

Power Lunch and Hour of Power



VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS

12pm & 7pm

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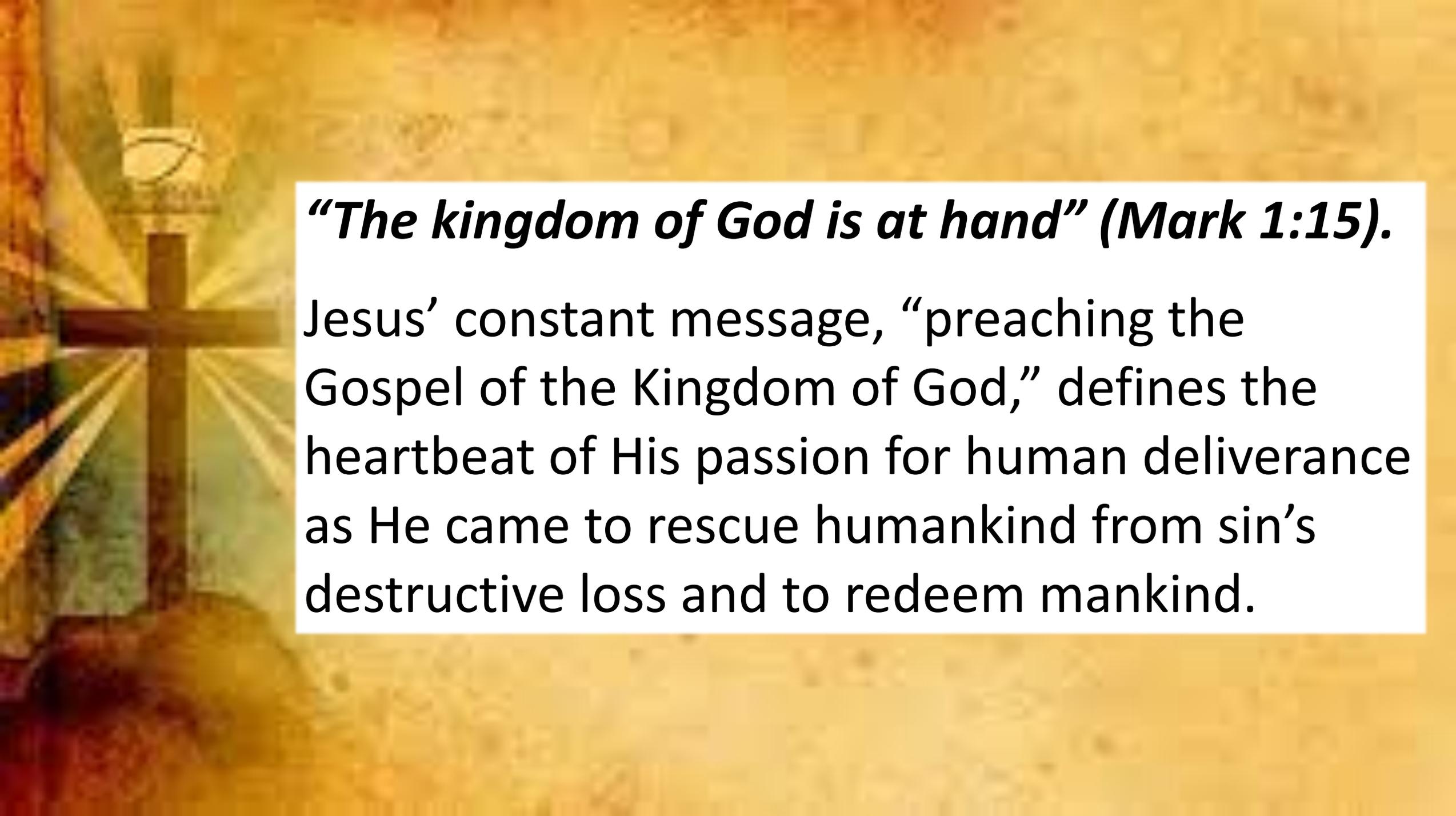
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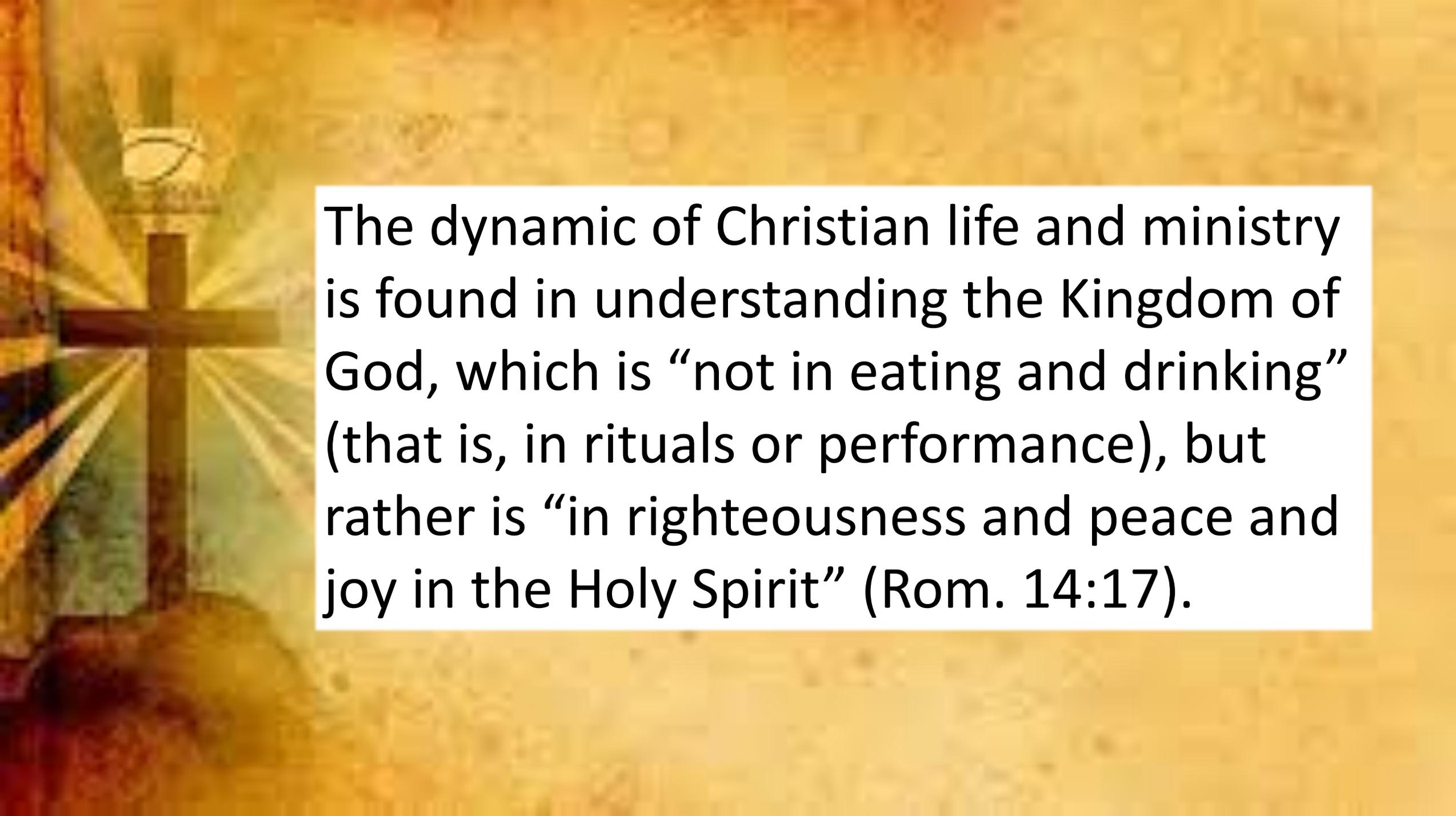
The Cost of
Living In
The Kingdom





“The kingdom of God is at hand” (Mark 1:15).

Jesus’ constant message, “preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God,” defines the heartbeat of His passion for human deliverance as He came to rescue humankind from sin’s destructive loss and to redeem mankind.

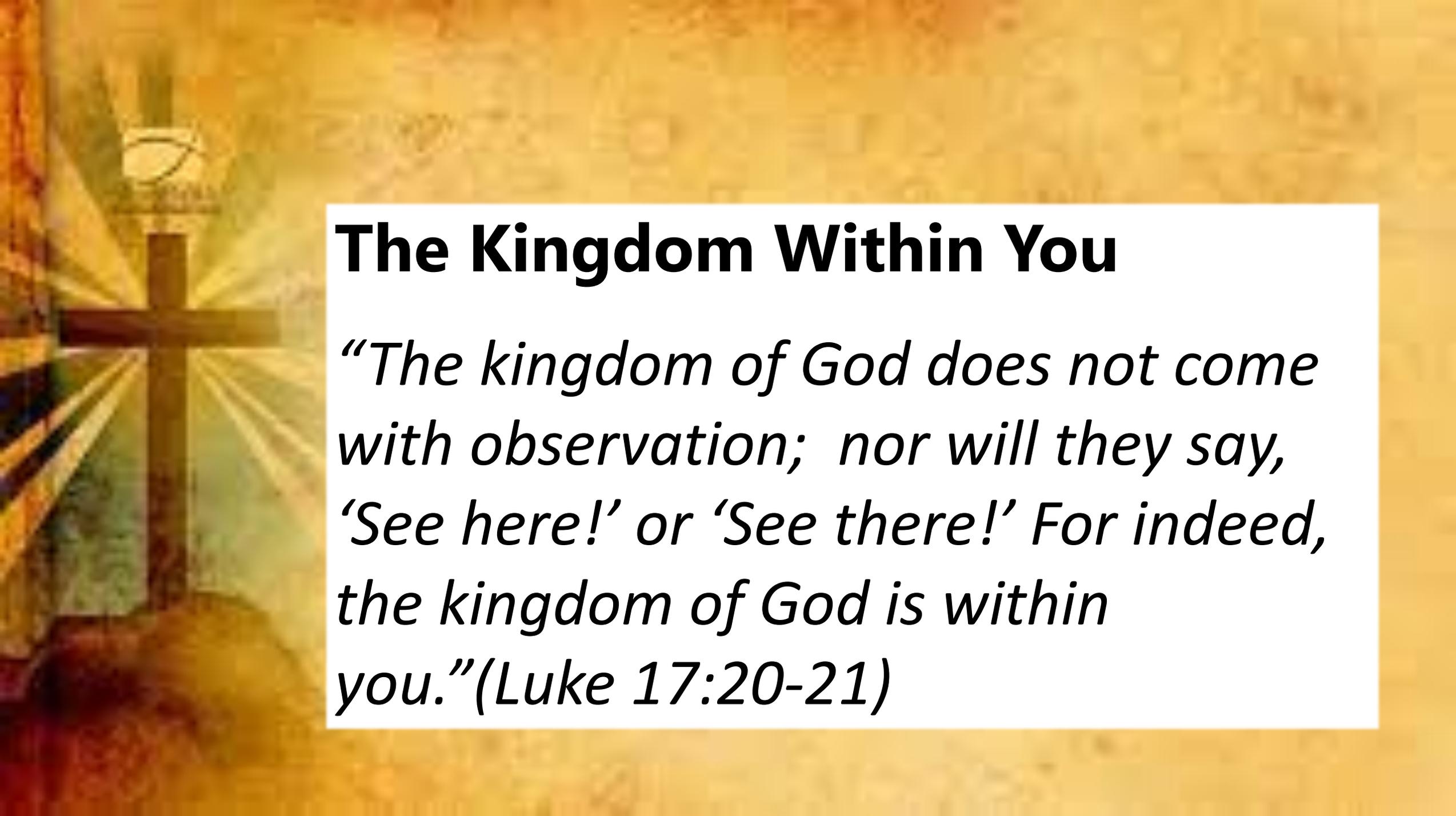


The dynamic of Christian life and ministry is found in understanding the Kingdom of God, which is “not in eating and drinking” (that is, in rituals or performance), but rather is “in righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit” (Rom. 14:17).



The Kingdom of God is the essence of the Church's message and life.

We are called to the Kingdom's life and power in the present, while still anticipating its final fullness and consummation in the future.



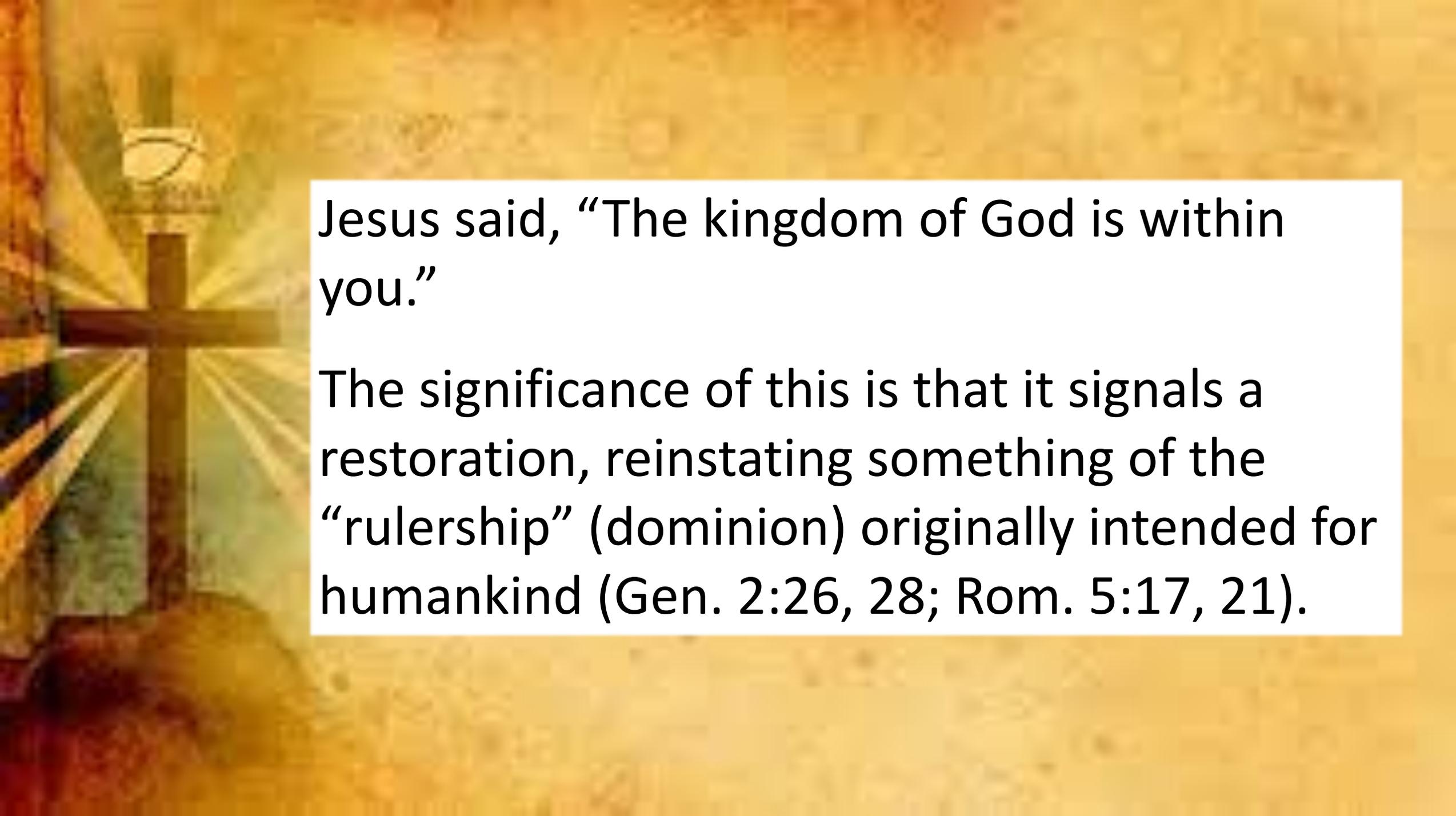
The Kingdom Within You

“The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.” (Luke 17:20-21)



Foundational to New Testament truth is that the Kingdom of God is the spiritual reality and dynamic available to each person who receives Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

To receive Him, the King, is to receive His kingly rule, not only in your life and over your affairs, but through your life and by your service and love.



Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is within you.”

The significance of this is that it signals a restoration, reinstating something of the “rulership” (dominion) originally intended for humankind (Gen. 2:26, 28; Rom. 5:17, 21).



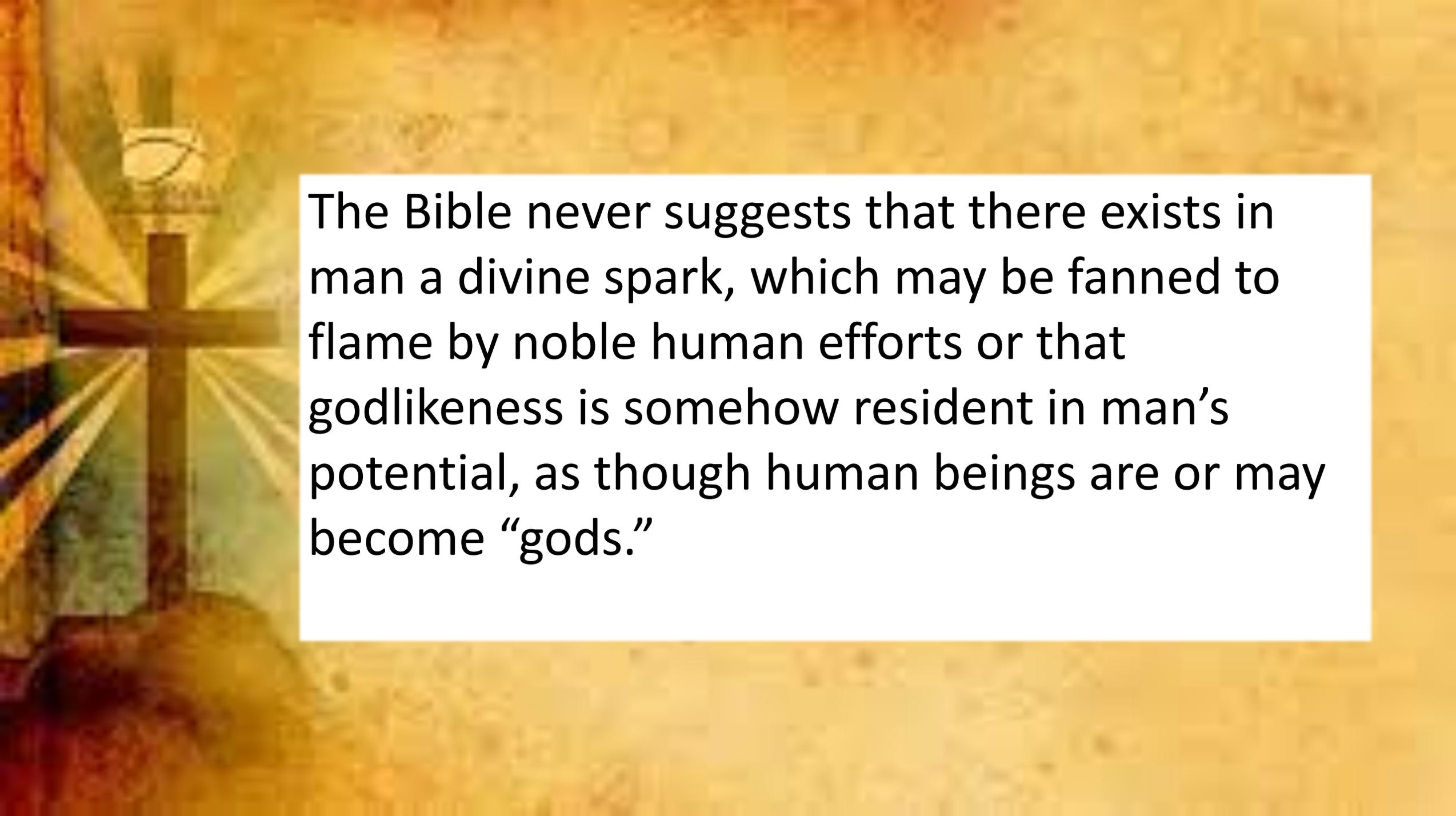
The entry point to “restored dominion” is grounded in the Cross, where Jesus broke the curse that not only separated us from God, but which also deprived us of God’s high intention for man.

Jesus’ death and resurrection have provided the primary instruments acquiring the possibility of a renewable humankind.



When you and I receive forgiveness of sins and are born again, open access to “see” and “enter” the Kingdom of God is established within (John 3:3, 5).

A miracle of divine grace is given alone through faith in Christ and secured through His Cross.



The Bible never suggests that there exists in man a divine spark, which may be fanned to flame by noble human efforts or that godlikeness is somehow resident in man's potential, as though human beings are or may become "gods."



The contrary is true. Man is lost in darkness and alienated from God (Eph. 4:18; 2:12).

The “good news” of the Gospel is a full reconciliation (return to the Father) and restoration (return to partnership with Him) are now possible.

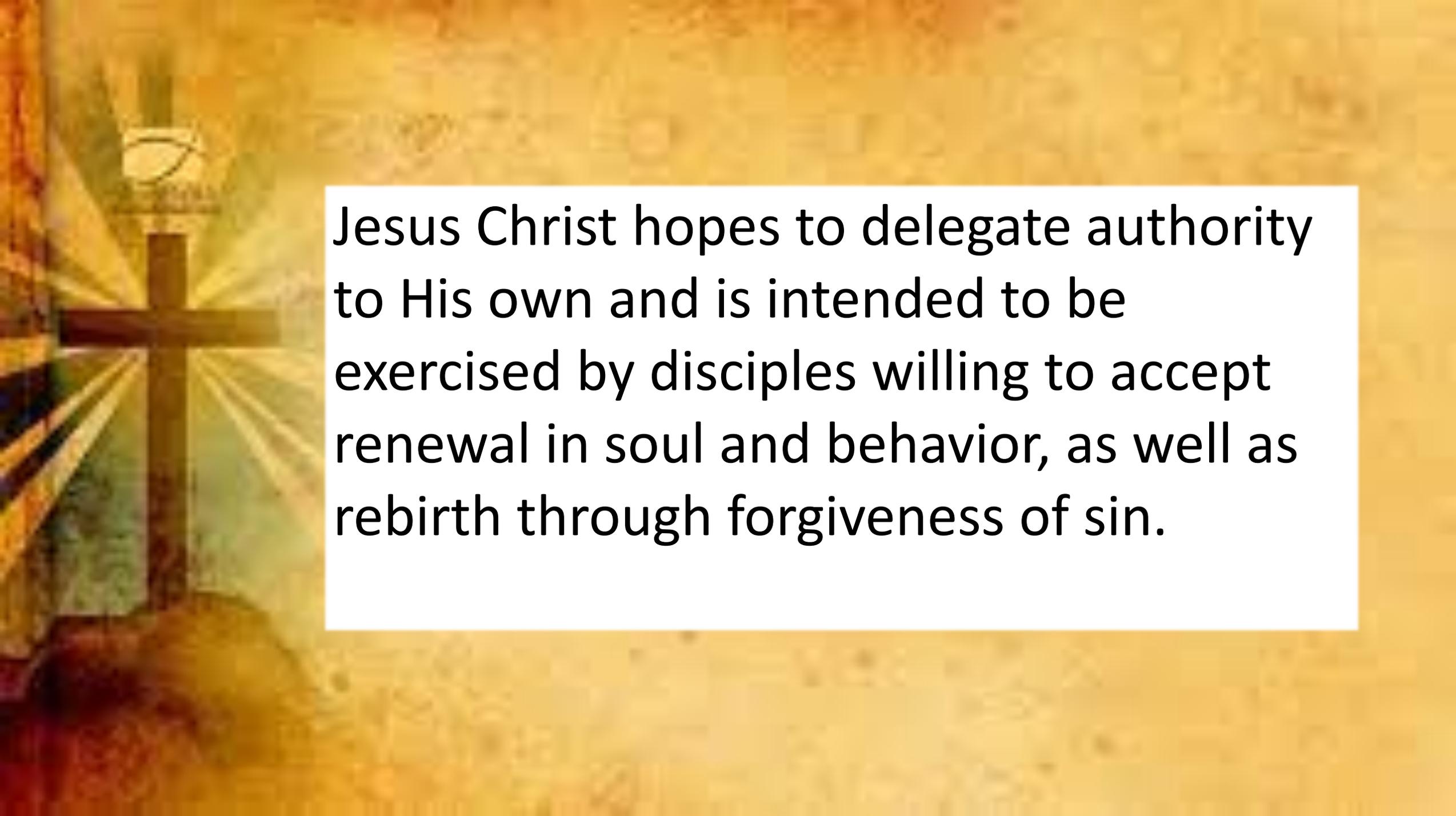
We not only “step into the Kingdom,” but also the Holy Spirit enables incarnation of “The Kingdom “in us.



Character and the Kingdom

In the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:1-7:27), Jesus outlines the primary attributes of people who receive the rule of the Kingdom He brings:

- ❖ Humility (5:3)
- ❖ Willingness to suffer persecution (5:10)
- ❖ Earnest attention to God's commandments (5:19)
- ❖ Refusal to substitute false piety for genuinely right behavior (5:20)
- ❖ A life of prayer (6:10, 13)
- ❖ Prioritizing spiritual over material values (6:33)
- ❖ Acknowledging Christ's lordship by obeying the revealed will of God (7:21).



Jesus Christ hopes to delegate authority to His own and is intended to be exercised by disciples willing to accept renewal in soul and behavior, as well as rebirth through forgiveness of sin.



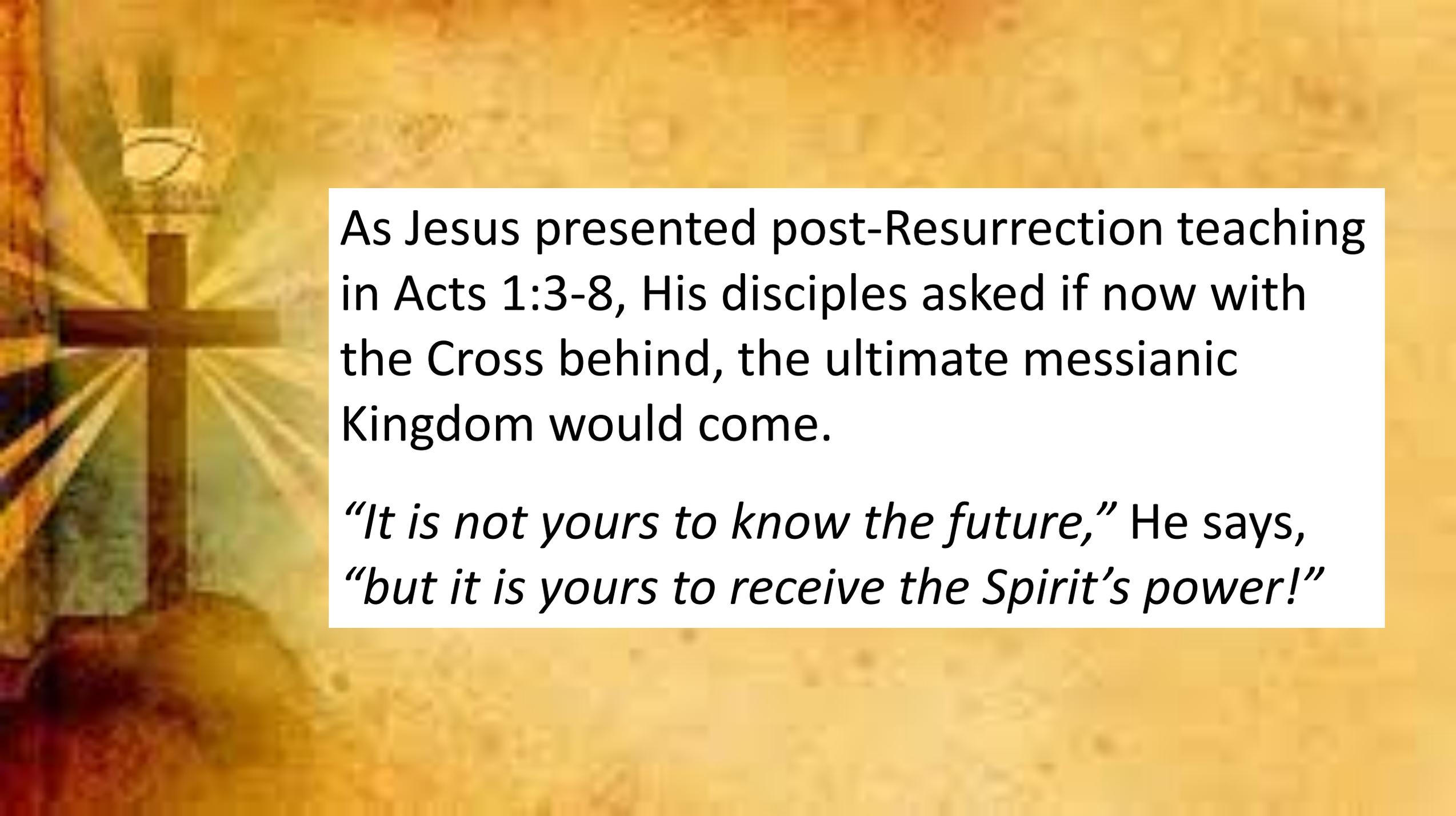
The call to “Kingdom” living and ministry includes the expectation that Holy Spirit-begotten fruit and gifts will develop in the believer.

The same Spirit that distributes gifts of power for Kingdom service also works in us to beget kingly qualities of life, love, and a holy character (John 15:1-17; Gal. 5:22-23).



Receiving Kingdom Power

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
(Acts 1:8)



As Jesus presented post-Resurrection teaching in Acts 1:3-8, His disciples asked if now with the Cross behind, the ultimate messianic Kingdom would come.

“It is not yours to know the future,” He says, “but it is yours to receive the Spirit’s power!”



With those words, He makes three points:

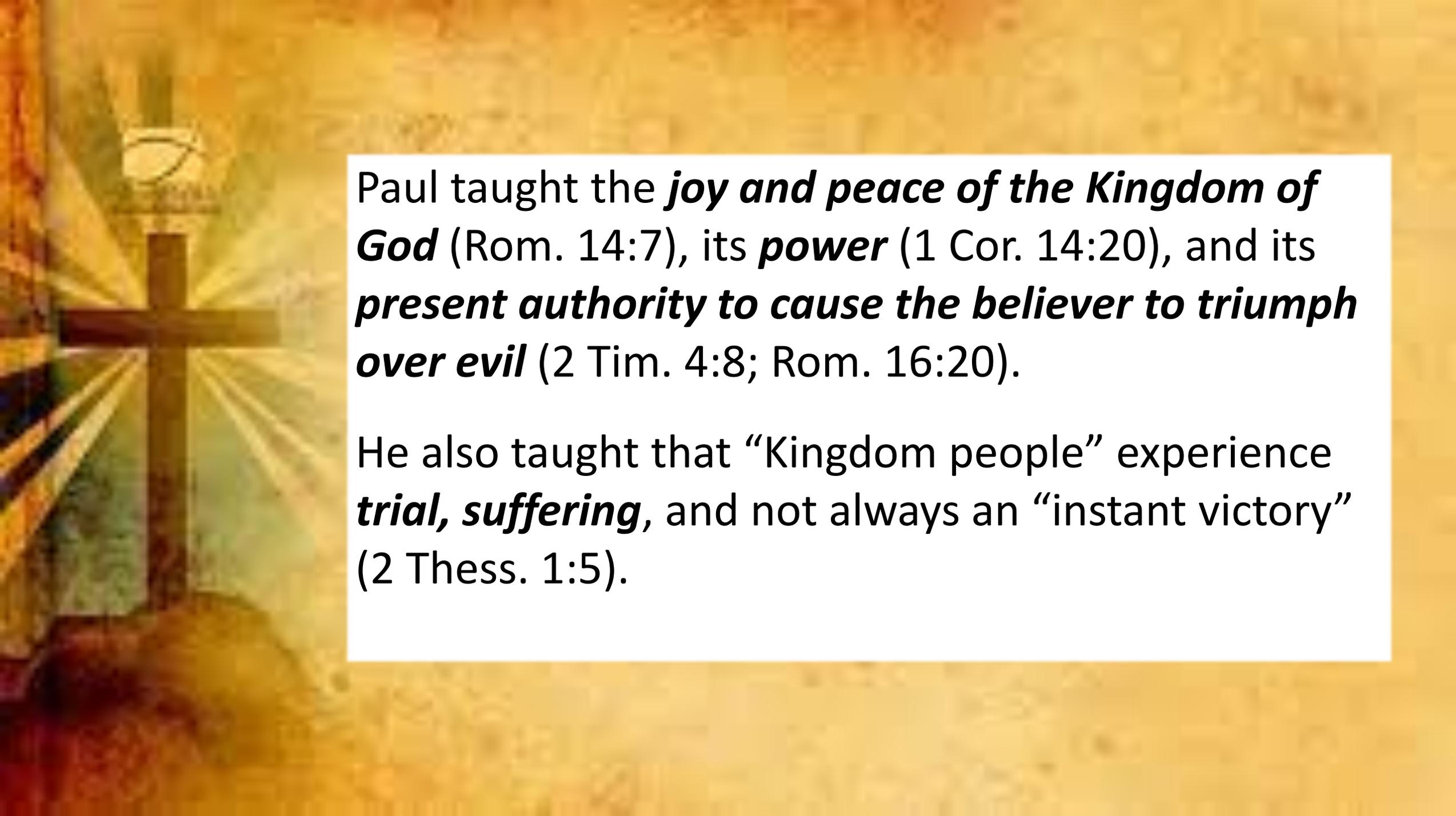
- (1) The Holy Spirit is the Person and the power by which assistance and ability are given for serving, for sharing the life and power of God's Kingdom with others.
- (2) The Holy Spirit's power must be "received"; it is not an automatic experience. As surely as the Holy Spirit indwells each believer (Rom. 8:9), so surely will He fill and overflow (John 7:37-39) each who receives the Holy Spirit in childlike faith.
- (3) When the Holy Spirit fills you, you will know it. Jesus said it and the disciples found it true (Acts 1:5; 2:1-4).



Suffering, Tribulation, and the Kingdom

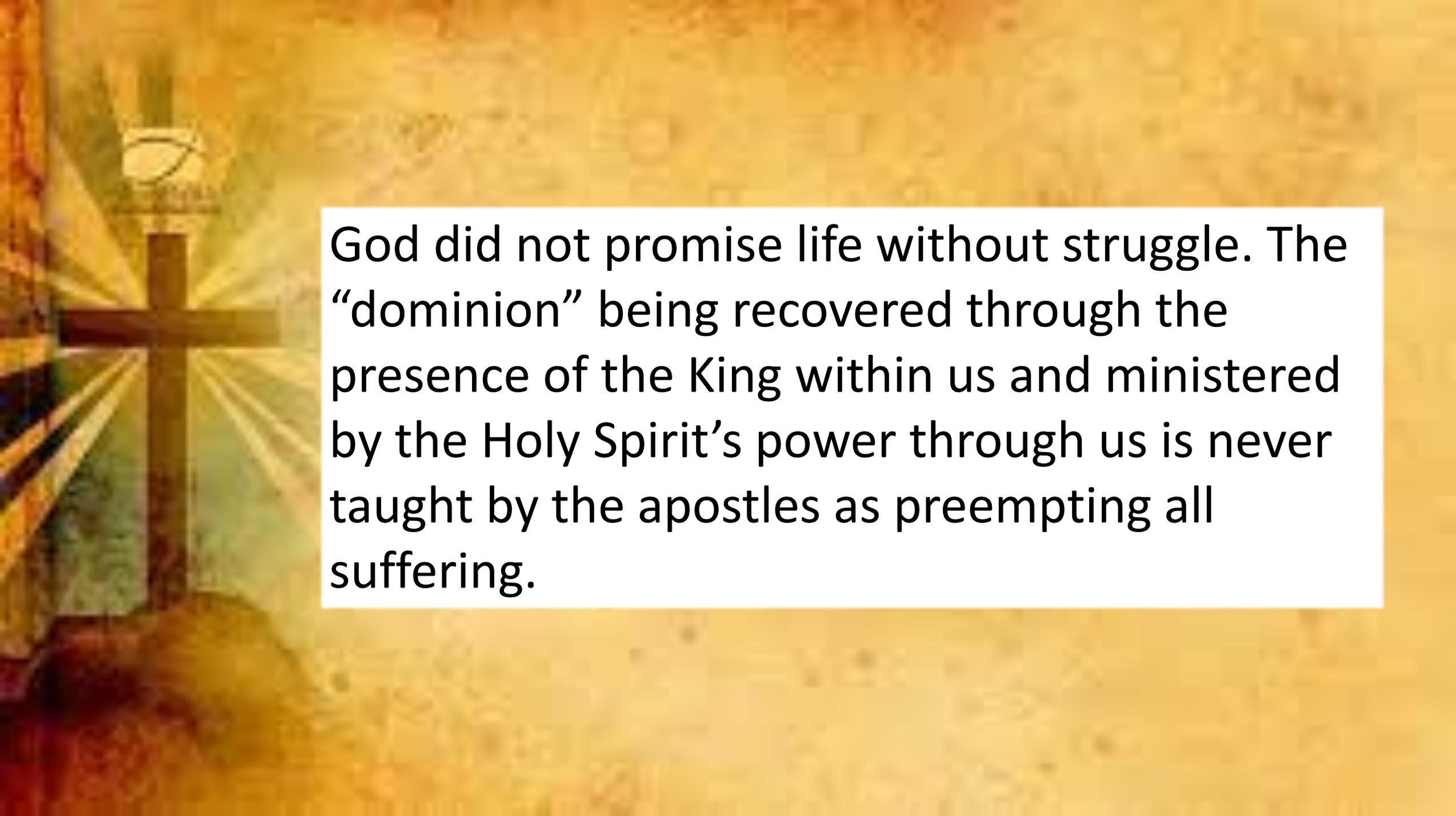
And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, *“We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.”*

(Acts 14:21-22)

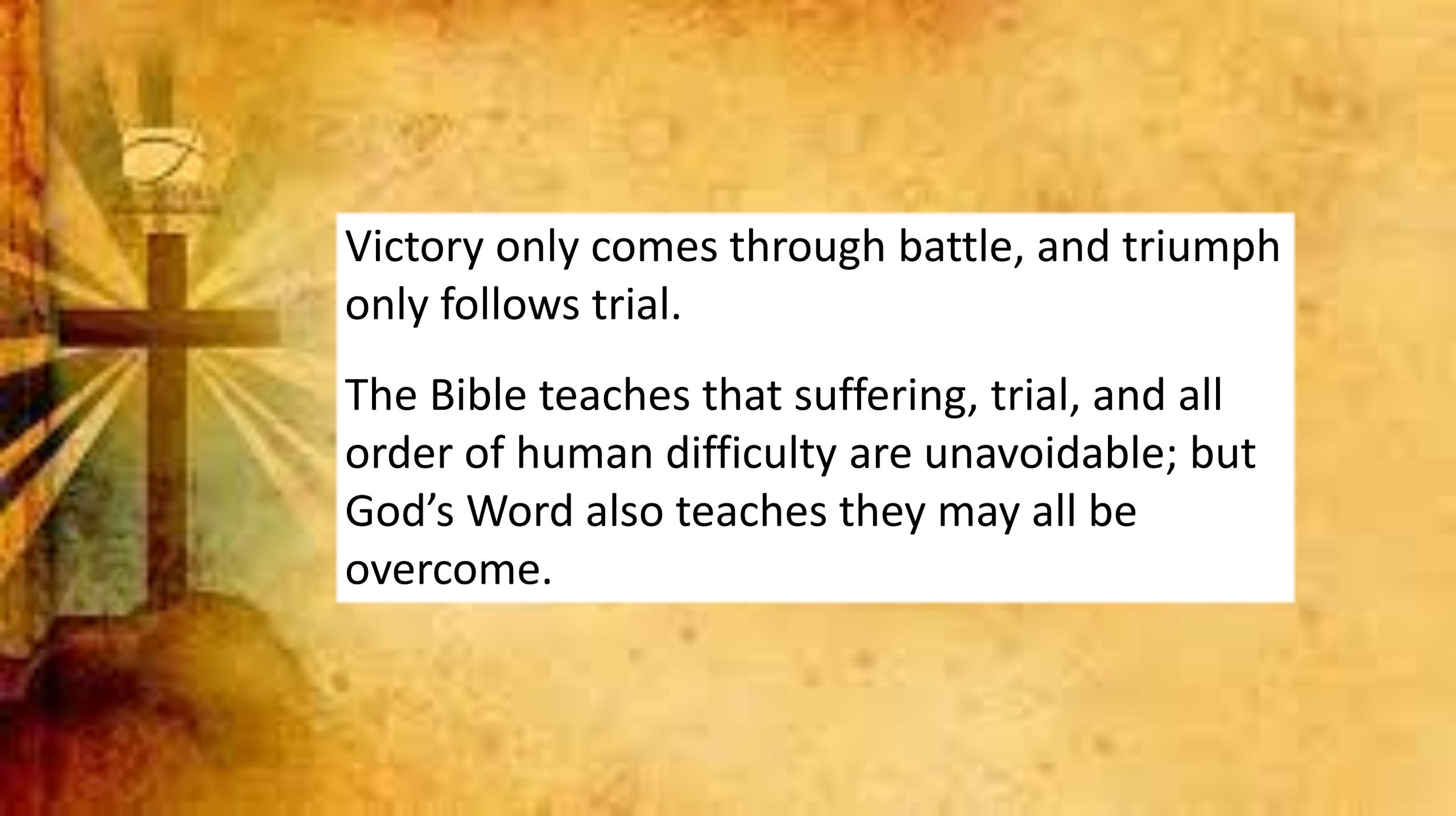


Paul taught the ***joy and peace of the Kingdom of God*** (Rom. 14:7), its ***power*** (1 Cor. 14:20), and its ***present authority to cause the believer to triumph over evil*** (2 Tim. 4:8; Rom. 16:20).

He also taught that “Kingdom people” experience ***trial, suffering***, and not always an “instant victory” (2 Thess. 1:5).



God did not promise life without struggle. The “dominion” being recovered through the presence of the King within us and ministered by the Holy Spirit’s power through us is never taught by the apostles as preempting all suffering.

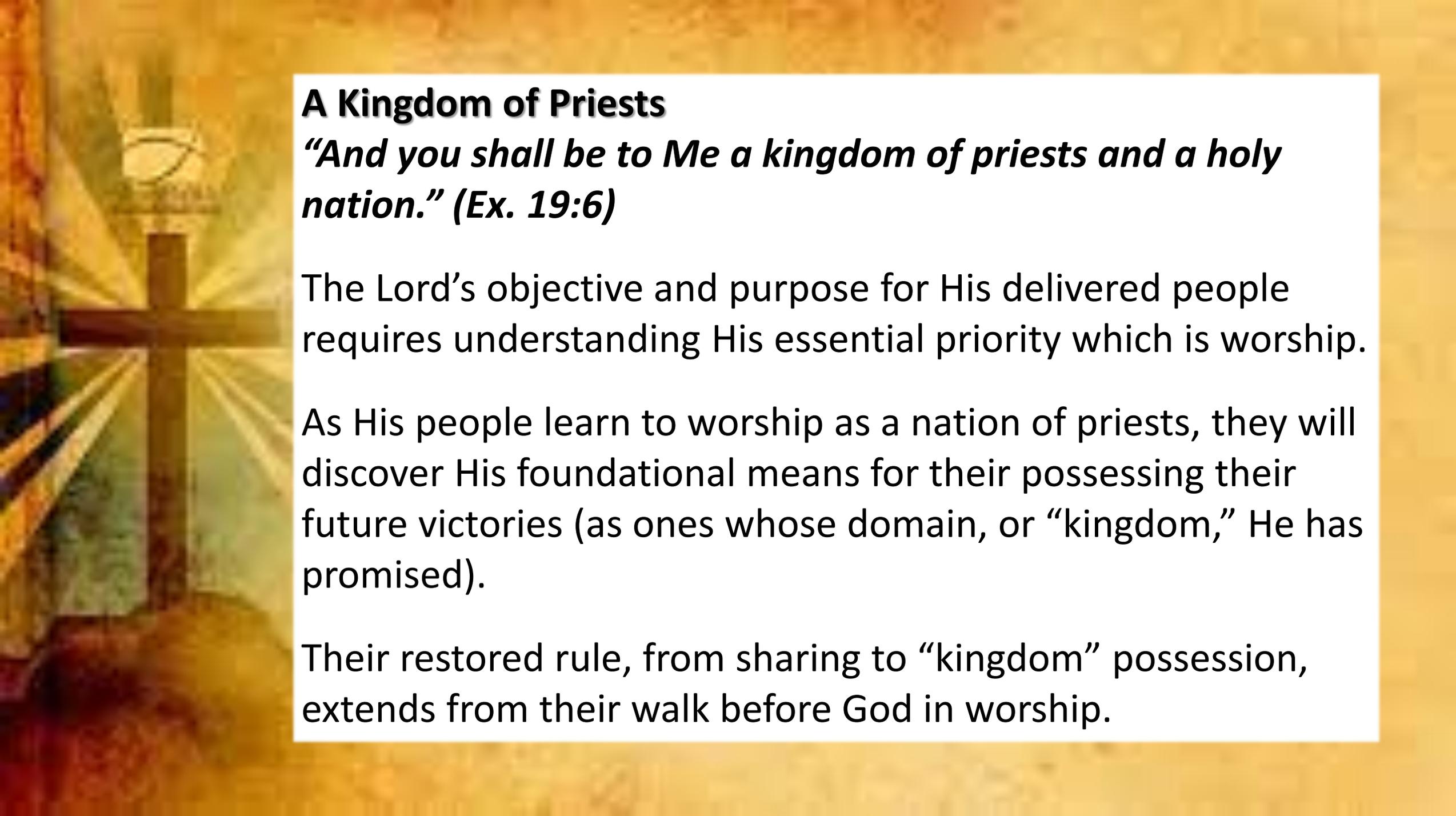


Victory only comes through battle, and triumph only follows trial.

The Bible teaches that suffering, trial, and all order of human difficulty are unavoidable; but God's Word also teaches they may all be overcome.



The presence of the King and the power of His Kingdom in our lives make us neither invulnerable nor immune to life's struggles. But they do bring the promise *of victory; provision* in need, *strength* for the day, *healing, comfort*, and saving *help*.



A Kingdom of Priests

“And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” (Ex. 19:6)

The Lord’s objective and purpose for His delivered people requires understanding His essential priority which is worship.

As His people learn to worship as a nation of priests, they will discover His foundational means for their possessing their future victories (as ones whose domain, or “kingdom,” He has promised).

Their restored rule, from sharing to “kingdom” possession, extends from their walk before God in worship.