

Message Notes

Good and Bad Accountability

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – “Four things I know about you...”

1. You are made in the Image of God
2. You are fallen
3. If you have trusted Jesus Christ, you are made new and are BEING renewed
4. Relationships with others are not as they ought to be

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2 Corinthians 10:4-6

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Punishing Resistance

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Righteousness

Gospel

Faith

Salvation

Word of God

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Battles with your own “strongholds”

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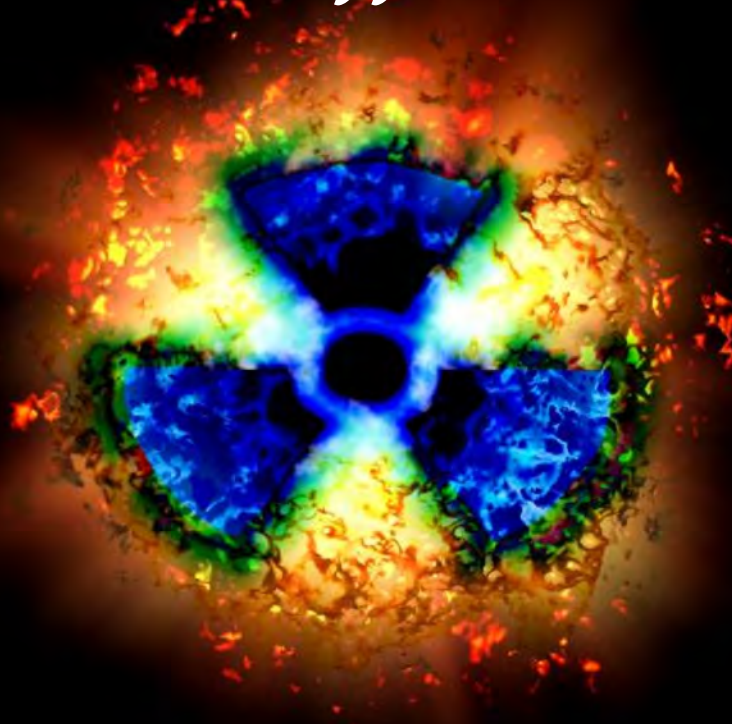
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