

## **SOLA - WHAT MATTERS MOST:**

### ***The Cross Alone***

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Today, we celebrate a moment in time when a man with a message changed the world. In 1517, Martin Luther gave voice to concerns by posting his 95 Theses (against indulgences) on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on October 31. His intention was to bring to light the fact that the people were being led into false belief in a practice called indulgences. What happened changed the world in profound ways.

***“Unless I am convicted by Scripture and plain reason – I do not accept the authority of popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other – my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise. God help me.” – Martin Luther, Diet of Worms, April 1521***

***“For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved is the power of God.” - 1 Corinthians 1:18***

#### **My Next Step(s):**

- I will bring my suffering to Jesus—He shares in my suffering.
- I will bring my sin to Jesus—He forgives my sin.
- I will not fear death—Jesus has conquered death on the cross!
- I will find hope in the cross of Christ—for through it I have eternal life.

**Memory Verse:** “For I resolved to know nothing ... except Jesus Christ and him crucified.” - 1 Corinthians 2:2, NIV

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Anyone else feel like  
Halloween is unnecessary  
this year? I've been wearing a  
mask and eating candy for 7  
months now, I don't think I  
need a day dedicated to it  
anymore....

**Please  
satanise  
your  
hands  
here**



**CARREFOUR STORES**

Halloween 2020: \*doorbell rings\*

Me:



When your kid knocks on the  
Pastor's door for Trick or Treat



If 2020 were  
trick-or-treating

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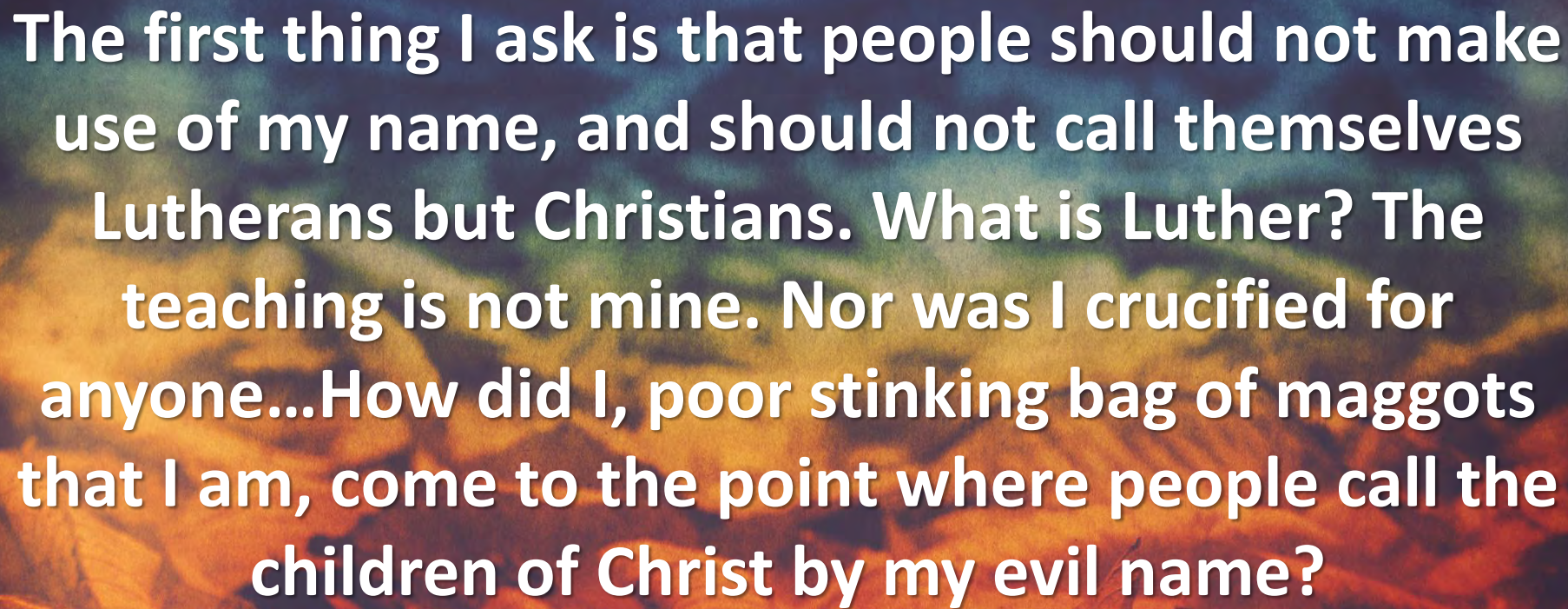
**Here I  
Stand**



**You  
Stand  
over  
There!**



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The first thing I ask is that people should not make use of my name, and should not call themselves Lutherans but Christians. What is Luther? The teaching is not mine. Nor was I crucified for anyone...How did I, poor stinking bag of maggots that I am, come to the point where people call the children of Christ by my evil name?

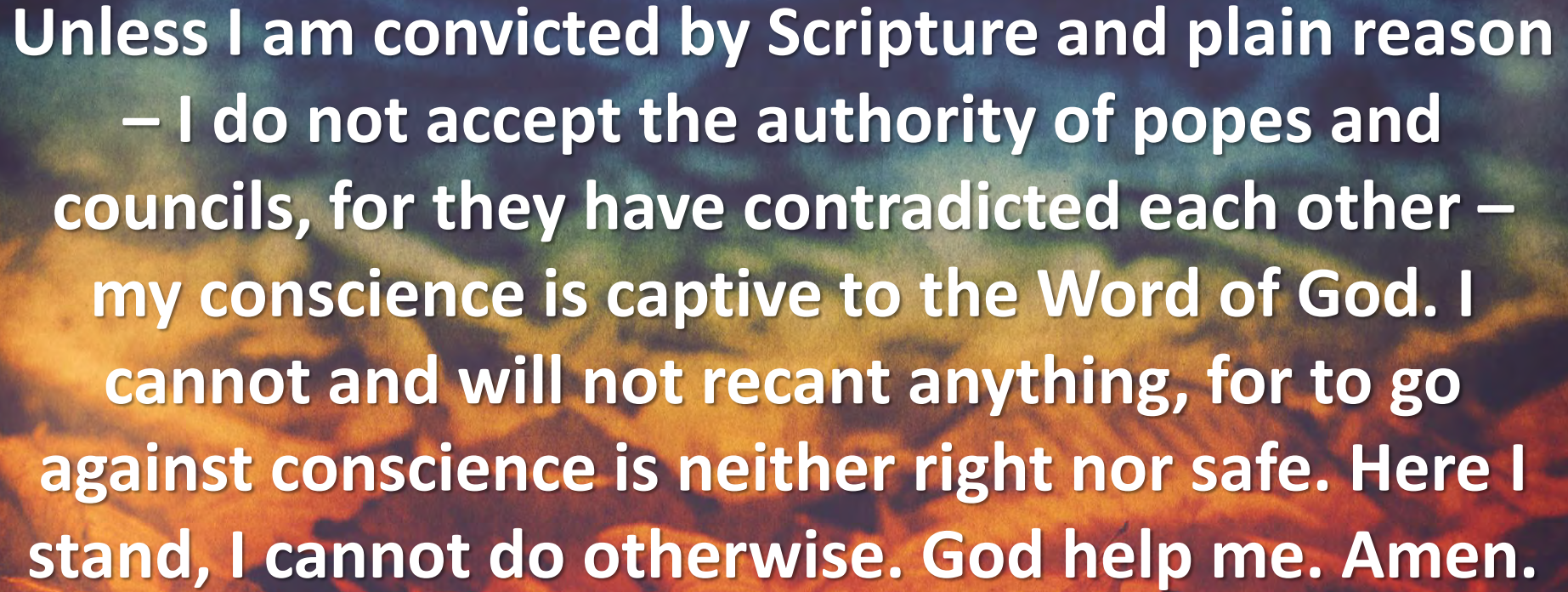
- Martin Luther



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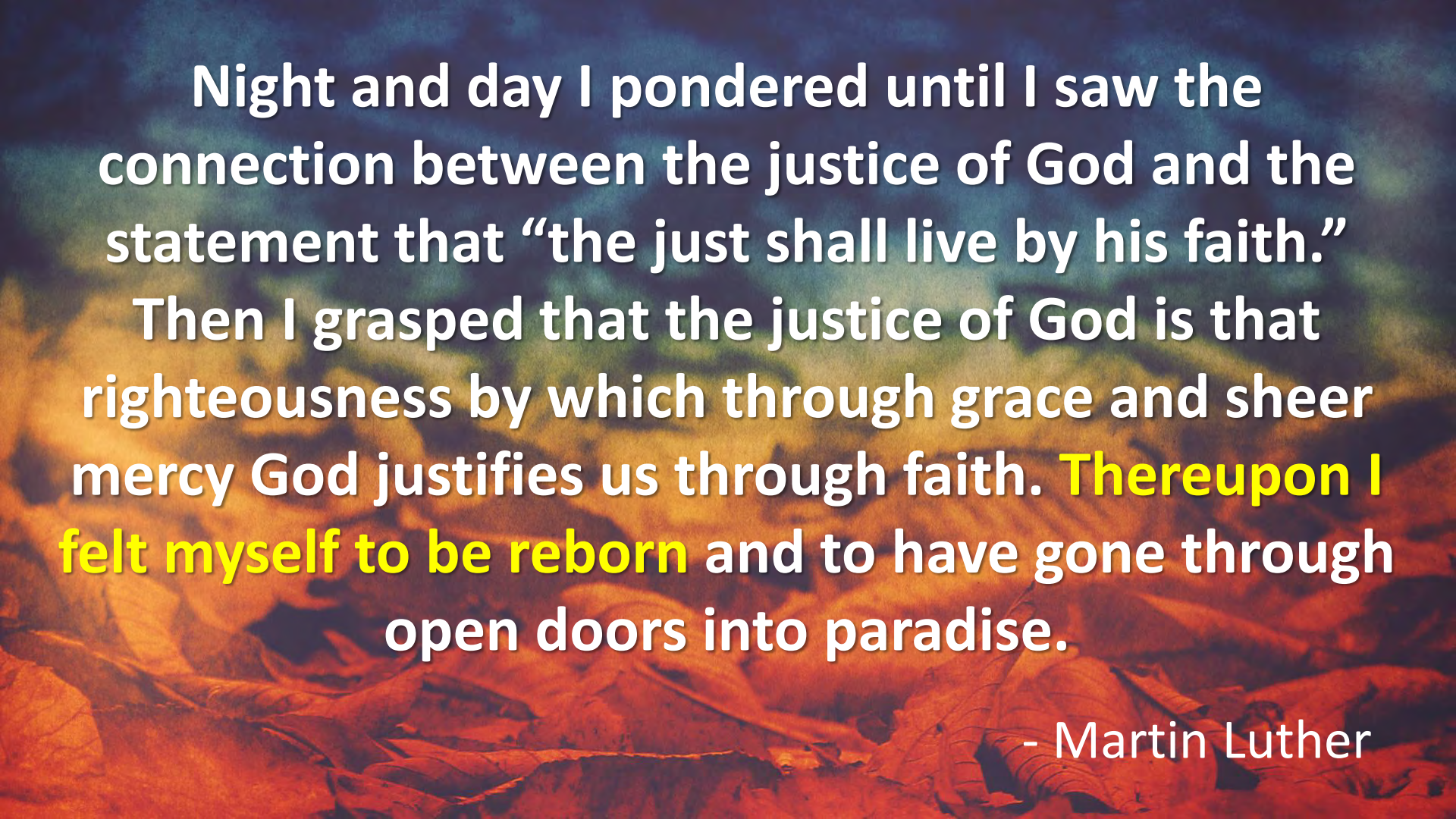


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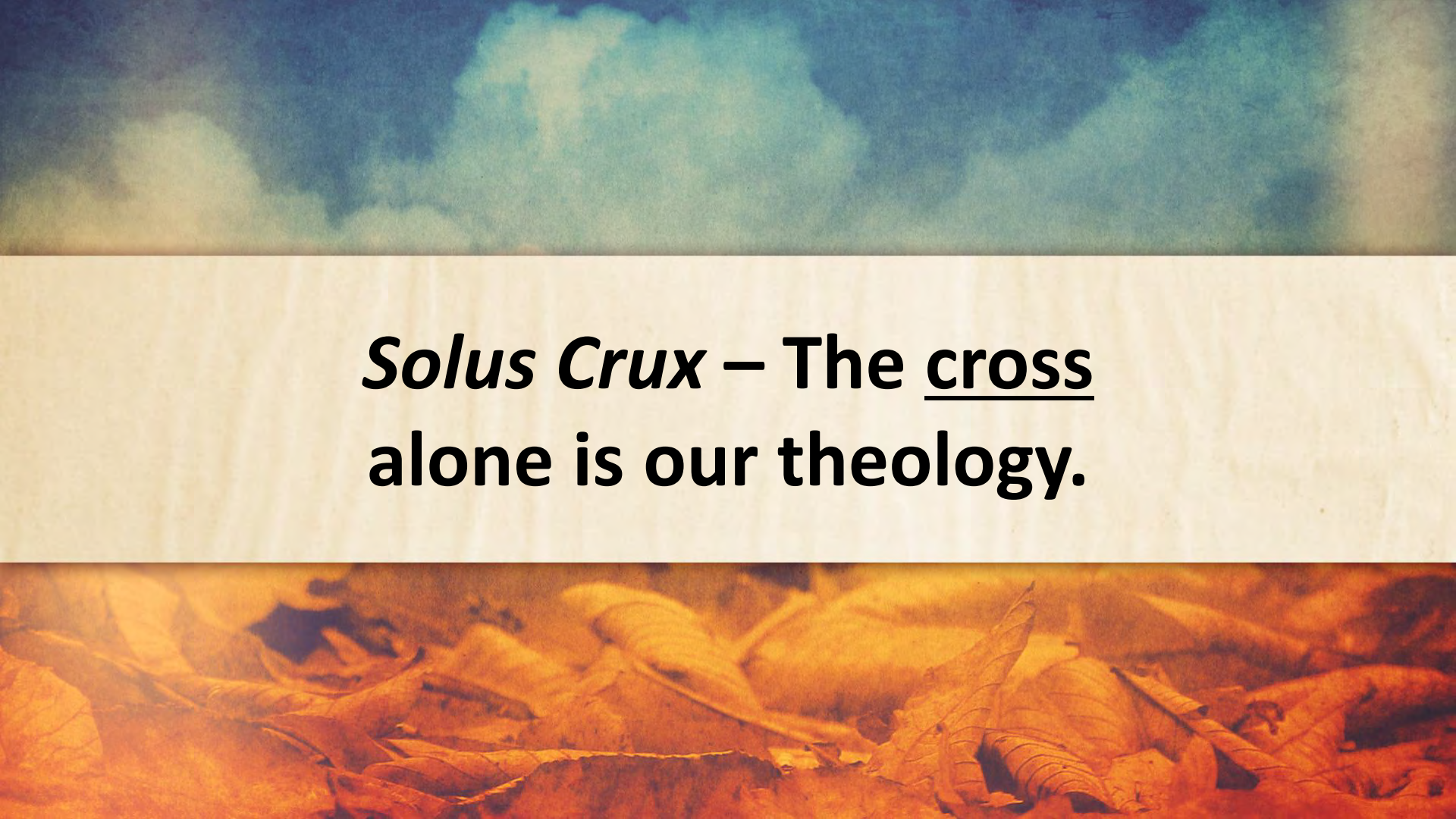
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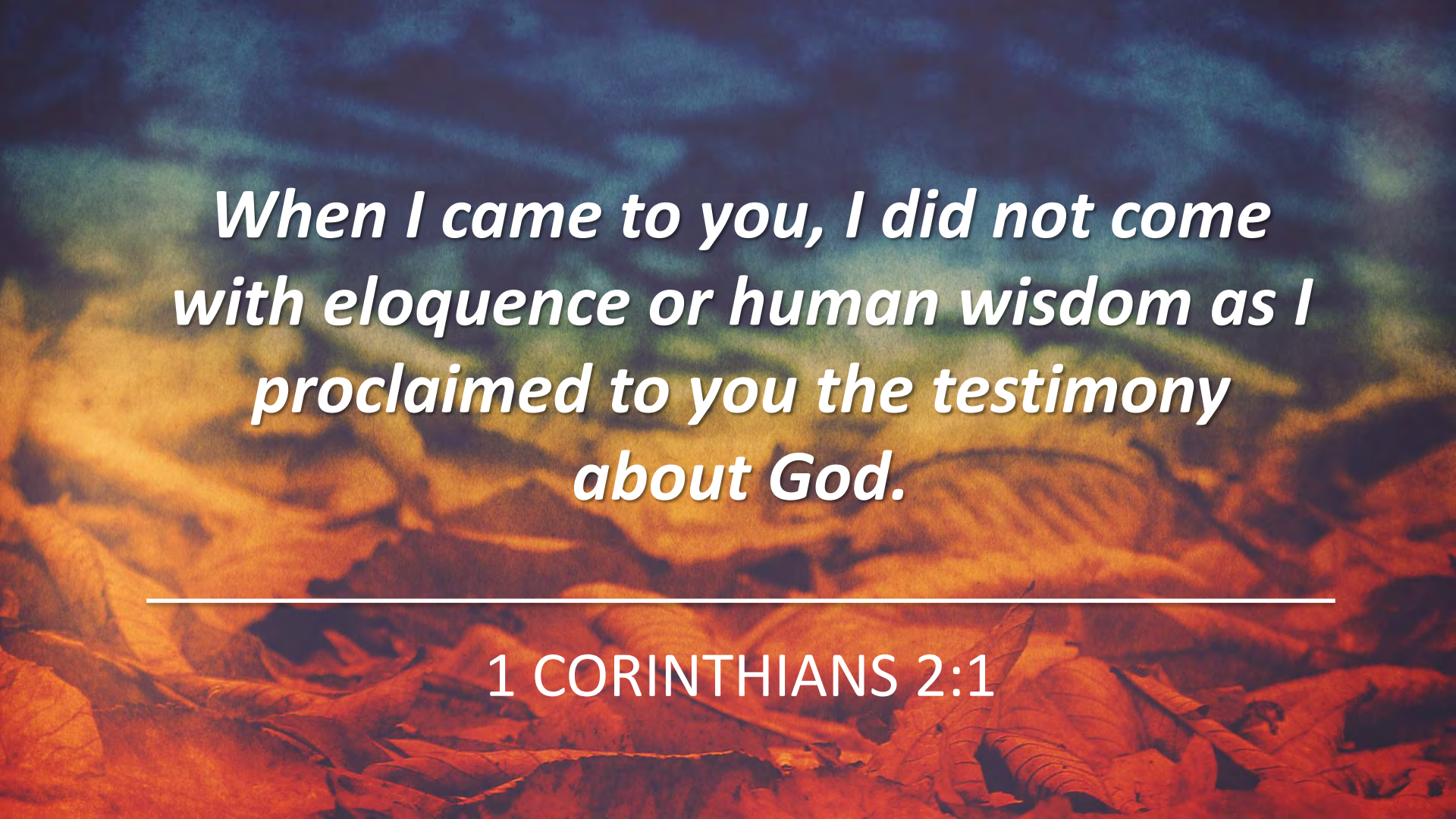
Night and day I pondered until I saw the connection between the justice of God and the statement that “the just shall live by his faith.”

Then I grasped that the justice of God is that righteousness by which through grace and sheer mercy God justifies us through faith. **Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn** and to have gone through open doors into paradise.

- Martin Luther



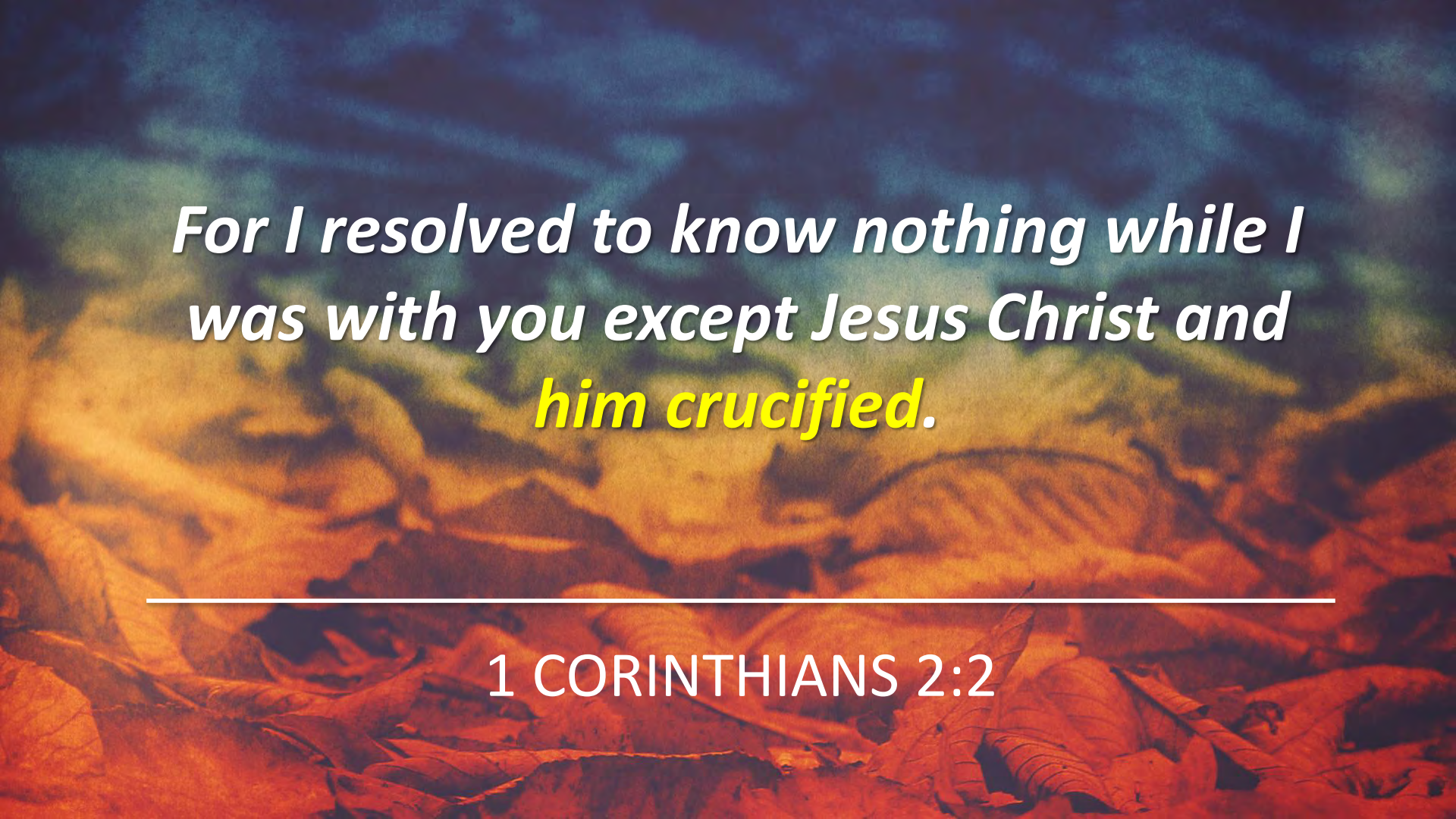
***Solus Crux* – The cross  
alone is our theology.**

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*When I came to you, I did not come  
with eloquence or human wisdom as I  
proclaimed to you the testimony  
about God.*

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1 CORINTHIANS 2:1

The background of the image features a close-up of fallen autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and brown, covering the lower two-thirds. The upper third shows a dark, moody sky with swirling blue and grey clouds. The text is overlaid on this background.

*For I resolved to know nothing while I  
was with you except Jesus Christ and  
**him crucified.***

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1 CORINTHIANS 2:2



**The CROSS Deals with  
Our Suffering.**



*“My **soul is overwhelmed** with sorrow  
to the point of death.”*

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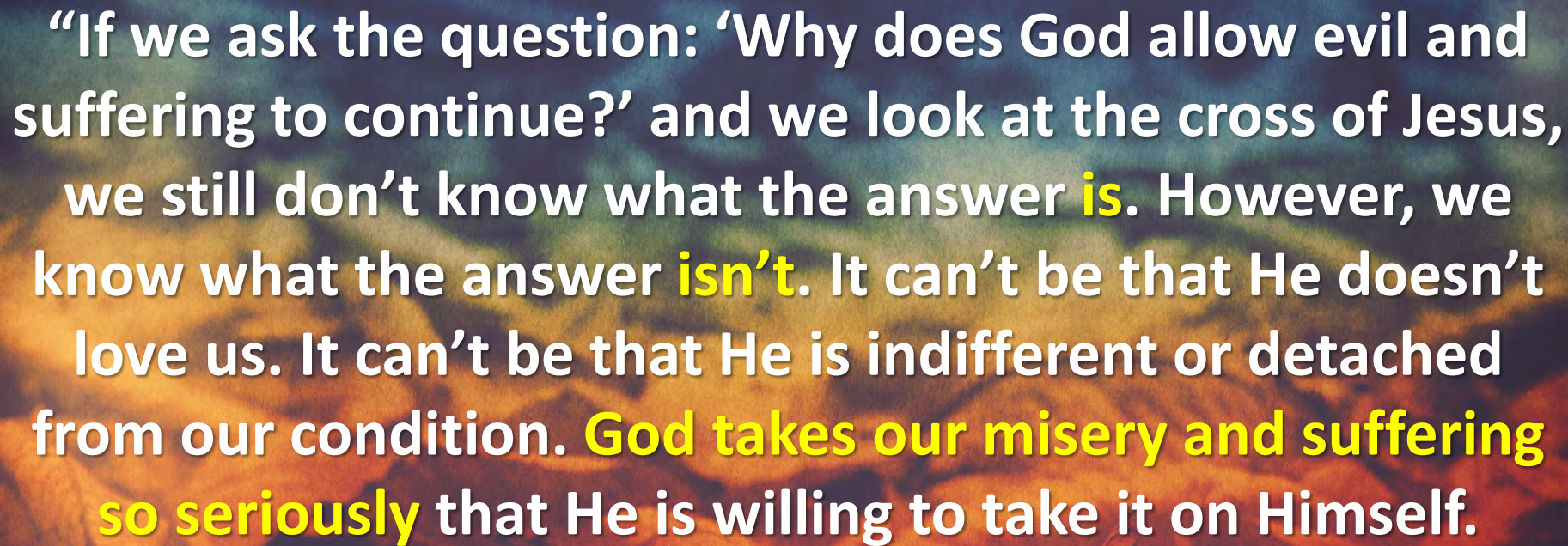
MARK 14:34



*“No one takes My life from Me, but **I**  
**lay it down** of My own accord.”*

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JOHN 10:18



“If we ask the question: ‘Why does God allow evil and suffering to continue?’ and we look at the cross of Jesus, we still don’t know what the answer **is**. However, we know what the answer **isn’t**. It can’t be that He doesn’t love us. It can’t be that He is indifferent or detached from our condition. **God takes our misery and suffering so seriously** that He is willing to take it on Himself.

- Timothy Keller



# **The CROSS Deals with Our Sin.**



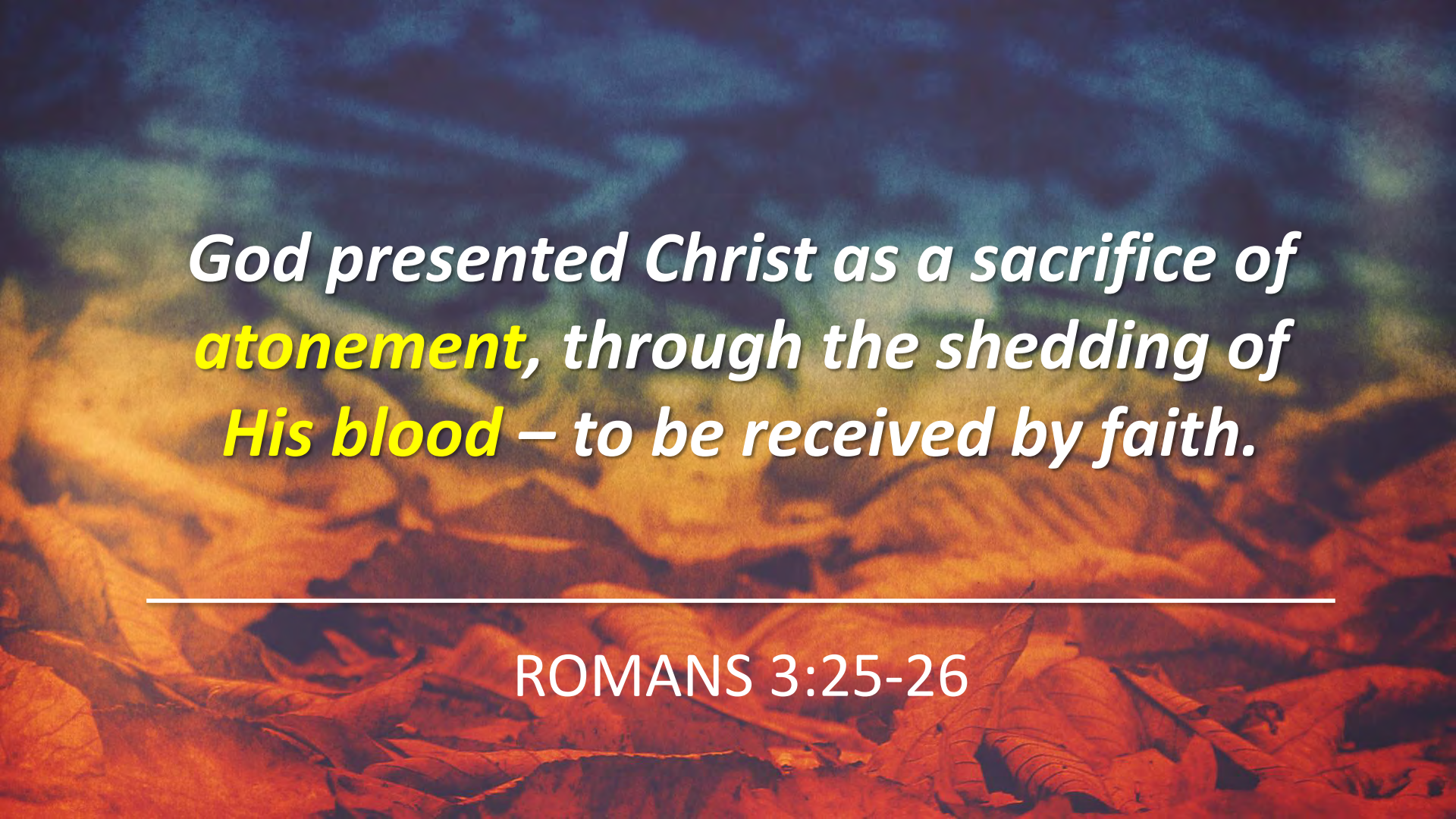
**The CROSS Deals with  
Our Sin.**

**No sin is too small.**



# The CROSS Deals with Our Sin.

No sin is too big.

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*God presented Christ as a sacrifice of  
**atonement**, through the shedding of  
**His blood** – to be received by faith.*

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ROMANS 3:25-26



# **The CROSS Deals with Our Death.**



*“Because I live,  
you also **will live.**”*

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JOHN 14:9



*“Death has been  
swallowed up in **victory.**”*

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1 CORINTHIANS 15:54



**The CROSS Brings us  
HOPE!**




*“I resolved to know nothing...except  
Jesus Christ and **Him crucified.**”*

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1 CORINTHIANS 2:2





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