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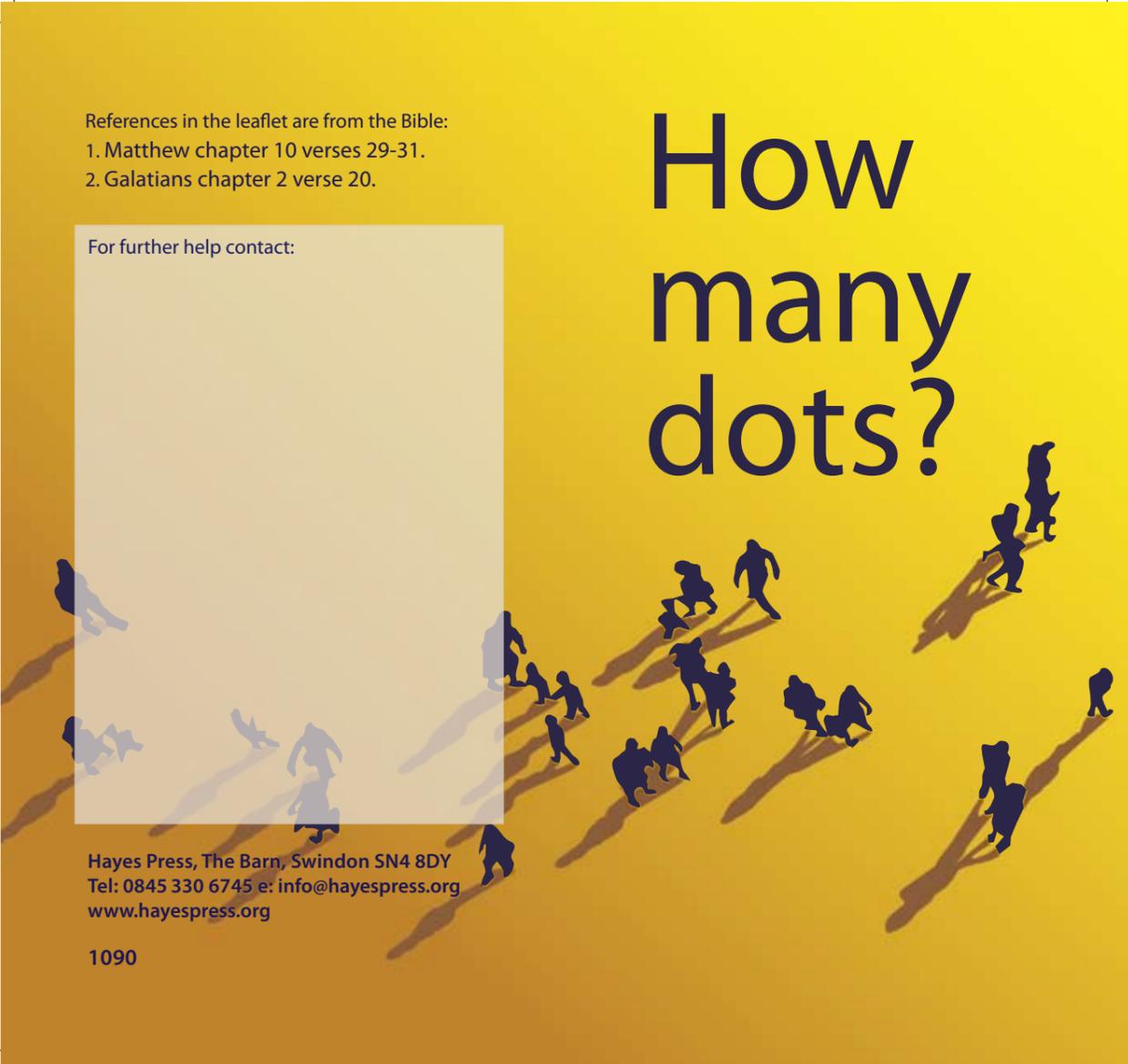
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2. Galatians chapter 2 verse 20.

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# How many dots?



Have you seen the film or read the book *The Third Man*? It's about Holly Martins' search through Vienna in the aftermath of the Second World War for his friend, Harry Lime.

Having faked his own death, Lime now has a racket stealing penicillin and selling it on the black market. Appalled at the suffering of those who will die without treatment as a result, Martins wants nothing to do with it. In an unforgettable scene, Harry Lime takes him up on a Ferris wheel and points to the scurrying crowds in the fairground below:

*"Look down there. Tell me, would you really feel any pity if one of those dots stopped moving forever? If I offered you twenty thousand pounds for every dot that stopped, would you really, old man, tell me to keep my money?... or would you calculate how many dots you could afford to spare?"*

It seems, if you are far enough away, **people lose their individuality**. You can stop caring.

What does God see when he looks down from Heaven? Six billion dots swarming about? Does He even notice when one of them stops moving? - when one of them is hurting?

Jesus asked:

*"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows".<sup>1</sup>*

You are of value to God! He values you so much that He was prepared to give up His own Son to rescue you. One of the Bible's writers realised it and wrote:

*"The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself up for me".<sup>2</sup>*

When the Lord Jesus died on the cross, He took the punishment for your sins so that you wouldn't have to take it yourself: He had you - personally - in mind! So you are certainly not a forgettable dot!

If you trust in your heart - even as you are reading this - that He really did die for you, then you will be saved from your sins and begin a new life with Him.