



Saved to be Special

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Special in Three Ways

We are saved to be holy in this world

We are saved to worship God in this world

We are saved to love one another in this world

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“All people are like grass,
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;
the grass withers and the flowers fall,
²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

And this is the word that was preached to you.

**We are Saved to be
Holy in this World**



Isaiah 6:1-5

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. **2** Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. **3** And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

5 “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

Romans 3:23

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,



People do not drift toward Holiness. Apart from grace-driven effort, people do not gravitate toward godliness, prayer, obedience to Scripture, faith, and delight in the Lord.

- D.A. Carson

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In the World, But Not of It

John 15:19 KJV If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.





FAME

MONEY

POWER

SEX

STATUS

MATERIALISM

SELF

SUCCESS

PLEASURE

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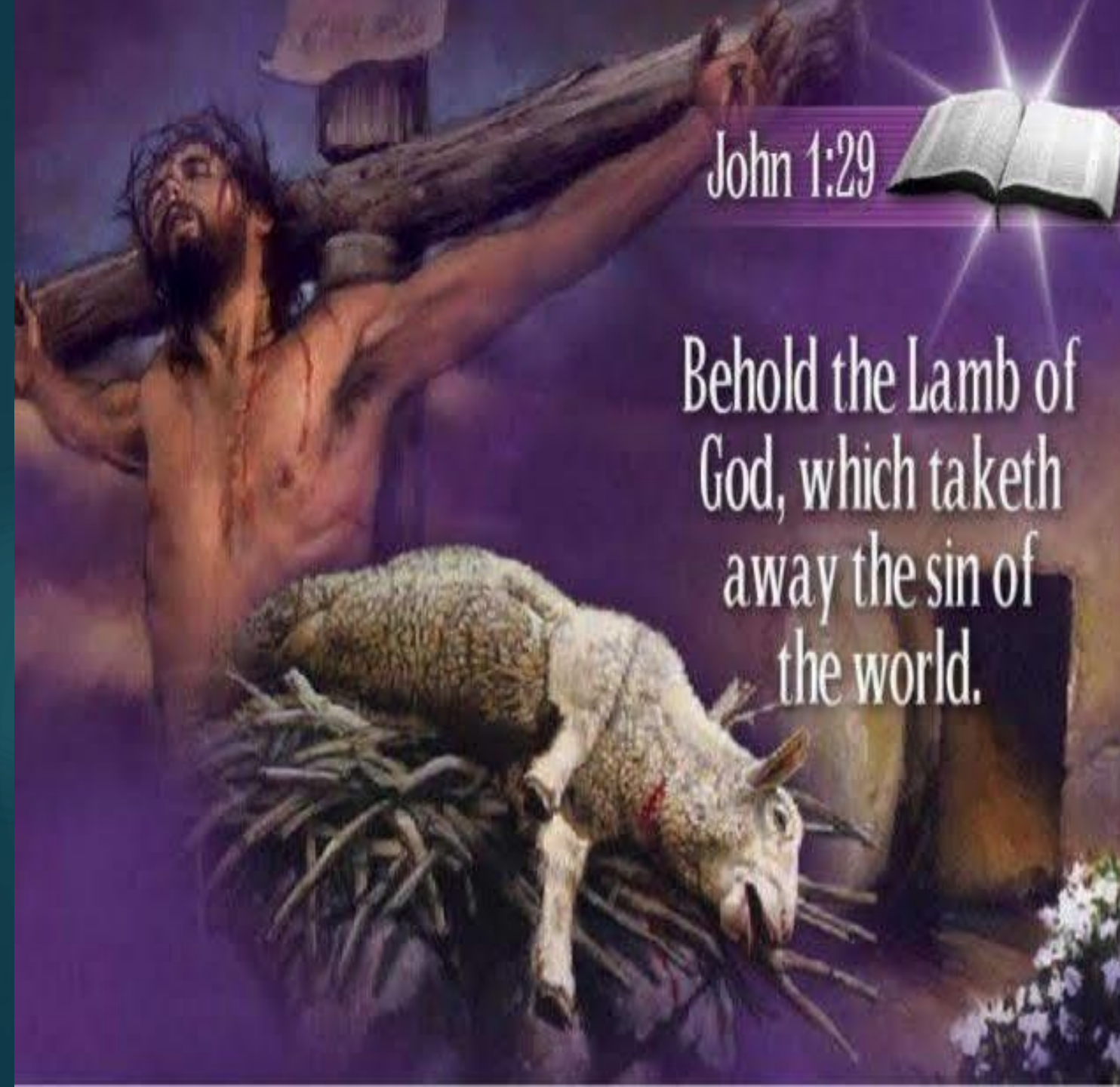
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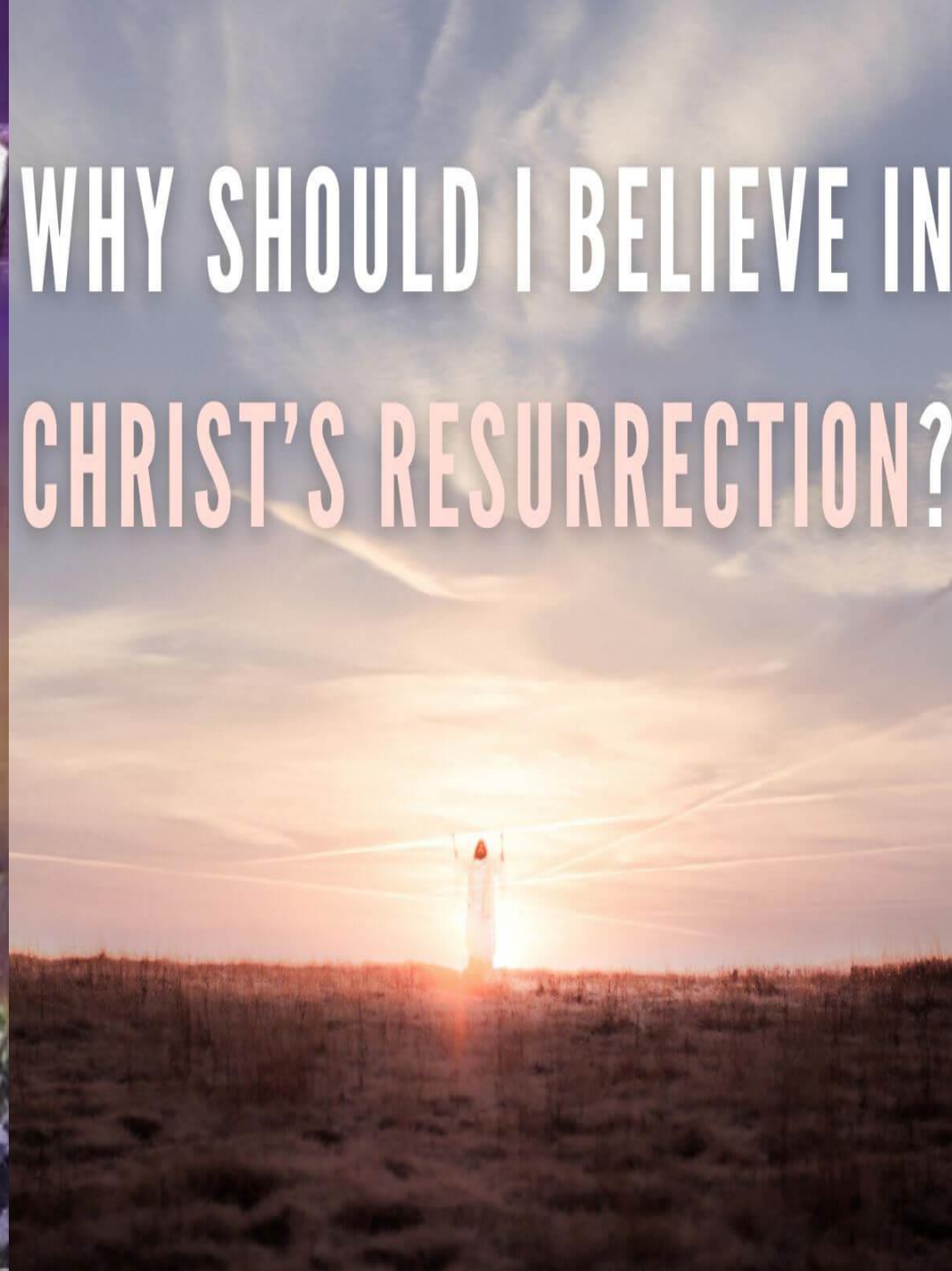




John 1:29

Behold the Lamb of
God, which taketh
away the sin of
the world.

WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE IN
CHRIST'S RESURRECTION?



**We are Saved to
Love One Another in
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True Love *vs* Fake Love

1 True Love is always **open & honest**, even when upset.

2 True Love is **self-sacrificing**.

3 True Love **gives** from the heart.

4 True Love **forgives**.

5 True Love **appreciates** you for who you are.

6 True Love is **romantic intimacy** and lovemaking.

7 True Love tries to **resolve conflict**.

8 True Love **lets go of hurts**.

9 True Love gives you the **freedom**.

10 True Love **listens**.

1 Fake love **plays games**, hides their **feelings**, and tries to manipulate the emotions of others to gain the upper hand.

2 Fake love **only wants what it wants**.

3 Fake love gives because it wants **something in return**.

4 Fake love **seeks vengeance**.

5 Fake love **tries to change** you into their perfect ideal.

6 Fake love is **just sex**.

7 Fake love tries to **prove it is right**.

8 Fake love **harbors resentment**.

9 Fake love is **controlling**.

10 Fake love **only talks**.

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1 John 4:13-21

¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails.

Conclusion



Benediction



24 “““The Lord bless you and keep you;
25 the Lord make his face shine on you and be
gracious to you;
26 the Lord turn his face toward you and give
you peace.””