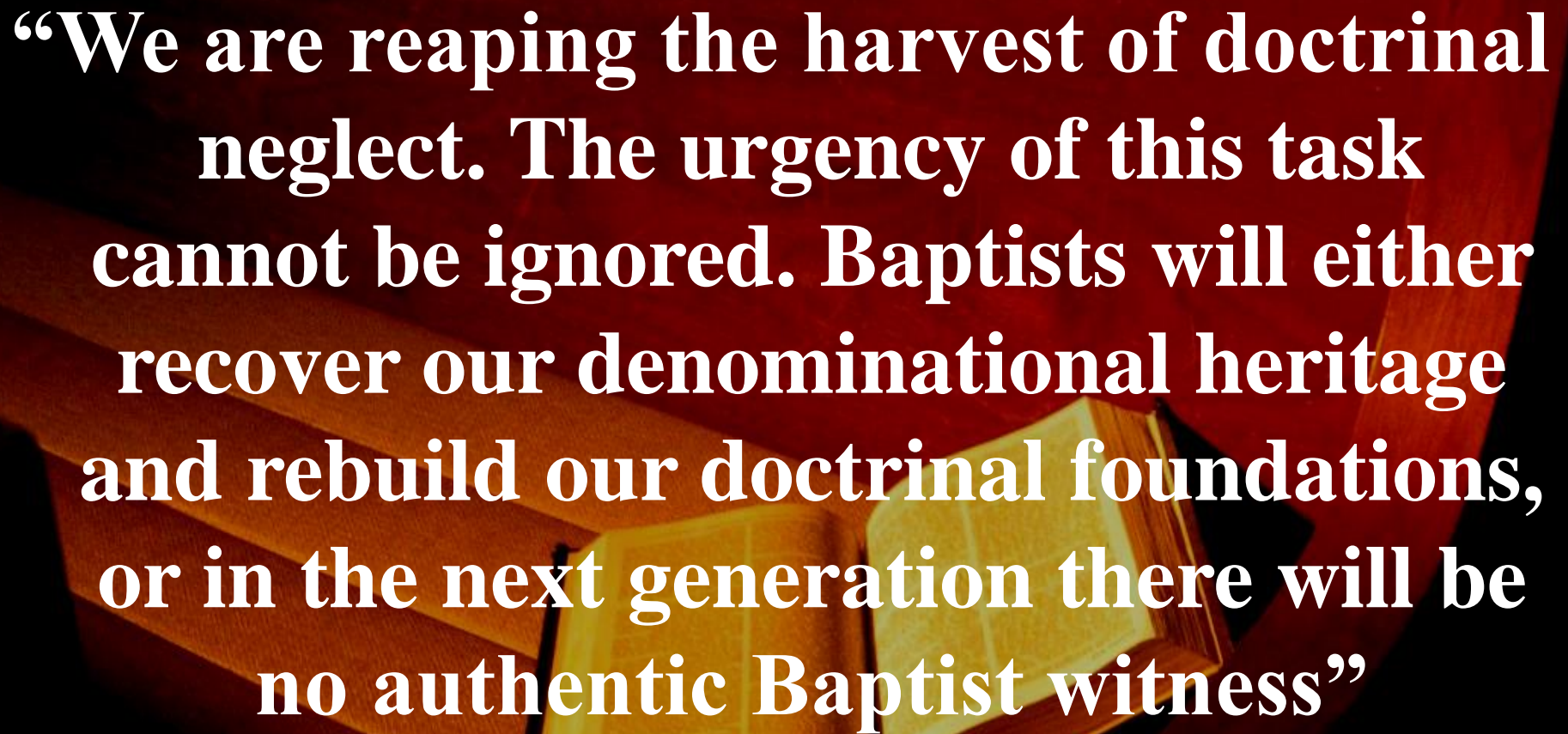


CHURCHES IN THE SHAPE OF SCRIPTURE



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“We are reaping the harvest of doctrinal neglect. The urgency of this task cannot be ignored. Baptists will either recover our denominational heritage and rebuild our doctrinal foundations, or in the next generation there will be no authentic Baptist witness”

(Dr. Albert Mohler, President of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary)

The background of the slide features a warm-toned wooden chair, possibly a Windsor-style chair, with its curved back and legs visible. Resting on the seat of the chair is an open Bible, showing its pages and binding. The lighting is soft, creating a serene and spiritual atmosphere. The text is overlaid on this background.

- What distinguishes churches of Christ from other religious groups?

- Are churches of Christ Evangelical?

- Different doesn't mean....

- We are more sincere

- We are more devoted to God's Word

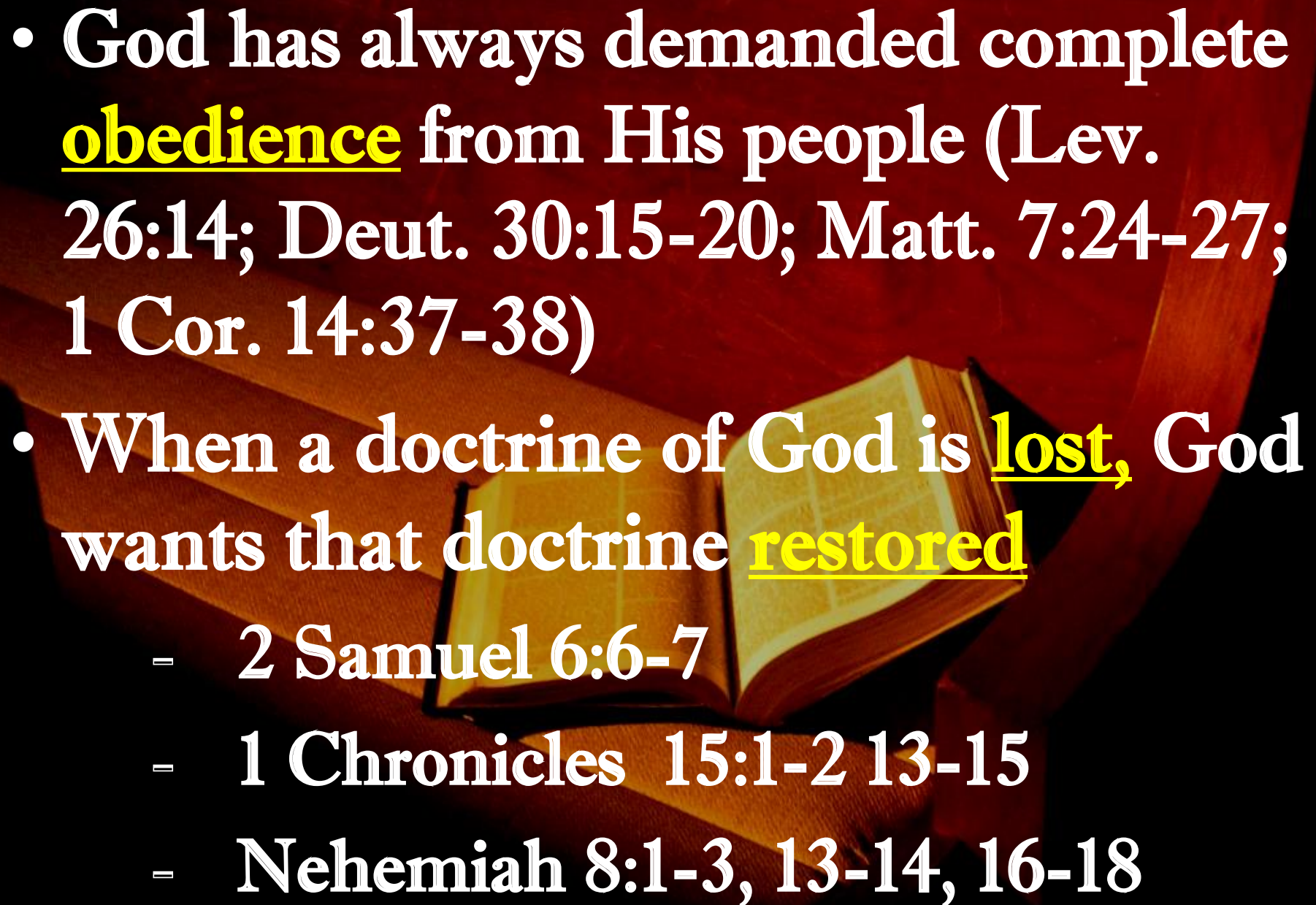
- We are more Christ like

- **Martin Luther** and the Protestant Reformation movement, 1517 A.D.

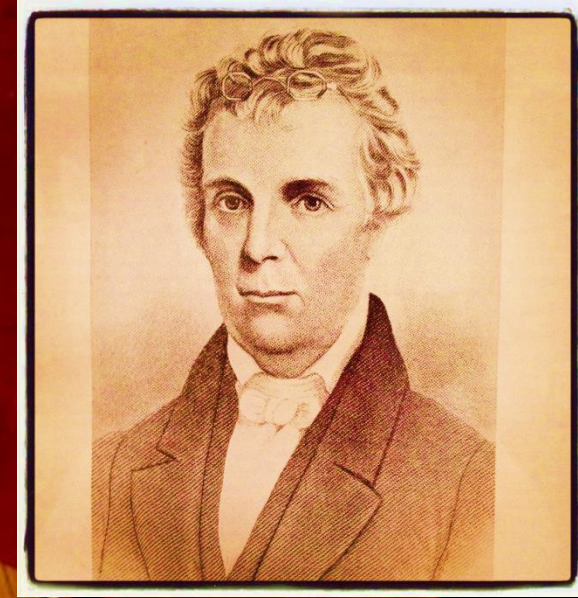


- The radical goal of restoration

“To restore the true church of Jesus Christ in our day by restoring the beliefs and practices of the church in the New Testament”

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- God has always demanded complete obedience from His people (Lev. 26:14; Deut. 30:15-20; Matt. 7:24-27; 1 Cor. 14:37-38)
 - When a doctrine of God is lost, God wants that doctrine restored
 - 2 Samuel 6:6-7
 - 1 Chronicles 15:1-2 13-15
 - Nehemiah 8:1-3, 13-14, 16-18

• In 1796 Barton W. Stone appeared in Kentucky for ordination by Presbyterian Church.



• Stone was asked, “Do you receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith, as containing the system of doctrine as taught in the Bible”?

• He replied, “I do, as far as I see it consistent with the Word of God.”

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