Epiphany: January 27, 2019

Title: John Wesley's Salvation by Faith: A Disposition of the Heart

Text: Hebrews 11:6, Luke 4:34, Romans 6:4, 10:9-10, Mark 12:30.

VISION: We are a functional family of God, where Jesus is Lord and people grow.

MISSION: Every layperson is called to carry out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20); every layperson is called to be missional. *(¶126 of the 2016 Book of Discipline)*

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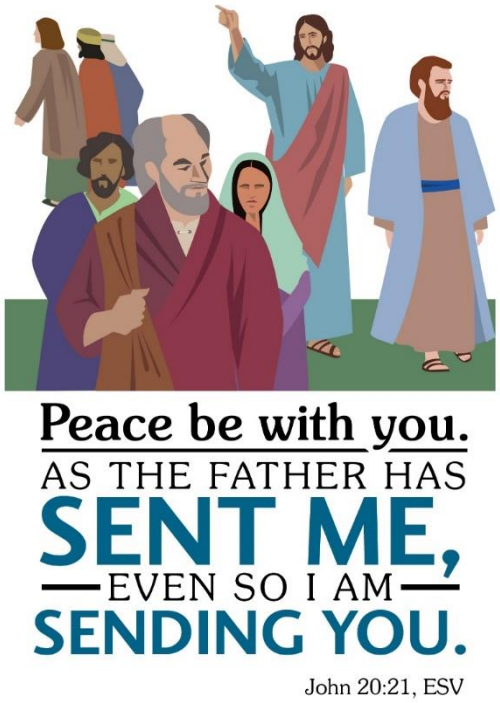

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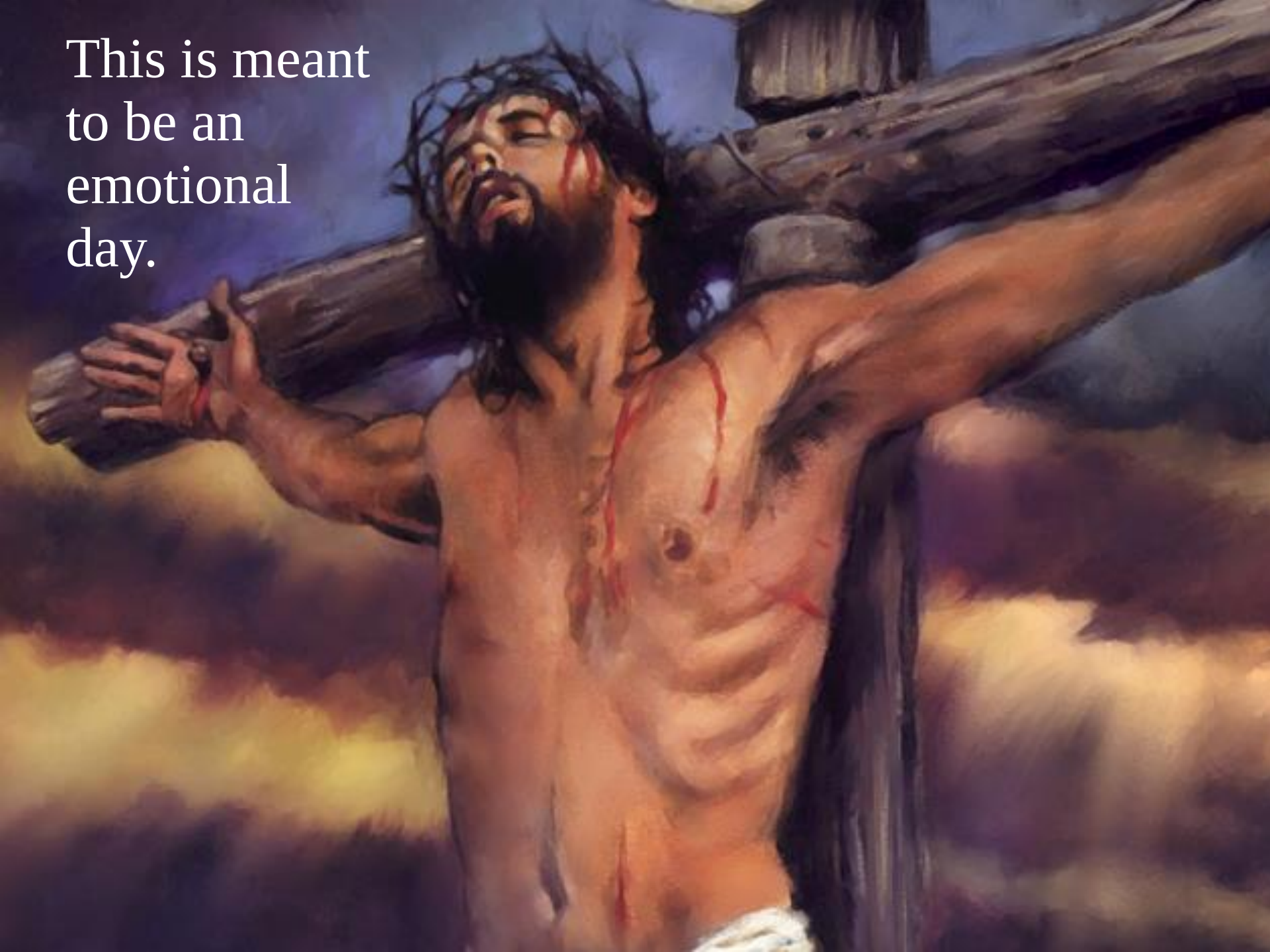
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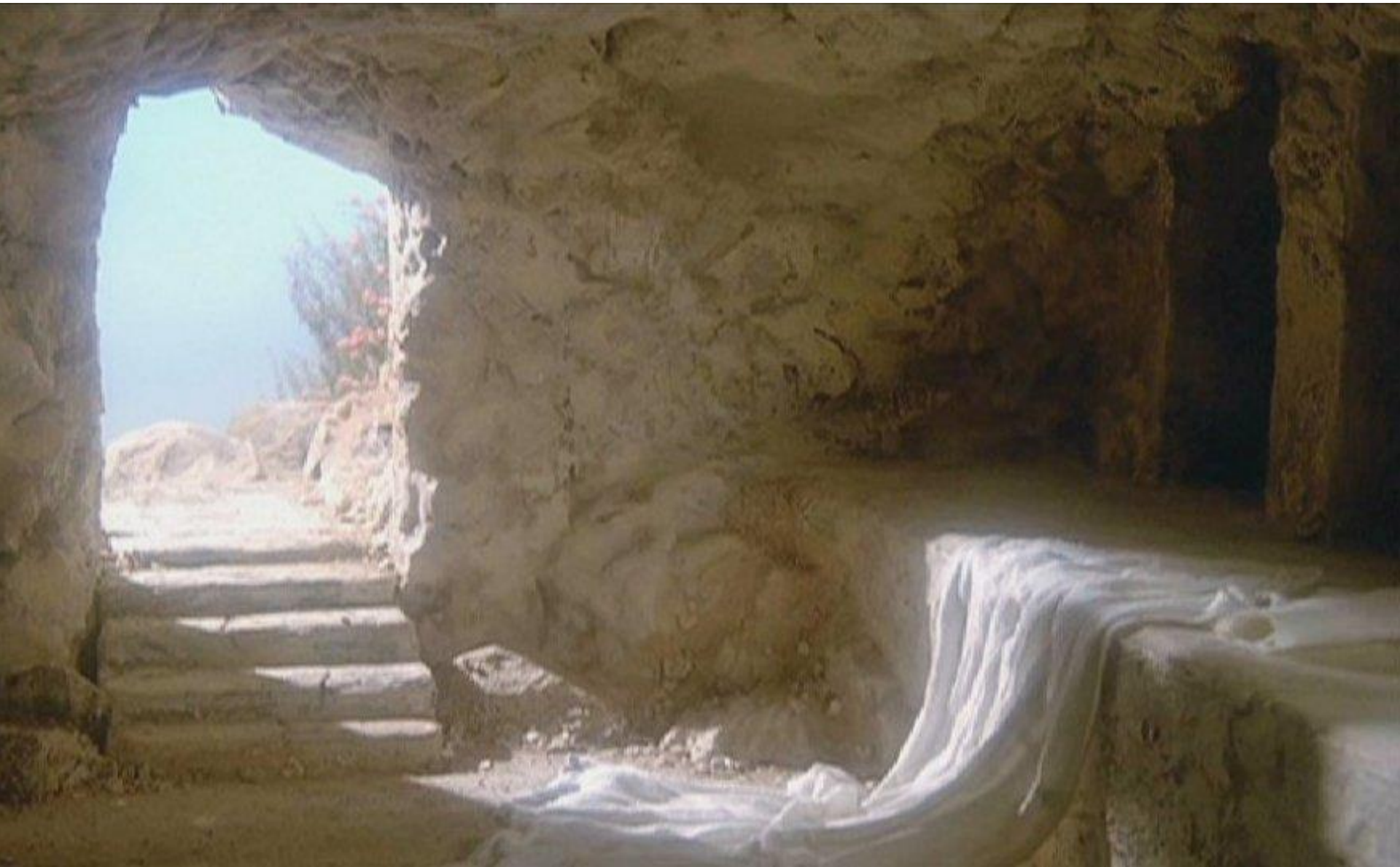

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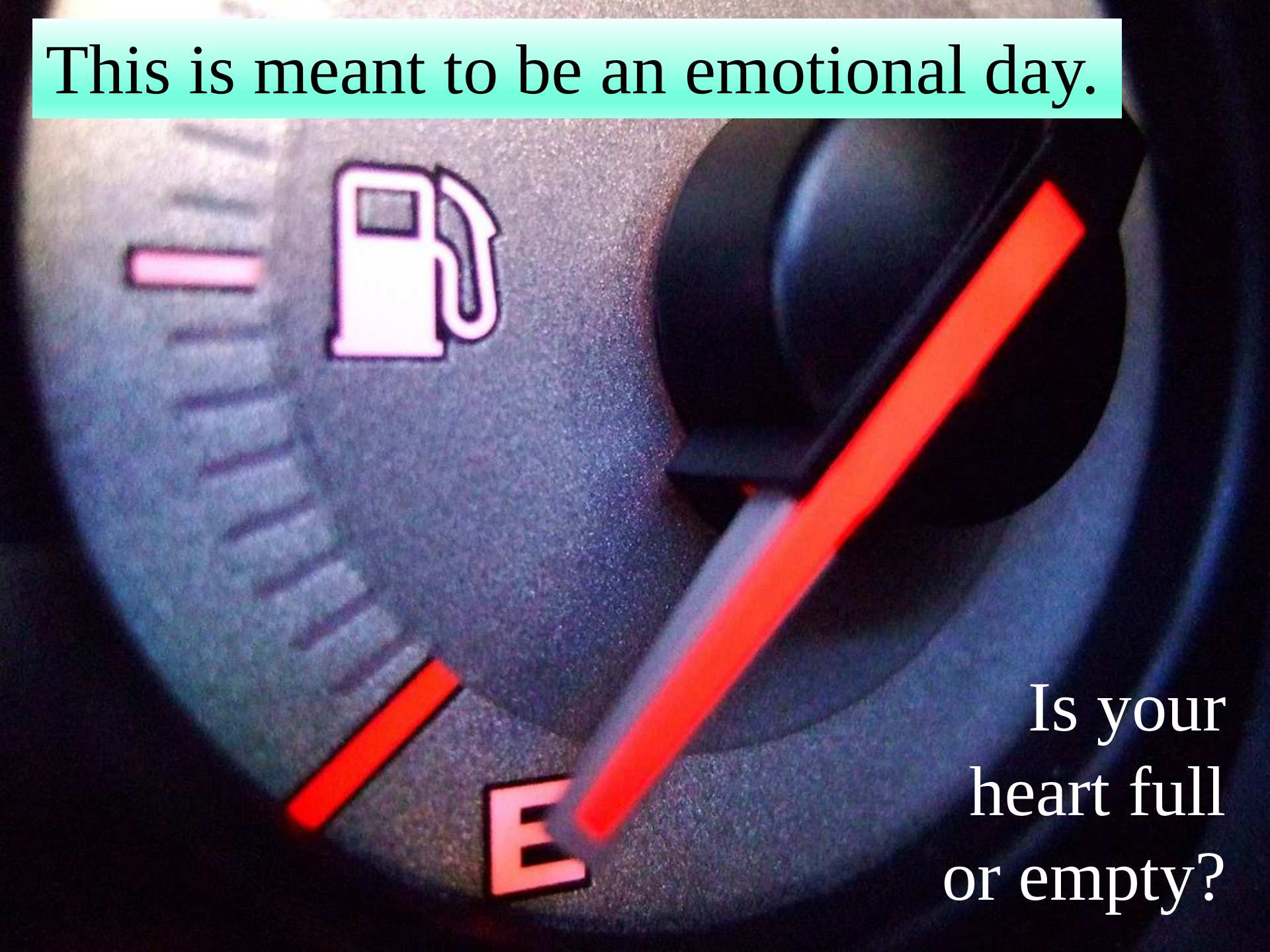
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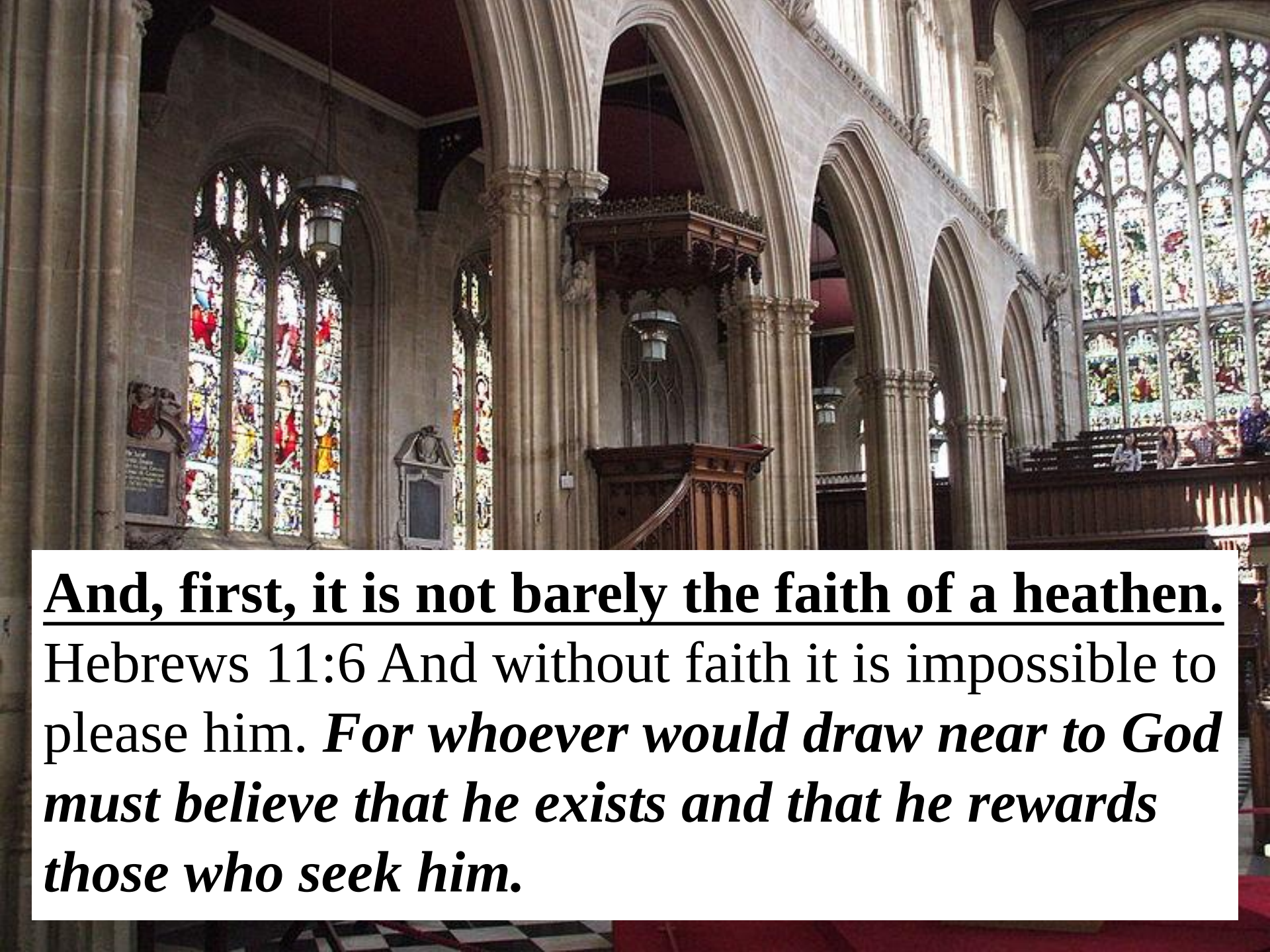
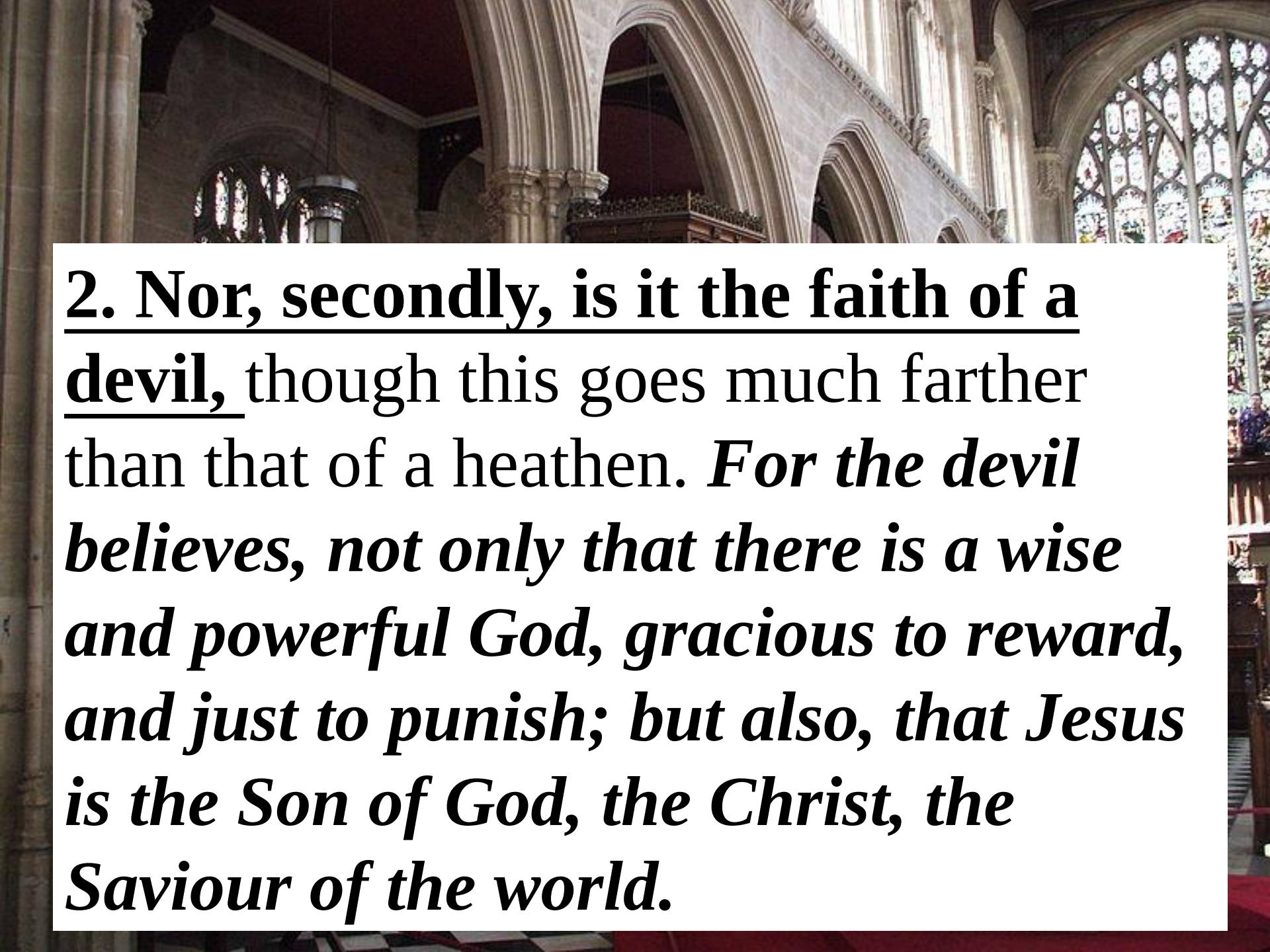
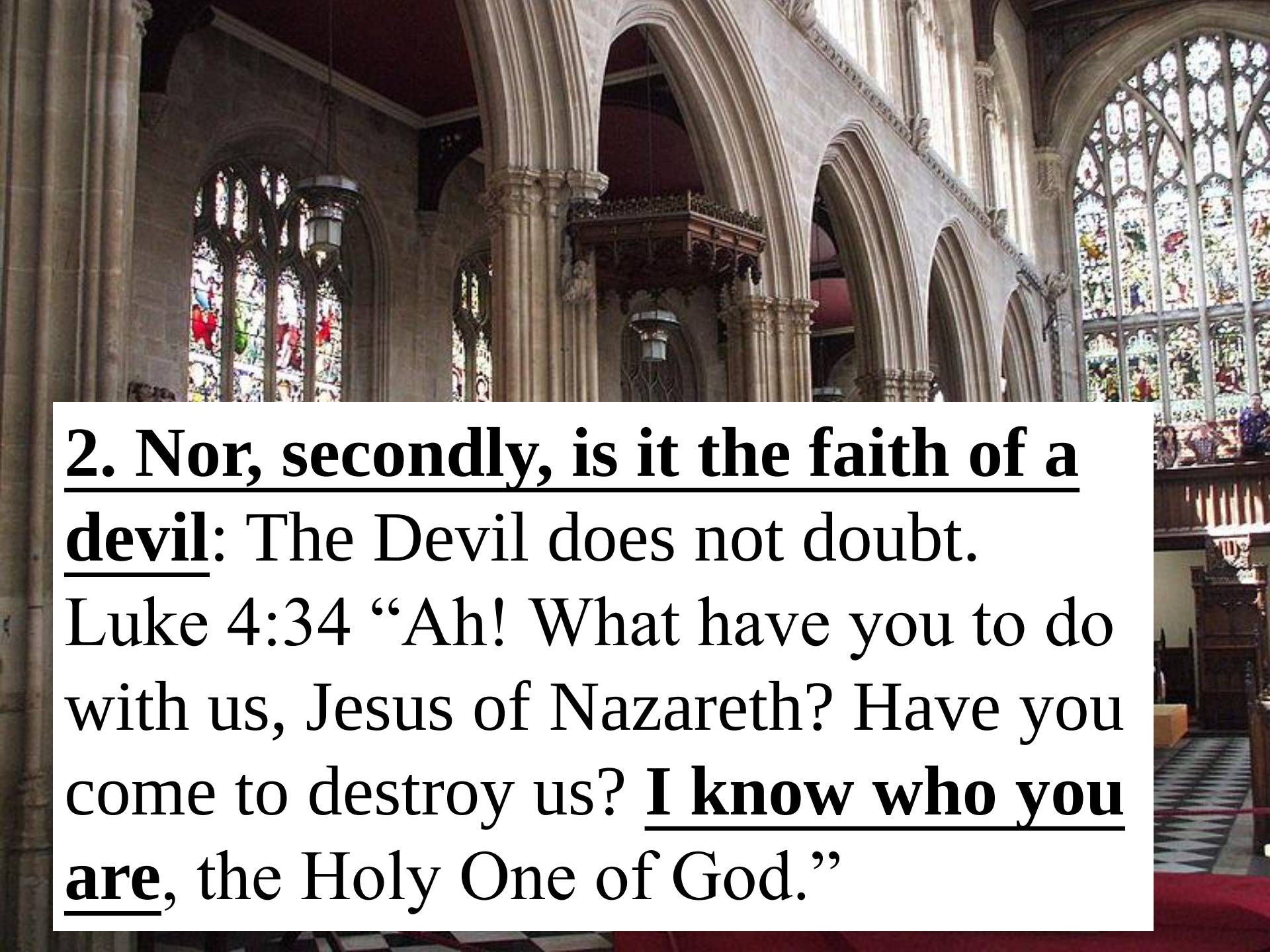


<u>And, first, it is not barely the faith of a heathen.</u>

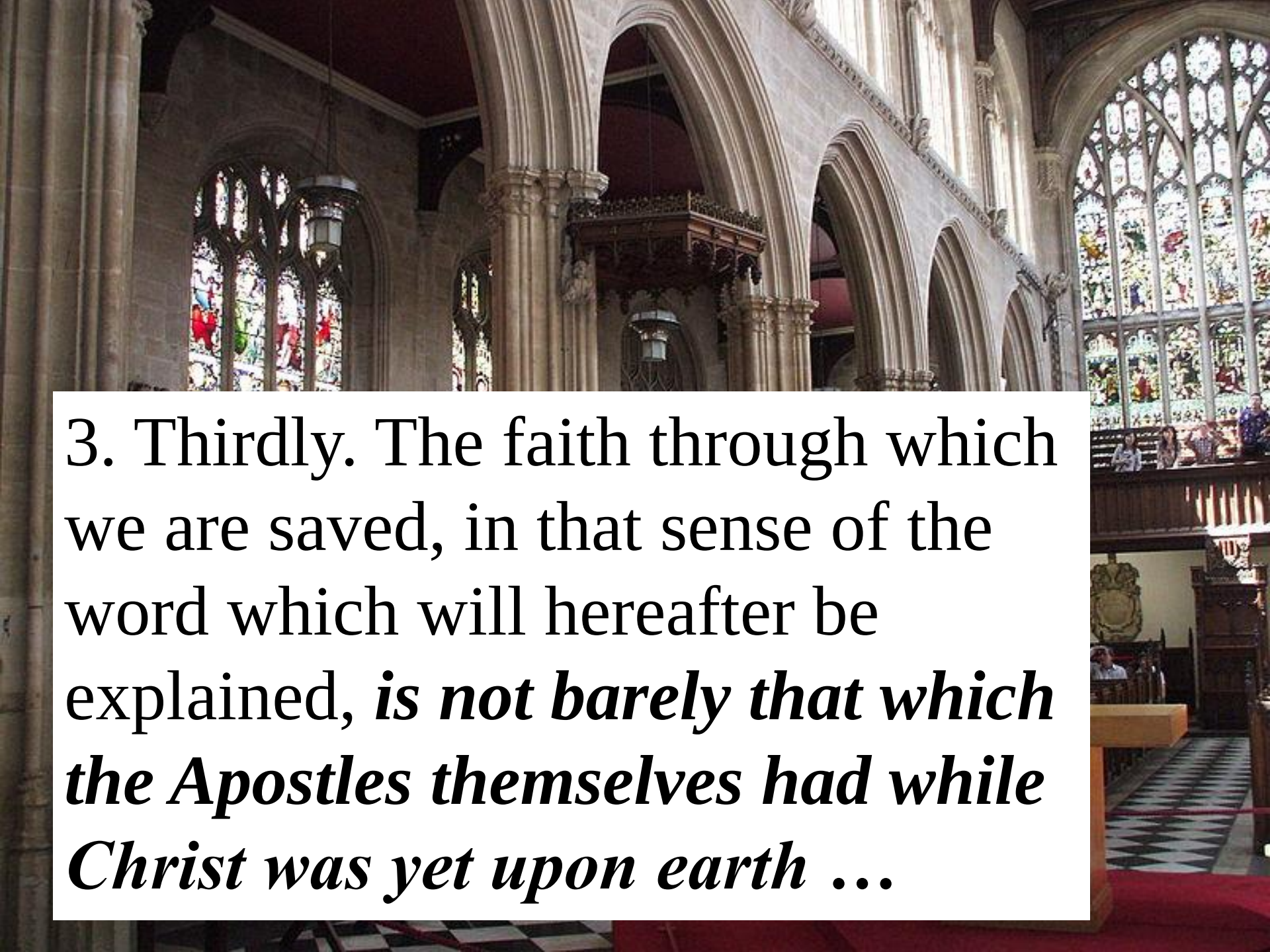
Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please him. ***For whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.***



2. Nor, secondly, is it the faith of a devil, though this goes much farther than that of a heathen. ***For the devil believes, not only that there is a wise and powerful God, gracious to reward, and just to punish; but also, that Jesus is the Son of God, the Christ, the Saviour of the world.***

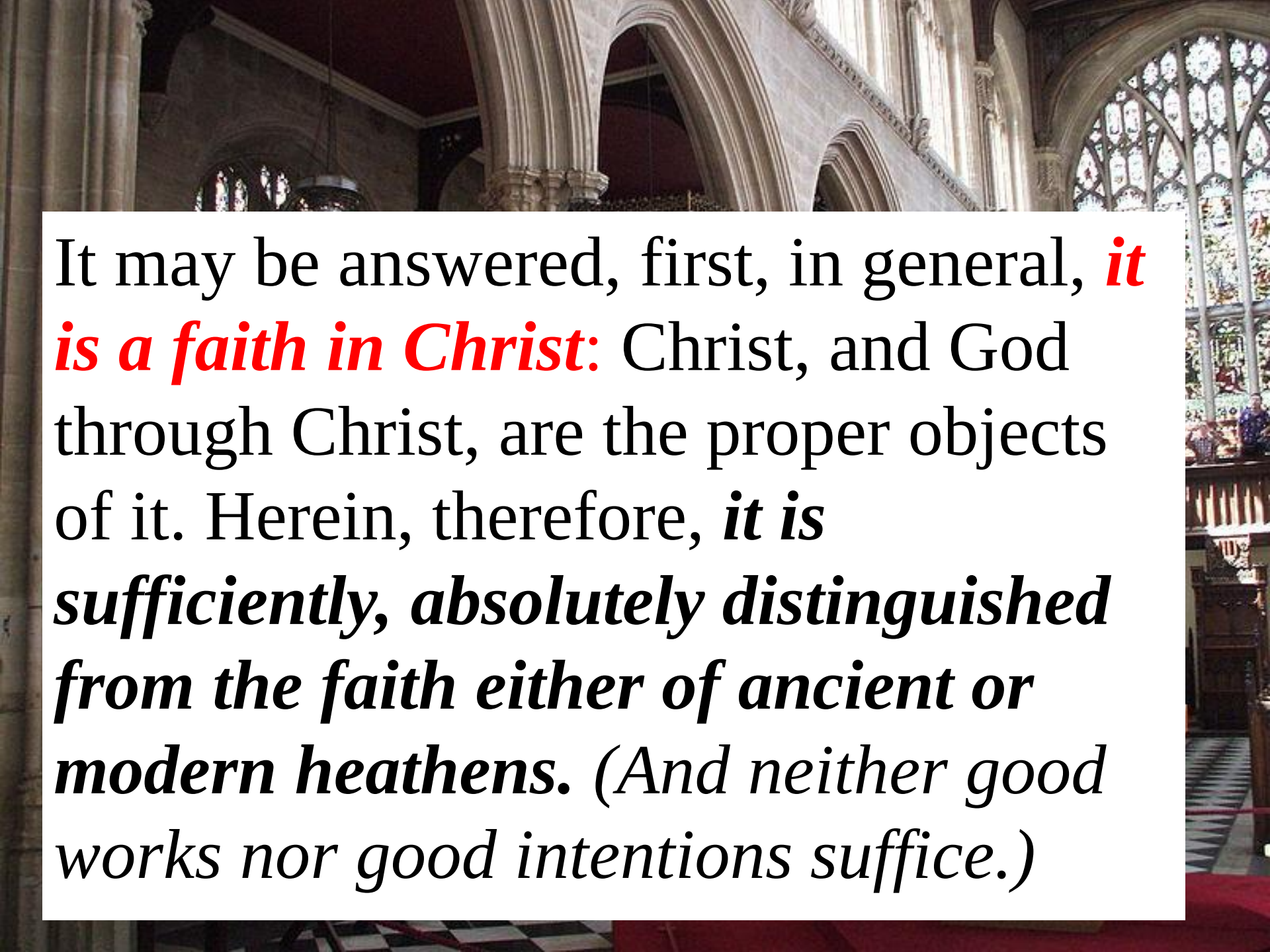


2. Nor, secondly, is it the faith of a devil: The Devil does not doubt. Luke 4:34 “Ah! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? **I know who you are**, the Holy One of God.”

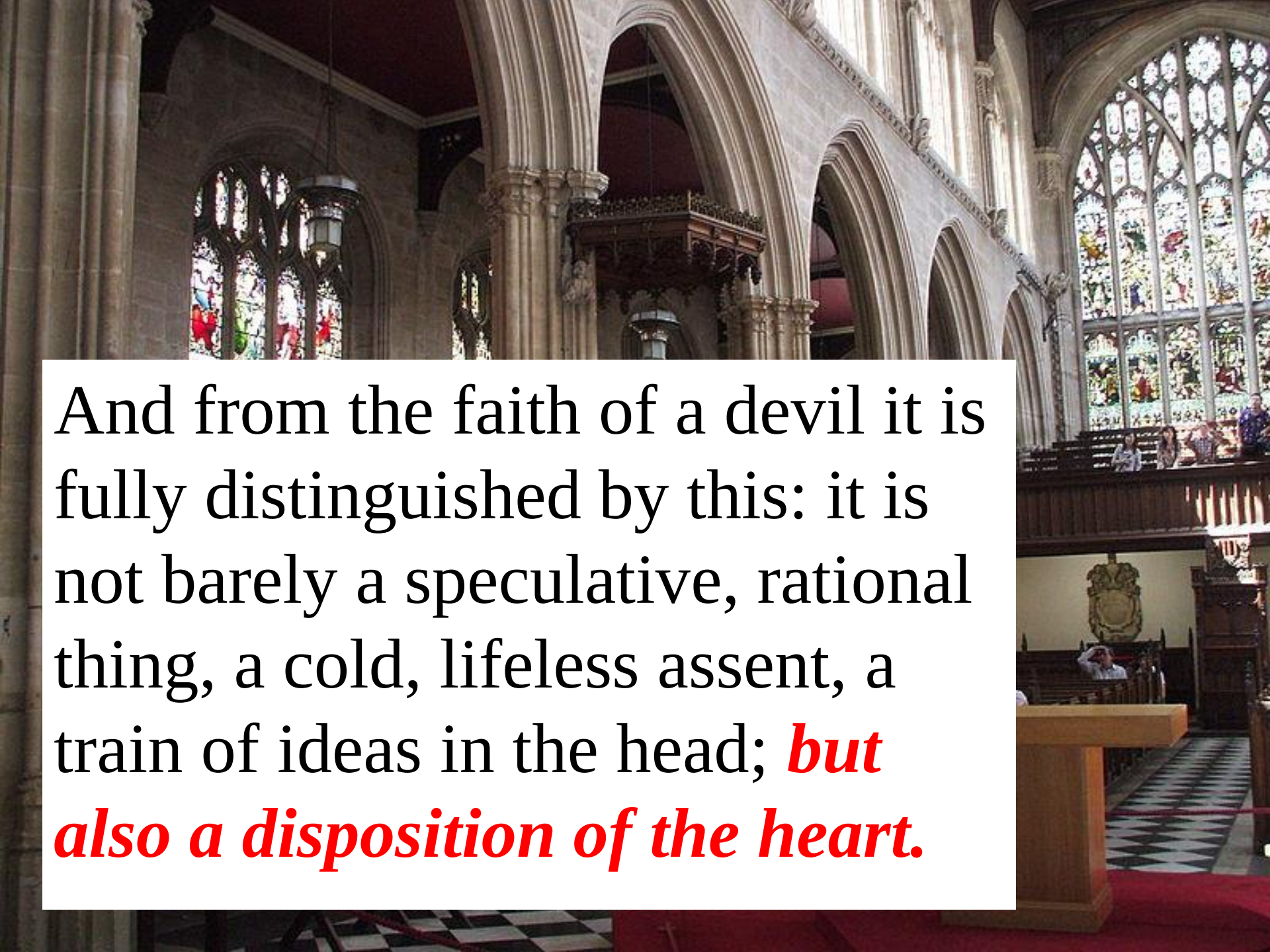


3. Thirdly. The faith through which we are saved, in that sense of the word which will hereafter be explained, ***is not barely that which the Apostles themselves had while Christ was yet upon earth …***

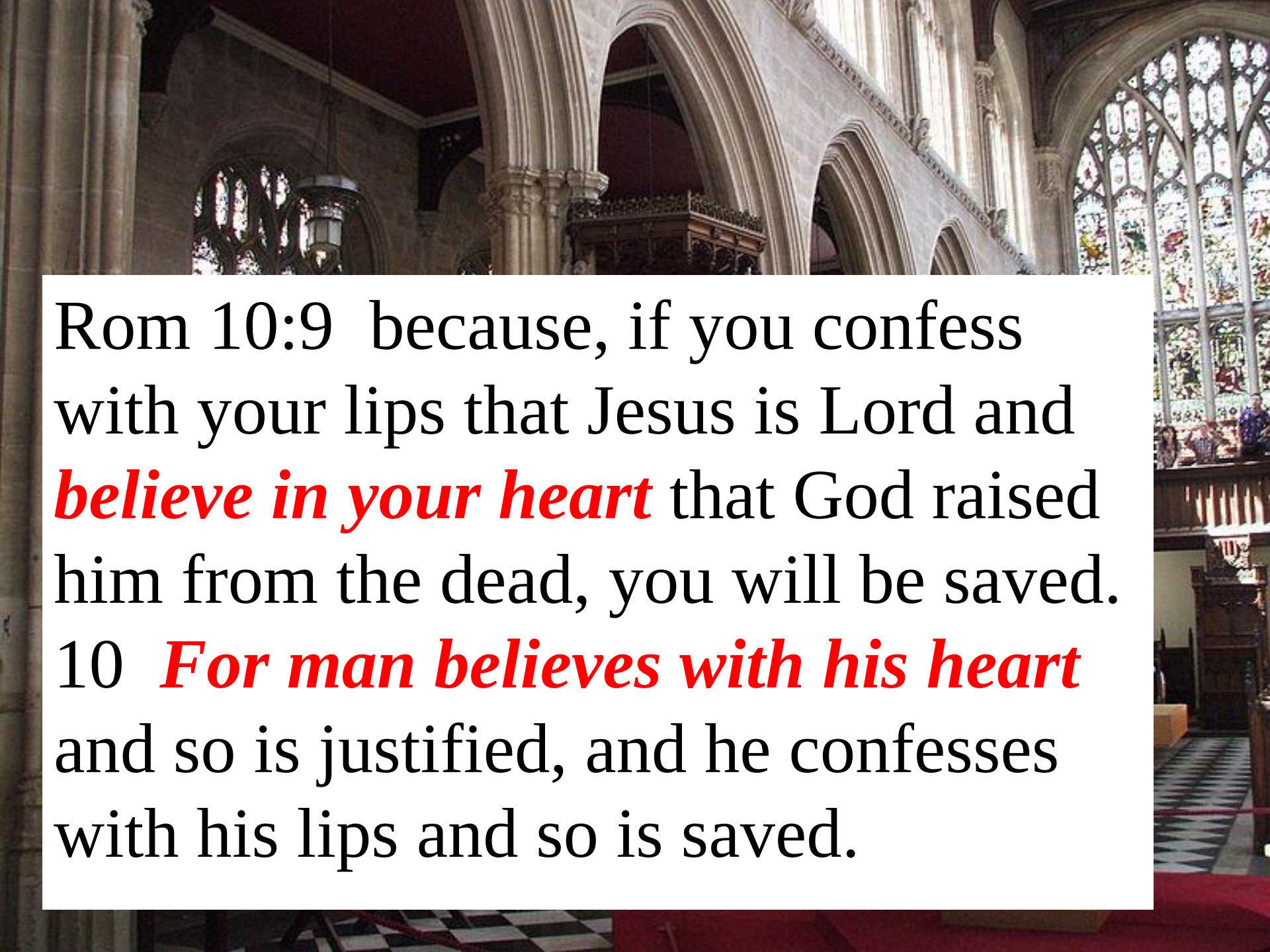
4. What faith is it then through which we are saved?



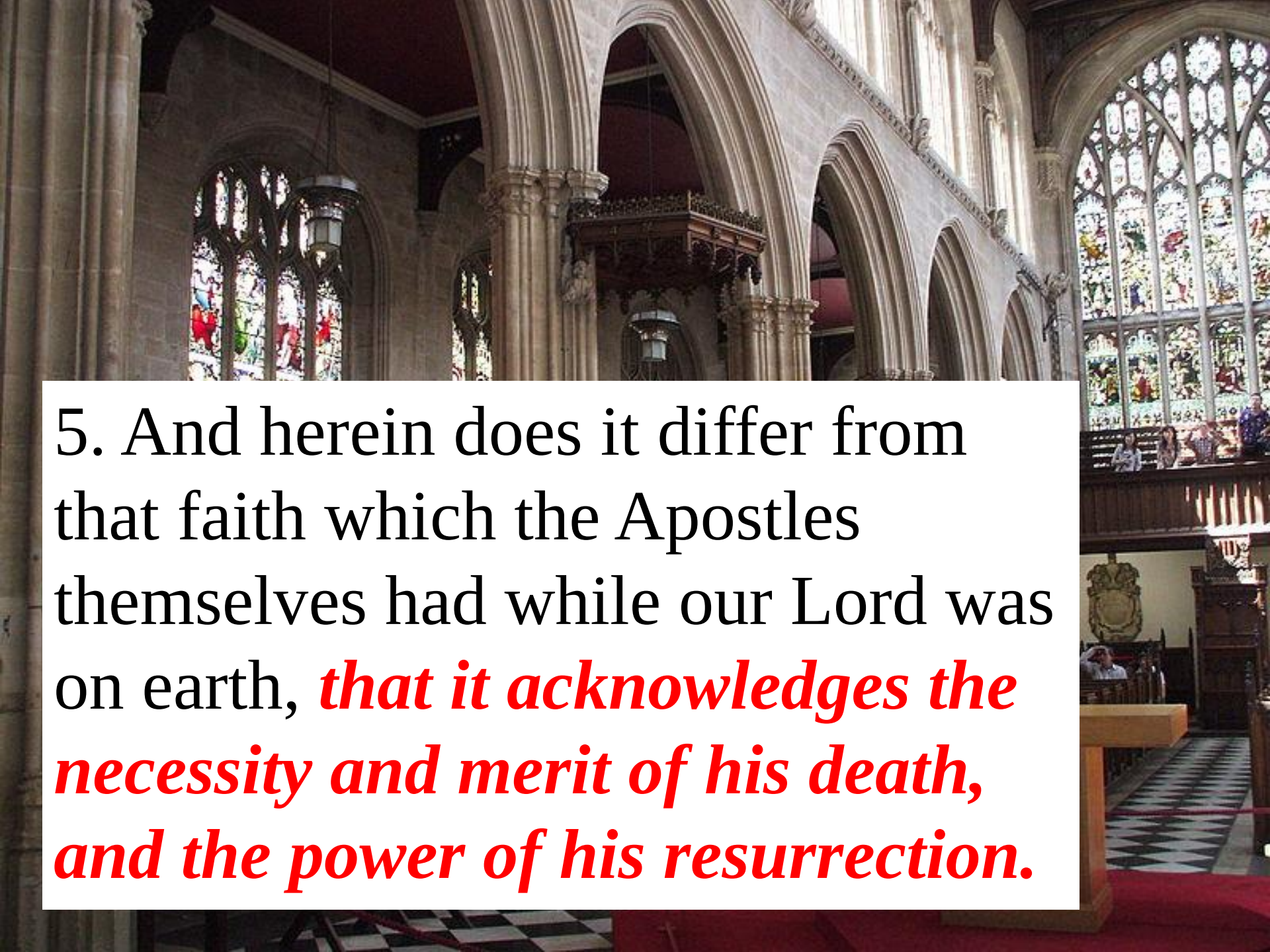
It may be answered, first, in general, ***it is a faith in Christ***: Christ, and God through Christ, are the proper objects of it. Herein, therefore, ***it is sufficiently, absolutely distinguished from the faith either of ancient or modern heathens.*** *(And neither good works nor good intentions suffice.)*



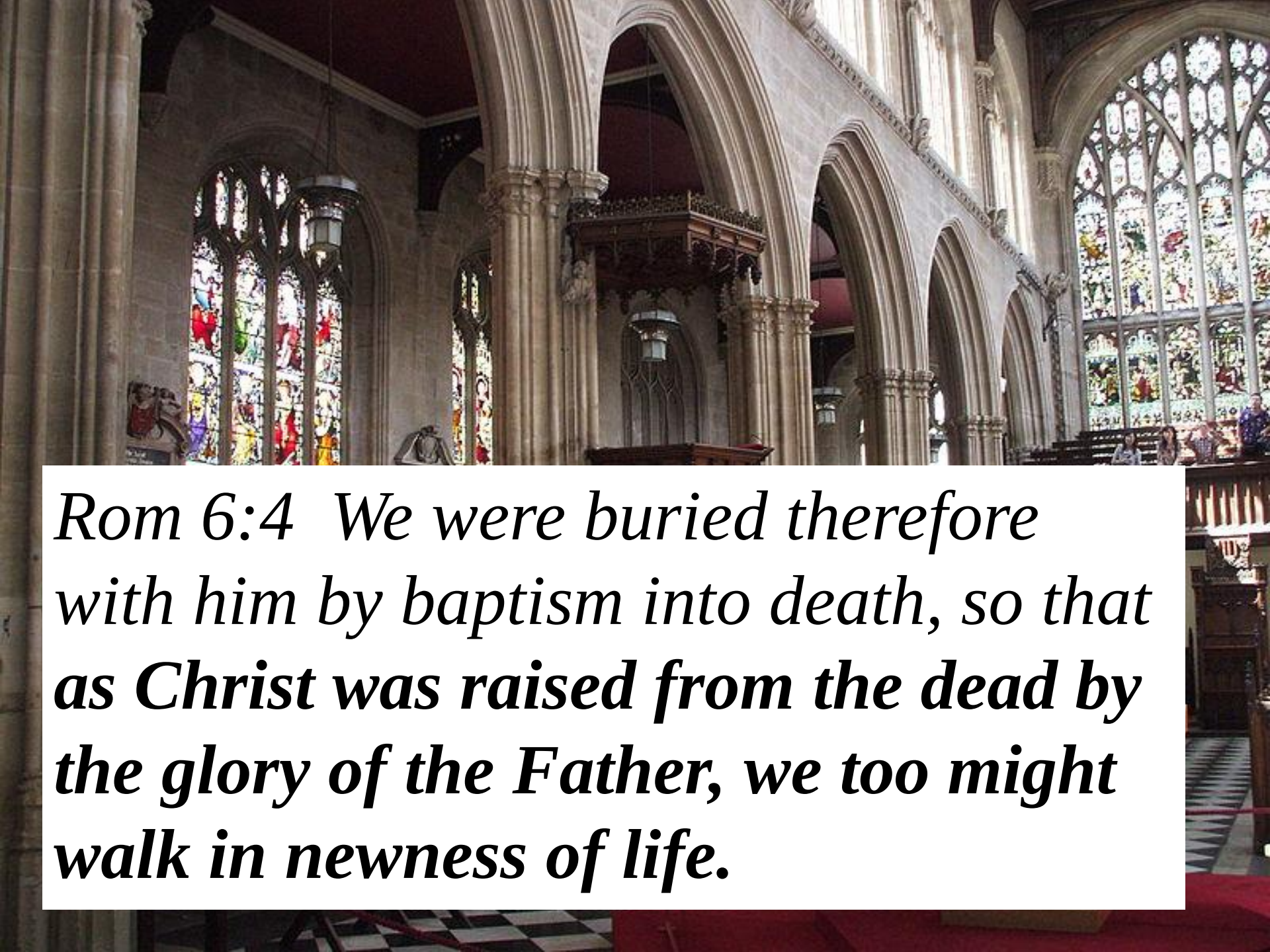
And from the faith of a devil it is fully distinguished by this: it is not barely a speculative, rational thing, a cold, lifeless assent, a train of ideas in the head; ***but also a disposition of the heart.***



Rom 10:9 because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and ***believe in your heart*** that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
10 ***For man believes with his heart*** and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.



5. And herein does it differ from that faith which the Apostles themselves had while our Lord was on earth, ***that it acknowledges the necessity and merit of his death, and the power of his resurrection.***



Rom 6:4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that ***as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.***

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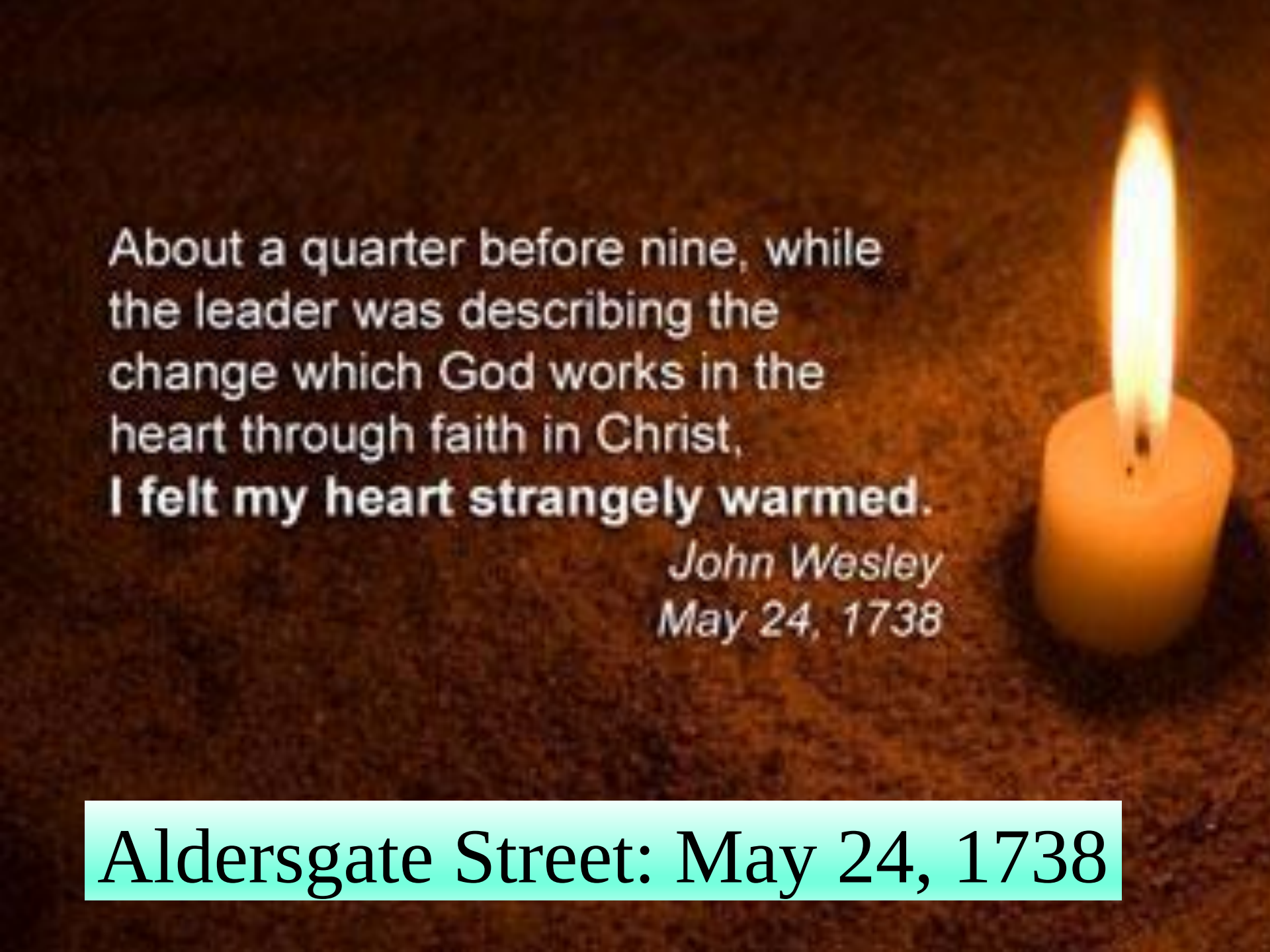
Mark 12:30 … and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

January 25, 1736 – Atlantic Ocean



Aldersgate Street: May 24, 1738

At the heart of the matter … is your heart.

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