

A person in a dark suit stands on a dark, sandy surface, looking up at the Earth from space. The Earth is a large, curved blue and white sphere dominating the upper half of the frame. The person's shadow is cast on the ground.

Missio Dei

What's Your Mission?

Year One

Survive

Year Two

Community

Year Three

Mission



Missio Dei

Missio Dei is a Latin theological term that can be translated as "Mission of God"

The church and the mission of the church are not our inventions, therefore, we simply confess that we join God in what He is doing.

Missio Dei

As the church finds itself in a **new position** in society, she will need to examine her **self-identity**. If the church is to survive in a postmodern culture it is necessary that she **recover her missionary identity**.



Missional

A proper understanding of missional begins with recovering a **missionary understanding of God**. By his very nature God is a "sent one" who takes the initiative to redeem his creation.

Missional represents a significant shift in the way we think about the church. As the people of a **missionary God**, we ought to engage the world the same way he does—**by going out rather than just reaching out**. When the church is in mission, it is the true church.

Houston We Have a Problem

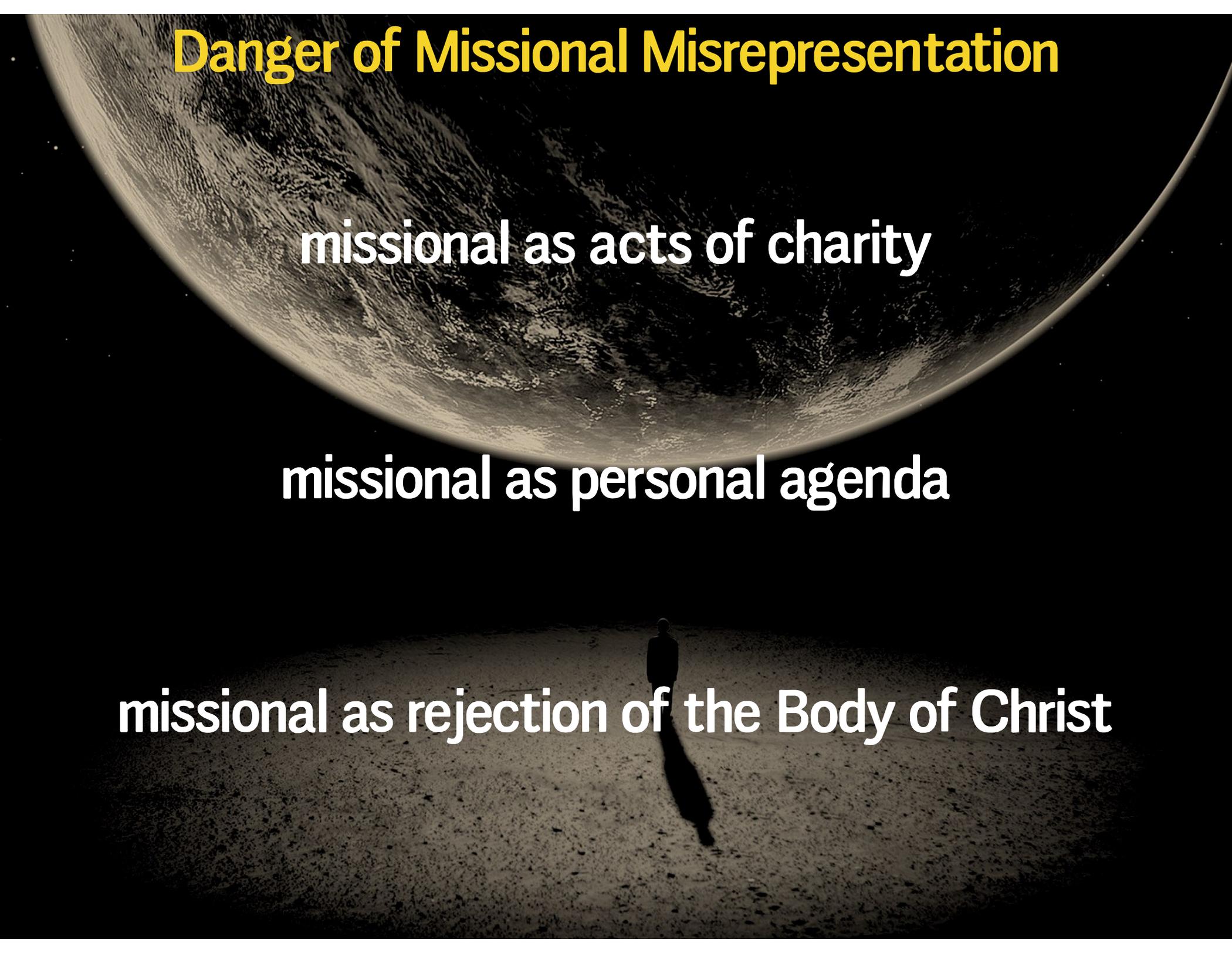
The **attractional church** seeks to reach out to the culture and draw people into the church. But this practice only works where no **significant cultural shift is required** when moving from outside to inside the church. And as Western culture has become increasingly post-Christian, the attractional church has lost its effectiveness. The West looks more like a **cross-cultural missionary** context in which attractional churches are self-defeating. As a result, people cease to be missional and instead leave that work to the clergy.

Attractional church creates an audience who is passive

The 'Missional Church': A Model for Canadian Churches? David Horrox

“The church should stop **mimicking the surrounding culture** and become an **alternative community**, with a different set of **beliefs, values and behaviours**. Ministers would no longer engage in **marketing**; churches would no longer place primary emphasis on **programs** to serve members. The traditional ways of evaluating ‘successful churches’ – bigger buildings, more people, bigger budgets, larger ministerial staff, new and more programs to serve members – would be rejected. New yardsticks would be the norm: **To what extent is our church a ‘sent’ community in which each believer is reaching out to his community?** To what extent is our church **impacting the community** with a Christian message that challenges the values of our secular society?”

Danger of Missional Misrepresentation

A person stands on a dark, cratered surface, looking up at a large, curved horizon of a celestial body, possibly the moon or a planet. The scene is dimly lit, with the person's shadow cast on the ground.

missional as acts of charity

missional as personal agenda

missional as rejection of the Body of Christ

Missional Balance

Gathered

Scattered

Called

Sent



In and Through

Gods plan for humanity starts with a human (hint, you)

Gods mission starts first with His transformative work in your life and then moves to that transformed life transforming others

Sanctification

The generic meaning of sanctification is "the state of proper functioning." To sanctify someone or something is to **set that person or thing apart for the use intended by its designer**. A pen is "sanctified" when used to write. In the theological sense, things are sanctified when they are used for **the purpose God intends**. A human being is sanctified, therefore, when he or she lives according to God's design and purpose.

Sanctification is God's personal mission in you

Sanctification-The Process

Step 1: We must die to ourselves

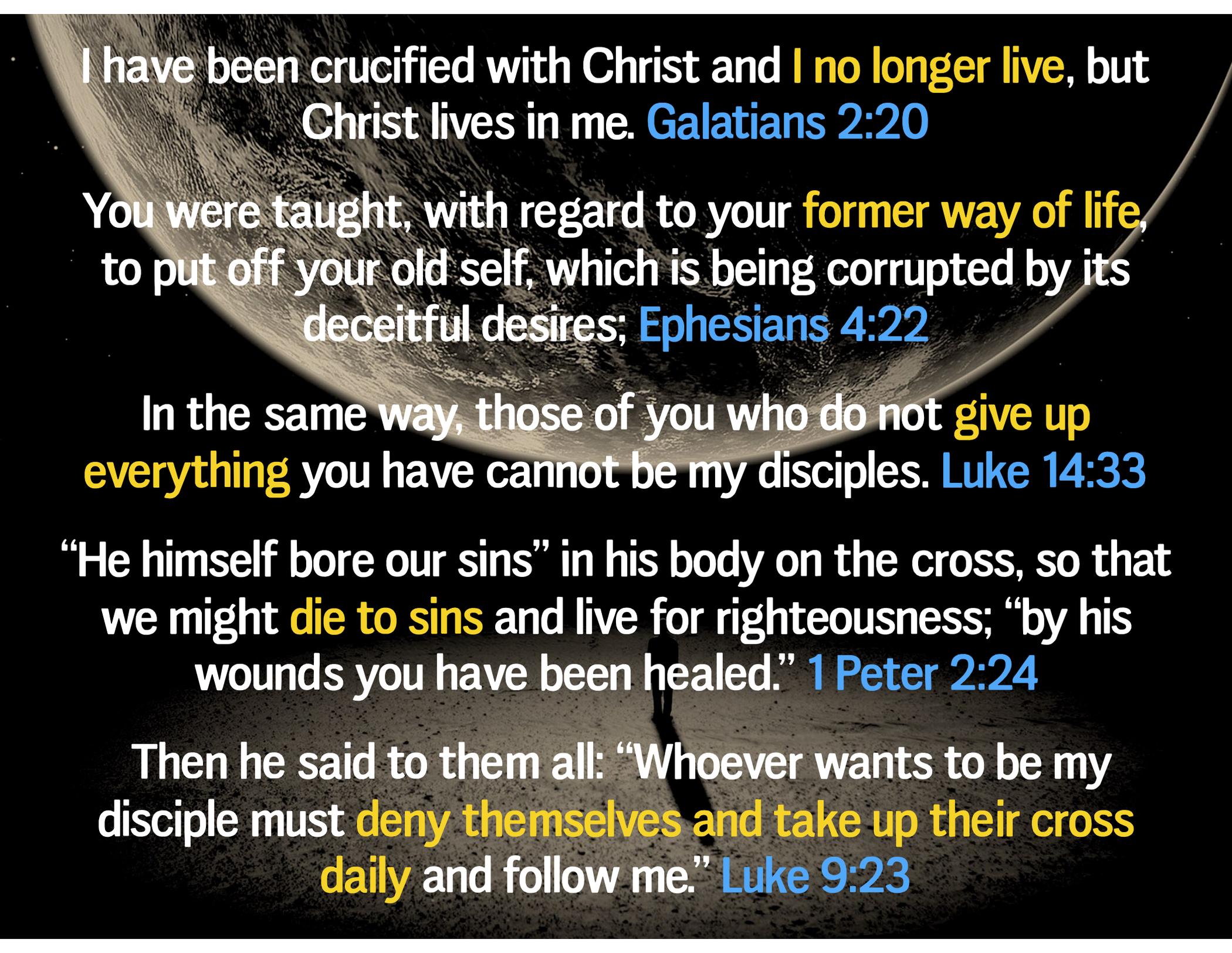
Whatever God will do through you must always be secondary to whatever you will allow Him to do in you

Your mission for Him will be in direct proportion to His work in you

Sanctification-The Process

Step 1: We must die to ourselves

Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. **But if it dies, it produces many seeds.** Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me. **John 12:24-26**



I have been crucified with Christ and **I no longer live**, but Christ lives in me. **Galatians 2:20**

You were taught, with regard to your **former way of life**, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; **Ephesians 4:22**

In the same way, those of you who do not **give up everything** you have cannot be my disciples. **Luke 14:33**

“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might **die to sins** and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” **1 Peter 2:24**

Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must **deny themselves and take up their cross daily** and follow me.” **Luke 9:23**

Sanctification-The Process

Step 2: Set Apart

Both the Hebrew word (qadash) and the Greek word (hagiasmos) for sanctification convey approximately the same meaning—of being “set apart,” “purified,” and/or “concentrated.” The primary idea in sanctification is “to set apart”—a separation from what is sinful and an attachment to what is righteous. Biblical sanctification does not convey the concept of “perfection.” This quality belongs to God alone.

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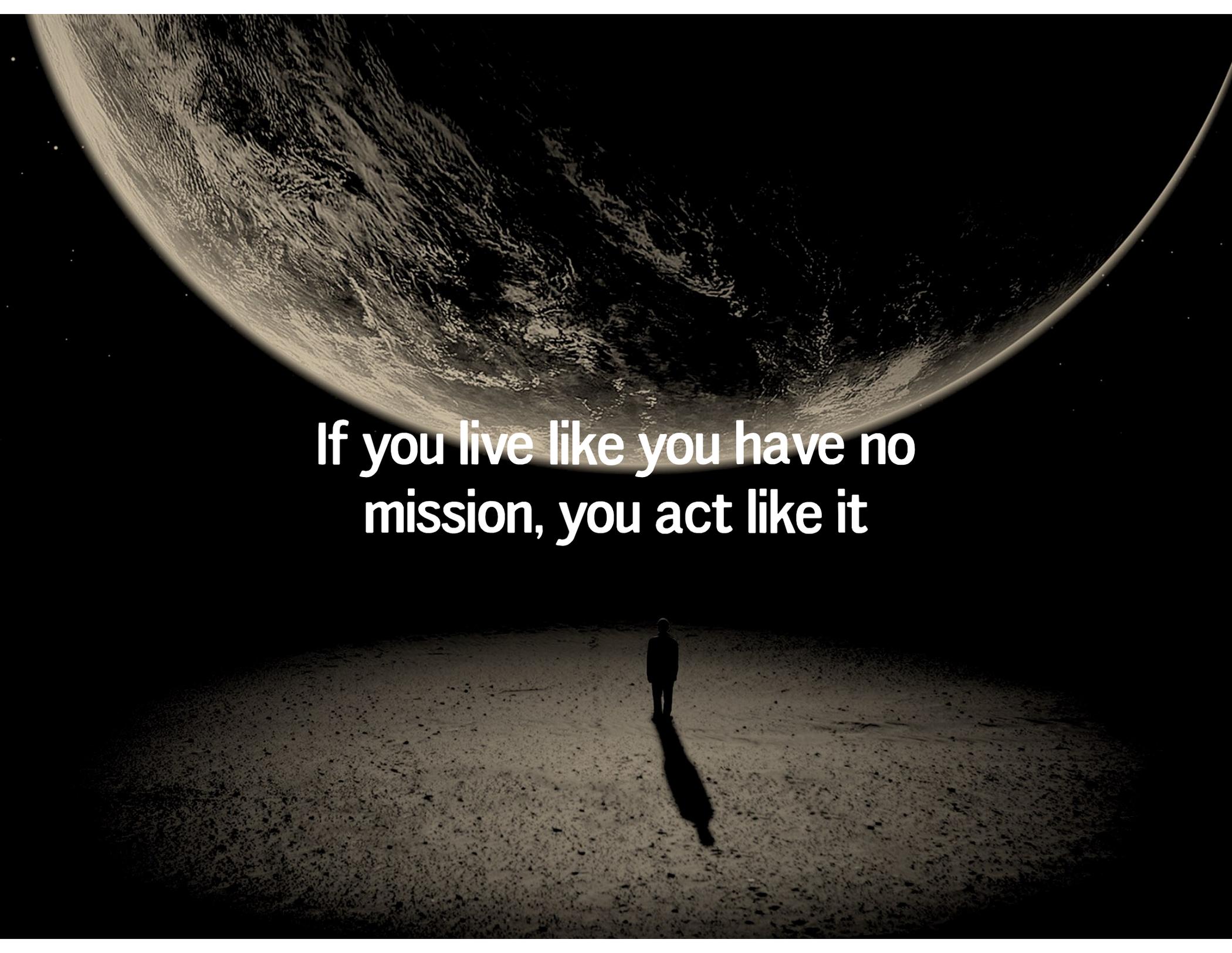
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Once we surrender our lives (die to self) we then offer to God every aspect of our lives (money, relationships, plans) for His plans and His purpose. And from that day till the day we die we are being remade.

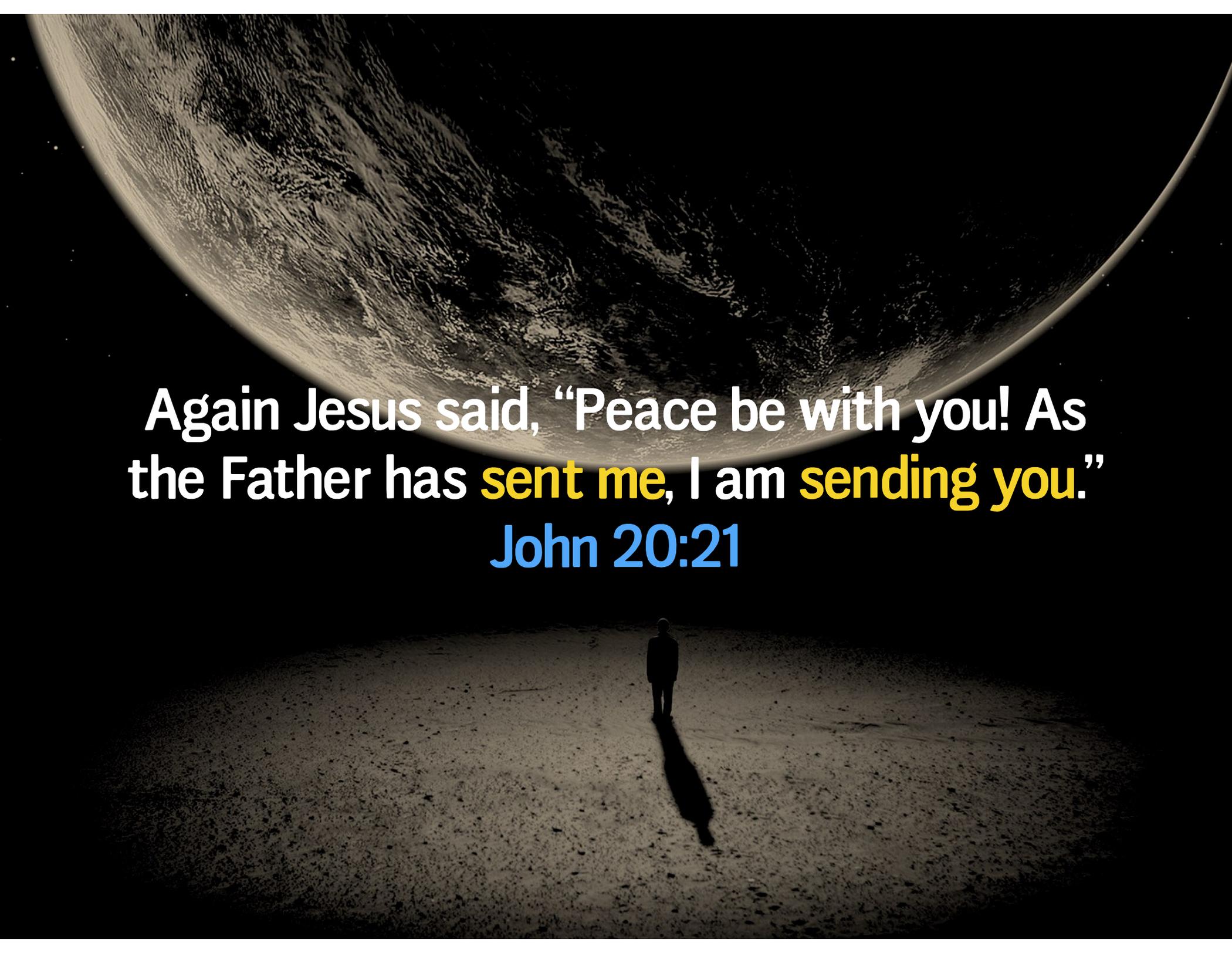
I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. **The life I now live in the body**, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. **Galatians 2:20**

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, **soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ**. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

A black and white photograph of a person standing on the moon's surface, looking up at the Earth. The Earth is a large, curved, textured sphere dominating the upper half of the frame. The person is a small silhouette in the center of the lower half, with a long shadow cast on the lunar surface. The text is centered over the image.

**If you live like you have no
mission, you act like it**

A person stands on a dark, cratered lunar surface, looking up at the Earth in the background. The Earth is a large, bright, curved shape in the upper half of the frame, showing clouds and continents. The person is a small silhouette in the lower center, casting a long shadow on the ground. The overall scene is dark and atmospheric, emphasizing the vastness of space and the isolation of the moon.

Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has **sent me**, I am **sending you.**”

John 20:21