

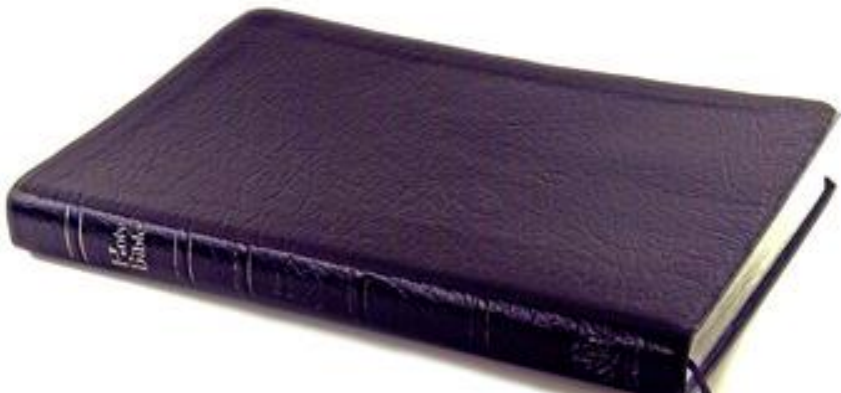
Scripture Reading – 1 Timothy 4

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14 Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

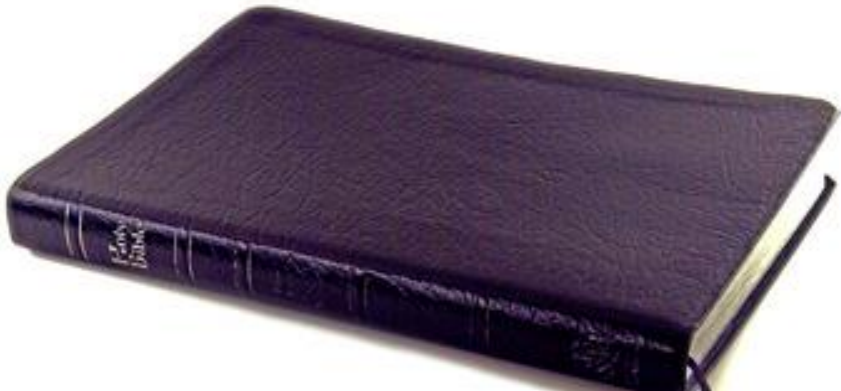
15 Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

16 Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

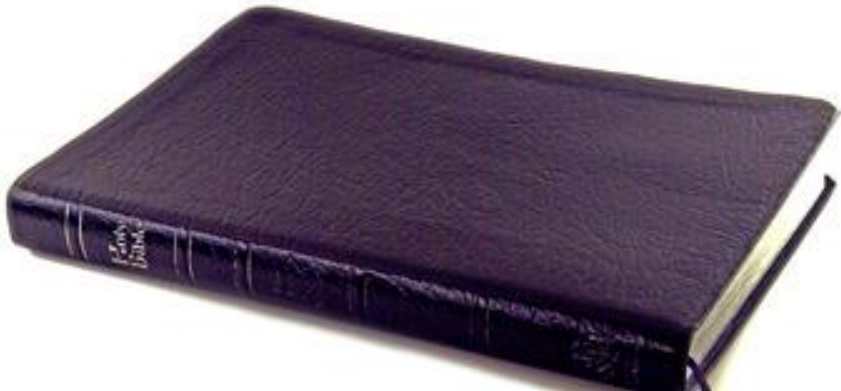




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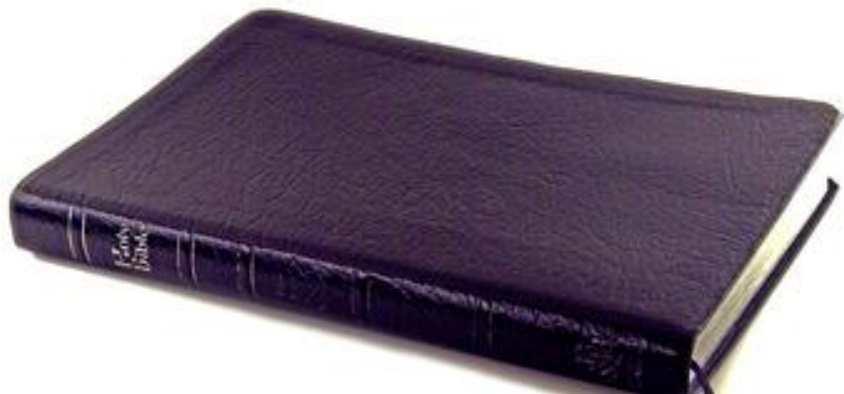


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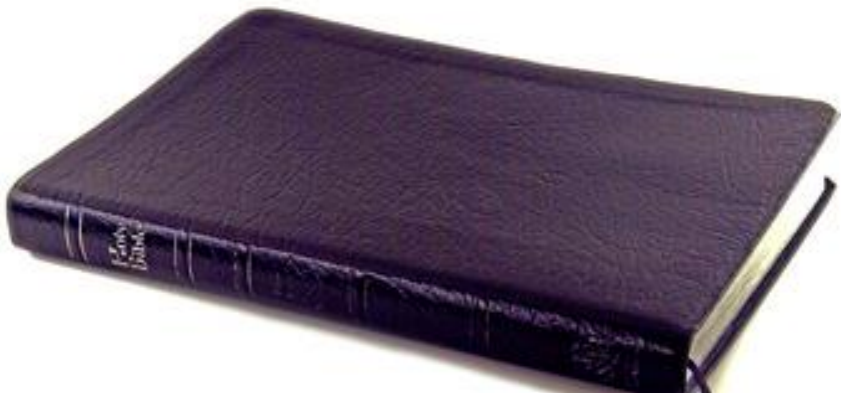
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- *"Study to show **thyself** approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).*
- The word "study" means, *"to use speed, i.e. to make effort, be prompt or earnest:--do (give) diligence, (forward), endeavor, labor" (Strong's).*
- **1 Timothy 5:22** ends with the words: *"Keep **thyself** pure."*



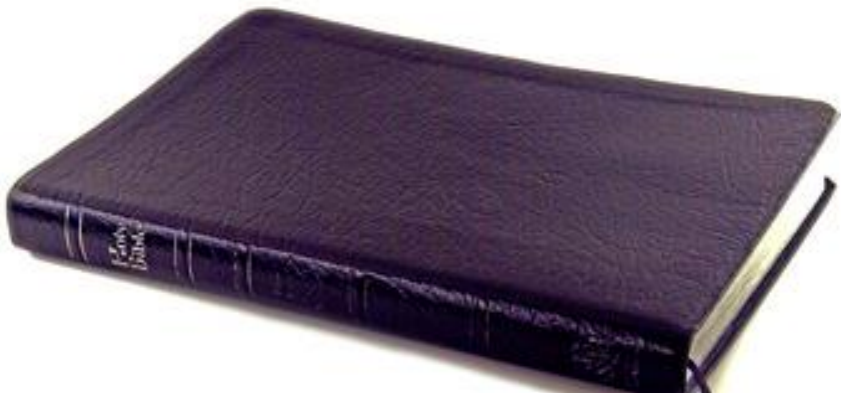
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- *"Take heed unto **thyself**, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save **thyself**, and them that hear thee" (1 Tim. 4:16).*
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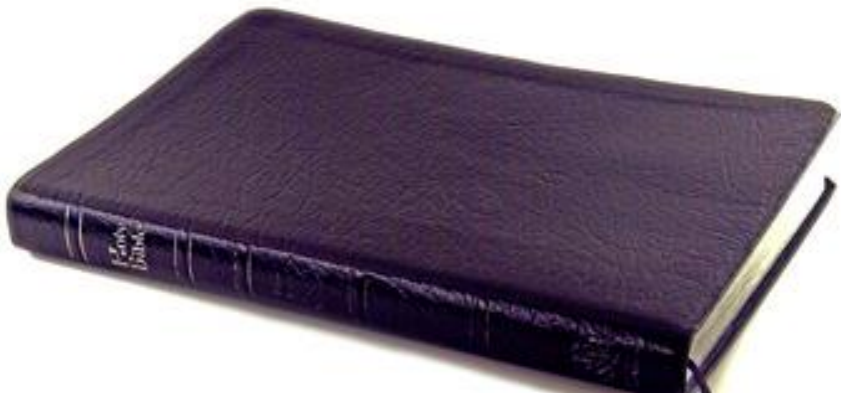
Realize Our Place In This World

- Jesus said, *"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets"* (**Matt. 22:37-39**).



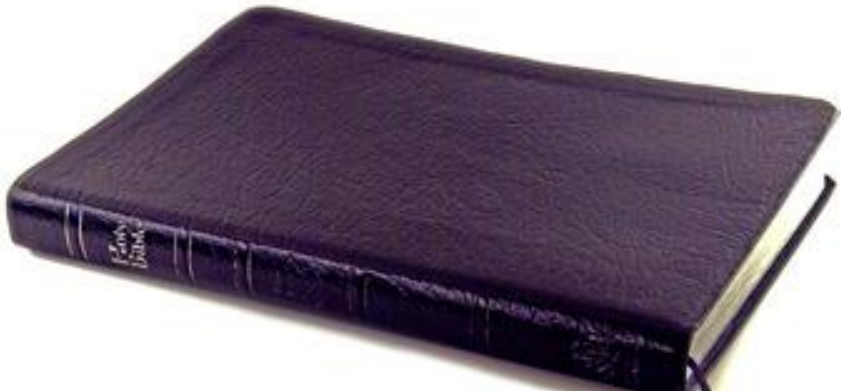
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- *"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:16-18).*



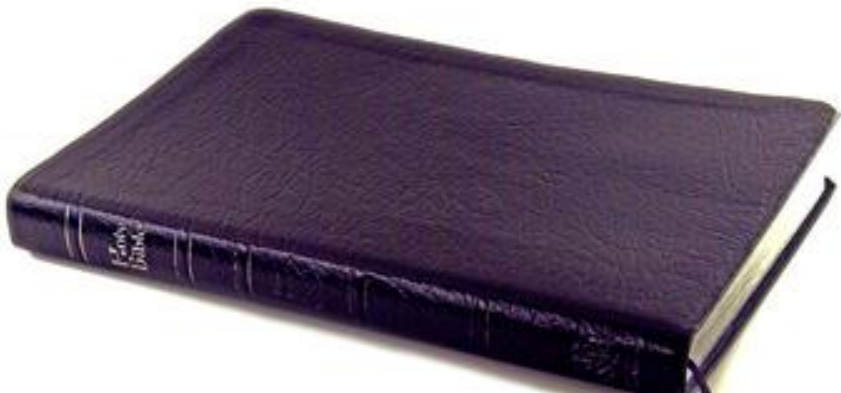
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- Therefore, after we have been baptized for the remission of sins (**Acts 2:38**), and raised to "*walk in newness of life*" (**Rom. 6:3-4**), we are God's servants (slaves of God).
- **Romans 12:1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. **2** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.



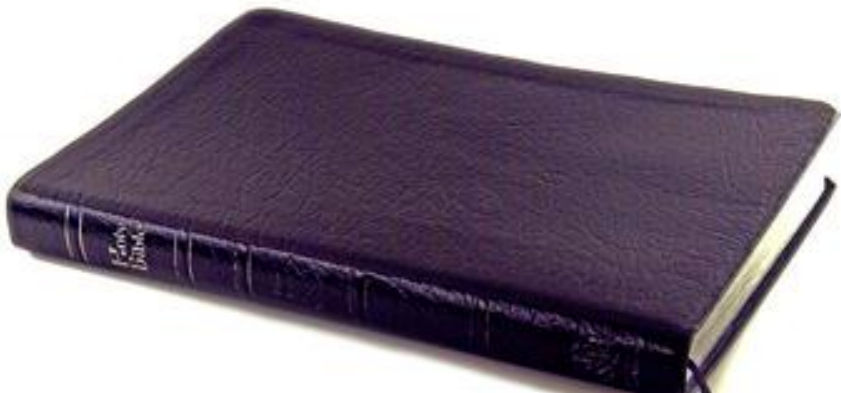
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- **1 Peter 2:5** you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- **Hebrews 13:15** Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.



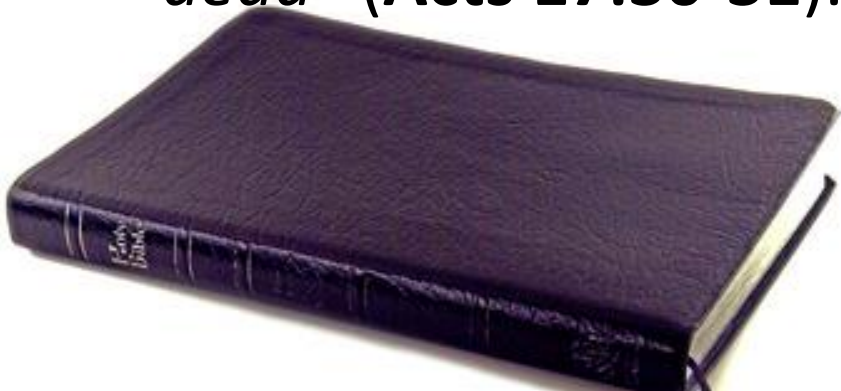
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- **Matthew 20:27** And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave— **28** just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”



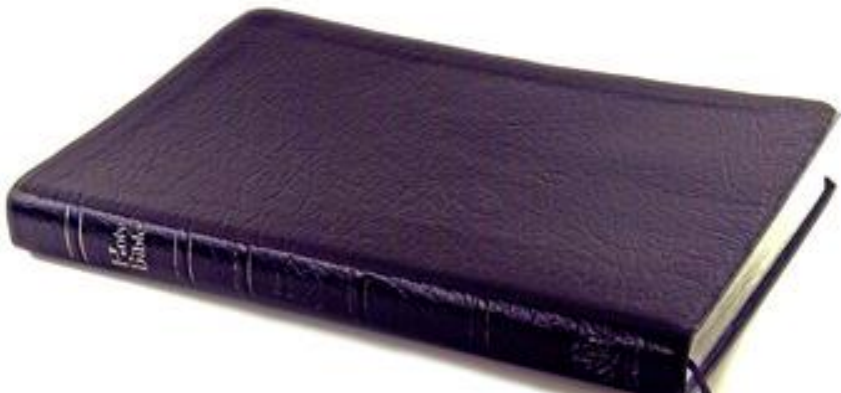
Realize Who Our Judge Is

- *"For the Father judgeth no man, but hath **committed all judgment unto the Son** And hath **given him authority to execute judgment** also, because he is the Son of man" (Jn. 5:22, 27).*
- *"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which **he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained**; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead" (Acts 17:30-31).*



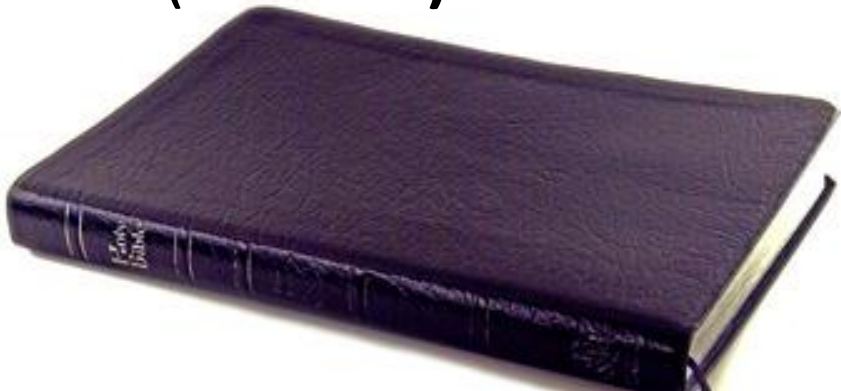
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- *"...God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel" (Rom. 2:16).*
- **John 12:48** He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.



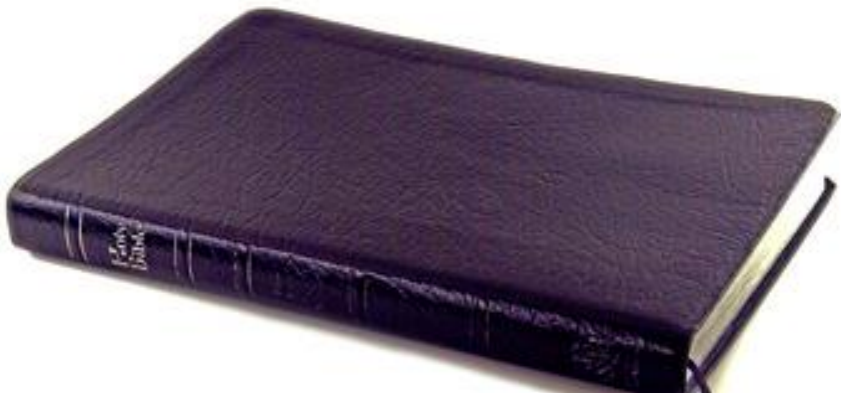
Realize The Great Importance Of Our Soul

- *"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Pet. 1:18-19).*
- *"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Rev. 1:5)*



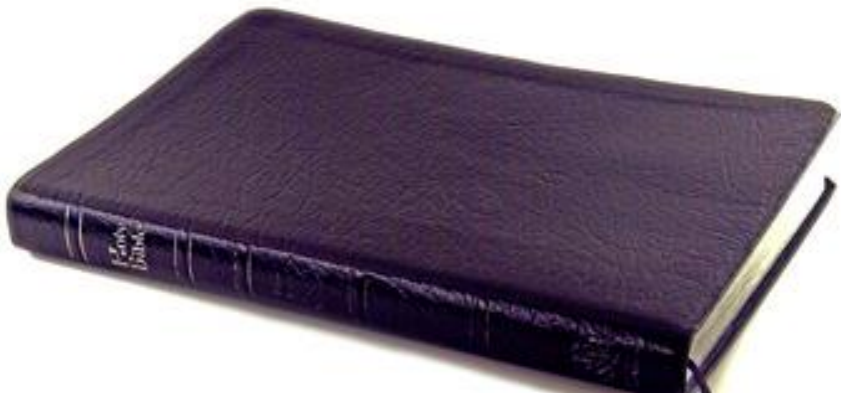
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- In order for souls to be saved, Jesus Christ, the Son of God came to this earth, lived upon this earth, died on the cross, and shed His blood
 - **Matthew 26:28** For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.



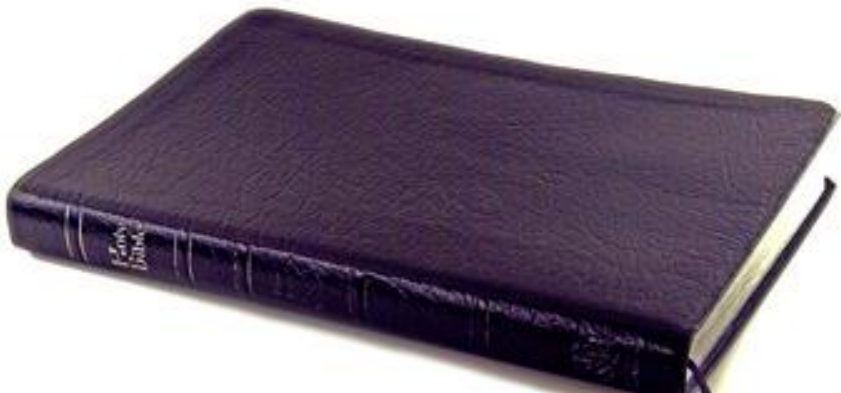
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- *"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it" (Ecc. 12:7).*
- **Luke 16:22** So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. **23** And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.



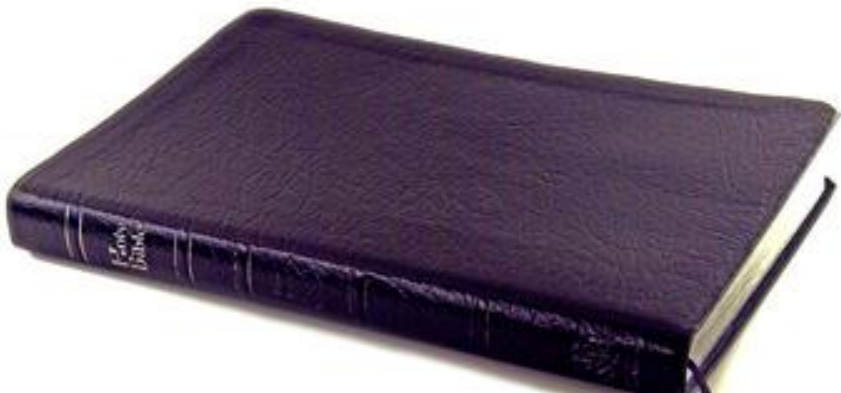
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- **Luke 16:24** “Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ **25** But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.’



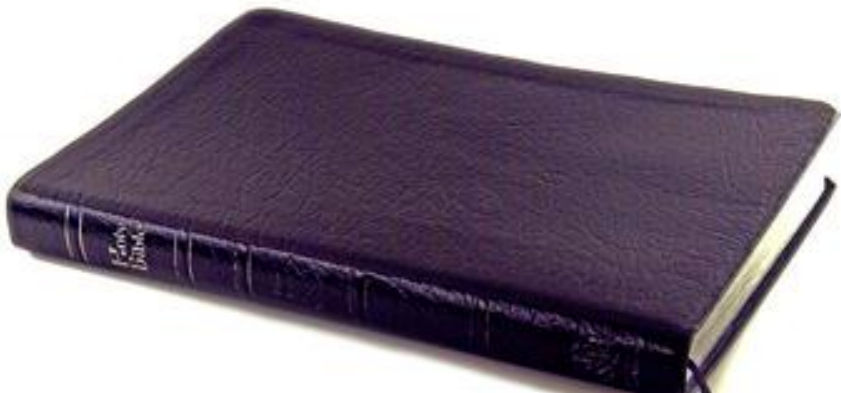
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- Ultimately, as we stand before Christ in Judgment, there will be two destinies for souls.
- It will be Heaven for some, and a life where *"They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes"* (**Rev. 7:16-17**).



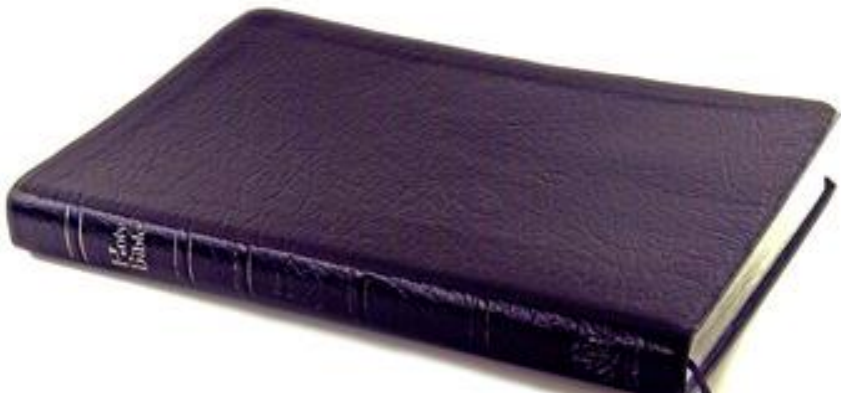
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- The unfaithful will be cast into Hell where, *"the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death"* (**Rev. 21:8**).



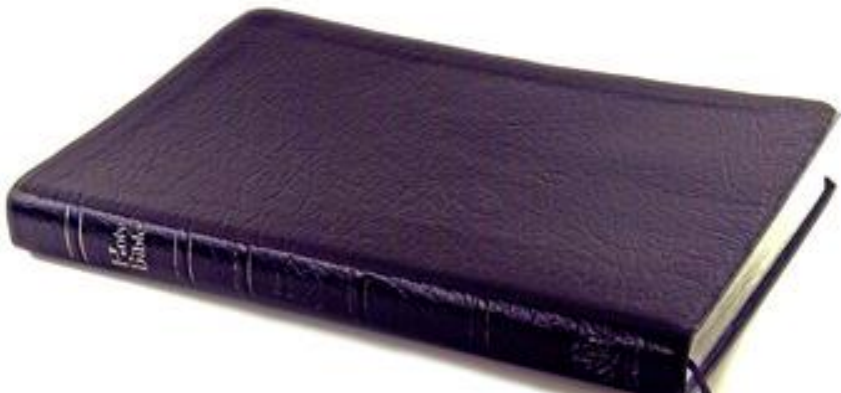
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- *"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9).*

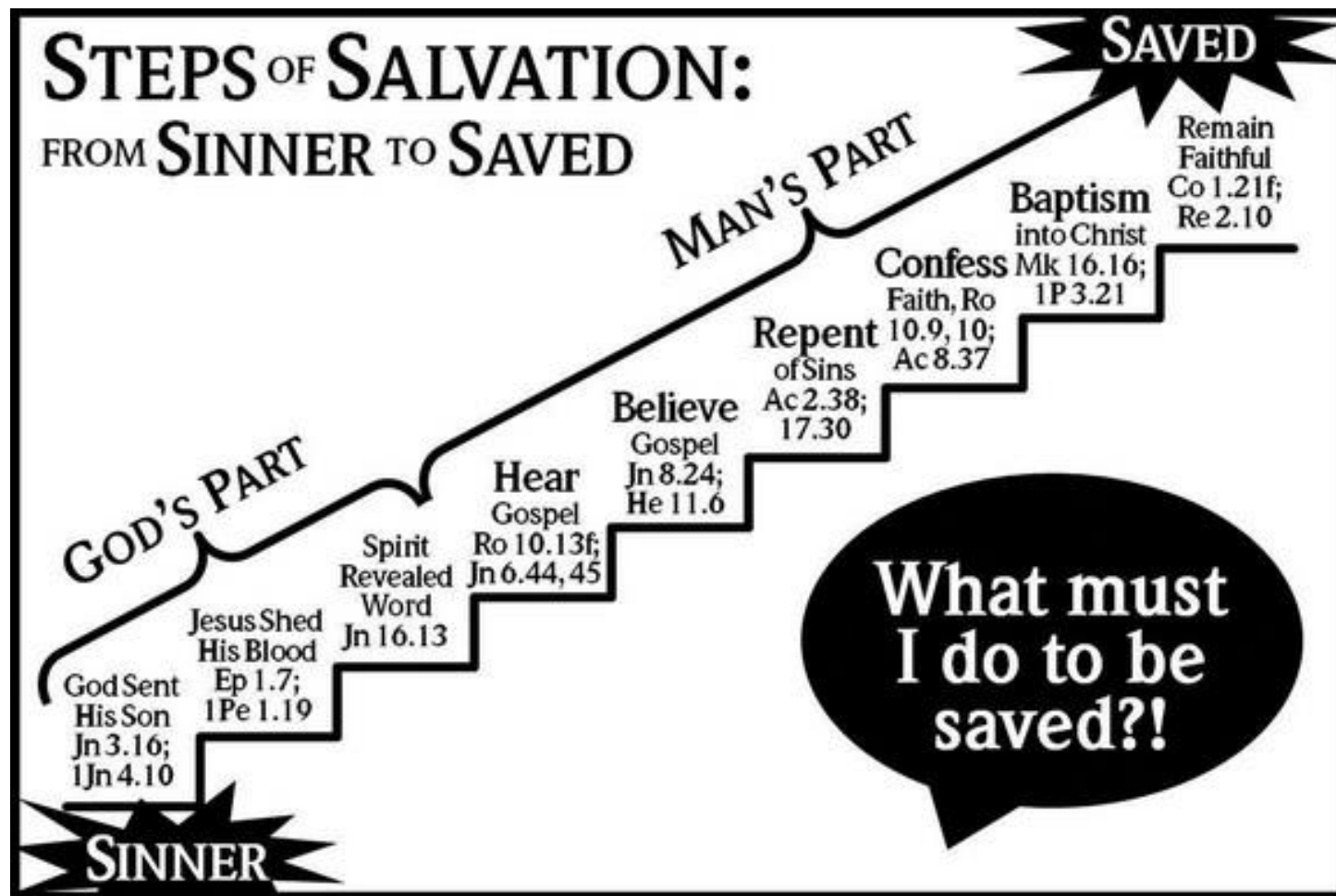
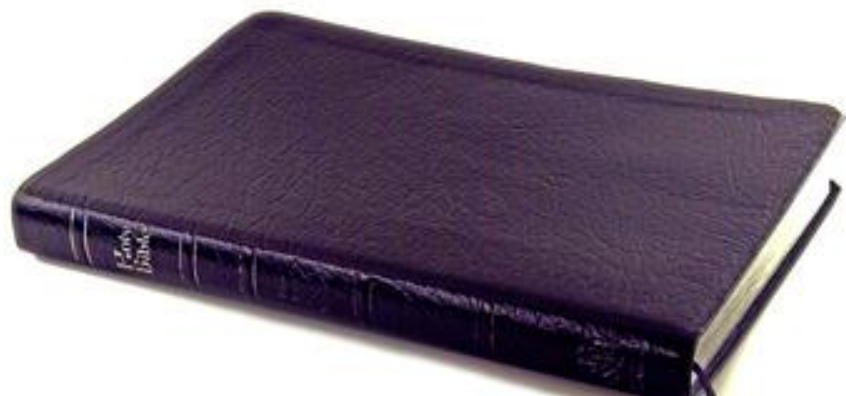


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- **Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek
- The gospel is God's power unto salvation
- It reveals God's love and grace, Christ's blood, and all that He did for us.
- It also reveals what man must do in order to be saved (**Rom. 10:17; Mk. 16:16; Matt. 10:32-33; Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21**).



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- **Acts 10:34** Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. **35** But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.

