

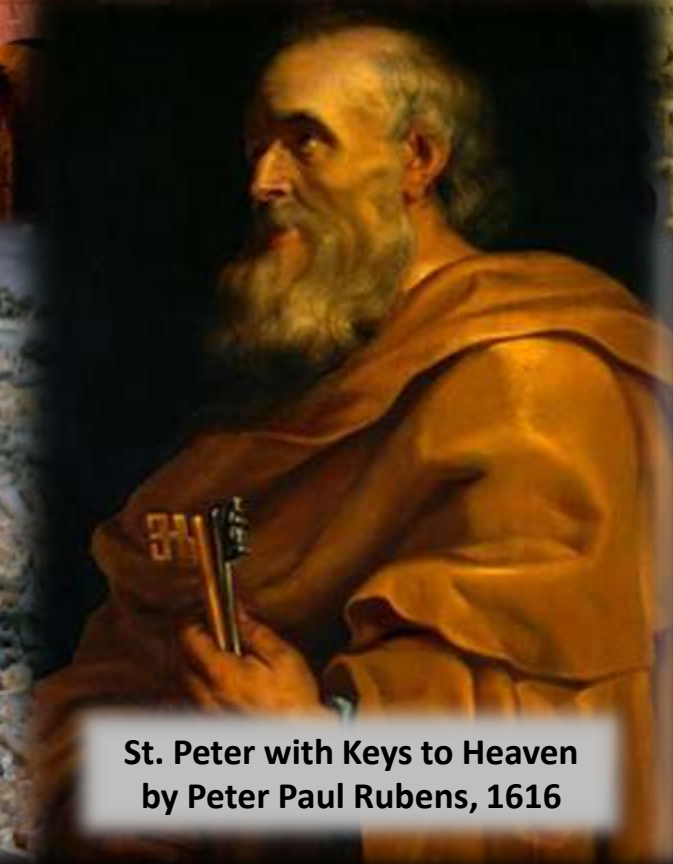
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1 Peter 1:13-25 Our Mandate - **Be Holy**  
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1 Peter 3:1-12 Wives, Husbands, ALL - **LOVE**  
1 Peter 3:13-22 Our Defense - **Always Ready**  
**1 Peter 4:1-11 Our Faith - *Equipped to Live***

*Mark 15 & 16 – Happy Easter*

1 Peter 4:12-19 Be Prepared - When Ridiculed  
1 Peter 5:1-14 Be Humble - Alert Living  
2 Peter 1 Be Equipped - Being Useful  
2 Peter 2 & Jude Be Alert - On Guard  
2 Peter 3 Be Encouraged - With Anti

**Rome**



St. Peter with Keys to Heaven  
by Peter Paul Rubens, 1616

1 Peter 3:22

Now the **END** of **ALL** things is

**NEAR**

therefore, be serious and  
disciplined for prayer



# **1 Peter 4**

**1-4 Living for God –**

**Resolve as Christ Not as Pagans**

**5-6 Answering for the Gospel –**

**Judging Living and Dead**

**7-11 Redeem the Time –**

**End Near—**

**PRAY – Love – Serve**



**Key Verse 1 Peter 4:7**

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**Alternate Title**

# Pray, Love, Serve





# ***Eat, Pray, Love:***

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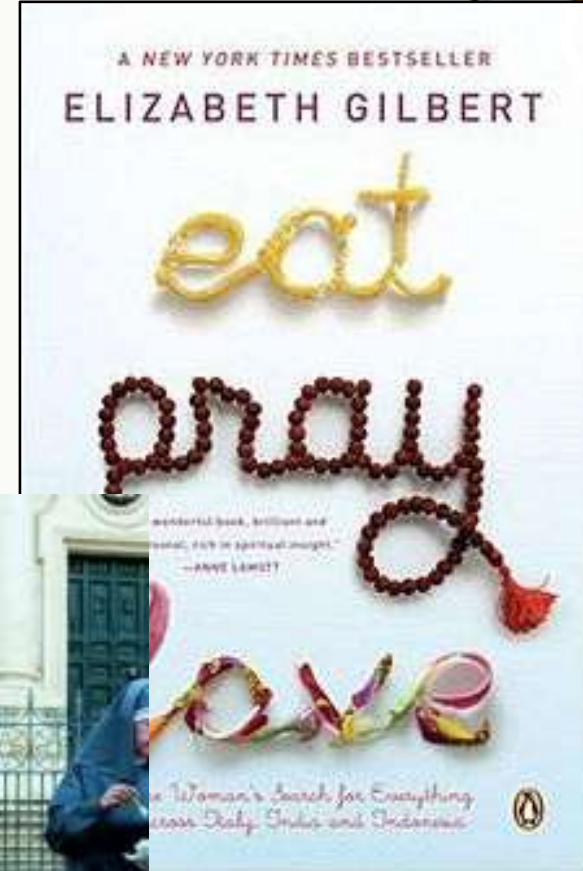
**Memoir of Elizabeth Gilbert's trip around  
the world after her divorce ...**

***NY Times Best Seller—187 weeks***

**Movie in 2010 starred Julia Roberts**

**Plot is a 1-2-3 ... of Self-Discovery!**

- 1. Pleasure of **Eating** in Italy**
- 2. Power of **Prayer** in India**
- 3. Peace & true **Love** in Indonesia**



Unlike the book *Eat, Pray, Love* of a  
sad person's *HUNT* for meaning in life  
Quite the Opposite is seen in 1 Peter  
Peter elegantly describes our *Living Hope*  
our HOPE yields three noble privileges

# Pray, Love, Serve





## Peter 4:1-4 Living for God – Resolve as Christ ...

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Equip yourselves with same **RESOLVE** as *Christ?!?*

First, “equip” is “ARM” yourself—a clear **MILITARY** term.

Arm yourself **LIKE A SOLDIER** with the “**RESOLVE** of Christ”

Talk about expectations! . . . can you see what is going on?

We're NO LONGER in the land of mere “*Legal Compliance*”

The *standard* of Christ's SINLESS LIFE is high enough ...

Now we dig **DEEPER** into our soul for **RESOLVE**



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Oh, rub it in Peter ... not any **RESOLVE**  
But the “**same RESOLVE**” as **CHRIST**  
Peter is THE example of that, Paul too ...  
**THEY NEVER** gave up ...

No matter the weather,  
set you face to the wind

It is an “Onward Christian Soldiers”

***RESOLVE***





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Leads against the foe;  
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RESOLVE

# RESOLVE

## Same as Christ



We are beyond the LAW now  
DO MORE than the law requires  
Love & Endure more

For Christ's Sake—**RESOLVE**



## **Peter 4:1-4 Living for God – Resolve as Christ ...**

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**TWO VIEWS on “one who suffered in the flesh has finished with sin”**

**Since there was no punctuation in the New Testament Greek,  
the true MEANING can easily be confused a tad ...**

***Two Views on this PARENTHICAL sentence:***

**1. Refers to Christians . . . 2. Refers to Christ**

**Quarterly and fine leaders see “1.” with a variety of thoughts**

**VARIETY on how the Christian has overcome “sin” in Christ**

**Let's review a tad *HELLENISM* which is from “Hellas”**

**Ancient name for Greece – Spread of Greek Culutre**



# Area of Study

Acts 1-12

Greece  
Hellás

Rome

## Spread of Judaism

- 500-300 Golden Greece
- 325 BC Alexander
- 200 BC LXX - Septuigint
- 72-71 BC Spartacus
- Hellenism Dominates  
GREEK lingua franca  
Latin on Rise in A.D. 30
- 44 BC J. Caesar killed
- 31 BC Battle of Actium
- Rome Dominates
- AD 14 Augustus Dies
- AD 64 Nero burns Rome
- AD 70 Temple Destroyed





# New Testament Manuscripts

1611 KJV cover

New Testament Greek ...

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Greek texts on vellum (skin) and parchment

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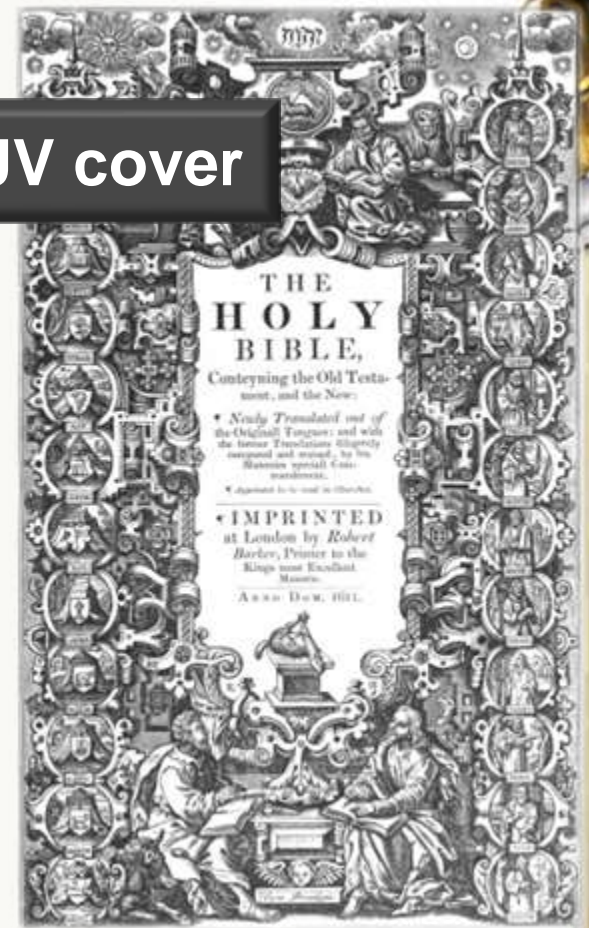
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Scholars pound their heads together reflecting on ALL



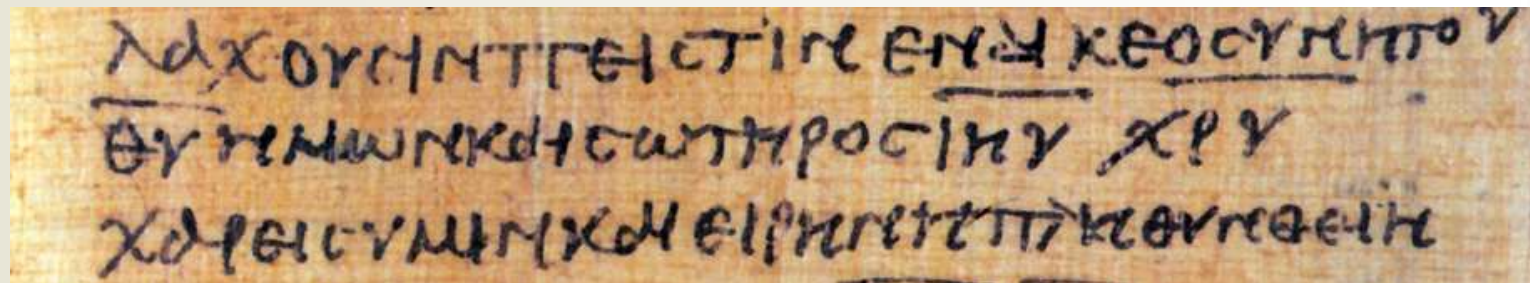
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Four Great Uncial Codices = "Uncial" Greek in ALL CAPS

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<b>C Ephraemi</b>	13 × 10.6"	c. 450	6 of O.T., Most N.T.	
<b>P<sup>72</sup> Papyrus Bodmer VII-IX</b> <i>found in a codex with non-biblical books</i>		3rd-4th	1 Peter, 2 Peter Jude	

example from

**P<sup>72</sup>**





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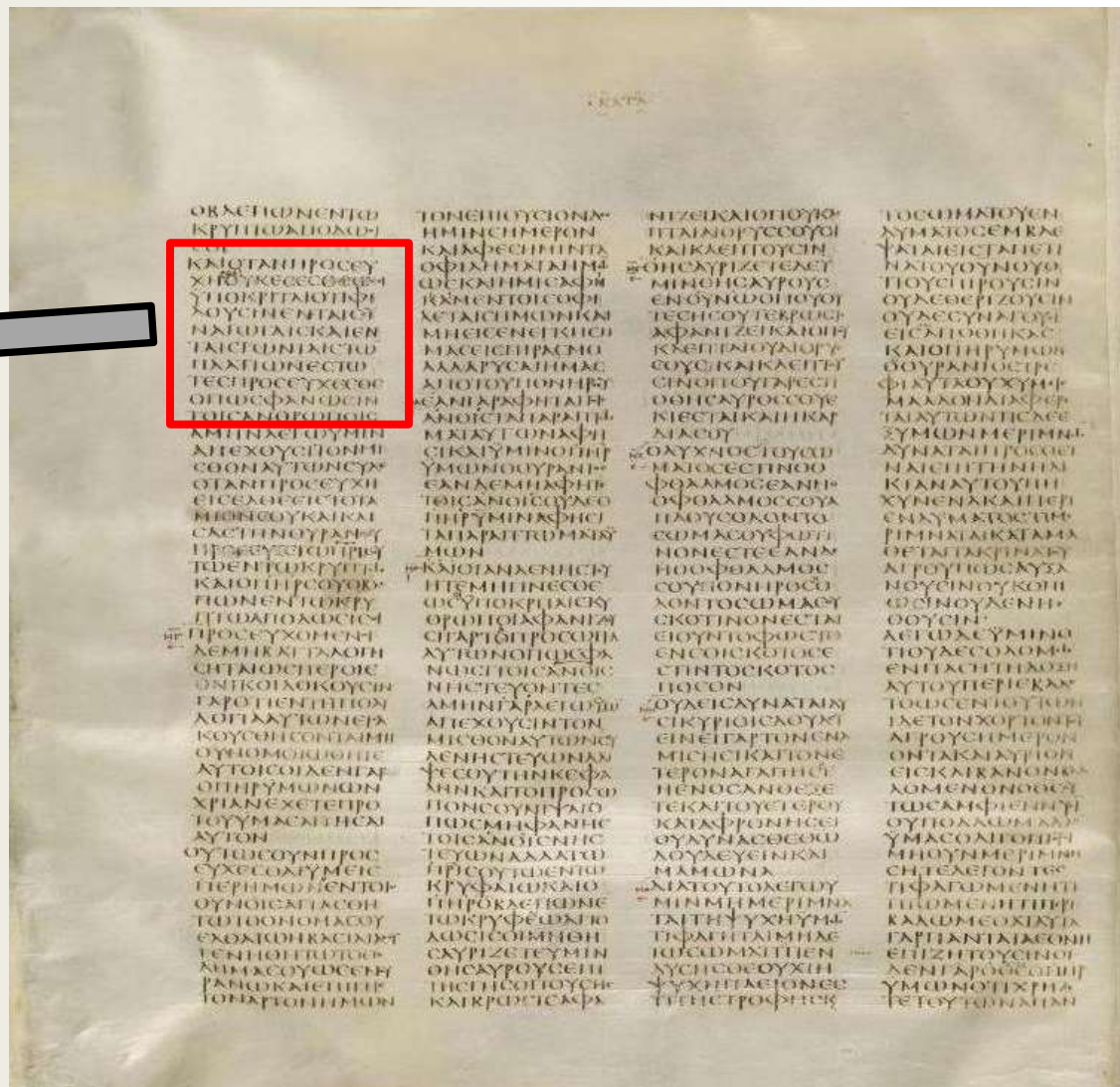
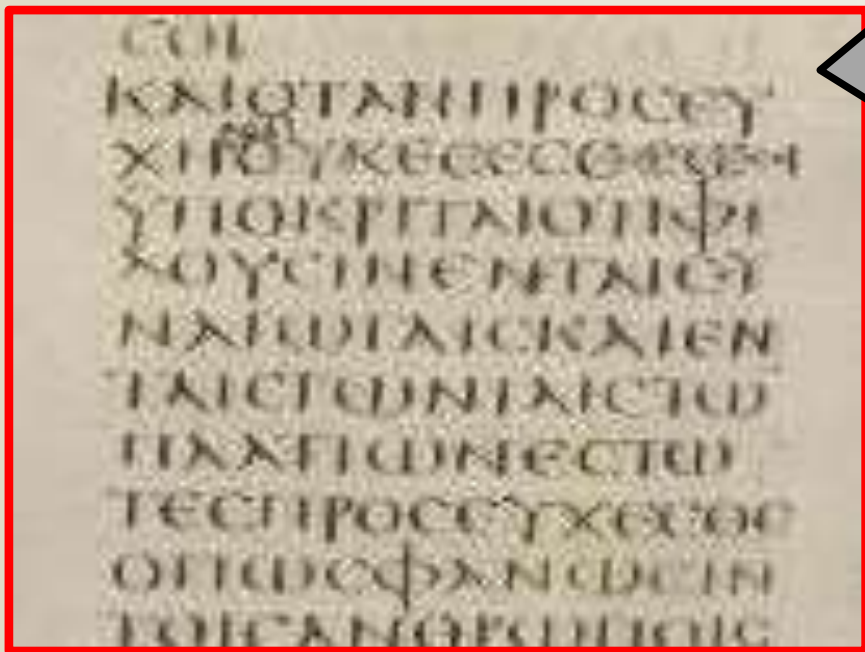
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Example from Luke 11:2

Father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.

Notice “Father”

ΠΑΤΕΡ = “PATER”

Little “p” is pi,  $\pi = 3.14...$





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**1. Refers to Christians . . . 2. Refers to Christ (parenthetically)**

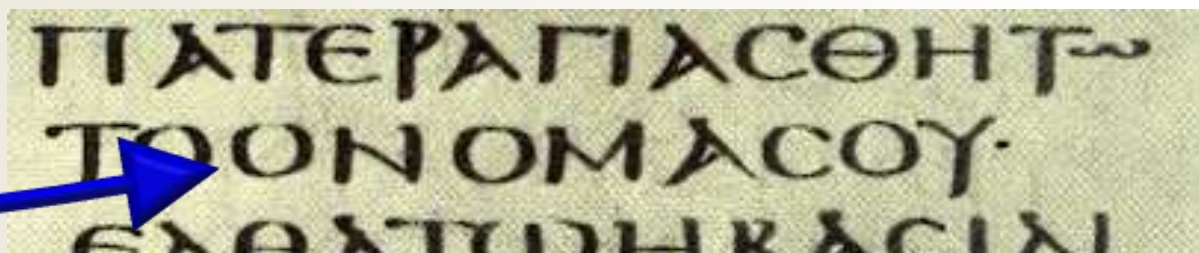
Notice your quarterly, **"1."** ALWAYS has to be a clarified, i.e., everyone has to explain what **"finished with sin"** means

So, most agree, rest of the N.T. says THIS VERSE does not mean that we MUST SUFFER to be "finished with sin"

BEFORE we look further, look at punctuation—remember Greek!

Look at the em-dashes, commas; then, for colons and semi-colons

**No spaces or commas  
and ALL caps in A.D. 60!**



ΠΑΤΕΡΑΓΙΑΘΗΤΩ  
ΤΩΝ ΟΜΑΧΩΝ.  
ΕΛΑΤΙΩΝ ΕΛΑΤΙΩΝ

## **1 Peter 4:1-4 Living for God – Resolve as Christ ...**

HCSB, <sup>1</sup>Therefore, since Christ suffered in the flesh, equip yourselves also with the same resolve—because the one who suffered in the flesh has finished with sin—<sup>2</sup>in order to live the remaining time in the flesh, no longer for human desires, but for God's will.

NIV, <sup>1</sup> Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. <sup>2</sup>As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.

Clearly, the NIV favors “1, Christians” as the following sentence helps!

KJV, <sup>1</sup> Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; <sup>2</sup>That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

The KJV is almost clear with “That he no longer should live”



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If “1 Christians” despite the LACK of clarity, we can stretch our feet a bit and make it clear by interpreting the Bible with the Bible.

“Sin” is missing the mark of the high standard of Christ, missing living the *PERFECT* sinless life ...

As a Christian, new born into the kingdom, **we do NOT WANT to SIN** anymore, nothing like before, and—I believe—hence are “**finished**” with sin in that way. Like Paul, we strive to hit the mark ... day to day.

So, “1 referring to Christians” is okay in that light, & vs 2 makes sense:

<sup>2</sup> in order to live the remaining time in the flesh, no longer for human desires, but for God's will.

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THAT IS ... “1 Christian” has a clean meaning ONLY WITH *clarification*

We are NOT “finished” as a though we are SINLESS and no longer sin *no sir, no mam ...* yet as Paul so eloquently said ...

Philippians 3:14, Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

We are “FINISHED” with sin as a WAY OF LIFE,

- ✓ “finished” with AIMLESS rambling after sin
- ✓ “finished with AIMLESS following fleshly desires

Now we have a TARGET, we take AIM & SHOOT for

*with* RESOLVE



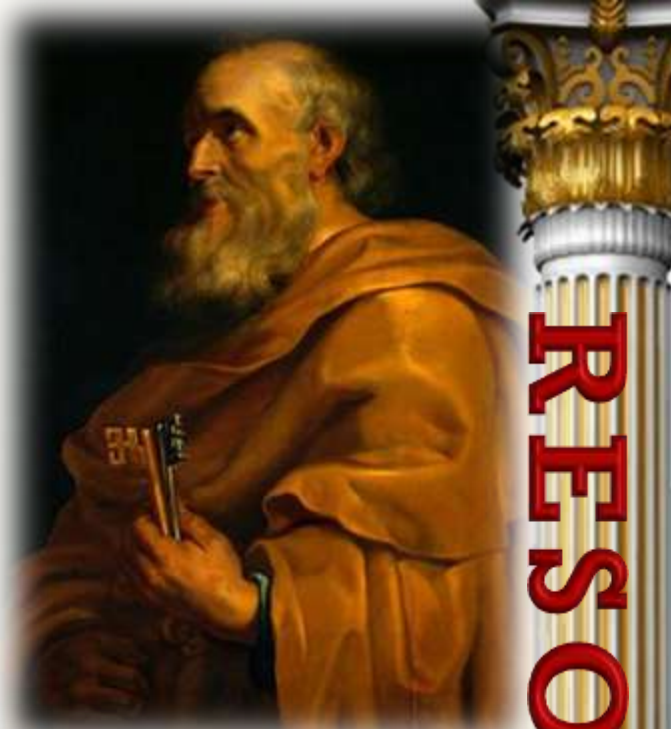


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**Onward, Christian soldiers!**  
**Marching as to war,**  
**With the cross of Jesus**  
*Going on before.*



**RESOLVE**



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**2nd View: Refers to Christ, parenthetically, *with an emphasis***

Referring to Christ, there is clarity **WITHOUT** a fuss **AND** consistency with the rest of the New Testament to boot.



**“Arm” ourselves with same “resolve” as Christ**

To what?—**“so as to live out your remaining time ... will of God.”**

Peter **INSERTS “Christ suffered ... finished with sin”**

between **“resolve”** and **“so as to live out”** to emphasize

**Christ FINISHED with sin—OVER ALL**



**Christ FINISHED with sin—He is OVER ALL  
Follow his steps, ARM yourself with HIS RESOLVE**

<sup>1</sup>Christ suffered ... equip yourselves with the same resolve—  
**BECAUSE THE ONE [CHRIST] WHO SUFFERED IN THE FLESH  
HAS FINISHED WITH SIN—**<sup>2</sup>in order to live the remaining time in  
the flesh, no longer for human desires, but for God's will.

instead of vs 1 Christians” we see vs 1 “Christ” all the way  
Referring to HOW Christ suffered then *CHRIST* “finished with sin”  
**—so I think—**

passage gets clearer, cleaner, more coherent, even BEAUTIFUL.

**Let's Look Closer in this light  
Reading it as Christ suffered in Flesh**

**look at how clear ... even beautifully sublime**

**<sup>1</sup>Therefore ... RESOLVE as Christ—because the ONE,  
CHRIST, suffered in the flesh has FINISHED with sin—<sup>2</sup>  
YOU RESOLVE in order to live the remaining time in the flesh,  
no longer for human desires [like Christ], but FOR GOD'S WILL.**

**Christ becomes our example without any need to clarify further**

**ARMED with a RESOLVE like Christ, as we live & endure ...**

**To what end? . . . . . TO DO GOD'S WILL!**

**What is God's Will?**

**Did they already KNOW what that meant?**



# What is the Will of God?

**Ten Commandments**

**Pray ... put His word in your heart**

**Love God with all**

**your Heart, Soul, Mind**

**Love others as yourself**

**Seek first the Kingdom of God**

***Golden Rule:* Do unto others**

**as you have them to do you**

***many other parables & principles***



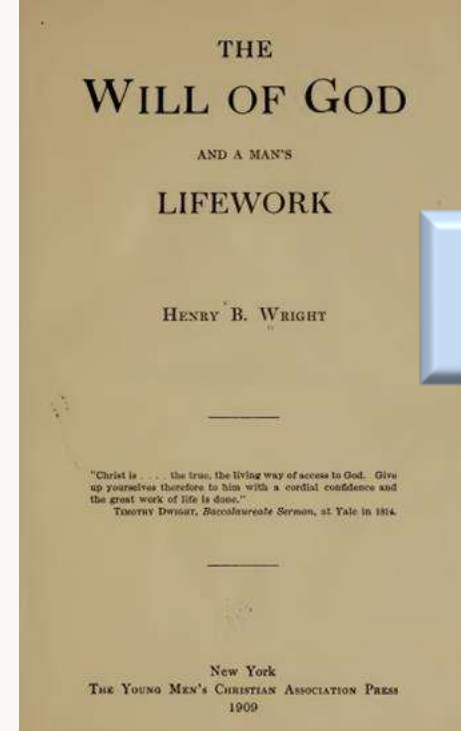
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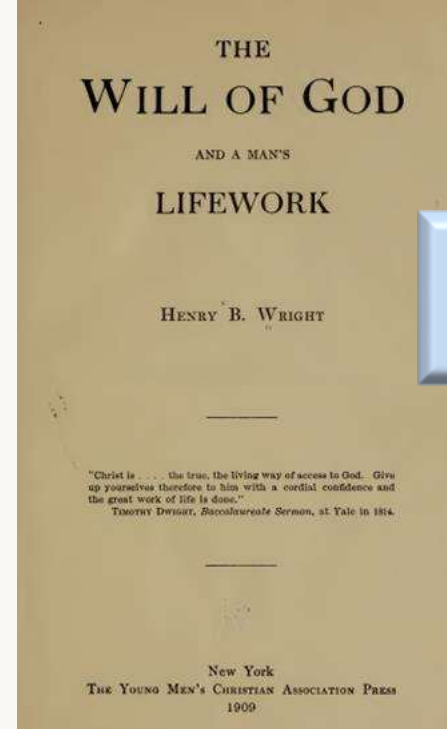




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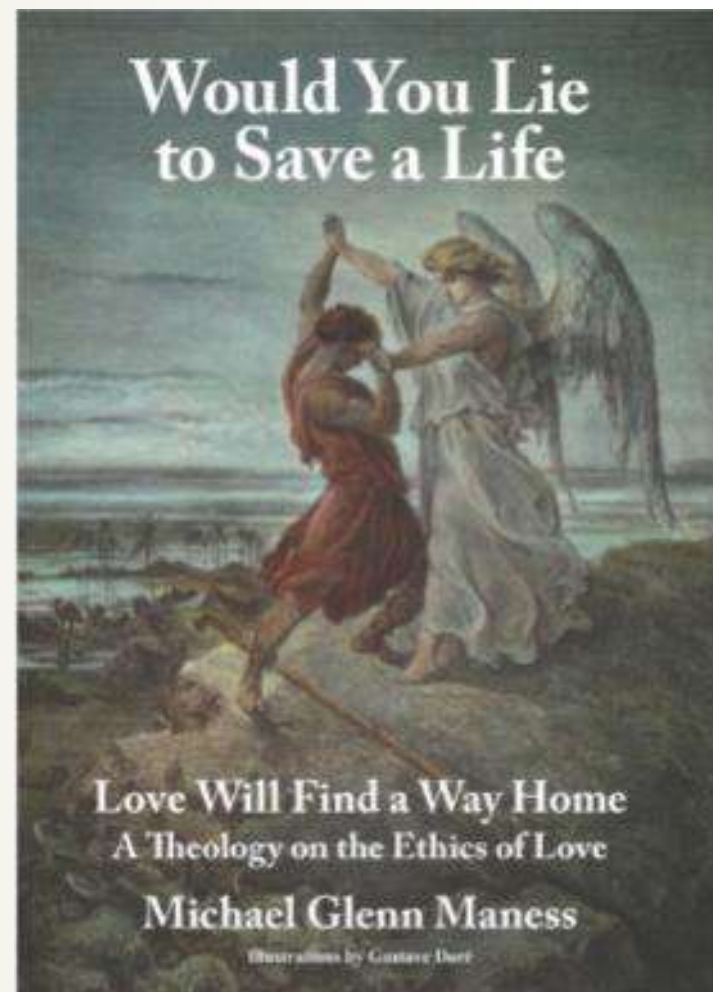
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**ARMED with a RESOLVE like Christ ... to do God's Will!**

## **What is God's Will?**

**Did THEY already KNOW what that meant?**

**Apparently so ... to a degree**

**For in the next few verses Peter  
REMINDS them of their Pitiful Past!**

**Presents them with a Pleasant Purpose  
EVEN**

# **Pray, Love, Serve**

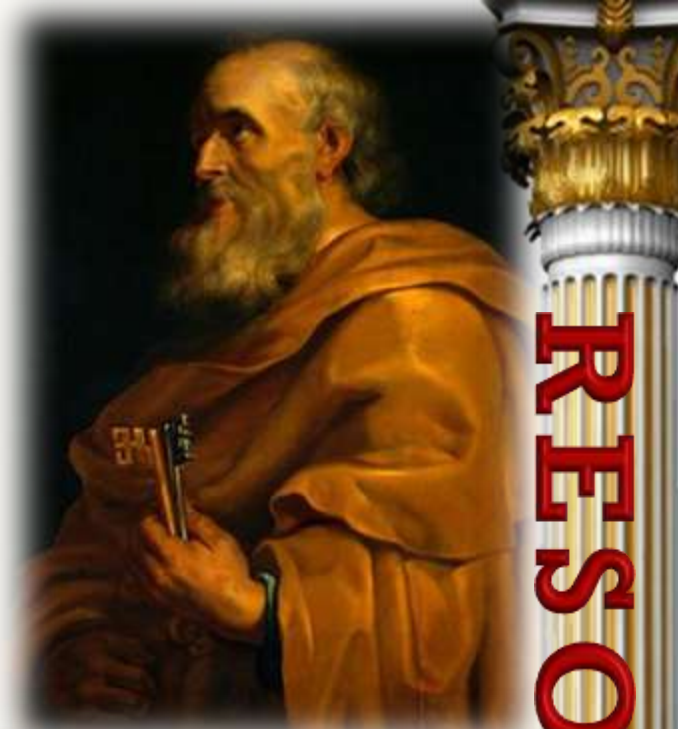
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RESOLVE



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- 4 They are SURPRISED that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they HEAP ABUSE on you.**

✓ Debauchery

✓ Lust

✓ Drunkenness

✓ Orgies

✓ Carousing

✓ Detestable Idolatry

Anyone here NOT know what  
EACH of these mean?

Your quarterly tells a lot

**EXCEPT for ... ORGIES ... your  
quarterly soft-peddles that**

That is all kinds of **Group SEX**

Think that's the worst?

Peter calls Idolatry "detestable"



A man with a mustache, wearing a light-colored cowboy hat and a bright red shirt, is driving a car. He is looking out the window with a serious expression. The car's interior, including the rearview mirror and steering wheel, is visible. The background shows a blurred green landscape. The image is framed by ornate gold pillars on the left and right sides.

What we're  
dealin' with here...



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We have hammered through  
several studies ...

Idolatry in 1000 B.C. and  
in A.D. 64 – bad, bad

**And BAD in ways—TODAY—we  
have a very big trouble appreciating**

Except “orgies”—we got people TODAY  
doing WORSE than the monkeys

Think that’s bad? – Look at the verse!



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“Hear Ye ... Hear Ye” ... do NOT miss what this passage is actually saying ... in TRUTH and in SPIRIT!

In the “PAST” ... Peter said, they spent “enough time”

This passage ASSUMES those in Asia Minor & Galatia **WHAT?**  
ASSUMES they ALREADY hate those activities ...

**REAL shame is in “SURPRISED”**



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**REAL shame is in Pagans being “*SURPRISED*”**

Let me explain that just a tad ... a little ... just an itsy-bitsy bit

Neighbors are having PAGAN Bar-be-que – *everybody's there*

**YOU used to bring the BEST wine!**

**Three Big Gods in Rome:**

- ✓ Jupiter—protector of the state
- ✓ Juno—protector of women
- ✓ Minerva—goddess of craft & wisdom

**Other Major Gods:**

- ✓ Mars—god of war
- ✓ Mercury—god of trade
- ✓ Bacchus—god of wine

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Let me explain further ... just an itsy-bitsy bit

Neighbors are having a PAGAN ORGRY ... *everybody's there*

✓ You USED to ... *what?*

✓ Your husband, your wife USED to ... ?

✓ You USE to bring your *CHILDREN!*

i.e., in the PAST you *USED* to ... what?

*REAL SHAME?*

Pagans are “*SURPRISED*”





**Yes ... sadly ... the Pagans ARE surprised ...**

And they heap ... and heap ... RIDICULE on you.

YOU are too GOOD for them anymore ...

- ✓ What fun do you *CHRISTIANS* have anymore ...
- ✓ Your WINE has gone sour ... has it?
- ✓ There go THOSE Christians ...
- ✓ What? ... no IDOLS? ... no Orgies? ... no Debauchery?
- ✓ What *DO* you do ... read your PARCHEMENTS ALL NIGHT?

**Real SHAME is that Pagans see YOU and are**

**“SURPRISED”**

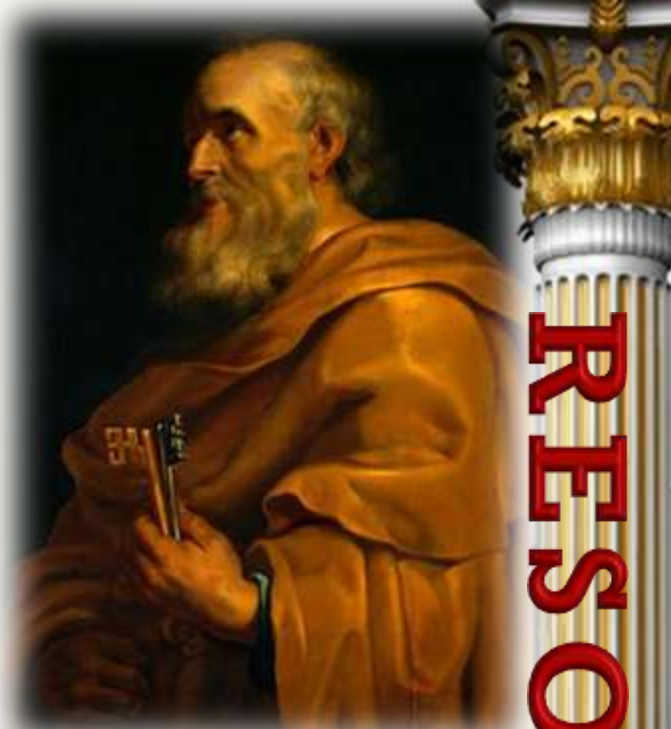
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**Hell's foundations quiver  
At the shout of praise;  
Brothers, lift your voices,  
*Loud your anthems raise.***



**RESOLVE**





*Yeah, surprised ... ridicule ... not to worry ... Peter encourages*

<sup>5</sup> But they will have to give account to him who is  
ready to judge the living and the dead.

They *WILL* be judged ...

Romans 12:19, Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves,  
but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written,

“Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.”

Peter continues,

<sup>6</sup> For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those  
who are now dead, so that they might be judged according  
to human standards in regard to the body,  
but **LIVE** according to God in regard to the spirit.

Christians accepted the Gospel & died—yet **THEY *LIVE!***

## **1 Peter 4:7 The end of all things is near.**

**Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray.**

**Throughout the New Testament, the Return of Christ is imminent**

- ✓ **Christ can return at ANY time ...**
- ✓ **Only the Father knows the time ...**
- ✓ **Christ shall come as a thief in the night ...**
- ✓ **Trim your wicks ... be prepared ...**
- ✓ **And God will—certainly will—judge ...**
- ✓ **Those that are ALIVE at His coming,  
shall rise with Him ...**





The End Near ... Arm Yourselves with Resolve of Christ ...

Then ... Pray, Love, Serve ... see how exquisitely Peter tells us:

1 Peter 4:7 The END of ALL things is NEAR.

# Pray

Therefore, be ALERT & of SOBER mind  
so that you may PRAY.

St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) is credited with praying:

Lord, make me an instrument of thy PEACE.

Where there is HATRED, let me sow LOVE;

Where there is injury, PARDON;

Where there is doubt, FAITH;

Where there is despair, HOPE;

Where there is darkness, LIGHT;

Where there is sadness, JOY.



Francis by Cigoli, 1699

St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) is credited with praying:

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to *CONSOLE*,

To be understood as to *UNDERSTAND*,

To be loved as to *LOVE*;

For it is in *GIVING* that we receive;

It is in *PARDONING* that we are pardoned;

It is in *DYING* to self that we are  
born to **ETERNAL LIFE**



Francis by Cigoli, 1699



The Lord's Divine Prayer, Matthew 6:9-13:

**Pray** Our Father which art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy Kingdom Come, Thy WILL be Done  
in earth, as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the Kingdom, and  
the Power, and the Glory, *FOREVER*.

*Amen.*



*Onward, Christian Soldiers*

Written by Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924

Music by Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842-1900



Glory, laud, and honor  
Unto Christ, the King.

This through countless ages  
*Men and angels sing.*



RESOLVE



## End Near ...

Arm Yourselves with Resolve of Christ ... facing ridicule ...

Then – Pray, Love, Serve – see how exquisitely Peter tells us:

**Pray** <sup>7</sup> The END of ALL things is NEAR. Therefore, be alert and of sober mind so that you may PRAY.

**Love** <sup>8</sup> Above all, LOVE each other deeply, because LOVE covers over a multitude of sins.

**Serve** <sup>9</sup> Offer HOSPITALITY to one another without grumbling.

So very sublime, so exquisite

The END is NEAR ... Resolve as Christ ...

**Pray, Love, Serve**

## **Peter elaborates on Christian service**

**<sup>10</sup> Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace....**

**<sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God.**

**If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.**

**A lot could be said on the "GIFTS" but Peter does NOT do as Paul Paul in 1 Corinthians 12 & in Romans 12 – a lot on "gifts"**

**Here, Peter assumes they KNOW "WHATEVER GIFT YOU HAVE"**

**Then Peter's exquisitely closes**



1 Peter 4:11 **To Him be the Glory and  
the Power for *EVER & EVER*. Amen.**

Resting in God's glory & power ...

**Pray** sober to **God**



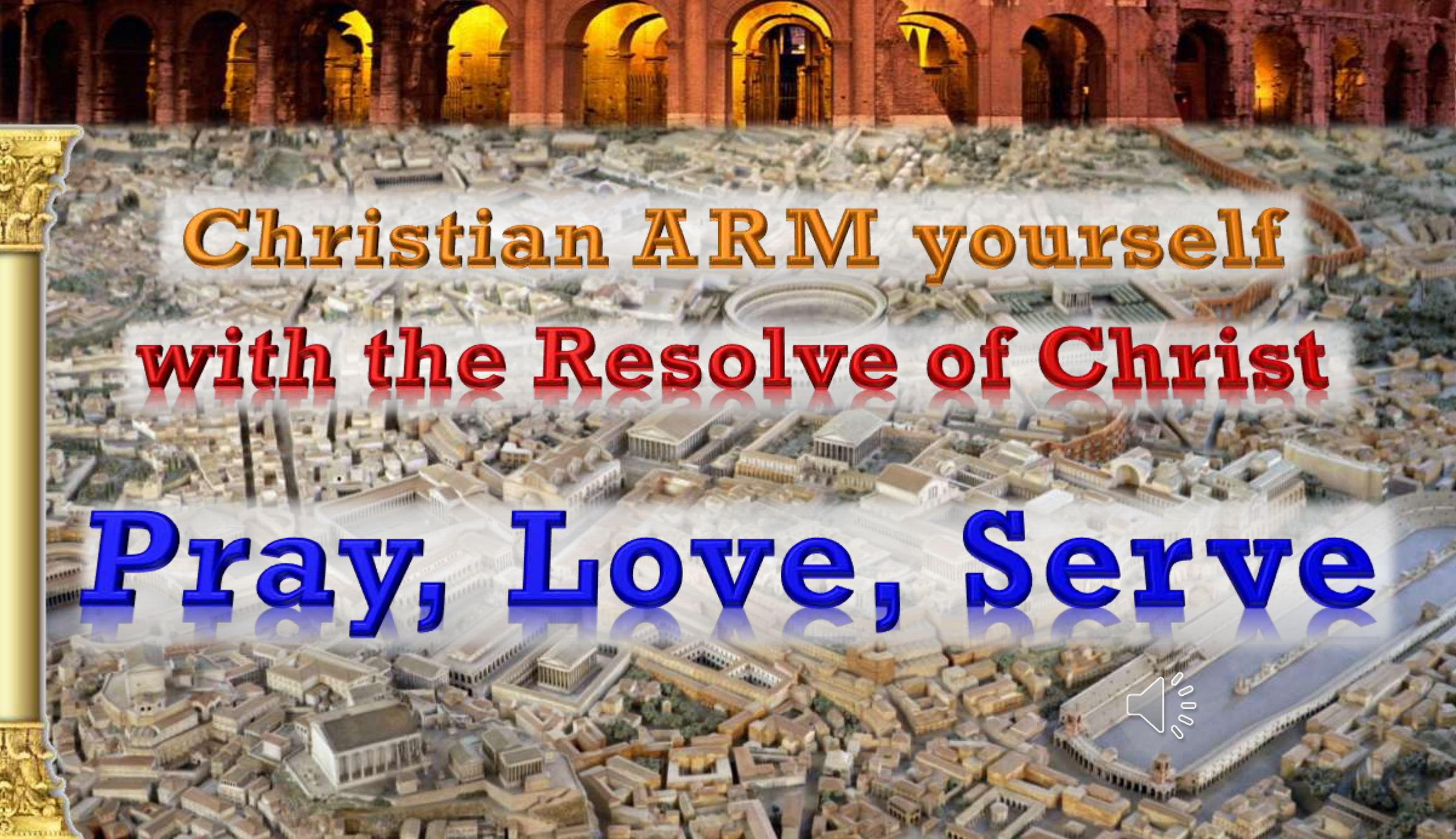
**Love** with your **Heart**



**Serve** with your **Hands**







**Christian ARM yourself**  
**with the Resolve of Christ**  
**Pray, Love, Serve**

