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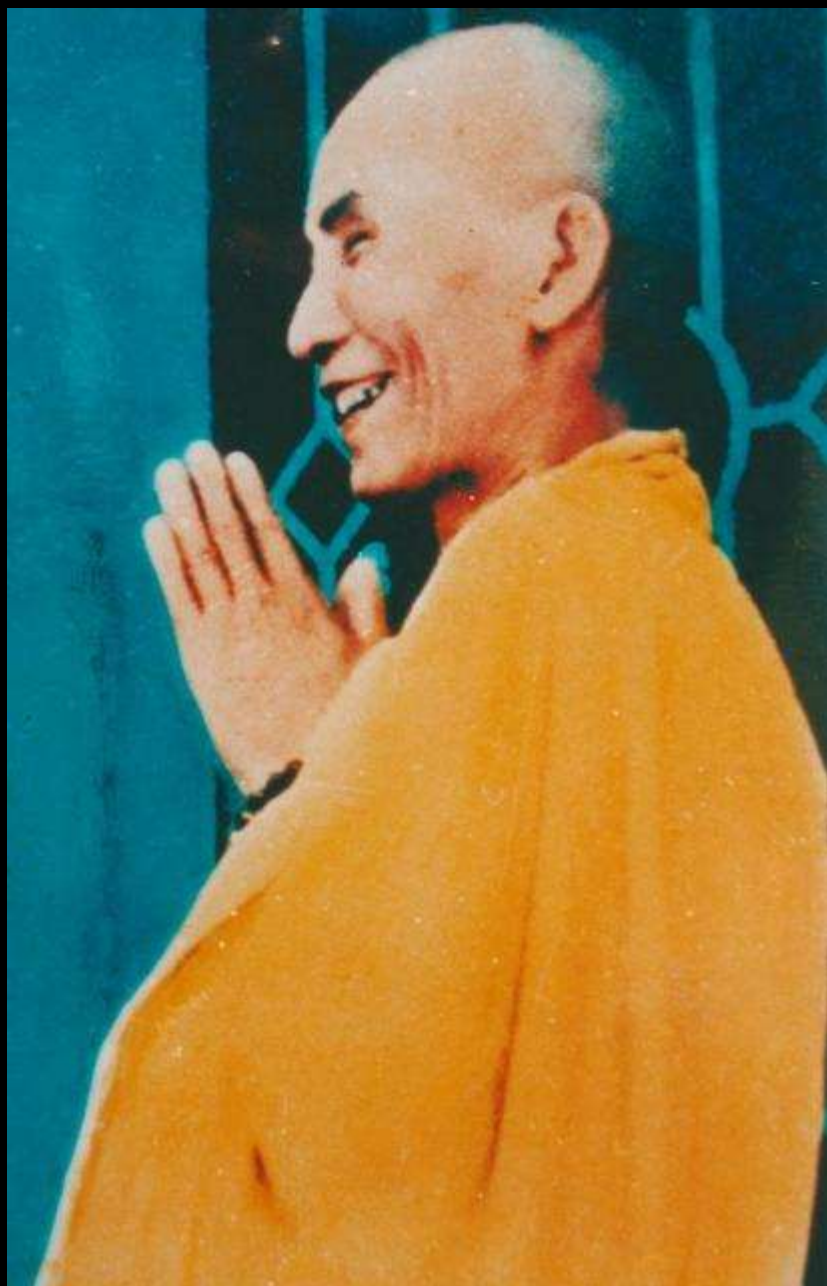




















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“No news picture  
in history has  
generated so  
much emotion  
around the world  
as that one.”

(JFK, as quoted in Ian K Smith's article  
“South Vietnam, 11 June 1963” on  
[newstatesman.com](http://newstatesman.com), April 1, 2010)





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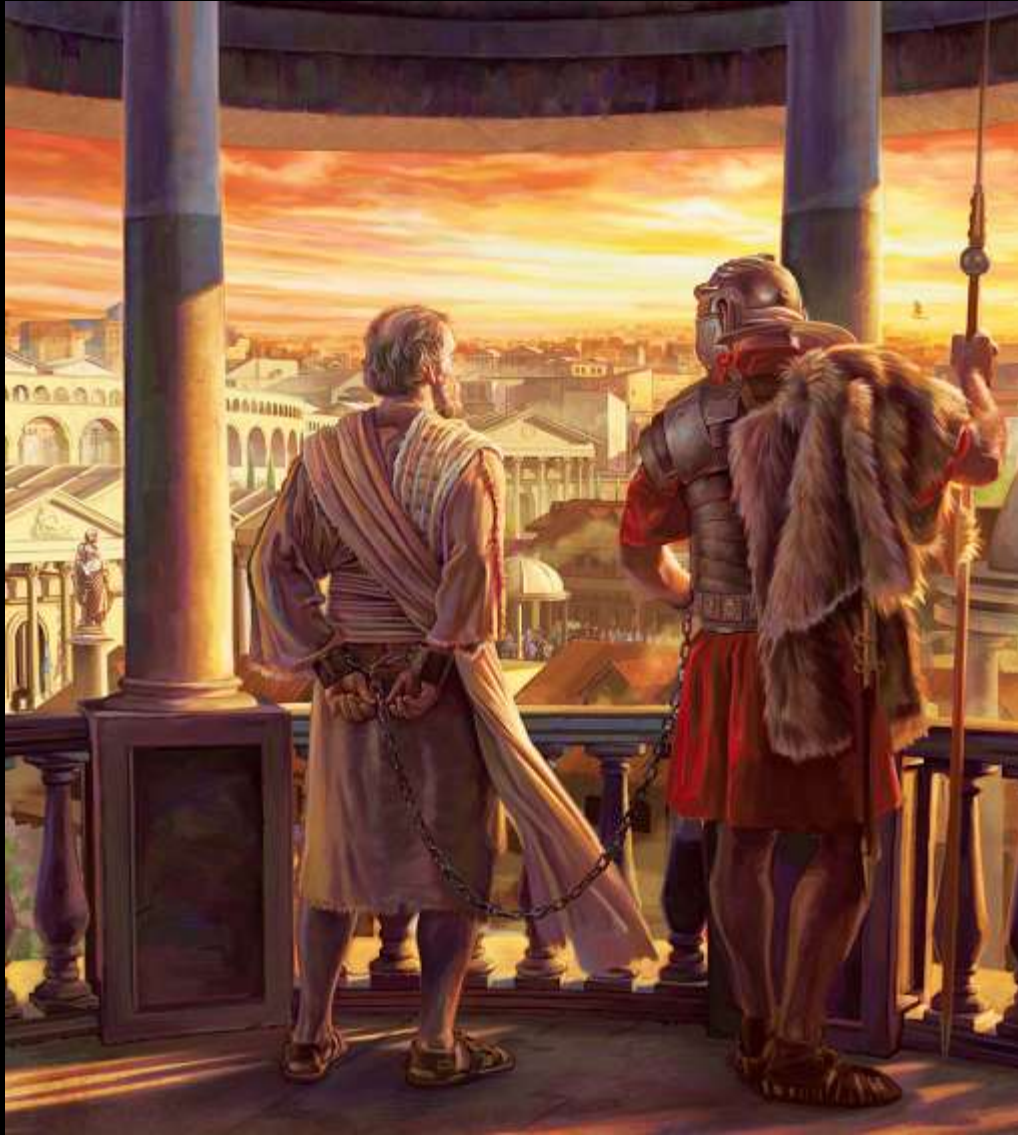
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Acts 28:14-16 (ESV): “And so we came to Rome.  
15 And the brothers there, when they heard  
about us, came as far as the Forum of Appius  
and Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them,  
Paul thanked God and took courage. 16 And  
when we came into Rome, Paul  
was allowed to stay by himself,  
with the soldier who guarded him.”

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Romans 1:13 (ESV): “I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles.”

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Romans 3:23-24 (ESV): “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”

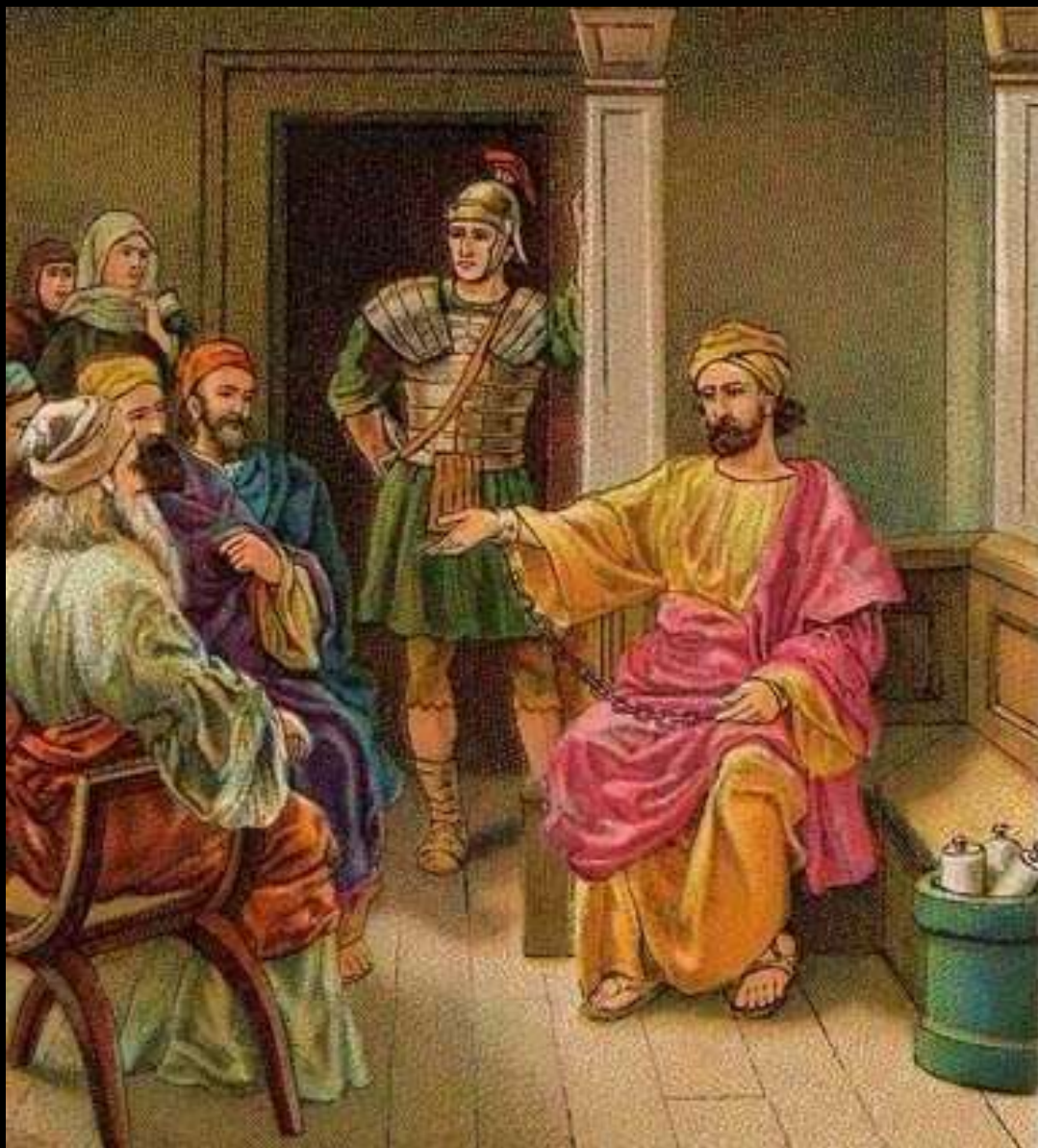
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Acts 28:30-31 (ESV): “He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, **31** proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.”

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Acts 12:1-3 (ESV): “About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. 2 He killed James the brother of John with the sword, 3 and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also.”

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Luke 23:33 (ESV): “And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him.”

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1 Corinthians 4:17 (NIV): “For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church.”

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1 Corinthians 11:2 (ESV): “Remember me  
in everything.”

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Colossians 4:18 (ESV): “Remember my chains.”

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1 Thessalonians 2:9 (ESV): “Remember,  
brothers, our labor and toil.”

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1 Thessalonians 3:6 (ESV): “You always remember us kindly.”

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Philippians 1:23-25 (ESV): “My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. **24** But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.

**25** Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all.”

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CHRISTIANITY IS A MATTER OF LIFE NOT DEATH.

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Mark 12:27 (ESV): “He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong.”

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2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV): “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

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Romans 3:25 (NLT): “For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past.”

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John 5:21 (ESV): “For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will.”

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John 6:40 (ESV): “For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

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John 10:10 (NIV): “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

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Acts 27:24 (ESV): “Do not be afraid, Paul;  
you must stand before Caesar.”

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Philemon 22 (ESV): “At the same time, prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping that through your prayers I will be graciously given to you.”

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Romans 15:28 (ESV): “When therefore I have completed this and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will leave for Spain by way of you.”

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“Consequently, to get rid of the report, Nero fastened the guilt and inflicted the most exquisite tortures on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. Christus, from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilatus.... Accordingly, an arrest was first made of all who pleaded guilty; then, upon their information, an immense multitude was convicted.”

(From Tacitus' Annals, book 15, chapter 44)

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“Mockery of every sort was added to their deaths. Covered with the skins of beasts, they were torn by dogs and perished, or were nailed to crosses, or were doomed to the flames and burnt...Hence, even for criminals who deserved extreme and exemplary punishment, there arose a feeling of compassion; for it was not, as it seemed, for the public good, but to glut one man’s cruelty, that they were being destroyed.”

(From Tacitus’ Annals, book 15, chapter 44)

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“Christianity served as a revitalization movement that arose in response to the misery, chaos, fear, and brutality of life in the urban Greco-Roman world...by providing new norms and new kinds of social relationships able to cope with many urgent problems. To cities filled with the homeless and impoverished, Christianity offered charity as well as hope. To cities filled with newcomers and strangers, Christianity offered an immediate basis for attachment....”

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“...To cities filled with orphans and widows, Christianity provided a new and expanded sense of family. To cities torn by violent ethnic strife, Christianity offered a new basis for social solidarity...What they brought was not simply an urban movement, but a new culture capable of making life in Greco-Roman cities more tolerable.”

(From Rodney Stark's *The Rise of Christianity*, page 161)

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2 Peter 2:20-21 (NIV): “If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and are overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. **21** It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them.”

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Hebrews 6:4-6 (NASB): “For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again.”

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Romans 12:10-18 (ESV): “Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. **11** Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. **12** Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. **13** Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. **14** Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them....”

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“...**15** Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. **16** Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. **17** Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. **18** If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”

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