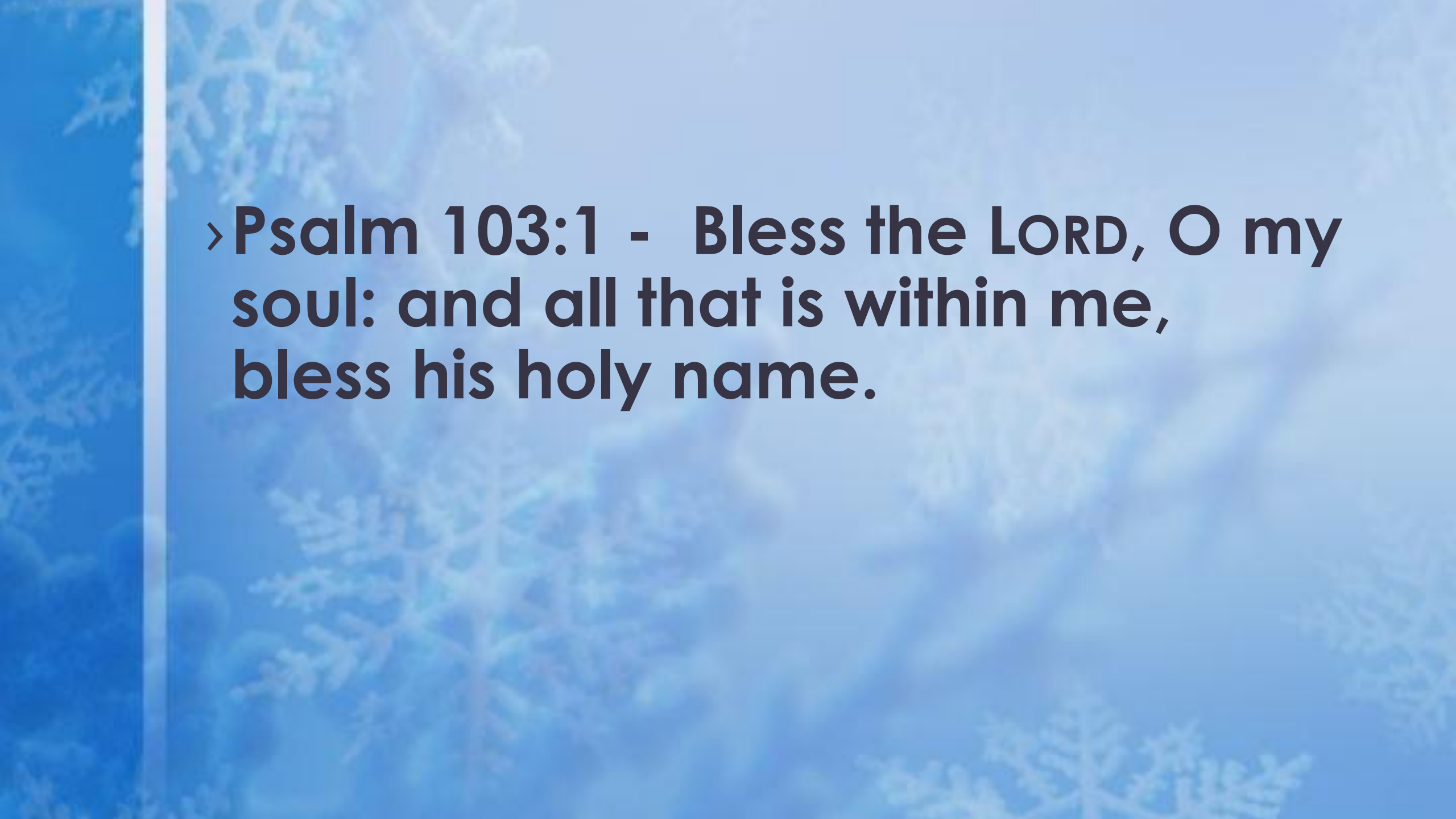


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Lest We Forget

Psalm 103



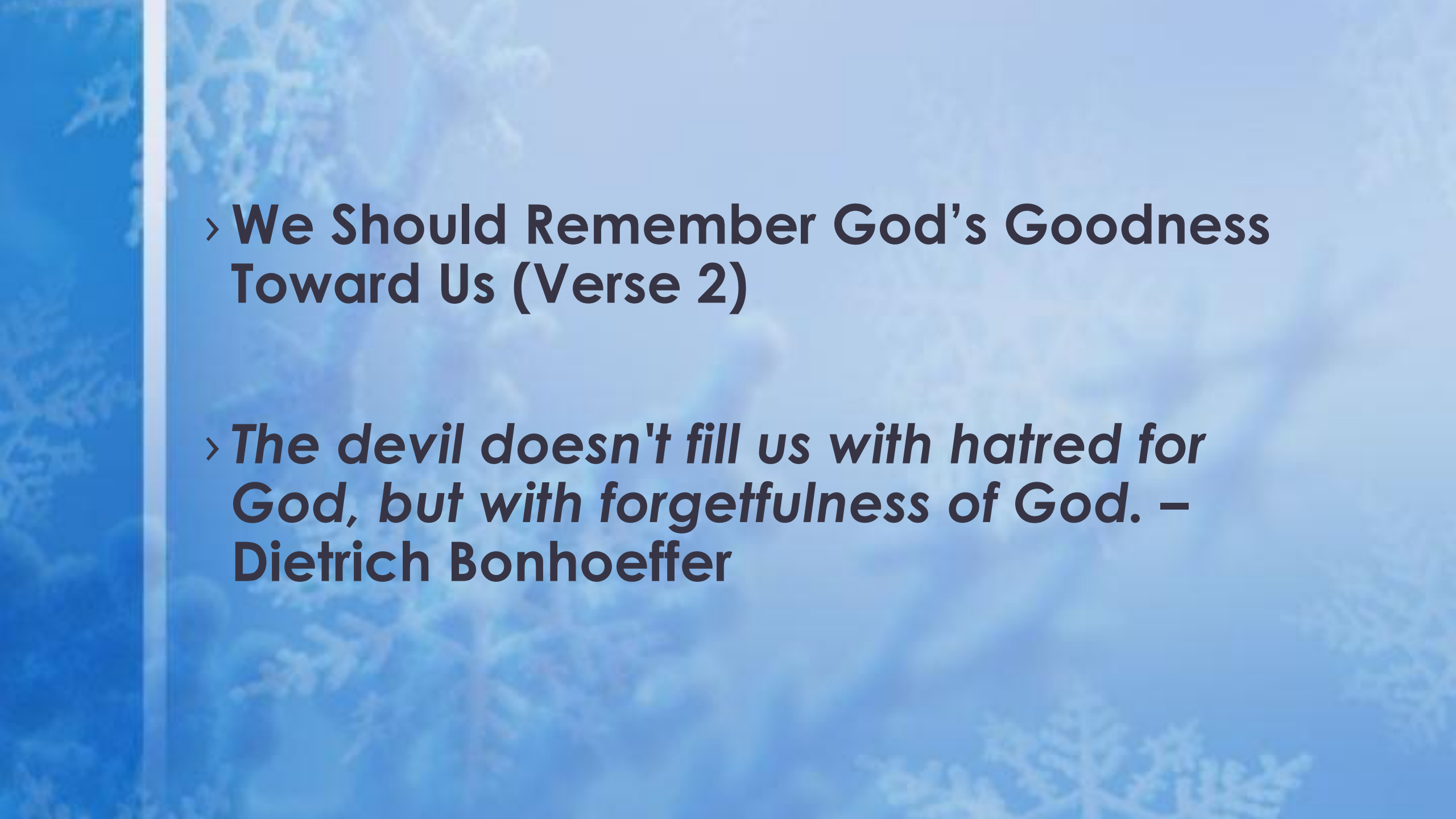
› **Psalm 103:1 - Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

› ***“I can safely say, on the authority of all that is revealed in the Word of God, that any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven.” – A.W. Tozer***

- › **We Should be Compelled to Worship (Verse 1)**
- › **Angels and saints are not compelled by force to worship God; rather they are compelled when they are in the presence of God's glory, holiness, unending love and mercy.**

› **Psalm 103:2 - ² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:**

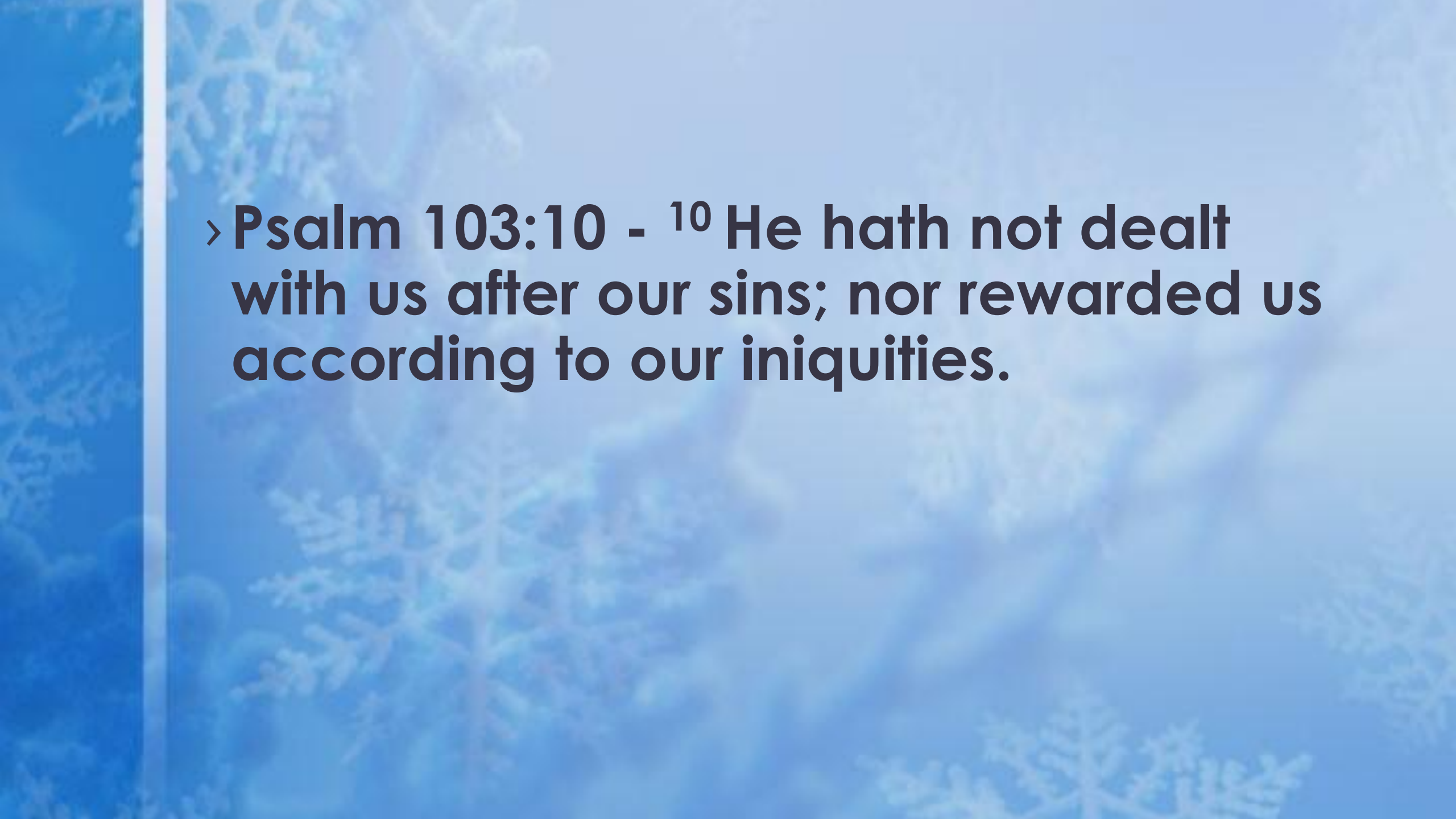
› ***Benefits*, in Hebrew the word is *gemuwl*; which means: *treatment, an act of good***



› **We Should Remember God's Goodness
Toward Us (Verse 2)**

› ***The devil doesn't fill us with hatred for
God, but with forgetfulness of God. –
Dietrich Bonhoeffer***

1 Corinthians 15:9-10 - ⁹ For I am the least of all the apostles. In fact, I'm not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God's church. ¹⁰ But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his special favor on me—and not without results. For I have worked harder than any of the other apostles; yet it was not I but God who was working through me by his grace. (NLT)



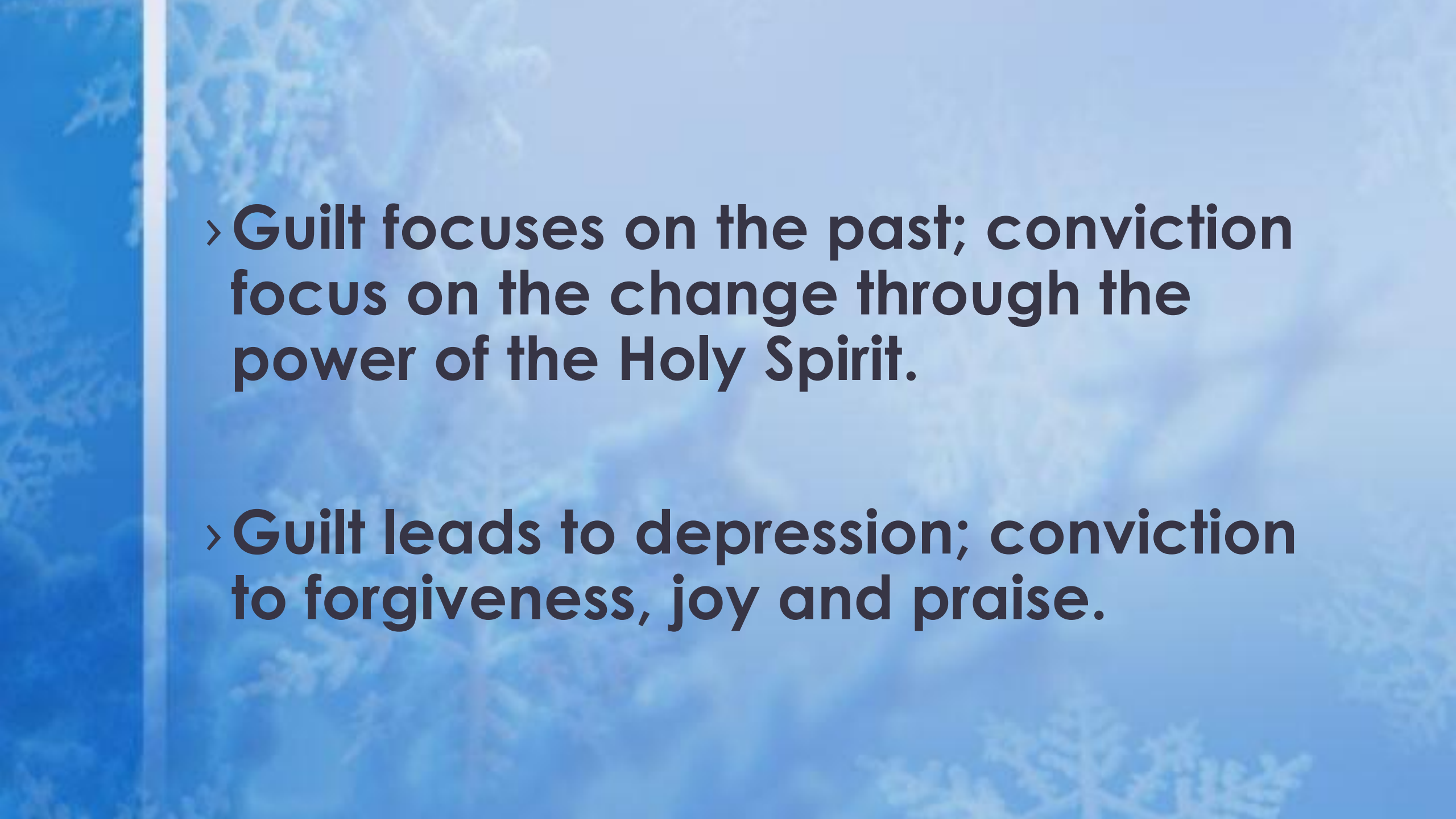
› Psalm 103:10 - ¹⁰ He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

› **Our Sins Have Been Forgiven**

› **Psalm 103:3 - ³ Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;**

› Romans 5:8-11 -. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹ And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

› **Hebrews 9:13-14 - ¹³ Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer could cleanse people's bodies from ceremonial impurity. ¹⁴ Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. (NLT)**

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- › **Guilt focuses on the past; conviction focus on the change through the power of the Holy Spirit.**
 - › **Guilt leads to depression; conviction to forgiveness, joy and praise.**

We have been freed from sin and its power

- › Romans 6:5-7 - ⁵ For if we have become one with Him [permanently united] in the likeness of His death, we will also certainly be [one with Him and share fully] *in the likeness* of His resurrection. ⁶ We know that our old self [our human nature without the Holy Spirit] was nailed to the cross with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin. ⁷ For the person who has died [with Christ] has been freed from [the power of] sin. (AMP)

› Romans 6:12-14 - ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts *and* passions. ¹³ Do not go on offering members of your body to sin as instruments of wickedness. But offer yourselves to God [in a decisive act] as those alive [raised] from the dead [to a new life], and your members [all of your abilities—sanctified, set apart] as instruments of righteousness [yielded] to God. ¹⁴ For sin will no longer be a master over you, since you are not under Law [as slaves], but under [unmerited] grace [as recipients of God's favor and mercy].
(AMP)

- › It is altogether doubtful whether any man can be saved who comes to Christ for His help with no intention to obey Him. – A.W. Tozer
- › Part of my worship is to actively seek to be changed by the Holy Spirit

- › **We have been shown love and mercy of a Father**
- › **Galatians 4:4-6 - ⁴ But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”**

- › **1 John 3:1-2 - Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore, the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.**
- › ***Note the praise of looking forward to our full redemption.**