

# *A Public Faith*



Sharing the Hope That's Within

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Romans 2:17-24



Circumcision has value if you observe the law, but if you break the law, you have become as though you had not been circumcised. 26 So then, if those who are not circumcised keep the law's requirements, will they not be regarded as though they were circumcised? 27 The one who is not circumcised physically and yet obeys the law will condemn you who, even though you have the written code and circumcision, are a lawbreaker. 28 A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. 29 No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a person's praise is not from other people, but from God. Romans 2:25-29



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# W.H. Auden

One of the great writers/poets of the twentieth century and prior to WWII, he was a devout atheist along with most of his peers in academia.



# W.H. Auden

"If I am convinced that highly educated Nazis are wrong, and that we highly educated English are right, what is it that validates our values and invalidates theirs? The English intellectuals who now cry to heaven against the evil incarnated in Hitler have no heaven to cry to.



## W.H. Auden

The whole trend of liberal thought has been to undermine faith in the absolute. It has tried to make reason the judge. Either we serve the Unconditional, or some Hitlerian monster will supply an iron convention to do evil by."



## W.H. Auden

"If by reason we determine that if the operational principle of nature is the strong eating the weak, what in the world is wrong with strong nations oppressing and destroying weak nations?"



## W.H. Auden

But Auden's peers who were  
atheists said,

*"Well, we don't want strong races  
to oppress weak races or strong  
nations to oppress weak nations."*





## W.H. Auden

"If there's no God, then moral obligation is imaginary, and I know moral obligation is not imaginary. Therefore, there must be a God."



*"In the end, I unavoidably believe that equal rights for women is universally true even though I have no basis for it, so I'm going to work for equal rights for women anyway."*

If your premise that there is no God and no moral obligation leads you to a conclusion you know isn't true (in this case that there's really nothing wrong with oppressing women in Africa), why not change your premise?



if you rely on the law ..."



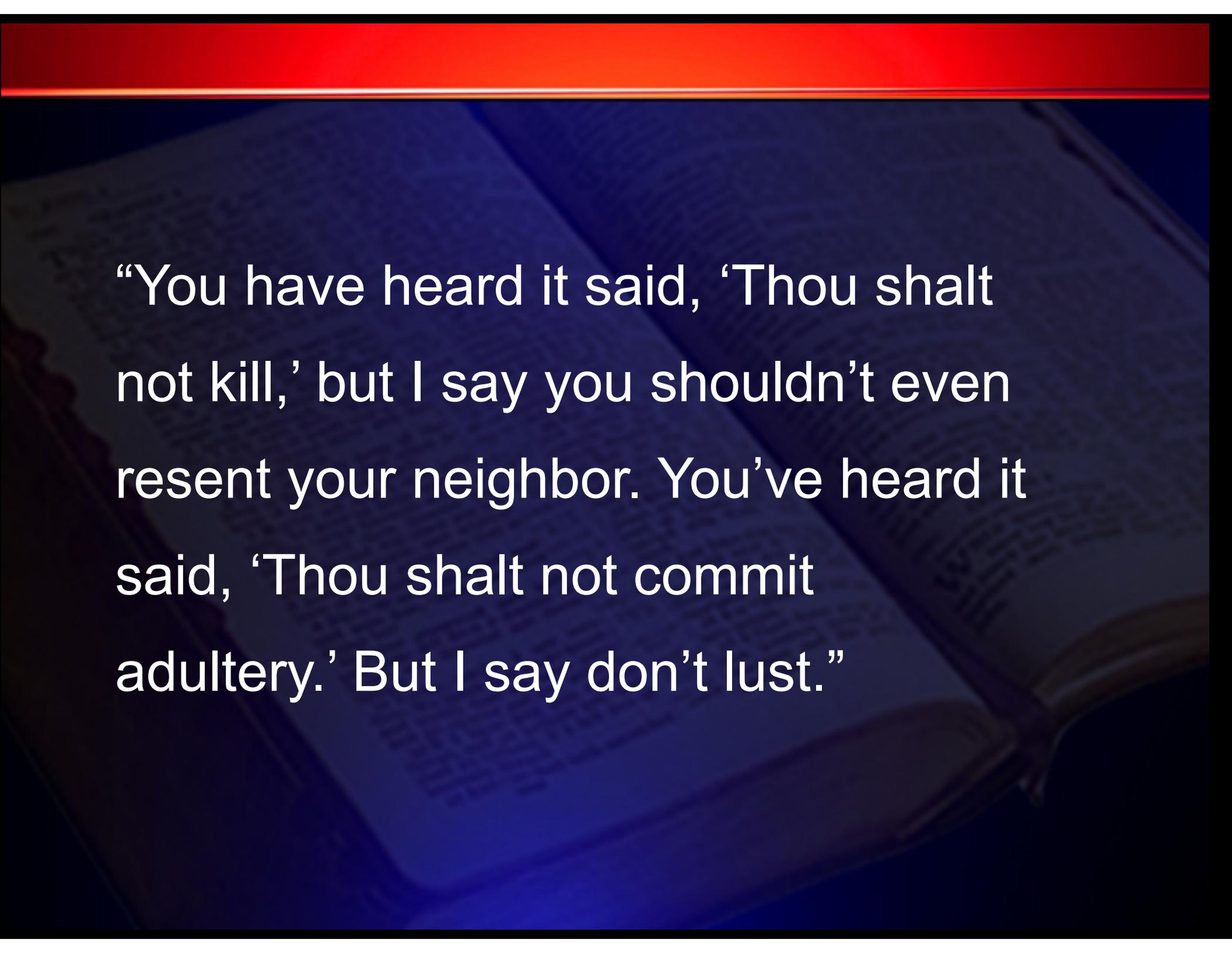
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Romans 2:12,13



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**vs.21-23**



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“You have heard it said, ‘Thou shalt not kill,’ but I say you shouldn’t even resent your neighbor. You’ve heard it said, ‘Thou shalt not commit adultery.’ But I say don’t lust.”

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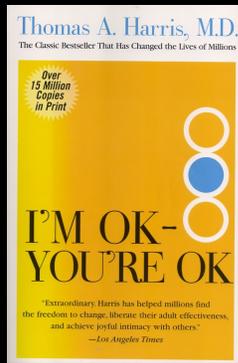
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"How in the world can you say this is mental health to say, 'I'm okay. You're okay. We're all okay,' yet out there in the world there is all the blood of the innocent crying out from the ground for justice? There's genocide. There's terrorism. There's all this awful stuff. How in the world can you say it's the sign of mental health to go out into the world and say, 'Everybody is okay. You're okay. I'm okay. We're all okay'? That's silly. That's narcissism."

# Wendy Kaminer



"To say, 'I'm okay, and I have the truth. You all are evil, and I'm going to punish you,' that's how you get death camps. That's how you get, 'I'm the superior race. You're the inferior race. I'm the superior person. You're the inferior person.' "



Therefore no one will be declared  
righteous in God's sight by the works of the  
law; rather, through the law we become  
conscious of our sin. ...<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned  
and fall short of the glory of God, Romans  
3:20,23



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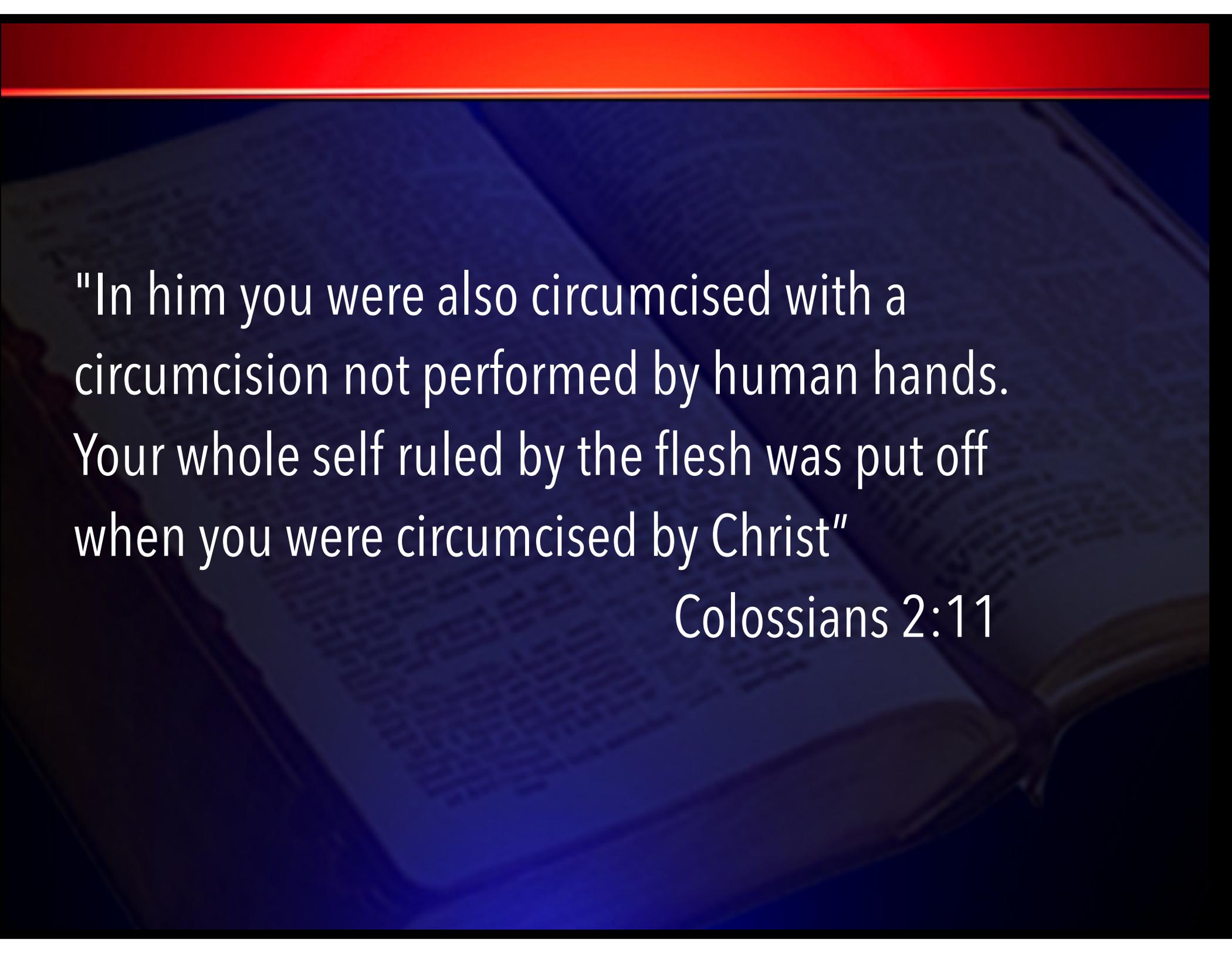
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"In him you were also circumcised with a  
circumcision not performed by human hands.  
Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off  
when you were circumcised by Christ"

Colossians 2:11

“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken Me?”



“He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:21



## Isaiah 53

"... he was cut off from the land of the living."



When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, <sup>14</sup> having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

Colossians 2:13,14

**Romans 8:1. "... there is now no  
condemnation for those who are in  
Christ Jesus ..."**







