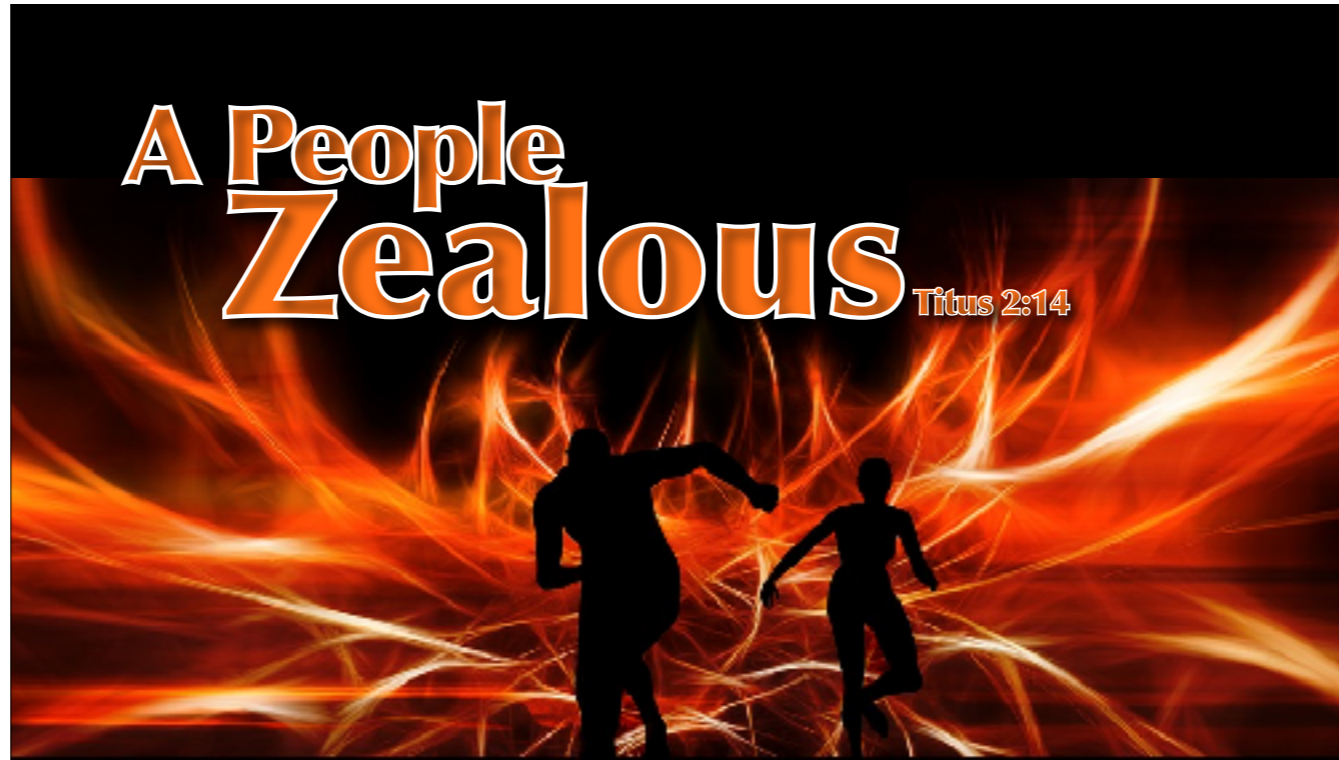


A People Zealous

Titus 2:14





- Our God is a zealous God.
 - Isaiah 9:6-7 (ESV) 6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.



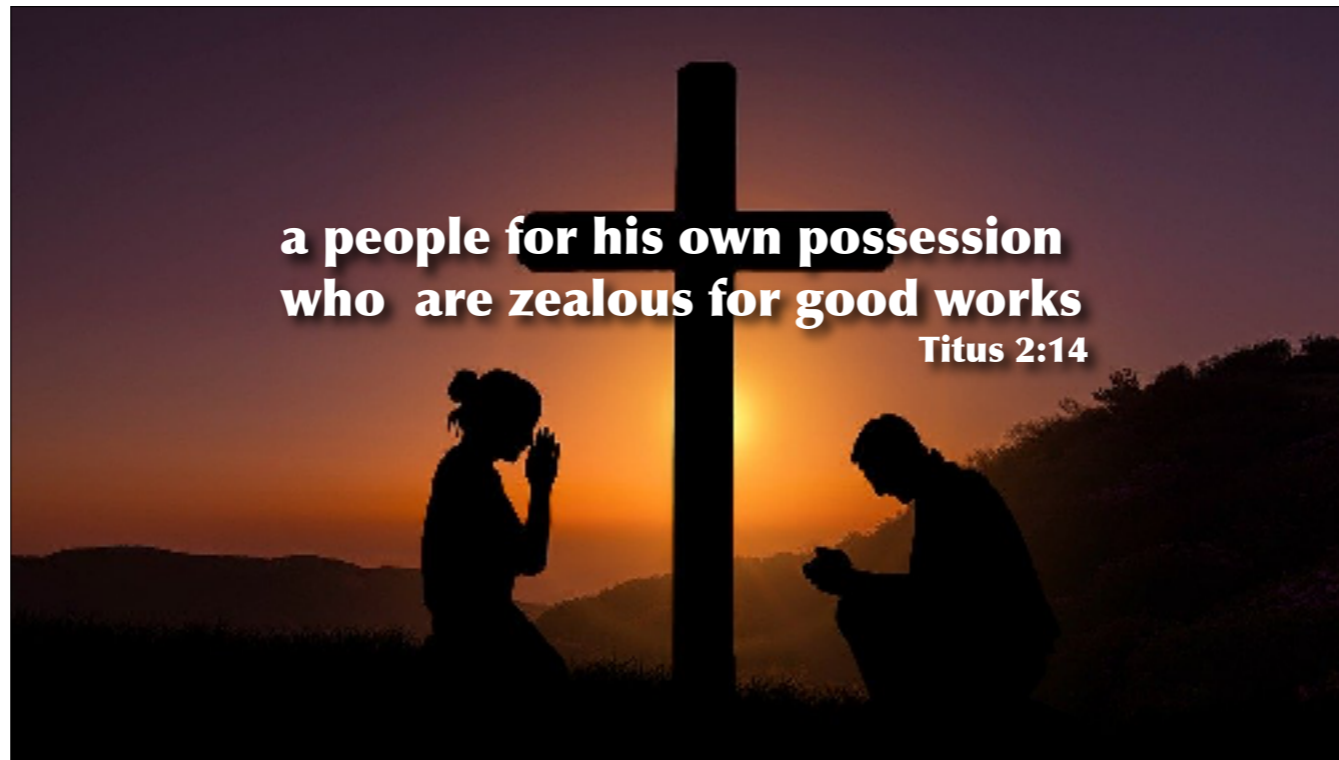
- In bringing salvation to man, our Father demonstrates his zeal.
 - Time: fulness of time
 - Opposed by Satan: temptation
 - Opposed by Herod: killing of children
 - Opposed by Jews: his teaching, works, kill
 - Opposed by Romans: willing to kill



- Isaiah 59:16 He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him.
 - He saw that there was no man
 - Man won't do it.
 - Man can't do it.
 - Jehovah took action.

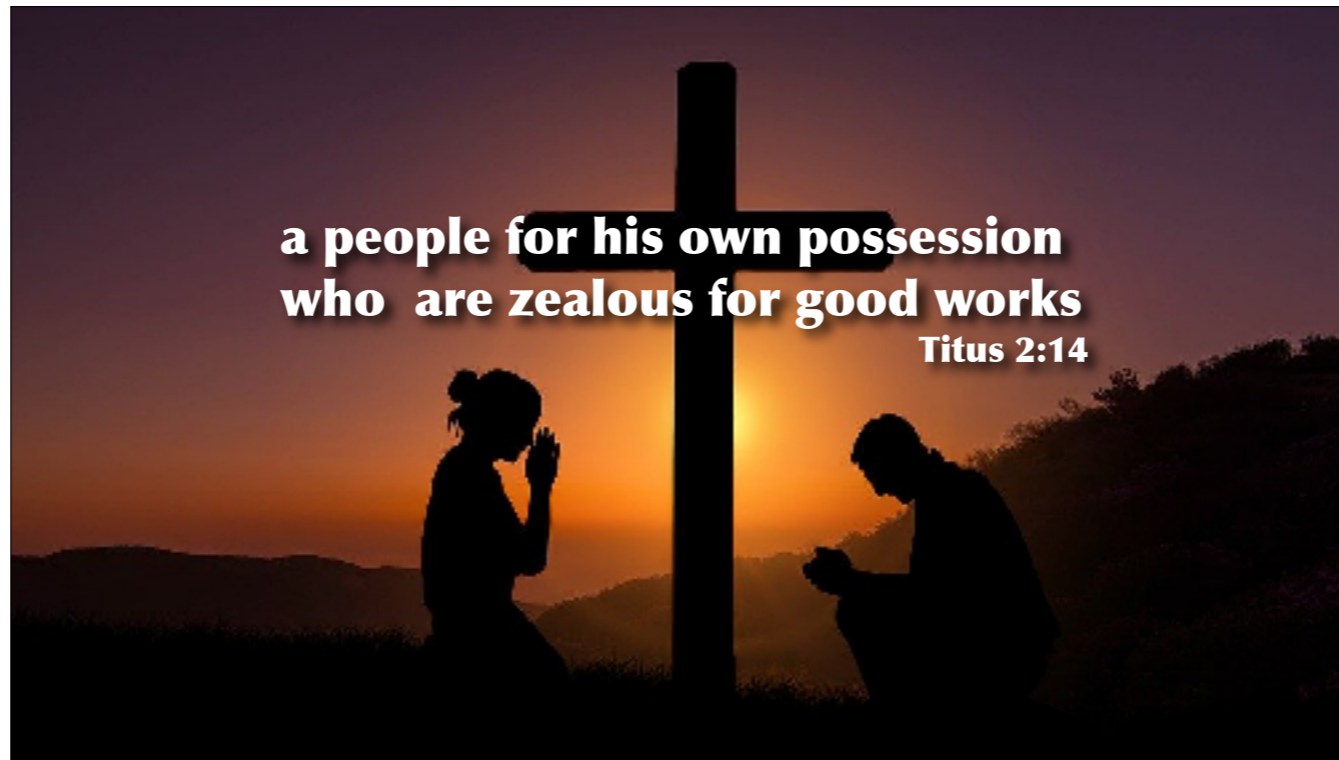


- Jehovah's zeal
 - Purpose, plan, action
 - Determination, overcome opposition
- Thankful for His Zeal

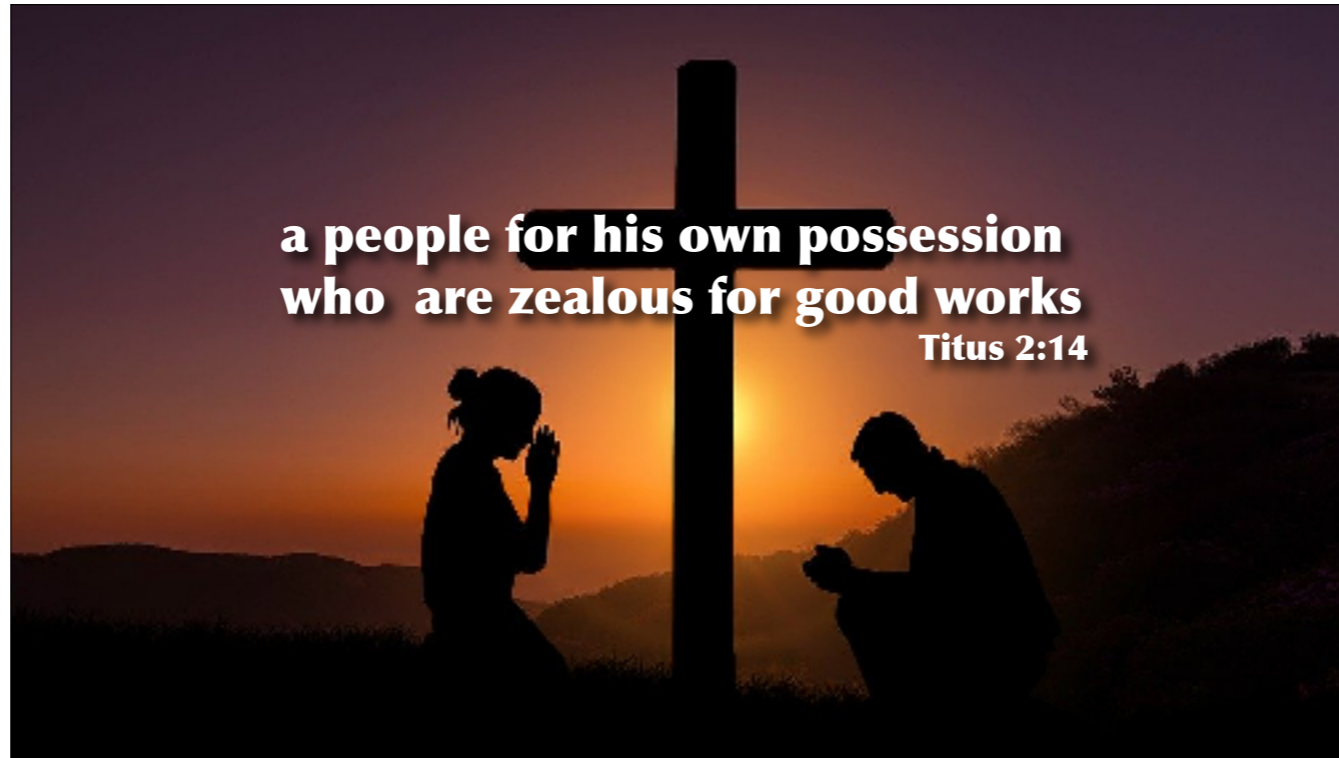


**a people for his own possession
who are zealous for good works**
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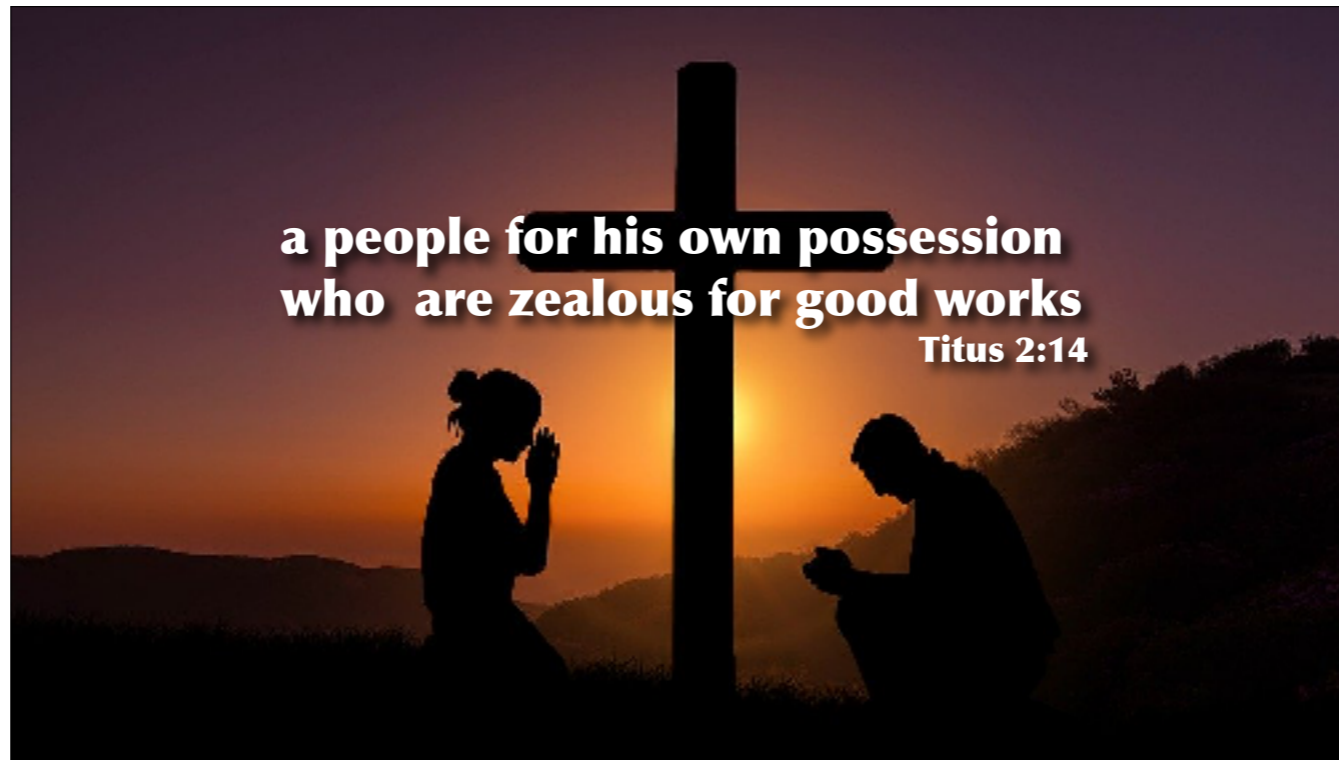
- Saved to be a Zealous People
 - Titus 2:11-14 (ESV) 11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.



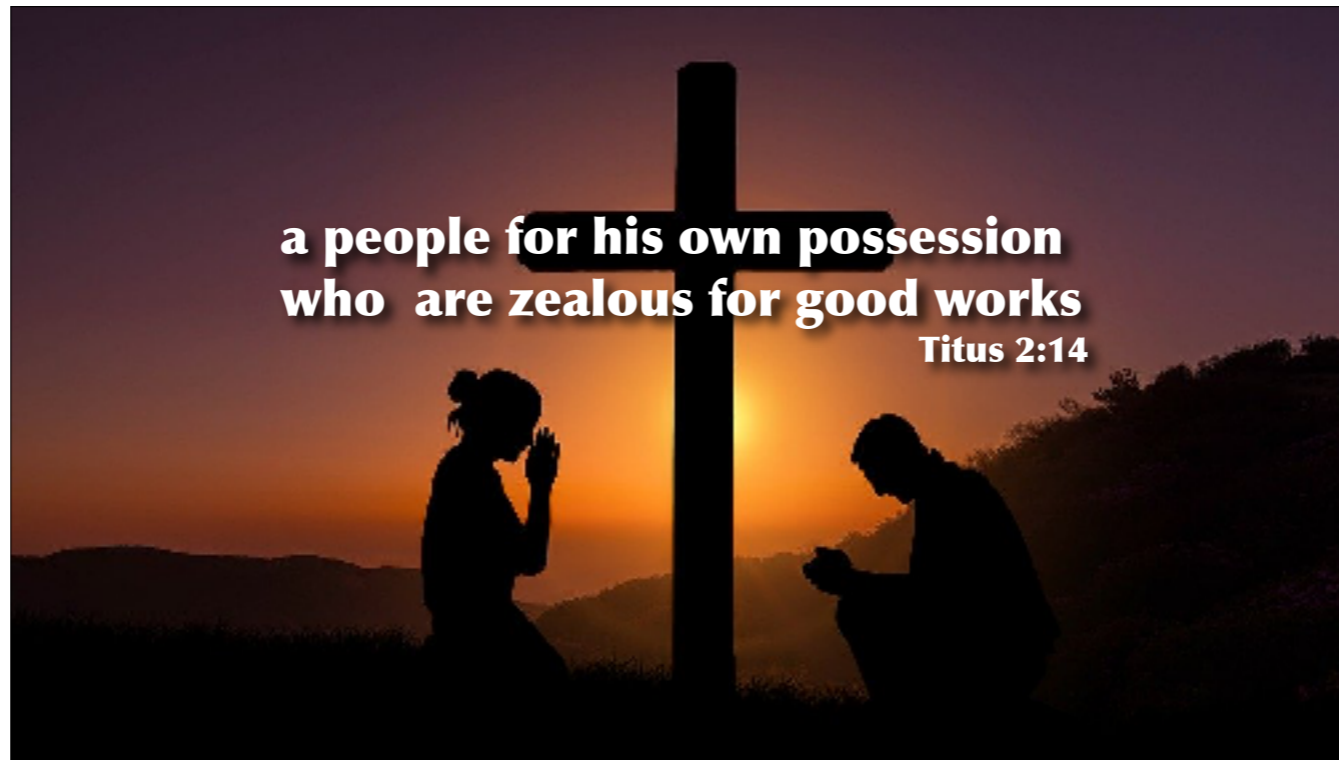
- Grace bringing Salvation
 - Why is it easier for us sometimes to see Jehovah's zeal in his wrath, than in His love and grace?
 - See judgments: flood, war, striking
 - See love and grace?



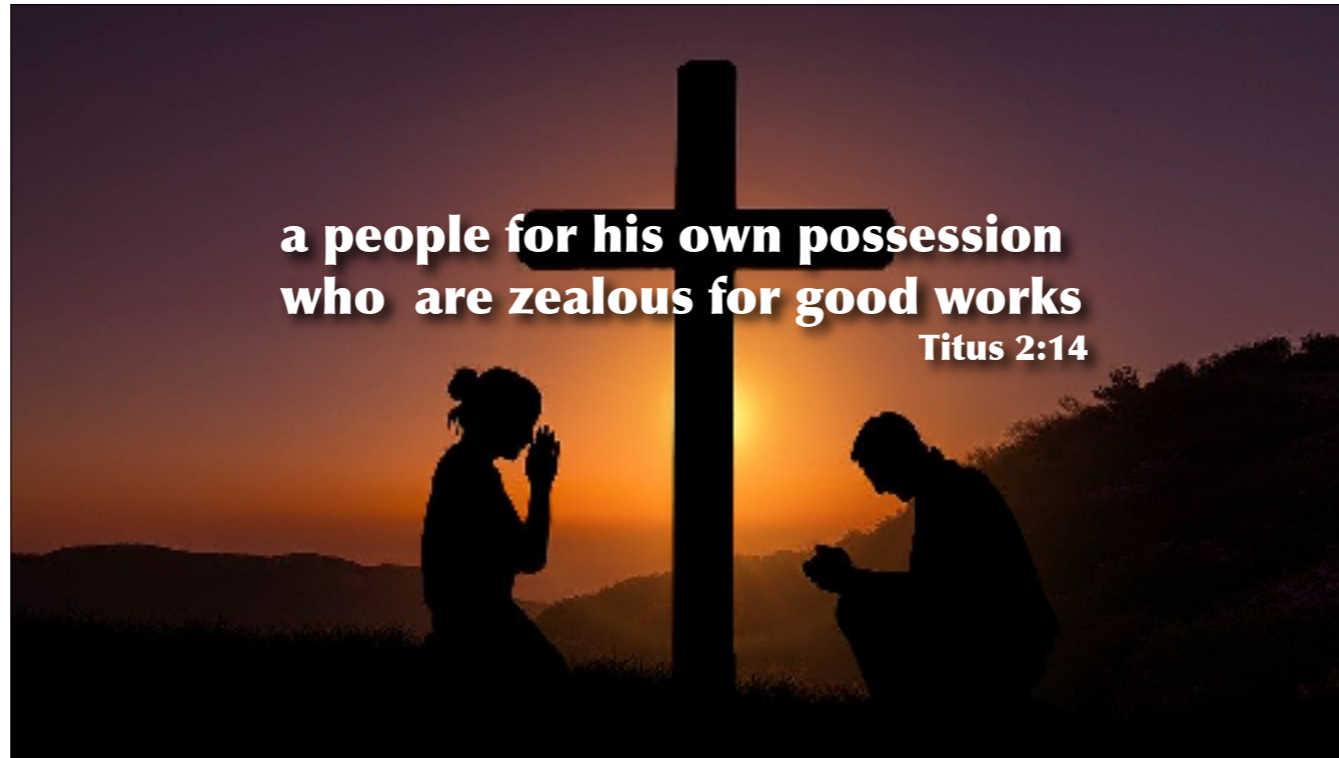
- Gave Himself
 - John 3:16 (ESV) “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.



- Redeem us
 - 1 Peter 1:17-19 (ESV) 17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.



- Purify for Himself
 - Hebrews 9:13-14 (ESV) 13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.



- A People for his own possession
 - Relationship!
 - Broken by man
 - Fixed by God
 - He didn't put it on a back burner.
 - Forefront of all that he does!
 - What kind people does our Father want?

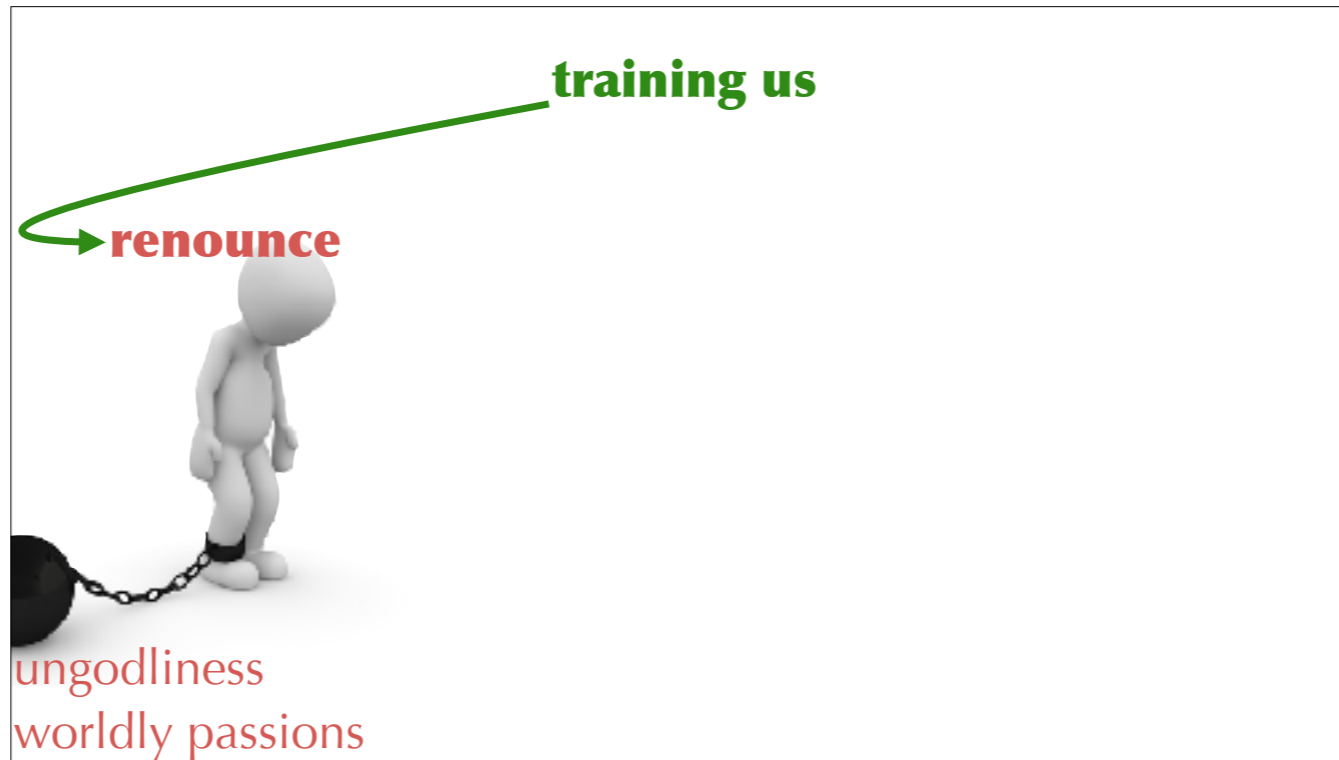
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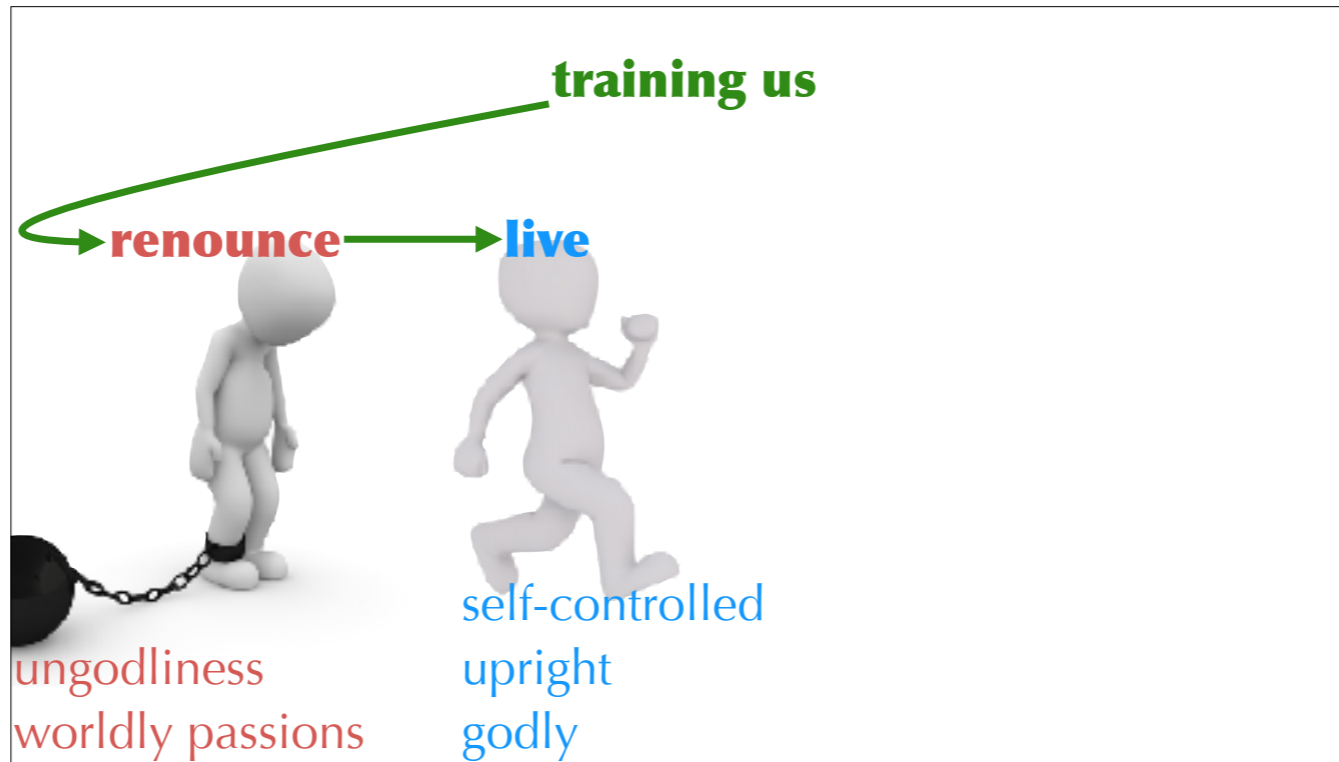
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Ephesians 4:13-14

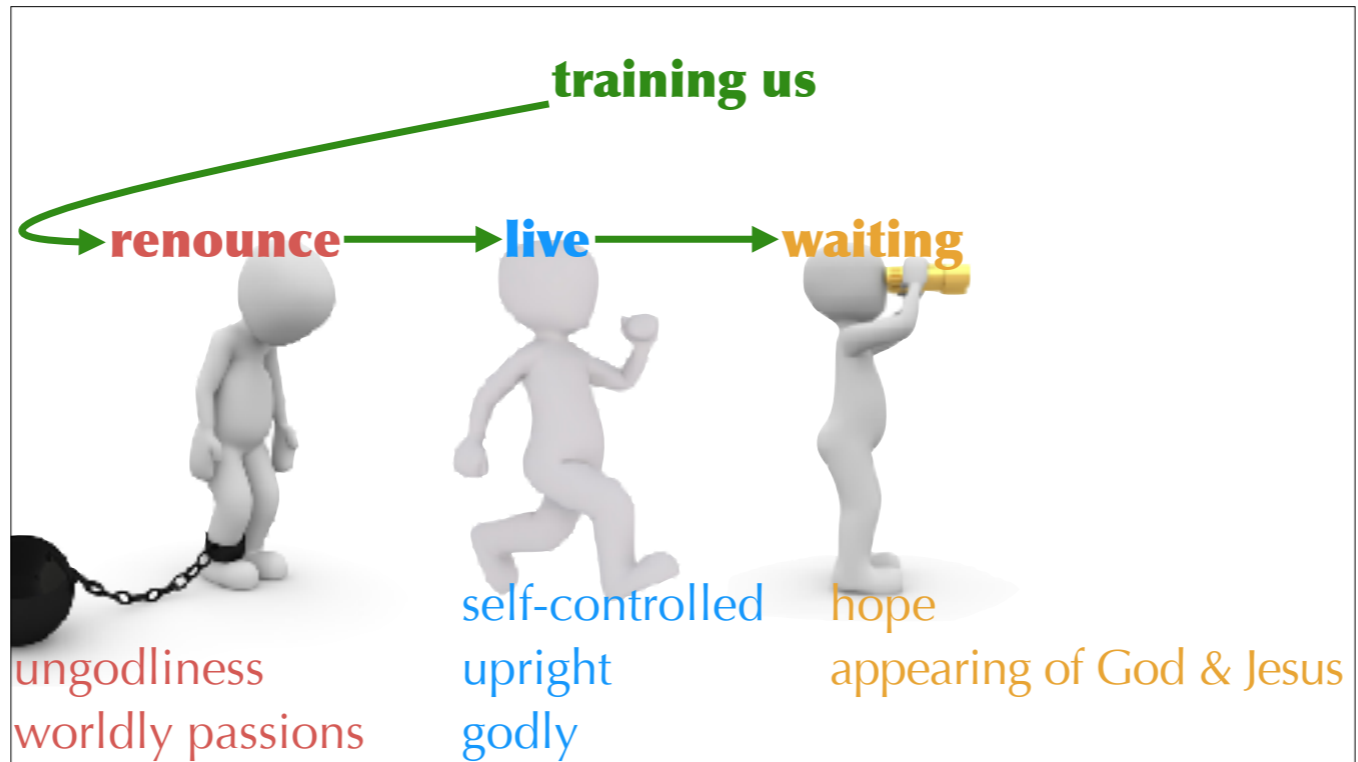
- Training Us
 - (CWSB Dictionary) Originally to bring up a child, to educate, used of activity directed toward the moral and spiritual nurture and training of the child, to influence conscious will and action.
 - Salvation provided... but more is necessary, cannot stay as children
 - Ephesians 4:13-14 (ESV) 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.
- Renounce
- Live
- Waiting
- Zealous



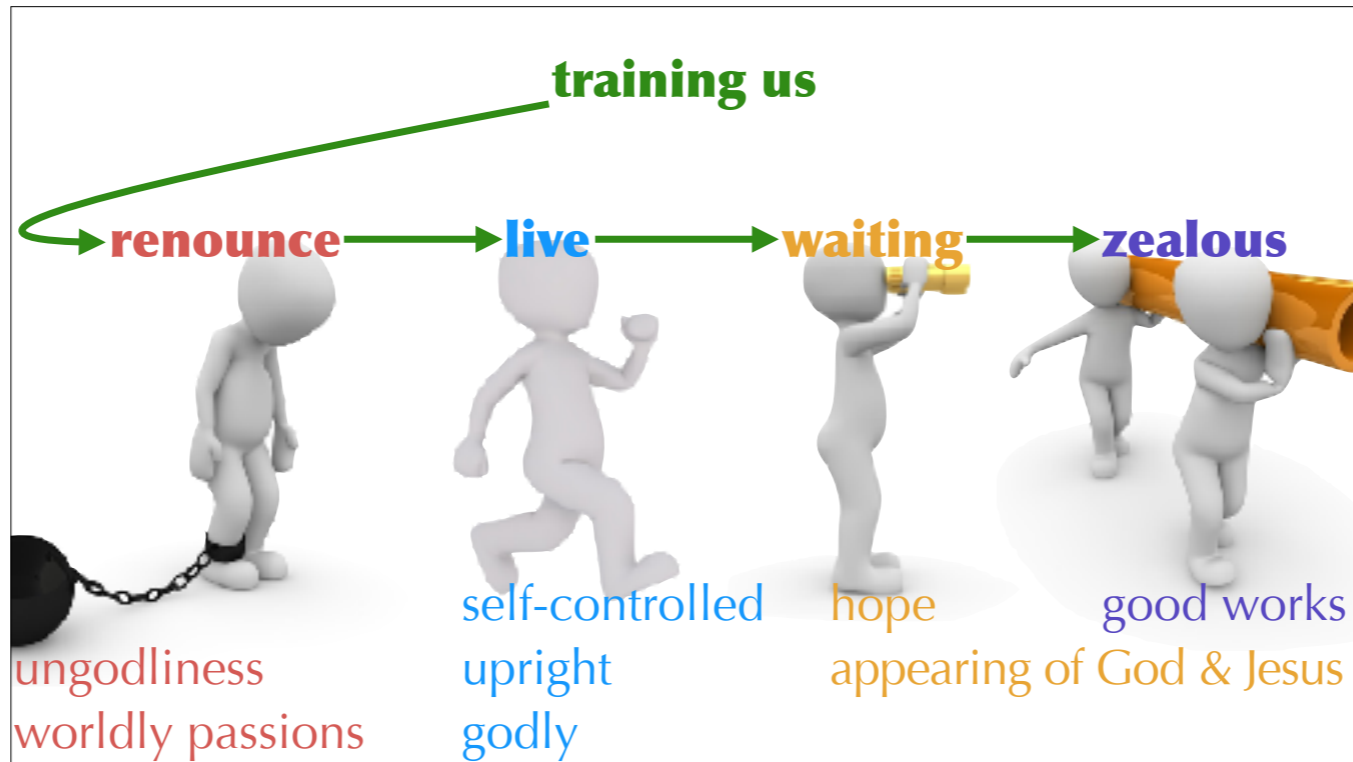
- Renounce (deny, refuse)
 - ungodliness
 - worldly passions



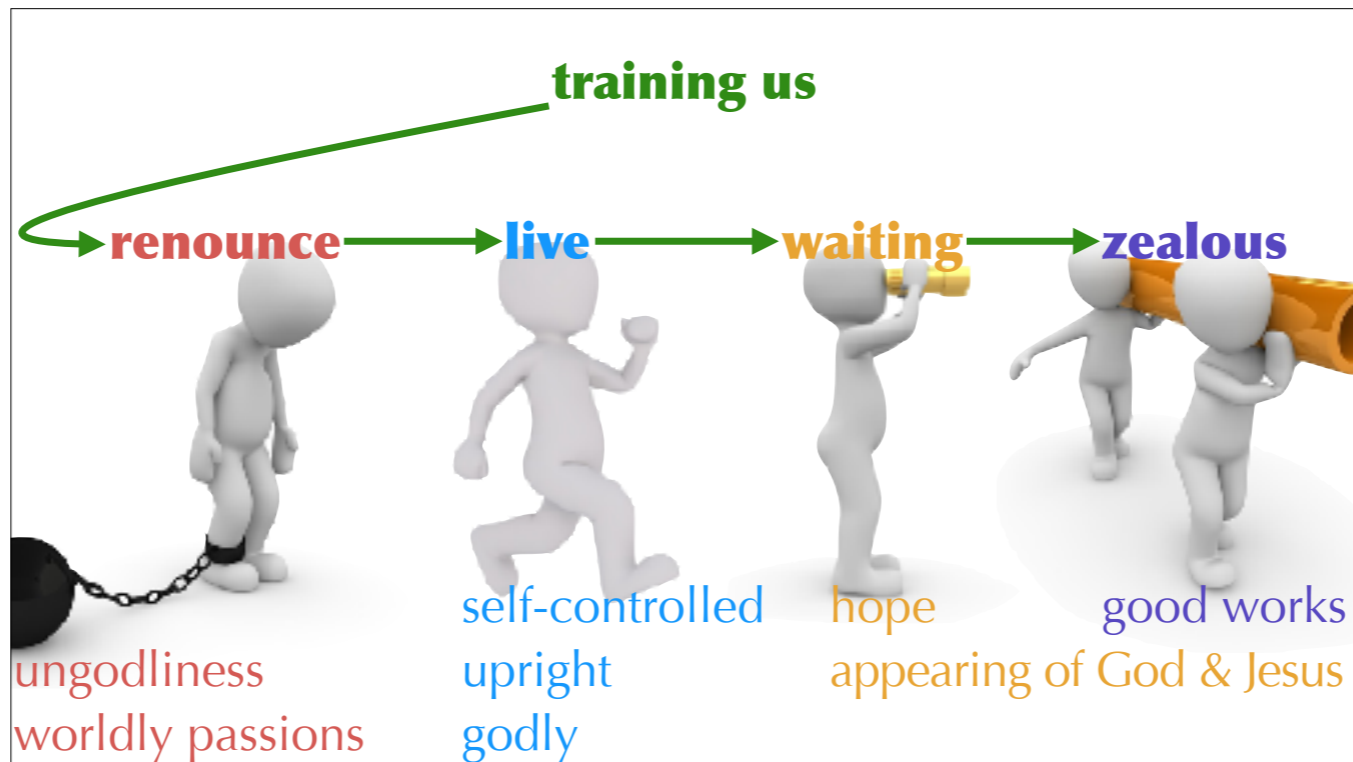
- Live
 - self-control
 - upright
 - godly



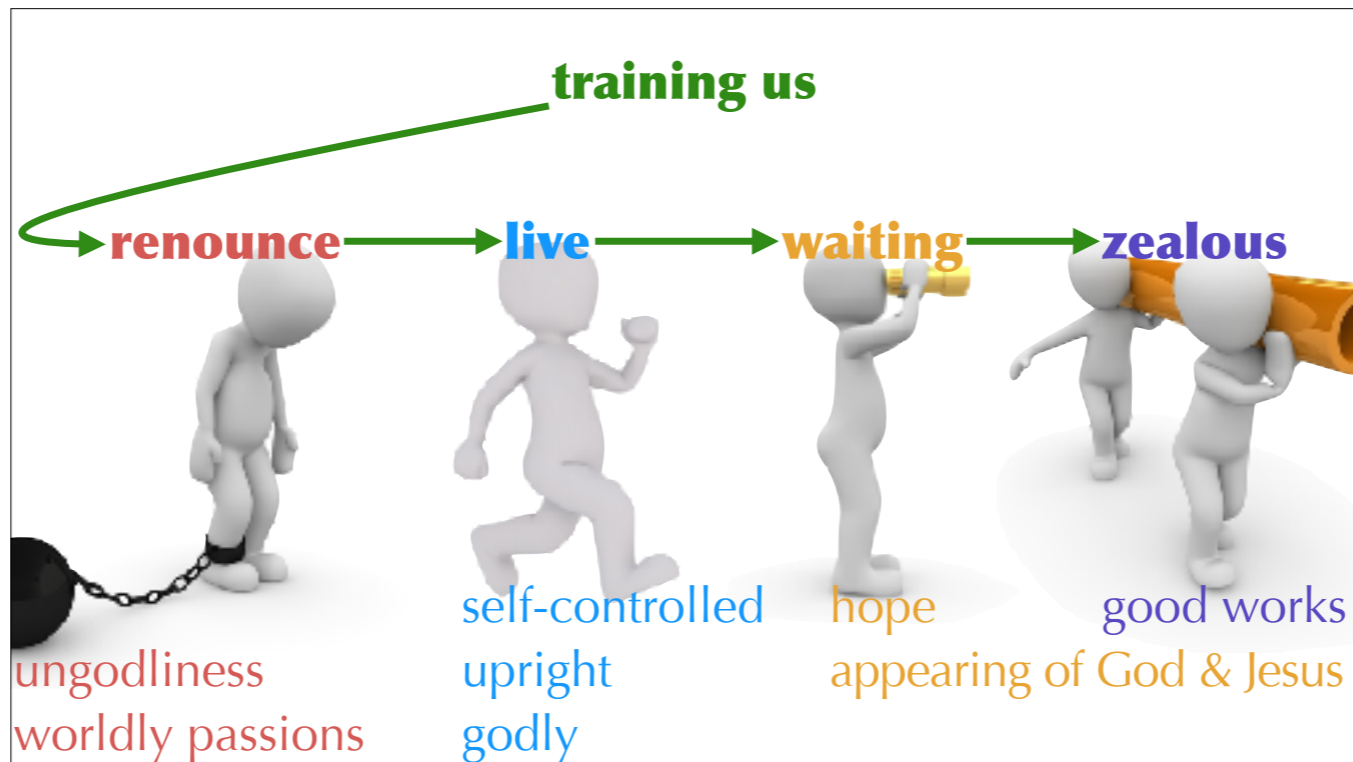
- Waiting
 - blessed hope
 - appearing of God and Jesus



- Zealous
 - Good Works
 - Created for good works
 - Ephesians 2:10 (ESV) For we are his workmanship, **created** in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



- Devoted to good works
 - Titus 3:8 (ESV) The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to **devote** themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.
 - Titus 3:14 (ESV) And let our people learn to **devote** themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.



- Stir Up
 - Hebrews 10:24 (ESV) And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,
- Not Grow Weary
 - Galatians 6:9 (ESV) And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.



- Examples of being Zealous
 - Jesus:
 - John 10:32 (ESV) Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?”



- Tabitha:
 - Acts 9:36 (ESV) Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity.
 - Acts 9:39 (ESV) So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them.

zealous



- Zealousness doesn't just happen!
 - Training.
 - Choice.
- Like God
 - Purpose, plan
 - Determination
 - See and do

**Am I a
zealous
disciple?**



- Being Zealous
 - Am I a zealous disciple?
 - This is part of your training and what your Father wants for you.
 - Not just “know” doctrines/truths
 - Not just do some good deeds
 - Be zealous about.
- Find an area to serve God and brethren: see
- Do it everyday.
- Help others to be zealous: stir each other up by being together.
 - Assemblies
 - Working together at all times.

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Synopsis: A zealous God desires his people to be zealous and trains us to be zealous.

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