

The background features a dark, moody color palette of blues and greys. It is decorated with numerous water droplets of various sizes, some in sharp focus and others blurred. A large, out-of-focus green object, possibly a glass or a piece of fruit, is visible in the upper right quadrant. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern.

CHRIST OUR PATTERN

ACTS 20:17-35 (MILETUS)



ACTS 20:17-21

NOW FROM MILETUS HE SENT TO EPHESUS AND CALLED THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH TO COME TO HIM. AND WHEN THEY CAME TO HIM, HE SAID TO THEM: “YOU YOURSELVES KNOW HOW I LIVED AMONG YOU THE WHOLE TIME FROM THE FIRST DAY THAT I SET FOOT IN ASIA, SERVING THE LORD WITH ALL HUMILITY AND WITH TEARS AND WITH TRIALS THAT HAPPENED TO ME THROUGH THE PLOTS OF THE JEWS; HOW I DID NOT SHRINK FROM DECLARING TO YOU ANYTHING THAT WAS PROFITABLE, AND TEACHING YOU IN PUBLIC AND FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE, TESTIFYING BOTH TO JEWS AND TO GREEKS OF REPENTANCE TOWARD GOD AND OF FAITH IN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.



ACTS 20:22-25

AND NOW, BEHOLD, I AM GOING TO JERUSALEM, CONSTRAINED BY THE SPIRIT, NOT KNOWING WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME THERE, EXCEPT THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT TESTIFIES TO ME IN EVERY CITY THAT IMPRISONMENT AND AFFLICTIONS AWAIT ME. BUT I DO NOT ACCOUNT MY LIFE OF ANY VALUE NOR AS PRECIOUS TO MYSELF, IF ONLY I MAY FINISH MY COURSE AND THE MINISTRY THAT I RECEIVED FROM THE LORD JESUS, TO TESTIFY TO THE GOSPEL OF THE GRACE OF GOD. AND NOW, BEHOLD, I KNOW THAT NONE OF YOU AMONG WHOM I HAVE GONE ABOUT PROCLAIMING THE KINGDOM WILL SEE MY FACE AGAIN.



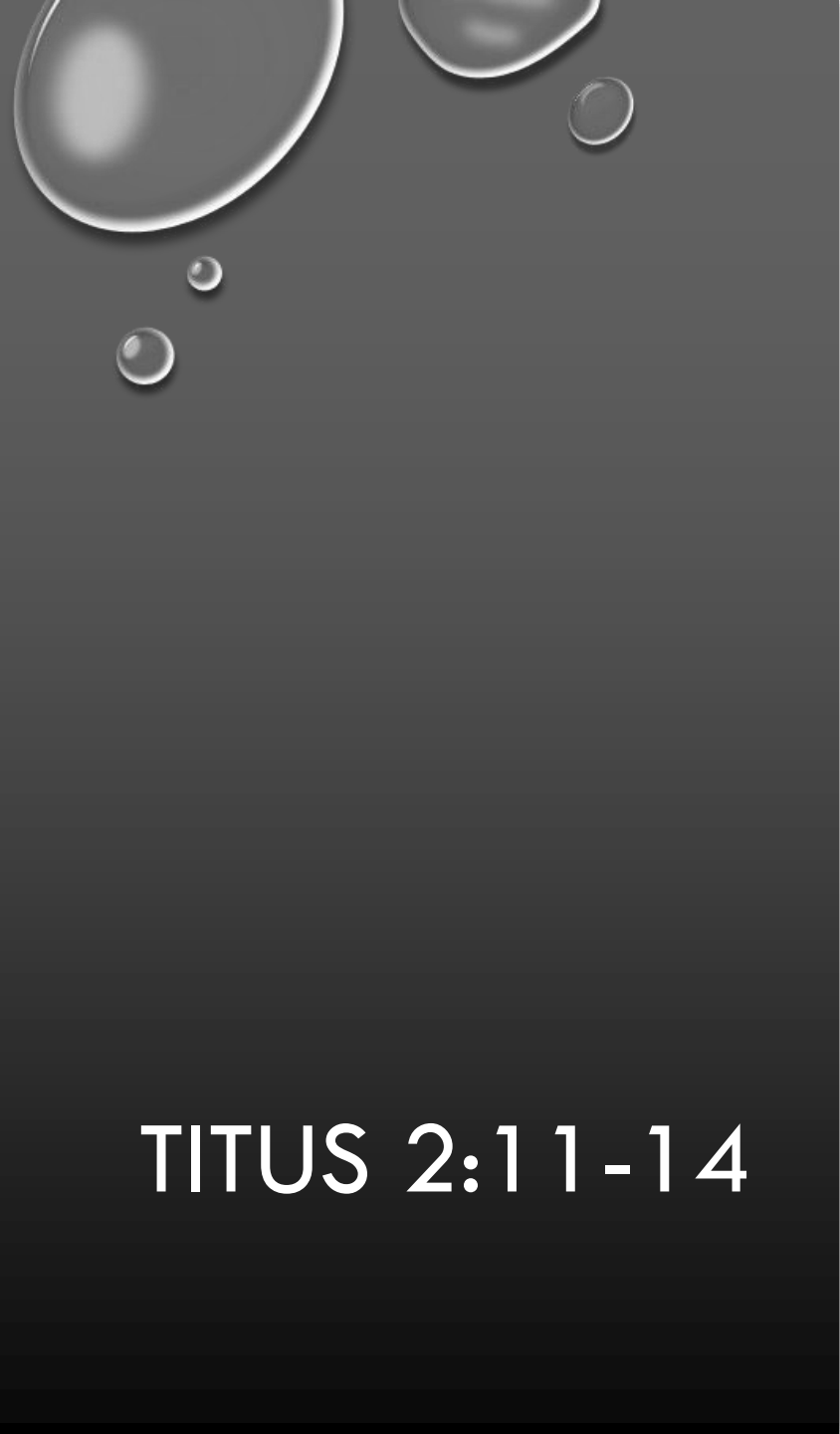
ACTS 20:26-30

THEREFORE I TESTIFY TO YOU THIS DAY THAT I AM INNOCENT OF THE BLOOD OF ALL, FOR I DID NOT SHRINK FROM DECLARING TO YOU THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD. PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO YOURSELVES AND TO ALL THE FLOCK, IN WHICH THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS MADE YOU OVERSEERS, TO CARE FOR THE CHURCH OF GOD, WHICH HE OBTAINED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD. I KNOW THAT AFTER MY DEPARTURE FIERCE WOLVES WILL COME IN AMONG YOU, NOT SPARING THE FLOCK; AND FROM AMONG YOUR OWN SELVES WILL ARISE MEN SPEAKING TWISTED THINGS, TO DRAW AWAY THE DISCIPLES AFTER THEM.



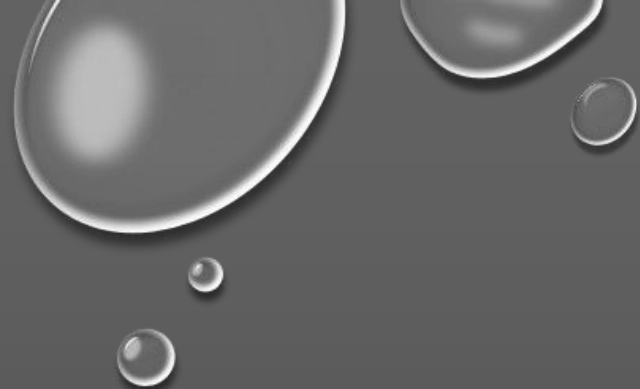
ACTS 20:31-35

THEREFORE BE ALERT, REMEMBERING THAT FOR THREE YEARS I DID NOT CEASE NIGHT OR DAY TO ADMONISH EVERY ONE WITH TEARS. AND NOW I COMMEND YOU TO GOD AND TO THE WORD OF HIS GRACE, WHICH IS ABLE TO BUILD YOU UP AND TO GIVE YOU THE INHERITANCE AMONG ALL THOSE WHO ARE SANCTIFIED. I COVETED NO ONE'S SILVER OR GOLD OR APPAREL. YOU YOURSELVES KNOW THAT THESE HANDS MINISTERED TO MY NECESSITIES AND TO THOSE WHO WERE WITH ME. IN ALL THINGS I HAVE SHOWN YOU THAT BY WORKING HARD IN THIS WAY WE MUST HELP THE WEAK AND REMEMBER THE WORDS OF THE LORD JESUS, HOW HE HIMSELF SAID, 'IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.'"



**FOR THE GRACE OF GOD HAS APPEARED,
BRINGING SALVATION FOR ALL
PEOPLE, TRAINING US TO RENOUNCE
UNGODLINESS AND WORLDLY PASSIONS, AND TO
LIVE SELF-CONTROLLED, UPRIGHT, AND GODLY
LIVES IN THE PRESENT AGE, WAITING FOR OUR
BLESSED HOPE, THE APPEARING OF THE GLORY OF
OUR GREAT GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS
CHRIST, 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.**

TITUS 2:11-14



1 COR 4:3-4, 16

BUT WITH ME IT IS A VERY SMALL THING THAT I SHOULD BE JUDGED BY YOU OR BY ANY HUMAN COURT. IN FACT, I DO NOT EVEN JUDGE MYSELF. FOR I AM NOT AWARE OF ANYTHING AGAINST MYSELF, BUT I AM NOT THEREBY ACQUITTED. IT IS THE LORD WHO JUDGES ME.

I URGE YOU, THEN, BE IMITATORS OF ME.

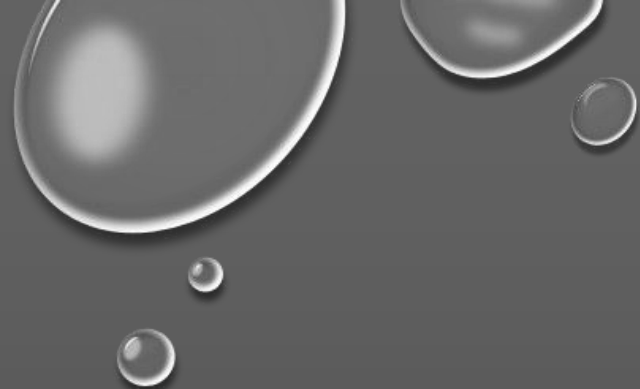


**ROM 1:1
TITUS 2:7-8**

**PAUL, A SERVANT OF CHRIST JESUS, CALLED TO BE
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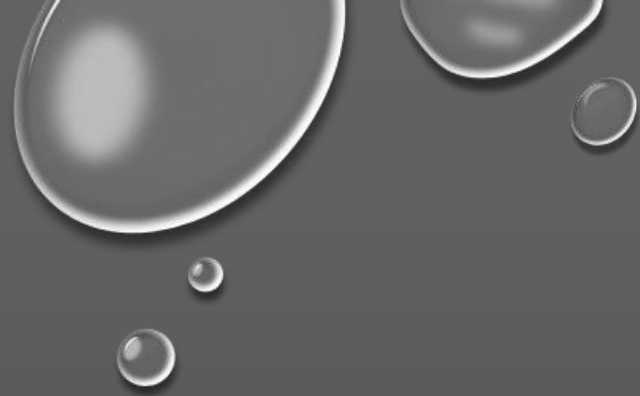
**SHOW YOURSELF IN ALL RESPECTS TO BE A MODEL
OF GOOD WORKS, AND IN YOUR TEACHING
SHOW INTEGRITY, DIGNITY,**

**AND SOUND SPEECH THAT CANNOT BE
CONDEMNED, SO THAT AN OPPONENT MAY BE
PUT TO SHAME, HAVING NOTHING EVIL TO SAY
ABOUT US.**



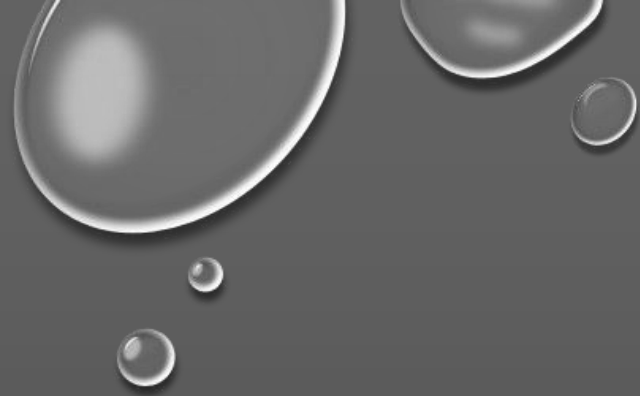
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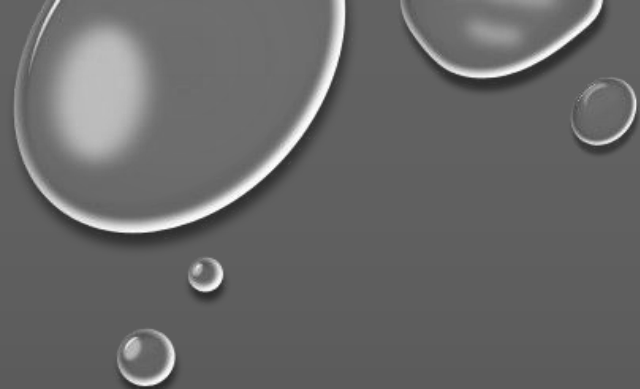
FOR WE DO NOT WRESTLE AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD, BUT AGAINST THE RULERS, AGAINST THE AUTHORITIES, AGAINST THE COSMIC POWERS OVER THIS PRESENT DARKNESS, AGAINST THE SPIRITUAL FORCES OF EVIL IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES.

EPH 6:12



**TO THE PURE, ALL THINGS ARE PURE, BUT TO THE
DEFILED AND UNBELIEVING, NOTHING IS PURE;
BUT BOTH THEIR MINDS AND THEIR CONSCIENCES
ARE DEFILED. THEY PROFESS TO KNOW GOD, BUT
THEY DENY HIM BY THEIR WORKS. THEY ARE
DETESTABLE, DISOBEDIENT, UNFIT FOR ANY GOOD
WORK.**

TITUS 1:15-16



REV 2:1-2

**“TO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH IN EPHESUS
WRITE: ‘THE WORDS OF HIM WHO HOLDS THE
SEVEN STARS IN HIS RIGHT HAND, WHO WALKS
AMONG THE SEVEN GOLDEN LAMPSTANDS. ““I
KNOW YOUR WORKS, YOUR TOIL AND YOUR
PATIENT ENDURANCE, AND HOW YOU CANNOT
BEAR WITH THOSE WHO ARE EVIL, BUT HAVE
TESTED THOSE WHO CALL THEMSELVES APOSTLES
AND ARE NOT, AND FOUND THEM TO BE FALSE.**