

A photograph of three rusty nails lying on a light-colored, textured surface. The nails are arranged in a slightly overlapping, diagonal pattern. The text "Nailed It!" is overlaid in white, sans-serif font across the middle of the nails. Below it, the text "John 20:24-29" is also overlaid in the same font. The background is a plain, light-colored surface with some minor dust or debris.

“Nailed It!”

John 20:24-29

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- “Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples therefore said to him, We have seen the Lord. So he said to them, Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe. 26 And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace to you! 27 Then He said to Thomas, Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing. 28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, My Lord and my God! 29 Jesus said to him, Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Those Nails Fastened Other Things In The Faith:

- They nailed down the faithfulness of God for our faith
- They nailed shut the door of Judaism
- They nailed together Christ and His Church
- They nailed together the blood Jesus and the waters of baptism
- They nailed shut all other ways
- They nailed down the love of God for our comfort

They Nailed Down The Faithfulness Of God

- The scriptures address the absolute power and trustworthiness of God; but, the cross nailed the principle solidly in our understanding
 - 2Cor. 1:20 - “Who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us”
 - Rom. 4:21 - “And being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform”

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- Eph. 3:20 - “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us”
- Phil. 3:21 - “Who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.”
- Heb. 11:11 - “By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.”

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- Heb. 6:17-18 - “Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, 18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.”
- Titus 1:2 - “In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began”
- The nails that fastened Jesus to the cross nailed the faithfulness of God forever in the sight of all men. God’s faithfulness has never been in question; it is our conviction in His faithfulness that varies

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- Since it is true that God will carry out all of His promises, it must be understood that He will also keep the promises to punish those who reject the Gospel of His Son
 - Heb. 10:29 - “Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?”

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- John 3:16-18 - “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

They Nailed Shut The Door Of The Old Law

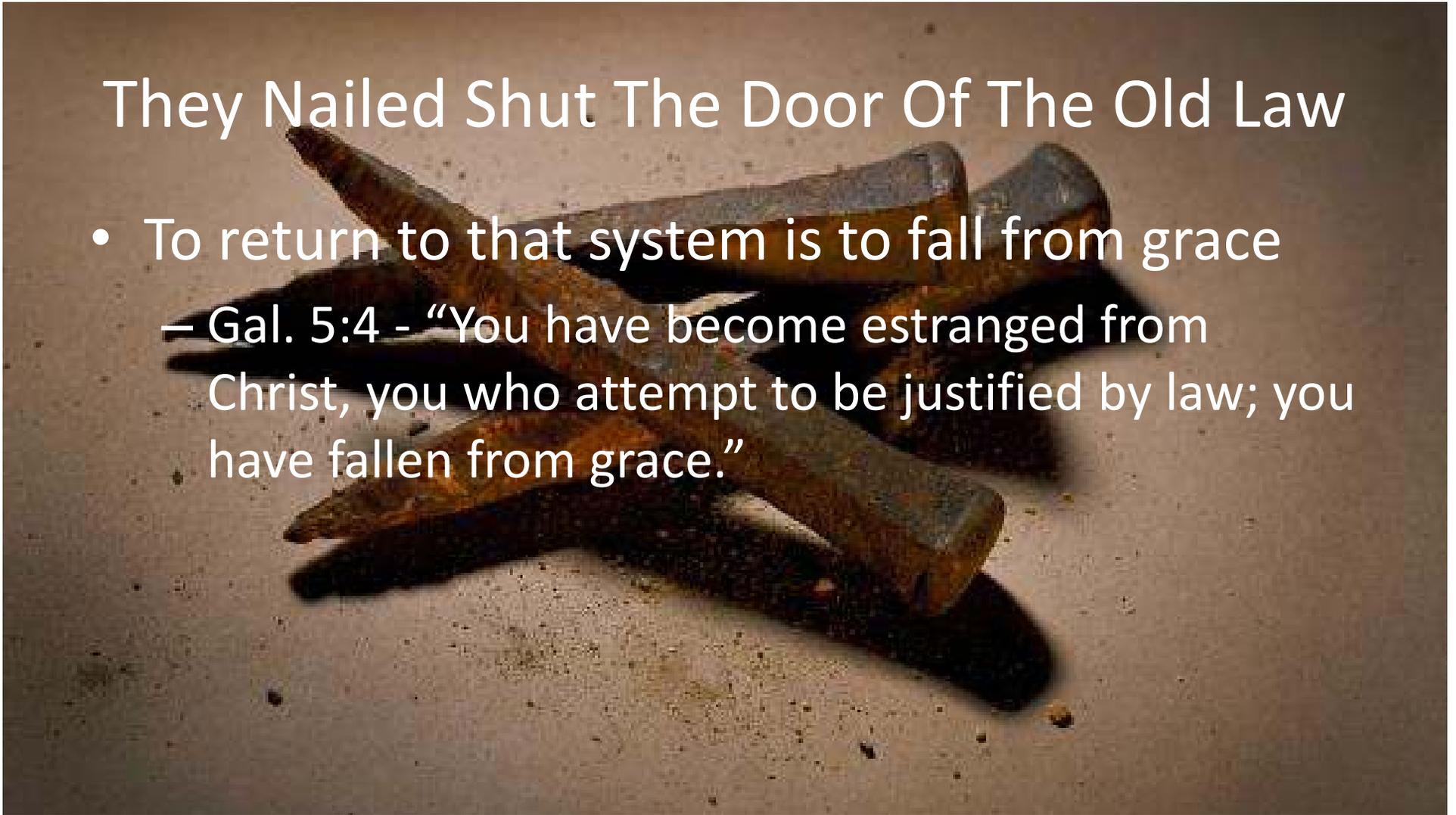
- We are no longer under the Old Law
 - Col. 2:14 - “Having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.”
 - Heb. 9:15 - “And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.”

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- It was always designed to be a temporary teacher
 - Gal. 3:19-25 - “What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator. 20 Now a mediator does not mediate for one only, but God is one. 21 Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law. 22 But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. 23 But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. 24 Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.”

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- To return to that system is to fall from grace
 - Gal. 5:4 - “You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.”



They Nailed Together Christ And His Church

- The nails were driven in His flesh to purchase the church
 - Acts 20:28 - “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.”
 - Eph. 5:25 - “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her”

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- The church and Christ cannot be separated; they are inextricably bound to one another so as to become the model after which marriage is to be patterned
 - Eph. 5:31-32 - “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.”

They Nailed Together The Blood Of Jesus And The Waters Of Baptism

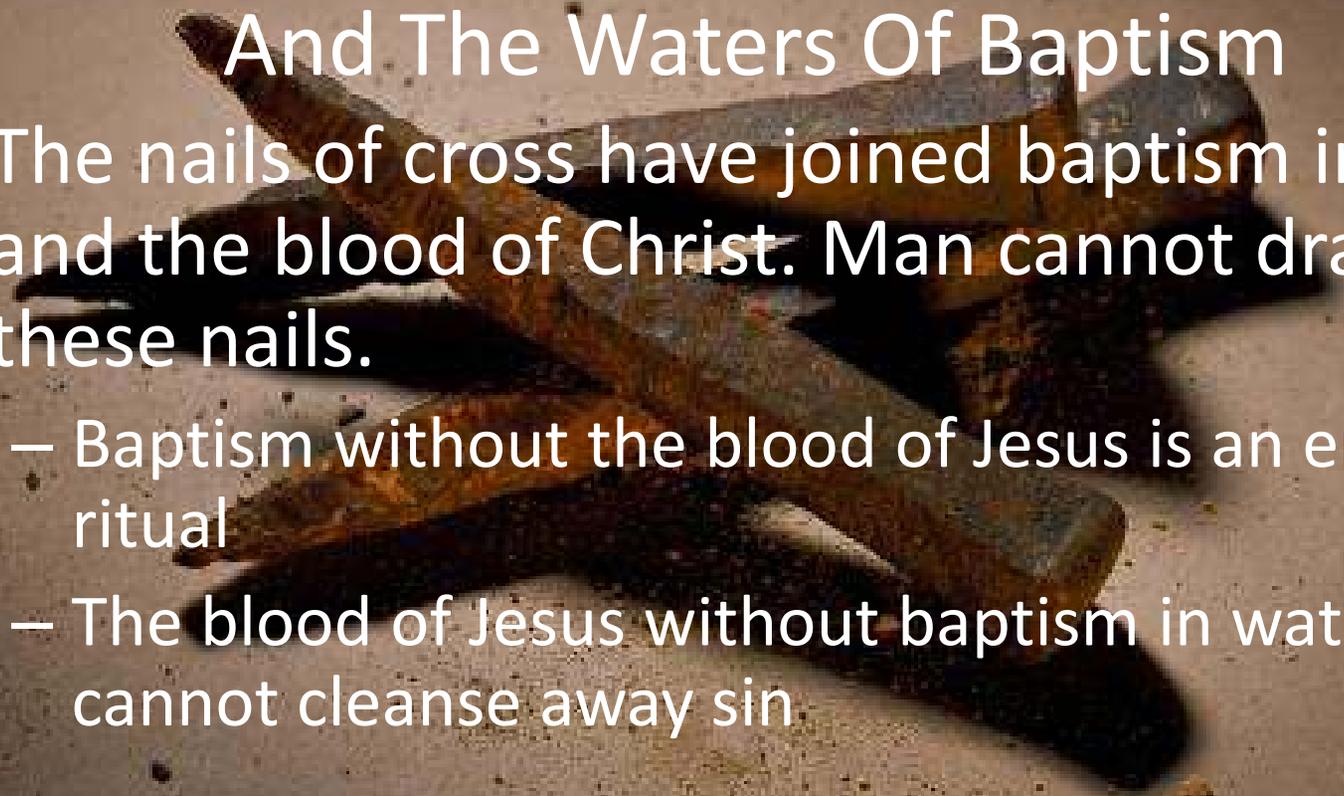
- It is only through the blood of Christ that we have redemption in this world
 - Rev. 7:13-14 - “Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from? 14 And I said to him, Sir, you know. So he said to me, These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

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- 1Peter 1:18-19 - “Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”
- 1John 1:7 - “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin”

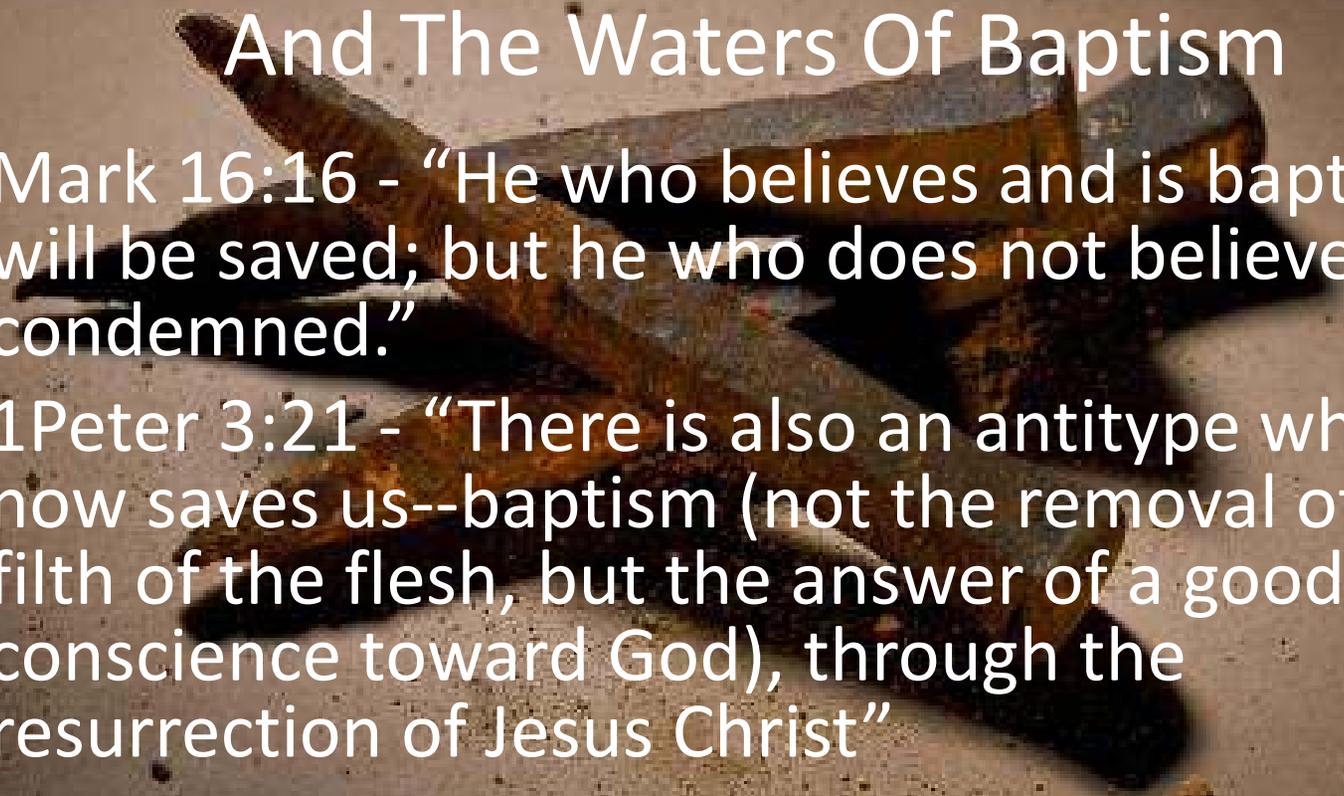
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- Three facts that show beyond question the relationship between the waters of baptism and the blood of Jesus:
 - We are washed from our sins in His blood - Rev. 1:5. We are washed from our sins in baptism - Acts 22:16.
 - It is through the blood that we have remission of sins - Matt. 26:28. It is through baptism that we have remission of sins - Acts 2:38.
 - It was in Christ's death that His blood was shed - John 19:34. We are baptized into His death - Rom. 6:3-4.



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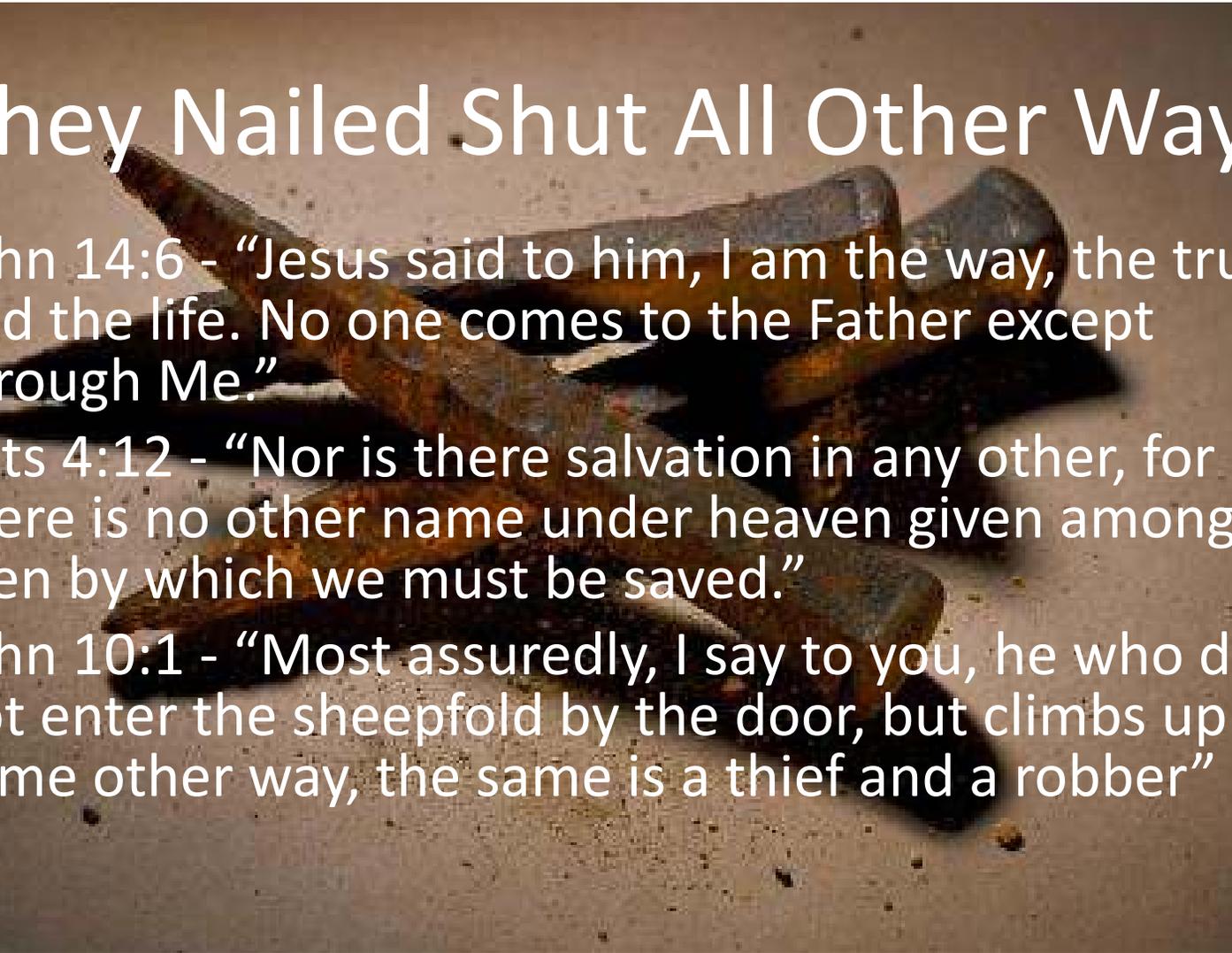
- The nails of cross have joined baptism in water and the blood of Christ. Man cannot draw out these nails.
 - Baptism without the blood of Jesus is an empty ritual
 - The blood of Jesus without baptism in water cannot cleanse away sin



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- Mark 16:16 - “He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”
- 1Peter 3:21 - “There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ”

They Nailed Shut All Other Ways



- John 14:6 - “Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”
- Acts 4:12 - “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”
- John 10:1 - “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber”

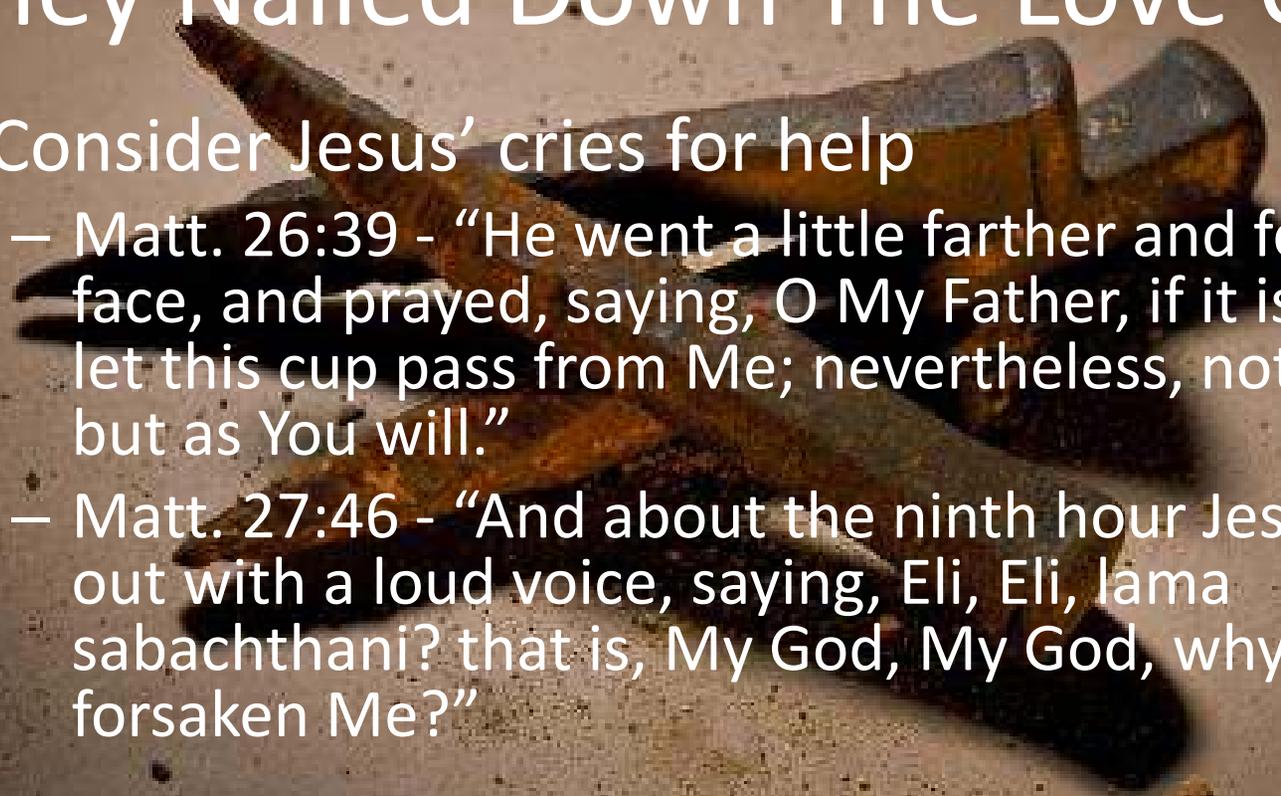
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- Eph. 4:4-6 - “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

They Nailed Down The Love Of God

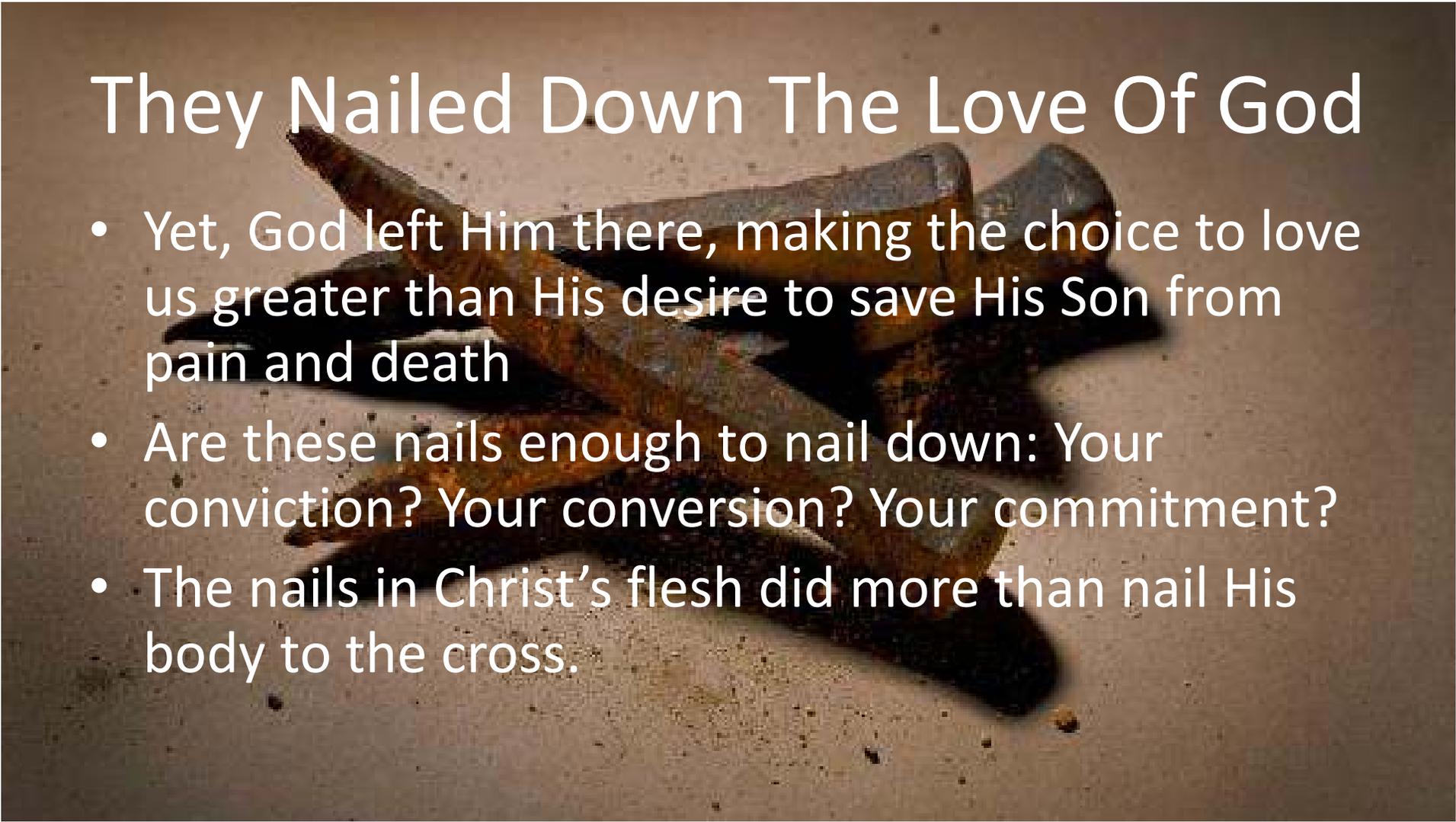
- Rom. 5:8-9 - “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.”
- Many things appear to hide the love of God from us: 1) sin, 2) sickness, 3) pain, 4) unkindness, and 5) grief, all may seem to hide the love of God from us, but it really cannot pull the nails that hold up the banner of God’s love for all to see

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A close-up photograph of a hammer and a nail. The hammer has a wooden handle and a metal head, and the nail is positioned horizontally across the hammer's head. They are resting on a light-colored wooden surface with visible grain and some small dark spots.

- Consider Jesus' cries for help
 - Matt. 26:39 - "He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."
 - Matt. 27:46 - "And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is, My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

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- Yet, God left Him there, making the choice to love us greater than His desire to save His Son from pain and death
- Are these nails enough to nail down: Your conviction? Your conversion? Your commitment?
- The nails in Christ's flesh did more than nail His body to the cross.