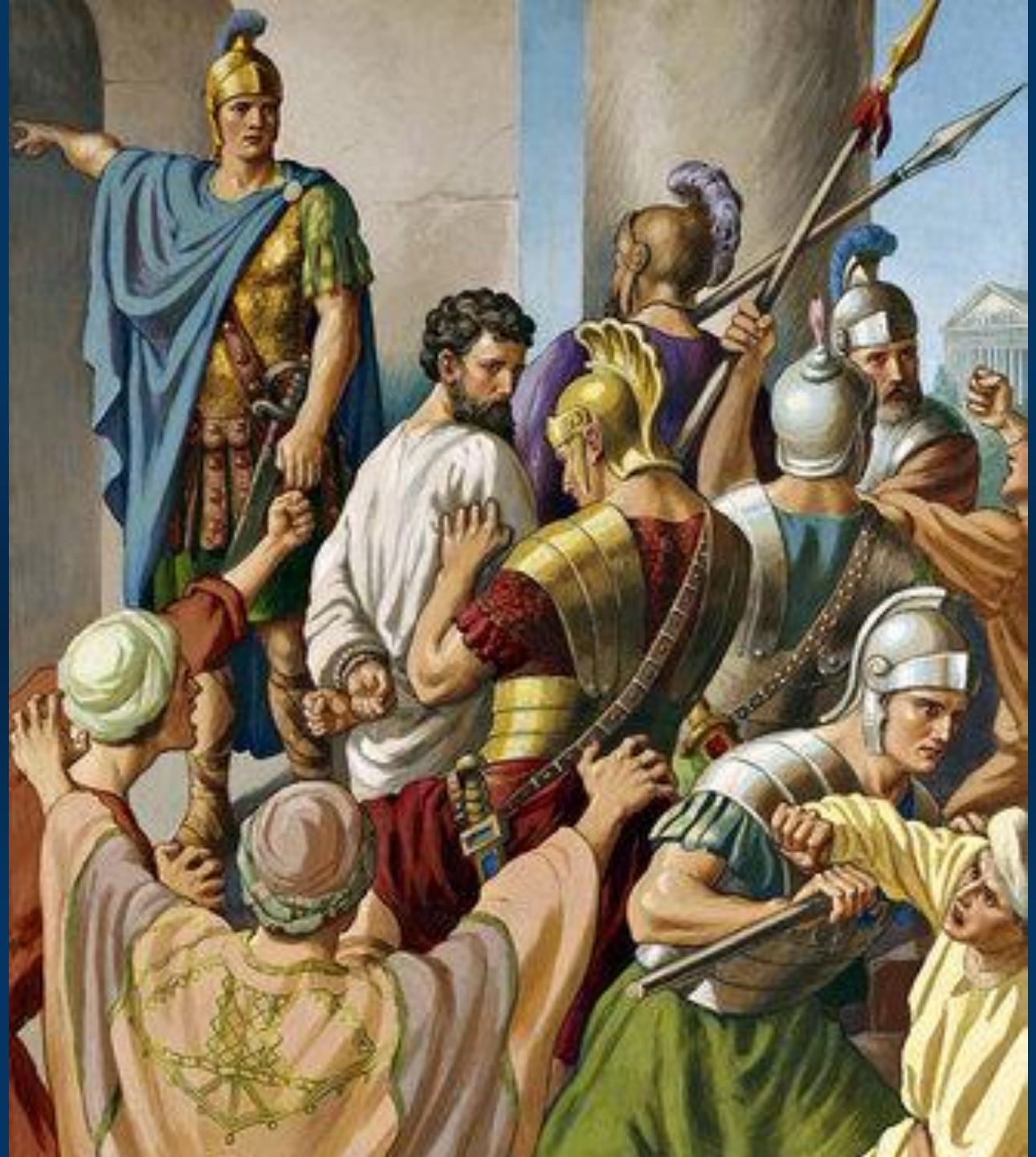
Acts 21-22

Jerusalem Mob



Location – Location – Location

Where was Paul in Acts 21:28? …Why?

Making sacrifices in the temple, ending the days of purification.

Where was he in 21:30-31? His condition? Who did this to him?

He was dragged out of the temple… by the people of Jerusalem.

Location – Location – Location

What happened to him in 21:33?

Where was he taken in 21:34-35 and why?

The Roman Tribune "took hold of him" and brought him to the stairs of the barracks because of the "violence of the mob."

Where was he at the beginning of Acts 22?

Why was he there? What was his condition?

On the stairs of the barracks, to address the crowd. Beaten, Still in chains.

Location – Location – Location

After he spoke to the crowd, to where was he taken in 22:24? What was his condition?

He was brought into the barracks to be "examined" by scourging. He was stretched out with thongs to be scourged.

What questions or insights come to you mind?

What personal applications do you make?

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Ezekiel 44:6-9

"...say to the rebellious ones... 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Enough of all your abominations, O house of Israel, 7 when you brought in foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My sanctuary to profane it, even My house... 8 And you have not kept charge of My holy things yourselves, but you have set foreigners to keep charge of My sanctuary. No foreigner... who are among the sons of Israel, shall enter My sanctuary."

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After wanting him killed, what prompted the crowd to become quiet and listen to him? (22:2)

He addressed them in Hebrew.

Contrast Paul's Account Here with Acts 9

- *He was raised in Jerusalem & strictly trained in the law under Gamaliel.*
- *Nothing here about Ananias' struggle*
- *No mention here about him being "a chosen instrument of mine to go the the gentiles."*
- *No mention here of the prediction that he would "suffer for Christ."*
- *Nothing here about preaching Christ as the Son of God in Damascus synagogues, nor of the Jews plotting to kill him.*

Paul begins his address by recounting his conversion testimony. Why?

- *It was dramatic and miraculous.*
- *They could not refute that Jesus had appeared to him on the Damascus road.*
- *He had been even more zealous for the Law than they were being, but…*
- *He was amazingly converted to follow Jesus.*

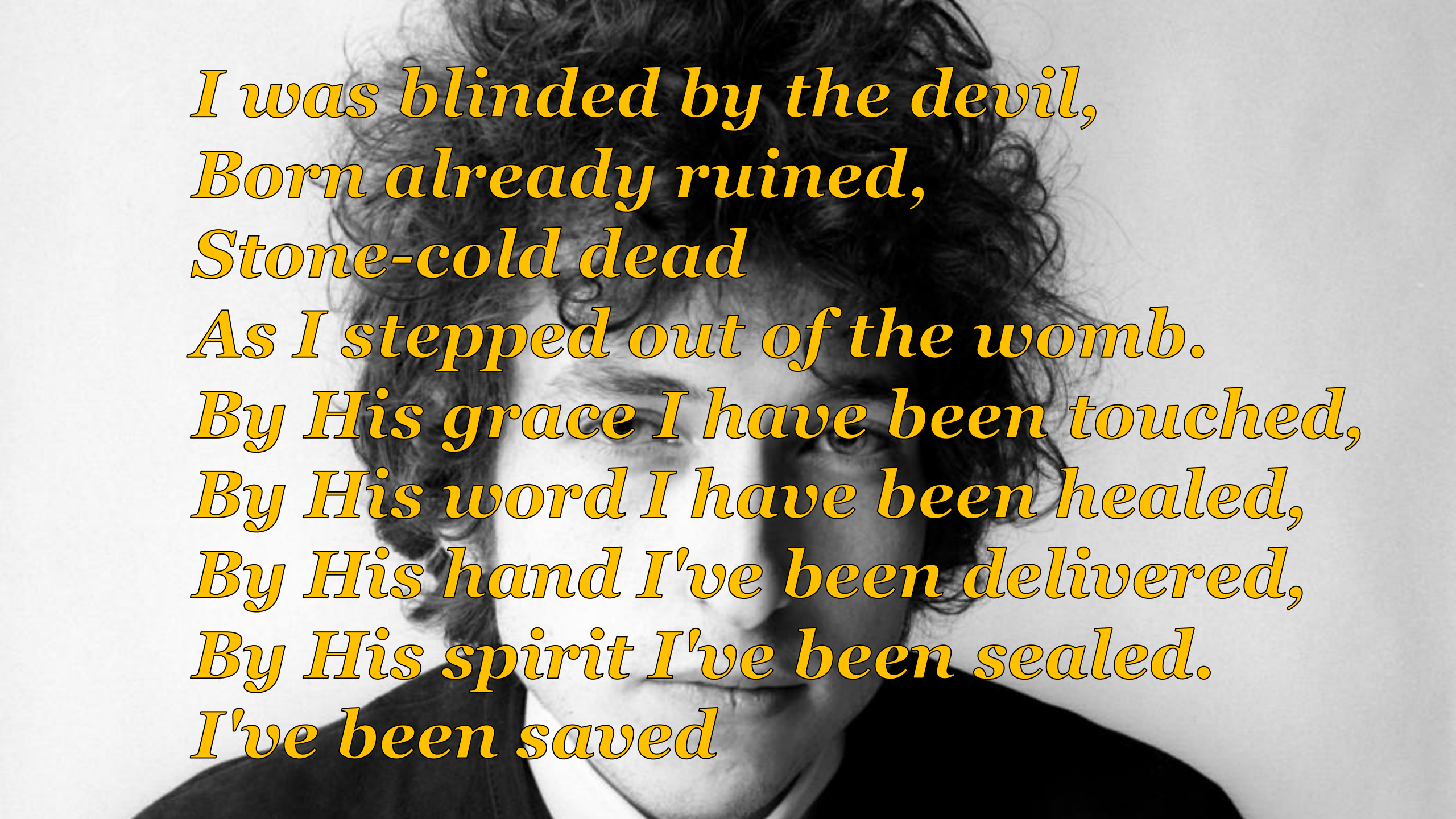
Personal Conversion Testimony

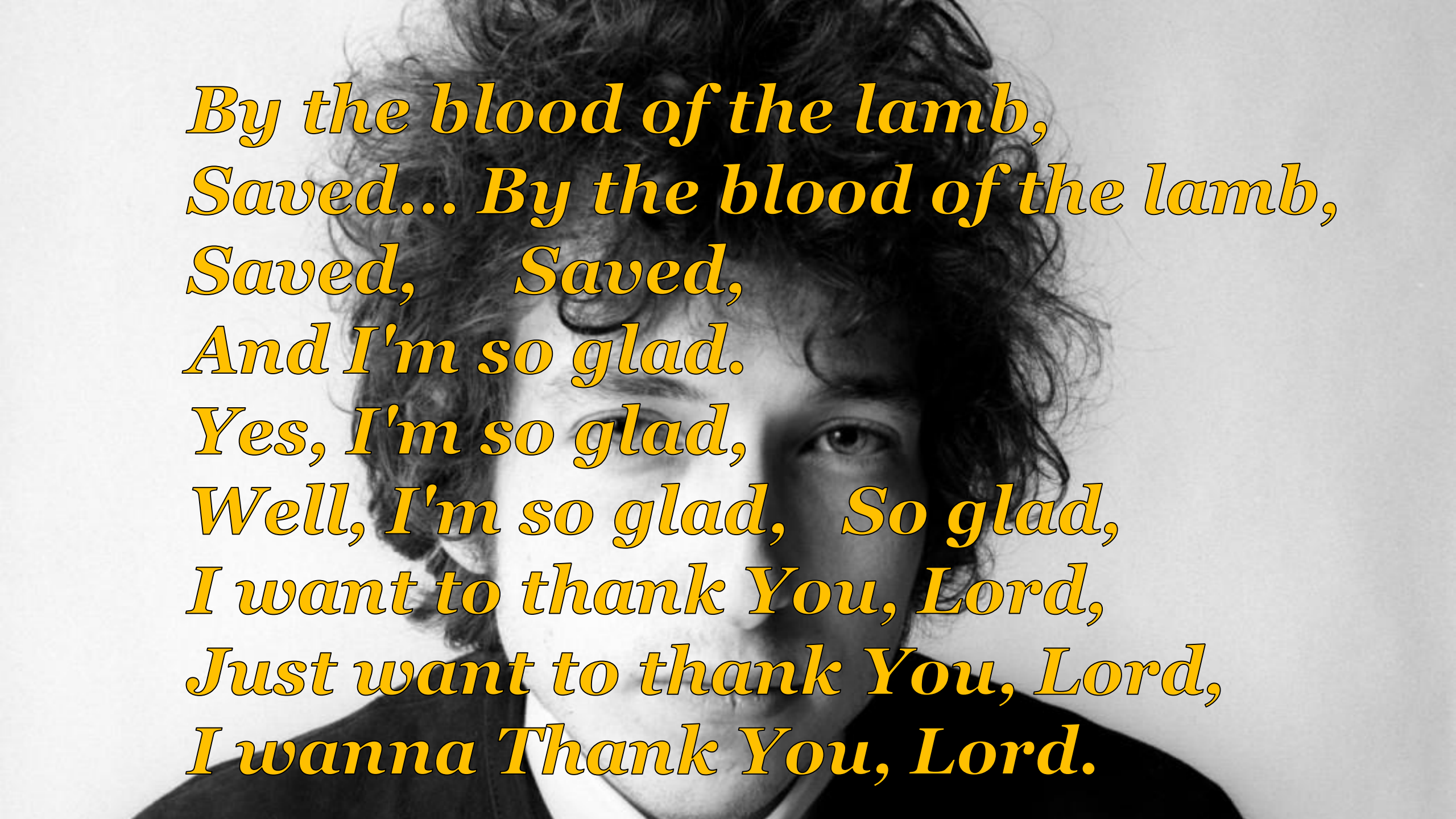
1. *Before I received Christ, I lived and thought this way:*

2. *How I received Christ (be specific):*

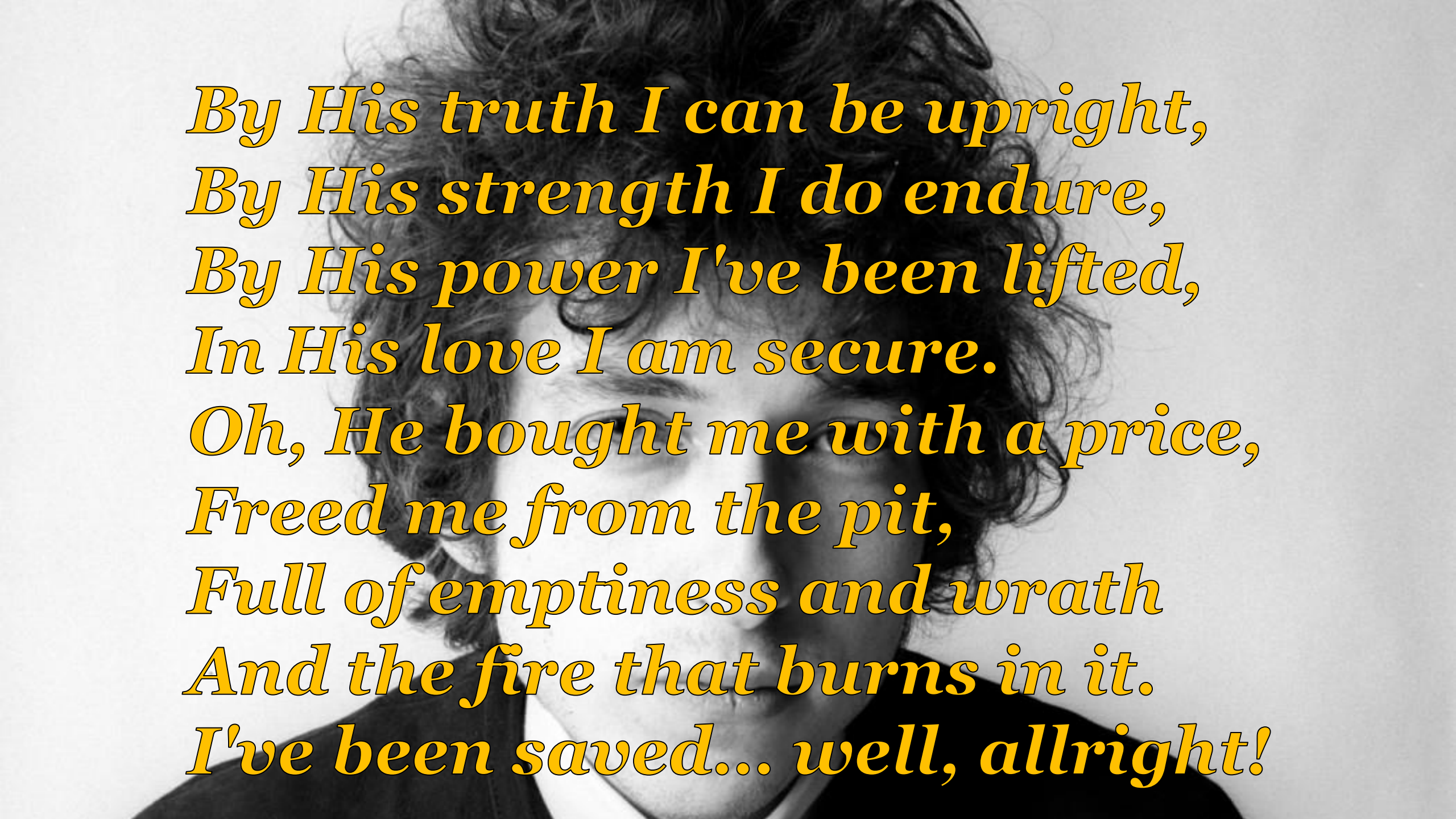
3. *After I received Christ, these positive changes took place:*

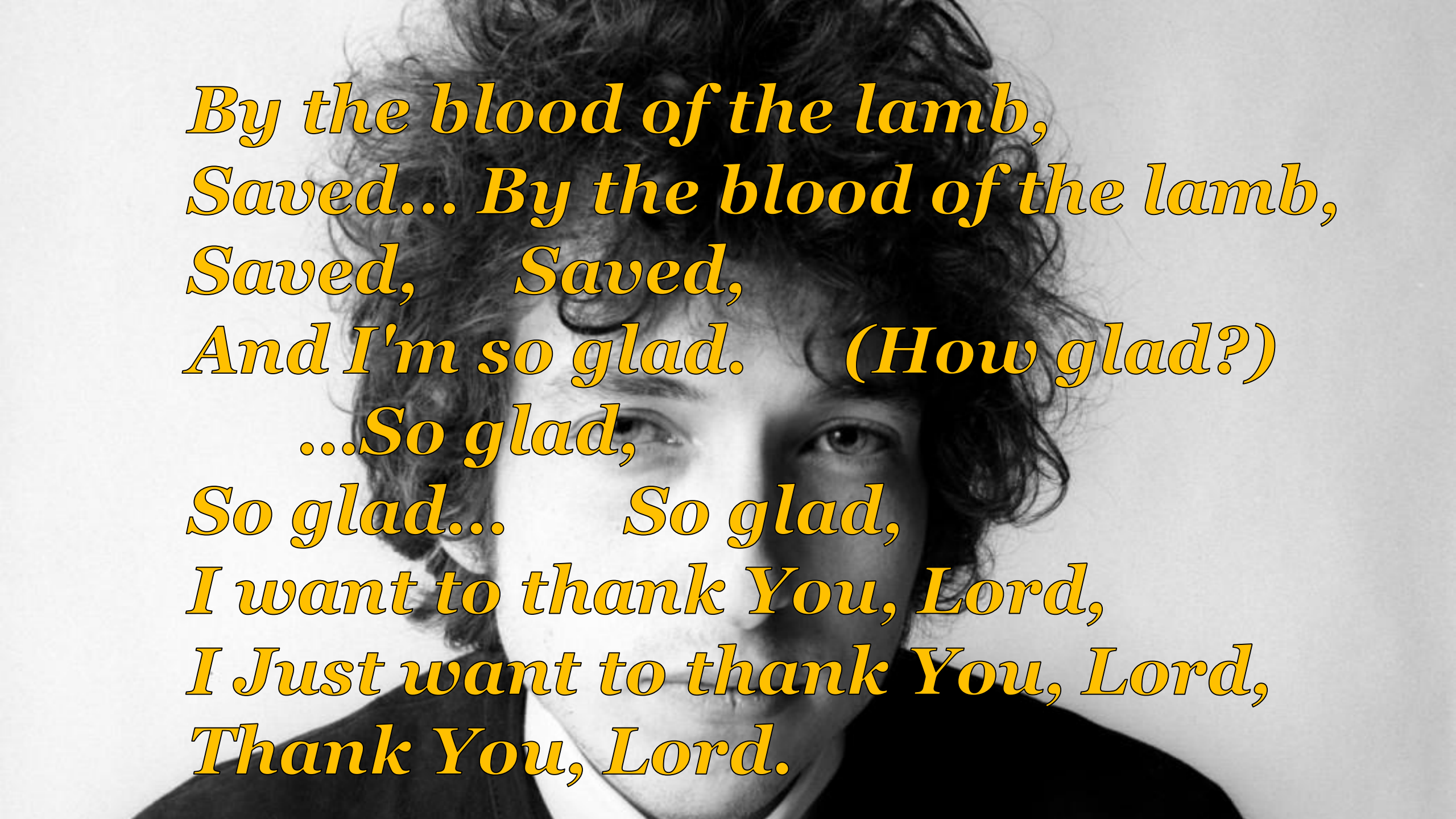
A CHRISTIAN ???


I was blinded by the devil,
Born already ruined,
Stone-cold dead
As I stepped out of the womb.
By His grace I have been touched,
By His word I have been healed,
By His hand I've been delivered,
By His spirit I've been sealed.
I've been saved

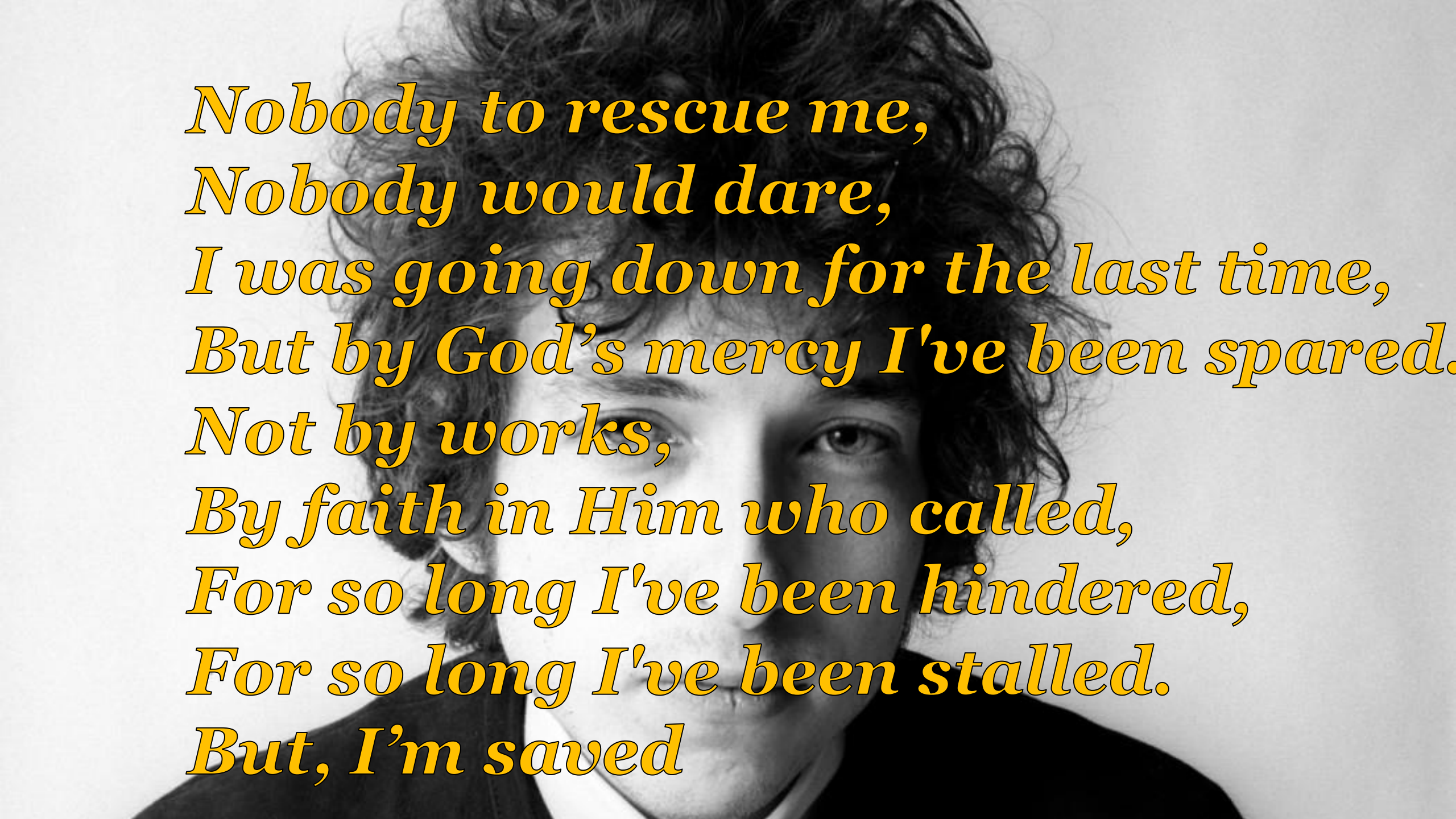


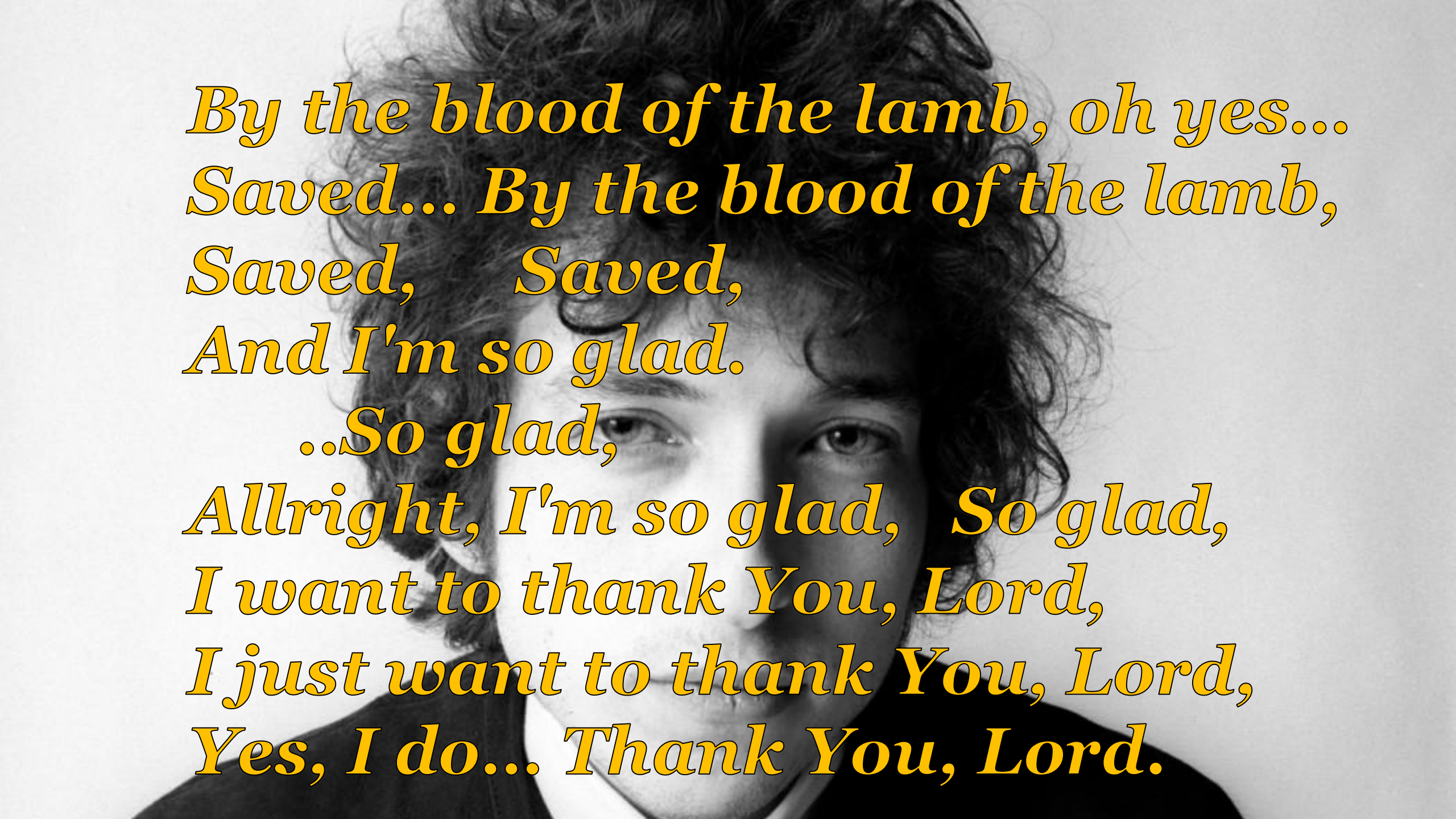
By the blood of the lamb,
Saved... By the blood of the lamb,
Saved, Saved,
And I'm so glad.
Yes, I'm so glad,
Well, I'm so glad, So glad,
I want to thank You, Lord,
Just want to thank You, Lord,
I wanna Thank You, Lord.


By His truth I can be upright,
By His strength I do endure,
By His power I've been lifted,
In His love I am secure.
Oh, He bought me with a price,
Freed me from the pit,
Full of emptiness and wrath
And the fire that burns in it.
I've been saved... well, allright!



By the blood of the lamb,
Saved... By the blood of the lamb,
Saved, Saved,
And I'm so glad. (How glad?)
...So glad,
So glad... So glad,
I want to thank You, Lord,
I Just want to thank You, Lord,
Thank You, Lord.


Nobody to rescue me,
Nobody would dare,
I was going down for the last time,
But by God’s mercy I've been spared.
Not by works,
By faith in Him who called,
For so long I've been hindered,
For so long I've been stalled.
But, I’m saved



By the blood of the lamb, oh yes...
Saved... By the blood of the lamb,
Saved, Saved,
And I'm so glad.
..So glad,
Allright, I'm so glad, So glad,
I want to thank You, Lord,
I just want to thank You, Lord,
Yes, I do... Thank You, Lord.

What got the crowd stirred-up again?

His mention of the word, ”Gentile” (21)

He had previously been accused of bringing Gentiles into the Temple. (21:28)

Besides his testimony, what else did Paul say that may have upset the mob?

- *His being baptized in the name of Jesus.*
- *Mention of the stoning of Stephen and Paul's presence there, in that they were proposing something similar for Paul.*
- *His claim that God spoke to him verbally & rescued him from Jews in Jerusalem.*
- *That God spoke to him and directed him to go to the Gentiles.*

Before he was interrupted, Paul seemed to be intent on saying more… What might you have said next?

- *Claim that the accusations were unfounded.*
- *Challenge the people of their need to REPENT & BELIEVE & be BAPTIZED in Jesus' name.*
- *???*

In this section, Paul interacted with two Roman soldiers. Which had higher rank?

- *The Commander: χιλίαρχος (chiliarchos) Tribune. Generally the commander of one thousand soldiers.*
- *Centurion: κεντυρίων (kentyriōn). Commander of a 100-soldier unit*

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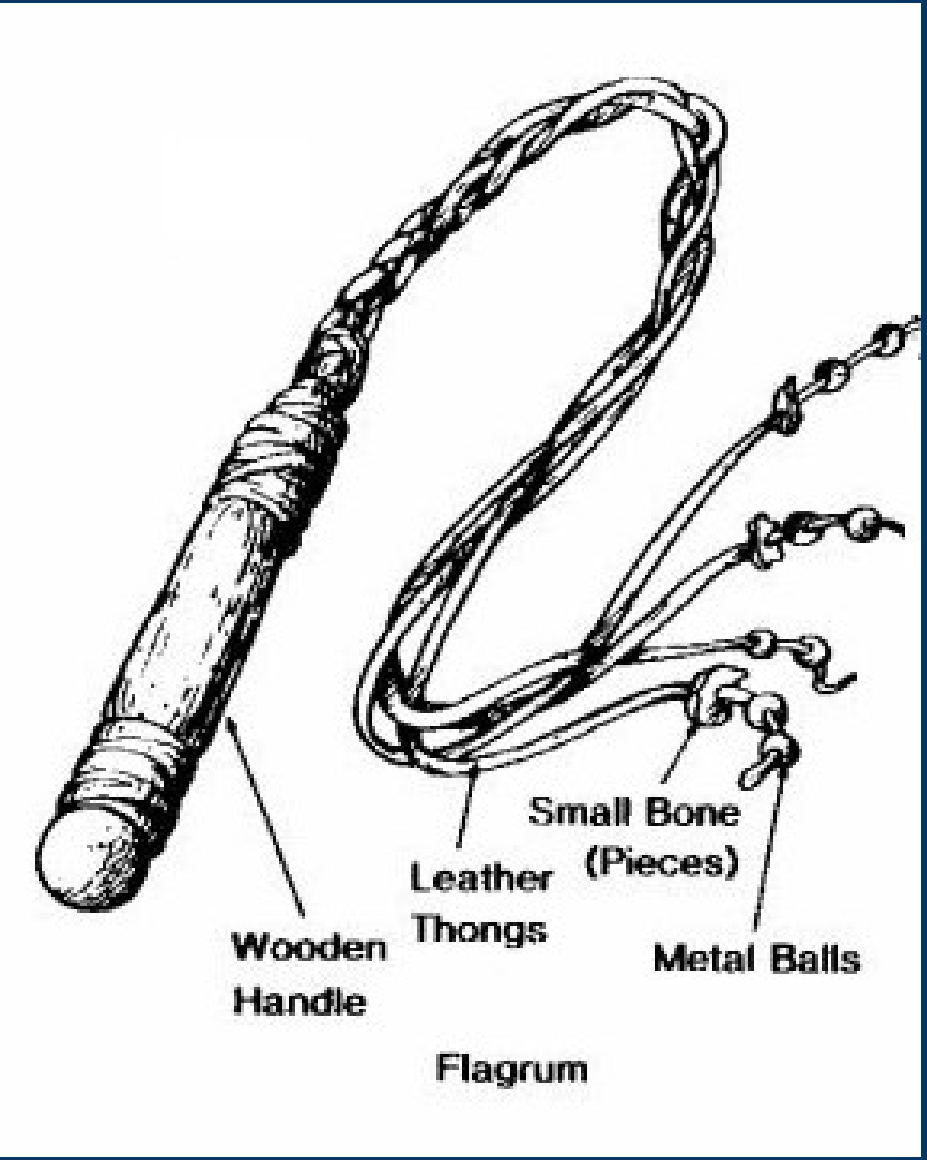

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- *He was to be scourged.*
- *To "find out why (the mob) was shouting against him in that way."*
- *They discovered that he was a Roman citizen.*

Where was Paul at the end of Acts 22? Why was he brought there?

- *The Roman Tribune brought him before the chief priests and the Sanhedrin.*
- *He was wishing to know for certain why he had been accused by them.*

Why did Luke record these questionings, trials, and abuses that Paul endured?

- *To show the fulfillment of Ananias's words when Paul was converted.*
- *An encouragement to all who followed that suffering is part of our calling.*

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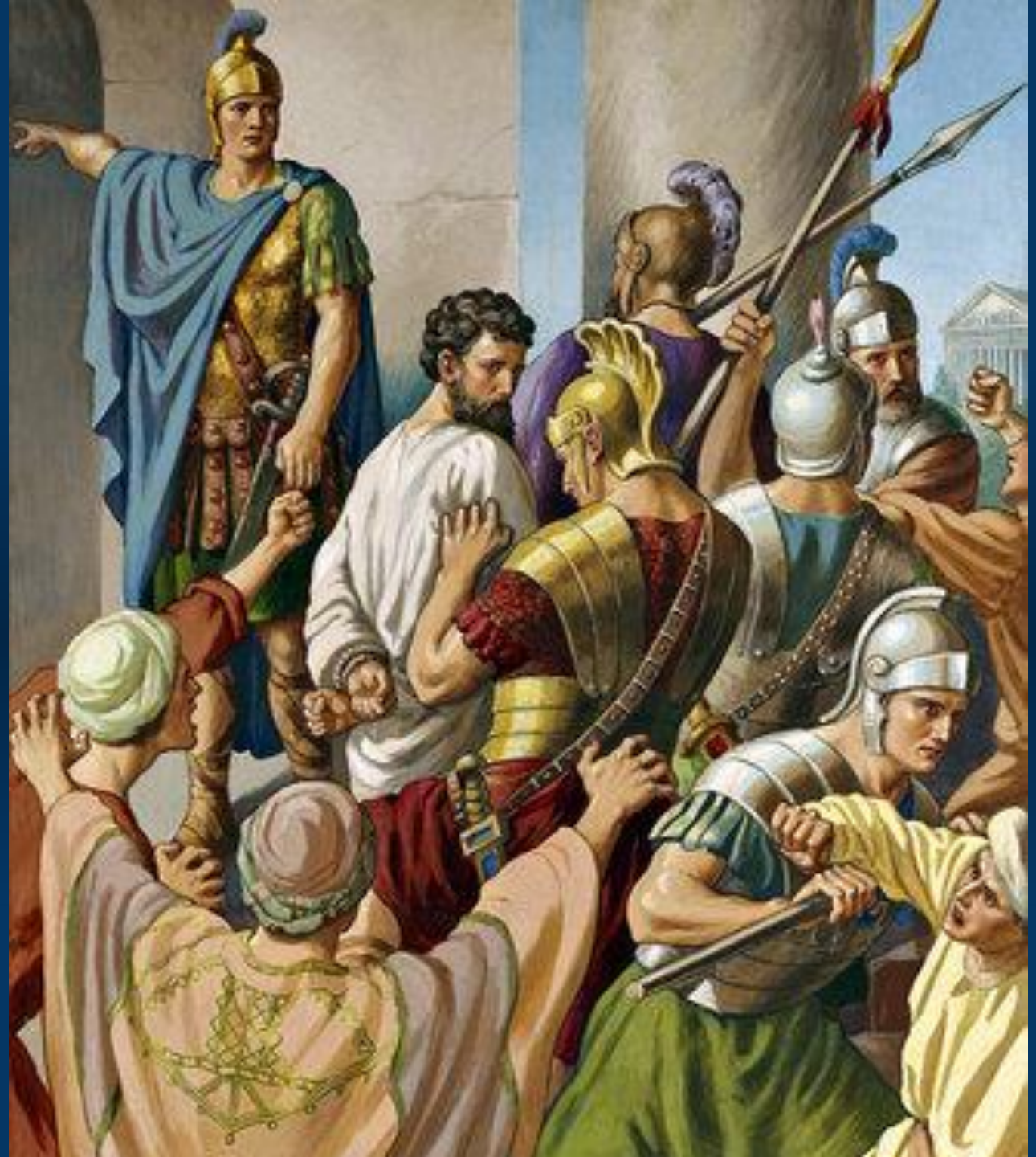
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