

The background of the slide is a panoramic view of a city, likely San Francisco, during the golden hour of sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and light blue. A prominent feature is a bright, glowing cross in the upper right quadrant of the sky, with light rays emanating from it. The city below is densely packed with buildings, and the overall atmosphere is warm and spiritual.

The TRANSFORMING POWER of the Cross

WHAT IT MEANS TO BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF THE CROSS

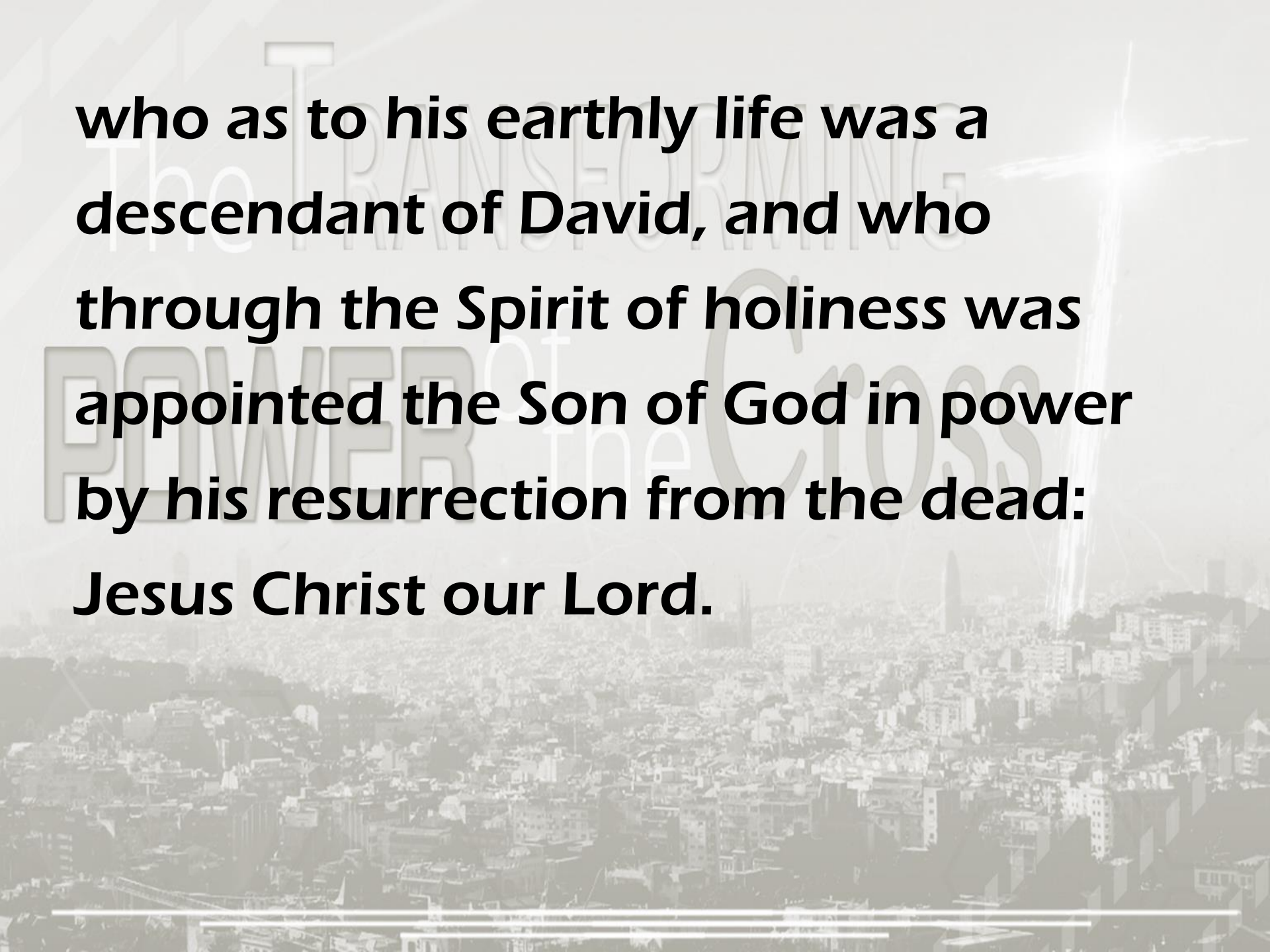
Introduction:

When enough people say they believe in Jesus Christ to completely transform the world we're living in, we have all the evidence we need that something major is disconnected!

Text: Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God — the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son,

who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.



Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake.

And you also are among those

Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

**To all in Rome who are loved by God
and called to be his holy people:**

**Grace and peace to you from God our
Father and from the Lord Jesus
Christ.**

Romans 1:1-7

Text: Romans 1:16-17

**For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
because it is the power of God that
brings salvation to everyone who
believes: first to the Jew, then to the
Gentile.**

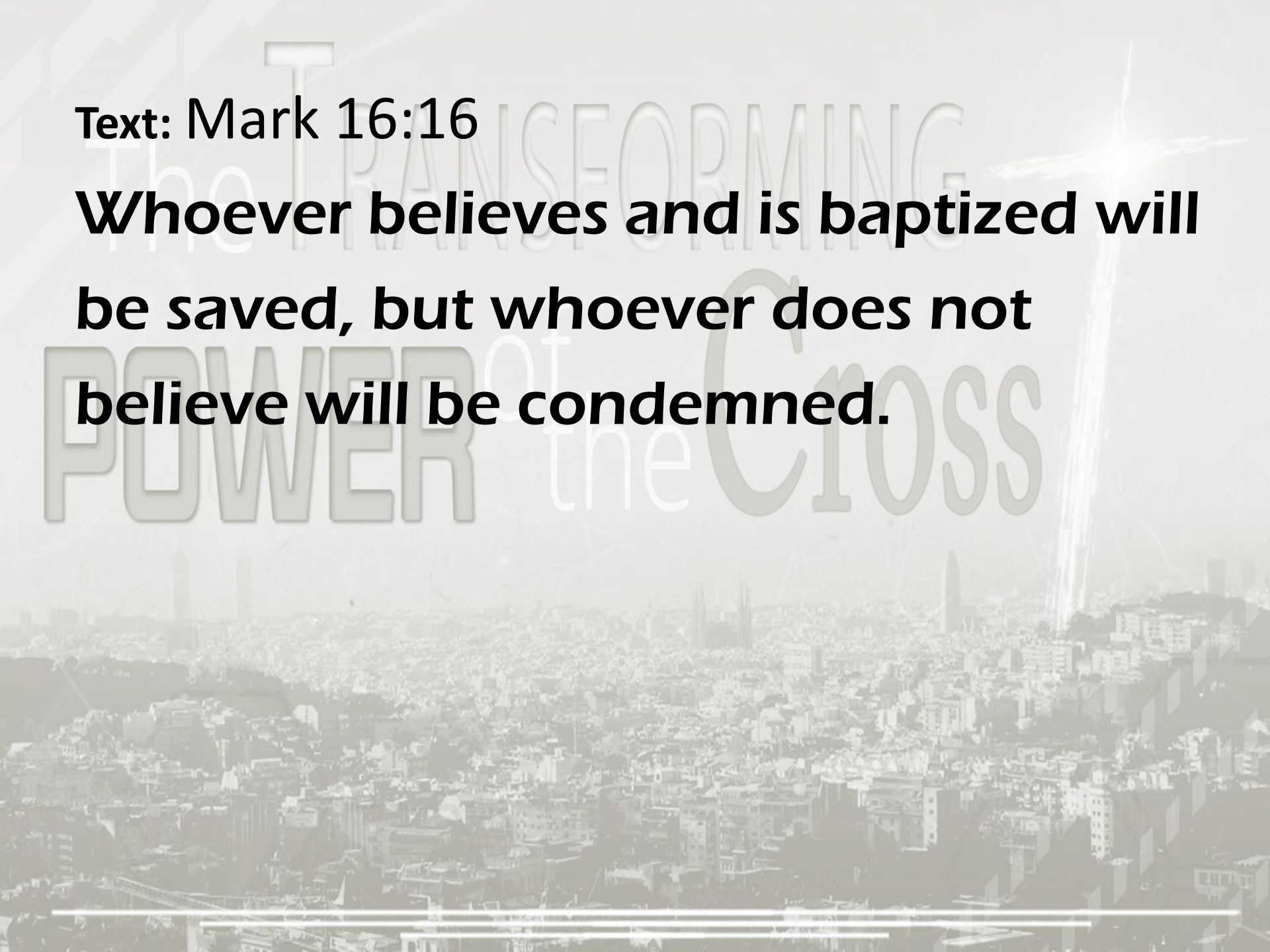
For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed — a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written:

“The righteous will live by faith.”

Romans 1:16-17

Text: Mark 16:16

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.



Text: John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Text: Acts 16:31

They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved — you and your household.”

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POWER of the Cross



The cross of Jesus Christ has great power,
because it represents the:

PROOF of God's **LOVE**.

EVIDENCE of Jesus' **POWER** and
AUTHORITY.

FULFILLMENT of
PROPHECY.

The cross of Jesus Christ has great power,
because it represents the:

GATEWAY that passes between
DEATH and **LIFE**.

WEAPON with which God
DEFEATED sin.

Belief in Jesus Christ is a:

CONDITION to be satisfied.

CALLING to be embraced.

CONVICTION to be acted upon.

Please consider three vital questions related to your belief in Jesus Christ:

Is your belief **INSURANCE** or **ASSURANCE**?

Is your belief **PERSONAL**, or did you find yourself marching in someone else's parade?

Please consider three vital questions related to your belief in Jesus Christ:

Are you **INTERESTED** in the Kingdom of God, or are you **INVESTED** in it?

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*Things that are true
can be proven!*

POWER of the Cross



The personal proofs of a saving belief in Jesus Christ include:

CONFIDENCE that your sins have been forgiven and that you have experienced the spirit of adoption.

Mental, emotional, and spiritual

PEACE.

The personal proofs of a saving belief in Jesus Christ include:

A sense of **LOVING WARMTH**
and **CONNECTEDNESS** with
God and others.

A strong impulse to give **GRACE** to
others.

The personal proofs of a saving belief in
Jesus Christ include:

A deep and persistent desire for
GODLINESS.

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Conclusion:

What you believe is proven by
what controls your behavior.

POWER of the Cross

A cityscape at sunset with a glowing cross in the sky. The background is a panoramic view of a city, likely San Francisco, with the Golden Gate Bridge visible in the distance. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with a bright, glowing cross in the upper right corner. The text is overlaid on the image.

The TRANSFORMING POWER of the Cross

WHAT IT MEANS TO BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF THE CROSS