

The background of the slide is a photograph of a sunset or sunrise. The sun is a bright, glowing orb positioned in the center of the frame, just above the horizon. Its light creates a shimmering path across the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds in shades of light blue and white. In the distance, a range of mountains is visible, their peaks softened by a light atmospheric haze. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

From Water to Life

How creation prophecies the birth of a new creation.



BAPTISM & THE BEGINNING

A close-up, diagonal view of a weathered wooden staff or scepter. The wood has a prominent grain and some darker, possibly charred or aged, areas. The staff is set against a dark, almost black background. In the upper right corner, there is a bright, multi-pointed starburst light, resembling a distant star or a light source, which casts a soft glow and creates some lens flare effects. The overall composition is dramatic and evocative.

Gen 1:2

And the earth was without form, and void; and
darkness was upon the face of the deep.

Gen 1:2–3

**“And the spirit of God moved upon the
face of the waters. And God said let there be light.”**



IN THE BEGINNING:

Water separated light and Darkness.

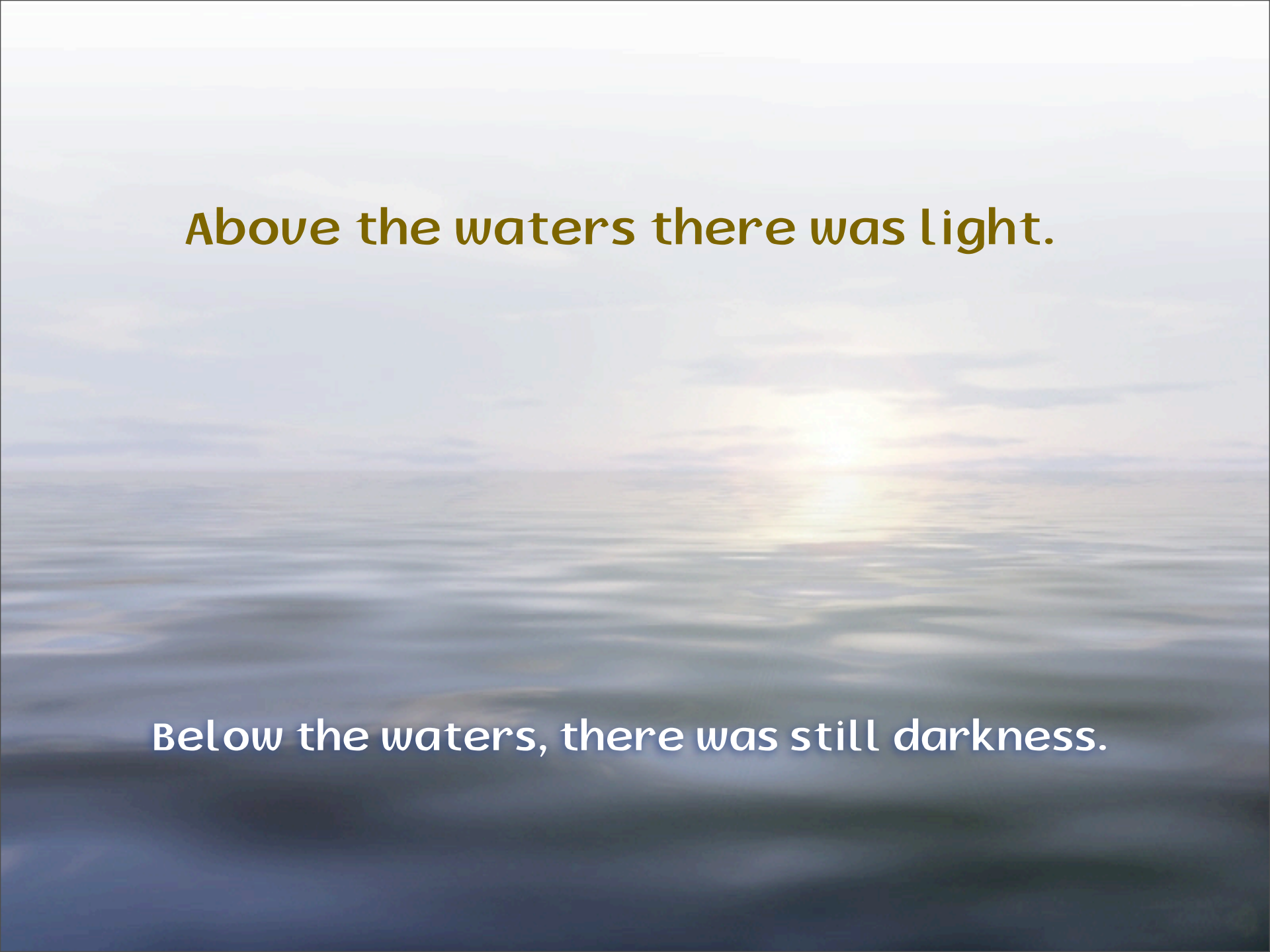


JESUS SEPARATED LIGHT & DARKNESS:

John 1:3

**In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
And the light shines in darkness; and the darkness
comprehended it not.**





Above the waters there was light.

Below the waters, there was still darkness.



Water covered darkness.

LIGHT SYMBOLIZES THE BRIGHTNESS OF RISING.

Isa 60:2

**“Darkness shall cover the earth,
and gross darkness the people: but the LORD
shall arise upon you, and his glory shall be
seen upon you. And the nations shall come
to your light, and kings to the brightness of
your rising.”**

DARKNESS SYMBOLIZES IGNORANCE AND SIN.

“Waters” symbolize people without God.

Isaiah 17:13

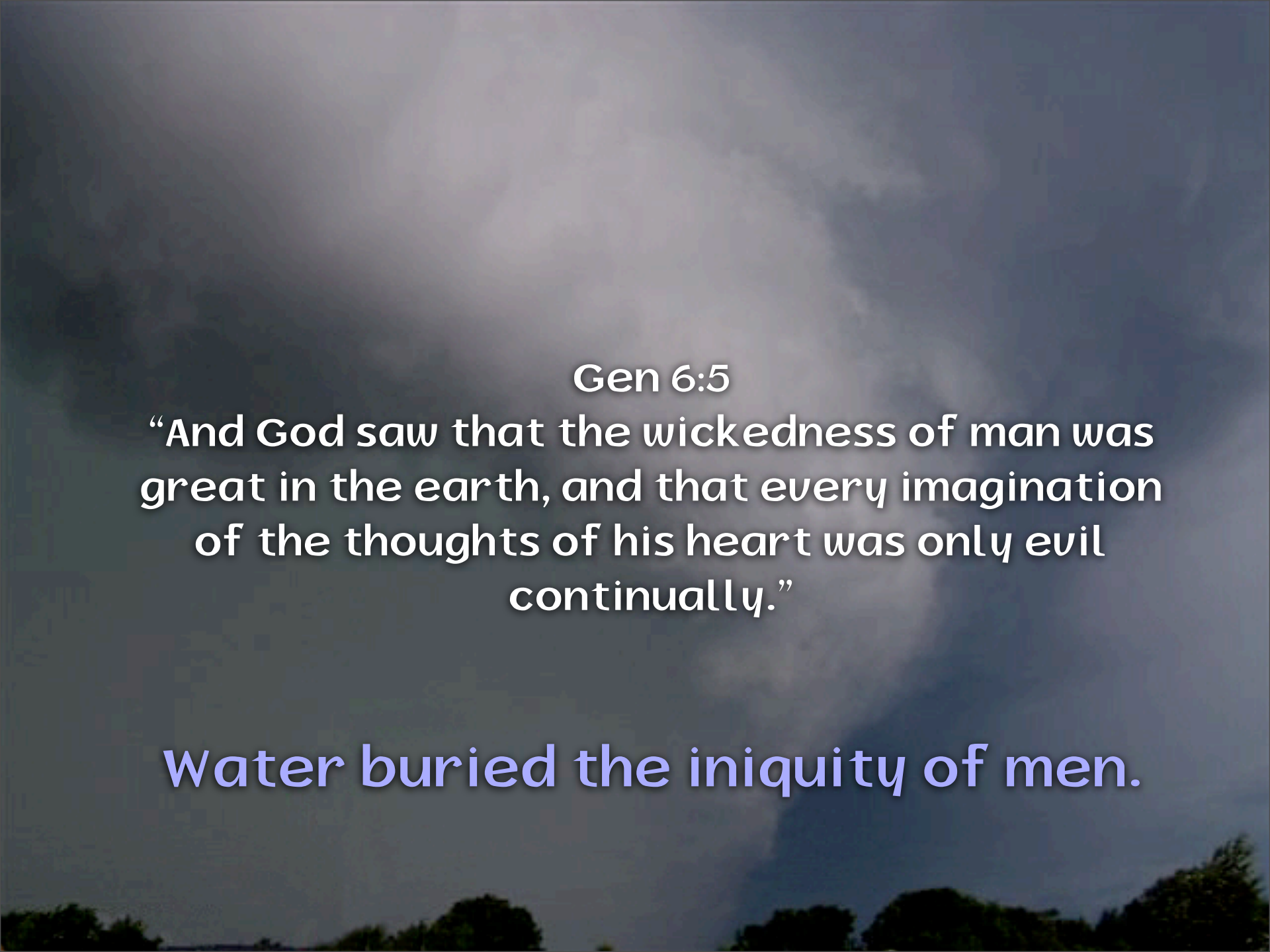
**The nations shall rush like the rushing of many
waters:**

**Dead things are formed from under the waters,
and the inhabitants thereof.**

(Job 26:5)

A dramatic, low-angle shot of a stormy sky. Dark, heavy clouds fill the frame, with a bright, glowing light source (likely the sun or moon) breaking through the clouds in the upper center. The light creates a strong lens flare and illuminates the surrounding clouds. The bottom of the image shows the dark silhouettes of trees and foliage.

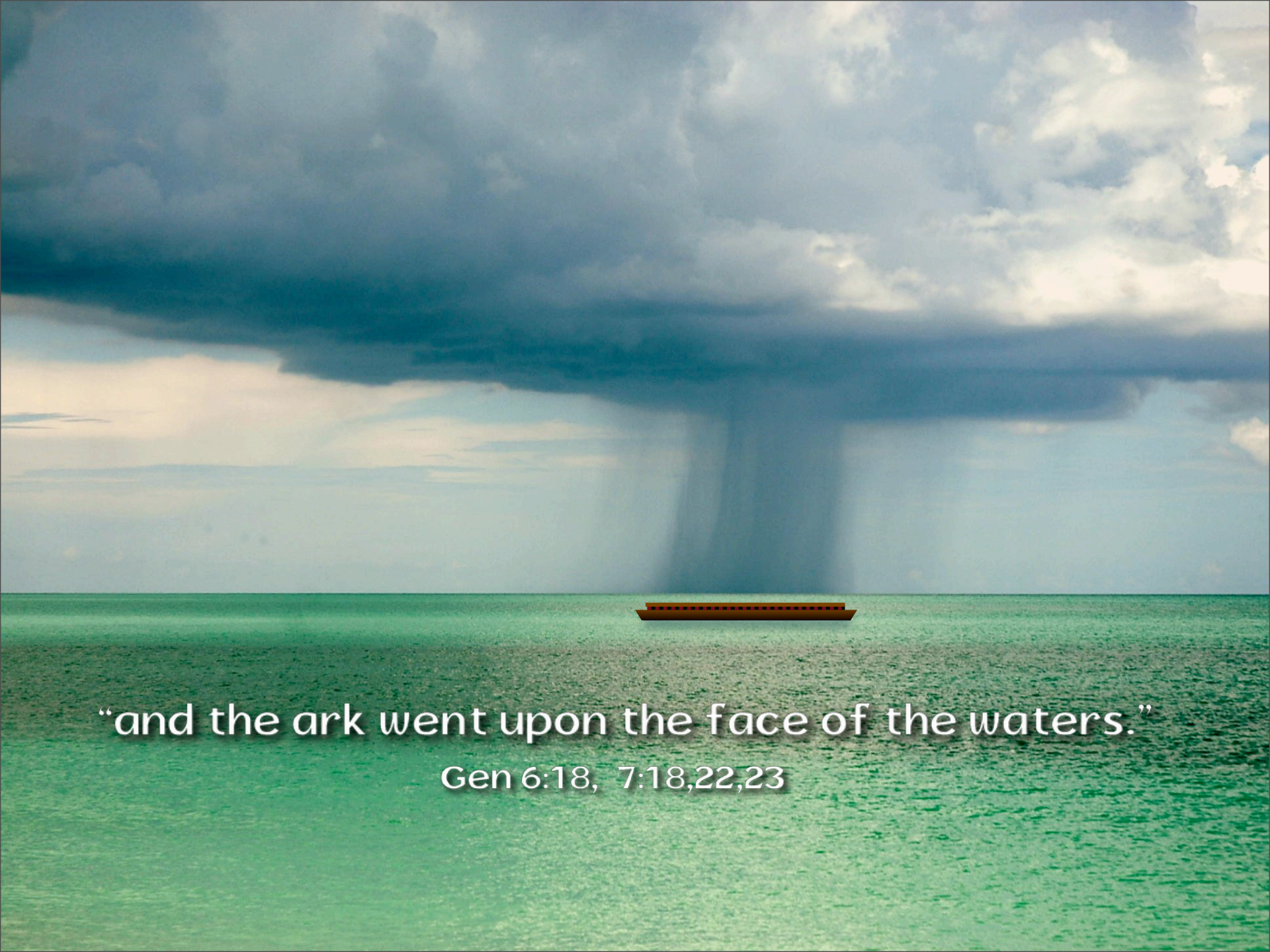
BAPTISM & THE FLOOD

A dramatic, dark, and cloudy sky, likely a storm brewing, with a bright light source visible through the clouds. The bottom of the image shows the dark silhouettes of trees.

Gen 6:5

“And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

Water buried the iniquity of men.



“and the ark went upon the face of the waters.”

Gen 6:18, 7:18,22,23

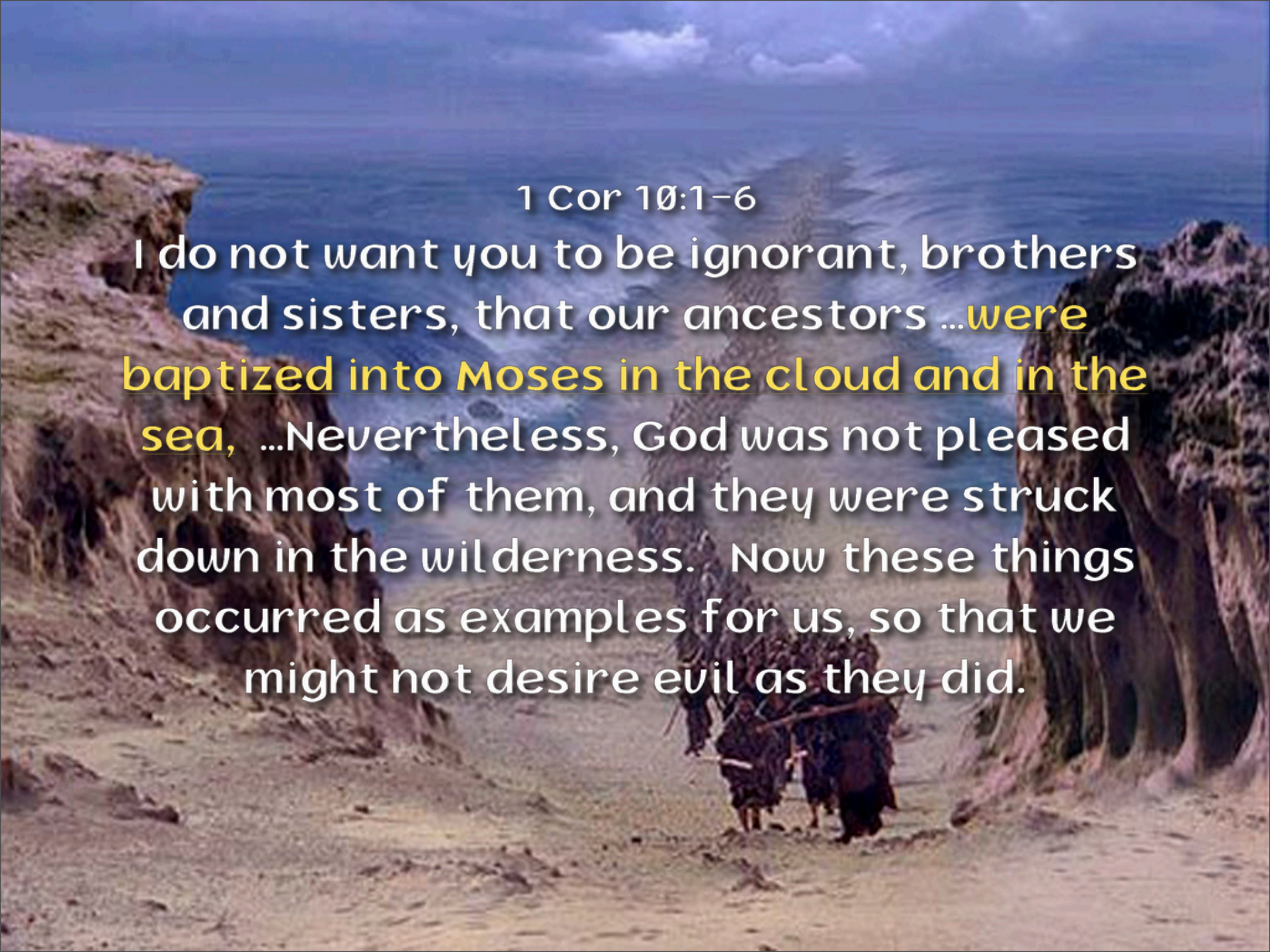


Water was used to cover and cleanse the earth.



Water saved Noah and his family.
Water destroyed “all flesh”

BAPTISM OF ISRAEL IN THE RED SEA



1 Cor 10:1-6

I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors ...**were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea**, ...Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did.



BAPTISM

NAAMAN &

LEPROSY



Naaman had leprosy.



2 Ki 5:10

“Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, ‘Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.’”



2 Ki 5:11

“But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, ‘I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!’” ...

2 Ki 5:13

But his servants
approached and said to
him, 'Father, if the
prophet had
commanded you to do
something difficult,
would you not have done
it? **How much more,**
when all he said to you
was, 'Wash, and be
clean'?"





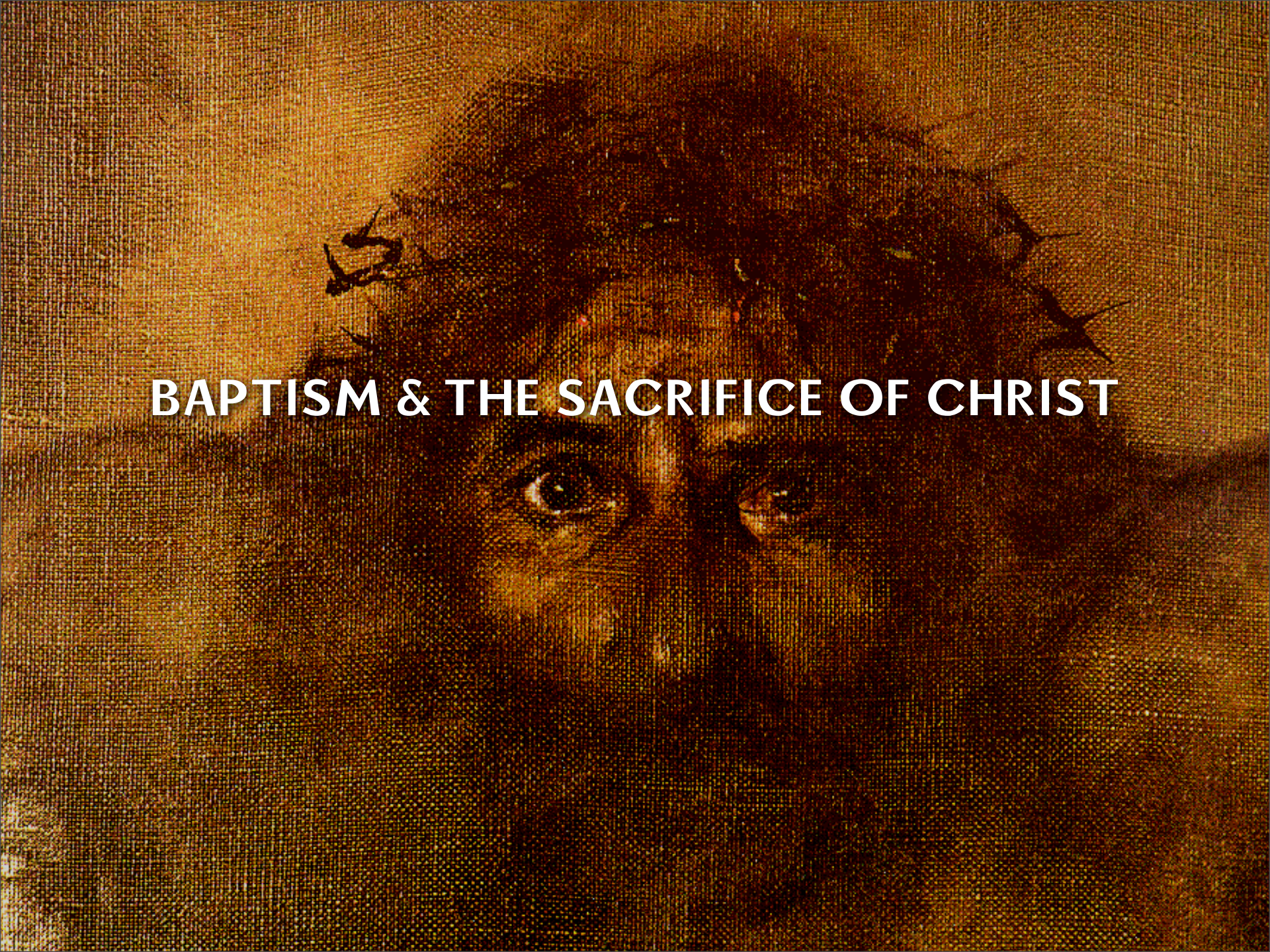
2 Ki 5:14

So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

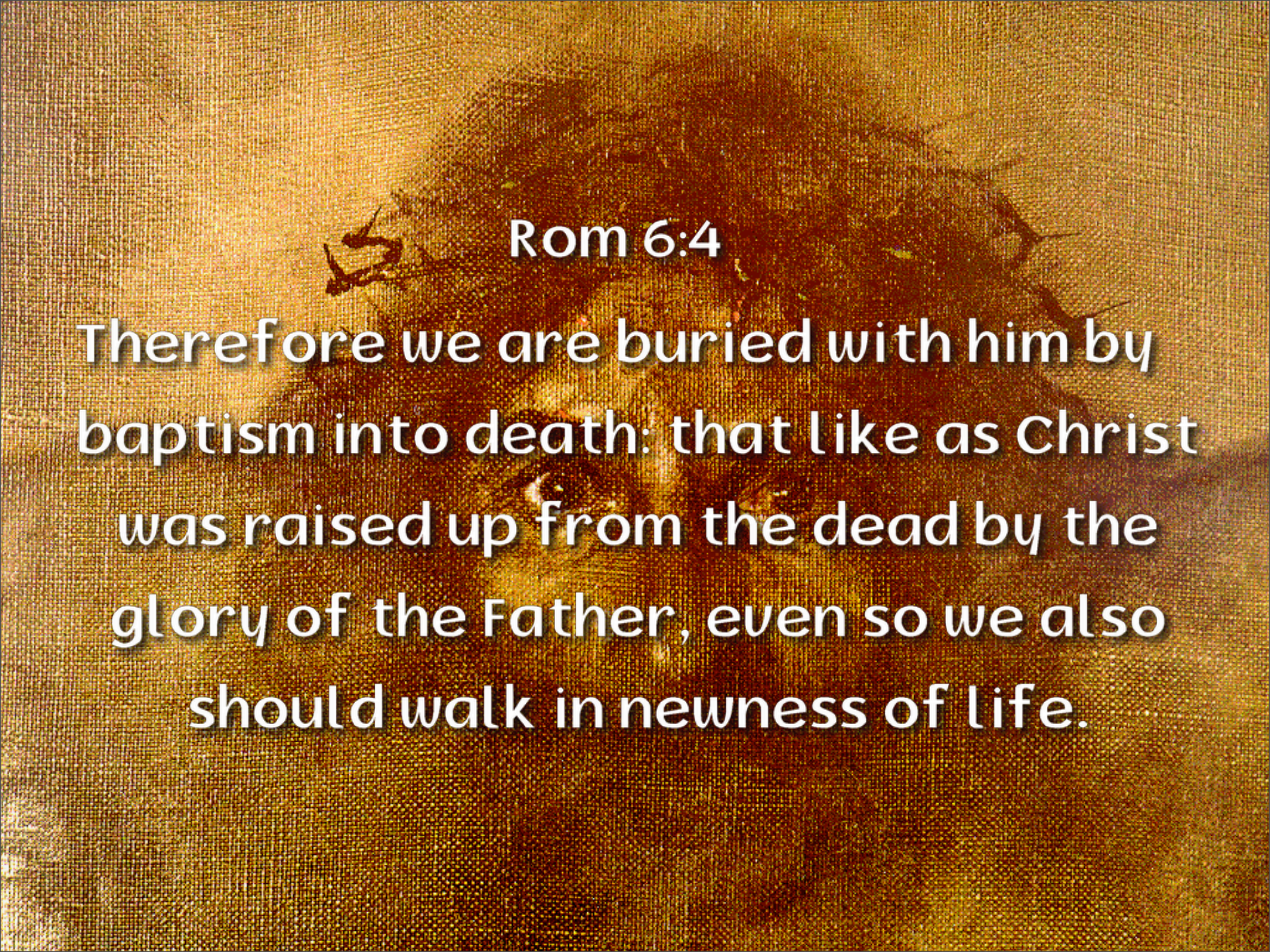
JESUS – Luke 4:27:

“There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”



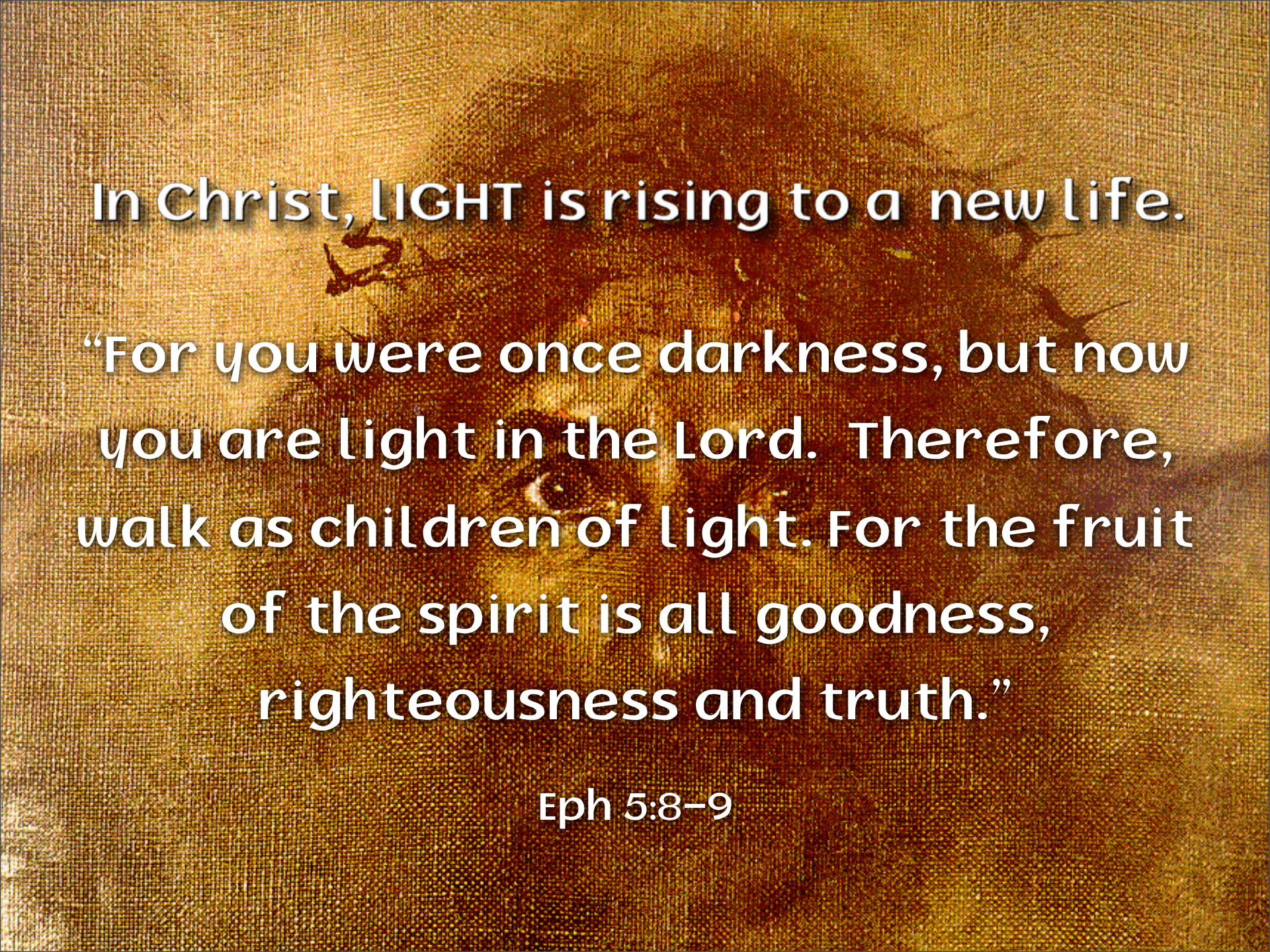


BAPTISM & THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST



Rom 6:4

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.



In Christ, LIGHT is rising to a new life.

“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Therefore, walk as children of light. For the fruit of the spirit is all goodness, righteousness and truth.”

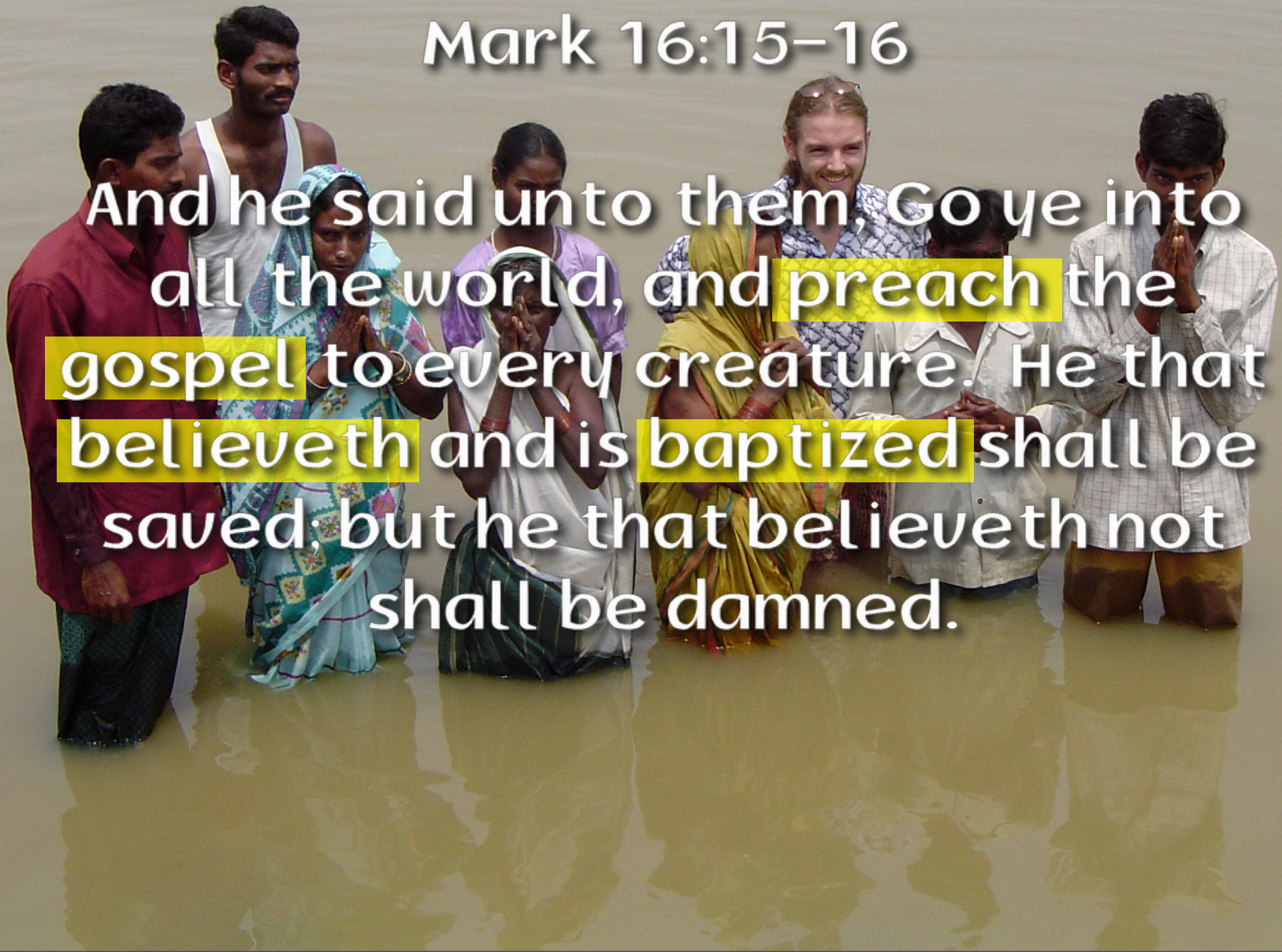
Eph 5:8–9

A group of eight people are standing in a shallow, muddy river. From left to right: a man in a red shirt, a man in a white tank top, a woman in a blue and white patterned sari with hands clasped, a woman in a white sari with hands clasped, a woman in a yellow sari with hands clasped, a man in a blue patterned shirt, a man in a white shirt with hands clasped, and a man in a white checkered shirt with hands clasped. The text "BAPTISM & SALVATION" is overlaid in white capital letters across the center of the image.

BAPTISM & SALVATION

Mark 16:15–16

And he said unto them, Go ye into
all the world, and preach the
gospel to every creature. He that
believeth and is baptized shall be
saved; but he that believeth not
shall be damned.



John 3:5

Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

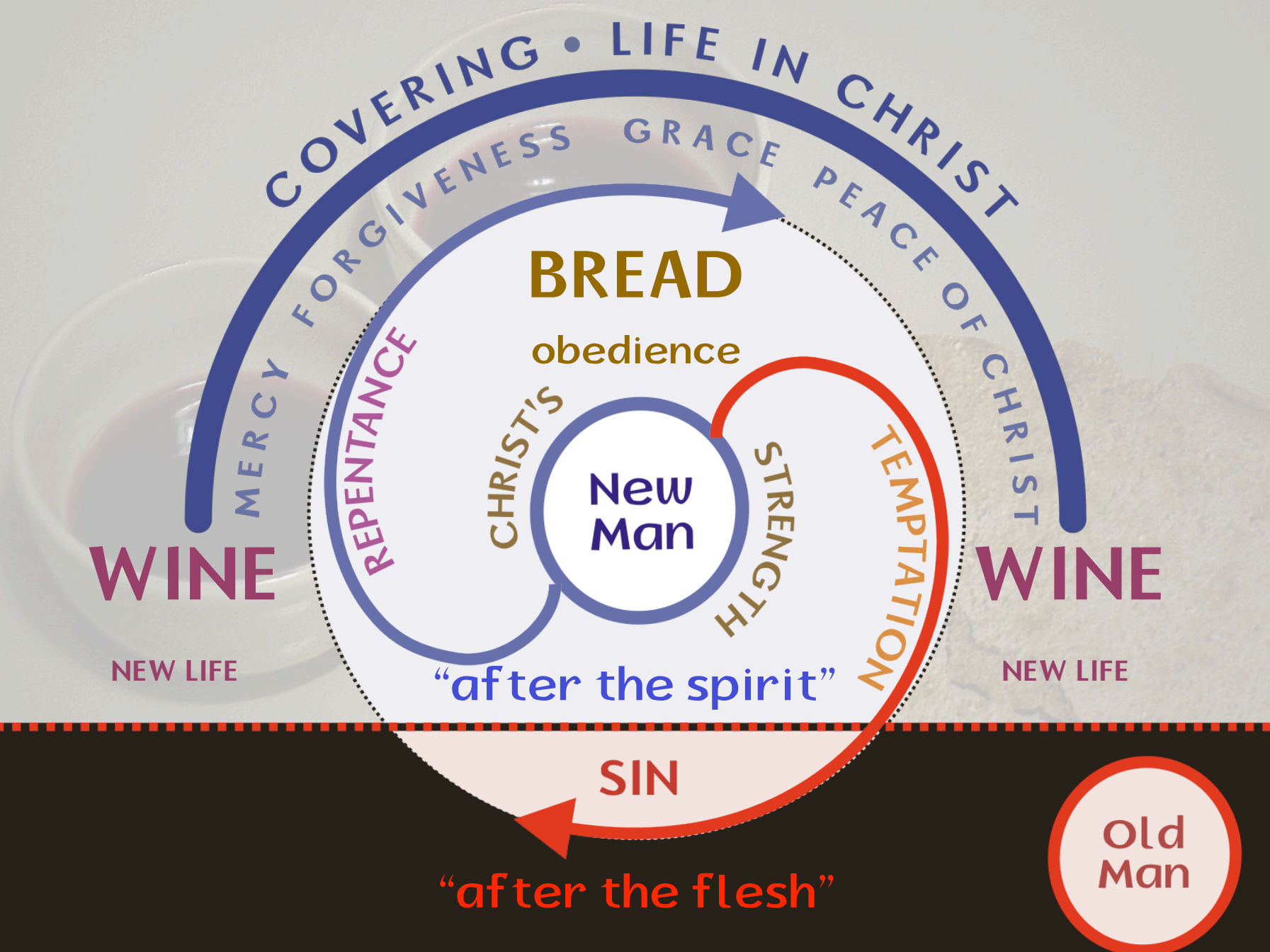


Gal 3:27–29

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

The image shows a top-down view of communion elements on a plain white surface. In the upper left, there is a small white ceramic bowl filled with red wine. To its right and slightly higher is another similar bowl, also containing red wine. In the lower right, a large, irregularly shaped piece of light-brown, textured bread is broken into two main sections. The text "BAPTISM & LIFE IN CHRIST" is centered over the image in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

BAPTISM & LIFE IN CHRIST



The Point:

Our incentive to return
from sin to obedience
comes from knowing THAT WE CAN.

Otherwise we would give up.

Strength overcoming weakness:

It is God that girds me with strength, and makes my way perfect.

Psalm 18:32

And he said to me, My grace is sufficient for you: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

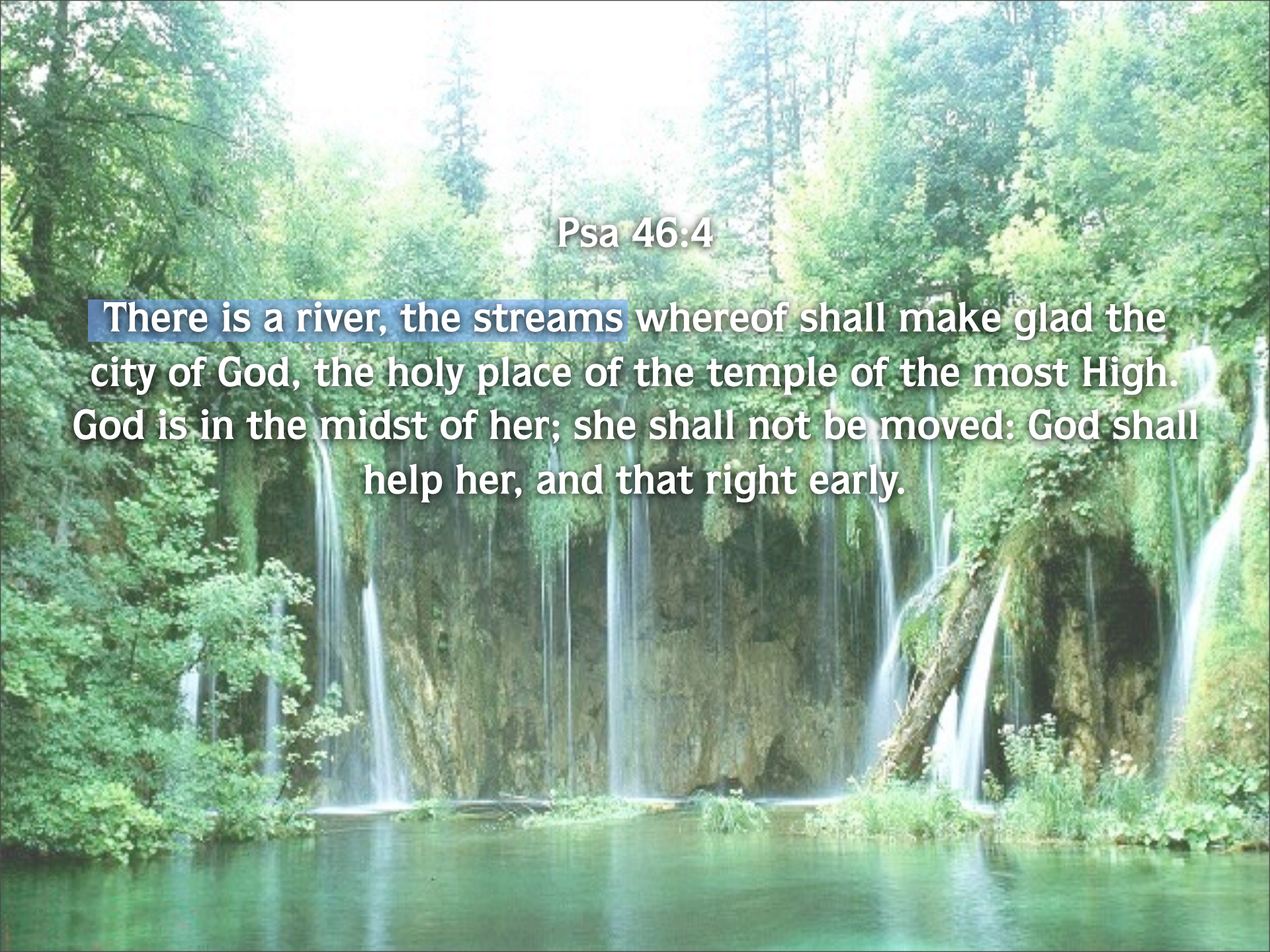
2 Corinthians 12:9

“I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me.”

Philippians 4:13



BAPTISM & THE RIVER OF LIFE

A vibrant, high-resolution photograph of a multi-tiered waterfall in a dense, green forest. The water flows over mossy rocks into a calm pool at the bottom, which reflects the surrounding foliage. The scene is peaceful and serene, with sunlight filtering through the trees.

Psa 46:4

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the temple of the most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

**The streams of the river
make the city glad.**

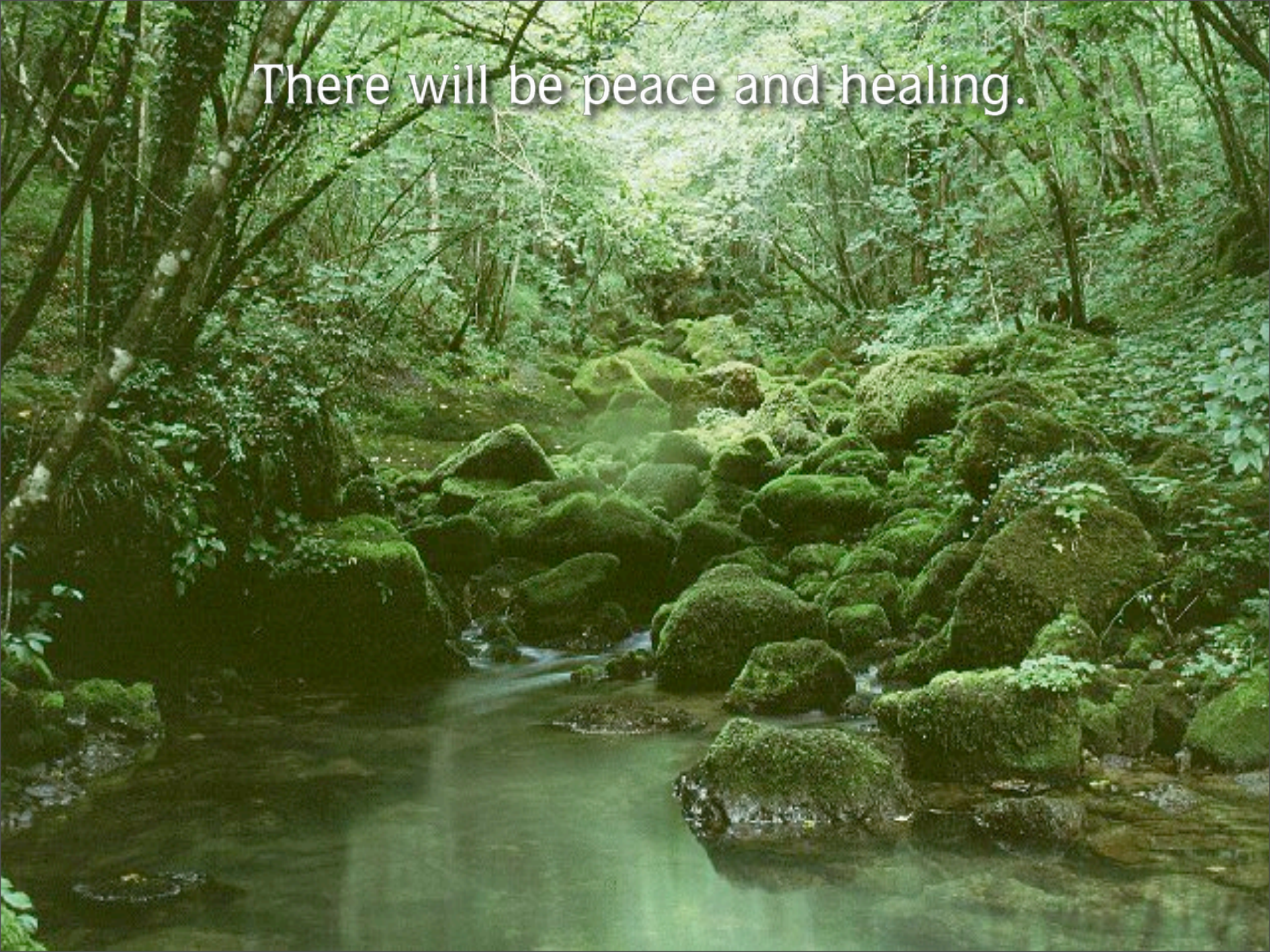


The background of the image is a serene forest scene. A small, clear stream flows from the upper left towards the bottom center, cascading over large, dark rocks that are heavily covered in bright green moss. The surrounding trees and foliage are dense and vibrant green, creating a sense of a healthy, thriving natural environment. The lighting is soft and diffused, typical of a forest interior.

Isa 66:12-14

For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem. And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants,

There will be peace and healing.



Psa 18:16

He sent from above,
he took me, he drew me out of many waters.

