

# Soteriology

## Session 5



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# Soteriology Overview

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### V. God's One Condition of Salvation



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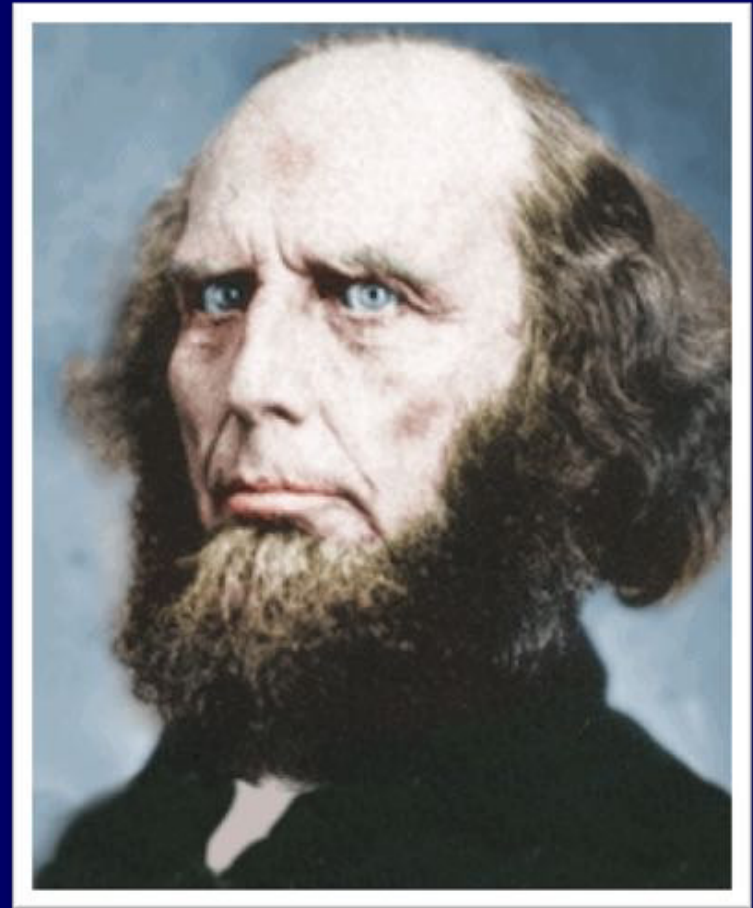
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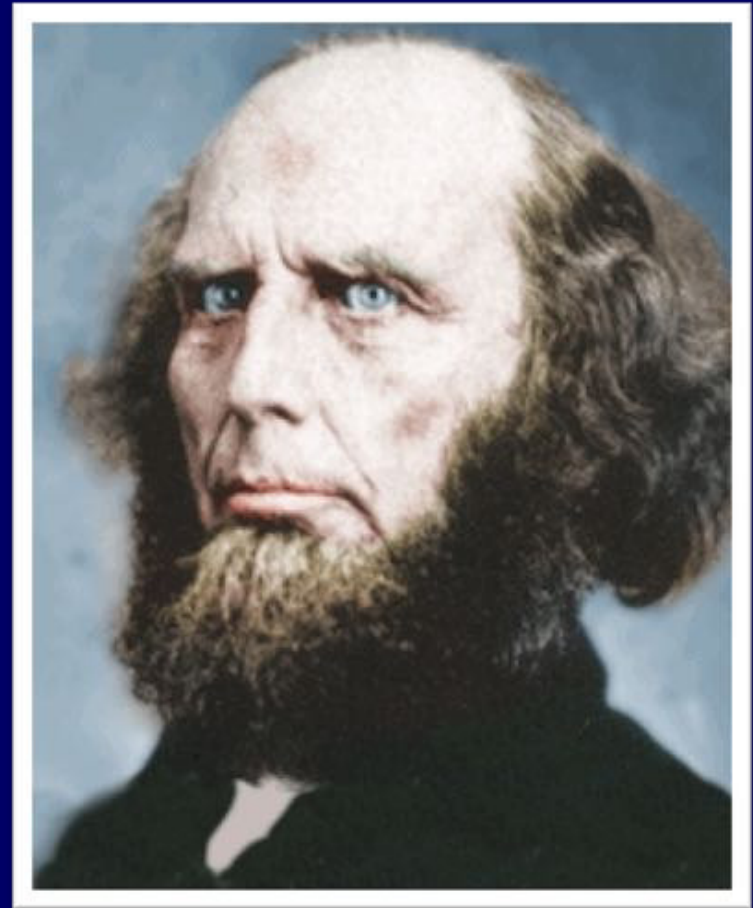
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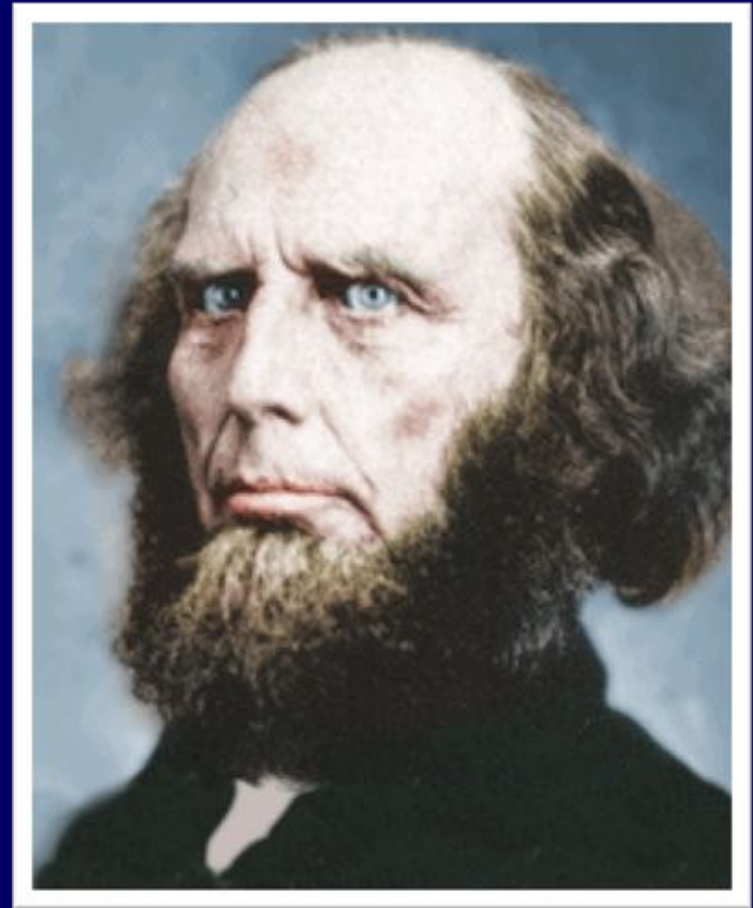
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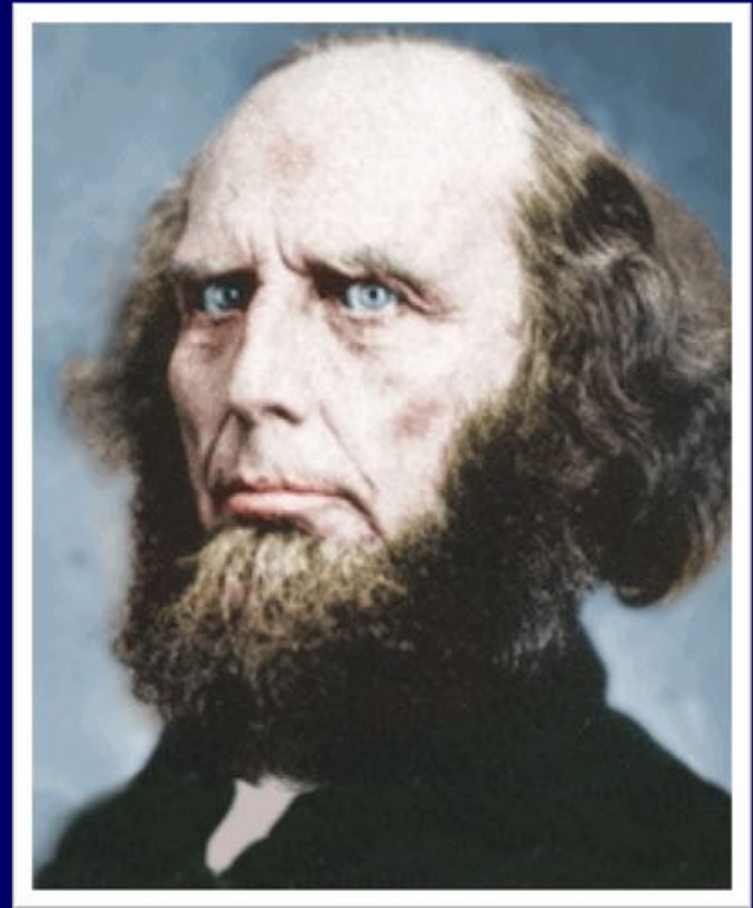
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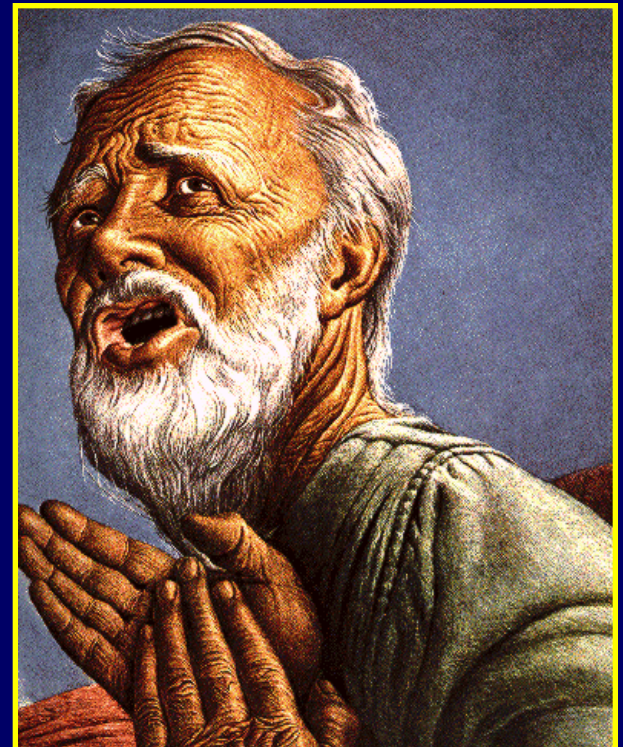


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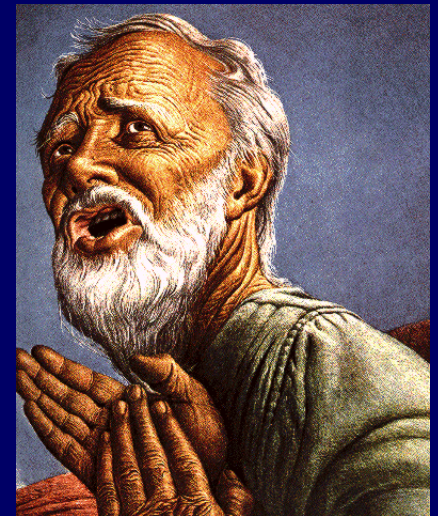
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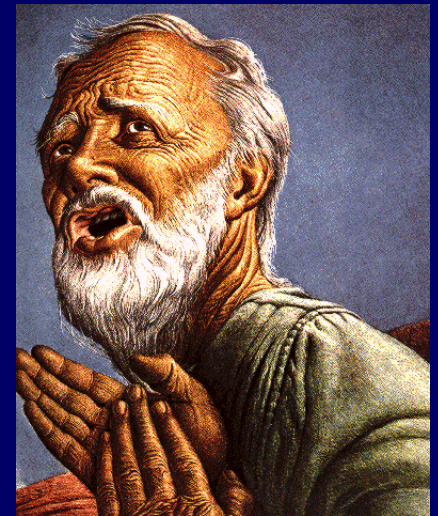
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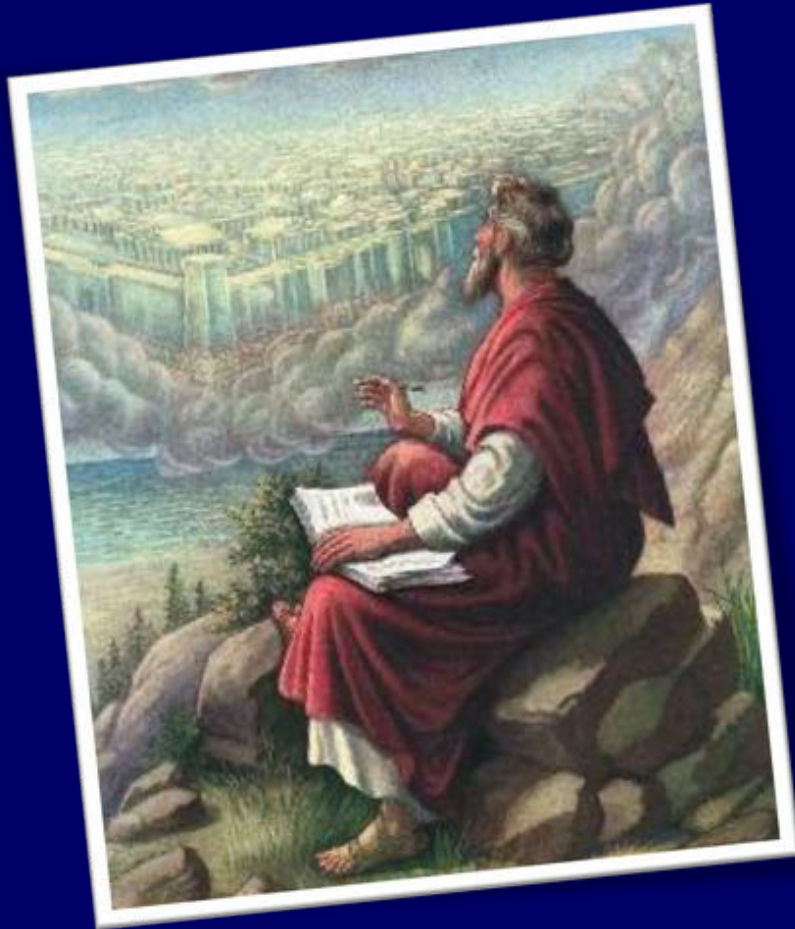


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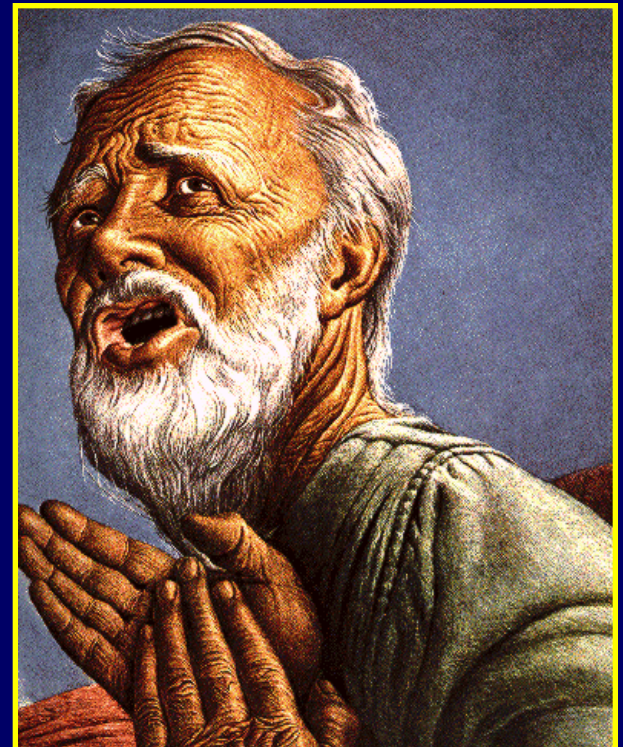
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# Belief-God's One Condition for Justification



“...because upwards of 150 passages of Scripture condition salvation upon believing only (cf. John 3:16; Acts 16:31).”

Lewis Sperry Chafer, vol. 7, *Systematic Theology*<sup>b</sup>  
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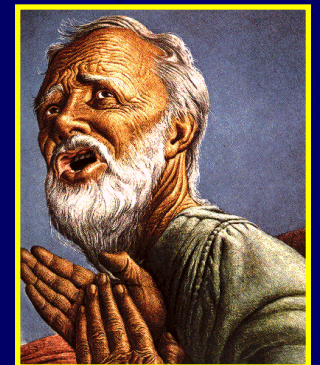
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“ Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness.”

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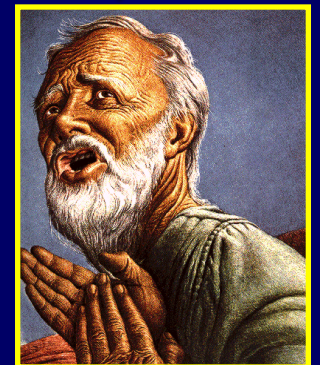
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## Ephesians 2:8-9



"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is the gift* of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."



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# Galatians 5:11



"But I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the stumbling block of the cross has been abolished."

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## “Believe” Defined

*pisteuō*...“to believe,” also “to be persuaded of,” and hence, “to place confidence in, to trust,” signifies, in this sense of the word, reliance upon, not mere credence. It is most frequent in the writings of the apostle John, especially the Gospel. He does not use the noun...Of the writers of the Gospels...uses of the verb...John ninety-nine.

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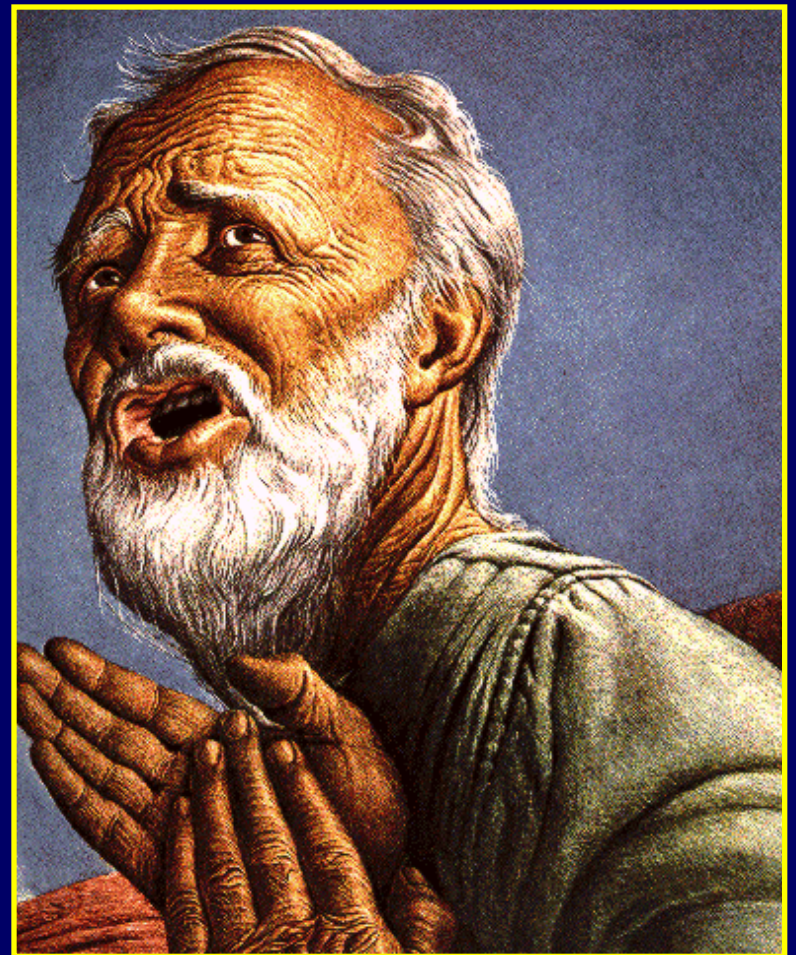
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## James 2:19 (NASB)

“You believe that God is one. You do well;  
the demons also believe, and shudder.”



## Matthew 8:28-29 (NASB)

“When He came to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, two men who were demon-possessed met Him as they were coming out of the tombs. *They were* so extremely violent that no one could pass by that way. <sup>29</sup> And they cried out, saying, “What business do we have with each other, Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?”



## Acts 19:15 (NASB)

“And the evil spirit answered and said to them, “I recognize Jesus, and I know about Paul, but who are you?”



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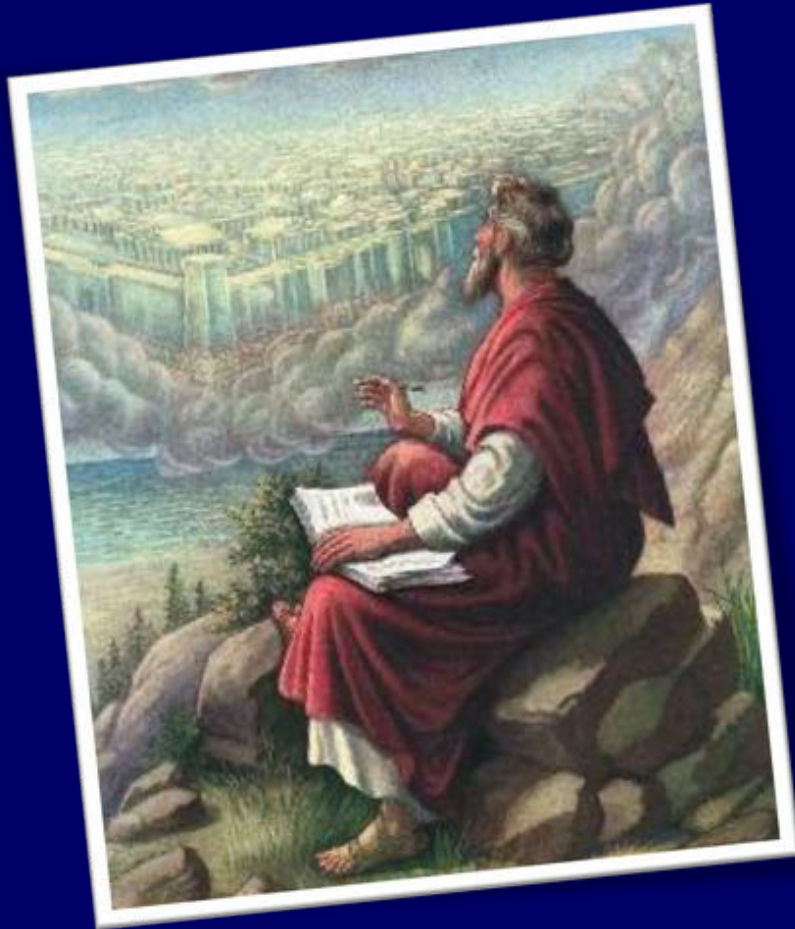




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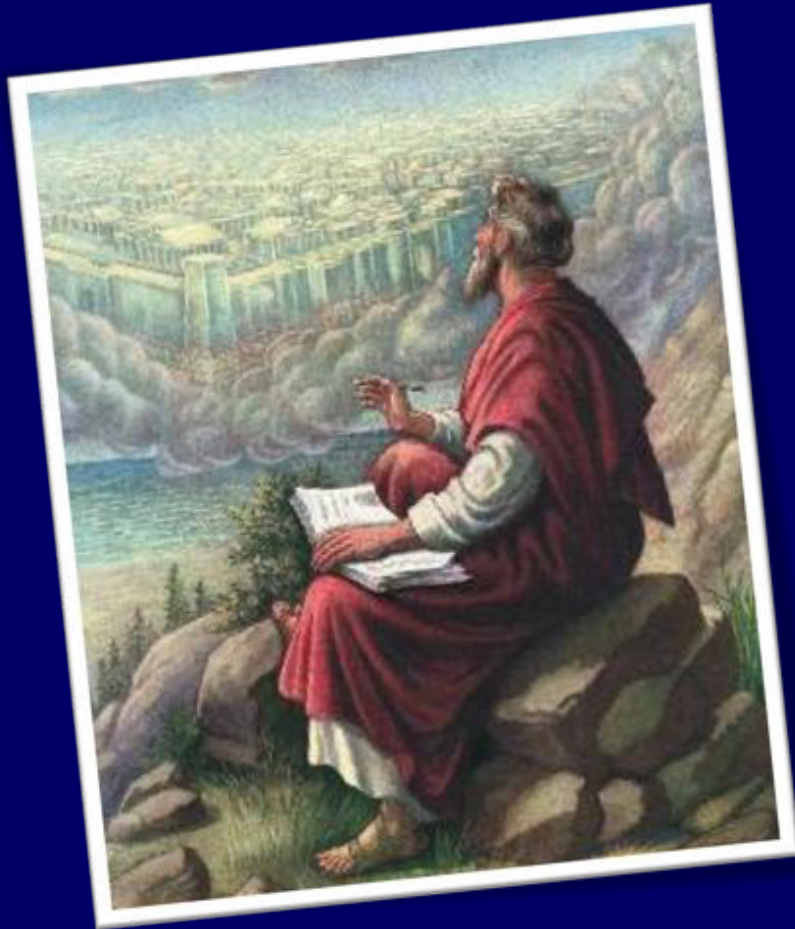
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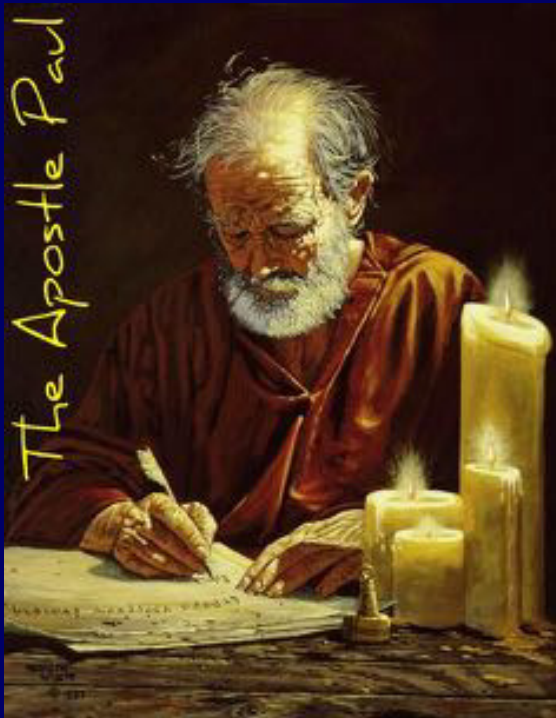


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## 1 Cor. 15:3-4

“Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of **first importance** what I also received, that **Christ died** for **our sins** according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that **He was raised** on the third day according to the Scriptures.”

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