

FOLLOWING JESUS TOGETHER

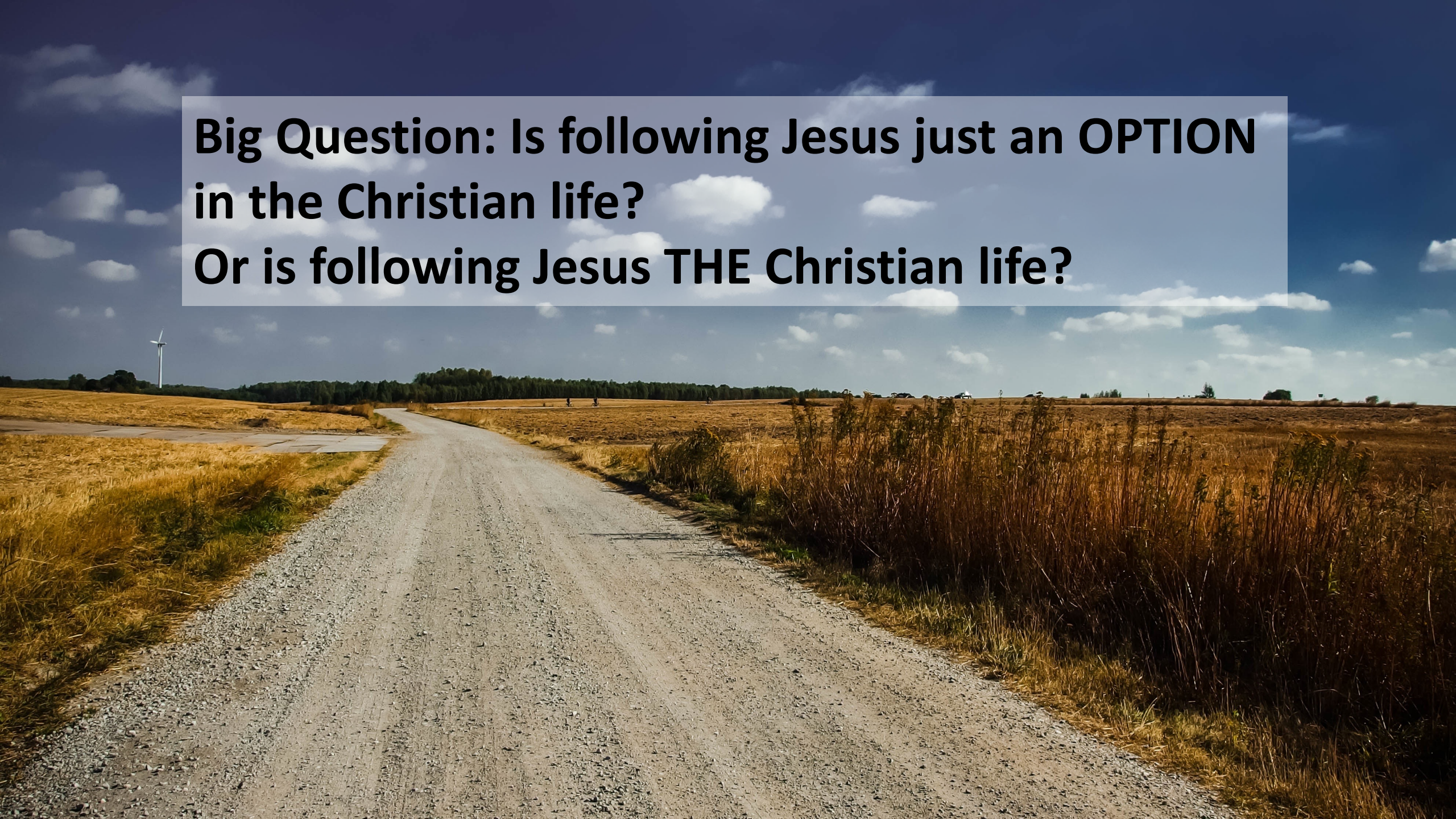


FOLLOW JESUS TO SALVATION

Mark 10:17-27
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**Big Question: Is following Jesus just an OPTION
in the Christian life?
Or is following Jesus THE Christian life?**



Take a look at this rich guy:

>he is sincere and troubled....not at peace



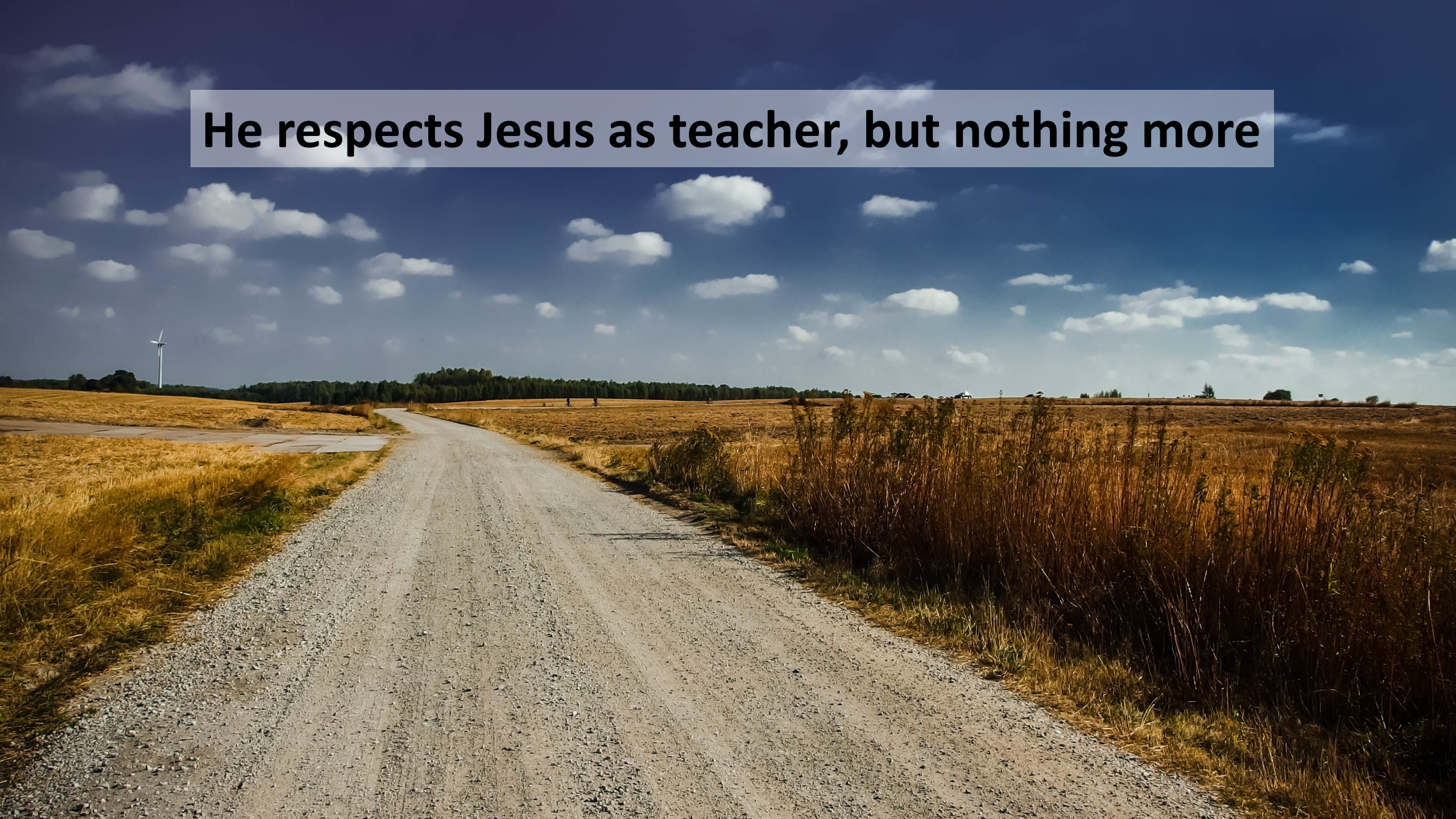
A gravel road winds through a golden field under a blue sky with clouds. The road is the central focus, leading the eye into the distance. The field is a mix of golden-brown grass and taller, darker vegetation. In the far distance, a line of trees and a few buildings are visible. A wind turbine is on the left side of the image.

He assumes he can earn God's favour through good stuff he does

Jesus diagnoses his heart- Why do you call me good?

- > no one is good except God alone**
- > you know the commandments**

He respects Jesus as teacher, but nothing more



**He is still troubled, but he feels self righteous,
blind to his own sin**



He follows and loves a false god - wealth



His faith and trust is in finances, not in Jesus





Is this the Gospel...the Good News of Jesus?

> Yes. Jesus knows and loves this man

> Yes. Jesus invites him to turn away from his false worship

> Yes. Jesus invites him to trust Jesus rather than wealth as the way to real life



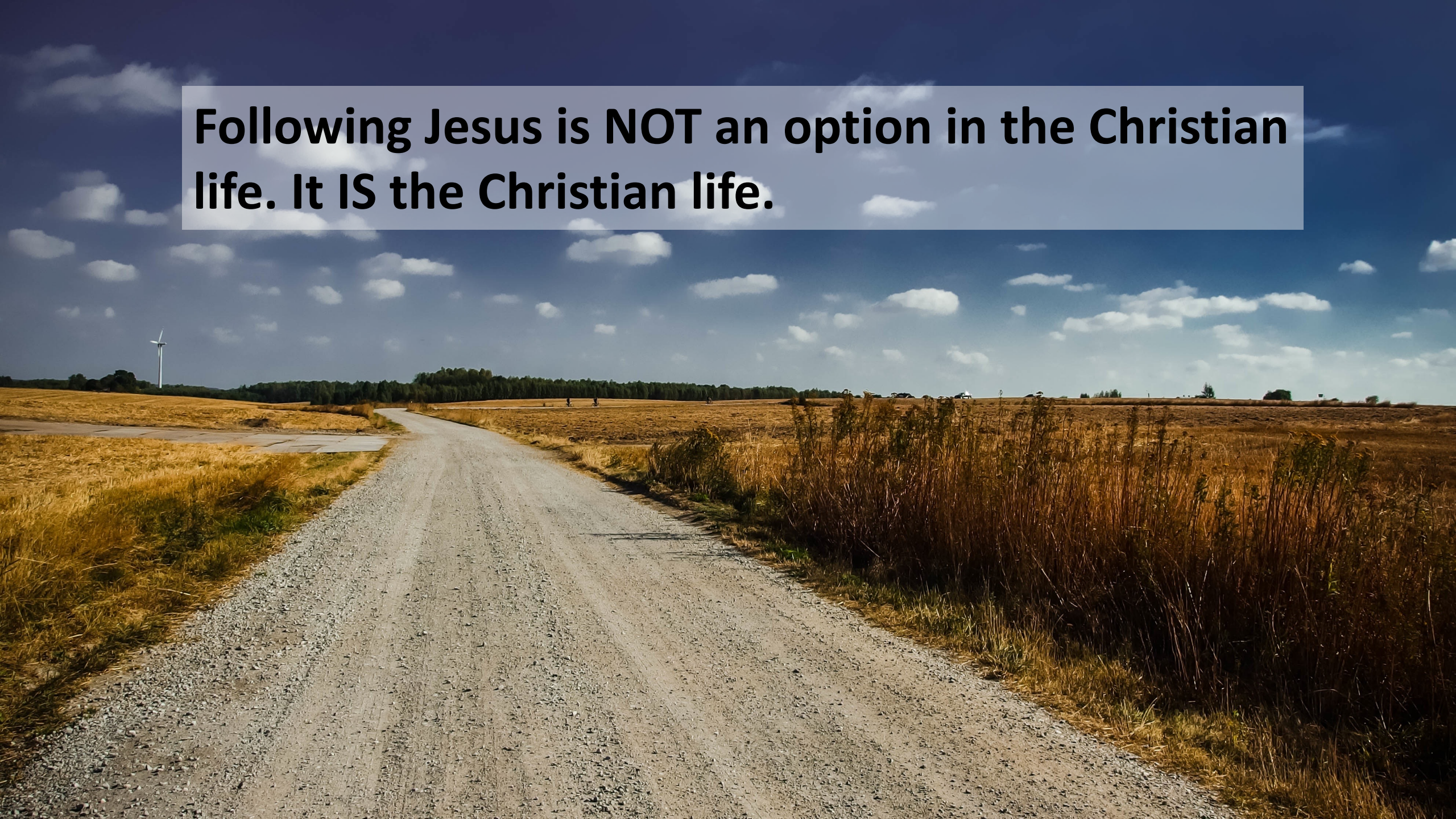
Is this salvation?- verse 17- What must I do to inherit eternal life?

> verses 23, 24, 25- how hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God

> verse 26 - who then can be saved?

> verse 30- in the age to come, eternal life real life

Following Jesus is NOT an option in the Christian life. It IS the Christian life.



**How can we find eternal life?
Jesus' answer: Follow Me.**





**What was the ONE THING the man lacked?
sell everything?...give to the poor?...come,
follow ME?**

**> sell and give were NOT the one thing- this
merely decluttered the heart, making room for
Jesus**

**> The big one thing - Come, follow Jesus, for the
treasure of real life**

> What an amazing offer!