

# 1 John

“WE CAN KNOW”

## THE CHILDREN OF GOD

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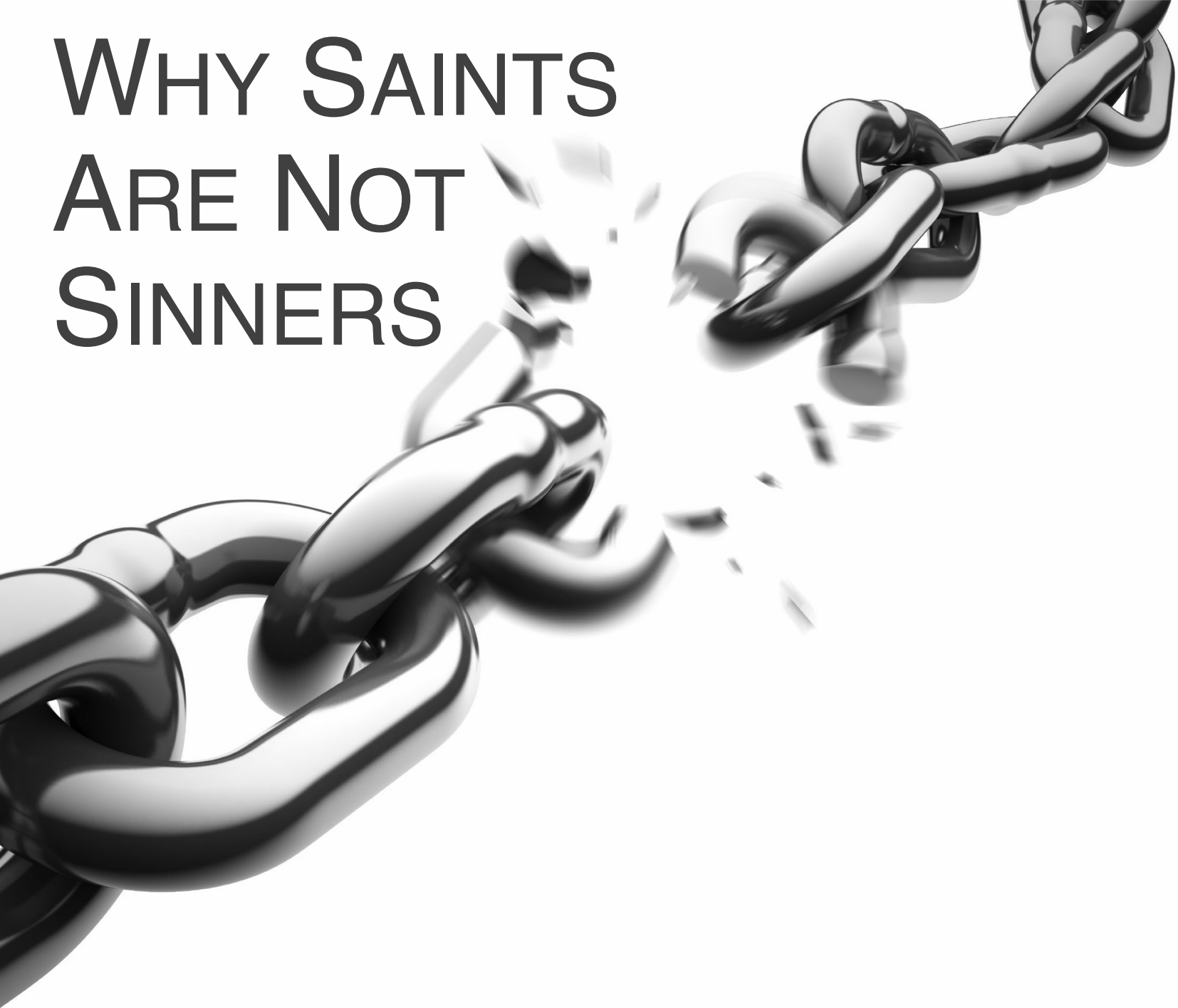
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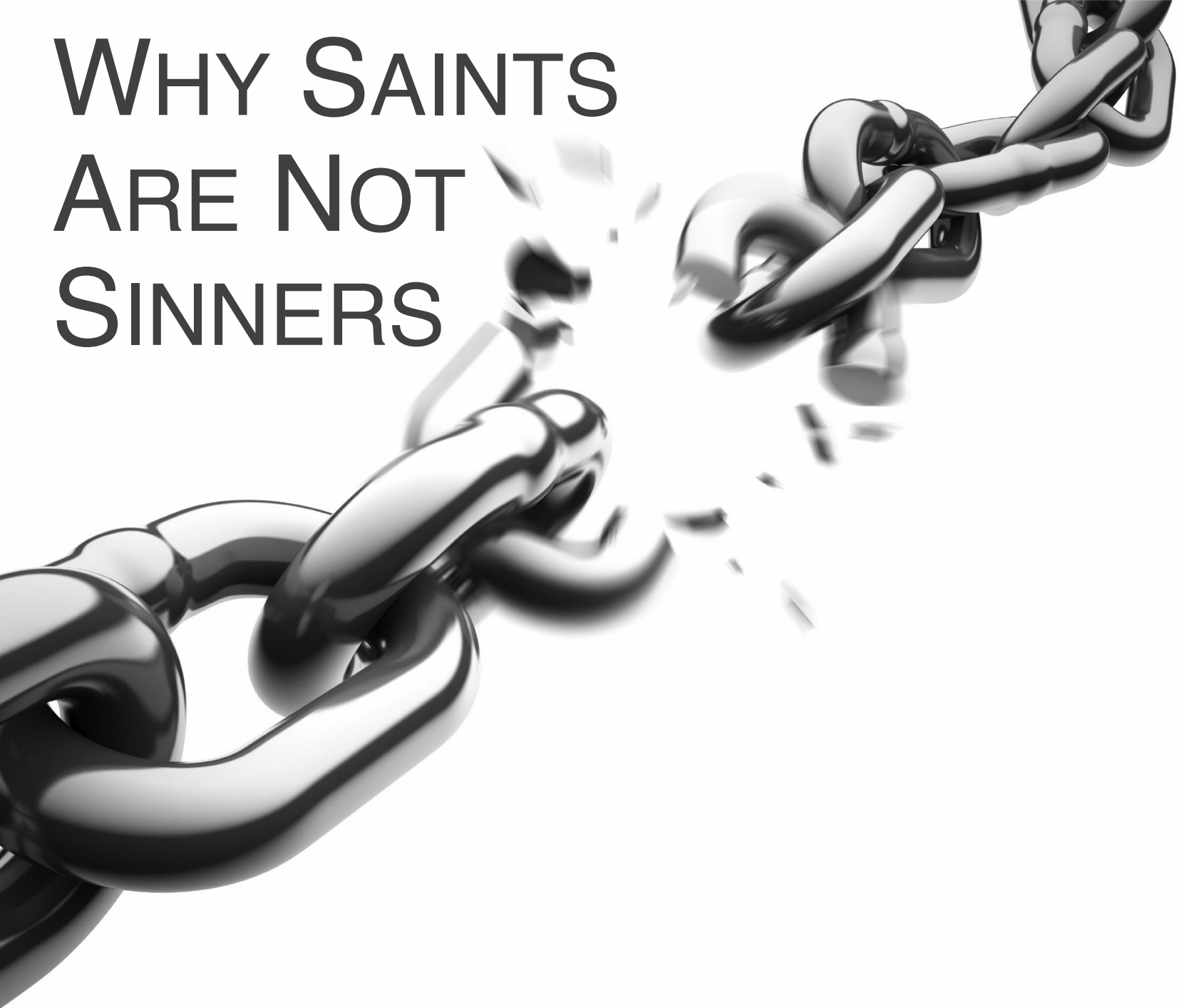


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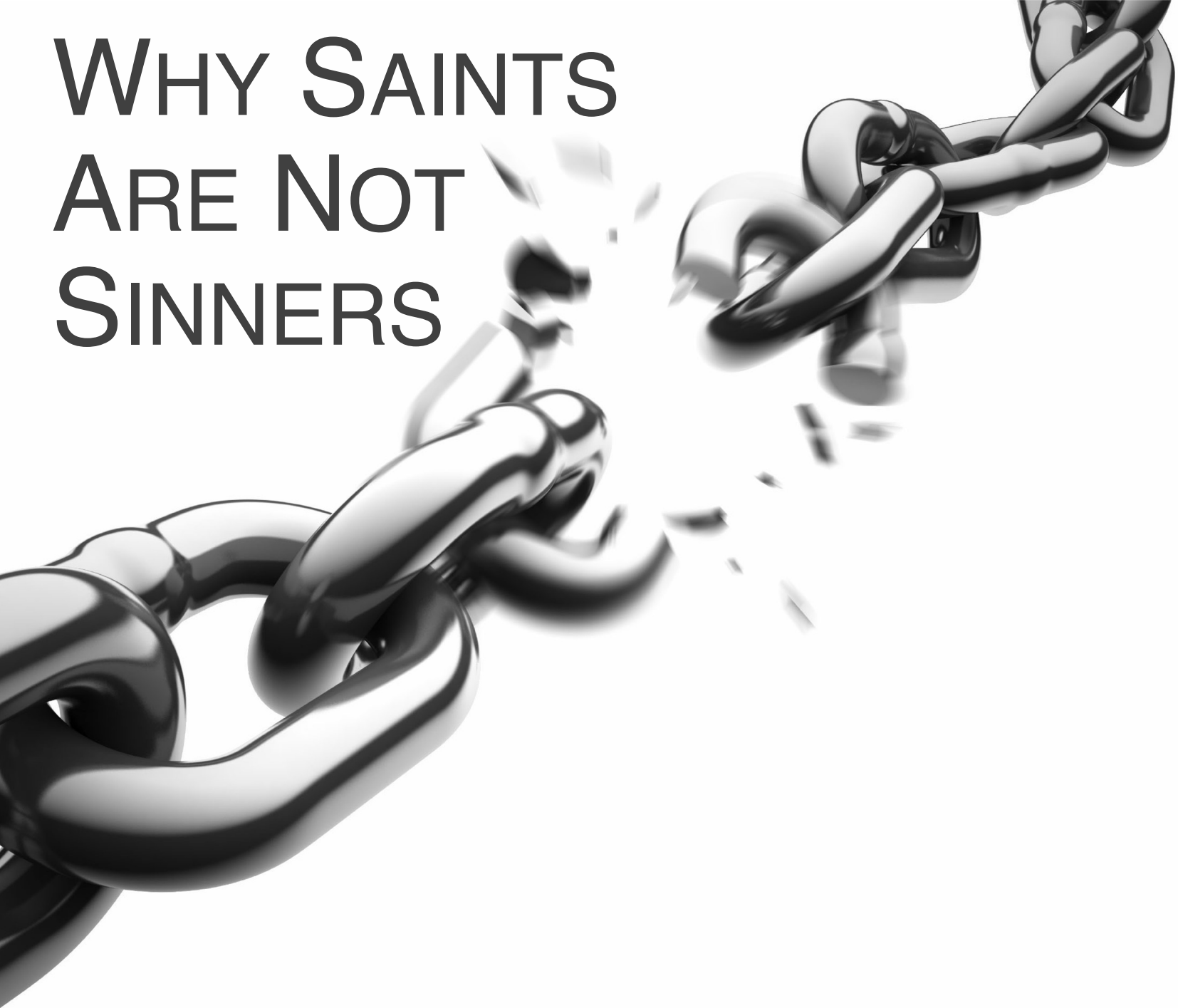
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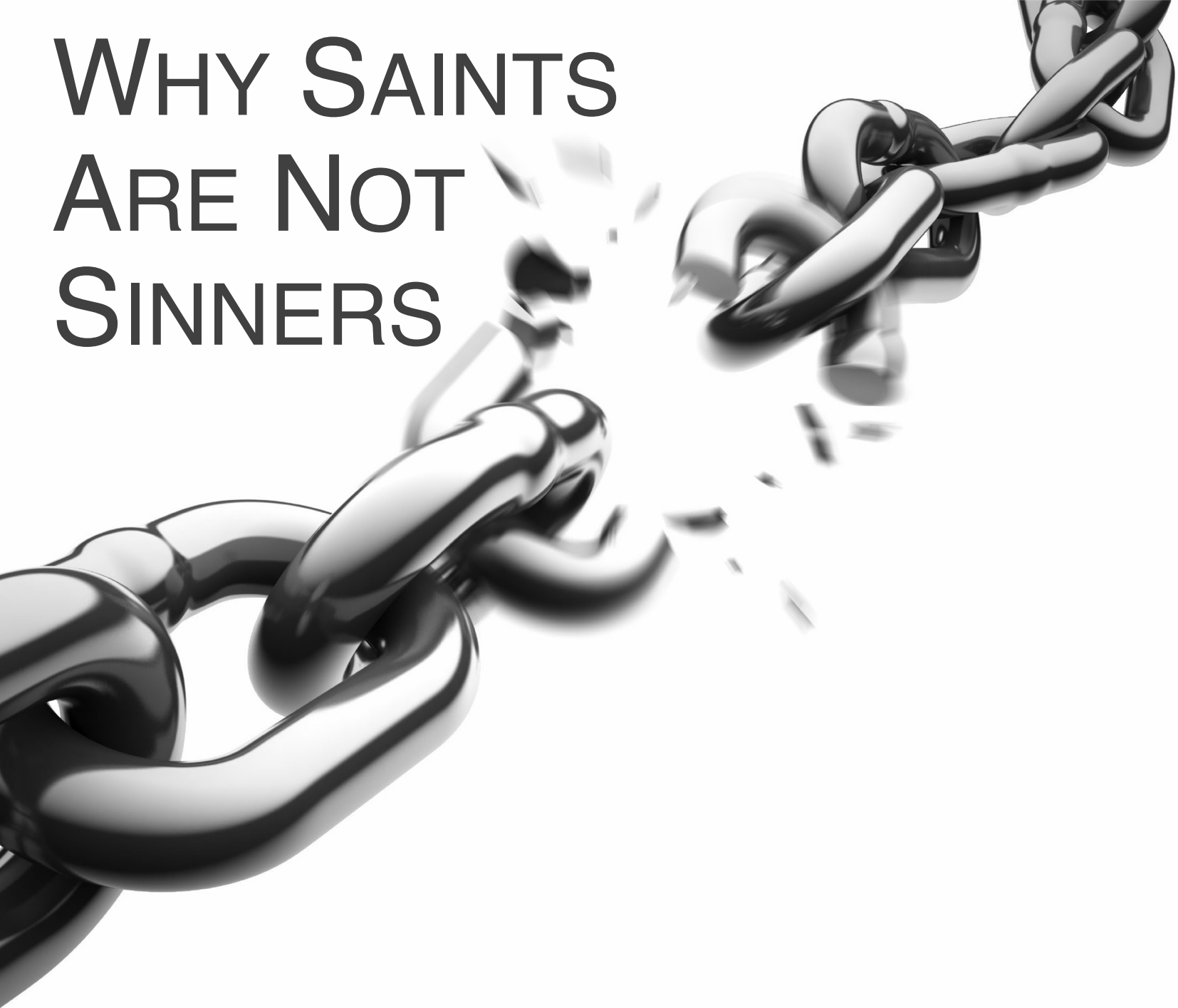


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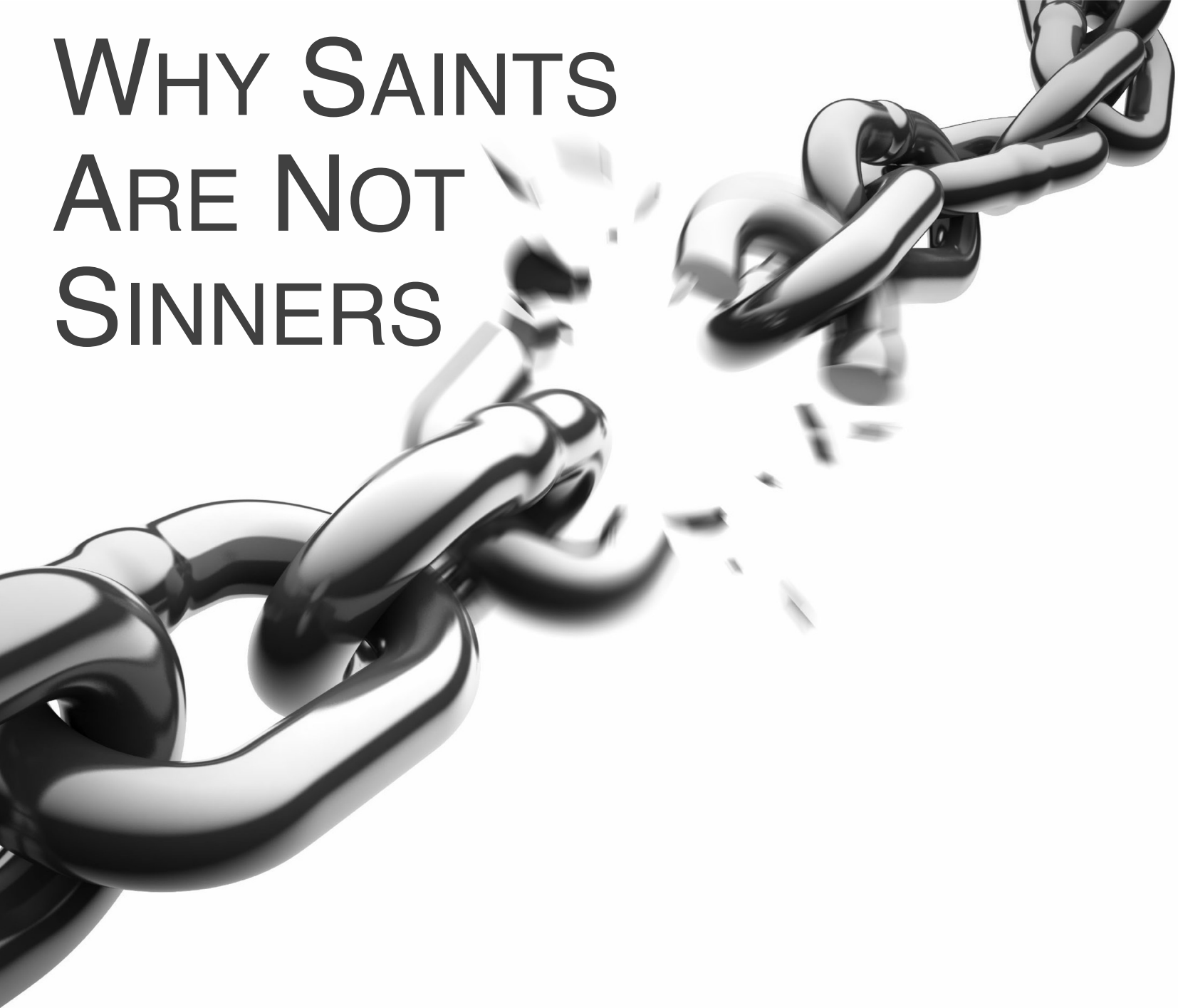
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**1 JOHN 3:10**

Righteousness  
without love is  
unrighteousness.

Love without  
righteousness is  
not love.

**RIGHTEOUSNESS  
& LOVE**

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1 John 3:10-17

**HATE TAKES LIFE. 3:10-15**

SAINTS LOVE ONE ANOTHER.  
THE WORLDLY HATE SAINTS.  
A LOVELESS LIFE DWELLS IN DEATH.  
DO WE LOVE THE BRETHERN?

**LOVE GIVES LIFE. 3:16-17**

HE GAVE: DO WE GIVE OUR LIVES?  
HE GAVE: DO WE GIVE LITTLE  
THINGS?

**KNOW**

**LIGHT**

**ABIDE**

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**TRUTH**

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1 John 3:10-17

**1 JOHN 3:18**

**KNOW**

**ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER**

**LIGHT**

1:6 – “I HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD”

**ABIDE**

2:4 – “I KNOW JESUS”

**LOVE**

2:6 – “I ABIDE IN HIM”

**TRUTH**

2:9 – “I AM IN THE LIGHT”

**PERFECT**

3:18 – “I LOVE YOU, BROTHER!”

**RIGHTEOUS**

4:20 – “I LOVE GOD”



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LOVE IS...

...SPOKEN BY OUR WORDS.

...SHOWN BY OUR WORKS.

...STANDARDIZED BY GOD'S WORD.

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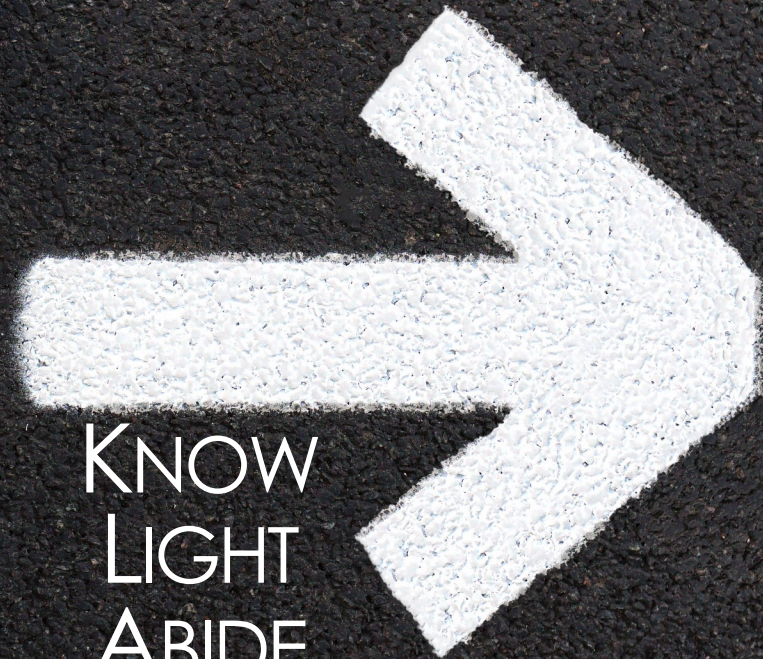
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## WHEN WE ARE LED BY...

...THE TRUTH. 3:18-22

- LOVE AS EVIDENCE
- HEART OF ASSURANCE
- PURITY OF CONSCIENCE
  - TRAINED ACTS 24:16
  - PURE 1TIM 1:5
  - SOFT 1TIM 4:1-3
  - FORGIVING 2TIM 1:3

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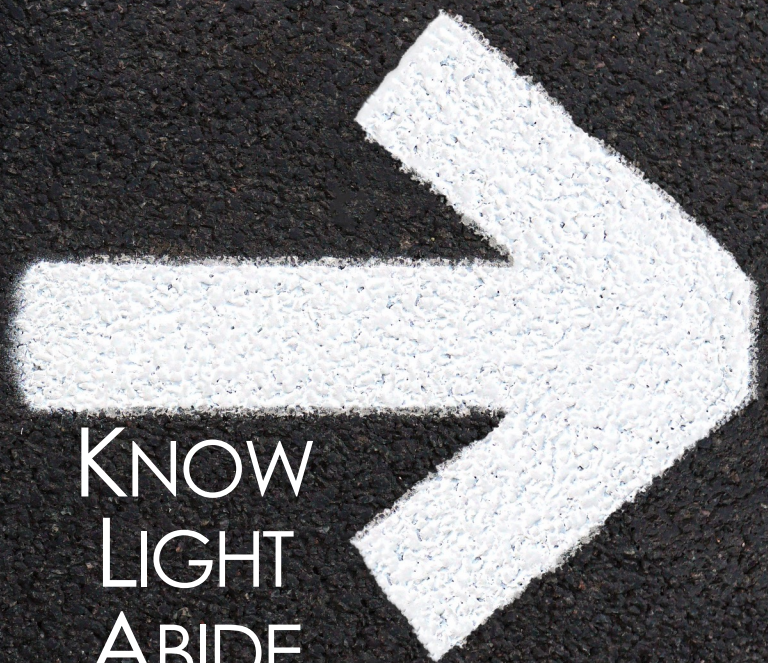
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# CONFIDENT IN RESIDENCE

**WHO DWELLS IN WHOM?**

**THE FATHER OR US?**

JOHN 14:23; 17:20-21

1 JOHN 2:24; 3:24

**THE SON OR US?**

GALATIANS 2:20      3:27

EPHESIANS 3:17

**THE SPIRIT OR US?**

GALATIANS 5:25

EPHESIANS 5:18-19

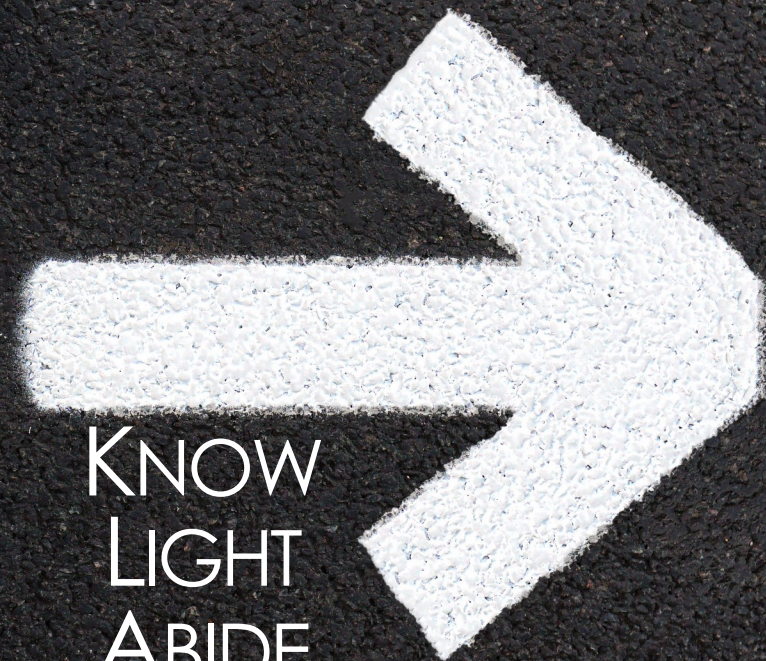
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4:1-6

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# WE KNOW THE LIES THAT GOD HATES

## WHAT DOES JOHN MEAN BY “SPIRIT”?

- 4:1 – SPIRIT = FALSE DOCTRINE
- 4:2 – SPIRIT = TRUE DOCTRINE
- 4:3 – SPIRIT = FALSE DOCTRINE

JOHN USED “SPIRIT” TO REFER  
TO “DOCTRINE” OR “TEACHING.”

1 John 4:1-6

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HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO  
3:24?

COULD "SPIRIT" REFER TO THE  
HOLY SPIRIT "ANOINTING"?  
1 JOHN 2:20, 27

COULD "SPIRIT" REFER TO THE  
HOLY SPIRIT'S MESSAGE?  
1 JOHN 2:20, 27  
JOHN 14:26      16:13

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## THE LITMUS TEST

### 1. TEST FOR LYING TEACHINGS

1 JOHN 4:1-3

1 THESSALONIANS 5:21

### - HOW THEY 'TRIED SPIRITS' THEN

1 CORINTHIANS 12:8-11

GALATIANS 1:6-9

### - HOW WE 'TRY SPIRITS' TODAY

ACTS 17:11

ISAIAH 8:20

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### 2. TRIUMPH OVER LYING TEACHERS

1 JOHN 4:4

### 3. TRUST ONLY THE TRUTH

1 JOHN 4:5-6

JOHN 8:47      10:27

JOHN 13:20      15:21

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1. LYING TEACHERS ALIGN  
AGAINST CHRIST.

1 JOHN 4:1-3

JESUS => SAVIOR

CHRIST => ANOINTED

FLESH => MEDIATOR

RECALL MATTHEW 12:30

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2. LYING TEACHERS ALIGN  
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1 JOHN 4:4-6

JOHN 15:19

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# GOD DEFINES LOVE FOR US

1 John 4:7-8

GOD IS LOVE'S SOURCE.

1 John 4:7

GOD IS LOVE'S STANDARD.

1 John 4:8

Romans 12:9

Creation

Free Will

Providence

Redemption

Heaven

This is a stark contrast from pagan notions of deity.



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# GOD DISPLAYS LOVE TO US



1 John 4:9-11  
HE LOVED US  
ENOUGH TO SEND  
JESUS TO...

1. REVIVE US.  
1 John 4:9

2. RECONCILE US.  
1 John 4:10-11

**Application: If He loved this much, so ought we.**

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# GOD DWELLS IN LOVE

1 John 4:12-18

GOD LIVES IN THOSE...

1. WHO LOVE FOR HIM.  
1 John 4:12

2. WHO LISTEN TO HIM.  
1 John 4:13-15

3. WHO LIVE FOR HIM.  
1 John 4:16-18

**Application: Mature love is confident, not fearful.**

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# GOD DESERVES LOVE

1 John 4:19

GOD LOVED US FIRST, SO

1. ...LOVE HIM FIRST

Matthew 10:37

2. ...LOVE HIM FULLY

Matthew 22:37

3. ...LOVE HIM FAITHFULLY

1 John 3:18

4. ...LOVE HIS FAMILY

1 John 4:10, 20



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1 John 4:20-21

1 Peter 4:8



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BRINGING  
IT ALL **T**OGETHER

**FAITH** IN GOD'S SON.

CHAPTER 1 **5:1**

**OBEDIENCE** TO GOD'S WORD

CHAPTER 2 **5:2-3**

**RELATIONSHIP** WITH GOD

CHAPTER 3 **5:1-2**

**RELATIONSHIP** WITH SAINTS

CHAPTER 4 **5:1-2**



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GOD'S PEOPLE  
HAVE FAITH AS THEIR VICTORY

1 JOHN 5:1-5

A. FAITH KEEPS IDENTIFYING.  
5:1

B. FAITH KEEPS LOVING.  
5:1-2

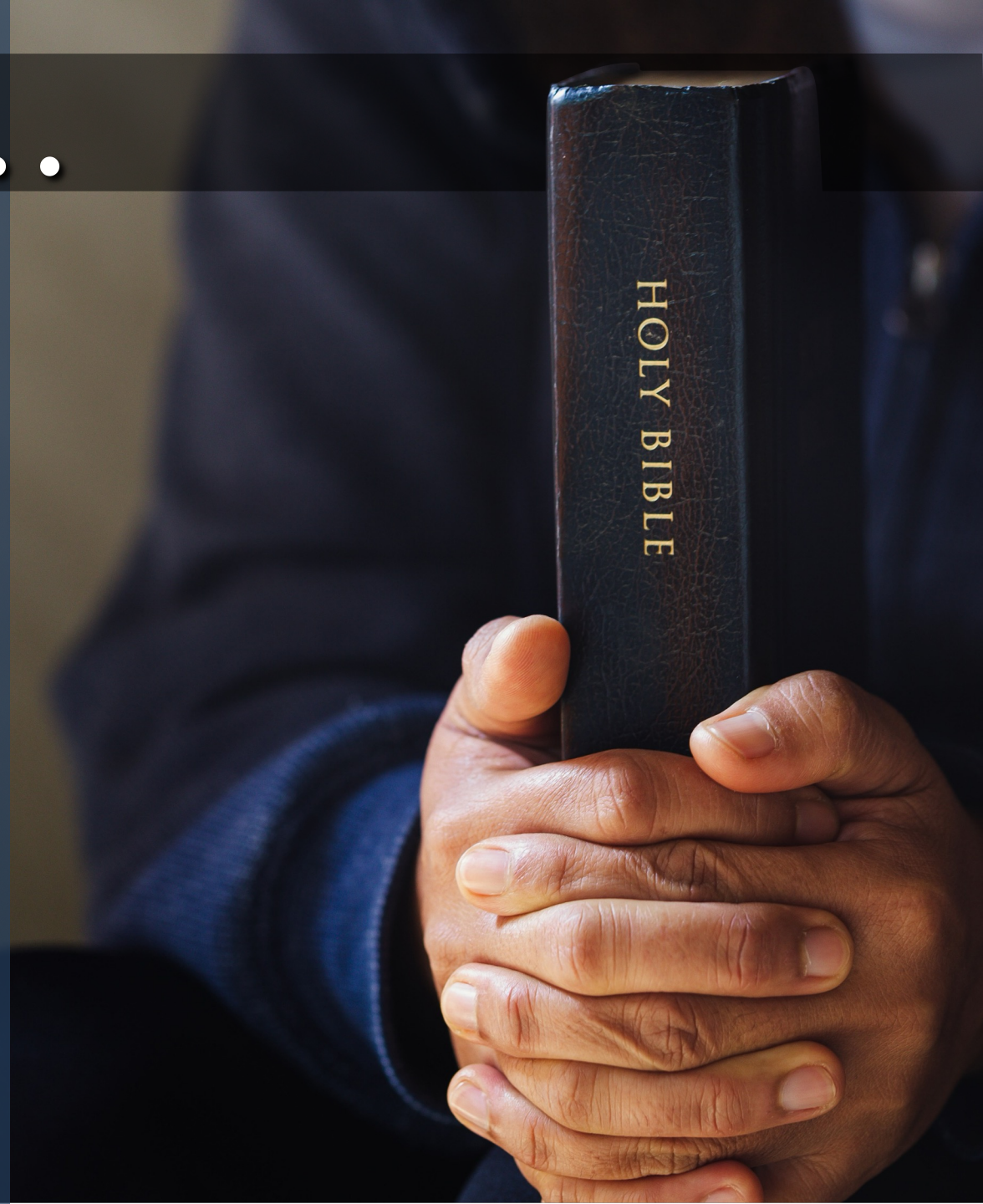
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**1 JOHN 5:6-12**

THE WORDS

“...IN HEAVEN, THE FATHER,  
THE WORD, AND THE HOLY  
GHOST: AND THESE THREE  
ARE ONE. AND THERE ARE  
THREE THAT BEAR WITNESS  
IN EARTH...”

- ARE TRUE
- ARE FOUND IN NO  
GREEK MANUSCRIPTS  
WRITTEN WITHIN 1500  
YEARS OF CHRIST.



GOD'S PEOPLE  
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A. 3 WITNESSES OF JESUS'  
IDENTITY **5:6, 8** **WATER**  
**BLOOD**  
**SPIRIT**

**1 JOHN 5:6-12**

**WATER:** HIS BAPTISM  
MATTHEW 3:16-17

**BLOOD:** HIS CROSS  
JOHN 19:34

**SPIRIT:** HOLY SPIRIT  
JOHN 14:26; 16:13



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B. GOD'S WITNESS IS  
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5:9

C. GOD GAVE WITNESS:  
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1 JOHN 5:6-12



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PROMISE

1 JOHN 5:13

A. THEY WHO  
TRUST HIS  
IDENTITY...

B. ...& TRUST HIS  
AUTHORITY...

C. ...CAN TRUST IN  
ETERNITY.



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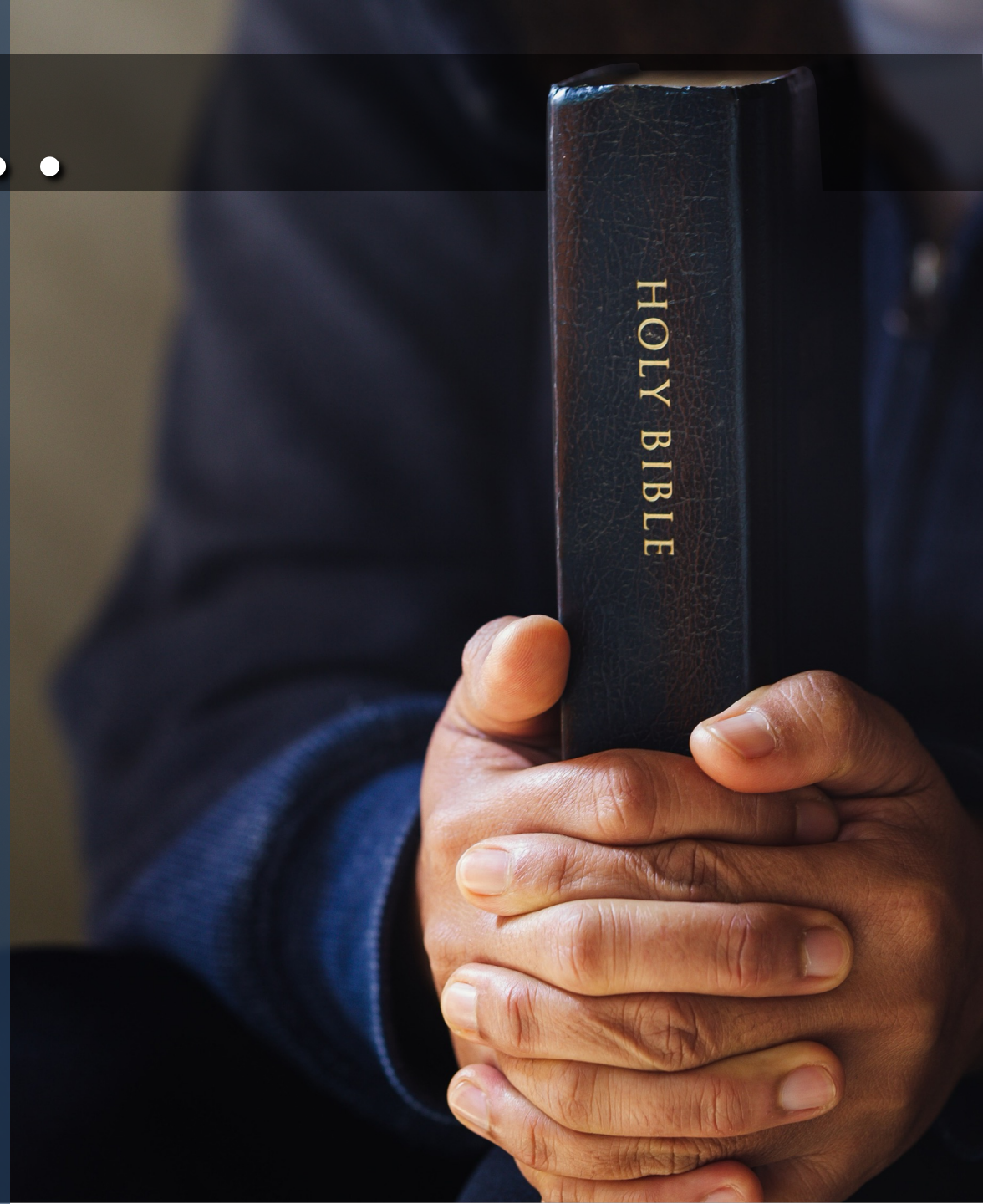
B. PRAY FOR PARDON.  
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C. DON'T PRAY FOR THE  
IMPENITENT. 5:17



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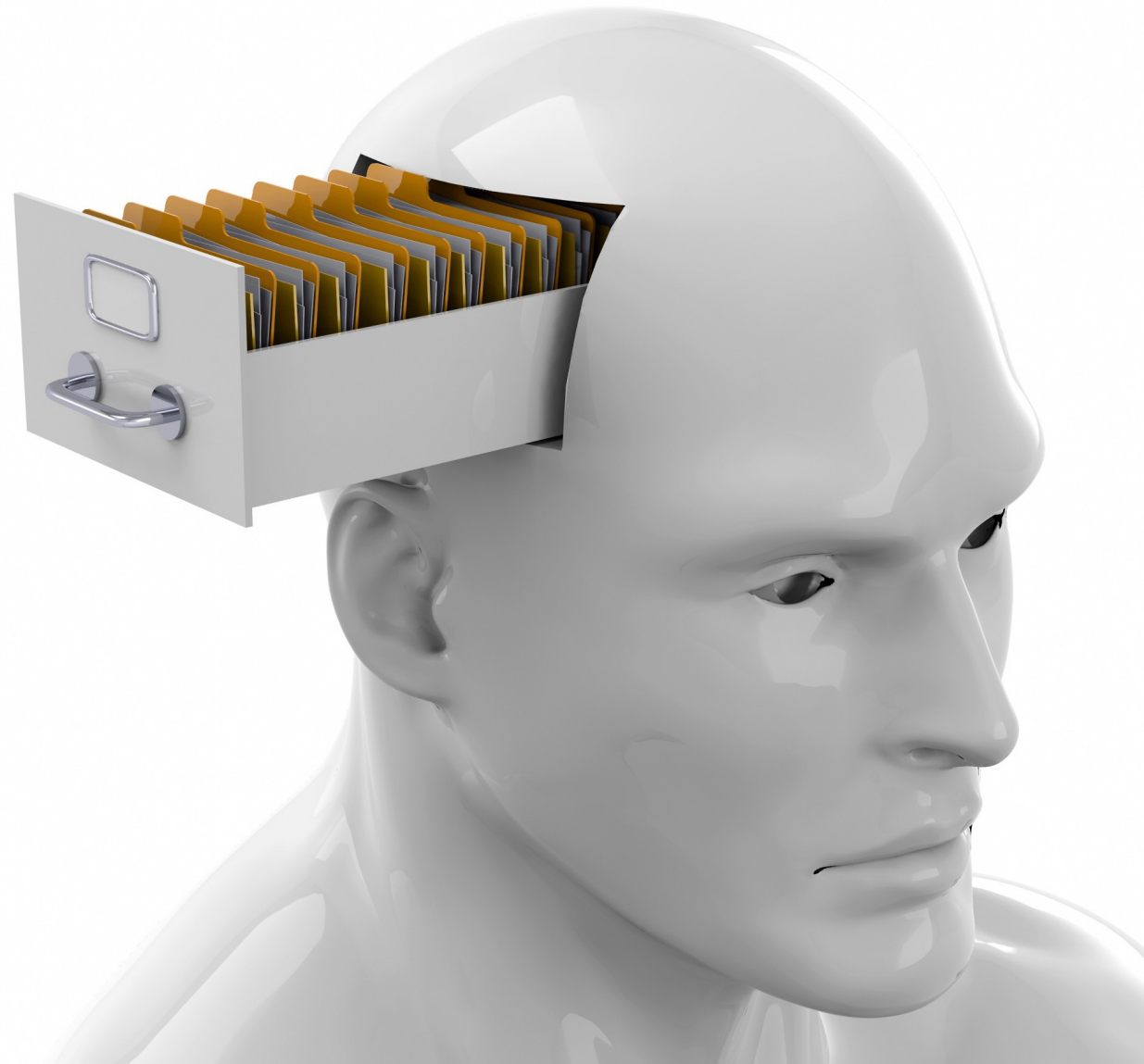
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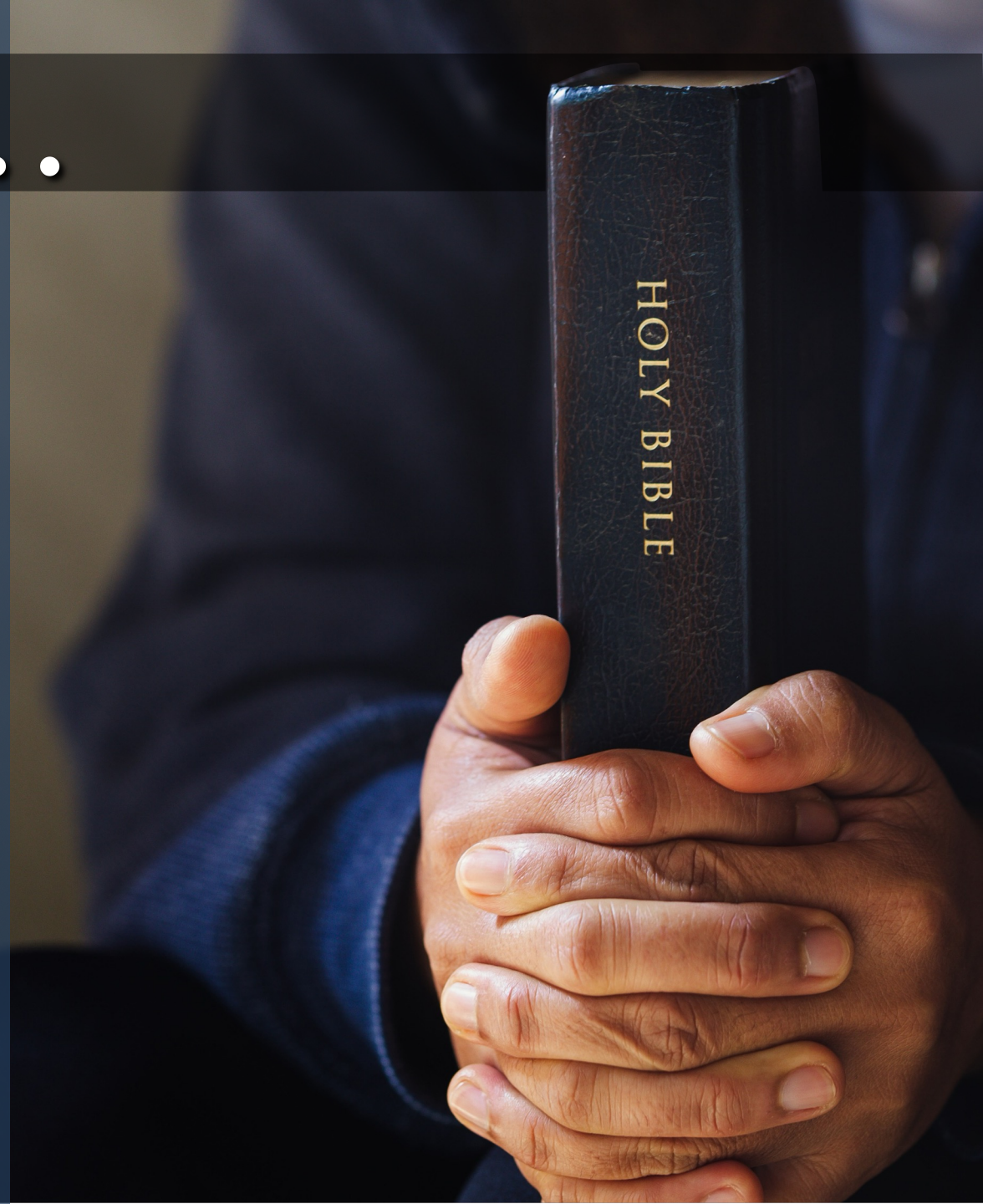
A. GOD'S CHILDREN DO NOT... 5:18-19  
CONTINUE IN SIN.  
COMPANY WITH SATAN.  
CONFORM TO SINNERS.

B. GOD'S SON: 5:20-21  
...HAS COME.  
...HAS TAUGHT.  
...IS TRUE.  
...IS LIFE.



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