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Big Idea

God's gift of salvation was revealed to us in the appearing of His Son who abolished sin and death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

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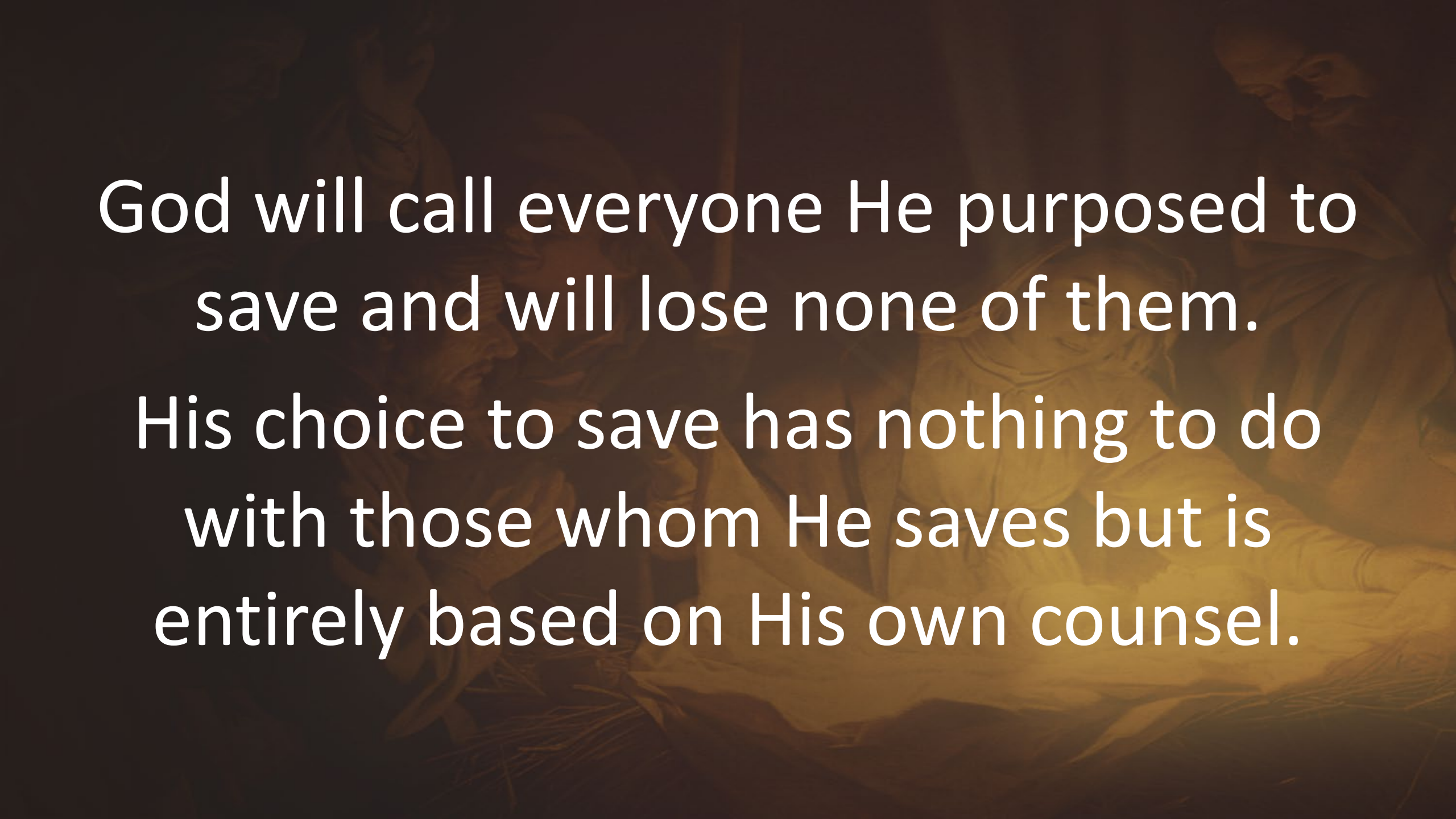
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Romans 8:28

And we know that God causes all things
to work together for good to those who love God,
to those **who are called according to His purpose.**

Ephesians 1:11

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance,
having been predestined **according to His purpose**
who works all things after the counsel of His will.



God will call everyone He purposed to
save and will lose none of them.

His choice to save has nothing to do
with those whom He saves but is
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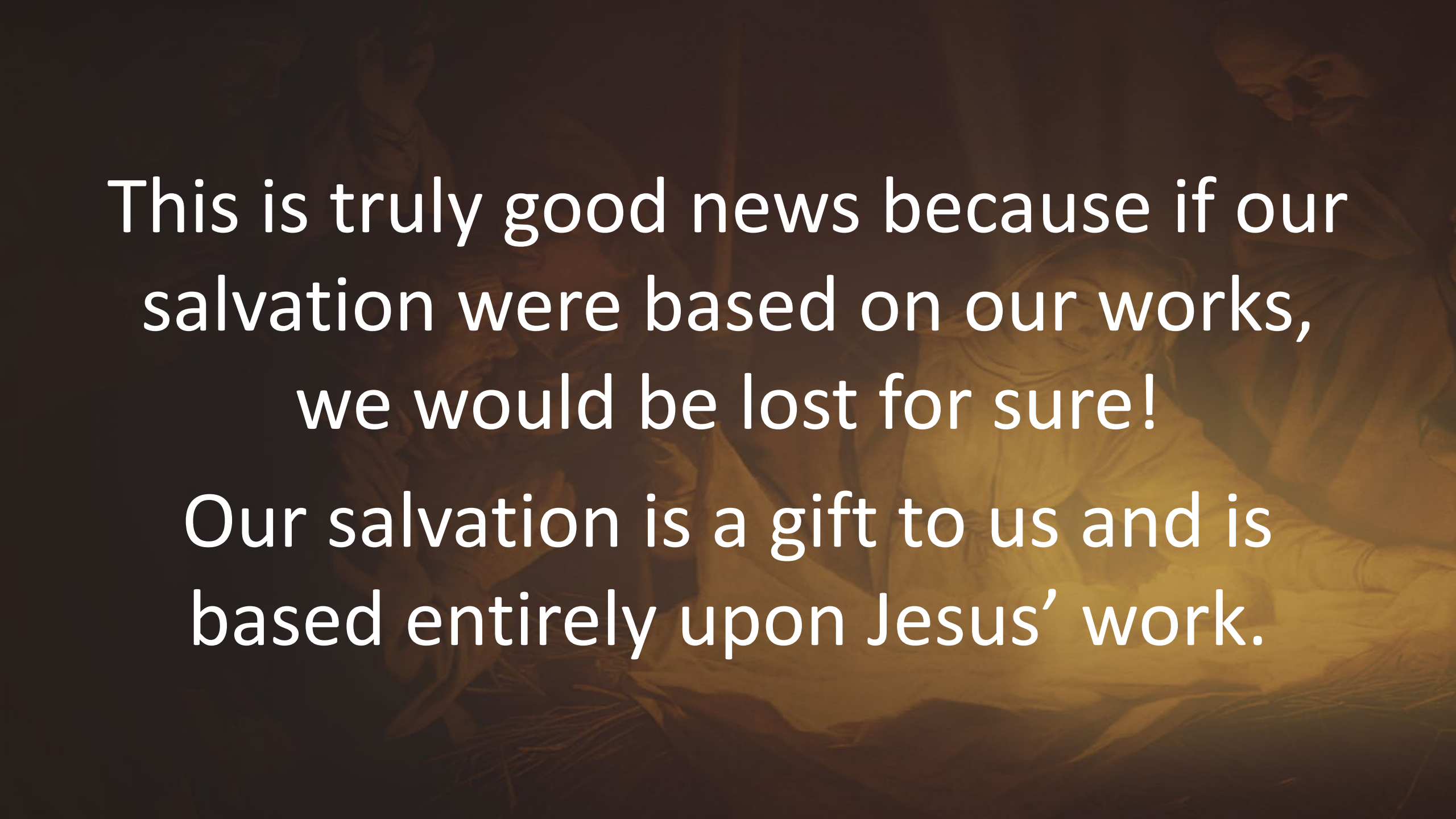
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This is truly good news because if our
salvation were based on our works,
we would be lost for sure!

Our salvation is a gift to us and is
based entirely upon Jesus' work.

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He gave us this gift in Christ from all eternity.

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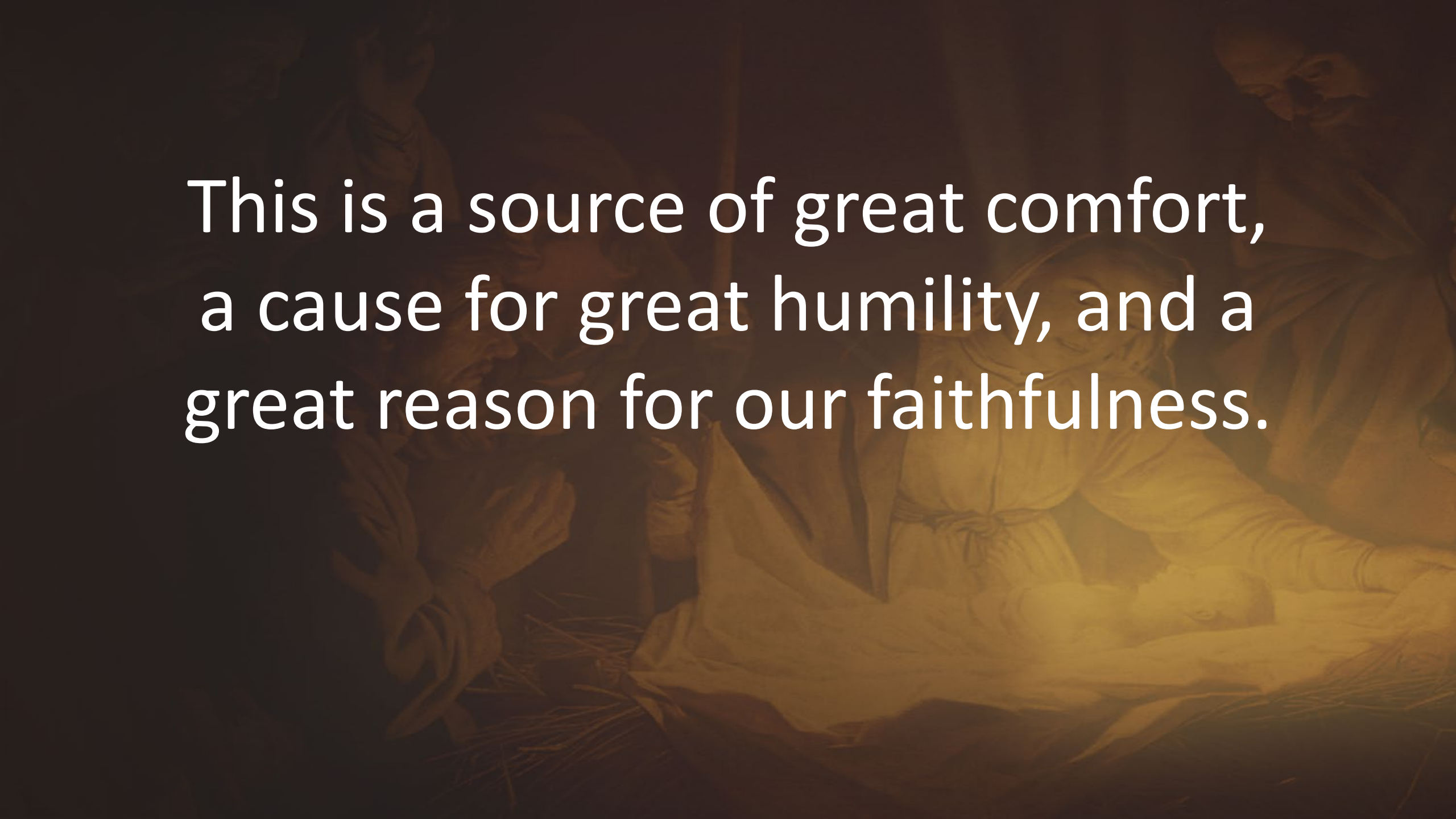
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This is a source of great comfort,
a cause for great humility, and a
great reason for our faithfulness.

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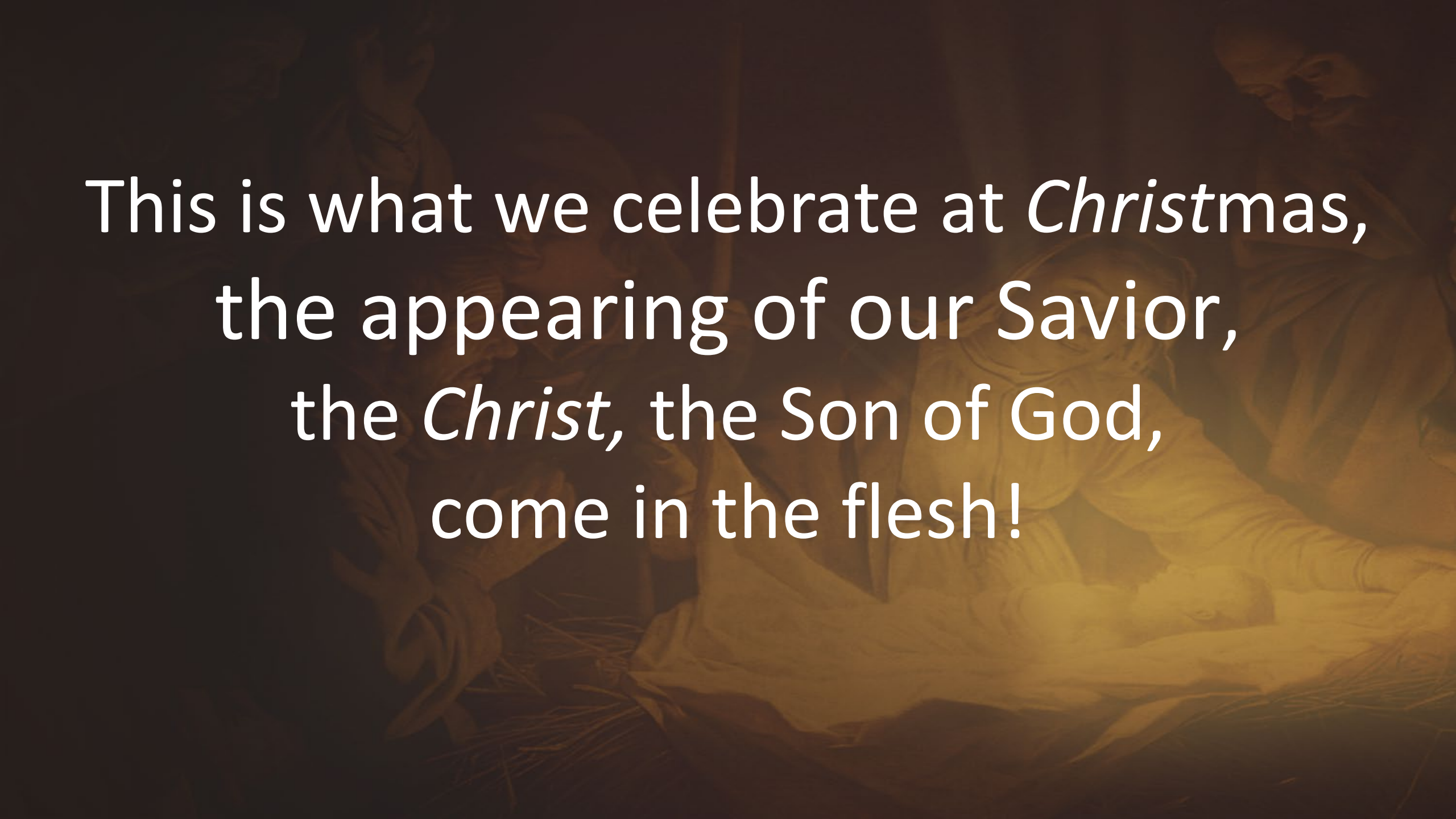
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Matthew 1:21
You shall call His name Jesus,
for He will save His people from their sins.



This is what we celebrate at *Christmas*,
the appearing of our Savior,
the *Christ*, the Son of God,
come in the flesh!

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Jesus accomplished God's plan by
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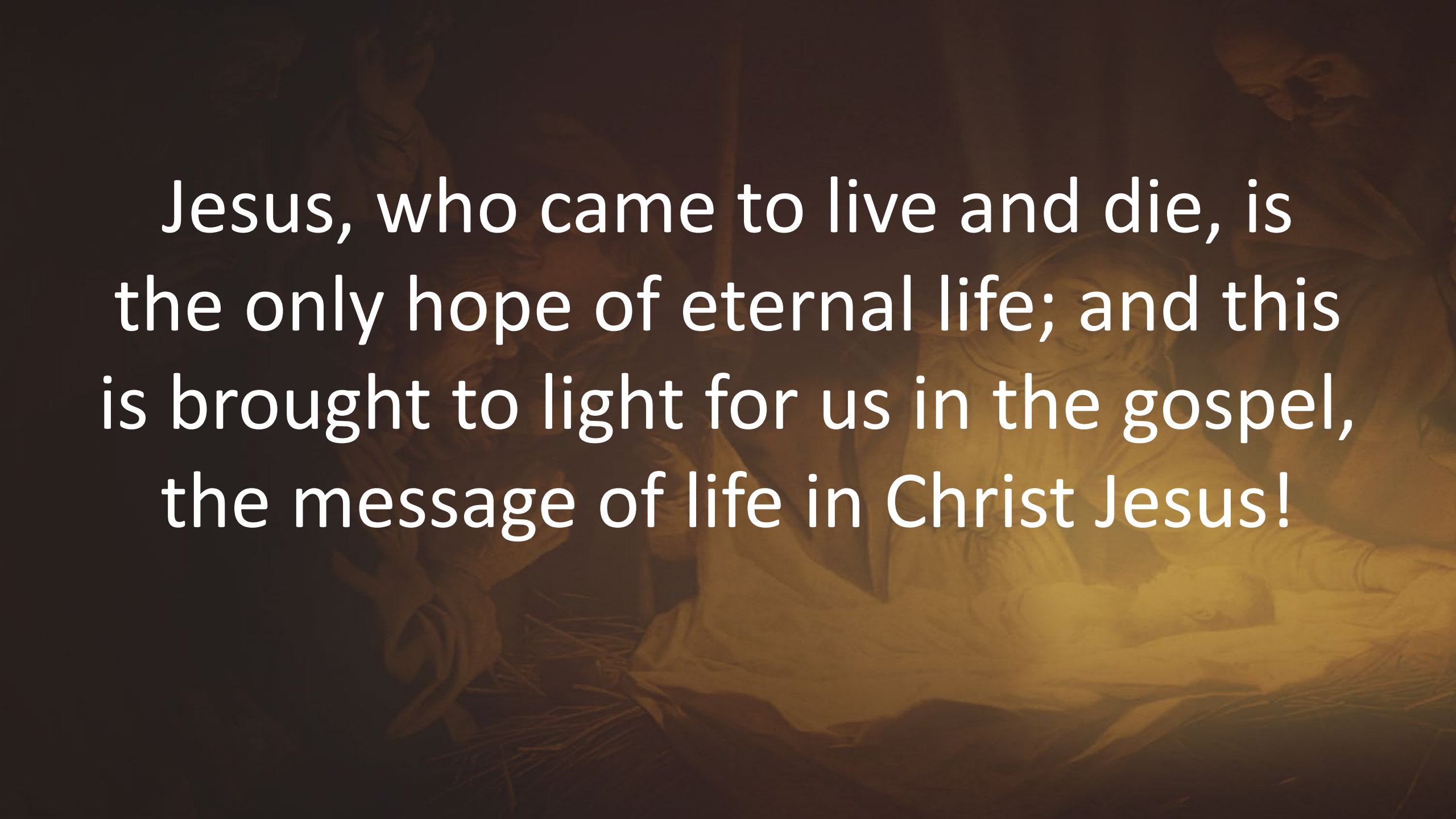
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Jesus, who came to live and die, is
the only hope of eternal life; and this
is brought to light for us in the gospel,
the message of life in Christ Jesus!

Jesus' good news declaration...

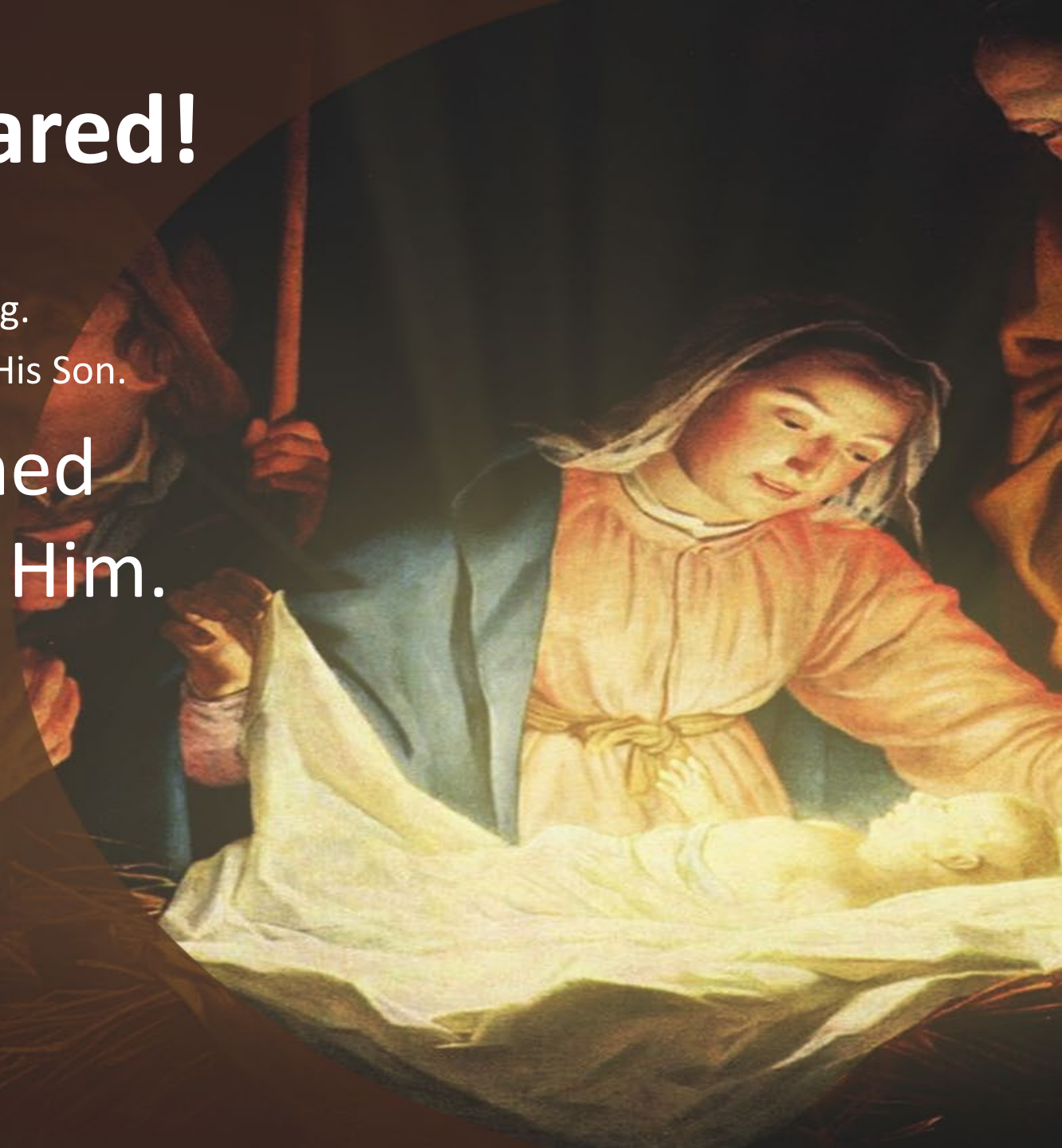
John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life;
he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,
and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.
Do you believe this?"

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So then, don't be ashamed
but prepare to suffer with Him.



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Don't Be Ashamed; Prepare to Suffer

Don't be ashamed of the gospel
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Romans 1:16

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



Because the gospel requires people
to own their lost condition, it is offensive
to the self-righteous heart.

Because it is offensive, we are
tempted to be ashamed or restrained
in our association with it.

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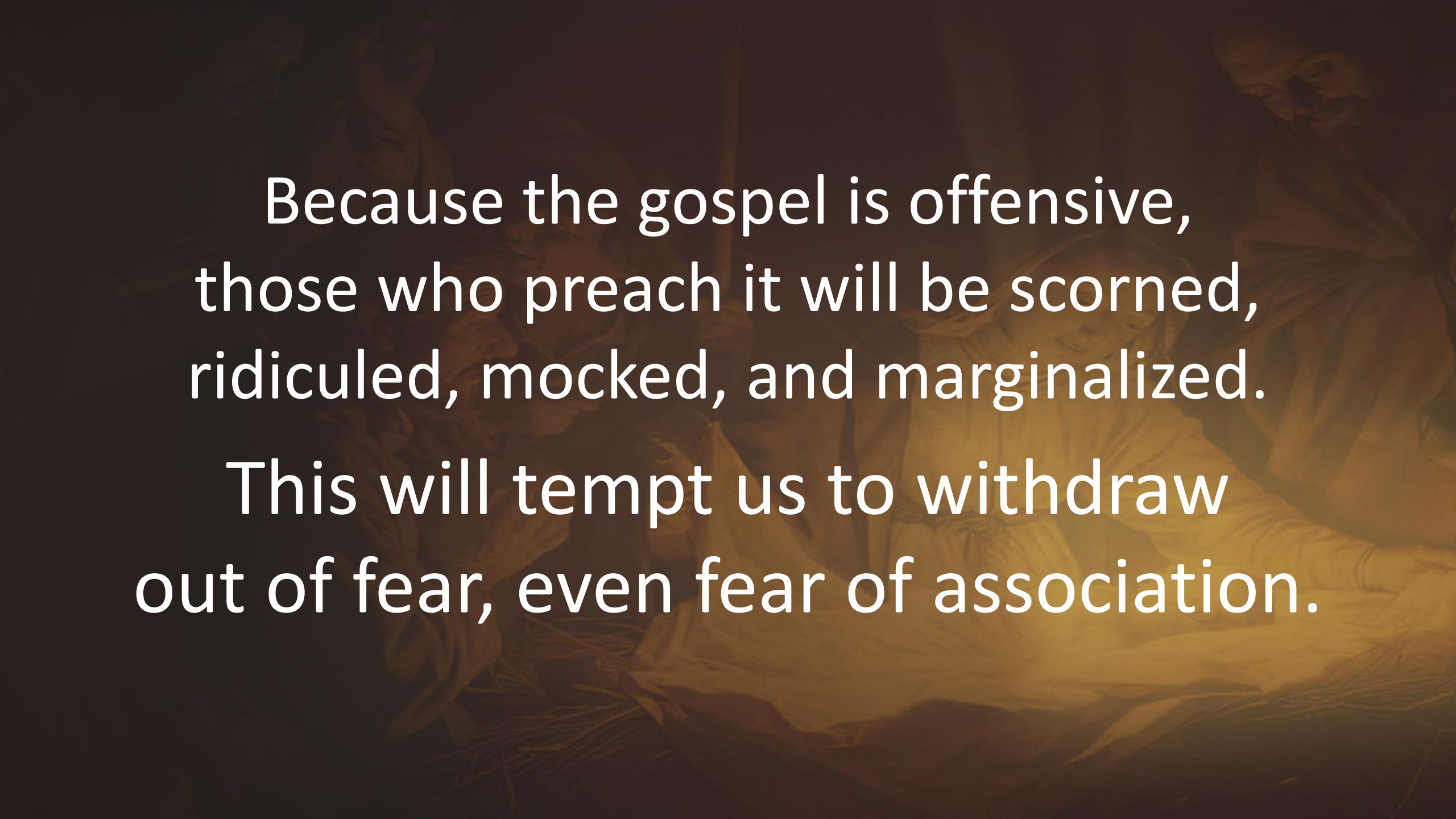
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Because the gospel is offensive,
those who preach it will be scorned,
ridiculed, mocked, and marginalized.

This will tempt us to withdraw
out of fear, even fear of association.

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Don't be ashamed of the gospel or the scorn that it brings.

Prepare to suffer knowing the scorn
that the gospel will bring.

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2 Timothy 3:12

Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus
will be persecuted.

The world hated Christ, and they hate
His gospel; you ought not be surprised
when they scorn you and hate you
when you live and preach it!

Great Promises!

Mark 10:29-30

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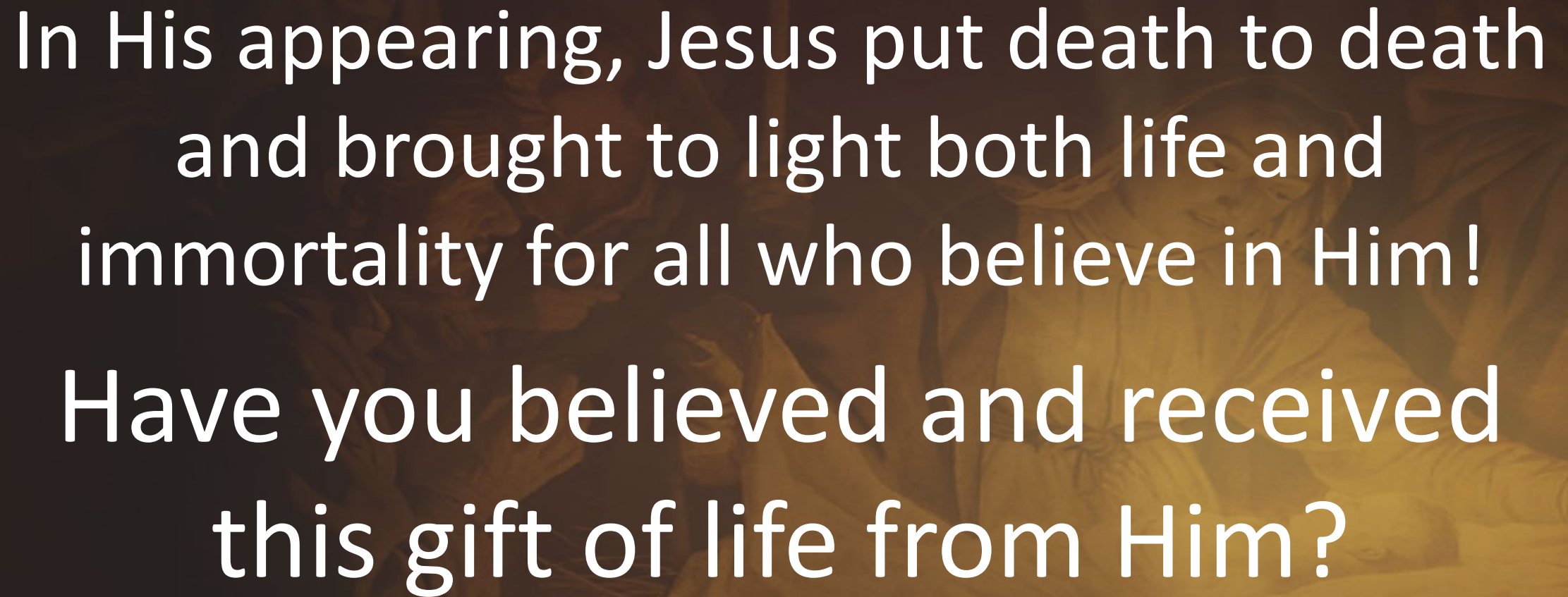
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and in the age to come, eternal life.”



In His appearing, Jesus put death to death
and brought to light both life and
immortality for all who believe in Him!
Have you believed and received
this gift of life from Him?