

A scenic landscape featuring a fjord, a road, and mountains under a cloudy sky. The foreground shows a green grassy slope with a road and a guardrail. The middle ground shows a fjord with a small island and a boat. The background shows rugged mountains with snow patches under a blue sky with white clouds.

Welcome to Worship

Sanford church of Christ

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- Does the raisin brand's sun have sunglasses?



A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding an open Bible. The Bible is open to two pages of text, and the person's fingers are visible holding the edges. The background is dark and out of focus. Overlaid on the center of the image is the text "Where in the Bible does it say?" in a white, sans-serif font.

Where in the Bible does it say?

Where in the Bible does it say, “Cleanliness is next to Godliness”?

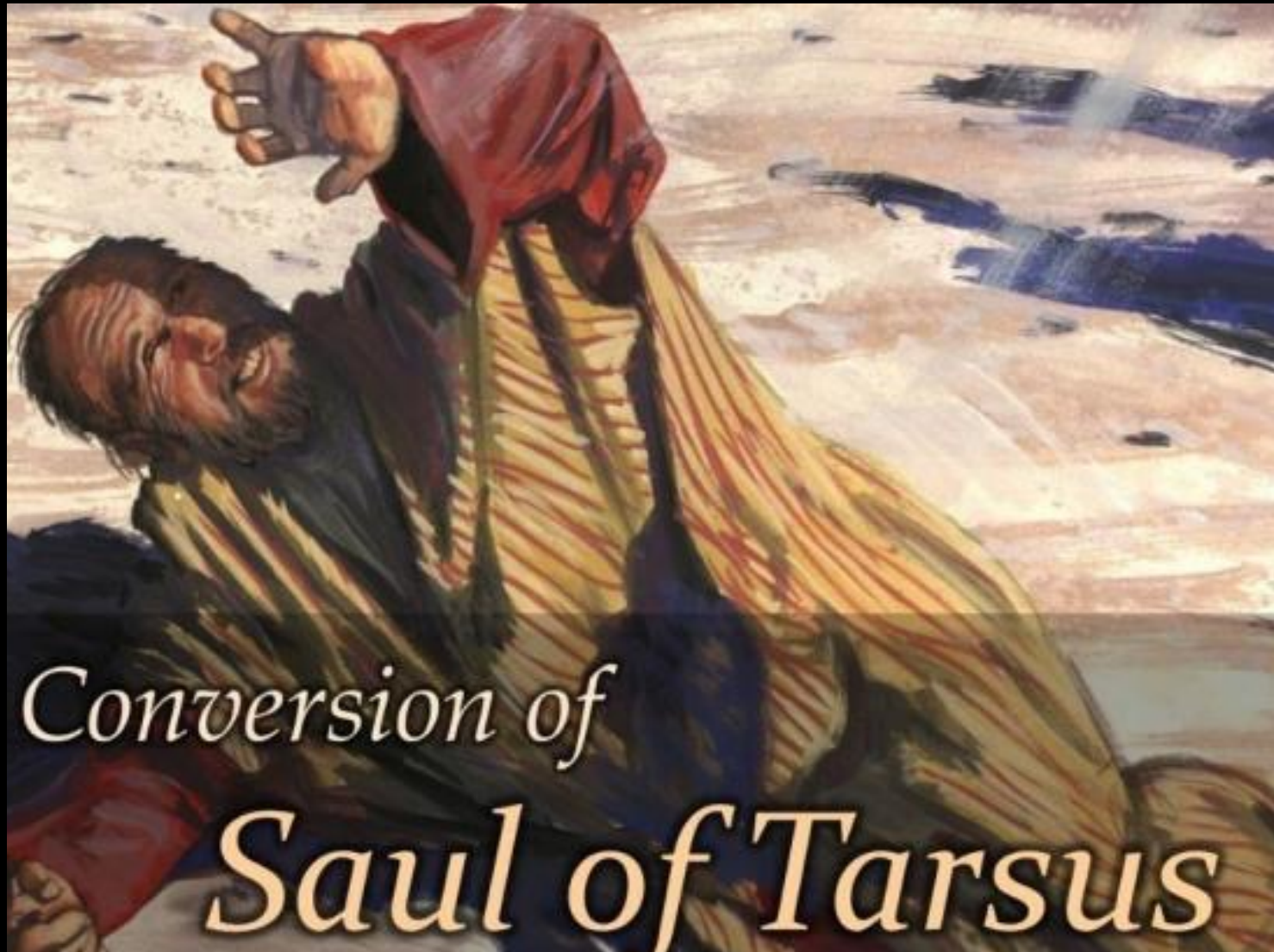
It is not in the Word in God!



Where in the Bible does it say, “say the sinner’s prayer to be saved”?

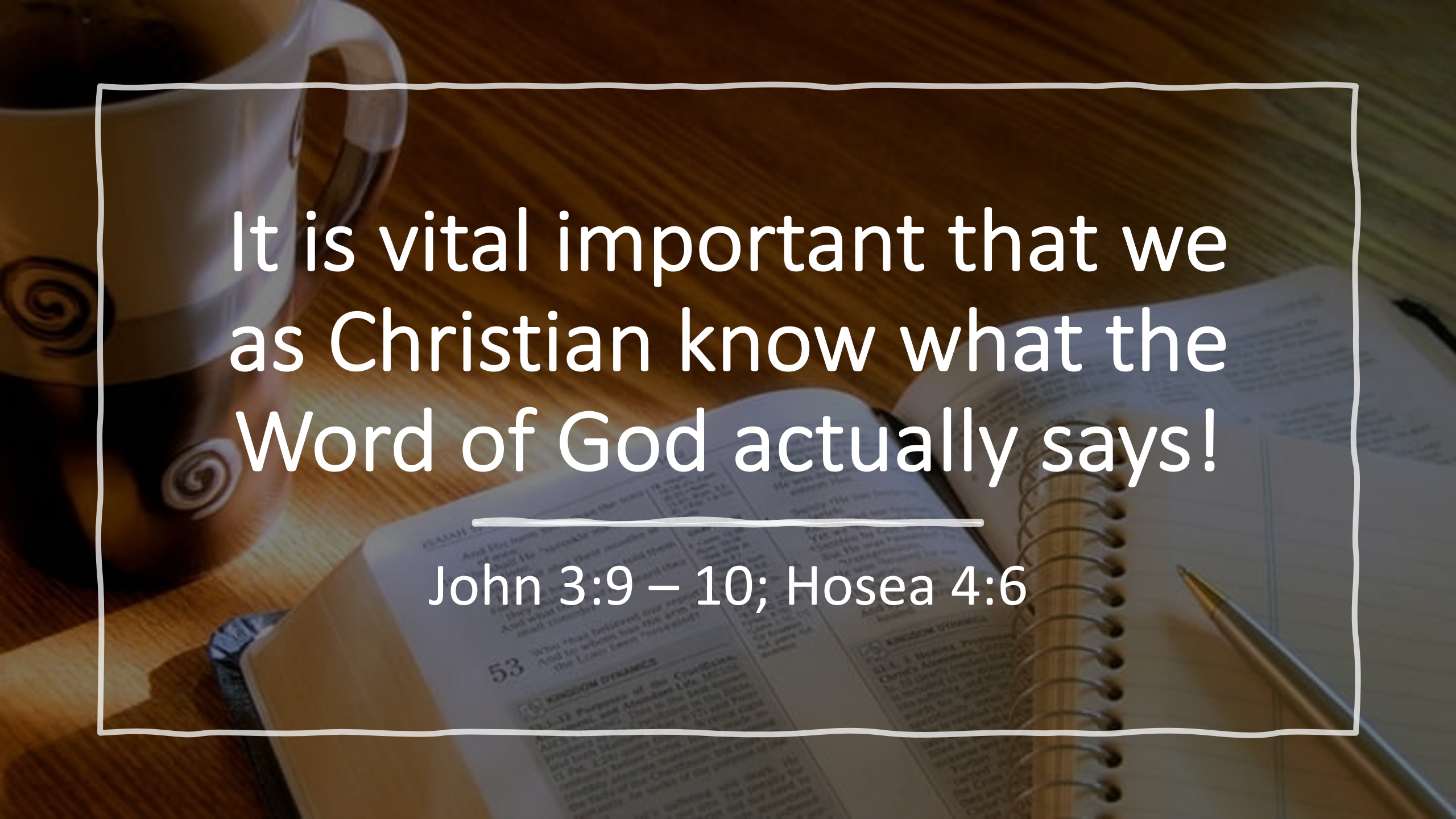
It does not! The Bible nowhere directs the unbaptized believer to say the “sinner’s prayer” in order to be saved!





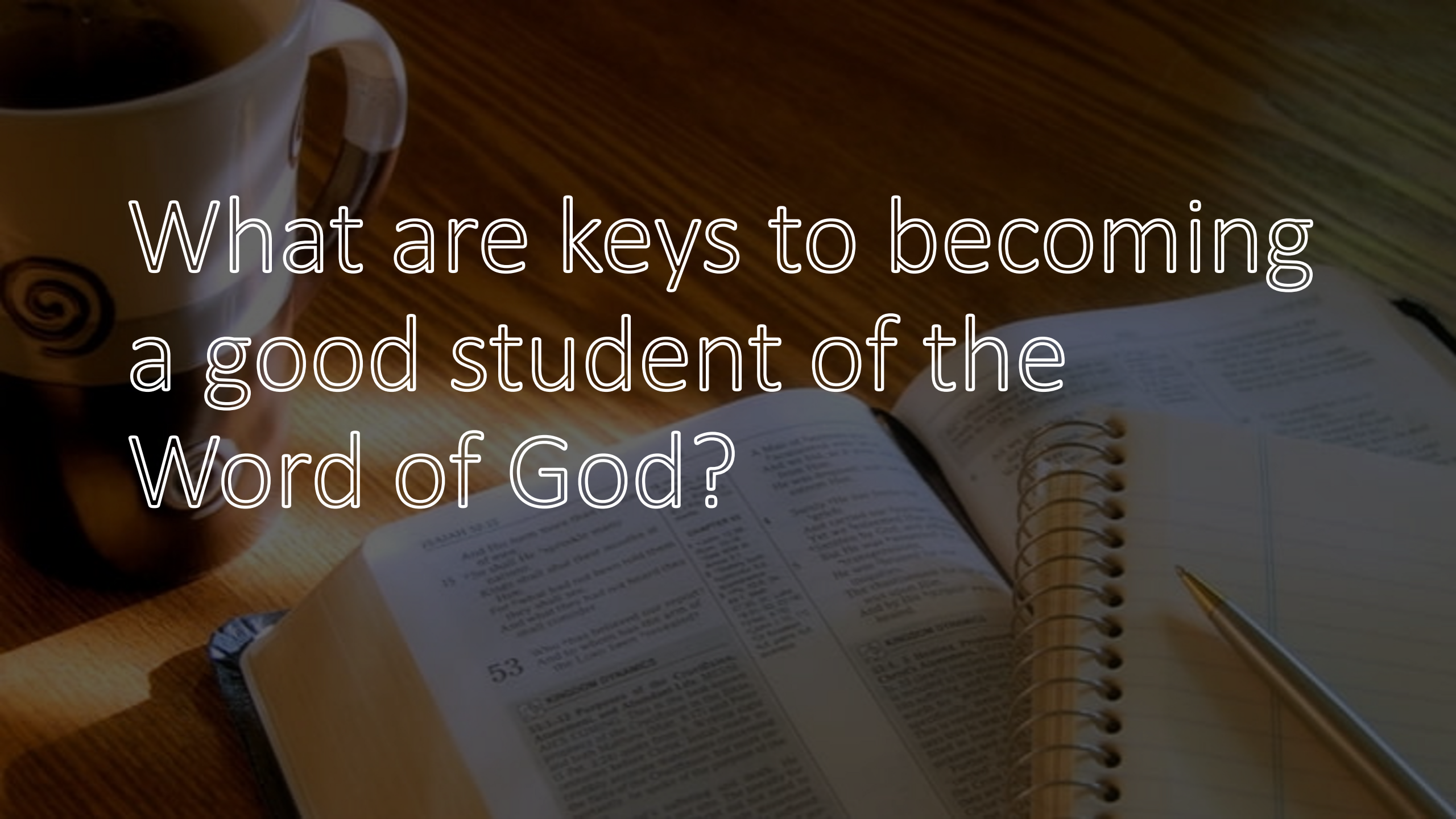
Paul's prayers did not wash his sins away, but his immersion into Christ did!

Acts 9:5 – 6; Acts 22:16

A top-down view of a wooden desk. In the upper left, a white ceramic mug sits on a saucer. Below it, a silver-toned watch is visible. The center of the desk is occupied by an open Bible with text in two columns. To the right of the Bible is a spiral-bound notebook with a pen resting on it. The entire scene is dimly lit, with a soft glow from the left. A white, hand-drawn style rectangular border with slightly wavy edges frames the central text.

It is vital important that we
as Christian know what the
Word of God actually says!

John 3:9 – 10; Hosea 4:6

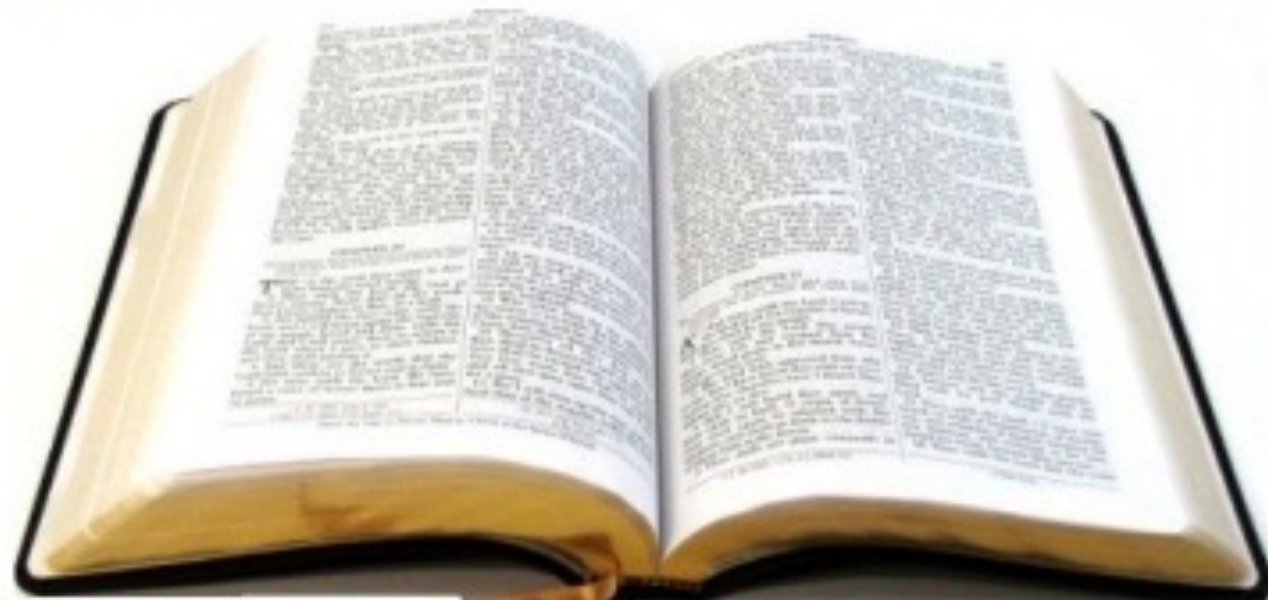
A top-down view of a wooden desk. In the upper left, a white coffee cup with a dark swirl pattern sits on a matching saucer. In the center, an open Bible is laid flat, showing text on both pages. To the right of the Bible is a spiral-bound notebook with a silver metal spiral binding. A gold-colored pen lies diagonally across the bottom right corner of the notebook. The entire scene is dimly lit, with a dark, semi-transparent overlay across the top half of the image where the text is placed.

What are keys to becoming
a good student of the
Word of God?

A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a person's hands holding an open book. The person is wearing a blue and white striped shirt. The background is dark and out of focus. Overlaid on the image is the text "TAKE TIME TO READ GOD'S WORD" in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font.

**TAKE TIME TO
READ GOD'S WORD**

**MY PEOPLE ARE DESTROYED
FOR THE LACK OF KNOWLEDGE**



My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Since you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the Law of your God, I also will forget your children.

Hosea 4:6

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"Hear, O Israel the Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall **love** the Lord your God with all your **heart** and with all your **soul** and with all your **might**. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall **teach** them diligently to your **children**, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall **bind them** as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

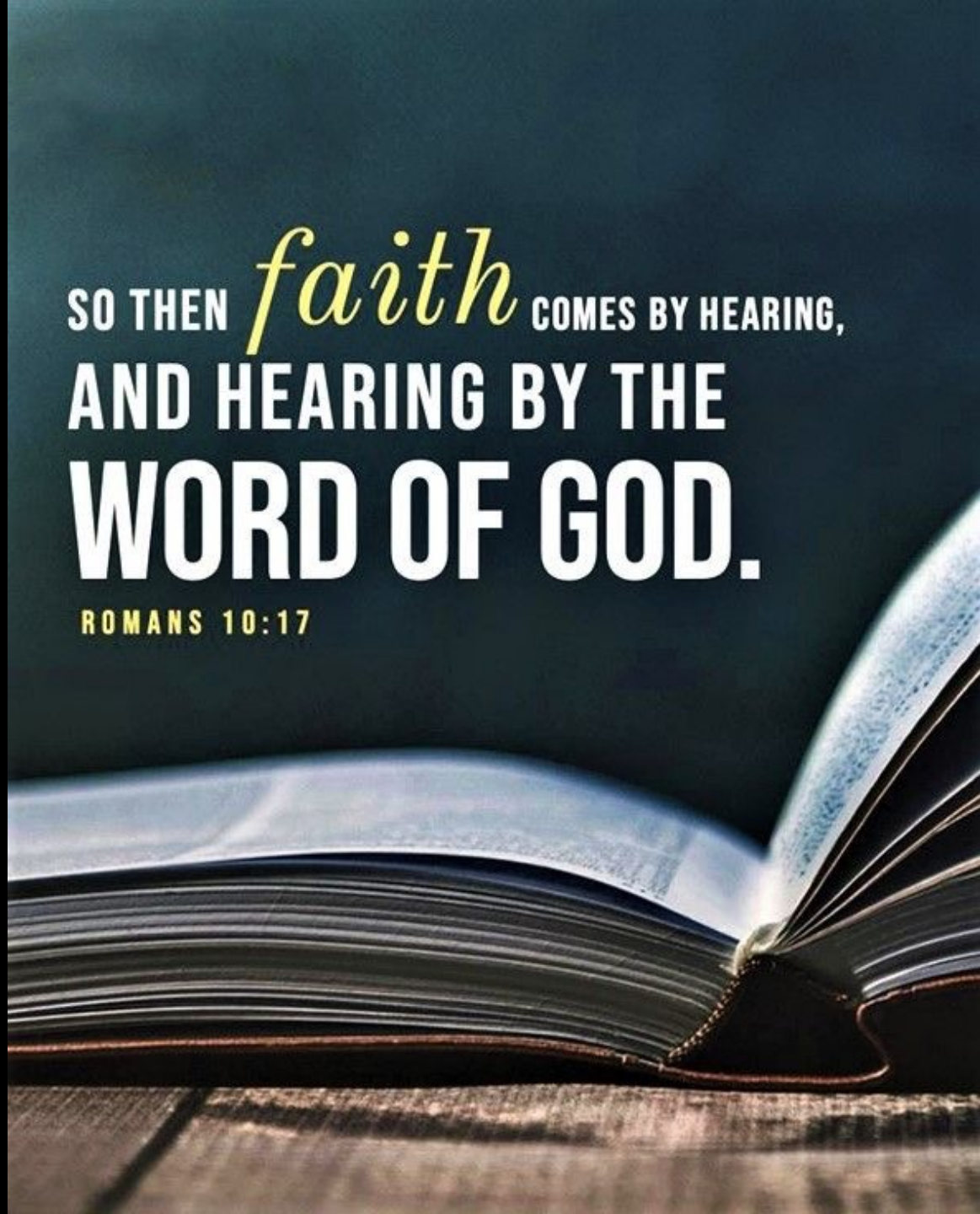
Deuteronomy 6:4-9

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SO THEN *faith* COMES BY HEARING,
AND HEARING BY THE
WORD OF GOD.

ROMANS 10:17



IN READING THIS, THEN,
YOU WILL BE ABLE TO
UNDERSTAND MY INSIGHT
INTO THE MYSTERY OF
CHRIST,

- EPHESIANS 3:4



Even if I am unskilled in speaking, I am not so in knowledge; indeed, in every way we have made this plain to you in all things.

2 Corinthians 11:6

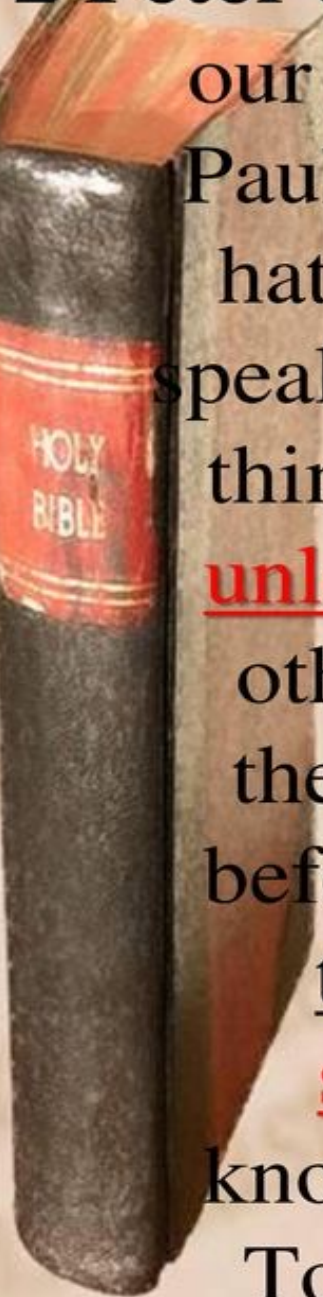
A top-down view of a person reading a Bible and taking notes in a spiral notebook. The Bible is open to Isaiah 37, with the page number 757 visible. The person's hands are visible, one resting on the Bible and the other holding a red pen over the notebook. The notebook has a blue cover and spiral binding. A green plate is partially visible in the top right corner. The entire scene is framed by a white, hand-drawn border.

Challenge your
understand!



PERSONAL
BIBLE STUDY I

24 Now a Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures. 25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John; 26 and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.



2 Peter 3:15-18 And account *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all *his* epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, *as they do* also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, **beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness**. **But grow** in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.

A group of people are gathered around a rustic wooden table, focused on reading several open books. The scene is captured from a high angle, showing the hands and forearms of the individuals as they turn pages and study. The books are scattered across the table, and the overall atmosphere is one of quiet concentration and collaborative learning. The text 'Seek guidance when necessary!' is overlaid in a large, white, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

Seek guidance
when necessary!

Acts 8:31

*And he said,
“How can I,
unless someone
guides me?”
And he invited
Philip to come
up and sit with
him.*



Acts 8:25-40 (ESV)

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip,
“About whom, I ask you, does the
prophet say this, about himself or
about someone else?”

³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and
beginning with this Scripture he told
him the good news about Jesus.

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

- Romans 10:14 -



A top-down view of a person's hands studying a Bible and taking notes in a notebook on a wooden table. The Bible is open, showing text on both pages. A red bookmark is visible in the bottom right. The notebook has handwritten notes in blue and black ink. A white text box with a thin black border is centered over the Bible, containing the text "Are seeking to become a better bible study?".

Are seeking to become a
better bible study?