



“AND THE SCRIBES WHO CAME DOWN FROM JERUSALEM
SAID, ‘HE HAS BEELZEBUB,’ AND, ‘BY THE RULER OF THE
DEMONS HE CASTS OUT DEMONS.’”

– Mark 3:22



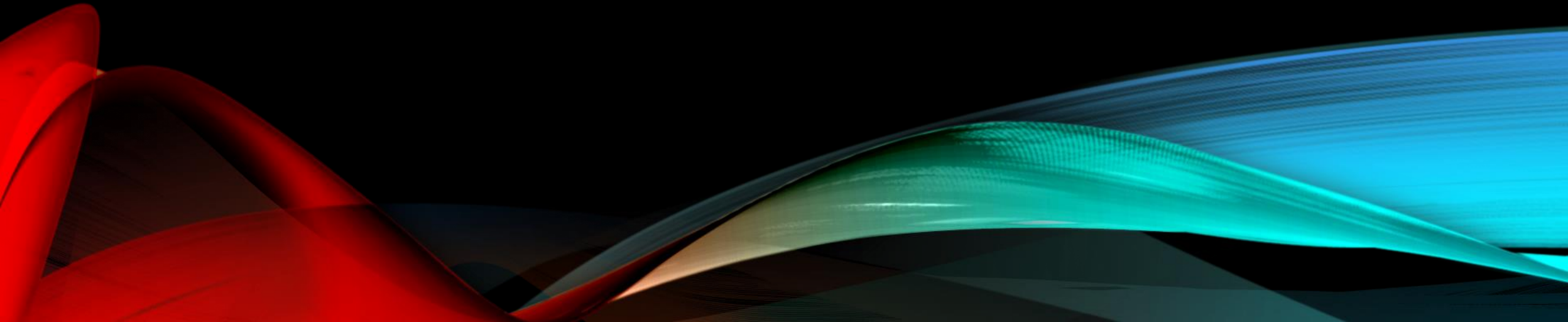
THE SICKNESS OF LUKEWARMNESS

WHAT IS LUKEWARMNESS?

- “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.” (Rev. 3:15-16)
- Is it just right?

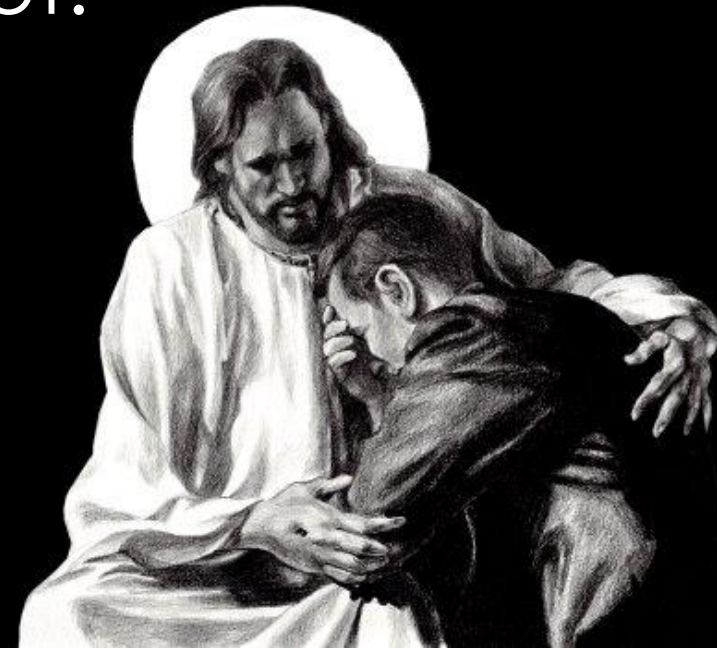


CAUSES OF LUKEWARMNESS



1. DISTANT FROM REPENTANCE

- Spiritual personalities that are always hot:
 - Repentant
 - Love God with all their heart
- Recall your sins
- “For I acknowledge my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.”
(Ps. 51:3)



2. DISTANT FROM THE MEANS OF GRACE

- Prayer, contemplation, spiritual readings, liturgies, retreats
- *What changed in my spiritual life?*
- God's grace helps to balance and counter the corrupt agenda of Satan and the world



3. QUALITY OF WORSHIP

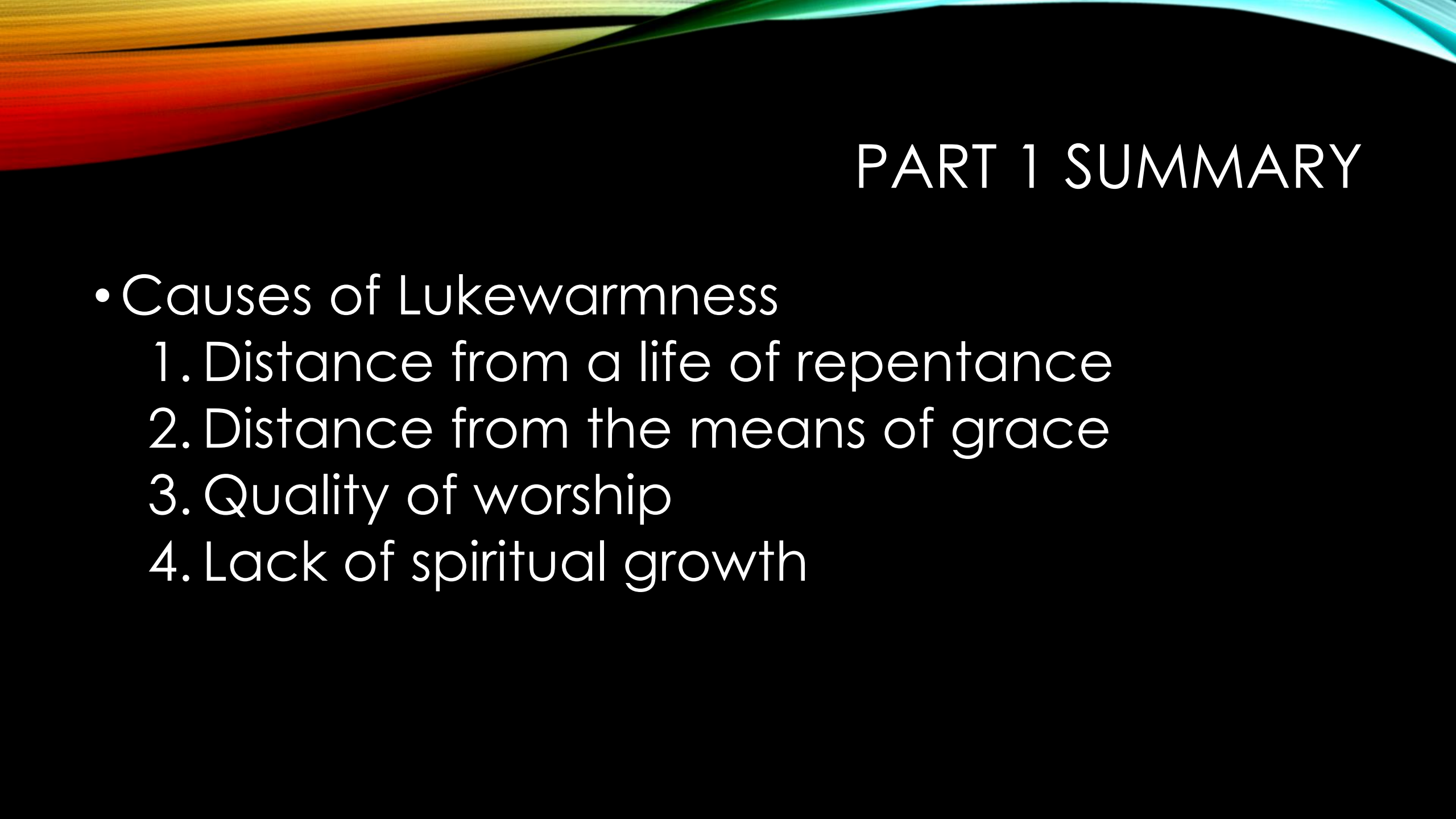
- Just routine?
- Increasing quantity without quality
- Those who were justified by quality over quantity
 - “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” (Lk. 23:42)
 - “And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’” (Lk. 18:13)



4. LACK OF GROWTH

- Continual growth brings spiritual energy
- Ex: Car Battery
- Do you feel content where you are in your spiritual life?
 - “Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.” (Matt. 5:48)
 - “Be holy, for I am holy.” (1 Pet. 1:16)





PART 1 SUMMARY

- Causes of Lukewarmness
 1. Distance from a life of repentance
 2. Distance from the means of grace
 3. Quality of worship
 4. Lack of spiritual growth