



Shofar Christian Church

Draw near with knowledge

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¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

H e b r e w s 1 0 : 1 9 - 2 2

10 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. ² For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

R o m a n s 10 : 1 - 2



**Zeal without knowledge
does not lead to salvation**

Draw Near



Draw Near ...



Zeal



Draw Near ...

Zeal with Knowledge



D r a w N e a r ...

Draw Near



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32 They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the way and while He opened the Scriptures to us?”

Luke 24:32


COALS OF TRUTH

Knowledge of the truth is what keeps/guides our zeal

- _ Hebrews 10:14 Perfected....**
- _ Hebrews 10:17 No more...**
- _ Hebrews 10:19 Since...**
- _ Hebrews 10:21 Since...**

... therefore draw near.

Hebrews 10:22 With a Sincere heart!



Zeal for nearness to God that is according to truth

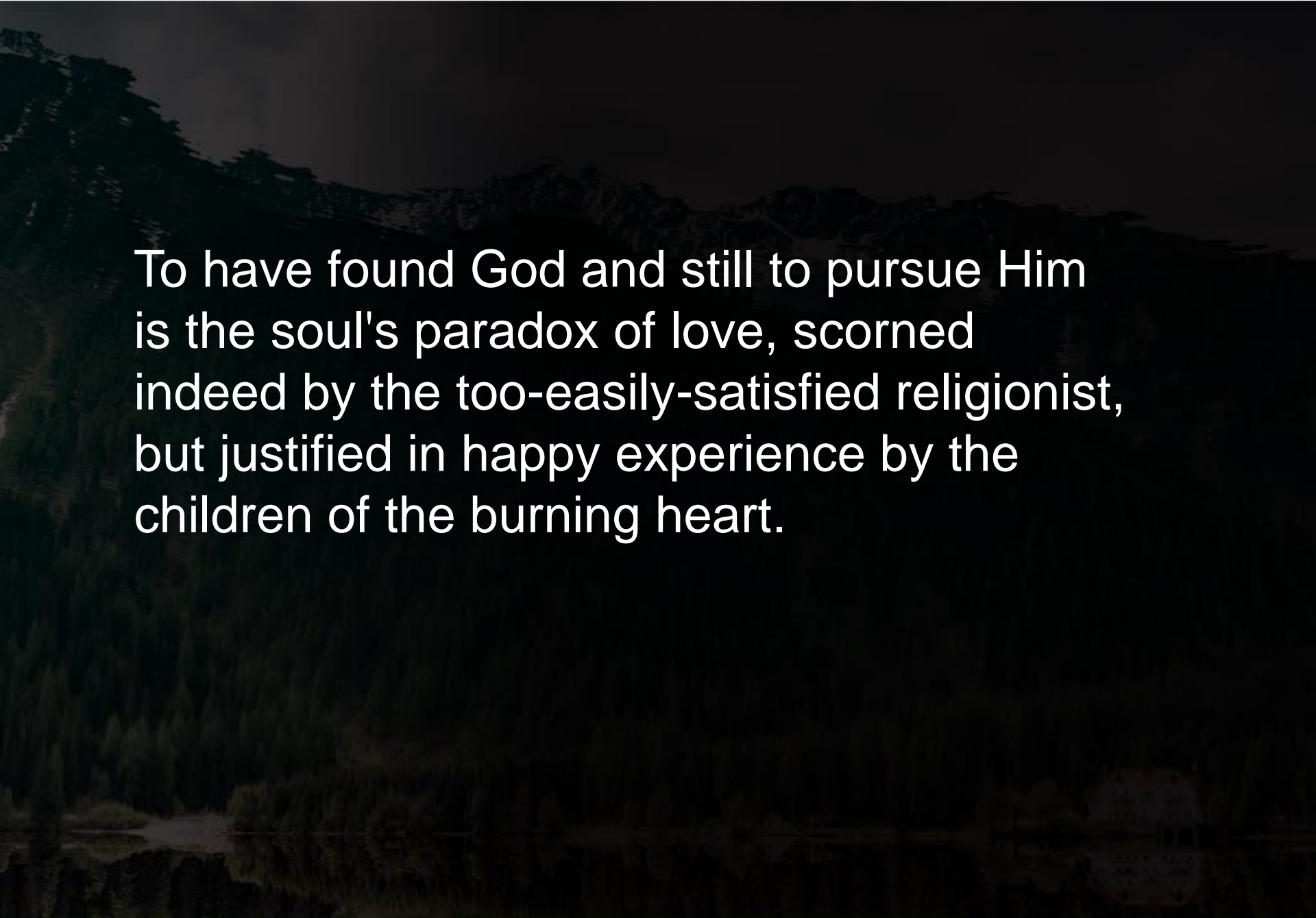
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The Bible is not an end in itself, but a means to bring men to an intimate and satisfying knowledge of God, that they may enter into Him, that they may delight in His Presence, may taste and know the inner sweetness of the very God Himself in the core and center of their hearts.

My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

Psalm 63:8

Christian theology teaches the doctrine of prevenient grace, which briefly stated means this, that before a man can seek God, God must first have sought the man

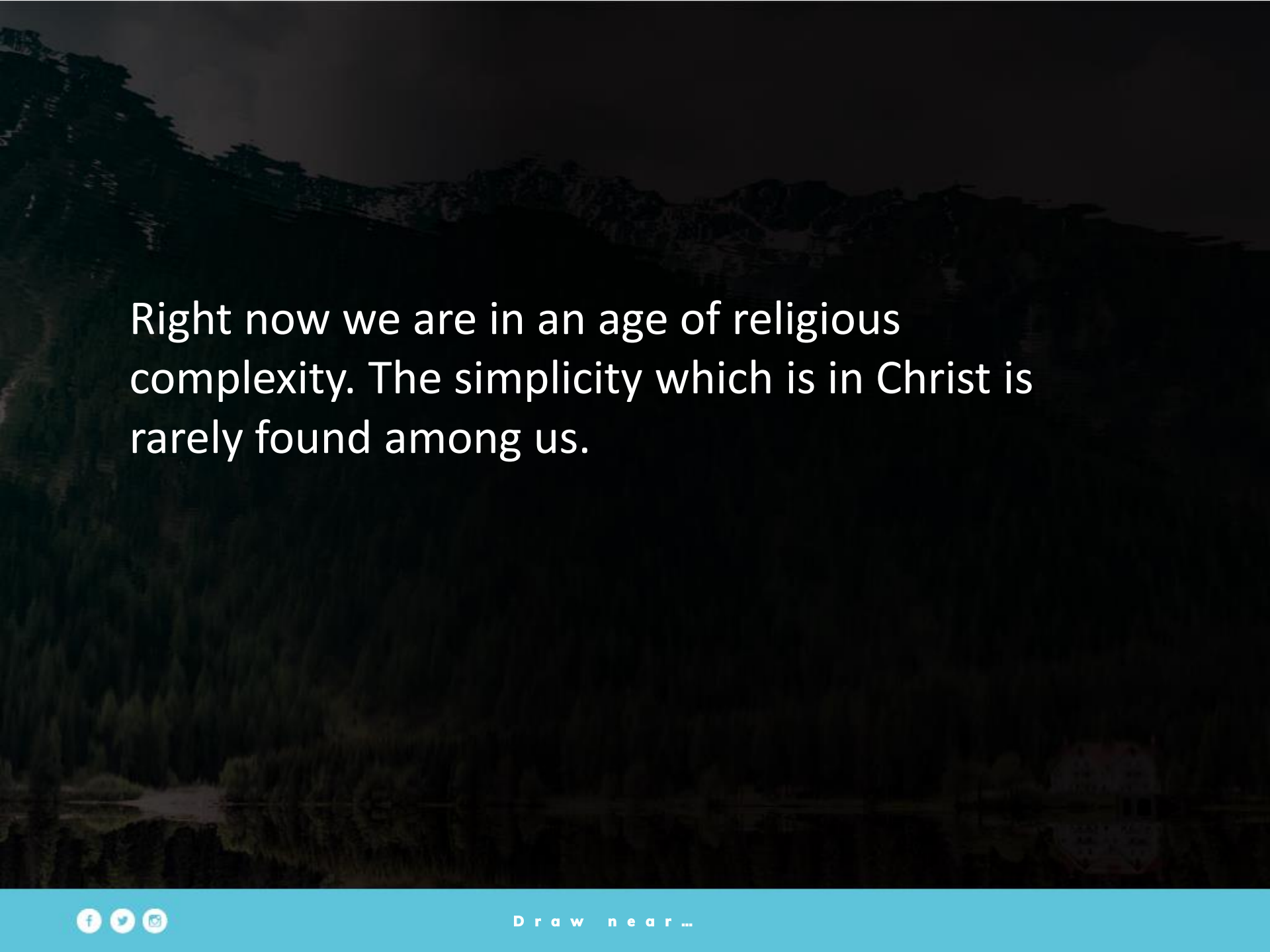


To have found God and still to pursue Him
is the soul's paradox of love, scorned
indeed by the too-easily-satisfied religionist,
but justified in happy experience by the
children of the burning heart.

The doctrine of justification by faith—a Biblical truth, and a blessed relief from sterile legalism and unavailing self-effort—has in our time fallen into evil company and been interpreted by many in such manner as actually to bar men from the knowledge of God. The whole transaction of religious conversion has been made mechanical and spiritless.

Faith may now be exercised without a jar to the moral life and without embarrassment to the Adamic ego. Christ may be "received" without creating any special love for Him in the soul of the receiver. The man is "saved," but he is not hungry nor thirsty after God. In fact he is specifically taught to be satisfied and encouraged to be content with little.

The lack of it has brought us to our present low estate. The stiff and wooden quality about our religious lives is a result of our lack of holy desire. Complacency is a deadly foe of all spiritual growth. Acute desire must be present or there will be no manifestation of Christ to His people. He waits to be wanted. Too bad that with many of us He waits so long, so very long, in vain.



Right now we are in an age of religious complexity. The simplicity which is in Christ is rarely found among us.



We must simplify our approach to Him.

4 One thing I have asked of the LORD, and
that I will seek:
That I may dwell in the house of
the LORD [in His presence] all the days of
my life, to gaze upon the beauty [the
delightful loveliness and majestic grandeur]
of the LORD and to meditate in His temple.

P s a l m 27 : 4

*When You said, “Seek My face [in prayer, require My presence as your greatest need],” my heart said to You, “Your face, O LORD, I will seek [**on the authority of Your word**].”*

P s a l m 27:8