



Father's Kingdom of Love

The Life-Source of Agape



*Four Prerequisites Jesus taught for
Entering and Experiencing Kingdom Life:*

- 1 "You must be born again..."
- 2 "You must become as a child..."
- 3 "Your righteousness must exceed that of the scribes and pharisees..."
- 4 "Do the will of Your Father..."

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*1. Except/unless one is **BORN AGAIN**, he cannot **SEE** the kingdom of God.” (John 3:3)*

*“Unless one is **BORN OF WATER AND OF THE SPIRIT**, he cannot **ENTER** the kingdom of God.”*

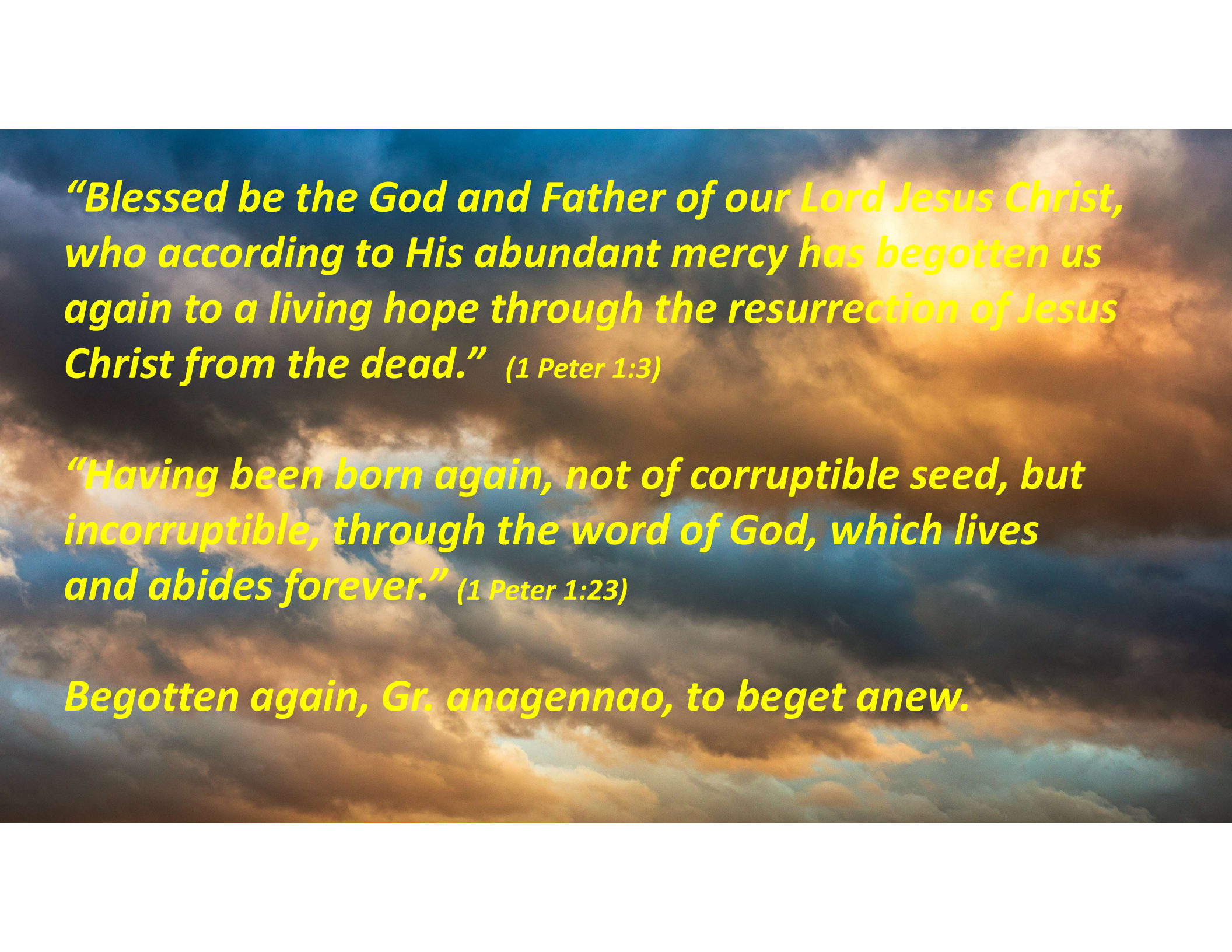
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Man was created in UNION with God, and enjoyed His grace and favor. In the FALL (when Adam sinned), Man lost this position, and MUST BE BORN AGAIN To be restored to this position of grace and favor.

AFTER BEING BORN AGAIN, HE IS WARNED NOT TO BUILD AGAIN THE THINGS HE ONCE DESTROYED.



“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” (1 Peter 1:3)

“Having been born again, not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible, through the word of God, which lives and abides forever.” (1 Peter 1:23)

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5 evidences of the NEW BIRTH:

1) Change of heart

2) Spiritual & moral change

3) Change of nature & character

4) Change of favor

5) Change of Masters

1. A CHANGE OF HEART:

“If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation; old things are passed away; behold, all things become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself, through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.” (2 Cor. 5:17,18)



2. Spiritual and Moral Change

“Unless one is born of water (physical) and the Spirit (spiritual), he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’”

(John 3:5-7)



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3. TO BEGET ANEW: *Change of nature & character*

“For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. But when the kindness and the love (agape) of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by work of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy HE SAVED US, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior.” (Titus 3:3-6)



Nature & Character...

“His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceeding great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the DIVINE NATURE, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

(2 Peter 1:3,4)

4. The *NEW BIRTH* provides a *NEW FAVOR*

*“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have **access by faith into this grace** in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” (Romans 5:1,2)*

*“Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest; Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not **love his brother.**”*

5. Change of Masters

*“And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. BUT GOD, who is rich in mercy, because of His great **love (agape)** with which He **loved (agapao)** us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly Places in Christ Jesus...”*

(Ephesians 2:1-10)

Change of Masters...

Blind man, John 9:

- *“A man called Jesus...” (John 9:11)*
- *“He is a Prophet,” (John 9:17)*
- *Rabbi/Master: “Do you also want to become*
- *His disciples...?” (John 9:27)*
- *LORD: (John 9:38)*

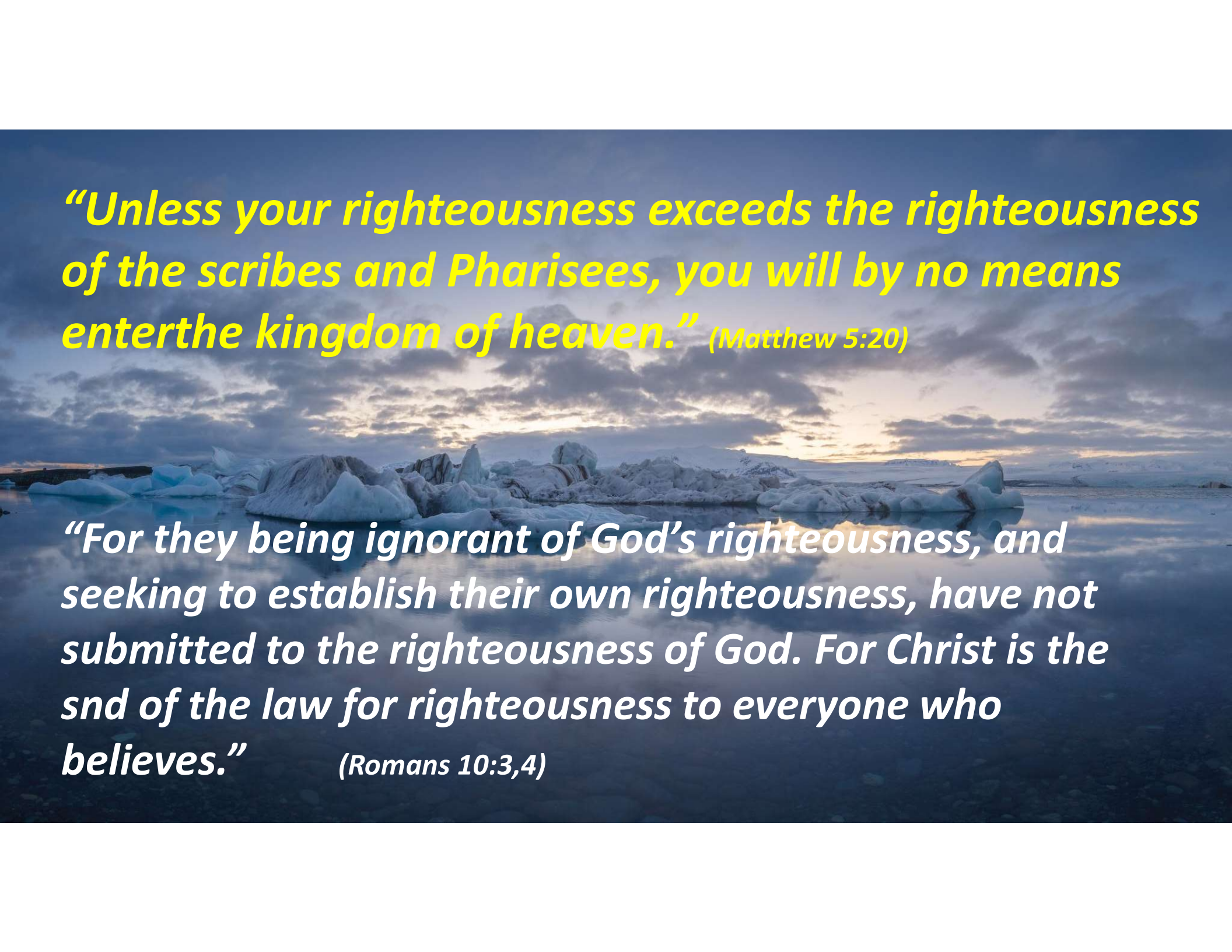


“Except you righteousness exceed...” (Matthew 5:21)

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“For if I BUILD AGAIN those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the LAW, died to the LAW, that I might live to God. I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST; IT’S NO LONGER I WHO LIVE, BUT CHRIST LIVES IN ME; AND THE LIFE WHICH I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH I LIVE BY FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD, WHO LOVED (agapao) ME, AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME.”

(Galatians 2:18-20)



“Unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20)

“For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.” (Romans 10:3,4)



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