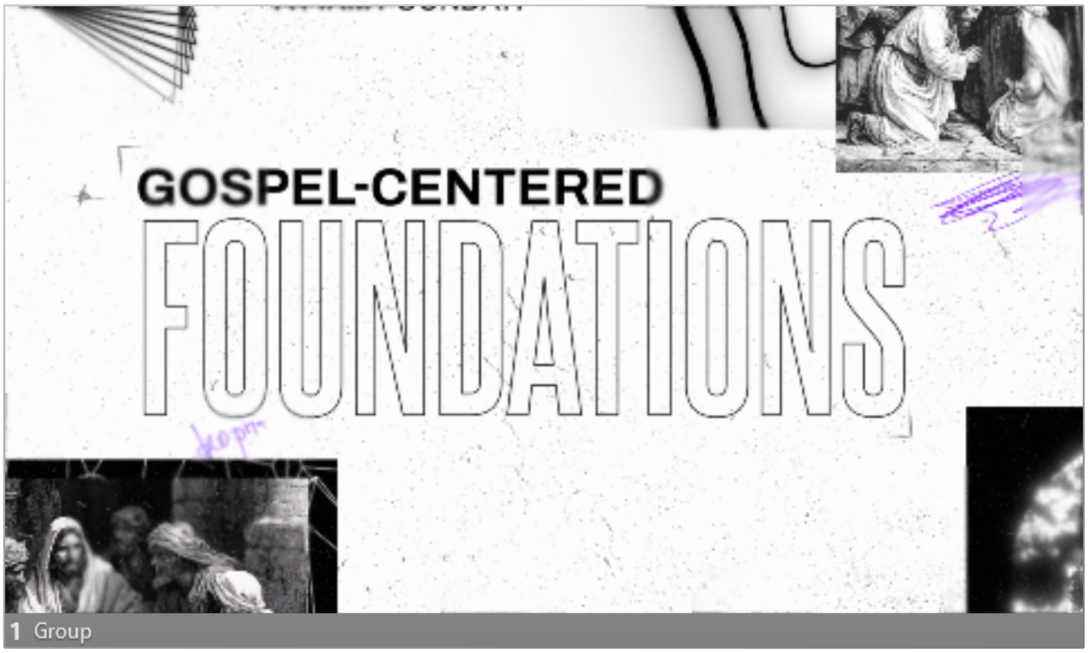
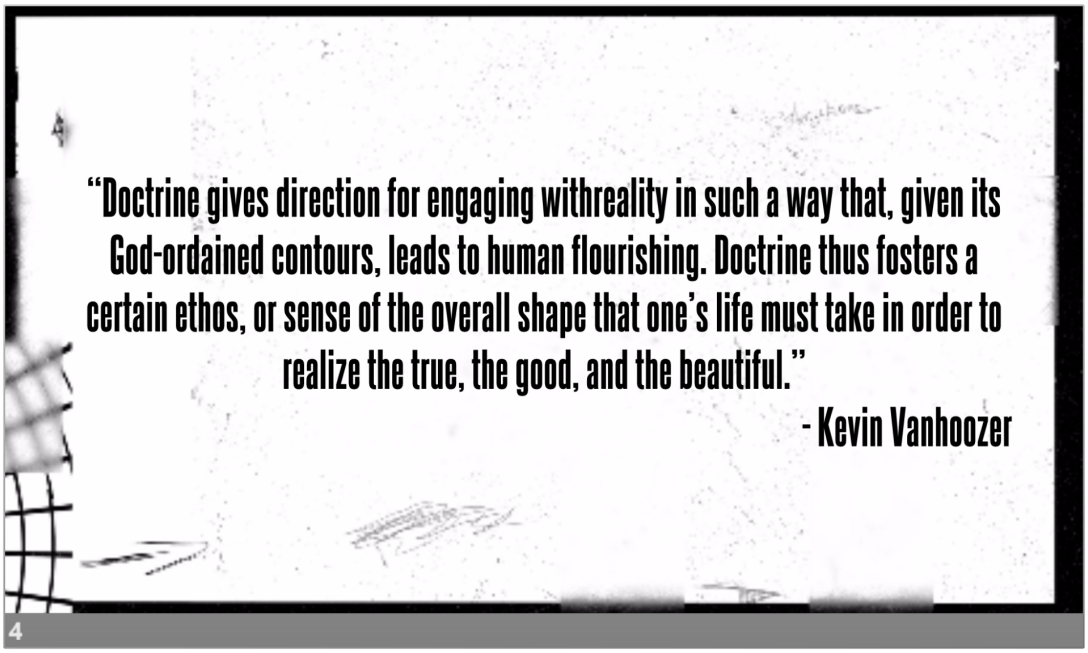
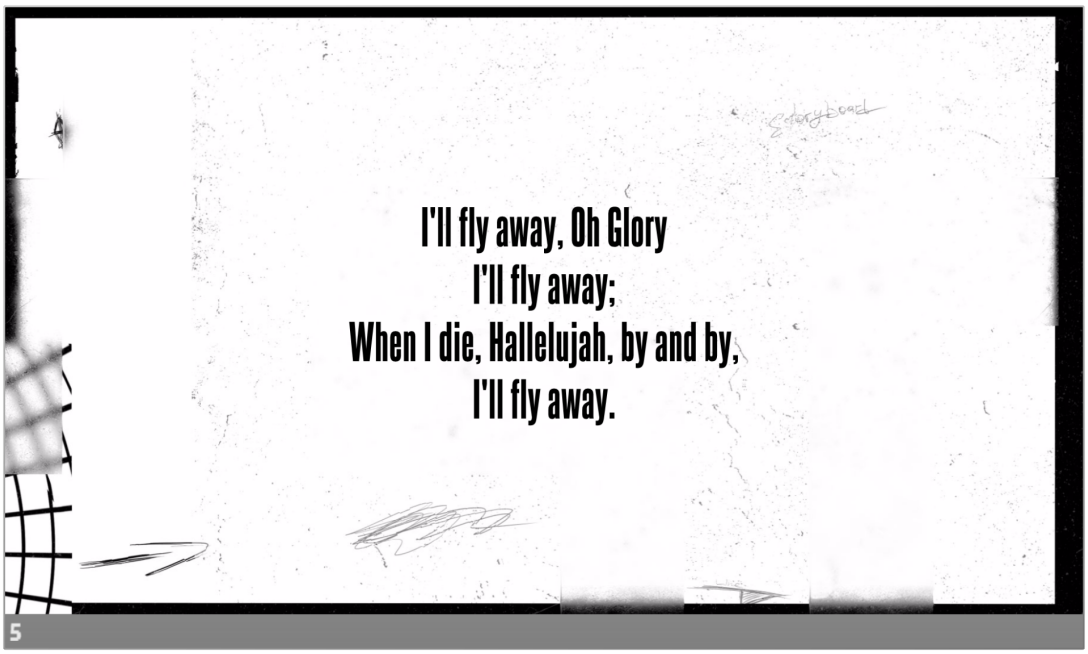
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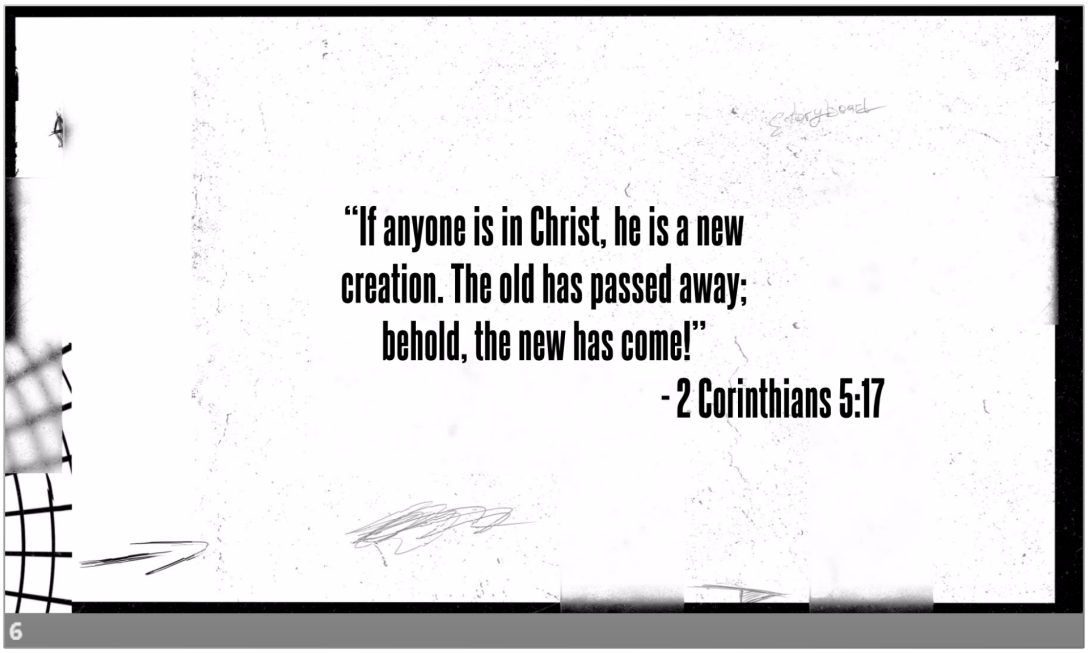

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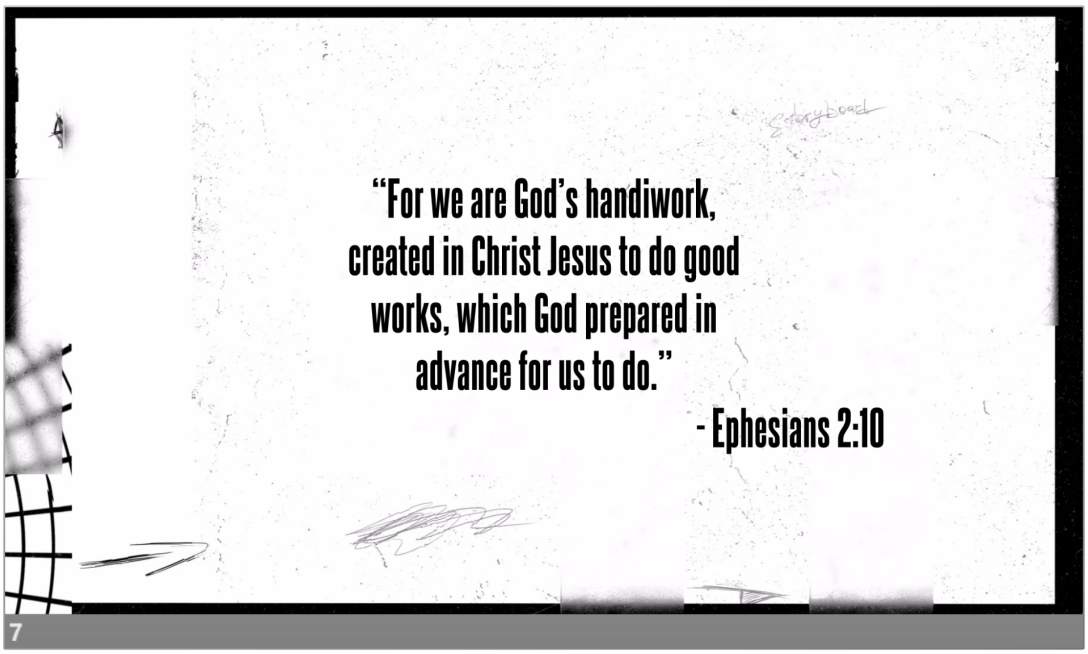

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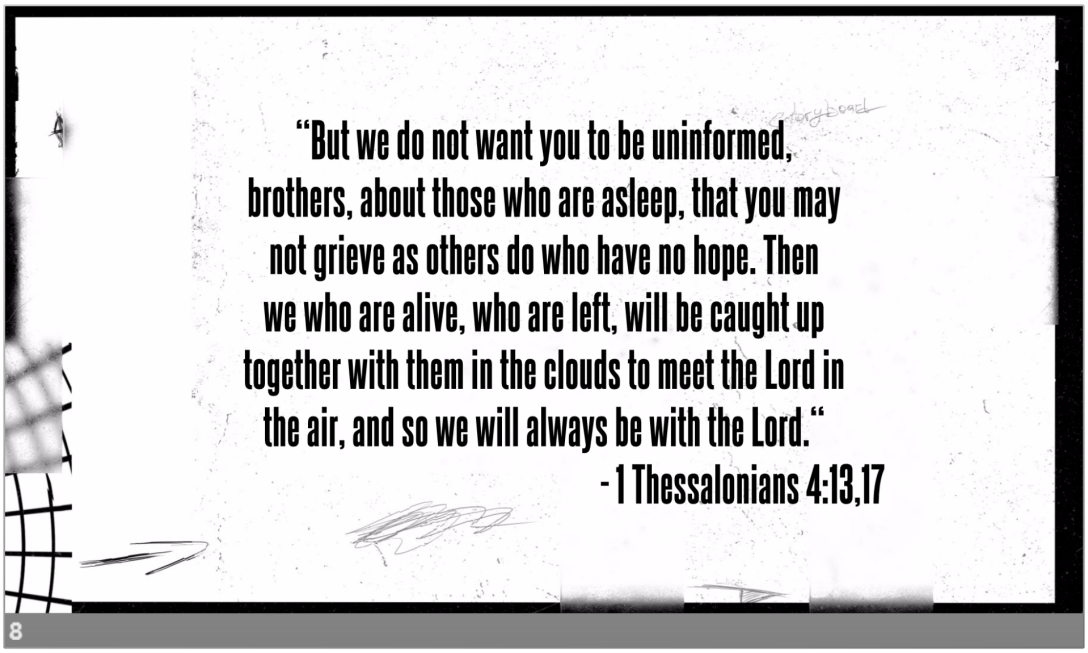

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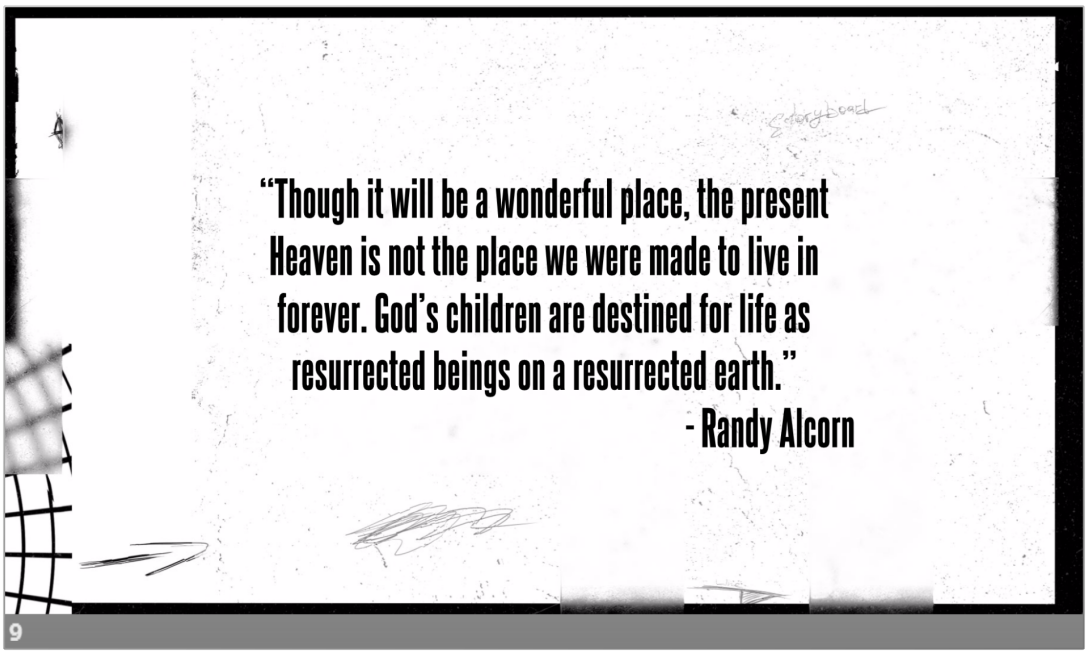

"Doctrine gives direction for engaging withreality in such a way that, given its God-ordained contours, leads to human flourishing. Doctrine thus fosters a certain ethos, or sense of the overall shape that one's life must take in order to realize the true, the good, and the beautiful."
- Kevin Vanhoozer
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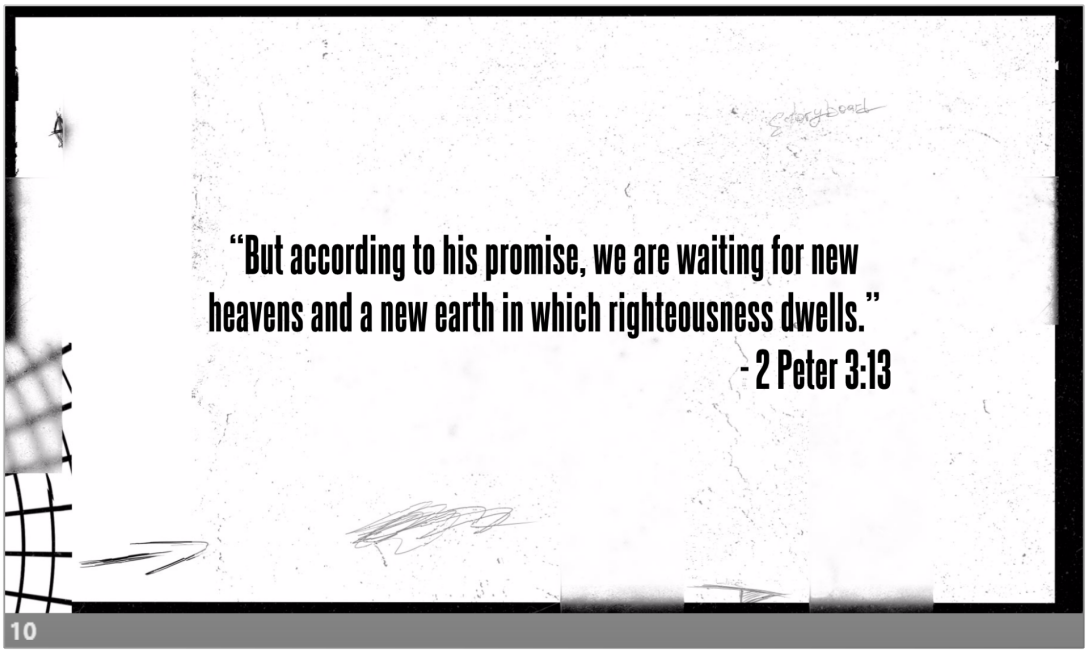

I'll fly away, Oh Glory
I'll fly away;
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away.
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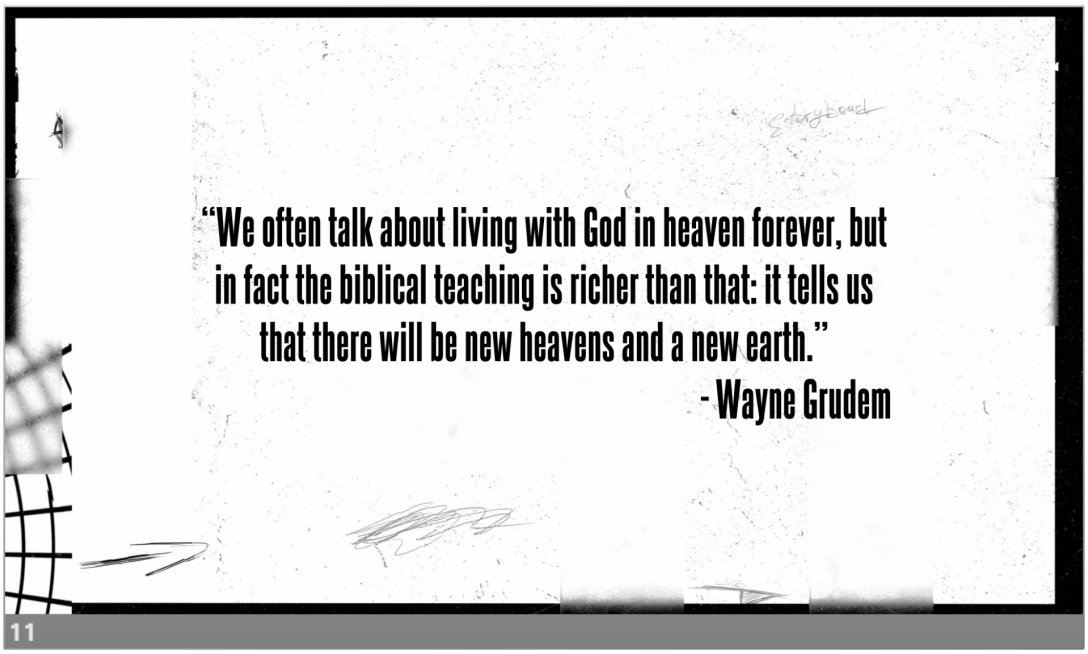

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new
creation. The old has passed away;
behold, the new has come!"
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
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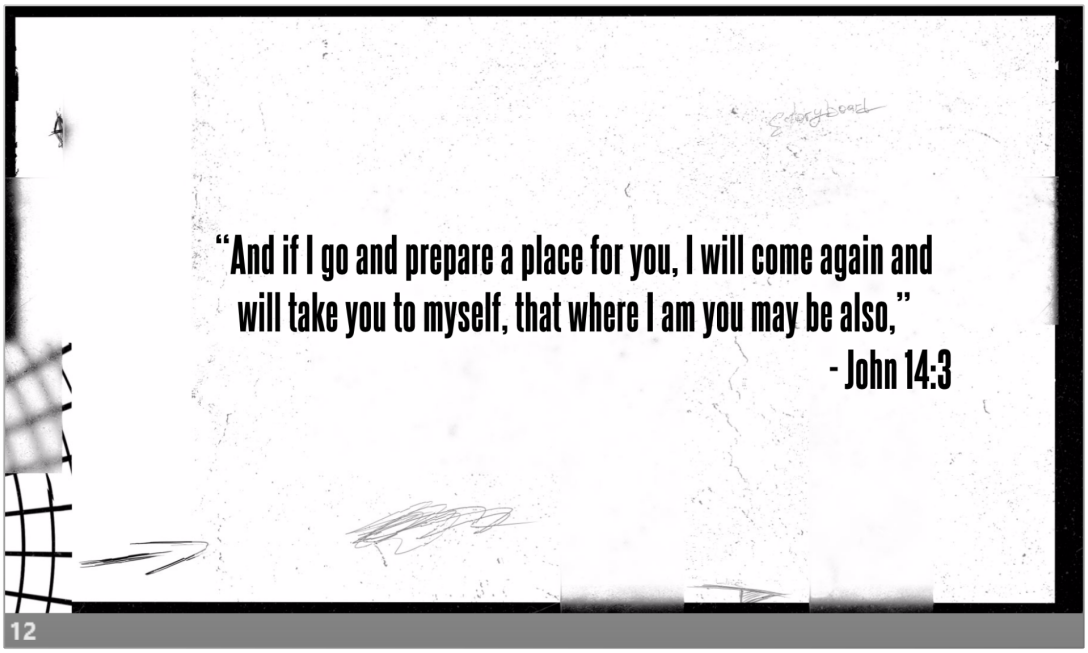

"For we are God's handiwork,
created in Christ Jesus to do good
works, which God prepared in
advance for us to do."
- Ephesians 2:10
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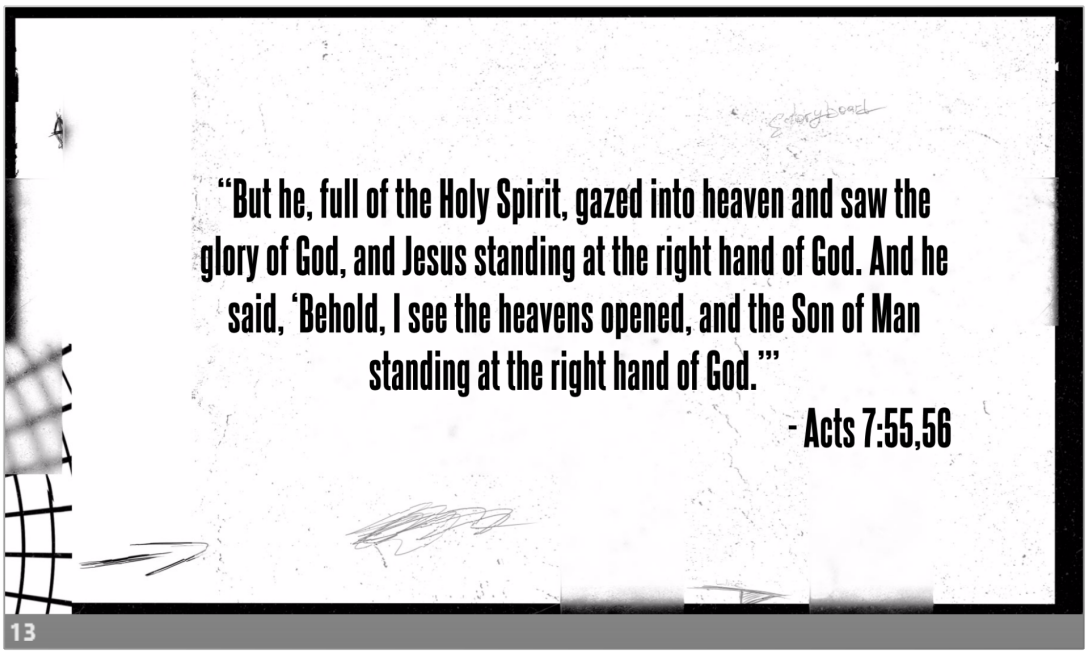

"But we do not want you to be uninformed,
brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may
not grieve as others do who have no hope. Then
we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up
together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in
the air, and so we will always be with the Lord."
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13,17
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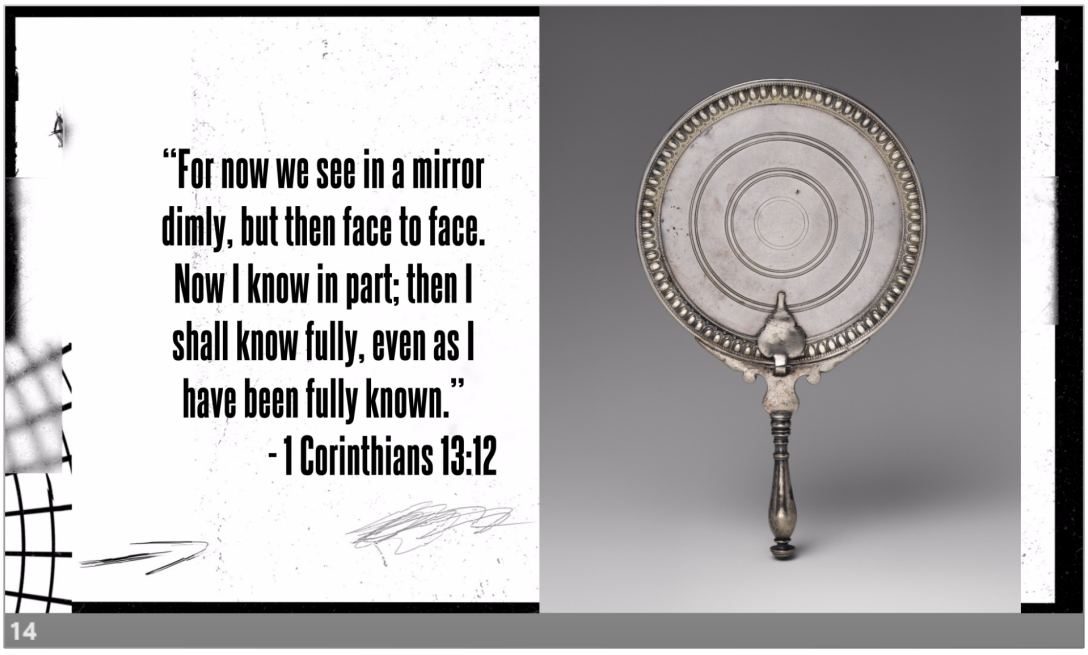

"Though it will be a wonderful place, the present Heaven is not the place we were made to live in forever. God's children are destined for life as resurrected beings on a resurrected earth."
- Randy Alcorn
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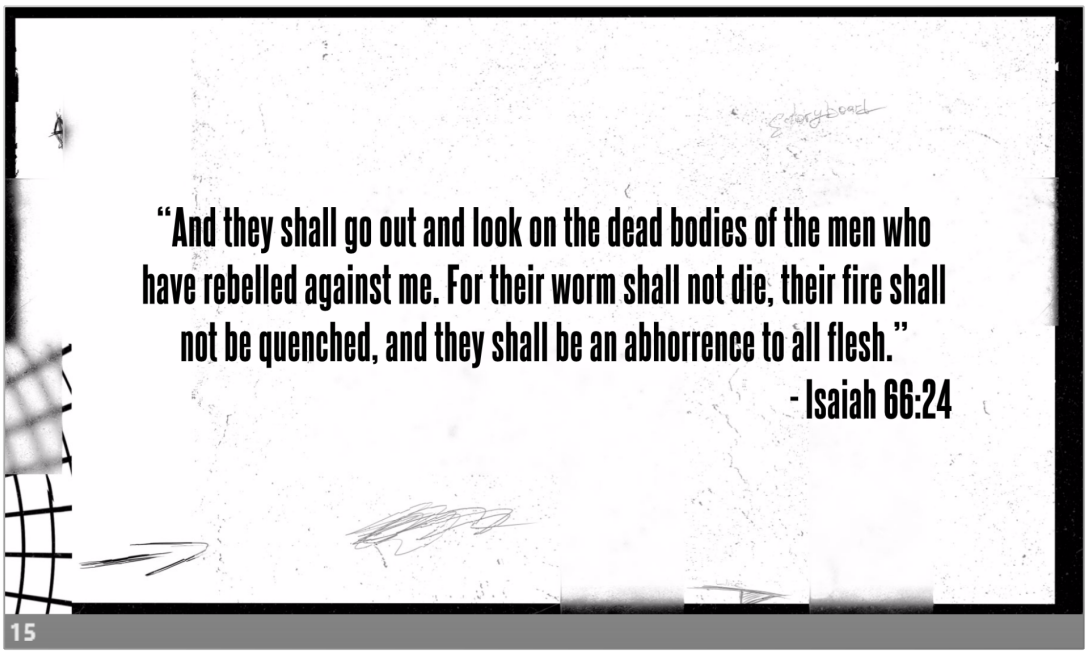

"But according to his promise, we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells."
- 2 Peter 3:13
10


"We often talk about living with God in heaven forever, but in fact the biblical teaching is richer than that: it tells us that there will be new heavens and a new earth."
- Wayne Grudem
11


"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also,"
- John 14:3
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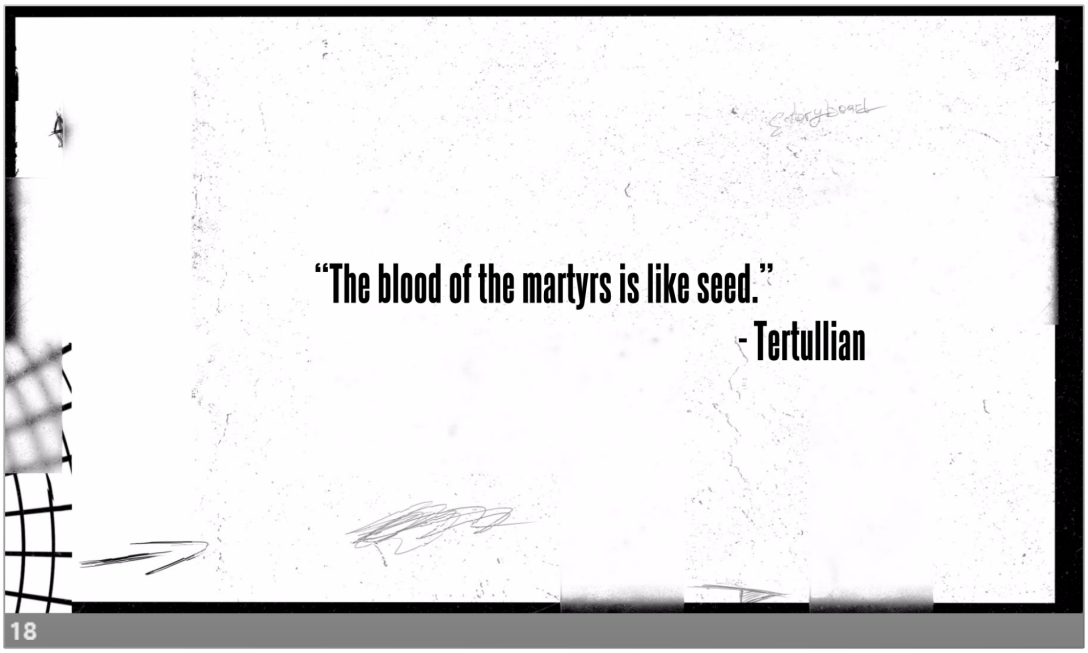

"But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, 'Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.'"
- Acts 7:55,56
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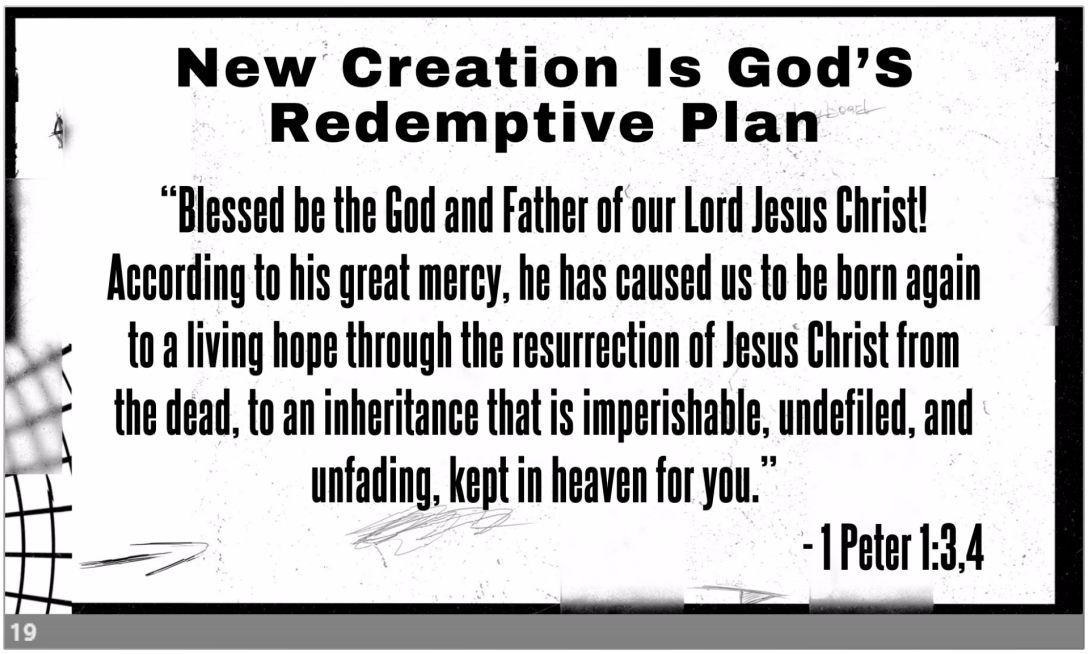

"For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known."
- 1 Corinthians 13:12
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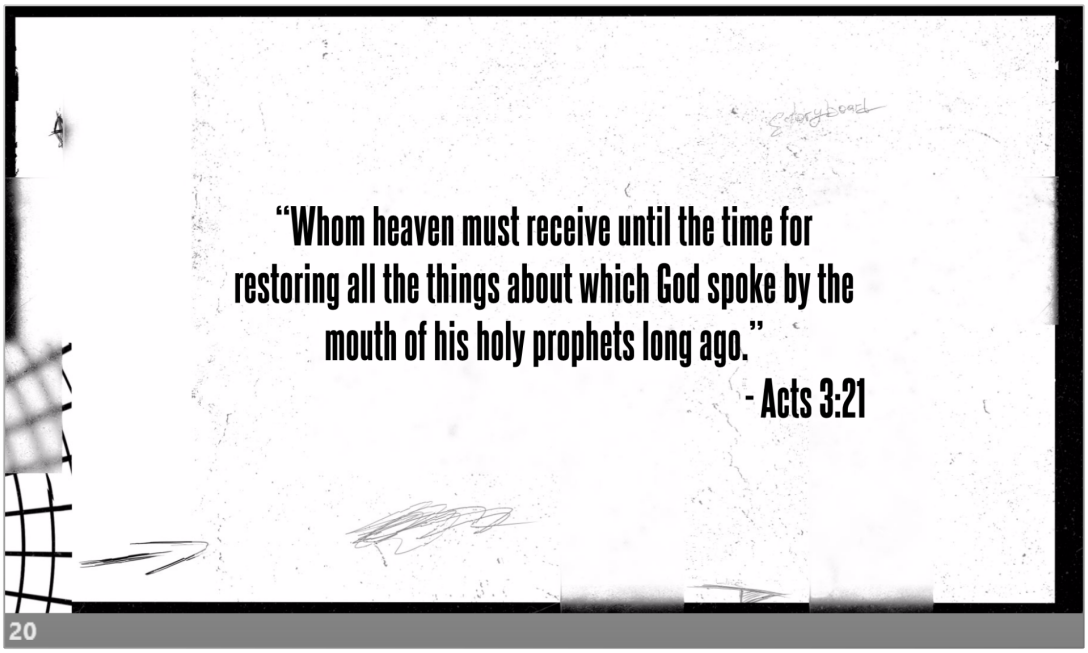

"And they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me. For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."
- Isaiah 66:24
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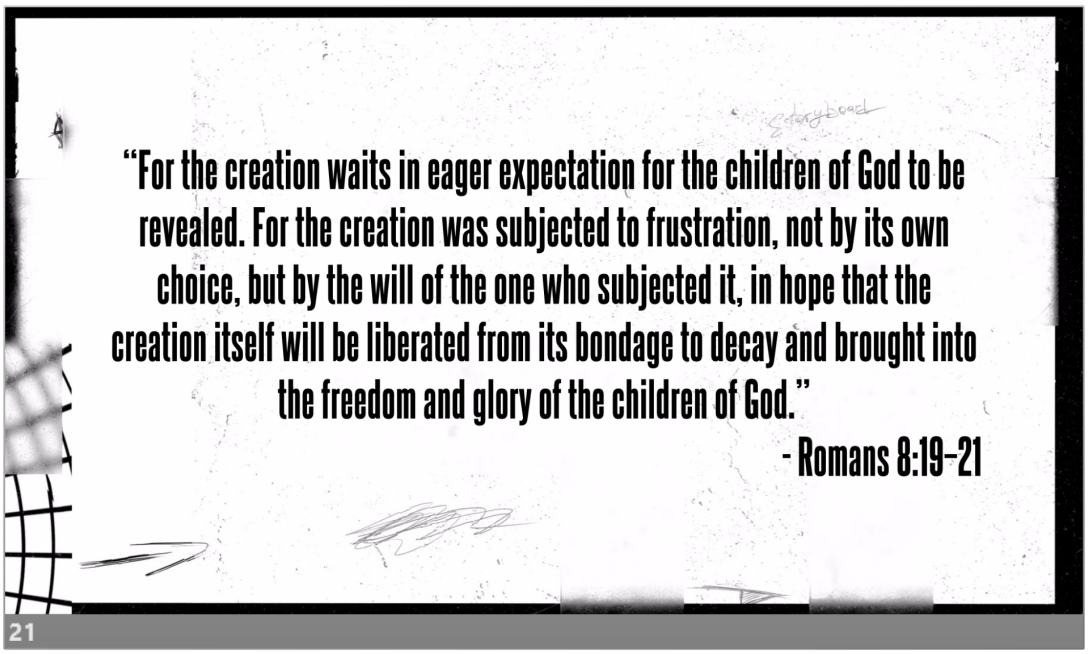

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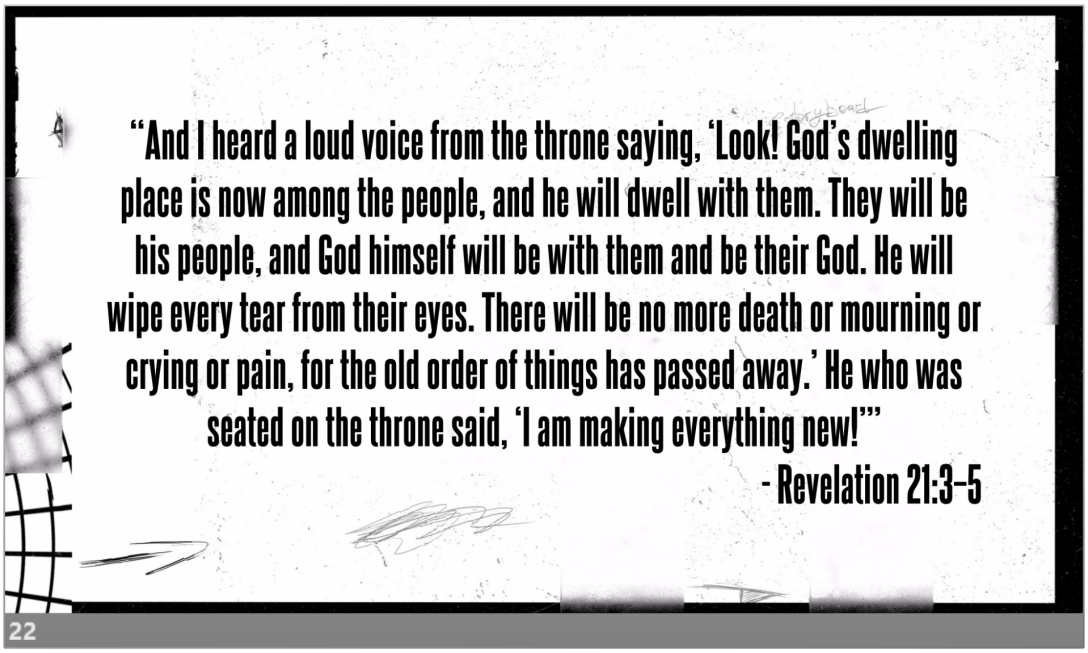

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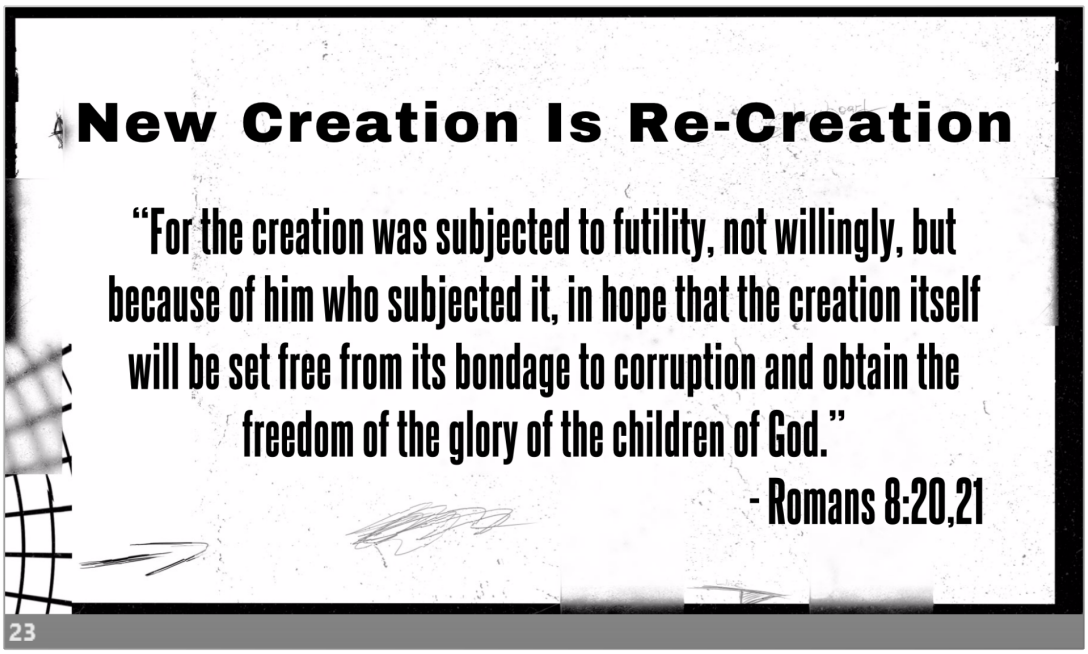

"The blood of the martyrs is like seed."
- Tertullian
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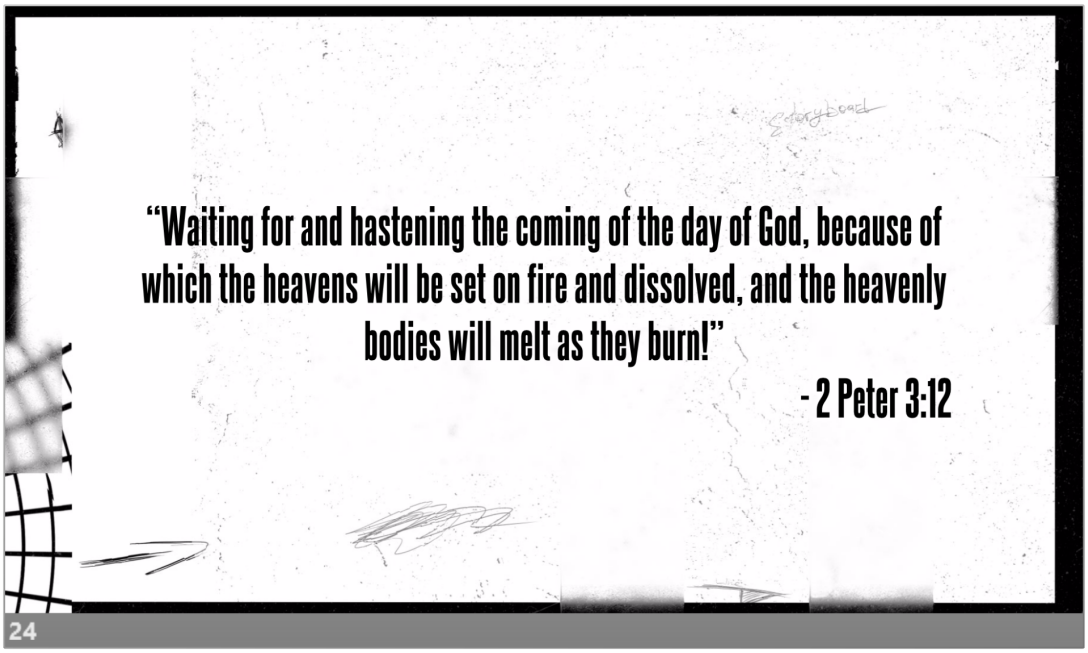

New Creation Is God'S Redemptive Plan
"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you."
- 1 Peter 1:3,4
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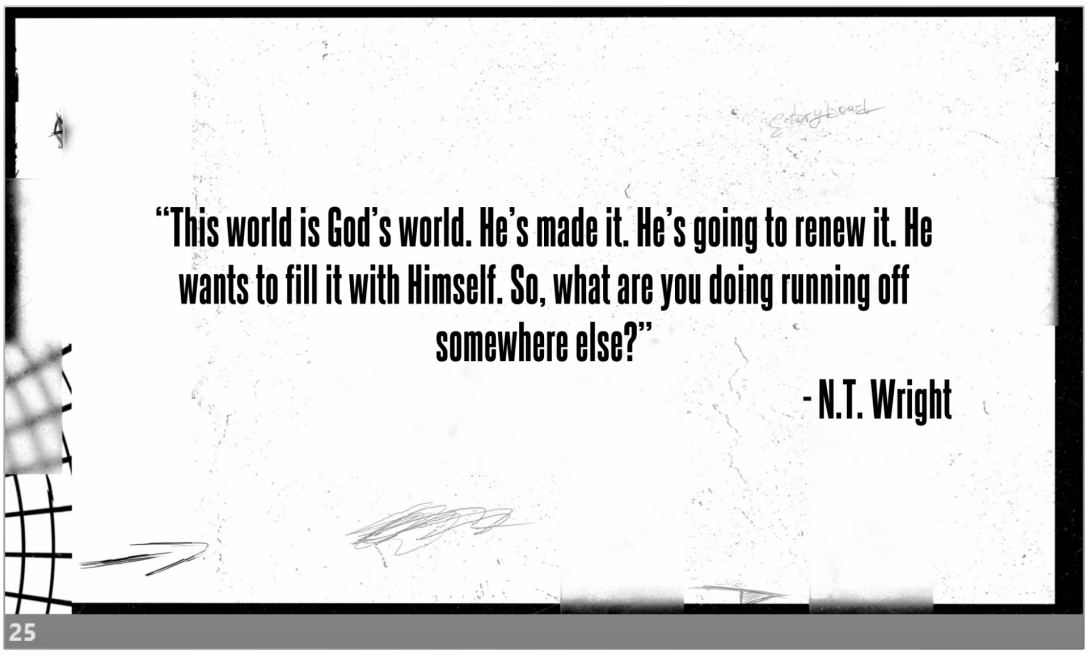

"Whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."
- Acts 3:21
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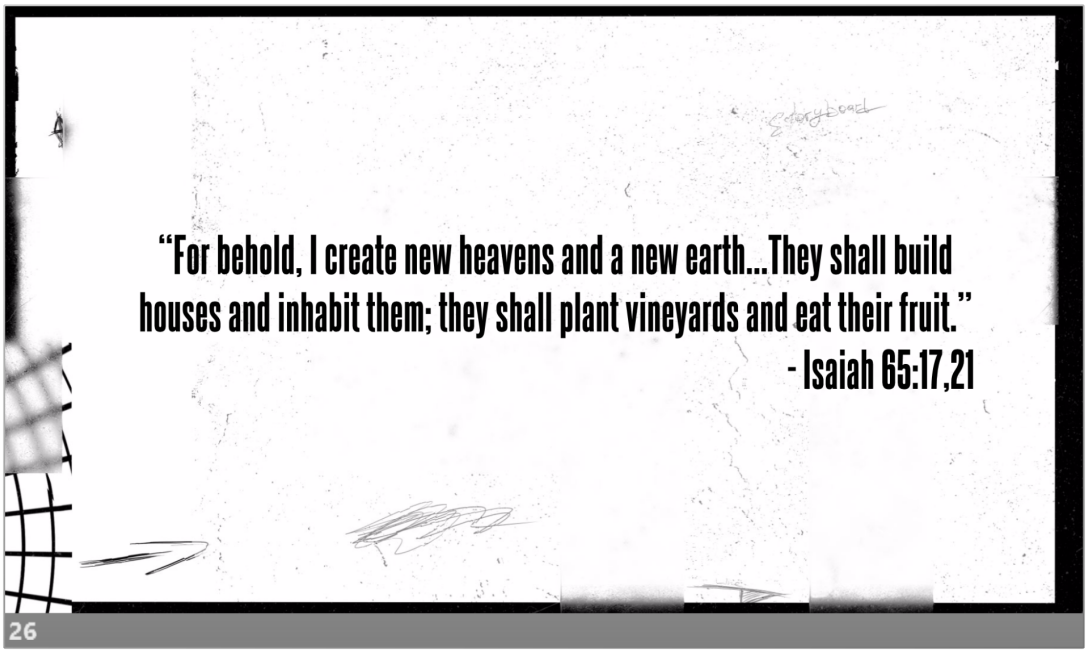

"For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God."
- Romans 8:19-21
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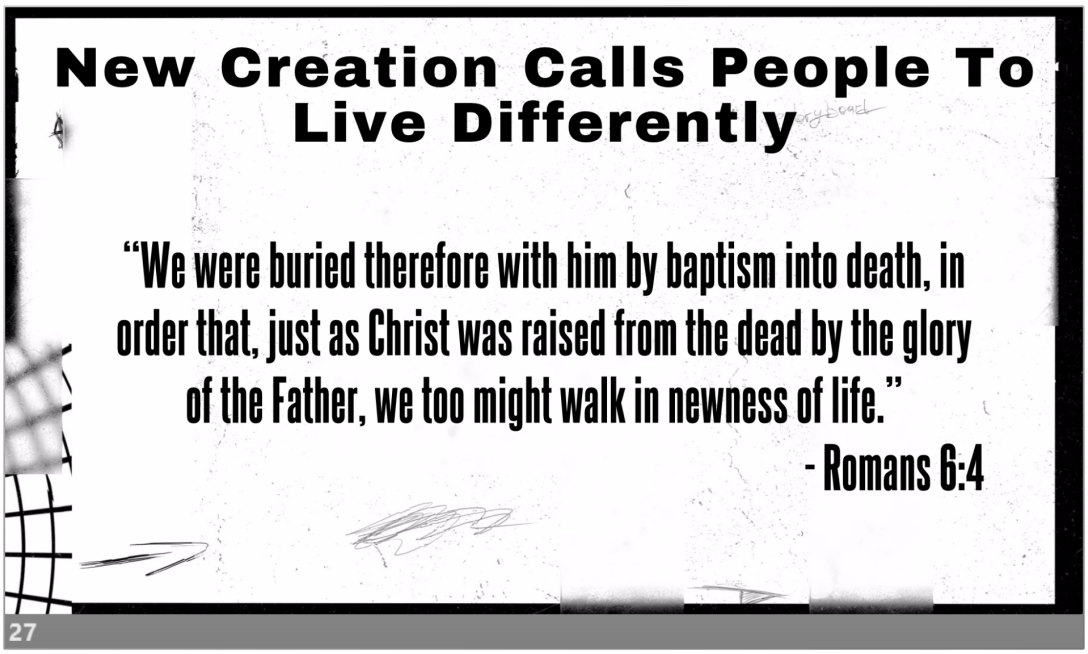

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.' He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!'"
- Revelation 21:3-5
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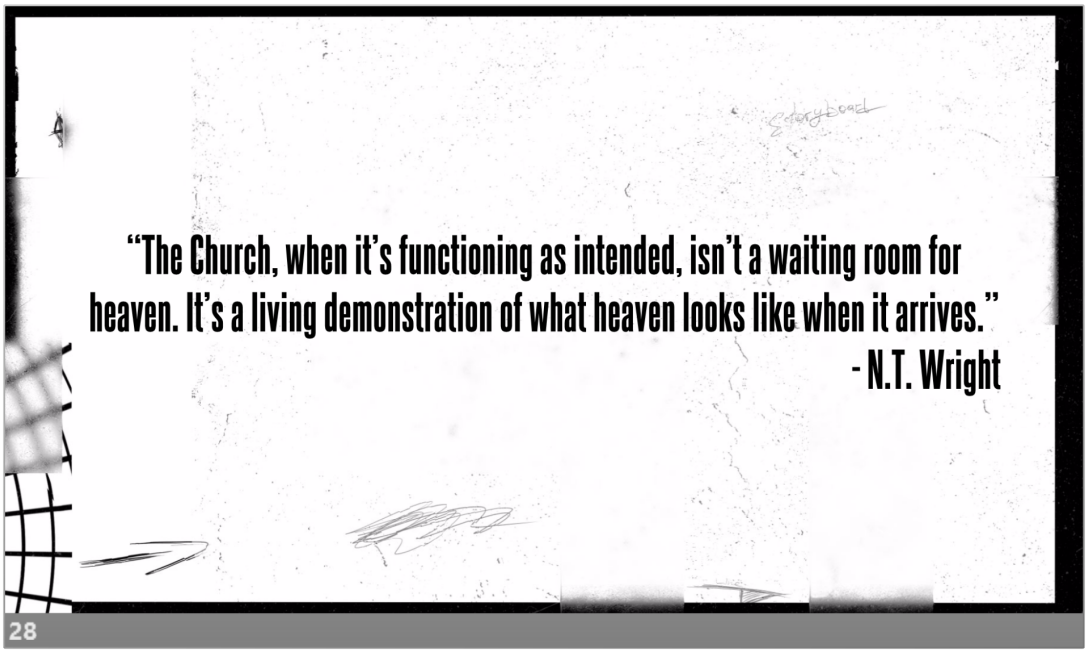

New Creation Is Re-Creation
"For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God."
- Romans 8:20,21
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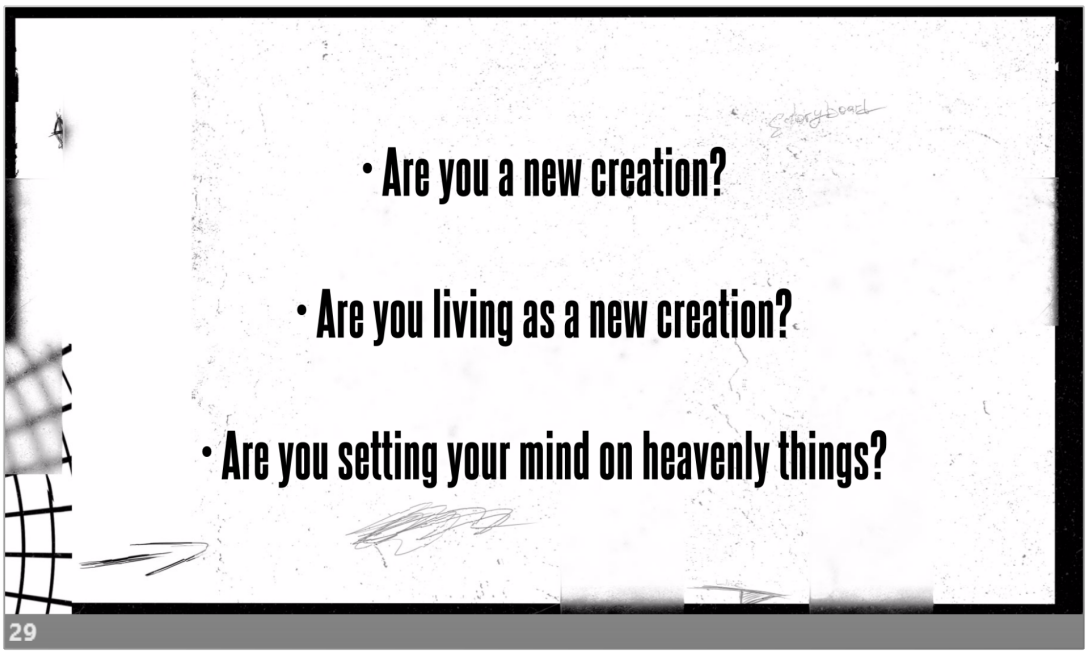

"Waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!"
- 2 Peter 3:12
24


"This world is God's world. He's made it. He's going to renew it. He wants to fill it with Himself. So, what are you doing running off somewhere else?"
- N.T. Wright
25


"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth...They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit."
- Isaiah 65:17,21
26


New Creation Calls People To Live Differently
"We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."
- Romans 6:4
27


"The Church, when it's functioning as intended, isn't a waiting room for heaven. It's a living demonstration of what heaven looks like when it arrives."
- N.T. Wright
28


• Are you a new creation?
• Are you living as a new creation?
• Are you setting your mind on heavenly things?
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