

July 16, 2017

That I May Know

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(Part 5b)

Luke 4:18-19 (NKJV)

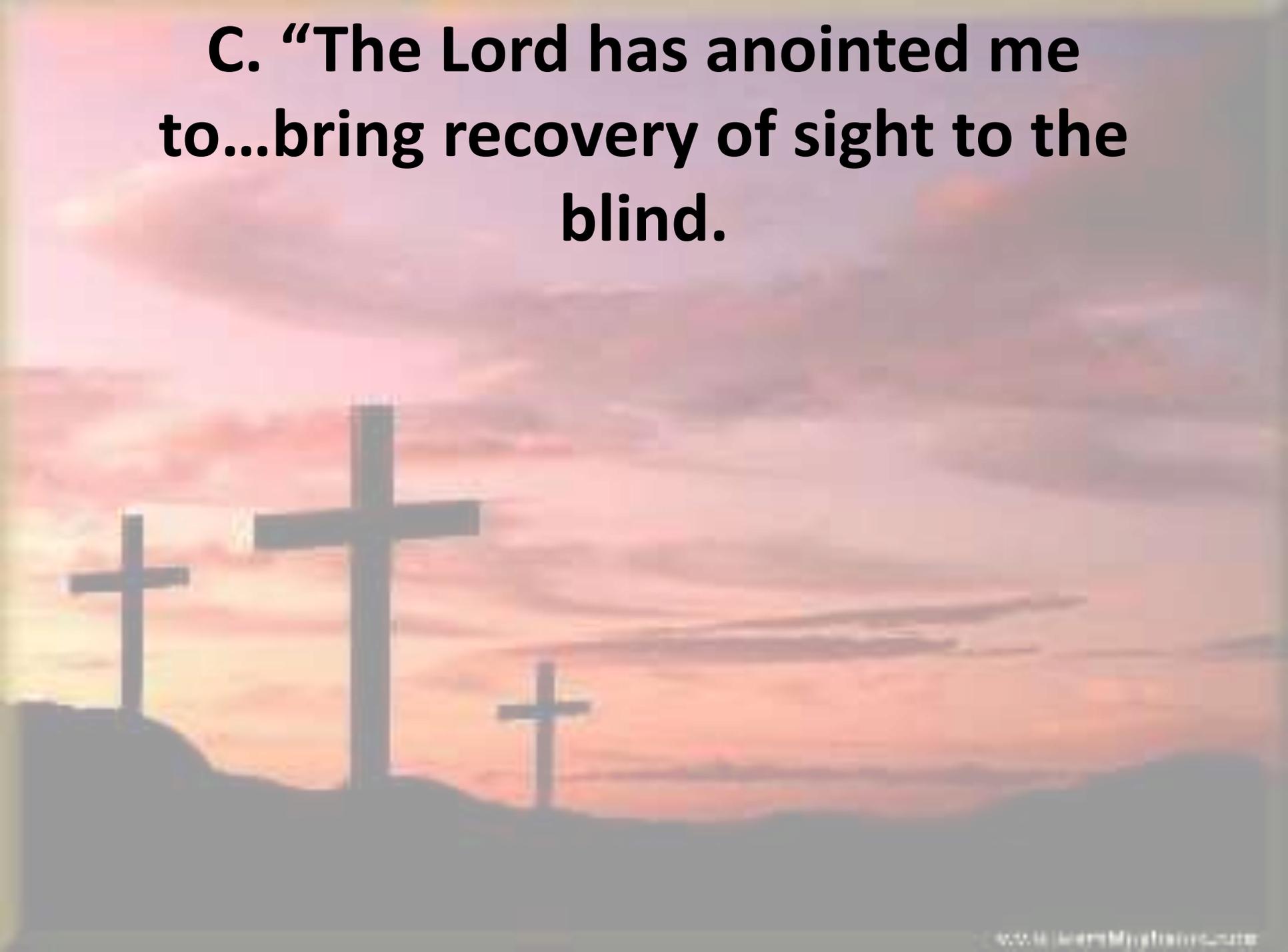
18 "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;

19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

Jesus was anointed and appointed to:

- A. Preach the gospel to the poor**
- B. Heal the broken hearted.**
- C. Bring Recovery of sight to the blind.**
- D. Set captives free.**
- E. To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.**

**C. “The Lord has anointed me
to...bring recovery of sight to the
blind.**



1. People who don't know Christ are spiritually blind

- a. Religion can blind a person**
- b. Sin blinds a person**

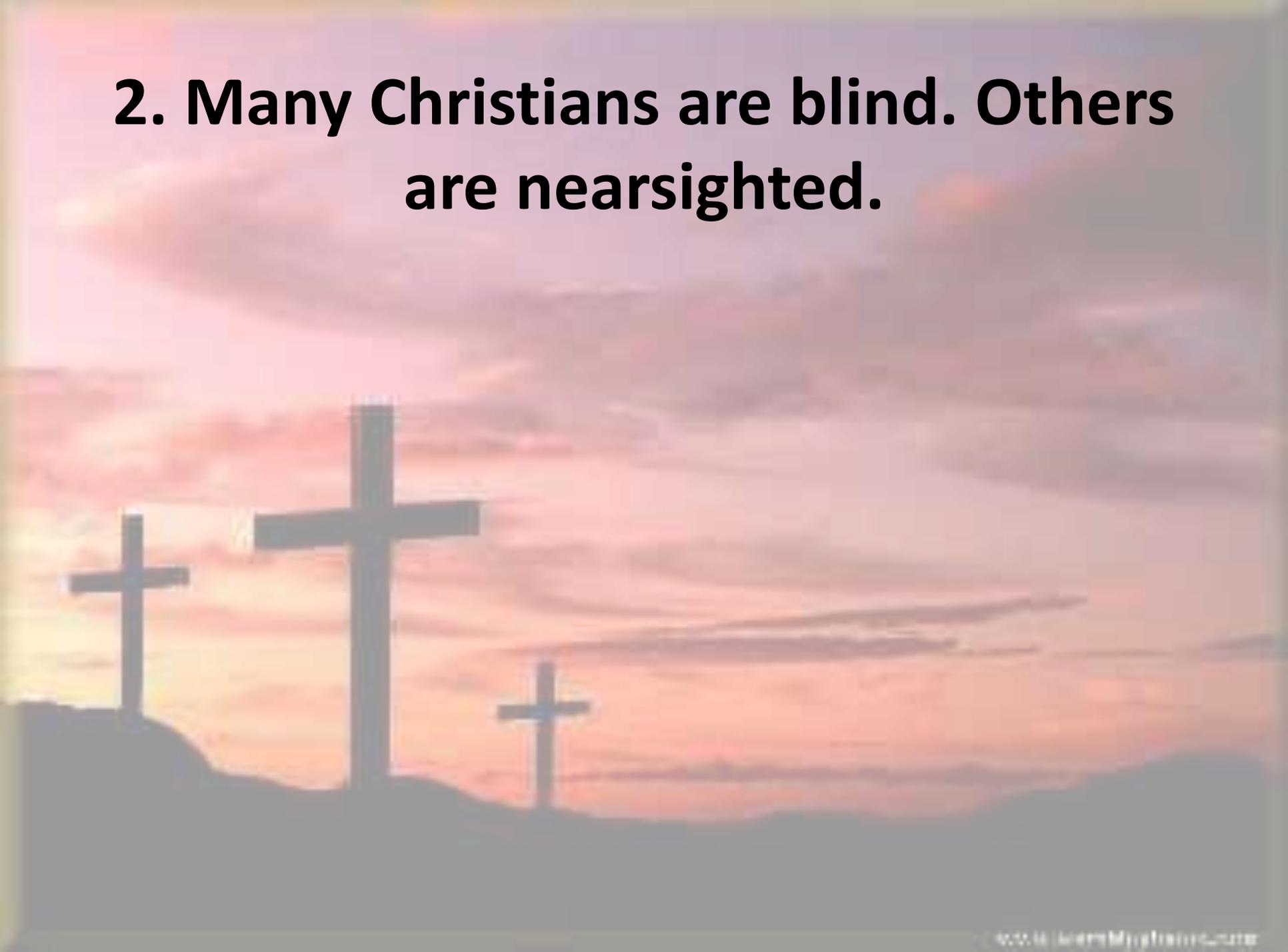


Acts 26:17-18 (NKJV)

17 I will deliver you from the *Jewish* people, as well as *from* the Gentiles, to whom I now send you,

18 to open their eyes, *in order* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'

2. Many Christians are blind. Others are nearsighted.



Revelation 3:14-18 (NKJV)

14 "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write...

17 Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'--and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked--

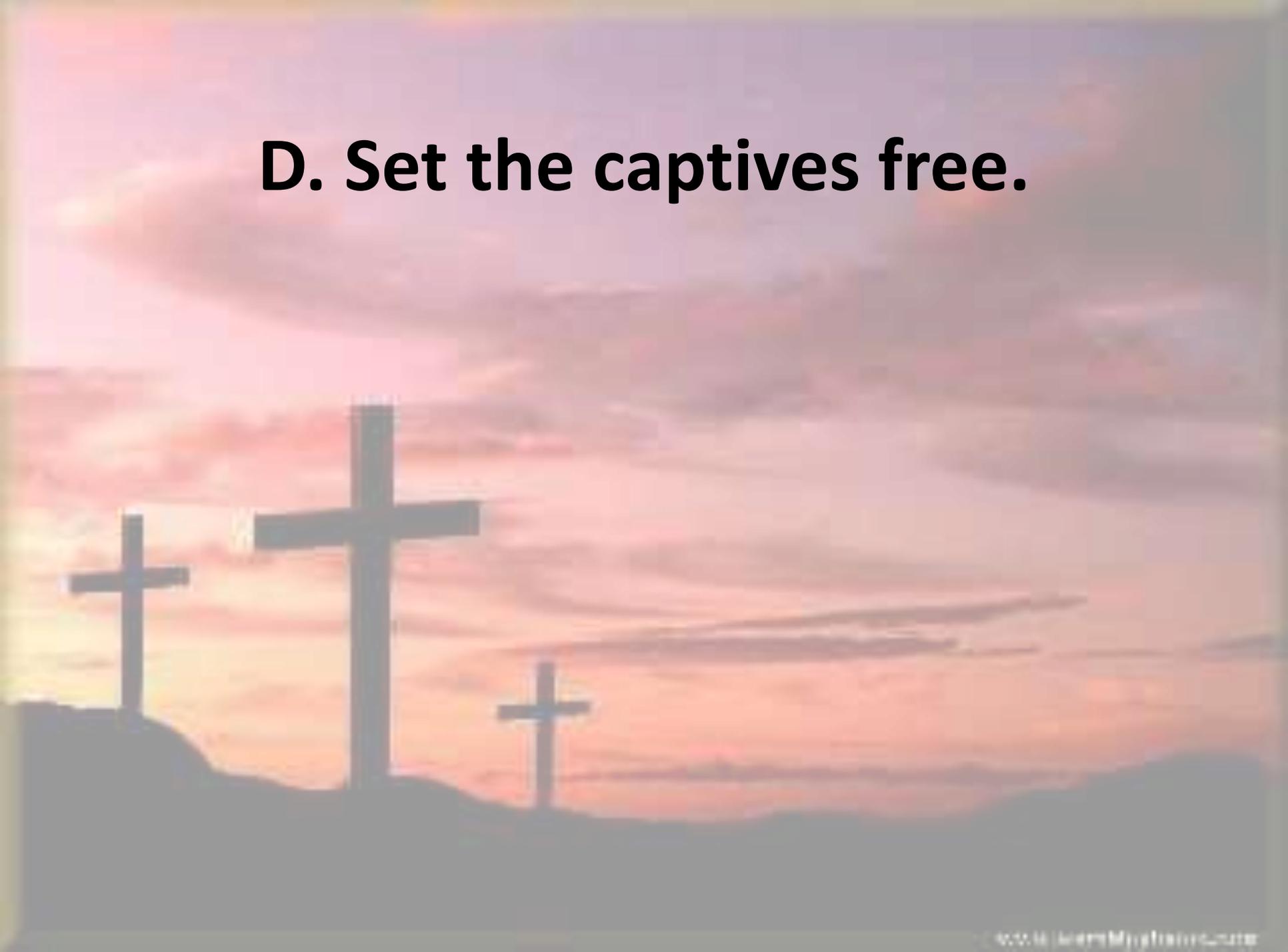
18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see...

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- The background of the slide is a photograph of three crosses on a hill. The crosses are silhouetted against a sky with soft, pinkish-orange clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The largest cross is in the center, flanked by two smaller crosses. The overall mood is contemplative and somber.
- a. Riches can blind us**
 - b. Confusion blinds us**

Psalm 19:8 (NIV)

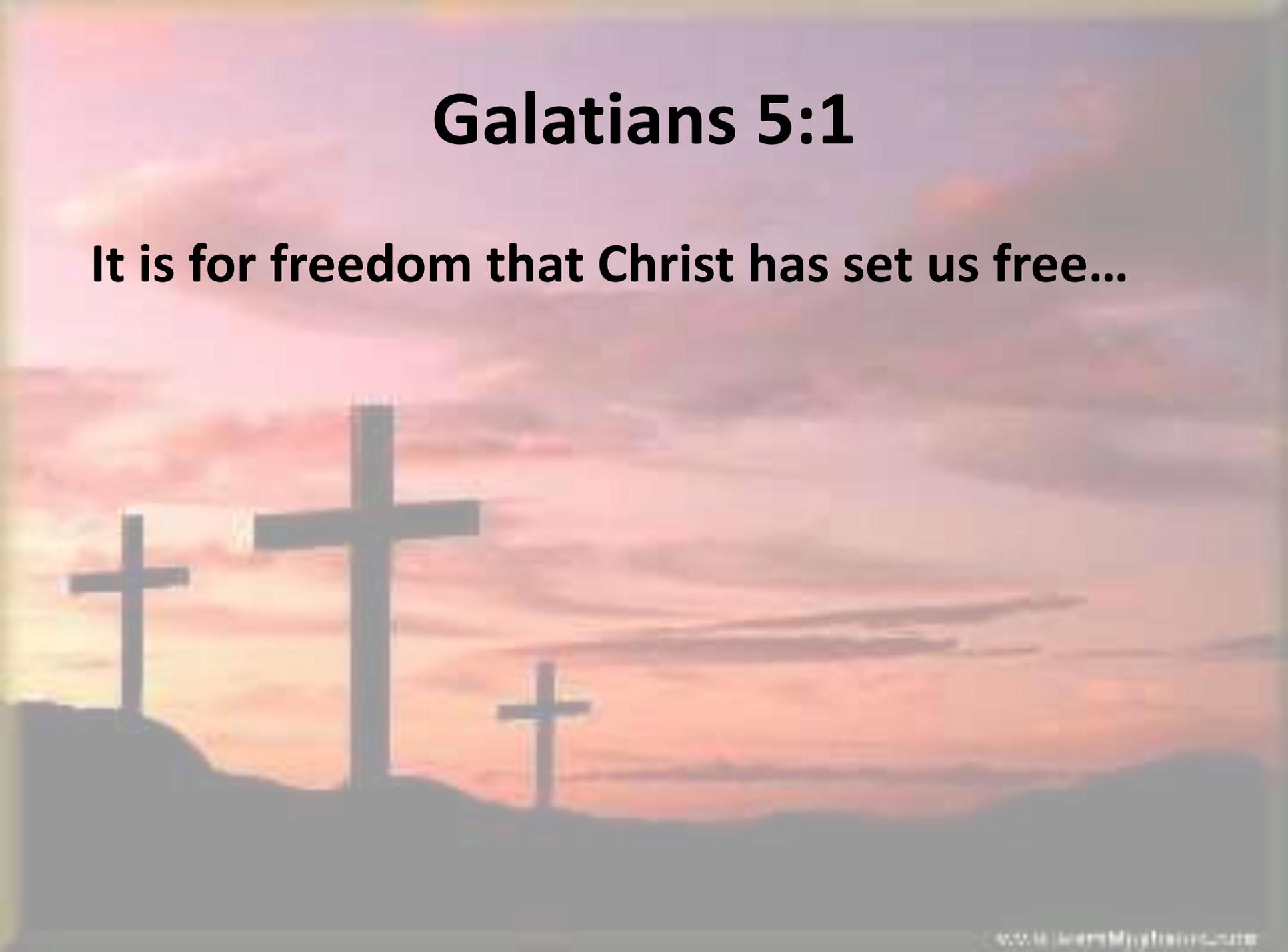
⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

D. Set the captives free.



Galatians 5:1

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free...



Some Christians are captive to thoughts of the past.

Ways to overcome:

- 1. The power of the Word, Praise and Prayer**
- 2. Command the accuser to leave**

**E. To proclaim the acceptable year of
the Lord.**

“To proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

