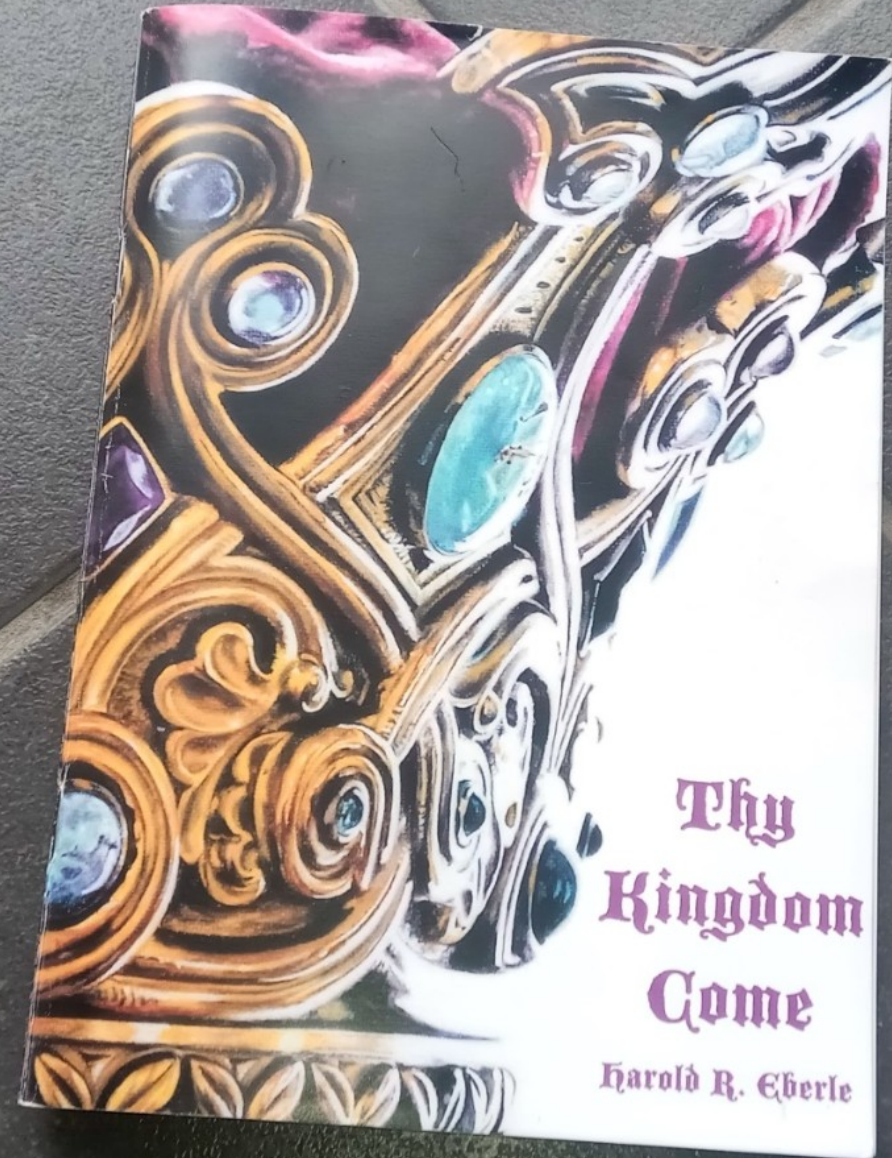




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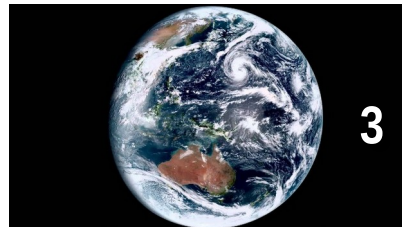
<sup>9</sup> “Pray, then, in this way:

‘Our Father who is in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.

<sup>10</sup> ‘Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven. . . .

<sup>13</sup> . . . For Yours is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.’



# God as a personal father

## **Isaiah 63:16 (NASB) – *prophetic***

For You are our Father, though Abraham does not know us  
And Israel does not recognize us.  
You, O LORD, are our Father,  
Our Redeemer from of old is Your name.

## **Luke 2:49 (NASB) – *Jesus at the age of 12***

And He said to them, “Why is it that you were looking for Me?  
Did you not know that I had to be in My Father’s *house*?”



# God's Kingdom foretold to David

## 1 Chronicles 17:11-14 (NASB)

<sup>11</sup> When your days are fulfilled that you must go *to be* with your fathers, that I will set up *one of* your descendants after you, who will be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>12</sup> **He shall build for Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever.**

<sup>13</sup> **I will be his father and he shall be My son;** and I will not take My lovingkindness away from him, as I took it from him who was before you. <sup>14</sup> But I will settle him in My house and in My kingdom forever, and **his throne shall be established forever.**”””



# The Kingdom prophesied by Isaiah

## Isaiah 9:6-7 (NASB)

<sup>6</sup> For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;  
And the government will rest on His shoulders;  
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup> **There will be no end to the increase of *His* government . . .**



# Jesus announces the arrival of the Kingdom

## Mark 1:14-15 (NASB)

<sup>14</sup> . . . Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

## Luke 8:1 (NIV)

Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God.



# Jesus tells us to “seek first” the Father's kingdom

## Matthew 6: 33

Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

### ***Kingdom:***

*A kingdom* is a territory or group of people ruled by the same monarch.





# Jesus told His disciples to preach the kingdom

## **Matthew 10:7 (NASB)**

And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

## **Luke 9:2 (NASB)**

And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to perform healing.



# The Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God are one and the same

**Matthew 13:31-32 (NASB)** He presented another parable to them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed. . .

**Mark 4:30-31 (NASB)** “How shall we picture the kingdom of God, or by what parable shall we present it? <sup>31</sup> *It is* like a mustard seed,. . . .



## **Matthew 28:18-19 (NASB)**

Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations. . . .”





# Peter's Message at Pentecost

Acts 2

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<sup>23</sup> this *Man* . . . you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death. <sup>24</sup> But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power. . .

***No explanation of why Jesus died***

<sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.

***Emphasis on Resurrection***



# Peter's message at Pentecost – continued

<sup>33</sup> Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

<sup>34</sup> . . . ‘THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, “SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

<sup>35</sup> UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.”’

***Declares that Jesus has been exalted to the Right Hand of God and received and poured forth the Holy Spirit***



# Peter's message at Pentecost – continued

<sup>36</sup> Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified.” . . .

<sup>38</sup> . . . “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

***Declares that Jesus is now Lord and Christ.***

***Peter tells people to repent and be baptised***

***About 3000 responded!***



# Jesus's progression to the throne

1. Came revealing God as a personal Father
2. Preached the Kingdom of God
3. Instructed His disciples to preach the kingdom of God
4. Died on the Cross
5. Conquered death, rose from the grave, and met with his followers
6. Advised all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Him
7. Ascended into heaven
8. Sat down at the Father's right hand
9. Awaits all enemies to be made a footstool for His feet







**Historically kingdoms  
established by one of  
two approaches**



# 1. Full on assault – 2 Kings 8 & 9

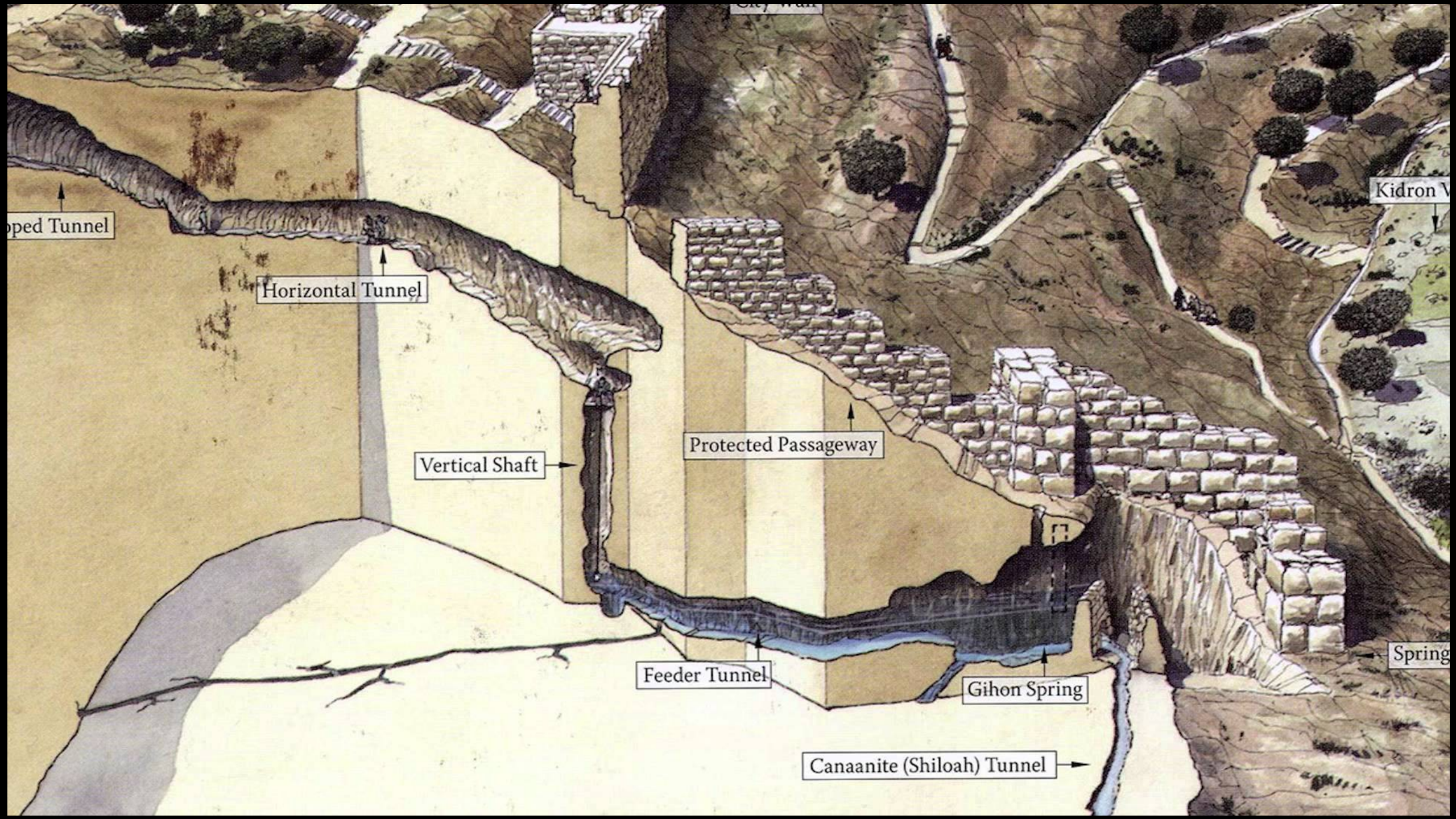
The Assyrian came down like the wolf on the fold,  
And his cohorts were gleaming in purple and gold;  
And the sheen of their spears was like stars on the sea,  
When the blue wave rolls nightly on deep Galilee.

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## 2. Elite force stealthily enters and takes control

**2 Samuel 5:6-10 (NASB)** . . . the Jebusites said to David, “You shall not come in here . . . the blind and lame will turn you away” . . . nevertheless, David captured the stronghold of Zion, . . . through the water tunnel.”





Sloped Tunnel

Horizontal Tunnel

Vertical Shaft

Protected Passageway

Feeder Tunnel

Gihon Spring

Canaanite (Shiloah) Tunnel

Kidron Valley

Spring

# Jesus took out Satan's power centre

**Romans 5:6 (NIV)** . . . at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

**Hebrews 2:14 (NASB)** . . . that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil

**Matthew 28:18 (NASB)** "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

**Colossians 2:15 (NASB)** When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.



# We are now an occupying army expanding the kingdom that Jesus established.

**Acts 2:34-35** . . . ‘THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, “SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, <sup>35</sup> UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.”’

**Isaiah 9:7** There will be no end to the increase of *His* government

**Ephesians 6:12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

**2 Corinthians 10:4** for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.



# Paul's Preaching



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## Acts 28:30-31 (NASB)

<sup>30</sup> And he stayed two full years in his own rented quarters and was welcoming all who came to him, <sup>31</sup> preaching the kingdom of God and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered.





**Romans 10:9-10 (NASB)** that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; <sup>10</sup> for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

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**Romans 5:10** . . . while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

**Colossians 2:13** When you were dead in your transgressions . . . He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

**Romans 8:37 (NIV)**. . .in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

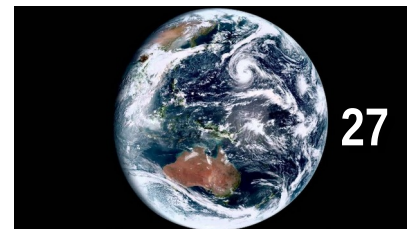


## In Ephesians 1:16-21, Paul prays (paraphrased)

- that the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.
- *that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened,
- that you will know what is the hope of His calling
  - the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints
  - the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.

Which is in accordance with the working of the strength of His might brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above

- all rule and authority and
- power and dominion, and
- every name that is named



# What A Beautiful Name

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You  
You silenced the boast, of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever, Our God reigns  
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name, above all names

*Songwriters: Brooke Ligertwood / Ben Fielding*

*What A Beautiful Name Lyrics © Capitol Christian Music Group*





**We are now part  
of God's Family**

**Luke 15:20 (NASB)** . . . But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion *for him*, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

**John 1:12 (NASB)** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name

**1 John 3:1 (MSG)** What marvellous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it—we're called children of God! That's who we really are.





**Why do we  
struggle in life?**

# Some Reasons why we struggle

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  - Accusing us so we believe we are unworthy
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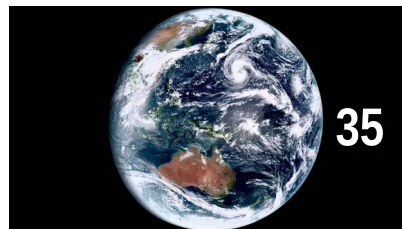
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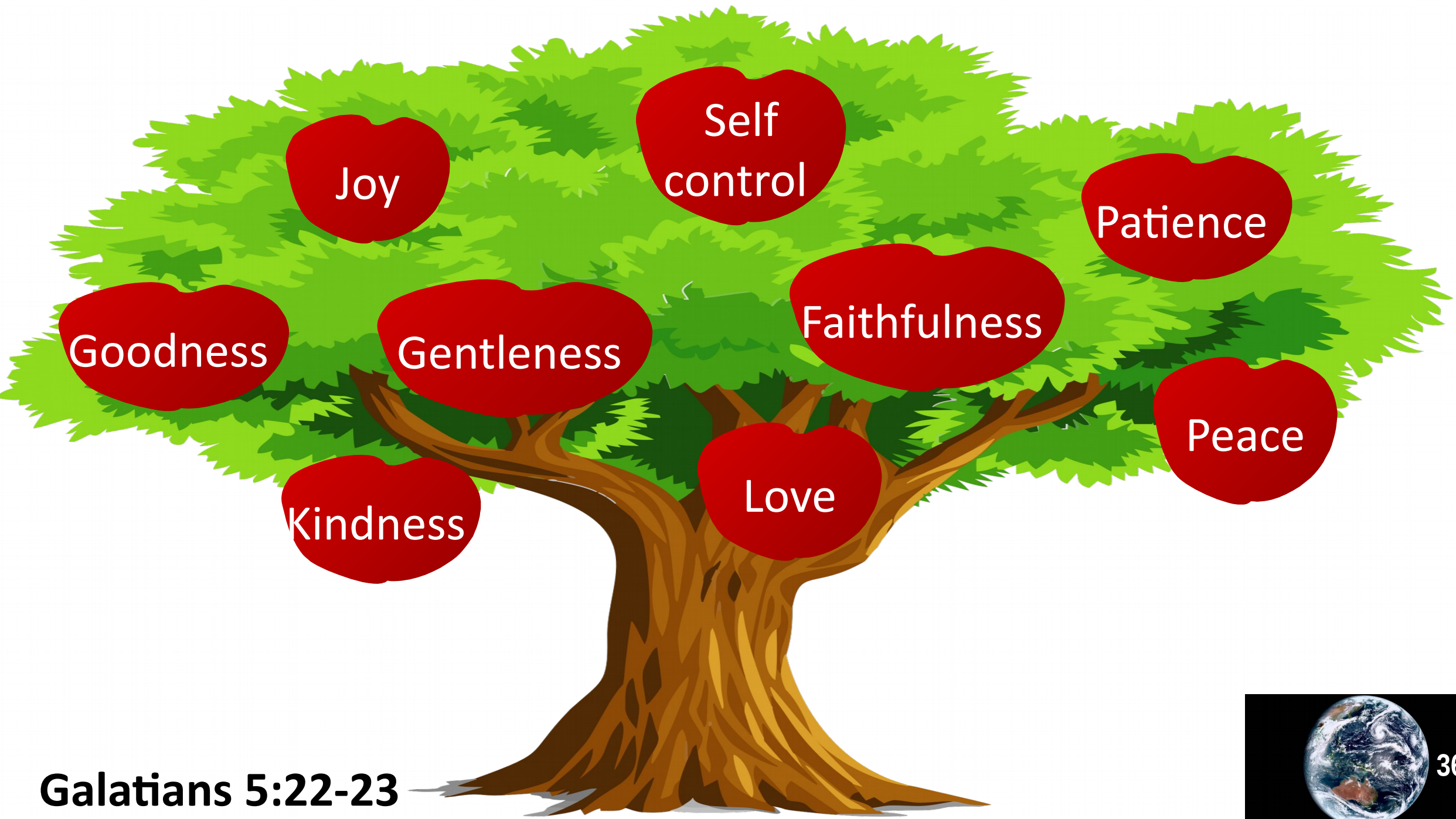
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2. **Negative Spiritual influences resulting from trauma**
3. **God wants us to experience victory through Christ and allows trials and challenges to develop our character**
  - Fruit takes time to mature



**Luke 8:15 (NASB)** . . . the *seed* in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.

**James 1:2-3 (NASB)** Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.





**Galatians 5:22-23**



**John 16:33 (NASB)** These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”





**Our every day  
lives promote the  
Kingdom of God**

# Our calling

**“ . . . is to do the next thing God tells us to”** Sue Wilson





# Communion

Remembering what it cost Christ  
to establish the kingdom



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