

# LIGHT

OF THE WORLD

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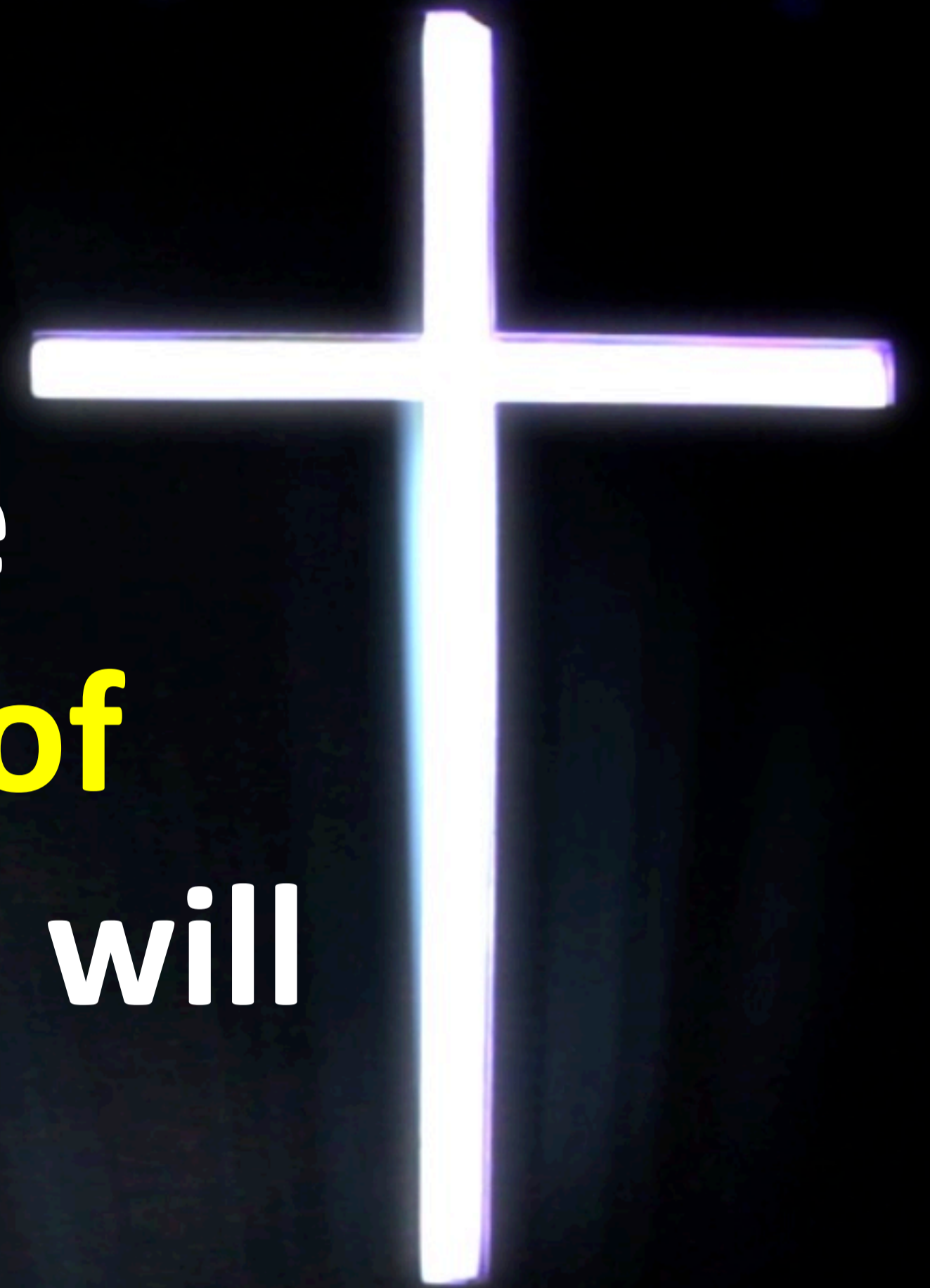


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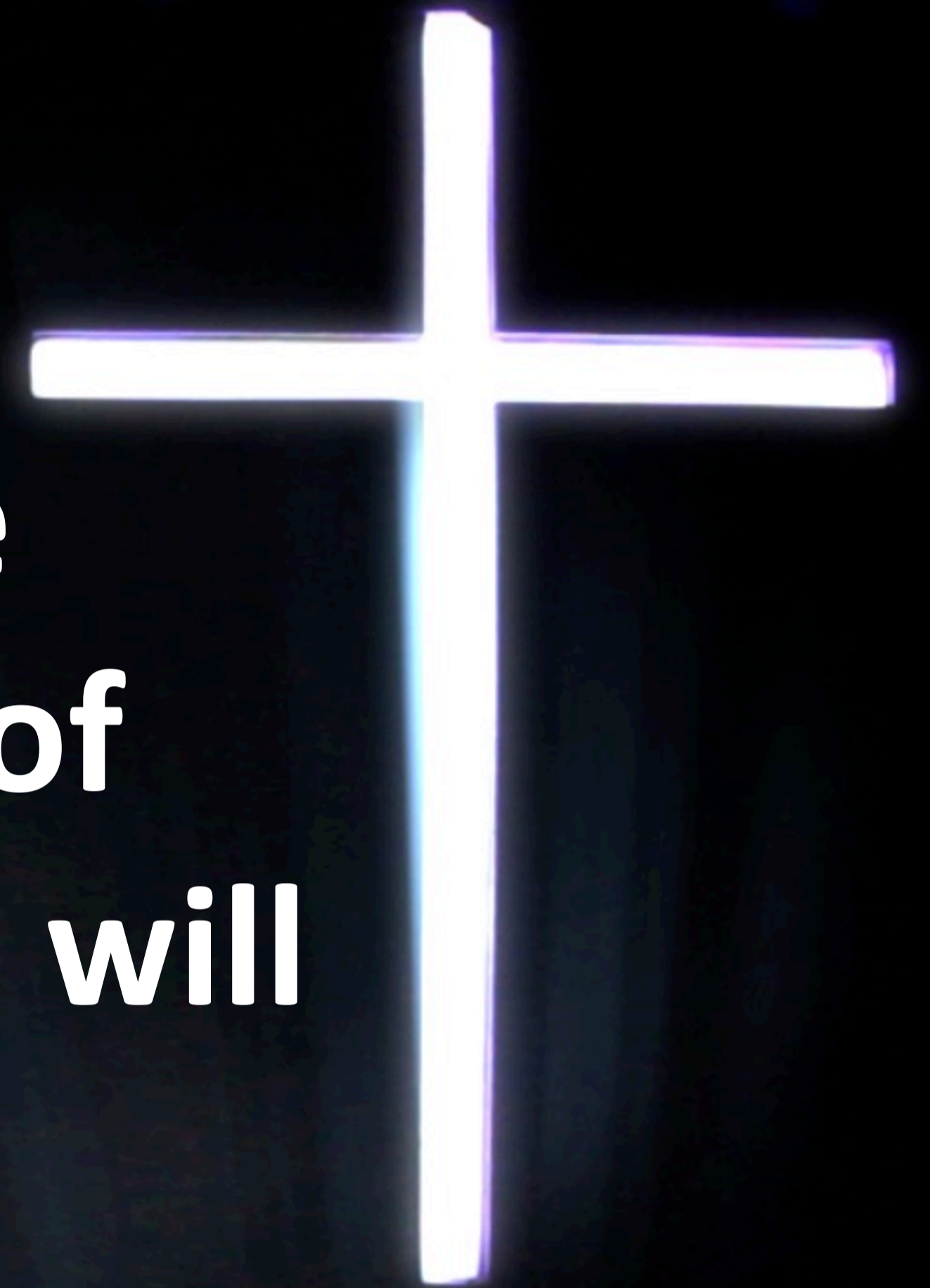
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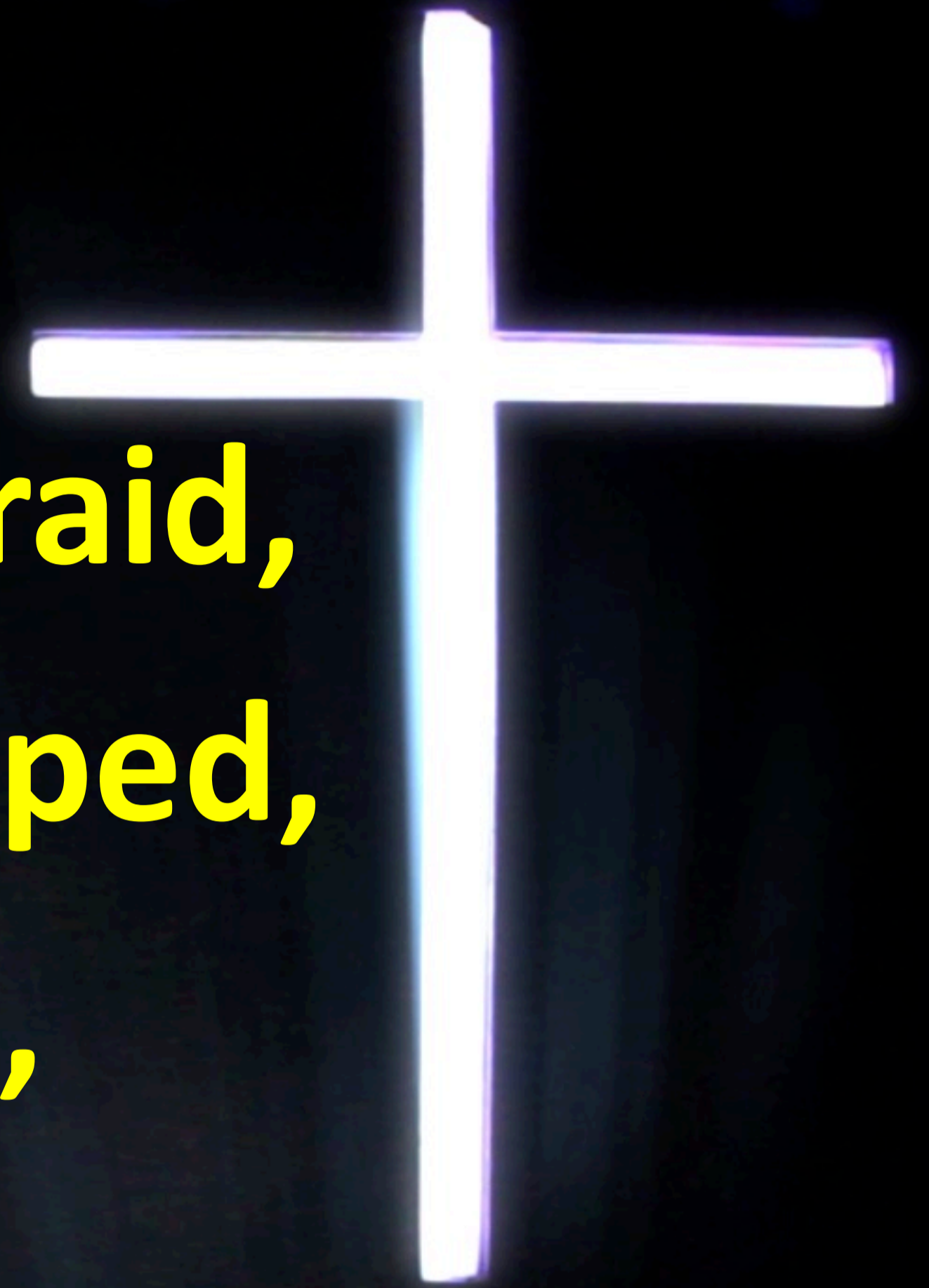


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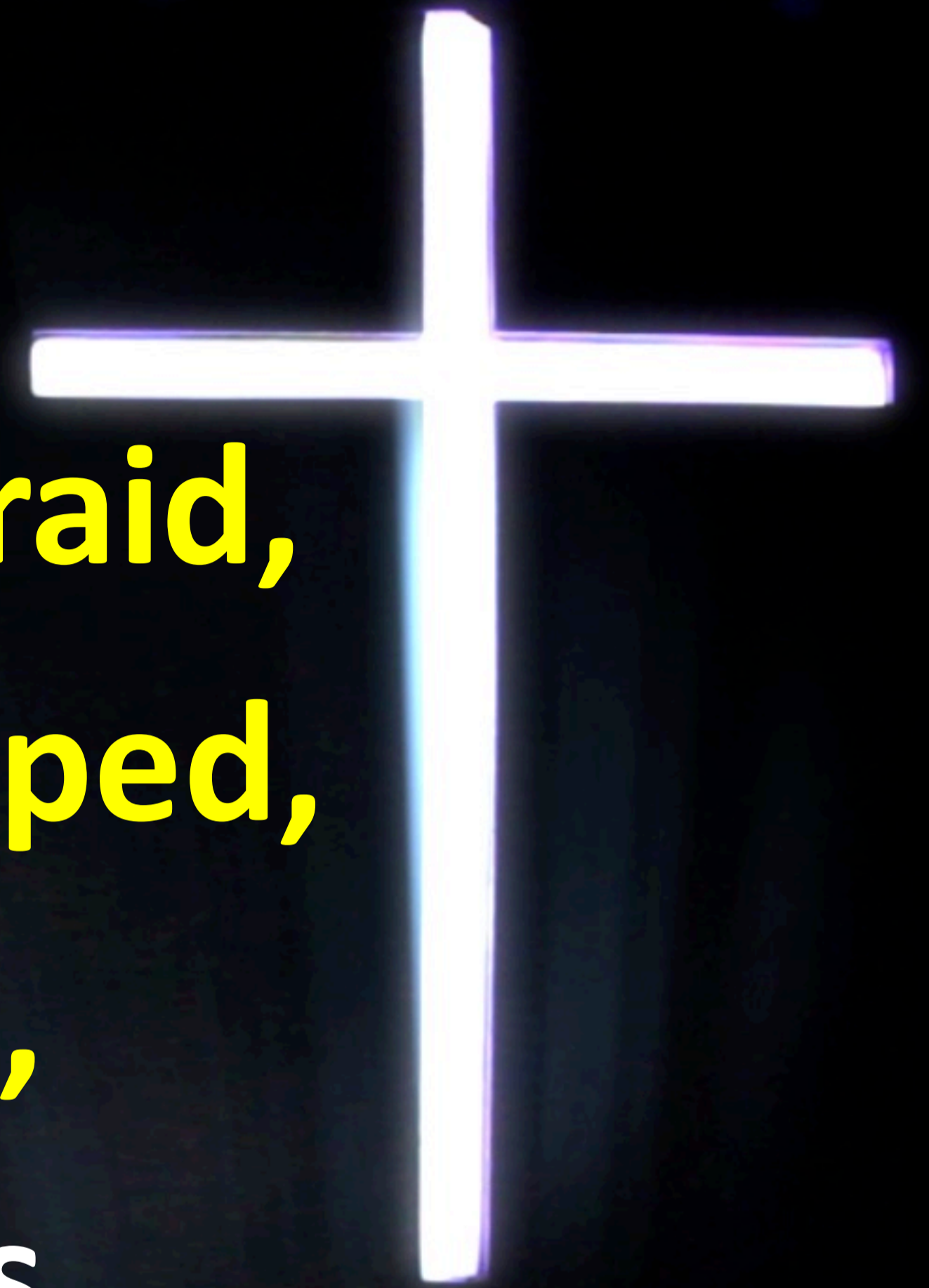
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Jesus is the light in our darkness  
that brings hope.



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We were created to run on love.



Sin damages us producing the darkness of feeling unloved and insecure.



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There's a **way** that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death. (darkness)

Proverbs 14:12



We need God's love to fill us, heal us  
and save us.



**Created for love.**

**Sin produces darkness.**

**Try to fill love deficit.**

**Need God's love.**



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“If we love one another, God lives in us and **his love is made complete in us.**”

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We are to re-present the love  
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