

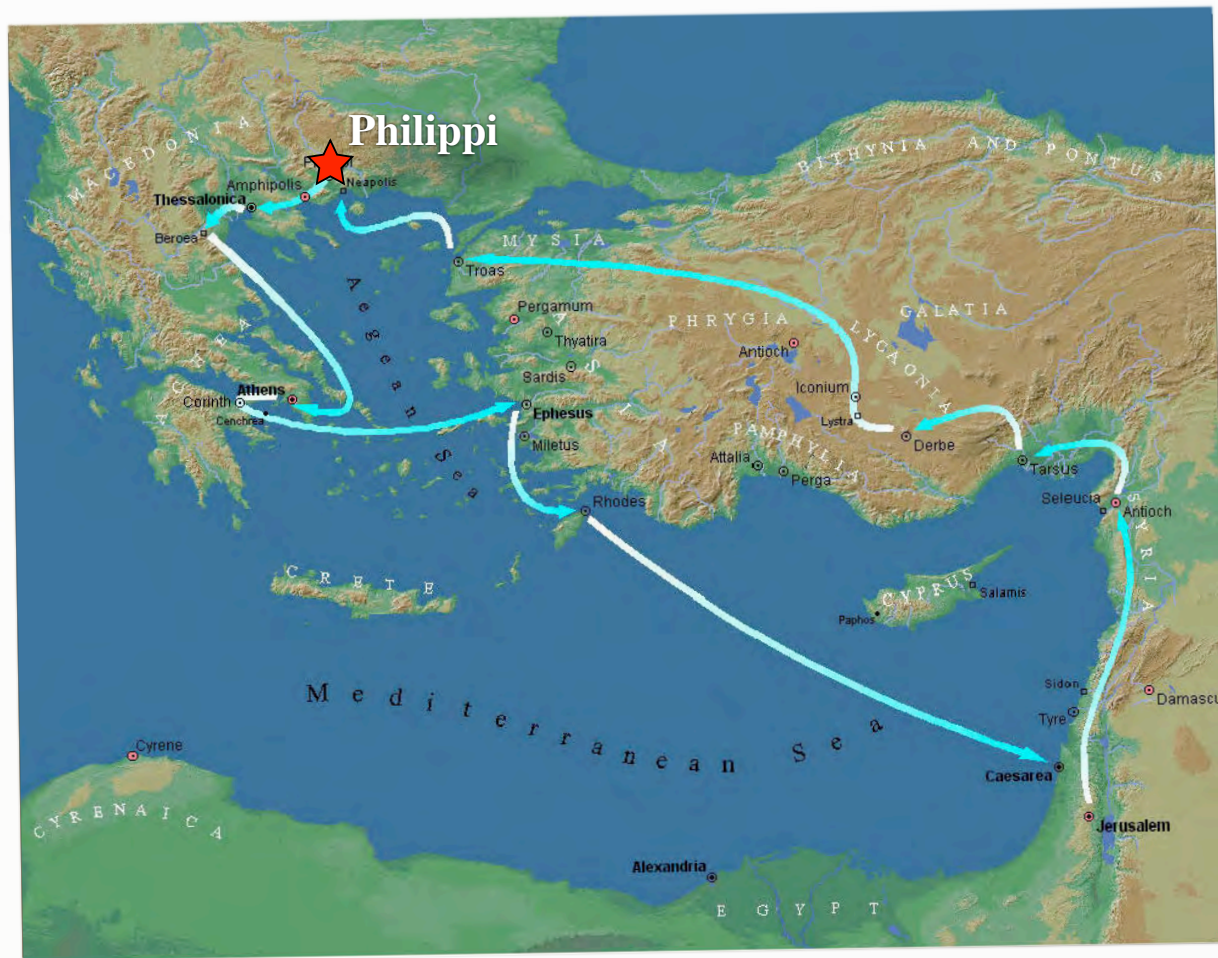
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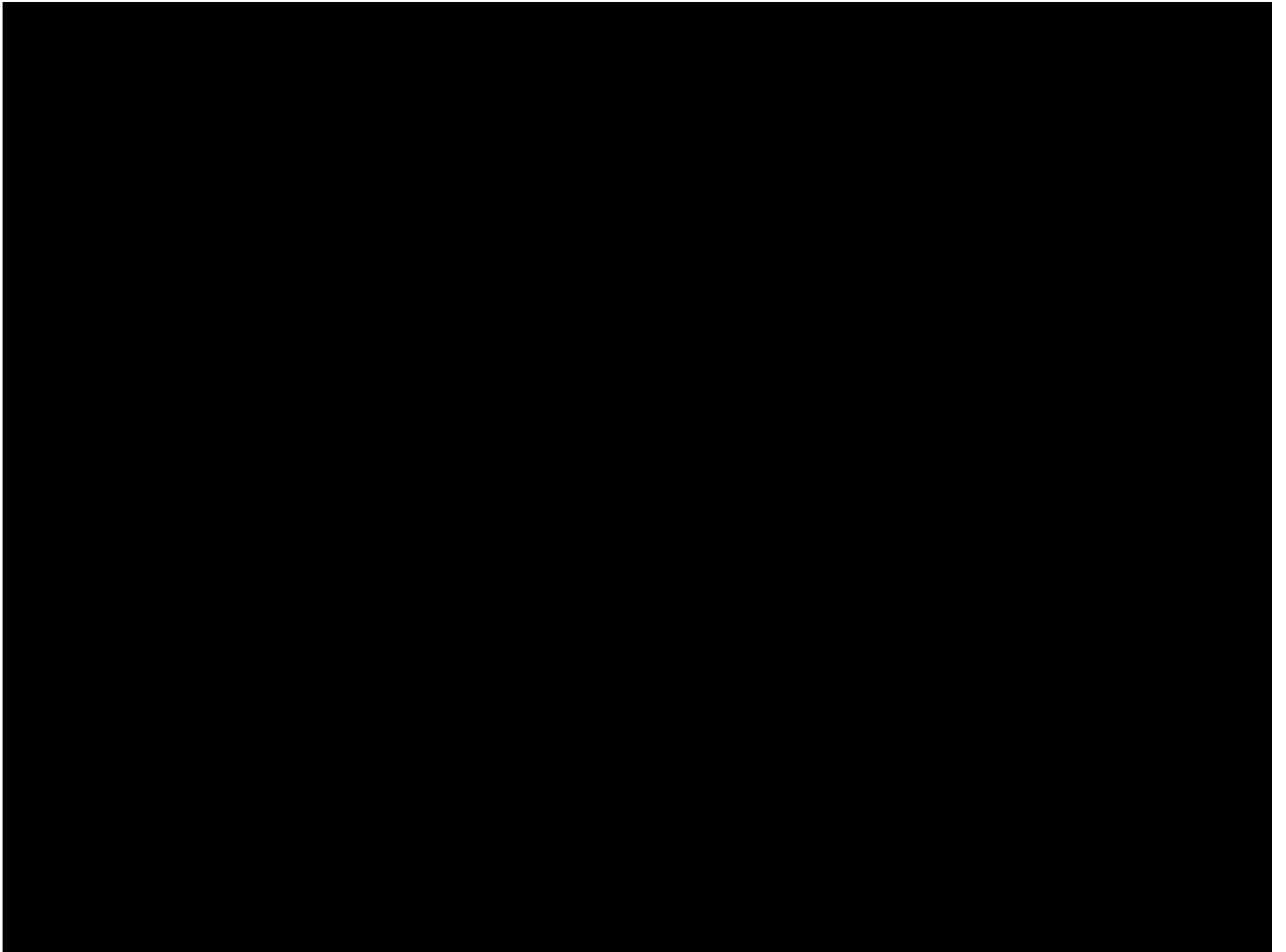
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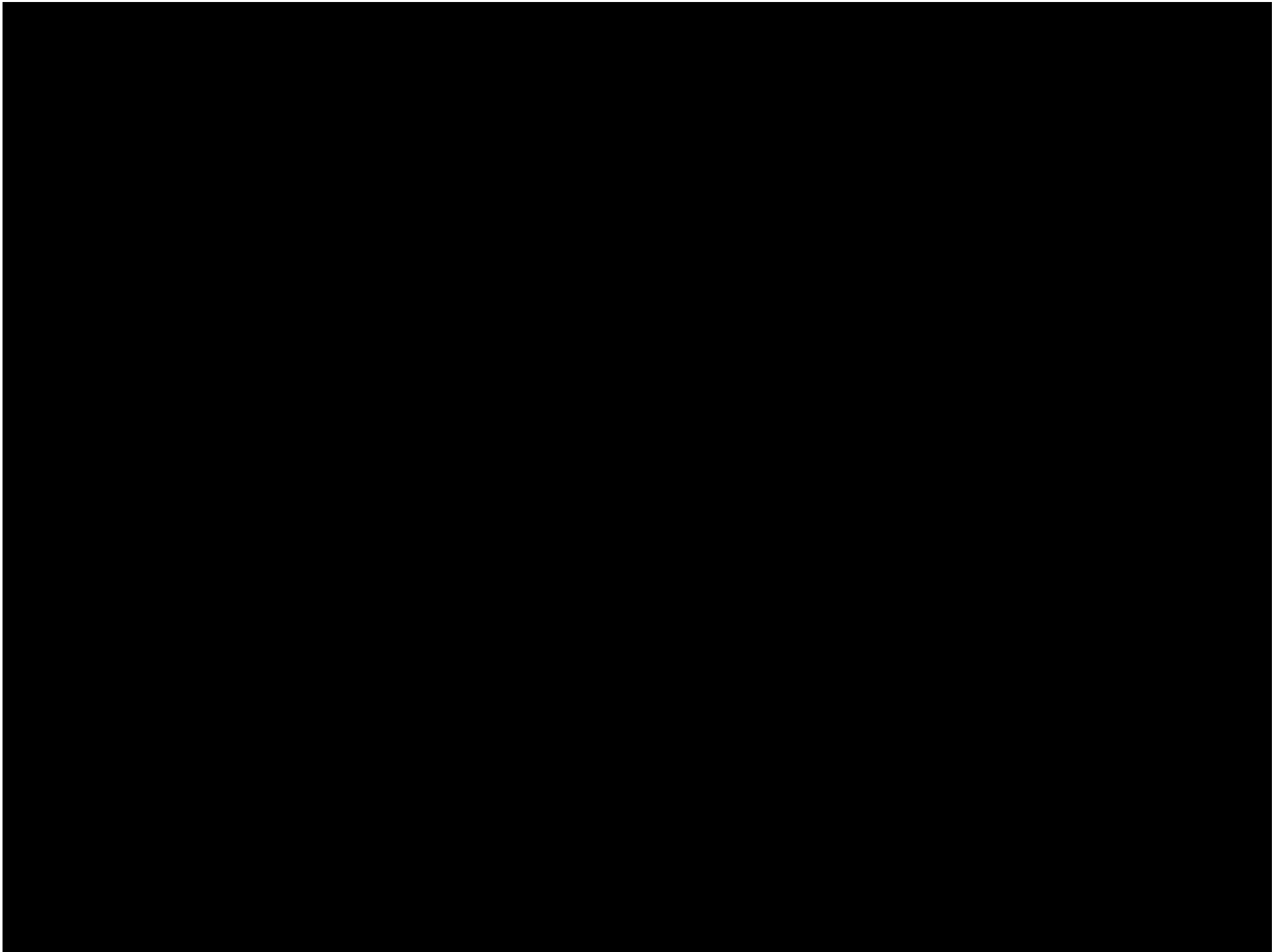
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no gospel at all.

Galatians 1:6 & 7



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Philippians 3:3 & 4





# Three Important Principles

Saving faith is a deep seated trust that leads to obedience.



1. Any attempt to inject additional requirements beyond faith in Christ for salvation is a perversion of the gospel, and is not the gospel.

Watch out  
for those  
*dogs*, those  
*men who do  
evil*, those  
*mutilators  
of the flesh.*

v. 3



<sup>18</sup> . . . enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>

Their destiny is destruction, their god is their  
stomach, and their glory is in their shame.

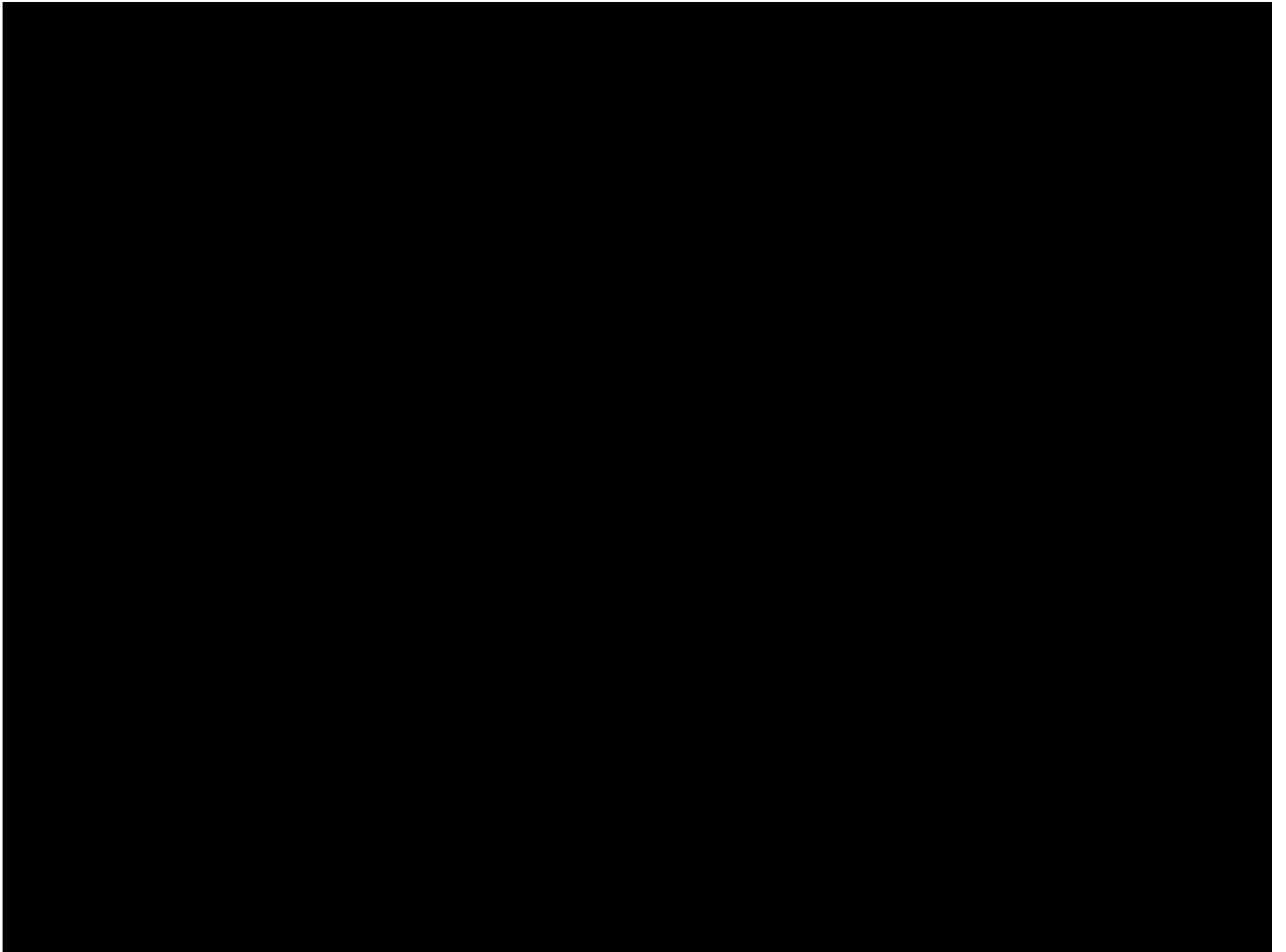
Their mind is on earthly things. v. 18 & 19



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2. The passage is a warning to all who think that they can be at peace with God without submitting to Christ and him alone.





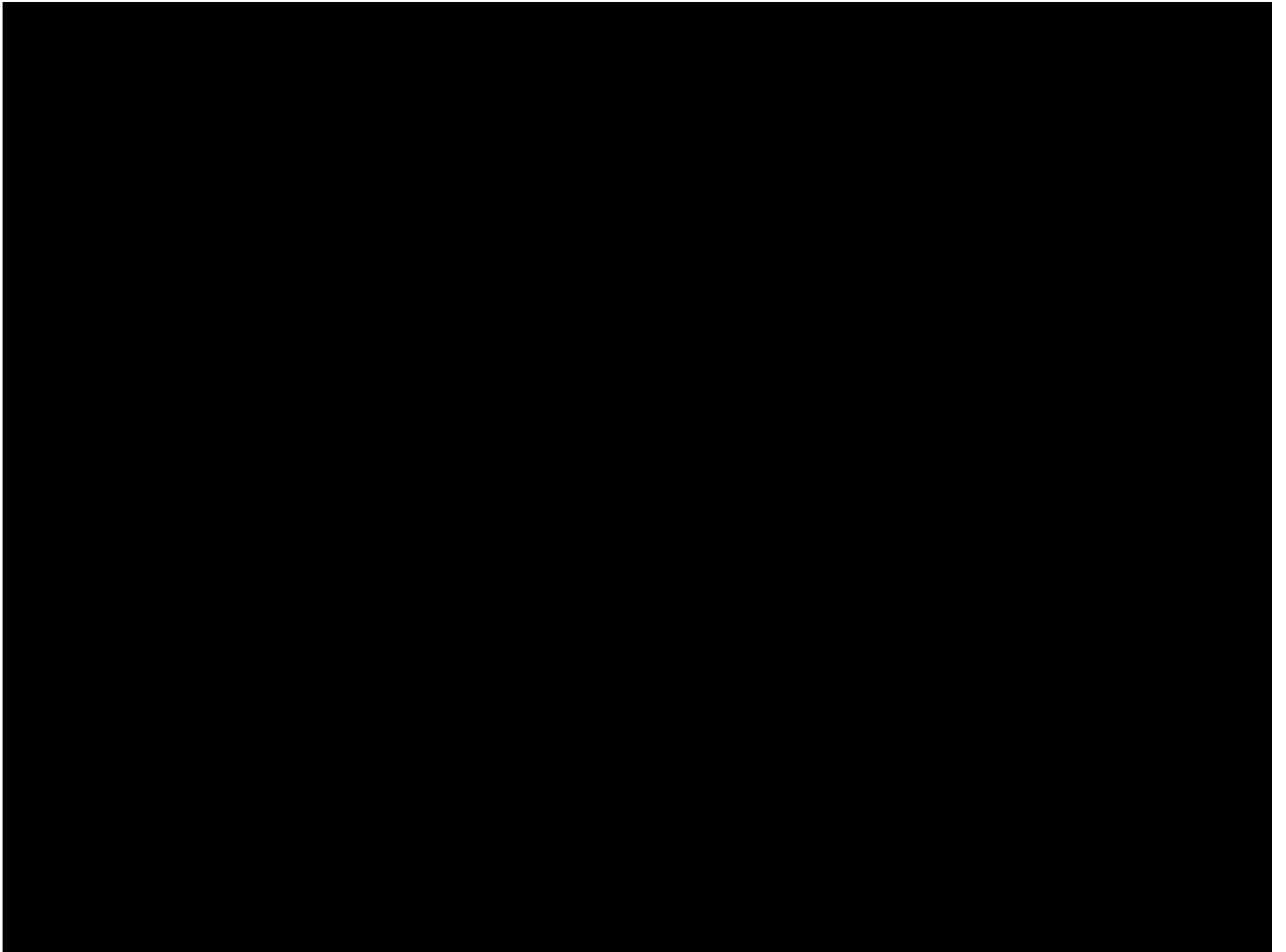
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3. It is possible for Christians to become distracted and shift our focus from Christ to things that are important but not ALL-important.











*press on*

*take hold of*

<sup>13</sup> . . . forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward . . . (vs. 13 & 14)





*press on*

*take hold of*

<sup>15</sup> All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. <sup>16</sup> Only let us live up to what we have already attained. (vs. 15 & 16)



Maturity is:

*press on*

*take hold of*

- having no confidence in the flesh
- forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead
- straining toward the goal to win the prize





Maturity is:

*press on*

*take hold of*

• applying what you have already learned – and pressing on to learn more

• joining with others in following Paul's example

• taking note of those who live according to the pattern we see in the Scriptures





Maturity is:

*press on*

*take hold of*

• living with the  
end in mind  
because our citizenship is in heaven

• eagerly awaiting our Savior

• **STANDING FIRM** until that day







IT IS FINISHED





