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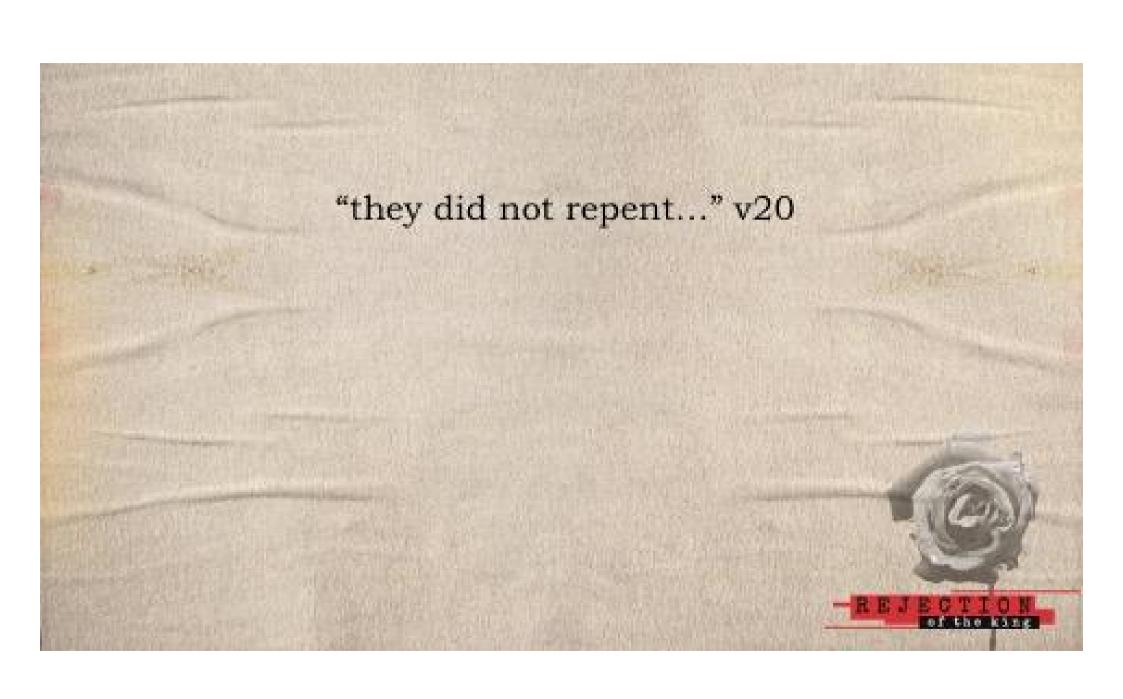
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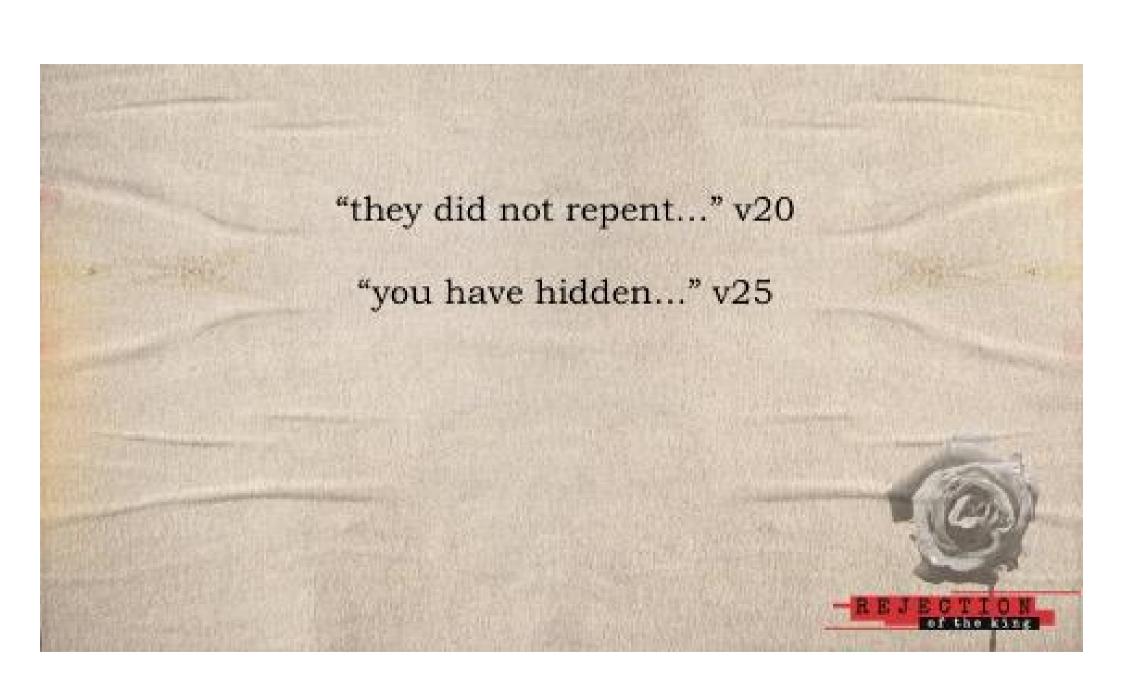
Psalm 115:3
Our God is in the heavens;
he does all that he pleases.

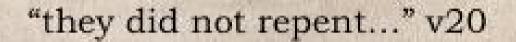


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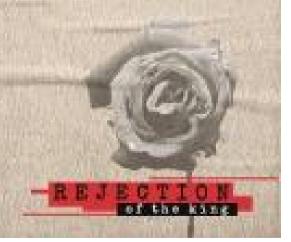






"you have hidden..." v25

Jesus Christ







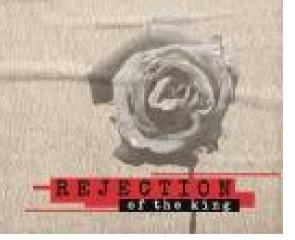
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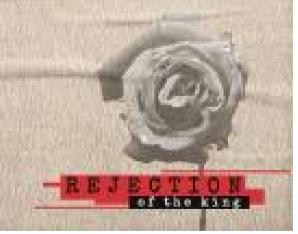
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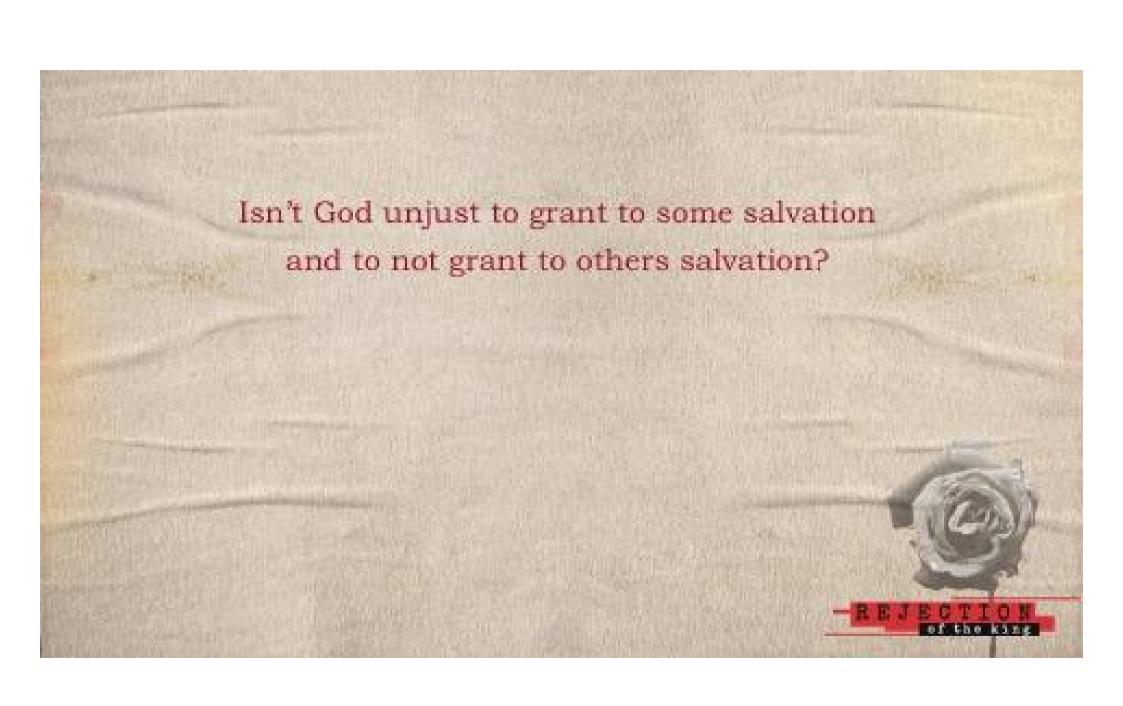
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OBJECTION!

(to God sovereignly granting salvation)





Romans 9:14-15

What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part?

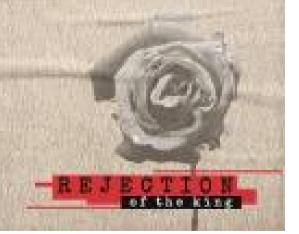
By no means! For he says to Moses,

"I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and
I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."



Romans 9:19-20

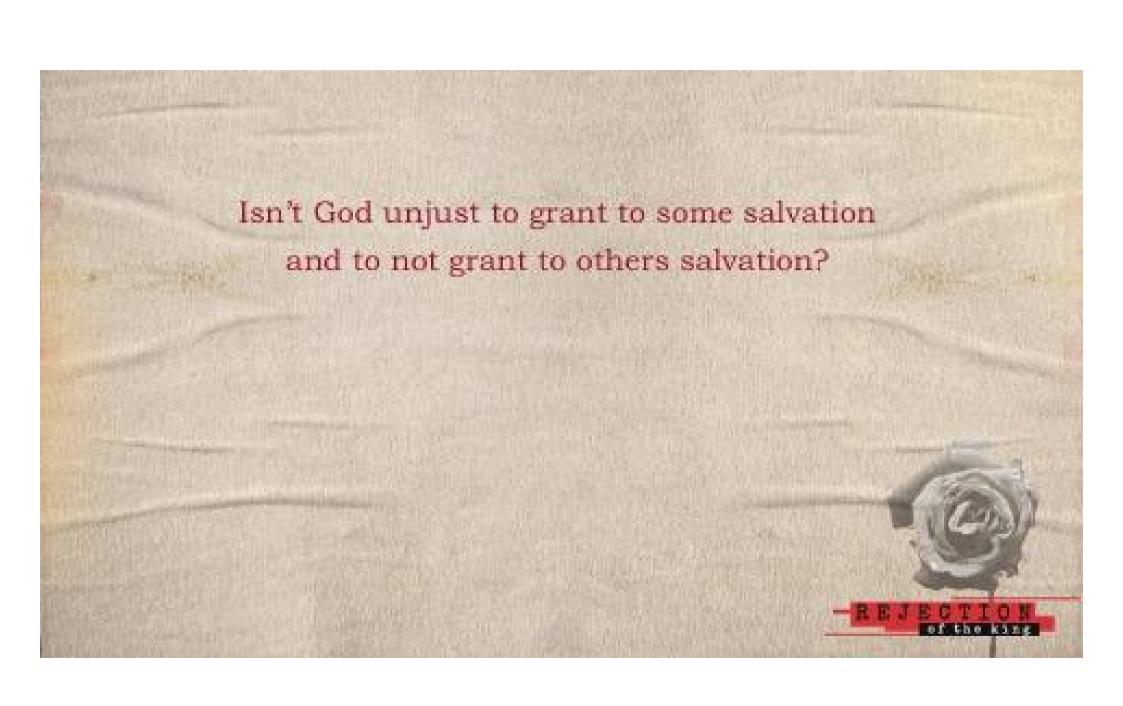
You will say to me then, "Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?" But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?"

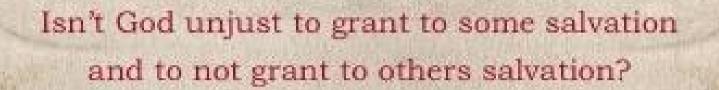


Matthew 11:25-26

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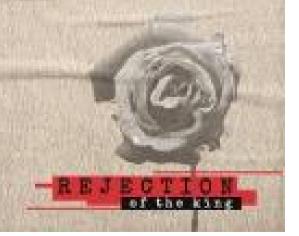


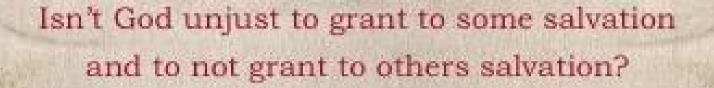
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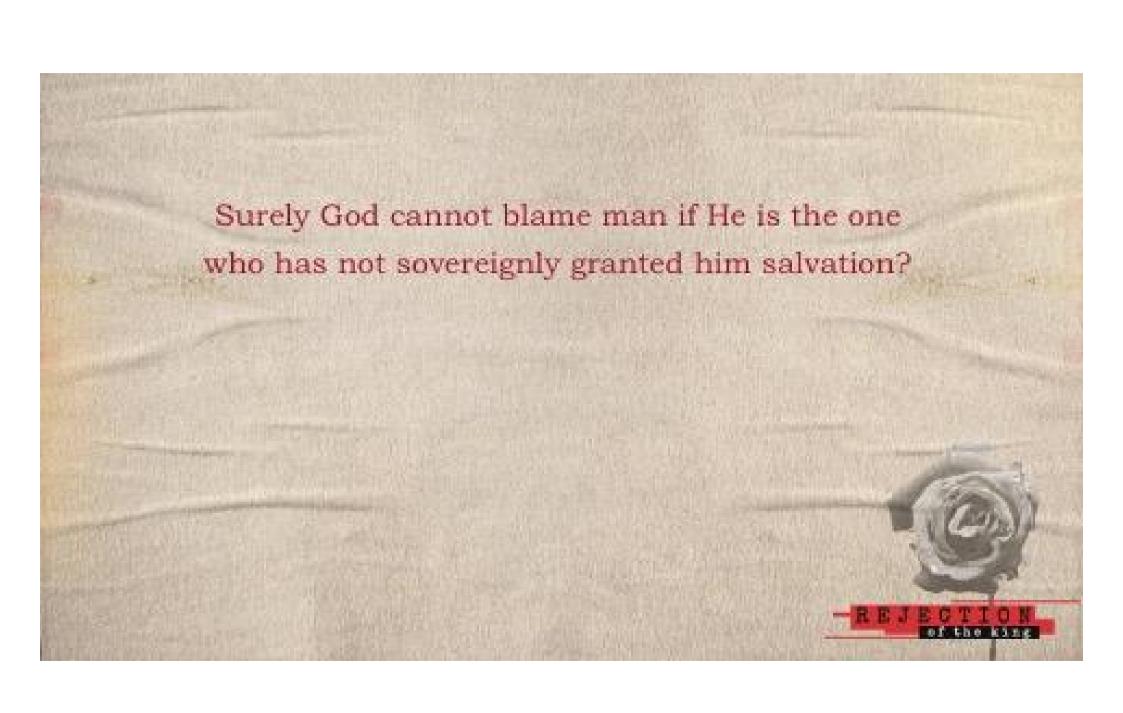




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It is His gracious will to save.

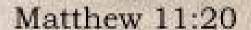


But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you.



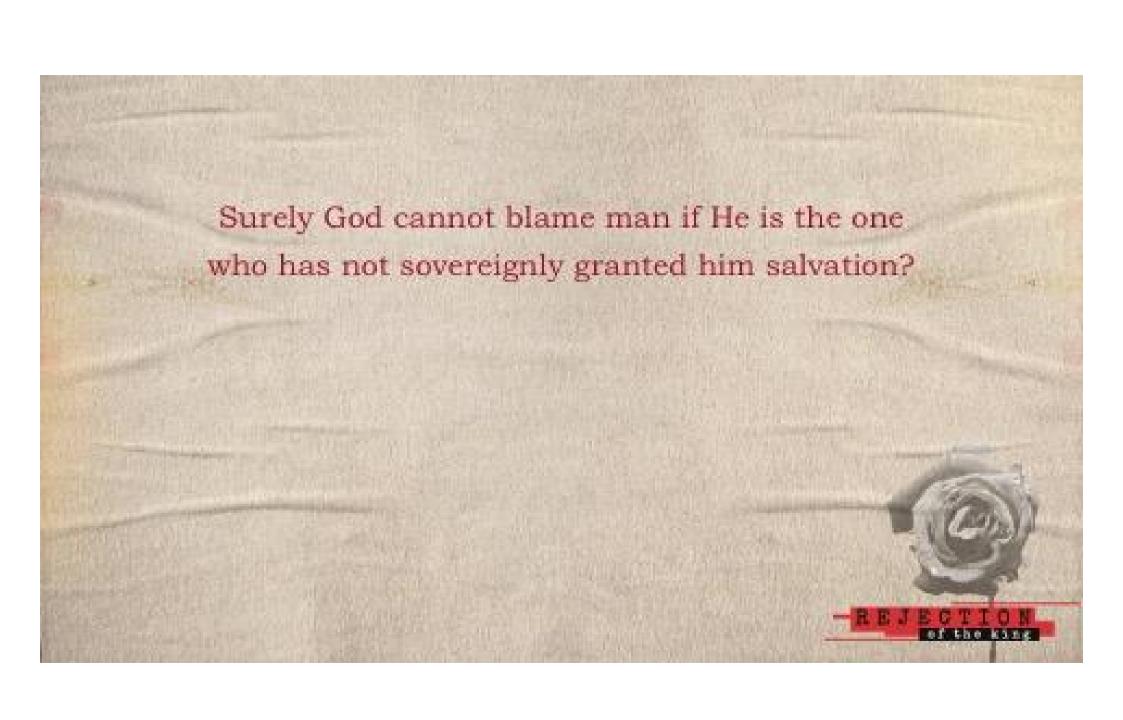
But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you.





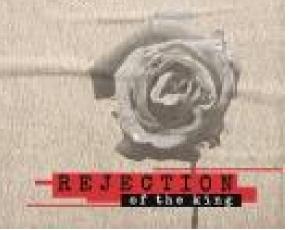
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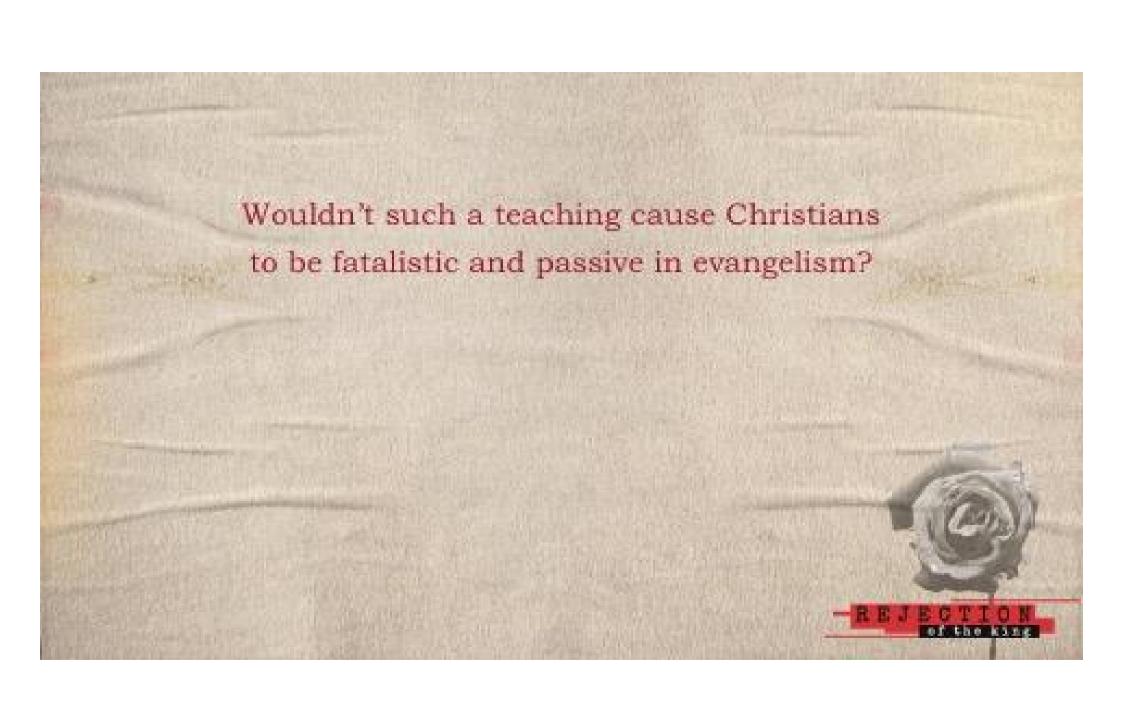
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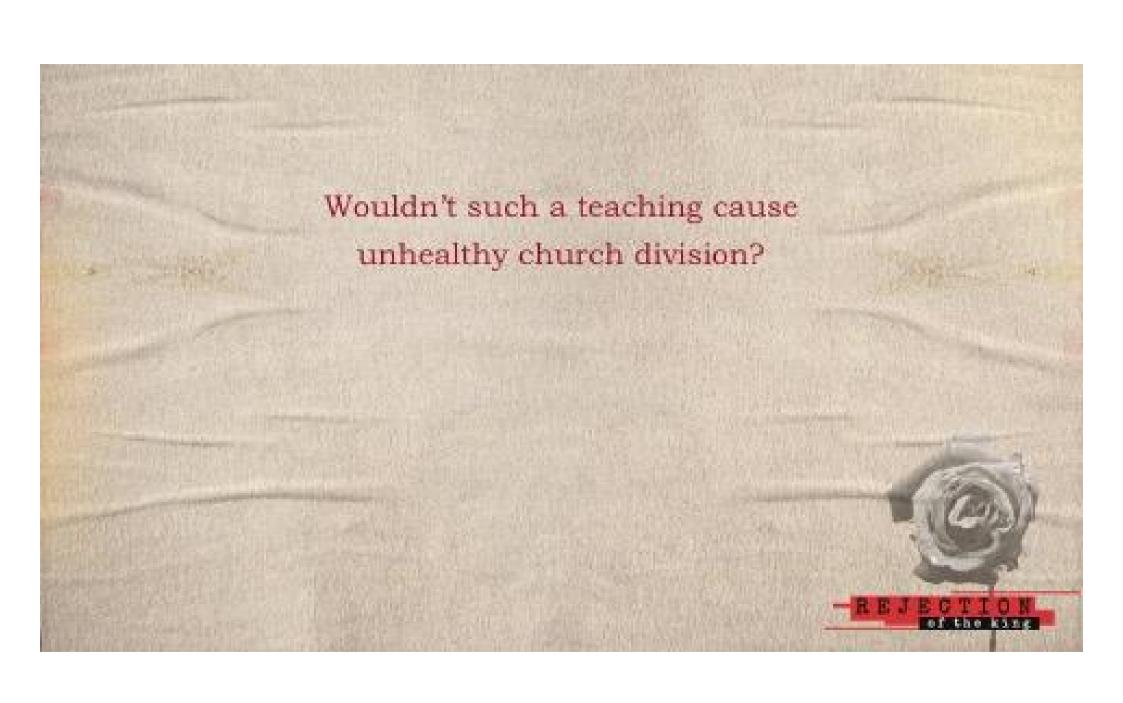


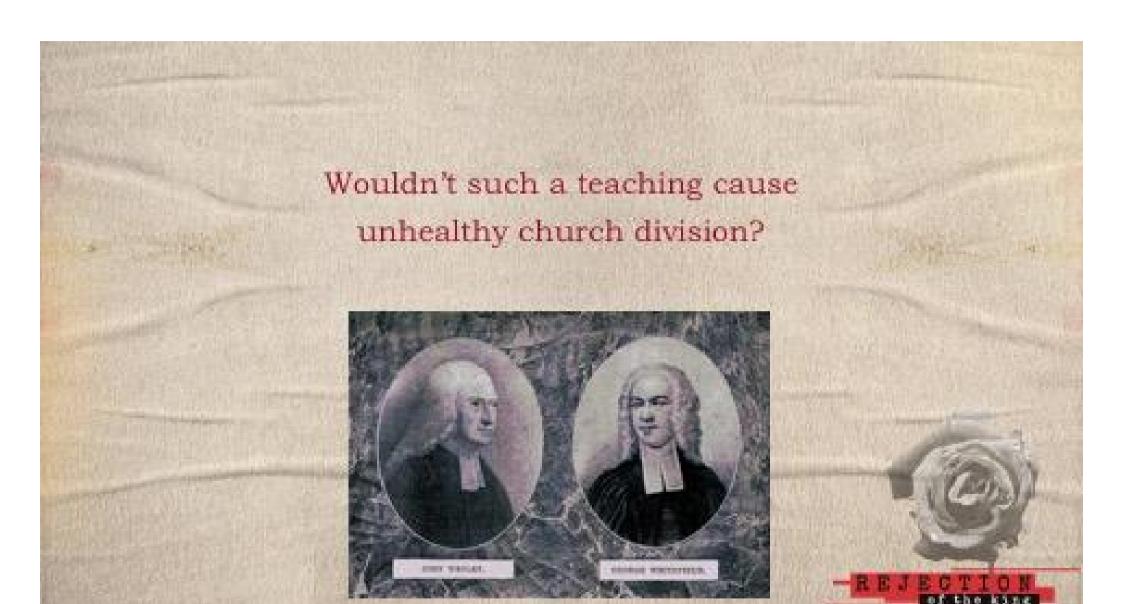
Wouldn't such a teaching cause Christians to be fatalistic and passive in evangelism?

Matthew 9:35

Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages,
teaching in their synagogues and
proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and
healing every disease and every affliction.





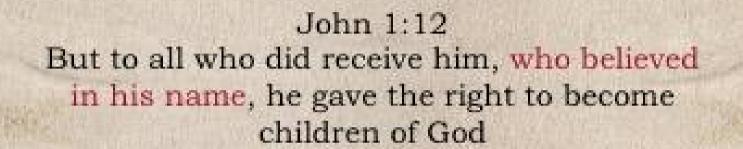




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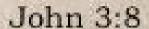




John 1:12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

John 1:13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.





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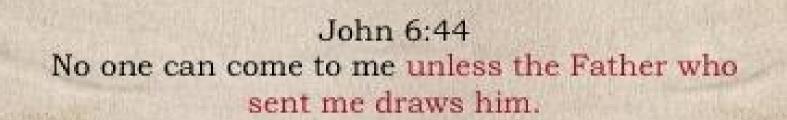
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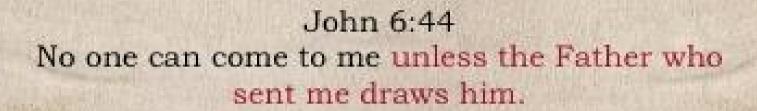
John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

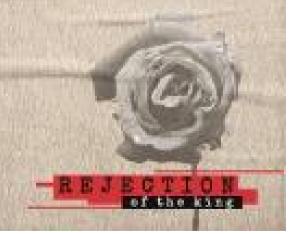


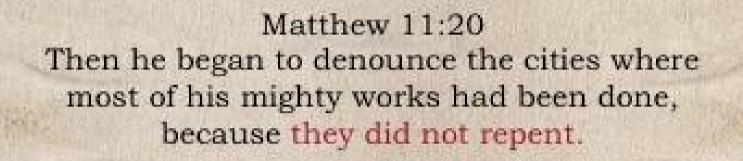






John 6:47
Truly, truly, I say to you,
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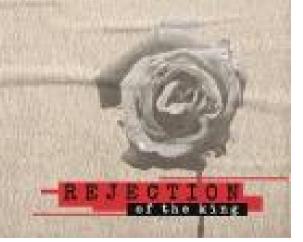
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Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.



Acts 13:48

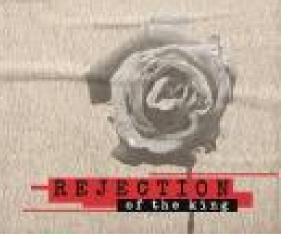
And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.



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Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!...

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.





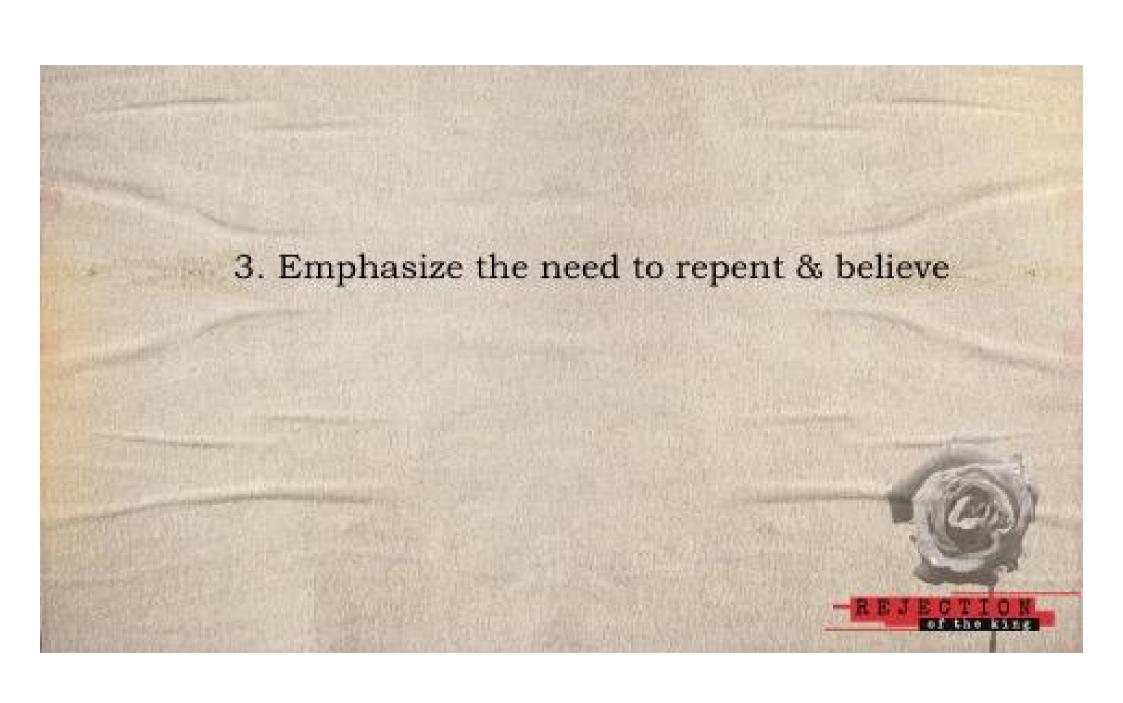


1 Thessalonians 2:3

For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive







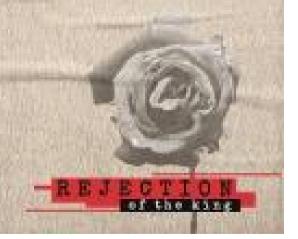
Isaiah 55:1

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.



Revelation 22:17

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.



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