

### Matthew 24:3 & 4

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

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- 2. Traitors within the church.
- 3. Teachers seeking to deceive.



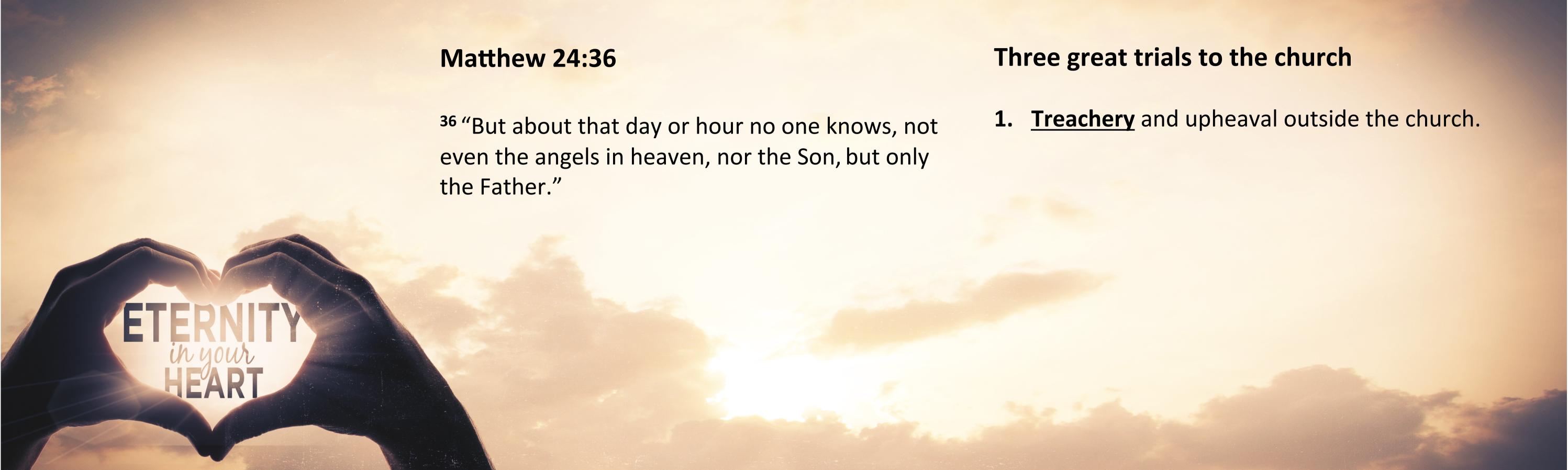


#### **Matthew 24:4-8**

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. <sup>5</sup> For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. 6 You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. 7 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of birth pains."

### Three great trials to the church

1. Treachery and upheaval outside the church.



## Matthew 24:9 & 10 <sup>9</sup> "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. 10 At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other."

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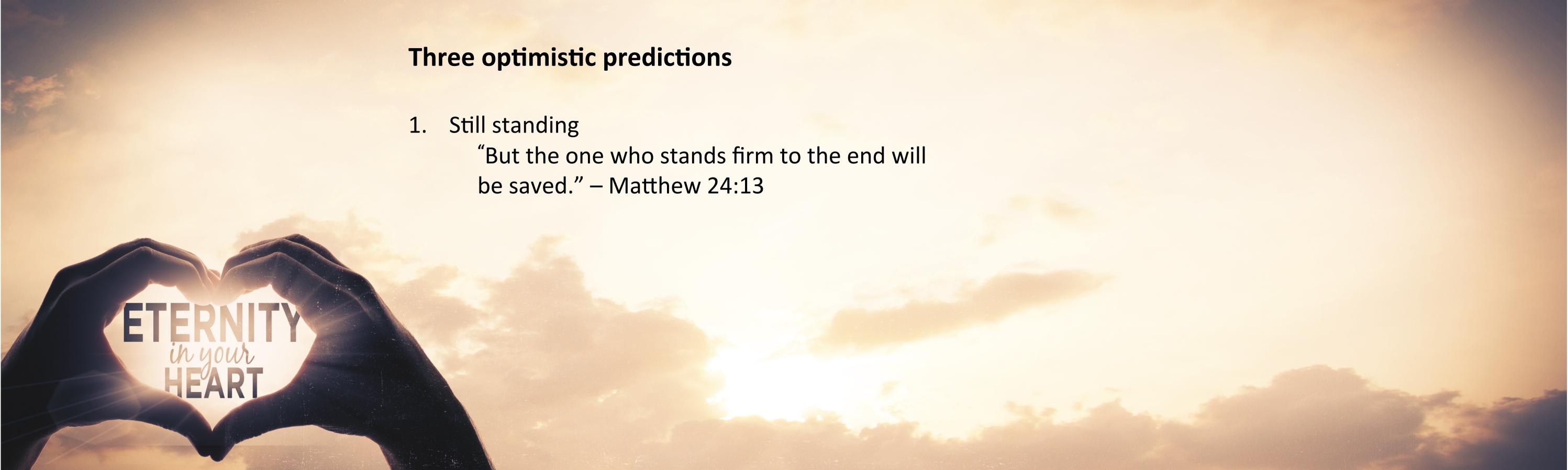
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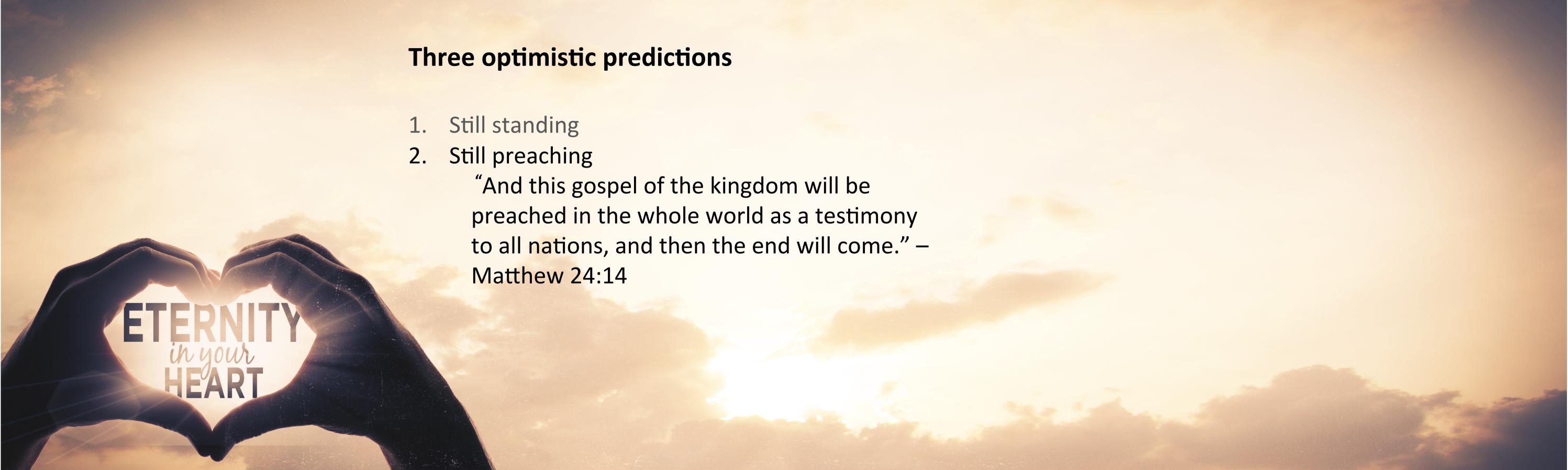
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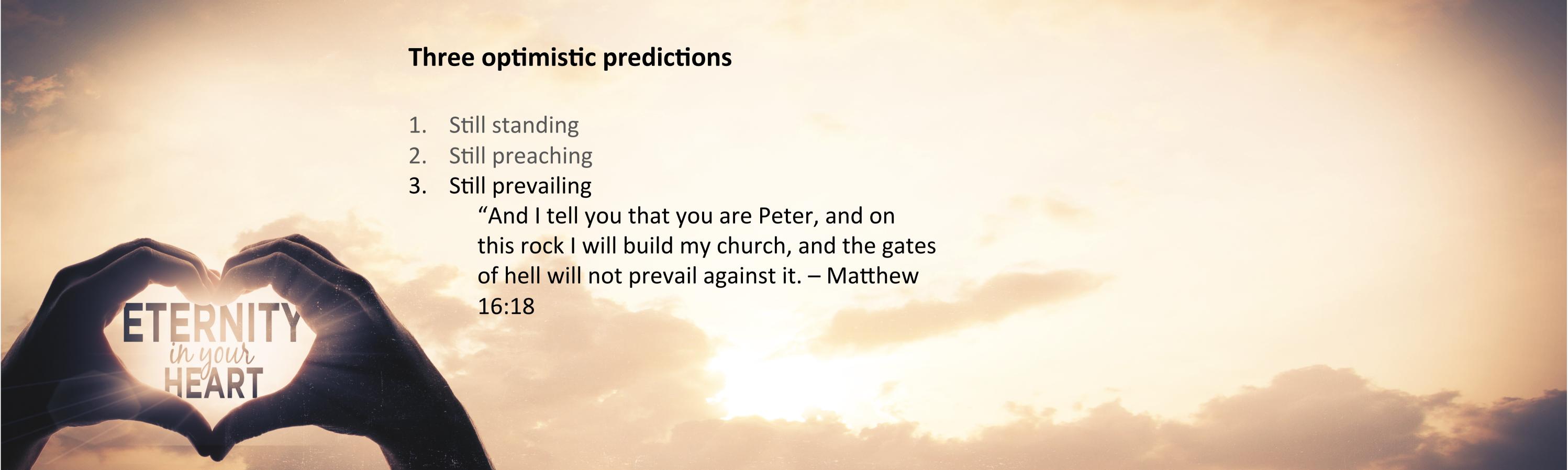
<sup>11</sup> "And many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. <sup>12</sup> Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold."

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### Three optimistic predictions

- 1. Still standing
- 2. Still preaching
- 3. Still prevailing

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." – John 3:16

### The ABC's of belief:

- 1. Acknowledge that you cannot obey the laws of God.
- 2. <u>Believe</u> that Christ died on the cross to purchase your soul.
- 3. Commit your life to follow Christ.

