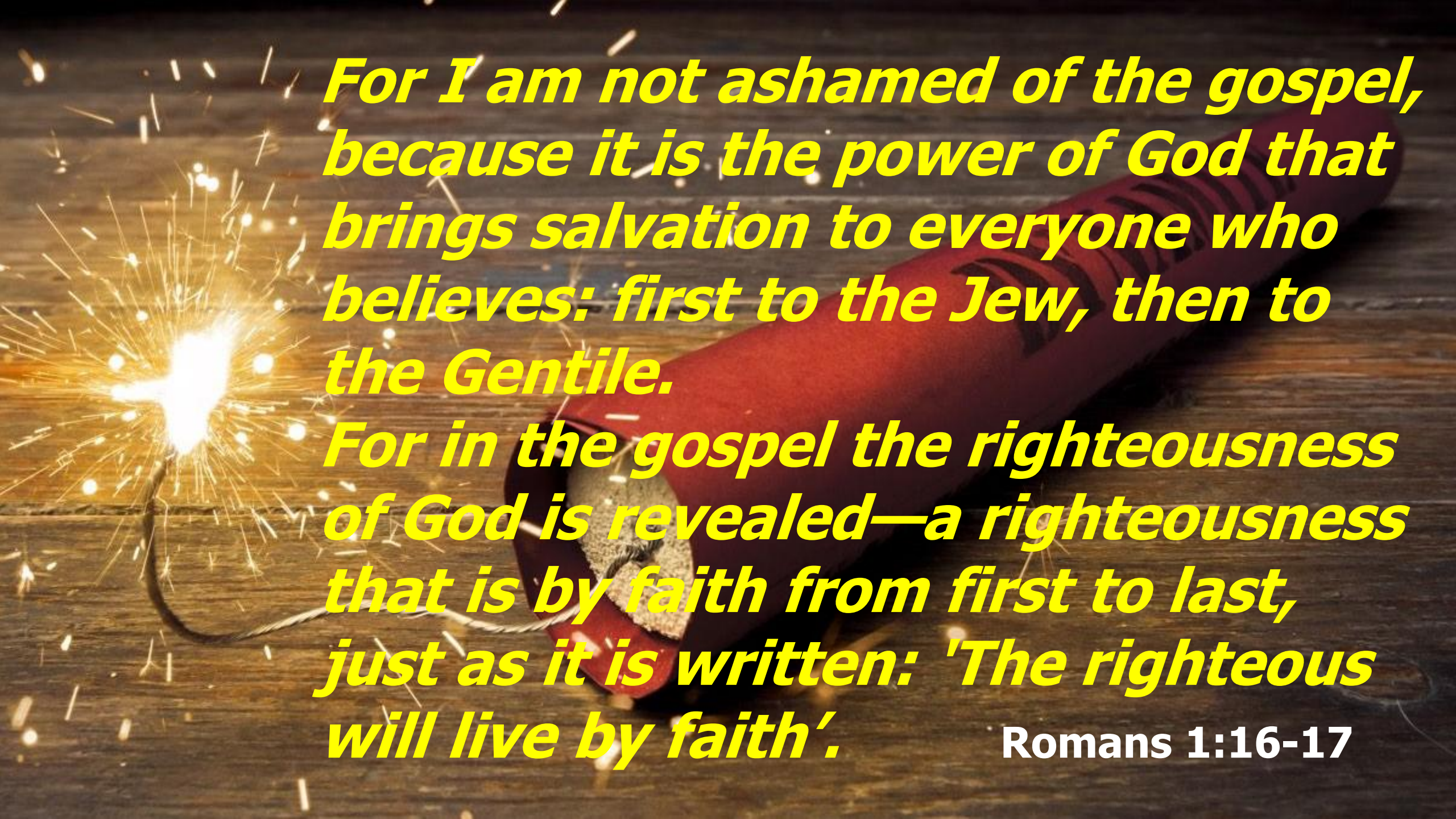


WHY STUDY ROMANS?

A red firework is exploding on a wooden surface, with a bright white and yellow spark burst on the left side. The firework is cylindrical and has a textured surface. The background is a dark, textured wooden surface.

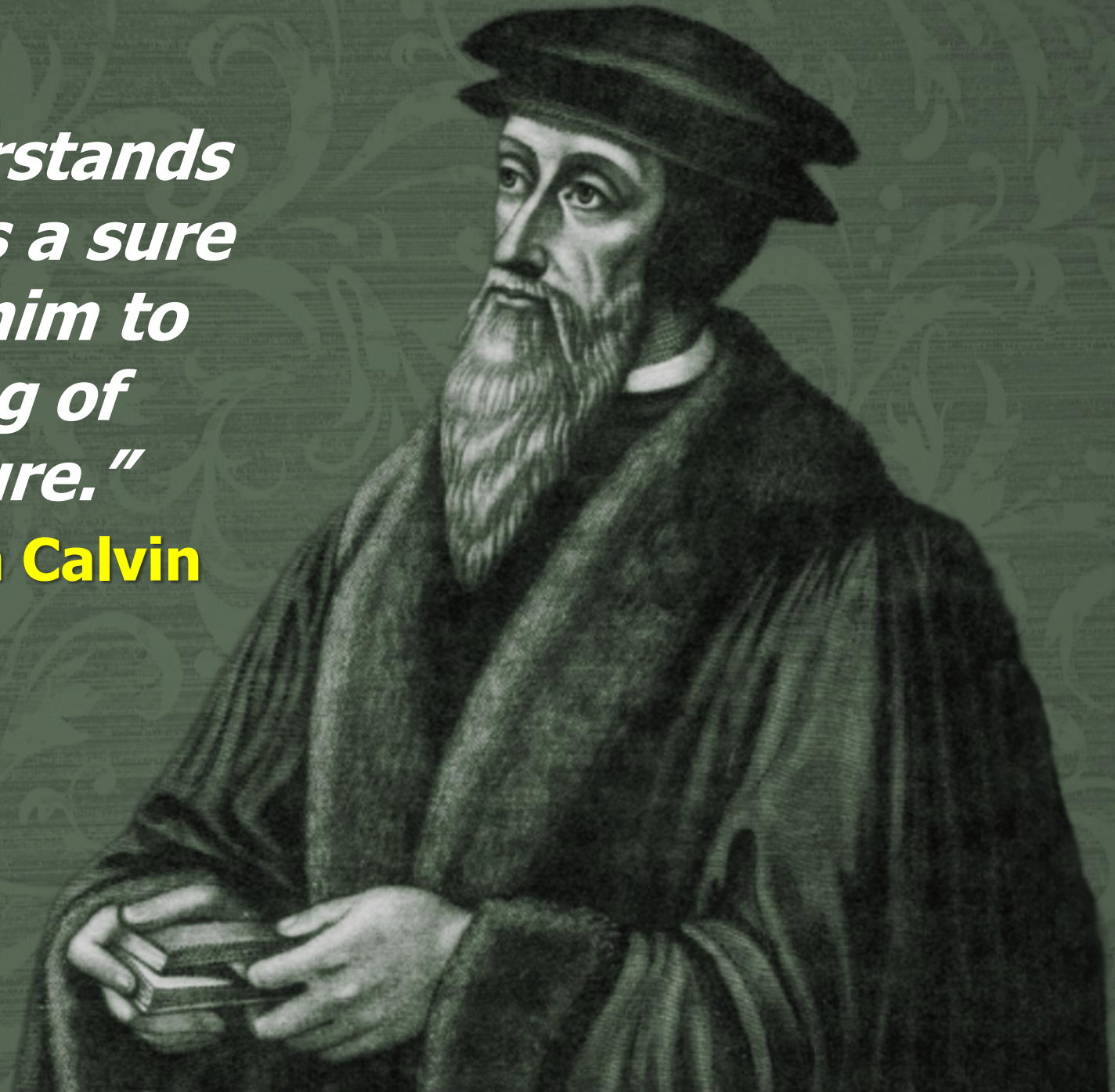
***For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
because it is the power of God that
brings salvation to everyone who
believes: first to the Jew, then to
the Gentile.***

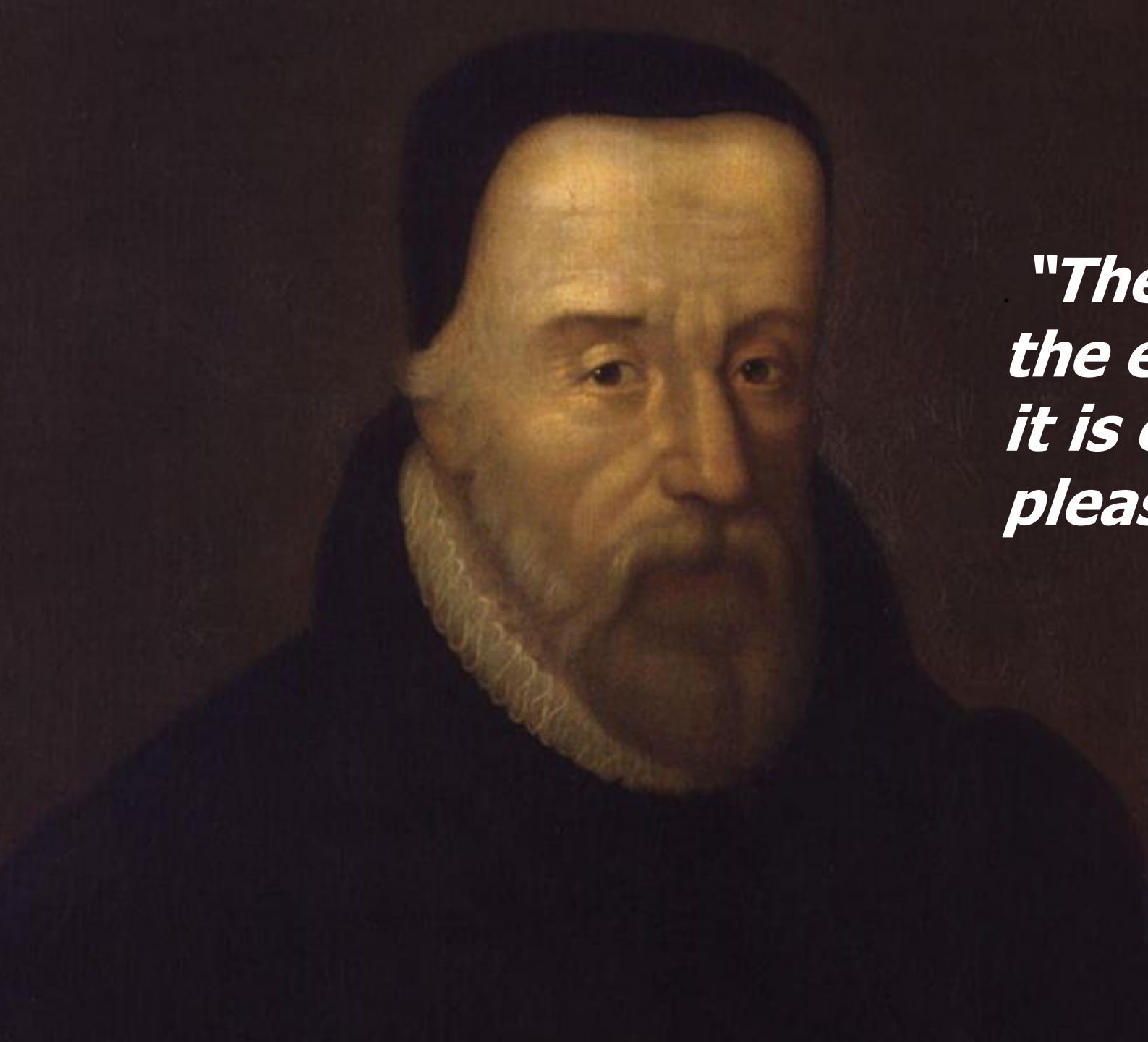
***For in the gospel the righteousness
of God is revealed—a righteousness
that is by faith from first to last,
just as it is written: 'The righteous
will live by faith'.***

Romans 1:16-17

***"If a man understands
[Romans], he has a sure
road opened for him to
the understanding of
the whole Scripture."***

John Calvin



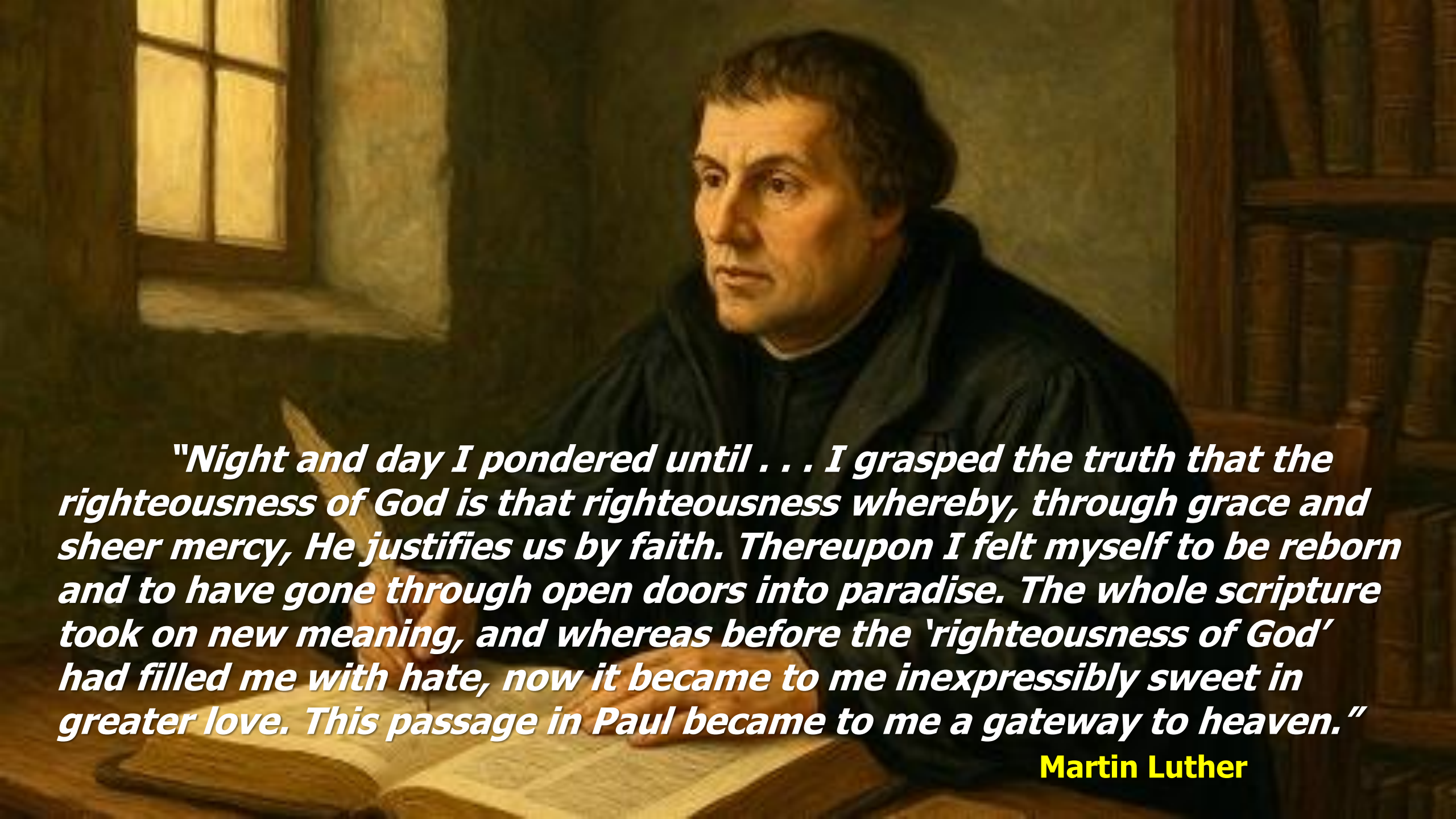
A portrait of William Tyndale, a man with a full beard and a white ruff collar, set against a dark background.

***"The more it is studied
the easier it is; the more
it is chewed, the more
pleasant it is."***

William Tyndale
Prologue to Romans

GVLIELMVS TINDALE MARTYR

OLIM EX AVLA MAGD.

A painting of Martin Luther, a German theologian, sitting at a desk in a study. He is wearing a dark blue robe and is looking intently at an open book on the desk. He holds a quill pen in his right hand. The room is dimly lit, with light coming from a window on the left. In the background, there are wooden bookshelves filled with books.

"Night and day I pondered until . . . I grasped the truth that the righteousness of God is that righteousness whereby, through grace and sheer mercy, He justifies us by faith. Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise. The whole scripture took on new meaning, and whereas before the 'righteousness of God' had filled me with hate, now it became to me inexpressibly sweet in greater love. This passage in Paul became to me a gateway to heaven."

Martin Luther



"This epistle is the chief part of the New Testament, and the very purest Gospel ... It can be never be read or considered too much or too well; and the more it is handled, the more precious it becomes, and the better it tastes." **Martin Luther**

"While he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for my salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken my sins away, even mine; and saved me from the law of sin and death."

John Wesley

Reading *Luther's Preface to Romans*



Paul's Letter to the

Romans



SPAIN

JEW?

GENTILE?

ROME

Phoebe delivers

WE'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU. WHAT DO YOU REALLY TEACH?

To the church in Rome,

Here's how I see it...

-PAUL

AFTER I DROP THIS GIFT OFF AT JERUSALEM, I'D LIKE TO VISIT YOU ON MY WAY TO SPAIN.

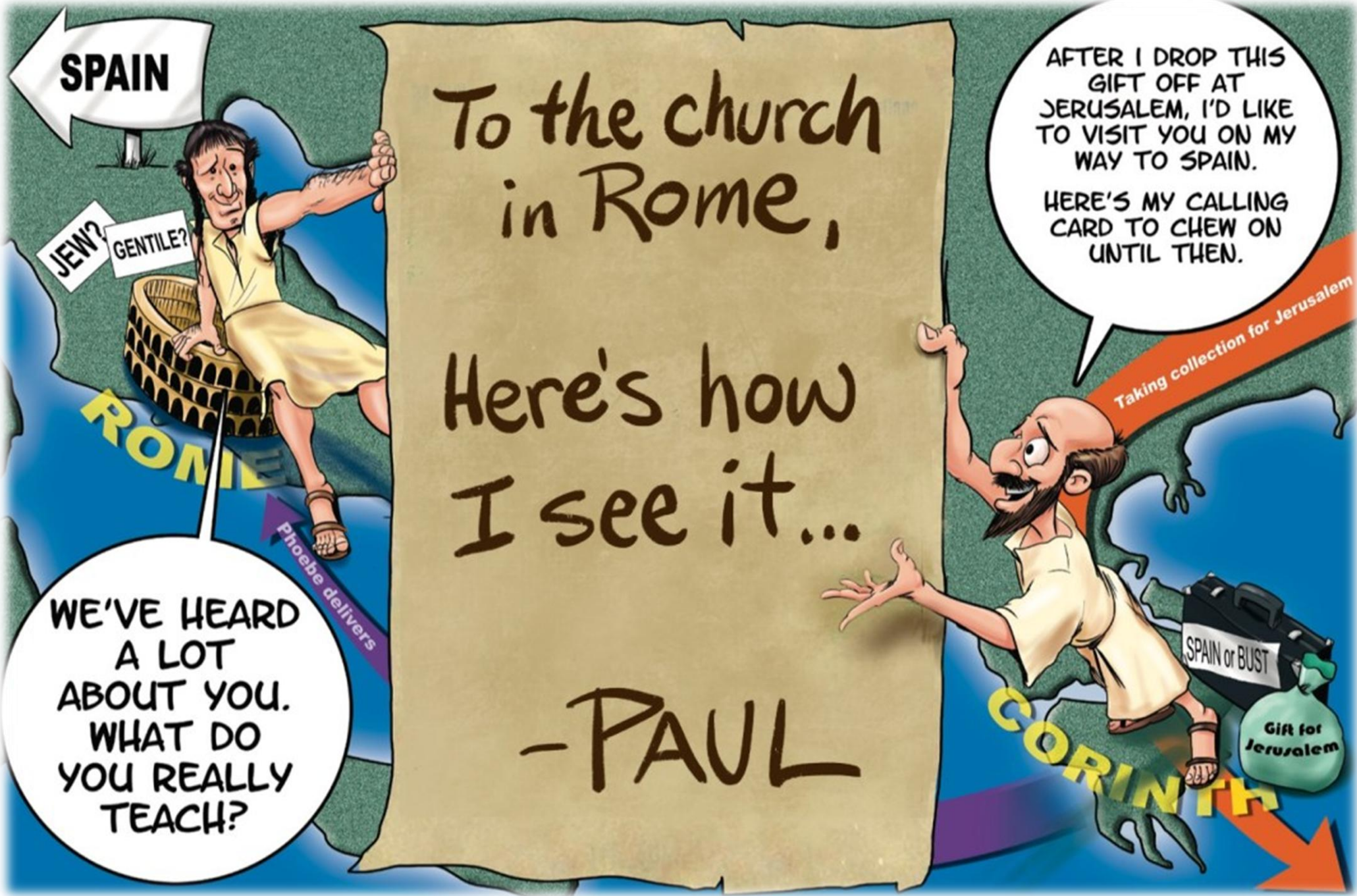
HERE'S MY CALLING CARD TO CHEW ON UNTIL THEN.

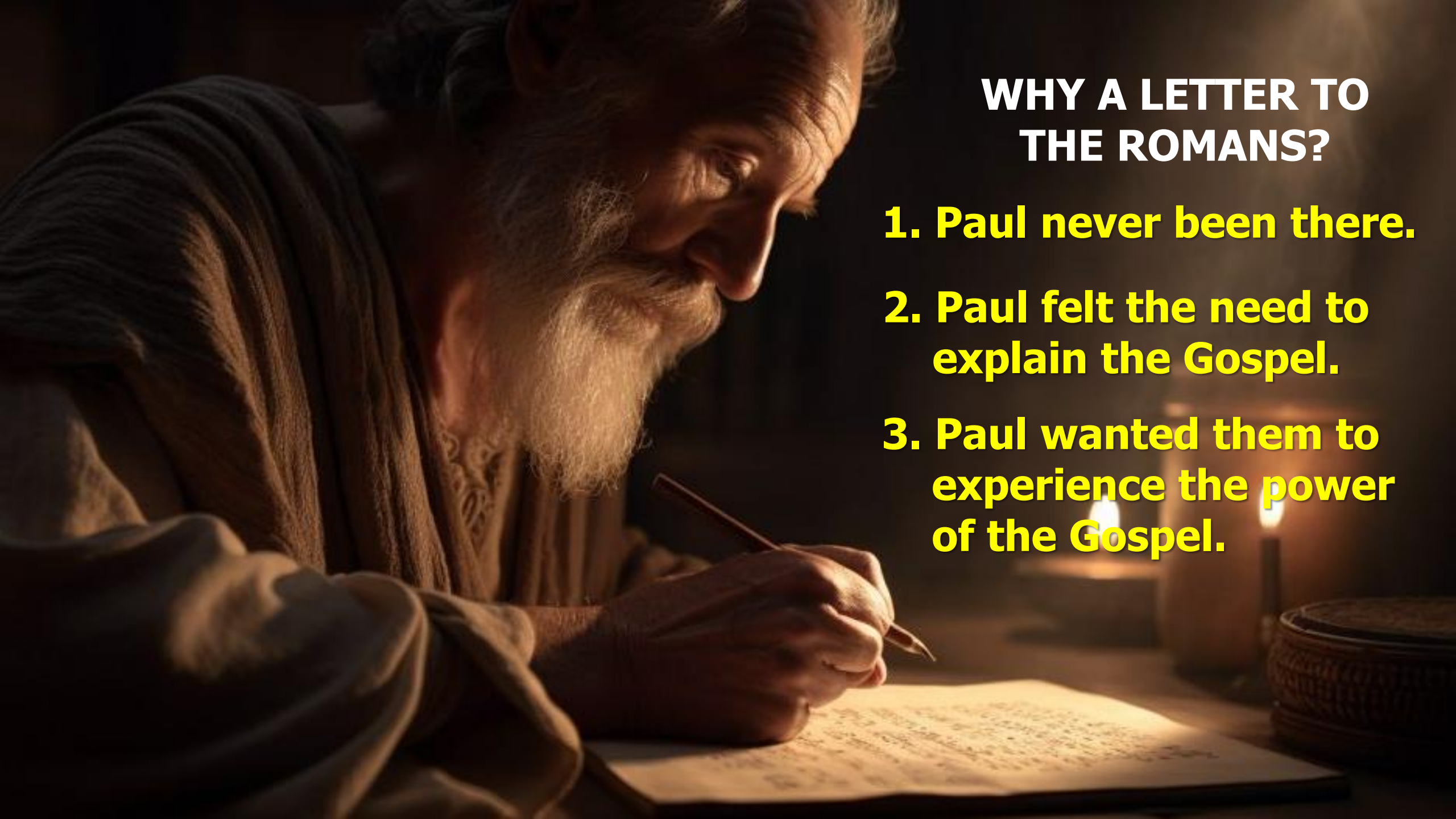
Taking collection for Jerusalem

SPAIN or BUST

Gift for Jerusalem

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WHY A LETTER TO THE ROMANS?

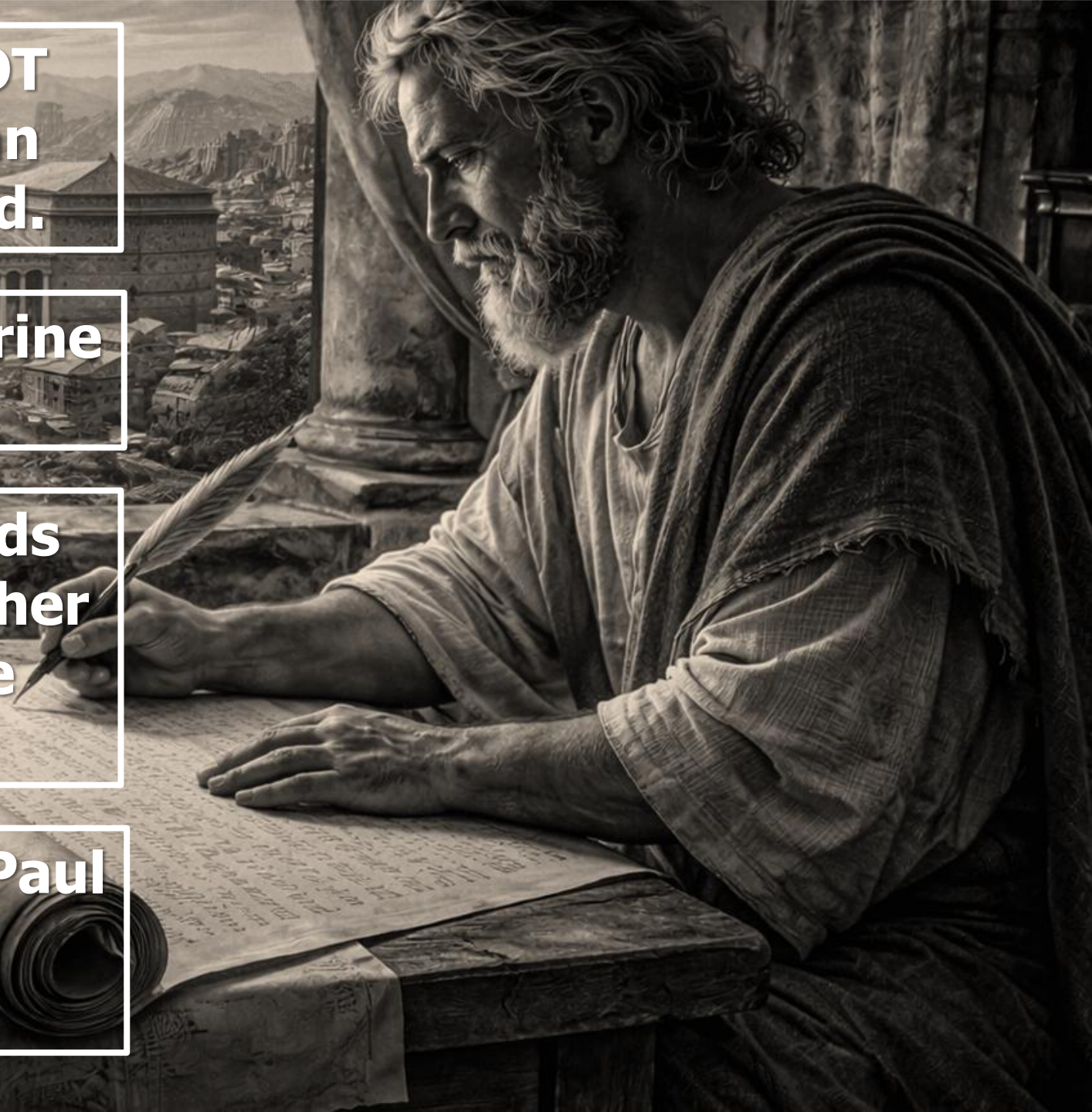
- 1. Paul never been there.**
- 2. Paul felt the need to explain the Gospel.**
- 3. Paul wanted them to experience the power of the Gospel.**

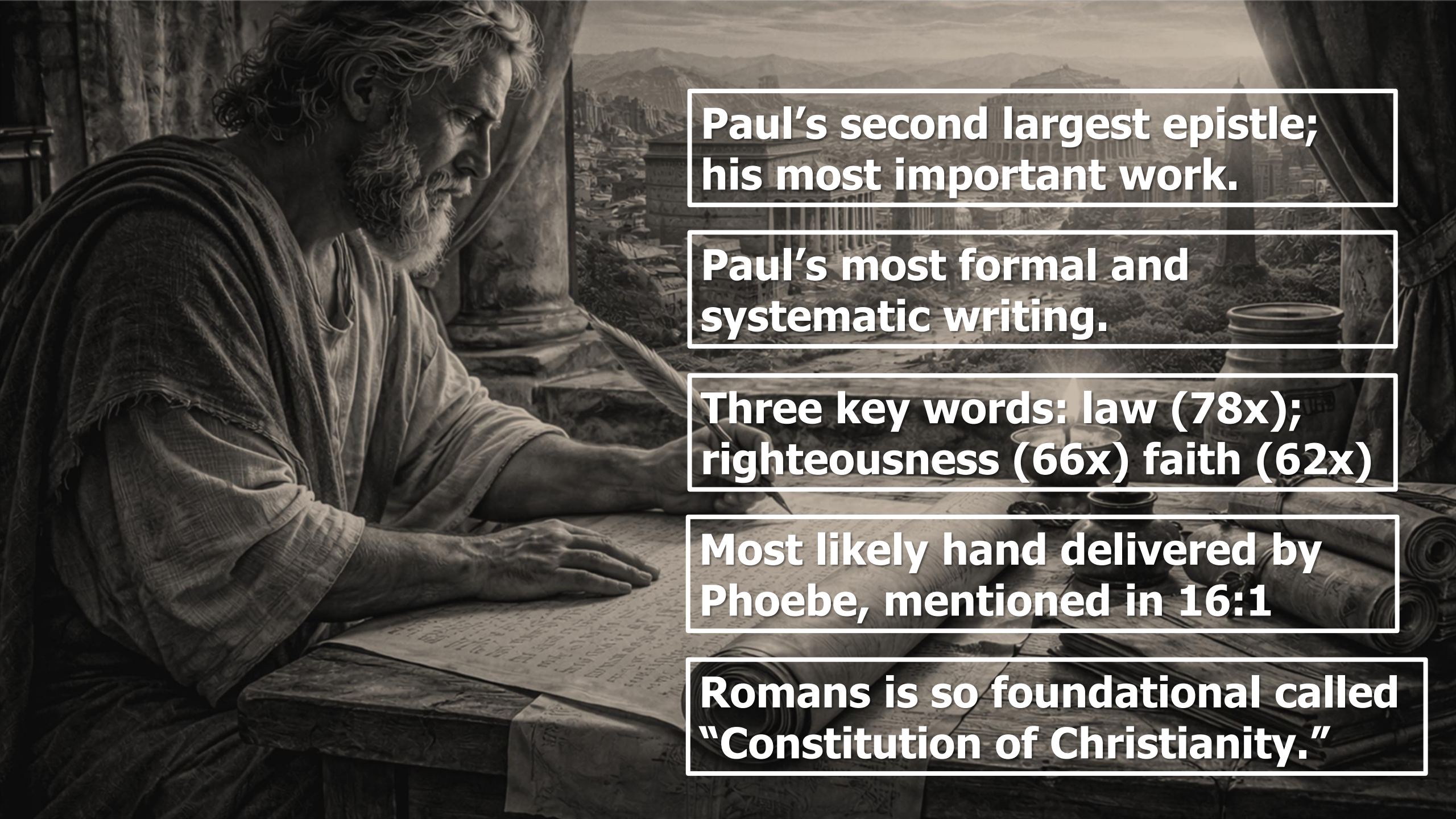
Paul quotes more from the OT (esp. Isaiah and Psalms) than in all other epistles combined.

Just about every major doctrine of the faith is put forth.

There are well over 200 words not found in any of Paul's other writings; nearly 100 of those words are unique in the NT.

One of two letters in which Paul included personal greetings (both he had not visited).





**Paul's second largest epistle;
his most important work.**

**Paul's most formal and
systematic writing.**

**Three key words: law (78x);
righteousness (66x) faith (62x)**

**Most likely hand delivered by
Phoebe, mentioned in 16:1**

**Romans is so foundational called
"Constitution of Christianity."**

— the book of —
ROMANS

Good News!
(Chapters 1-8)

Good Works!
(Chapters 9-16)

— the book of —
ROMANS

GOOD NEWS!

<i>Good News!</i>	(Rom 1)
<i>God's Judgment</i>	(Rom 2)
<i>God's Righteousness</i>	(Rom 3)
<i>Learning from Abraham</i>	(Rom 4)
<i>Reasons to Rejoice</i>	(Rom 5)
<i>New Life New Lifestyle</i>	(Rom 6)
<i>Struggle with Sin</i>	(Rom 7)
<i>Spirit Brings Life</i>	(Rom 8)

GOOD WORKS!

<i>The Potter & The Clay</i>	(Rom 9)
<i>What about the Religious</i>	(Rom 10)
<i>God's Not Done Yet</i>	(Rom 11)
<i>Living Sacrifices</i>	(Rom 12)
<i>Submit to Authorities</i>	(Rom 13)
<i>The Weak & The Strong</i>	(Rom 14)
<i>Unity, Hope & Prais</i>	(Rom 15)
<i>Paul & His Team</i>	(Rom 16)

Why is it necessary to understand our "BAD NEWS" before we can appreciate the "GOOD NEWS"?

What is the difference between EARNING a gift and RECEIVING the gift by faith?

How does the HOLY SPIRIT empower us to do what we cannot do on our own?

How should our VERTICAL relationship with God change our HORIZONTAL relationship with others?

A man with a beard and intense expression is shown in profile, looking towards the right. In the foreground, a scroll of parchment with a red wax seal featuring an anchor is resting on a stone surface. The background is a dramatic sunset over a cityscape.

ROMANS

PAUL'S POWERFUL LETTER