A sunset over a city skyline with the text "the foolishness of God" overlaid. The sky is filled with horizontal bands of orange, yellow, and blue. The city skyline is visible at the bottom, silhouetted against the bright sunset. The text is in a stylized, orange-red font with a slight shadow effect.

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fOR the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of god. for it is written:

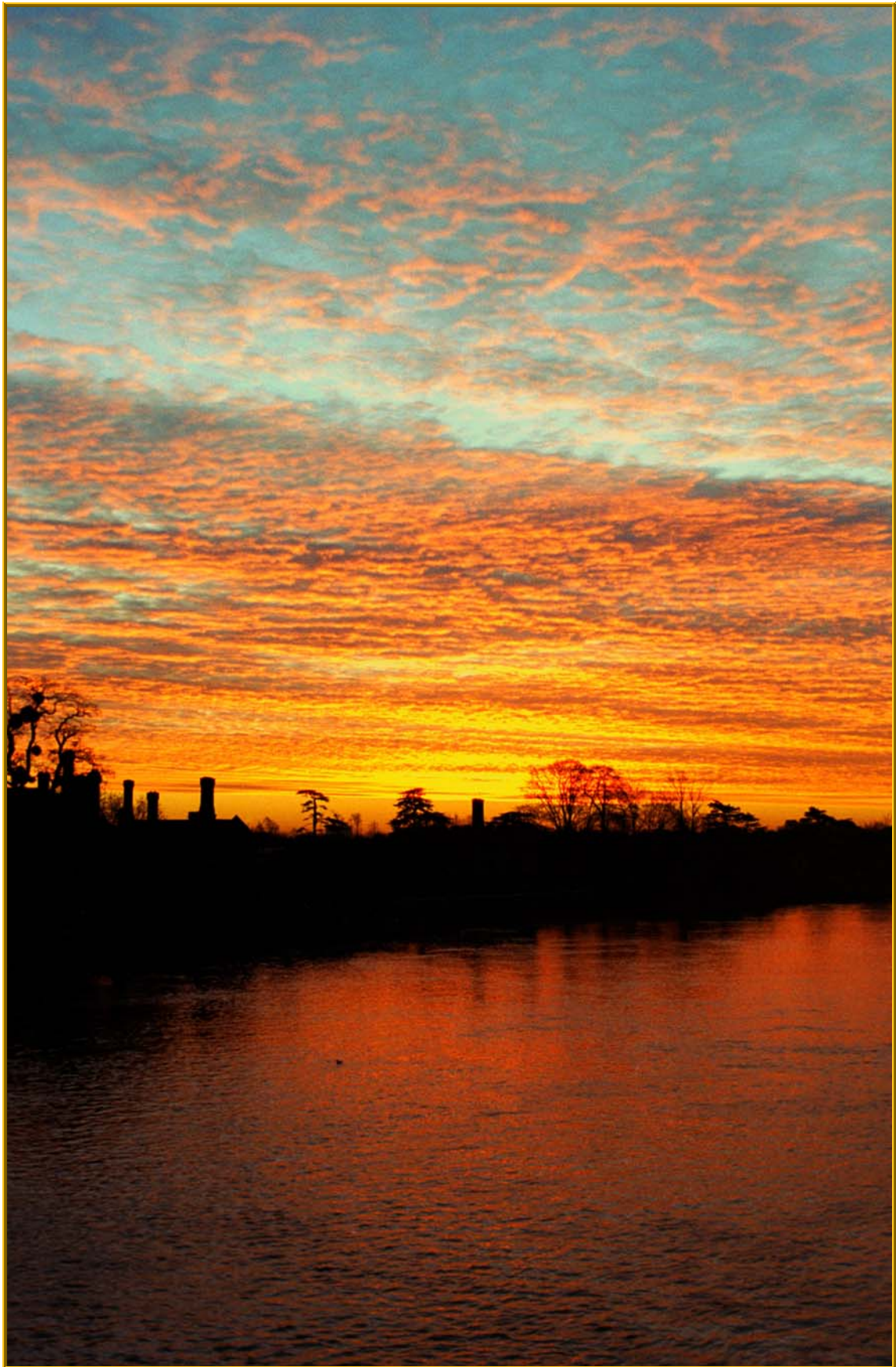
"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."

where *is* the wise? where *is* the scribe? where *is* the disputer of this age? has not god made foolish the wisdom of this world? for since, in the wisdom of god, the world through wisdom did not know god, it pleased god through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

for jews request a sign, and greeks [gentiles] seek after wisdom; but we preach christ crucified, to the jews a stumbling block and to the greeks [gentiles] foolishness, but to those who are called, both jews and greeks [gentiles], christ the power of god and the wisdom of god. because the foolishness of god is wiser than men, and the weakness of god is stronger than men.

for you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many noble, *are called*. but god has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and god has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things that are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised god has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in his presence.

I CORINTHIANS 1: 18 - 29



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January

And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me shall never hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you (the people wanting to be fed) that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and the one who comes to me I will by no means cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of Him who sent me. This is the will of the Father who sent me, that of all He has given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise Him up at the last day."

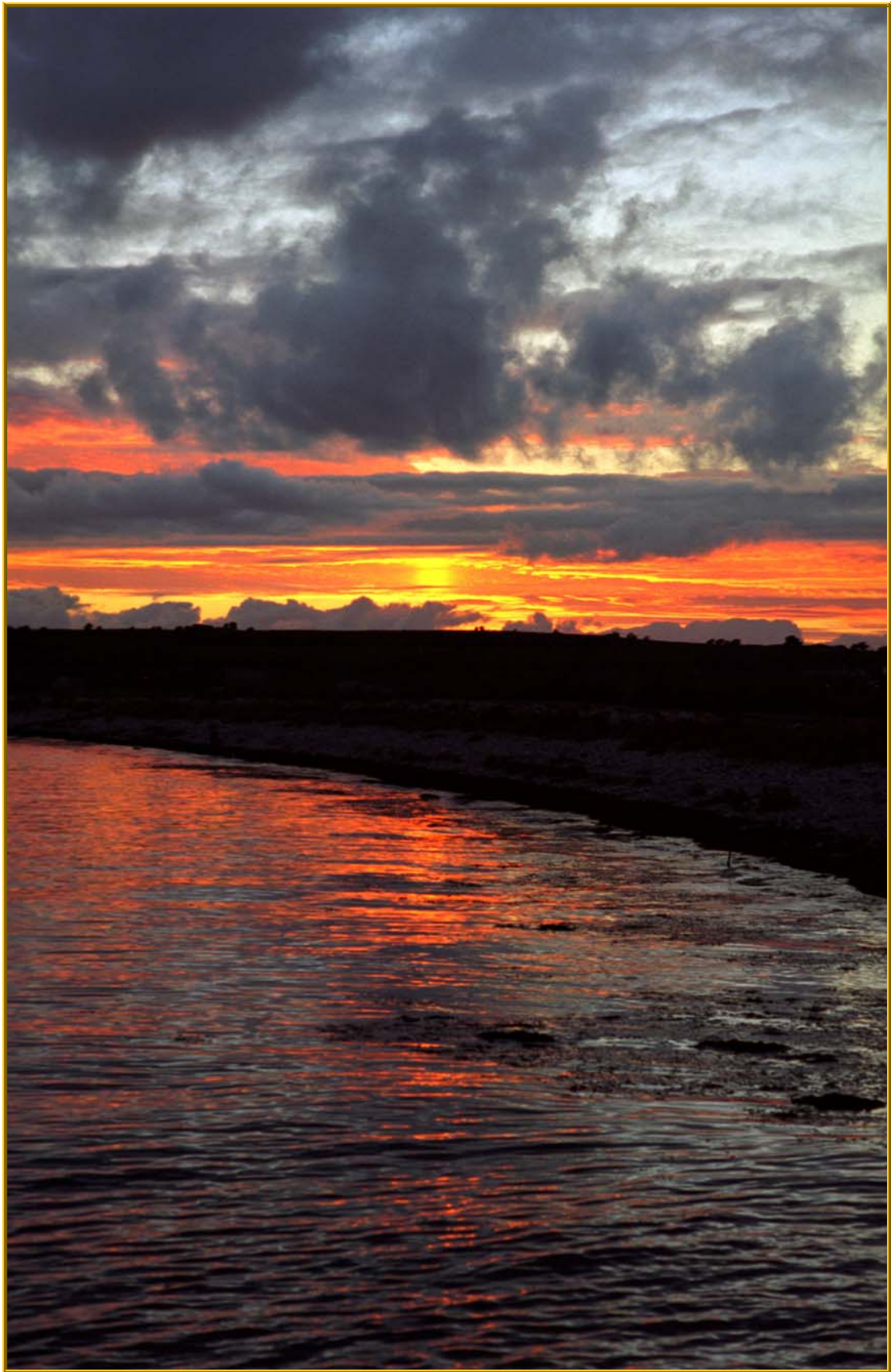
John 6: 35 - 40

You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ...nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

II Timothy 2: 1 - 3 & 19

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12: 1 & 2



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FEBRUARY



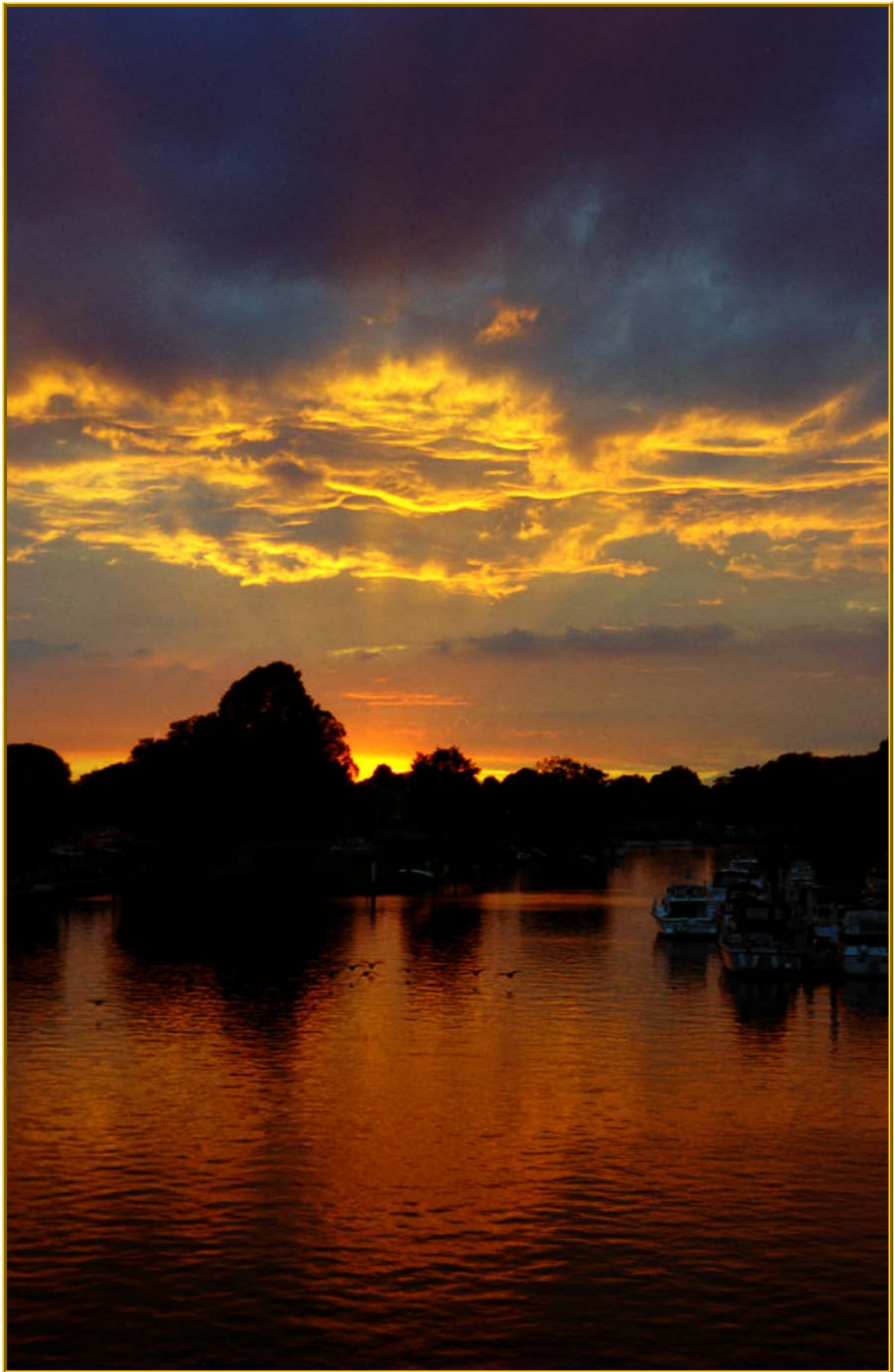
Lord, I have heard your speech and was afraid; O Lord, revive your work in the midst of the years! in the midst of the years make *it* known; in wrath remember mercy. God came from te'man, the holy one from mount par'an. his glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. *his* brightness was like the light; he had rays *flashing* from his hand, and there his power was hidden. Before him went pestilence, and fever followed at his feet. he stood and measured the earth; he looked and startled the nations. and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills bowed. his ways are everlasting. I saw the tents of cush'an in affliction; the curtains of the land of mid'ian trembled. O Lord, were you displeased with the rivers, was your anger against the rivers, was your wrath against the sea, that you rode on your horses, your chariots of salvation? your bow was made quite ready; oaths were sworn over *your* arrows. you divided the earth with rivers. the mountains saw you and trembled; the overflowing of the water passed by. the deep uttered its voice, and lifted its hands on high. the sun and moon stood still in their habitation; at the light of your arrows they went, at the shining of your glittering spear. you marched through the land in indignation; you trampled the nations in anger. you went forth for the salvation of your people, for salvation with your anointed. you struck the head from the house of the wicked, by laying bare from foundation to neck.

habakkuk 3: 2 – 13



For thus says the high and lofty one who inhabits eternity, whose name *is* holy: "I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him *who* has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. for I will not contend forever, nor will I always be angry; for the spirit would fail before me, and the souls *which* I have made."

isaiah 57: 15 & 16



march

The lord *is* righteous in all his ways, gracious in all his works. the lord *is* near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth. he will fulfill the desire of those who fear him; he also will hear their cry and save them. the lord preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. my mouth shall speak the praise of the lord, and all flesh shall bless his holy name forever and ever.

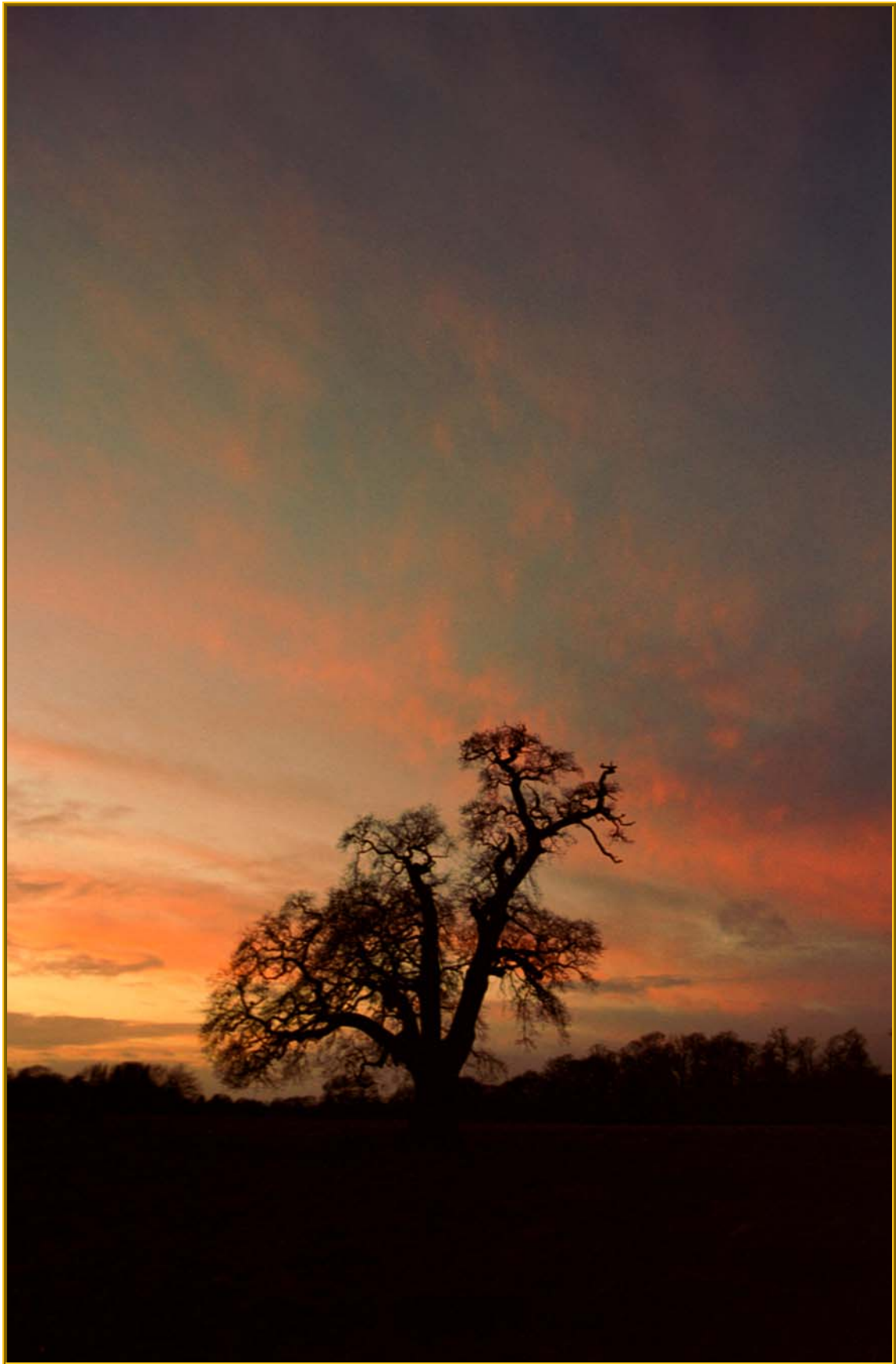
psalm 145: 17 – 21

In the year that king uzziah died, i saw the lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of his robe filled the temple. above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. and one cried to another and said: "holy, holy, holy *is* the lord of hosts; the whole earth *is* full of his glory!"

isaiah 6: 1 – 3

and above the firmament over their heads was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne was a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it. also from the appearance of his waist and upward i saw, as it were, the colour of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it; and from the appearance of his waist and downward i saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with brightness all around. like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. this was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the lord. so when i saw *it*, i fell on my face, and i heard a voice of one speaking.

ezekiel 1: 26 – 28



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april

I watched till thrones were put in place, and the ancient of days was seated; his garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head was like pure wool. his throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire; a fiery stream issued and came forth from before him. a thousand thousands ministered to him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. the court was seated, and the books were opened.”

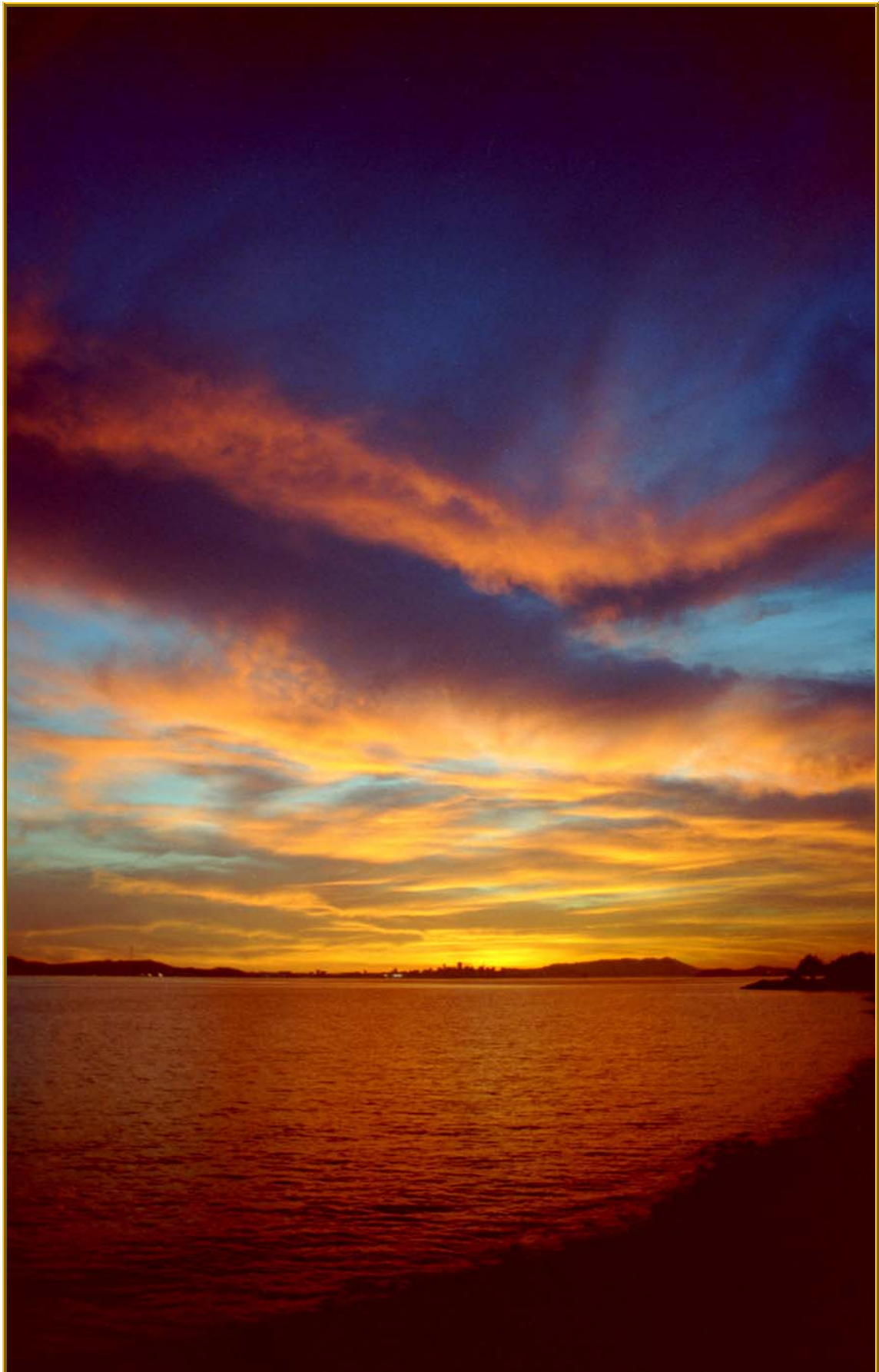
daniel 7: 9 & 10

I was watching in the night visions, and behold, *one* like the son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven! he came to the ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. then to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *the one* which shall not be destroyed.”

daniel 7: 13 & 14

Then i looked, and i heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: “worthy is the lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honour and glory and blessing!” and every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, i heard saying: “blessing and honour and glory and power be to him who sits on the throne, and to the lamb, forever and ever!” then the four living creatures said, “amen!” and the twenty-four elders fell down and worshipped him who lives forever and ever.

revelation 5: 11 – 14



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may

And behold, a certain lawyer [expert in the law] stood up and tested him, saying, “teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” he [jesus] said to him, “what is written in the law? what is your reading *of it?*” so he answered and said, “ ‘you shall love the lord your god with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbour as yourself.’ ” and he said to him, “you have answered rightly, do this and you will live.”

LUKE 10: 25 – 28

But take careful heed to do the commandment and the law which moyses the servant of the lord commanded you, to love the lord your god, to walk in all his ways, to keep his commandments, to hold fast to him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.”

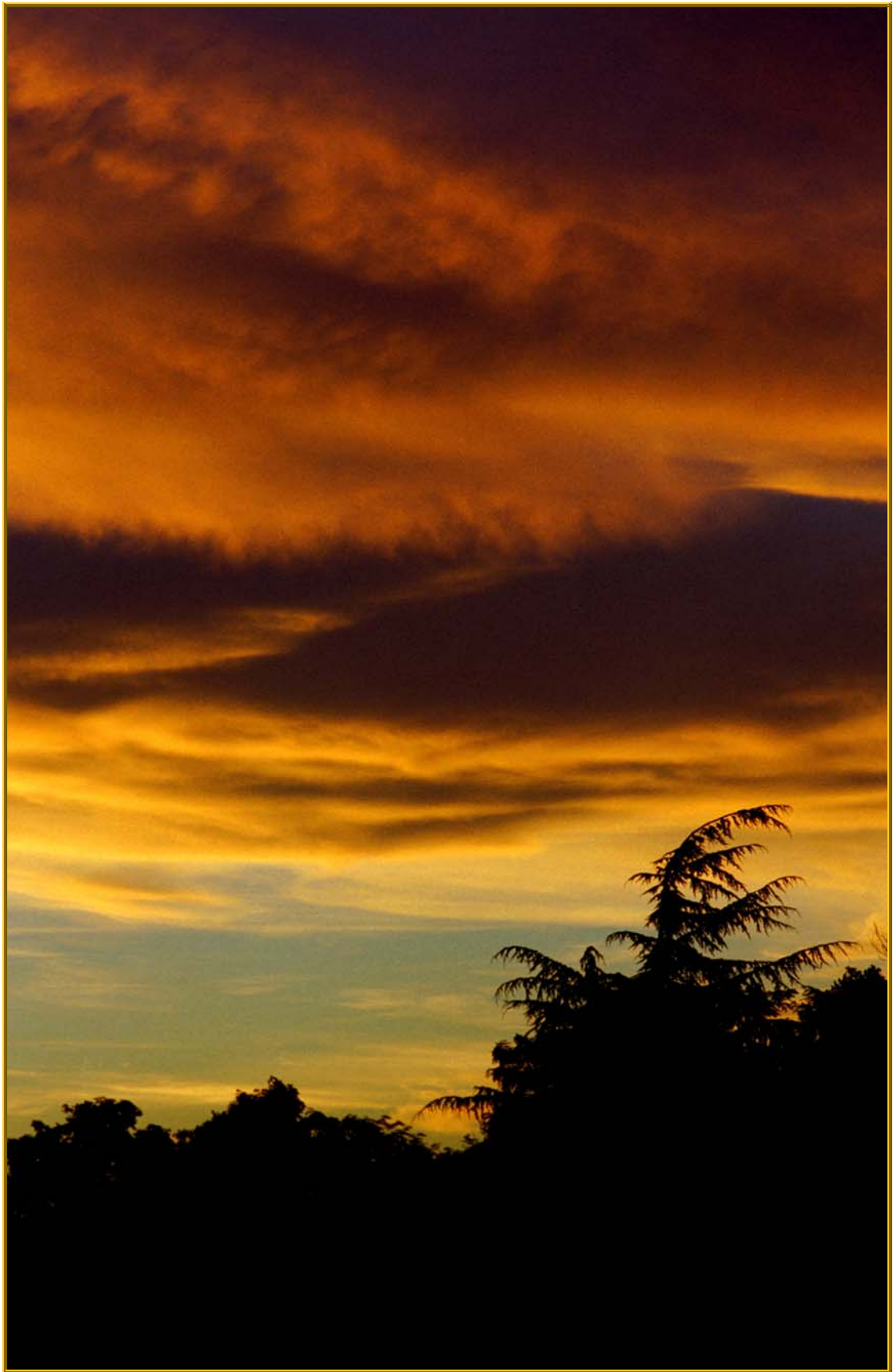
JOSHUA 22: 5

FOR as by one man’s disobedience [adam] many were made sinners, so also by one man’s obedience [christ] many will be made righteous. moreover the law entered that the offence might abound. but where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through jesus christ our lord.

ROMANS 5: 19 – 21

FOR when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. what fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? for the end of those things *is* death. but now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of god, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of god *is* eternal life in christ jesus our lord.

ROMANS 6: 20 – 23



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June

The fool has said in his heart, “*there is no god.*” they are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none who does good. the lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek god. they have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; *there is none* who does good, no, not one.

psalm 14: 1 – 3

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. blessed is the man to whom the lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. when i kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long. for day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was turned into the drought of summer. i acknowledged my sin to you, and my iniquity i have not hidden. i said, “i will confess my transgressions to the lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

psalm 32: 1 – 5

FOR since the beginning of the world *men* have not heard nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen any god besides you, who acts for the one who waits for him. you meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, *who* remembers you in your ways. you are indeed angry, for we have sinned – in these ways we continue; and we need to be saved. but we are all like an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. and *there is* no one who calls on your name, who stirs himself up to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have consumed us because of our iniquities.

isaiah 64: 4 – 7



July

FOR god did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. he who believes in him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten son of god. and this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men love darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. for everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. but he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in god.”

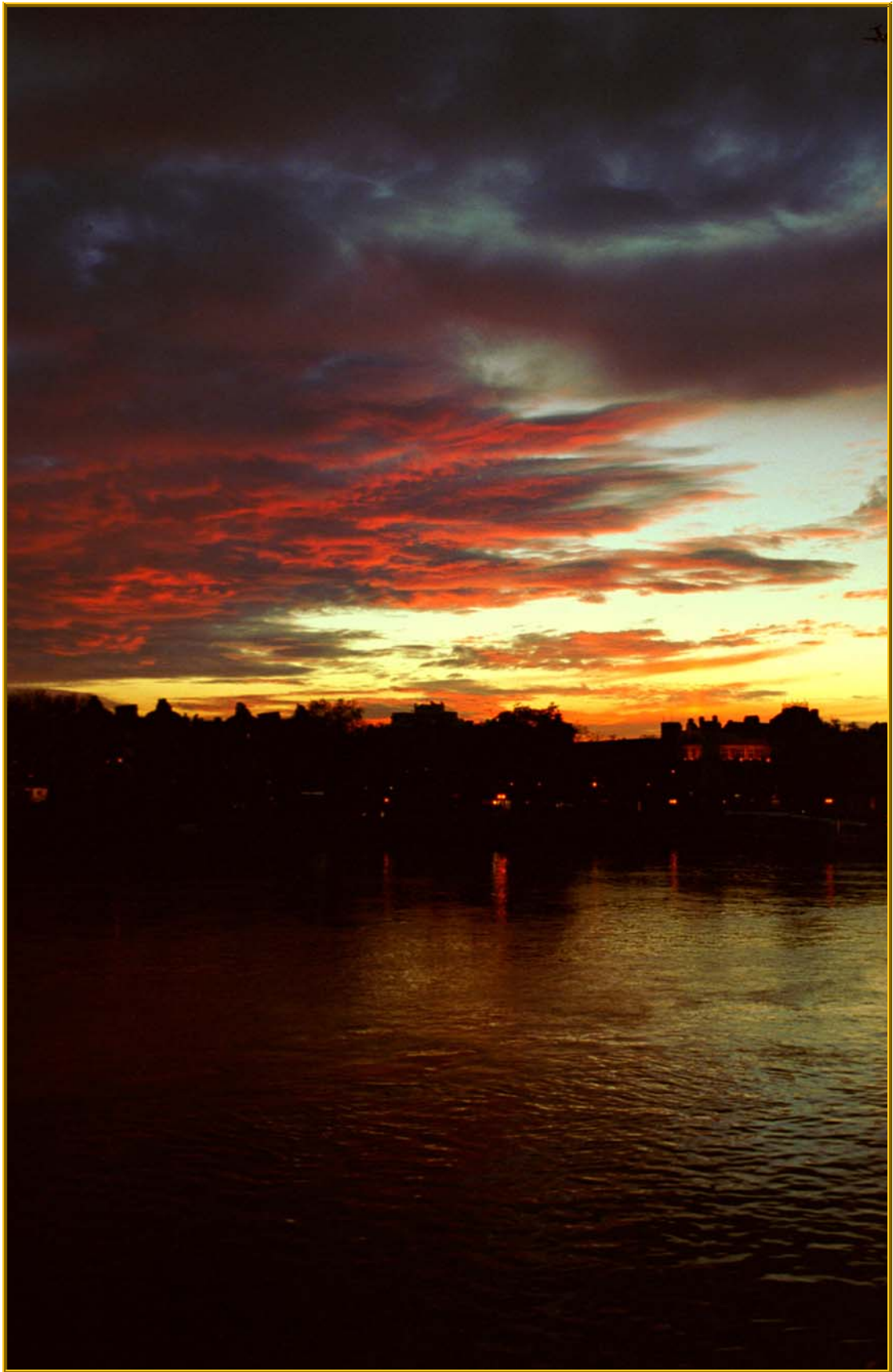
John 3: 17 – 21

AS it is written: “there is none righteous, no, not one; there is none who understands; there is none who seeks after god. they have all turned aside; they have together become unprofitable; there is none who does good, no, not one.”

ROMANS 3: 10 – 12

FOR I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find. for the good that I will *to* do, I do not do; but the evil I will not *to* do, that I practice. now if I do what I will not *to* do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. for I delight in the law of god according to the inward man. but I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank god – through Jesus Christ our Lord! so then, with the mind I myself serve the law of god, but with the flesh the law of sin.

ROMANS 7: 18 – 25



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august

Thus says the lord: "in an acceptable time i have heard you, and in the day of salvation i have helped you; i will preserve you and give you as a covenant to the people, to restore the earth, to cause them to inherit the desolate heritages; that you may say to the prisoners, 'go forth,' to those who are in darkness, 'show yourselves.' "

isaiah 49: 8 & 9

Behold! my servant whom i uphold, my elect one *in whom* my soul delights! i have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the gentiles. he will not cry out, nor raise *his voice*, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. a bruised reed he will not break, and smoking flax he will not quench; he will bring forth justice for truth. he will not fail nor be discouraged, till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands shall wait for his law."

isaiah 42: 1 – 4

he is despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. and we hid, as it were, *our faces* from him; he was despised and we did not esteem him. surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by god, and afflicted. but he was wounded for our transgressions, *he* was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed. all we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one to his own way; and the lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. he was oppressed and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; he was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. he was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare his generation? for he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of my people he was stricken.

isaiah 53: 3 – 8



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september

But god demonstrates his own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, christ died for us. much more then, having now been justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. for if when we were enemies we were reconciled to god through the death of his son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. and not only *that*, but we also rejoice in god through our lord jesus christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

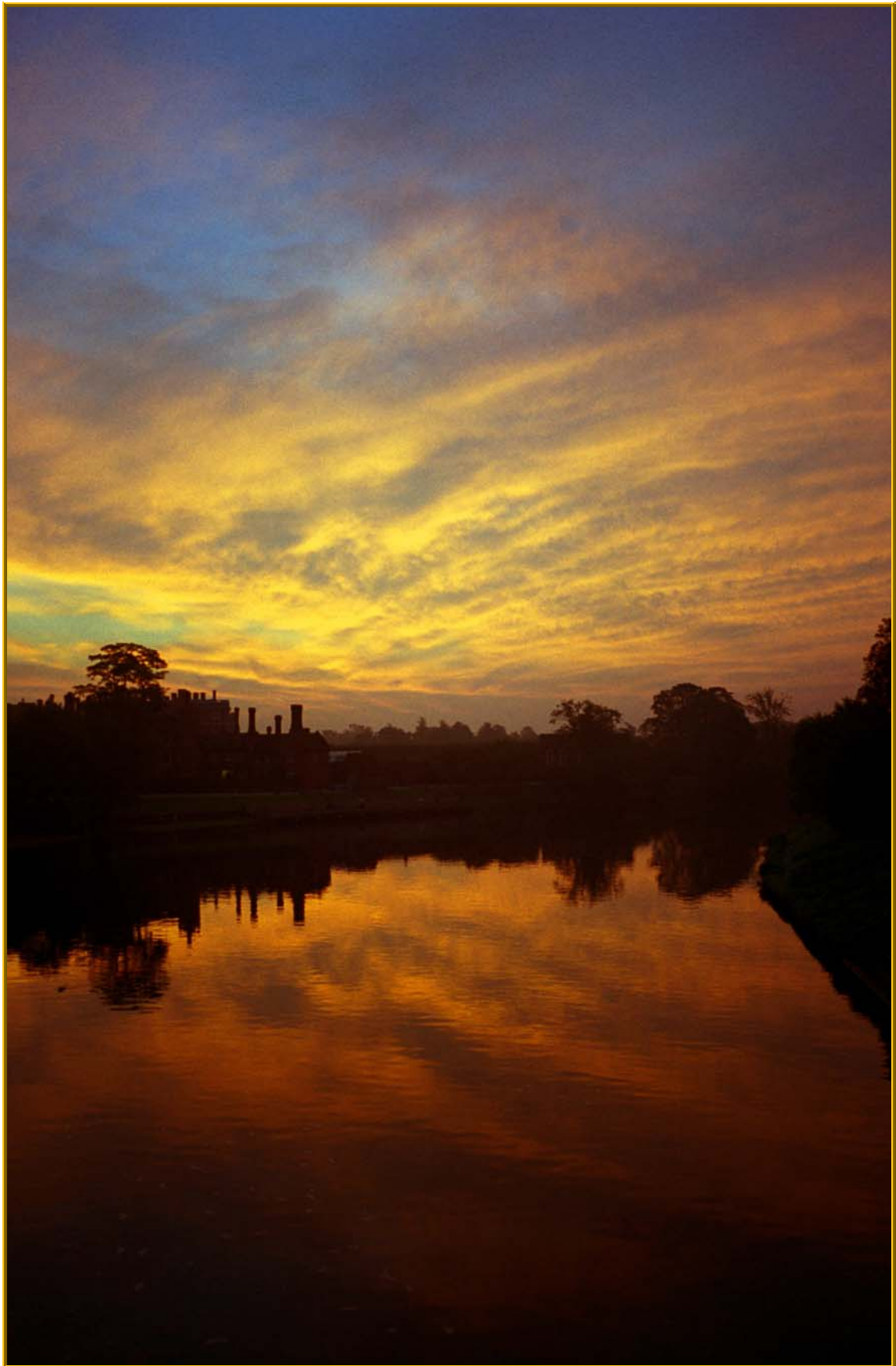
romans 5: 8 – 11

Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in his sight, for by the *is* the knowledge of sin. but now the righteousness of god apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the law and the prophets, even the righteousness of god, through faith in jesus christ, to all and on all who believe. for there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of god, being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in christ jesus, whom god set forth as a propitiation by his blood, through faith, to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance god had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time his righteousness, that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in jesus.

romans 3: 20 – 26

But when the kindness and the love of god our saviour toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the holy spirit, whom he poured out on us abundantly through jesus christ our saviour, that having been justified by his grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

titus 3: 4 – 7



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OCTOBER

and he took bread, gave thanks and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, "this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." likewise he also took the cup after supper, saying, "this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you."

LUKE 22: 19 & 20

he has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the son of his love, in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins. he is the image of the invisible god, the firstborn over all creation. for by him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. all things were created through him and for him. and he is before all things, and in him all things consist. and he is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he may have the preeminence. for it pleased *the father* that in him all the fullness should dwell, and by him to reconcile all things to himself, by him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace [with god] through the blood of his cross.

COLOSSIANS 1: 13 – 8

Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in god, believe also in me. in my father's house are many dwellings; if *it were* not so, i would have told you. and if i go and prepare a place for you, i will come again and receive you to myself; that where i am, *there* you may be also. and where i go you know, and the way you know." thomas said to him, "lord, we do not know where you are going, and how can we know the way?" jesus said to him, "i am the way, the truth, and the life. no one comes to the father except through me. if you had known me, you would have known my father also; and from now on you know him and have seen him."

JOHN 14: 1 – 7



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NOVEMBER

FOR the father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the son, that all should honour the son just as they honor the father. he who does not honour the son does not honour the father who sent him. most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes in him who sent me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

John 5: 22 – 24

THEREFORE, if anyone is in christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. now all things are of god, who has reconciled us to himself through jesus christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that god was in christ reconciling the world to himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. now then, we are ambassadors for christ, as though god were pleading through us; we implore you on christ's behalf, be reconciled to god. for he made him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of god in him.

II CORINTHIANS 5: 17 – 21

MY little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. and if anyone sins, we have an advocate with the father, jesus christ the righteous. and he himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. now by this we know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. he who says, "I know him," and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. but whoever keeps his word, truly the love of god is perfected in him. by this we know that we are in him.

I JOHN 2: 1 – 5



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DECEMBER

FOR unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder. and his name will be called wonderful, counsellor, mighty god, everlasting father, prince of peace. of the increase of *his* government and peace *there will be* no end, upon the throne of david and over his kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. the zeal of the lord of hosts will perform this.

isaiah 9: 6 & 7

WHY do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? the kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the lord and against his anointed, *saying*, "let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us." he who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the lord shall hold them in derision. then he shall speak to them in his wrath, and distress them in his deep displeasure; "yet have i set my king on my holy hill of zion." "i will declare the decree: the lord has said to me, 'you are my son, today i have begotten you. ask of me, and i will give you the nations for your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for your possession. you shall break them with a rod of iron; you shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' "

psalm 2: 1 – 9

nOW i saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. and he who sat on him was called faithful and true, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. his eyes were like a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns. he had a name written that no one knew except himself. he was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called the word of god. and the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed him on white horses. now out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should strike the nations. and he himself will rule them with a rod of iron. he himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of almighty god.

revelation 19: 11 – 15

mystery

now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed – in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your sting? O ha’des, where is your victory?” the sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 CORINTHIANS 15: 50 – 57

When the son of man comes in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. And he will set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the king will say to those on his right hand, ‘come, you blessed of my father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? when did we see you a stranger and take you in, or naked and clothe you? or when did we see you sick, or in prison, and come to you?’ and the king will answer and say to them, ‘assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these my brethren, you did *it* to me.’ ”

MATTHEW 25: 31 – 40

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