



THE GOSPEL FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

# ROMANS

“The Glory in Groaning” / *Romans 8:22-27*

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# The **New** Testament

## Romans 8:22-27

**Matthew**

**Mark**

**Luke**

**John**

**Acts**

***Romans***

**1/2 Corinthians**

**Galatians**

**Ephesians**

**Philippians**

**Colossians**

**1/2 Thessalonians**

**1/2 Timothy**

**Titus**

**Philemon**

**Hebrews**

**James**

**1/2 Peter**

**1/2/3 John**

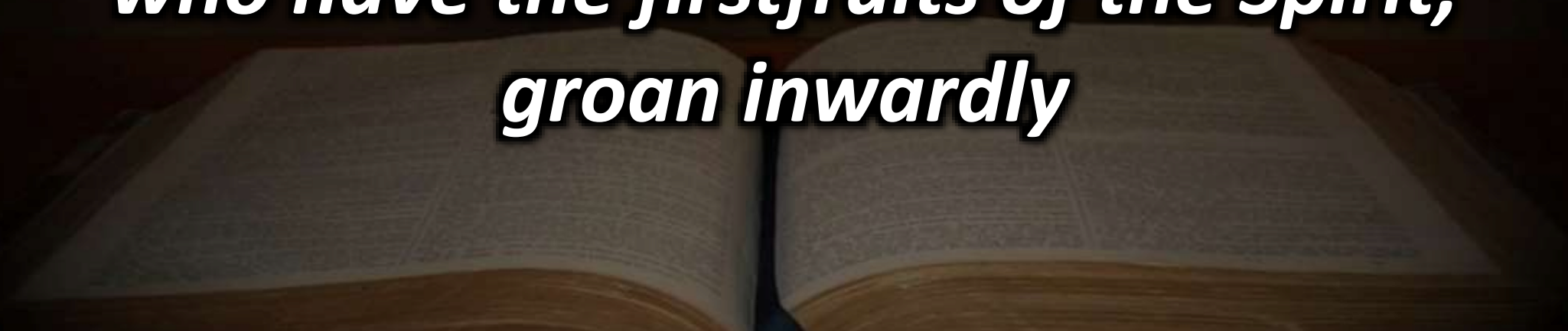
**Jude**

**Revelation**

## Romans 8:22-27

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*“We know that the whole creation  
has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth  
right up to the present time.  
Not only so, but we ourselves,  
who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,  
groan inwardly*



## Romans 8:22-27

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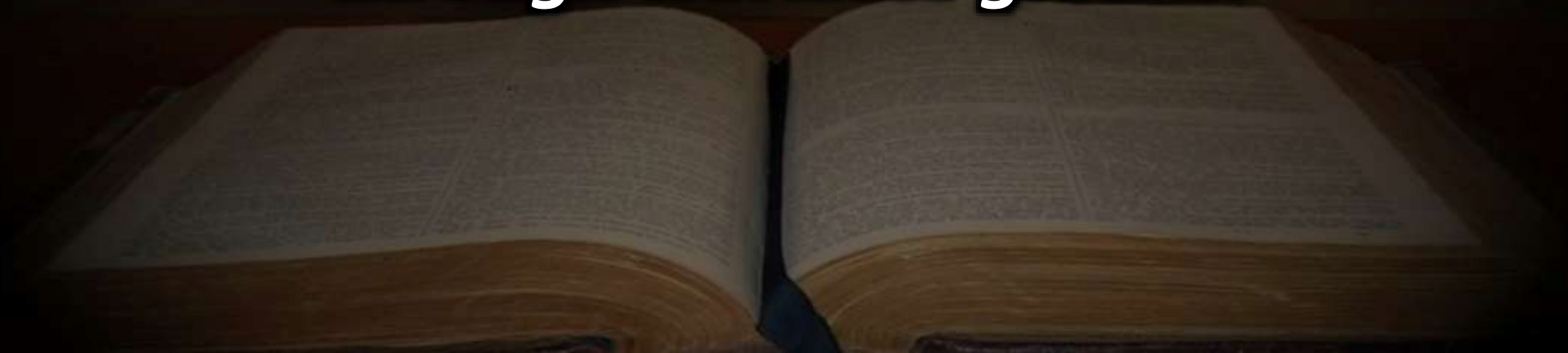
*“as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship,  
the redemption of our bodies.  
For in this hope we were saved.  
But hope that is seen is no hope at all.  
Who hopes for what they already have?  
But if we hope for what we do not yet have,  
we wait for it patiently.”*

## Romans 8:22-27

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*“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness.*

*We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.*



## Romans 8:22-27

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*“And he who searches our hearts  
knows the mind of the Spirit,  
because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people  
in accordance with the will of God.”*







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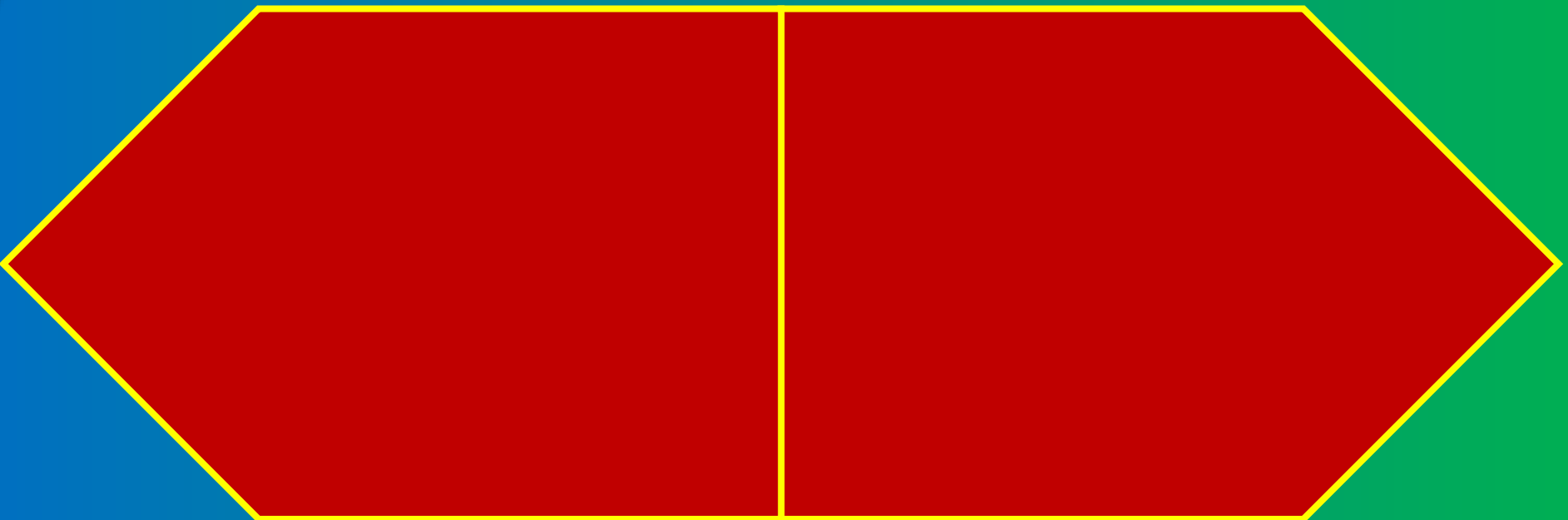


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**Future glory**



**Suffering**

## Romans 8:17

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*“... we share in his **sufferings** in order that we may also share in his **glory**.”*





## Romans 8:18

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*“... our present **sufferings**  
are not worth comparing  
with the **glory** that will be revealed in us.”*



## Romans 8:21

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*“... the creation itself will be  
liberated from its **bondage to decay**  
and brought into the **freedom and glory**  
of the children of God.”*



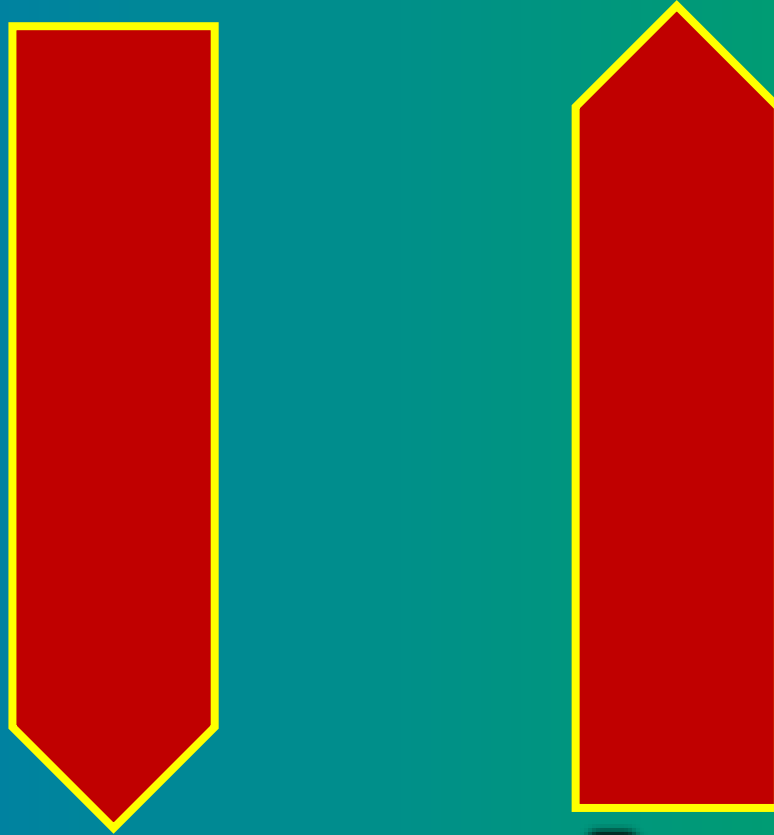


**Present suffering**



**Future glory**

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**Suffering**

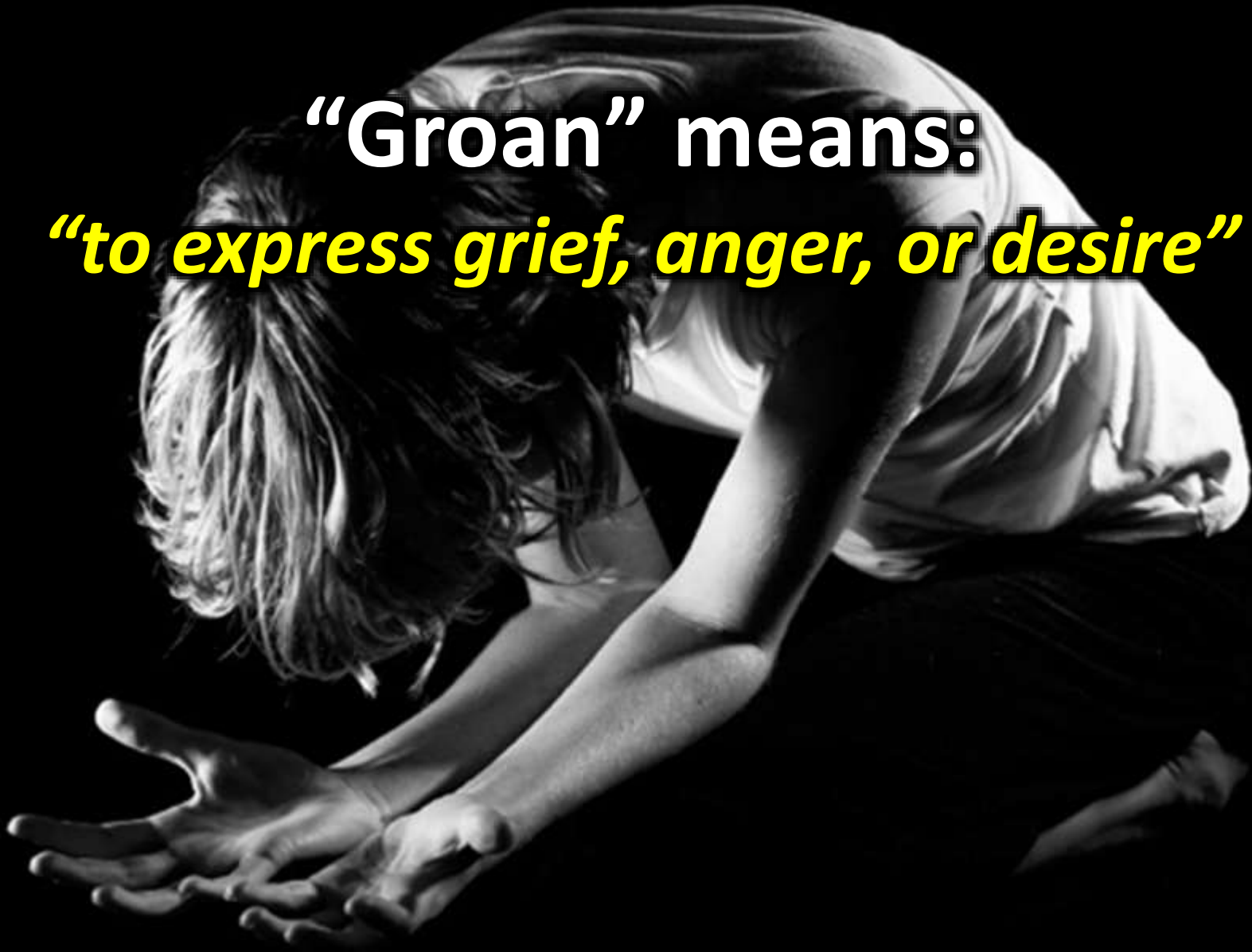


**“Hoping  
by  
Groaning”**

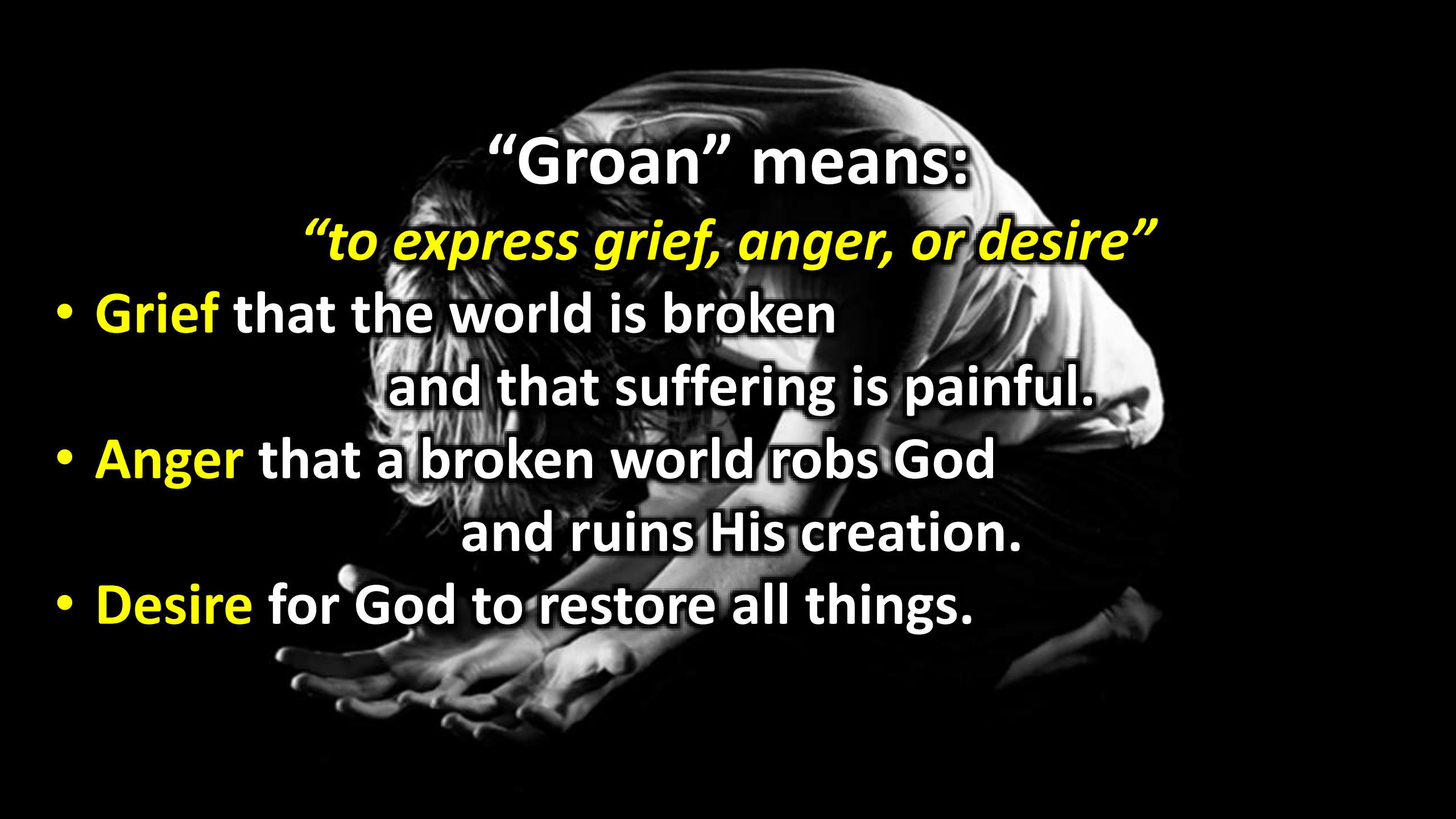


**Future glory**

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- **Grief** that the world is broken and that suffering is painful.
- **Anger** that a broken world robs God and ruins His creation.
- **Desire** for God to restore all things.

# Three kinds of groaning

1) vv.21-22 – The expectant groaning of creation.



CREATION GROANS



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  - Because creation is broken, there is an “eager expectation” to be re-created.



CREATION GROANS



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1) vv.21-22 – The expectant groaning of creation.

- God allowed creation to experience the devastation of sin knowing that He would re-create it.

vv.20-21

CREATION GROANS



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- The re-birth of creation follows the re-birth of the children of God. vv.19,21

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**Three kinds of groaning**

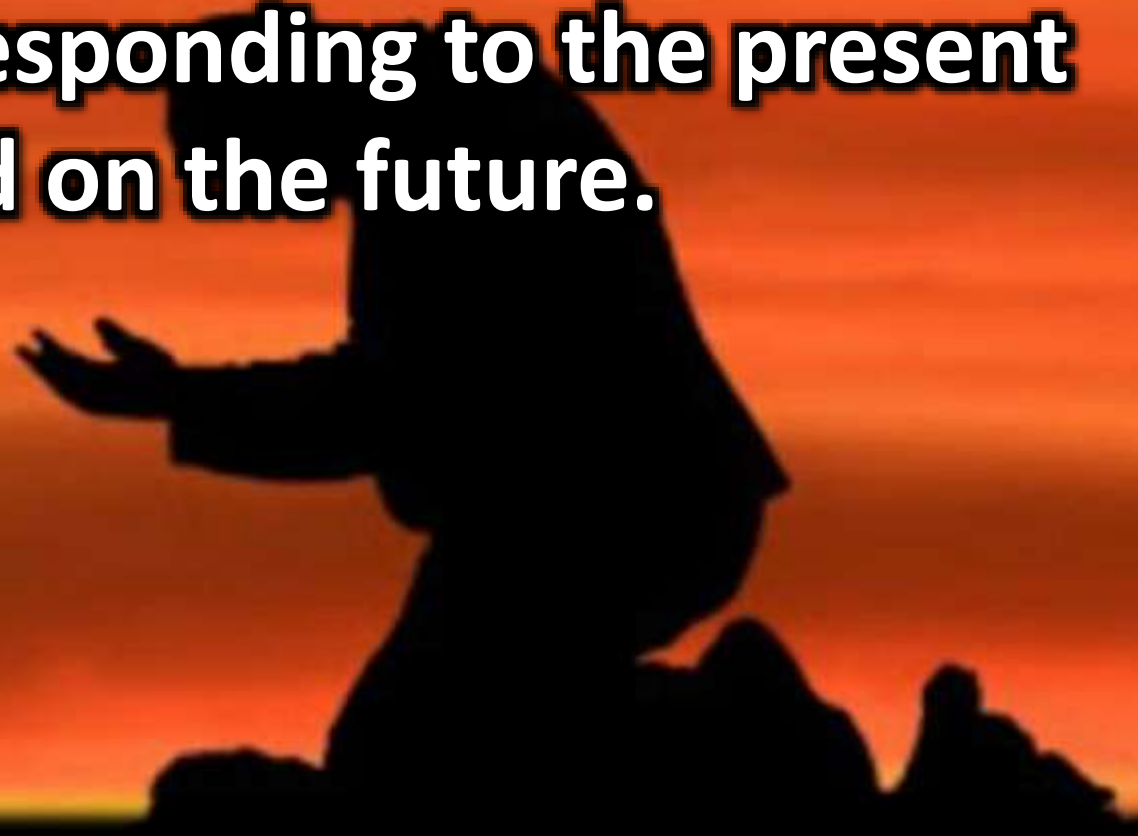
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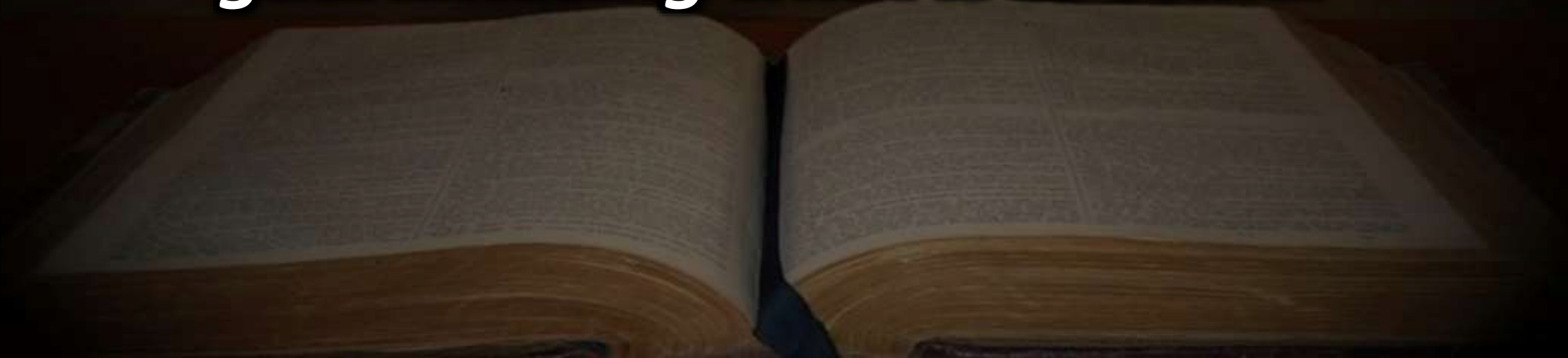
- The groaning of believers is called “**hope**” –  
defining and responding to the present  
based on the future.



## 2 Corinthians 5:2,5

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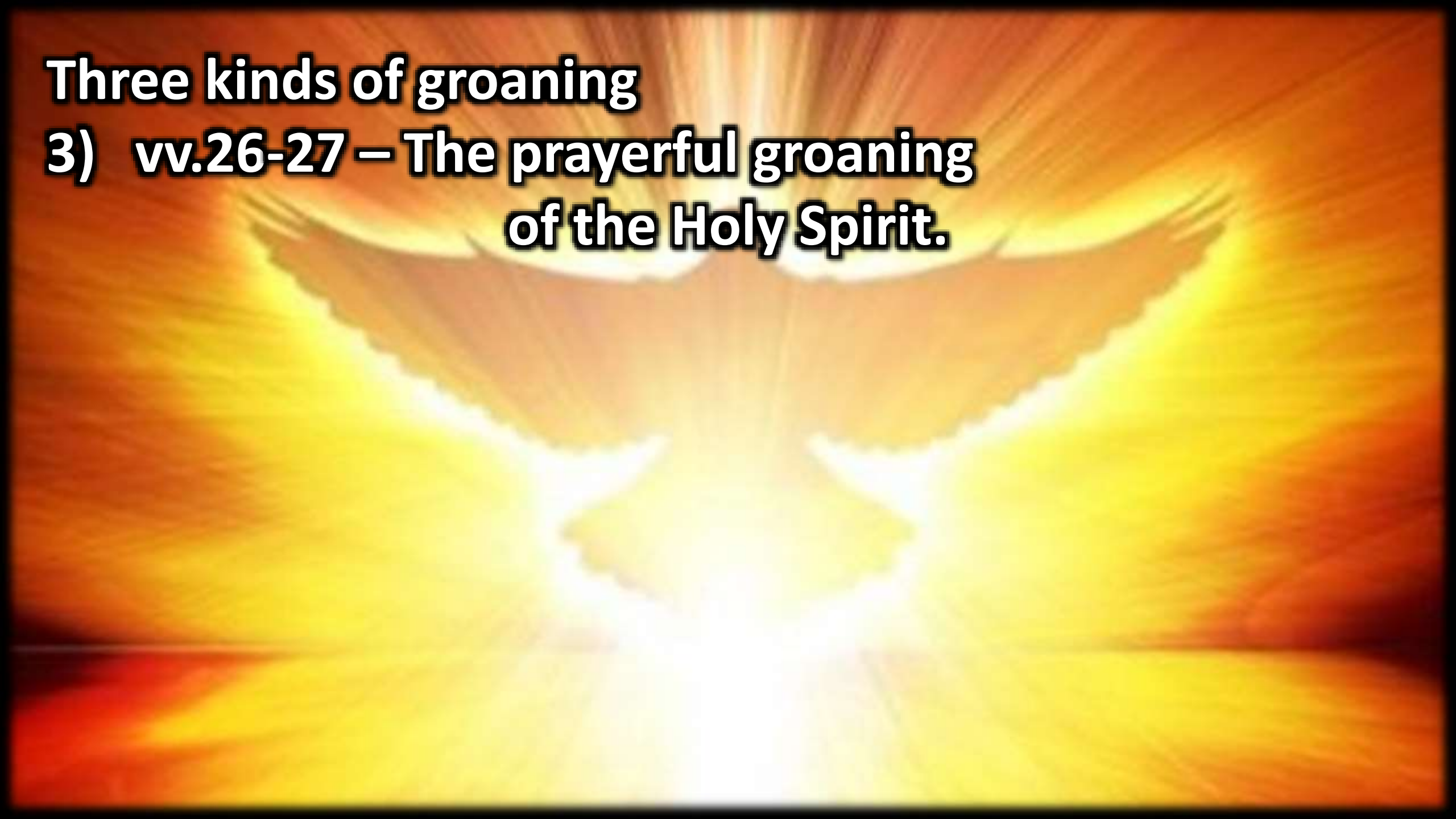
*“Meanwhile we **groan...**  
Now the one who has **fashioned us**  
**for this very purpose** is God,  
who has given us the Spirit as a deposit,  
guaranteeing **what is to come.**”*





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**3) vv.26-27 – The prayerful groaning  
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### **3) vv.26-27 – The prayerful groaning of the Holy Spirit.**

- **The Holy Spirit groans best, because:**
  - **He presided over creation.**

**Genesis 1:2**

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*“Now the earth was formless and empty,  
darkness was over the surface of the deep,  
and the **Spirit of God**  
**was hovering over the waters.”***





## **Three kinds of groaning**

### **3) vv.26-27 – The prayerful groaning of the Holy Spirit.**

- **The Holy Spirit groans best, because:**
  - **He saw the devastation of sin on creation  
when Adam and Eve sinned.**

## **Three kinds of groaning**

**3) vv.26-27 – The prayerful groaning  
of the Holy Spirit.**

- **The Holy Spirit groans best, because:**
  - **He knows exactly  
what the new heavens and earth will be like.**



## **Three kinds of groaning**

**3) vv.26-27 – The prayerful groaning  
of the Holy Spirit.**

- **The Holy Spirit groans best, because:**
  - **He knows the mind of the Spirit of God  
which we know only by faith  
and in weakness. v.27**



**Application – *this text speaks to us about...***

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- Ecology – Do we preserve the present earth  
with the future earth in mind?**

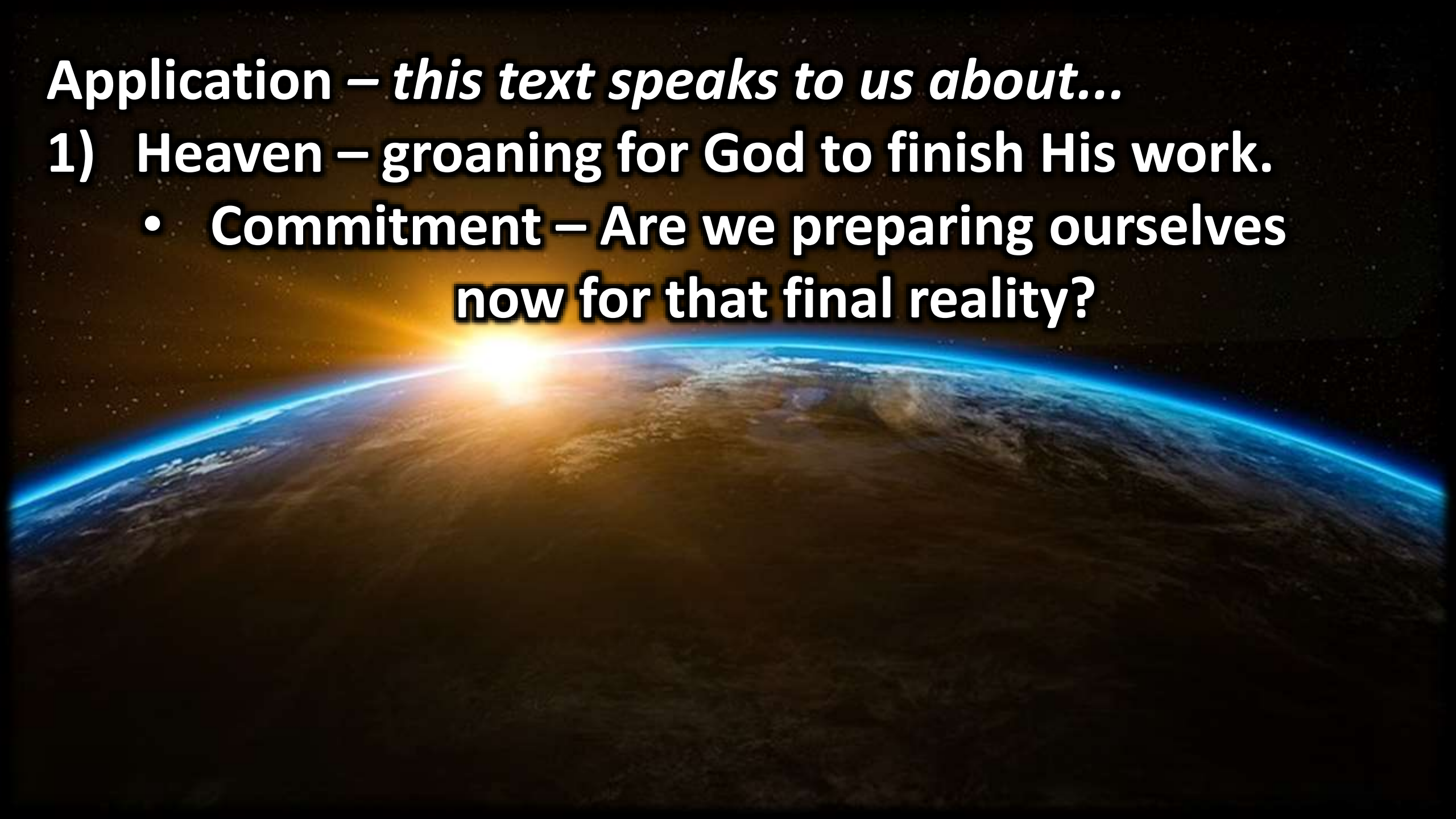




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- Commitment – Are we preparing ourselves now for that final reality?**





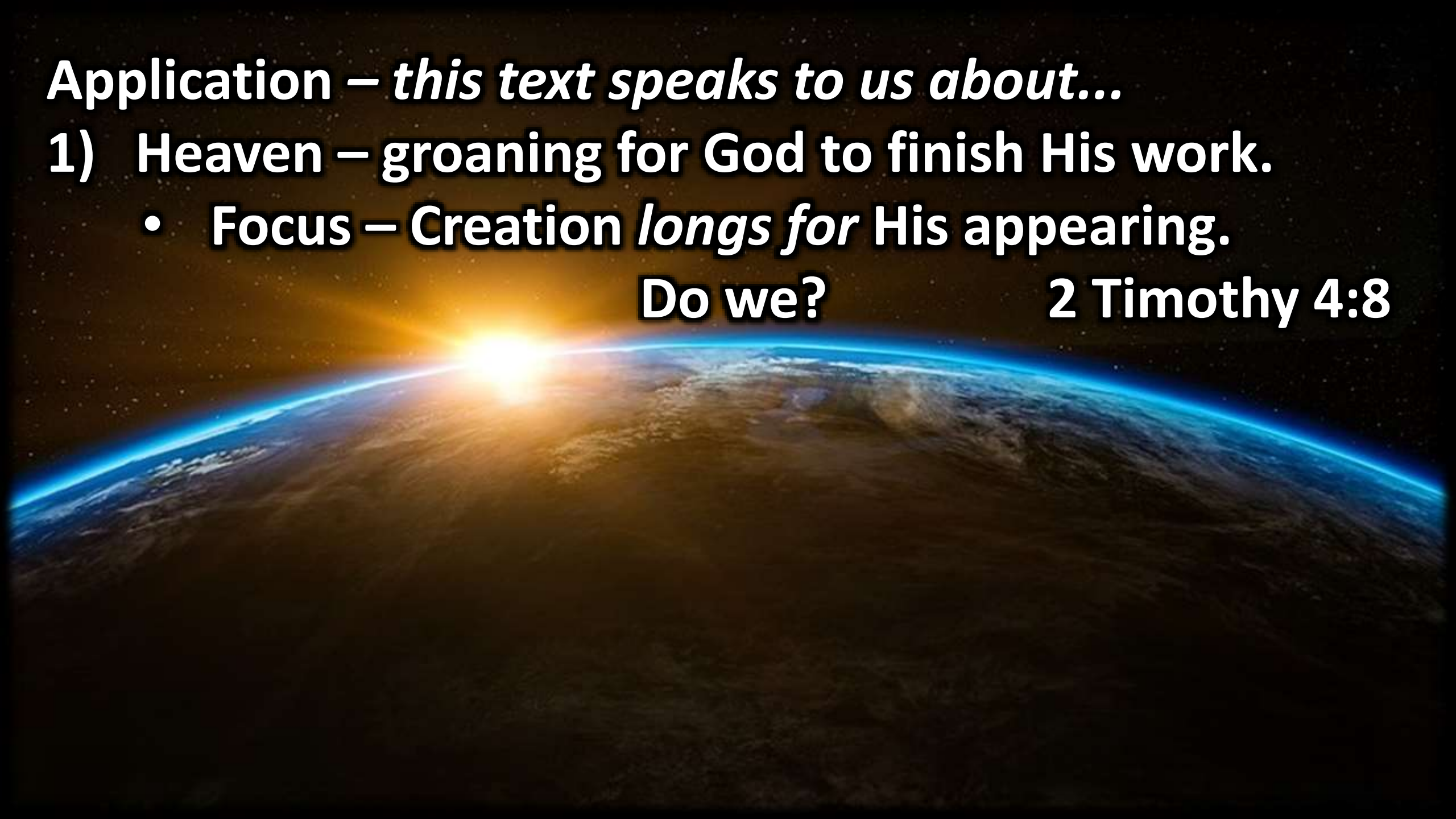
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- Focus – Creation *longs for* His appearing.**

**Do we?**

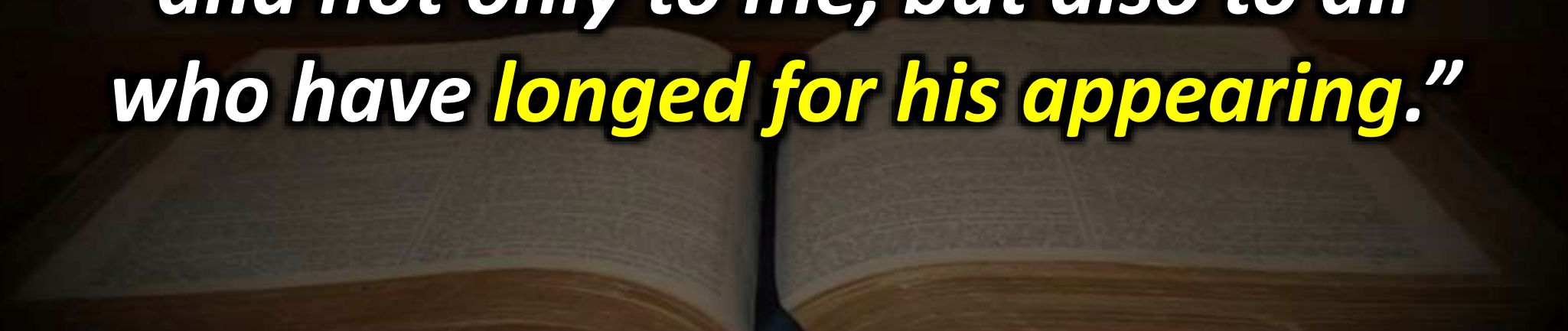
**2 Timothy 4:8**



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*“Now there is in store for me  
the crown of righteousness,  
which the Lord, the righteous Judge,  
will award to me on that day—  
and not only to me, but also to all  
who have **longed for his appearing.**”*



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CHRIST



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longing for a sinless heart and a perfect body.**
- Someday every part of life will be focused  
on Jesus. How about now?**

**CHRIST**

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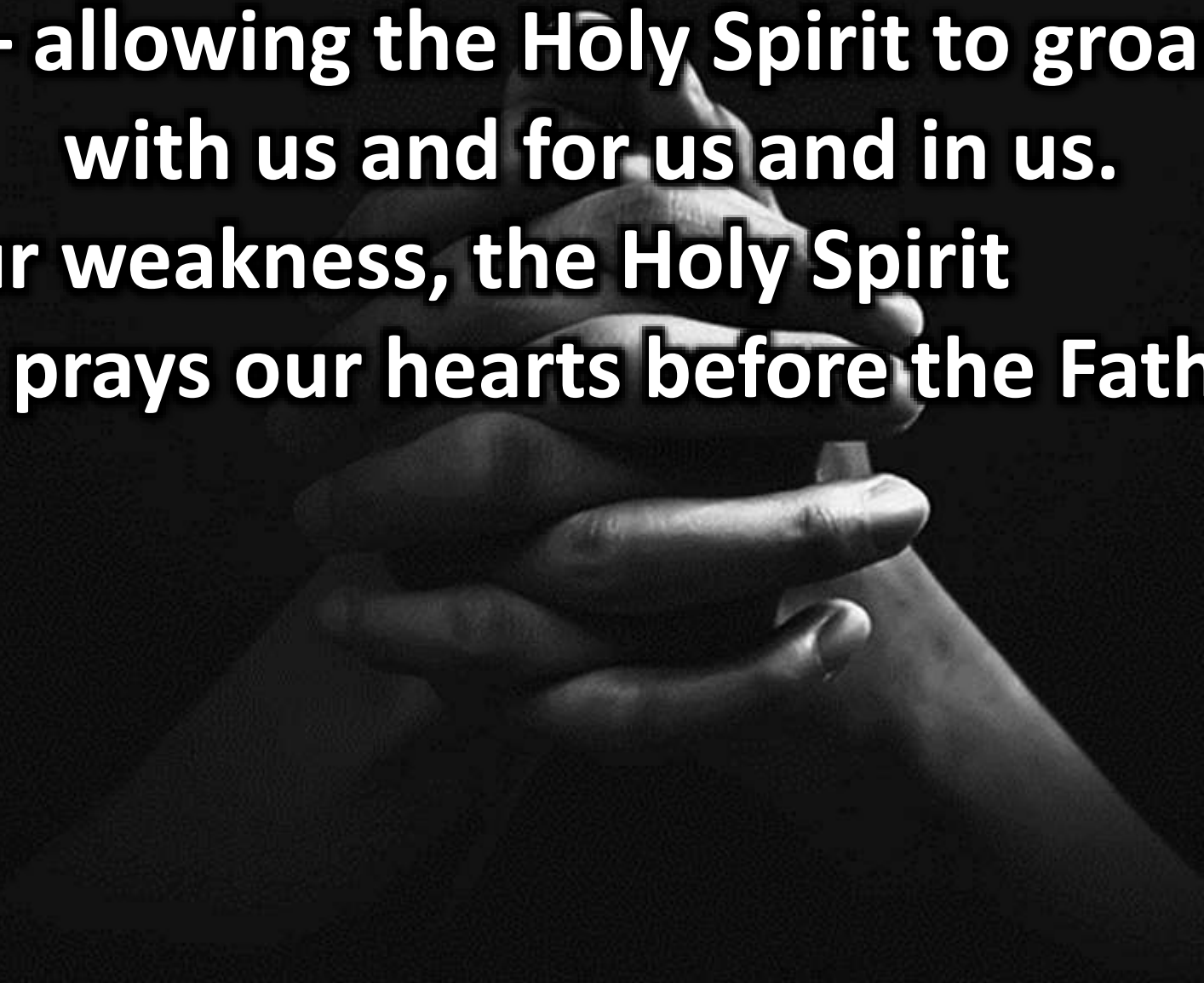
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- In our weakness, the Holy Spirit  
prays our hearts before the Father.**

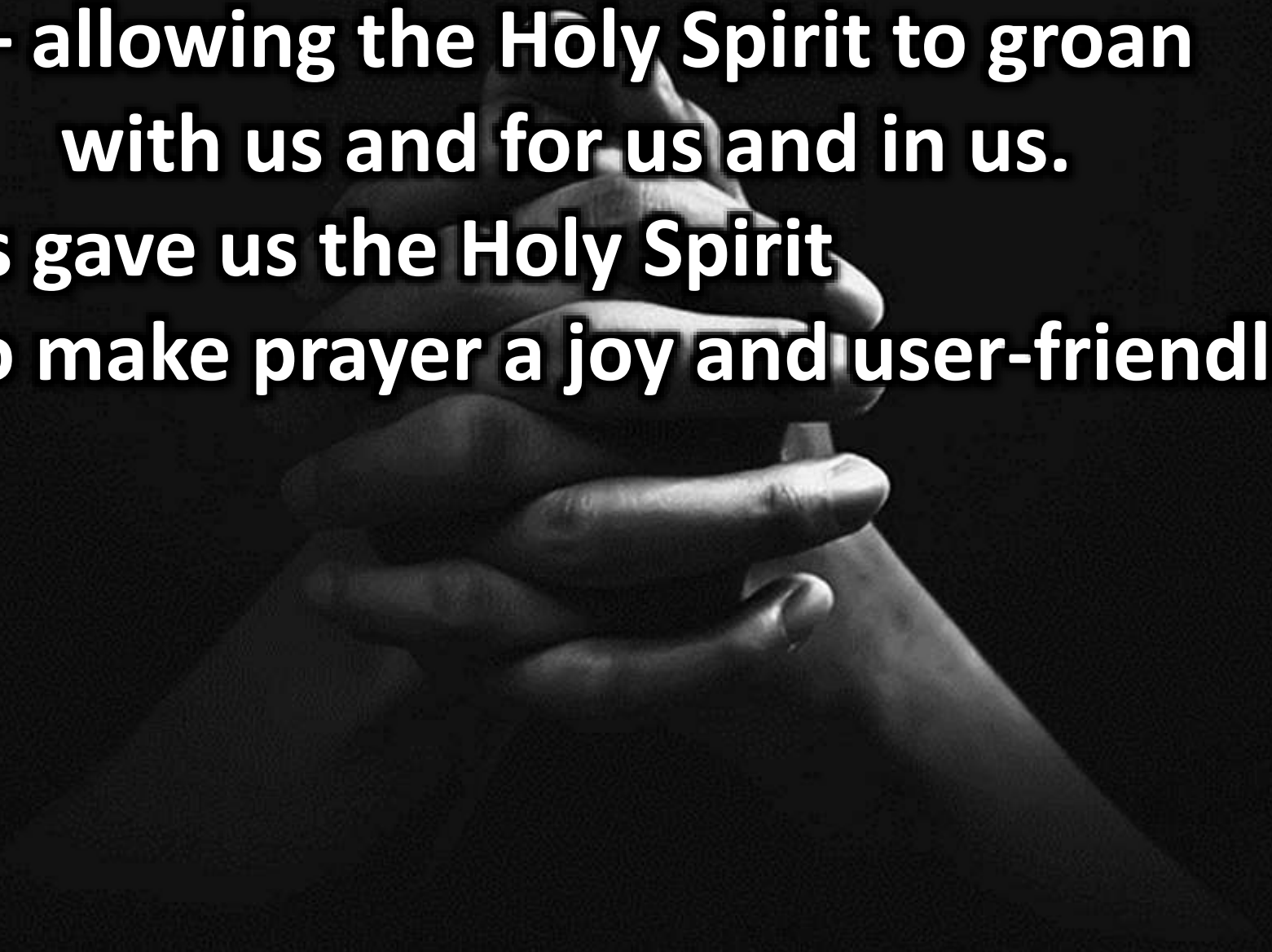




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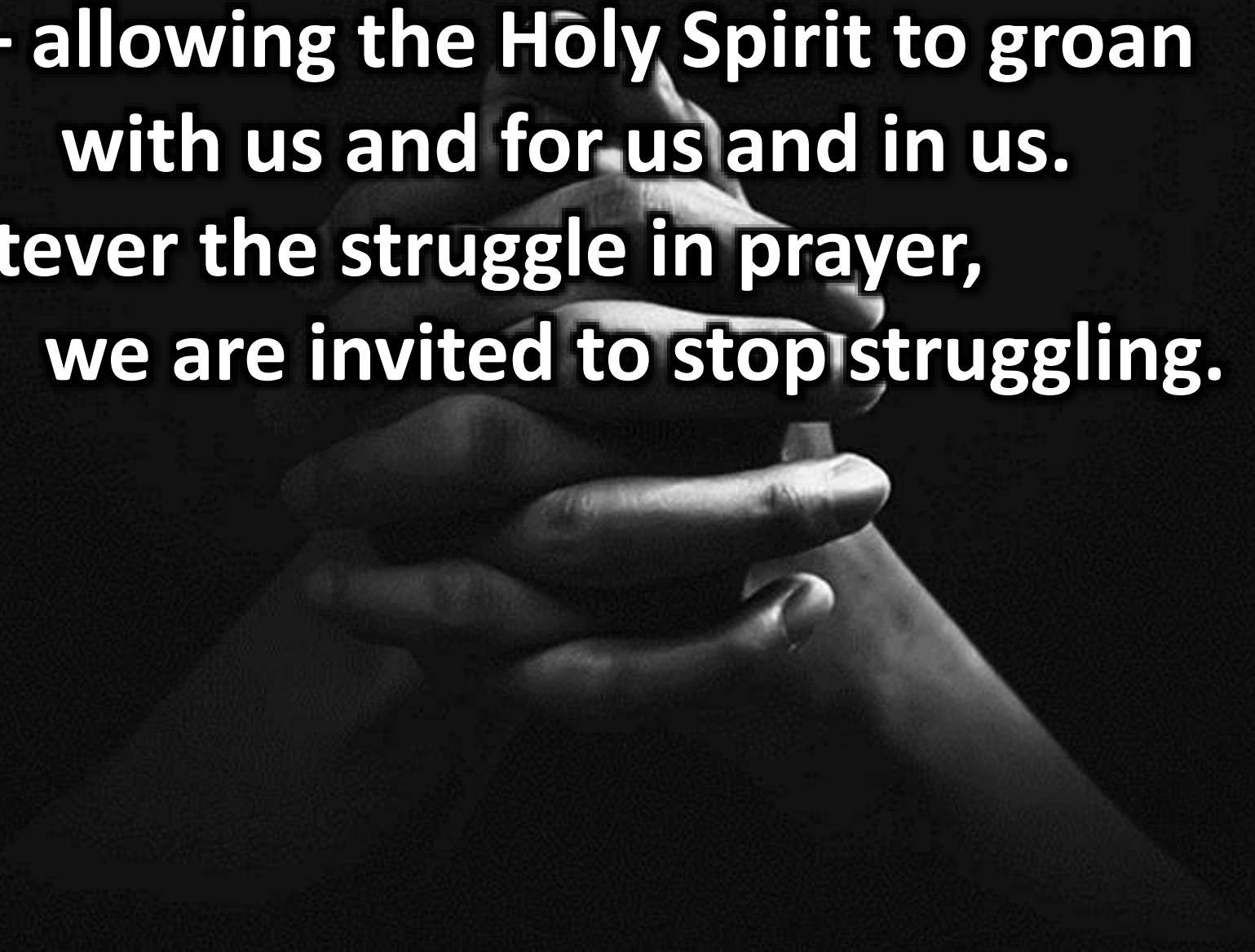
- **Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit  
to make prayer a joy and user-friendly.**



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with us and for us and in us.**

- **Whatever the struggle in prayer,  
we are invited to stop struggling.**







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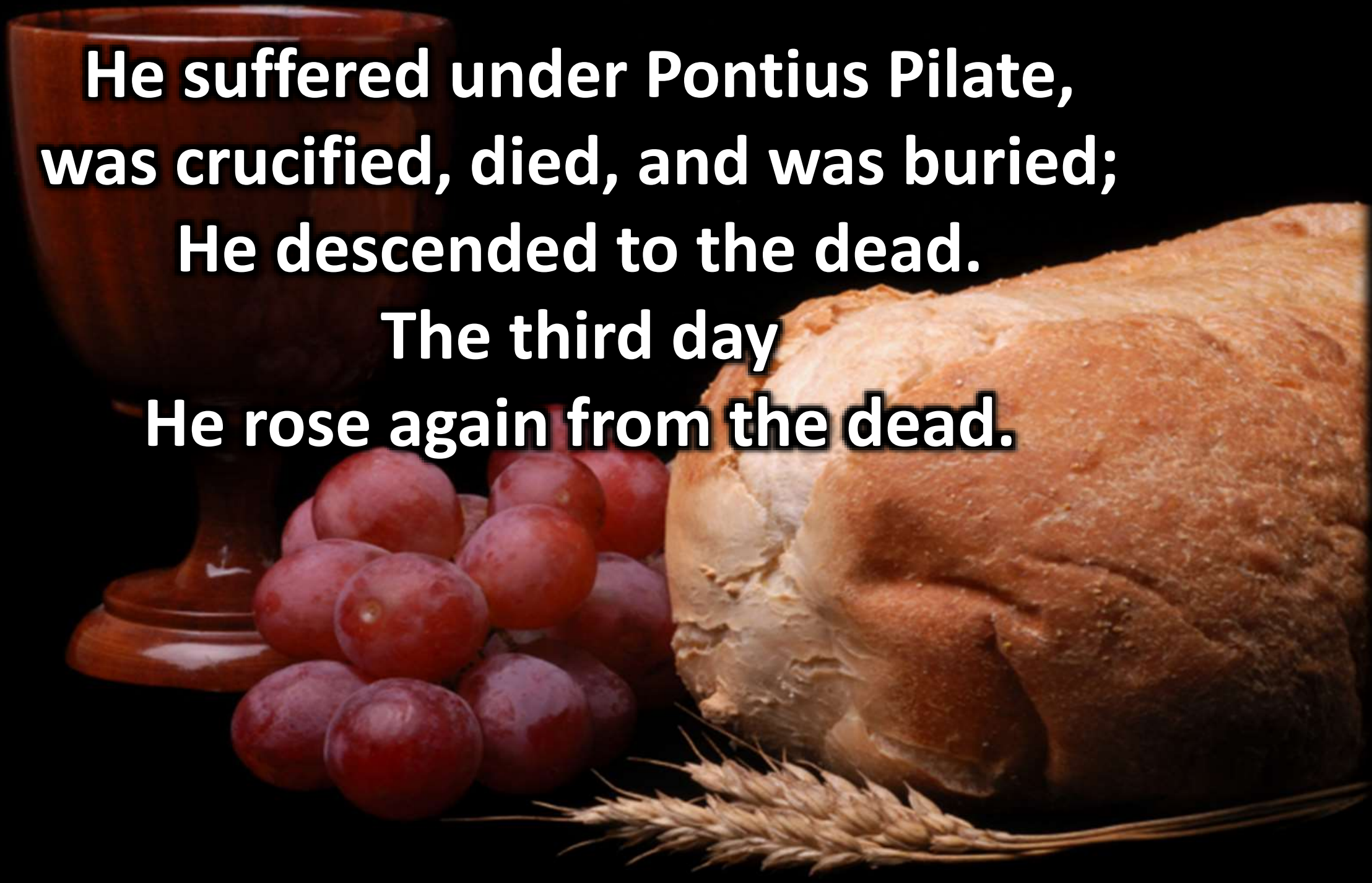
## The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

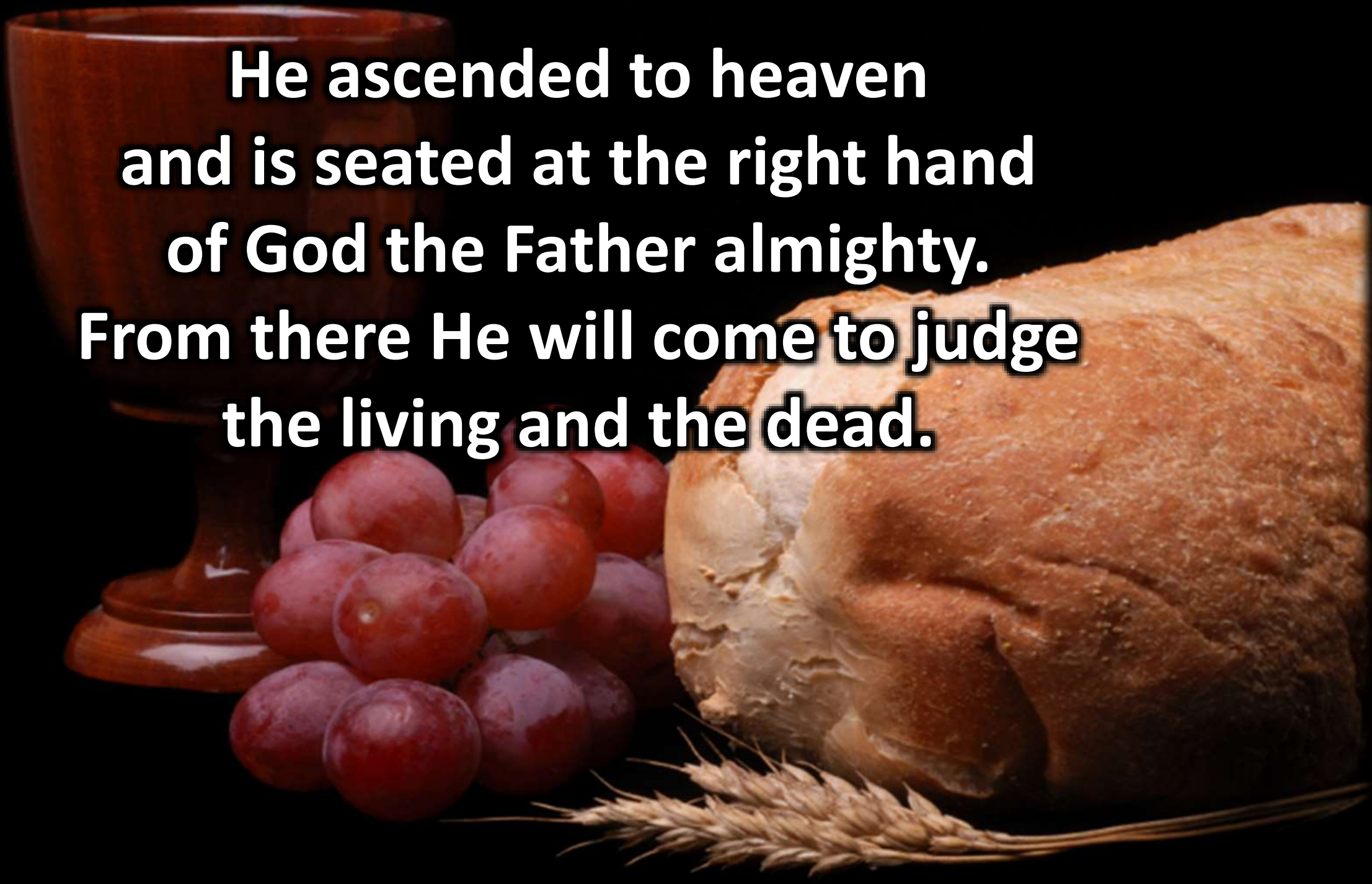
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to the dead.**

**The third day  
He rose again from the dead.**

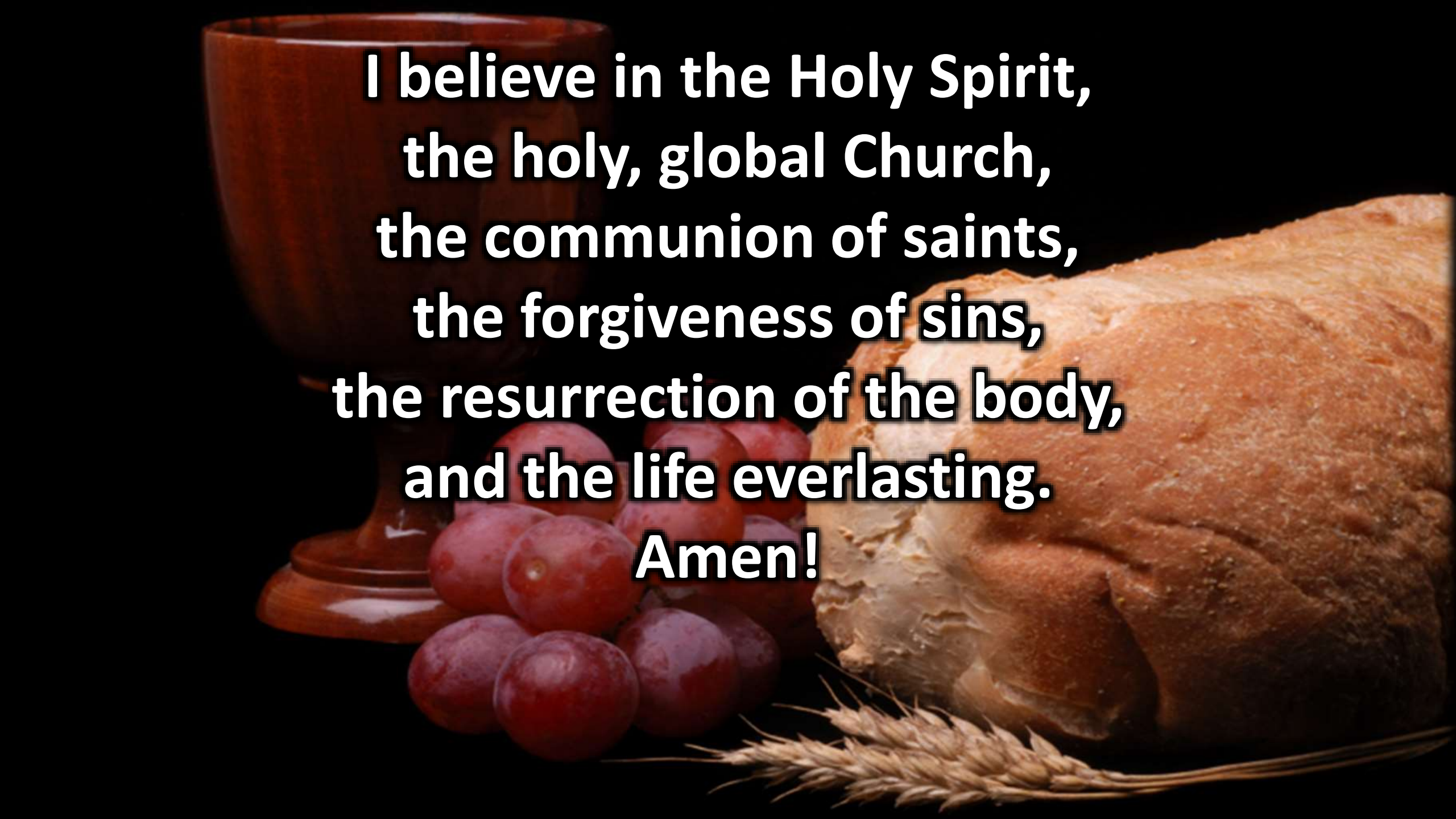




**He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty.  
From there He will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**





A still life composition featuring a wooden chalice, a loaf of bread, a bunch of red grapes, and a stalk of wheat against a black background. The chalice is on the left, the bread is on the right, the grapes are in the lower center, and the wheat stalk is at the bottom right.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy, global Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen!**

