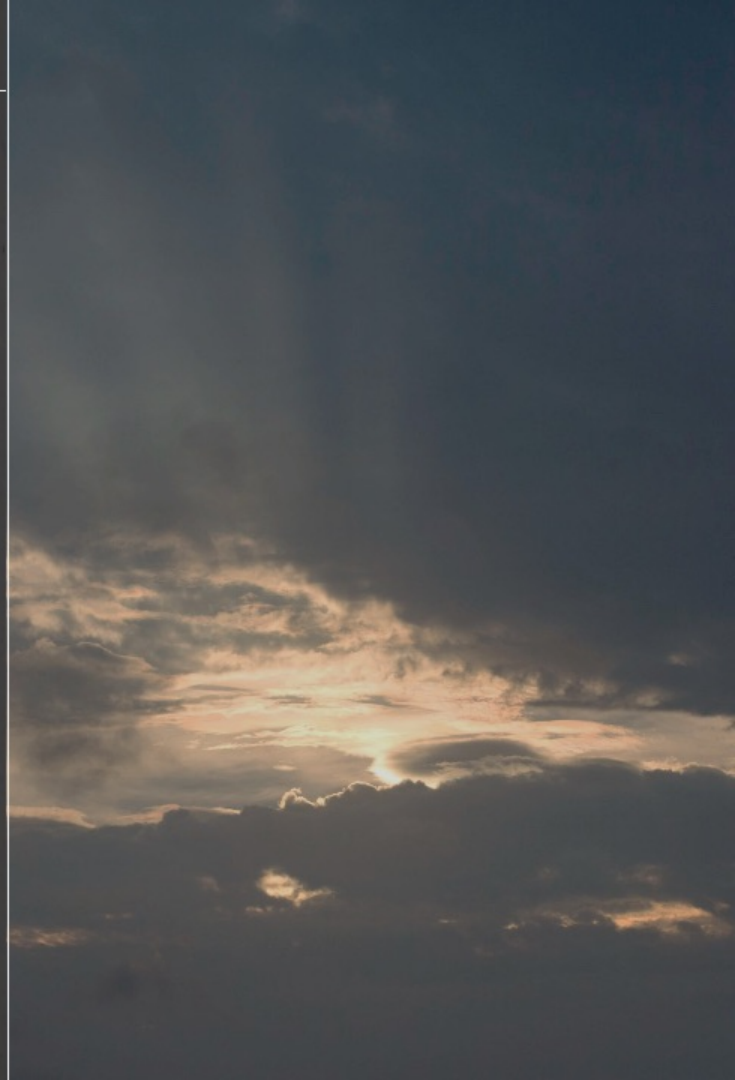




PART & PARCEL



PART AND PARCEL DEFINED:

An **essential** or fundamental
part or aspect of something.



HOW DO I TAKE WHAT
I BELIEVE ABOUT GOD
AND MAKE IT FIT
WITH THIS IDEA OF
FOREVER TORMENT?

**THE DEFICIENCY WE HAVE IN OUR
MINDS IS NOT A MISUNDERSTANDING
ABOUT THE NATURE OF GOD BUT A
MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE
NATURE OF US.**

MARK 15:15:16-32 NIV

¹⁶The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. ¹⁷They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. ¹⁸And they began to call out to him, "Hail, king of the Jews!" ¹⁹Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. ²⁰And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

MARK 15:15:16-32 NIV

²¹A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross. ²²They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”). ²³Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.

²⁵It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS.

MARK 15:15:16-32 NIV

²⁷They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰come down from the cross and save yourself!" ³¹In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! ³²Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

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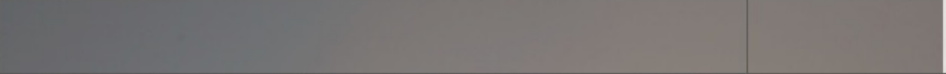
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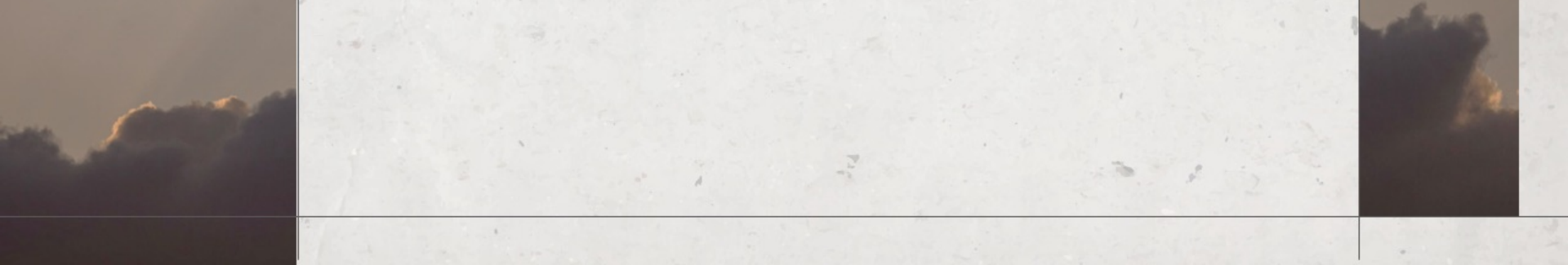
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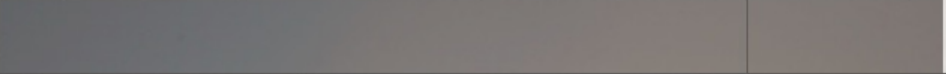
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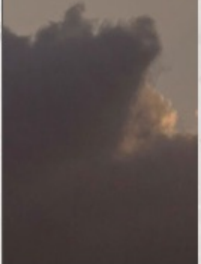

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The answer to that question doesn't come from changing our view of God or hell, but by adjusting and coming to grips with our understanding of the reality of sin.



GALATIANS 3:10 NIV

¹⁰For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.”

GALATIANS 3:13 NIV

¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

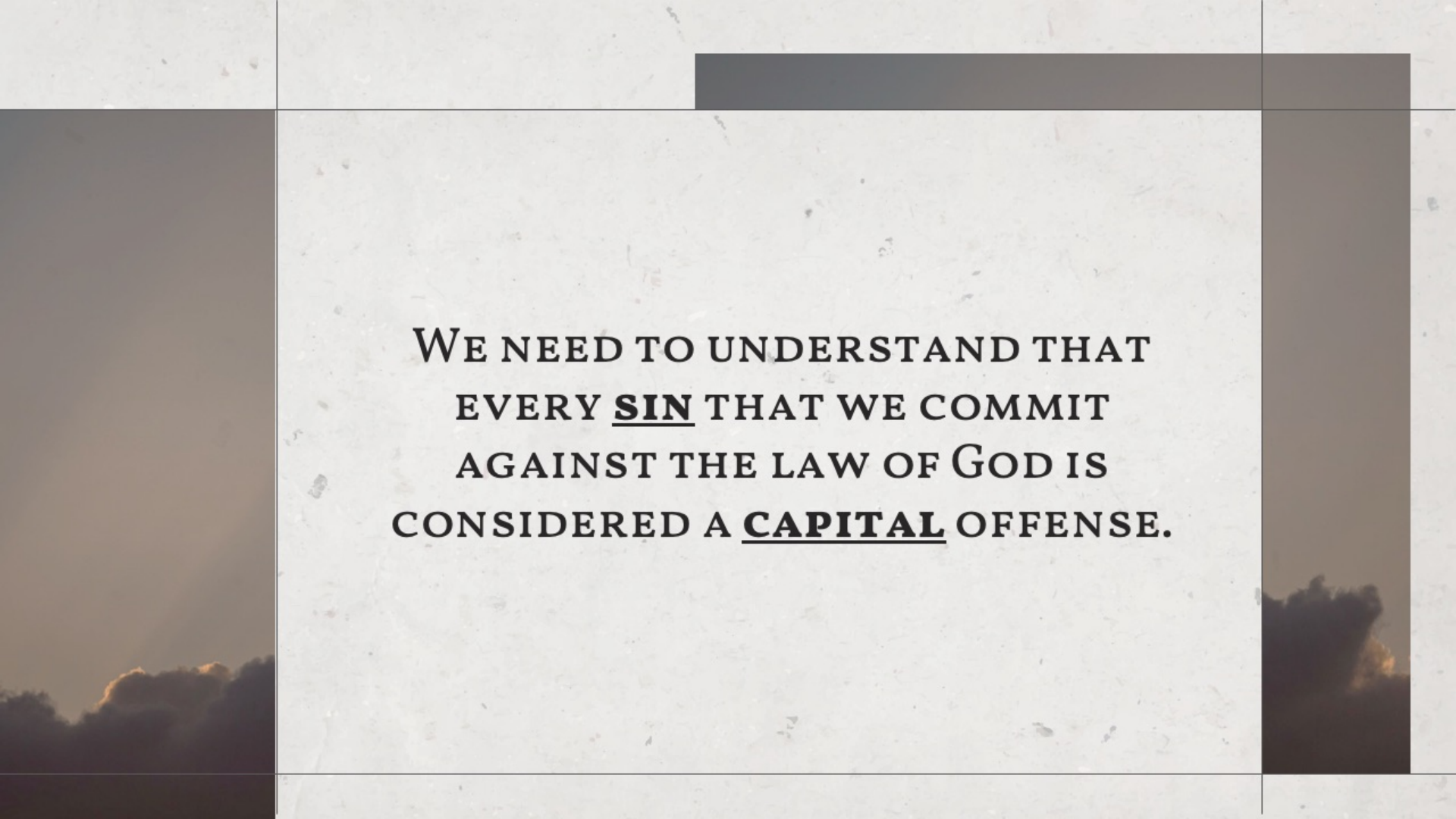
DEUTERONOMY 22:22-23A NIV

²²If someone guilty of a capital offense is put to death and their body is hung on a tree, ²³you must not leave the body hanging on the tree overnight. Be sure to bury it that same day, because anyone who is hung on a tree is under God's curse.

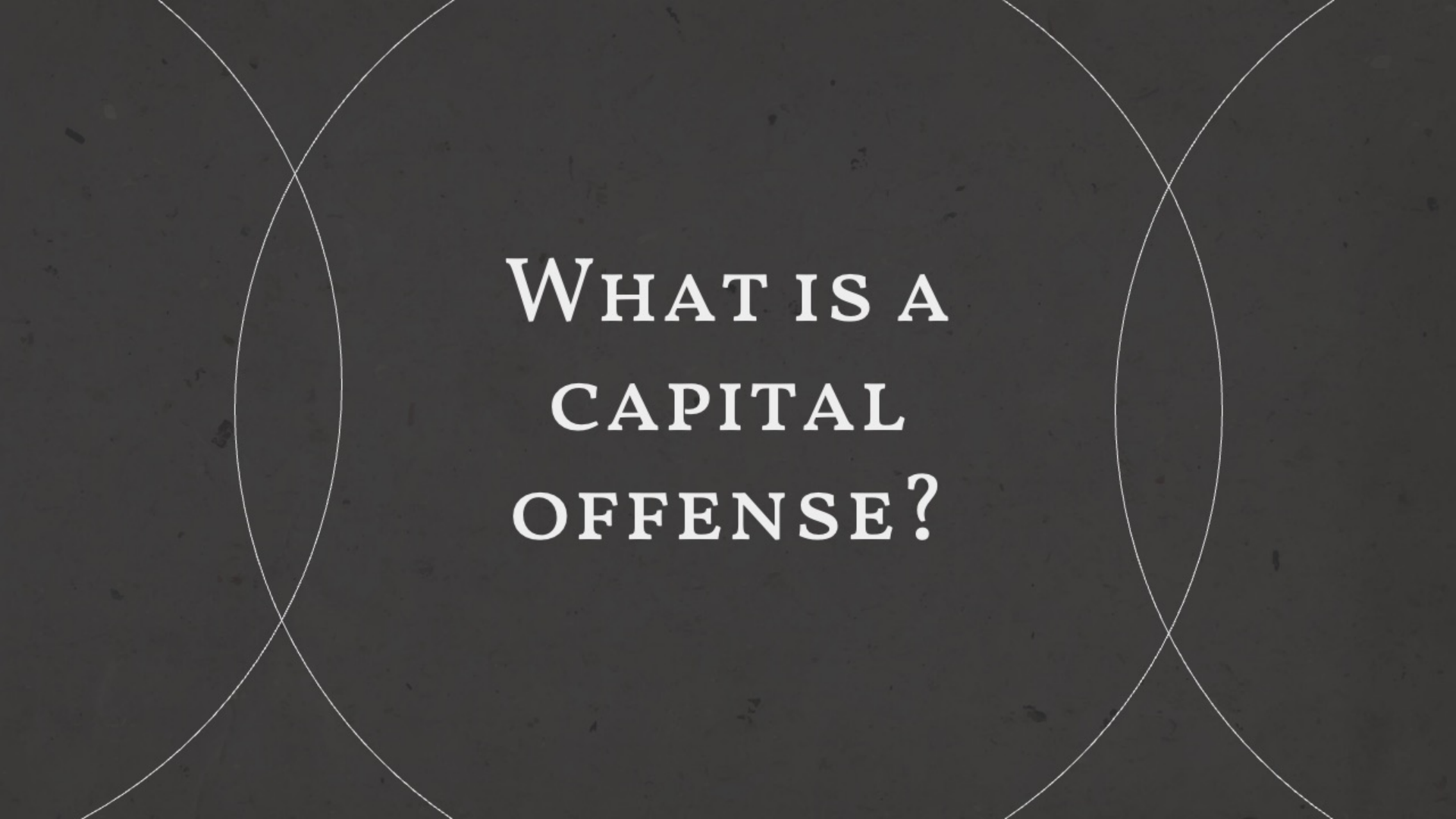
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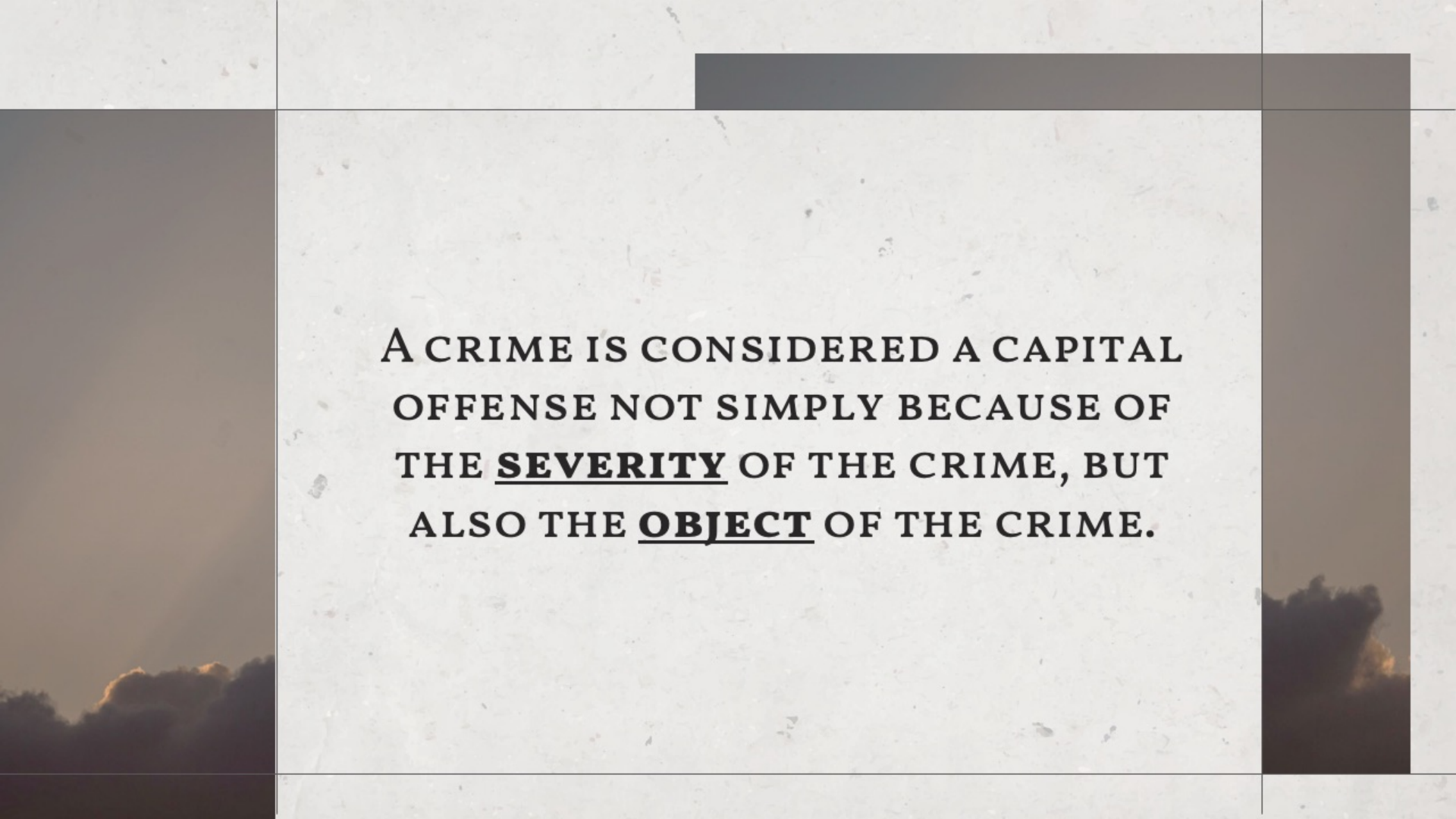




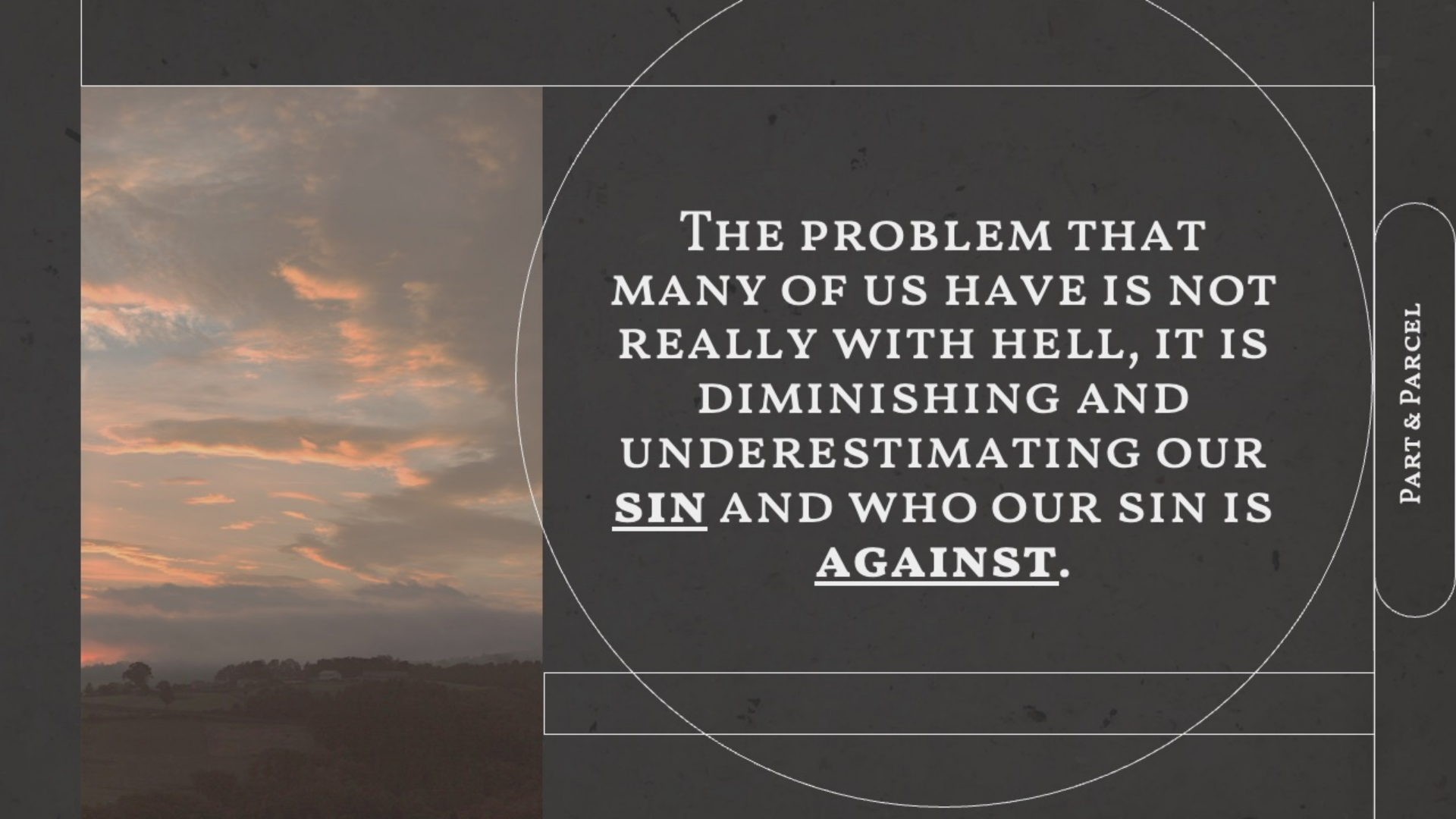
WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT
EVERY **SIN** THAT WE COMMIT
AGAINST THE LAW OF GOD IS
CONSIDERED A **CAPITAL** OFFENSE.



WHAT IS A
CAPITAL
OFFENSE?



A CRIME IS CONSIDERED A CAPITAL
OFFENSE NOT SIMPLY BECAUSE OF
THE SEVERITY OF THE CRIME, BUT
ALSO THE OBJECT OF THE CRIME.



THE PROBLEM THAT
MANY OF US HAVE IS NOT
REALLY WITH HELL, IT IS
DIMINISHING AND
UNDERESTIMATING OUR
SIN AND WHO OUR SIN IS
AGAINST.



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WHAT DID JESUS DO ON THE TREE?



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JESUS NOT ONLY
TOOK OUR SIN, HE
TOOK OUR CURSE.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 NIV

²¹God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



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ON THAT DAY, SIMON WAS NOT
CARRYING JESUS' CROSS, JESUS
WAS CARRYING SIMON'S.

WHAT SHOULD WE REMEMBER FROM THESE UNDERSTANDINGS?



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Never diminish the
offense of **sin**.

The ground at the foot
of the cross is **level**.

THERE IS NO REAL
DISTINCTION BETWEEN
SOLDIERS AND SIMONS.

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We need to celebrate
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ONLY AT THE CROSS
DOES THE LOVE AND
JUSTICE OF GOD COLLIDE.

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offense of **sin**.

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You have to choose,
Christ or the **curse**.

2 PETER 3:9B NIV

Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.