

Righteous



Gospel Enemy: Shame

1 John 4:17

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***What does it mean to be
righteous?***

**To act, think and feel in full
accordance to divine moral Law
at all times. To be righteous is to
be God like!**



Driving Question:

How do we become Righteous before God?

Answer:

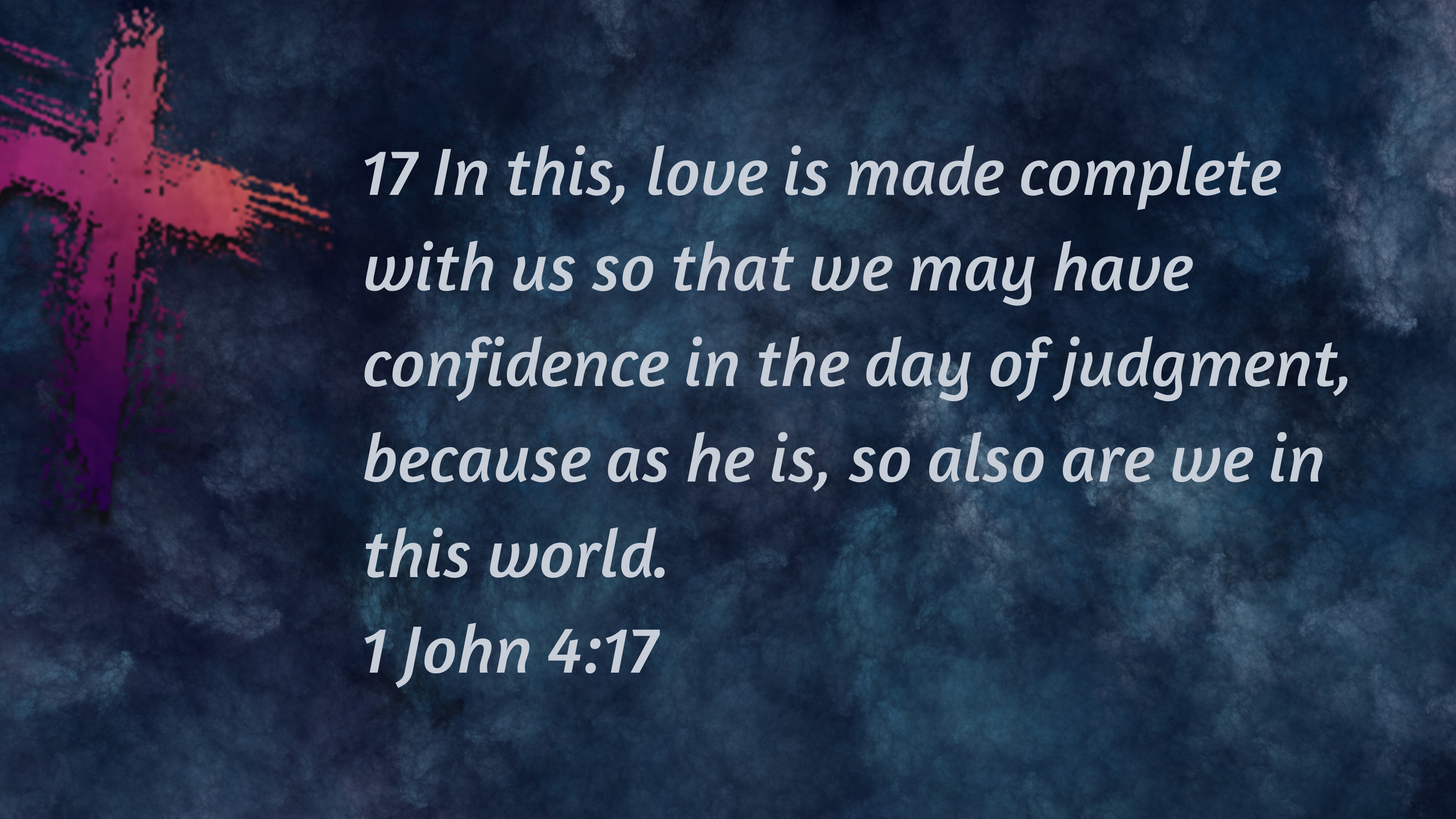
Our Righteousness before God has been accomplished by Jesus. Jesus took our sin so we could take his righteousness. This is the Gospel!



Enemies of The Gospel

1. Self-righteousness

2. Shame - Guilt



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with us so that we may have
confidence in the day of judgment,
because as he is, so also are we in
this world.*

1 John 4:17

1. The Curse of Shame

*25 Both the man and his wife
were naked, **yet felt no shame.***

Genesis 2:25

What is shame? *“The deep sense that you are unacceptable because of something you did or something done to you, or something associated with you. You feel exposed and humiliated.”*

Ed Welch (Shame Interrupted)

a. Where it comes from?

7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Genesis 3:7

b. What are its affects?

9 So the Lord God called out to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” 10 And he said, “I heard you in the garden, **and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.**” **Genesis 3:9-10**

12 The man replied, “**The woman you gave to be with me**—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate.” **Genesis 3:12**

2. The Cure of Shame

17 In this, love is made complete with us so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment, because as he is, so also are we in this world. 18

There is no fear in love; instead, perfect love drives out fear, because fear involves punishment. So the one who fears is not complete in love.

1 John 4:17-18



a. Where it comes from?

10 Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that **He loved us** and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4:10

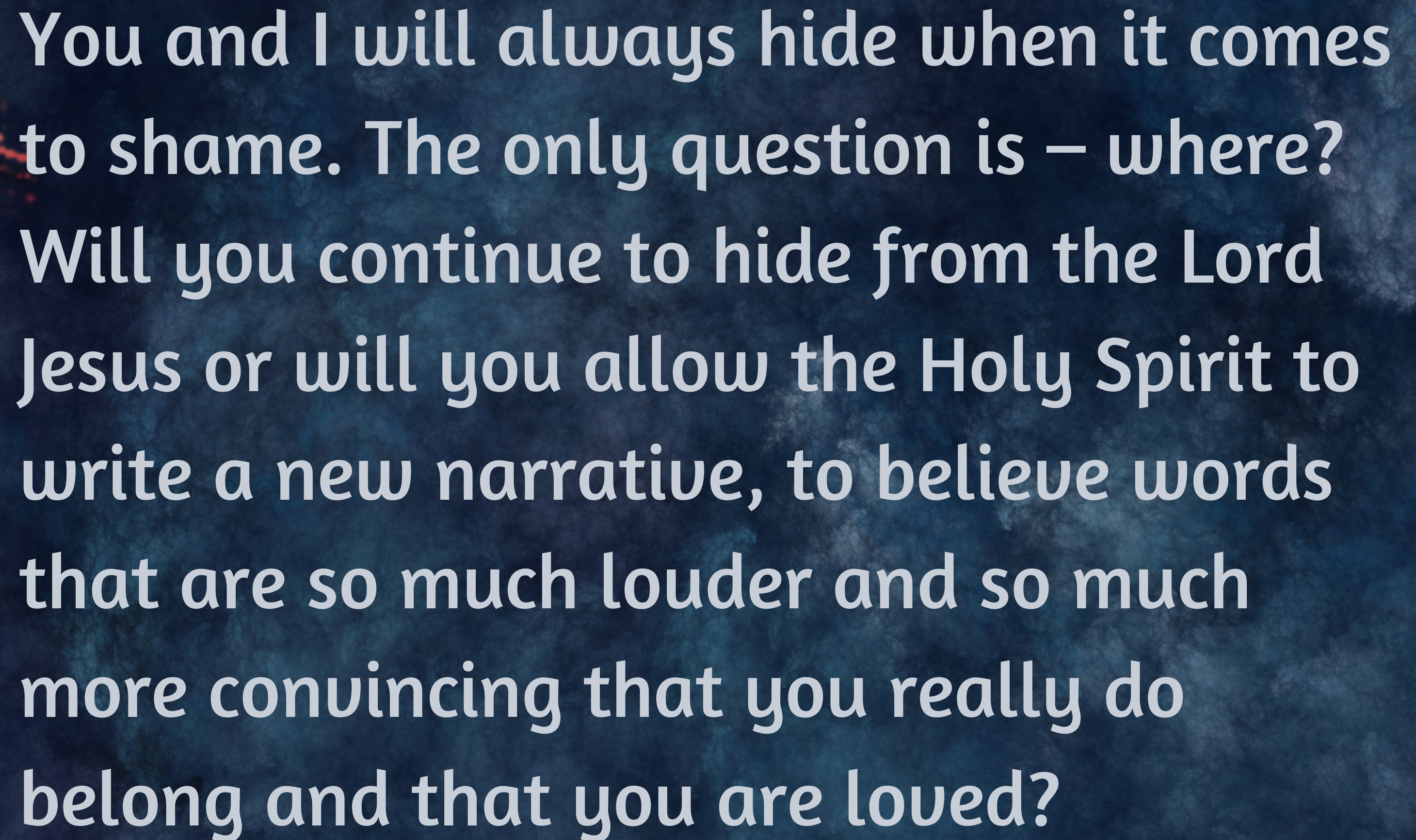
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1 John 4:17

19 **We love** because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, “I love God,” and yet hates his brother or sister, he is a liar. For the person who does not love his brother or sister whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.

1 John 4:19-20



You and I will always hide when it comes to shame. The only question is – where? Will you continue to hide from the Lord Jesus or will you allow the Holy Spirit to write a new narrative, to believe words that are so much louder and so much more convincing that you really do belong and that you are loved?