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Hebrews 11:10

For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Hebrews 11:13-16

“All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth

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People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.”

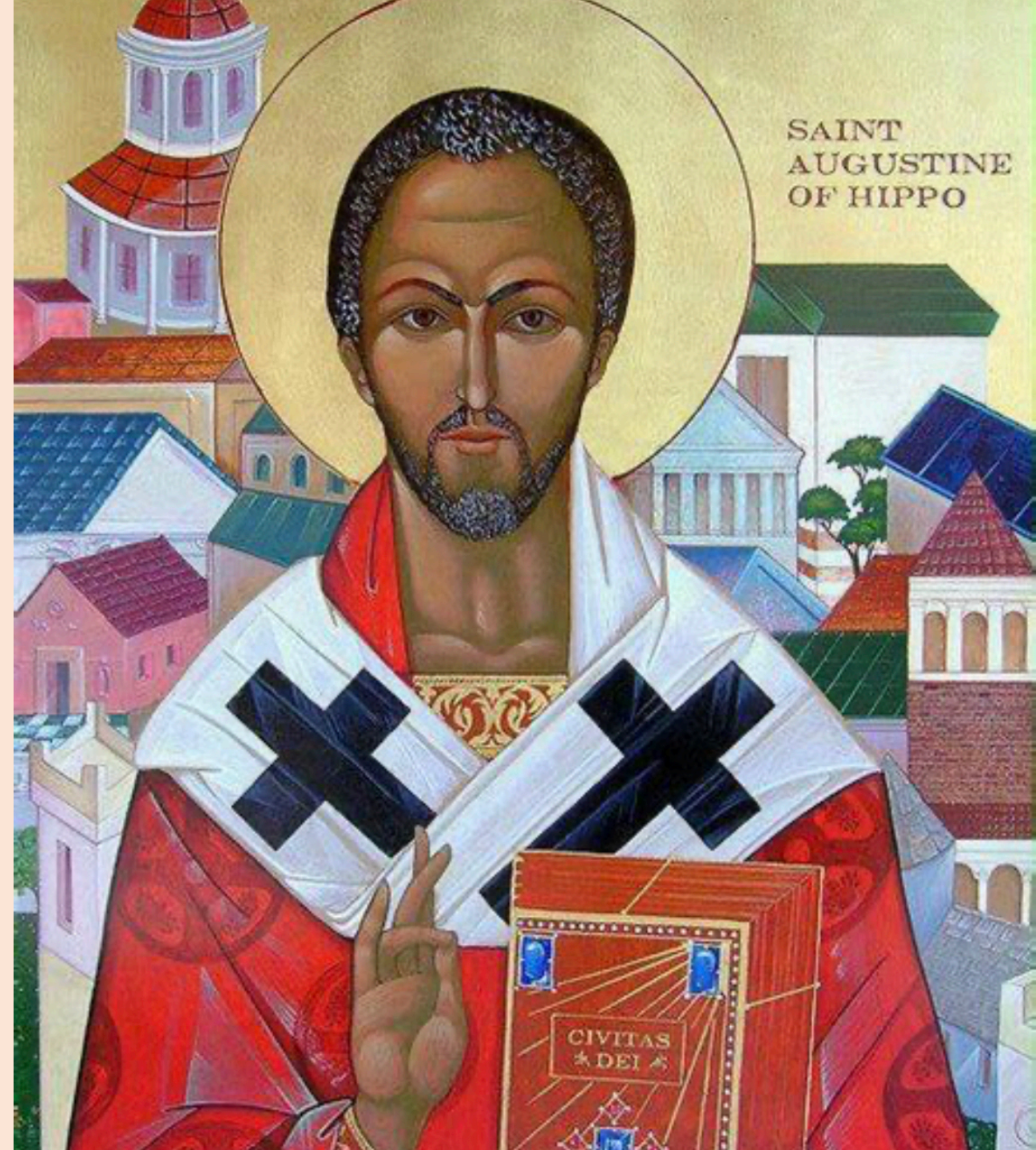


Two Cities Two Choices



It is the first attempt at a philosophy of history, under the aspect of two rival cities or communities,— the eternal city of God and the perishing city of the world.

Augustine refers to the sacking of the city of Rome by the West-Gothic King Alaric, 410.





Accordingly, two cities have been formed by two loves: the earthly by the love of self, even to the contempt of God; the heavenly by the love of God, even to the contempt of self. The former, in a word, glories in itself, the latter in the Lord. For the one seeks glory from men; but the greatest glory of the other is God, the witness of conscience.



Which Will You Choose?






Eternal vs Temporary?





1 Peter 1:17


Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.



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1 Corinthians 9:22-23

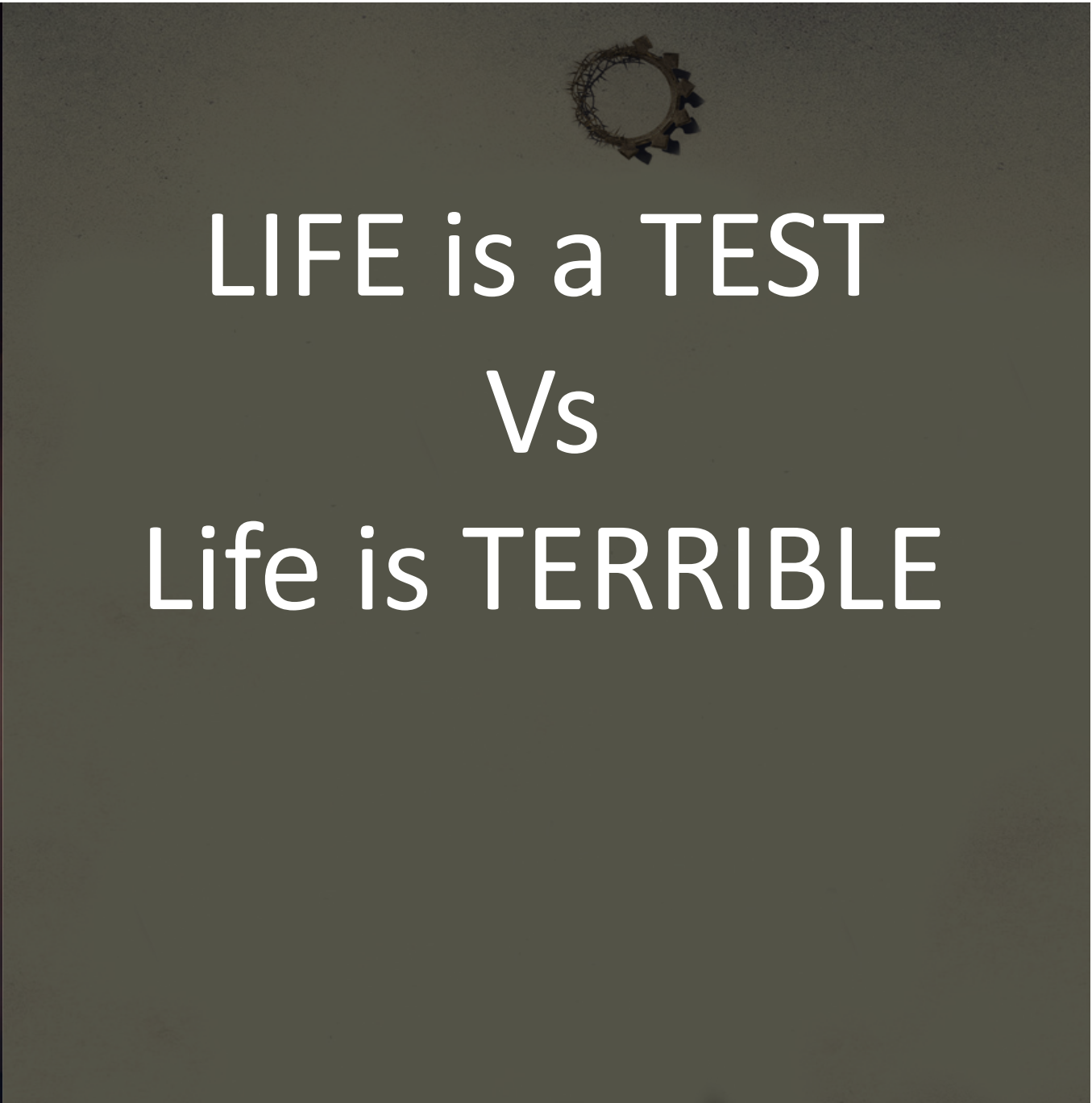
To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. 23 I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

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2 Corinthians 4:17

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.



Revelation 21:27

Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.





Revelation 22:14

""Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.

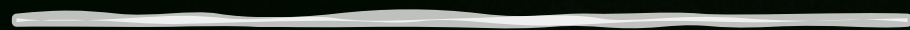


How to Choose the City of God

1. Focus on Eternal things: God, Word, Souls
2. Learn to See Life as a Test



Which City is your Home?



Communion

