



# “THE CRISIS OF CHRIST, DIVISIVE DELIVERER”

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LUKE 12:49-53 BIBLE STUDY

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## THE CRISIS OF CHRIST, DIVISIVE DELIVERER



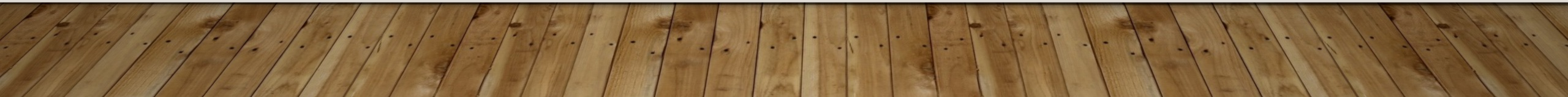
- “Why don’t you **judge** (*krinō*) for yourselves what is right?” (Lk 12:57, NIV)
- “Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever **rejects me rejects him who sent me.**” (Lk 10:16, NIV)
- 22 Moreover, the Father judges [*krino*] no one, but has entrusted all **judgment** [*krisis*] to the Son, 23 that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever **does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.** (Jn 5:22-23, NIV)
- Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. **No one comes to the Father except through me.** (Jn 14:6, NIV)



## LUKE 12:49 FIERY JUDGMENT



- *Fire* I have come to cast on the earth, and how I wish that it was already ignited! (Lk 12:49, AT)
- The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the **fire**. (Lk 3:9, NIV)
- His **winnowing fork** is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable **fire**.” (Lk 3:17, NIV)
- And with many other words John exhorted the people and **proclaimed the good news** [εὐαγγελίζω | *euangelizō* → *evangelize*] to them. (Lk 3:18, NIV)

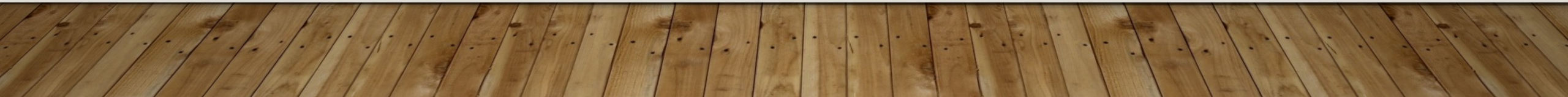




LUKE 12:49  
WE'RE FAMILY  
IN JESUS



- There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all **one** in Christ Jesus. (Gal 3:28, NIV)





## LUKE 12:50 CRISIS OF BAPTISM



- But with a baptism I have to be baptized, and how hard-pressed am I until it is finished! (Lk 12:50, AT)
- 35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.” 36 “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. 37 They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.” (Mk 10:35-37, NIV)
- “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be **baptized** with the **baptism** I am **baptized** with?” (Mk 10:38, NIV)



## LUKE 12:50 CRISIS OF BAPTISM



The **waves of death** swirled about me;

the **torrents of destruction** overwhelmed me. (2 Sam 22:5, NIV)

1 Save me, O God,

for the **waters have come up to my neck.**

2 I sink in the miry depths,

where there is no foothold.

I have come into the **deep waters;**

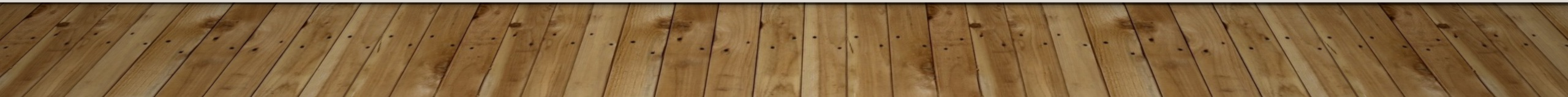
the **floods engulf me.** (Ps 69:1-2, NIV)



## LUKE 12:51 PRINCE OF PEACE?



- You think *peace* I have come to establish on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. (Lk 12:51, AT)
- “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth **peace**, good will toward men” (Lk 2:14, KJV)
- “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth **peace** to those **on whom his favor rests.**” (Lk 2:14, NIV; cf. NRSV, ESV, HCSB, NASB95, NLT)
- Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Rom 5:1, NIV)

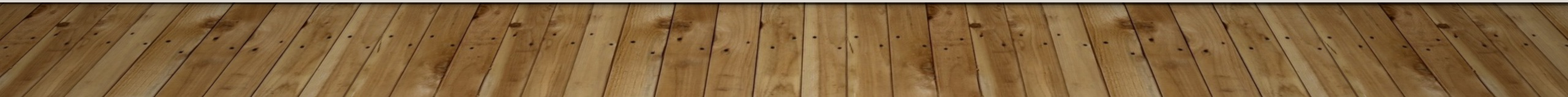




## LUKE 12:51 PRINCE OF PEACE?



- 21 Once you were **alienated from God** and were **enemies in your minds** because of your **evil behavior**. 22 But now he has **reconciled** you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—23 if you **continue in your faith**, established and **firm**, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. (Col 1:21-23, NIV)



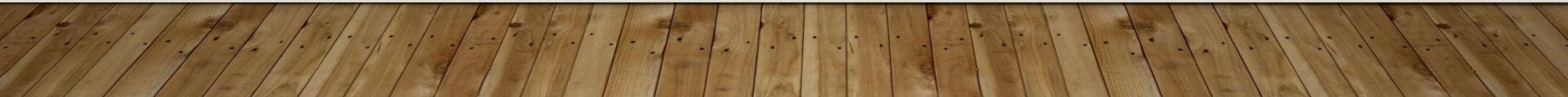




LUKE 12:51  
PRINCE OF PEACE?



- Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the **falling and rising** of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be **spoken against**, (Lk 2:34, NIV)





## LUKE 12:52-53 FAMILY CRISIS



52 For, from now on, it will be five divided in one house: three against two and two against three.

53 “Father will be divided against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” (Lk 12:52-53, AT)





## LUKE 12:52-53 FAMILY CRISIS



2 The faithful have been swept from the land;

not one upright person remains.

Everyone lies in wait to shed blood;

they hunt each other with nets.

3 Both hands are skilled in doing evil;

the ruler demands gifts,

the judge accepts bribes,

the powerful dictate what they desire—

they all conspire together.





## LUKE 12:52-53 FAMILY CRISIS



4 The best of them is like a brier,  
the most upright worse than a thorn hedge.

**The day God visits you has come,**  
the day your watchmen sound the alarm.  
Now is the time of your confusion.

5 Do not trust a neighbor;  
put no confidence in a friend.  
Even with the woman who lies in your embrace  
guard the words of your lips.





**LUKE 12:52-53  
FAMILY CRISIS**



**6 For a son dishonors his father,  
a daughter rises up against her mother,  
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—  
a man's enemies are the members of his own household.**

**(Mic 7:2-6, NIV)**





## LUKE 12:52-53 FAMILY CRISIS

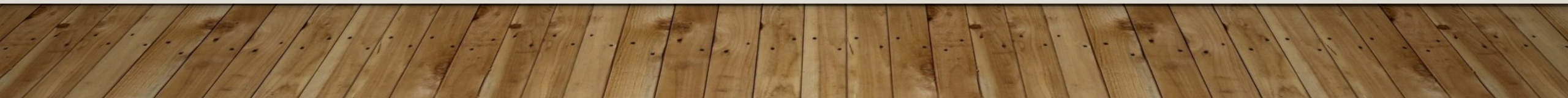


34 “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword [the sword being a metaphor for division]. 35 For I have come to turn

“ ‘a man against his father,  
a daughter against her mother,  
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—

36 a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’

37 “Anyone who loves their father or mother **more than me** is **not worthy of me**; anyone who loves their son or daughter **more than me** is **not worthy of me**. 38 Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. (Mt 10:34-39, NIV)

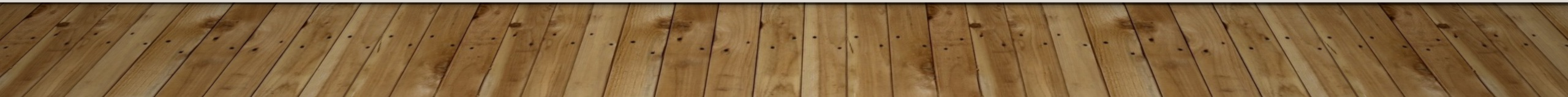




LUKE 12:52-53  
JESUS #1



- Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must **deny themselves** and **take up their cross daily** and follow me. (Lk 9:23, NIV)
- 26 “If anyone comes to me and does not **hate** father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. 27 And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. (Lk 14:26-27, NIV)

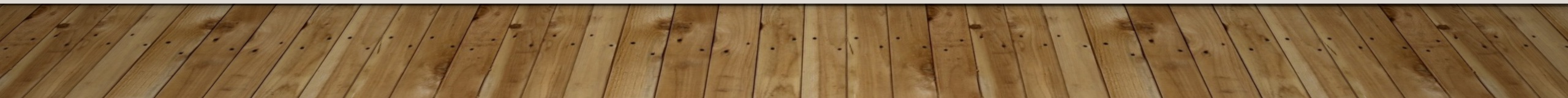




## LUKE 12:52-53 FAITH OVER FAMILY



- 48 When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your **father** and I have been anxiously searching for you.”
- 49 “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my **Father’s** house?” (Lk 2:48-29, NIV)
- 20 Someone told him, “Your **mother** and **brothers** are standing outside, wanting to see you.” 21 He replied, “**My mother and brothers are those who hear God’s word and put it into practice.**” (Lk 8:20-21, NIV)



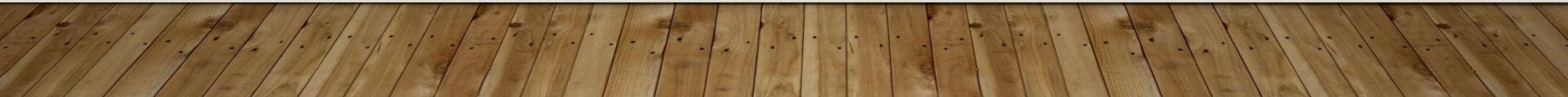




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- 27 As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, “Blessed is the **mother** who gave you birth and nursed you.” 28 He replied, “**Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.**” (Lk 11:27-28, NIV)
- For even his own **brothers** did **not believe** in him. (Jn 7:5, NIV)
- 59 He said to another man, “Follow me.” But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” 60 Jesus said to him, “Let the **dead bury their own dead**, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” (Lk 9:59-60, NIV cf. Lk 9:61-62)





## LUKE 12:52-53 FAITH OVER FAMILY



- 28 Then Peter spoke up, “**We have left everything to follow you!**”  
29 “Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left **home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel** 30 will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with **persecutions**—and in the age to come eternal life. (Mk 10:28-30, NIV)

