

How big is God's grace?

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“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.” John 3: 36

“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”

Mark 16: 16



**Christ's sacrifice on Calvary
provided the only hope for
all humanity.**



**God's church must never
stop trying to understand
the size of God's grace.**



**God's grace permeates
absolutely every corner of
the Bible message.**

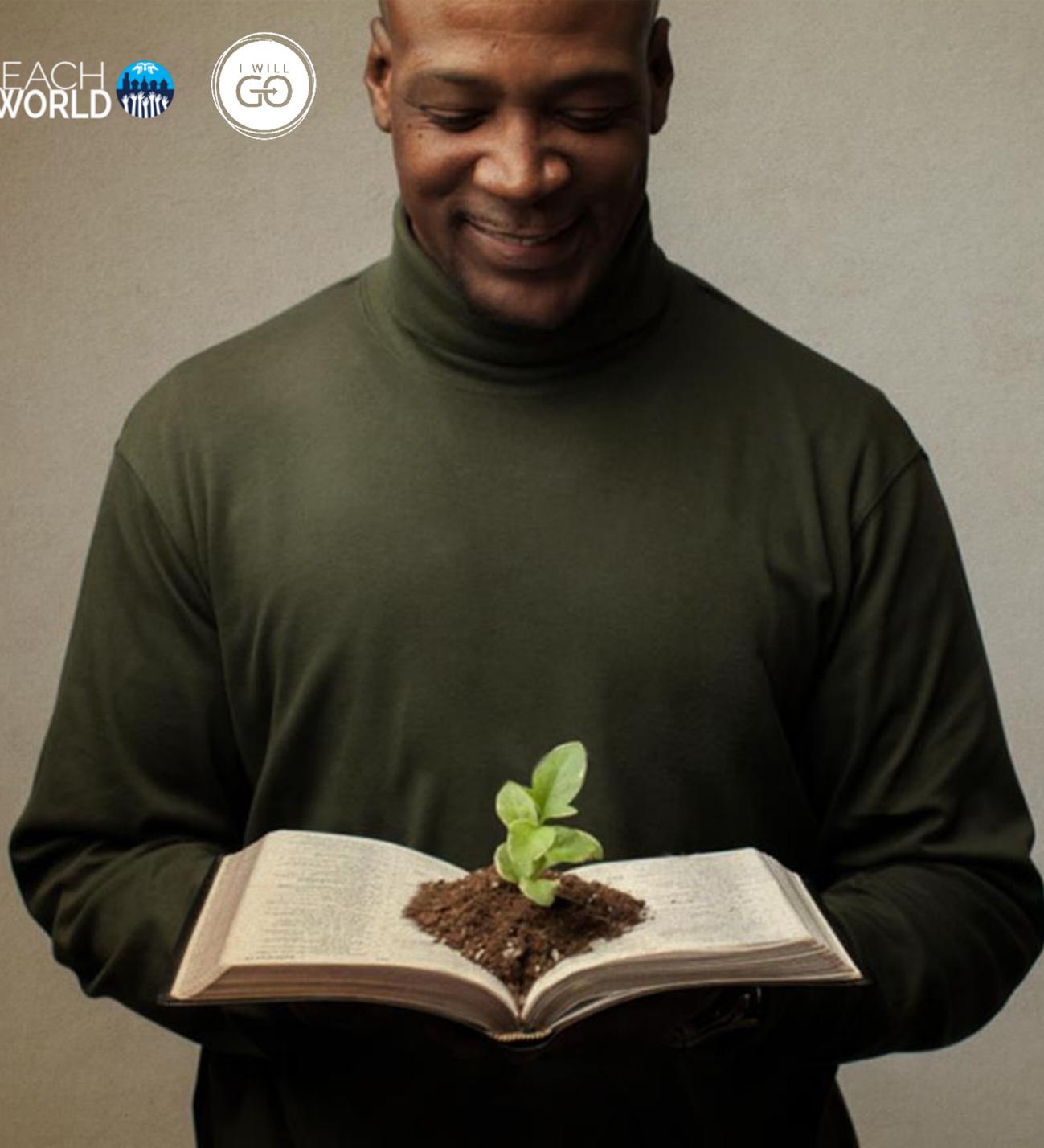


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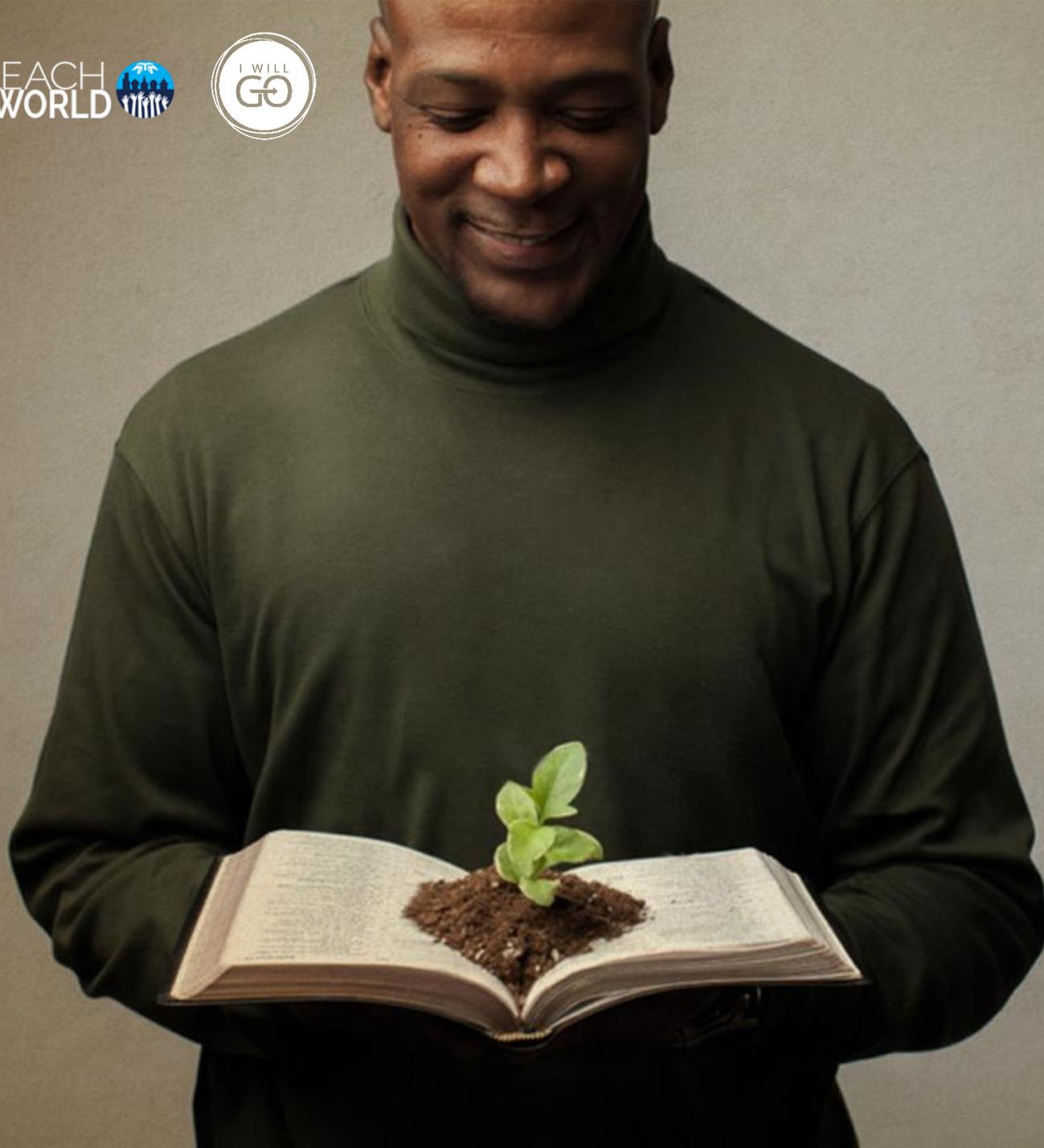


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God's word is
that which leads
us to Christ's
righteousness.



God's Word is
the inexhaustible
expression of
measuring the
size of grace.

Throwing out what grace has provided **shrinks** grace.

“Hyper-grace” claims you are so saturated with grace that reform is not required.

Seventh-day Adventist believe that embracing what grace has provided expands grace.



Revelation 14:12

having the faith “of” Jesus

“Keep the commandments of God
and ‘keep’ the faith of Jesus”



The church pioneers' theology
has become the focus of
criticism.

There is **no** new kind of grace
that somehow *grows*
while God's message *shrinks*.

What grace provides, the complete Bible message, is largely embraced by Seventh-day Adventists

Every year, the distinctive identifying marks of a remnant church are just a little less embraced by the membership.

**Criticism of the church always
accompanies grace shrinkers.**

- **Three Angel's Messages**
- **a remnant raised up by Christ for a last day work**
- **a seven literal, contiguous day creation**
- **the Great Controversy**
- **the pre- advent judgement**
- **public evangelism**
- **holiness in lifestyle**
- **prophetic portions of Daniel and Revelation**

Where did these inspired Biblical themes come from?

“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”

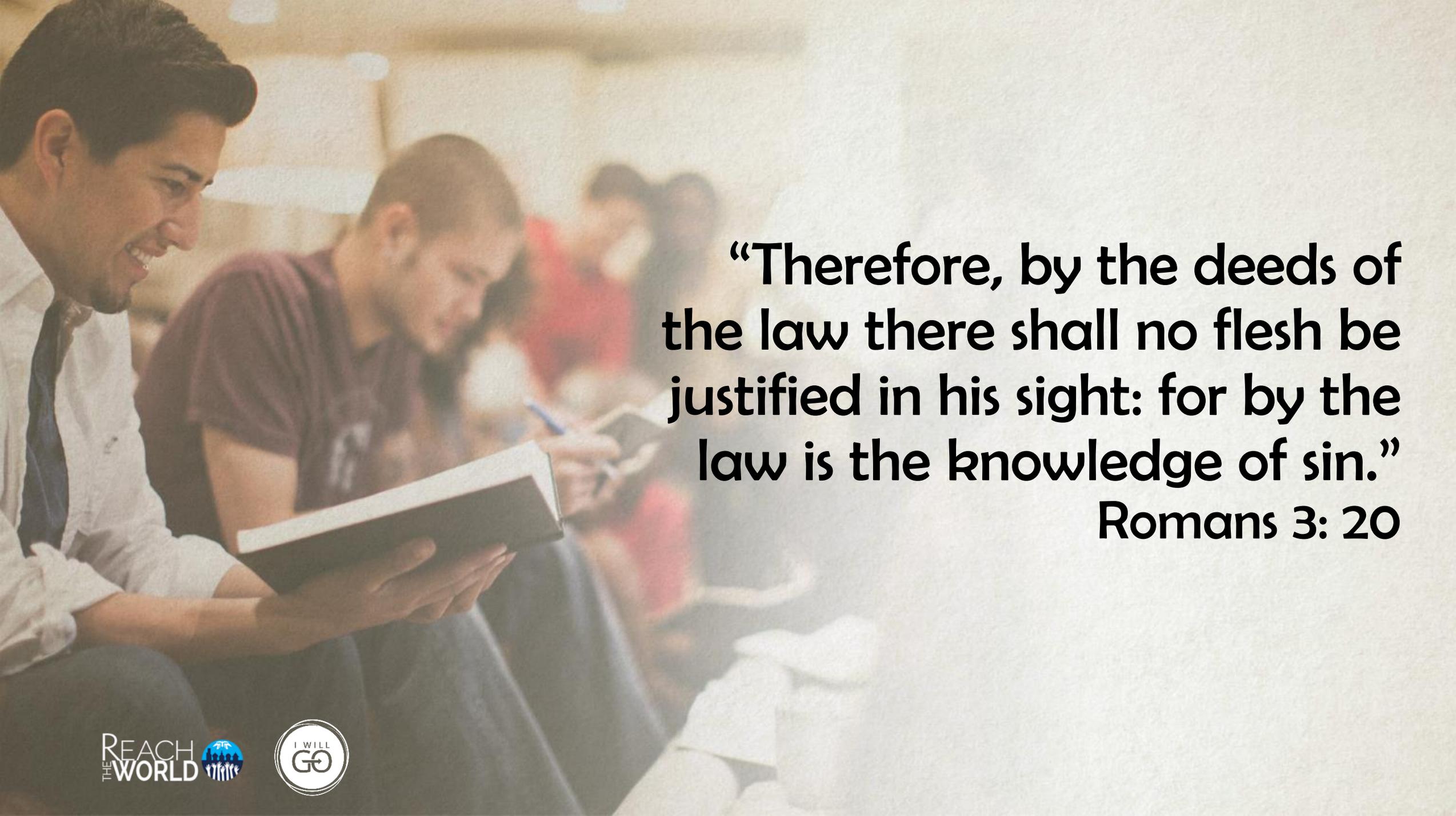
2 Peter 1: 20, 21



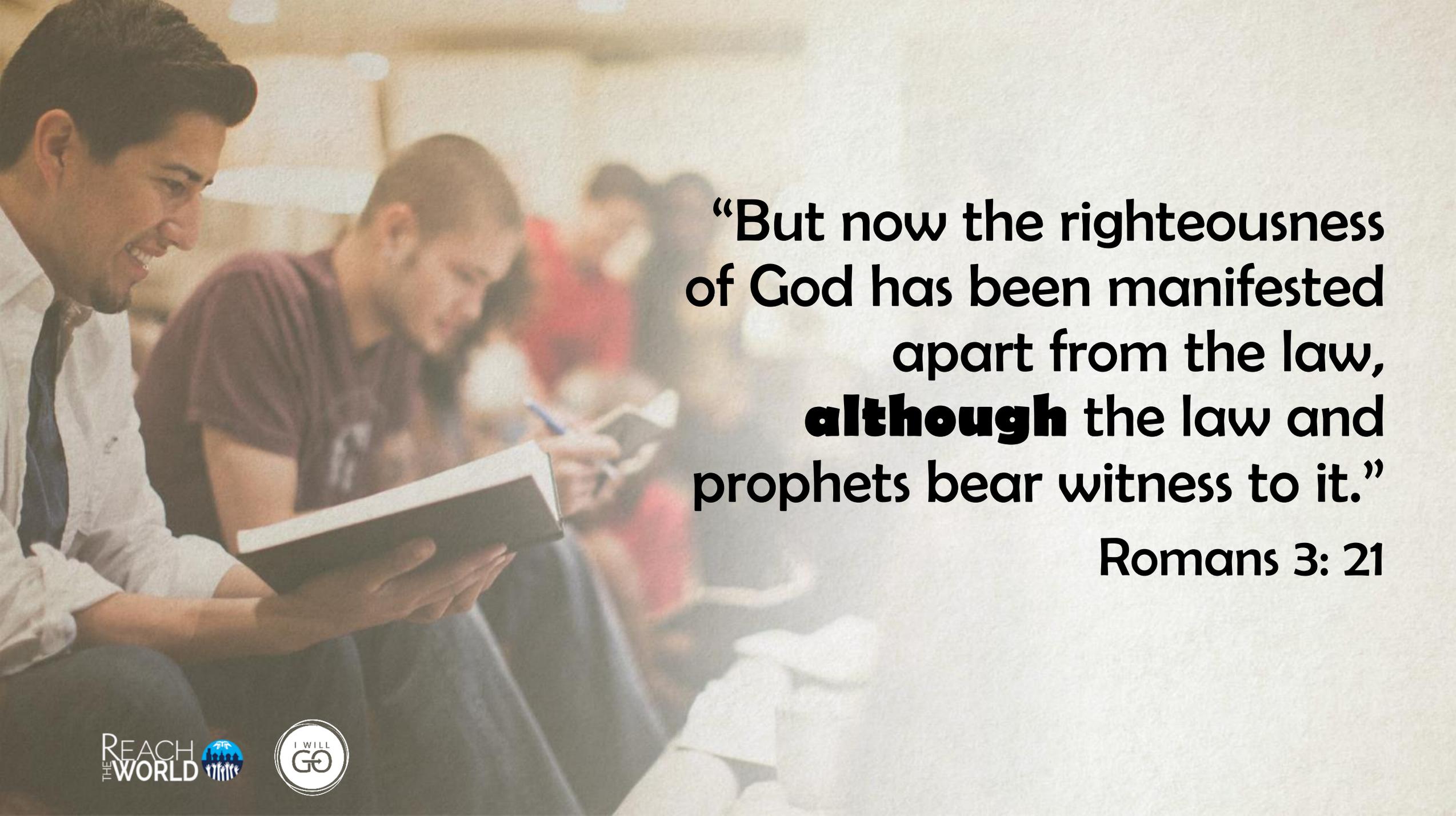


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-don't jump to conclusions until you consider what follows.

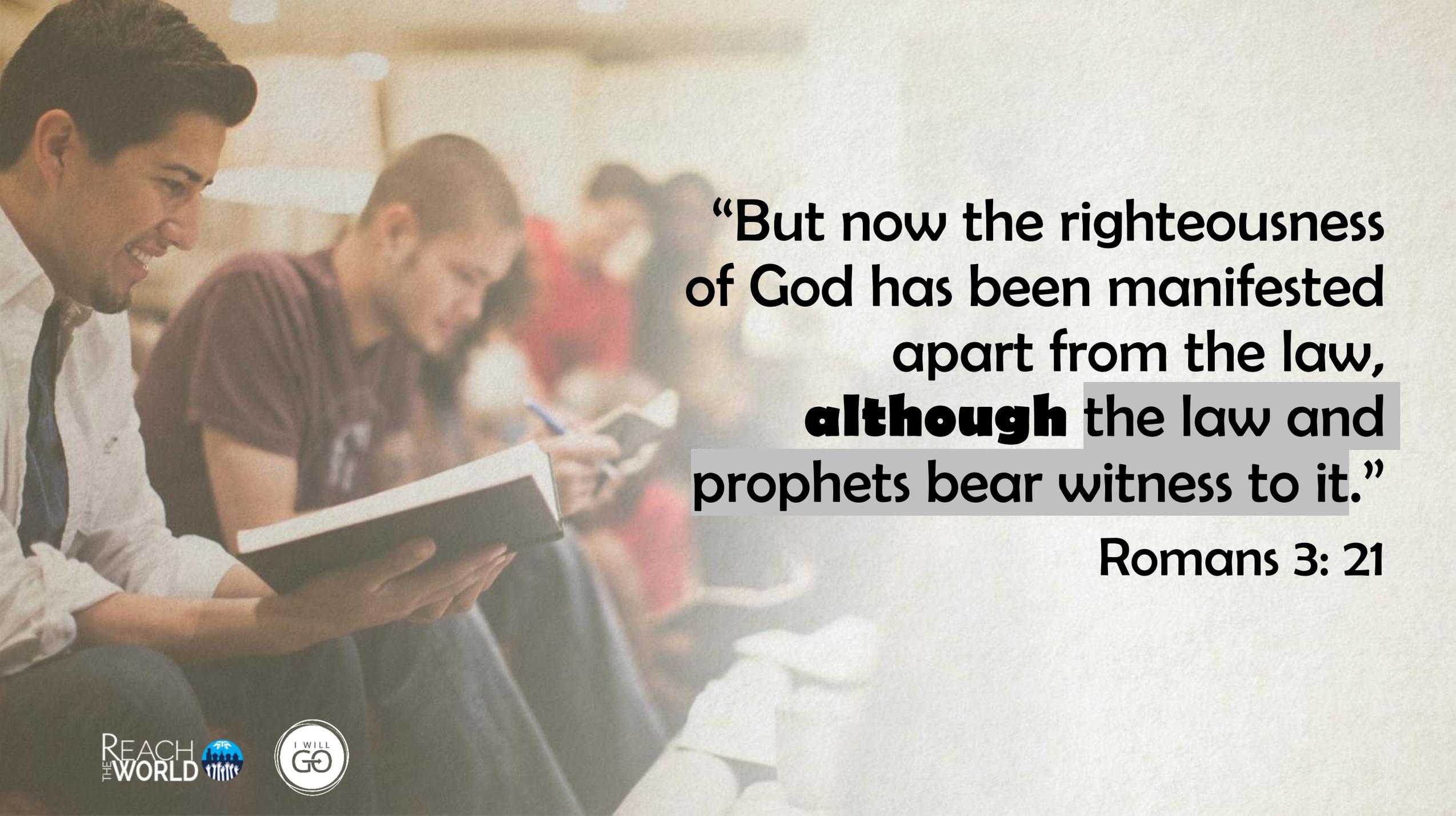


“Therefore, by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.”
Romans 3: 20



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“Between the laws of men and precepts of Jehovah will come the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error. Upon this battle we are now entering a battle not between rival churches contending for the supremacy, but between the religion of the Bible and the religions of fable and tradition.

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The agencies which have united against truth are now actively at work. God's Holy Word which has been handed down to us at so great a cost of suffering and bloodshed, is little valued. There are few who really accept it as the rule of life. Infidelity prevails to an alarming extent, not in the world only, but in the church.

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Many have come to deny doctrines which are the very pillars of the Christian faith. The great facts of creation as presented by the inspired writers, the fall of man, the atonement, the perpetuity of the law – these all are practically rejected by a large share of the professedly Christian world.

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Thousands who pride themselves on their knowledge regard it as an evidence of weakness to place implicit confidence in the Bible, and a proof of learning to cavil at the Scriptures and to spiritualize and explain away their most important truths.”

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Coming Kingdom

**Christ set in motion the greatest
revolution the world has ever known.**



Matthew 22

Verse 2: The king made a wedding for his son

Verse 3: Invited all we would expect to be at the wedding - "They would not come"

Verse 4: Hearing this, the king sent other servants and invited the same people.

Note:

- 1) they did not recognize the word of the king
- 2) they did not recognize the invitation from the king
- 3) they did not submit themselves to the day the king had set aside
- 4) they did not travel the road to the wedding feast

Matthew 22

Verse 5: They made light of the king's word, they made light of his invitation, mocked his special day, rejected dinner with the son and off they went drunk with their own tiny ideas, missing the most important invitation in the history of the universe – an invitation to wear the king's robe of righteousness.

Verse 6: Then they threw-out God's law. They became murderers.

Verse 7: Christ made it abundantly clear that the king will exercise a day of judgement.

Verse 8: Those that rejected that which bear witness to the wedding, the king declares, "they were not worthy"

Matthew 22

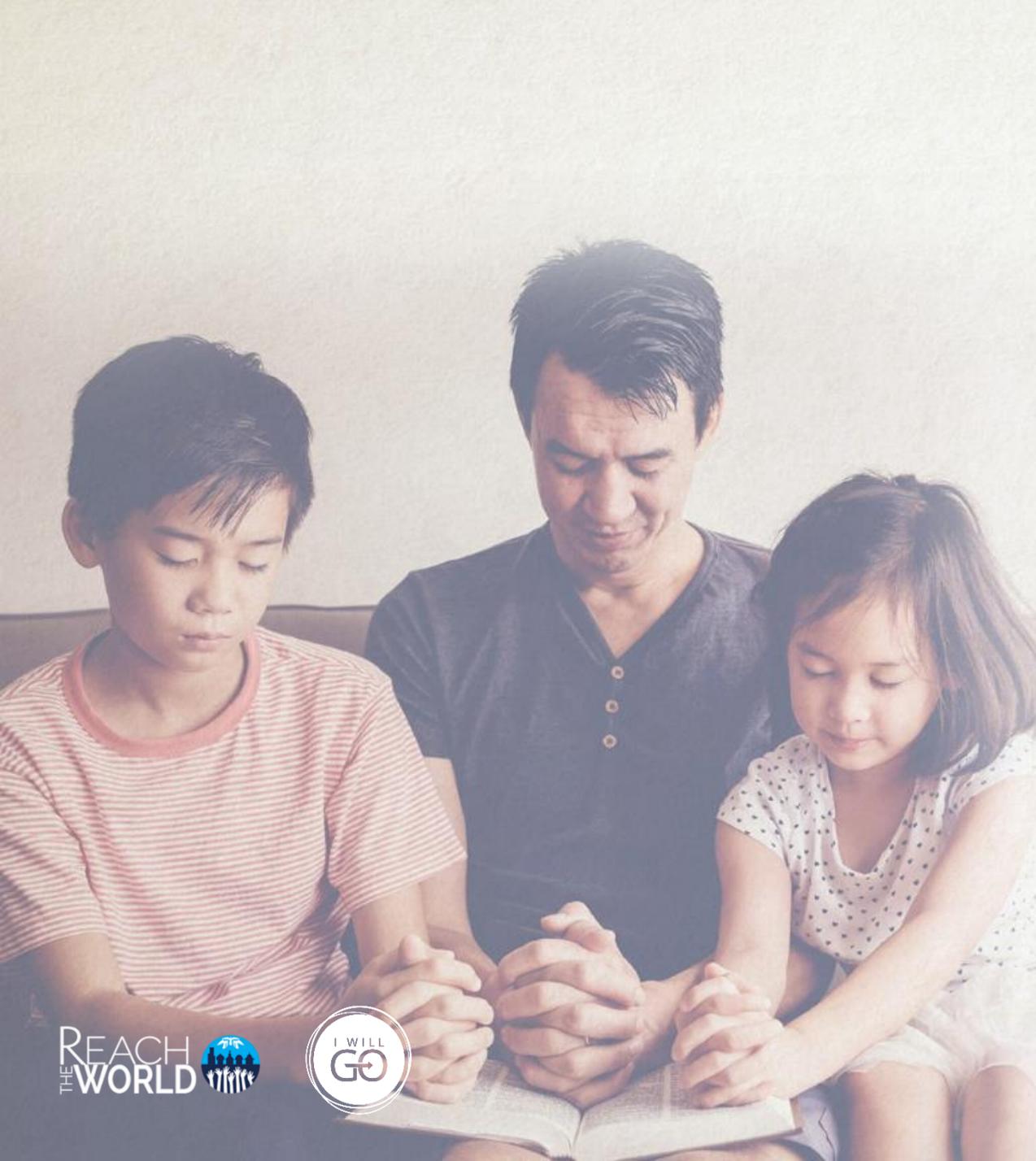
Verse 9: The king now commands them to go and invite everyone.

Verse 10. They believed the king's word, they clung to the king's invitation, they honored the king's special day, and with all their hearts, minds and souls they raced to the palace of the king! They will receive the prize, they will receive the high calling of God, they will have ROBES OF CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS!

Verse 11, 12 and 13: There will be those seeking grace who are speechless on that day.

We need to be foremost in asking the world,
why miss heaven?





Grace has provided signs of His coming.
Grace has provided prophecies of His coming.
Grace has provided God's word.
Grace has provided promises.
Grace has provided repentance.
Grace has Christ's righteousness.
Grace has provided forgiveness.
Grace has provided a yoke that is easy and a burden that is light.

Let the church arise and preach **the road to Christ's righteousness.**



“Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11: 28-30



“Come now, let us reason together, saith the Lord. Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow, though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”

Isaiah 1: 18



“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:9

Jesus has made me clean



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