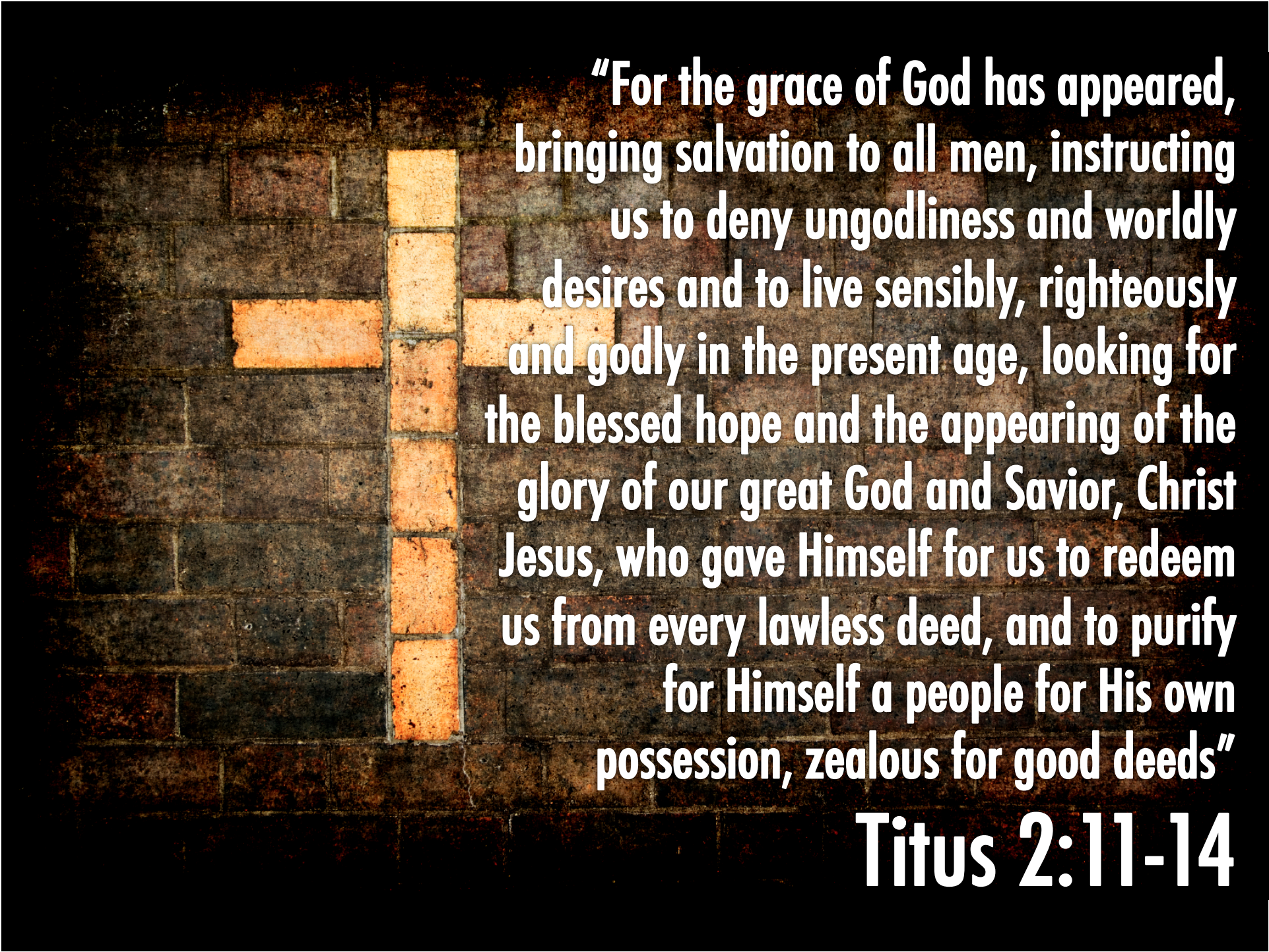


A photograph of a dark, textured stone wall. A cross-shaped opening is formed by lighter-colored, rectangular bricks. The cross is positioned on the left side of the frame. The text "What must I do to be saved?" is overlaid on the right side of the wall in a large, white, sans-serif font.

**“What must I do
to be saved?”**

Part Three: Repentance



**“For the grace of God has appeared,
bringing salvation to all men, instructing
us to deny ungodliness and worldly
desires and to live sensibly, righteously
and godly in the present age, looking for
the blessed hope and the appearing of the
glory of our great God and Savior, Christ
Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem
us from every lawless deed, and to purify
for Himself a people for His own
possession, zealous for good deeds”**

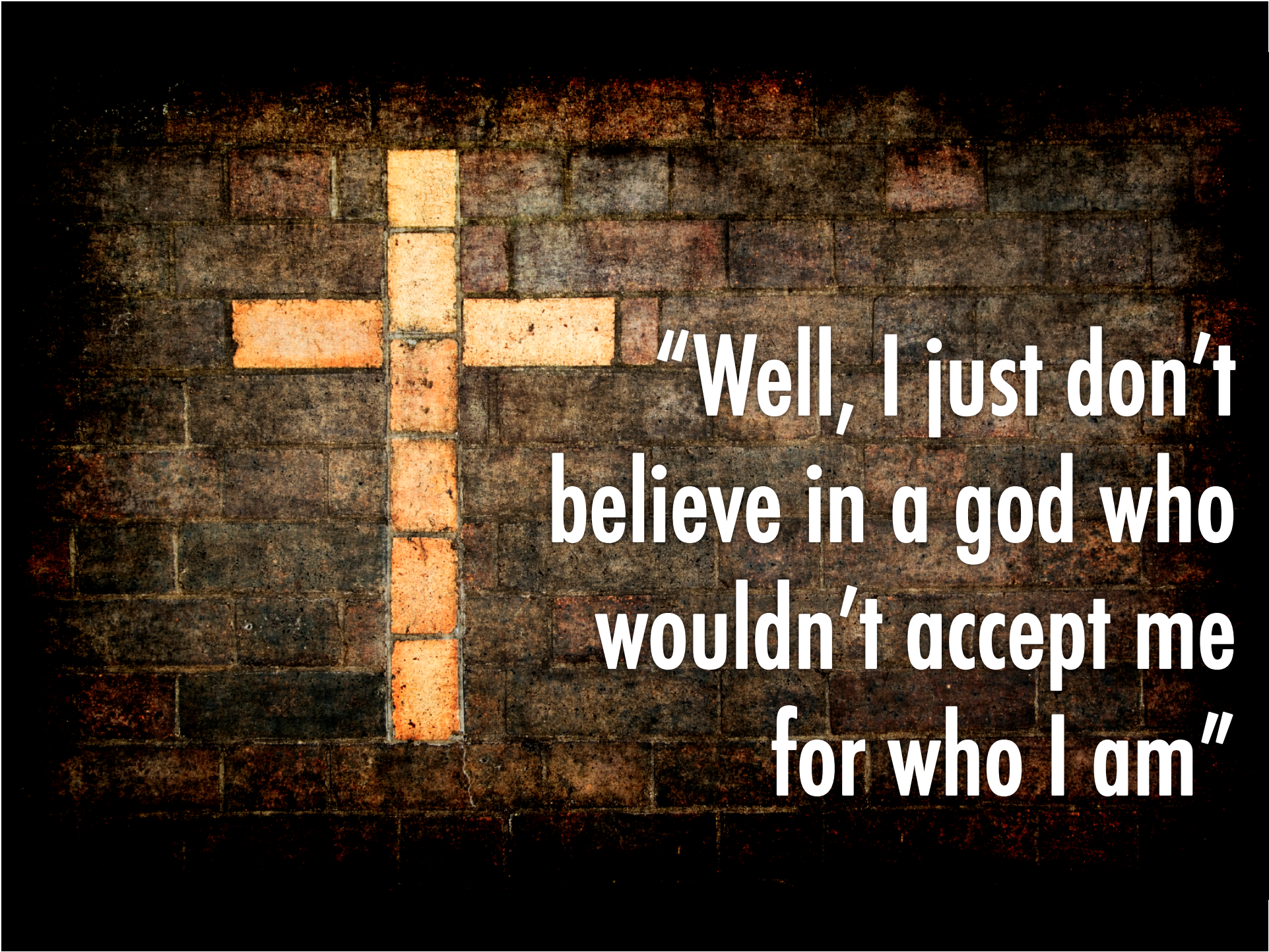
Titus 2:11-14

Repentance

- The literal definition of μετανοεω is to perceive something after it has been done and change one's mind. The common usage, however, always included a change of action as well.
- It is an essential part of salvation, based on a number of New Testament passages (Acts 2:38, Acts 5:31, 2 Timothy 2:25).
- At the very heart of the gospel, in fact, is the idea of changing for the better – for both ours and God's sakes (Ezekiel 36:22-32).

- One of the ways people dismiss repentance is by arguing that they never knew what God's expectations were and, therefore, should not be held accountable to such a standard.
- Yet ignorance was no lazy excuse for Josiah and his contemporaries (2 Kings 22-23).
- 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8
- If ignorance exempts us from responsibility, then evangelism is really the worst thing we can do for a lost world. But this is not what God commands (Acts 17:30).

“But what if I never knew?”

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**“Well, I just don’t
believe in a god who
wouldn’t accept me
for who I am”**

Grief Only?

- One may say he or she has felt guilty about a sin and that is enough. But is *regret* the same thing as *repentance*? See 2 Corinthians 7:9-10.
- If we are not living like new creatures then are we really new? Ephesians 4:17ff contrasts the old and new in terms of your "manner of life."
- Does repentance sometimes require incredible personal sacrifices? Certainly! (Ezra 10:1-5, Matthew 10:37-38, Luke 19:1-10, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

A dark, textured background with a glowing cross shape made of lighter, orange-brown bricks. The cross is composed of several rectangular bricks arranged in a vertical and horizontal line, standing out against the darker, more varied tones of the surrounding wall. The overall lighting is dramatic, with the cross being the brightest element.

"So, am I saved yet?"