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A painting of a hand holding a foot, symbolizing grace and redemption. The hand is positioned to support the foot, with the fingers gently gripping the heel. The background is a soft, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is one of hope and divine assistance.

“IT”

Grace part 2

ONLY ONE LIFE

Romans 6:19-23

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IT

- Some ministries have IT. Some don't.
- Most churches want IT. Few have IT.
- When a church has IT, everyone can tell. And when one doesn't...everyone can tell
- Leaders. Some have IT. Some don't
- Some people are full of IT.
- IT is unique, IT is powerful, IT is life- changing. That's IT's upside. IT also has another side too. IT attracts critics, it is controversial.
- Many people misunderstand IT

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“IT”

- When a ministry has IT- Everyone hears about IT. “You have to visIT this church, What’s going on there is incredible. Trust me you have to go and check IT out.
- People do check out IT churches.
- Many people actually join IT churches.
- You might be saying, “I don’t understand IT?”
- God makes IT available to anyone who wants IT

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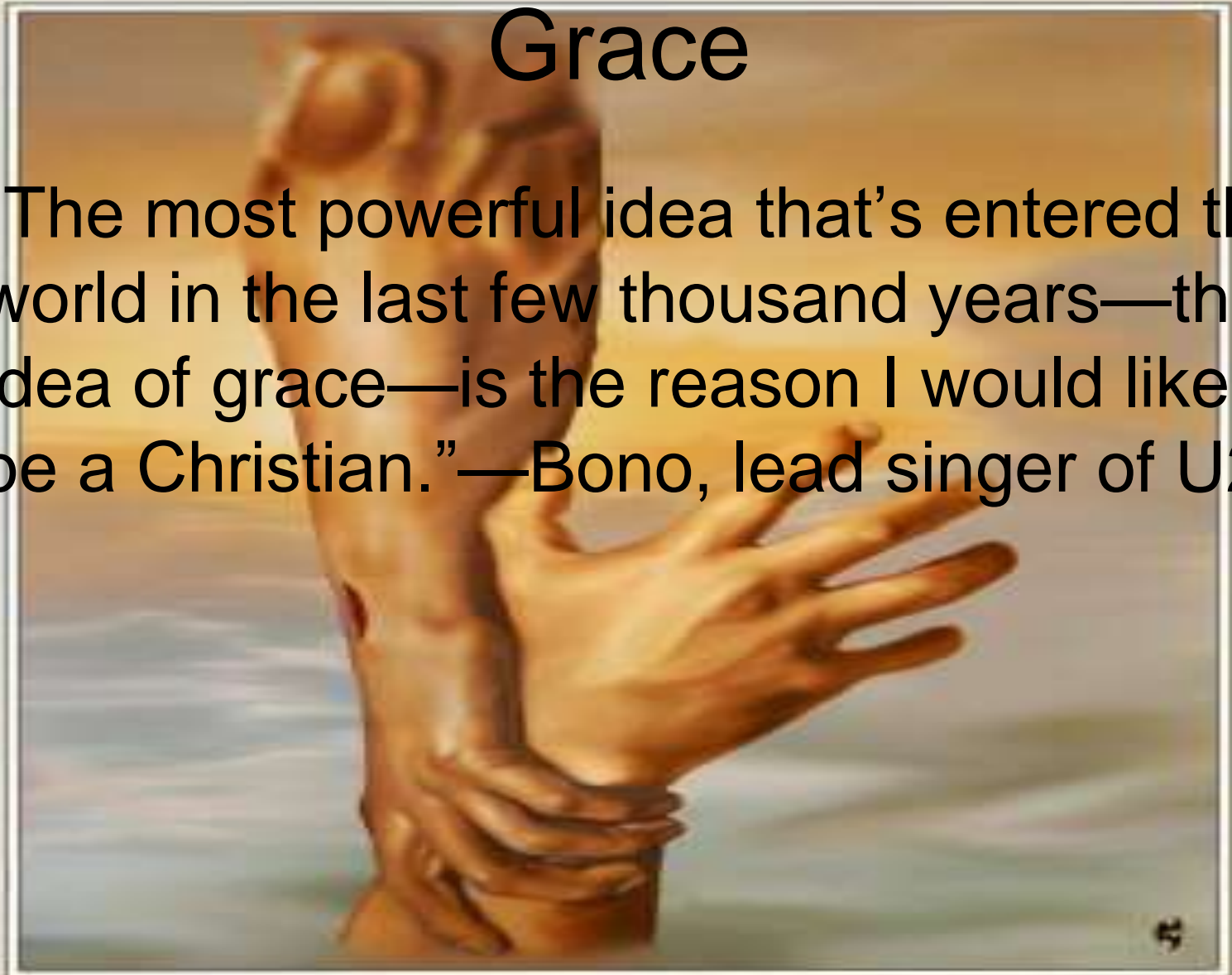
IT

- Good news: If you don't have it, you can get it.
- Bad news: if you have it, you can lose it
- When you have it, you know that It does not belong to you, It belongs to God, He gives IT, Since IT is His and not yours, your willing to share IT.
- The more you try to keep IT, the less of IT you tend to have. The more you are willing to give IT away, the more of IT God seems to give.

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Grace

- "The most powerful idea that's entered the world in the last few thousand years—the idea of grace—is the reason I would like to be a Christian."—Bono, lead singer of U2



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Grace

- Grace is mentioned 170 times in the Bible.
- Grace is God's unmerited favor.
- Grace is God doing good for us that we do not deserve.
- Because of God's grace, I receive eternal life and a promise of heaven though I do not deserve them.

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Making the Connection

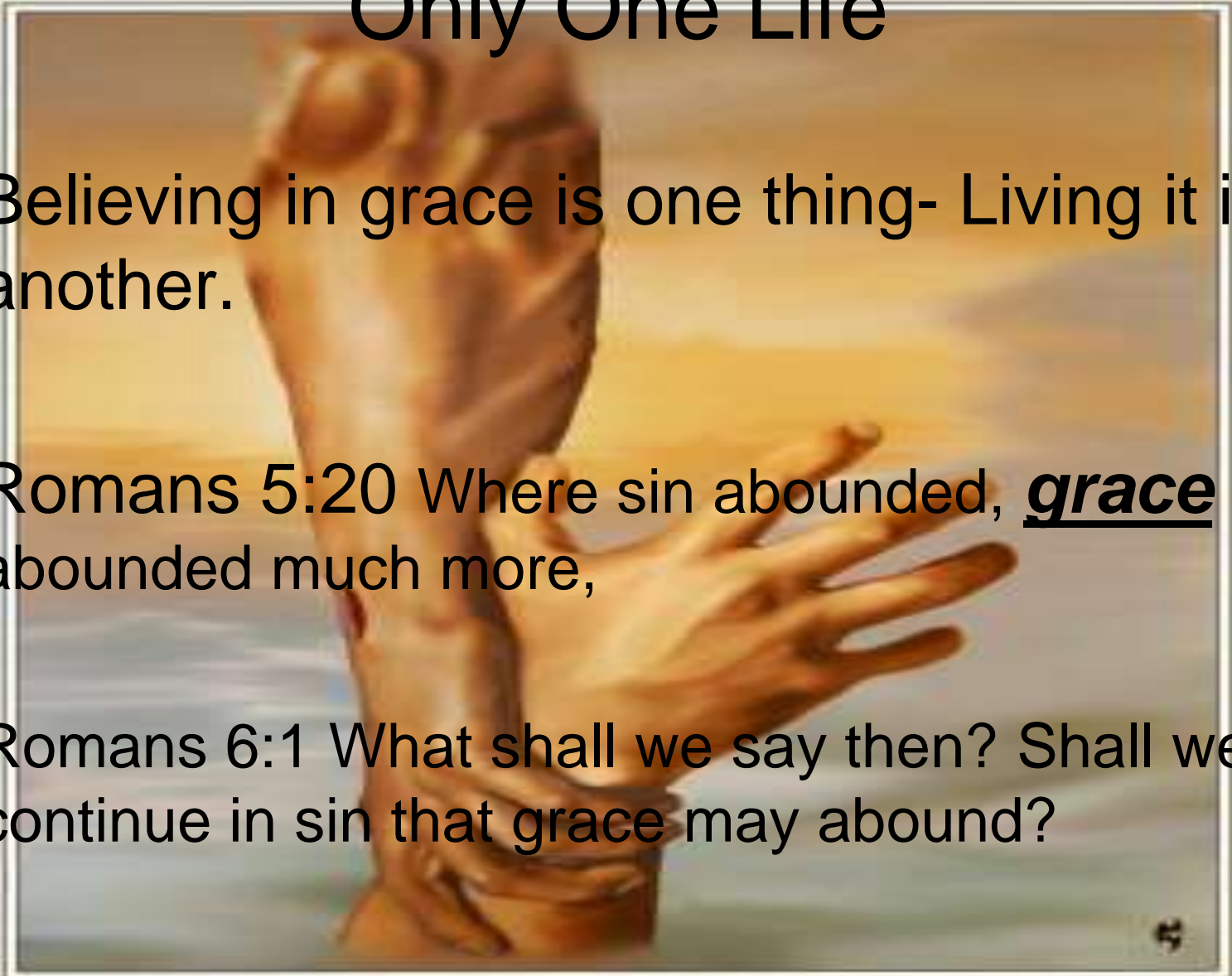
- 1. What are some of the *pursuits* in this life that carry your attention and dominate your schedule but have very little impact on eternity?
- 2. What can you invest yourself in during this lifetime that will yield eternal dividends?



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Only One Life

- Believing in grace is one thing- Living it is another.
- Romans 5:20 Where sin abounded, **grace** abounded much more,
- Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?



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Only One Life- Freedom

Galatians 5:1- It was for freedom that Christ set us free...

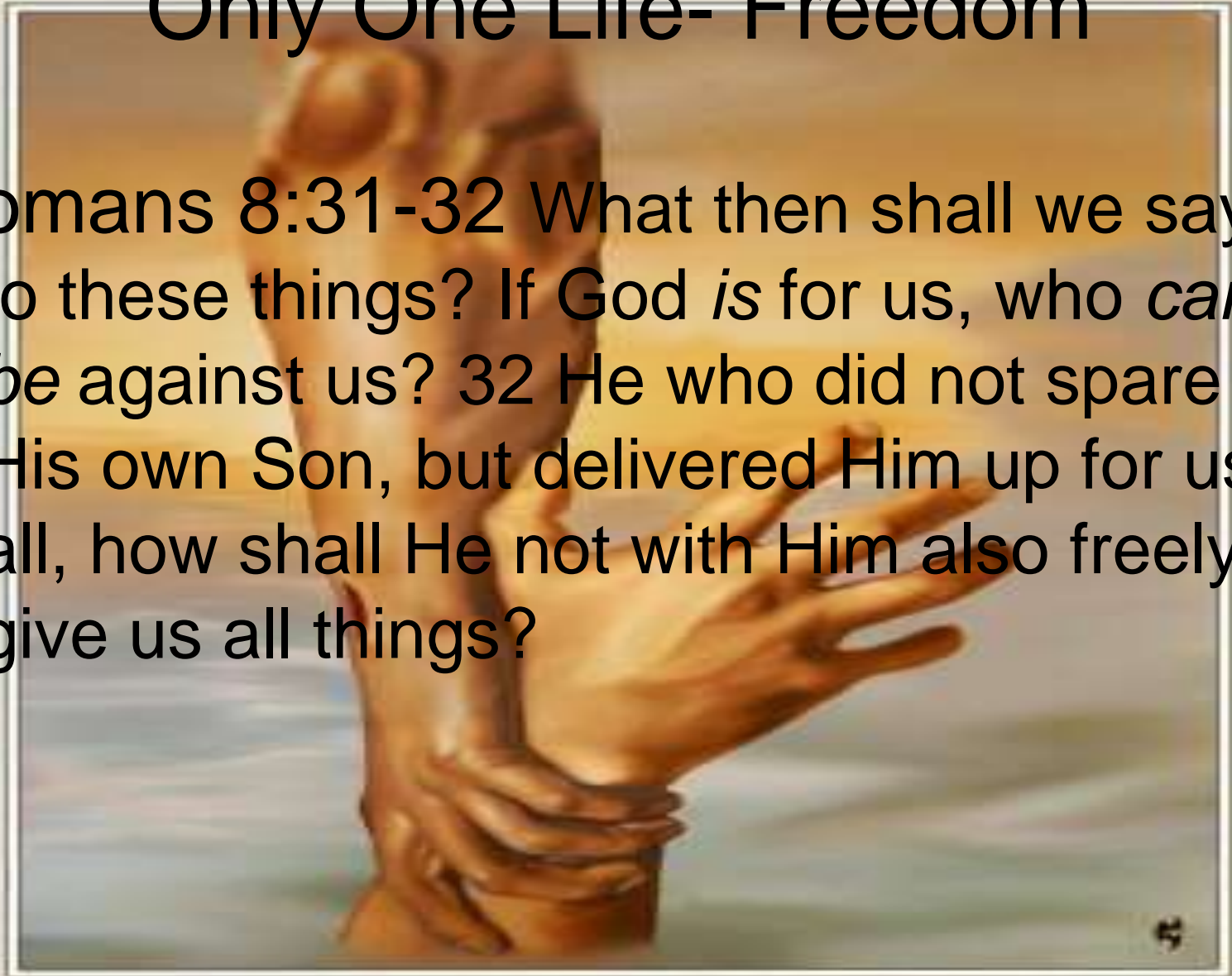
Romans 6:7- For he who has died is *freed* from sin.

- Romans 8:2- For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you *free*...

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Only One Life- Freedom

Romans 8:31-32 What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can* be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?



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Only One Life- Freedom

John 8:32 ...and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you **free**.

John 8:36 Therefore if the Son makes you *free*, you shall be **free** indeed.

I Timothy 6:17 Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly **all things** to enjoy.

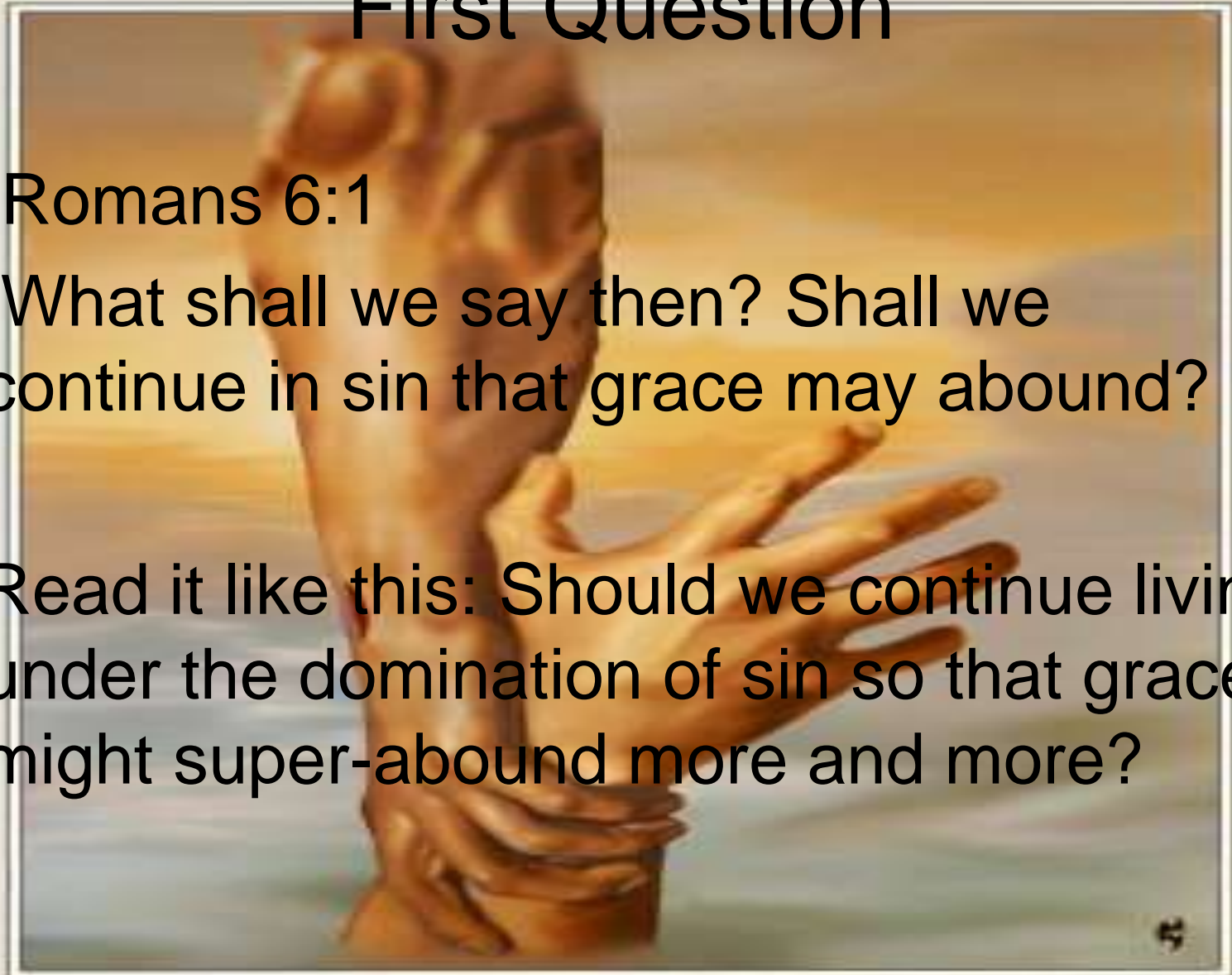
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I Corinthians 10:25-30

Eat whatever is sold in the meat market, asking no questions for conscience' sake; 26 for *"the earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness."* 27 If any of those who do not believe invites you *to dinner*, and you desire to go, eat whatever is set before you, asking no question for conscience' sake. 28 But if anyone says to you, "This was offered to idols," do not eat it for the sake of the one who told you, and for conscience' sake; for *"the earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness."* 29 "Conscience," I say, not your own, but that of the other. For why is my liberty judged by another *man's* conscience? 30 But if I partake with thanks, why am I evil spoken of for *the food* over which I give thanks?

First Question

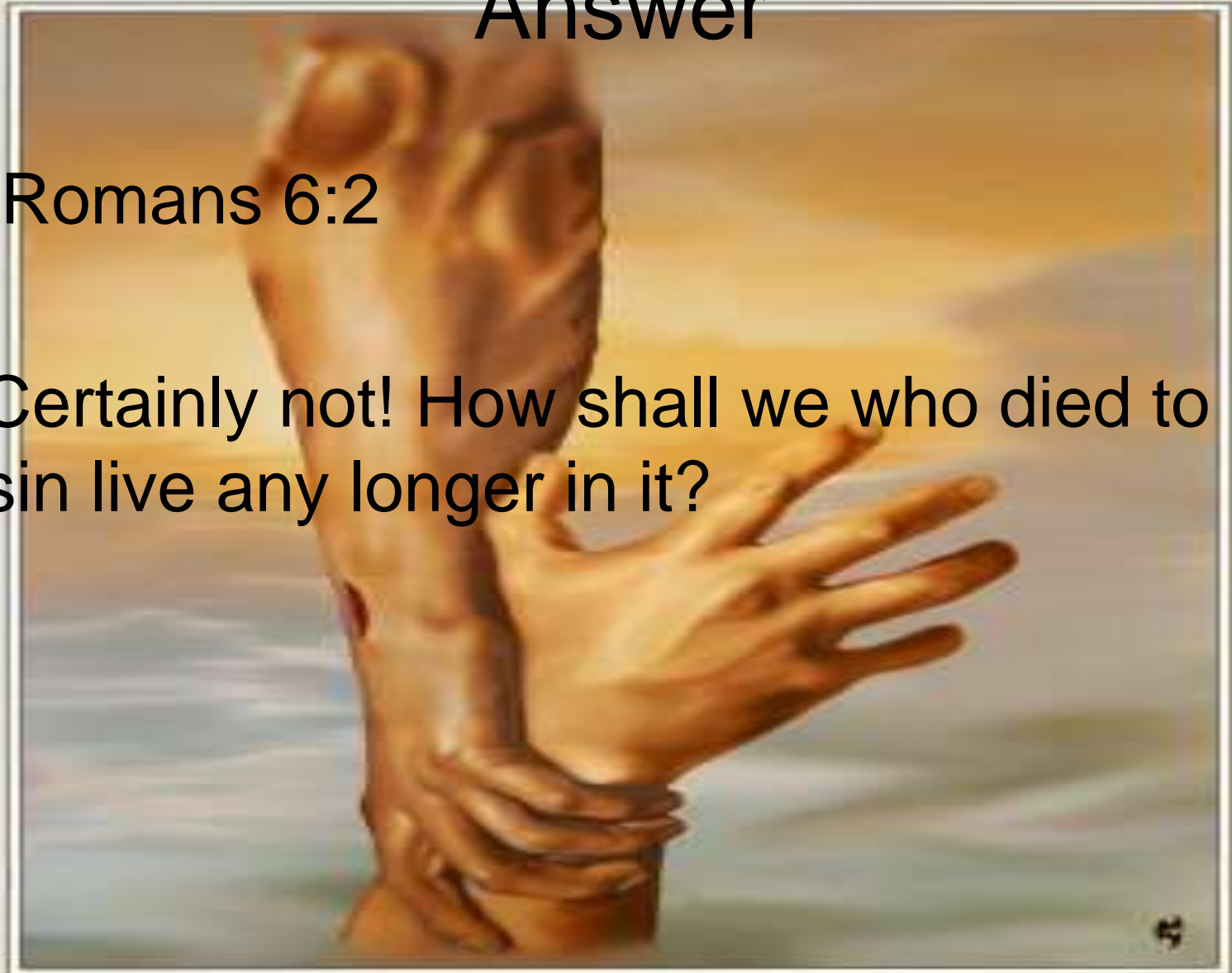
- Romans 6:1
- What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?
- Read it like this: Should we continue living under the domination of sin so that grace might super-abound more and more?



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Answer

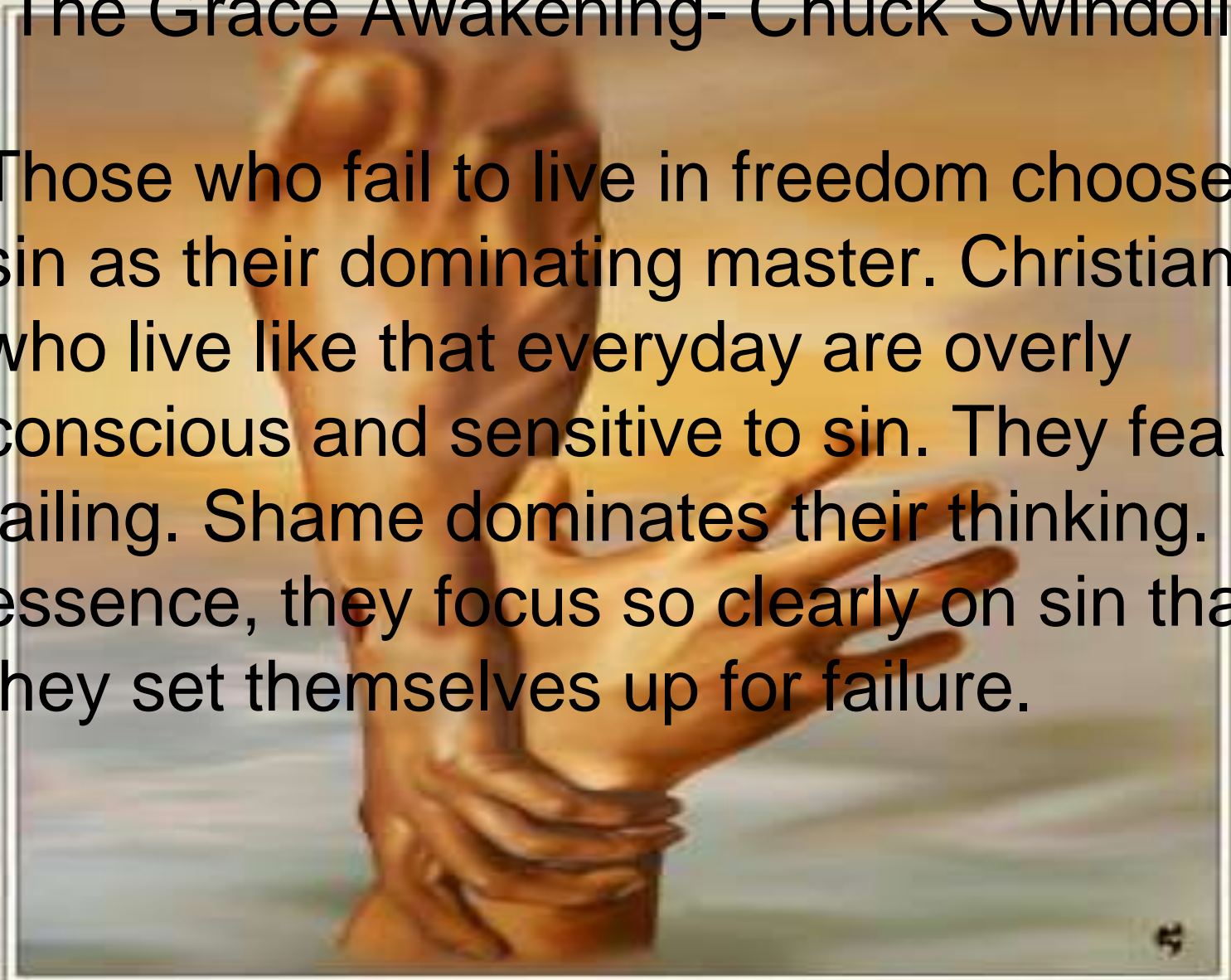
- Romans 6:2
- Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?



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The Grace Awakening- Chuck Swindoll

- Those who fail to live in freedom choose sin as their dominating master. Christians who live like that everyday are overly conscious and sensitive to sin. They fear failing. Shame dominates their thinking. In essence, they focus so clearly on sin that they set themselves up for failure.



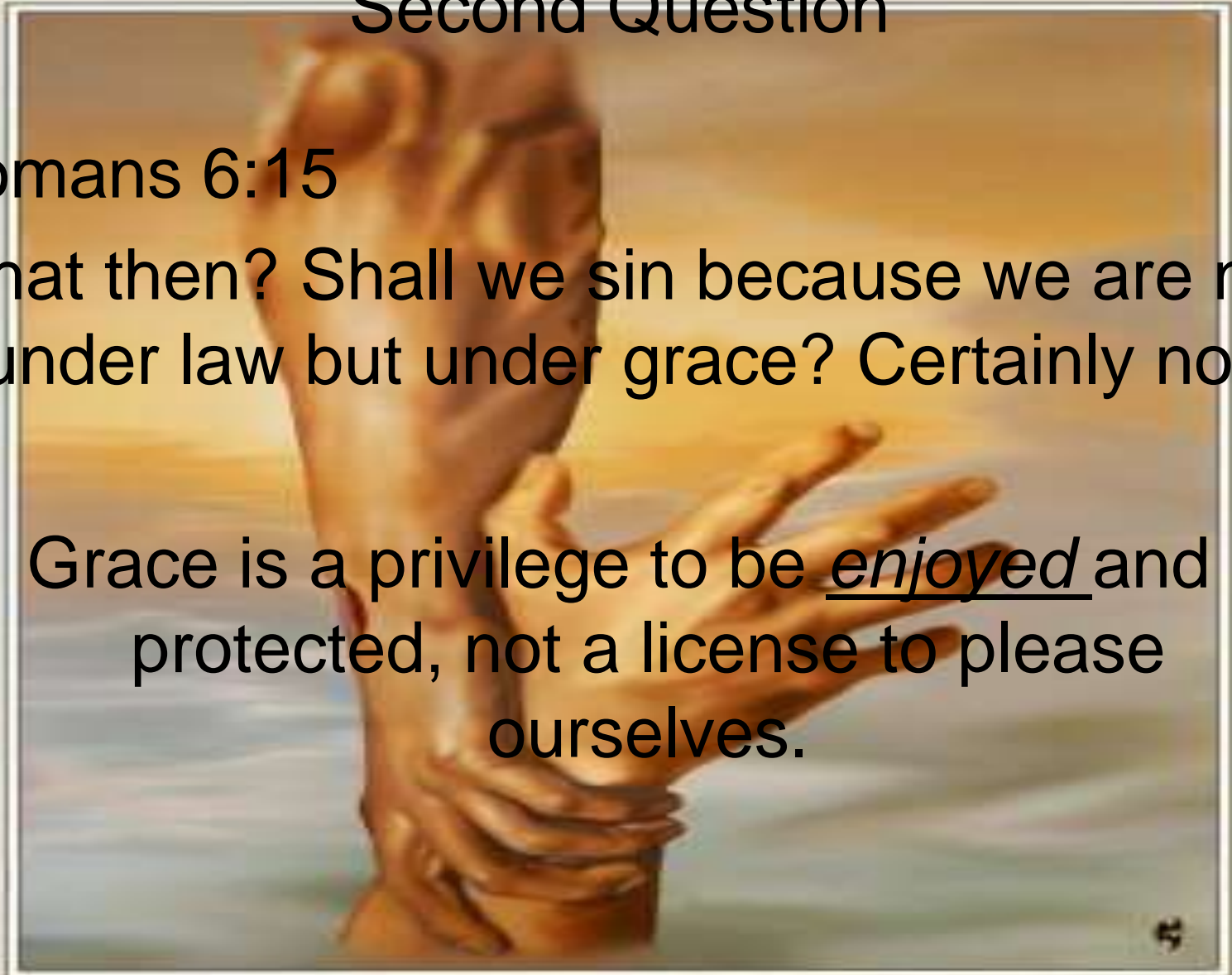
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Second Question

Romans 6:15

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!

Grace is a privilege to be enjoyed and protected, not a license to please ourselves.



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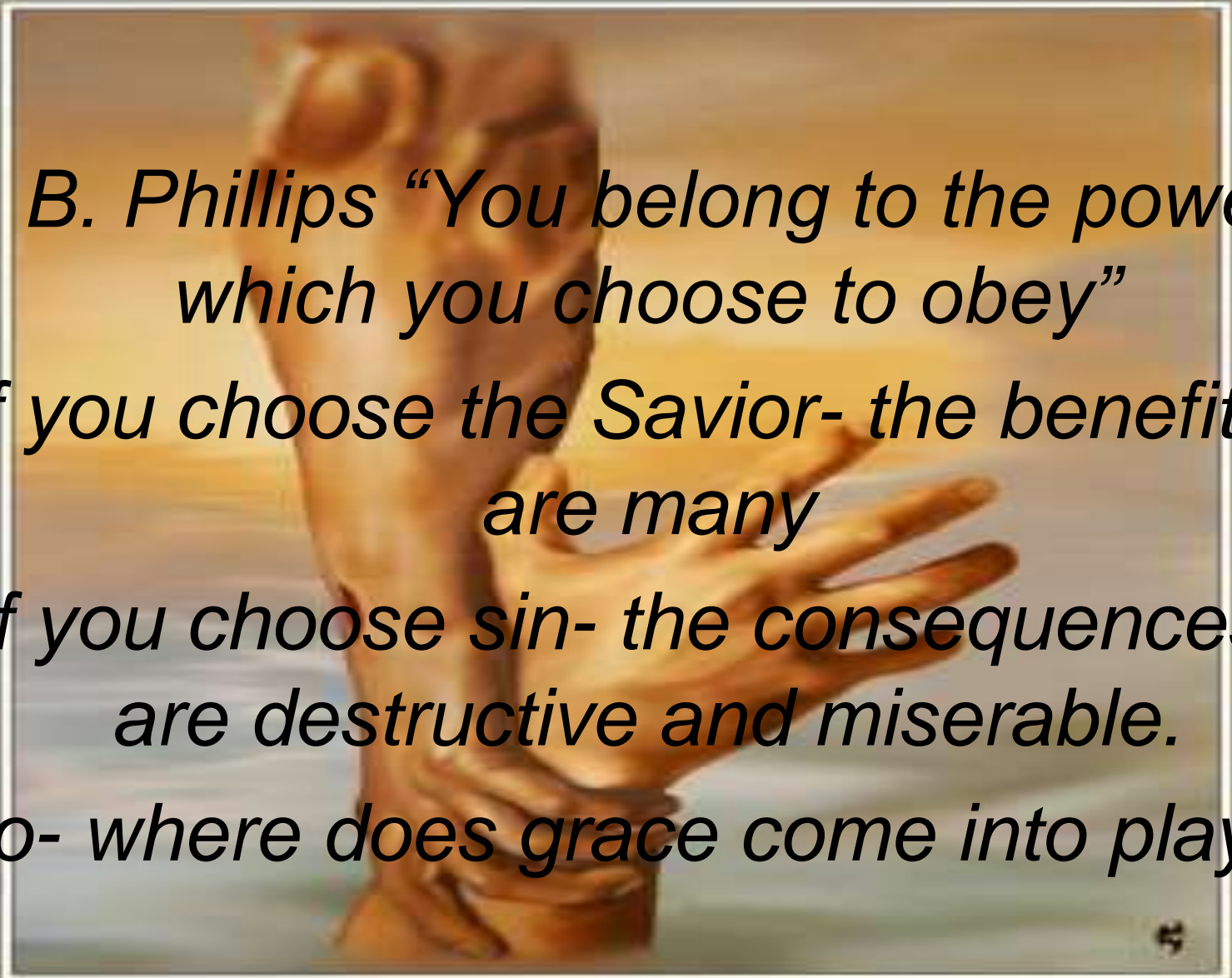


How we live depends on the Master we choose

Romans 6:16-23

Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness?

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*J. B. Phillips “You belong to the power
which you choose to obey”*

*If you choose the Savior- the benefits
are many*

*If you choose sin- the consequences
are destructive and miserable.*

So- where does grace come into play?

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A painting of a hand reaching out, symbolizing grace. The hand is rendered in a warm, golden-brown tone, with detailed shading on the fingers and palm. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with a yellowish glow, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is one of hope and divine intervention.

Grace – makes the choice possible

Grace freed us from the requirement to serve sin, allowing us the opportunity to follow Christ's directives voluntarily.

Grace has freed us to obey Christ.

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Romans 6:17-18

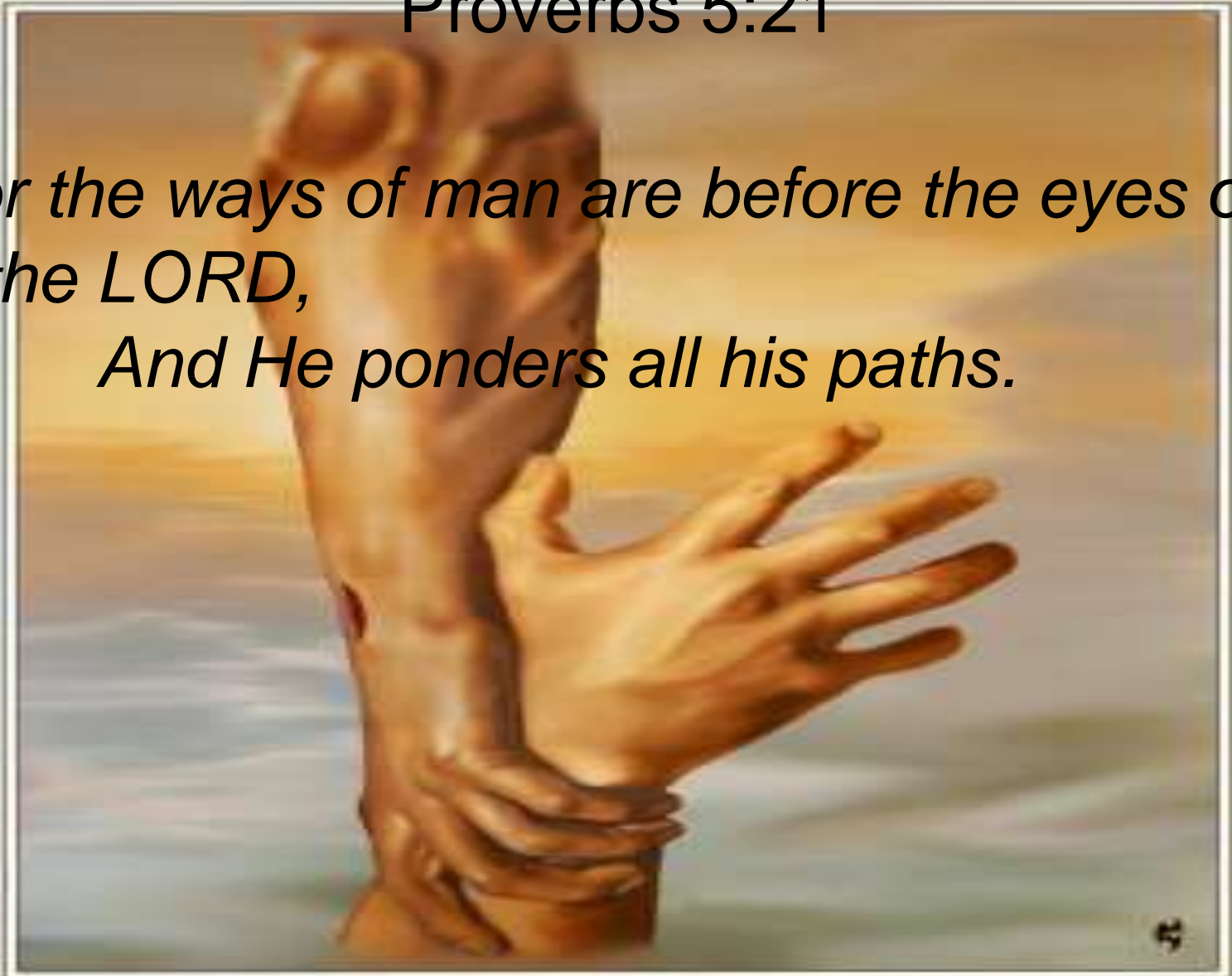
But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. 18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.



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Proverbs 5:21

*For the ways of man are before the eyes of
the LORD,
And He ponders all his paths.*

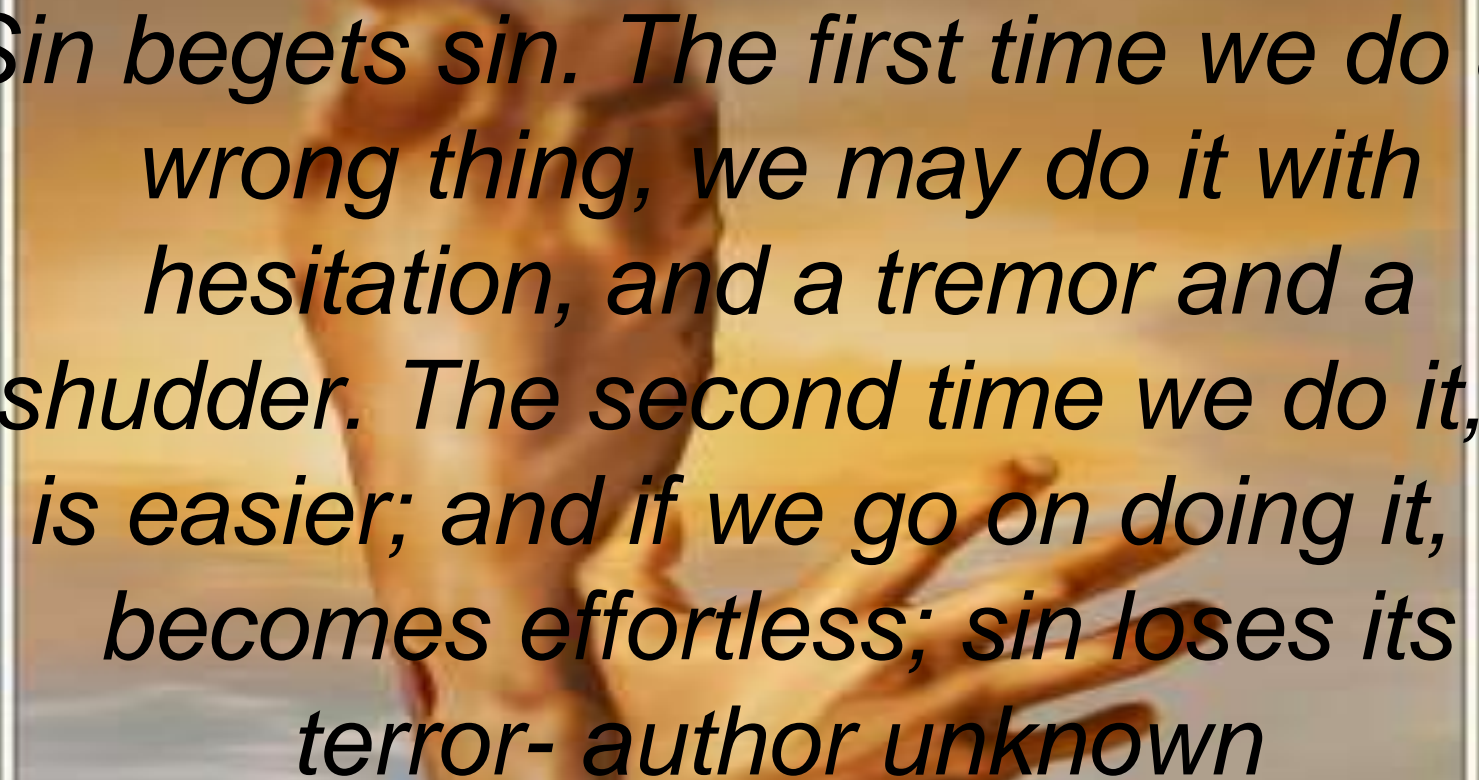


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Proverbs 5:22-23

*His own iniquities entrap the wicked man,
And he is caught in the cords of his
sin.*

*23 He shall die for lack of instruction,
And in the greatness of his folly he
shall go astray.*



Sin begets sin. The first time we do a wrong thing, we may do it with hesitation, and a tremor and a shudder. The second time we do it, it is easier; and if we go on doing it, it becomes effortless; sin loses its terror- author unknown

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God grants us Grace

Colossians 1:10-12

So that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

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Romans 6:19-23

I speak in human *terms* because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members *as* slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness *leading to more* lawlessness, so now present your members *as* slaves of righteousness for holiness.

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things *is* death. 22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

23 For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

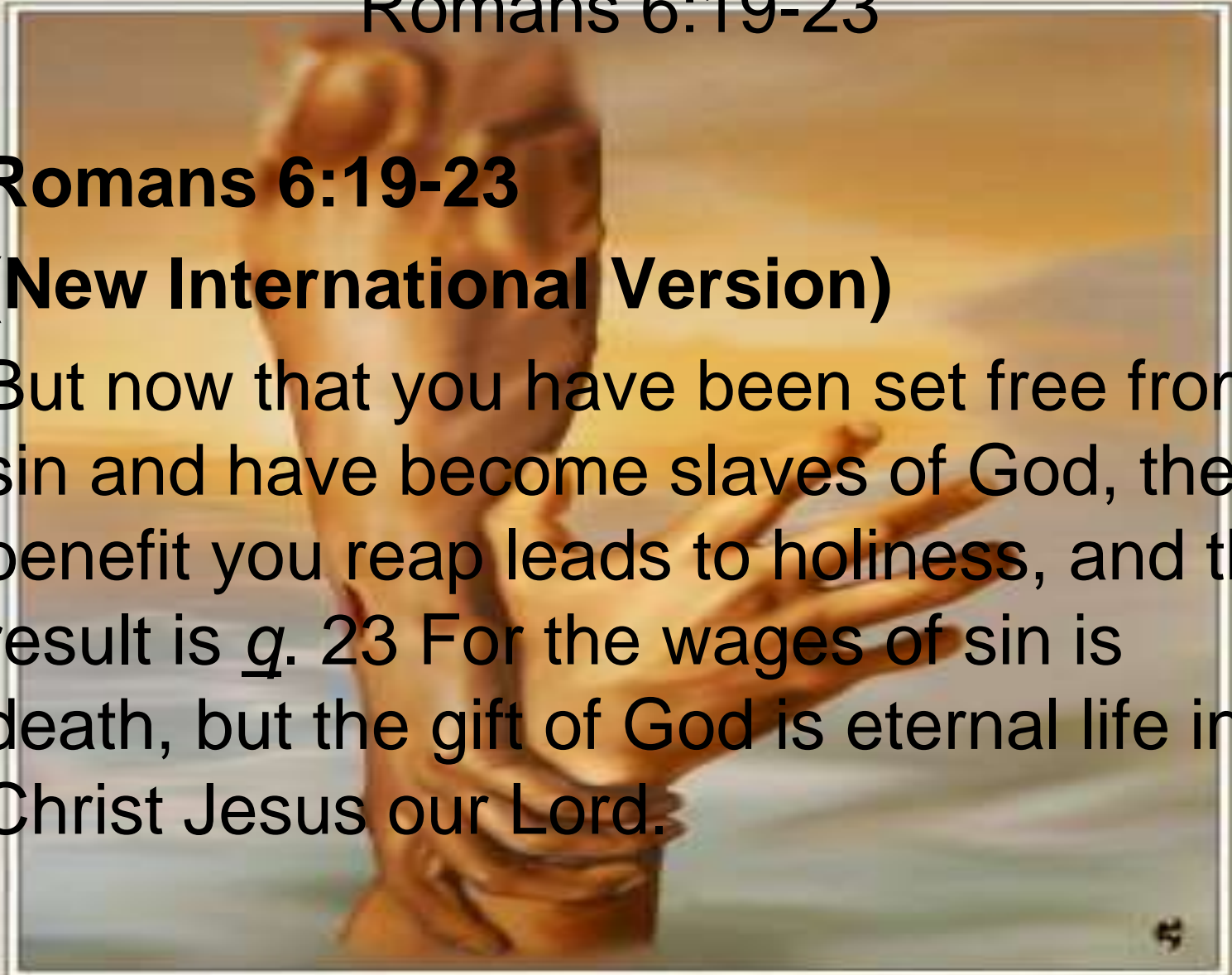
Romans 6:19-23

- **Romans 6:19-23**
- **(New International Version)**
- I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. 20 When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. 21 What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? **Those things result in death!**

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Next Week

Grace- part 3
Accepted By Grace



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