

The image shows three anime-style characters from behind, standing in a city square. On the left is a character with short brown hair wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and brown pants. In the center is a character with short white hair wearing a dark green short-sleeved shirt and black pants. On the right is a character with short brown hair wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans. The background features several traditional-style buildings with multiple stories and windows, under a blue sky with light clouds. The ground is a light-colored, paved square.

# TRUE FAITH

CHAPTER 13

FAR FROM THE CITY...



WHAT IS THIS  
PLACE?

OROS.  
IT'S  
ABANDONED.  
WE'LL BE SAFE  
HERE.





WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO FOR FOOD?


THERE'S FOOD STORED HERE. I'VE BEEN PREPARING FOR THIS.




HOW  
DID YOU  
KNOW ABOUT  
ALL THIS  
STUFF?

IT'S IN THE  
BIBLE. IN THE  
LAST DAYS THE  
PERSECUTION OF THE  
SAVED WILL BE  
PARTICULARLY  
HARSH.

WE'RE NOT  
GOING TO BE  
ABLE TO BUY  
FOOD SOON.




SO, WHAT  
DOES THE BIBLE  
SAY ABOUT MY  
BROTHER? I WANT  
TO KNOW WHERE  
HE IS!




IT'S GOING  
TO BE DARK  
SOON. LET'S GET A  
FIRE GOING AND  
EAT. I'LL TELL  
YOU THEN.






SO WHERE'S  
MY BROTHER. I  
TAKE IT HE'S NOT  
BEING RE-  
TRAINED.


NO, ALEX. HE'S  
NOT HERE ANYMORE.  
GOD'S TAKEN HIM OUT OF  
HERE BEFORE THE FINAL  
TRIBUNAL STARTS. HIM,  
AND ALL THE REST, WHO  
TRULY BELIEVED IN  
JESUS.



THAT DOESN'T MAKE  
ANY SENSE.  
WHY AM I STILL HERE?  
WHY ARE MY PARENTS STILL  
HERE?  
WHY ARE MOST OF THE  
PEOPLE FROM MY CHURCH  
STILL HERE?!



ALEX, I SAID  
GOD TOOK THOSE  
WHO TRULY  
BELIEVED IN  
JESUS.




WHAT ARE YOU  
TALKING ABOUT?! I  
TRULY BELIEVED!

WHAT  
MAKES YOU  
THINK SO?


HUH?  
UHH--WELL...I  
WENT TO CHURCH, I  
SANG SONGS...MY  
FAMILY GAVE A LOT  
OF MONEY TO THE  
CHURCH!

I HAVE A  
BIBLE.



NONE OF  
THOSE THINGS  
GET'S YOU INTO  
HEAVEN.

YEAH, OK; I'VE BEEN  
BAPTIZED TOO!  
I PRAYED WITH THE PASTOR  
WHEN I WAS A KID AND I  
ACCEPTED JESUS INTO MY  
HEART!

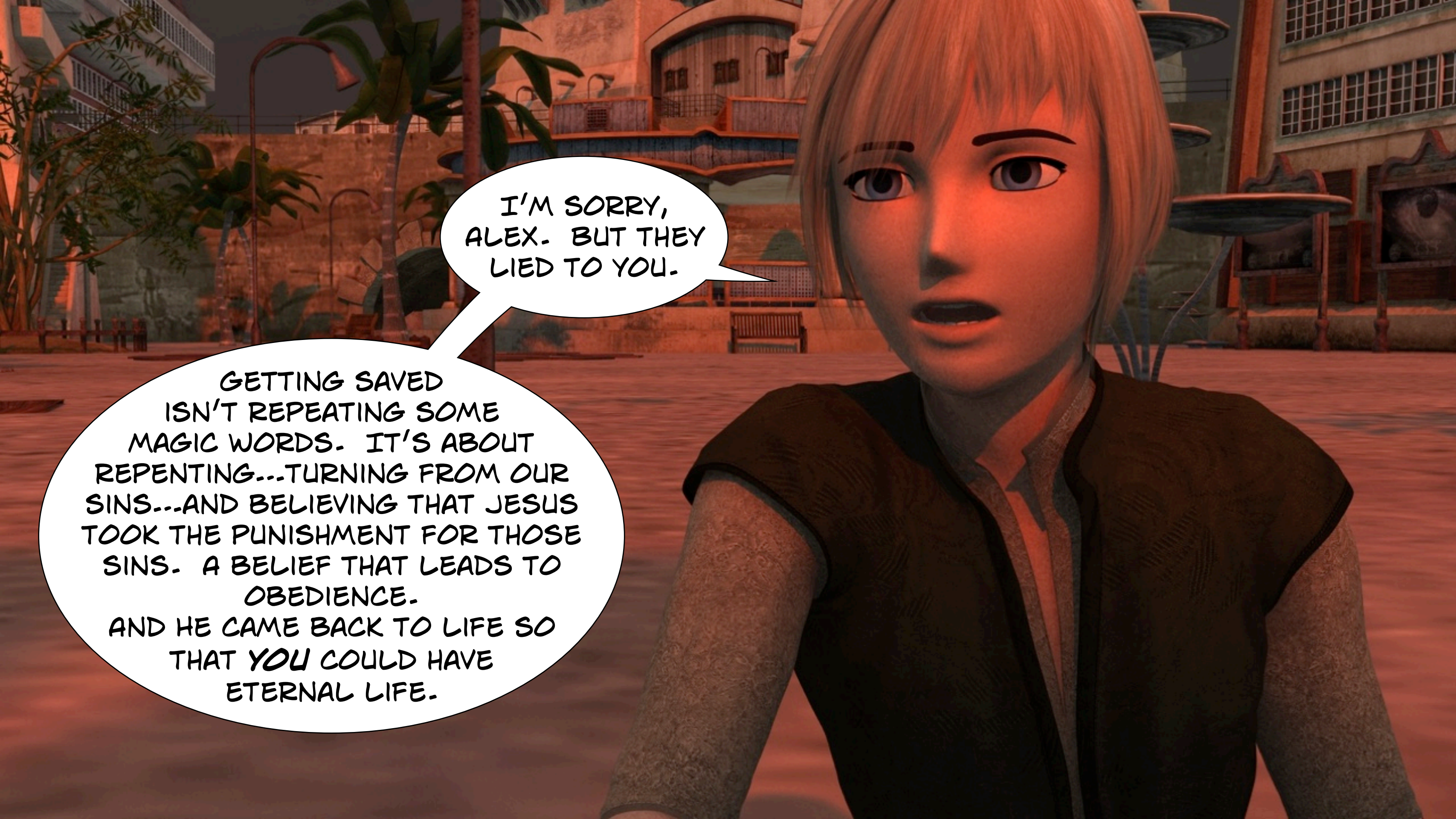


ALEX, CAN YOU  
THINK OF EVEN ONE  
PLACE IN THE BIBLE  
WHERE SOMEONE GOT  
SAVED BY REPEATING SOME  
WORDS AND "ACCEPTING  
JESUS INTO THEIR  
HEART"?



WELL.....NO....  
BUT THAT'S WHAT  
EVERYONE ELSE  
DID.

THAT'S WHAT  
THEY SAID YOU  
HAD TO DO TO GET  
SAVED. IF YOU DID  
THAT YOU'D ALWAYS  
KNOW YOU'RE  
SAVED.



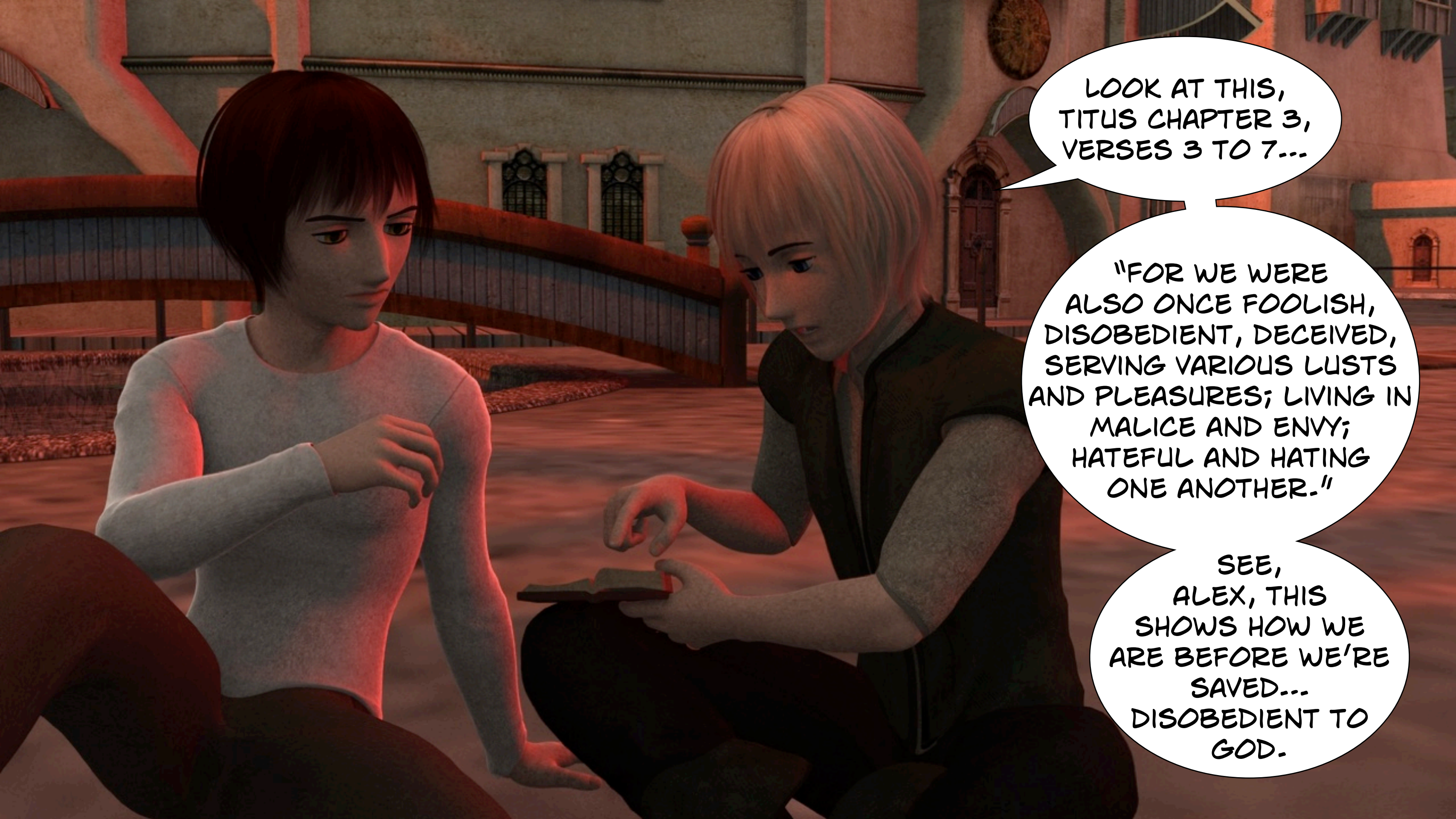
I'M SORRY,  
ALEX. BUT THEY  
LIED TO YOU.

GETTING SAVED  
ISN'T REPEATING SOME  
MAGIC WORDS. IT'S ABOUT  
REPENTING...TURNING FROM OUR  
SINS...AND BELIEVING THAT JESUS  
TOOK THE PUNISHMENT FOR THOSE  
SINS. A BELIEF THAT LEADS TO  
OBEDIENCE.  
AND HE CAME BACK TO LIFE SO  
THAT YOU COULD HAVE  
ETERNAL LIFE.



AND THE WAY YOU KNOW YOU'RE SAVED IS BECAUSE GOD PUTS HIS SPIRIT INTO YOU AND CHANGES YOU.

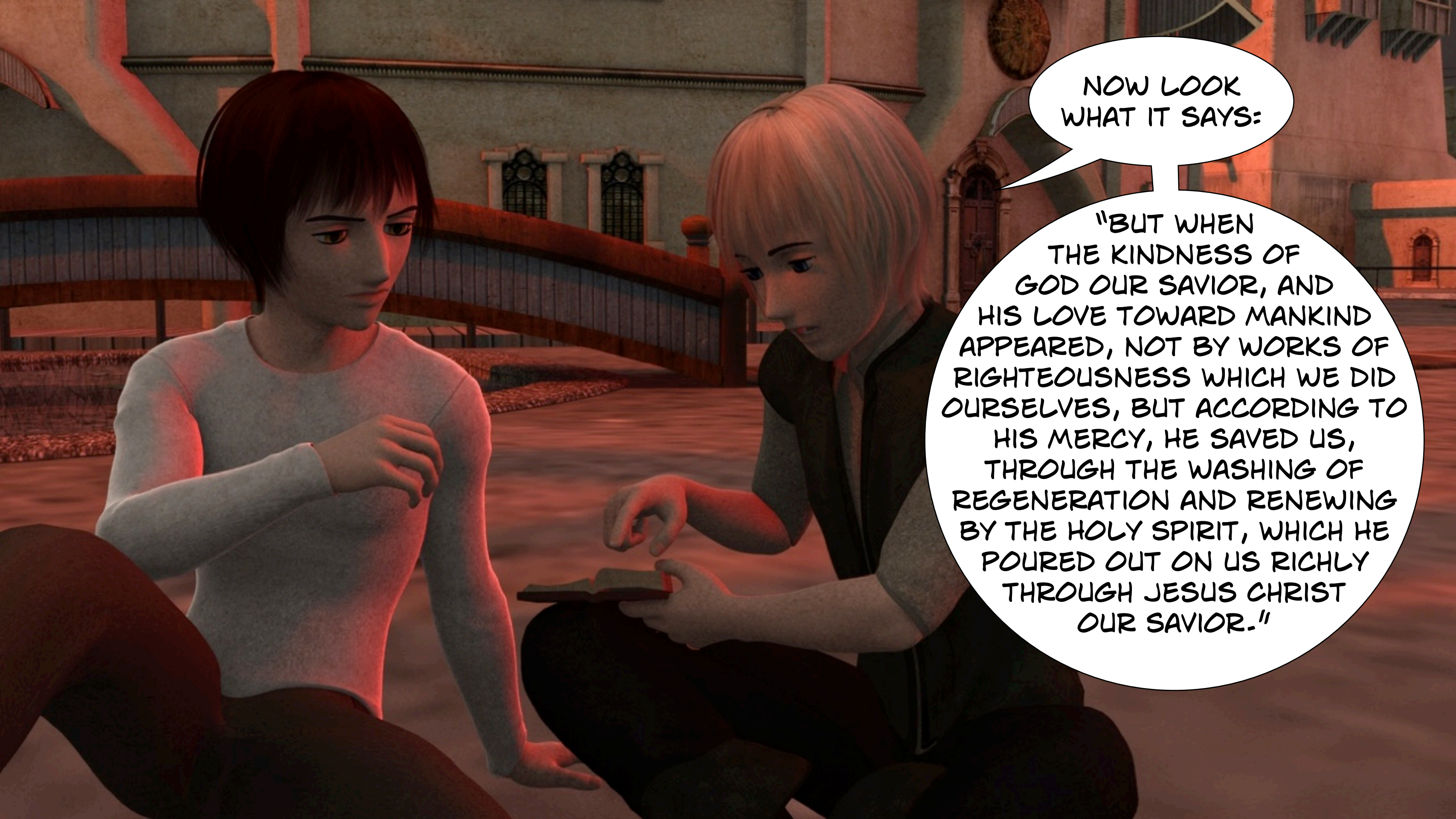
HERE, LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS...



LOOK AT THIS,  
TITUS CHAPTER 3,  
VERSES 3 TO 7...

"FOR WE WERE  
ALSO ONCE FOOLISH,  
DISOBEDIENT, DECEIVED,  
SERVING VARIOUS LUSTS  
AND PLEASURES; LIVING IN  
MALICE AND ENVY;  
HATEFUL AND HATING  
ONE ANOTHER."

SEE,  
ALEX, THIS  
SHOWS HOW WE  
ARE BEFORE WE'RE  
SAVED...  
DISOBEDIENT TO  
GOD.




NOW LOOK  
WHAT IT SAYS:

"BUT WHEN  
THE KINDNESS OF  
GOD OUR SAVIOR, AND  
HIS LOVE TOWARD MANKIND  
APPEARED, NOT BY WORKS OF  
RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH WE DID  
OURSELVES, BUT ACCORDING TO  
HIS MERCY, HE SAVED US,  
THROUGH THE WASHING OF  
REGENERATION AND RENEWING  
BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHICH HE  
POURED OUT ON US RICHLY  
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST  
OUR SAVIOR."



SEE, ALEX,  
IT'S ABOUT  
REGENERATION.  
BEING BORN AGAIN  
LIKE JESUS SAID.  
THAT'S WHAT IT  
MEANS, ALEX.



YOU'RE NOT THE  
SAME ANYMORE.  
YOU'RE A NEW  
CREATION. THE OLD  
THINGS ARE  
PASSED AWAY.



NOW LOOK  
AT THIS NEXT  
PART:

"THAT BEING  
JUSTIFIED BY HIS  
GRACE WE MIGHT BE  
MADE HEIRS  
ACCORDING TO THE  
HOPE OF ETERNAL  
LIFE."



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EE, ALEX,  
WE'RE HEIRS. THIS  
IS THE DOWNPAYMENT  
ON OUR INHERITANCE IN  
HEAVEN.  
**THIS** IS HOW WE  
KNOW WE'RE

S  
NOT BY  
GOING TO  
CHURCH. NOT BY  
SINGING SONGS. NOT  
BY OWNING A BIBLE.  
WHEN WE'RE SAVED  
WE'LL WANT TO DO ALL  
THOSE THINGS...BUT  
THOSE ARE THE  
**RESULTS** OF  
SALVATION, NOT THE  
**MEANS** OF  
SALVATION!



NOW LOOK AT  
THIS, GALATIANS  
CHAPTER 5, VERSES  
24 AND 25:


"THOSE WHO  
BELONG TO  
CHRIST HAVE  
CRUCIFIED THE FLESH  
WITH IT'S PASSIONS  
AND LUSTS. IF WE  
LIVE BY THE SPIRIT,  
LET US ALSO  
WALK BY THE  
SPIRIT."



HOW ARE YOU DOING WITH THOSE PASSIONS AND LUSTS?

HEY, GOD KNOWS I'M NOT PERFECT. I'M ONLY HUMAN. EVERYONE HAS DESIRES.

ALEX, ALL YOU'RE DOING IS AGREEING WITH GOD THAT PEOPLE ARE SINFUL BY NATURE. BUT THAT DOESN'T EXCUSE THEIR SINS. IF IT DID, JESUS WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO DIE FOR THEM.



SO...WHAT?  
I'M NOT  
SUPPOSED TO  
HAVE ANY FUN  
AT ALL?!

ALEX, DON'T  
YOU REALIZE THAT  
THE FACT THAT YOU  
STILL FIND SIN FUN,  
IS A PROBLEM?  
DOESN'T IT BOTHER  
YOU THAT SIN  
DOESN'T BOTHER  
YOU?!

WHY WOULD  
SOMEONE WITH GOD'S  
SPIRIT INSIDE OF THEM  
BE COMFORTABLE  
WITH SIN?




HEY, I  
HAVEN'T  
KILLED ANYONE.  
THERE ARE A  
LOT WORSE  
PEOPLE THAN  
ME!

HAVE YOU  
SLEPT WITH  
SOMEONE YOU'RE NOT  
MARRIED TO?  
DO YOU GET INTOXICATED  
WITH DRUGS OR ALCOHOL?  
DO YOU USE FILTHY  
LANGUAGE?  
DO YOU TRIVIALIZE GOD  
AND BLASPHEME  
HIM?



MAN, YOU ACT LIKE THESE THINGS ARE A CAPITAL OFFENSE!

ARE YOU COVETOUS, PRIDEFUL, ANGRY? WHAT KINDS OF THINGS DO YOU LOOK AT, LISTEN TO, AND READ?




ALEX, THEY  
**ARE!**  
THEY'RE THE THINGS  
JESUS HAD TO  
SUFFER AND DIE  
FOR!

THAT'S HOW  
MUCH GOD HATES  
SIN. IF YOU DON'T  
HATE IT TOO, THEN HOW  
CAN YOU POSSIBLY HAVE  
GOD'S SPIRIT IN YOU?  
AND HOW CAN YOU BE  
FORGIVEN FOR THINGS  
YOU DON'T EVEN  
THINK ARE  
WRONG?




LOOK,  
ROMANS  
CHAPTER 8,  
VERSE 9:

"BUT YOU  
ARE NOT IN THE  
FLESH BUT IN THE  
SPIRIT, IF IT IS SO THAT  
THE SPIRIT OF GOD  
DWELLS IN YOU. BUT IF  
ANY MAN DOES NOT  
HAVE THE SPIRIT OF  
CHRIST, HE IS NOT  
HIS."



SEE  
ALEX, IF  
YOU'RE WALKING  
BY THE SPIRIT AND  
NOT THE FLESH, THEN  
YOU BELONG TO GOD.  
BUT IF YOU'RE NOT  
WALKING BY THE  
SPIRIT...IF GOD'S  
SPIRIT IS NOT INSIDE  
OF YOU...THEN YOU  
DON'T BELONG  
TO HIM.

THEN...  
YOU'RE LOST,  
ALEX.



BUT I  
BELIEVED IN  
GOD.


BUT NOT ENOUGH  
TO OBEY HIM.  
JESUS SAID, "IF YOU  
LOVE ME, KEEP MY  
COMMANDMENTS."

YOU BELIEVED IN A  
"GOD" THAT DOESN'T CARE  
IF YOU SIN. YOU BELIEVED IN A  
"GOD" THAT'S JUST THERE TO  
GIVE YOU A GOOD LIFE...TO TAKE  
AWAY ALL YOUR PROBLEMS. YOU  
DON'T WANT A SAVIOR, YOU  
WANT A SELF-HELP  
GURU...




YOU WANT A "GOD" THAT WILL DO WHAT YOU TELL HIM TO. BUT, ALEX, THAT "GOD" CAN'T SAVE YOU. WHEN YOU DIE, THAT "GOD" DIES TOO BECAUSE HE ONLY EXISTS BETWEEN YOUR EARS.

YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE AWAY YOUR **BIGGEST** PROBLEM, AND THAT'S YOUR SIN. YOU'VE SINNED AGAINST A HOLY AND PERFECT GOD THAT WILL NOT LET UNREPENTANT, REBELLIOUS SINNERS INTO HEAVEN. THAT MEANS THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE FOR THEM...FOR YOU, ALEX.




BUT I KNOW  
WHO JESUS IS.



ALEX, GOD  
SAYS IN 1 JOHN  
CHAPTER 2,  
VERSES 3 AND  
4:


"THIS IS HOW WE  
KNOW THAT WE KNOW  
HIM, IF WE KEEP HIS  
COMMANDMENTS. ONE WHO  
SAYS, 'I KNOW HIM', AND  
DOESN'T KEEP HIS  
COMMANDMENTS, IS A LIAR  
AND THE TRUTH IS NOT IN  
HIM."




SOMETIMES  
I TRY TO  
OBEY BUT I  
CAN'T!

I COULDN'T  
EITHER, ALEX. WE  
CAN'T DO IT  
OURSELVES. WE'RE  
FALLEN. BUT GOD CAN  
DO IT! HE CAN CHANGE  
US SO THAT WE DON'T  
CHASE AFTER SIN. AND  
IF WE FALL, WE  
WON'T DEFEND  
OUR SIN...


WE'LL ASK HIM TO  
FORGIVE US AND HELP US  
NOT SIN AGAINST HIM AGAIN.  
BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT WE  
WANT...BECAUSE HIS  
SPIRIT IS INSIDE US.



BUT THE ONLY WAY THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IS IF WE LET HIM DO IT ALL. NOT JUST SOME OF THE SINS. ALL OF THEM. EVEN THE FAVORITE SINS WE THINK WE CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT. IT HAS TO BE EVERYTHING, ALEX. NOBODY GETS A LITTLE-BIT SAVED.



YOU'VE GOT TO BE  
WILLING TO GIVE IT  
ALL UP. TO LET GOD  
TAKE AWAY ALL  
THOSE DESIRES!



DON'T WASTE  
YOUR CHANCE, ALEX. I  
WAITED TOO LONG AND  
NOW I'M HERE INSTEAD OF IN  
HEAVEN. I BLEW IT.  
DON'T MAKE THE SAME  
MISTAKE, ALEX, BECAUSE  
THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE  
ANOTHER CHANCE AFTER  
THIS ONE.

YOU'RE  
RUNNING OUT OF  
TIME. JUST GIVE  
UP, ALEX!