

CONFLICTING AND CONFUSING
COMMUNICATION IN THE
CHURCH!

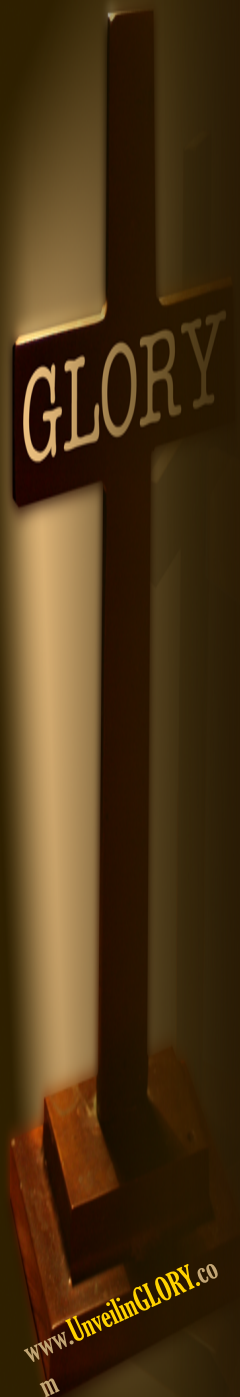
The
Other Side

OF THE

Cross



LESSON 2 OF RG3



What Is The

Greatest

Challenge

Facing The Church Today?

POOR LEADERSHIP?

Self-Centeredness?

Hypocrisy?

LACK OF A WORLD VISION?

Not Getting Along With Each Other?

How We

View


The Cross



Two

Sides

To The Cross

The image features three large, light-colored wooden crosses arranged in a perspective line, receding from the foreground into the background. The crosses are set against a dark, gradient background that transitions from black at the top to a lighter brown at the bottom. The cross in the foreground is the largest and is mounted on a small, rectangular wooden base. The text "He Died For Me!" is inscribed on the horizontal beam of this cross in a bold, black, serif font. The two crosses behind it are progressively smaller and less distinct, creating a sense of depth and repetition.

He Died For Me!



Are These

GLORY

He Died For Me!

Sides

Equal,

Or Is One

GLORY

He Died For Me!

Greater
Than The Other?

This is **THE**
Greatest
QUESTION

Facing The Church Today

AND IT IS VERY

Difficult

TO ANSWER

Because There Has Been

CONFLICTING

• and

Confusing

Communication

In The Church

**What Is The
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Of The Church**

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Most

ARE CONFUSED

And Don't Even Realizing It

Why?

MOST OF OUR
Music

About The Cross

Points Us to *Us!*

The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old
rugged cross, the emblem of
suffering and shame; and I love
that old cross where the dearest
and best *for a world of lost
sinners was slain.*

(Stanza 1)

The Old Rugged Cross

In that old rugged cross, stained
with blood so divine, a wondrous
beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus
suffered and died, **to pardon and
sanctify me.**

(Stanza 3)

How Great Thou Art

And when I think, that God, His
Son not sparing; Sent Him to die,
I scarce can take it in; That on the
Cross, *my burden gladly*
bearing, He bled and died to
take away my sin.

(Stanza 3)

Modern

Lyrics

As Well

Power of the Cross (Heather Headly)

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood
This the power of the cross

Christ became sin for us

He took the blame,

bore the wrath

We stand forgiven at the cross

Because

There Is No
Mention of God's

Glory

A wooden cross is centered in the image. The text 'Solely' is written in a bold, black, serif font above the horizontal bar of the cross. Below it, the words 'He Died For Me!' are written in a larger, bold, black, serif font. A small, white, upward-pointing triangle is positioned between the word 'Solely' and 'He'. In the lower foreground, there is a light-colored speech bubble with a black outline. Inside the bubble, the text 'It's All About' is written in a bold, black, serif font, and 'Us!' is written below it in a large, black, cursive script font.

Solely
He Died For Me!

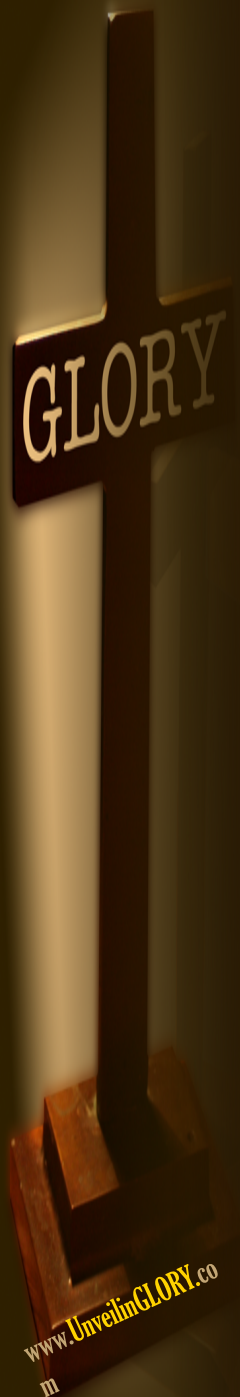
It's All About
Us!

Why Did

Christ

Come To The Earth To

Die?



For the Son of Man came
to seek and to save the
lost.

Luke 19:10

Stepping *Stone*



How Did
Christ's
Death

Relate To His Father's Glory?

Three WAYS

Christ's Death Points To His

Father's Glory



**Christ's Death Redeemed/
Restored His Father's Reputation**

Why Was
Christ
Concerned


For His Father's
Reputation?

COULD IT HAVE BEEN THAT

God Was Looking Like A

Hypocrite

? ? ? ?



But if a man schemes and
kills another man
deliberately, take him away
from my altar and put him
to death

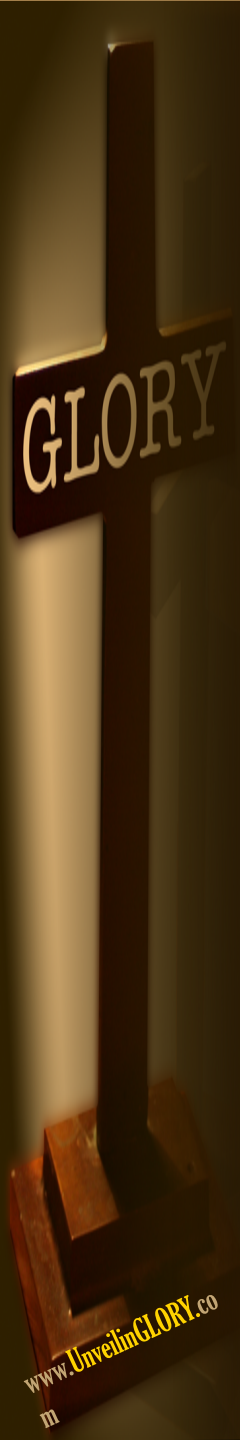
Exodus 21:14

David

and

Bathsheba


NATHAN CONFRONTS DAVID



⁵David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this deserves to die! ...

⁷Then Nathan said to David, "**You are the man!**"

2 Samuel 12:5,7



Then David said to Nathan,
“I have sinned against the
LORD.” Nathan replied,
“The LORD has taken away
your sin. **You are not
going to die.**”

2 Samuel 12:13

The Average Israelite Is Thinking:

Hypocrite?

Does God Not Care About

SIN?


Holy?

Glorious?

David - and Millions of Other's Sins -


Were Not Being

Dealt With



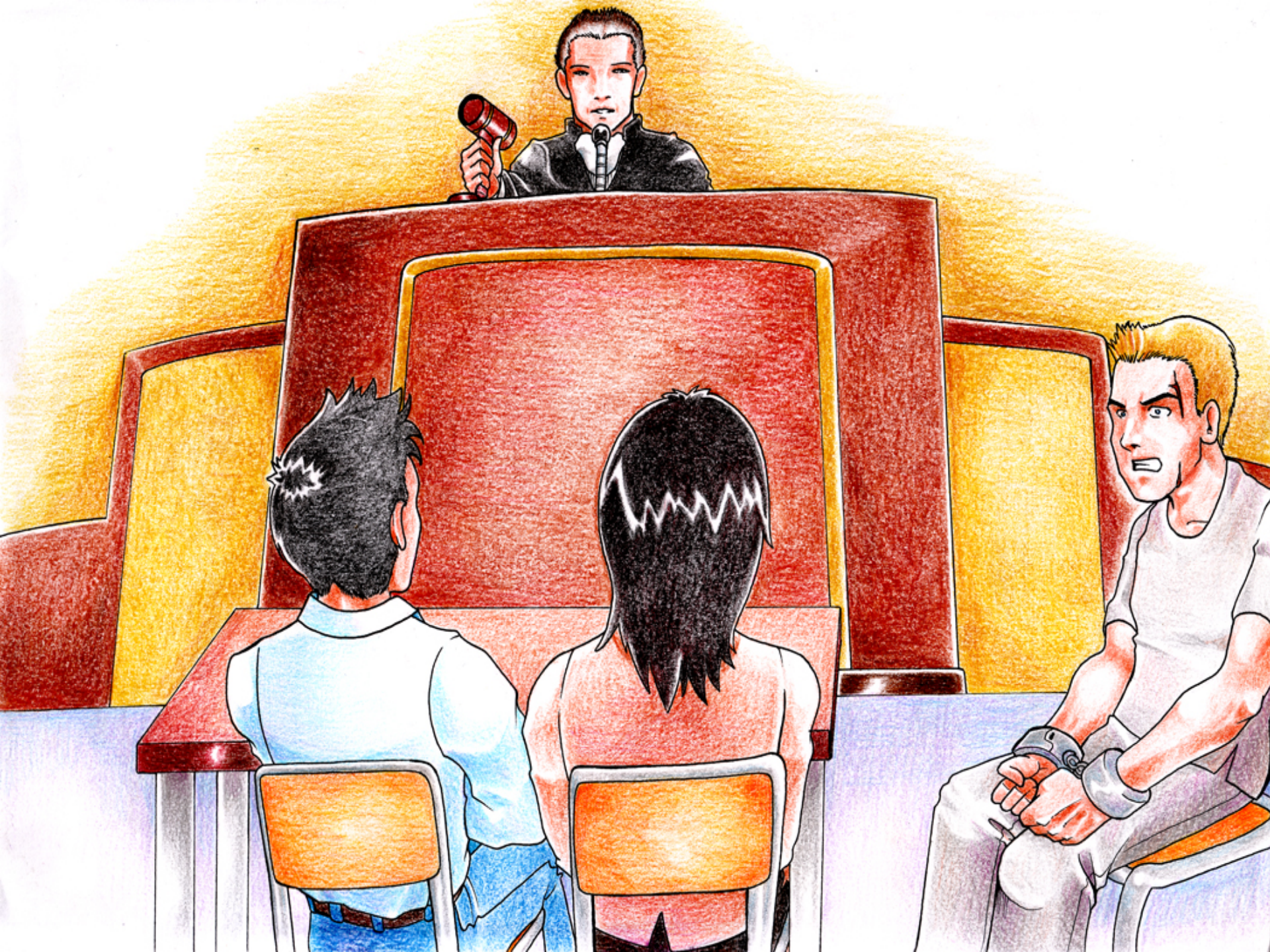
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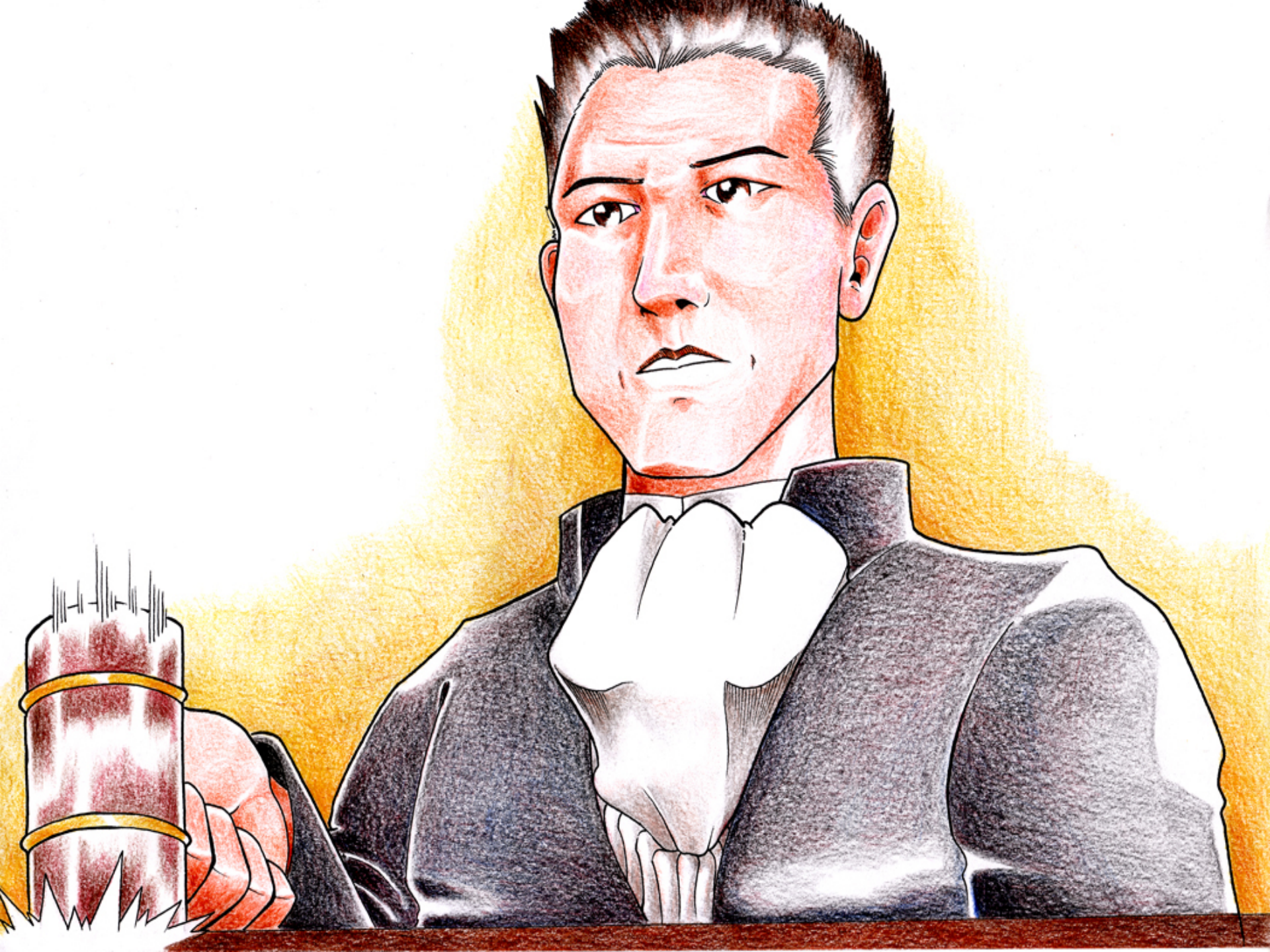
Romans 3:25,26^a

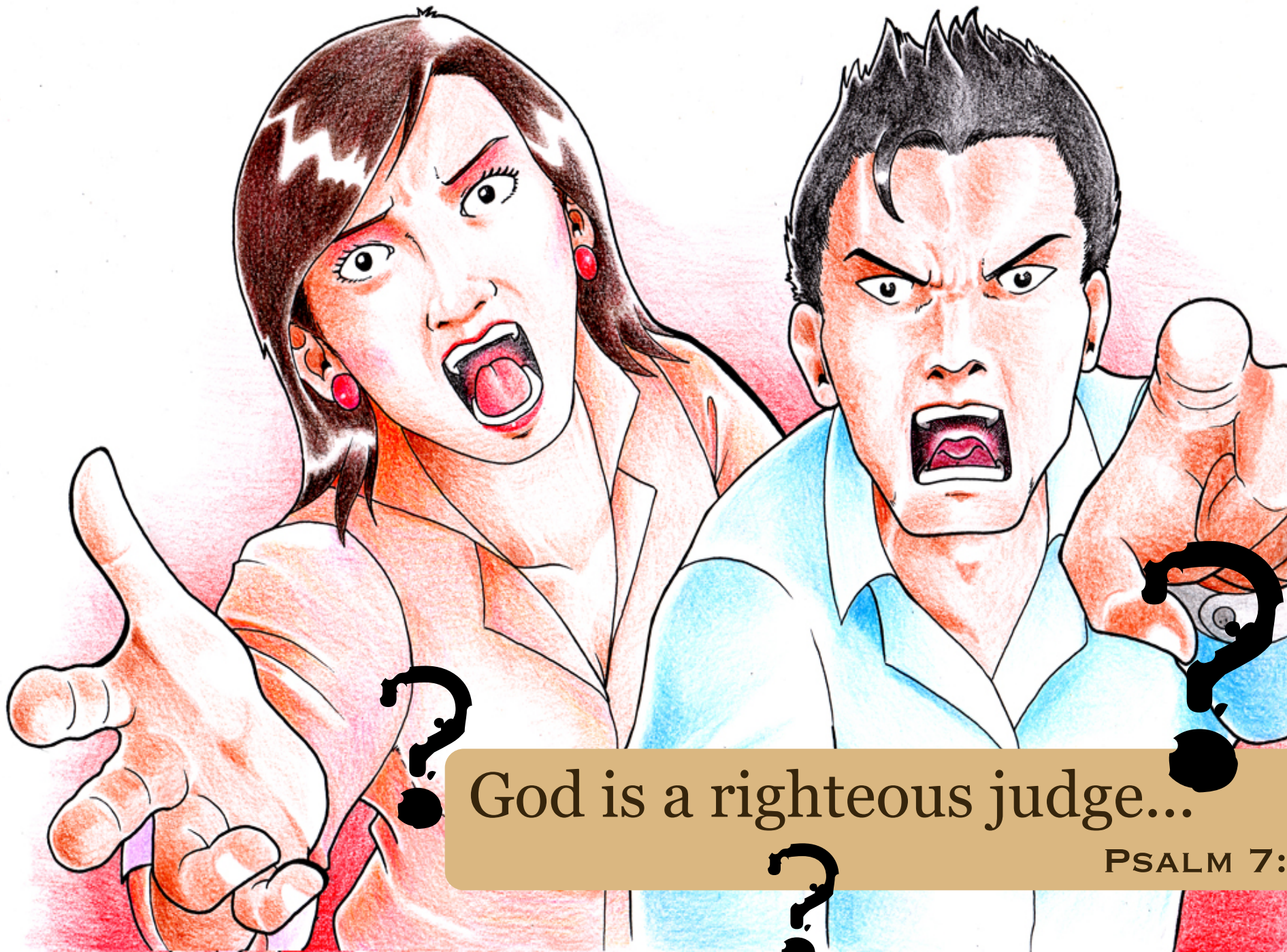


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God is a righteous judge...

PSALM 7:



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Romans 3:25,26^a

Jesus'
Death

Restored


The Reputation Of His Father's

GLORY

#2

**Christ's Death Allows Creation To
Be Restored To Its Original State**





Then to Adam He said,
“Because you have listened to
the voice of your wife, and have
eaten from the tree about which
I commanded you, saying, ‘You
shall not eat from it’;

Cursed is the ground
because of you;

Genesis 3:17-19

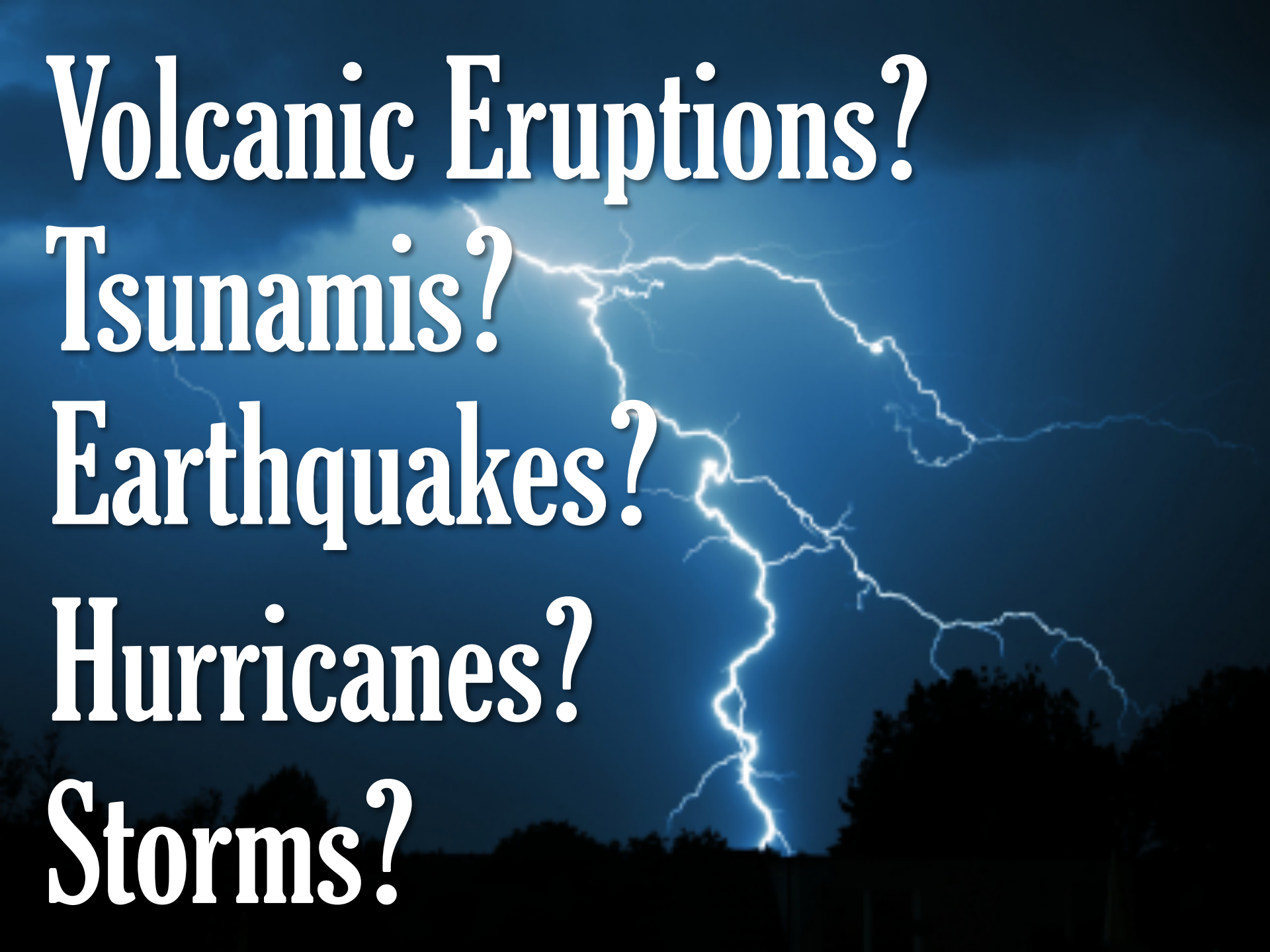
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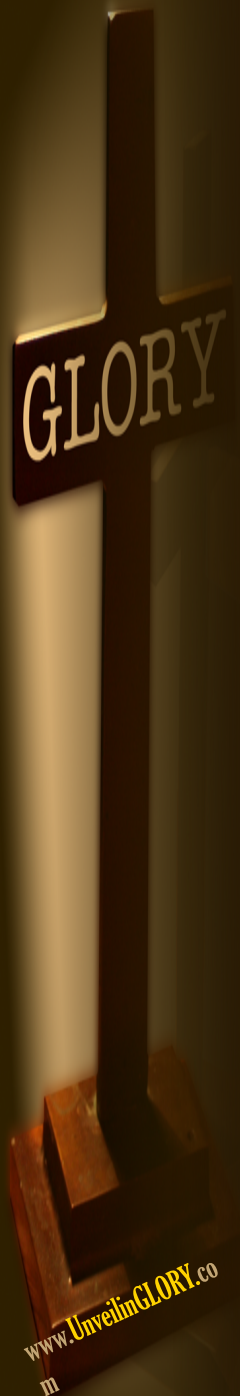
Tsunamis?

Earthquakes?

Hurricanes?

Storms?





Then I saw a new heaven and
a new earth;

Revelation 21:1

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For the creation was
subjected to frustration, not
by its own choice, but by the
will of the one who subjected
it, in hope that the creation
itself will be liberated from
its bondage to decay


Romans 8:20,21



We Will See Creation's Glory In Its Original Design

IS THIS REALLY

Scriptural?



For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

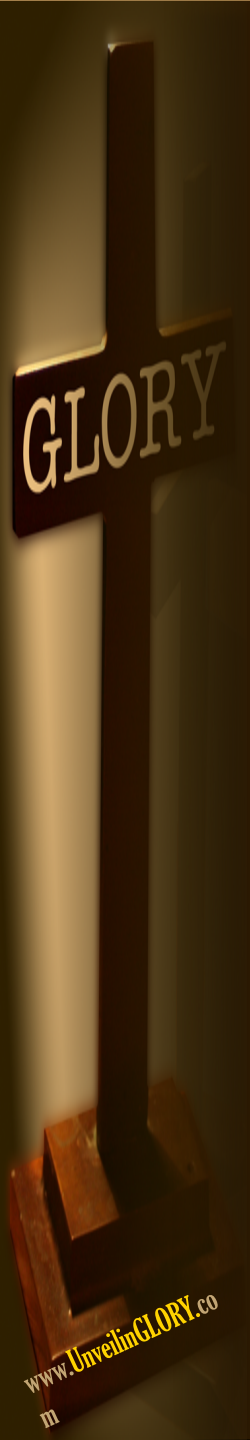
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“People”

Colossians 1:20



Then I heard **every creature
in heaven and on earth and
under the earth and in the
sea**, and all that is in them,
saying:

Revelation 5:13



**Then I heard every creature
in heaven and on earth and
under the earth and in the
sea, and all that is in them,
saying: “To him who sits on
the throne and to the
Lamb be praise and honor
and glory and power, for
ever and ever!”**

Revelation 5:13



Why

Will They Be Praising God?

BECAUSE


The

CURSE

Was Broken

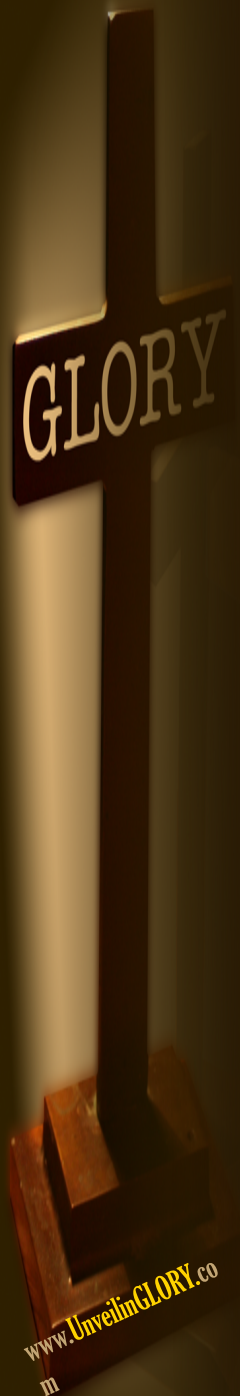


**Christ's Death Allowed Mankind
To Fulfill Their Original Purpose.**




“I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ And to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ Bring My sons from afar and My daughters from the ends of the earth, everyone who is called by My name, and whom I have created for My glory, whom I have formed, even whom I have made.”

Isaiah 43:6,7




But your iniquities have made
a separation between you and
your God, and your sins
have hidden His face from
you so that He does not
hear.

Isaiah 59:2



For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs ***so that the Gentiles may glorify God for His mercy!***

Romans 15:8,9



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Romans 15:8,9

Stepping *Stone*



Three WAYS

1. Christ's Death Redeemed/Restored His Father's Reputation
2. Christ's Death Allows Creation To Be Restored To Its Original State
3. Christ's Death Allowed Mankind To Fulfill Their Original Purpose: To Glorify God.

What Is The
Primary Purpose

Of Christ's Death?
It's All About

God

To Glorify God

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To Glorify God

It's All About

God!

Consistent

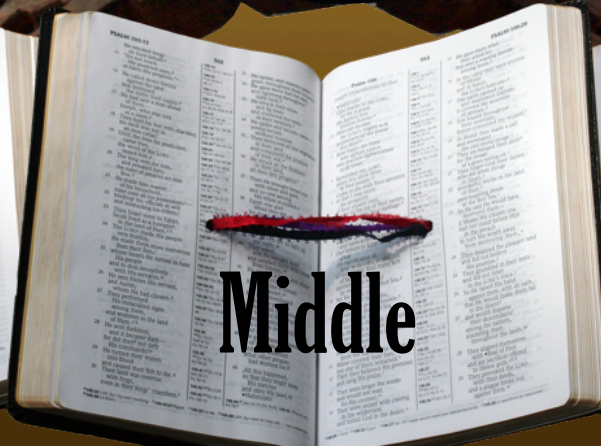
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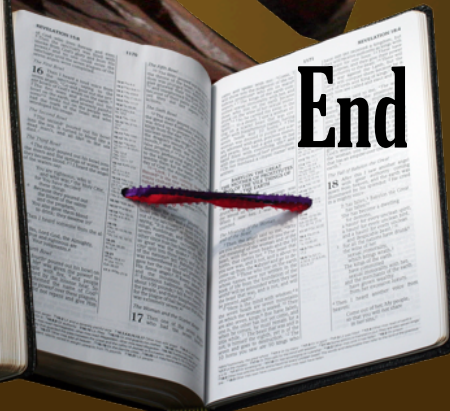
Beginning



Middle



End




How You

View

The Cross

Is THE Greatest Question Facing Your Life Today



Wow! I had no idea Christ's death on the cross was first and foremost about His Father's glory. I thought it was all about me.