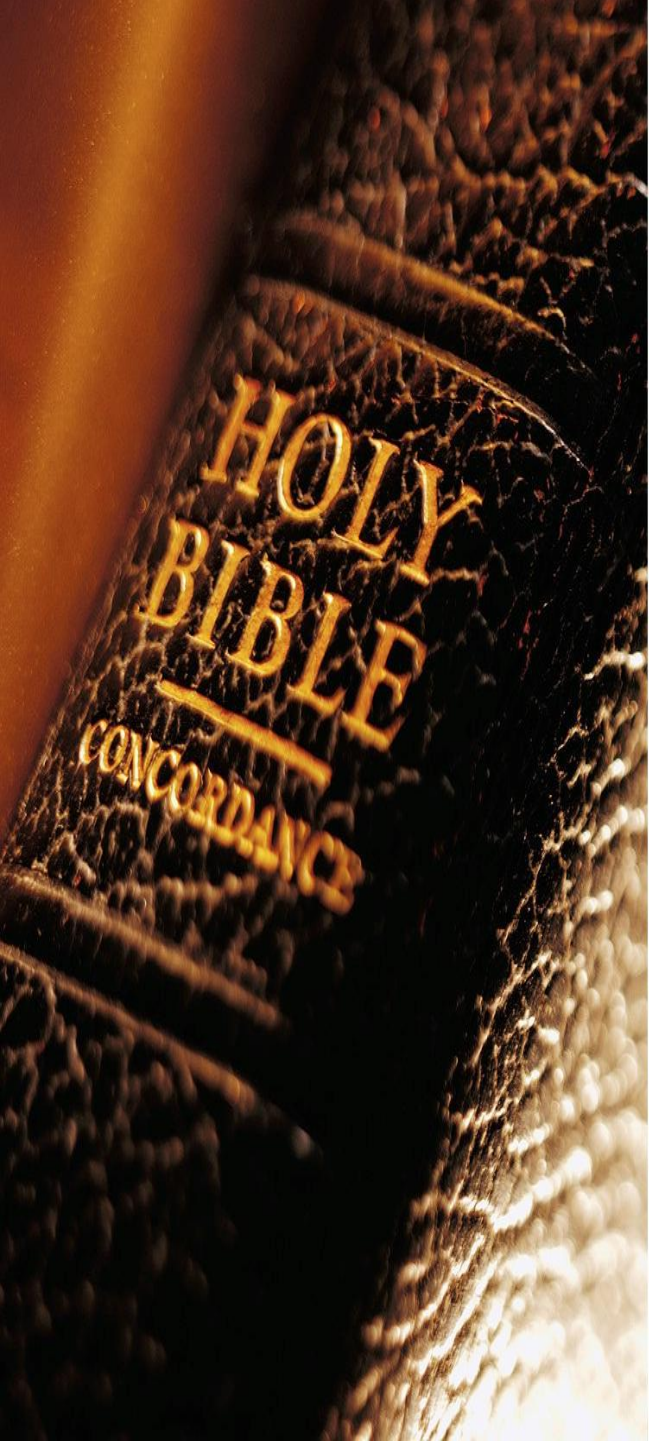


God's immensely great power!



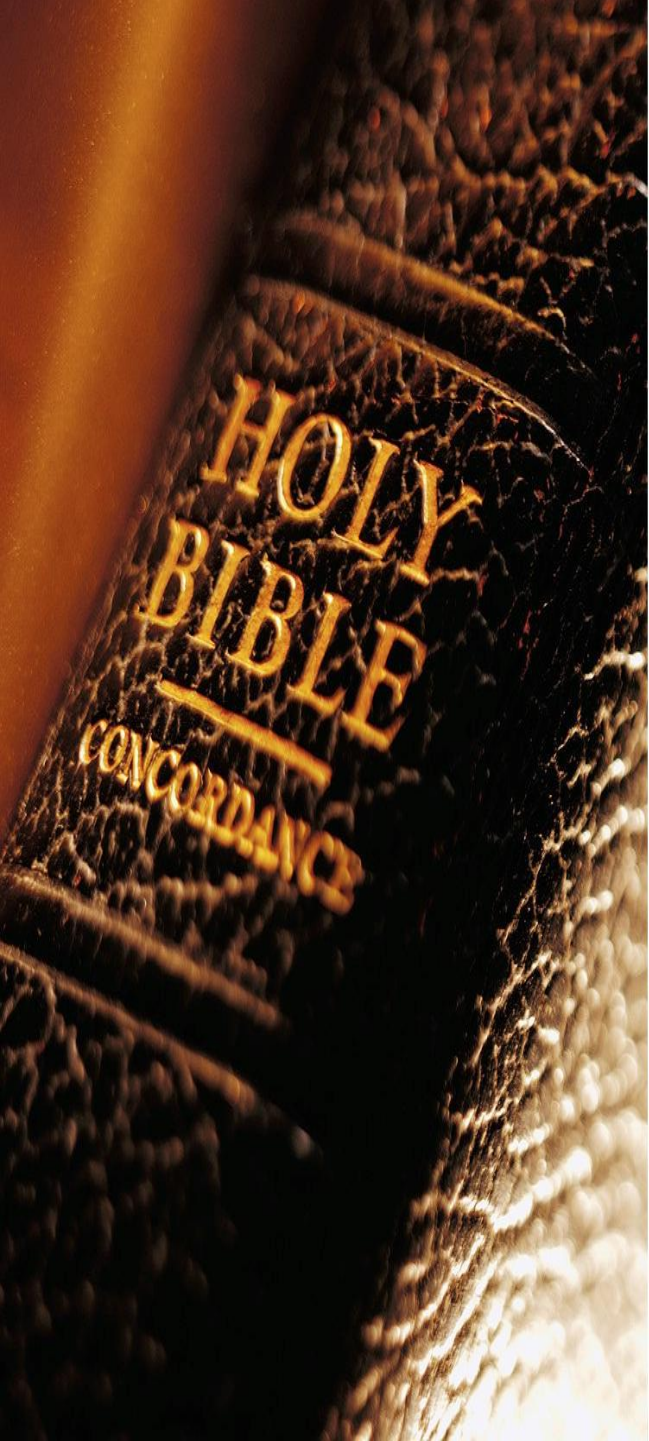
“eyes of your hearts ... flooded with light”
(Ephesians 1:15-23)



Ephesians 2:1-10 (NLT)

¹ Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins.

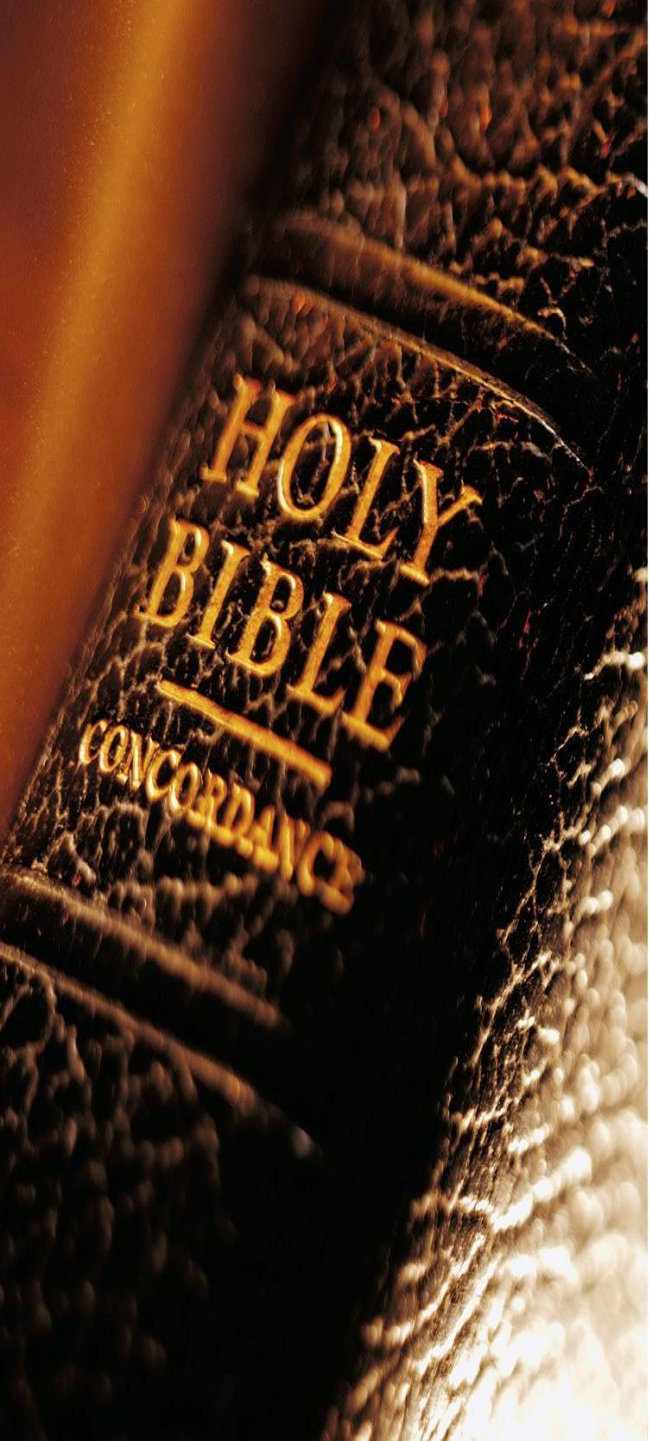
² You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.



Ephesians 2:1-10 (NLT)

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.

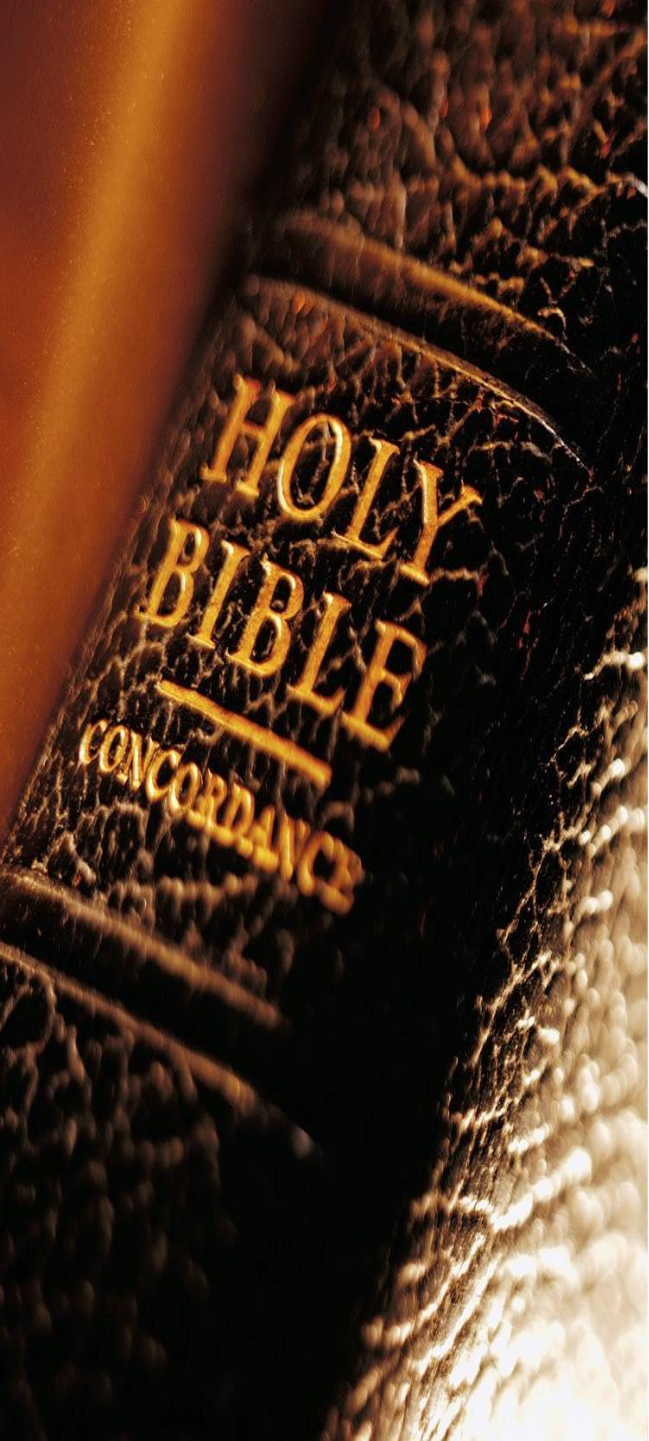
⁴ But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵ that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)



Ephesians 2:1-10 (NLT)

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.



Ephesians 2:1-10 (NLT)

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.

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.

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Charismatic



Academic



Athletic



Artistic

Signs of Life!



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**Once you
were dead**

(Eph. 2:1)

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“dead in trespasses and sins”

(Eph. 2:1)



trespasses

(*paraptoma*)

cross a boundary
wander off path



sins

(*hamartia*)

miss the target
fall short of standard

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the world

(Eph. 2:2)



the flesh

(Eph. 2:3)



the devil

(Eph. 2:2)

“enslaved”

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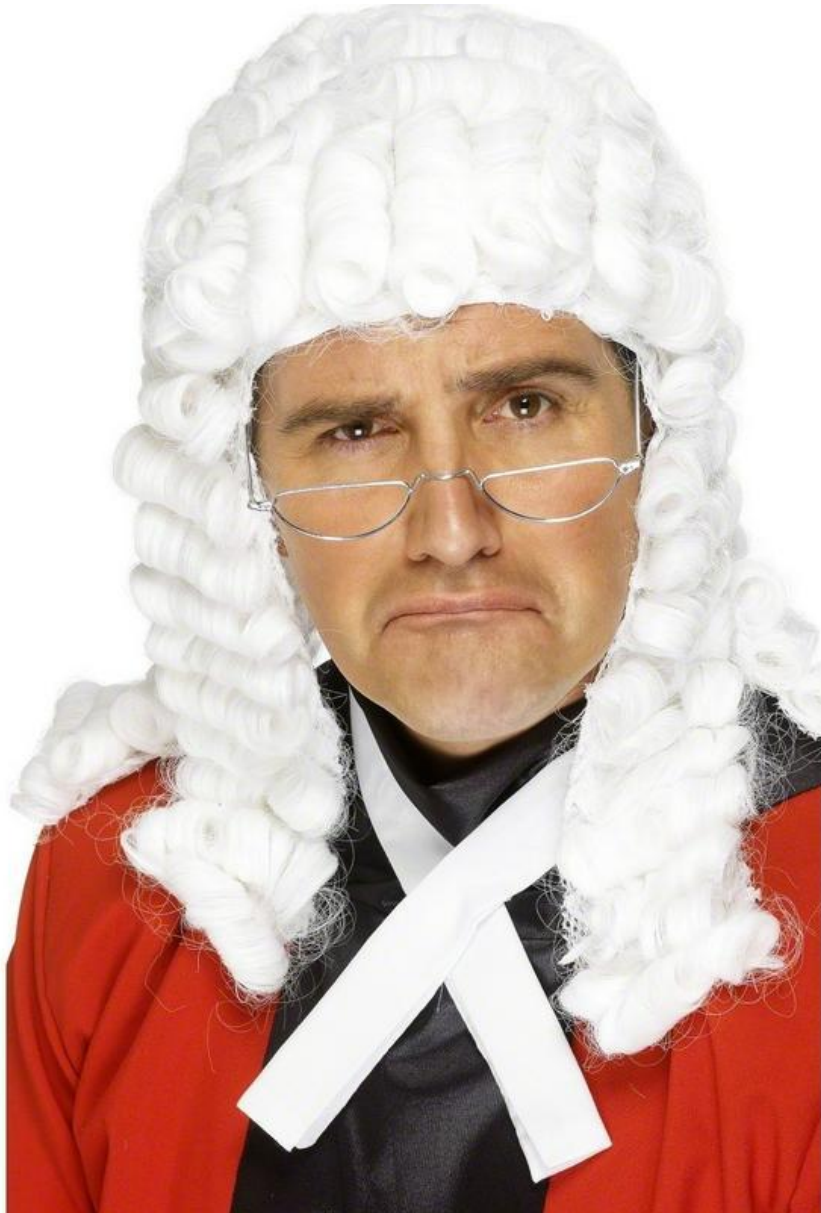
The **wrath of God** is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness ... (Romans 1:18)

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the **wrath of God** ... (Romans 12:19)

On account of these things the **wrath of God** is coming upon the sons of disobedience ... (Colossians 3:6)

... but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the **wrath of God** abides on him ... (John 3:36)

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“by nature
children of wrath”

(Eph. 2:3)

"Fall on us and hide us
from the presence of Him
who sits on the throne,
and from the **wrath of the
Lamb**; for the great day of
their wrath has come, and
who is able to stand?"

(Revelation 6:16-17)

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Spiritually Dead

loss of purpose
(corrupted)

loss of freedom
(enslaved)

loss of destiny
(condemned)

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... **but God** ...

(Eph. 2:4)

... **not to condemn the world** ...

(John 3:17)

... **but to destroy the works of the evil one** ...

(1 John 3:8)



God's immensely great power!

Rich in mercy ...

(Ephesians 2:4)





God's immensely great power!

Incredibly loving ...
(Ephesians 2:4)

God's immensely great power!



Immensely
kind ...
(Ephesians 2:7)

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Kindness is the inability to remain at ease in the presence of another person who is ill at ease, the inability to remain comfortable in the presence of another who is uncomfortable, the inability to have peace of mind when one's neighbour is troubled. (Rabbi Samuel H. Holdenson)

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... gave his life as a ransom for many ...

(Matt. 20:28, Mark 10:45)

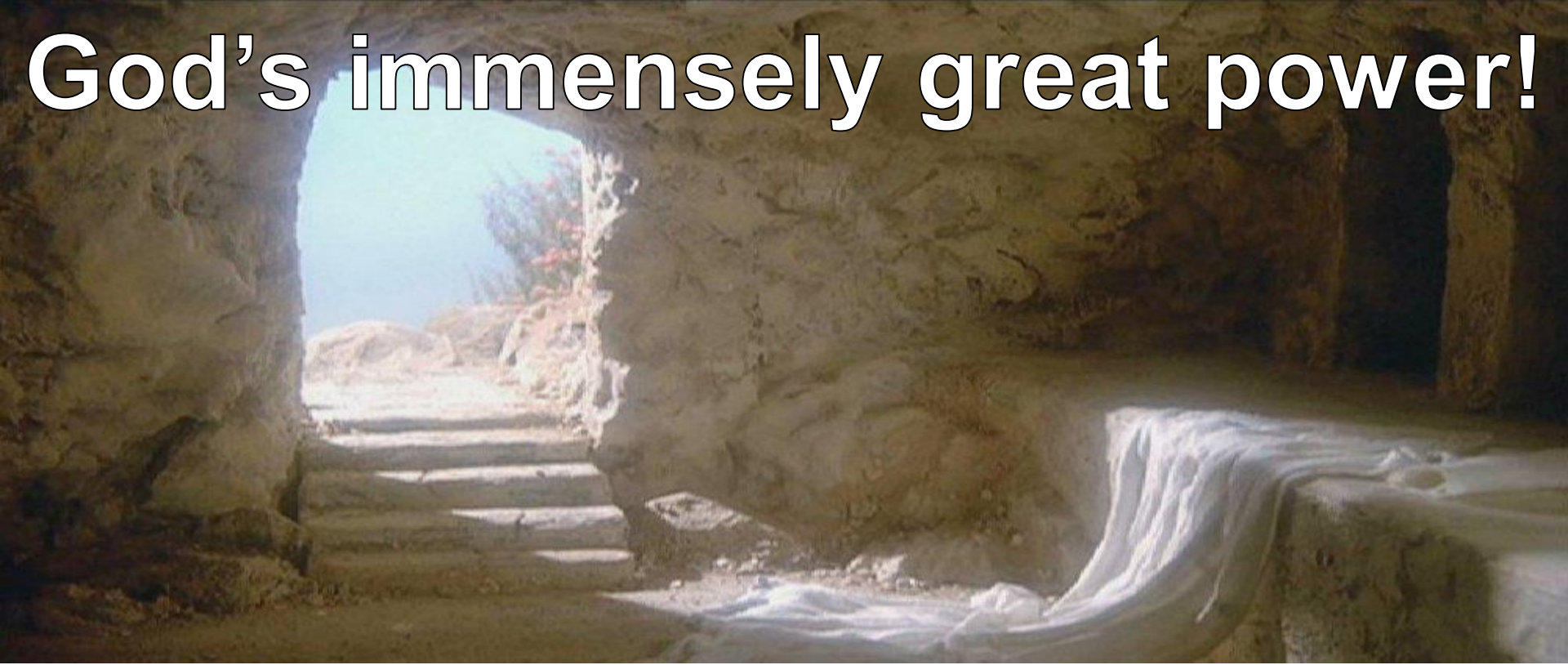
... our old self was crucified with him ...

(Romans 6:6)

... I have been crucified with Christ ...

(Galatians 2:19)

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A photograph of an empty tomb. The tomb is a simple, rectangular structure made of rough-hewn stone. The entrance is on the right side, and a white, heavy cloth is draped over the top edge of the entrance, hanging down to the floor. The interior of the tomb is dark, while the light from the entrance illuminates the floor and the cloth. Outside the tomb, a dirt path leads up a hillside under a clear blue sky. The overall scene is peaceful and symbolic of new life.

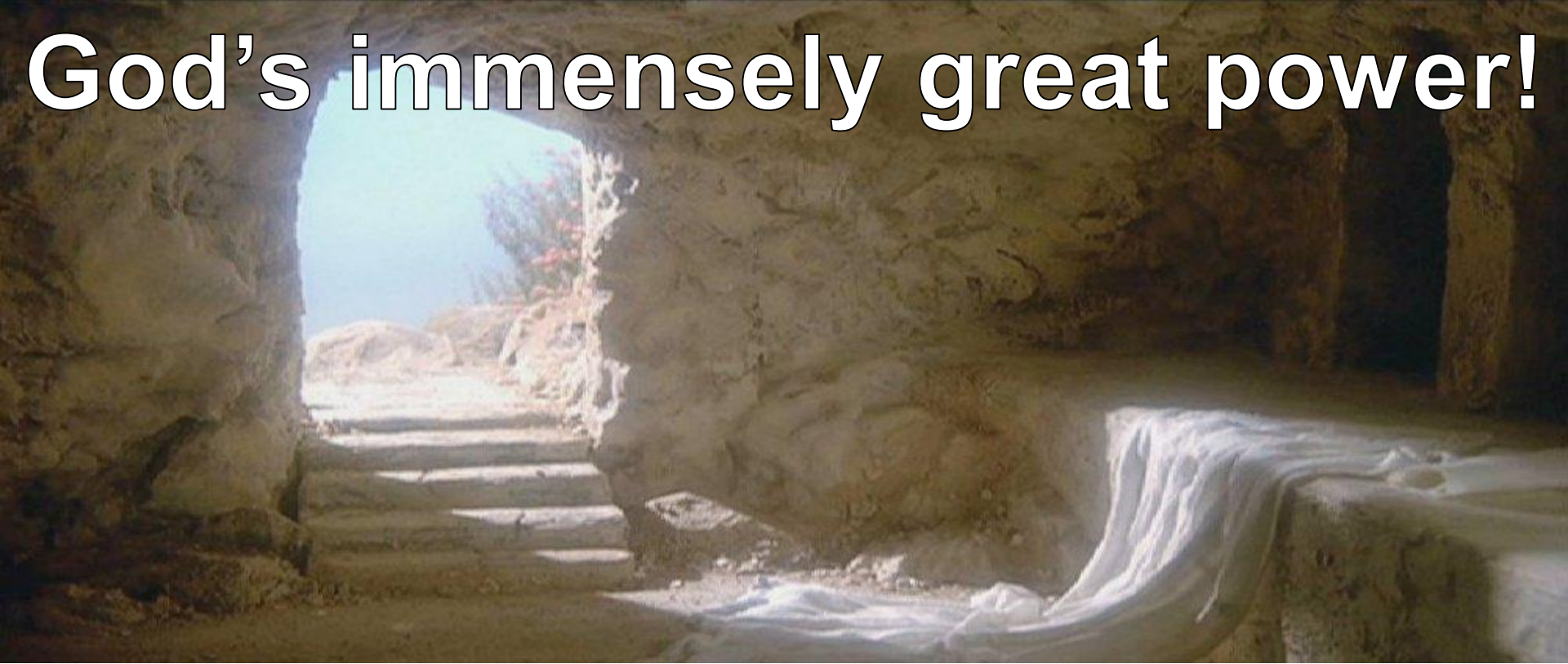
... that he was raised on the third day ...

(1 Corinthians 15:4)

... he made us alive together with Christ ...

(Ephesians 2:5)

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**... that Christ died for our sins
... and that He was buried**
(1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

**we were buried therefore with him
by baptism into death ...**
(Romans 6:4)

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**as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and
a cloud took him out of their sight.**

(Acts 1:9)

... and raised us up with him ...

(Ephesians 2:6)

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**This same mighty power ... seated him in the
place of honour at God's right hand ...**


(Ephesians 1:19-20)

and seated us with him in the heavenly realms

(Ephesians 2:6)

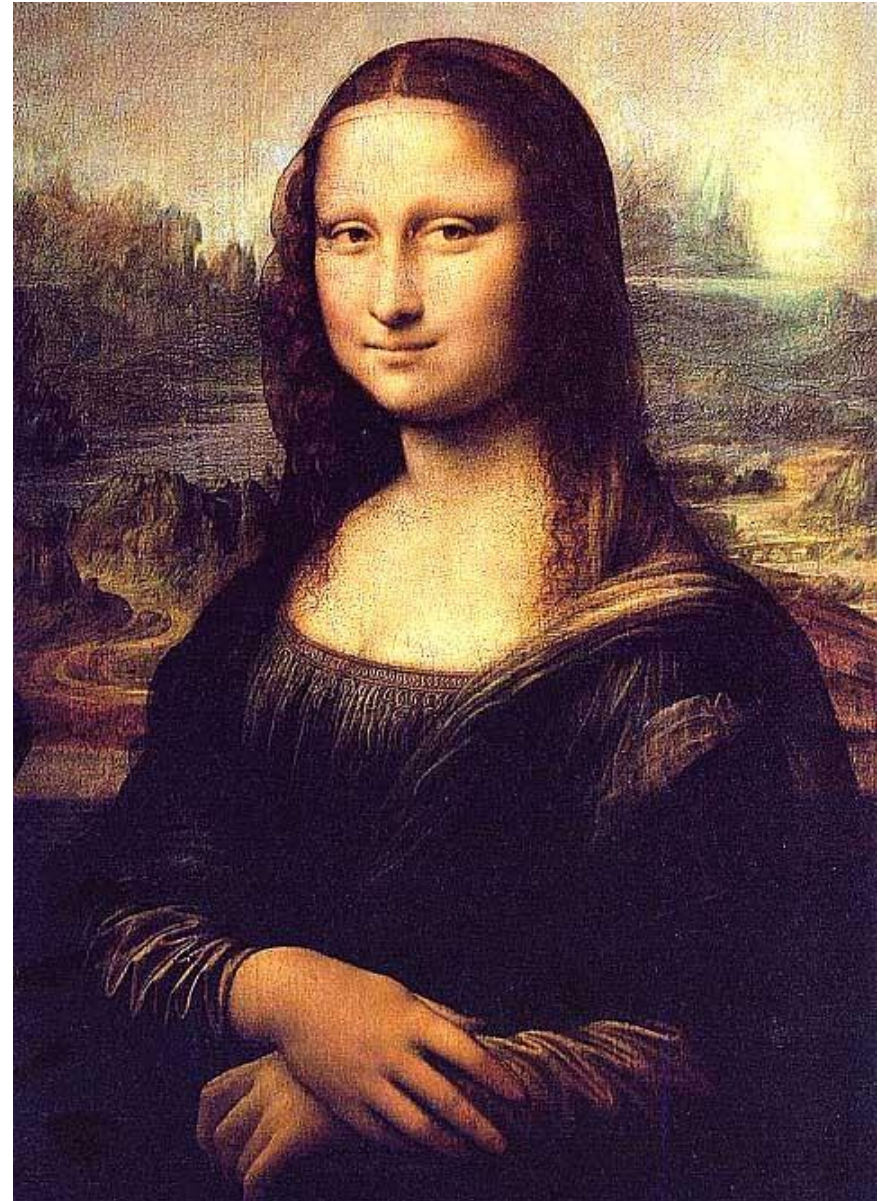
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Birds in the high hill-garden
were crying & calling to her
Where is Maud, Maud, Maud,
Ore is come to woo her
Look! a horse at the door
And little King Charles is snarling
Go back, my lord, across the moor.
You are not her darling.



workmanship
(*poiema*)

masterpiece

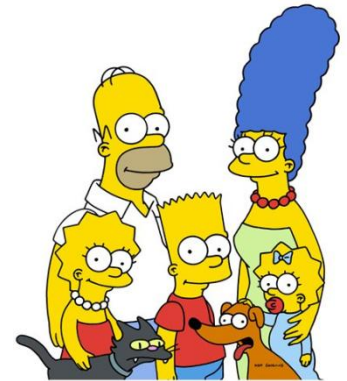


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In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

(Matthew 5:16)



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Not united with Christ

Dead Slaves
Condemned

United with Christ

Alive and Free
Commissioned