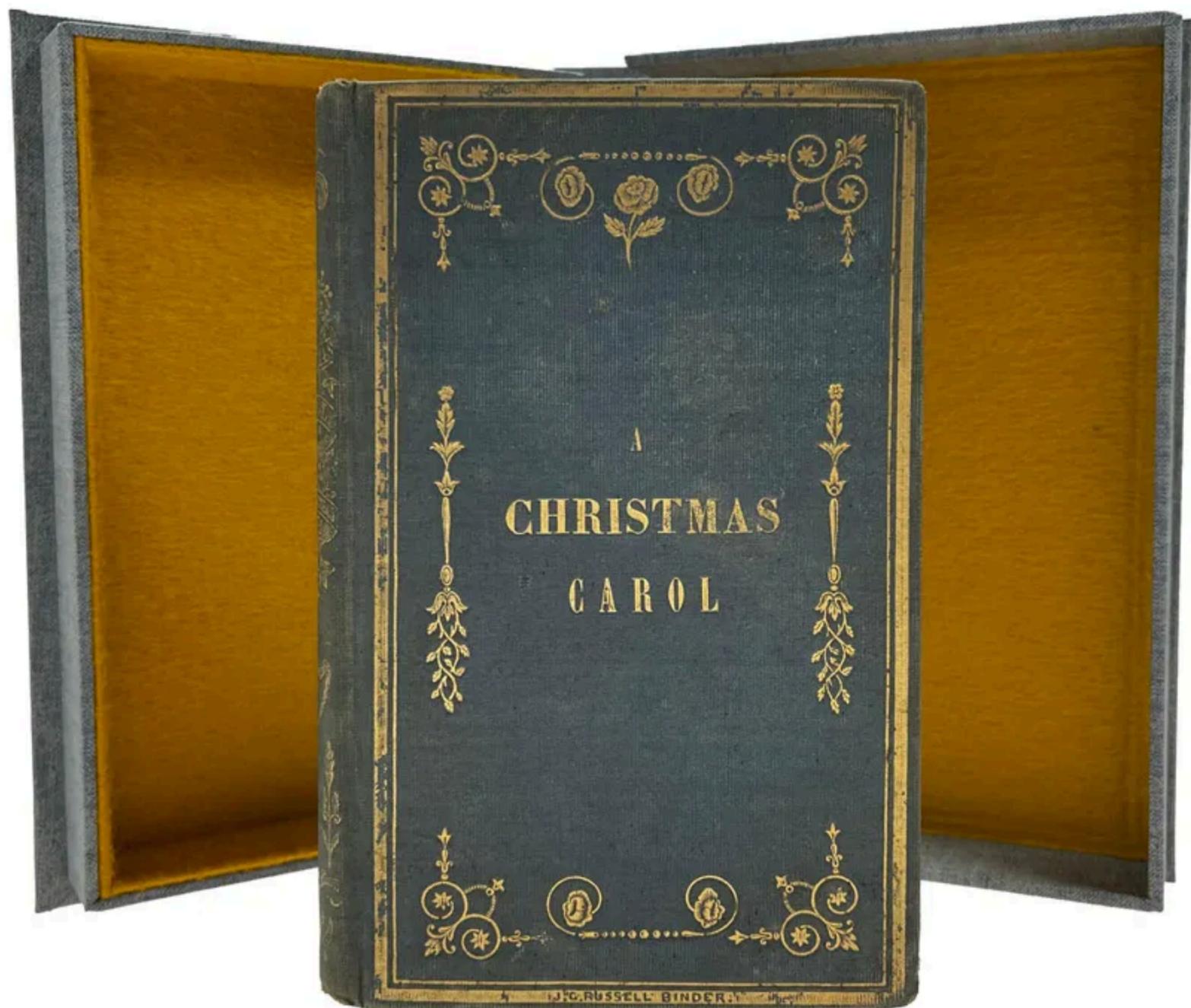


Advent: Joy

Psalm 32





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CHRISTMAS
CAROL

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“Joy of Christmas?”

The image features four purple cylindrical containers arranged in a row against a dark background with bokeh lights and greenery. The first container on the left is filled with a dark purple liquid and has the word "HOPE" written vertically in white. The second container is also filled with dark purple liquid and has the word "PEACE" written vertically in white. The third container is filled with a lighter purple liquid and has the word "JOY" written vertically in white. The fourth container on the right is empty and has a dark purple interior. The containers are slightly overlapping and have a soft glow around them.

HOPE

PEACE

JOY

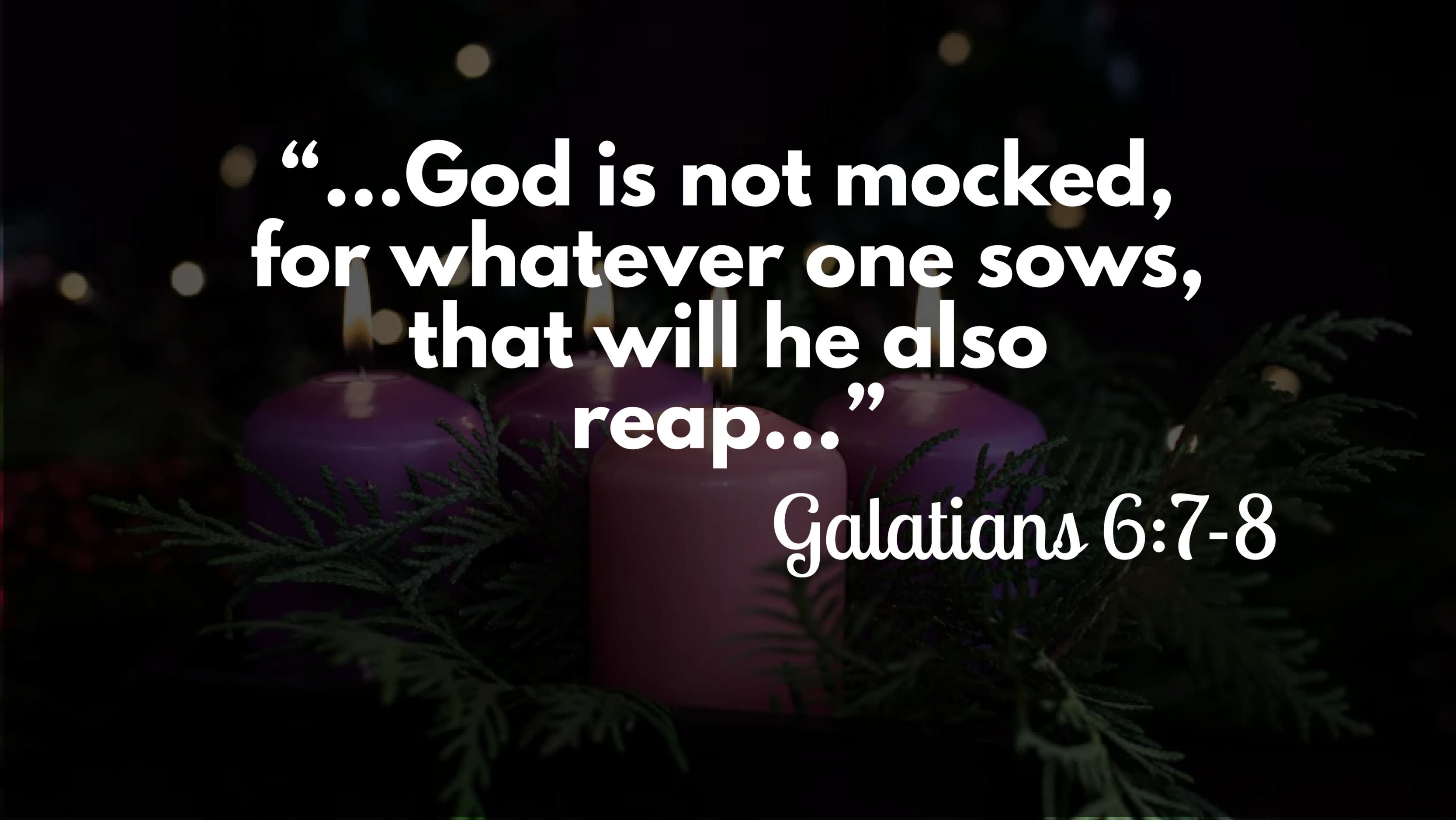
The background features three lit purple candles with visible flames, set against a dark backdrop. Green pine branches are scattered around the candles. Soft, out-of-focus bokeh lights in shades of yellow and white are scattered across the scene, creating a warm and festive atmosphere.

**“... Good News
of Great Joy...”**

Luke 2:10-11

1. Our **Sin** is the **Anti-Joy**



The background of the image features three lit purple candles with visible flames, set against a dark background with soft, out-of-focus light spots. Greenery, possibly pine or fir branches, is visible around the base of the candles.

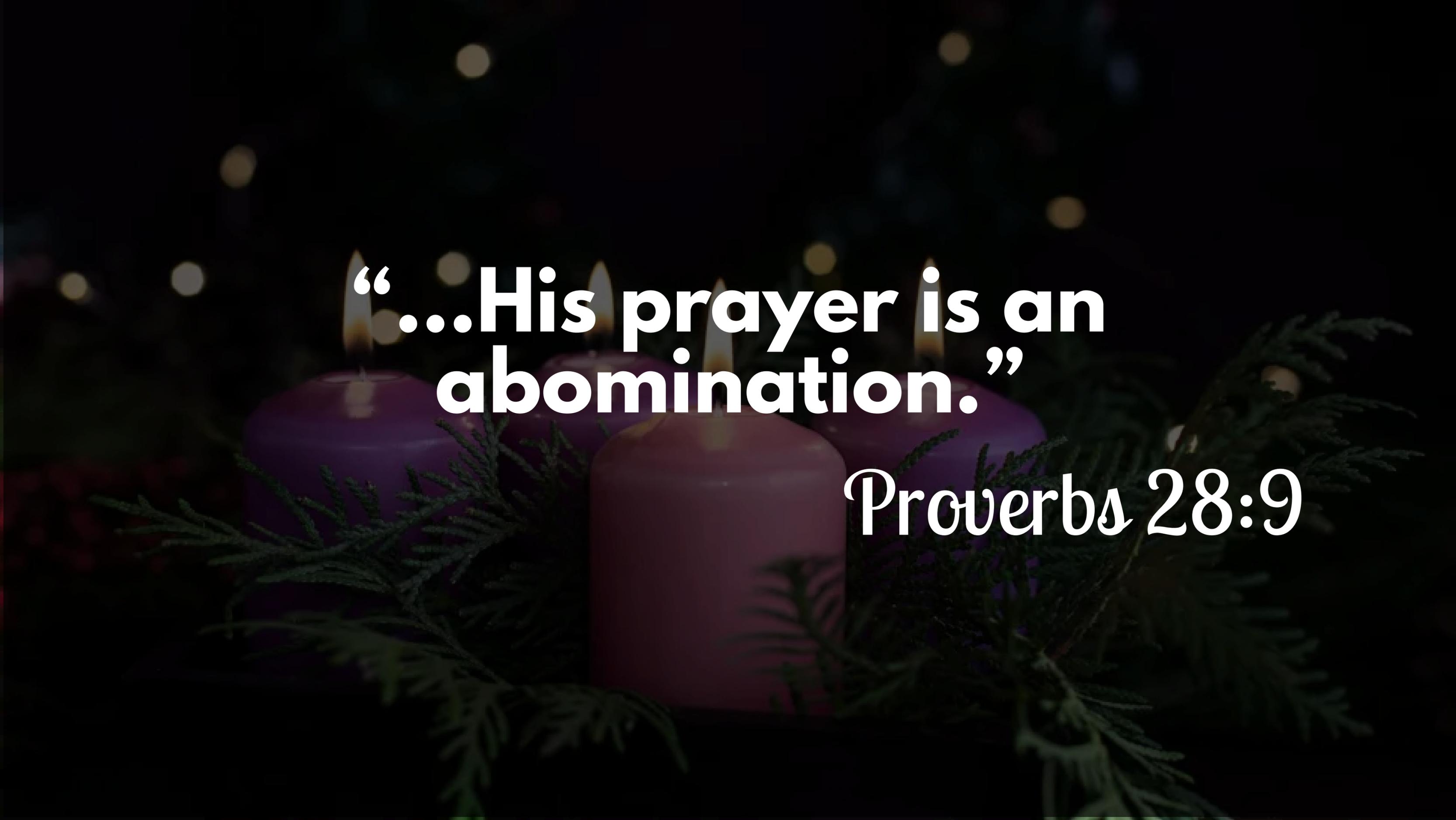
**“...God is not mocked,
for whatever one sows,
that will he also
reap...”**

Galatians 6:7-8

The background features three lit purple candles with warm, glowing flames. The scene is set against a dark background with a bokeh effect of light spots. Evergreen branches are visible in the foreground, partially obscuring the candles.

**“...Made a separation...
[God] does not hear.”**

Isaiah 59:2

The background of the image features four lit purple candles with visible flames, set against a dark background with a bokeh effect of light spots. Evergreen branches are visible in the foreground and background, creating a festive, holiday atmosphere.

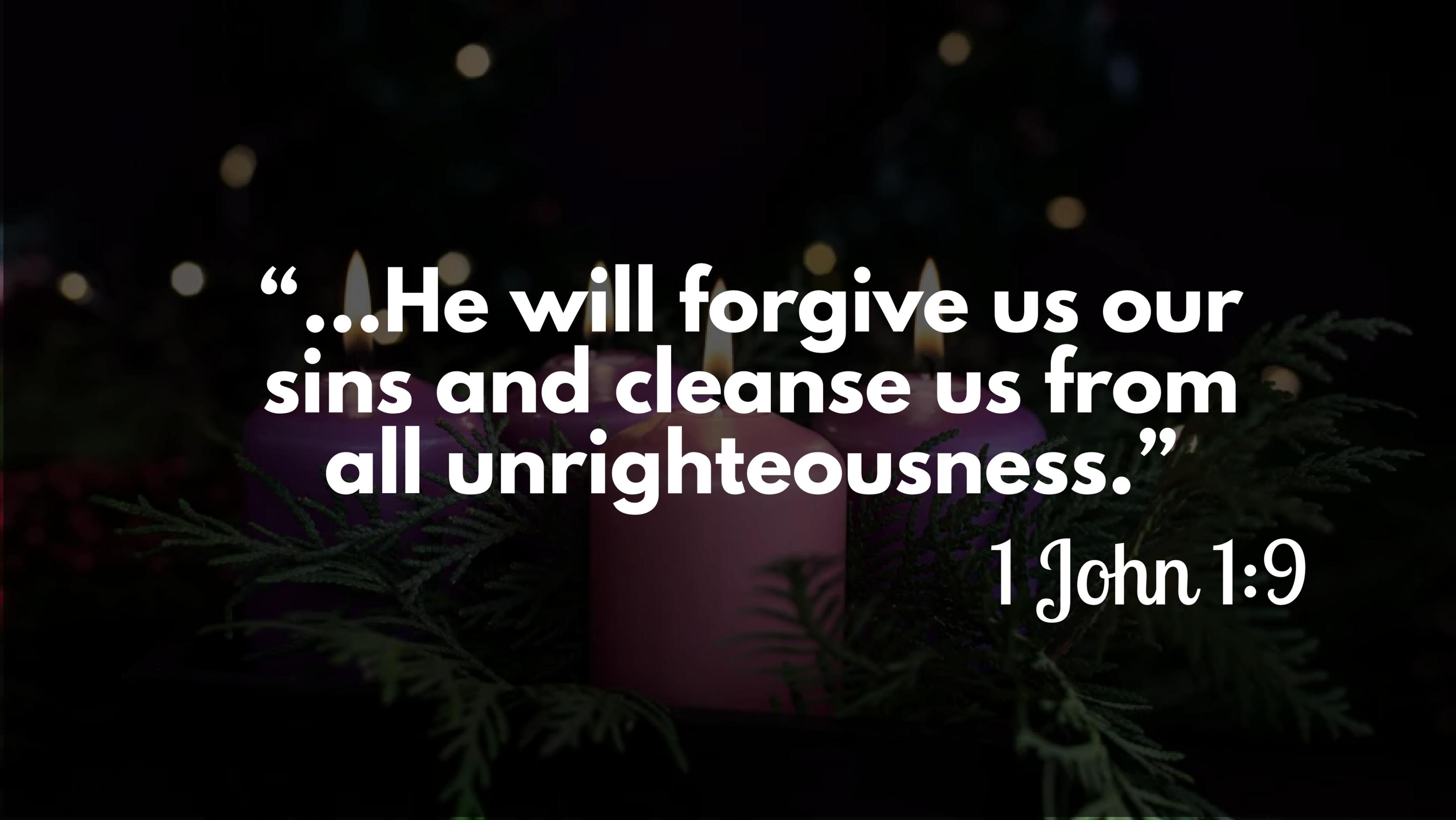
“...His prayer is an abomination.”

Proverbs 28:9

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1. Our **Sin** is the **Anti-Joy**
 2. Our **Restored Joy**
begins with **Confession**

The image features four lit purple candles arranged in a row, set against a dark background. The candles are surrounded by green, feathery foliage, likely cedar or juniper. In the background, there are several out-of-focus, warm-toned bokeh lights. The text is centered over the candles.

Psalm 51
2 Samuel 11-12

A dark background featuring a lit purple candle in the center, with green pine branches visible on the left and right sides. The candle's flame is visible at the top, and the background is filled with soft, out-of-focus light spots.

“...He will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:9

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1. Our **Sin** is the **Anti-Joy**
 2. Our **Restored Joy**
begins with **Confession**
 3. Our **Joy** is **Restored**
when we are **Forgiven**

**For God so loved the world,
He gave His one and only
Son, so that everyone who
believes in Him will not perish
but have eternal life.**

John 3:15

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