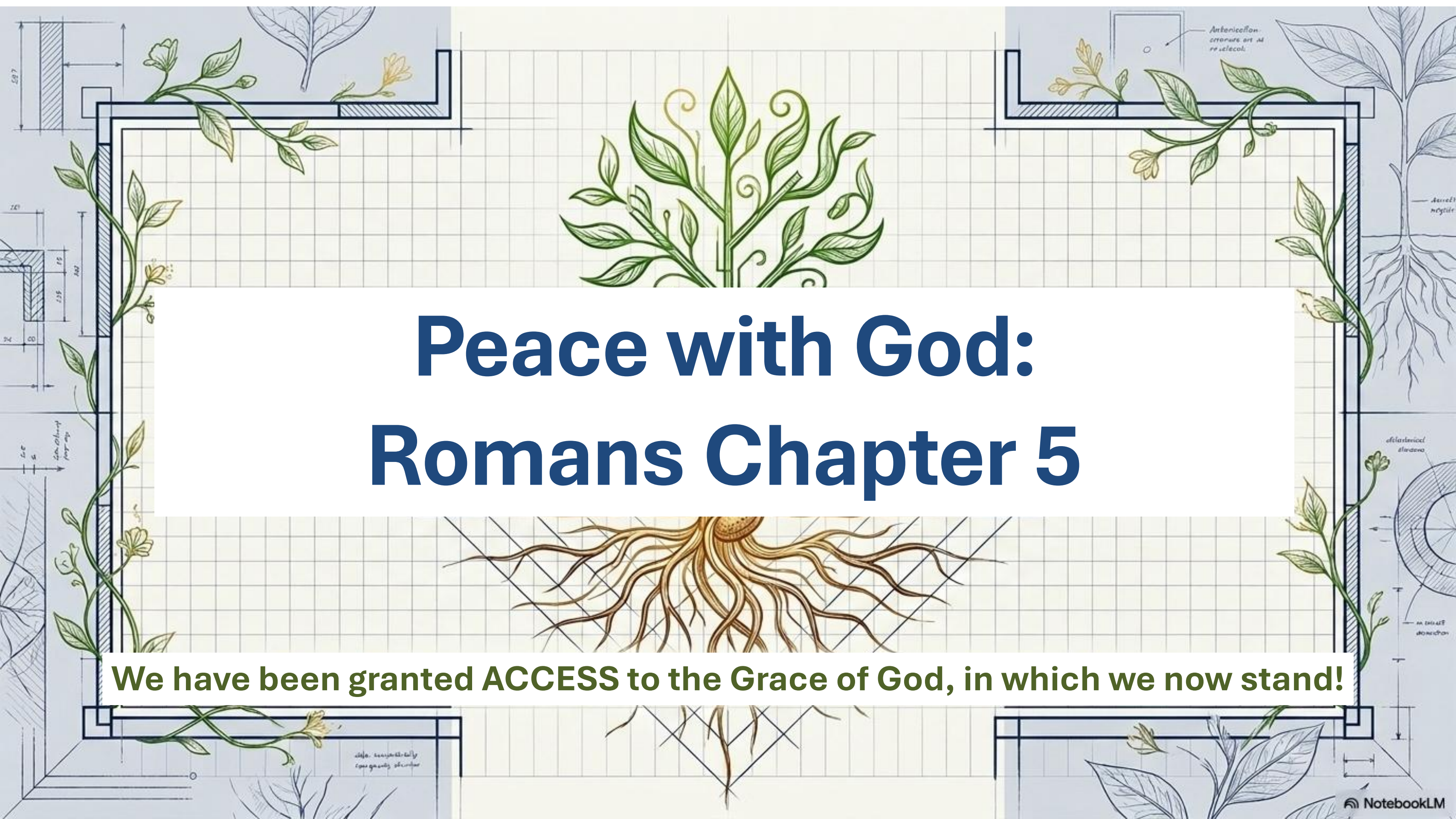




Peace with God: Romans Chapter 5

We have been granted ACCESS to the Grace of God, in which we now stand!

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6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8 **but God shows his love for us** in that while we were still sinners, **Christ died for us**. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10 For if **while we were enemies** we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Does God love me? Even after all the ways I've failed him?

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12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and **death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned**— 13 for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. 14 Yet **death reigned** from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, **much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.**

16 And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. 17 For if, **because of one man's trespass, death reigned** through that one man, **much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life** through the one man Jesus Christ.

18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, **so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.** 19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. 20 Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21 **so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Is it fair that we inherited a sin nature from Adam?

Rom 11:32 For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all. 33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

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The inherited condition and the profound rescue

In Adam

- Inherited sin nature
- Death reigns through one man's trespass
- Consigned to disobedience

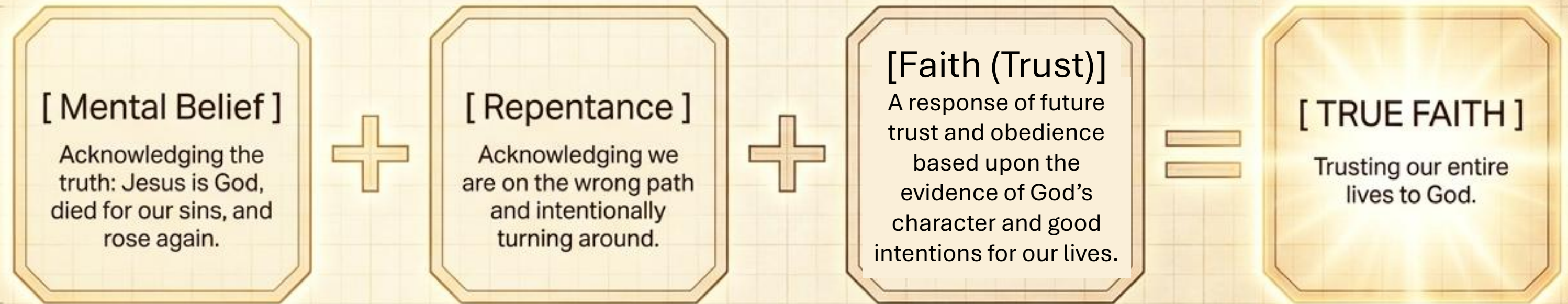
In Christ

- The free gift of righteousness
- Life reigns through one man (Jesus)
- Abundance of grace received

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The Formula of Faith

Righteousness is given to all who believe.
But what does belief actually require?

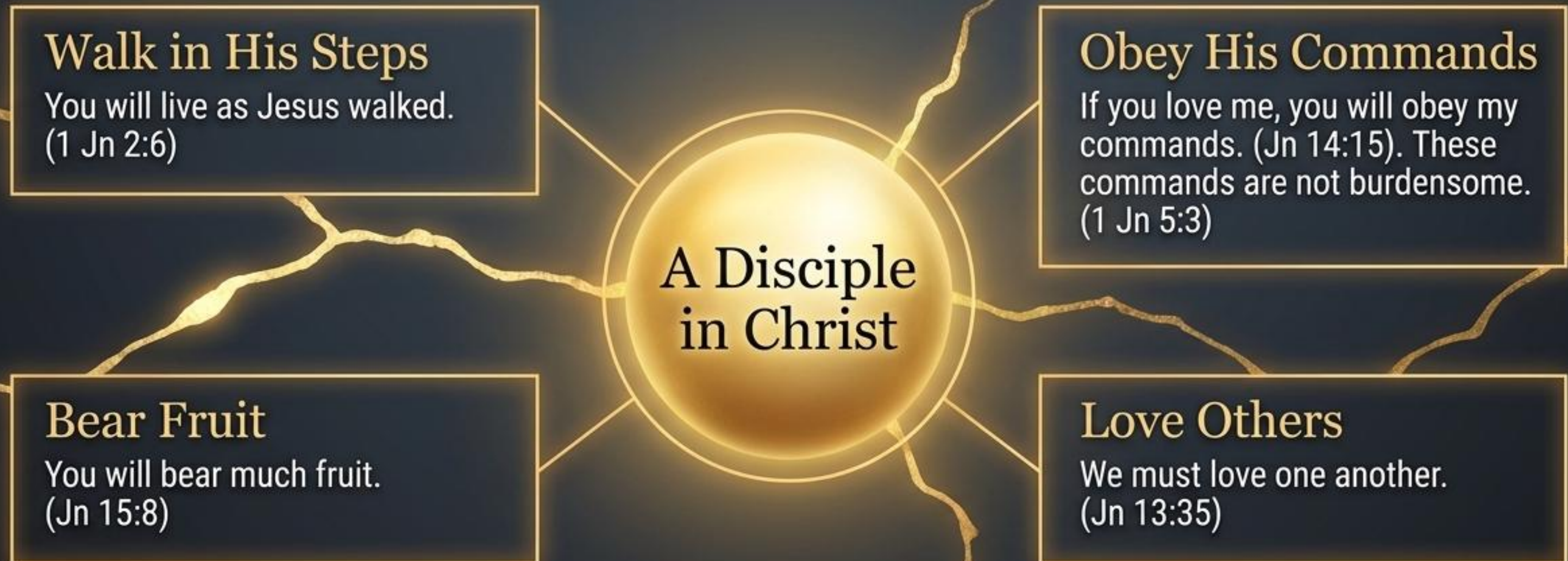


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SCALE 1:1

Are you In Christ? What is the cost of being a disciple?



For this to happen, only your cooperation with the Holy Spirit is needed!

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We've been given **ACCESS**

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By Faith	Grace in which we STAND
Justified - Have eternal life	Hope of the glory of God
Have Peace with God	The Holy Spirit in us
Saved from God's wrath	God's love poured into our hearts
Given access→	Being made righteous as we walk as children of God



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Heb 10:19 And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can **boldly enter** heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. 20 By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. 21 And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, 22 **let us go right into the presence of God** with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.

Heb 4:16 So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. **There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.**

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Stepping Into the Realm of Grace

Grace is more than a one-time pardon;
it is the new realm believers inhabit.

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What does this access provide for us?

- No condemnation (Rom 8:1)
- Adoption as children of God (Rom 8:15)
- The Holy Spirit praying for us (Rom 8:26)
- God not withholding any good thing (8:32)
- Transformation and freedom

2 Cor 3:17 For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. **And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.**

Rejoice in our sufferings?

Rom 5:3 Not only that, **but we rejoice in our sufferings**, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Suffering → Endurance → Character → Hope → Vindication

Paul's Resume of the Forge:

Chased out of towns, whipped, beaten with rods, stoned, shipwrecked 3 times, sleepless, hungry.

"If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness."

- 2 Cor 11:30



THE UPSIDE-DOWN HLLIVE

- Learn to trust your life into the hands of a God you cannot see.
- If you want to be happy – learn to rejoice in your sufferings
- To be free – become a slave to Christ (Rom 6)
- To fulfill the Law – die and be wedded to Christ (Rom 7)
- A child of God will realize his earthly life is dead - and then become alive in Christ
- We are co-heirs with Christ (if we suffer with him)
- The only way to overcome evil is by doing good. (Rom 12)

Nothing we forsake compares to the joy of knowing Christ

Are you “In Christ” today?

If you aren't sure if you are, fully commit your life to follow Him today.

Why delay?

Do you understand the ACCESS you have every moment of every day?

Are you taking full advantage?

Are you suffering today?

Learn to rejoice in that.

Jesus is not sleeping through your storm; He is shaping you within it.