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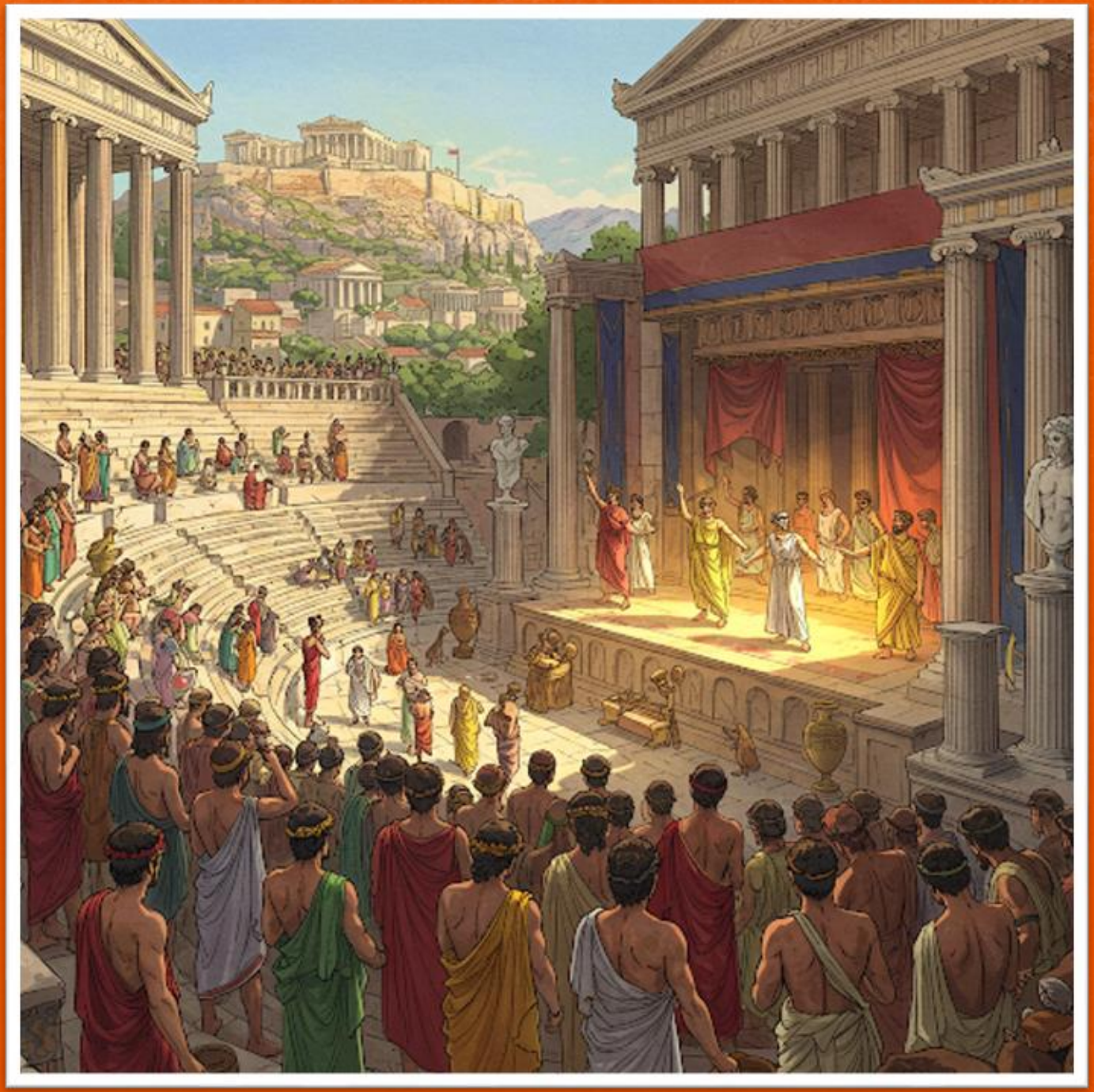
“What about all the hypocrisy in the Church and among Christians, who claim to be holy but do horrible things?”

Hypocrisy – The act of behaving in a way that contradicts what one claims to believe or be.









[1] Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples,
[2] “The teachers of religious law and the Pharisees are
the official interpreters of the law of Moses. [3] So
practice and obey whatever they tell you, but don’t
follow their example. For they don’t practice what they
teach. [4] They crush people with unbearable religious
demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden.
(Matthew 23:1-4 NLT)

27 “What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law
and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are like
whitewashed tombs—beautiful on the outside but
filled on the inside with dead people’s bones and all
sorts of impurity. 28 Outwardly you look like righteous
people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with
hypocrisy and lawlessness.
(Matthew 23:27-28 NLT)

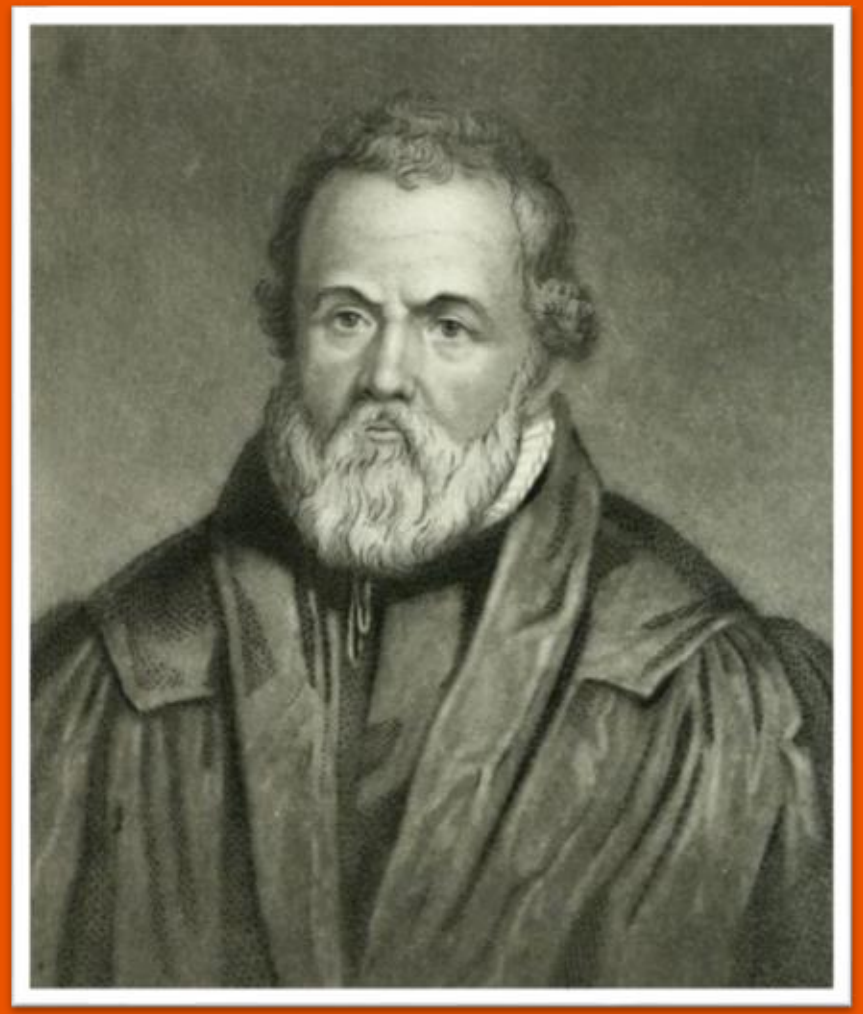
Our Message needs to be consistent with the Gospel.

[8] If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. [9] But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. [10] If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.
(1 John 1:8-10 NLT)

[1] Once you were dead because of your disobedience
and your many sins. [2] You used to live in sin, just like the
rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of
the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work
in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. [3] All of
us used to live that way, following the passionate
desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very
nature we were subject to God's anger, just like
everyone else.

4 But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much,
5 that even though we were dead because of our sins,
he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It
is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) 6 For
he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated
us with him in the heavenly realms because we are
united with Christ Jesus.

7 So God can point to us in all future ages as examples
of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness
toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are
united with Christ Jesus. 8 God saved you by his grace
when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it
is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the
good things we have done, so none of us can boast
about it.



“But for the grace of God there goes John Bradford.”

10 For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.
(Eph 2:1-10 NLT)

We need to realign out Conduct with the Gospel.

21 Since you have heard about Jesus and have
learned the truth that comes from him, 22 throw off
your old sinful nature and your former way of life,
which is corrupted by lust and deception.
23 Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and
attitudes. 24 Put on your new nature, created to be
like God—truly righteous and holy. 25 So stop telling
lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are
all parts of the same body.

[26] And “don’t sin by letting anger control you.”
Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry,
[27] for anger gives a foothold to the devil. [28] If you
are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands
for good hard work, and then give generously to
others in need. [29] Don’t use foul or abusive
language. Let everything you say be good and
helpful, so that your words will be an
encouragement to those who hear them.

30 And do not bring sorrow to God’s Holy Spirit by
the way you live. Remember, he has identified you
as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on
the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness,
rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all
types of evil behavior. 32 Instead, be kind to each
other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as
God through Christ has forgiven you.
(Eph 4:20-32 NLT)

God accepts us as we are,
but loves us enough to not let us stay that way.

Jesus saves us from the penalty of sin.
Jesus is saving us from the power of sin.
Jesus will save us from the presence of sin.

“A divinely wrought character change freeing us from sinful habits and forming in us Christlike affections, dispositions, and virtues.” – J.I. Packer

Be With Jesus
Become Like Jesus
Do What Jesus Did