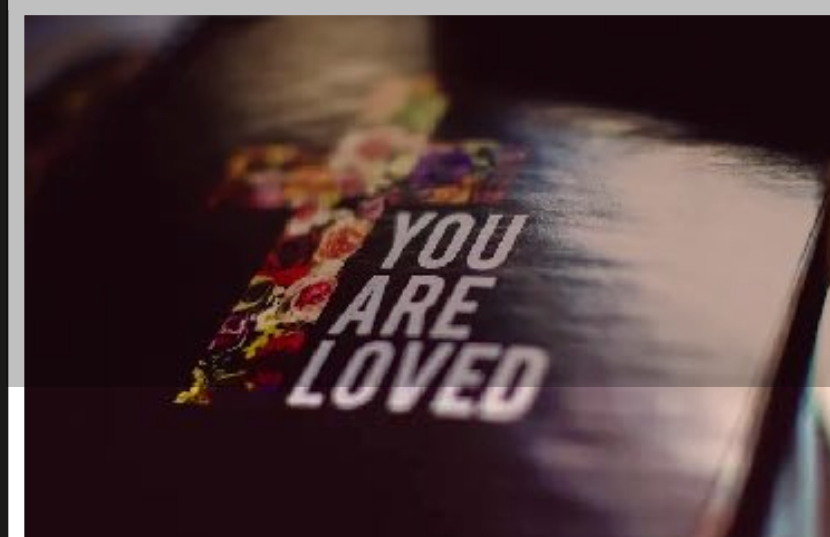
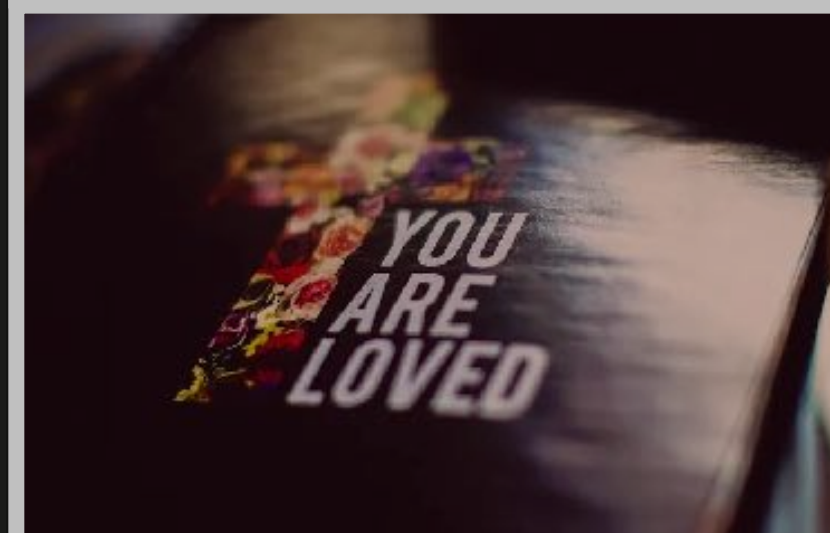


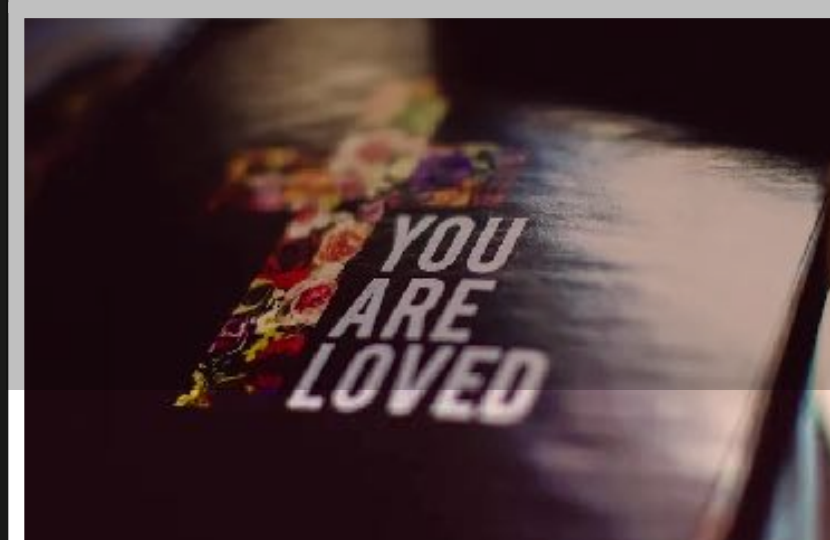
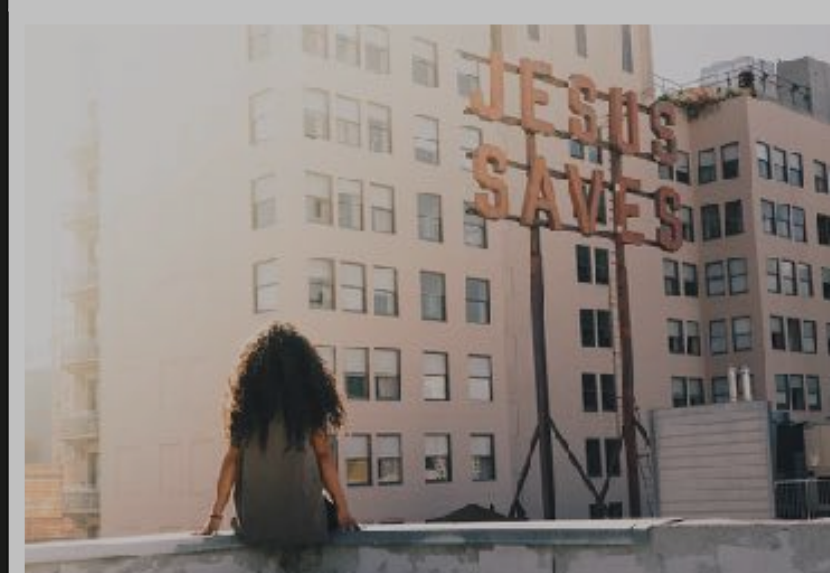
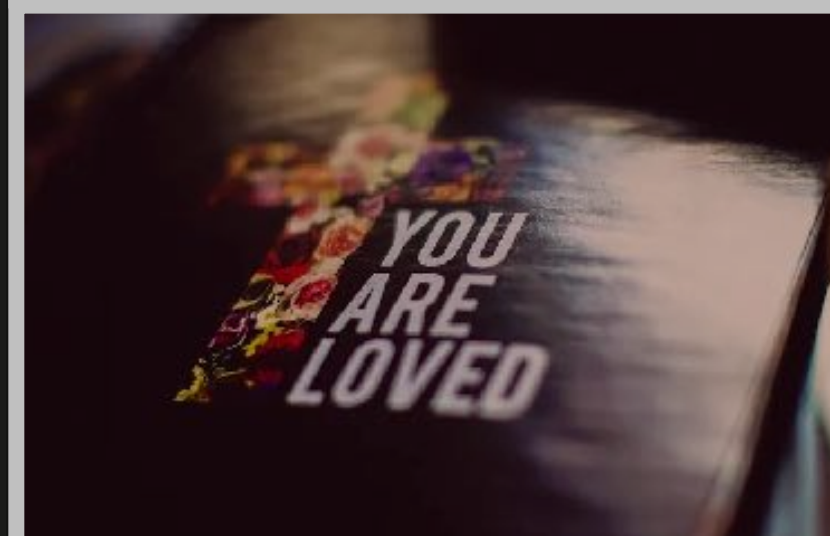
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“Train them in righteousness, not performance.”

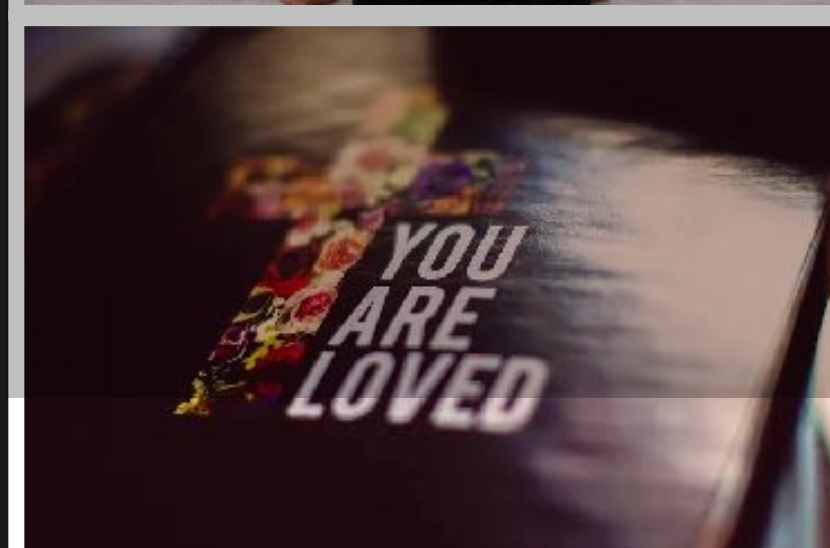
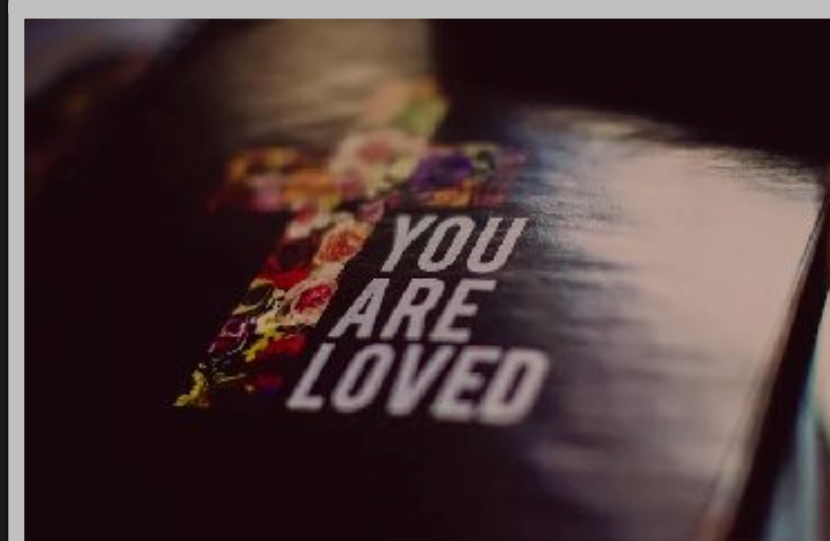
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Five Big Themes:

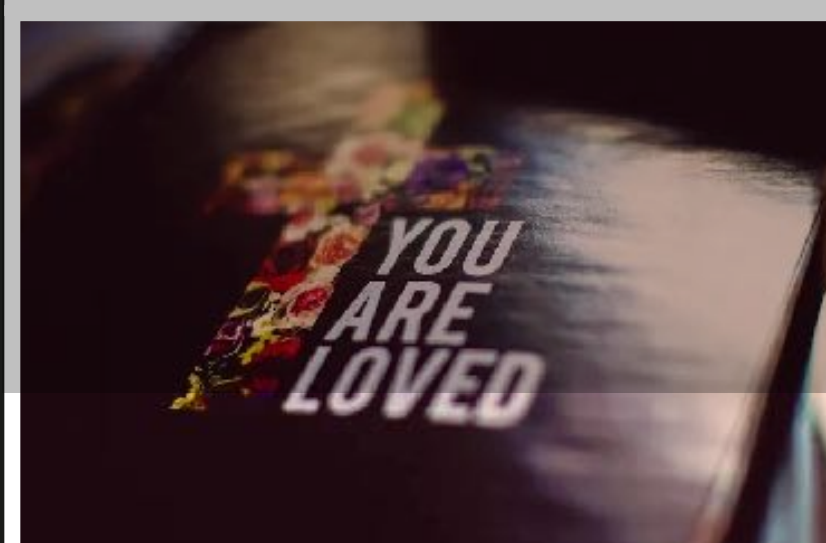
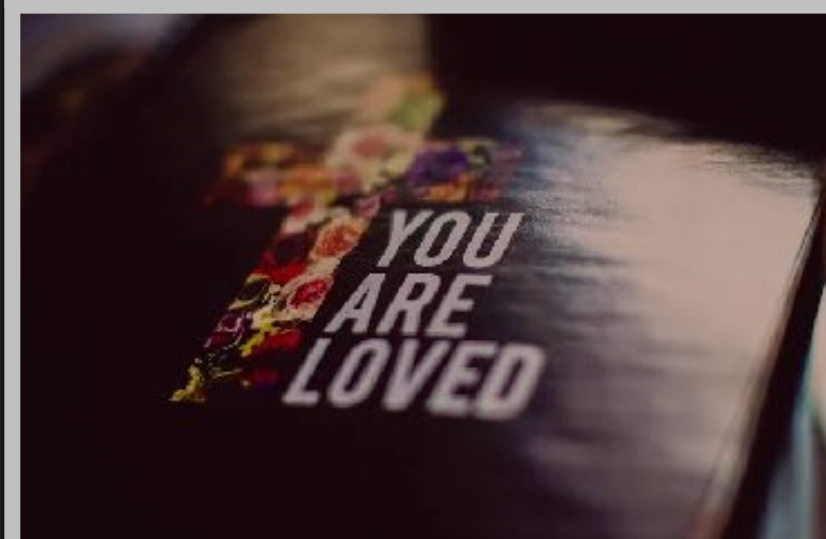
1. Sin and Death (v. 1,5)
2. Powers and Flesh (v. 2-3)
3. God, Christ, and People (v. 4,5,7)
4. Resurrection and Grace (v. 5-8)
5. Becoming and Doing (v. 10)



“This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.”

John 3:19-20 NIV

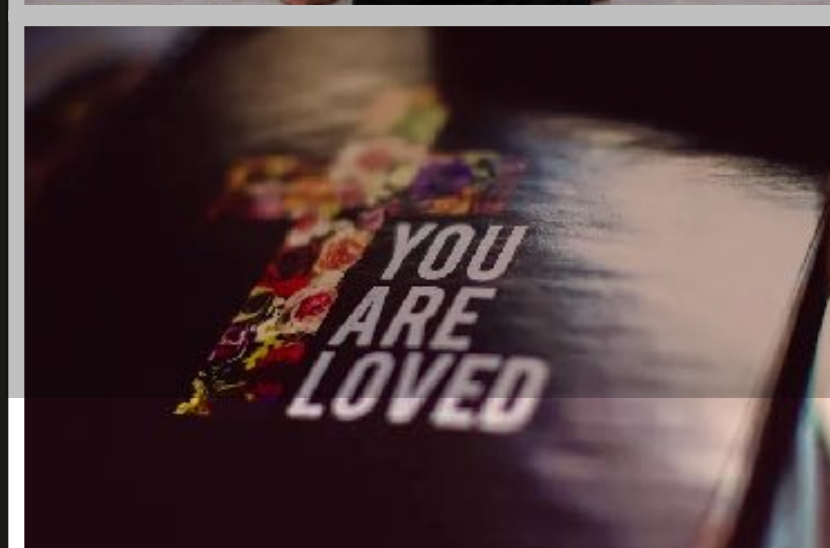
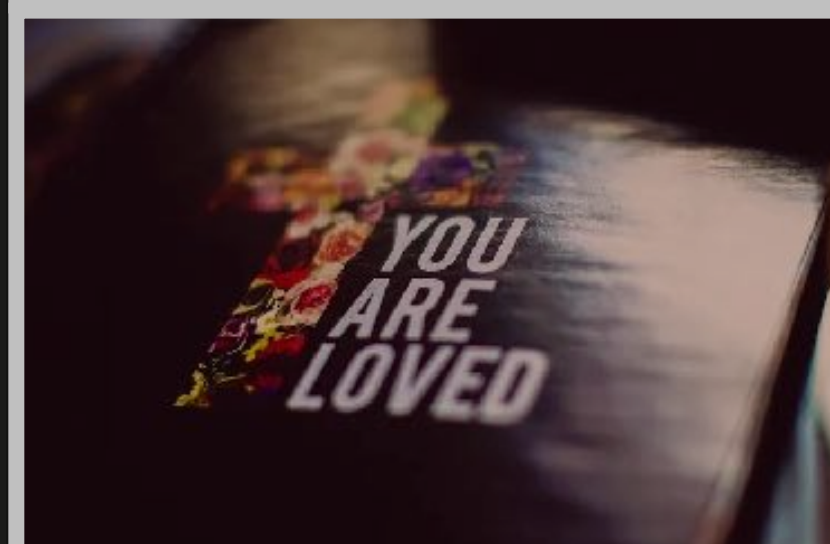
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“When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’”

John 8:12 NIV

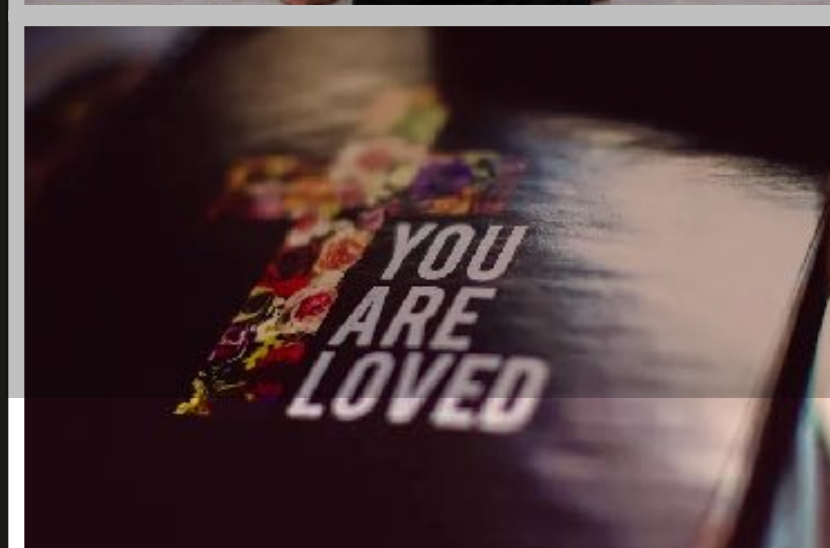
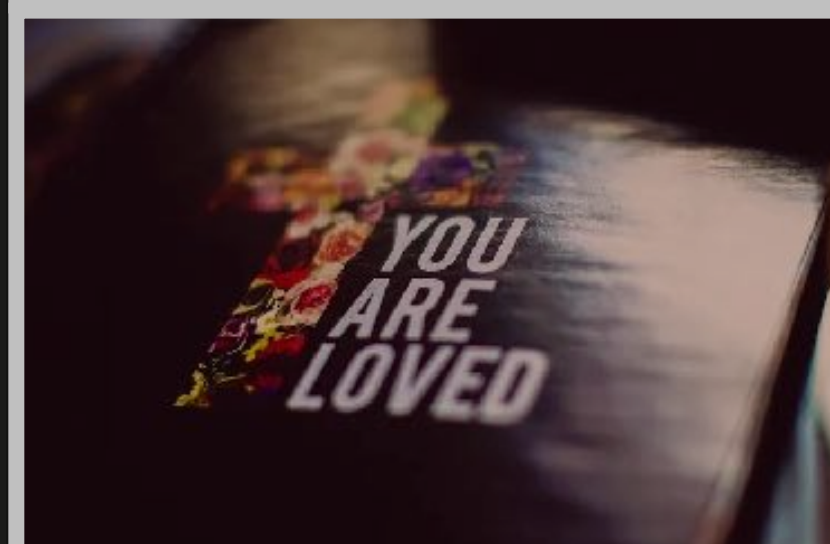
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"Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.'"

John 8:34-36 NIV

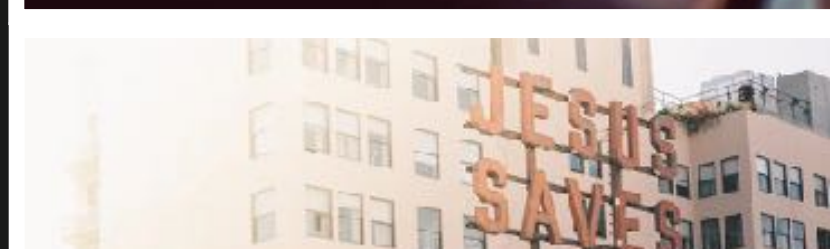
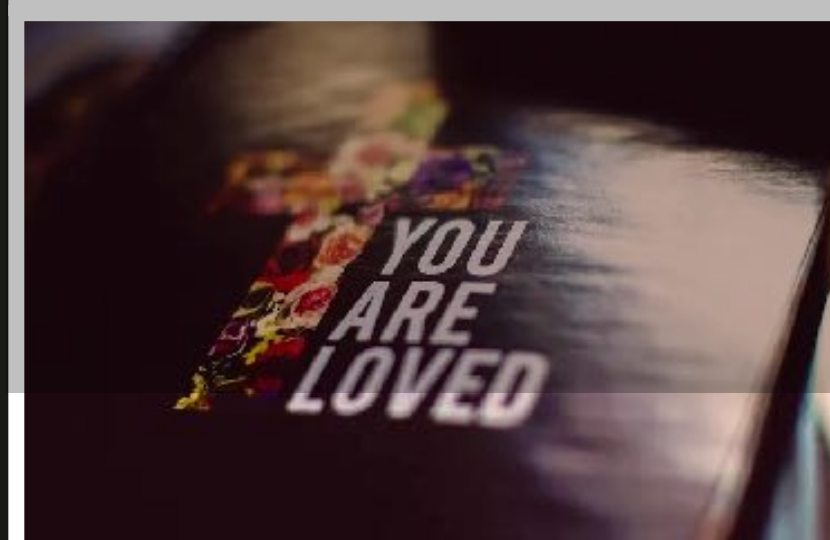
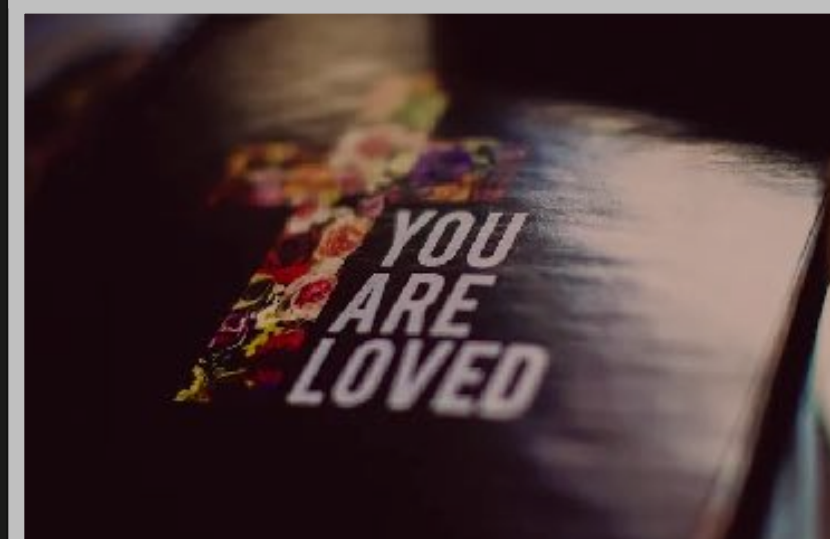
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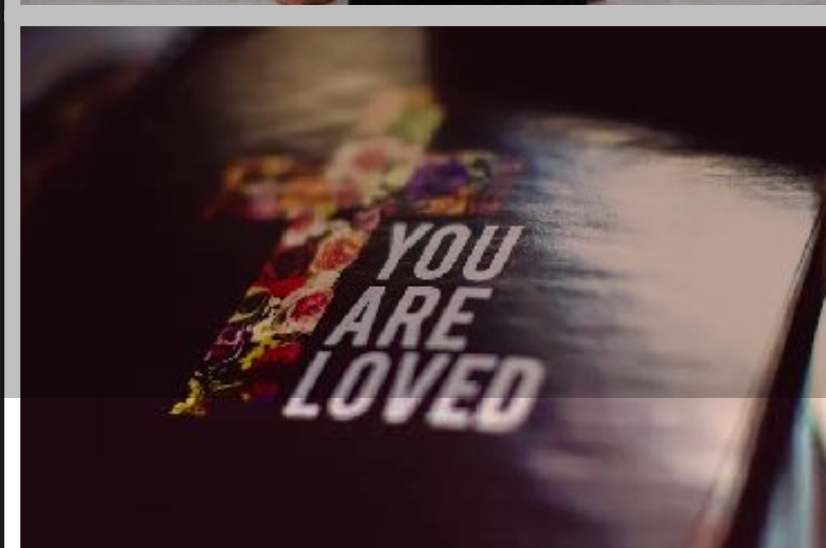
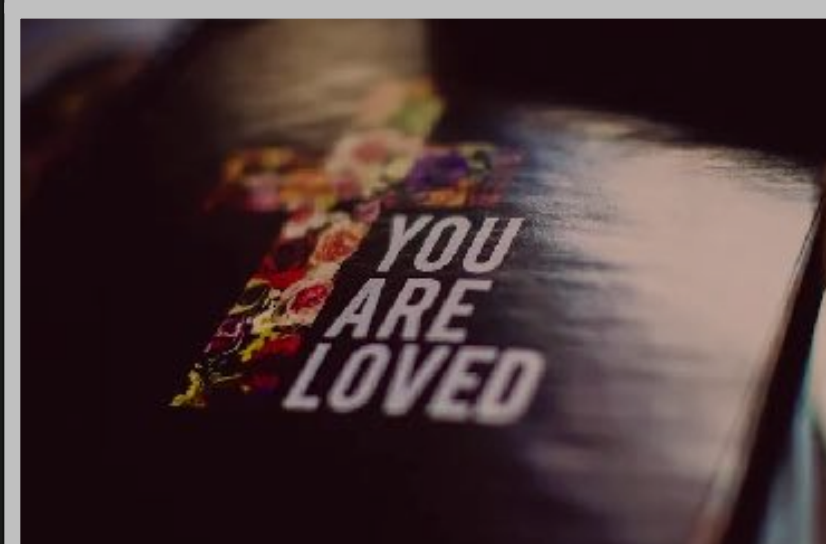
“This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.”

1 John 1:5-6 NIV

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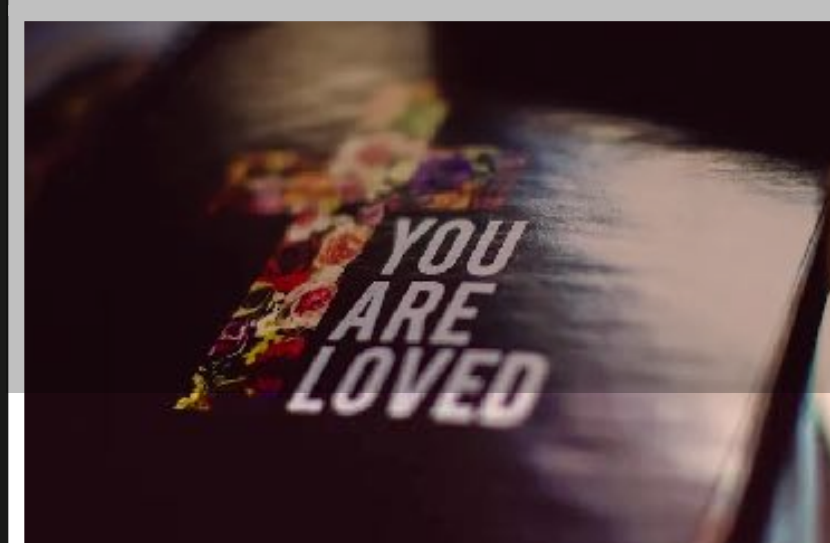
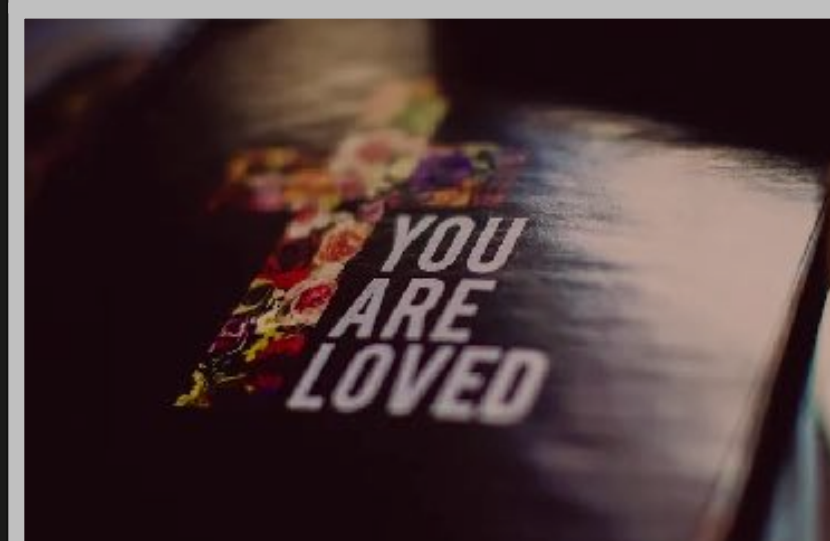


My pastoral concern is this - as the family of God, we live permissive, powerless, and passive about sin.



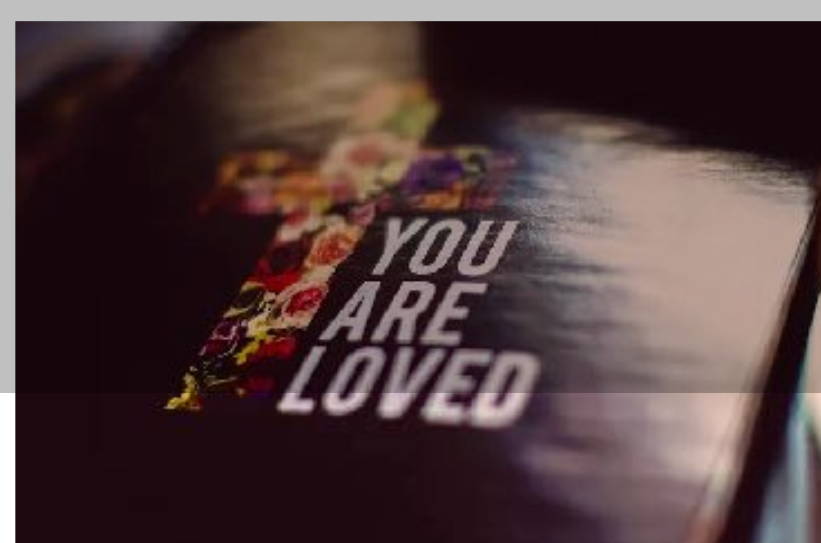
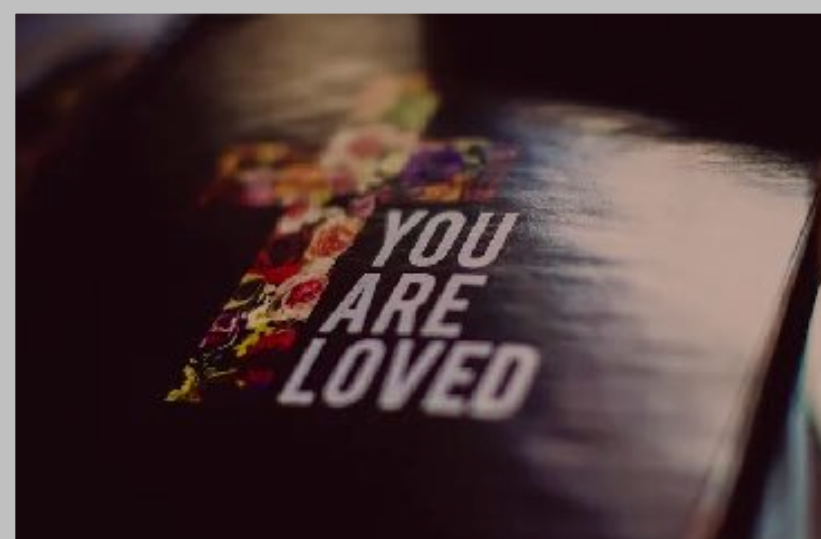
My pastoral hope is that we sustain our humble passion for Jesus and pursue all that God has for us, while maturing into a lifestyle that embodies the fullness of Jesus.

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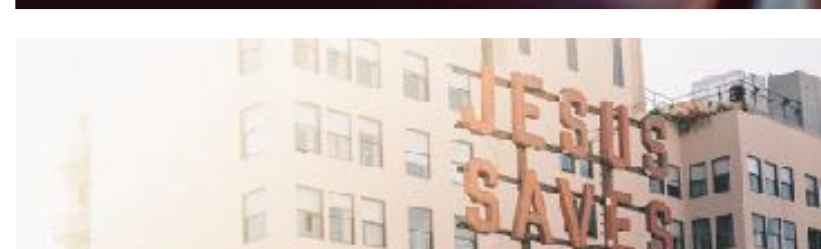
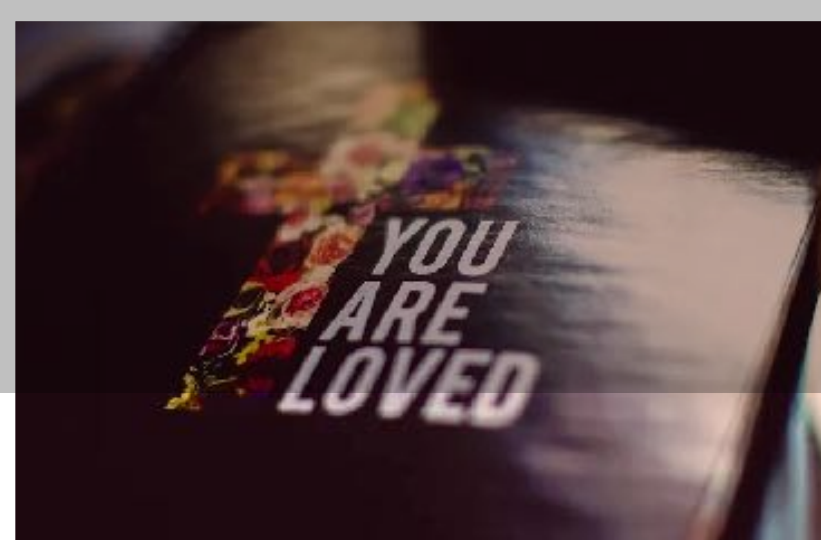
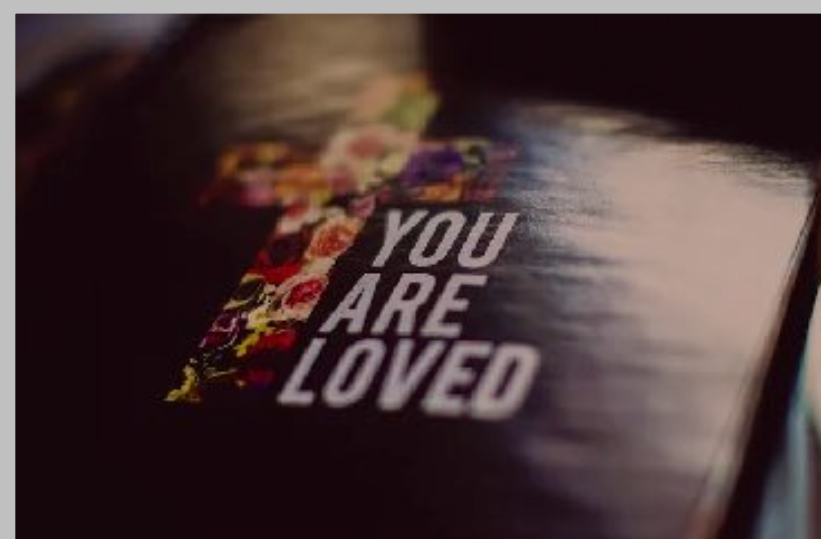
Sin: a power that uses our desires and selfishness for personal pleasure at the expense of others (Psalm 51:4, James 4:17).



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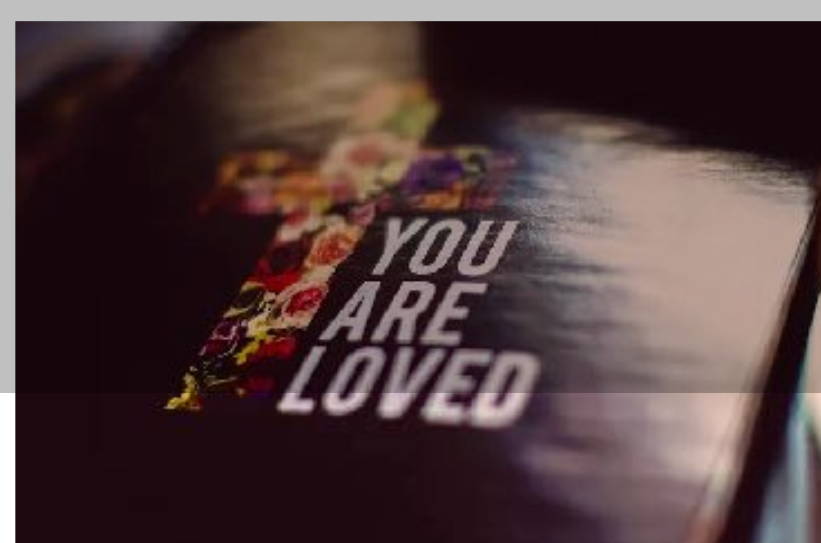
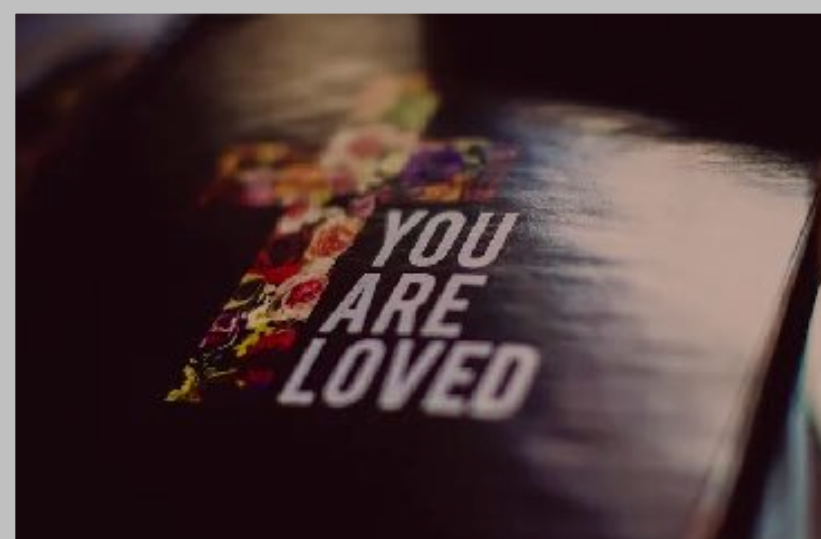
Sin: to miss the mark (Romans 3:23, John 17:22, 2 Corinthians 3:18).

Transgression: to take the wrong path; to lose your way; a breaking of relational trust.



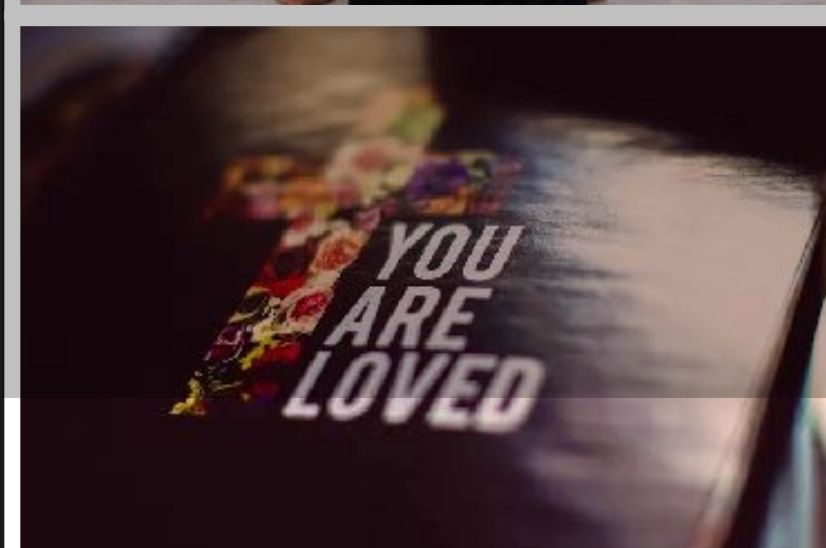
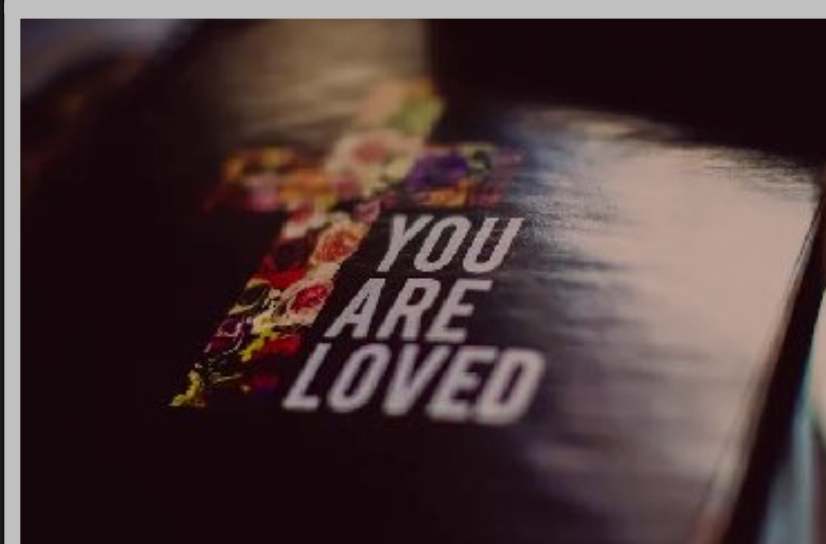
Theme #1: Sin and Death (v. 1,5)

1. Sin is universal (v. 1,4)
2. Sin is active (v. 2)
3. Sin is satanic (v. 2)
4. Sin is a power (v. 2)
5. Sin is condemned (v. 3)
6. Sin is deadly (v. 2,5)
7. Sin requires justice (v. 3)



Acts 2:38-39 is a solution to sin.

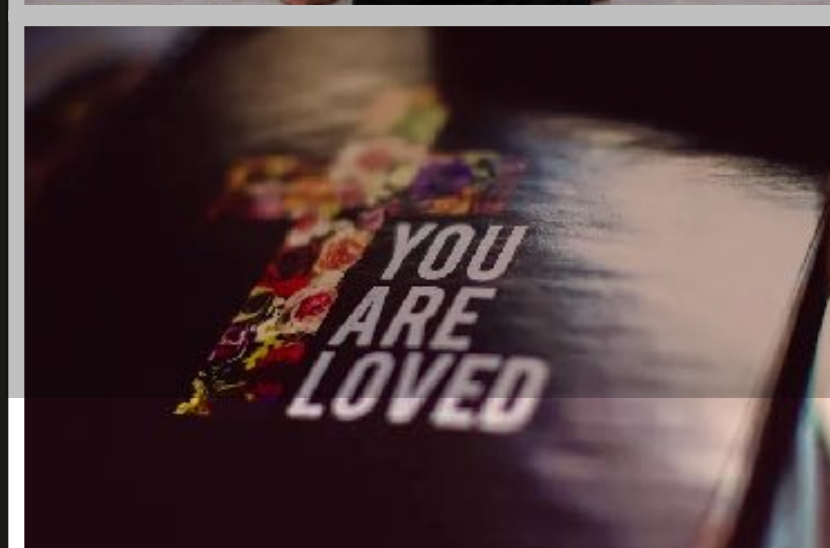
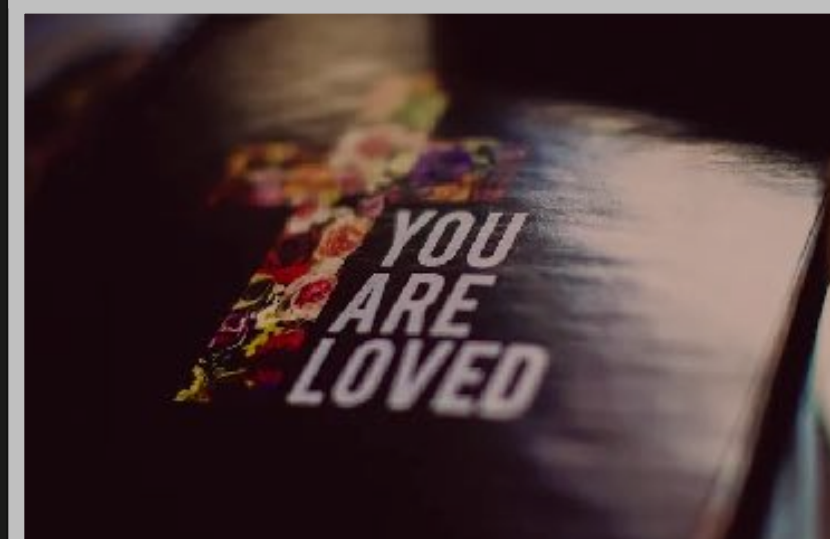
Acts 2:40 underscores the urgency of this message.



Sin and death sit in remarkable contrast to:

- Adopted as children (1:5)
- Freedom and forgiveness (1:7)
- Wisdom and understanding (1:8)
- Inheritance (1:11)
- New family of God (1:12-13)
- Strong in faith and love for others (1:15)

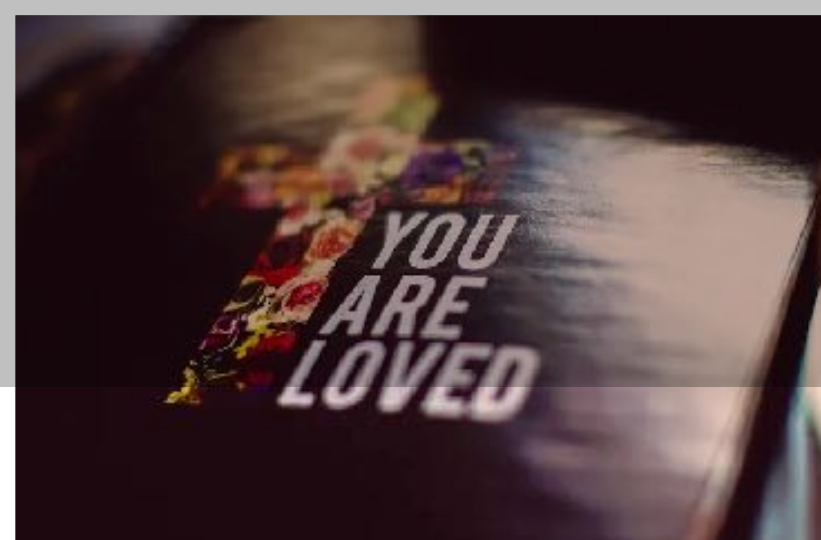
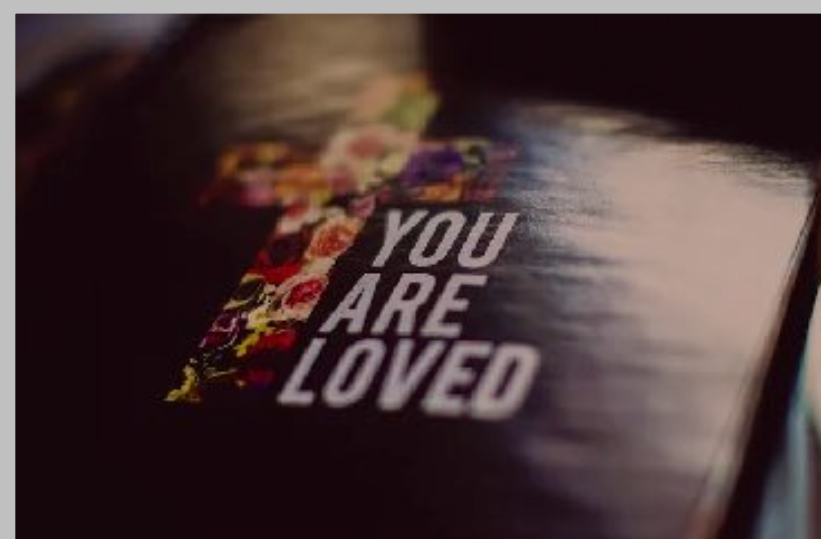
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Three Questions to Answer:

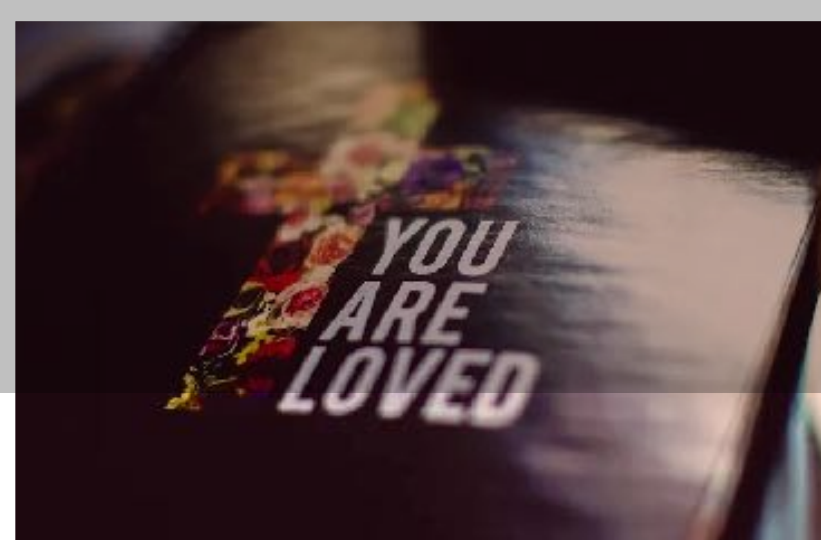
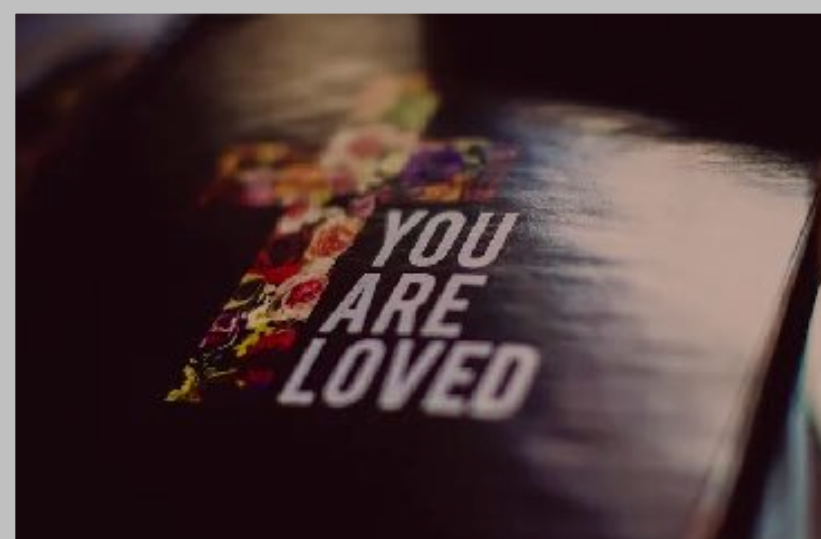
1. Are sin and death in your present or past?

"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sin..."



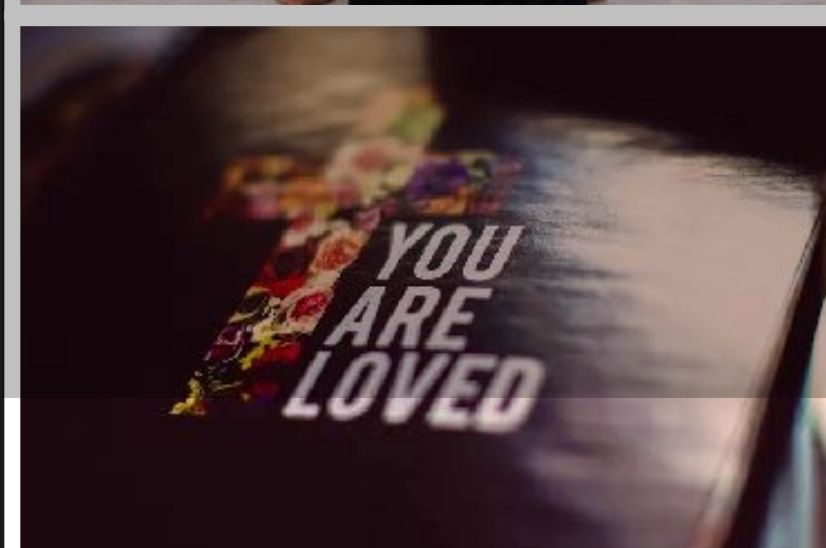
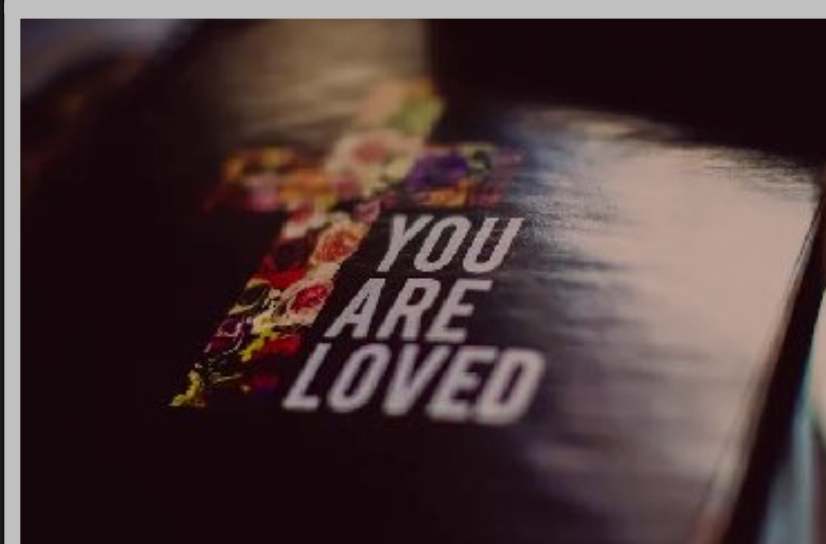
Three Questions to Answer:

2. What is your attitude toward sin - permissive, powerless, or passive?



Three Questions to Answer:

3. Do you see yourself as a sinner struggling to love God or a lover of God who struggles with sin?



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