



# *FIXING OUR EYES ON JESUS!*

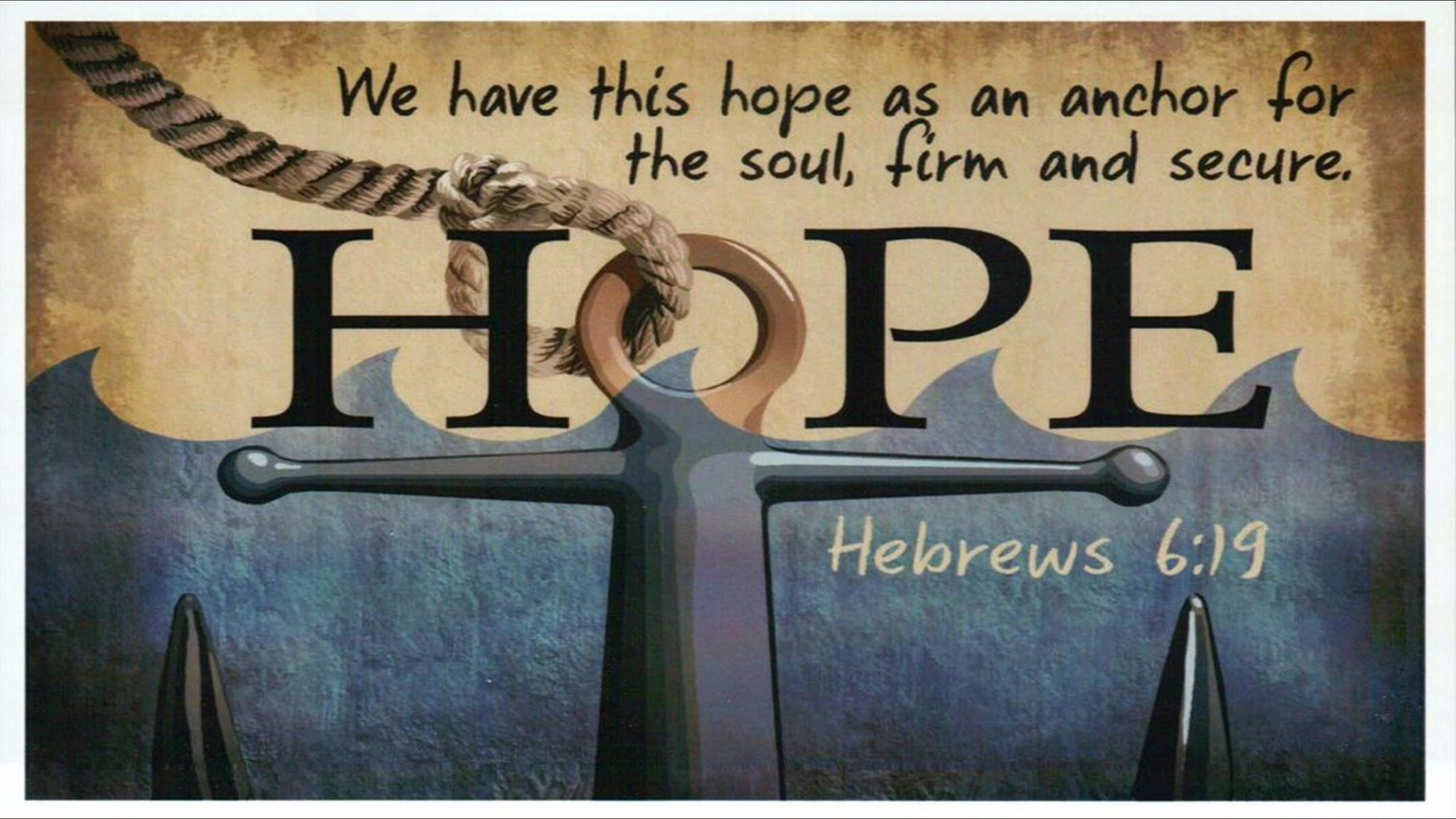
**In the Old & New Testament**  
*A Study in the  
book of Hebrews*



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THE ANCHOR OF MY SOUL  
HEBREWS 6:13-20





We have this hope as an anchor for  
the soul, firm and secure.

# HOPE

Hebrews 6:19



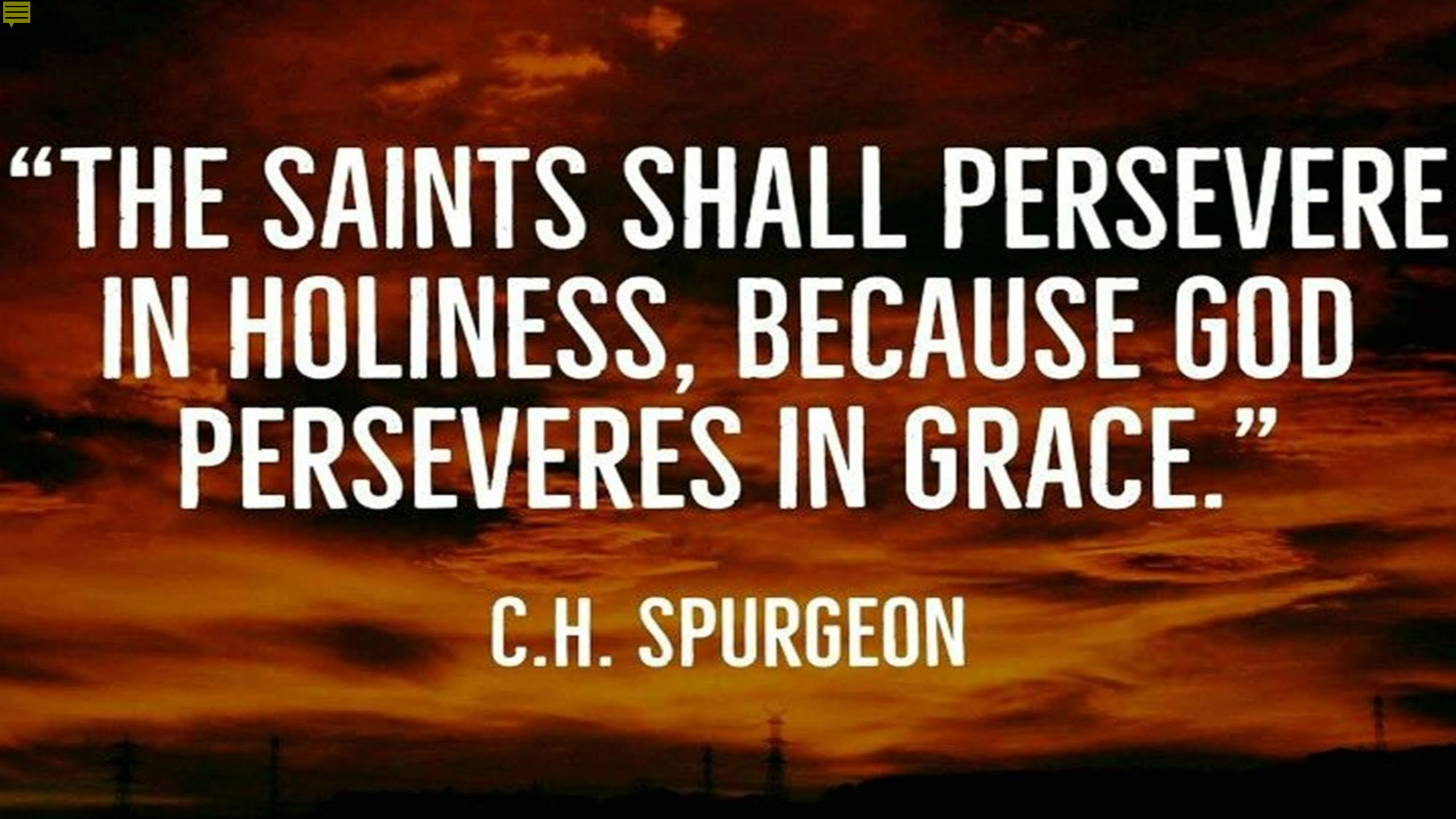
# 2 Impossibles!

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- For it is impossible, . . . fallen away, to restore them again to repentance! . . . they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.
- It is impossible for God to lie

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**“THE SAINTS SHALL PERSEVERE  
IN HOLINESS, BECAUSE GOD  
PERSEVERES IN GRACE.”**

**C.H. SPURGEON**



# Swear to God!

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- **Let your word be Yes / No – Matt. 5**
- **Promises, vows and oaths!**
- **Swears? God offers a promise!**
- **God Himself swears, take note!**  
**He will NEVER LIE!**

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# Can I lose Salvation?

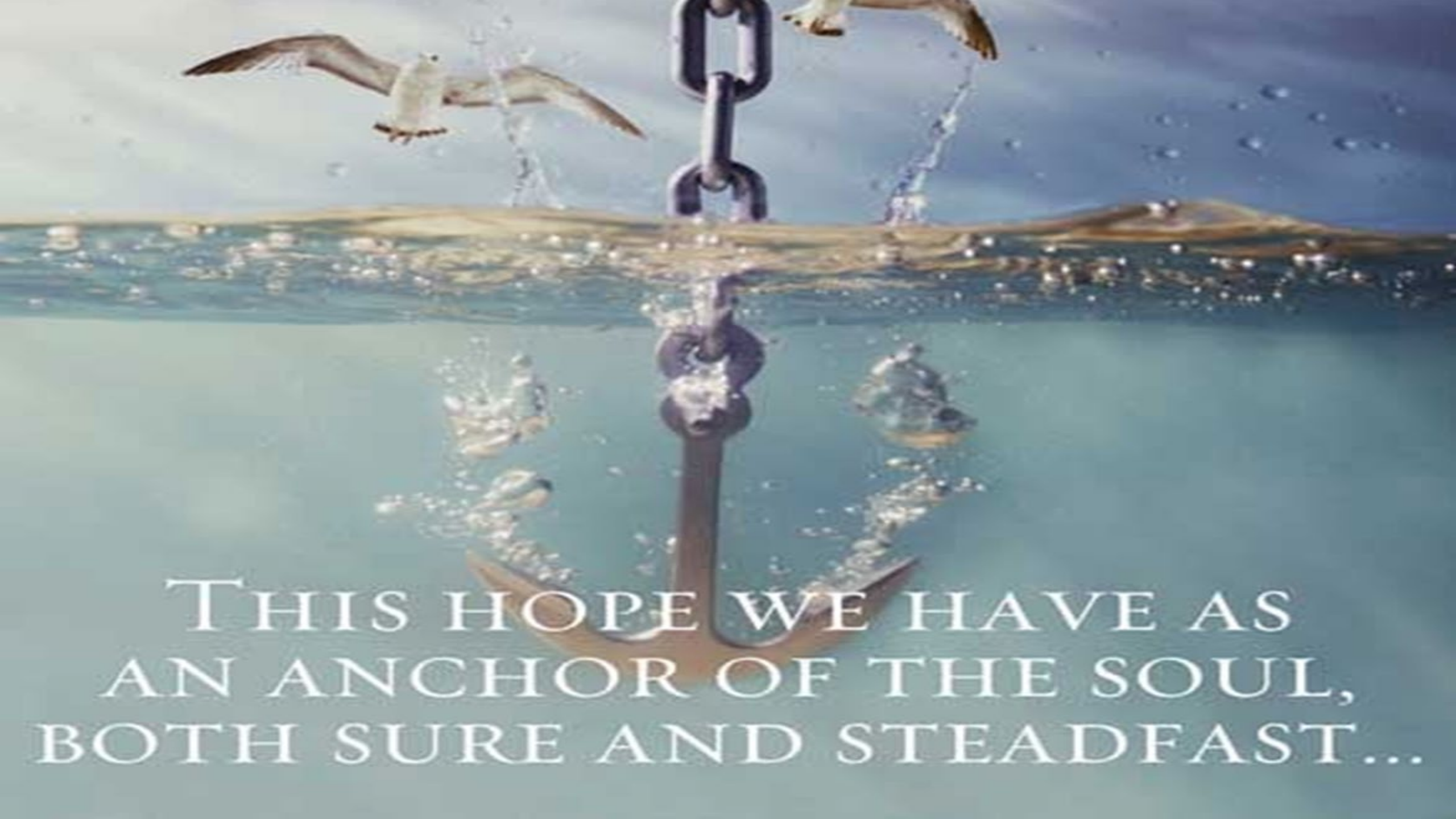
Thanksgiving and I thank you. I thank you every time I remember you. In the gospel because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. I can testify how I long for all of you.

# Hope!

- **This hope we have as an anchor of the soul! – Heb 6:19**
- **As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine – Eph 4:14**  
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THIS HOPE WE HAVE AS  
AN ANCHOR OF THE SOUL,  
BOTH SURE AND STEADFAST...

# They weighed anchor!

- Produces vegetation, bear fruit!
- Convinced of better things
- That accompany salvation
- Labor of love!
- Serving the saints.

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A dramatic landscape featuring a stormy sky with dark, heavy clouds and several bright, jagged lightning bolts. The horizon is a bright, glowing line of orange and yellow light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The foreground shows a dark, flat landscape with some low-lying vegetation and a dirt path leading towards the horizon.

GOD IS NOT UNJUST; HE WILL NOT  
FORGET YOUR WORK AND THE  
LOVE YOU HAVE SHOWN HIM AS  
YOU HAVE HELPED HIS PEOPLE AND  
CONTINUE TO HELP THEM.  
HEBREWS 6:10

A faint, dark silhouette of a person's head and shoulders, wearing a crown of thorns, is visible in the background on the left side of the slide.

# They weighed anchor!

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- **The same diligence**
- **The full assurance of hope until the end,**
- **Not be sluggish, but imitators**

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**“MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE, AND I  
KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME:  
AND I GIVE UNTO THEM ETERNAL  
LIFE; AND THEY SHALL NEVER  
PERISH, NEITHER SHALL ANY MAN  
PLUCK THEM OUT OF MY HAND.”**



# Lose our salvation?

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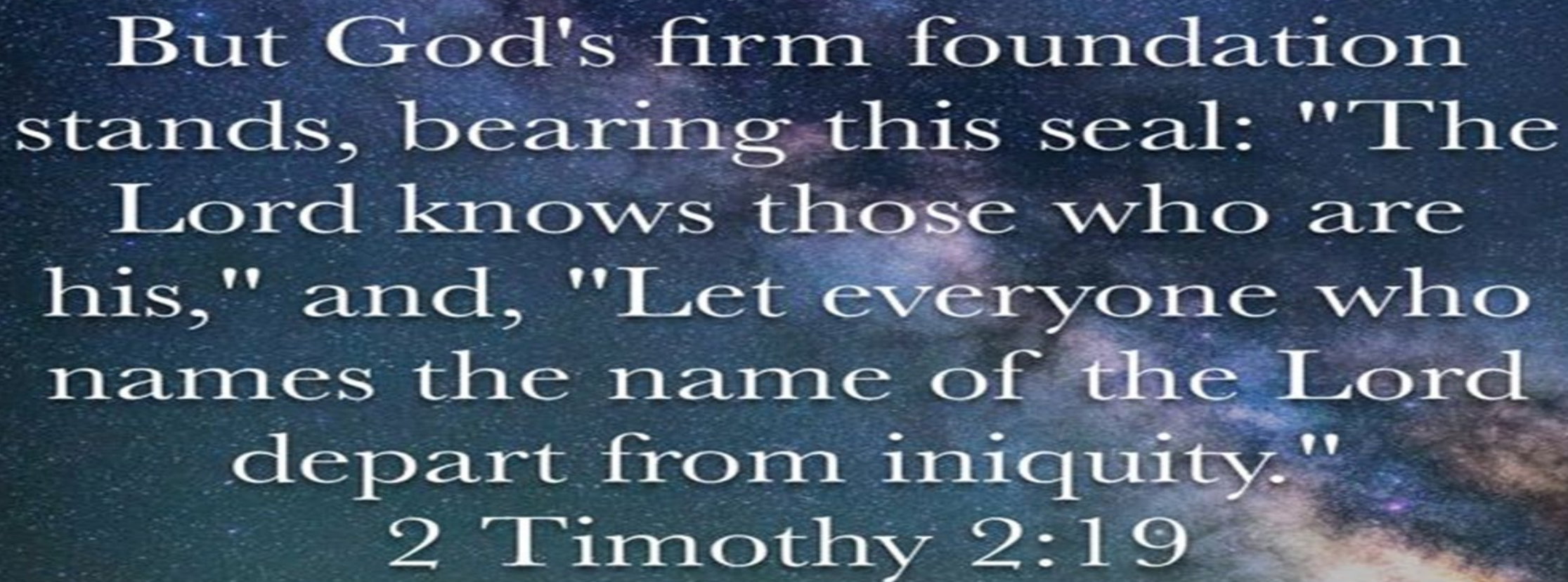
- Only IF your sin is more potent than His blood!
- If Your decision takes precedence over His will
- If Your salvation is conditional on your performance

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We cannot be  
**unjustified**  
any more than  
Christ can be  
**uncrucified.**





But God's firm foundation  
stands, bearing this seal: "The  
Lord knows those who are  
his," and, "Let everyone who  
names the name of the Lord  
depart from iniquity."  
2 Timothy 2:19



TO SAY THAT  
GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY  
IS LIMITED BY  
MAN'S FREEDOM  
IS TO MAKE  
MAN SOVEREIGN

R.C. SPROUL



If God is not  
sovereign, then  
God is not God.

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I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED, AND AM  
CONVINCED THAT HE IS ABLE TO GUARD WHAT I  
HAVE ENTRUSTED TO HIM FOR THAT DAY.

2 TIMOTHY 1:12



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# Apostle or Apostate?

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- The correct observation is that you can't claim to know Jesus and not be changed
- The right question is not can you lose salvation, but did you ever have it?!!

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**"If Jesus Christ  
isn't strong enough  
to motivate you to  
live biblically, you  
don't know  
Him at all."**

**PAUL WASHER**



# **“Better things”**

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- **What response should Eternal security inspire?**
  - **Lax, apathetic, malaise?**
  - **Driven passion for His deep love!**
  - **He promises not just to keep us, but to keep working in us!**
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That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

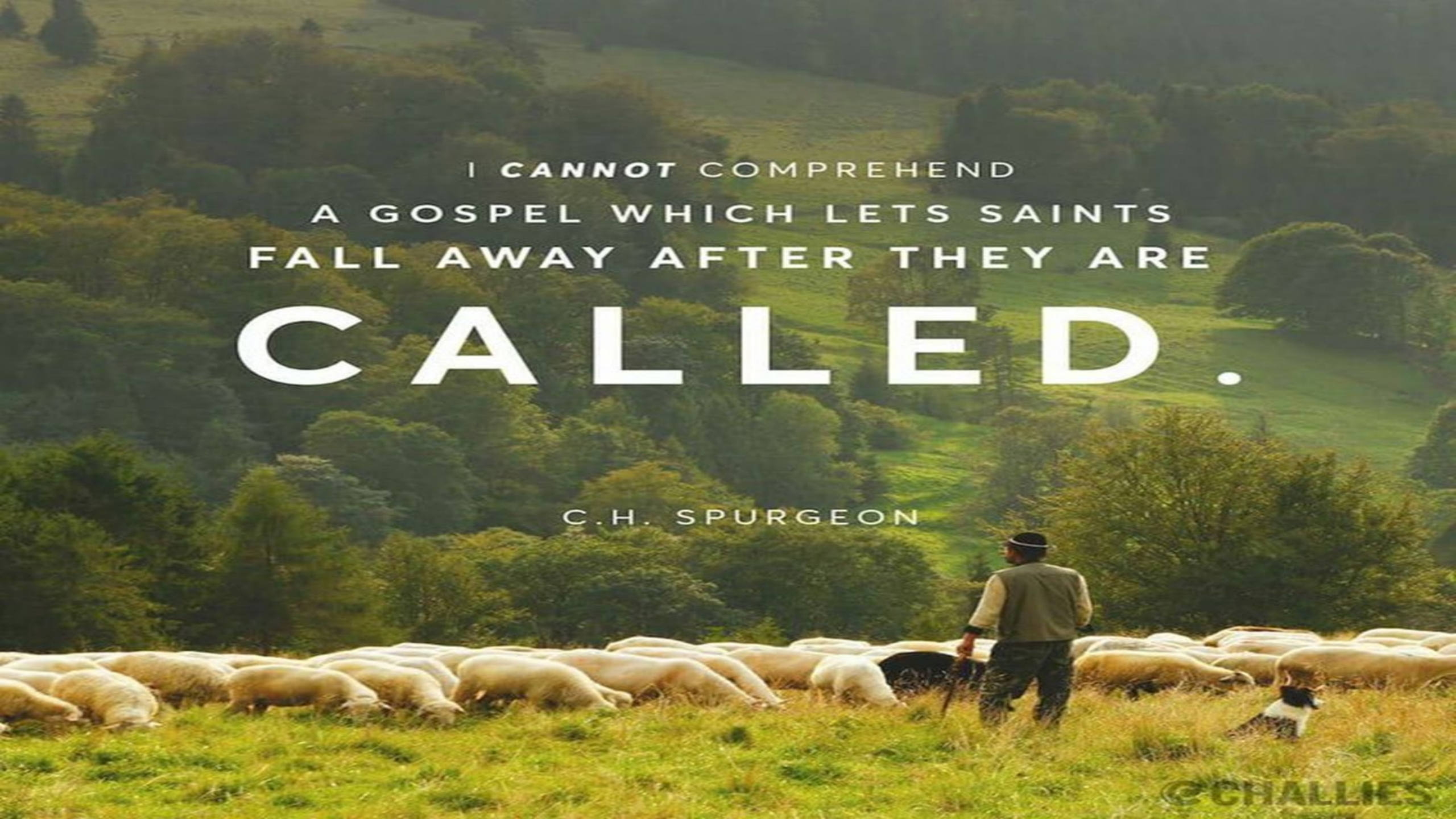
Hebrews 6:18









A shepherd in a hat and vest stands in a grassy field, looking out over a valley filled with sheep. The scene is bathed in the warm light of late afternoon or early morning, with long shadows and a golden glow. The sheep are scattered across the field, some grazing and others resting. The background features rolling hills and dense green trees.

I CANNOT COMPREHEND  
A GOSPEL WHICH LETS SAINTS  
FALL AWAY AFTER THEY ARE  
**CALLED.**

C.H. SPURGEON



# PERSEVERANCE

**THE DENIAL OF THE DOCTRINE OF  
PERSEVERANCE VIRTUALLY MAKES  
THE SALVATION OF MAN DEPENDENT  
ON THE HUMAN WILL RATHER THAN  
ON THE GRACE OF GOD**

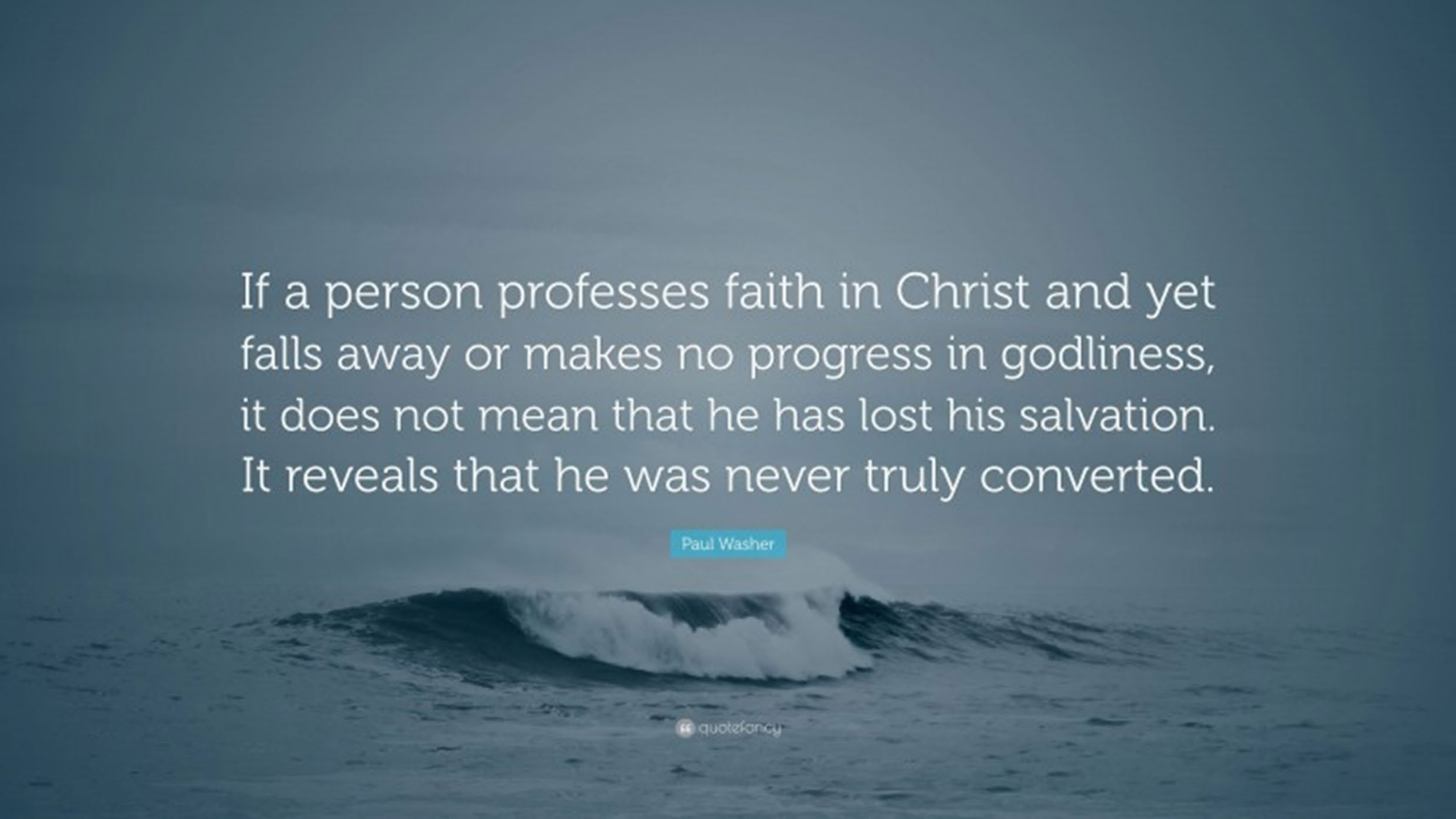
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If a person professes faith in Christ and yet falls away or makes no progress in godliness, it does not mean that he has lost his salvation. It reveals that he was never truly converted.

Paul Washer



# Perseverance of the Saints

"It will be seen that the Apostle does not rest the perseverance of the saints on the indestructible nature of faith, or on the imperishable nature of the principle of grace in the heart, or on the constancy of the believer's will, but solely on what is out of ourselves. Perseverance, he teaches us, is due to the purpose of God, to the work of Christ, to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and to the primal source of all, the infinite, mysterious, and immutable love of God. We do not keep ourselves; we are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation. (1 Peter 1v 5.)

**Charles Hodge**

Systematic Theology, Complete

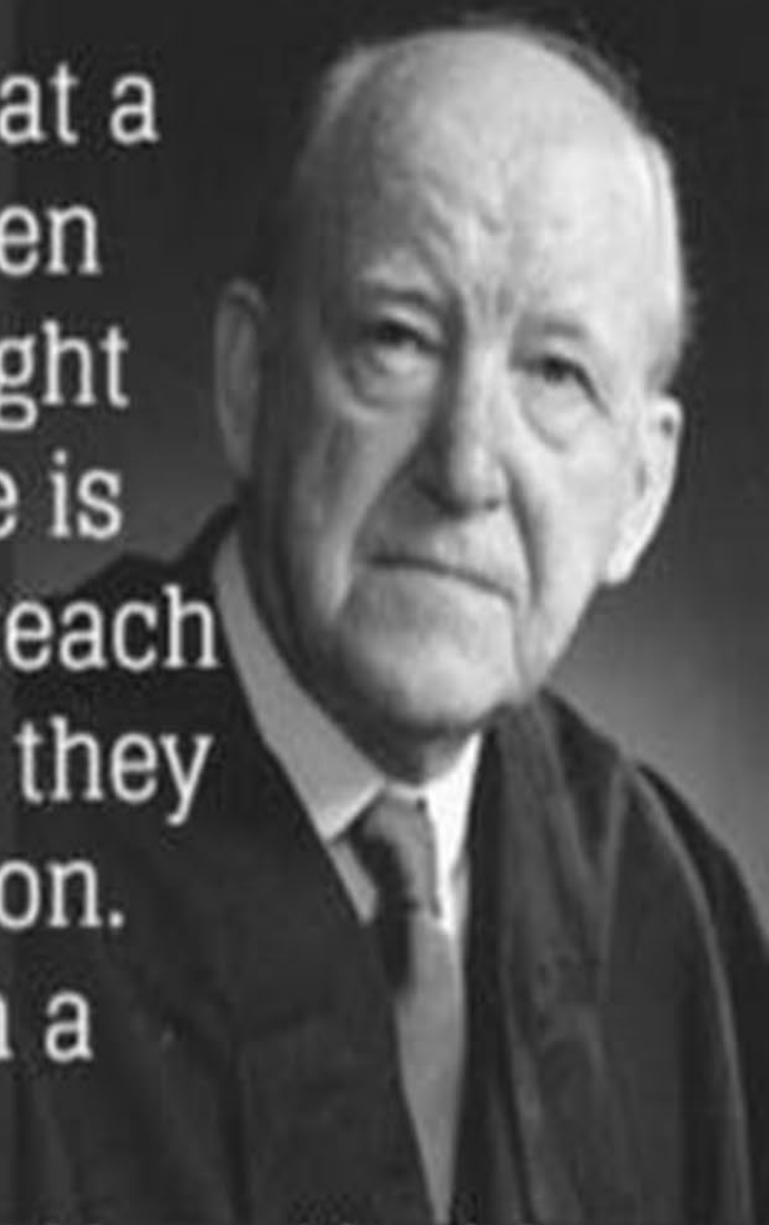
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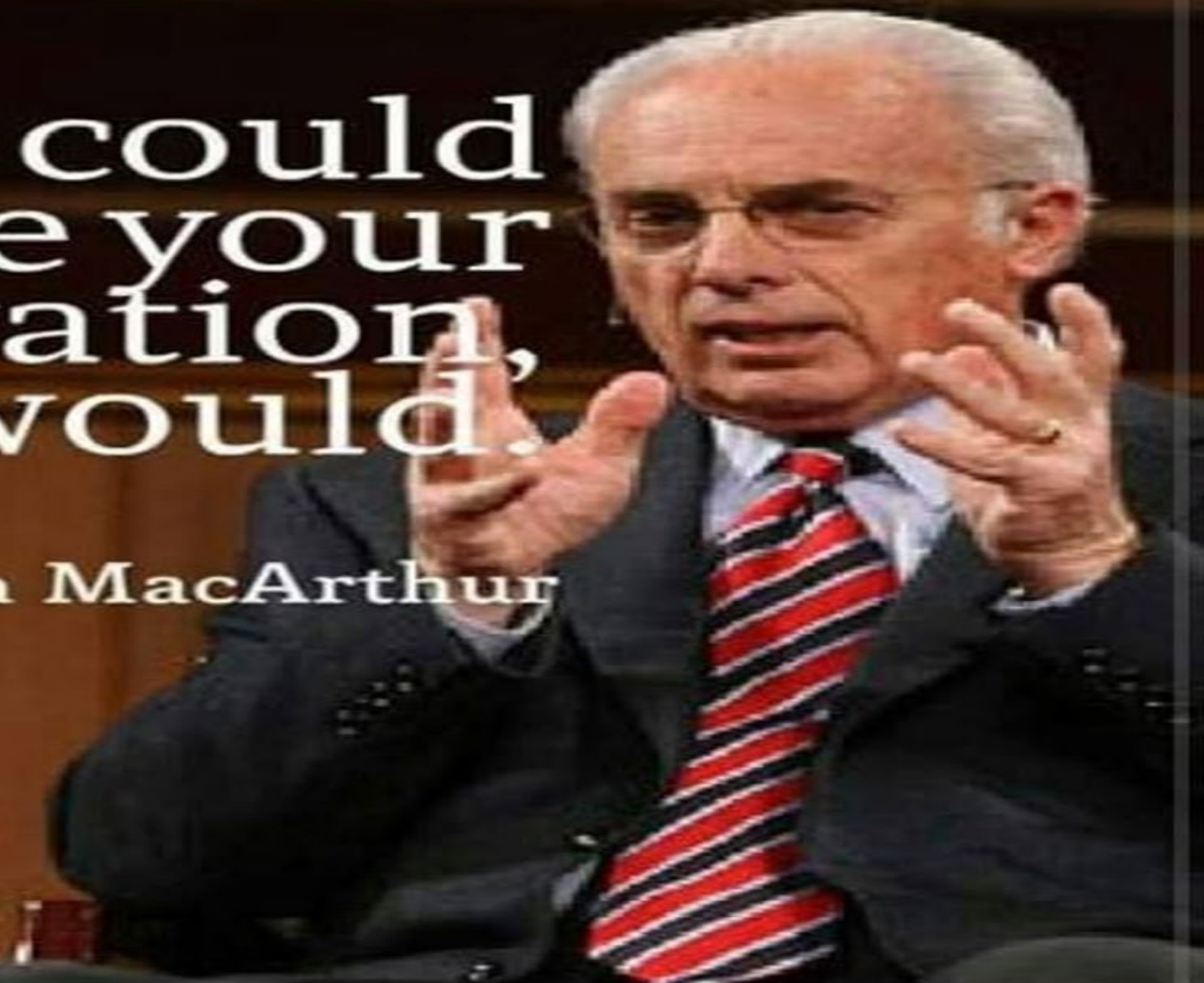
“ There is nothing here to teach that a man can be saved, then lost, then saved again. Such a thing is taught nowhere in the Scriptures. There is only one reason why people ever teach anything like that and that is that they forget the doctrine of regeneration. They put so much emphasis on a man's decision. ”

D Martyn Lloyd Jones




If you could  
lose your  
salvation,  
you would.

Dr. John MacArthur







*"When I look at myself  
I don't see how I can be  
saved. But when I look  
at Jesus I don't see  
how I can be lost."*

MARTIN LUTHER

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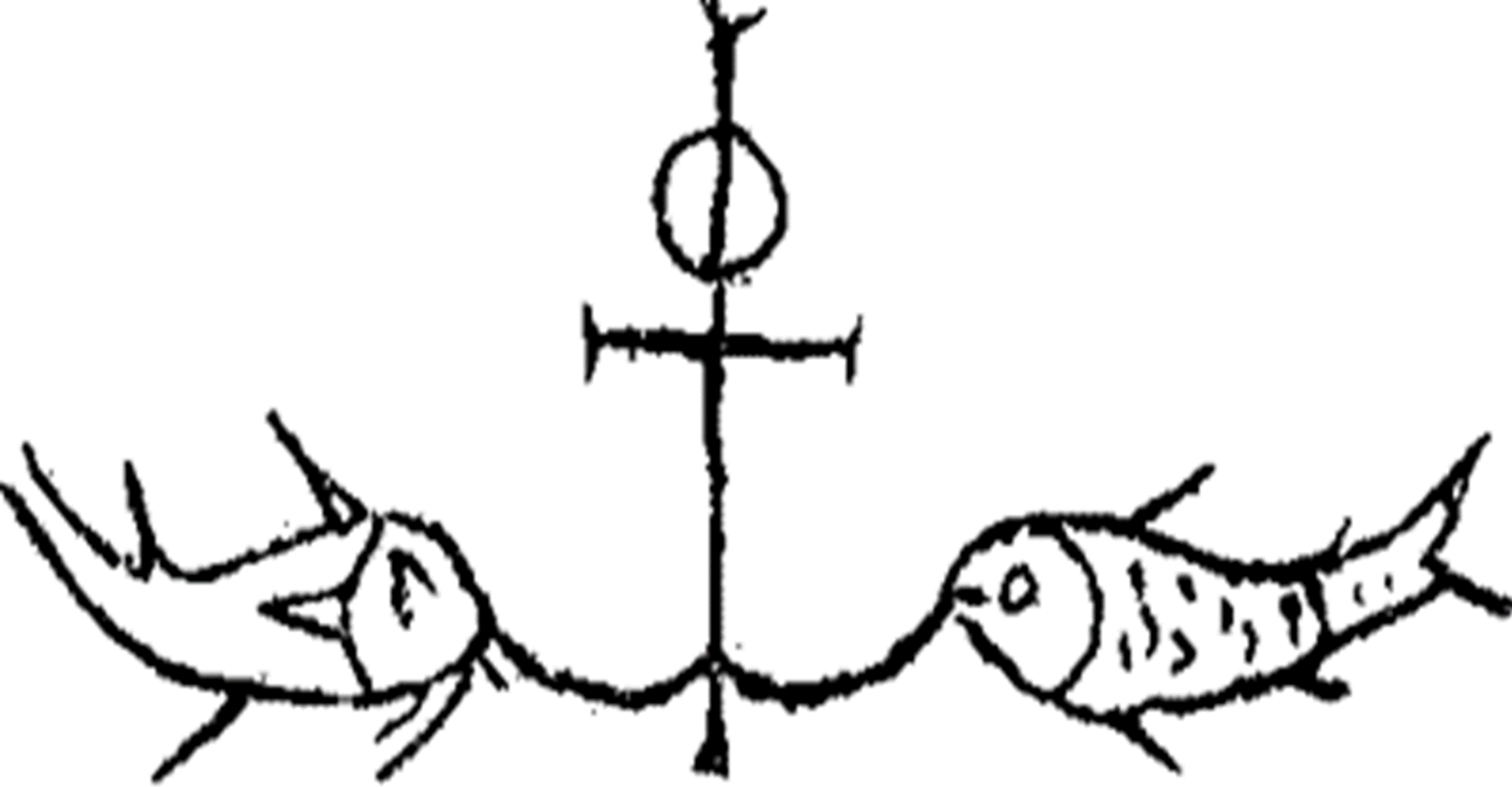
SALVATION: IF  
YOU HAVE IT, YOU  
NEVER CAN LOSE  
IT, AND IF YOU  
SEEMINGLY LOSE  
IT, YOU NEVER  
REALLY HAD IT.

– *R.C. Sproul*











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# *Anchor*

For the soul,

Firm and Secure

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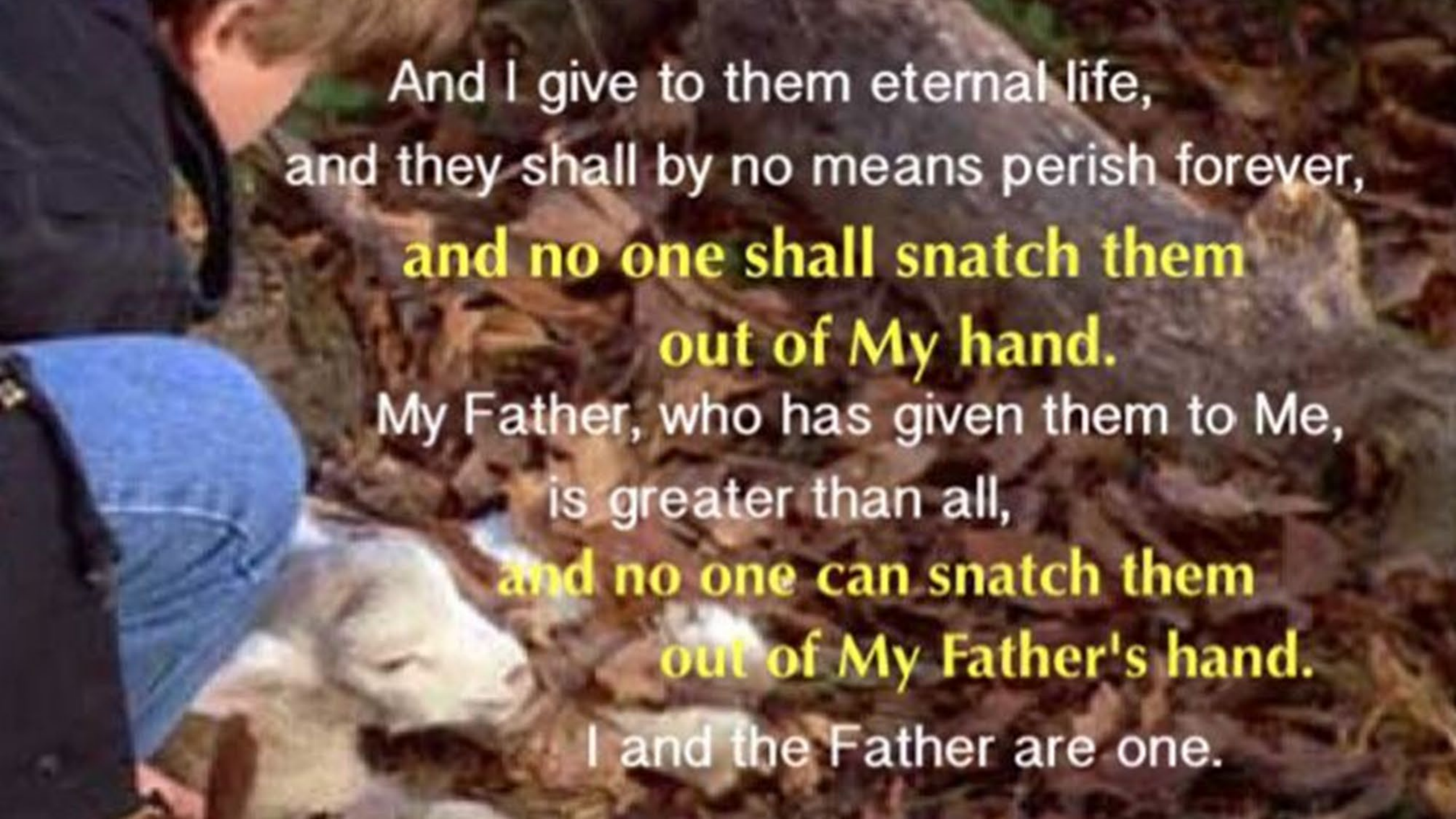
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# Can you lose your salvation?

- Strict Mommy argument (**NO YOU CAN'T**) support
  - John 10:27-29 (Only Christ's sheep can hear His voice and **no one can snatch them from His hand**)
  - 1 John 2:19 (if they say their among us, then leave, **they weren't with us in the first place**)
  - Matthew 7:22 (Jesus never knew the sinners who called Him Lord, those who **claimed salvation but were not really saved**)



A person wearing a dark jacket and blue jeans is crouching on the left side of the frame. Next to them is a small, white lamb. The ground is covered with brown, dry leaves. The background is a soft-focus field of similar leaves.

And I give to them eternal life,  
and they shall by no means perish forever,

**and no one shall snatch them  
out of My hand.**

My Father, who has given them to Me,  
is greater than all,

**and no one can snatch them  
out of My Father's hand.**

I and the Father are one.



If a dying SAVIOR  
could bring us  
to God's  
grace

Surely  
A LIVING  
SAVIOR CAN  
keep us in His grace.