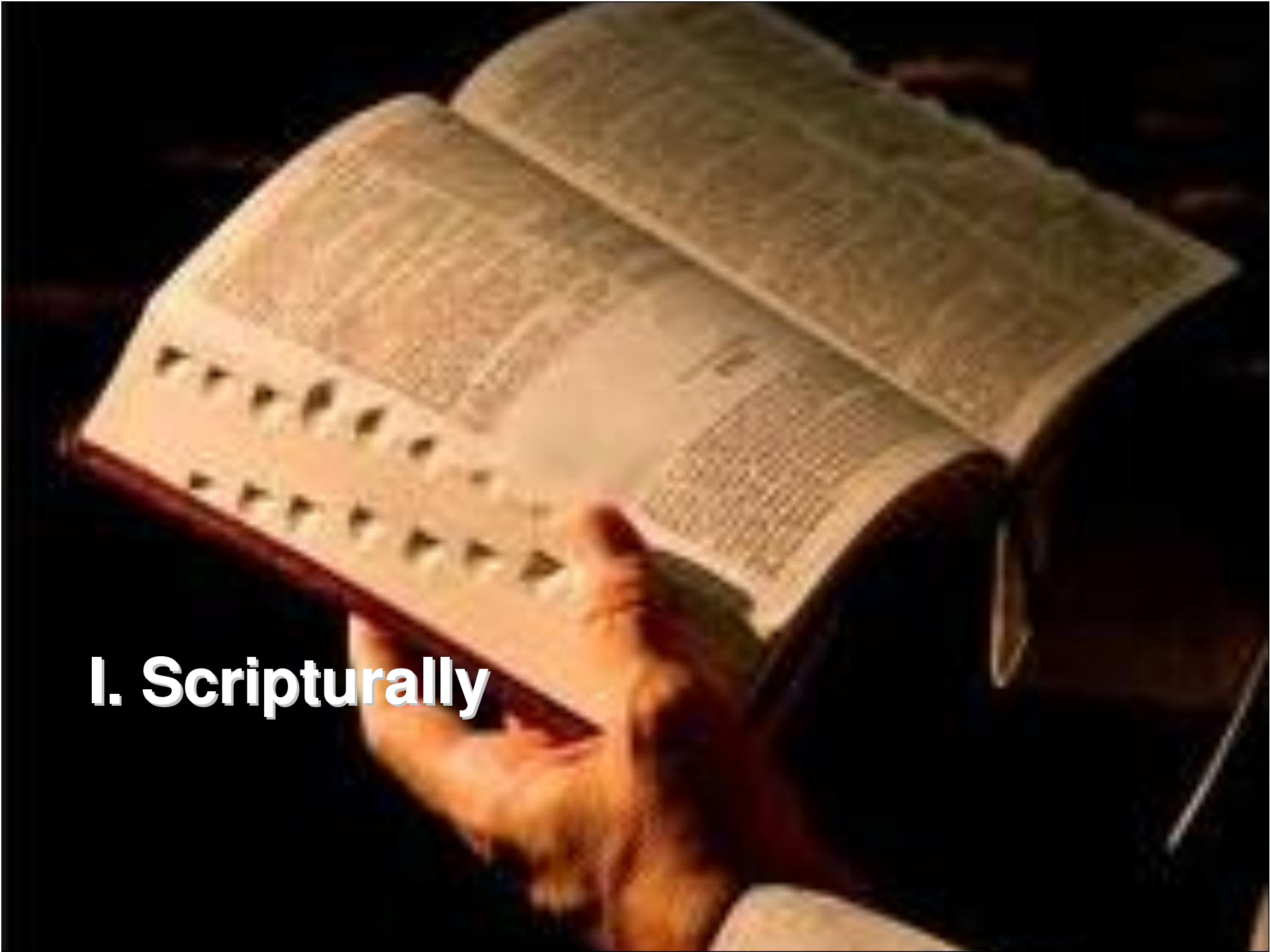






“If Any Man Speaks”

1 Peter 4:11



I. Scripturally

A. One Must First Know The Scriptures

- “If any man speaks, let him speak as the oracles (utterances) of God” *1 Pet.4:11*

29 Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, **not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.**” *Matt.22*

- Jesus is saying they didn't know how to draw proper conclusions from God's Word
- There is a right way and a wrong way to interpret the Bible *2 Tim.2:15*

A. One Must First Know The Scriptures

B. Must Believe In The Bible's Inspiration

- **Paul claims verbal inspiration / *Cor.14:37***
 - **He urges Timothy to read, meditate, and teach God's truth to others / *Tim.4:13-16***
 - **Jesus made a point from scripture based upon the tense of a verb *Matt.22:30-33***
 - **Trusting God's inspired Word prevents dry, formal worship *Matt.15:8-9***



II. Cleanly

A. Risqué Speech Reveals Worldliness

- Our Lord makes this point very clear in rebuking the Pharisees *Matt.12:33-37*

7 In all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility,

8 Sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you. *Titus 2*

- The best way to show Christ in one's life is in how he uses his tongue *Eph 5:4*

A. Risqué Speech Reveals Worldliness

B. Insecure Minds Use Unclean Language

- Peter shows clearly by his speech that he was not a follower of Jesus *Matt.26:74-75*

74 Then he began to **curse and swear**, saying, “I do not know the Man!” Immediately a rooster crowed.

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- Peter shows clearly by his speech that he was not a follower of Jesus *Matt.26:74-75*

75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, “**Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.**” So he went out and wept bitterly.

- Our Savior shows peace and security that comes from living a pure life / *Pet.2:22-23*



III. Carefully

A. To Speak The Truth

- **“Therefore, putting away lying, Let each one of you speak truth” *Eph.4:25***
 - **Flattery too often is used insincerely to gain someone’s confidence *Prov.29:5***
 - **Sometimes we must hurt people with the truth to save their souls *Matt.18:15-18***
 - **As a general rule speak first “what is good for necessary edification” *Eph.4:29***

A. To Speak The Truth

B. As To The Time We Speak

- **“A time to keep silence, And a time to speak” *Ecc.3:7***

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now” *Jn.16:12*

- There are times when brethren have a personality gap that only love can fill!

A. To Speak The Truth

B. As To The Time We Speak

C. Regarding The Manner We Speak

- **Always speak kindly but clearly in efforts to save souls and stand for truth *Col.4:6***

6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, **that you may know how you ought to answer each one. *Col.4***

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1 Elymas *Acts 13:10-12*

2 Twelve Disciples *Acts 19:3-4*

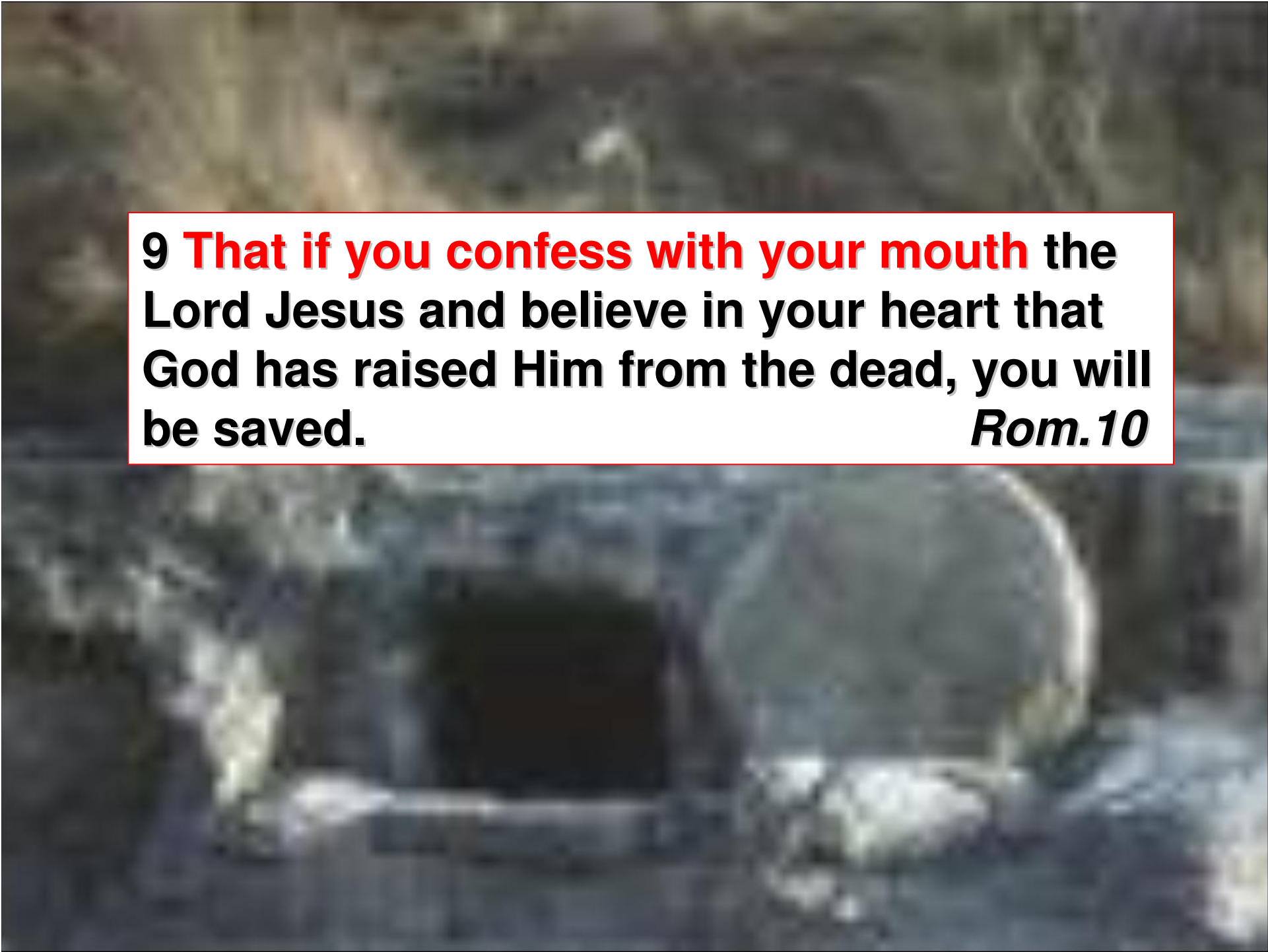
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- **Sometimes people won't let you talk to them about essential matters *Acts 18:6***
 - **Saints must learn not to “cast your pearls before swine” *Matt.7:4-6***



9 That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Rom.10