

TRUMPET CALL

WELCOME TO THE UPTOWN CHURCH!

2 CHRONICLES 5:13-14

Indeed, it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord, saying: “For He is good, His mercy endures forever,” that the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.



2 CHRONICLES 7:3

When all the people of Israel saw the fire come down and the glory of the Lord on the temple, they bowed down with their faces to the ground on the pavement and worshiped and gave thanks to the Lord, saying,
“For He is good, His steadfast love endures forever.”



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check your bulletin for more information.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

A pastoral prayer of adoration, thanksgiving, and illumination.

Psalm 67:1-2, 105:4, 116:2, 119:18

PASSING THE PEACE

Unity & Reconciliation

*Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:11-12;
1 Thessalonians 5:26; 1 Peter 5:14; Matthew 5:23-24, 18:15*

MATTHEW 5:23-24, 18:15

If you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Corporate prayer of our covenantal commitment with our Heavenly Father through the Son of God, which encourages the confession of sin together.

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

Our Father,
who is in heaven,
holy is Your Name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.



Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.



For Yours is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
forever and ever.

Amen.



PSALMS, HYMNS & SPIRITUAL SONGS

Praising and glorifying our Lord and Saviour in song together.

Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16

RESPONSIVE READING OF THE LAW

Ten Commandments and the Epistles

Exodus 20

PASTOR

You shall have no other gods before Me.

PEOPLE

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever!



PASTOR

You shall not make for yourself an idol.

PEOPLE

In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.



PASTOR

You shall not take the Lord's name in vain.

PEOPLE

Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God—the fruit of lips that confess His name.



PASTOR

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

PEOPLE

For we who have believed enter that rest.... For whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did.



PASTOR

Honour your father and your mother.

PEOPLE

Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.



PASTOR

You shall not murder.

PEOPLE

Be kind and compassionate to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgave you.



PASTOR

You shall not commit adultery.

PEOPLE

You are not your own, for you were bought at a price. So, glorify God in your body.



PASTOR

You shall not steal.

PEOPLE

Let the thief no longer steal, but do honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.



PASTOR

You shall not give false testimony.

PEOPLE

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Christ who is the Head of the body.



PASTOR

You shall not covet.

PEOPLE

For I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.



EVERYONE

Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit,
God Almighty, Three in One!



PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Pastoral & Congregational Prayer

1 Samuel 16:14-23

PSALM 119:9-11

How can a young man keep his way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you;

let me not wander from your commandments!

I have stored up your word in my heart,

that I might not sin against you.



1 JOHN 2:12,14-17

I am writing to you, little children,
because your sins are forgiven for His name's sake.

I write to you, young men,
because you are strong,
and the word of God abides in you,
and you have overcome the evil one.



1 JOHN 2:12,14-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.



BLESSING & DISMISSAL OF THE CHILDREN

Call children to the altar for prayer and blessing.

Matthew 18:1-14, 19:13-14

CALL THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH

Prayer in the aisles — confession of sin, anointing of the sick, and pastoral intercession alongside communal prayer, praise, and worship.

James 5:13-16; Psalm 103:2-5

1 JOHN 1:5-10

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.



1 JOHN 1:5-10

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and His word is not in us.



JAMES 5:13-16

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray.

Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up.



JAMES 5:13-16

And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.



PSALMS, HYMNS & SPIRITUAL SONGS

Praising and glorifying our Lord and Saviour in song together.

Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16

DECLARATION OF THE LAW

The Greatest Commandment with a supplementary passage.

*Mark 12.29-31; Matthew 22:35-40; Luke 10:25-28;
John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:7-8,21; Romans 13:9-10; Galatians 5:14; Matthew 7:12
Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Leviticus 19:18*

‘Hear, O Israel!

The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

And you shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your
strength.’



This is the first and great commandment.
And the second is like it:
‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’
On these two commandments hang all
the Law and the Prophets.



For the commandments,
“You shall not commit adultery,
You shall not murder,
You shall not steal,
You shall not covet,”



and any other commandment,
are summed up in this word:

“You shall love your neighbor as
yourself.”

Love does no wrong to a neighbor;
therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Romans 13:9-10



NO IDOLS

Understanding the Decalogue, Part II

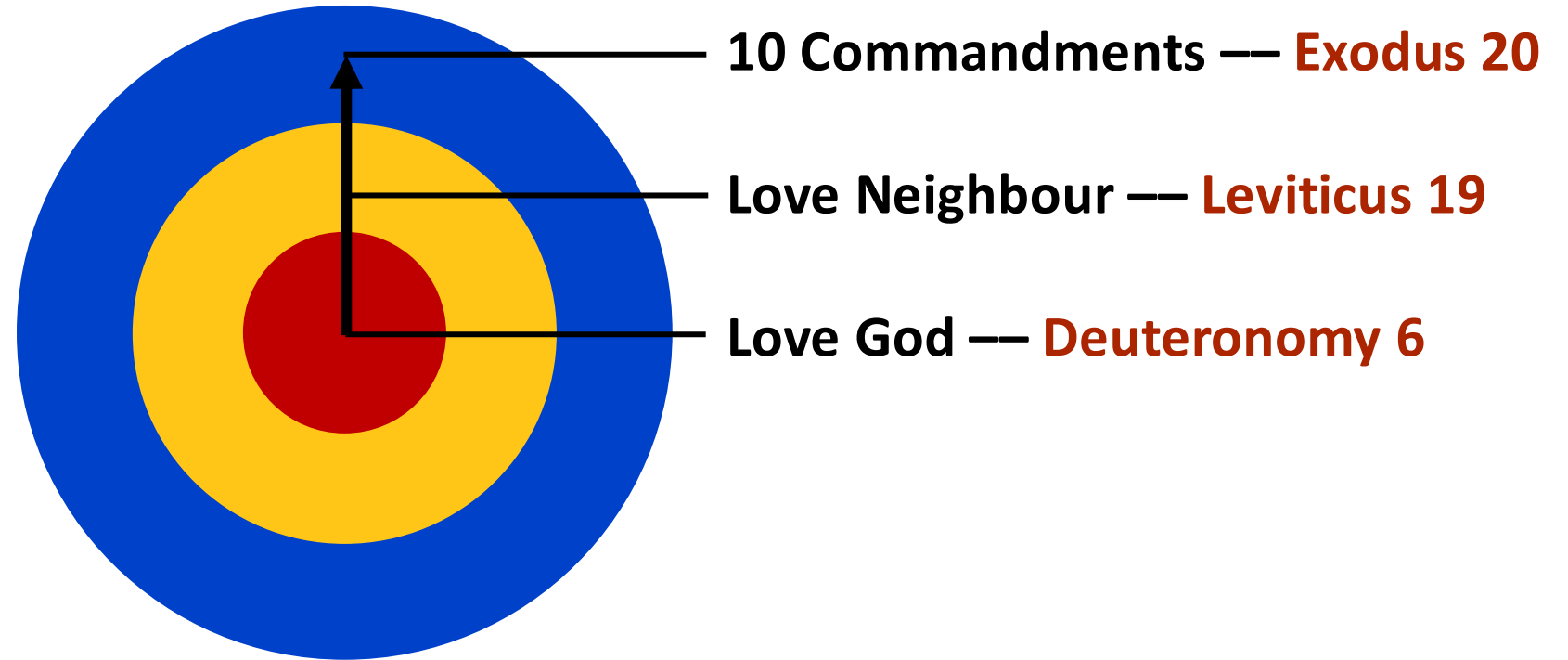
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WHO DIED JANUARY 15TH 1920
Aged 55 Years
"Peace shall be still"

Also of
JOHN KIRBY
HUSBAND OF THE ABOVE
WHO DIED AUGUST 8TH 1920
Aged 72 Years
"The work is done"

Also of
ANNA MARY KIRBY
WIFE OF JOHN KIRBY
DIED JANUARY 19TH 1920
Aged 77 Years
"O Lord abide with me"

EXODUS 20 – 10 COMMANDMENTS



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1. **No other gods:** Worship only the one true God.
2. **No idols:** Do not make or worship images/idols.
3. **No misusing God's name:** Do not carry God's name falsely.
4. **Keep the Sabbath (No working):** Set aside a day to worship and rest in God.
5. **Honor parents:** Respect your father and mother.
6. **No murder:** Do not kill people unjustly.
7. **No adultery:** Be faithful to your spouse.
8. **No stealing:** Do not take what belongs to others.
9. **No lying:** Do not give false testimony (lie).
10. **No coveting:** Do not desire, envy, or crave what belongs to your neighbor.



EXODUS 20:1-3

1. No other gods

And God spoke all these words, saying:

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

“You shall have no other gods before me.



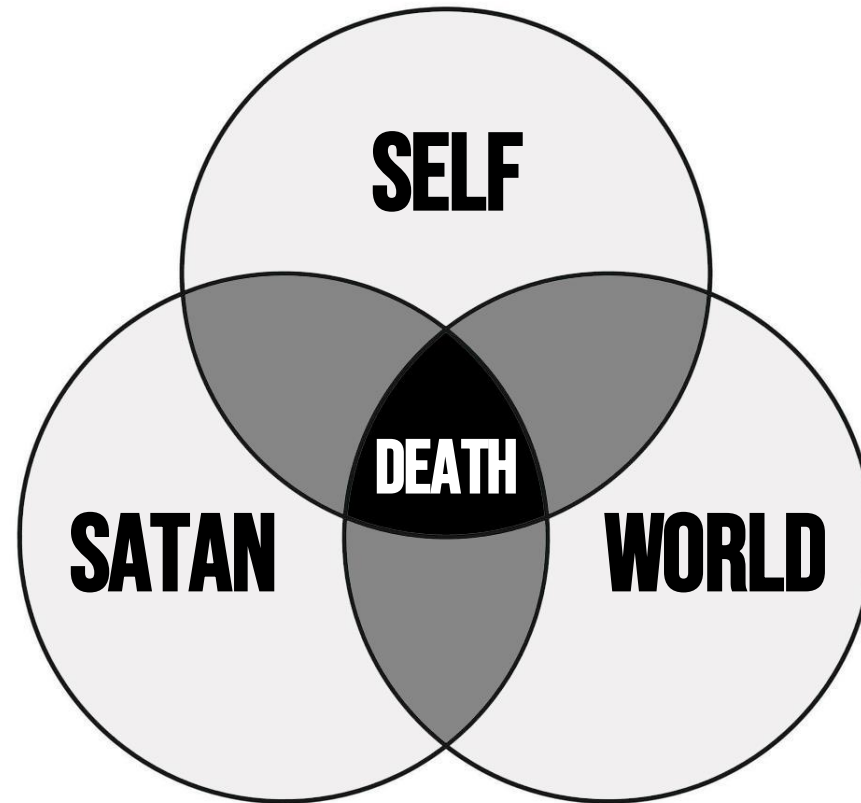
NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME

Worship God alone — exclusively.

- This first command is another way to express or recapitulate the Greatest Commandment to love God first and foremost.
- The other gods refers to actual gods—demons.



FALSE OBJECTS OF WORSHIP



NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME

- **Self-worship is Satanic worship:** pride, arrogance, vanity, narcissism, vainglory, egotism, selfishness, self-centredness,
all in all, idolatry—serving yourself as a god.

i.e., believing in “your truth” makes yourself a god...

i.e., focusing on your comforts over others...



NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME

- **Ephesians 2:1-4** — And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.



NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME

- **Colossians 3:5** — Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.
- **1 Samuel 15:23-24** — “For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption [arrogance, stubbornness] is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has also rejected you from being king.” Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their



EXODUS 20:4-6

2. No idols or images of gods

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments.



NO IDOLS

Do not make images into objects of worship...

- Idols are symbols or representations of the object of worship
- Idols are images that ought not to be (abominations)
- Idols are creations created after creatures to worship
- Idols are images of images (i.e., demons, humans, beasts, etc.)



NO IDOLS

Do not make images into objects of worship...

- Idols were believed to be indwelt by the deity (demon) represented
- Humans worshipped the idols for material blessing, favour, etc.
- Idols also mimic God's creative handiwork... think Adam.
So—what is idol worship mimicking? What is it replacing or satisfying? In other words, what itch is it scratching so that our hardened heart does not have to bend its knee to God?



NO IDOLS

Do not make images into objects of worship...

- If the first command is akin to loving God, then the second command is akin to loving neighbour.
- Idol worship reflects or mirrors the second command... Why? How so?
- **1 John 5:21** — Little children, keep yourselves from idols.



NO IDOLS

- You are made in the image of God.
- But you're fallen—you're a broken (deconsecrated) image of God.
- Adam was fashioned as an idol (image) of God, by God's own hand, to be indwelt by the Spirit of God, not for God to worship man but for man to worship Him.
- In idol worship, the order and purpose of worship is reversed.

Idols mimic this process but are fashioned by our hands/desires to satisfy the flesh



CHRIST IS THE IMAGE OF GOD

Christ is the image (idol) of the invisible God — He is the exact imprint of His nature (**Hebrews 1:3**). Truly God, truly man.

- **Colossians 1:15** — He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
- **Colossians 3:9-10** — Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.



NO IDOLS

- The whole purpose of your life is to conform to the image of God's Son, your Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ — to restore and heal your broken image in God by becoming His child.
- This conforming process is called *sanctification* and leads to *glorification* — the final perfected state when you receive renewed yet perfected bodies at Christ's return (**1 John 3:2**).



CONFORM TO THE IMAGE OF GOD

Conform means, “molded, shaped, fashioned into a form”

- **Romans 8:29** — For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers.



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- **1 Peter 1:14-16** — As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”



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- **Philippians 3:20-21** — For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.
- Conform = sanctification
Transform = glorification



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- **2 Corinthians 3:18** — And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.



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- **1 John 3:2** — Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is.



NO IDOLS

- **Idolatry is the reversal of your purpose in life — it is conforming your image into objects of worship! *Self-worship!***
- **Pride is idolatry because you are an image of God, and idolatry is you glorifying an idol (false god, self-worship), not God — glorifying the image rather than the creator (**Romans 1:18-25**).**
- **You become what you worship.
You conform to whom you serve.
Whether that is stone, wood, gold, dead, demons, or the**



PSALM 115:4-8

Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.

They have mouths, but do not speak;
eyes, but do not see.

They have ears, but do not hear;
noses, but do not smell.



PSALM 115:4-8

They have hands, but do not feel;
feet, but do not walk;
and they do not make a sound in their throat.

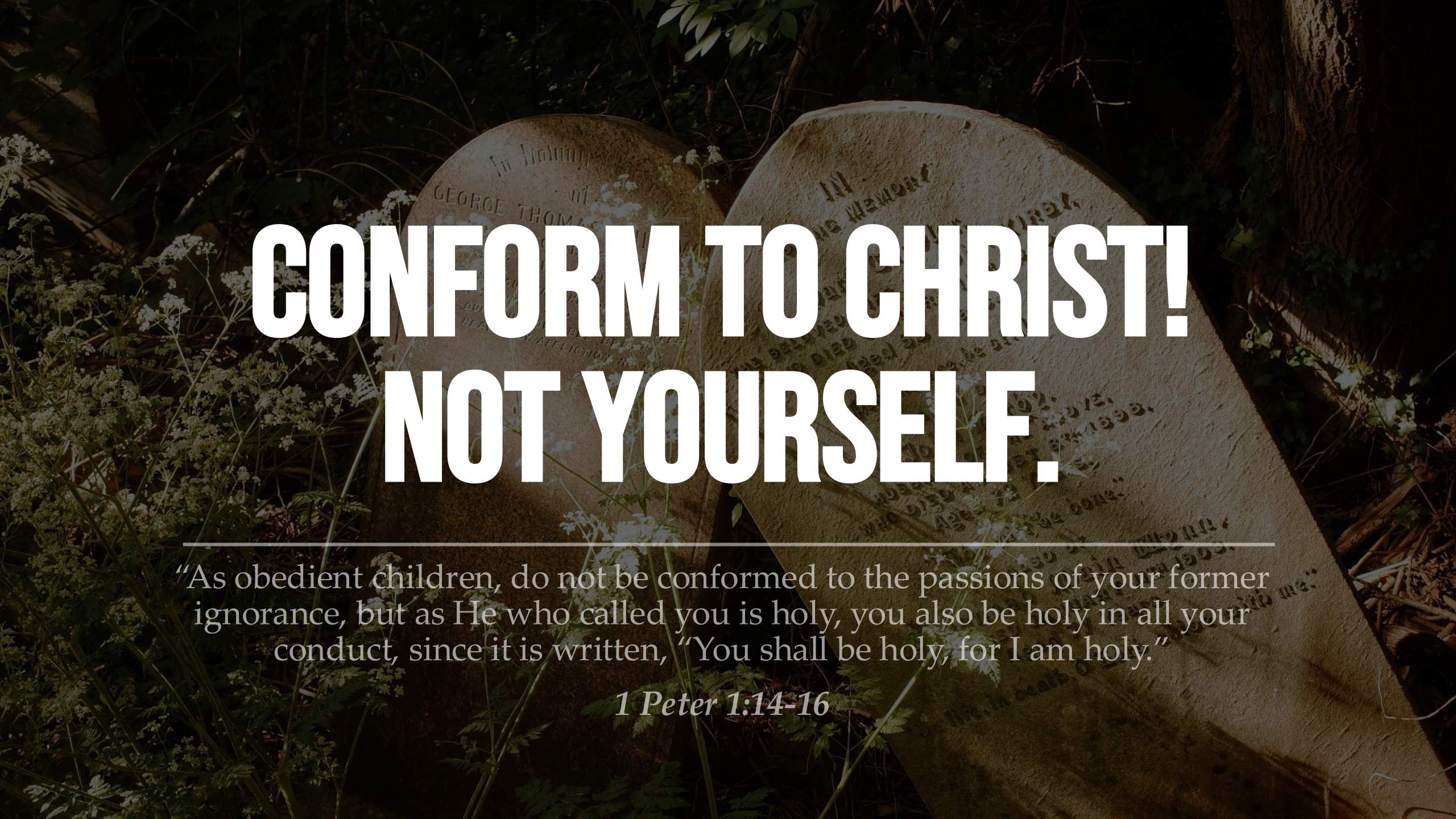
**Those who make them become like them;
so do all who trust in them.**



ISAIAH 44:9, 18-20

All who fashion idols are nothing, and the things they delight in do not profit. Their witnesses neither see nor know, that they may be put to shame.... **They know not, nor do they discern, for he has shut their eyes, so that they cannot see, and their hearts, so that they cannot understand....** Shall I fall down before a block of wood?" He feeds on ashes; a deluded heart has led him astray, and he cannot deliver himself or say, "Is there not a lie in my right hand?"





CONFORM TO CHRIST! NOT YOURSELF.

“As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

1 Peter 1:14-16

CONFORMING TO IDOLS... **BEWARE!**

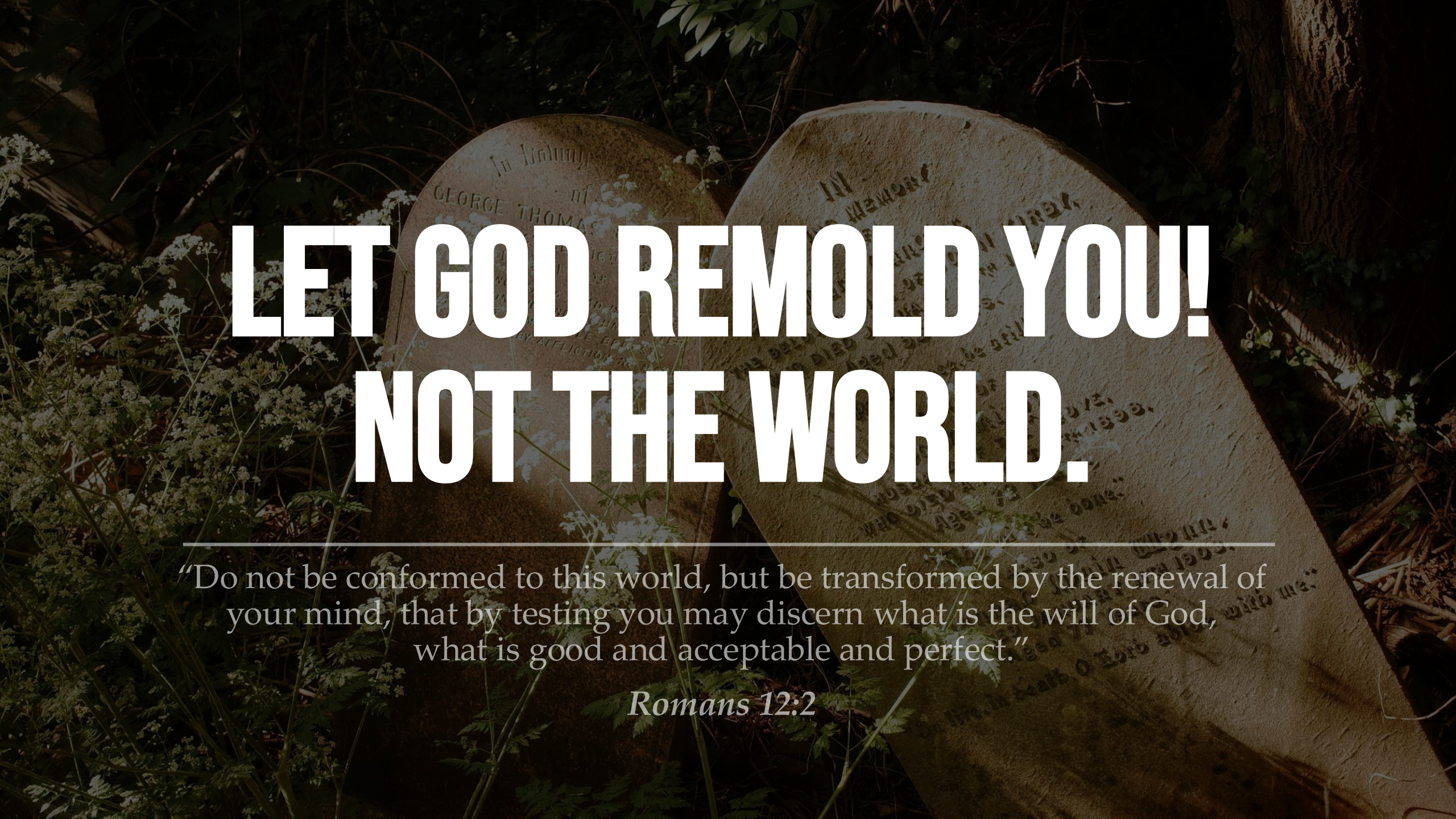
- Now consider... **cellphones** (smart phones).
- **Q1.** Do feel naked without it?
- **Q2.** Do you depend on it for answers? “Google it!”
- If so, you are a cyborg...
- A cellphone in itself is not an idol, but it is being used to conform you into the image of the world through addiction, controlling patterns of thinking, reasoning dependence, etc. — algorithms, social media doom scrolling, the (fake) news / rage bait, etc.



CONFORMING TO IDOLS... **BEWARE!**

- Consider this! Conforming to the image of the world is the image of the beast — it is antichrist...
- **Transhumanism** is conforming to the image of the beast, the idol of Satan (**Revelation 13:11-17, 14:9-13, 20:4-5**)
- You conform to the image of the beast by following in the footsteps of Satan, that is, his pattern of worship, the way Satan worships himself. Following the course and pattern of this world... (**Ephesians 2:1-4, Romans 12:2**)





LET GOD REMOLD YOU! NOT THE WORLD.

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Romans 12:2

HOW DO YOU CONFORM TO CHRIST?

- There are physical actions, practices, rituals, and behaviours reserved and set apart for God alone—they are holy.
- Bowing down while praying before God is a holy worship practice:
 1. **Single Genuflection** — “knightly kneel” (honour/loyalty)
 2. **Double Genuflection** — commonly used in prayer (reverence)
 3. **Prostration** — total humility, surrender, helplessness



The background of the image shows several large, weathered gravestones in a cemetery. The stones are made of light-colored material, possibly marble or granite, and are partially covered with ivy and other climbing plants. The scene is dimly lit, with a dark, moody atmosphere. The text is overlaid on this background.

DO YOU RESPECT GOD OR REVERE GOD?

“When all the people of Israel saw the fire come down and the glory of the Lord on the temple, they bowed down with their faces to the ground on the pavement and worshiped and gave thanks to the Lord...”

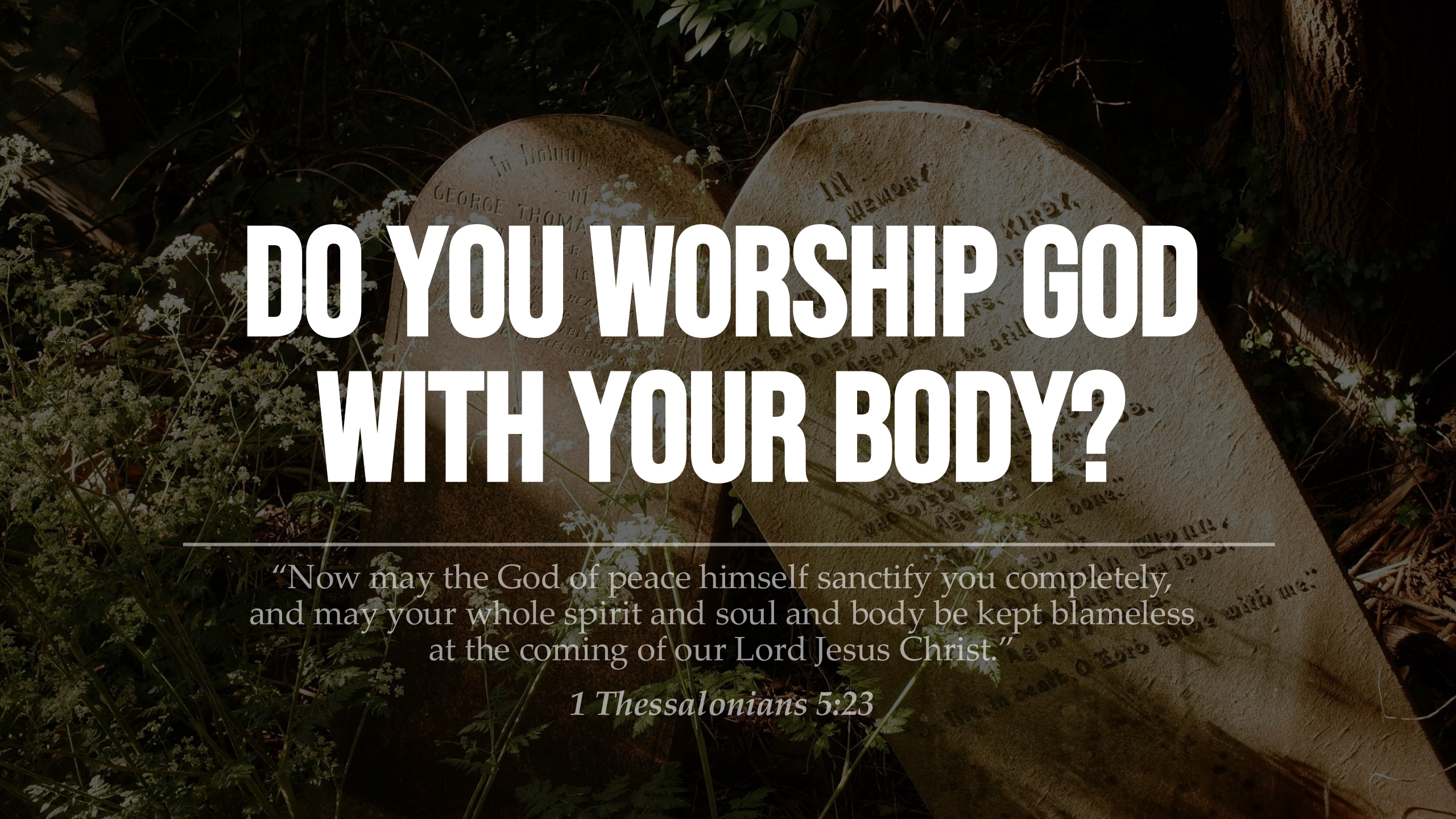
2 Chronicles 7:3

A photograph of a cemetery with several large, weathered gravestones. The stones are made of light-colored material, possibly marble or granite, and are partially covered in ivy and other climbing plants. The background is dark and filled with more trees and foliage. The overall tone is somber and reflective.

DO YOU RESPECT GOD OR WORSHIP GOD?

“When all the people of Israel saw the fire come down and the glory of the Lord on the temple, they bowed down with their faces to the ground on the pavement and worshiped and gave thanks to the Lord...”

2 Chronicles 7:3

The background of the image shows several weathered gravestones in a cemetery, partially obscured by a dark, semi-transparent overlay. The stones are inscribed with names and dates, though the text is mostly illegible due to the overlay and fading. One stone on the left clearly shows the name 'GEORGE THOMAS'. The overall mood is somber and reflective.

DO YOU WORSHIP GOD WITH YOUR BODY?

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,
and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Thessalonians 5:23

ROMANS 1:18-25

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.



ROMANS 1:18-25

For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.



ROMANS 1:18-25

Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.



PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

Pastoral Prayer of Application of God's Word.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper of Thanksgiving.

*Matthew 26:26–29, Mark 14:22–25, Luke 22:14–20; Acts 2:42
1 Corinthians 10:14–21, 11:23–32; 2 Corinthians 13:5; 1 Timothy 4:4–5*

1 CORINTHIANS 10:16-17

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?

The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.



1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-24

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”



1 CORINTHIANS 11:25-26

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



1 CORINTHIANS 11:27-28

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.

Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.



1 CORINTHIANS 11:29-32

For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.



1 CORINTHIANS 5:6-8

Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.



1 JOHN 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



2 CORINTHIANS 13:5; ROMANS 14:24

Therefore:

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? — unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Prayer of thanksgiving and participation in the body and blood of Christ.

*Matthew 26:26–29, Mark 14:22–25, Luke 22:14–20; Acts 2:42
1 Corinthians 10:14–21, 11:23–32; 2 Corinthians 13:5; 1 Timothy 4:4–5*

THE SENDING SONG

The final song of service before the Lord sends us out.

Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:18-20; Psalm 103:1-5, 150:1-6

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen!



BENEDICTION

Priestly Blessing

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May the glory and love of God the Father,
And the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the power and communion of the Holy Spirit,
Conform you into the image of His Son this week
Go in the joy that surpasses all understanding.
Amen.

2 Corinthians 13:14, Philippians 4:7



FELLOWSHIP

Please check your bulletin for services this week.

