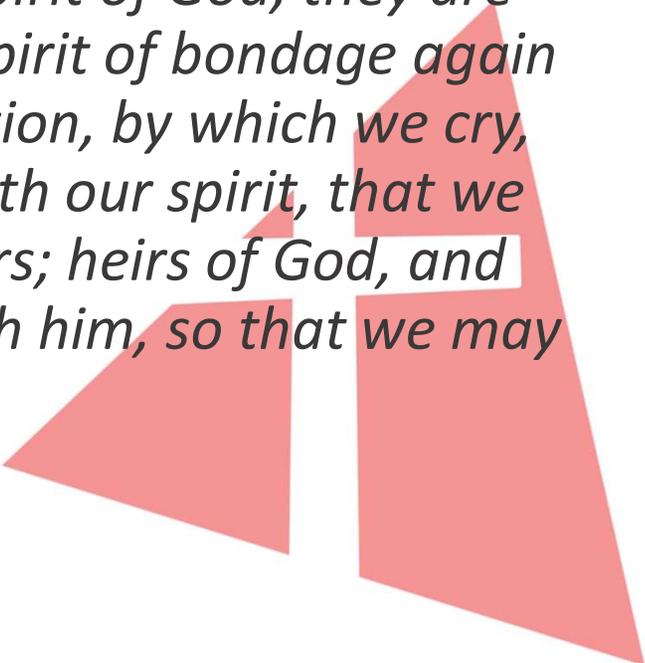
*John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*



# GOD CREATED US AS HIS CHILDREN

- **The solution: We are adopted children of God**

*Romans 8:14-17 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you have received the Spirit of adoption, by which we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, so that we may be also glorified together.*

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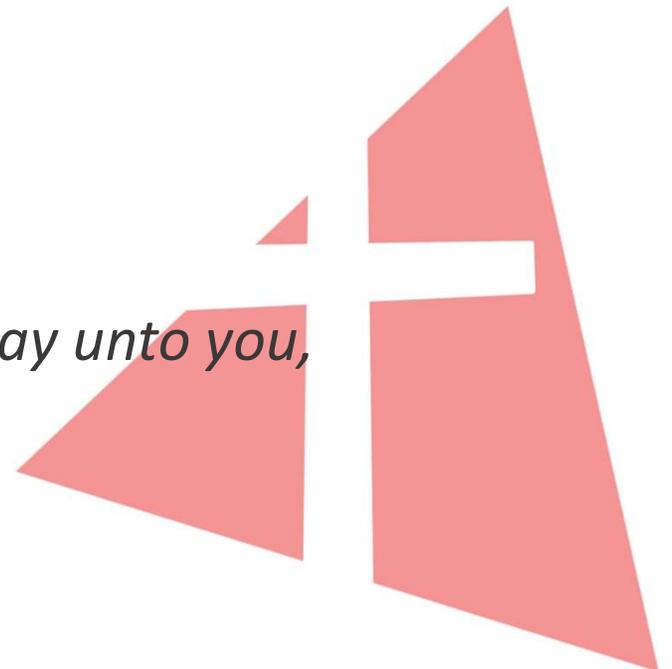
# GOD CREATED US TO RULE

- **The problem**

*Luke 4:6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give you, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.*

- **We have become slaves**

*John 8:34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever commits sin is the servant of sin.*

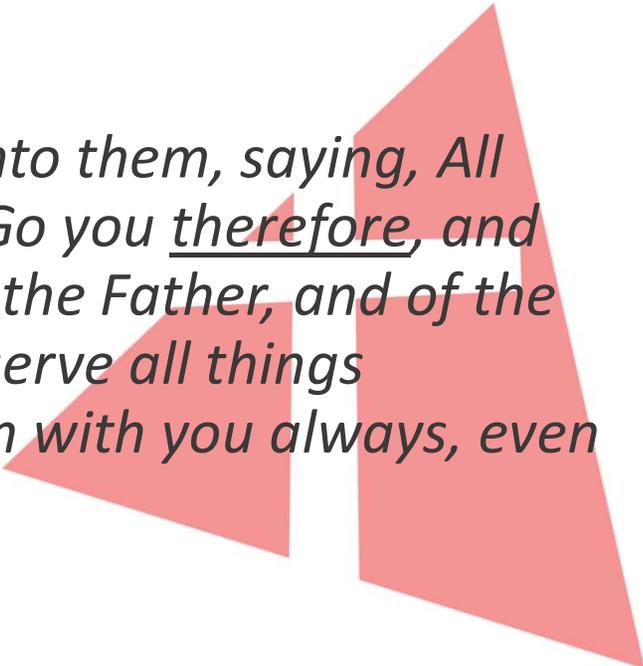


# GOD CREATED US TO RULE

## ○ The solution

*John 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.*

*Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

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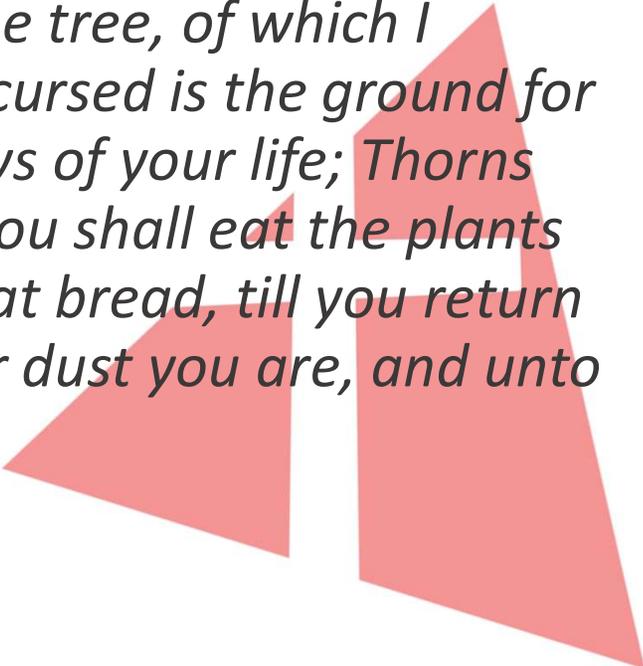
*Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection: on such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*

*Revelation 22:3-5 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be on their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no lamp, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God gives them light: and they shall reign forever and ever.*

# GOD CREATED US FOR GOOD WORKS

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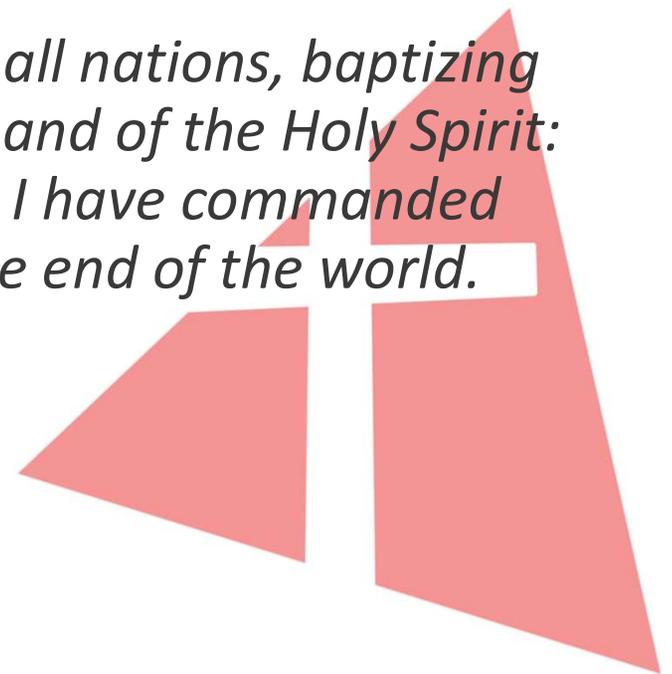
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# GOD CREATED US FOR GOOD WORKS

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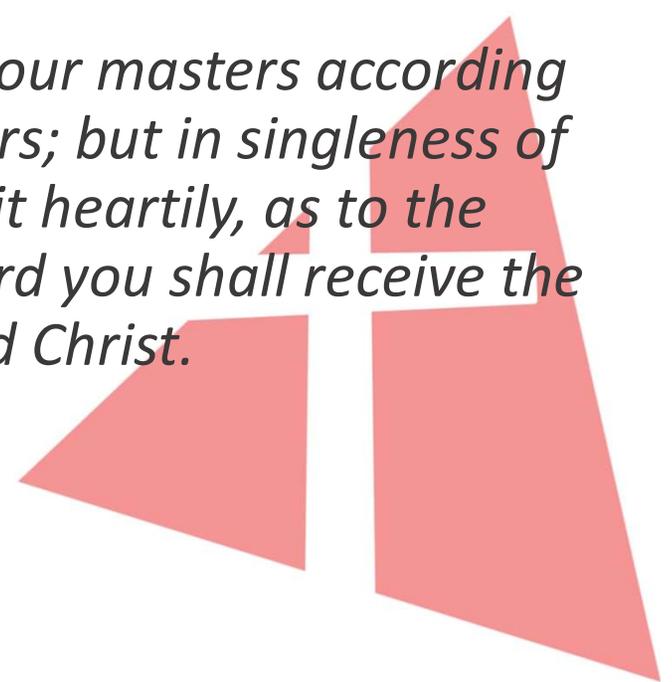
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# GOD CREATED US FOR GOOD WORKS

## ○ The solution

*Colossians 3:22-24 Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eye service, as men pleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: And whatsoever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord you shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for you serve the Lord Christ.*

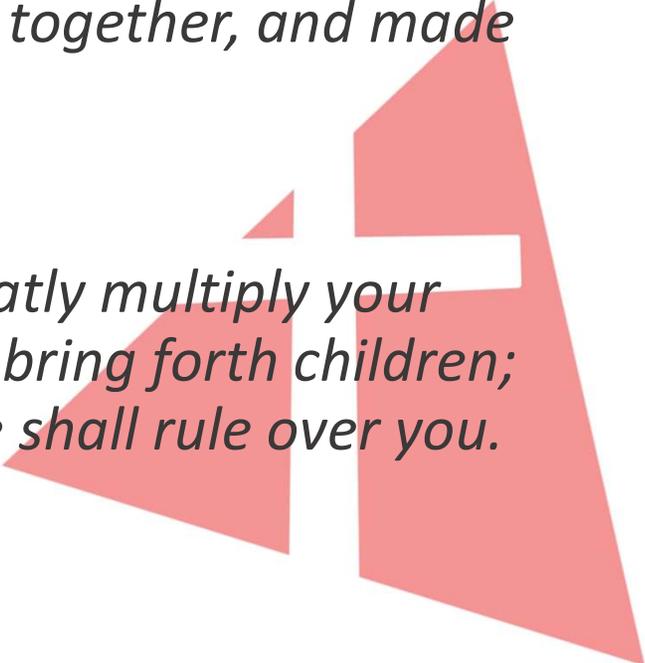


# GOD CREATED US FOR MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS

## ○ The problem

*Genesis 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.*

*Genesis 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in sorrow you shall bring forth children; and your desire shall be to your husband, and he shall rule over you.*

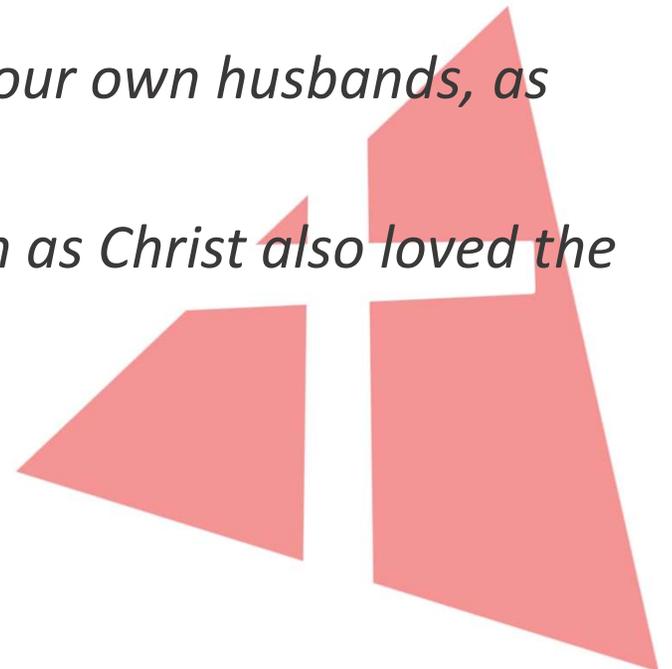


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## ○ The solution

*Ephesians 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.*

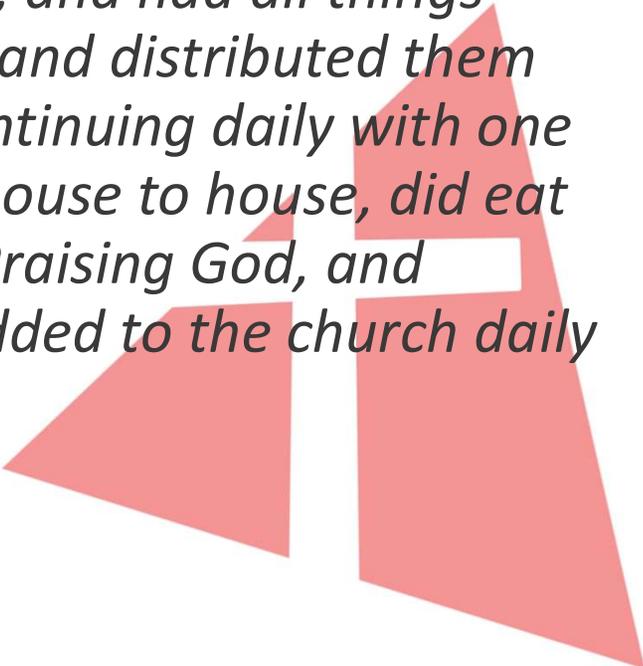
*Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*



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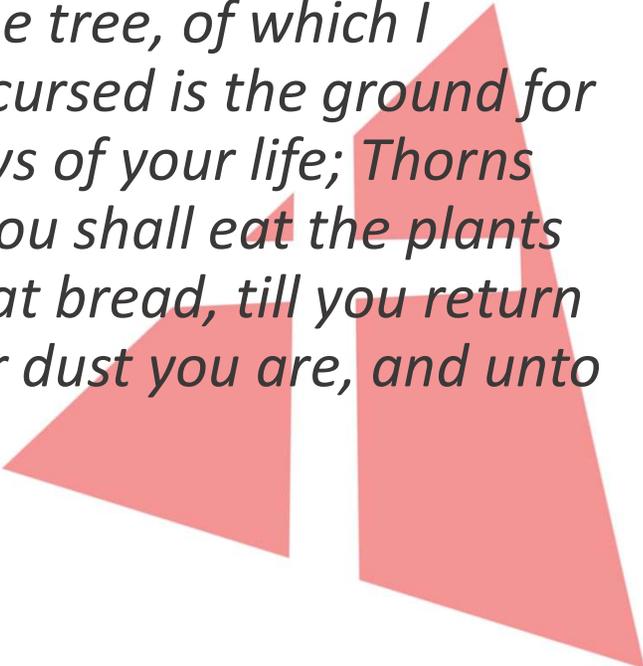
*Acts 2:44-47 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and distributed them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their food with gladness and sincerity of heart, Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as were being saved.*



# GOD CREATED US TO LIVE IN SAFETY AND SECURITY

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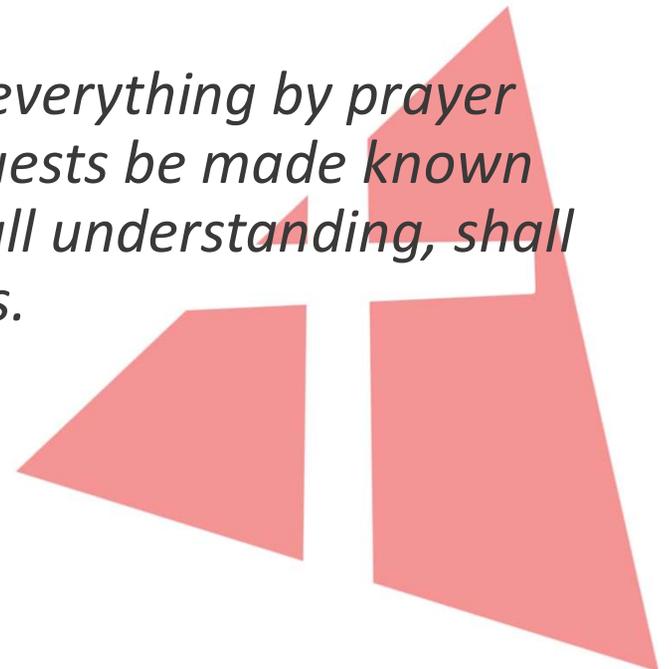
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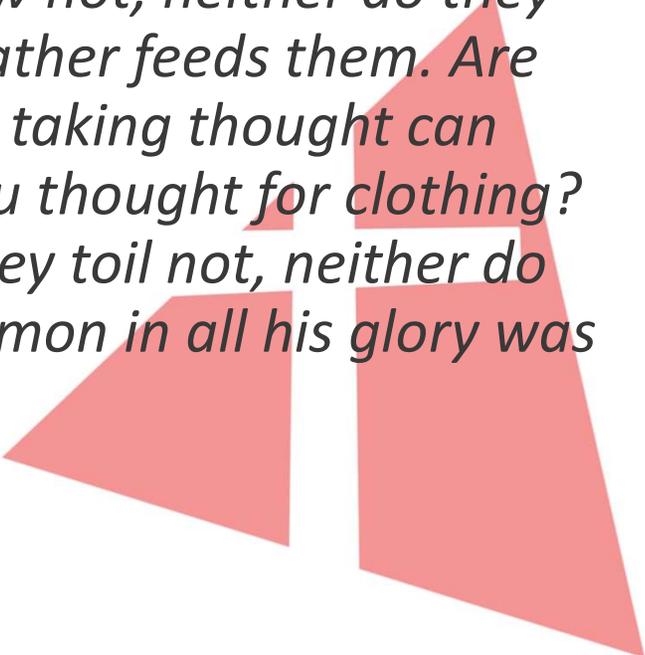
## ○ The solution

*Philippians 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*



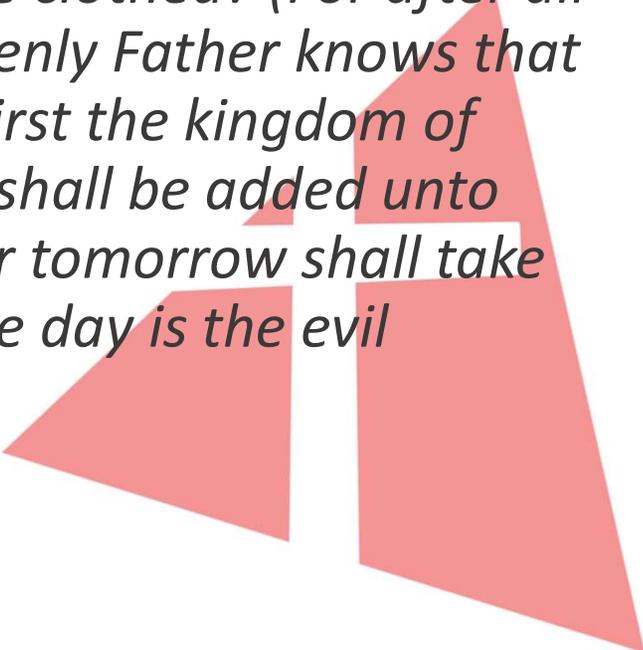
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*Matthew 6:25-34 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor yet for your body, what you shall put on. Is not the life more than food, and the body than clothing? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take you thought for clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ...*



# GOD CREATED US TO LIVE IN SAFETY AND SECURITY

*...Therefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, How shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knows that you have need of all these things. But seek you first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for tomorrow: for tomorrow shall take thought of the things for itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.*



# MOST IMPORTANT

- **The problem**

*Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*



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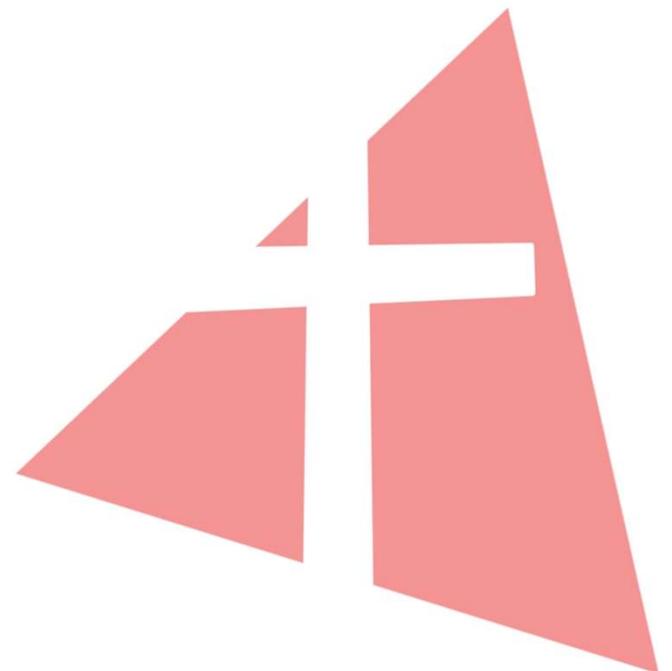
*John 3:16-21 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believes on him is not condemned: but he that believes not is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone that does evil hates the light, neither comes to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he that does truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are worked in God.*



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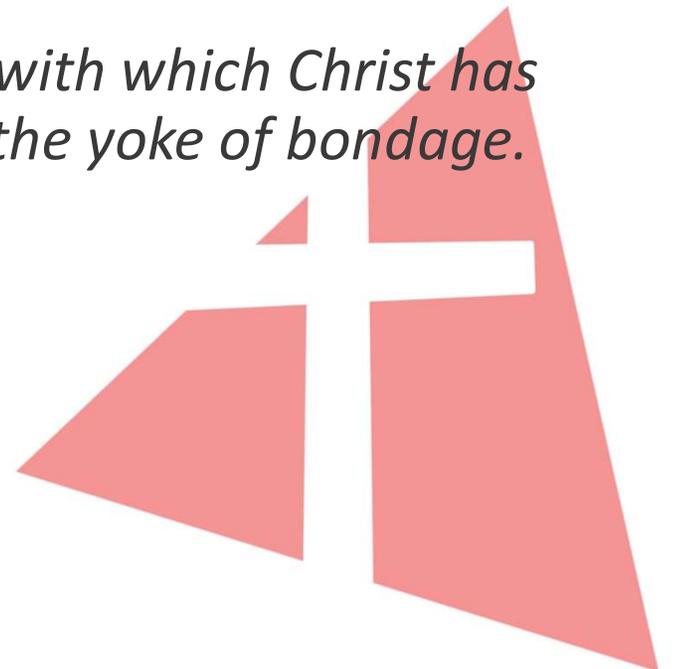
## ○ Who is Jesus?

- Evil?
- Deluded?
- God?



# OUR TENDENCY

*Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty with which Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.*



# EASTER

- **Jesus offered to restore everything to us right now**
- **But most importantly: Jesus offered to rescue us from hell**

