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Become as I am,
Paul's Heartfelt
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Galatians 4:8-20
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Galatians Outline

I. The True gospel defended (1:1-2:21)

II. The True gospel explained (3:1-4:31)

a) Righteousness comes through faith, not works (3:1-14)

b) The relationship between the law and the promise (3:15-3:29)

c) Not slaves but heirs in Christ (4:1-4:11)

d) Become as I am: Paul's heartfelt cry (4:12-4:20)

e) The allegory of the bondwoman and the free woman (4:21-4:31)

III. The True gospel applied (5:1-6:18)

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GALATIANS 4:8-11

However at that time, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by nature are no gods. 9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again? 10 You observe days and months and seasons and years. 11 I fear for you, that perhaps I have labored over you in vain.

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Acts 14:11-15

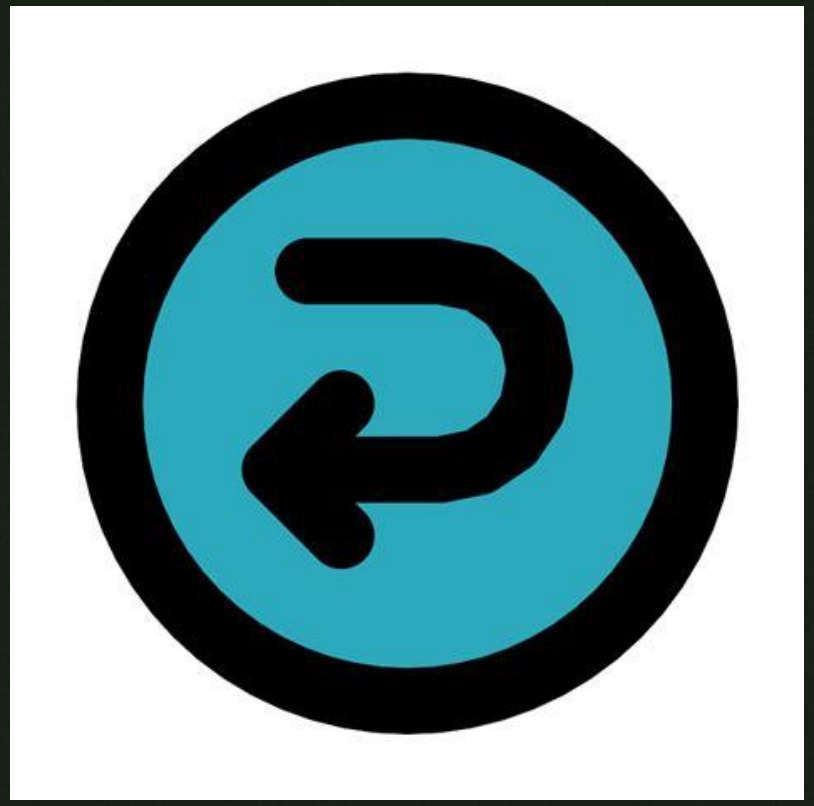
11 When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised their
voice, saying in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have become
like men and have come down to us.” 12 And they *began* calling
Barnabas, Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief
speaker. 13 The priest of Zeus, whose *temple* was just outside the
city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and wanted to offer
sacrifice with the crowds. 14 But when the apostles Barnabas and
Paul heard of it, they tore their robes and rushed out into the
crowd, crying out 15 and saying, “Men, why are you doing these
things? We are also men of the same nature as you, and preach
the gospel to you that you should turn from these [f]vain things to
a living God, WHO MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA
AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM.

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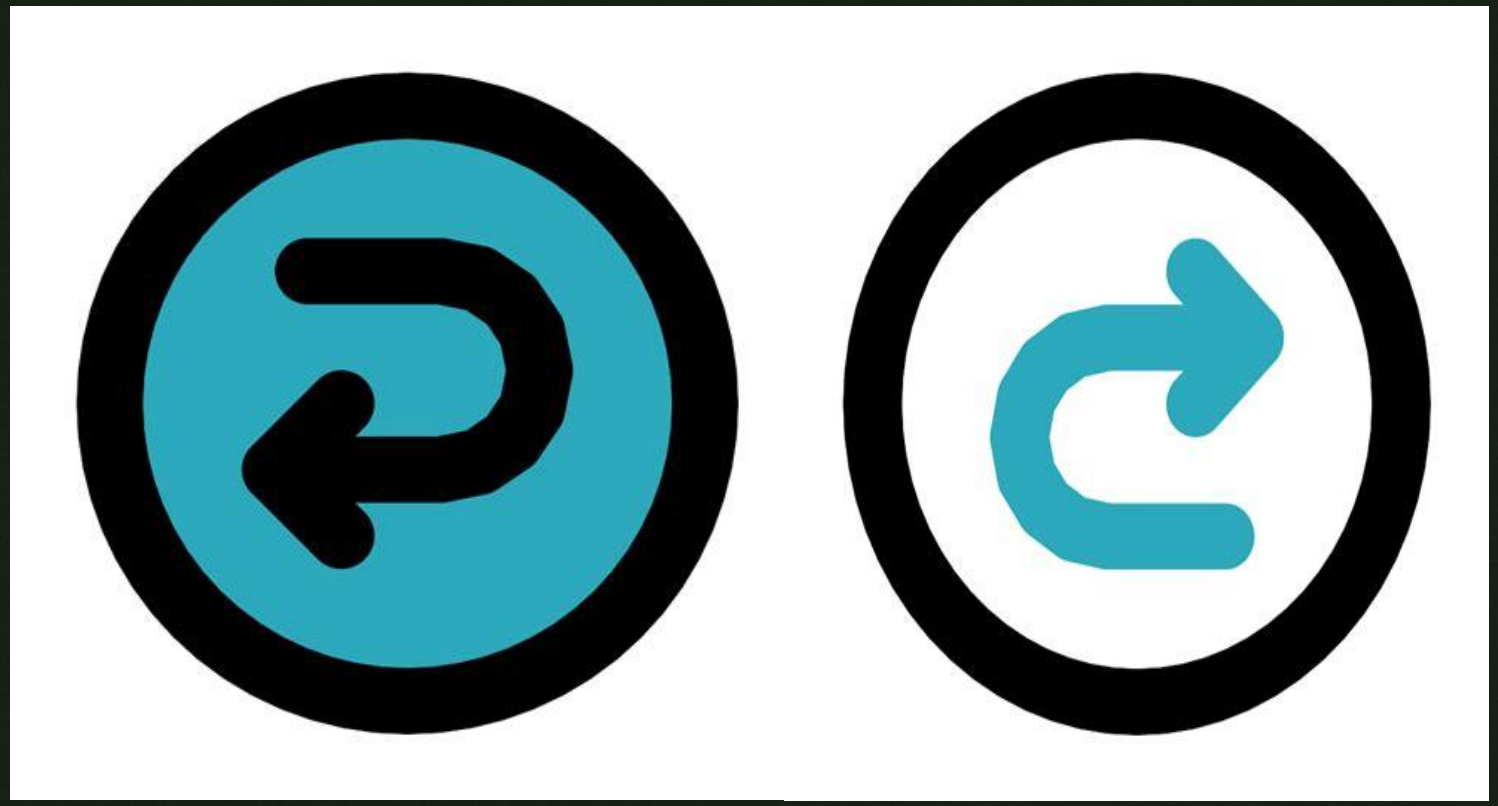
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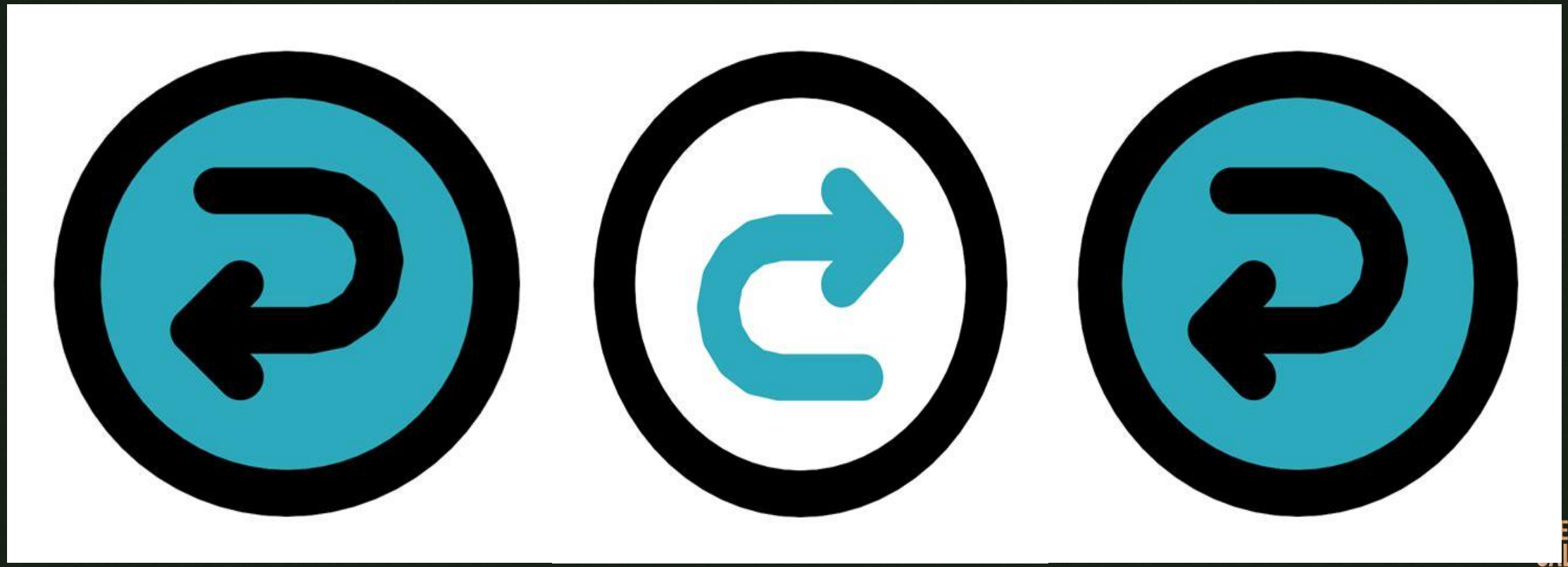
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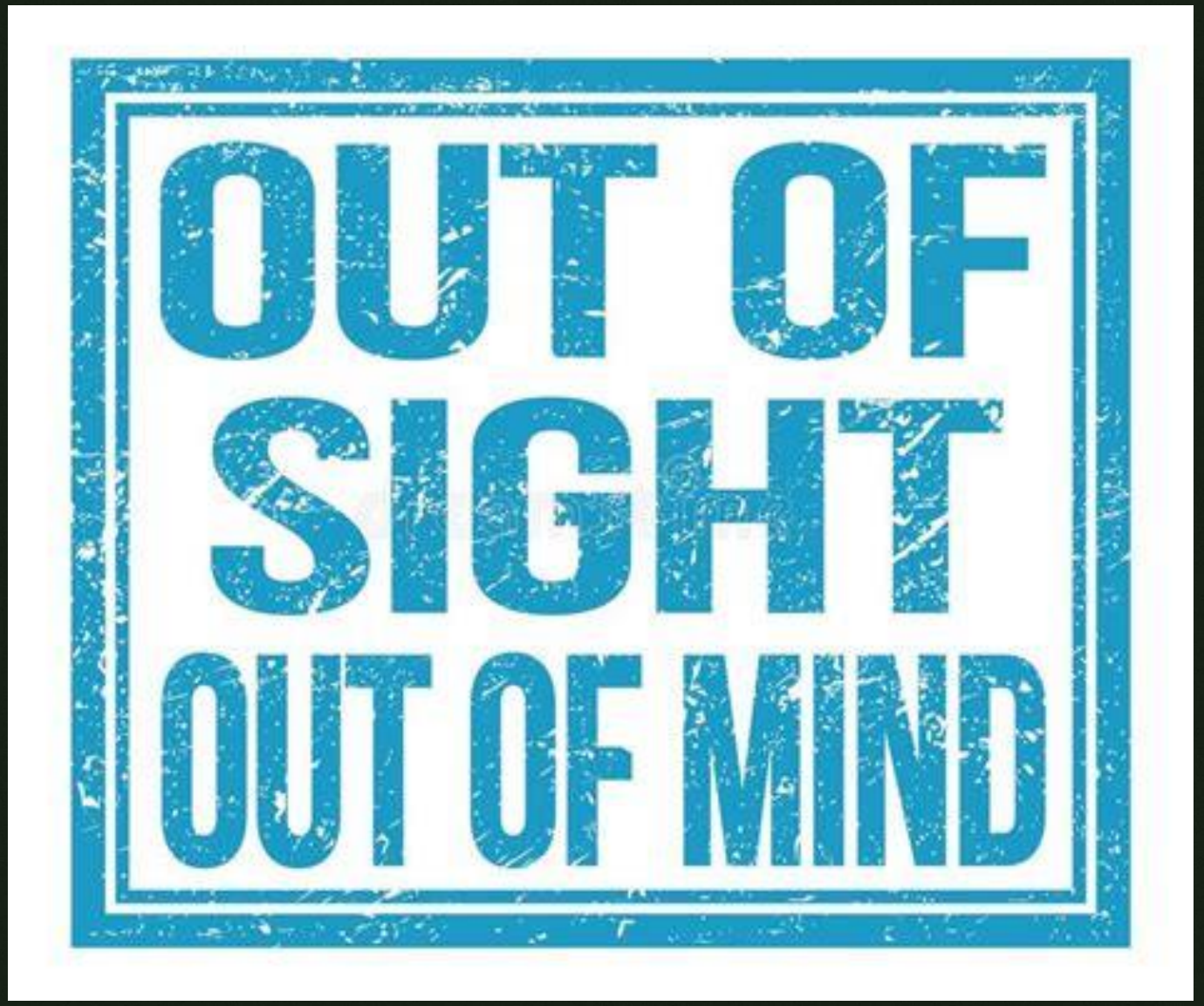
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GALATIANS 4:12-15

12 I beg of you, brethren, become as I *am*, for I also *have become* as you *are*. You have done me no wrong; 13 but you know that it was because of a bodily illness that I preached the gospel to you the first time; 14 and that which was a trial to you in my bodily condition you did not despise or loathe, but you received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus *Himself*. 15 Where then is that sense of blessing you had? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me.

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1 THESSALONIANS 2:13

13 For this reason we also constantly thank God that
when you received the word of God which you heard
from us, you accepted *it* not *as* the word of men,
but *for* what it really is, the word of God, which also
performs its work in you who believe.

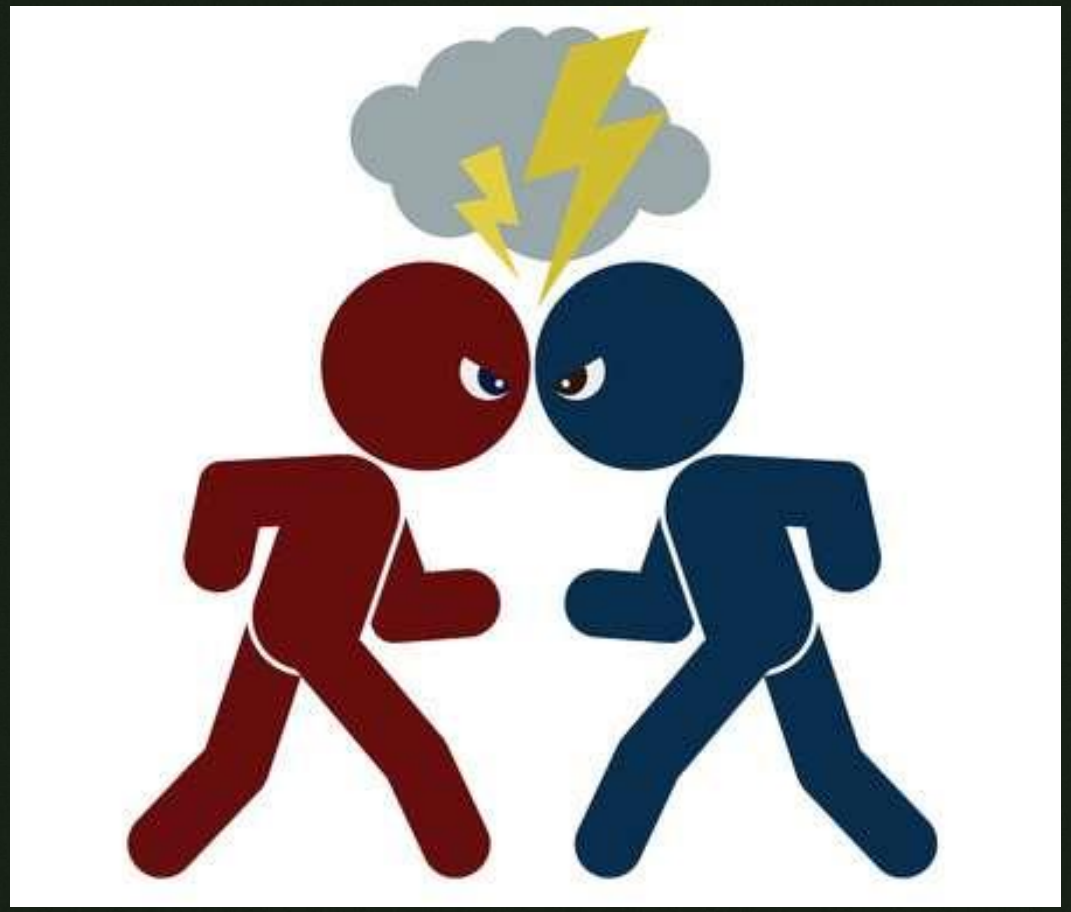
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GALATIANS 4:16-20

16 So have I become your enemy by telling you the
truth? 17 They eagerly seek you, not commendably, but
they wish to shut you out so that you will seek
them. 18 But it is good always to be eagerly sought in a
commendable manner, and not only when I am present
with you. 19 My children, with whom I am again in labor
until Christ is formed in you— 20 but I could wish to be
present with you now and to change my tone, for I am
perplexed about you.

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EPHESIANS 4:14-15

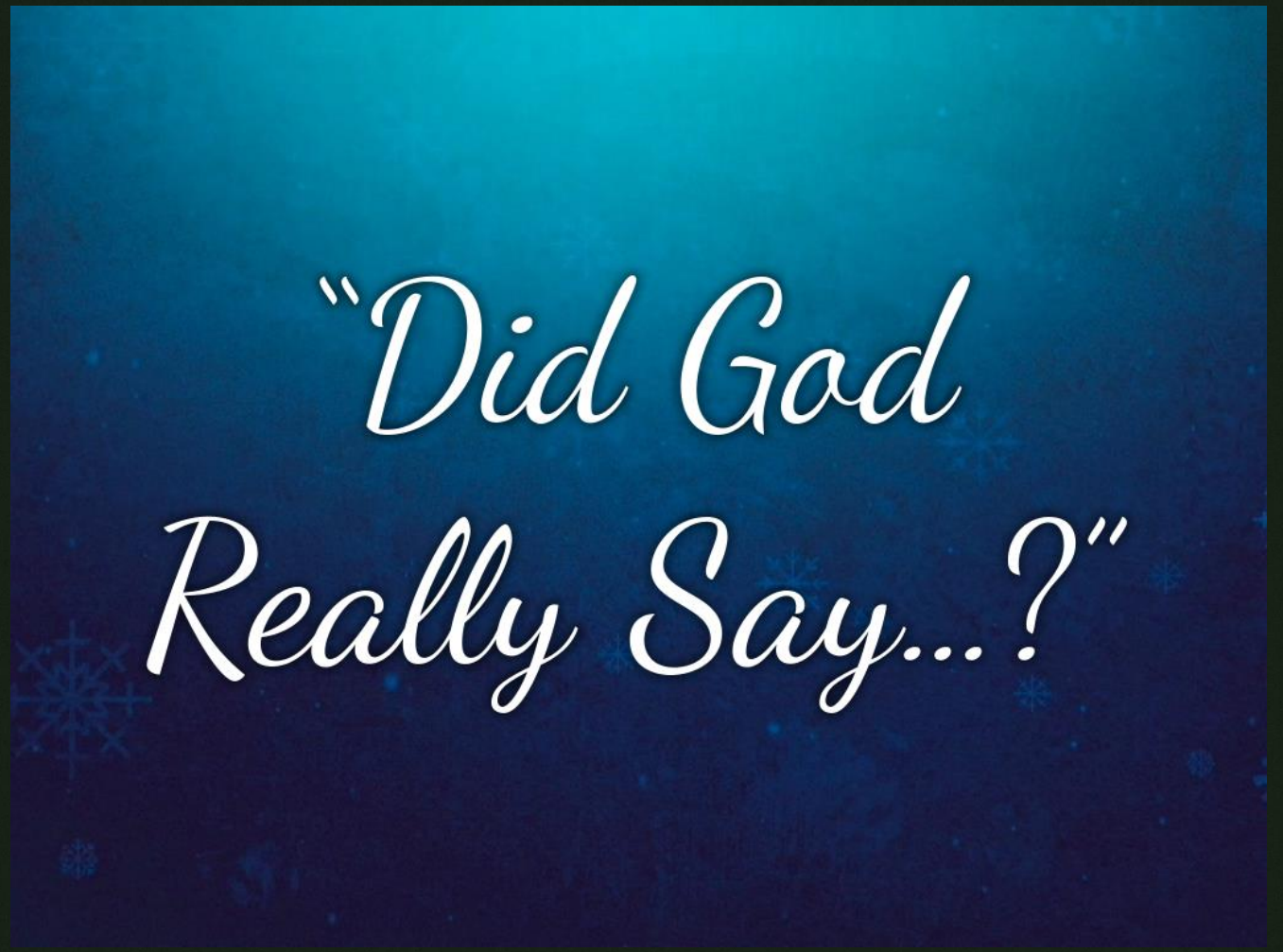
14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed
here and there by waves and carried about by every wind
of doctrine, by the trickery of men,
by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15 but speaking the
truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him
who is the head, *even* Christ,

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“Life is a journey that must be traveled no matter how bad the roads and accommodations.”

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1 Corinthians 3:5-9

5 What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants
through whom you believed, even as the Lord
gave *opportunity* to each one. 6 I planted, Apollos
watered, but God was causing the growth. 7 So then
neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is
anything, but God who causes the growth. 8 Now he who
plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive
his own reward according to his own labor. 9 For we are
God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

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COLOSSIANS 1:28

28 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and
teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we
may present every man complete in Christ.

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Summary Thoughts:

- Don’t resort to check list Christianity - Pursue Christ to know Him more.
- Be thankful for spiritual mentors and aware of undue influences.
- Stay in the Bible to know the truth both for helping others (like Paul) or defending yourself from error.

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