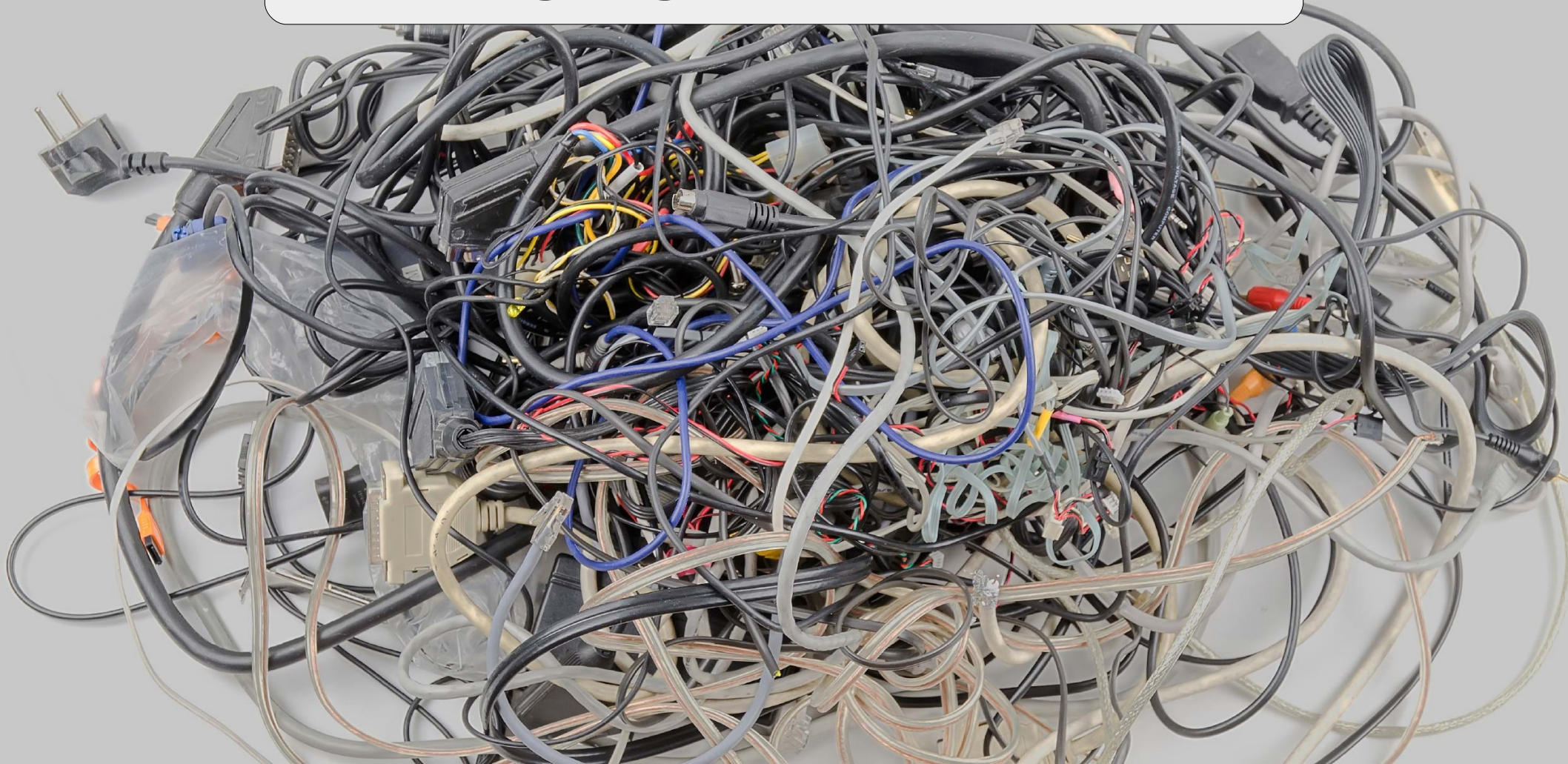


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How we got here

1. Two weeks of introduction
2. Background of Catholic Church
3. Five Solas and T.U.L.I.P
4. Pendulum Effect

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This week:
Two topics from Romans:
1. Abraham
2. Adam

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Next week:

More from from Romans:

1. Pharaoh
2. Free will in Romans

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1. Untangling Abraham

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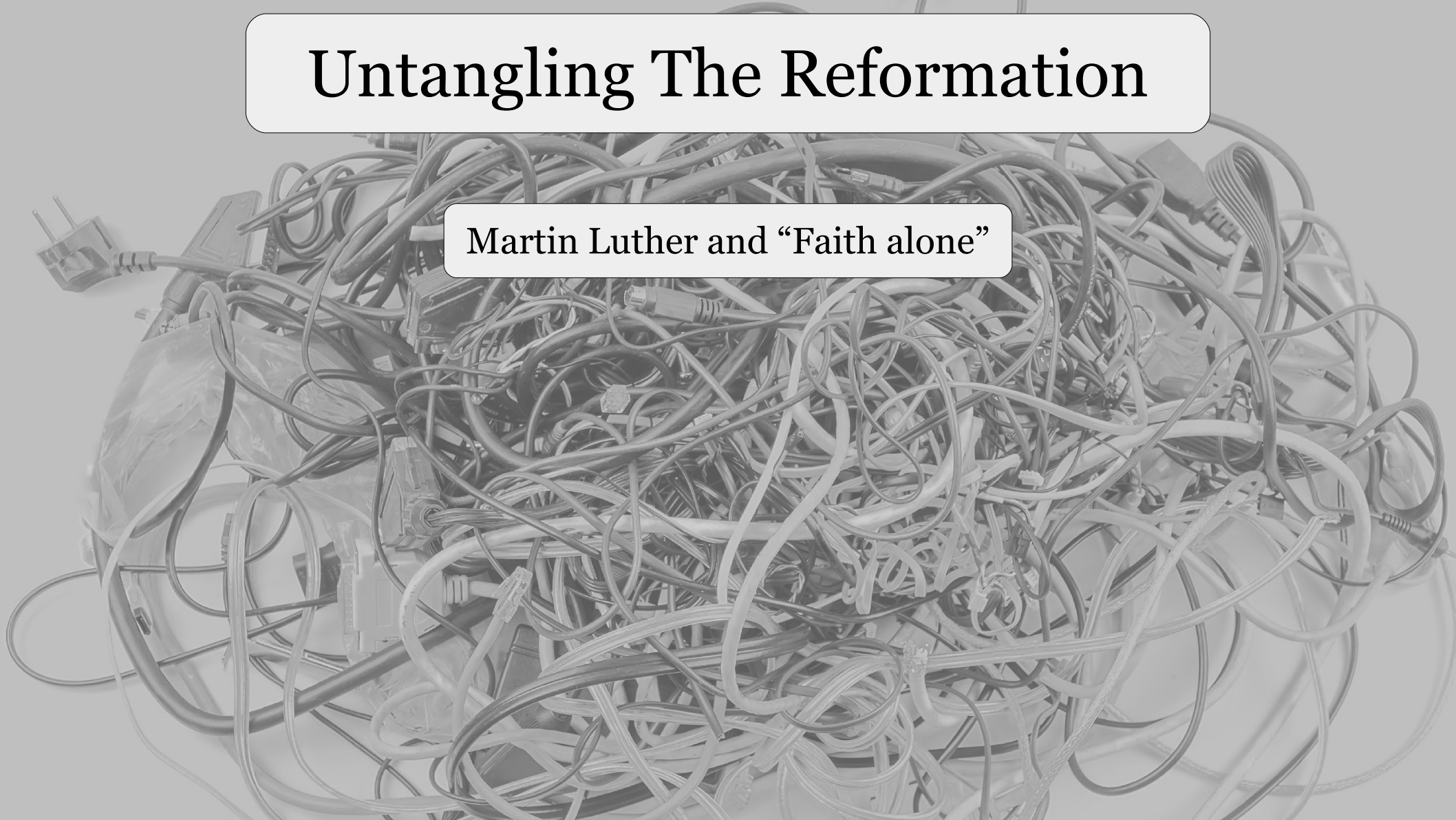


1. Untangling Abraham

What is tangled up about Abraham?

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Luther called James an “epistle of straw”

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Why was Abraham counted righteous?

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Untangling Abraham *Romans*

Rom 4:9b We have been saying that Abraham's faith was credited to him as righteousness.

Rom 4:10 Under what circumstances was it credited? Was it after he was circumcised, or before? It was not after, but before!

Not because of circumcision

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Romans

Rom 4:13 It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith.

Not because of law

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Untangling Abraham
James

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Untangling Abraham *James*

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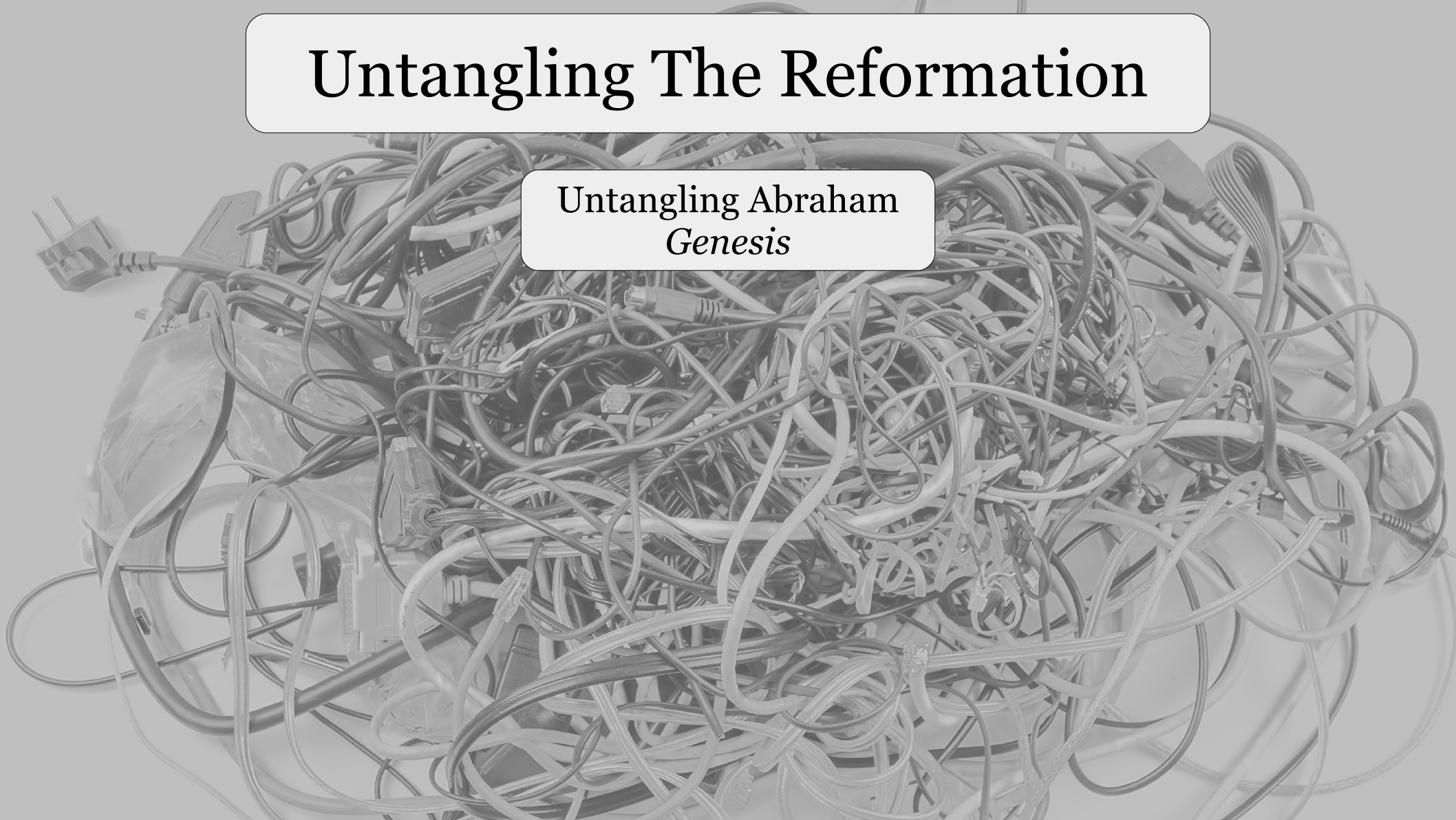
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Untangling Abraham *Genesis*

Gen 12:1 The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.

Gen 12:2 "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

Gen 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

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Gen 15:5 He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

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Gen 15:18a On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land"

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Gen 17:6 I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you.

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God made the promises in chapters 12, 15, 17
because he knew what Abraham would do in chapter 22.

Because of Abraham's obedient faith!

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2. Untangling Adam

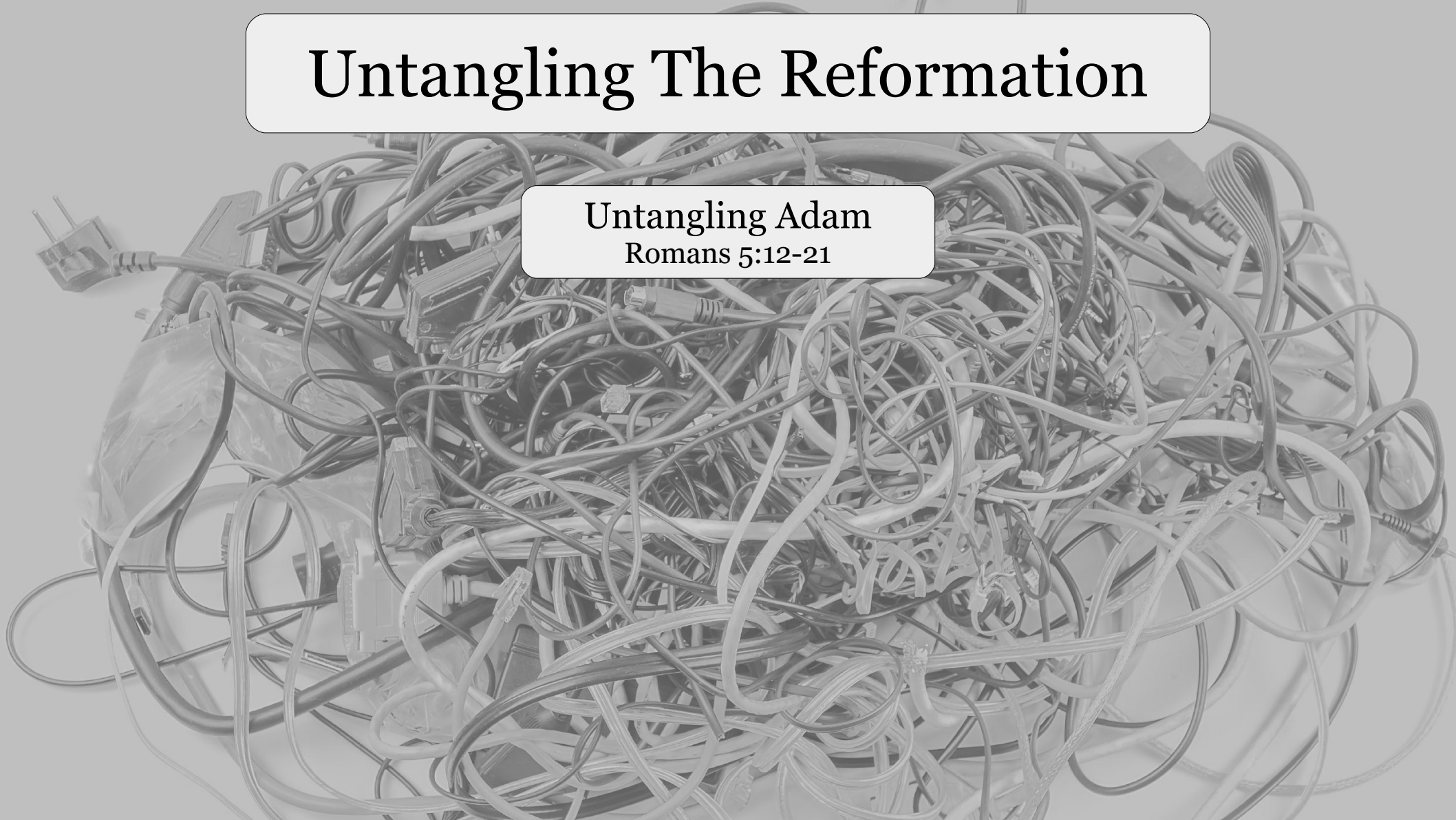
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Do we share the guilt of Adam's sin?

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Untangling Adam
Romans 5:12-21



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Because people have tried to make it teach something it does not teach

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Original Sin?



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Original Sin?

The Catholic church on Original Sin (Council of Trent, 1546)

- Adam's sin propagated to all
- What Adam lost he lost for all of us
- Original sin remitted by baptism
- Baptism of babies

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Total depravity as consequence of Adam’s sin?

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Original Sin?

Yes, there was an Original (first) sin.
It resulted in our physical death.

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Completing the thought begun in verse 12

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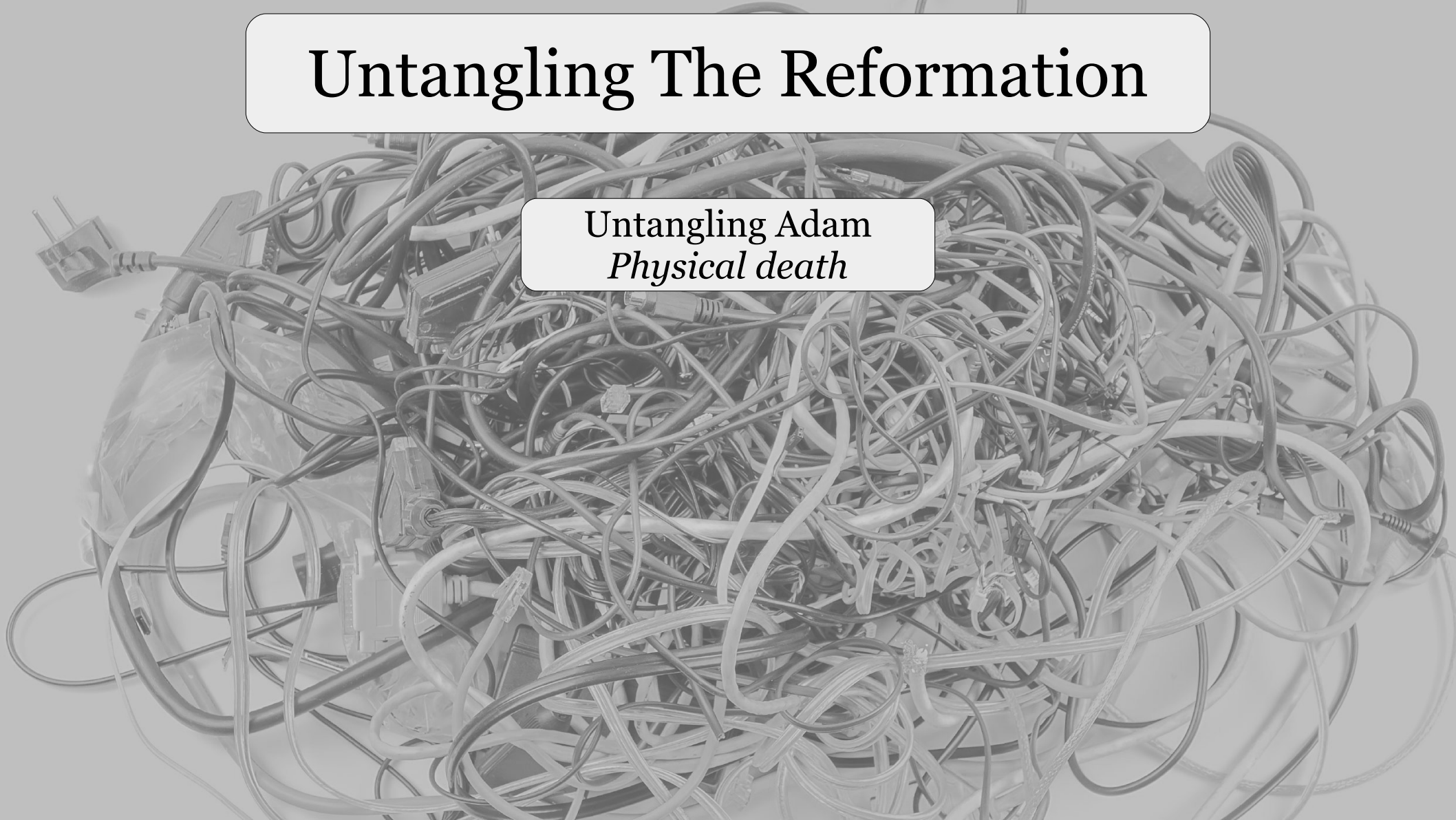
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Drawing a parallel with Jesus

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Sin had entered the world.
Now man would be tempted to choose evil.

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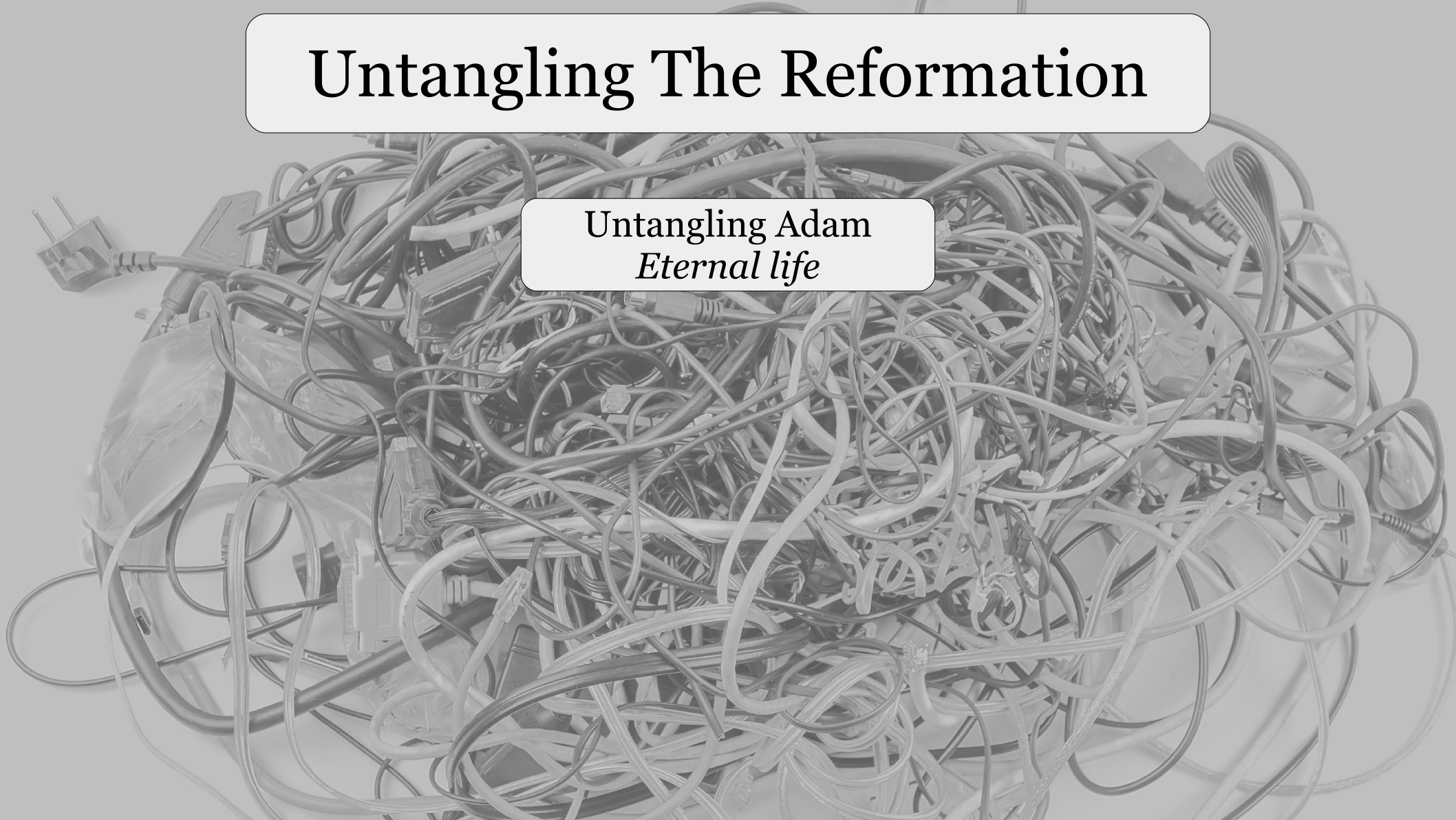
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Therefore man must not live forever.

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One righteous life brought righteousness into the world

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Eternal life

Rom 5:21 so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And death is defeated by eternal life

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