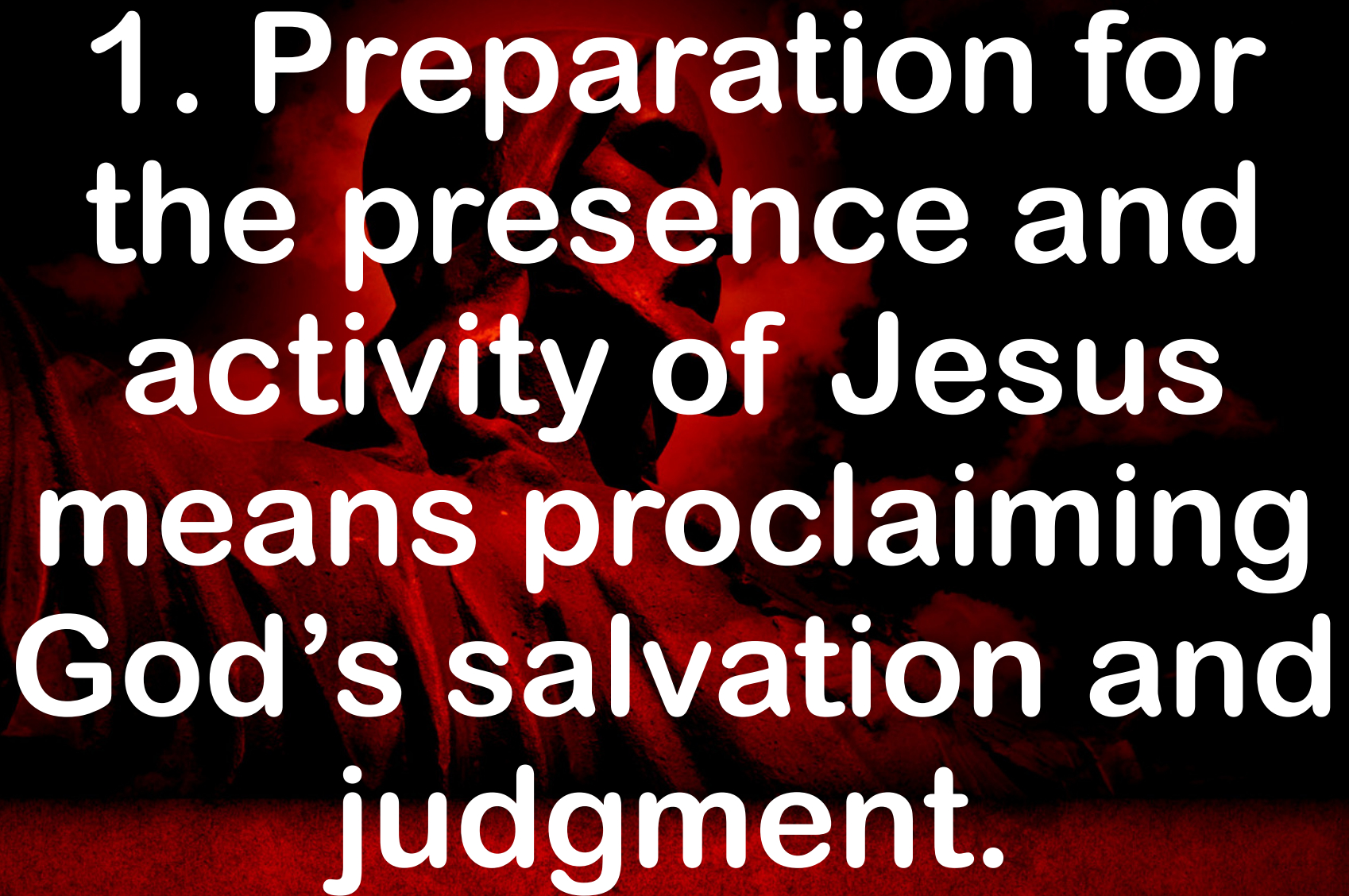


**Sermons from
the Gospel
of Luke**



Preparation

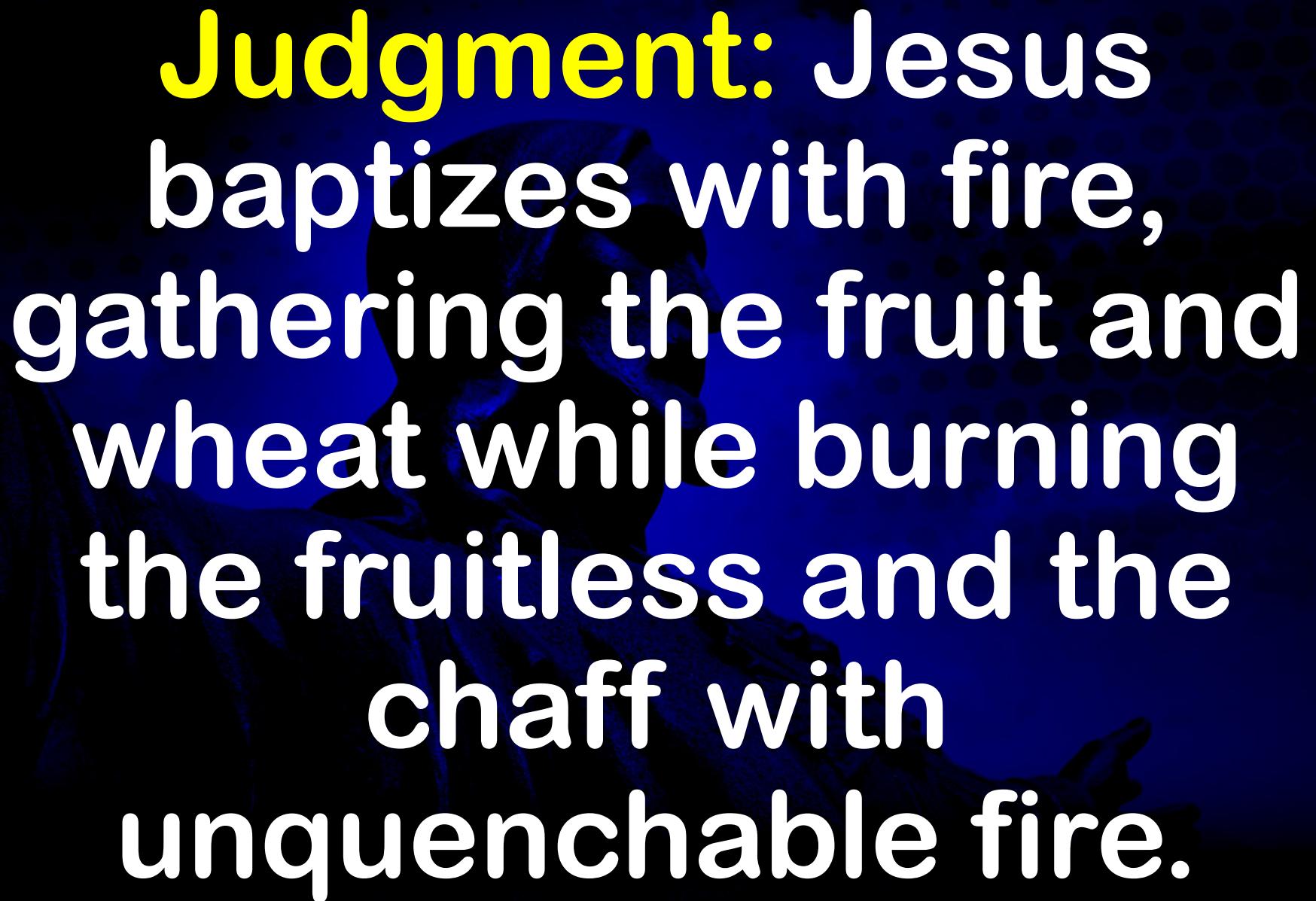
Luke 3:1-20



1. Preparation for
the presence and
activity of Jesus
means proclaiming
God's salvation and
judgment.



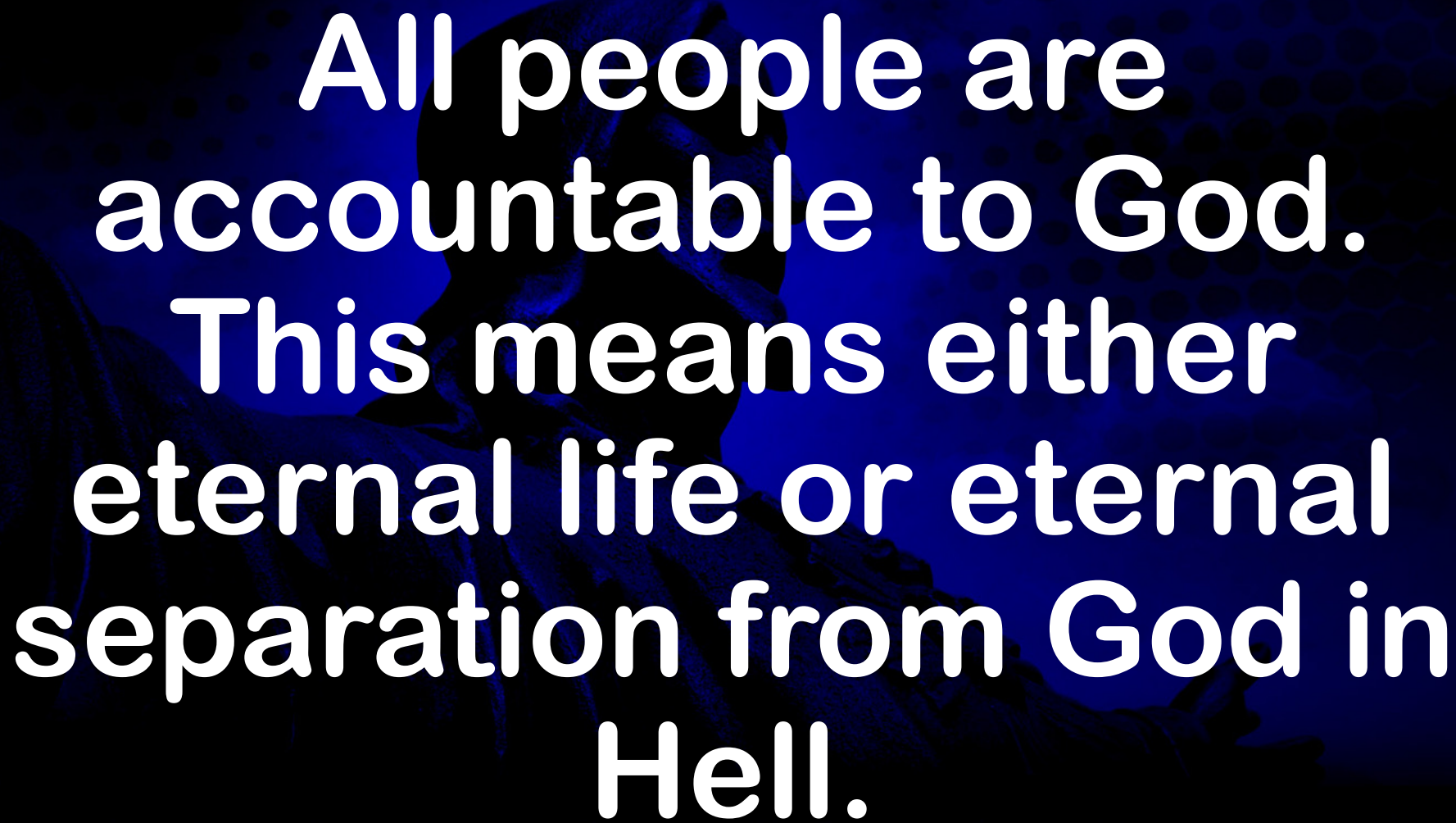
Salvation: Jesus
baptizes with the
Holy Spirit. 3:16



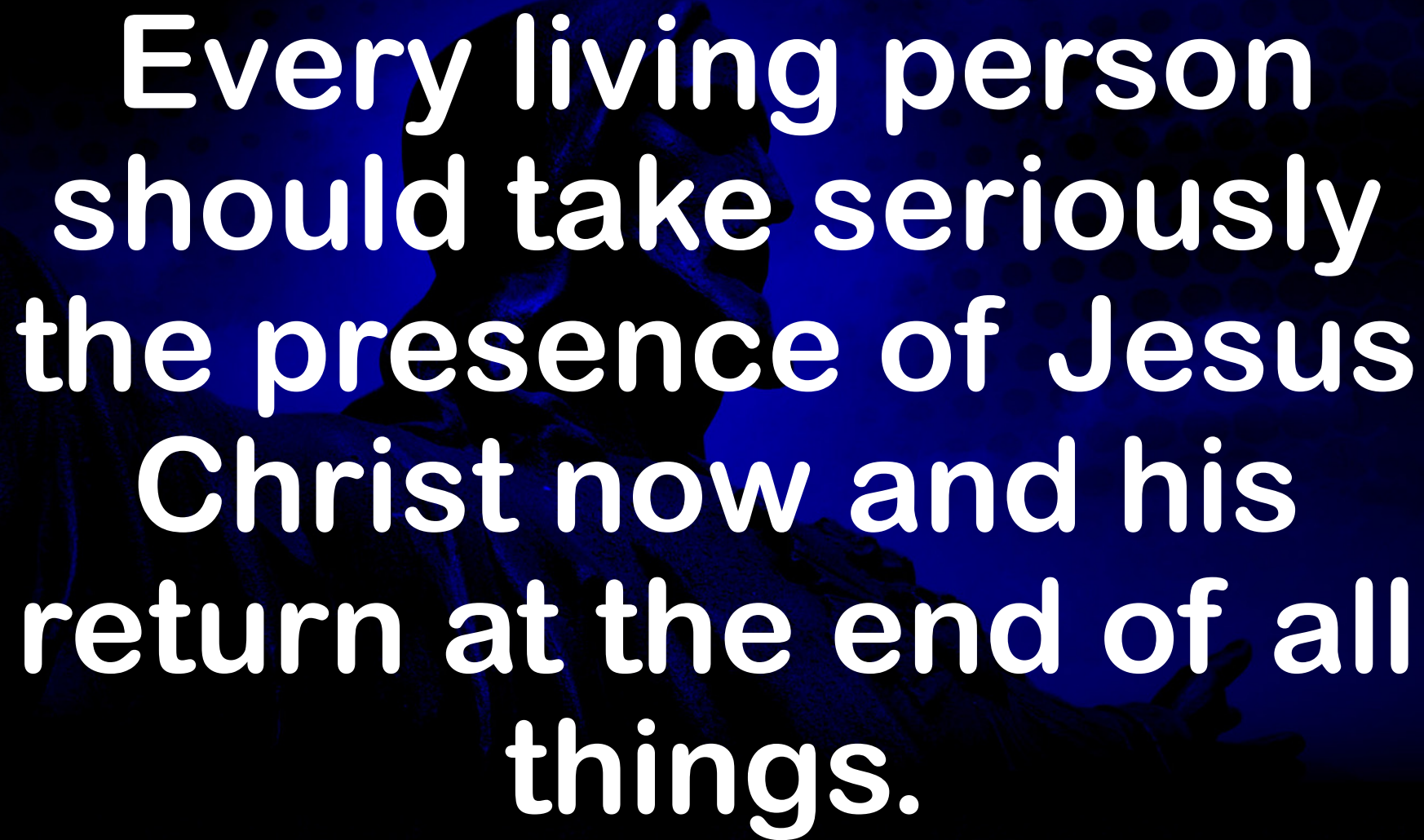
Judgment: Jesus
baptizes with fire,
gathering the fruit and
wheat while burning
the fruitless and the
chaff with
unquenchable fire.

3:9, 16-17

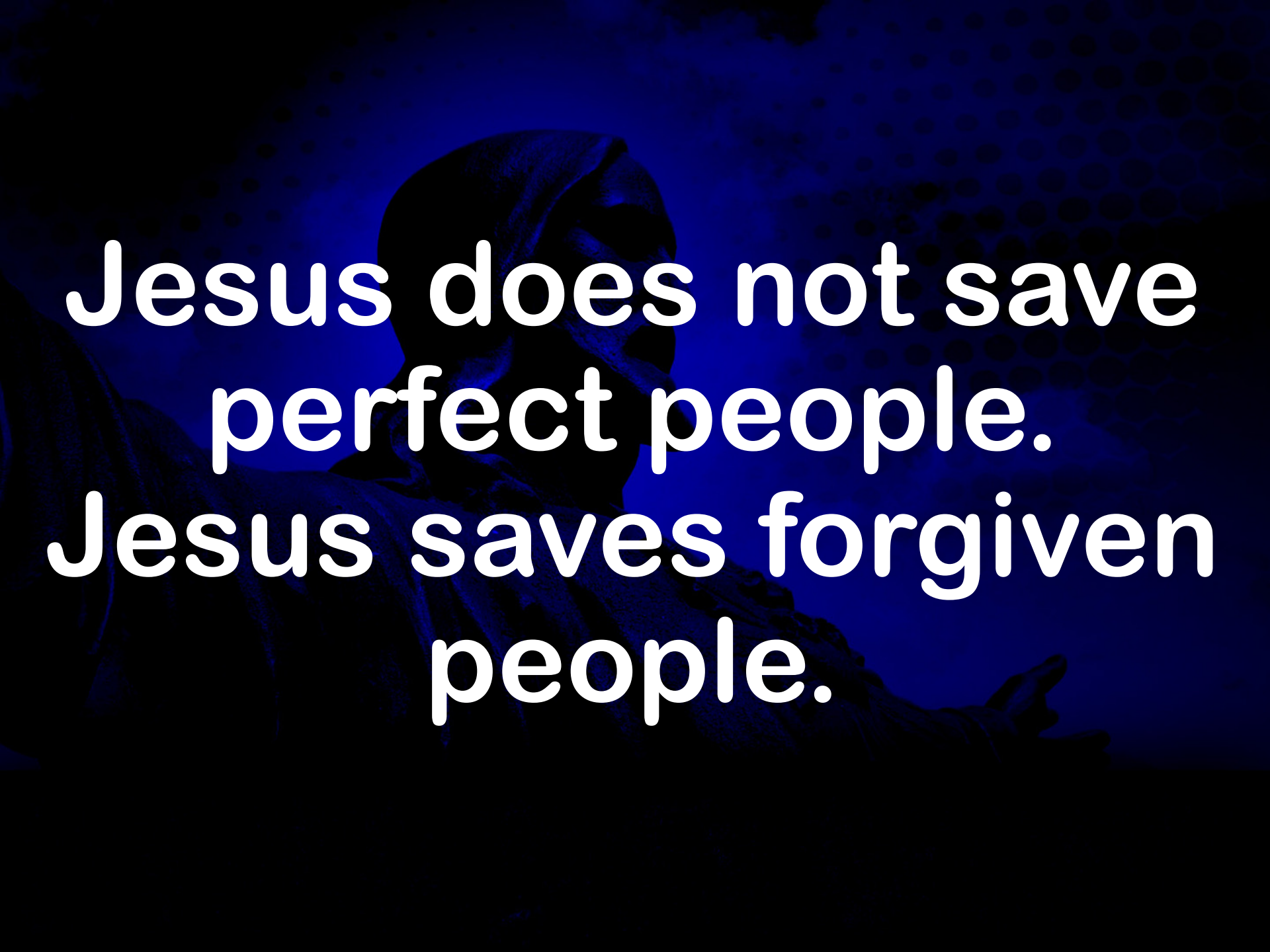




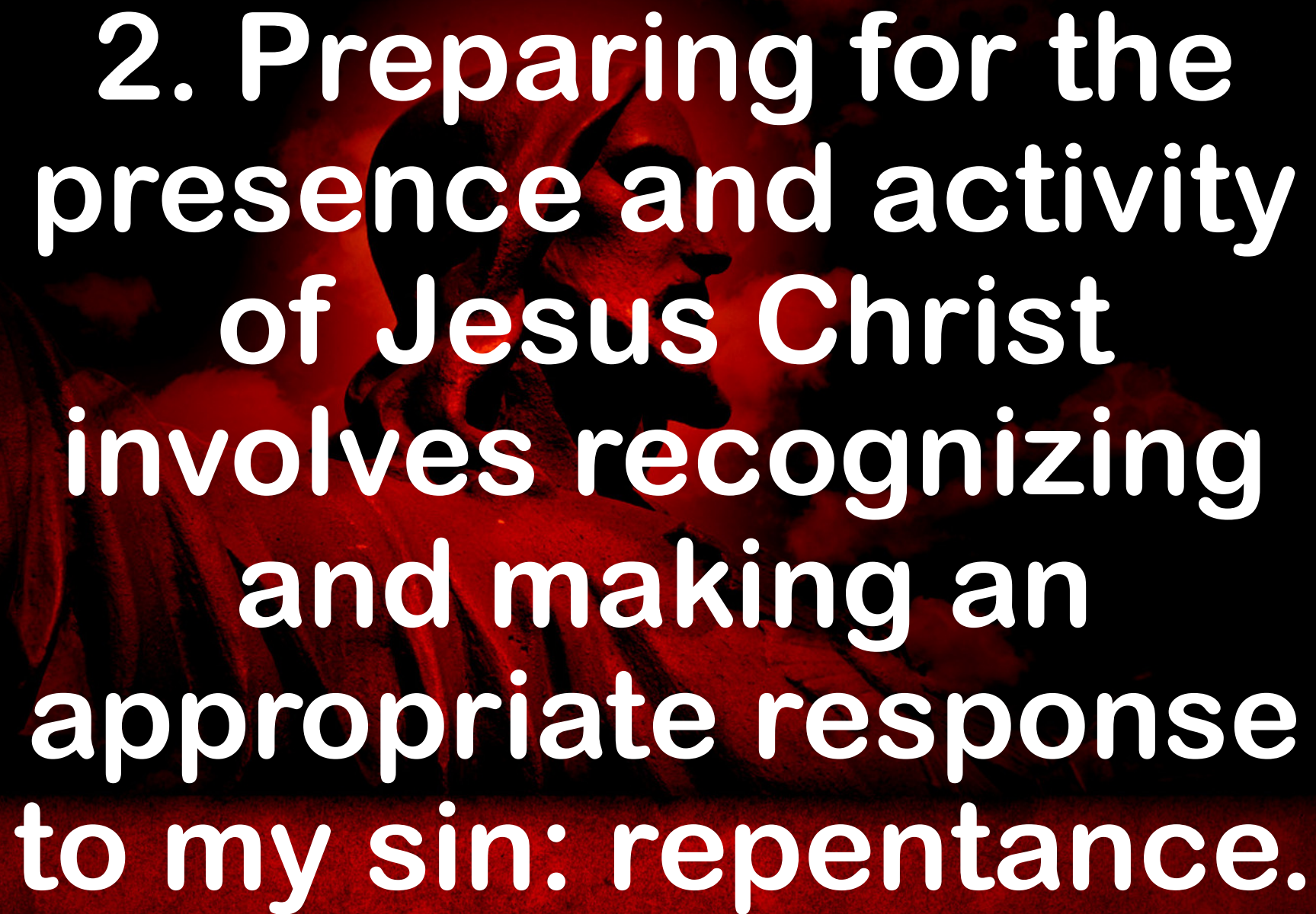
All people are
accountable to God.
This means either
eternal life or eternal
separation from God in
Hell.



Every living person
should take seriously
the presence of Jesus
Christ now and his
return at the end of all
things.



Jesus does not save
perfect people.
Jesus saves forgiven
people.



2. Preparing for the presence and activity of Jesus Christ involves recognizing and making an appropriate response to my sin: repentance.

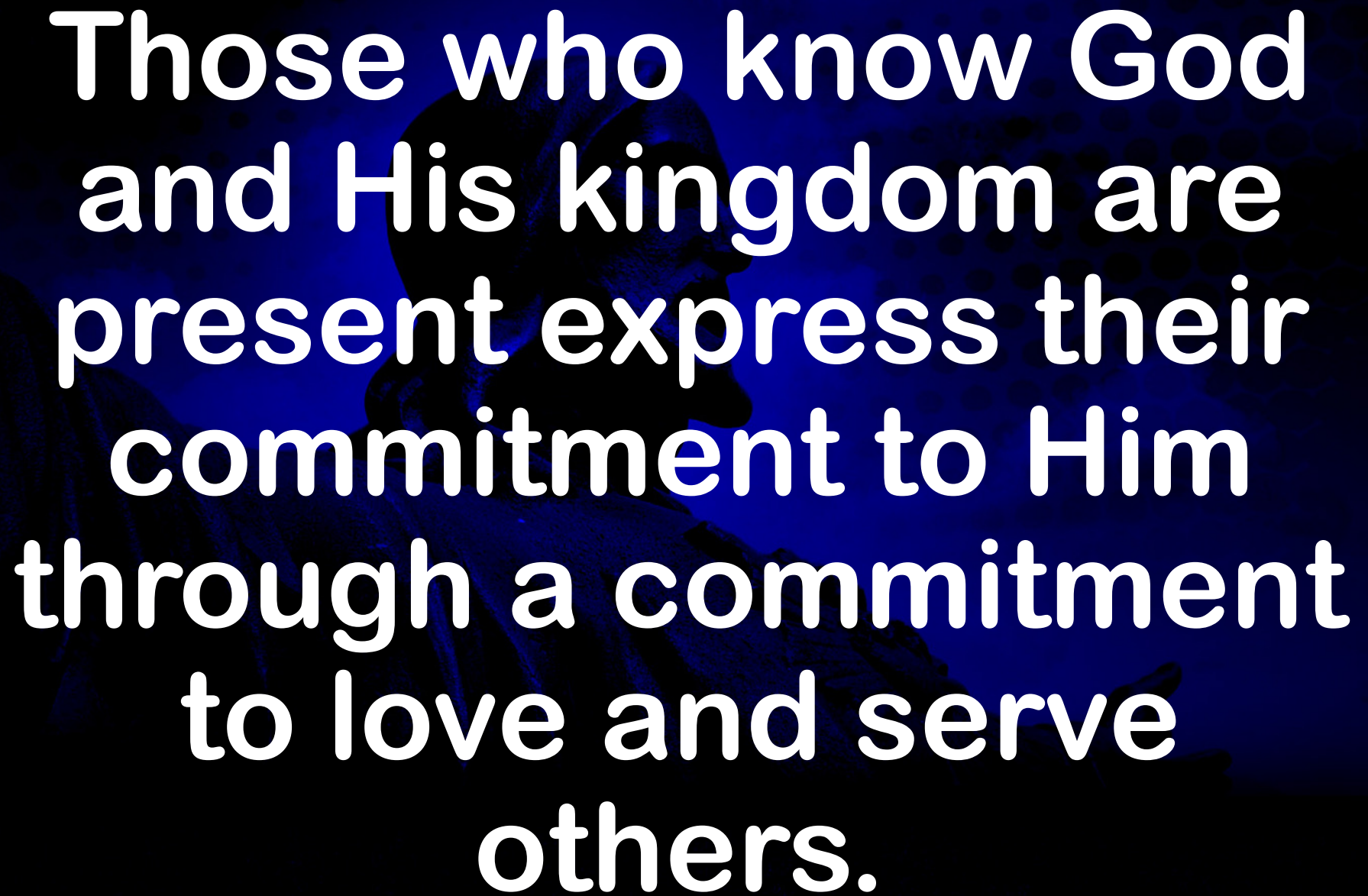


Baptism of repentance:
the preparation for
salvation requires
personal repentance of
one's sins and the
commitment to make a
new beginning.



The fruit of repentance:

repentant sinners
experience a change
from a self-centered
focus to a Christ-like
focus on loving and
serving others.



Those who know God
and His kingdom are
present express their
commitment to Him
through a commitment
to love and serve
others.