

Your
Kingdom
Come



John:3:1-3 *Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." 3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."*

John 3:4-6 4 “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”5 Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

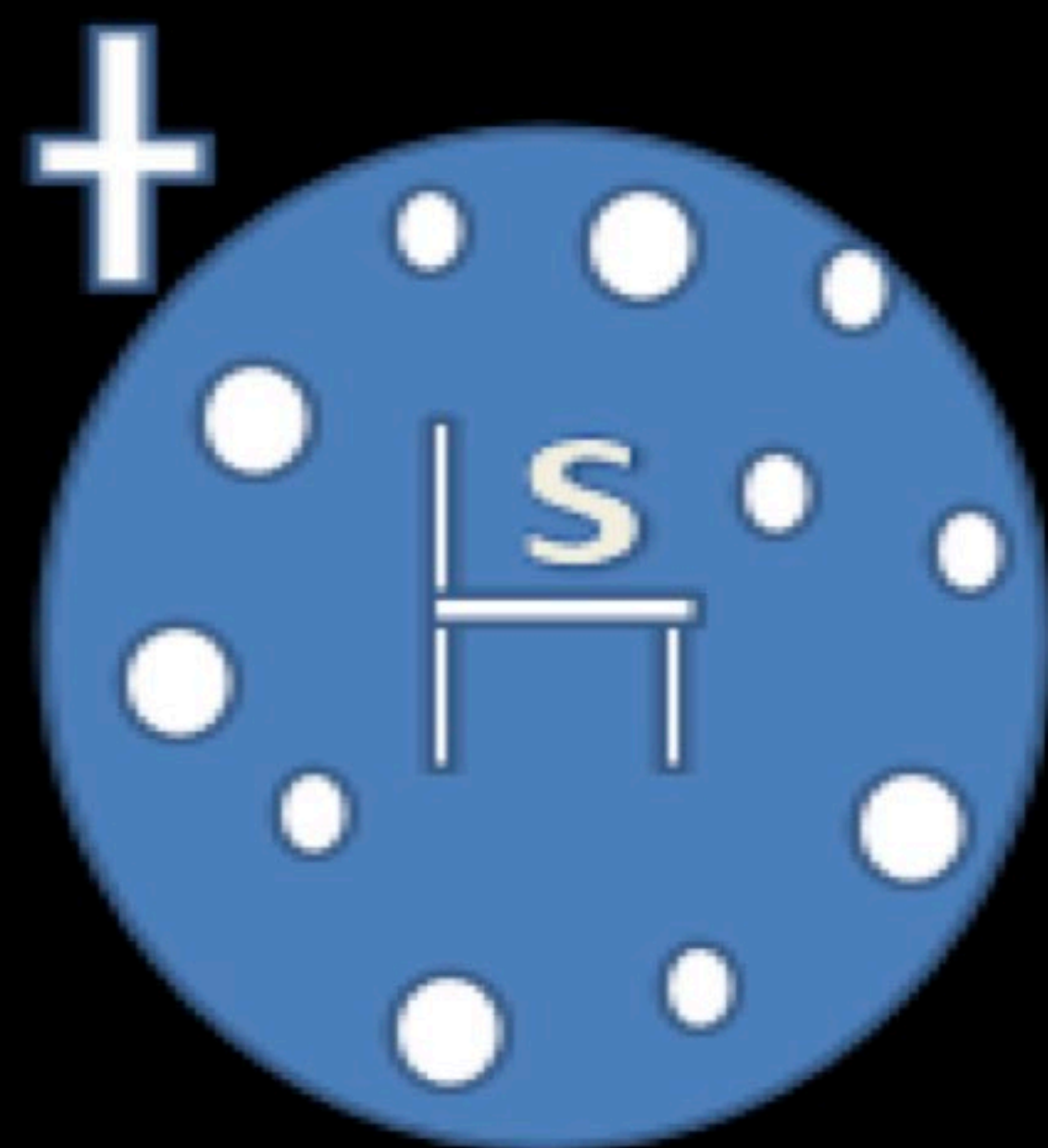
John 3:7-9 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." 9 "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

To be “born again” means that the Holy Spirit has given you a spiritual re-birth, as a son or a daughter of God.



Romans 8:14-16 “14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. 15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”

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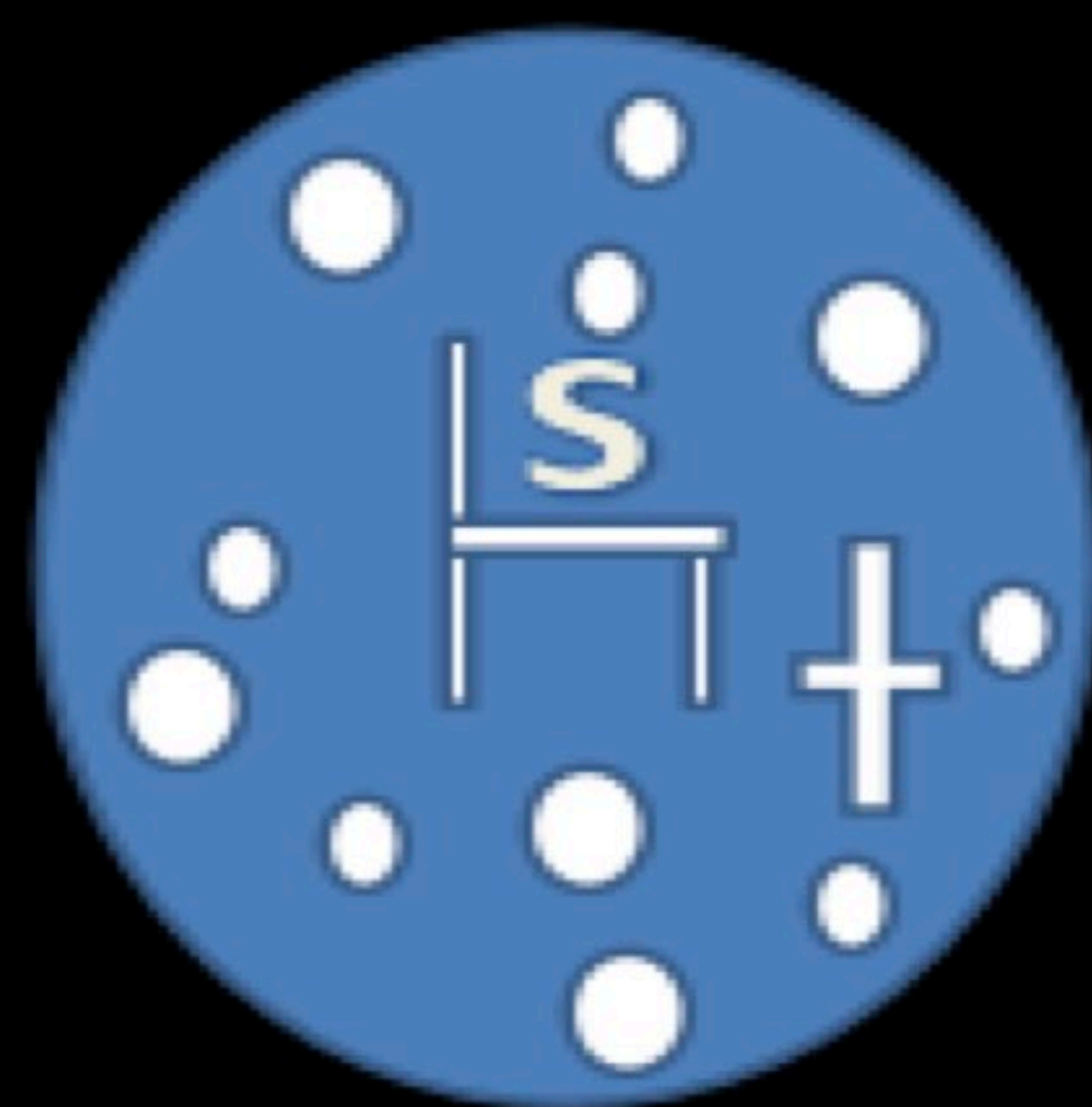
Self-Directed Life
S-Self is on the throne

- ✝ Christ is outside the life
- Interests are directed by self, often resulting in discord and frustration



Christ-Centered Life
S-Self is yielding to Christ

- ✝ Christ is in the center of person's life and on the throne
- Interests are directed by Christ, resulting in harmony with God's plan

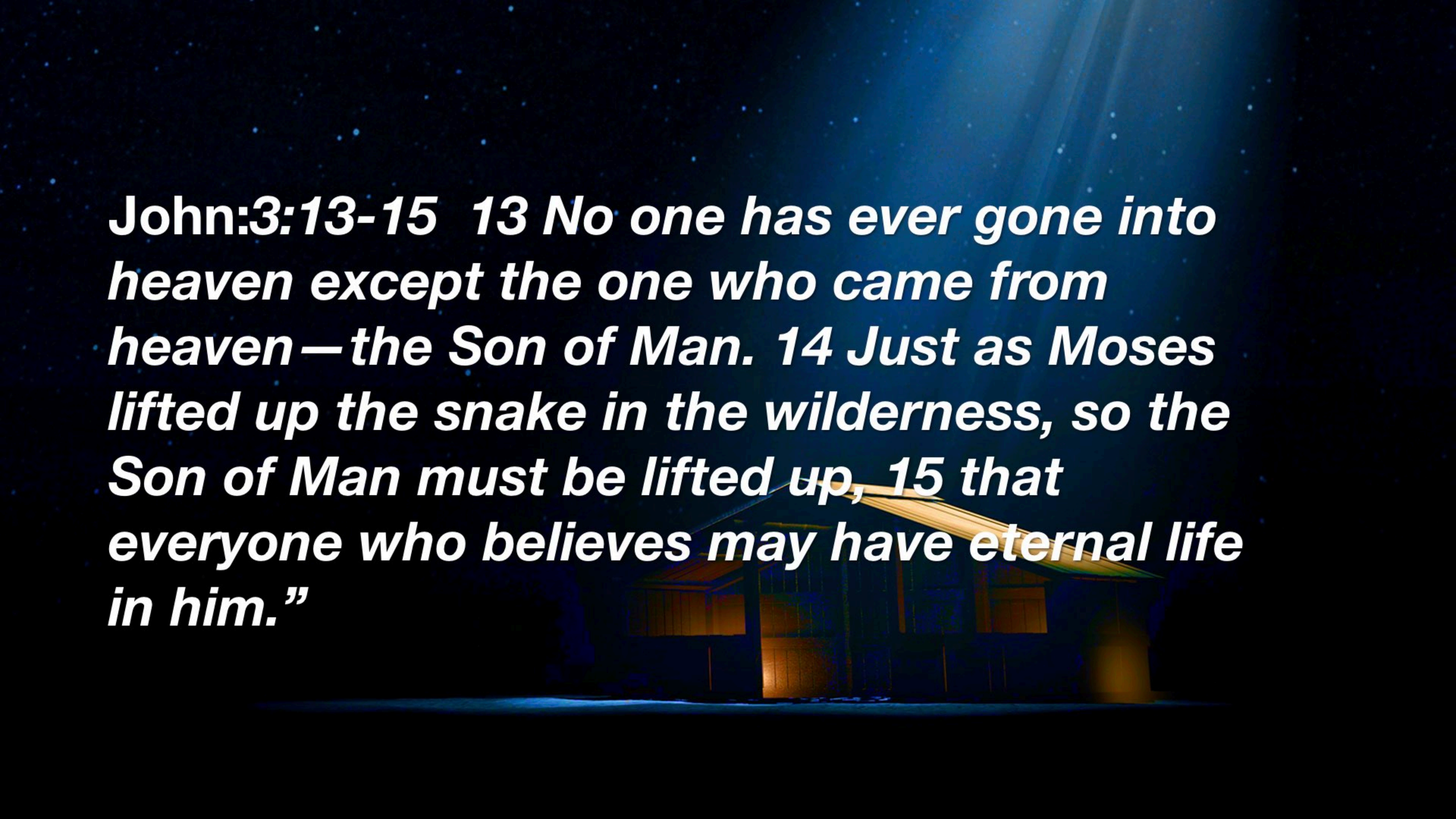


Self-Centered Life
S-Self is on the throne

- ✝ Christ has been received but person living in defeat
- Interests are directed by self, often resulting in discord and frustration

John:3:10-12 10 *“You are Israel’s teacher,”*
said Jesus, “and do you not understand
these things? 11 Very truly I tell you, we
speak of what we know, and we testify to
what we have seen, but still you people do
not accept our testimony. 12 I have spoken
to you of earthly things and you do not
believe; how then will you believe if I speak
of heavenly things?

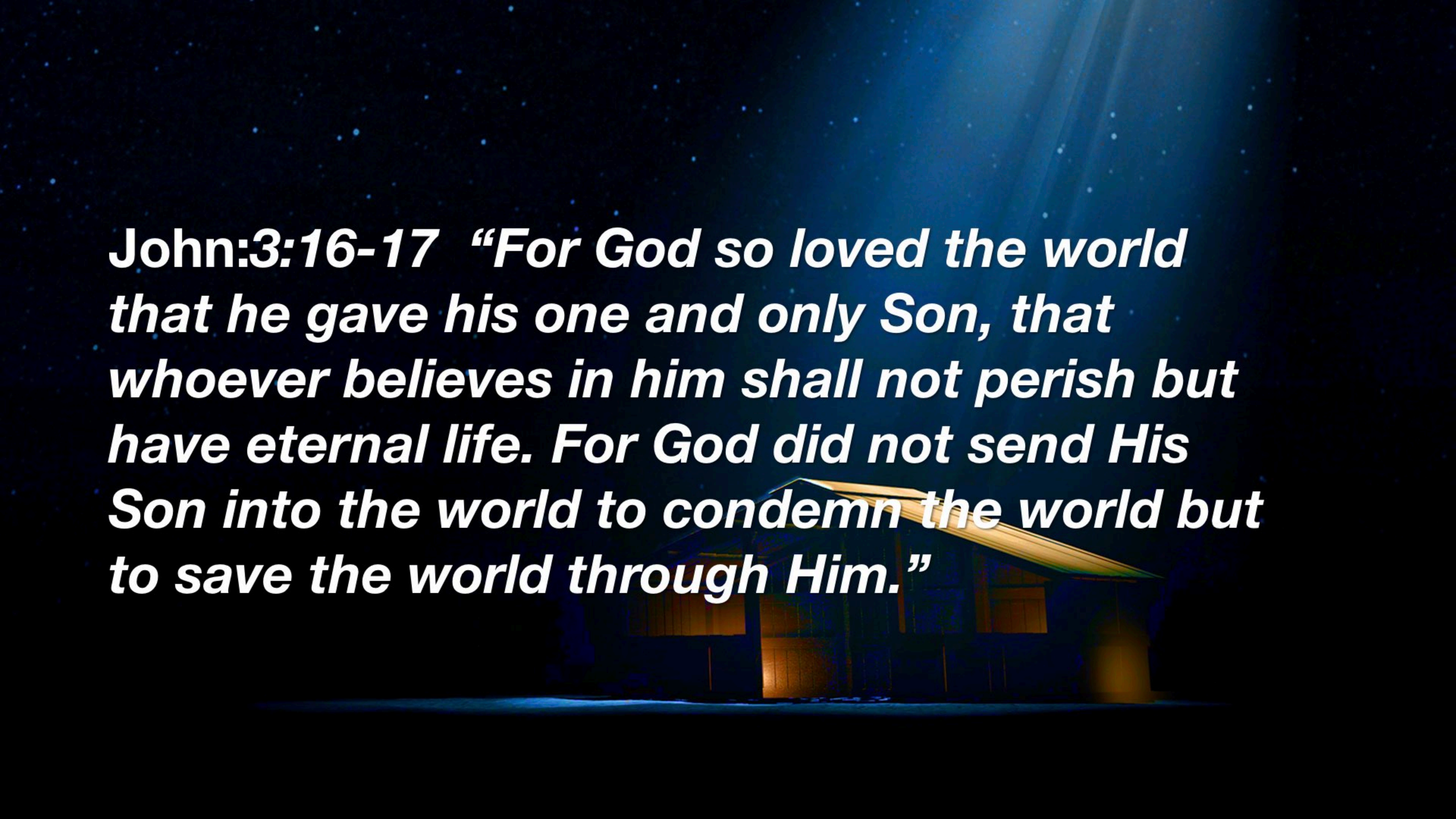
John:3:13-15 13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”



**To be “born again” means you have looked
to Jesus as your savior and lord.**



John:3:16-17 *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through Him.”*



John 19:38-40 38 Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. 39 He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. 40 Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen.

John 19:40-42 This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. 41 At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. 42 Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

What does it mean to be born again?

To be born again means that the Holy Spirit has given you a spiritual re-birth, as a son or a daughter of God because you have looked to Jesus as your savior and Lord.