

Guarding the Gospel of Grace

Preserving Liberty in Christ



Two Gospels:

God. Has. Done. Everything. For. Us.

The gospel of GRACE!

We. Must. Do. Something. Too.

The “gospel” of WORKS!

At Conversion

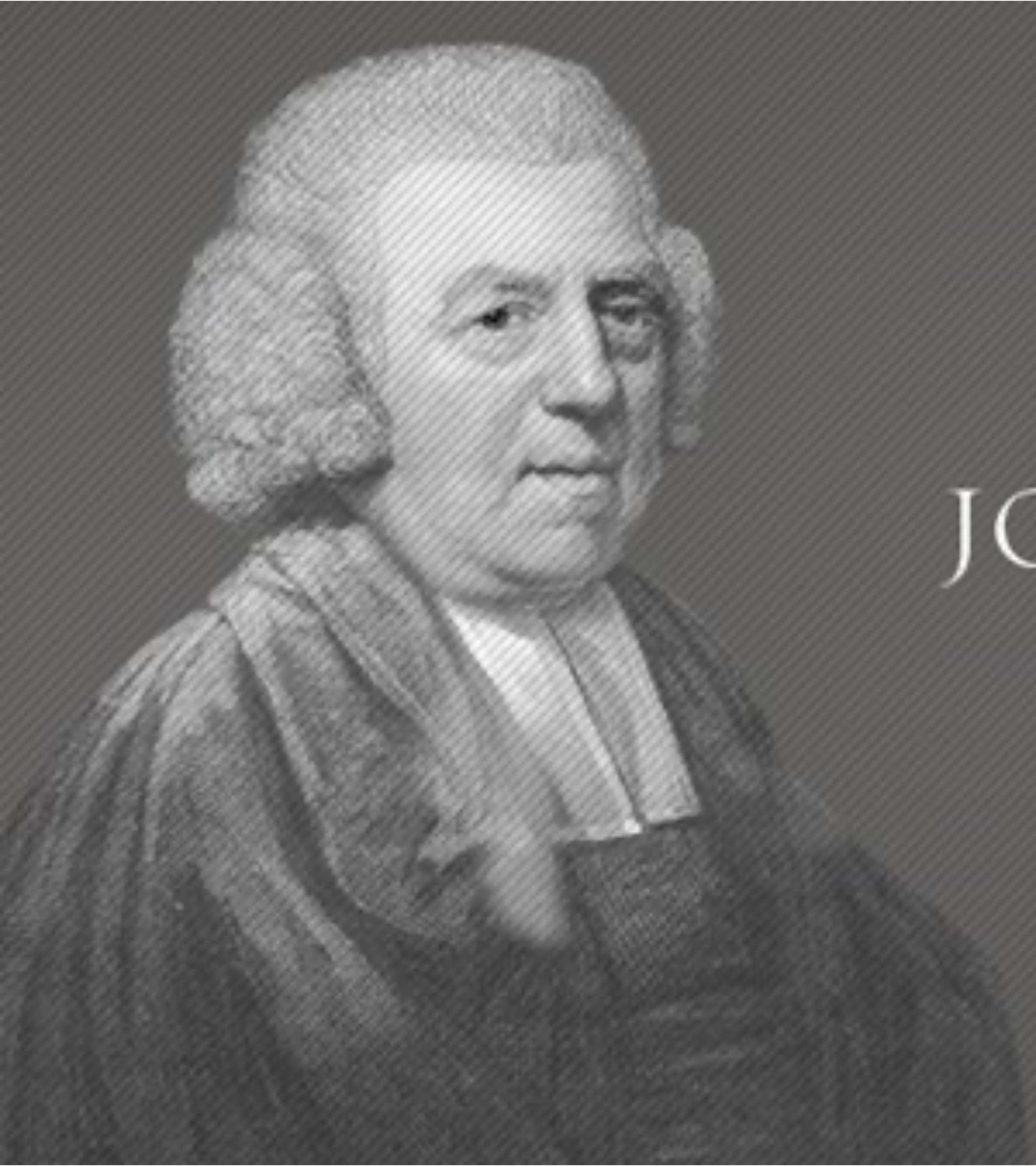
**God Works
We Believe**

**The gospel
of GRACE!**

After Conversion

**God Empowers
We Obey**

**The GRACE
of the gospel!**



Amazing Grace!

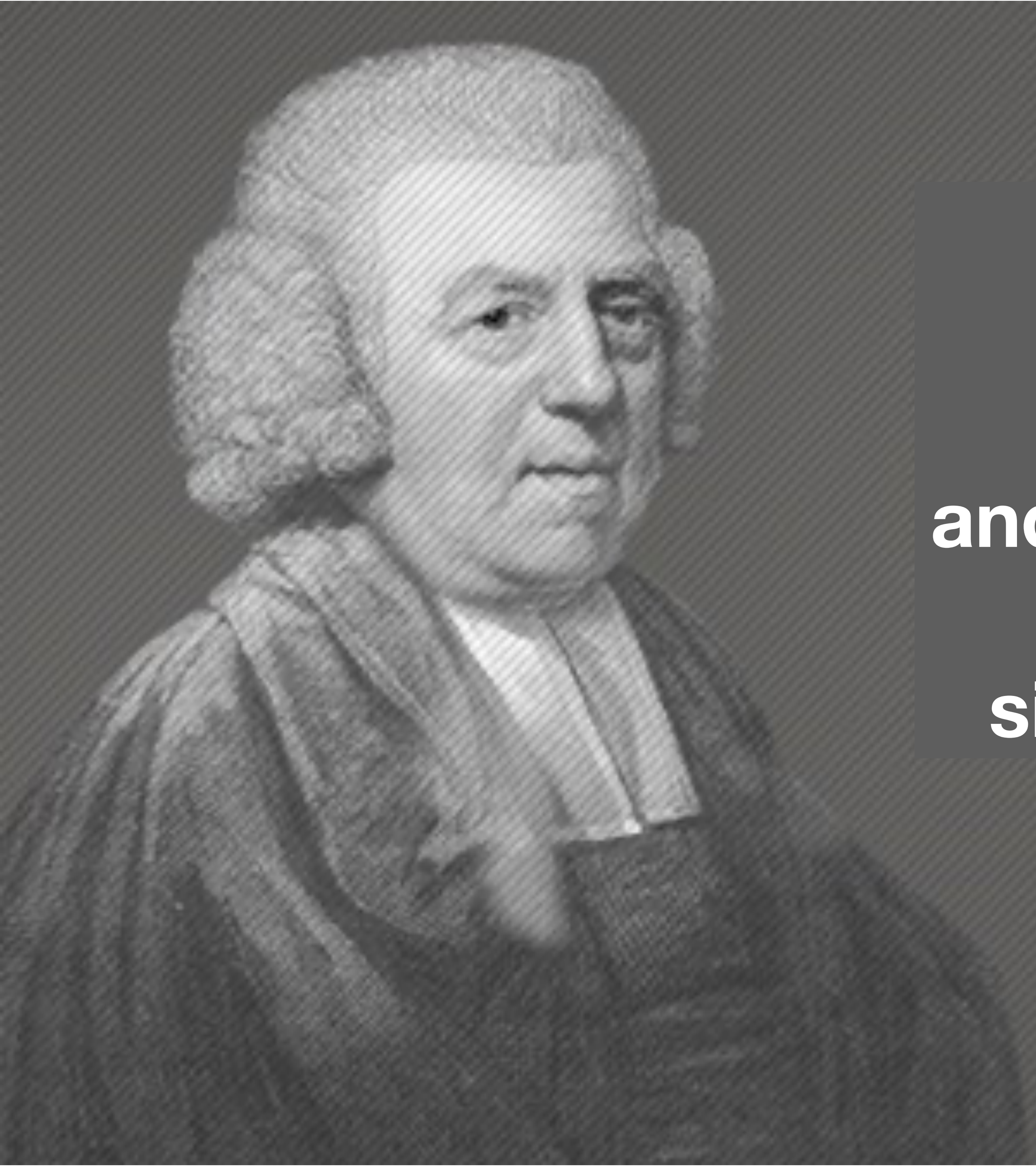
JOHN NEWTON

1725-1807

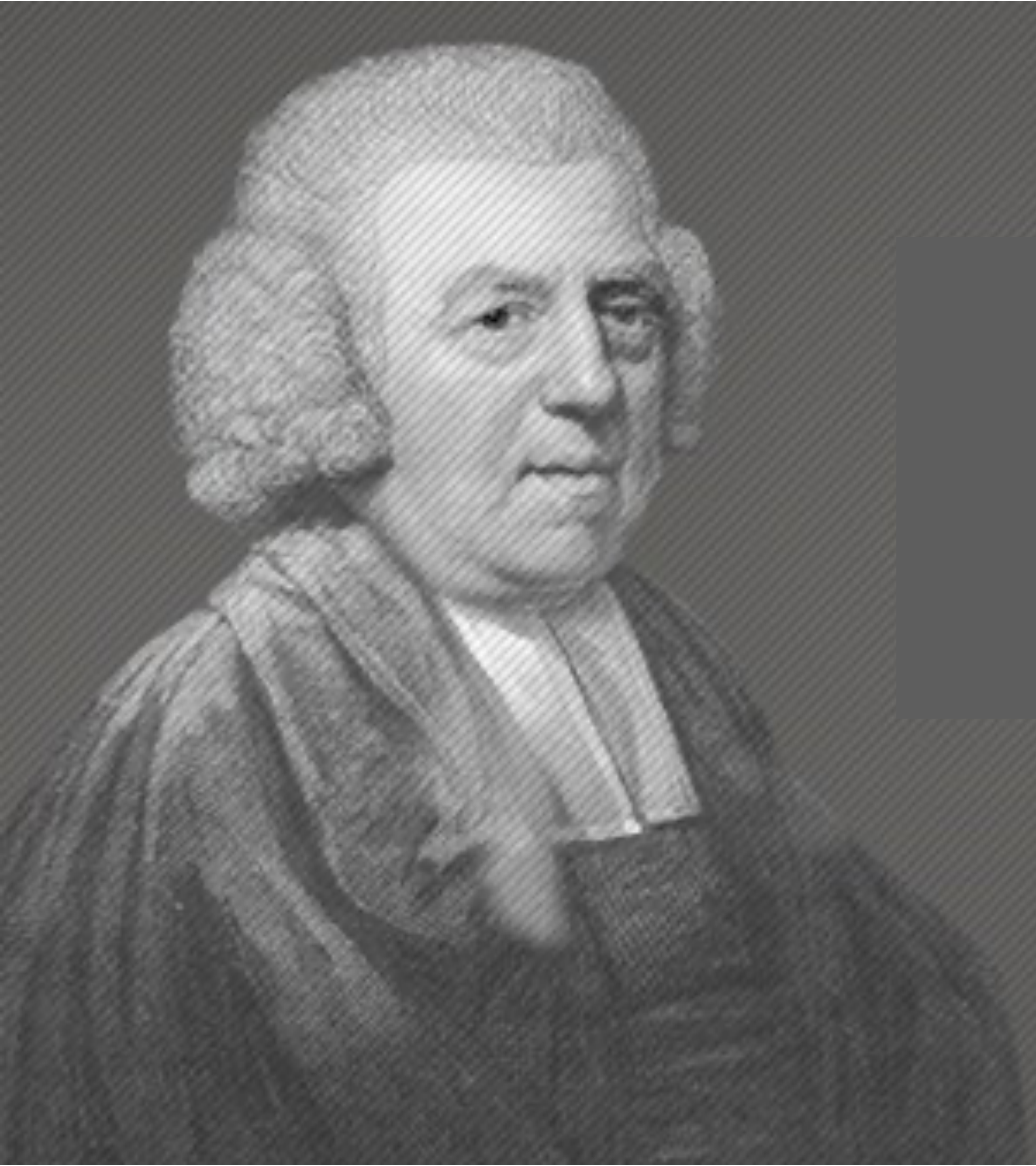
July 24, 1725

March 10, 1748

December 21, 1807



**“That 10th of March
is a day much to be
remembered by me;
and I have never allowed it
to pass unnoticed
since the year 1748. ...”**



**“... For on that day
the Lord came
from on high
and delivered me
out of deep waters.”**

The Book of Galatians
is the Christian's

“Declaration of Independence”

The Book of Galatians

➔ 1-2 The Gospel of Grace **Defended**

3-4 The Gospel of Grace **Explained**

5-6 The Gospel of Grace **Applied**



The Gospel is above culture

Jesus was a Jew

The Disciples were Jews

The 120 in Jerusalem were Jews

But the Gospel is for all nations!

Galatians 1:11-24

Paul's **Source** for Preaching the Gospel
(11-14)

Paul's **Preparation** for Preaching the Gospel
(15-20)

Paul's **Testimony** of Preaching the Gospel
(21-24)



Paul's **Source** for Preaching the Gospel

His **Education** (11-12)

His **Past** (13-14)



His **Education**

Not after **Man**, nor received from **Man**

But taught by the **revelation** of **Jesus Christ**

His **Past**

Persecuting the church of God (Acts 15:9)

Profiting in the Jewish religion (Philip. 3)

The Apostle Paul's Persecution

Acts 7:58-8:3

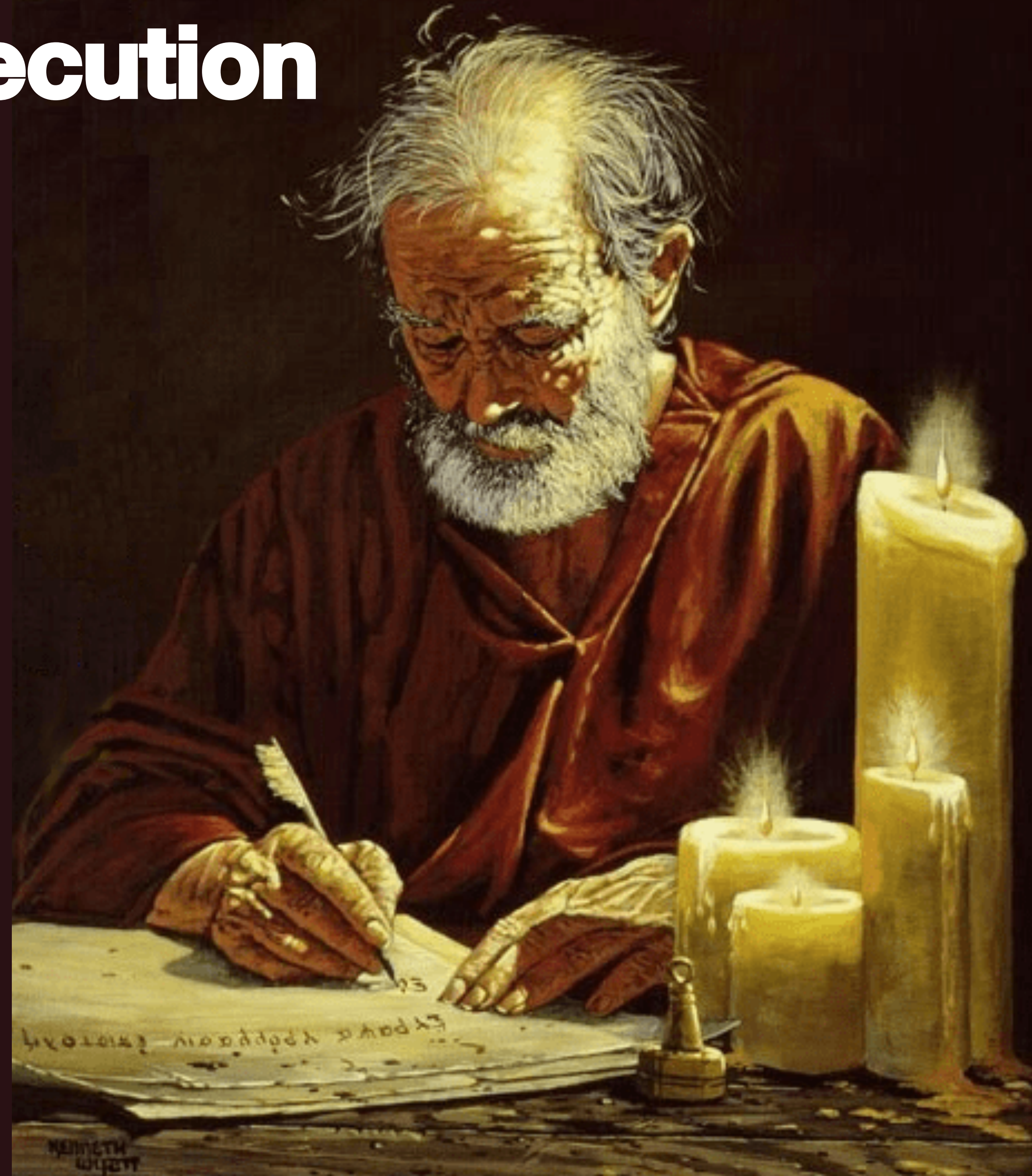
Acts 9:1-2

Acts 22:4; 26:9

1 Cor. 15:9

Philip. 3:6

1 Tim. 1:13-15



Paul's **Preparation** for Preaching the Gospel

Separated from birth and **Called** by God

Training in **Arabia** and **Damascus** (3 years)

Visit to **Jerusalem**

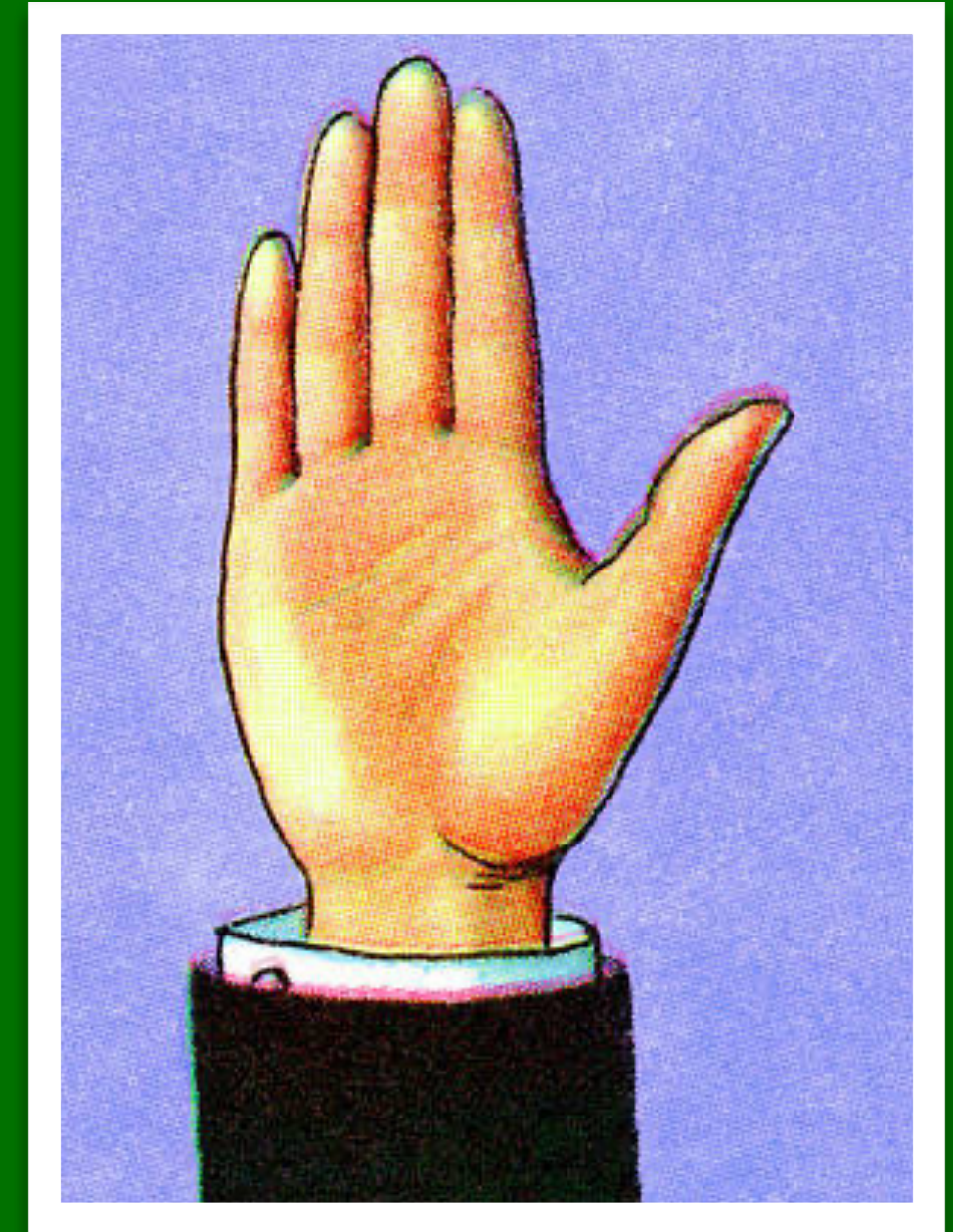
Maturing in **Syria** and **Cilicia** (7 years?)



Truth words

“I certify you” - declare, prove

“I lie not” - oath formula



Time words

“In time past” - zeal as a Jew

“When” - conversion by grace

“Immediately” - looking to God

“Three Years” - learning from God*

“15 Days” - to meet Peter

*like the disciples!

“Afterwards” - going home

“In times past” - persecuting churches



Place words

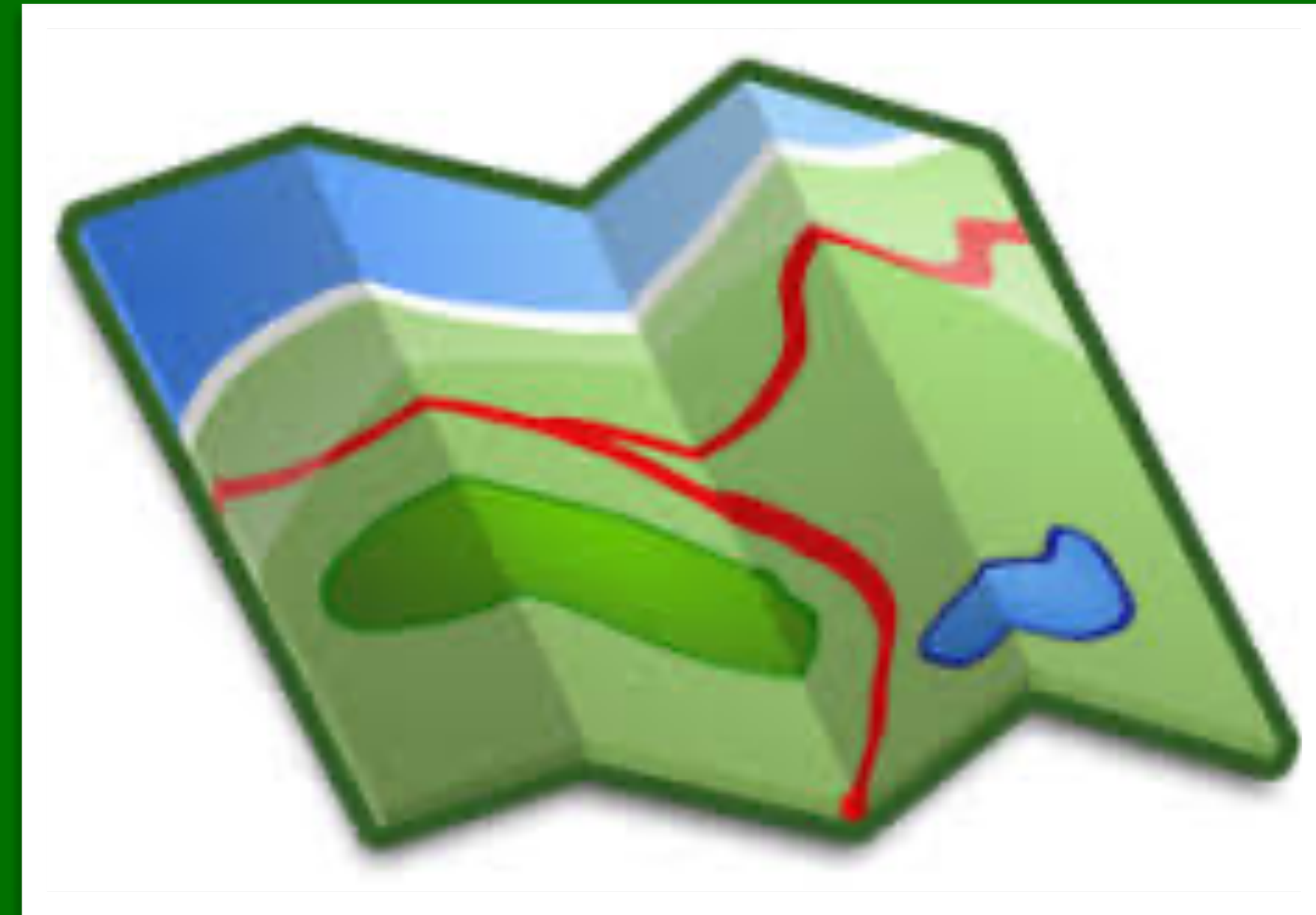
“Arabia”

“Damascus”

“Jerusalem”

“Syria & Cilicia”

“Judea”



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Tarsus

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Damascus

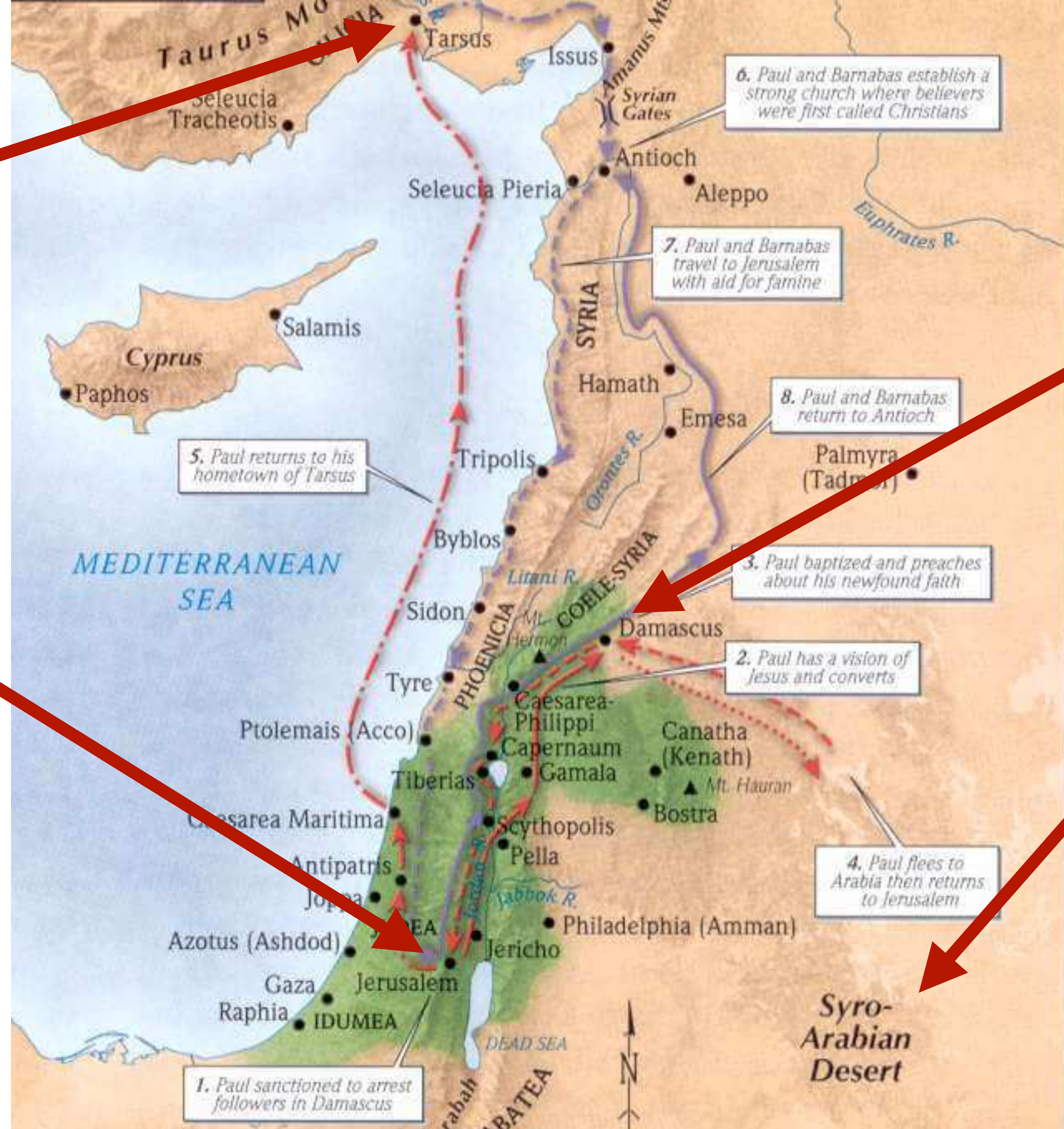
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Jerusalem

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Arabia

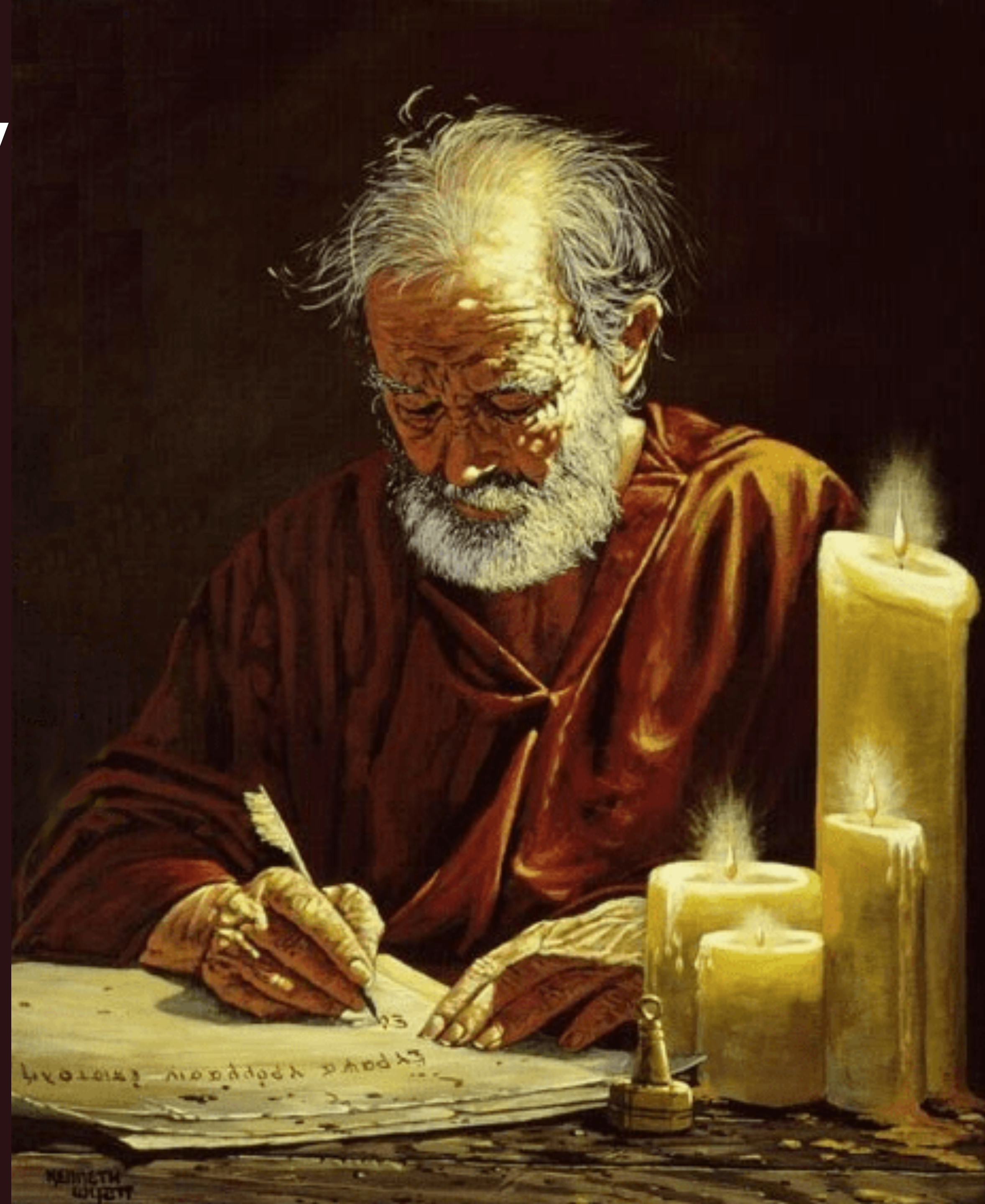


The Apostle Paul's Story

Acts 9:1-31

Acts 22:3-21

Acts 26:4-23



Paul's **Testimony** for Preaching the Gospel

A **Changed** Life

From **Persecuting** to **Preaching**

A **Glorifying** Life

Churches **Glorifying God** in Him



The Book of Galatians

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5-6 The Gospel of Grace **Applied** (Moral)



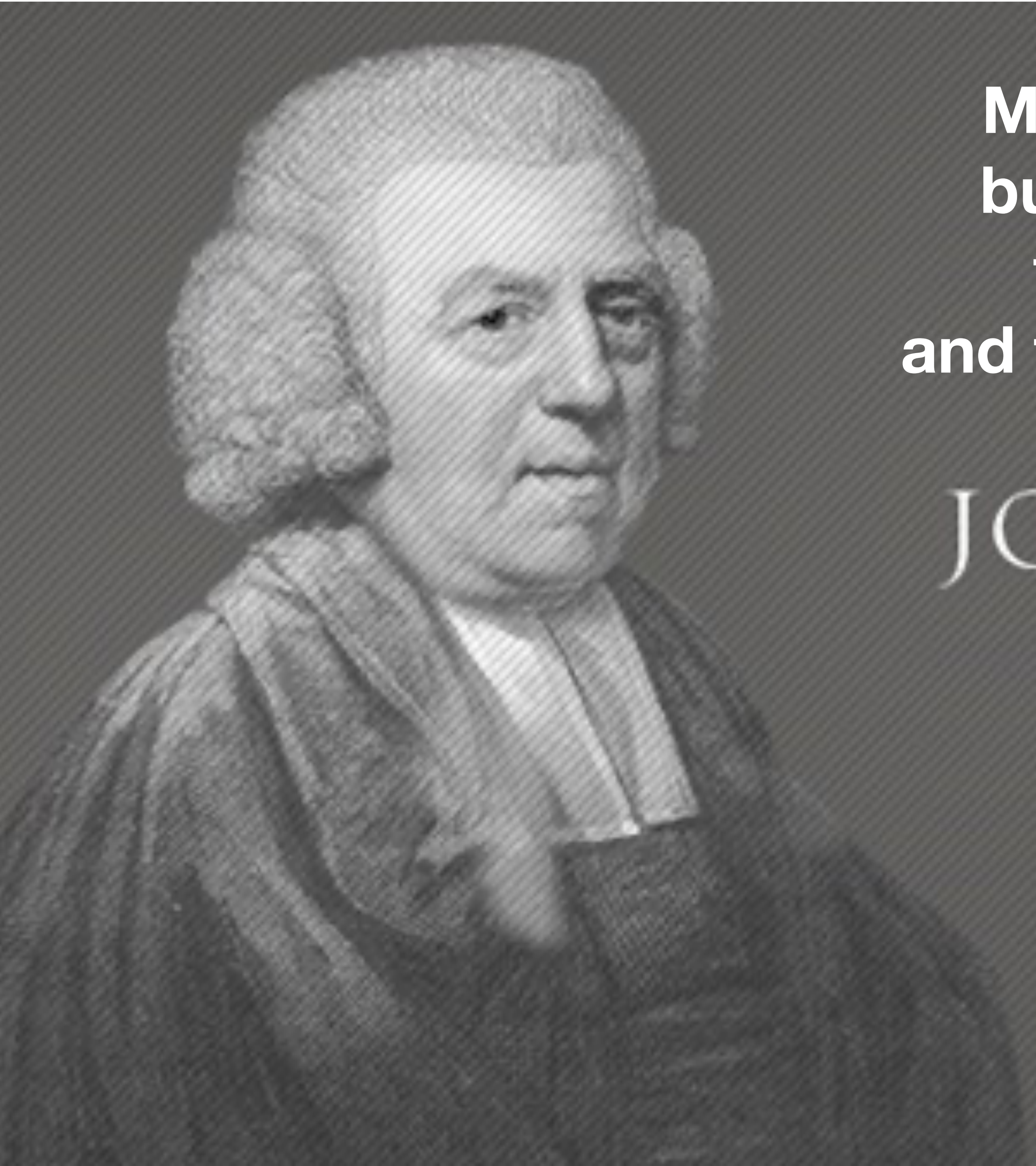
What is Paul's Claim?

His gospel was not learned from the apostles

His gospel came directly from Jesus Christ

Therefore, his gospel had no "Jewish" trappings

Adding anything to his gospel was false

A black and white portrait of John Newton, an 18th-century English hymnwriter and theologian. He is shown from the chest up, wearing a dark coat and a white cravat. He has a serious expression and is looking slightly to the right. The background is a dark, textured grey.

**My memory is nearly gone,
but I remember two things:
that I am a great sinner,
and that Christ is a great Savior!**

JOHN NEWTON

1725–1807

Paul Wrote His Own Story

1. What he were like before he was saved
2. How he got saved by grace
3. How God had changed him since he was saved

Write Your Own Story

1. What you were like before you were saved
2. How you got saved by grace
3. How God has changed you since you were saved



Hymn #130
“Amazing Grace”

ven ver - loot te zijn, Van
Heer, dat niet meer ik Maar Chris - tus leev' in sij.