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ARE WE THERE YET?



THE ASSURANCE
OF FAITH IN CHRIST

Romans 8



Our suffering has an expiration date.

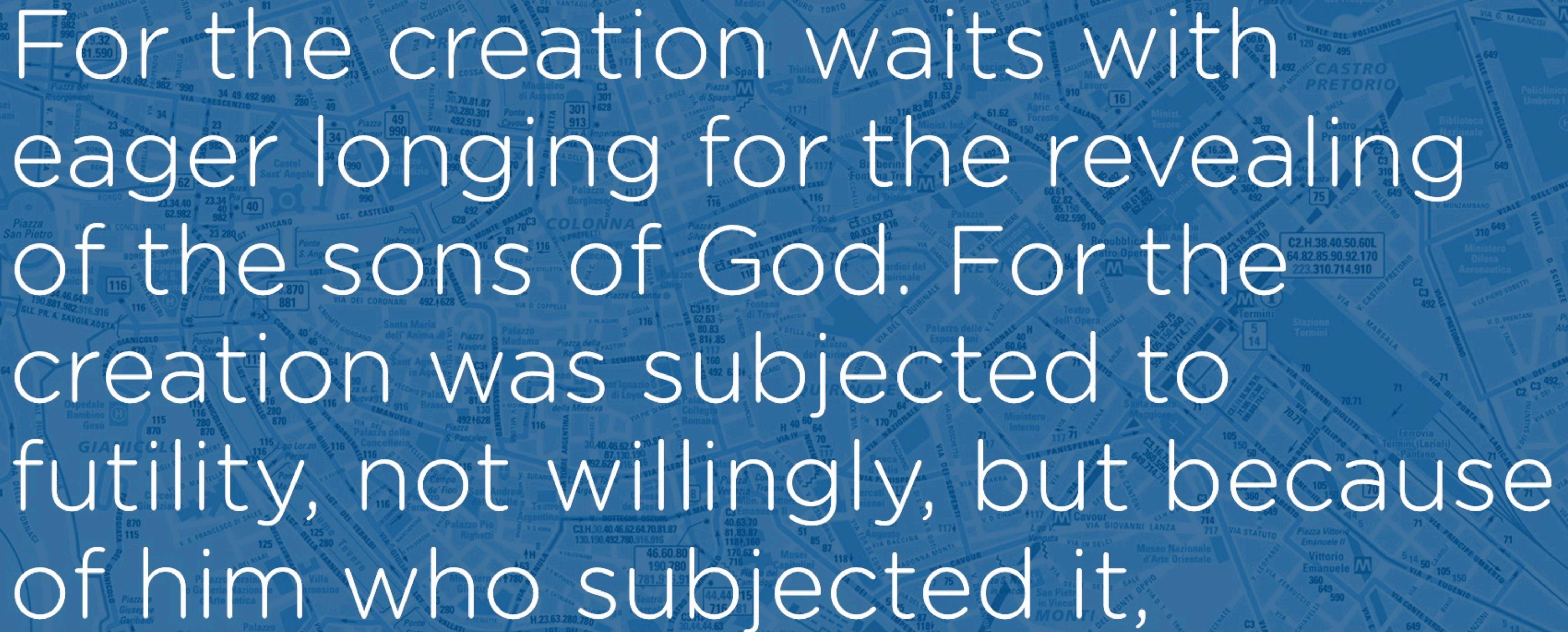


For I consider that the sufferings
of this present time are not
worth comparing with the glory
that is to be revealed to us.

Romans 8:18

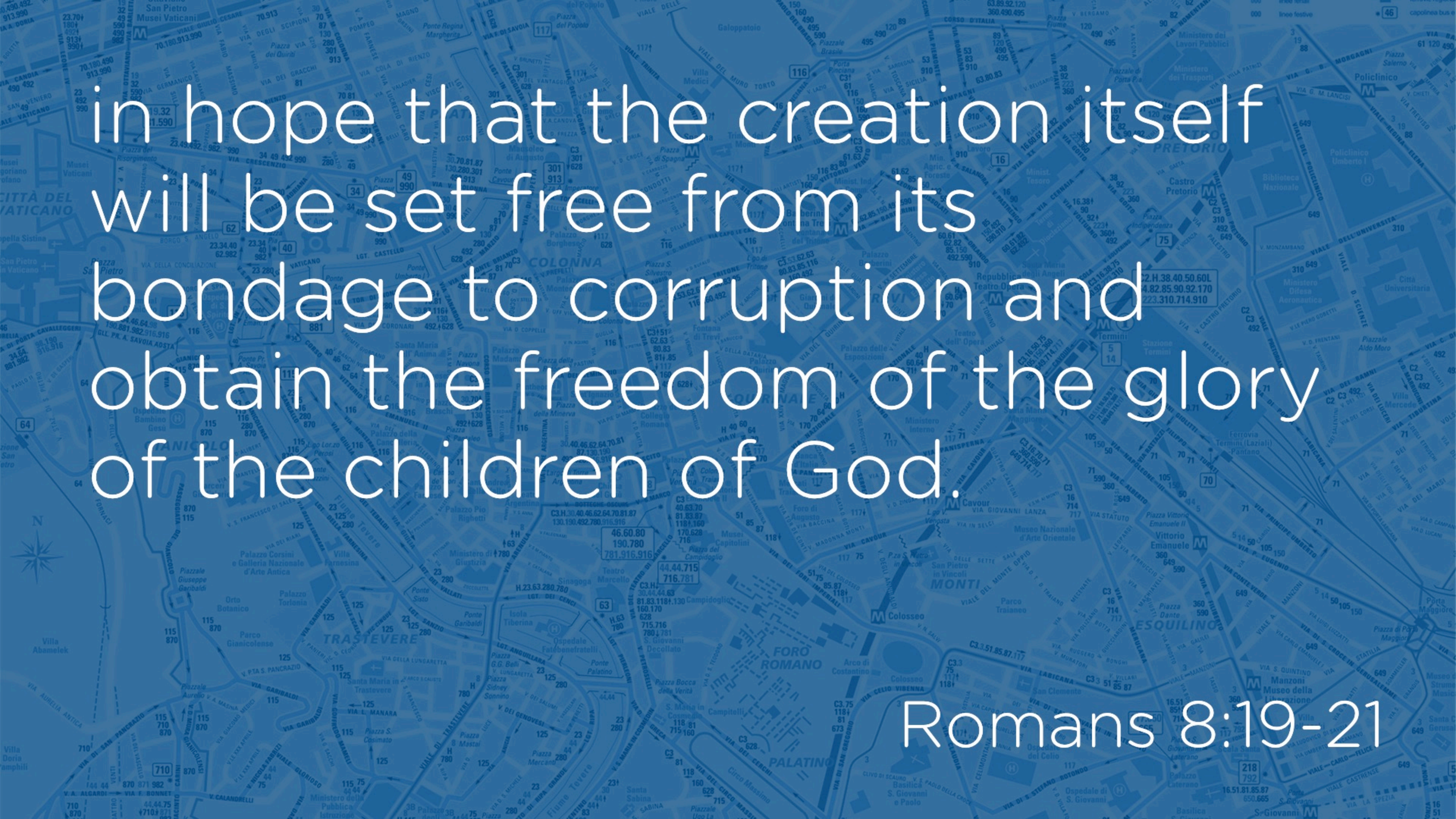
A blue-tinted map of Rome, Italy, showing various districts and landmarks. The text "Our suffering is because of sin." is overlaid in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font. The map includes labels for districts like Prati, Colonna, Trevi, Quirinale, Monti, Esquilino, and Trastevere, as well as landmarks like the Colosseum, St. Peter's Basilica, and the Vatican Museums. A compass rose is visible in the bottom left corner.

Our suffering is
because of sin.



For the creation waits with
eager longing for the revealing
of the sons of God. For the
creation was subjected to
futility, not willingly, but because
of him who subjected it,

Romans 8:19-21

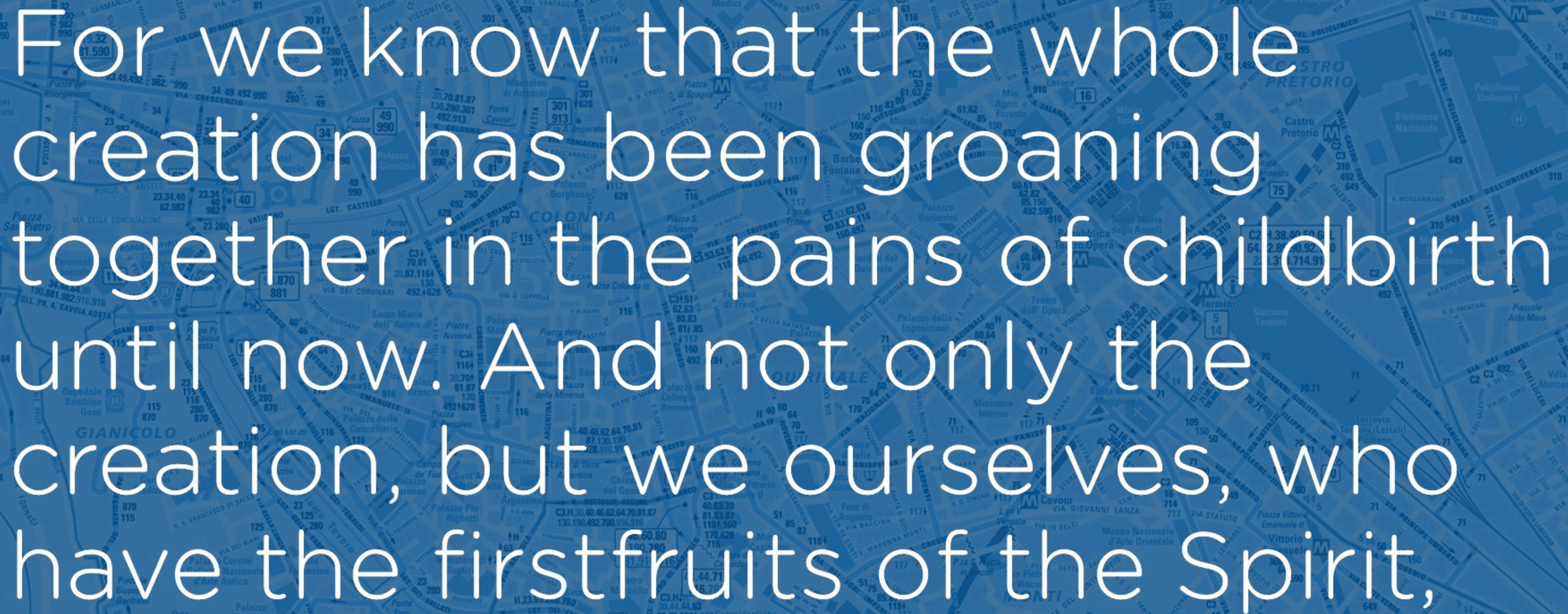


in hope that the creation itself
will be set free from its
bondage to corruption and
obtain the freedom of the glory
of the children of God.

Romans 8:19-21

A blue-tinted map of Rome, Italy, showing various districts and landmarks. The text "Our suffering is worth it." is overlaid in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font. The map includes labels for districts like PRATI, COLONNA, TRASTEVERE, MONTI, and FORO ROMANO, as well as landmarks like the Colosseum and the Vatican Museums. A compass rose is visible in the bottom left corner.

Our suffering is worth it.



For we know that the whole
creation has been groaning
together in the pains of childbirth
until now. And not only the
creation, but we ourselves, who
have the firstfruits of the Spirit,

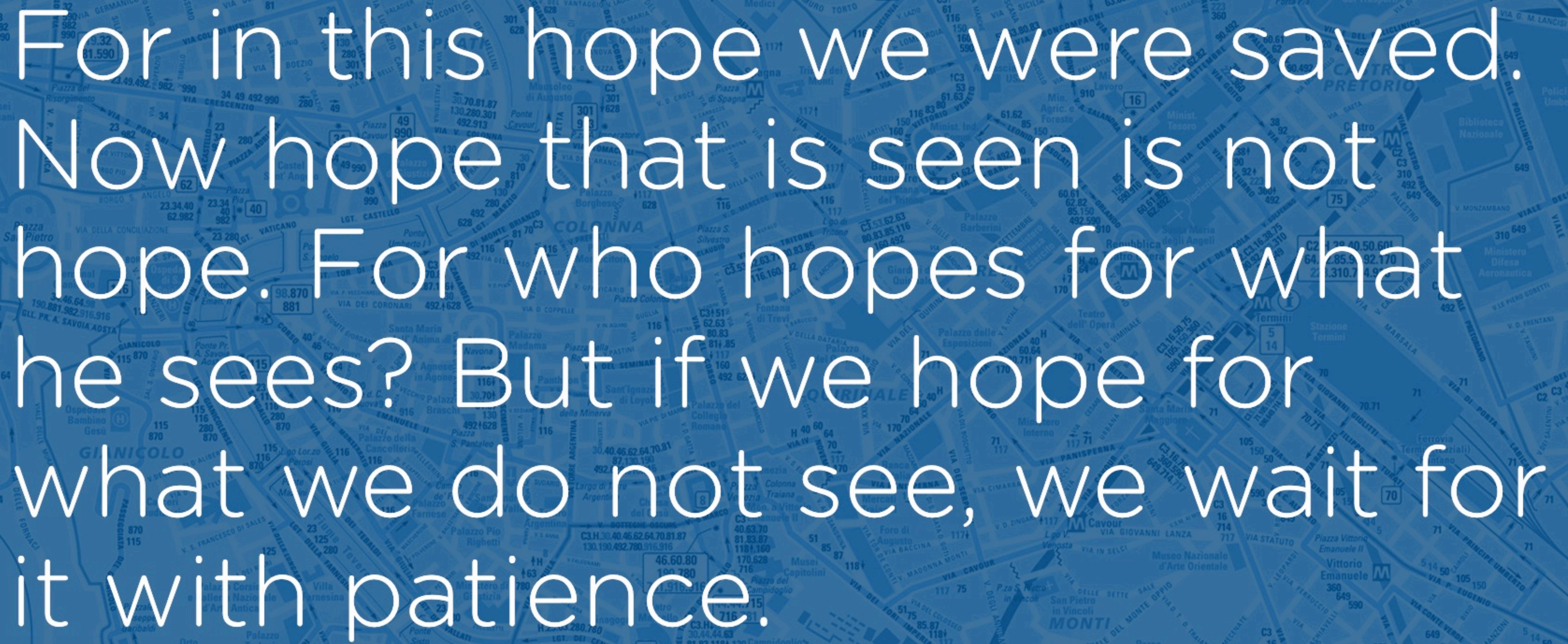
Romans 8:22-23



groan inwardly as we wait
eagerly for adoption as sons, the
redemption of our bodies.

Romans 8:22-23

Our suffering points us
to Christ's return.

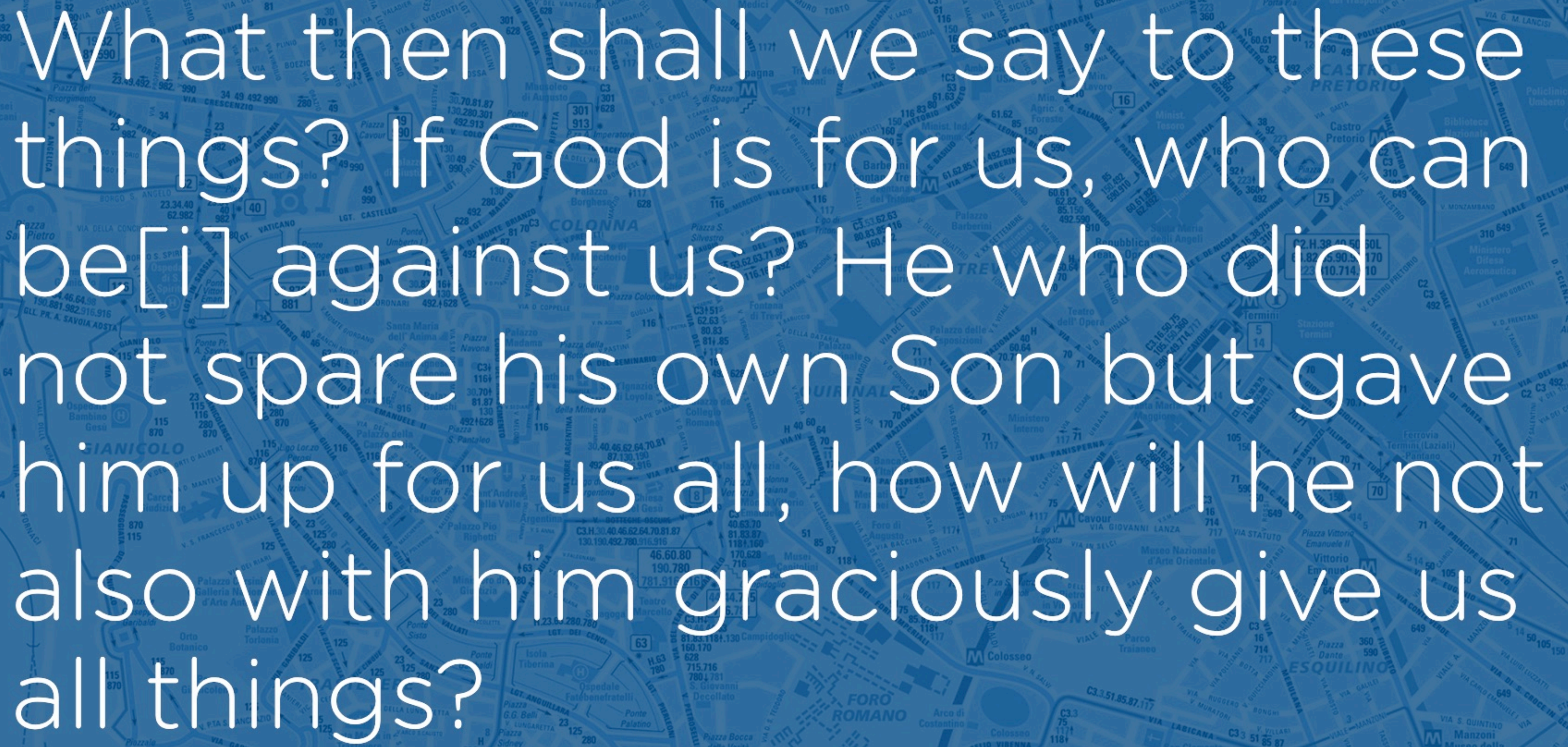


For in this hope we were saved.
Now hope that is seen is not
hope. For who hopes for what
he sees? But if we hope for
what we do not see, we wait for
it with patience.

Romans 8:24-25

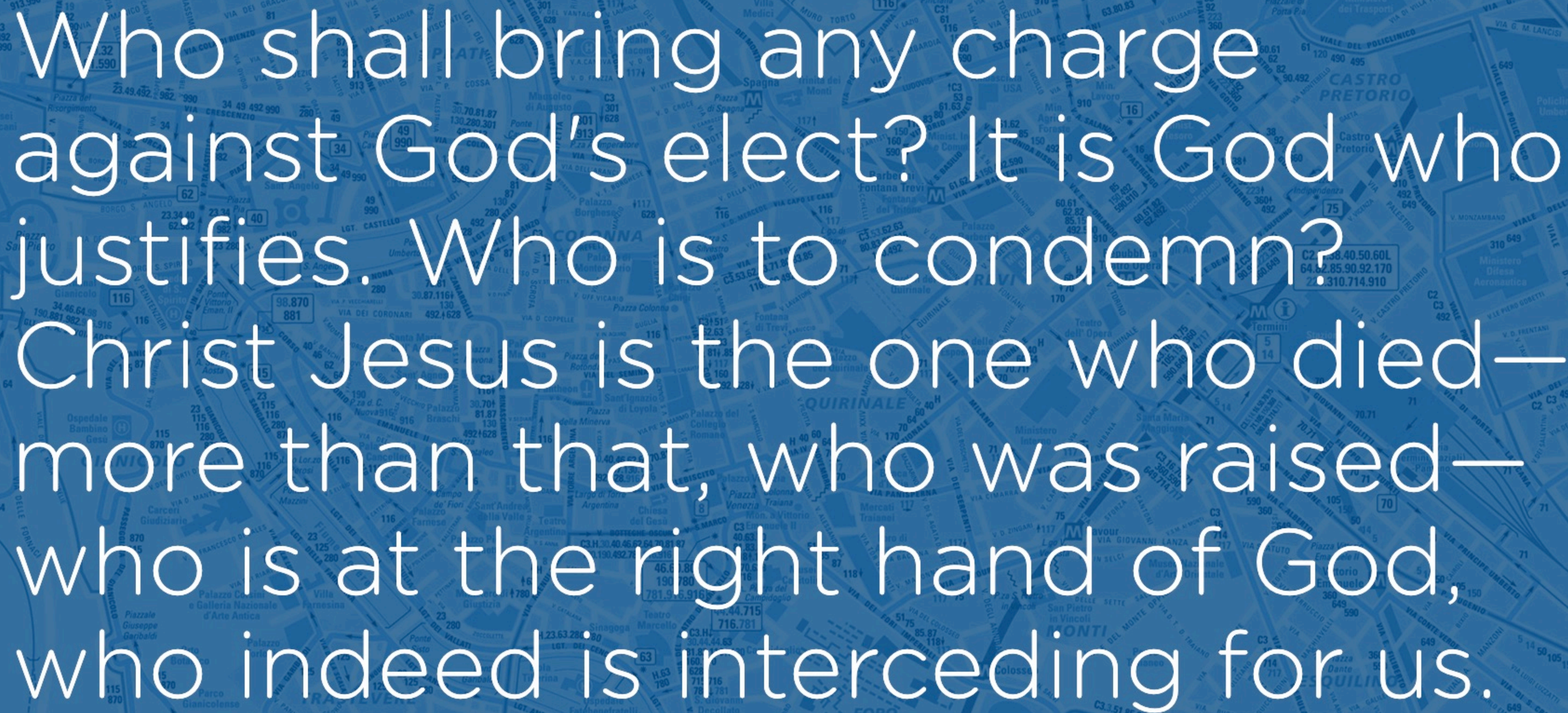


Our suffering makes
us more like Jesus.



What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be [i] against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

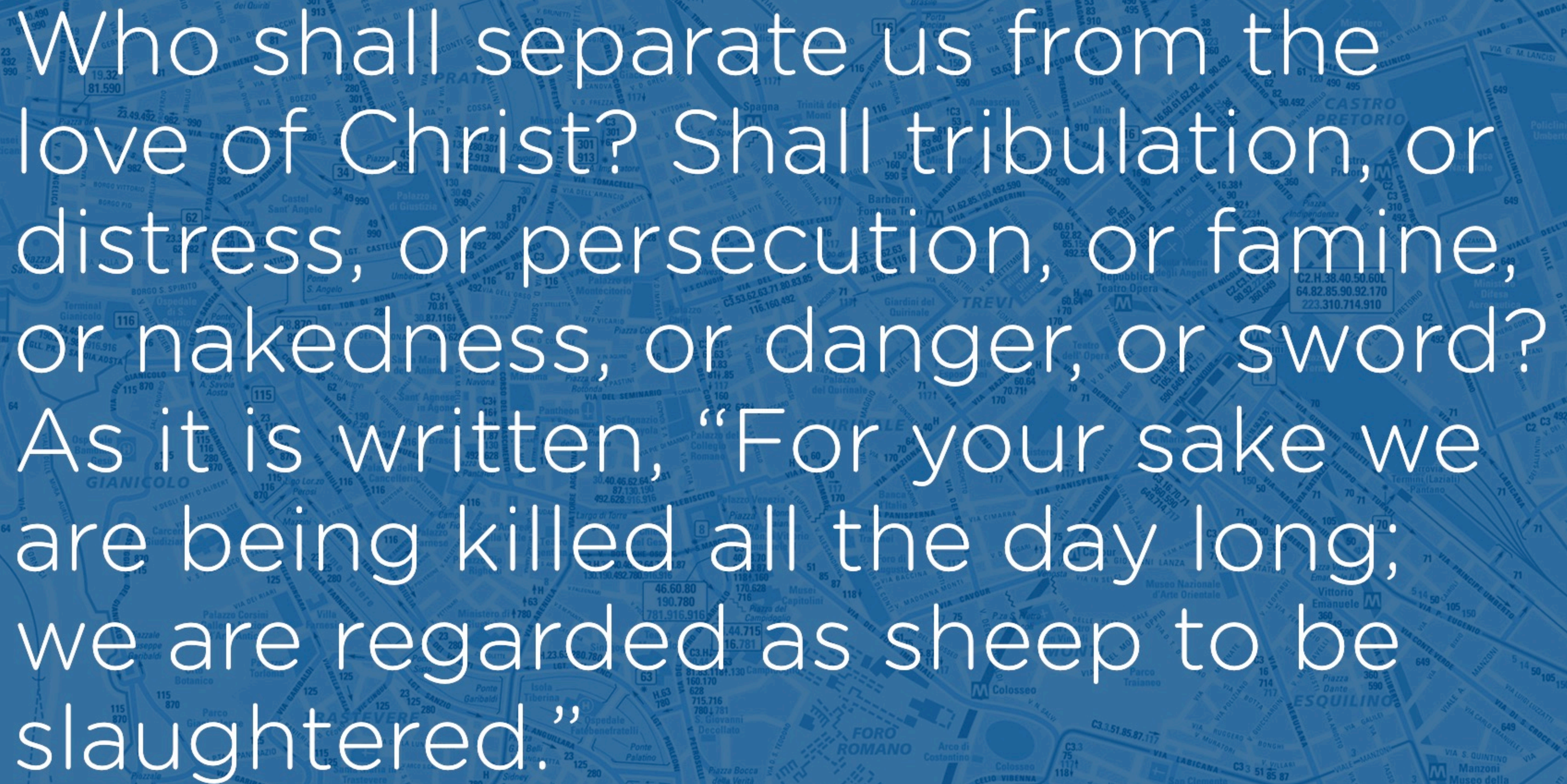
Romans 8:31-34



Who shall bring any charge
against God's elect? It is God who
justifies. Who is to condemn?
Christ Jesus is the one who died—
more than that, who was raised—
who is at the right hand of God,
who indeed is interceding for us.

Romans 8:31-34

Our suffering points us
to God's love for us.



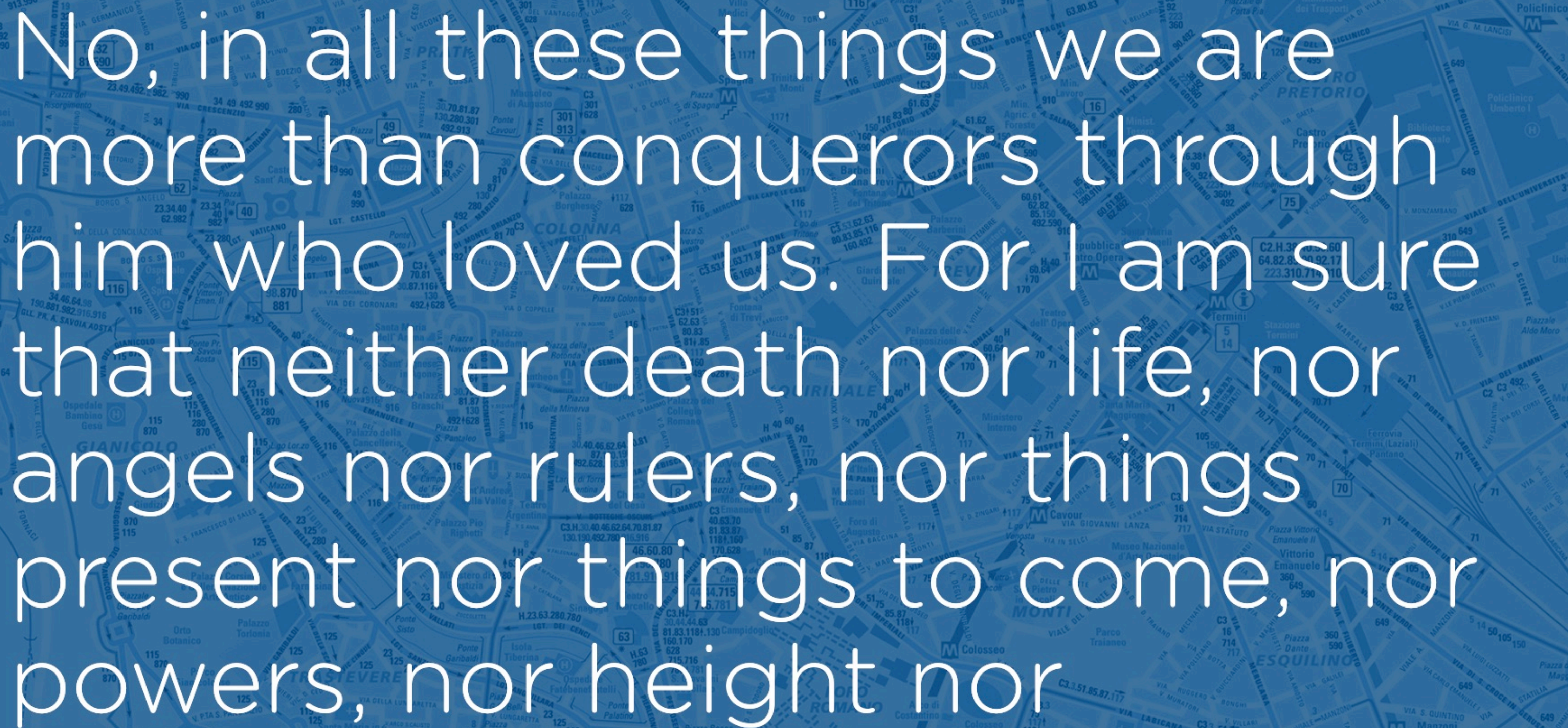
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

Romans 8:35-36



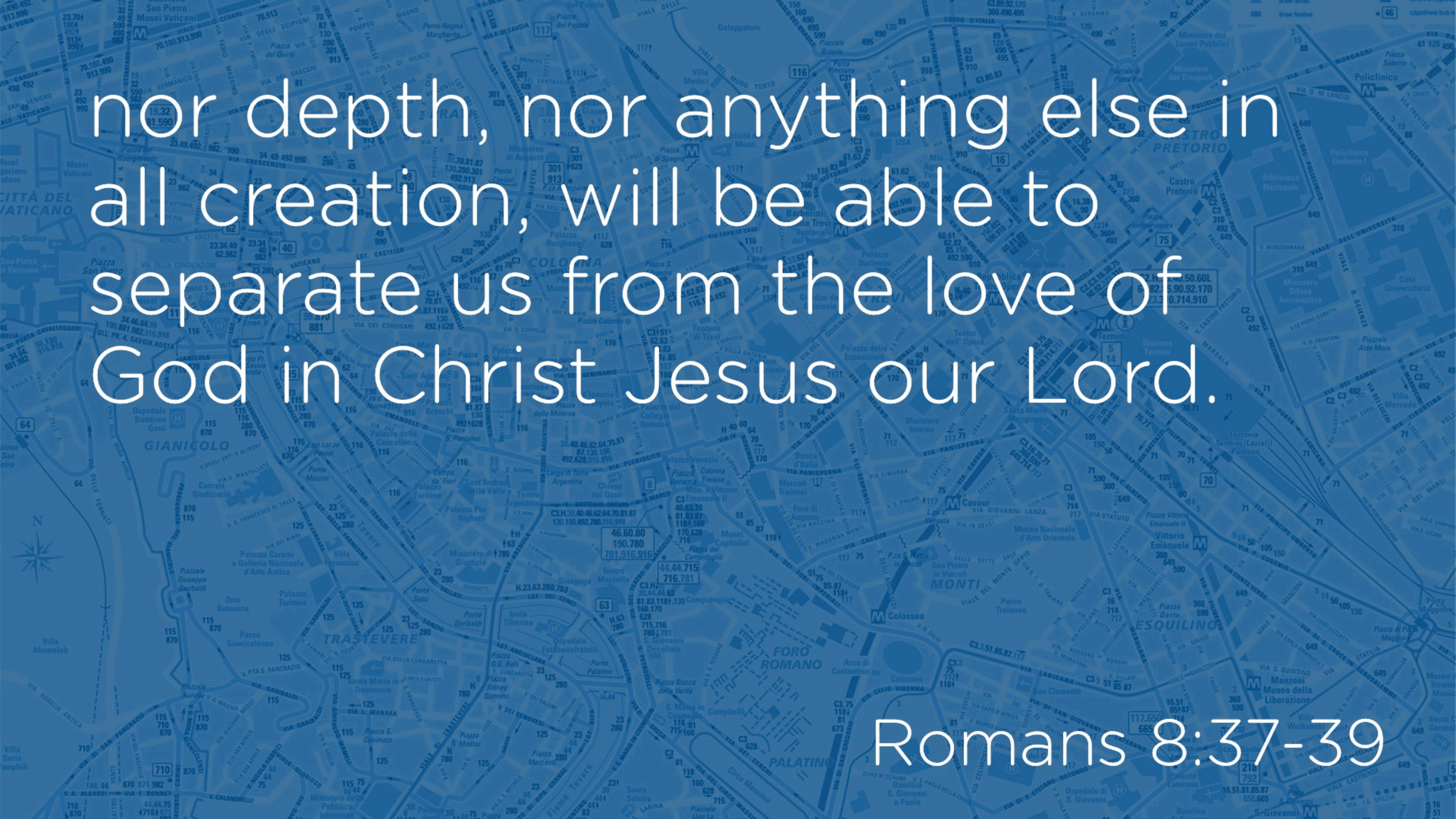
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No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor heights nor

Romans 8:37-39



nor depth, nor anything else in
all creation, will be able to
separate us from the love of
God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:37-39

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Romans 10:9-10



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