





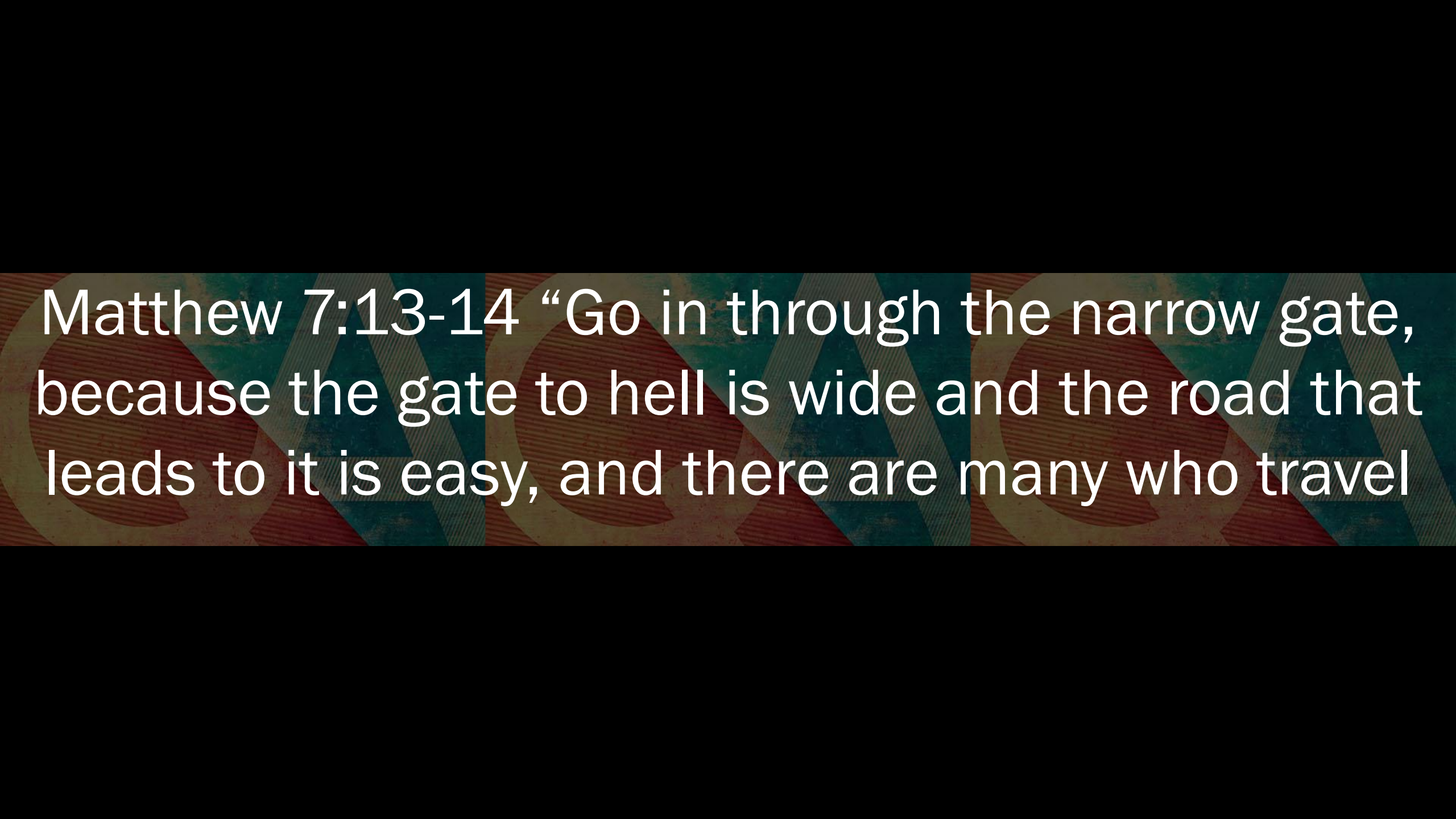
IS THE BIBLE REALLY
THE WORD OF GOD?



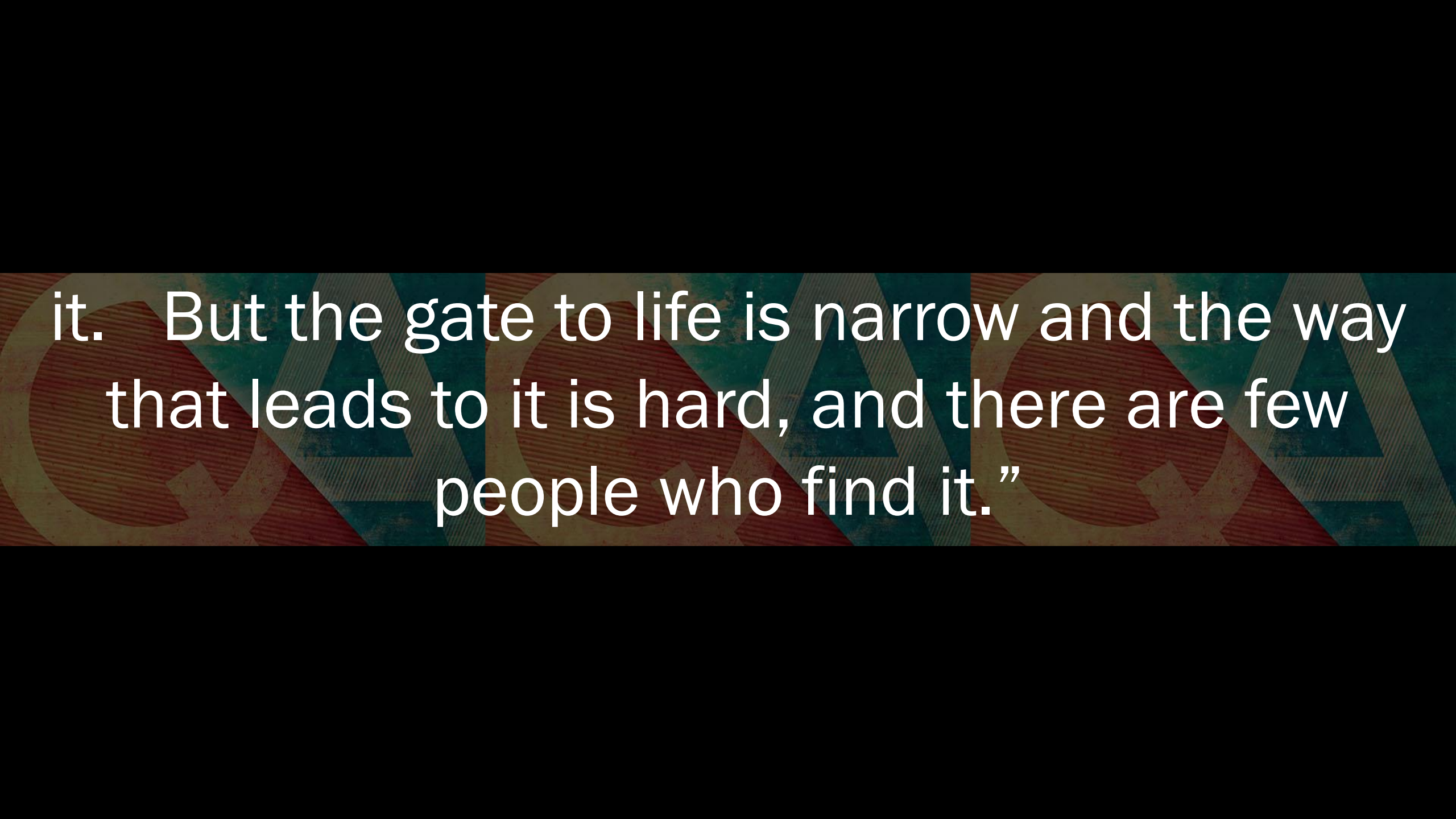
Truth is objective, not subjective.



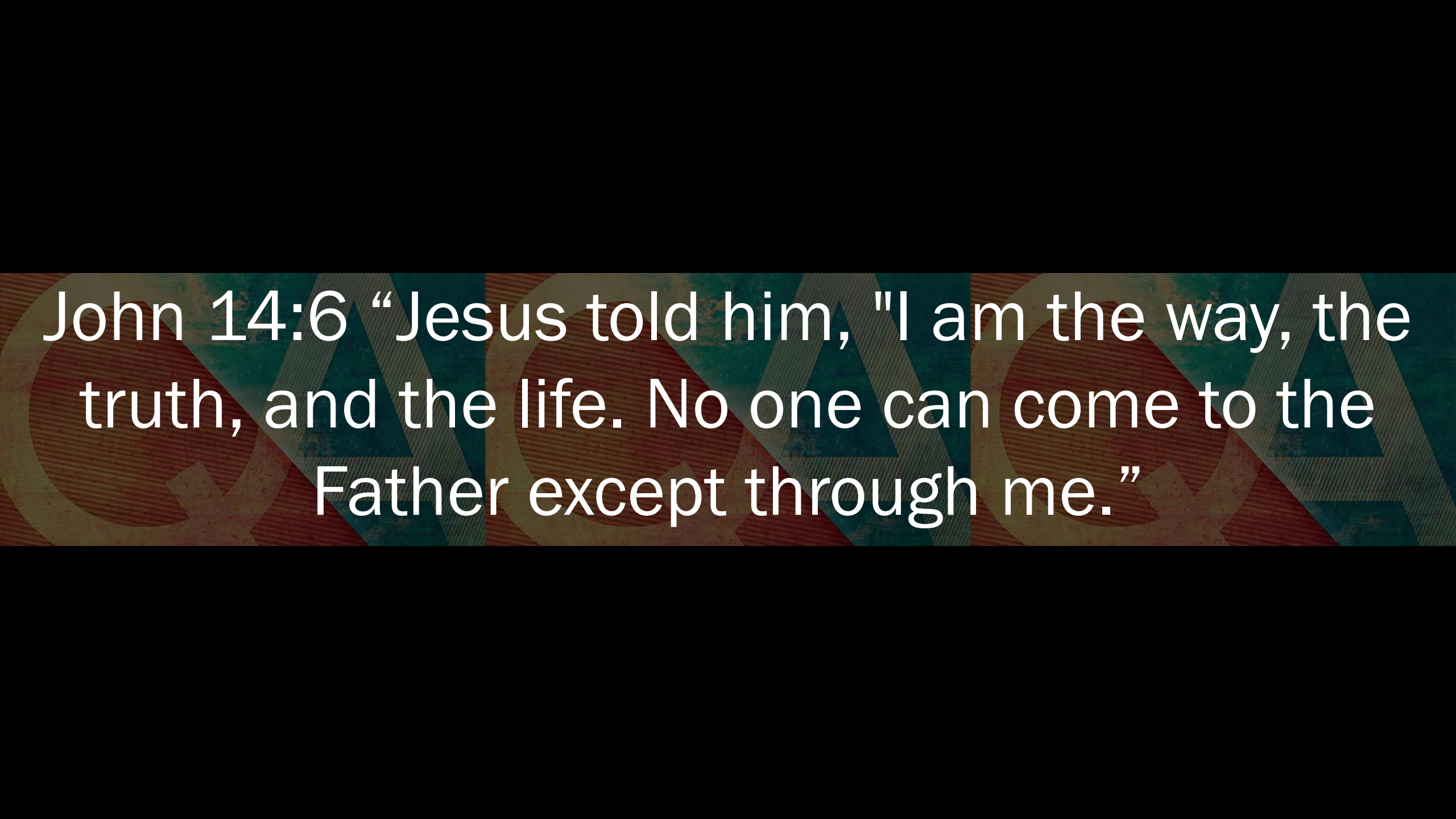
It is the same with God's truth.



Matthew 7:13-14 “Go in through the narrow gate, because the gate to hell is wide and the road that leads to it is easy, and there are many who travel



it. But the gate to life is narrow and the way
that leads to it is hard, and there are few
people who find it.”



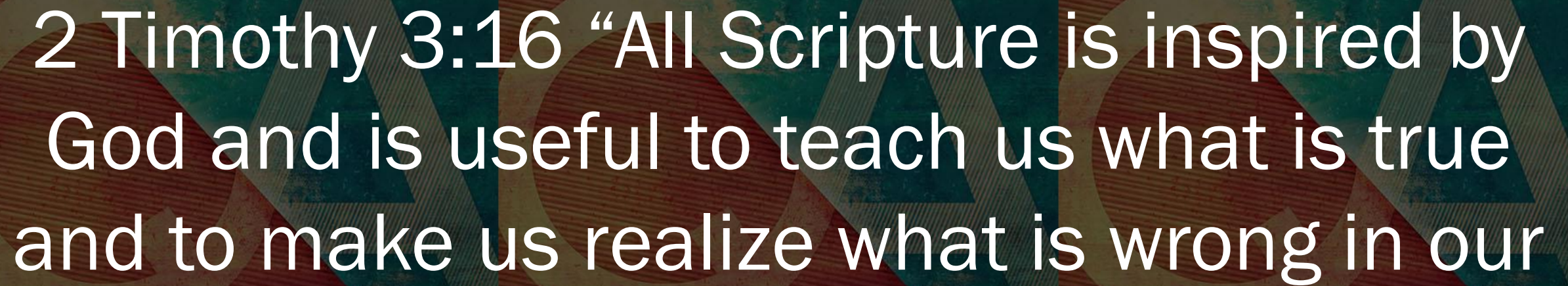
John 14:6 “Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.”



1. What does the Bible say about being
God's Word?



A. The Bible claims to be God's direct revelation of His values, principles and expectations.



2 Timothy 3:16 “All Scripture is inspired by
God and is useful to teach us what is true
and to make us realize what is wrong in our

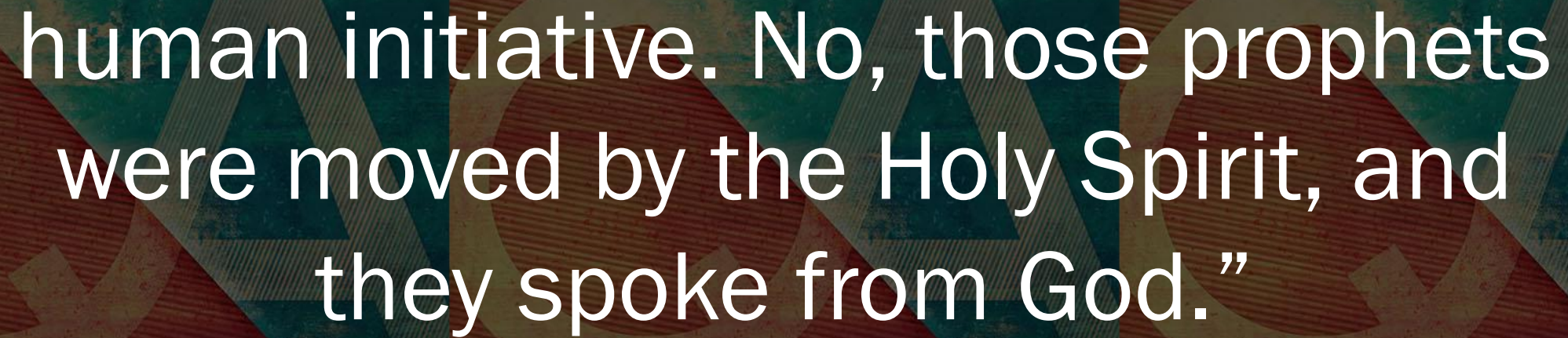


lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.”

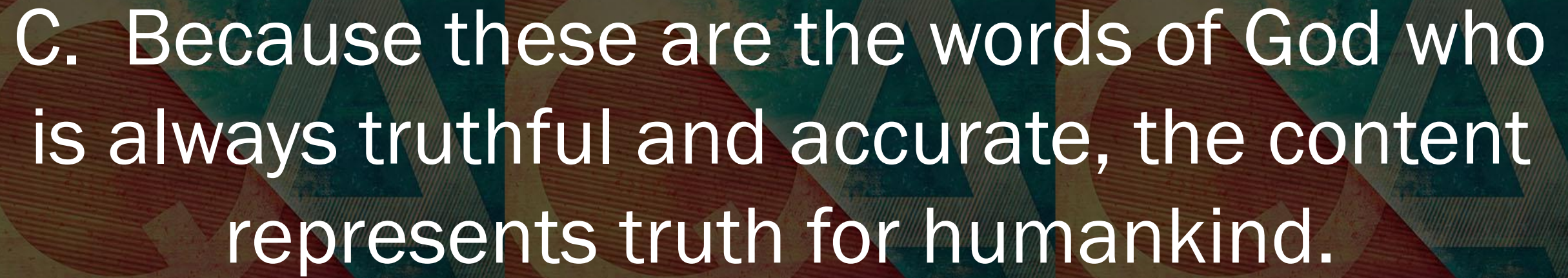


B. The Bible was written by people who were specifically directed by God in what to say.

2 Peter 1:20-21 “Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet’s own understanding, or from



human initiative. No, those prophets
were moved by the Holy Spirit, and
they spoke from God.”



C. Because these are the words of God who is always truthful and accurate, the content represents truth for humankind.



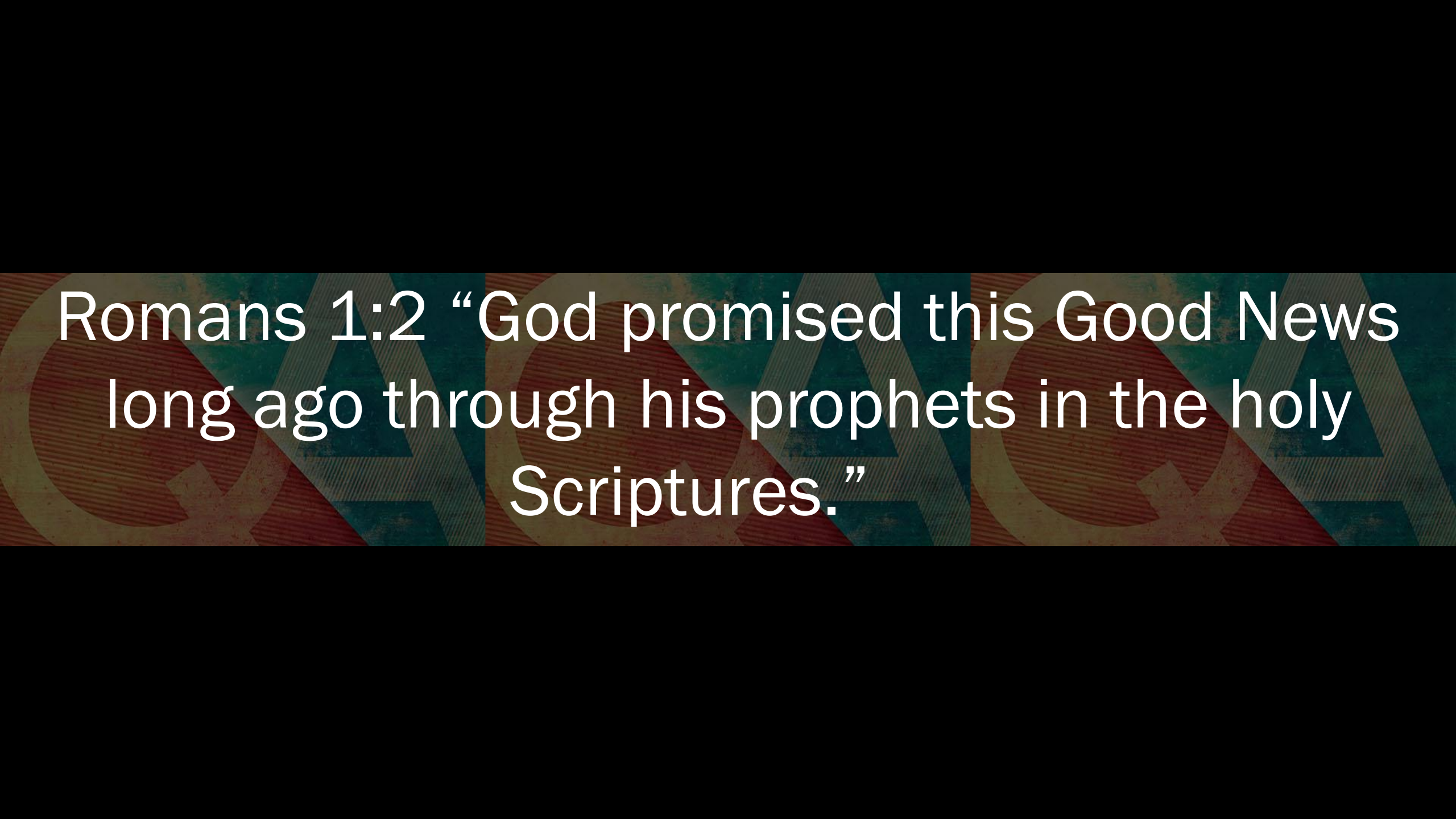
John 8:26 “I have much to say about you and much to condemn, but I won’t. For I say only



what I have heard from the one who sent me,
and he is completely truthful.”



D. Because they present God's words to us,
the Scriptures are authoritative.

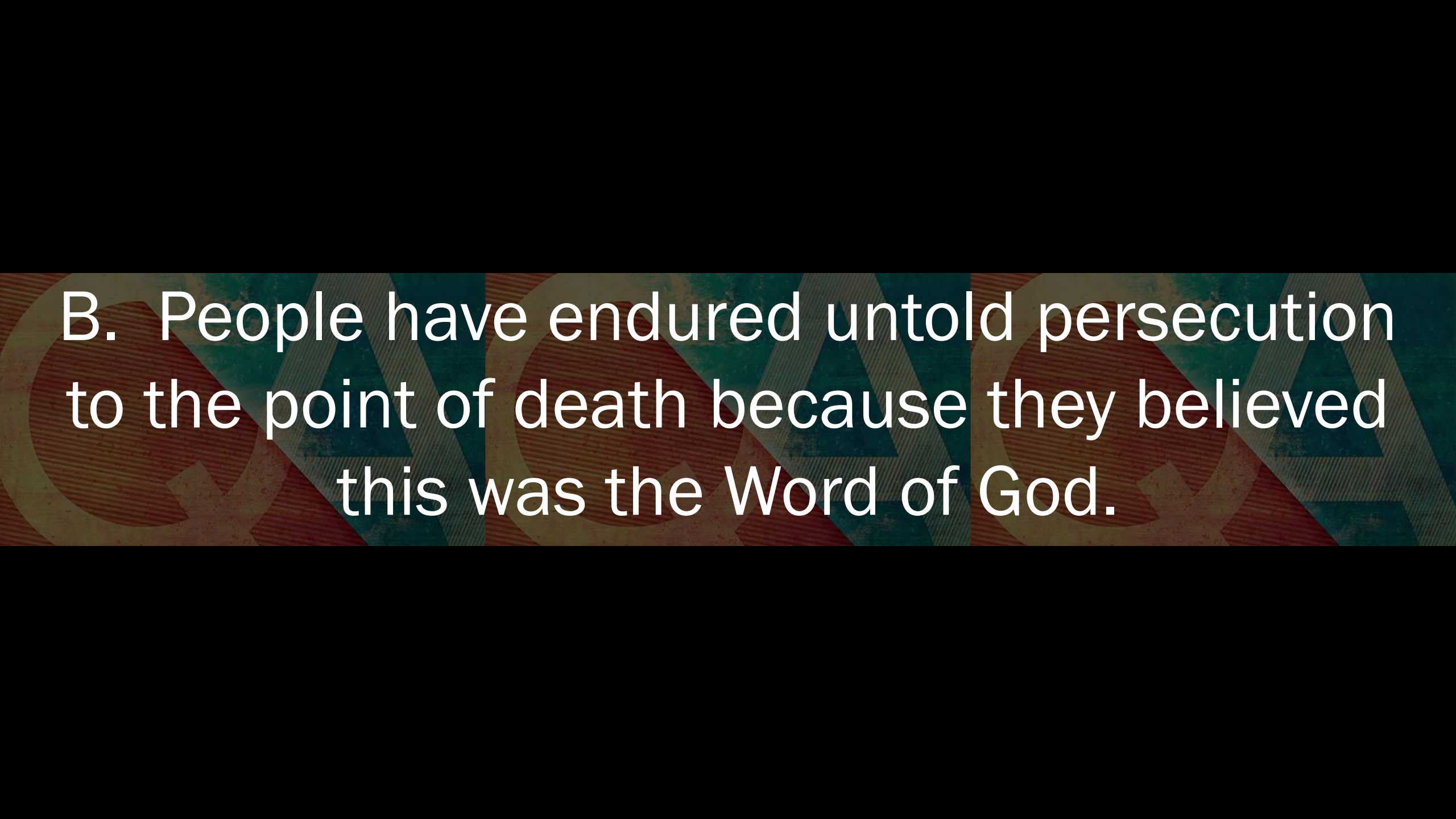


Romans 1:2 “God promised this Good News
long ago through his prophets in the holy
Scriptures.”



2. There are other facts that show the credibility of the Bible as the Word of God.

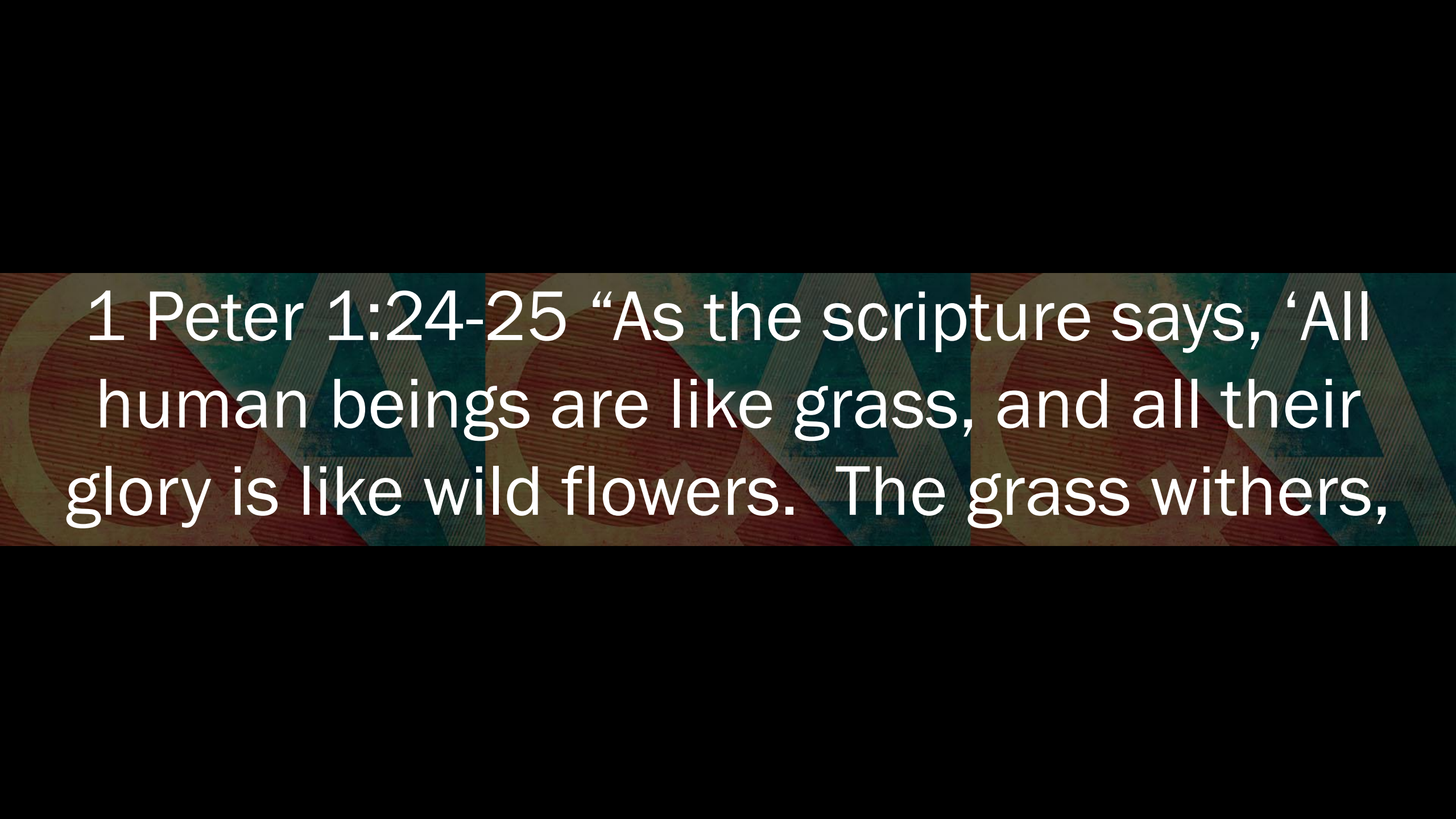
A. Ever since it was written there have been various Jewish and Christian faith communities that have upheld the claim that it came from God.



B. People have endured untold persecution
to the point of death because they believed
this was the Word of God.



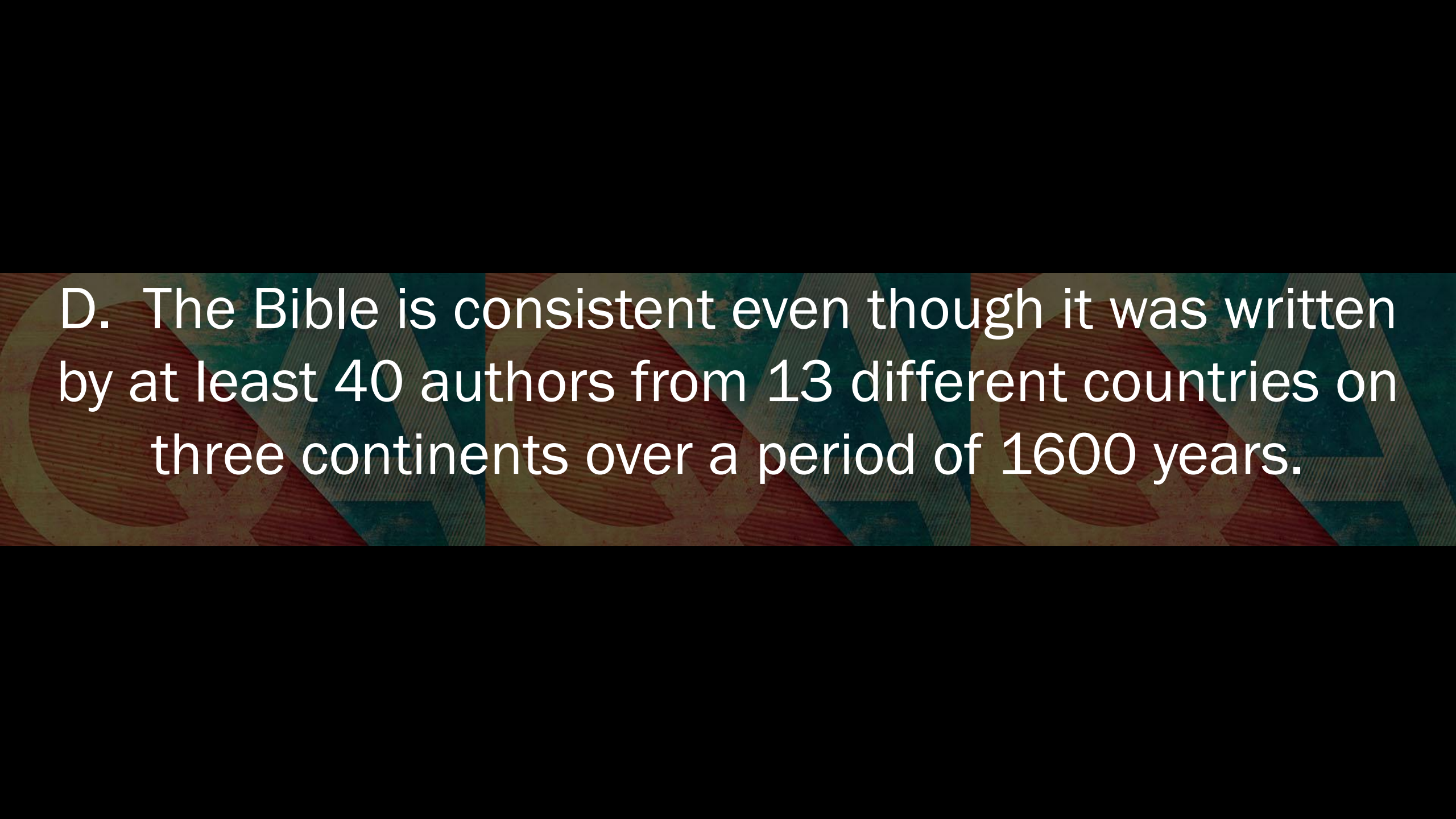
C. Although there have been many critics of the Bible, the Bible still stands today while they have gone away.



1 Peter 1:24-25 “As the scripture says, ‘All human beings are like grass, and all their glory is like wild flowers. The grass withers,



and the flowers fall, but the Word of
the Lord remains forever.”



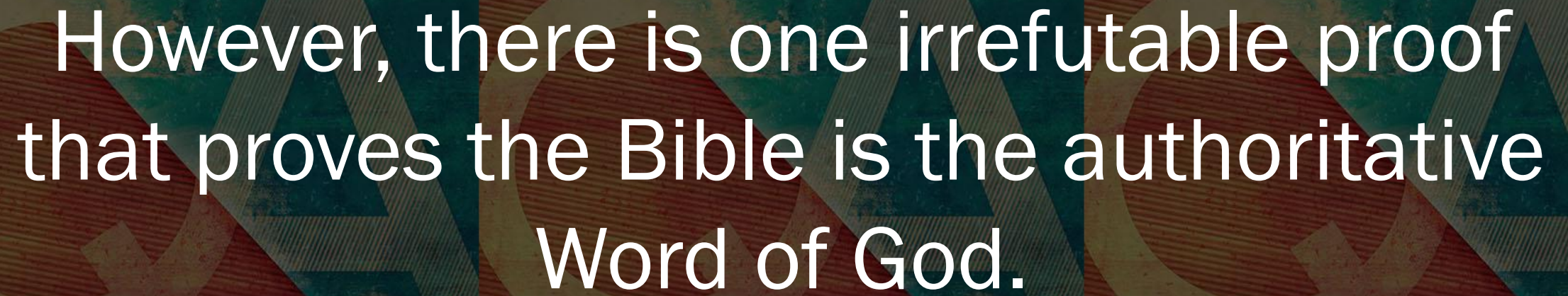
D. The Bible is consistent even though it was written by at least 40 authors from 13 different countries on three continents over a period of 1600 years.



E. The Bible is more documented than any other writing-ever!



Having said all this, these are still
not irrefutable proofs.




However, there is one irrefutable proof
that proves the Bible is the authoritative
Word of God.



The only irrefutable proof is when the
changes the Bible promises that Jesus can
make in a life can be seen in YOU!



3. If these things are true, then what should we do about it?

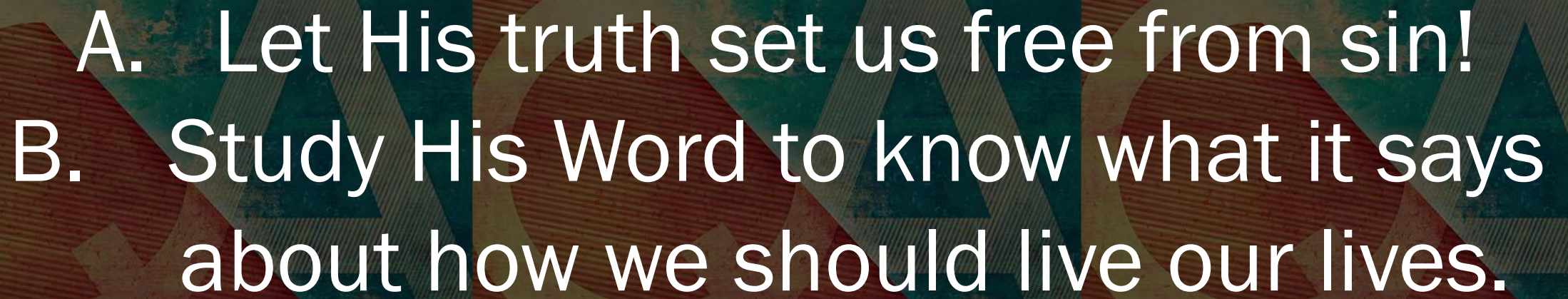


God gave it so we could have a great
relationship with Him.

He also gave us the Bible so we could have access to His thoughts and principles for life to help us make the right decisions in life.




So how does that come about?

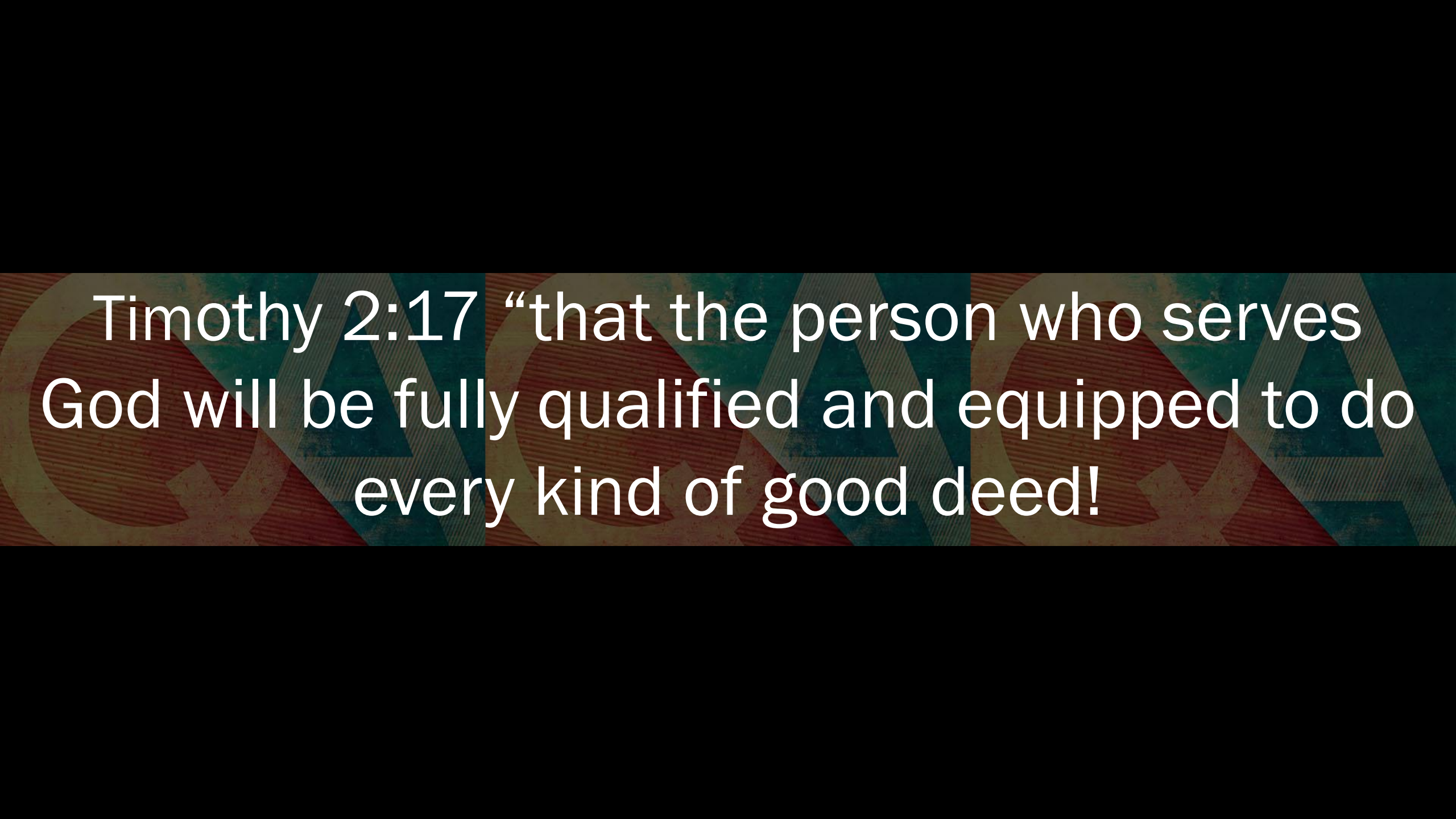
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- A. Let His truth set us free from sin!
 - B. Study His Word to know what it says about how we should live our lives.



C. Rely on the Holy Spirit to illuminate the Scriptures' meaning for your particular life situation.



D. Base every decision in our life on
what the Bible says to do.
E. Speak the truth in love.



Timothy 2:17 “that the person who serves
God will be fully qualified and equipped to do
every kind of good deed!



Let Ridgecrest BE that Irrefutable Proof!