

1 CORINTHIANS / THE SKILL OF LIVING LIFE IN THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS

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¹⁸ For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, "I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE." ²⁰ Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. ²² For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶ For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; ²⁷ but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, ²⁸ and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no man may boast before God. ³⁰ But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, ³¹ so that, just as it is written, "LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD."

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BLB - Strong's Definitions > Paul

Paul = "small or little"

- a) Paul was the most famous of the apostles and wrote a good part of the NT, the 14 Pauline epistles
- b) The apostle Paul, whose Hebrew name was Saul. He was born at Tarsus in Cilicia (Acts 9:11; Acts 21:39) of Jewish parents (Philippians 3:5). His father was a Pharisee (Acts 23:6) and a Roman citizen; hence, he himself was a Roman citizen by birth (Acts 22:28; Acts 16:37).

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7. Acts 13:44-49 after being rejected by the Jewish people, Paul took his message to the gentiles as the Lord had instructed him. (Isaiah 42:6, Isaiah 49:6, Acts 13:47) "For so the Lord has commanded us, 'I HAVE PLACED YOU AS A LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES, THAT YOU MAY BRING SALVATION TO THE END OF THE EARTH.'"

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Sosthenes; the leader of the synagogue in Corinth

Acts 18:12-16; NOTE - When Gallio would not pronounce judgment on Paul the Jews took their anger out on Sosthenes,

Acts 18: 17 And they all took hold of Sosthenes, the leader of the synagogue, and *began* beating him in front of the judgment seat. But Gallio was not concerned about any of these things.

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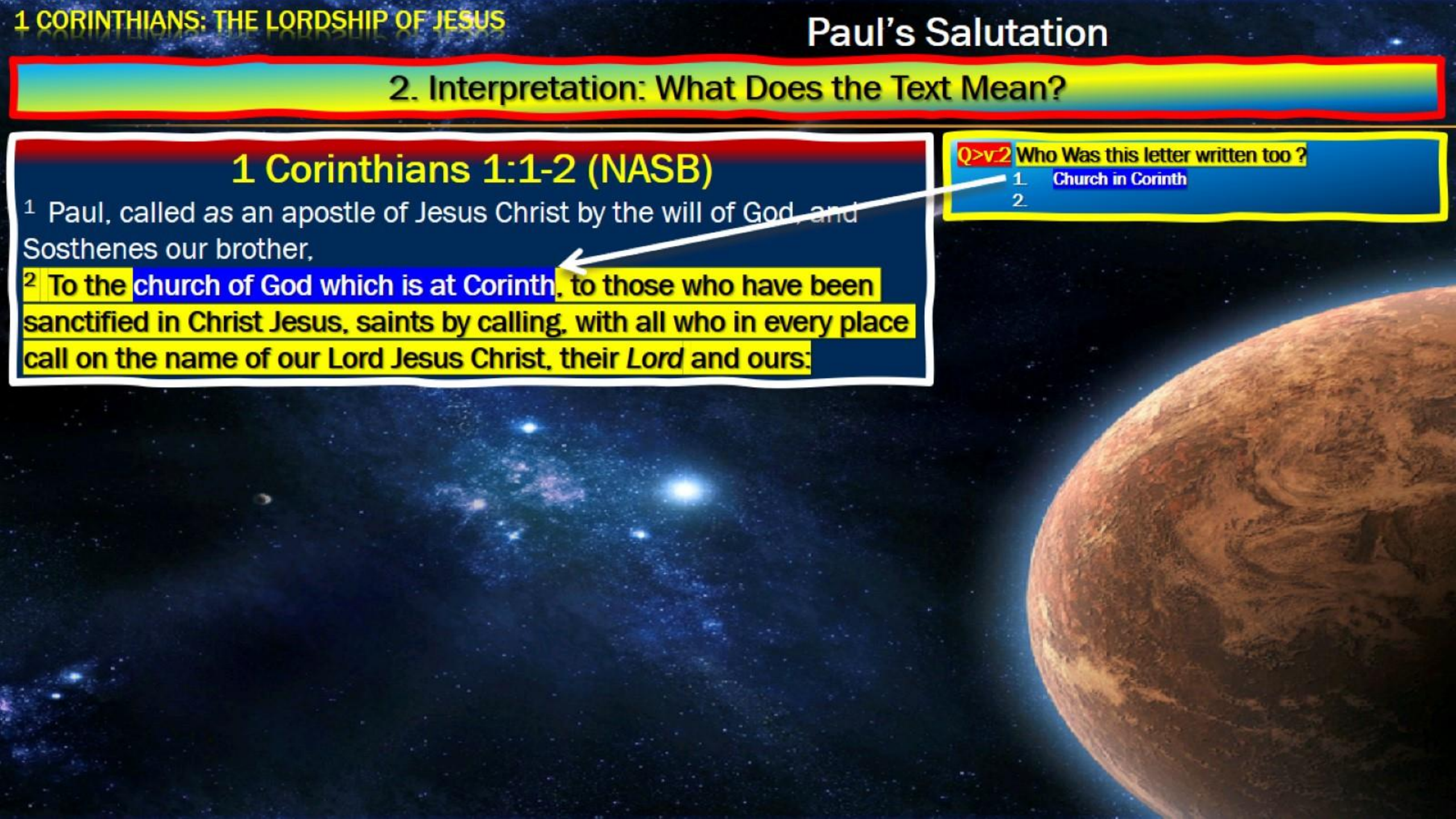
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1. to separate from profane things and dedicate to God
 - a) consecrate things to God
 - b) dedicate people to God
2. to purify
 - a) to cleanse externally
 - b) to purify by reparation: free from the guilt of sin
 - c) to purify internally by renewing of the soul

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1. Saint
 - a) most holy thing, a saint
2. Calling,
 - a) invited (to a banquet)
 - b) invited (by God in the proclamation of the Gospel) to obtain eternal salvation in the kingdom through Christ.
 - c) divinely selected and appointed.



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1. He to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has power of deciding; master, lord
 - A. the possessor and disposer of a thing
 - a) the owner; one who has control of the person, the master
 - B. is a title of honor, expressive of respect and reverence, with which servants greet their master
 - C. this title is given to: God, the Messiah



3. Application: What Does This Text Mean for Me? / 1 Corinthians 1:1-2

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1 CORINTHIANS: THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS

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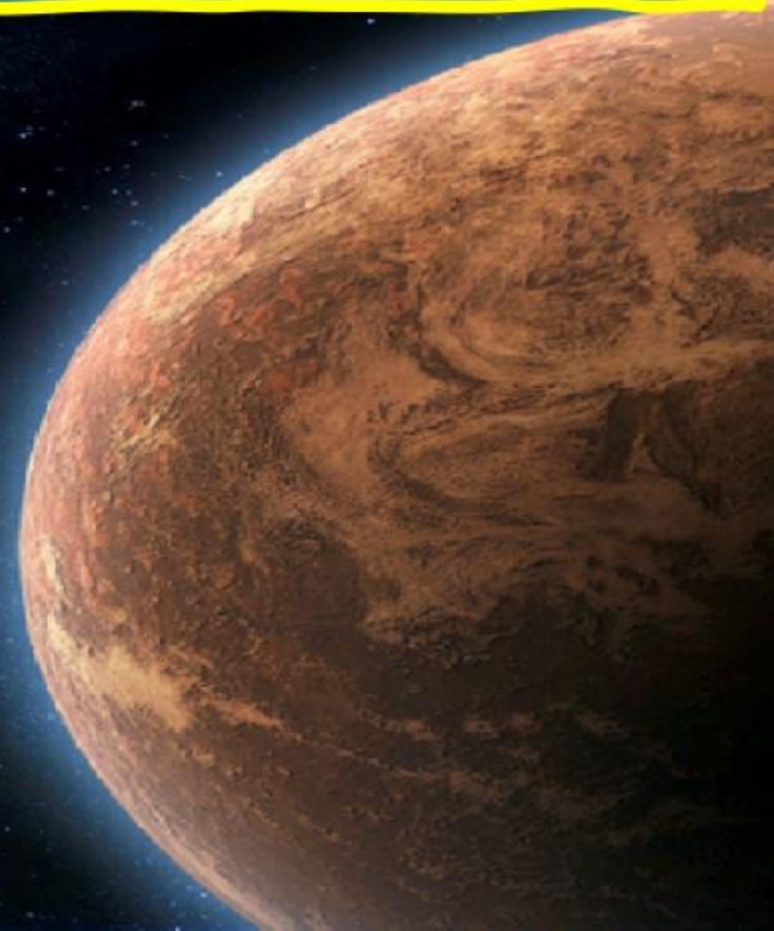
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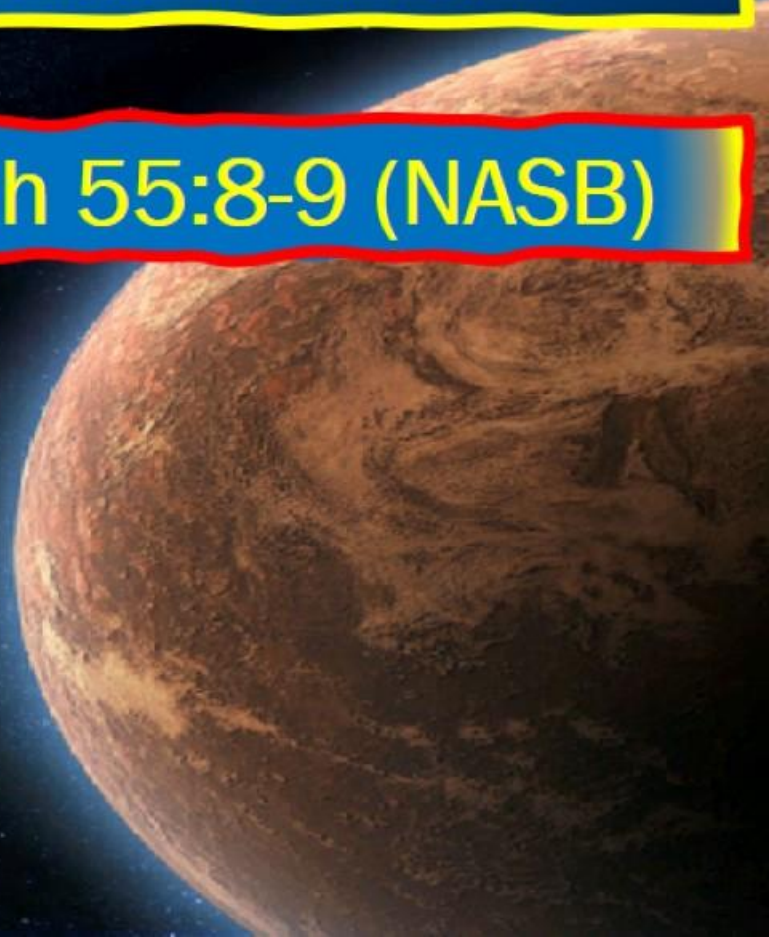
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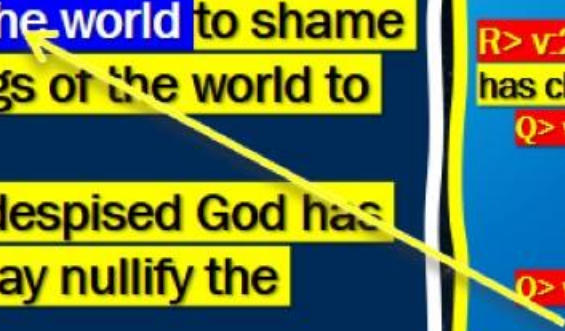
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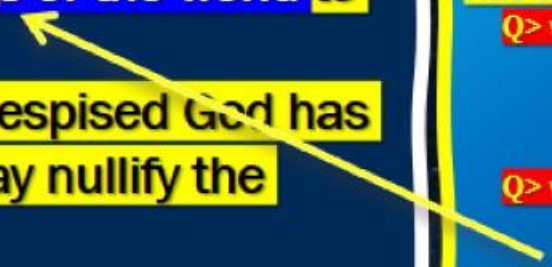
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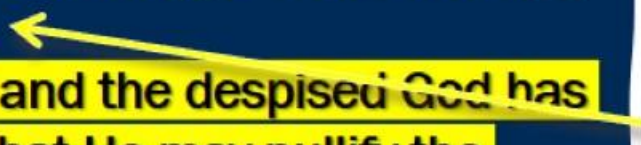
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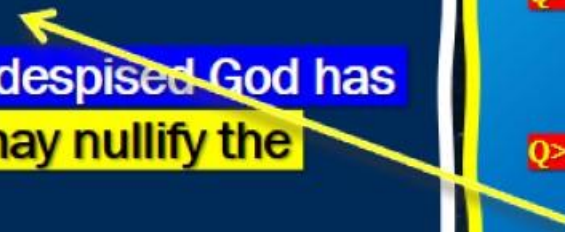
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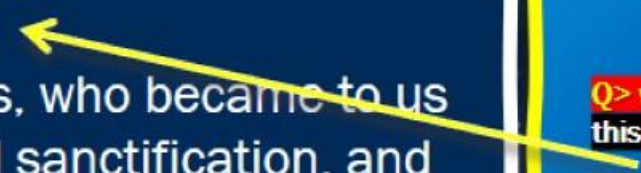
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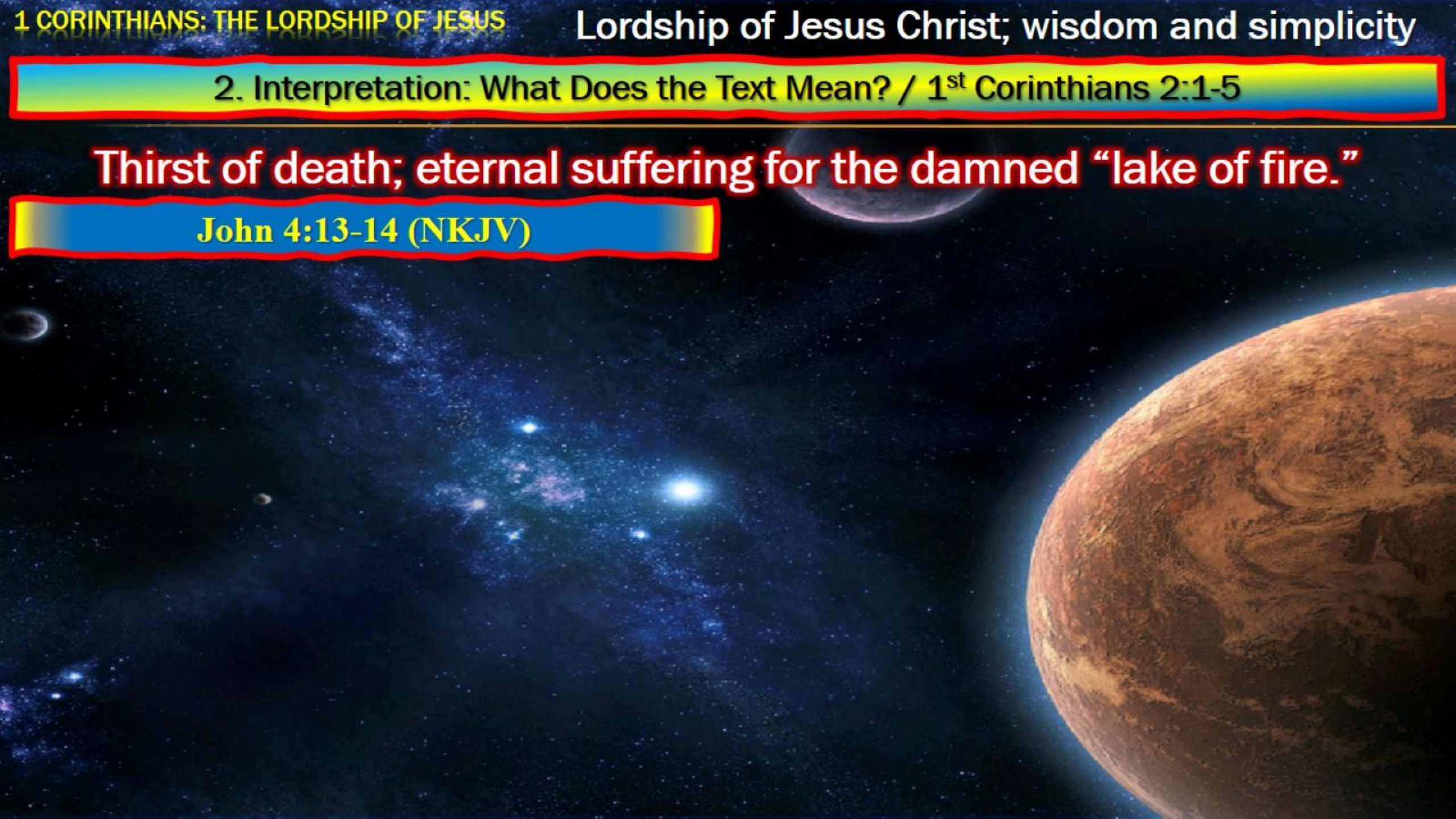
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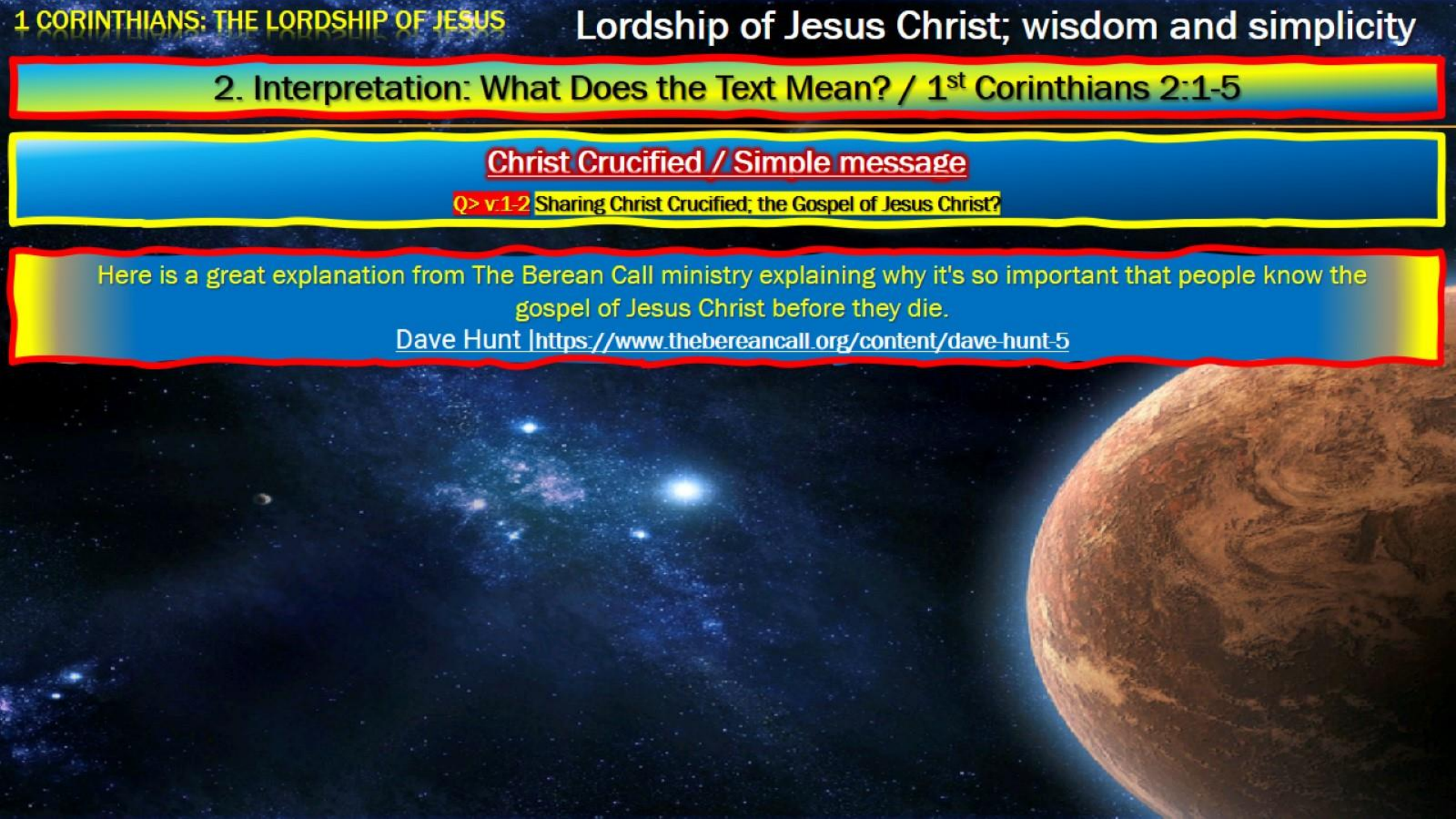
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