



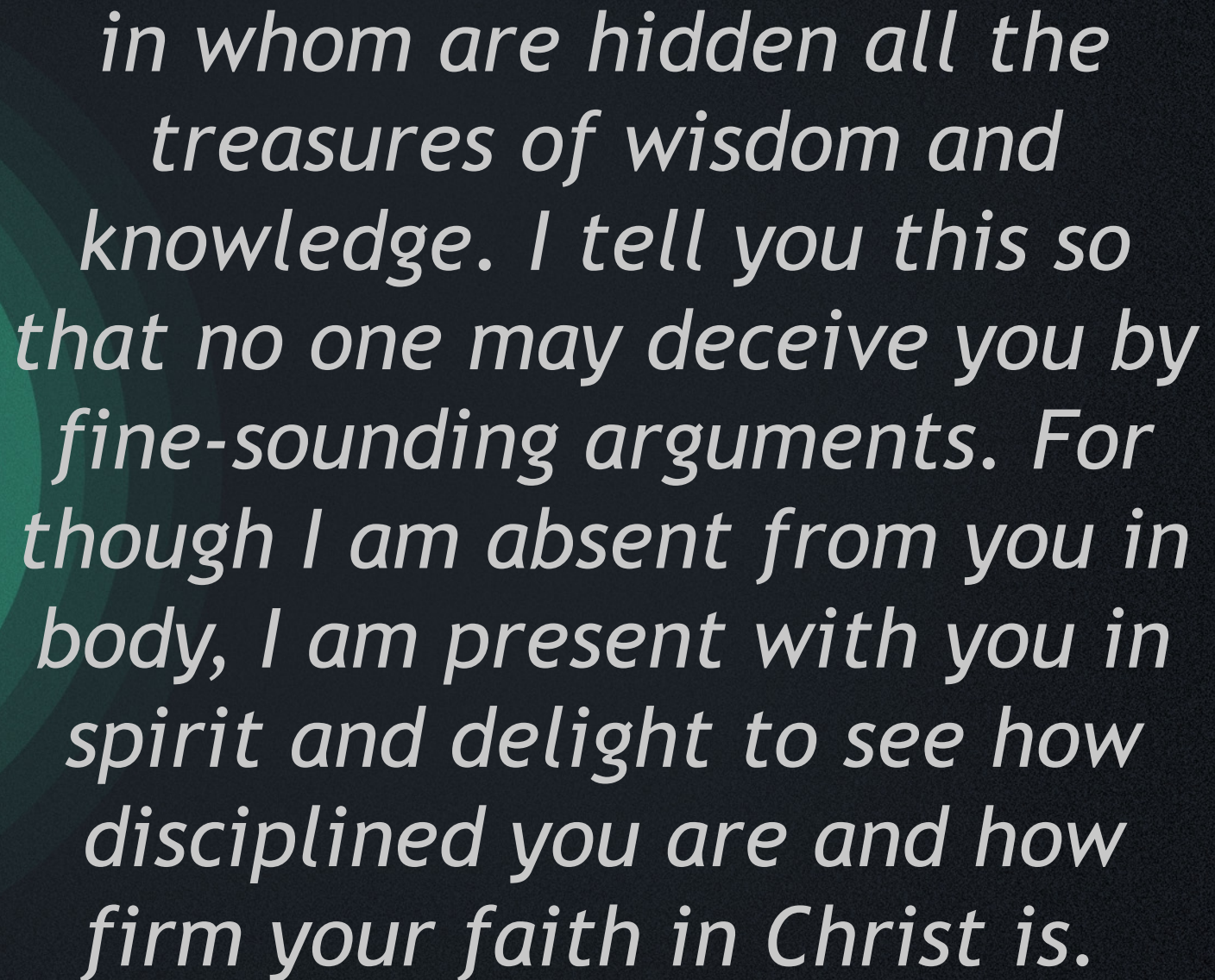
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A Study Through
Colossians

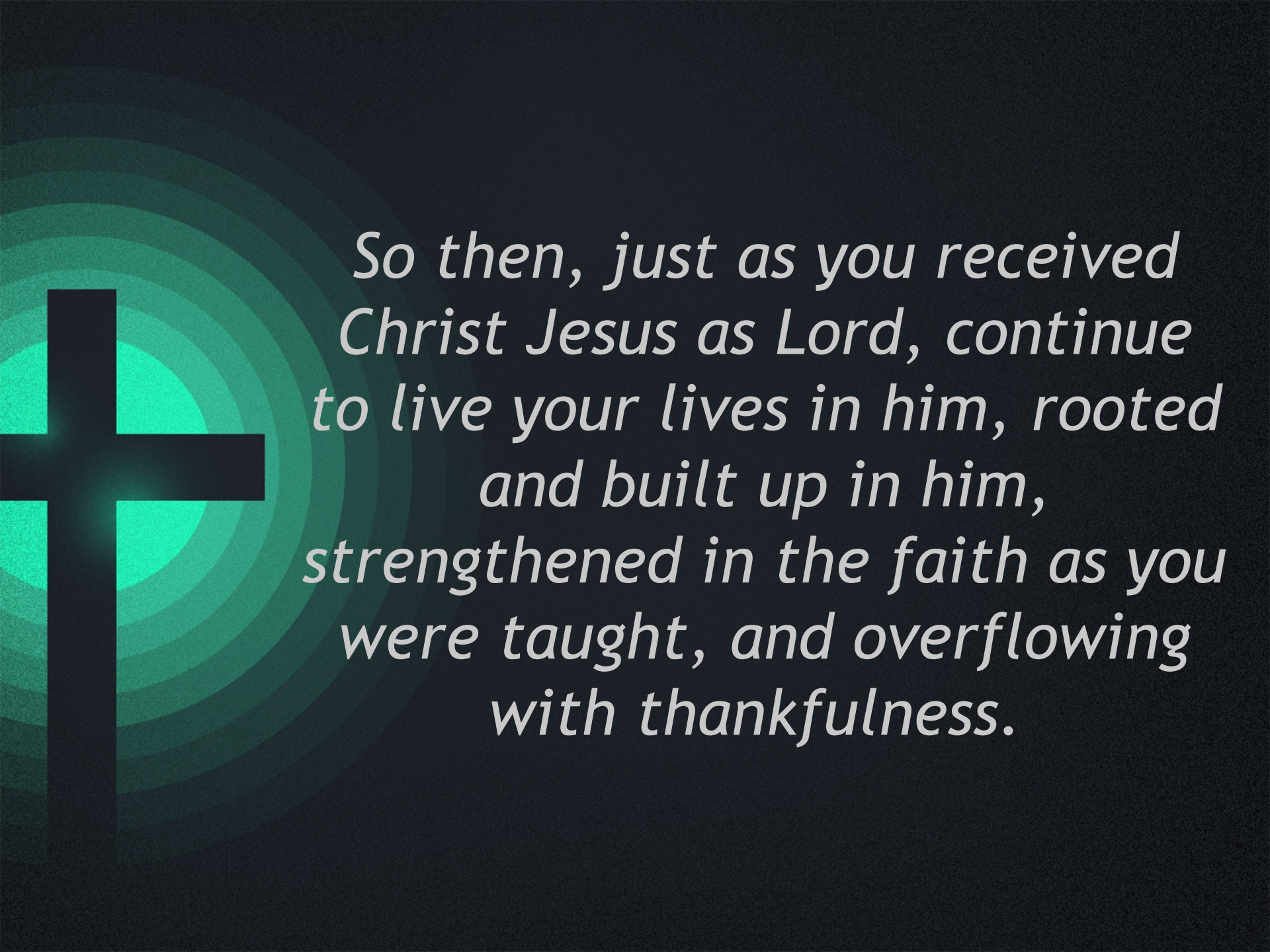
Colossians 2:1-8

I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ,

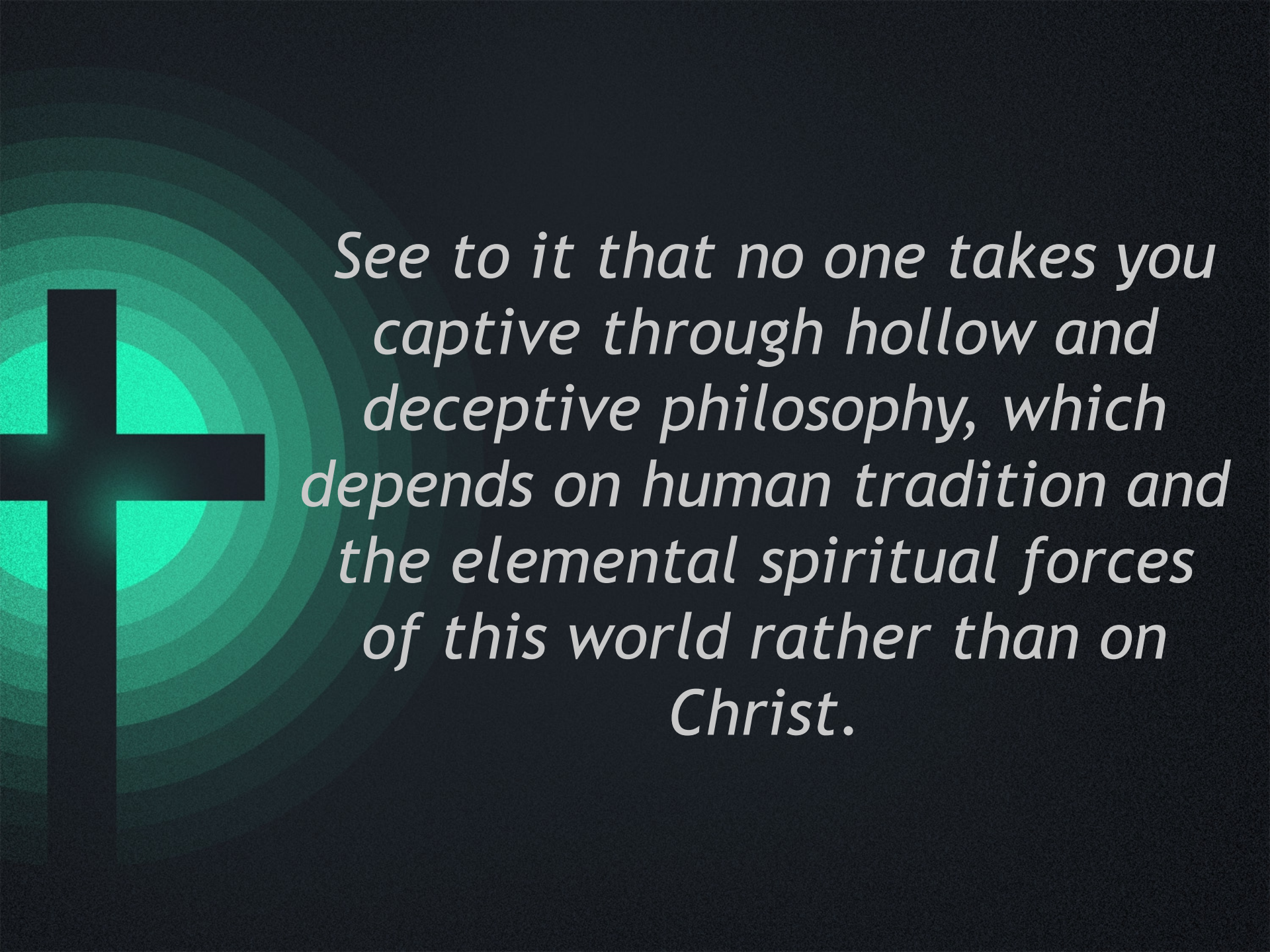




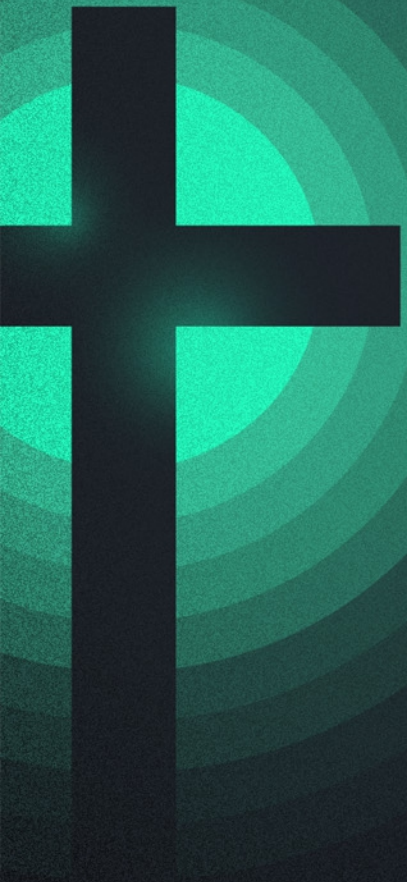
*in whom are hidden all the
treasures of wisdom and
knowledge. I tell you this so
that no one may deceive you by
fine-sounding arguments. For
though I am absent from you in
body, I am present with you in
spirit and delight to see how
disciplined you are and how
firm your faith in Christ is.*



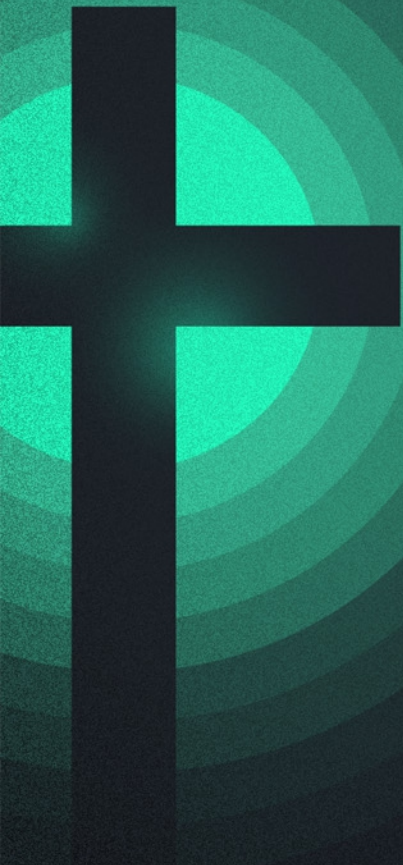
*So then, just as you received
Christ Jesus as Lord, continue
to live your lives in him, rooted
and built up in him,
strengthened in the faith as you
were taught, and overflowing
with thankfulness.*



*See to it that no one takes you
captive through hollow and
deceptive philosophy, which
depends on human tradition and
the elemental spiritual forces
of this world rather than on
Christ.*



Counterfeit Theology: Appeals to Our Sensibilities



Colossians 2:4

*I tell you this so that no
one may **deceive** you by
fine-sounding arguments.*

Colossians 2:8

*See to it that no one takes you **captive** through **hollow and deceptive** philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.*



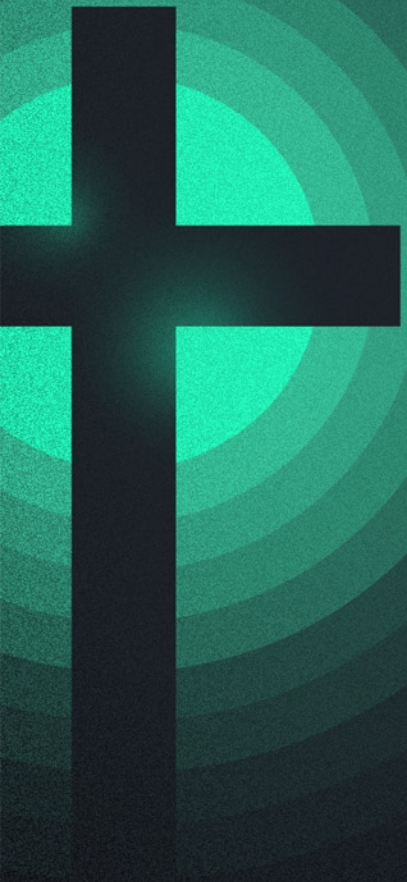
Pre-Gnosticism

- Jesus is not God
- Jesus did not come in the flesh
- Physical world inherently evil
- Real spirituality comes from hidden, higher knowledge

2 Timothy 4:3

*For the time will come
when people will not put
up with sound doctrine.
Instead, to **suit their own
desires**, they will gather
around them a great
number of teachers to say
what their **itching ears**
want to hear.*



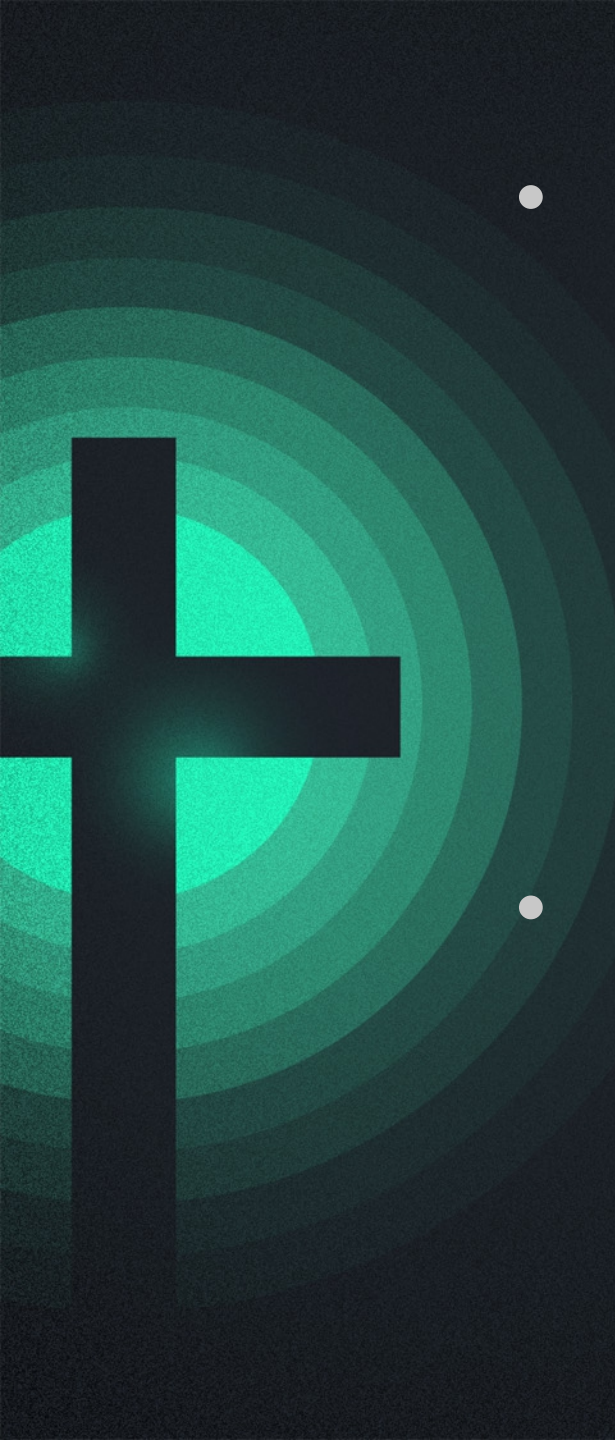


What do our ears itch
to hear today?

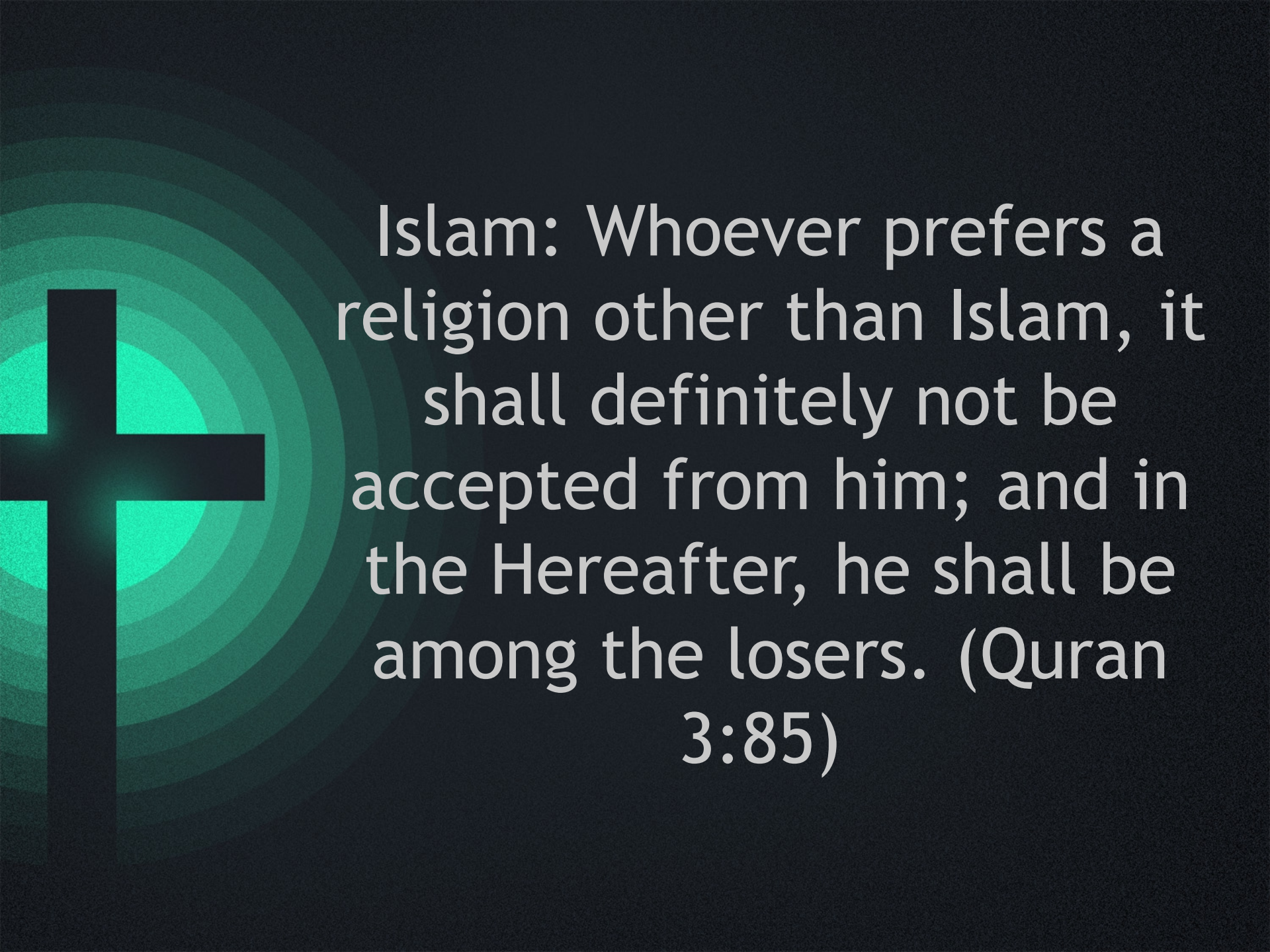
Universalism

- No one religion has the truth
- All religions say the same thing in a different way
- All calling same God by a different name
- All moving toward the same God but on a different path
- Ultimately, everyone gets to God

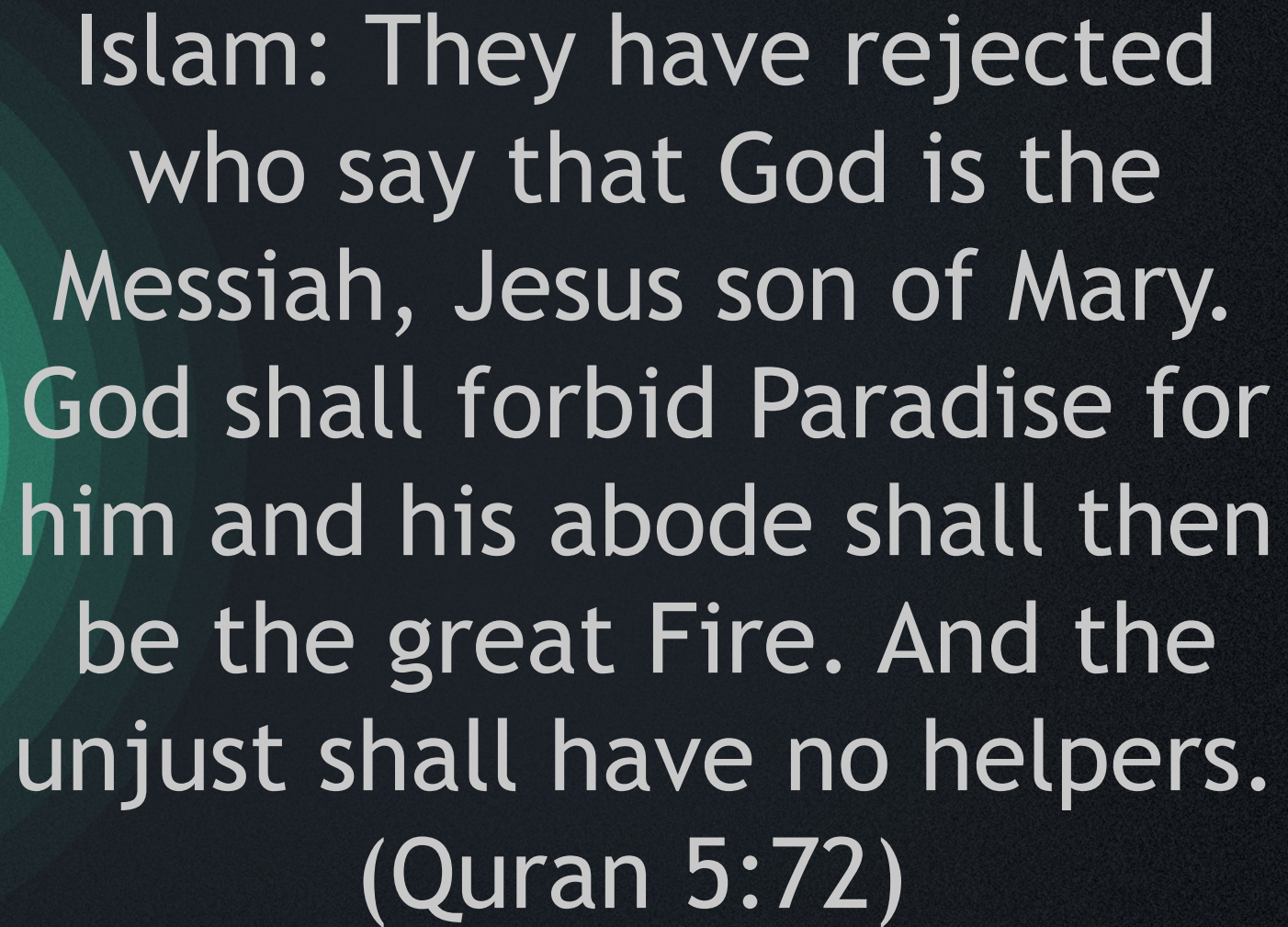


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- 65% classify themselves as Christians, 43% said it doesn't matter what religious faith you follow because they all teach the same lessons.
 - 70% of all religious people say many religions can lead to eternal life.

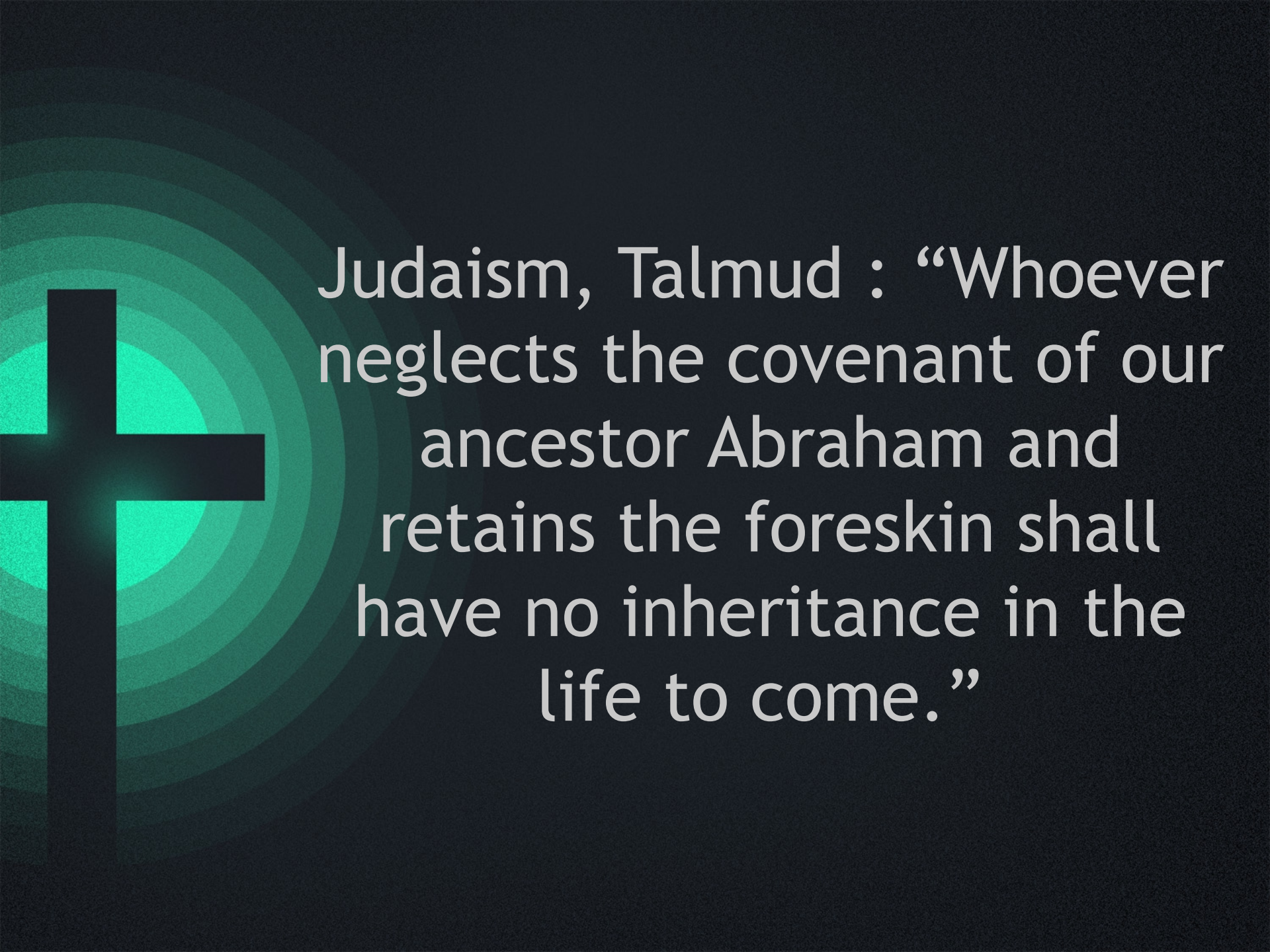
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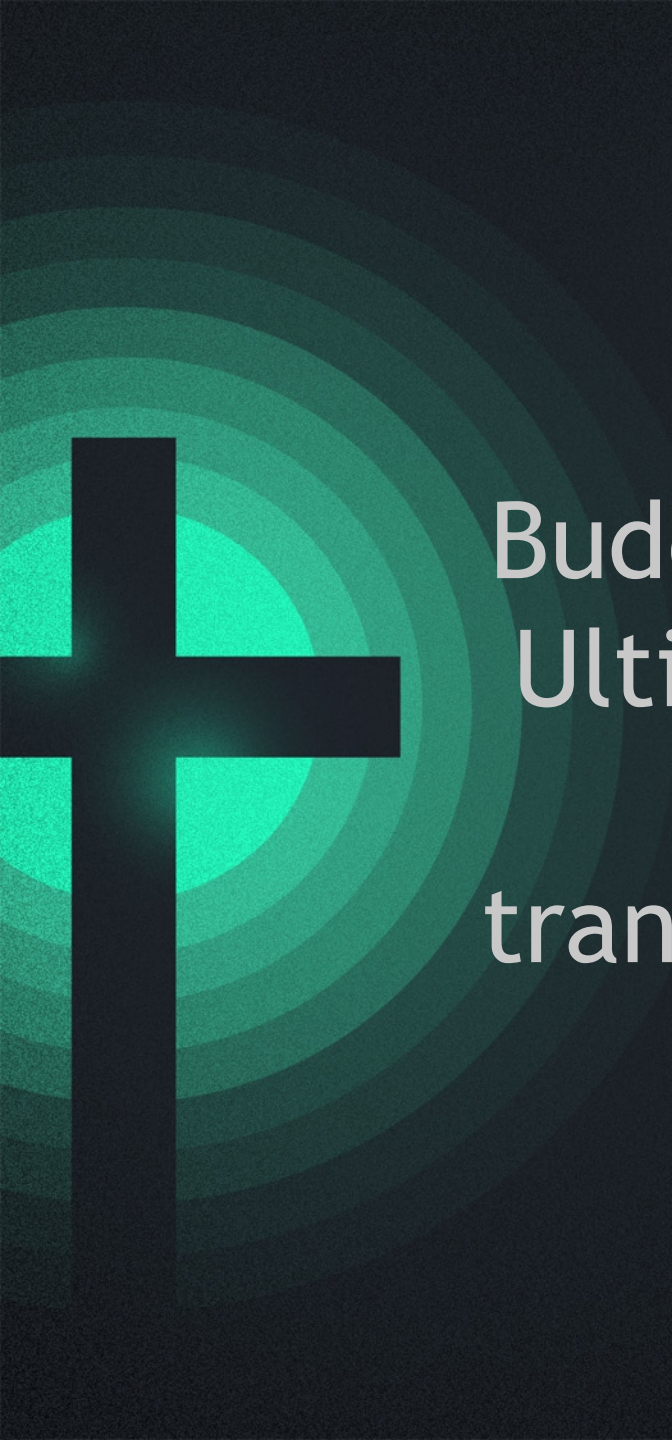
Islam: Whoever prefers a religion other than Islam, it shall definitely not be accepted from him; and in the Hereafter, he shall be among the losers. (Quran 3:85)



Islam: They have rejected
who say that God is the
Messiah, Jesus son of Mary.
God shall forbid Paradise for
him and his abode shall then
be the great Fire. And the
unjust shall have no helpers.
(Quran 5:72)



Judaism, Talmud : “Whoever neglects the covenant of our ancestor Abraham and retains the foreskin shall have no inheritance in the life to come.”



Buddhism: No personal God.
Ultimate goal is to move to
state of release or
transcendent non-existence.



John 14:6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.



John 3:18

*Whoever believes in him is
not condemned, but
whoever does not believe is
condemned already, because
he has not believed in the
name of the only Son of
God.*



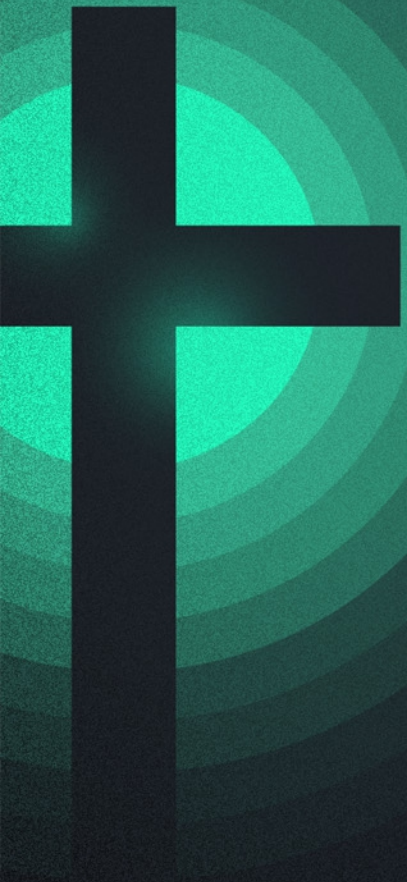
Acts 4:12

*Salvation is found in no one
else, for there is no other
name under heaven given to
mankind by which we must
be saved.*



1 Timothy 2:5

*For there is one God, and
there is one mediator
between God and men, the
man Christ Jesus*

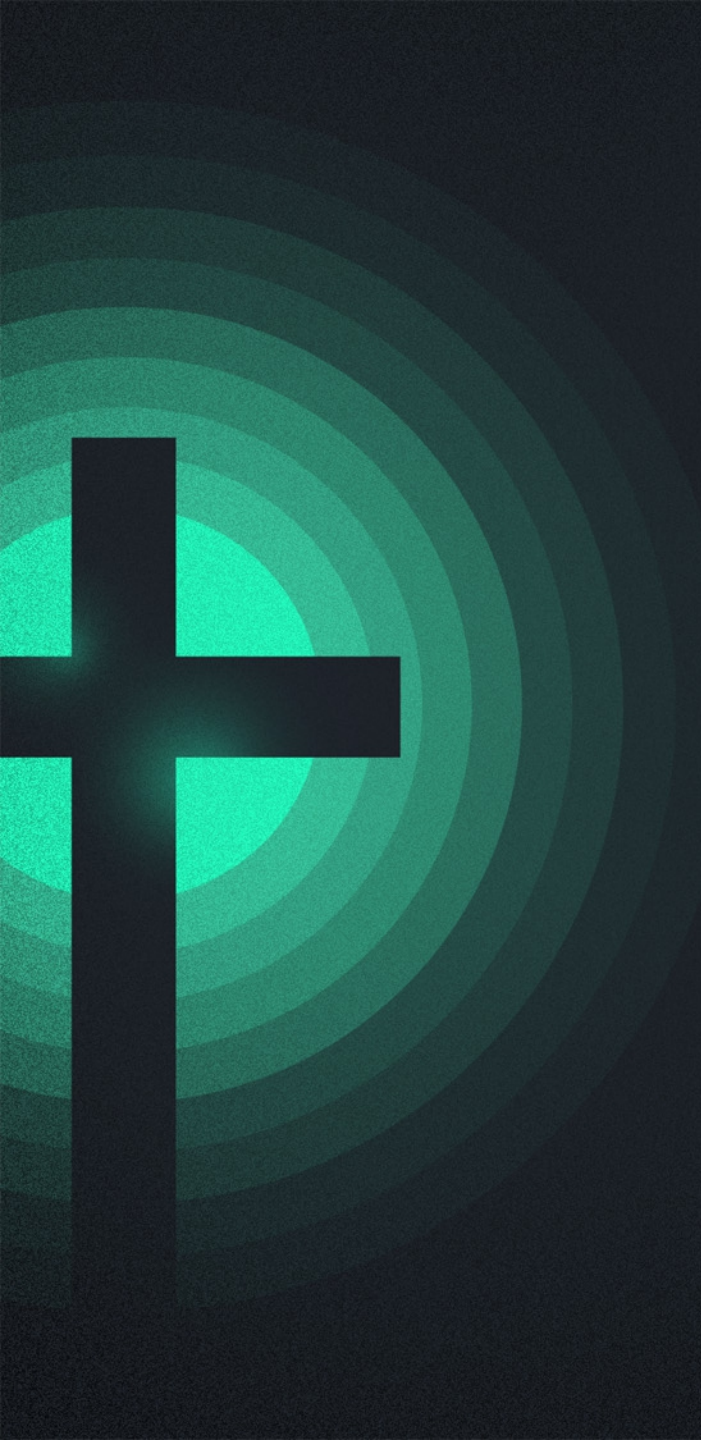


Stick with Jesus!

Colossians 2:6-7

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.





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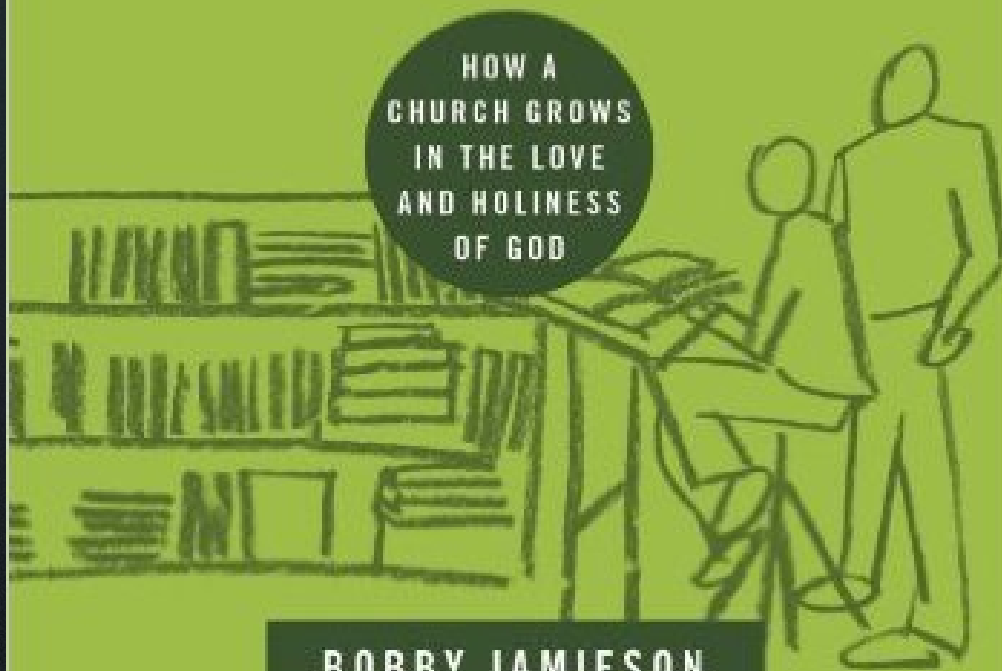
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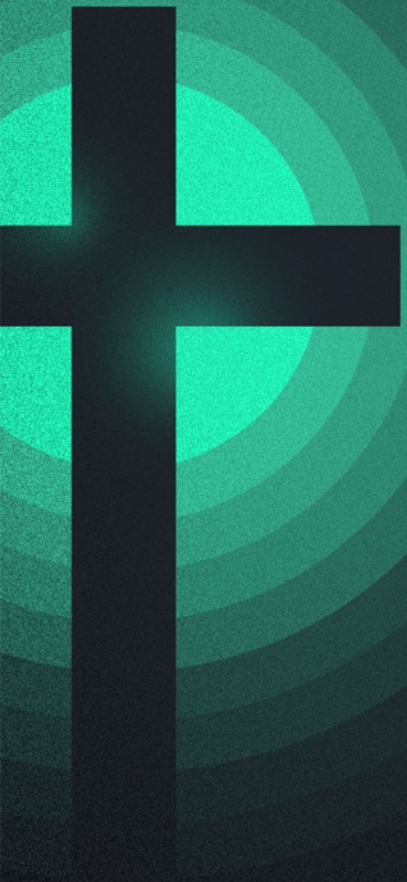
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