

The Historical Context of this Book:

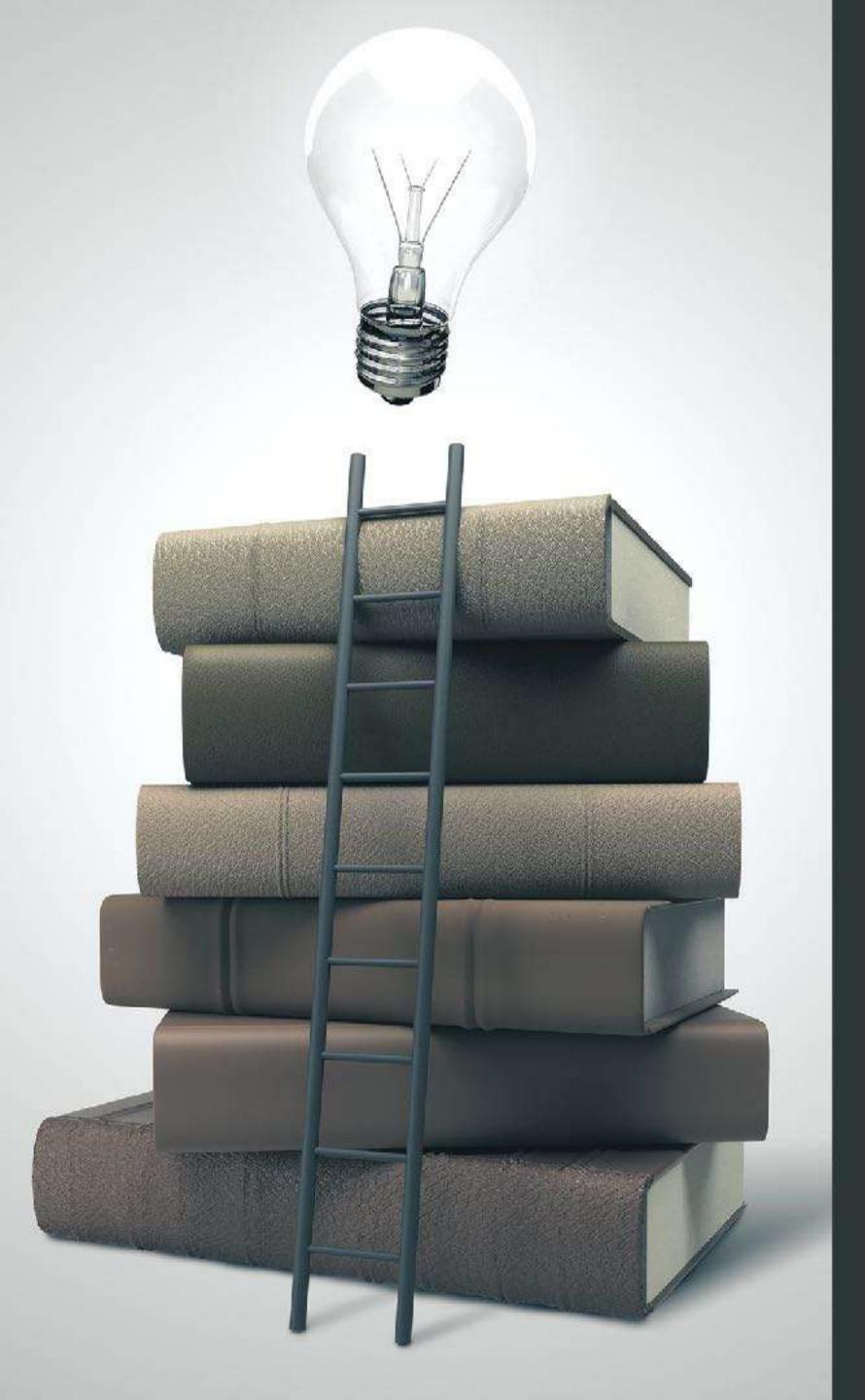
John is writing in a context of theological vagueness.

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1 John 3:5

Jesus came into this world to addressed the greatness need we have; our sin.

A low view of sin always leads to a low view of Christ.



CORE VALUE #1: THE CONVICTION OF THE BELIEVER

- "You know ..." (1 John 3:5)
- There is a deep settled conviction in the soul of believers that these truths are absolutely from God.

Today there is no day or night Today there is no wrong or right, Today there is no black or white, Only shades of gray.



You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.

John 8:32



Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 119:105, ESV



Have I not written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, that I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth.

Proverbs 22:20



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- 2:23 "And by this we <u>know</u> ..."
- 2:5 "By this we know that we are in him"
- 2:20 "You have an anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge"
- 2:21 "You know it, and because no lie is of the truth"
- 2:29 "If you know that he is righteous, you may be <u>sure</u>"
- 3:2 "We may know that when he appears"

To take no pleasure in assertions is not the mark of a Christian heart; indeed, one must delight in assertions to be a Christian at all.

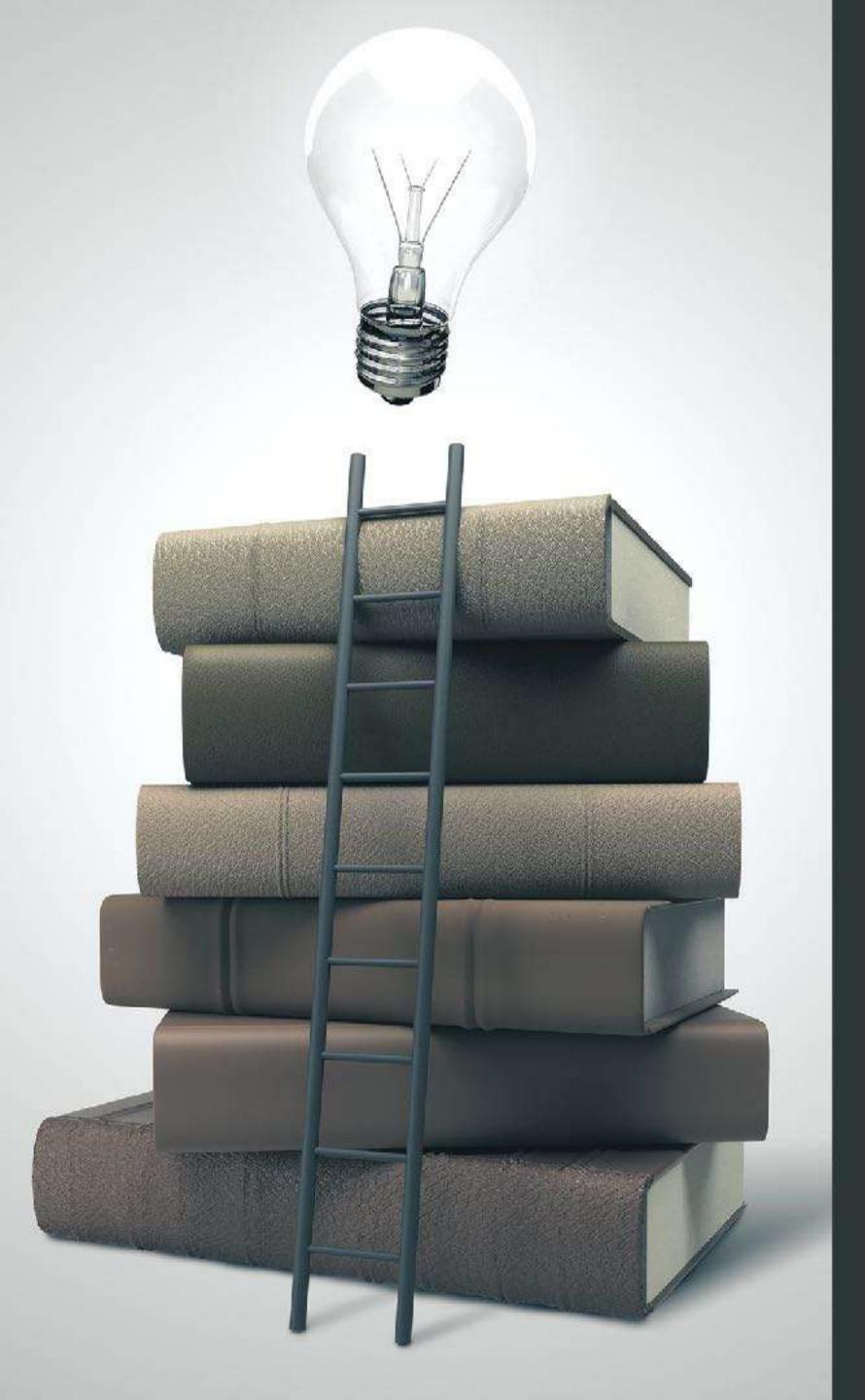
Away, now, with skeptics and academics from the company of us Christians; let us have men who will assert, meant twice as inflexible as very stoics!

Take away assertions and you take away Christianity ... Leave us free to make assertions, and to find in assertions our satisfaction and delight.

The Holy Spirit is no skeptic, and the things He has written in our hearts are no doubts or opinions, but assertions - surer and more certain than sense and life itself.

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CORE VALUE #2: THE INCARNATION OF THE SON

- "... that he appeared ..." (3:5)
- The verb tense here does not look to the future but back to the past.



That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we look upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life.

1 John 1:1, ESV



CORE VALUE #2: THE INCARNATION OF THE SON

• The entire Gospel is built upon the incarnation of Jesus Christ.

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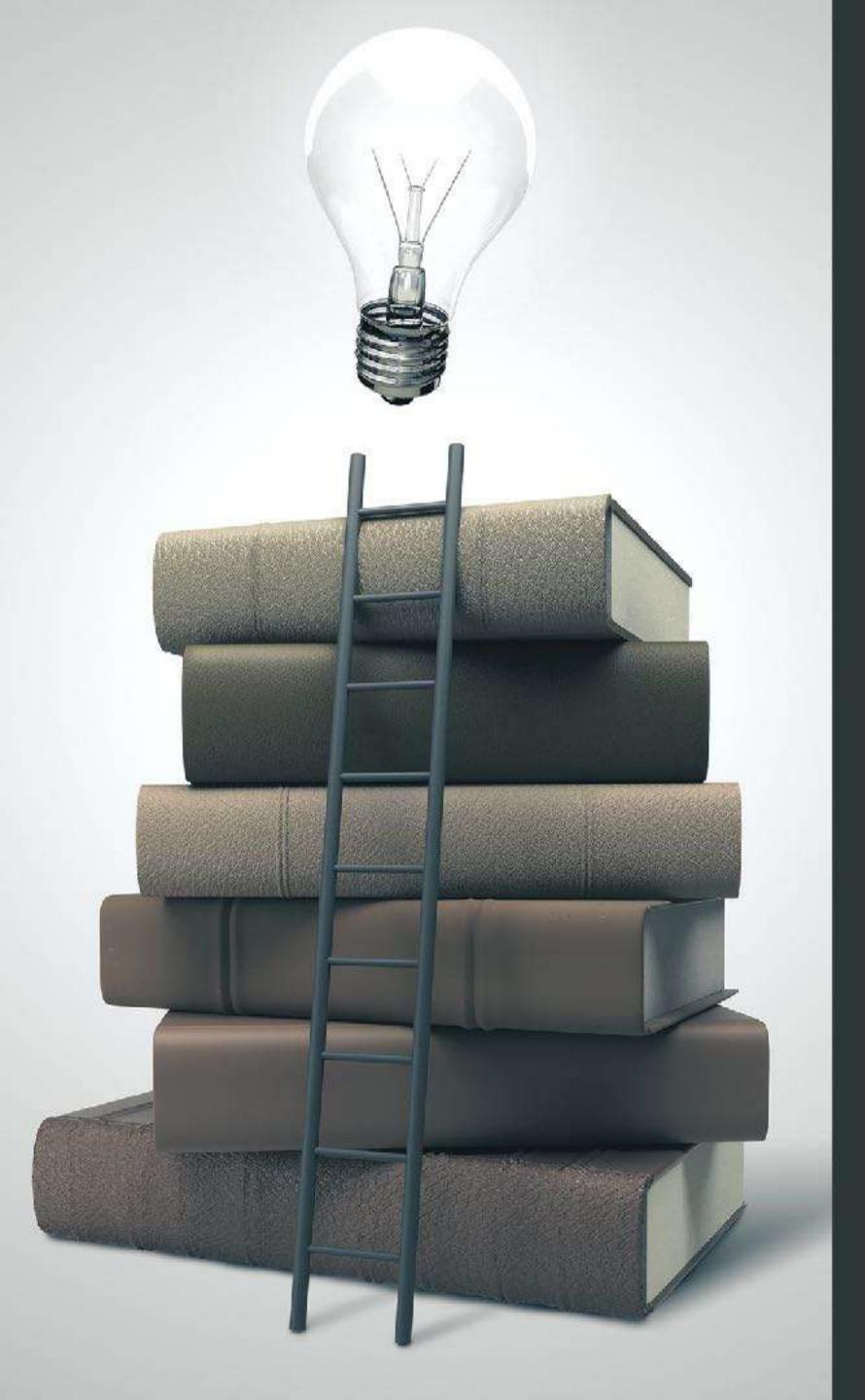
CORE VALUE #3: THE INTENTION OF THE SAVIOR

• "... in order to take away sins ..." (3:5)



Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

John 1:29, NKJV



CORE VALUE #3: THE INTENTION OF THE SAVIOR

- 1. Jesus came to take away the <u>power</u> of sin from our lives
- 2. Jesus came to take away the <u>practice</u> of sin from our lives



And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who becomes to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification.

1 Corinthians 1:30, ESV



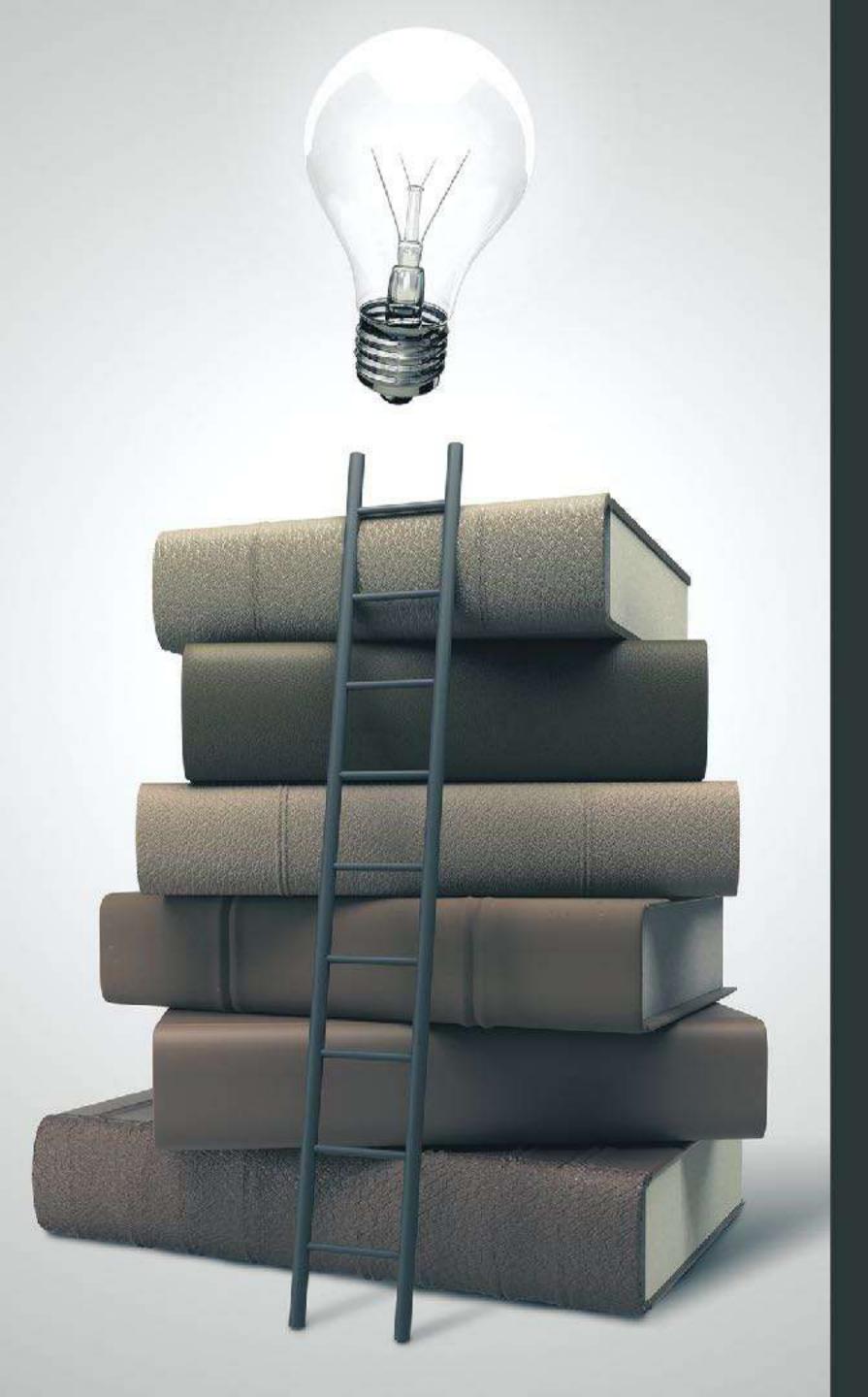
Who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify himself a people for his own possessions and who are zealous for good works.

Titus 2:14, ESV



He himself bare our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

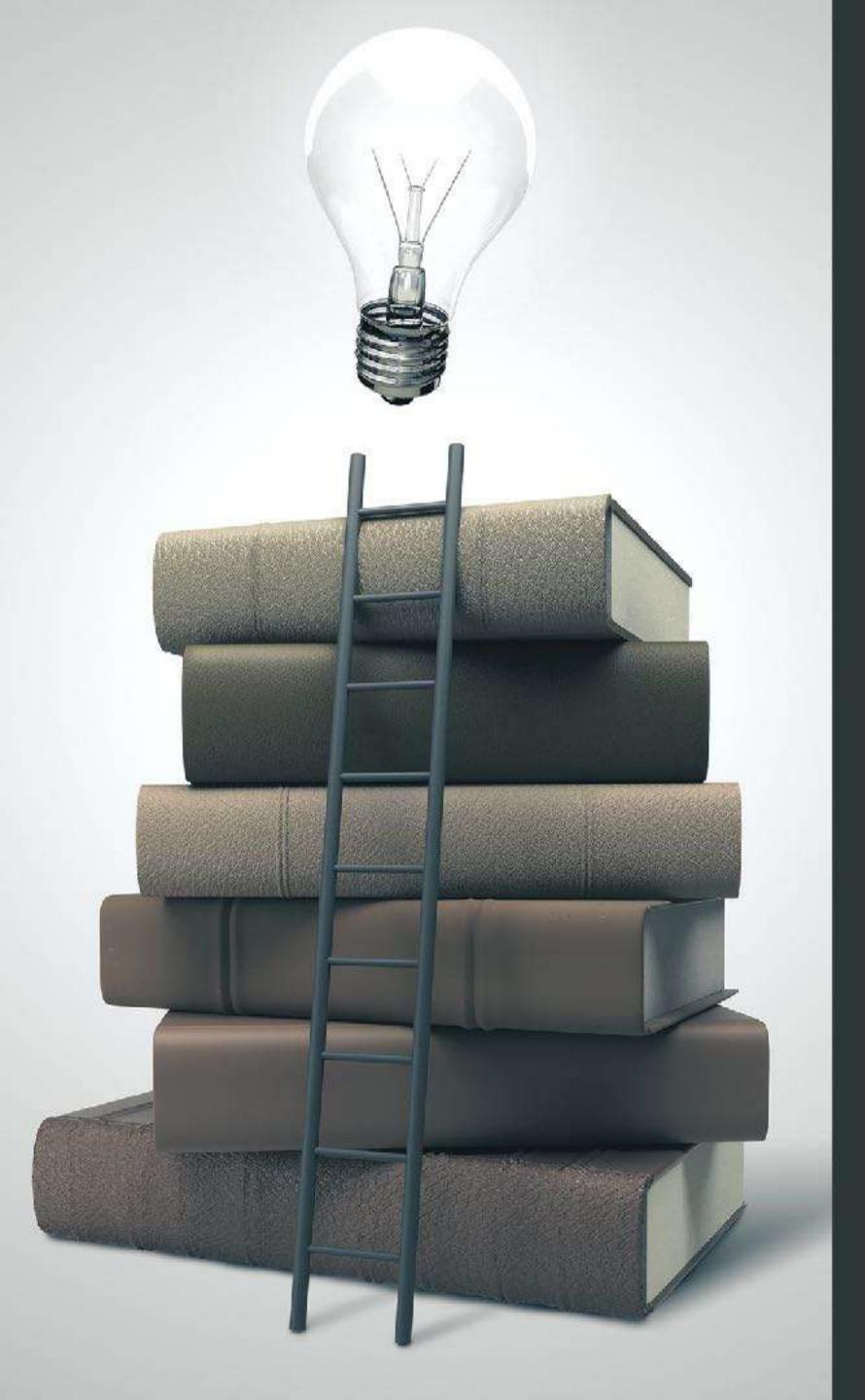
1 Peter 2:24, ESV



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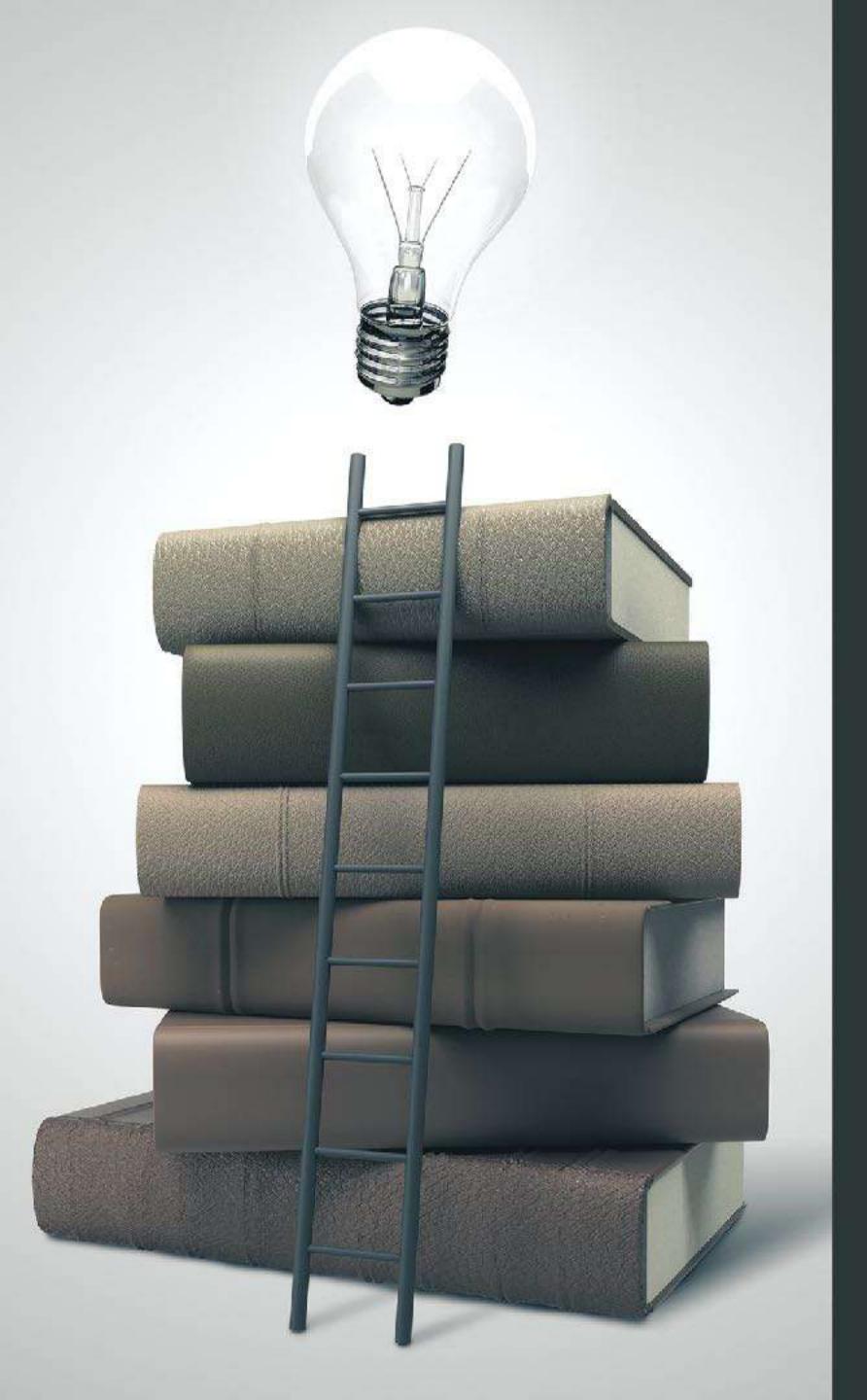
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CORE VALUE #4: THE CONFIRMATION OF THE BELIEVER

• "... and in him there is no sin." (3:5)



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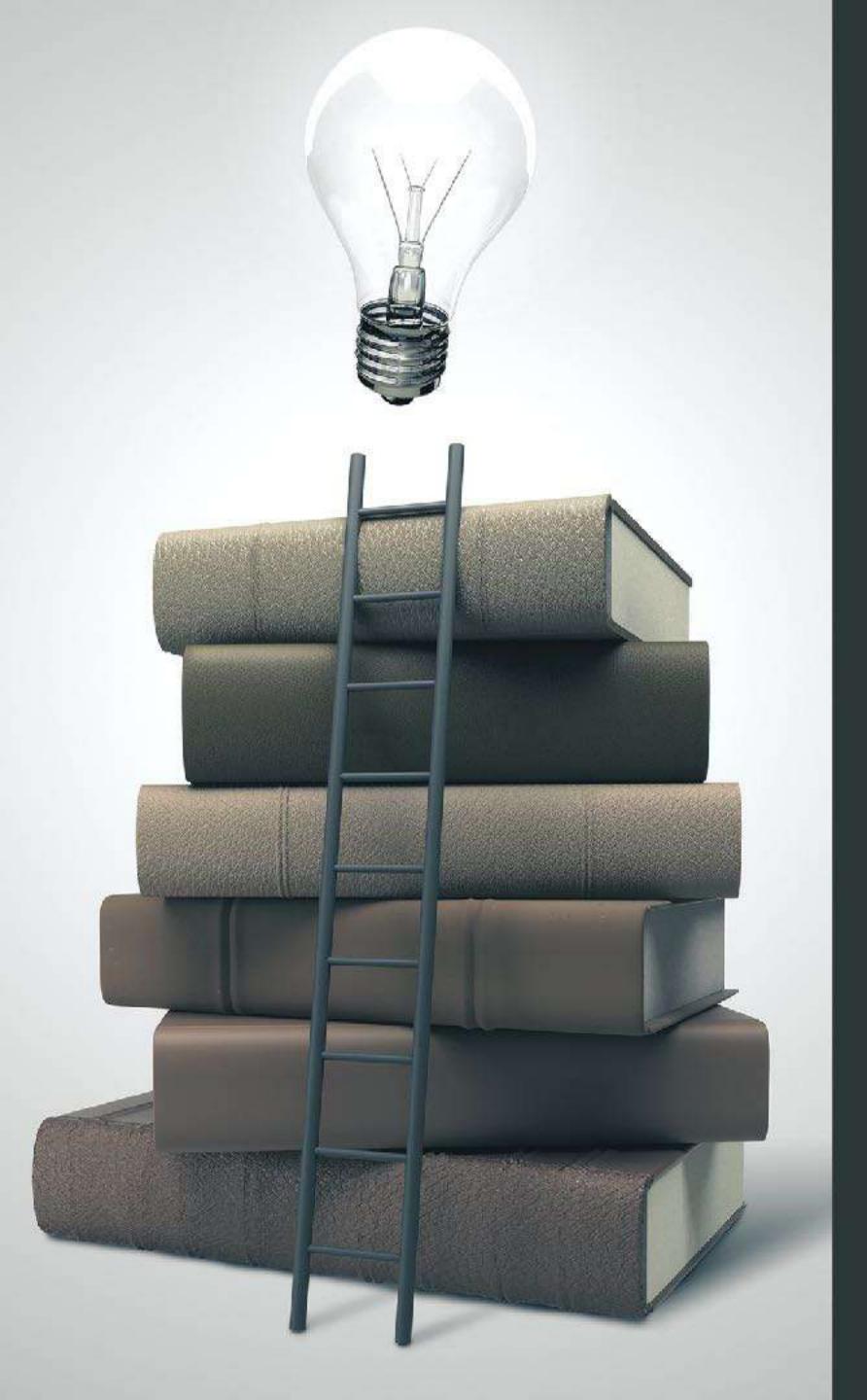
- 1. This is a statement of Christ's qualification to take away our sins
- 2. This is a statement of Christ's quality that we should be pursuing



Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

1 Peter 1:16

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