

# How to be a Missional, Christ-filled, Evangelical church?

**Ephesians 3:14-21**



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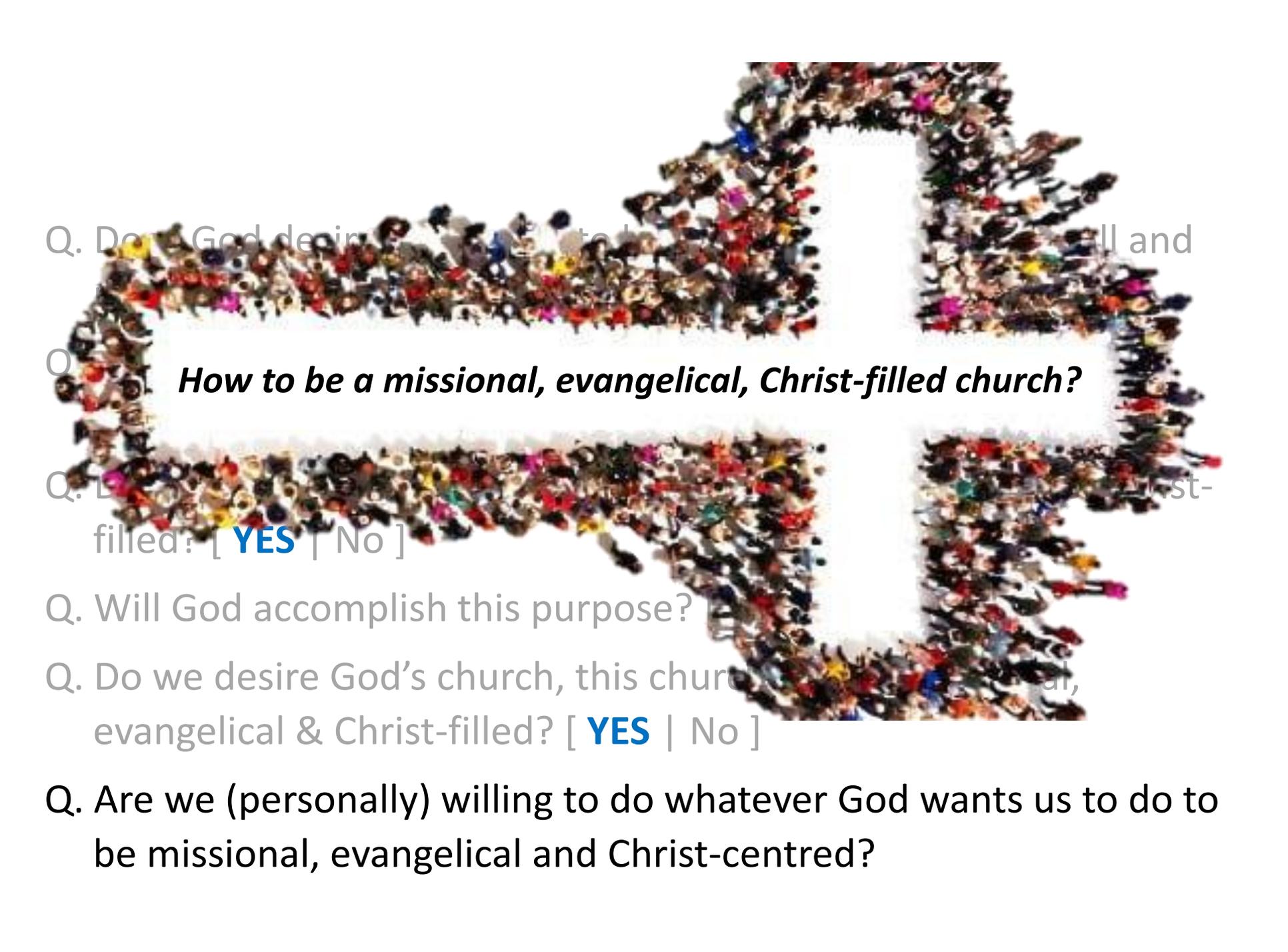
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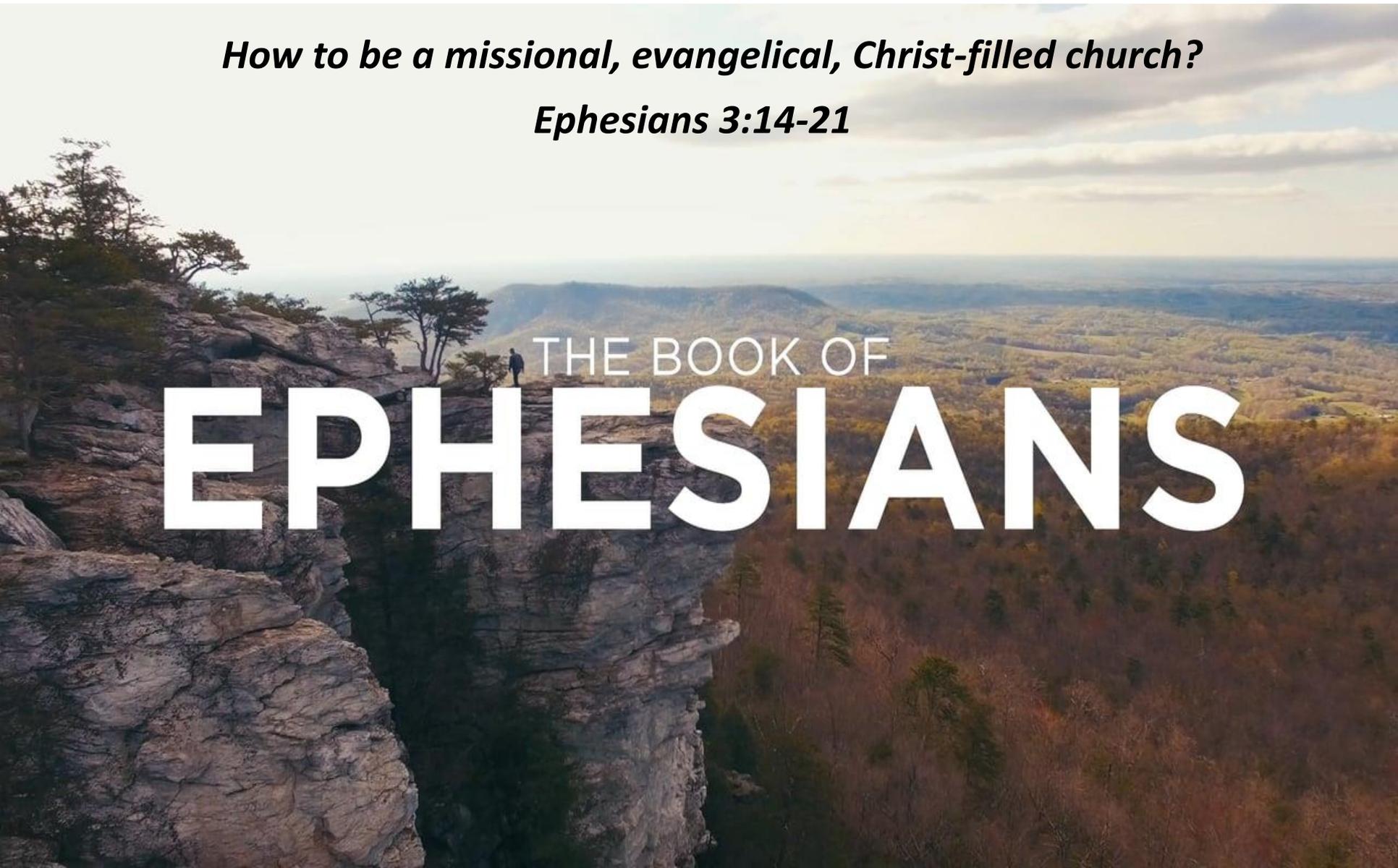
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↳ **4 Key Lessons** (How to be a missional, evangelical, Christ-centered church)

# HOW 1 – TO REALIZE THE REASON





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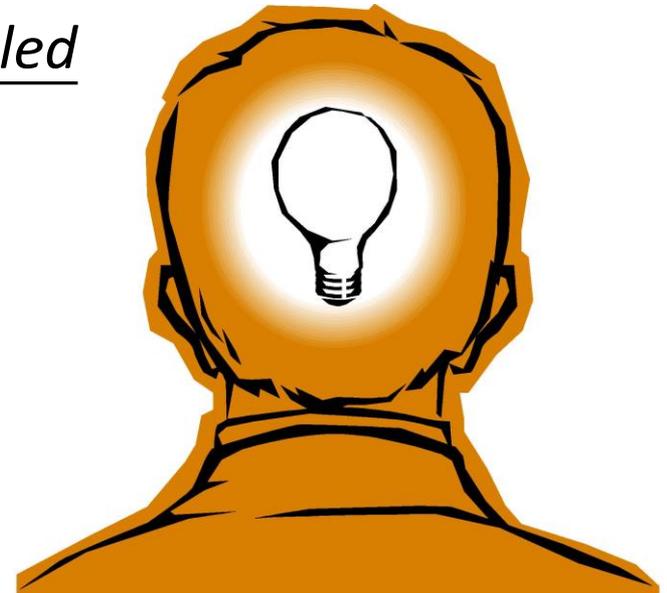
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***What piece of advice do you want me to give to the Church of England today?”***



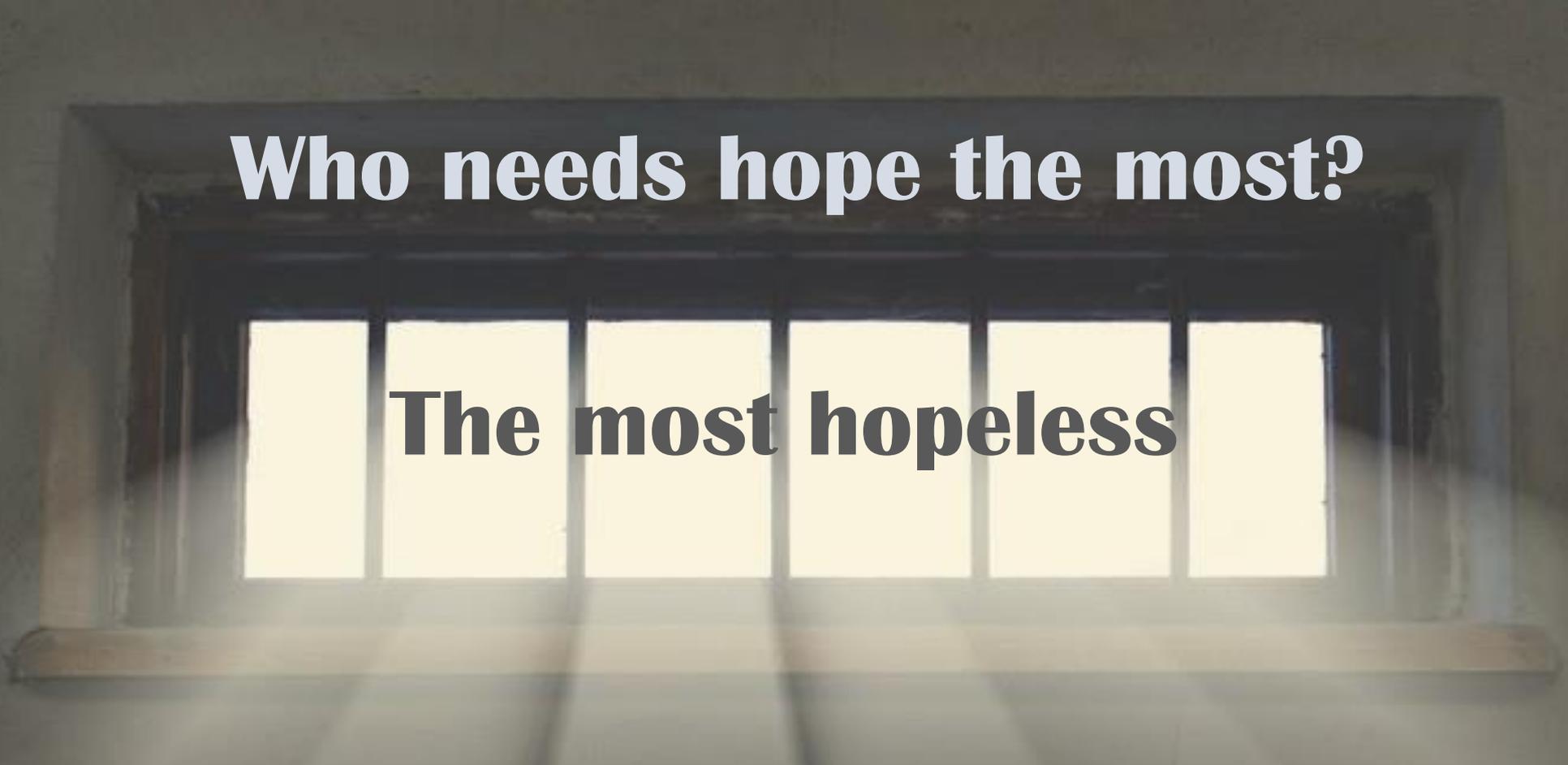
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(Mark) “I have never heard a better definition of what we should be about: Don’t we have a gospel of hope? A gospel that brings hope? A gospel of life, a gospel of transformation and above all a hope of eternal life, the hope of Jesus.”





**Who needs hope the most?**

**The most hopeless**

Matthew 9:12

It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick

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**To have the same awakening of  
Paul towards the gospel**



# HOW 2 – TO BOW OUR KNEES





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# HOW 3 – TO PRAY FOR STRENGTH IN OUR SPIRIT THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN OUR HEARTS BY FAITH





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  - Matthew 13:54 – with reference to Jesus’ miracles
  - *Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. “Where did this man get this wisdom and these **miraculous powers?**” they asked.*



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- Matthew 24:29 – the powers of heaven (NKJV)

- *Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.*

***... In your Inner Man***

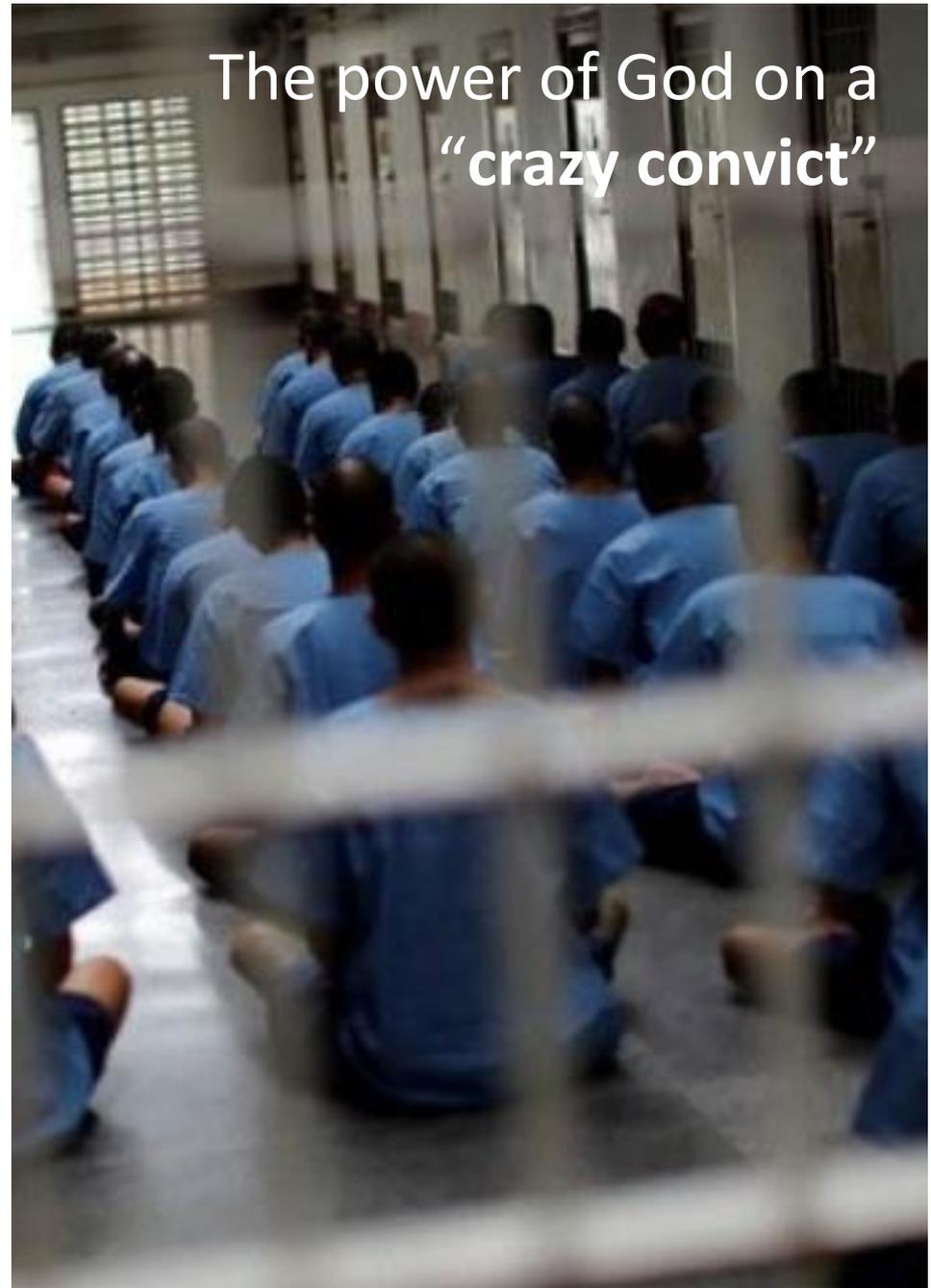


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## That Christ may ...

1. **Dwell** – house permanently; to reside
2. **Hearts** – thoughts, feelings, the centrality; the middle
3. **Faith** – conviction; belief of God’s Word regarding Christ

# HOW 4 – THAT WE BE ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST





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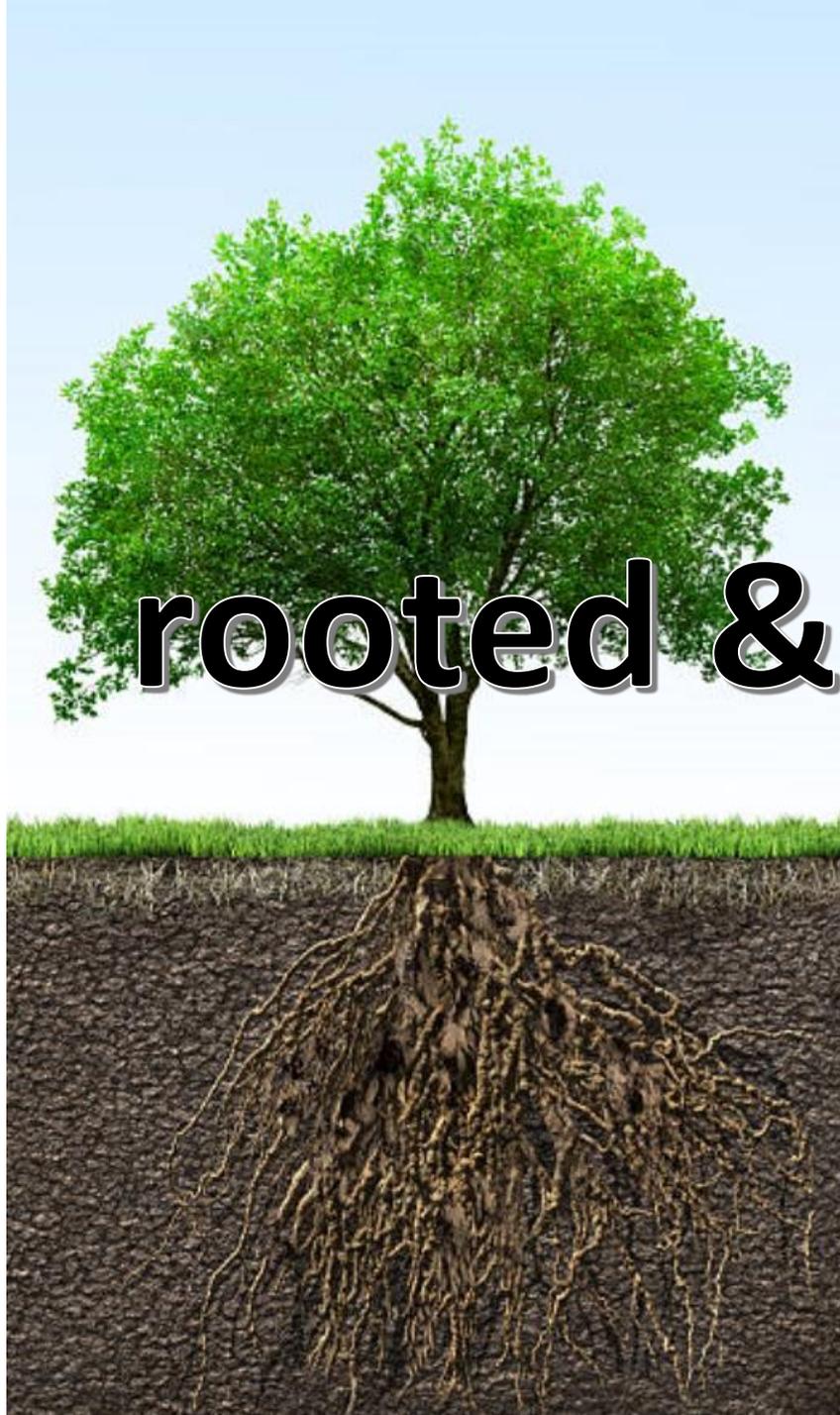


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**... in love**

*Love is our home; we wake up  
in Christ's love, we end the day  
in Christ's love.*

Hebrews 1:10 (NKJV)

*You, Lord, in the beginning laid  
the **foundation** of the earth,  
And the heavens are the work  
of Your hands.*



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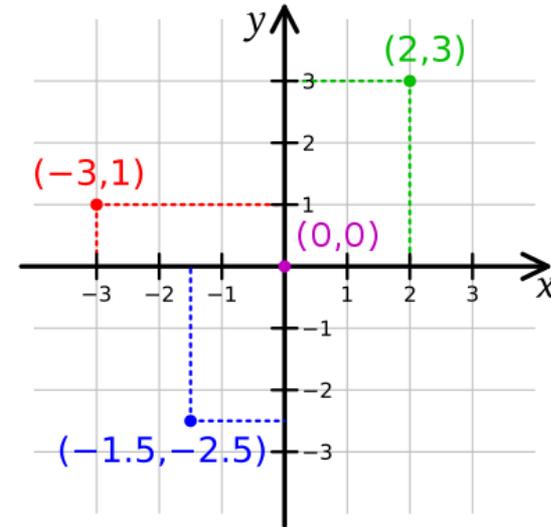
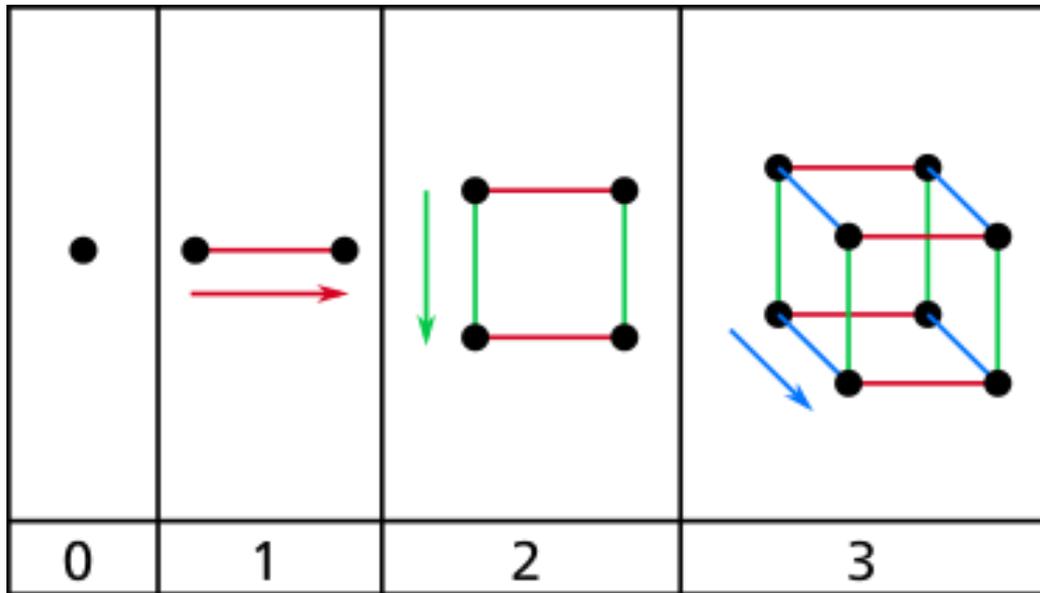
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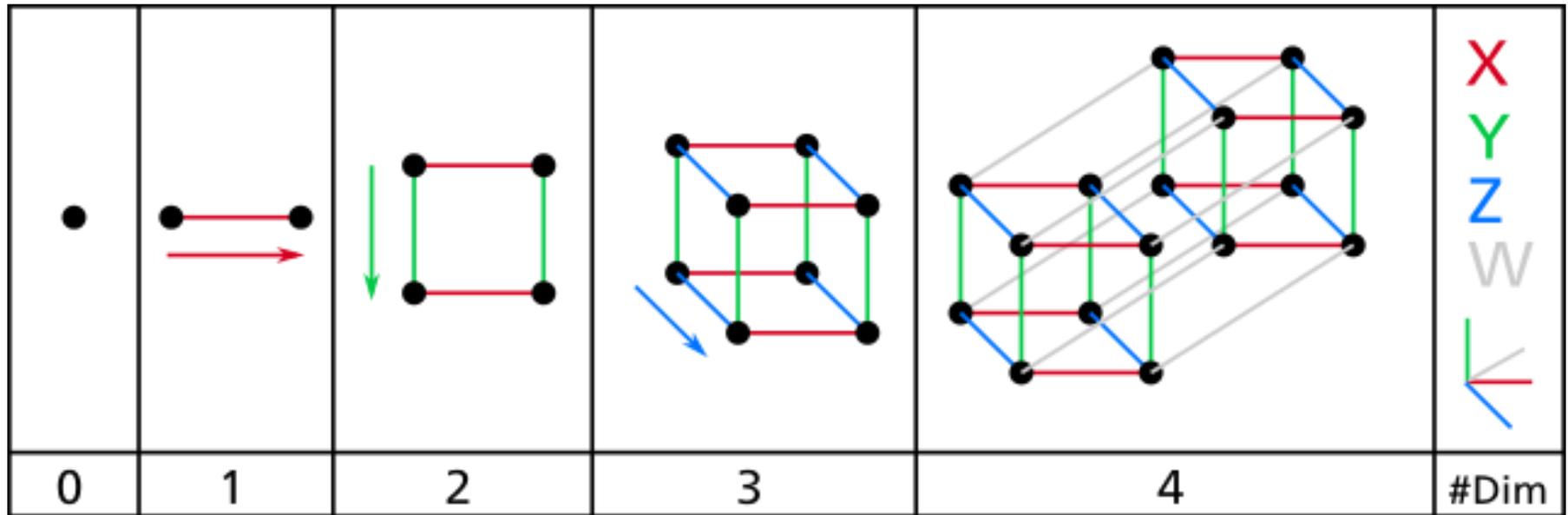
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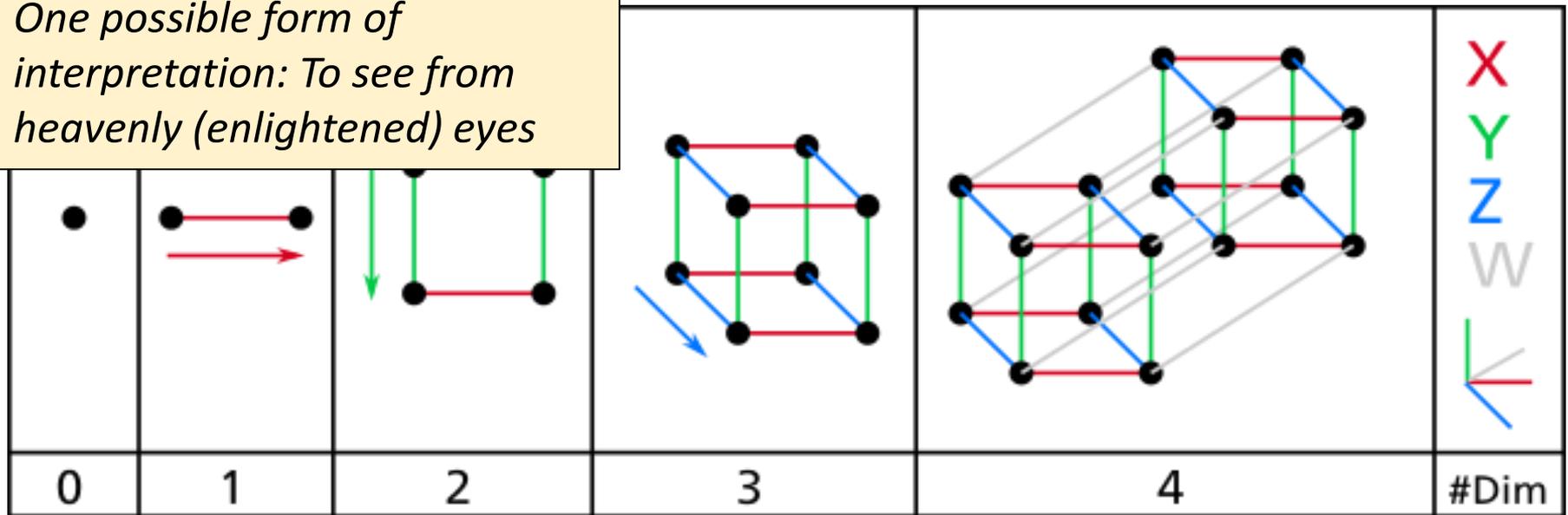
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Comprehend Greek (Strong's):  
 Kata (G2596) + Epi-skop-eo  
 (G1983)

Down + To look upon; oversee

*One possible form of interpretation: To see from heavenly (enlightened) eyes*

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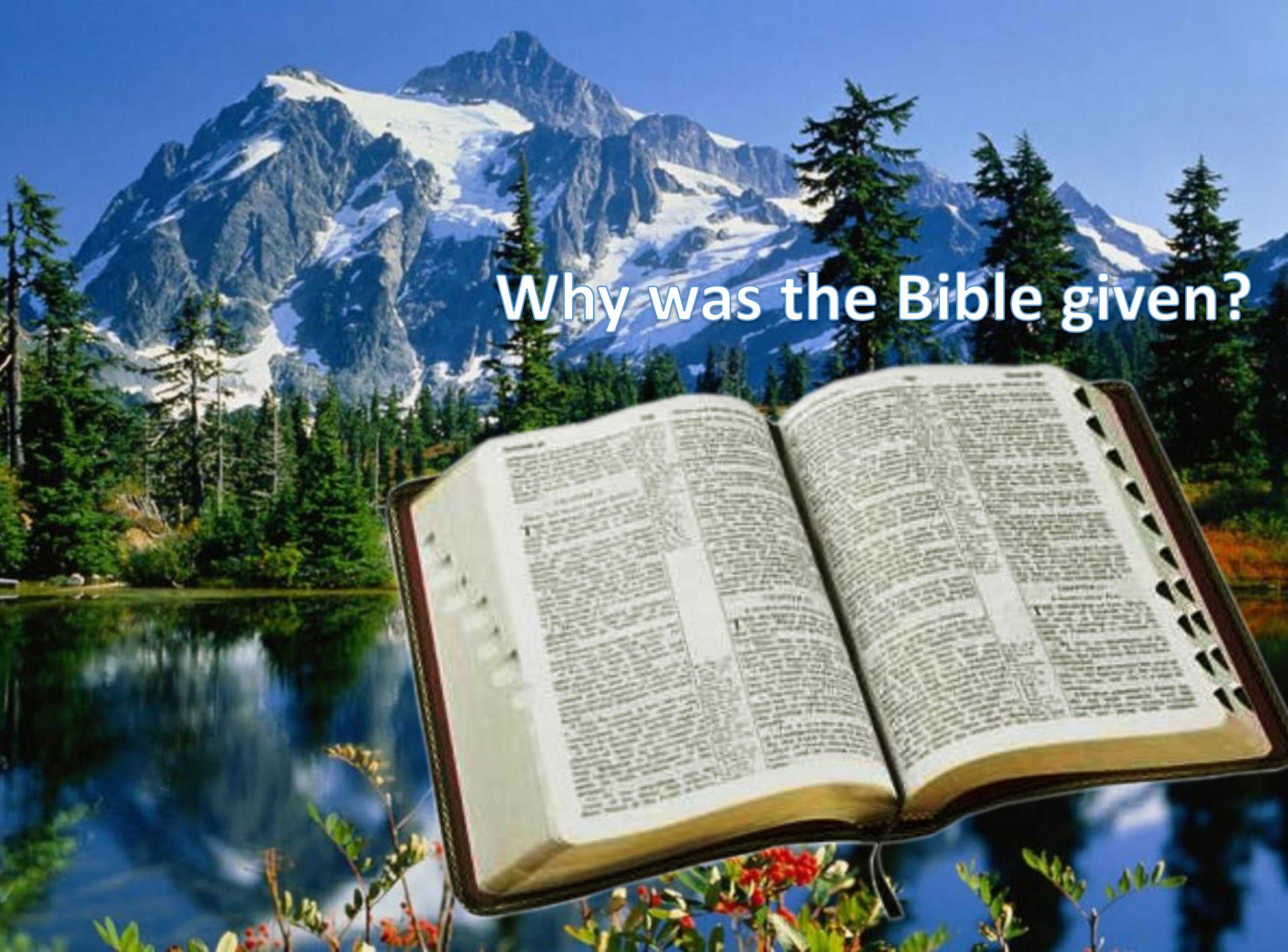


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**Why was creation made?**

**Why was the Bible given?**



**Why are we not dead, in hell  
– for our sins?**



**Why did Jesus die a cruel  
death & bore our sins –  
judged, smitten by God?**



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