



Manifestation

Pt. 1

1 John 1:1-4 [NKJV]



To manifest is to ...

- Make evident; clear; plain; obvious, visible.
- Reveal
- Render apparent

Manifestation and Expansion



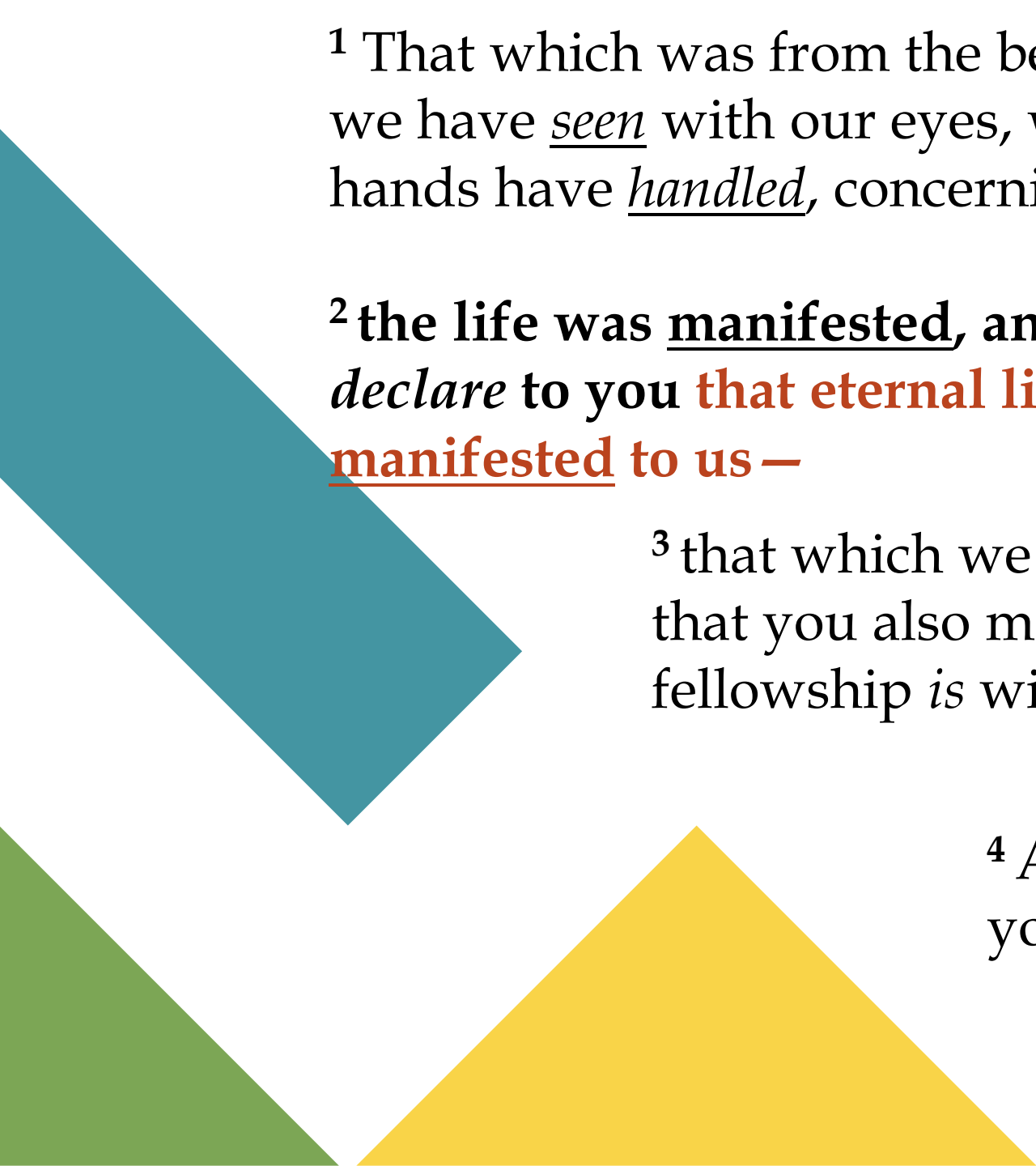
- Manifestation precedes Expansion.



Manifestation

Eternal Life.

1 John 1:1-4 [NKJV]



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God the Father...

- Was the possessor of eternal life, however, He permitted that life to be manifested (**phaneroó: to make visible, make clear**) to us.
- ² the life was manifested, and we have *seen*, and *bear witness*, and *declare* to you **that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us — 1 John 1:2 NKJV**

Proof that God the Father manifested Eternal Life through Jesus Christ...

➤ John 6:68-69 (The Message)

⁶⁸⁻⁶⁹ Peter replied, “**Master**, to whom would we go? **You have the words of real life, eternal life.** We’ve already committed ourselves, confident that you are the Holy One of God.”

Jesus Christ manifested eternal life and it was recognized by His disciples.

John 17:3 AMPC

³ And this is **eternal life**: [it means] **to know** (to perceive, recognize, become acquainted with, and understand) You, the only true *and* real God, and [likewise] to know Him, Jesus [as the] Christ (the Anointed One, the Messiah), Whom You have sent.

Eternal Life

John 17:3 NIV

³ Now this is **eternal life**: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

Eternal Life

There are important distinctions worth mentioning about the definition of eternal life.

E.g.

- "I know Kathy" implies a personal relationship.
- "I know *about* Kathy" implies learning information about Kathy from a third party.
- "I know *of* Kathy" means the name rings a bell.

The word “know” ...

Is the Hebrew word *ginóskō* which means

- *to know*, especially through *personal experience* (*first-hand* acquaintance).
- *to "experientially know"* as used for example in Luke 1:34,
"And Mary [a virgin] said to the angel, 'How will this be since I do not *know* a man?'"

Eternal Life

Greek

aiónios: age-long, eternal

zóé: life



aiónios zóé

Eternal Life

Summarily, age-long, and therefore: practically eternal, unending; partaking of the character of that which lasts for an age, as contrasted with that which is brief¹¹ and fleeting.

Definition of Eternal life

NIV	AMPC
• that they know you,	• to know (to perceive, recognize, become acquainted with, and understand) You,
• the only true God,	• the only true <i>and</i> real God,
• and Jesus Christ,	• and [likewise] to know Him, Jesus [as the] Christ (the Anointed One, the Messiah),
• whom you have sent.	• Whom You have sent.



Eternal Life

➤ God the Father was the possessor of eternal life, and He manifested eternal life.

² the life was manifested, and we have *seen*, and *bear witness*, and *declare* to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us —
1 John 1:2 NKJV.



Eternal Life

➤ **Eternal life is a promise from God the Father [that was delivered].**

²⁴ Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

²⁵ **And this is the promise that He has promised us – eternal life.**

1 John 2:24-25 NKJV.



Eternal Life

➤ God the Father manifested eternal life through His Son Jesus Christ.

²⁶ For just as the Father has life in Himself [and is self-existent], even so He has given to the Son to have life in Himself [and be self-existent]. **John 5:26 AMPC.**

¹⁶ For God so greatly loved *and* dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life. **John 3:16 AMPC.**



Eternal Life

➤ **Eternal Life is not life after death.**

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Eternal Life

- Eternal life is life that begins when Jesus Christ the Messiah becomes Savior and Lord of our lives. **John 5:24.**
- We are not born with eternal life. However, eternal life is made available to us as we journey here on the earth. **John 5:24.**



²⁴ “I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, the person who *hears My word [the one who heeds My message]*, and *believes and trusts in Him who sent Me*, has (possesses now) **eternal life** [that is, eternal life actually **begins** — the believer is transformed], and does not come into judgment *and* condemnation, **but has passed [over] from death into life.**
John 5:24 AMPC.

Therefore,

Being alive [breathing] still equals “death” if we are void of eternal life.



1 Peter 1:3-9 [NIV]

Praise to God for a Living Hope

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into *a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

⁴ and into an inheritance *that can never perish, spoil or fade.* This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,

⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

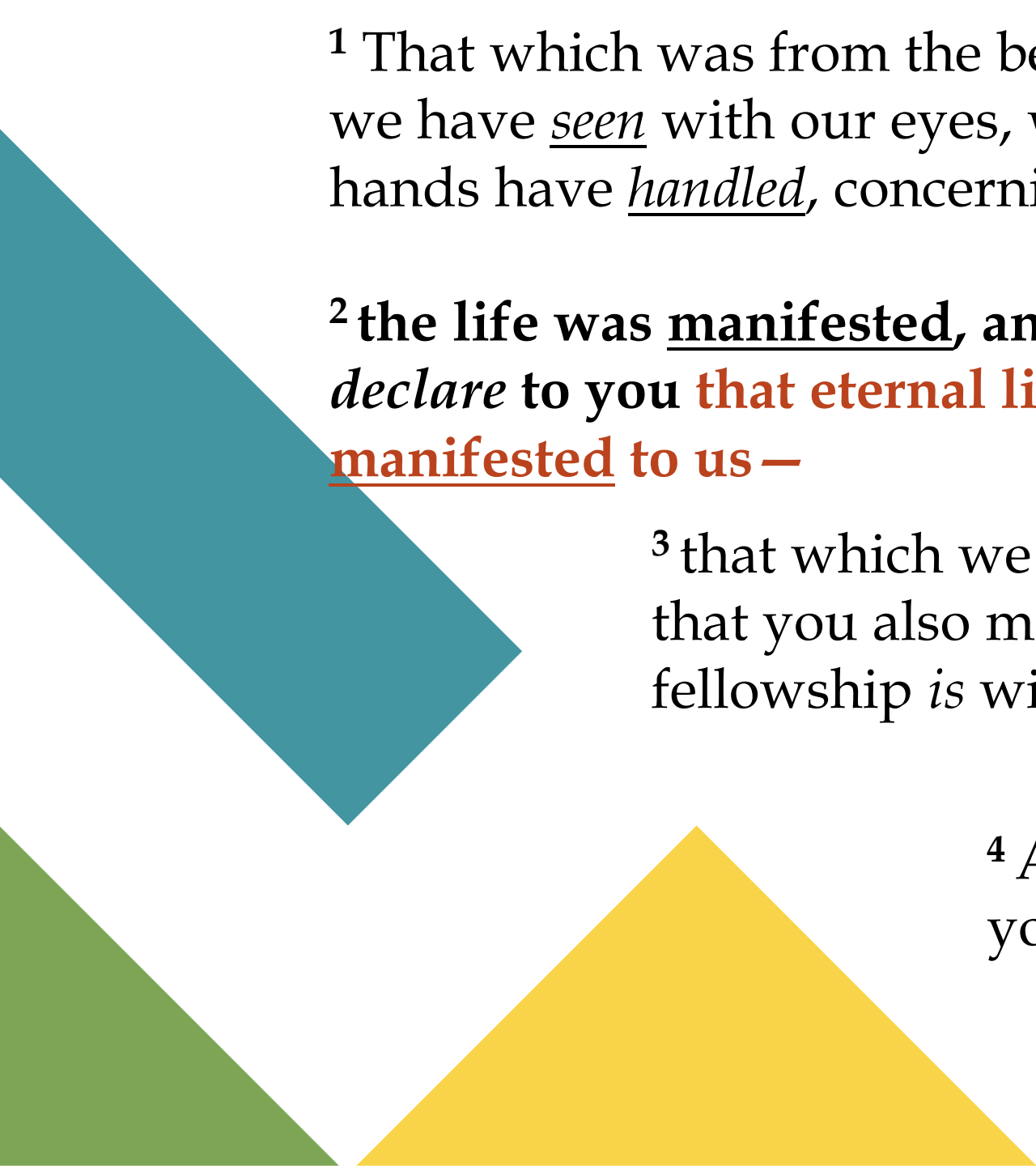




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Pt. 2

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Eternal Life.

1 John 1:1-4 [NKJV]

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

1] To give eternal life

John 3:16 [Amplified Bible]

¹⁶ “For God so [greatly] loved *and* dearly prized the world, that He [even] gave His [One and] only begotten Son, so that whoever believes *and* trusts in Him [as Savior] shall not perish, but have **eternal life**.

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

2] So that we will not perish

John 10:28-31 [Amplified Bible, Classic Edition]

²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never lose it *or* perish throughout the ages. [To all eternity they shall never by any means be destroyed.] And no one is able to snatch them out of My hand.

²⁹ My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater *and* mightier than all [else]; and no one is able to snatch [them] out of the Father's hand.

³⁰ I and the Father are One.

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

3] To give abundant life

John 10:10 [Amplified Bible, Classic Edition]

¹⁰ The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have *and* enjoy **life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).**

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

4] To quench our spiritual thirst

John 4:14 [NLT]

¹⁴ But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, **giving them eternal life.**"

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

5] To take away our sins

1 John 3:4-6 [NKJV]

⁴ Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

⁵ And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.

⁶ Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

6] To destroy the works of the devil

1 John 3:8 [NKJV]

⁸ He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

7] To manifest the love of God

1 John 4:7-9 [NKJV]

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

⁸ He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

⁹ In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that *we might live through Him*.

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

8] To bring about the harvest of people unto eternal life

John 4:34-36 (NLT)

³⁴ Then Jesus explained: “My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work.

³⁵ You know the saying, ‘Four months between planting and harvest.’ But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest.

³⁶ The harvesters are paid good wages, and **the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life.** What joy awaits both the planter and the ³¹harvester alike!

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

9] That those who believe in the Name of the Son may know that they have eternal life

1 John 5:12-13 (NKJV)

¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³ These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you *have eternal life*, and that you ³² may *continue* to believe in the name of the Son of God.

⁹ If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; **for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son.**

¹⁰ He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.

¹¹ **And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.**

¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³ These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you *have eternal life*, and that you may *continue* to believe in the name of the Son of God.



³⁶ “I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to finish — the very works that I am doing — **testify that the Father has sent me.**

³⁷ **And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me.** You have never heard his voice nor seen his form,

³⁸ nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent.



DOES
SEARCHING
SCRIPTURE
GIVE ETERNAL
LIFE?

³⁹ You search *and* keep on searching *and* examining the Scriptures **because you think that in them you have *eternal life***; and yet it is those [very Scriptures] that testify about Me;

⁴⁰ and still you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.
AMPC.

³⁹ You search the Scriptures, for in them **you think you have *eternal life***; and these are they which testify of Me.

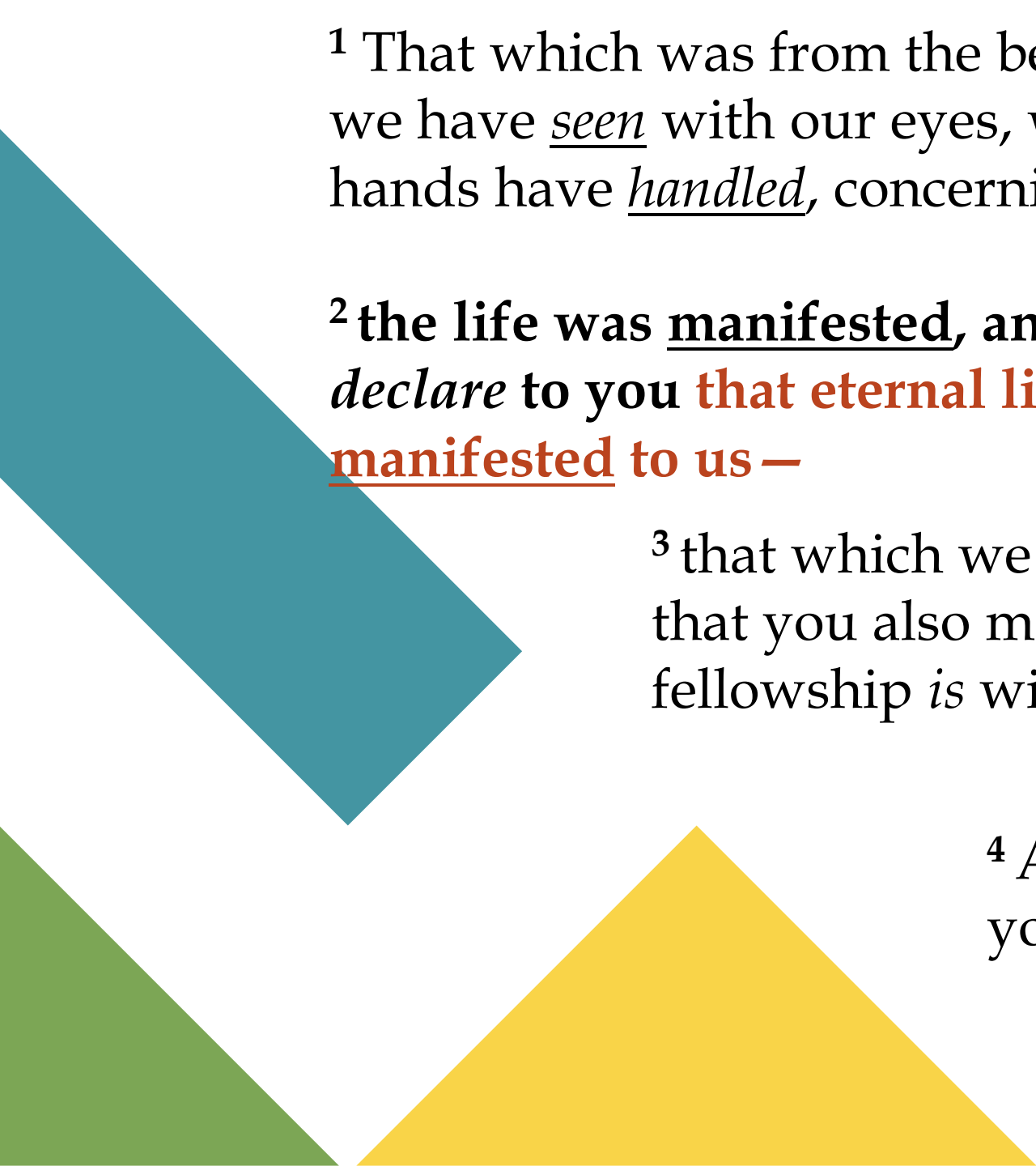
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How is it possible that a person can search scriptures, yet do not have Eternal Life?

1] Wrong motive.

i) possibly to puff up with knowledge.

1 Corinthians 8:1b [NIV]

But knowledge puffs up while love builds up.

How is it possible that a person can search scriptures, yet do not have Eternal Life?

2] To make a strong case.

- i) when a person wants to explain or convince someone to accept an idea or opinion.

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3] To sound spiritual.

- i) In this case, a person memorizes scriptures, yet the person is not acquainted with the power therein.

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4] To present oneself to others as a possessor of the mysteries of the Lord.

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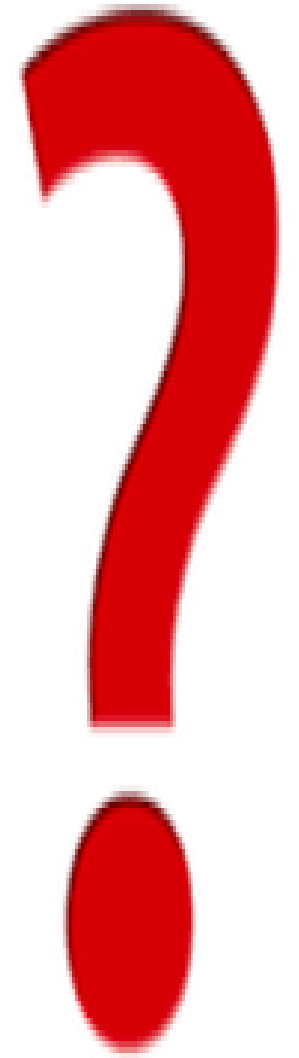
5] To belong to the category of individuals who say “I read the Bible “so many times a year”.



**Why do you
search scriptures**



**Do you have
Eternal Life**



Mani estation

Antichrist.

2 John 1:7-11 [NKJV]



BEWARE

Beware of Antichrist Deceivers

⁷ For many **deceivers** have gone out into the world who do not confess **Jesus Christ *as* coming in the flesh.** **This is a deceiver and an antichrist.**

⁸ Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but *that* we may receive a full reward.

⁹ **Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God.** **He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.**

¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;

¹¹ for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.

Manifestation of the Antichrist

¹⁸ Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now *many antichrists* have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made *manifest*, that none of them were of us. **1 John 2:18-19 NKJV**

Characteristics of the Antichrist

❑ **Liars** [because they deny that Jesus is the Christ].

²² Who is a liar but he who *denies that Jesus is the Christ*?
1 John 2:22a NKJV

Characteristics of the Antichrist

❑ Denies both Father and Son

²² ... *He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.*

²³ Whoever **denies the Son** does not have the Father either; **he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.**

1 John 2:22b-23 NKJV

Characteristics of the Antichrist

❑ Does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh

¹ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

² By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,

³ and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

1 John 4:1-3 NKJV

Through the above-mentioned points....

❑ We should be able to differentiate the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁴ You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

⁵ They are of the world. Therefore they speak *as* of the world, and the world hears them.

⁶ We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. **By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.**

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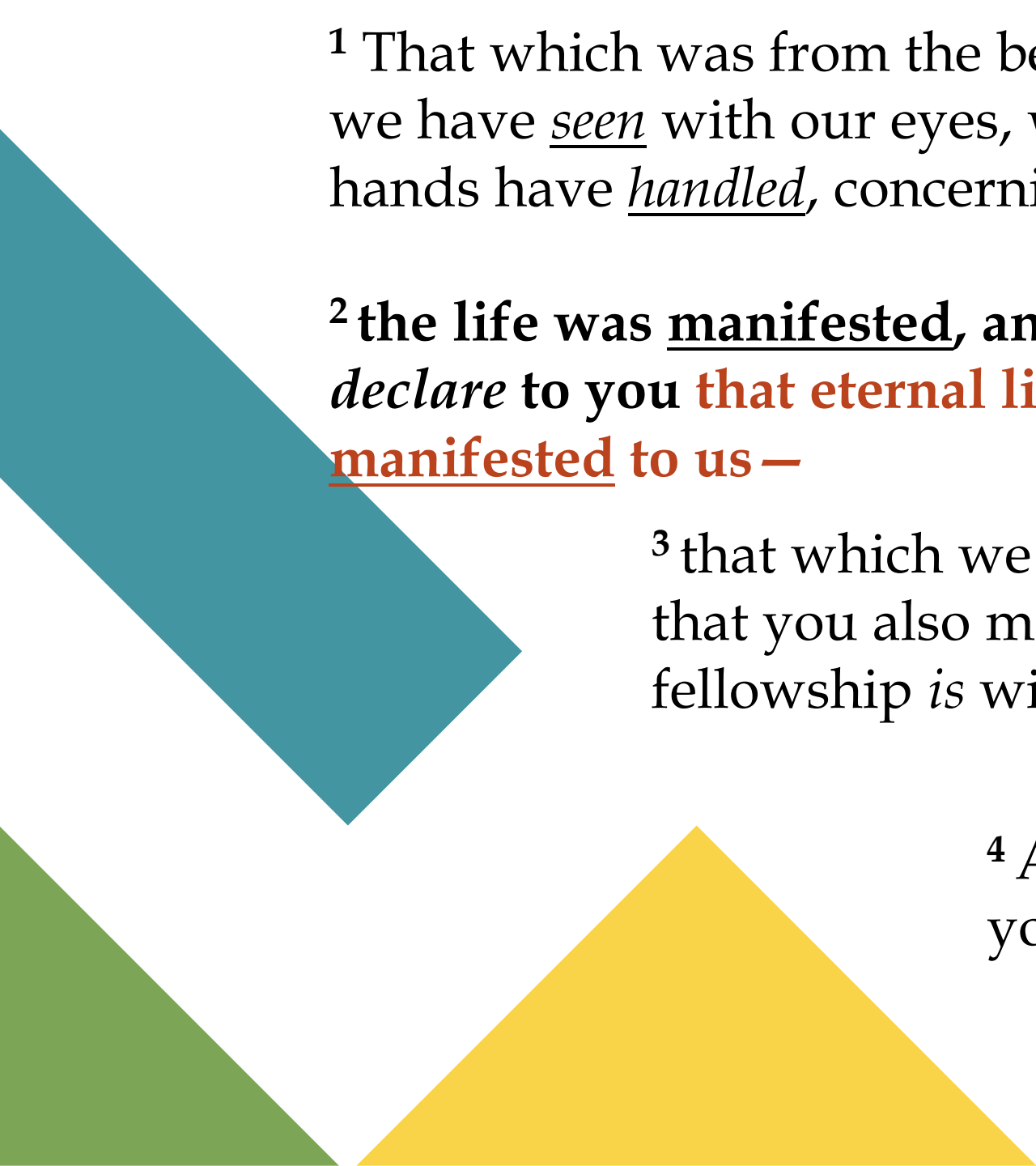
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John 6:22-60 [NLT]

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

10] To demonstrate humility and selflessness

1] John 5:19 [NLT]

¹⁹ So Jesus explained, “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does.

2] John 6:57 [NLT]

⁵⁷ I live because of the living Father who sent me; in the same way, anyone who feeds on me will live because of me.

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10] To demonstrate humility and selflessness

3] John 17:4-10; 14; 17; 19 [NLT]

⁴ I brought glory to **you** here on earth by completing the work **you** gave me to do.

⁵ Now, Father, bring me into the glory we shared before the world began.

⁶ “I have revealed **you** to the ones **you** gave me from this world. They were always **yours**. You gave them to me, and they have kept **your** word.

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3] John 17:4-10 [NLT]

⁷ Now they know that everything I have is a gift from **you**,

⁸ for I have passed on to them **the message you gave me**. They accepted it and know that I came **from you**, and they believe **you** sent me.

⁹ “My prayer is not for the world, but for those **you** have given me, **because they belong to you**.

¹⁰ All who are mine belong to **you**, and **you** have given them to me, so ⁵⁷ **they bring me glory**.

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

10] To demonstrate humility and selflessness

3] John 17:14, 17, 19 [NLT]

¹⁴ I have given them **your** word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

¹⁷ Make them holy by **your** truth; teach them **your** word, which is truth.

¹⁹ And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by **your** truth.

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

11] To demonstrate the will of the Father

John 6:39-40 [NLT]

³⁹ And **this is the will of God**, that I should not lose even one of all those he has given me, but that I should raise them up at the last day.

⁴⁰ **For it is my Father's will** that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life. I will raise them up at the last day."

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11] To demonstrate the will of the Father

John 17:1, 2, [NIV] / 25, 26 [NLT]

¹ After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.

² For you granted him authority over all people **that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.**

²⁵ “O righteous Father, the world doesn’t know you, but I do; and these disciples know you sent me.

²⁶ I have **revealed you to them**, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them.”

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

12] To demonstrate Truth in Godly Leadership

John 10:11, 14 [NLT]

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.

¹⁴ “I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me,

John 14:6 [NLT]

⁶ Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

13] To demonstrate the Way

John 10:9 [NLT]

⁹ Yes, **I am the gate**. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures.

John 14:6 [NLT]

⁶ Jesus told him, “**I am the way**, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

14] To demonstrate virtue under pressure

1] John 8:48-49 [NLT]

⁴⁸ The people retorted, “You Samaritan devil! Didn’t we say all along that you were possessed by a demon?”

⁴⁹ “No,” Jesus said, “I have no demon in me. For I honor my Father — and you dishonor me.

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

14] To demonstrate virtue under pressure

2] John 10:31-34 [NLT]

³¹ Once again the people picked up stones to kill him.

³² Jesus said, "At my Father's direction I have done many good works. For which one are you going to stone me?"

³³ They replied, "We're stoning you not for any good work, but for **blasphemy!** You, a mere man, claim to be God."

³⁴ Jesus replied, "It is written in your own Scriptures that God said to ⁶⁴ certain leaders of the people, 'I say, you are gods!'

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

15] To prove that eternal life continues after death

1] John 5:29 [NLT]

²⁹ and they will rise again. Those who have done good will rise to experience eternal life, and those who have continued in evil will rise to experience judgment.

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

15] To prove that eternal life continues after death

2] John 11:25-26 [NLT]

²⁵ Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.

²⁶ Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?”

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

16] To fulfill biblical prophecy

1] John 5:45-46 [NLT]

⁴⁵ “Yet it isn’t I who will accuse you before the Father. Moses will accuse you! Yes, Moses, in whom you put your hopes.

⁴⁶ If you really believed Moses, you would believe me, because he wrote about me.

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16] To fulfill biblical prophecy

2] John 1:45 [NLT]

⁴⁵ Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, **“We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.”**

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16] To fulfill biblical prophecy

3] Luke 24:27 [NLT]

²⁷ Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

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16] To fulfill biblical prophecy

4] Luke 24:44-45 [NLT]

⁴⁴ Then he said, “When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

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6] John 12:12-15 [NLT] - Jesus' Triumphant Entry

¹² The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A large crowd of Passover visitors

¹³ took palm branches and went down the road to meet him. They shouted,

"Praise God!

Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD!

Hail to the King of Israel!"

[Psalm 118:25-26]

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16] To fulfill biblical prophecy

6] John 12:12-15 [NLT] - Jesus' Triumphant Entry

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and rode on it, fulfilling the prophecy that said:

¹⁵ “Don’t be afraid, people of Jerusalem.

Look, your King is coming, riding on a donkey’s colt.”

[Zechariah 9:9]

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

17] To demonstrate that Him and the Father are One

1] John 5:21-23 [NLT]

21 For just as the Father gives life to those he raises from the dead, so the Son gives life to anyone he wants.

22 In addition, the Father judges no one. Instead, he has given the Son absolute authority to judge,

23 so that everyone will honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son is certainly not honoring the Father who sent him.

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

17] To demonstrate that Him and the Father are One

2] John 5:25-26 [NLT]

²⁵ “And I assure you that the time is coming, indeed it’s here now, when the dead will hear my voice—the voice of the Son of God. And those who listen will live.

²⁶ The Father has life in himself, and he has granted that same life-giving power to his Son.

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

17] To demonstrate that Him and the Father are One

3] John 5:37-38 [NLT]

³⁷ And the Father who sent me has testified about me himself. You have never heard his voice or seen him face to face,

³⁸ and you do not have his message in your hearts, because you do not believe me—the one he sent to you.

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17] To demonstrate that Him and the Father are One

4] John 5:43

⁴³ For I have come to you in my Father's name, and you have rejected me. Yet if others come in their own name, you gladly welcome them.

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

17] To demonstrate that Him and the Father are One

4] John 17:11-12 [NLT]

¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. **Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name,** the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

¹² While I was with them, **I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me.** None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

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5] John 7:25-30 [NLT] - Is Jesus the Messiah?

²⁵ Some of the people who lived in Jerusalem started to ask each other, “Isn’t this the man they are trying to kill?”

²⁶ But here he is, speaking in public, and they say nothing to him. Could our leaders possibly believe that he is the Messiah?

²⁷ But how could he be? For we know where this man comes from. When the Messiah comes, he will simply appear; no one will know where he comes from.”

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5] John 7:25-30 [NLT] - Is Jesus the Messiah?

²⁸ While Jesus was teaching in the Temple, he called out, “Yes, you know me, and you know where I come from. **But I’m not here on my own. The one who sent me is true, and you don’t know him.**

²⁹ **But I know him because I come from him, and he sent me to you.”**

³⁰ Then the leaders tried to arrest him; but no one laid a hand on him, ⁸⁰ **because his time had not yet come.**

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17] To demonstrate that Him and the Father are One

6] John 8:25-30 [NLT]

²⁵ “Who are you?” they demanded. Jesus replied, “The one I have always claimed to be.

²⁶ I have much to say about you and much to condemn, but I won’t. For I say only what I have heard from the one who sent me, and he is completely truthful.”

²⁷ But they still didn’t understand that he was talking about his Father.

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

17] To demonstrate that Him and the Father are One

6] John 8:25-30 [NLT]

²⁸ So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man on the cross, then you will understand **that I AM he. I do nothing on my own but say only what the Father taught me.**

²⁹ **And the one who sent me is with me—he has not deserted me. For I always do what pleases him.”**

³⁰ **Then many who heard him say these things believed in him.**

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

17] To demonstrate that Him and the Father are One

7] John 8:34-38; 42-43 [NLT]

³⁴ Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave of sin.

³⁵ A slave is not a permanent member of the family, but a son is part of the family forever.

³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

17] To demonstrate that Him and the Father are One

7] John 8:34-38; 42-43 [NLT]

³⁷ Yes, I realize that you are descendants of Abraham. And yet some of you are trying to kill me because there's no room in your hearts for my message.

³⁸ I am telling you what I saw when I was with my Father. But you are following the advice of your father."

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

17] To demonstrate that Him and the Father are One

7] John 8:34-38; 42-43 [NLT]

⁴² Jesus told them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, because I have come to you from God. I am not here on my own, but he sent me.

⁴³ Why can’t you understand what I am saying? It’s because you can’t even hear me!

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

18] To demonstrate Spiritual Alignment

1 Corinthians 11:3 [NLT]

³ But there is one thing I want you to know: The head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

Why was the Son of God Manifested?

18] To manifest the principle of seed and harvest [of souls]

John 12:23-24 [NLT]

²³ Jesus replied, “Now the time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory.

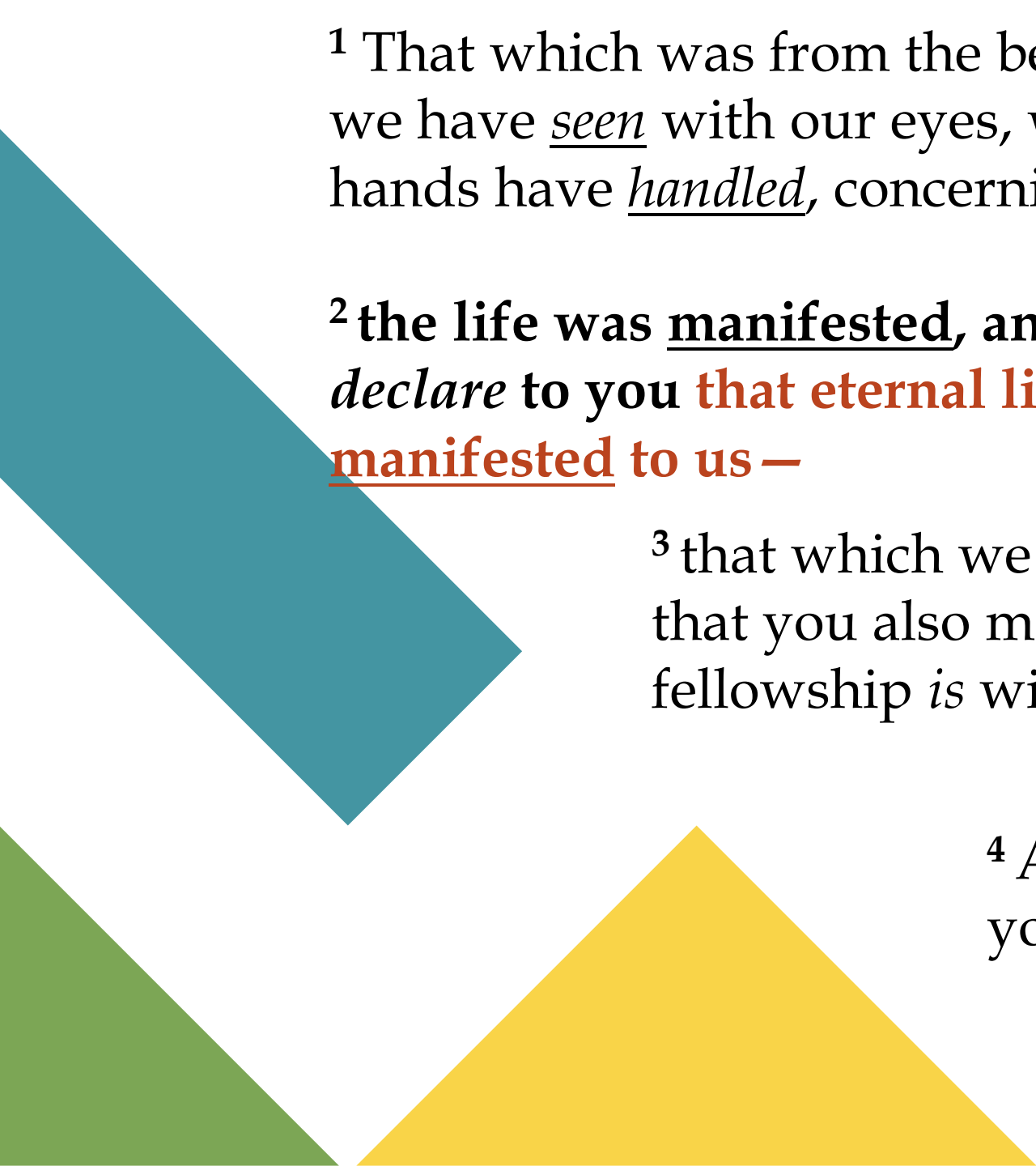
²⁴ I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels — a plentiful harvest of new lives.



Manifestation

Pt. 5

1 John 1:1-4 [NKJV]



¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the *Word of life* —

² the life was manifested, and we have *seen*, and *bear witness*, and *declare to you* **that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us** —

³ that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

⁴ And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.



Manifesting

The Stages **OF**
Fruitfulness

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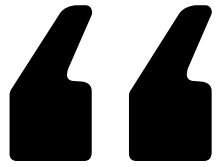
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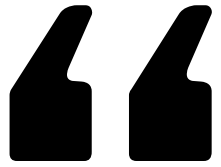
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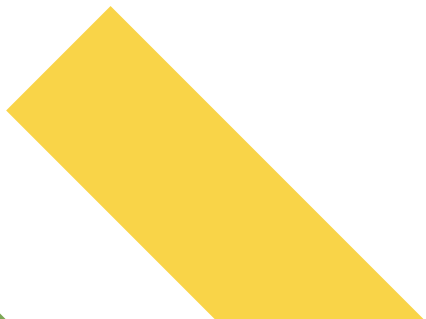
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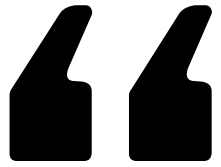


Growth is **Optional.**
Change is **Inevitable.**



Growth is **Optional.**
Growth is **Measurable.**





We grow in **Stages**.
We mature in **Phases**.





Mani**F**esting

The Stages **OF** Fruitfulness.

John 15:1-8;13-16 [NKJV]

The True Vine - John 15:1-4

1 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

The True Vine - John 15:5-8

5 “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

The True Vine - John 15:13-16

13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and *bear fruit*, and *that* your fruit *should remain*, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

Genesis 1:28a (NIV)

28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful...

- Being fruitful is God’s original intent for mankind.
- Fruitfulness is man’s identity.

Man was designed to be in a “state of extreme productivity” in every area of life.

Matthew 7:20 (NKJV) - Therefore by their **fruits** you will know them.

Genesis 1:28a (NIV)

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- Fruitfulness is proof of restoration to our original state of being according to God’s design.
- Fruitfulness is the blessing [Abrahamic Blessing].

Proverbs 10:22 (KJV) - The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

4 Stages of fruitfulness identified in John 15:1-8

- 1) No Fruit Stage
- 2) Fruit Stage
- 3) More Fruit Stage
- 4) Much Fruit Stage

1) No Fruit Stage

John 15:1-2 (NIV)

1 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

A vinedresser is a person who cultivates and prunes

No Fruit Stage

... He takes away;

“**airó**” [the Greek word] meaning “to raise, take up, lift”.

No Fruit Stage

When we are **fruitless**, the Lord **lifts us up** –
“**airó**” [the Greek word] meaning “to raise, take up, lift”.

Our lifting could be through

- the gospel of salvation.
- a Word of encouragement from a brother or sister.
- personal study of the Word and fellowship with the Holy Spirit.
- etc.

We need to embrace the Lord’s methods of lifting so that we can begin bearing fruit(s).

No Fruit Stage

John 15:1-2 (TPT)

1 “I am a true sprouting vine, and the farmer who tends the vine is my Father.

2 He cares for the branches connected to me **by lifting and propping up the fruitless branches** and pruning every fruitful branch to yield a greater harvest.

2) Fruit Stage

John 15:2 (NKJV)

² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that **bears fruit** **He prunes**, that it may bear more fruit.

Prune: to cut off or cut back parts of for better shape or more fruitful growth.

Fruit Stage

- After “lifting” us, we begin to bear fruit.
- At the fruitful stage, so much work [pruning] still needs to be done before we get to the more fruit stage.

Fruit Stage

- “Pruning”, in Greek, “**kathairó**” which means “**to cleanse**”.
- Therefore, *pruning* at this stage is what will enable us bear **more** fruit.

The True Vine - John 15:1-3

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3 You are already *clean* because of the word which I have spoken to you.

Fruit Stage

- As children of God we are **cleansed** by the washing with water through the Word.

- **Ephesians 5:26 (NKJV)**

26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

- **John 17:17 (NIV)**

17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

3) More Fruit Stage

John 15:2 (NKJV)

² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

More Fruit Stage

John 15:4 (NKJV)

4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

4) Much Fruit Stage

John 15:5 (NKJV)

5 “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

John 15:8 (NKJV)

8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Summary of the stages of fruitfulness from John 15:1-8

1) No Fruit
Stage
John 15:2a

The Lord
Lifts and
Props

2) Fruit Stage
John 15:2b

The Lord
Prunes
(cleanses)

3) More
Fruit Stage
John 15:2b

Abide in
the Lord

4) Much
Fruit Stage
John 15:4-5, 8

- The Lord desires that we be fruitful.
- Fruitfulness in the Kingdom of God is WORD dependent.
- Human efforts alone cannot lead to Kingdom fruitfulness.
- Fruitfulness in the Kingdom is in stages.
- Fruitfulness in the Kingdom is measurable.
- Fruitfulness in the Kingdom is necessary.
- The kinds of fruits produced by the WORD [in the kingdom] are **LASTING FRUITS** [fruits that remain].

The True Vine - John 15:13-16

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The True Vine - John 15:13-16

¹⁶ You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and *bear fruit*, and *that your fruit should remain*, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. [NKJV]

¹⁶ You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce *lasting fruit*, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. [NLT]

The QUANTITY OF THE FRUITS now leads us to the
QUALITY OF THE FRUITS.

How does fruitfulness in the kingdom look like?

LASTING FRUITS [Fruits that remain]

- Personal Growth.
- Harvest of souls.
- Kingdom impact.

The True Vine - John 15:13-16

- Jesus was speaking to disciples.
- He chose us.
- He appointed us.
- He appointed us to go and bear fruits.
- “Lasting fruits”
- Whatever we ask the Father in His name we will receive.

- Jesus was speaking to disciples.  **(Audience)**

- He chose us.

- He appointed us.  **(Identity of the audience)**

- He appointed us to go and bear fruits.  **(Assignment of the audience)**

- “Lasting fruits.”  **(Quality of the Fruits)**

- Whatever we ask the Father in His name we will receive. 

**(Our answers to prayer are
dependent of the above
factors)**

John 15:16 [MSG]

¹⁶ “You didn’t choose me, remember; I chose you,
and put you in the world
to bear fruit,
fruit that won’t spoil.

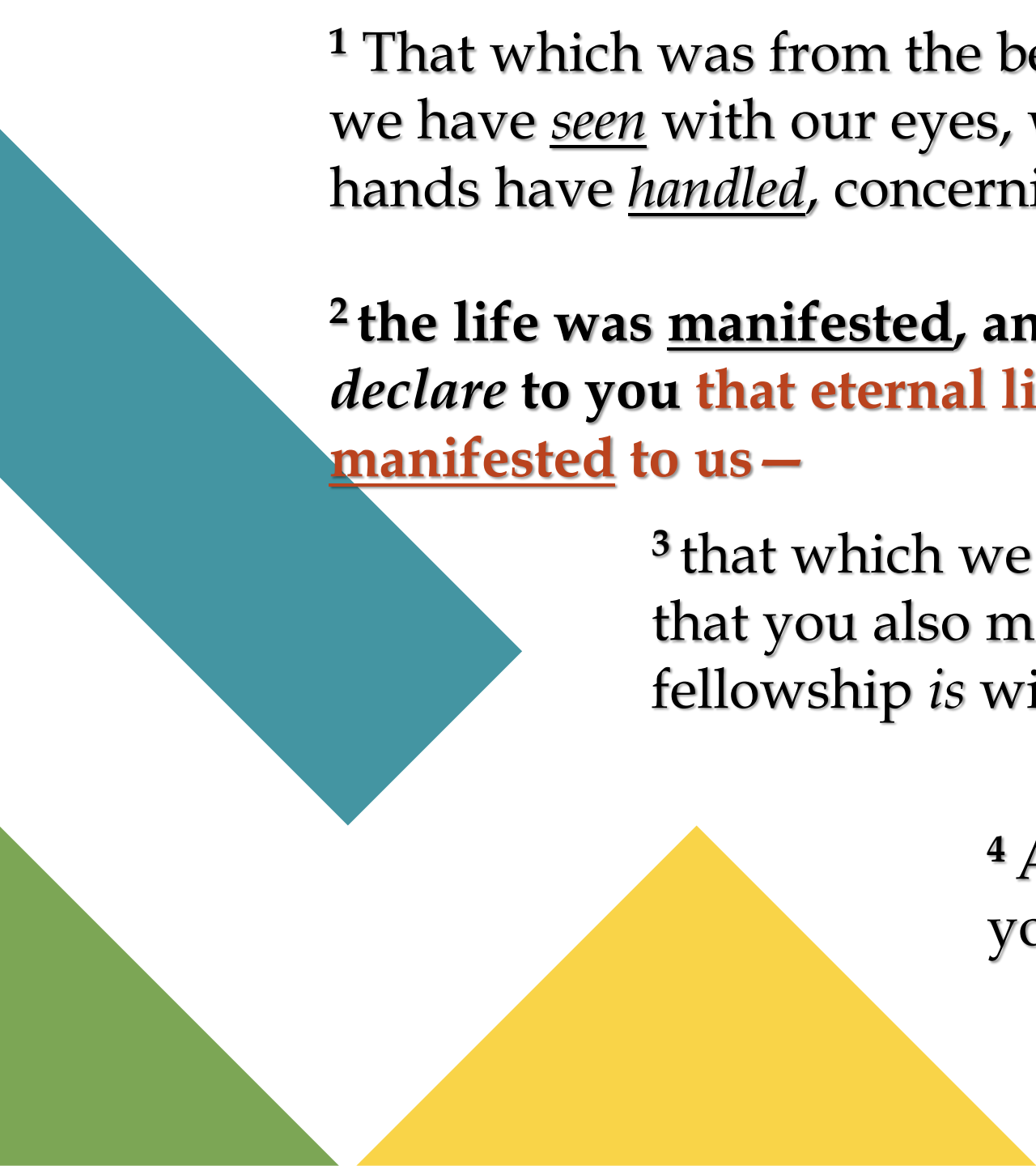
As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me,
he gives you.



Manifestation

Pt. 6

1 John 1:1-4 [NKJV]



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John 15:1-8; 13-16 [NKJV]



1 John 2:12-14 [NKJV]



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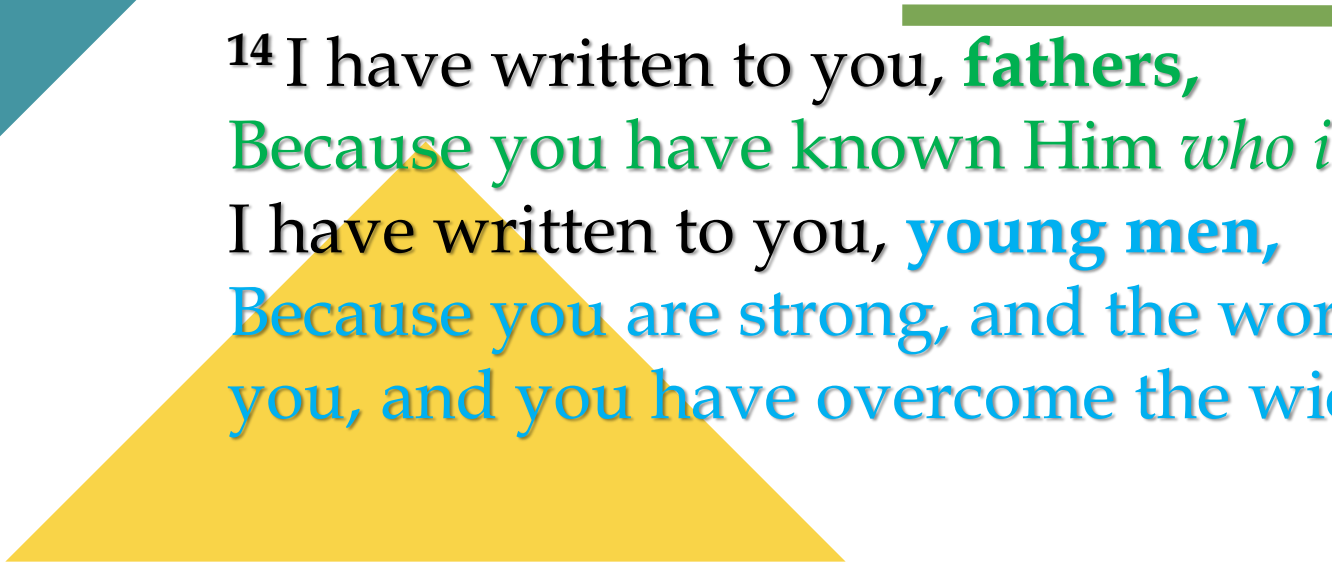
The Stages OF Spiritual Growth.

1 John 2:12-14 [NKJV]



¹² I write to you, **little children**,
Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

¹³ I write to you, **fathers**,
Because you have known Him *who* is from the beginning.
I write to you, **young men**,
Because you have overcome the wicked one.
I write to you, **little children**,
Because you have known the Father.

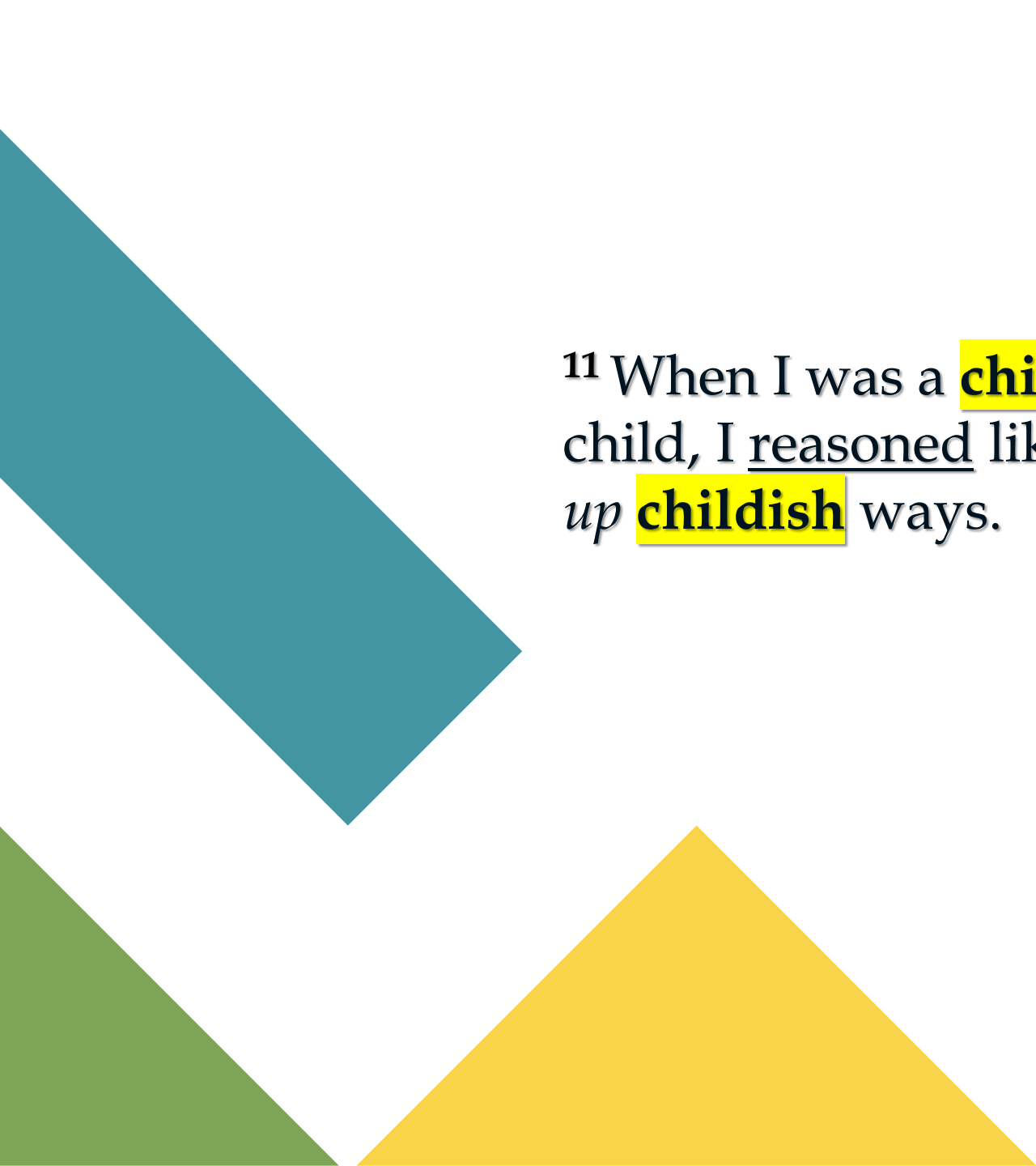


¹⁴ I have written to you, **fathers**,
Because you have known Him *who* is from the beginning.
I have written to you, **young men**,
Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in
you, and you have overcome the wicked one.

¹² I write to you, **little children**, [TEKNION]
Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

¹³ I write to you, **fathers**,
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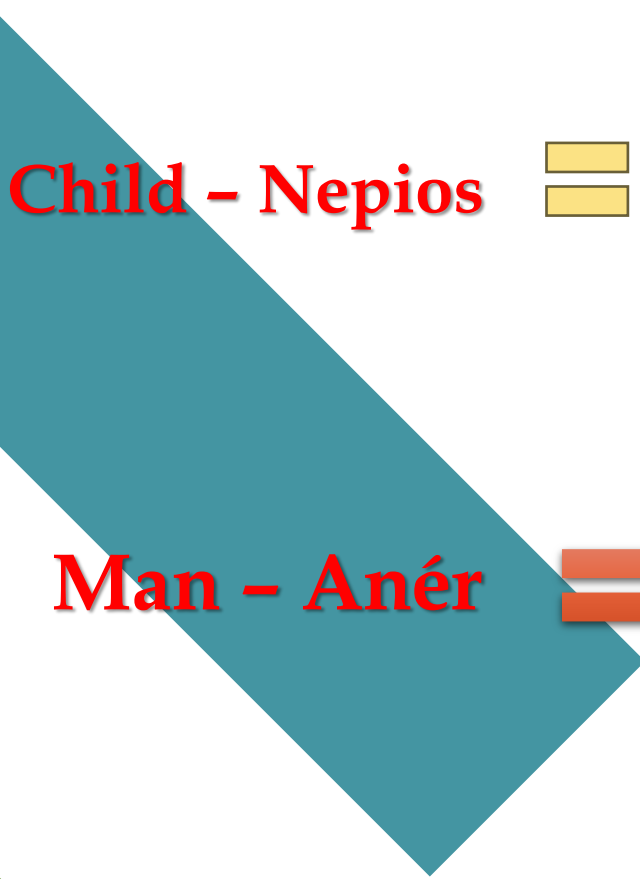
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you, and you have overcome the wicked one.



¹¹ When I was a **child**, I spoke like a **child**, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I *gave up* **childish** ways.

1 Corinthians 13:11 [NASB]

Child in Greek, Nepios = Infant



Child – Nepios =

SPOKE

THOUGHT

REASONED

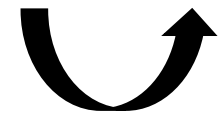


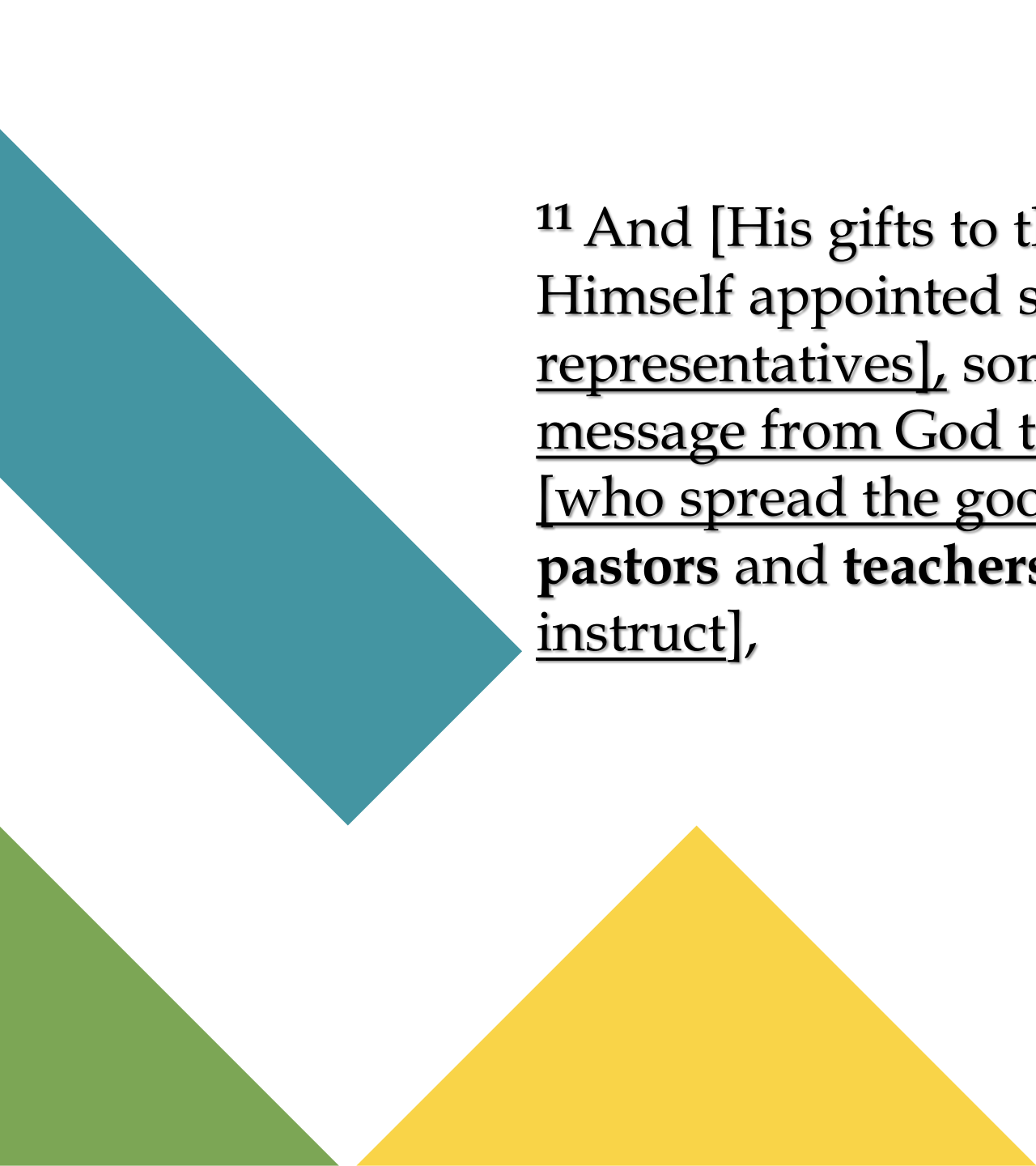
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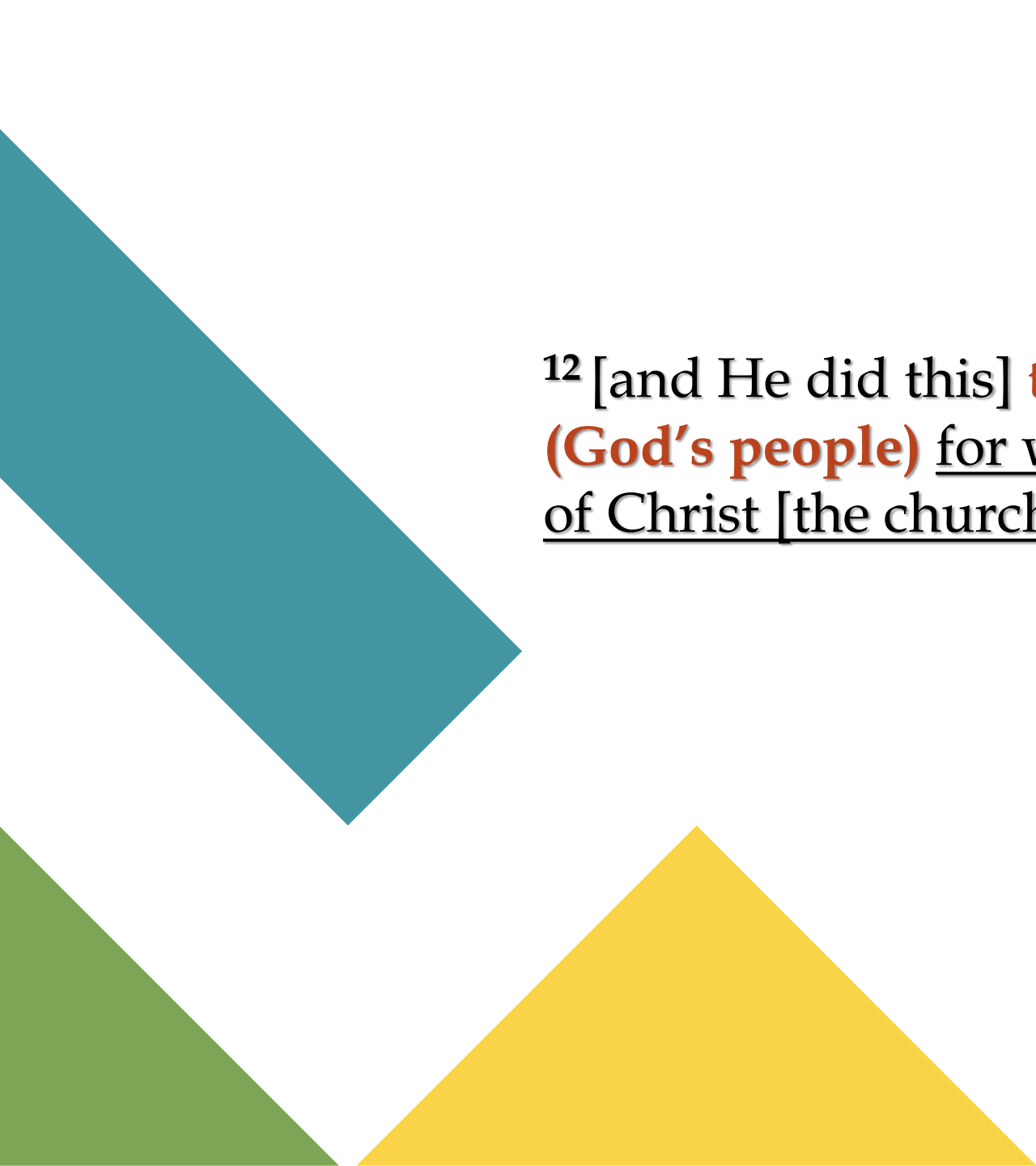
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¹¹ And [His gifts to the church were varied and] He Himself appointed some as **apostles** [special messengers, representatives], some as **prophets** [who speak a new message from God to the people], some as **evangelists** [who spread the good news of salvation], and some as **pastors and teachers** [to shepherd and guide and instruct],

Ephesians 4:11 [AMP]



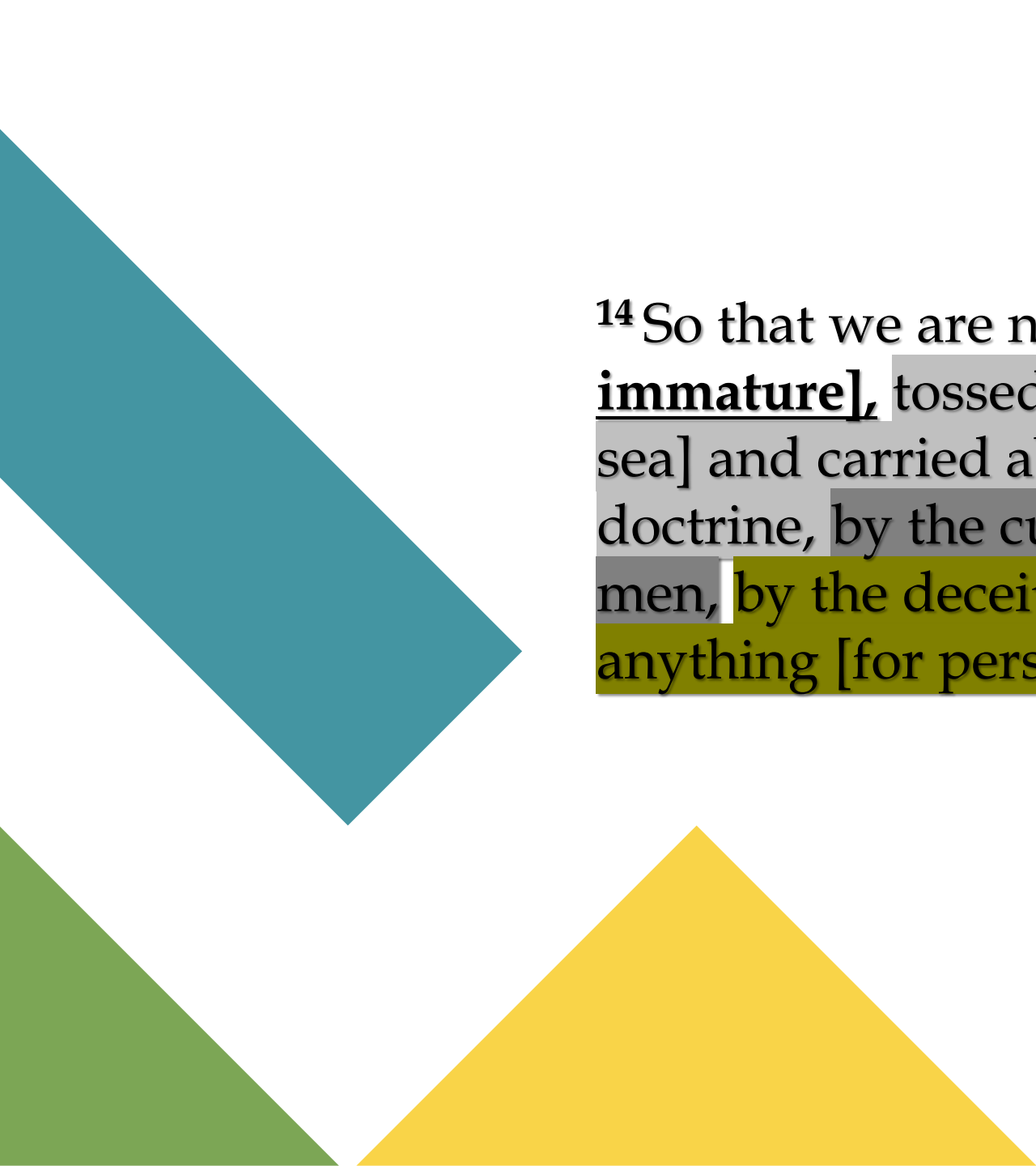
¹² [and He did this] **to fully equip *and* perfect the saints (God's people)** for works of service, to build up the body of Christ [the church];

Ephesians 4:12 [AMP]



¹³ **until** we all reach **oneness** in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, **[growing spiritually]** to **become a mature believer**, reaching to the measure of the fullness of Christ [manifesting His spiritual completeness and exercising our spiritual gifts in unity].

Ephesians 4:13 [AMP]



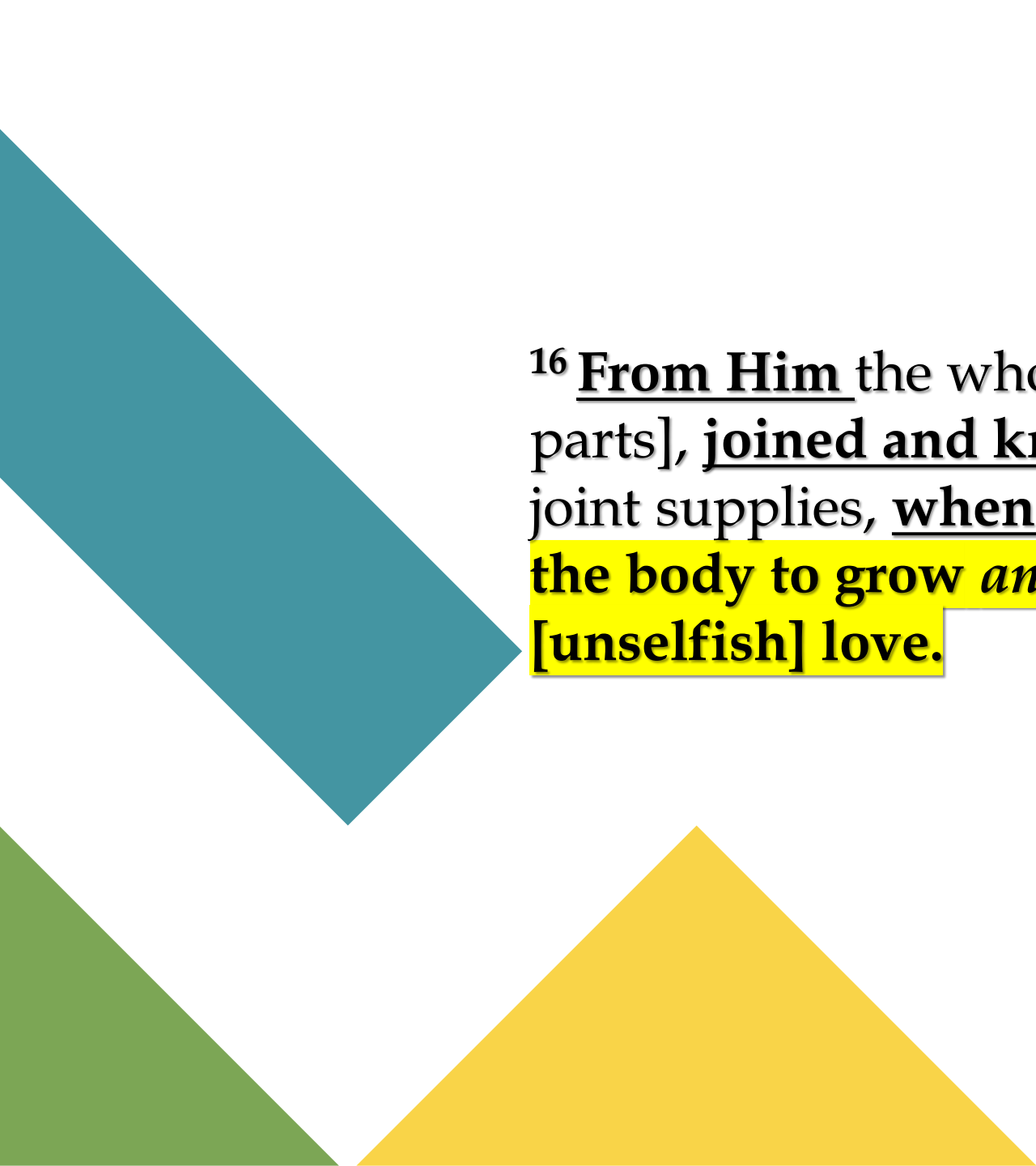
¹⁴ So that we are no longer children [spiritually immature], tossed back and forth [like ships on a stormy sea] and carried about by every wind of [shifting] doctrine, by the cunning *and* trickery of [unscrupulous] men, by the deceitful scheming of people ready to do anything [for personal profit].

Ephesians 4:14 [AMP]



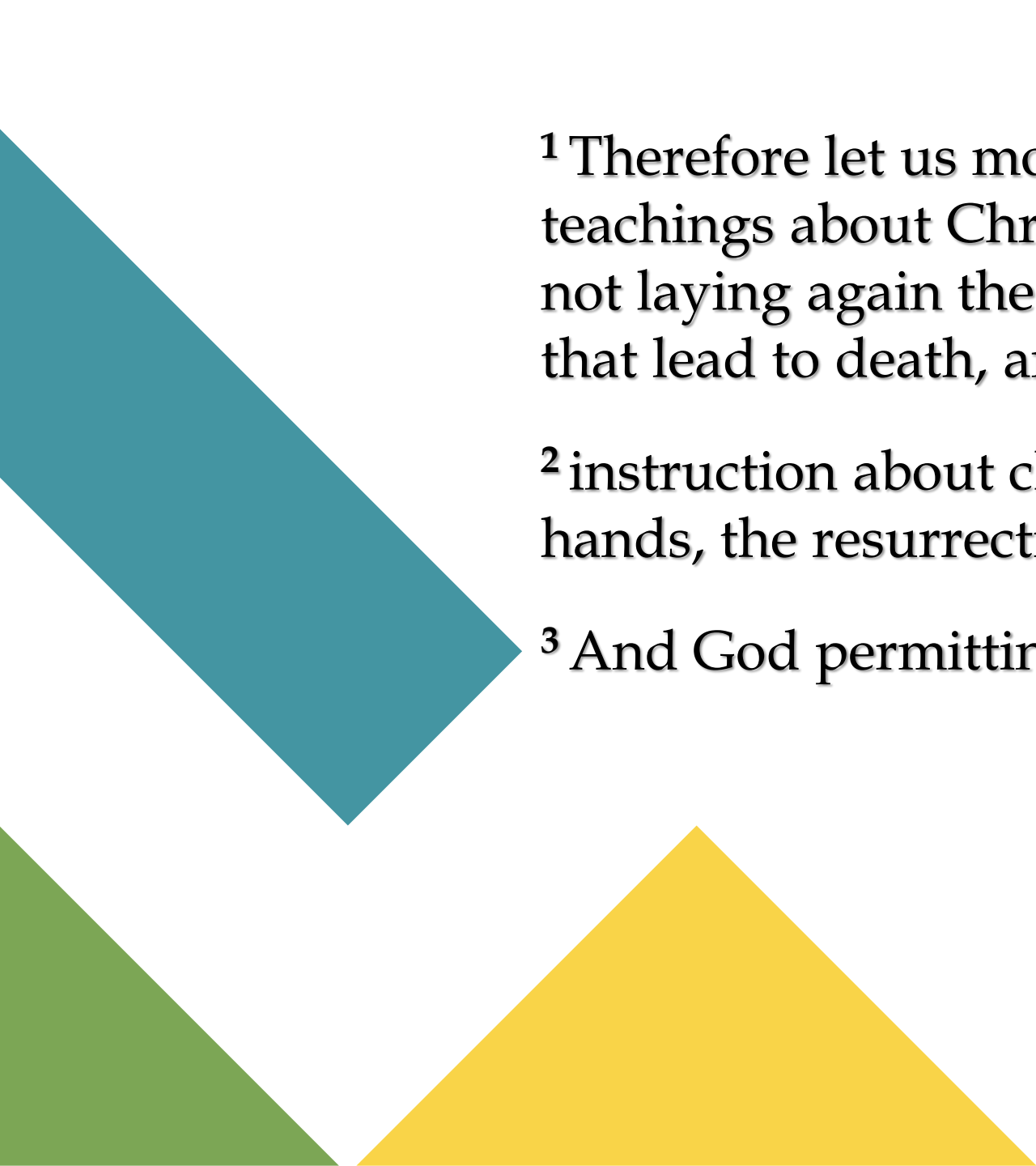
¹⁵ But speaking **the truth** in love [in all things – both our speech and our lives expressing His truth], **let us grow up in all *things* into Him** [following His example] who is the Head – Christ.

Ephesians 4:15 [AMP]



¹⁶ From Him the whole body [the church, in all its various parts], joined and knitted *firmly* together by what every joint supplies, when each part is working properly, causes the body to grow *and* mature, building itself up in [unselfish] love.

Ephesians 4:16 [AMP]



¹ Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God,

² instruction about cleansing rites, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

³ And God permitting, we will do so.

Hebrews 6:1-3 [NIV]

STAGES OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1] i) LITTLE CHILDREN
ii) LITTLE CHILDREN

2] YOUNG MEN

3] FATHERS

STAGES OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1] i) LITTLE CHILDREN

- Greek – [paidion].
- A *younger* child (perhaps seven years old or younger).
- A child under training.

STAGES OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1] ii) LITTLE CHILDREN

- Greek – [teknion].
- Young person [birth to adolescence].
- Spiritual teenagers.

STAGES OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

2] YOUNG MEN

- Greek [Neaniskos - a young man, a youth].
- Describes a youth in the prime of life.
- Possibly a young man functioning as a servant.
- Refers to the younger members of the Christian community.

STAGES OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

3] FATHERS

- Greek word - [*Patér* – *father*]
- One who *imparts* life and is *committed* to it.
- It is used of our heavenly *Father*.
- Refers to a begetter, originator, progenitor.

Identifying the Stages of SPIRITUAL growth

1] Anóthen [Born from above]

John 3:3 [Amplified Bible, Classic Edition]

³ Jesus answered him, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that unless a person is born again (anew, from above), he cannot ever see (know, be acquainted with, and experience) the kingdom of God.

John 3:3 [International Standard Version]

³ Jesus replied to him, "Truly, I tell you emphatically, unless a person is born from above he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Characteristics of anóthen

- New creation in Christ Jesus.
- The person's spirit is filled with the Holy Spirit.
- **New birth** is the outcome of his or her salvation experience.
- The person is a new spiritual baby [a babe in Christ].

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a **new creation** (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh *and* new has come! **AMPC**

Therefore if anyone is in Christ [that is, grafted in, joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior], *he is* a new creature [**reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit**]; the old things [the previous moral and spiritual condition] have passed away. Behold, new things have come [because **spiritual awakening brings a new life**]. **AMP**

2] Nepios [Infant]

- In Greek, nepios refers to new spiritual babies.
- In the physical, infants grow from this stage to other stages.
- Spiritually, a person can remain a nepios [infant] throughout their lifetime.

2] Nepios [Infant]

i) Unstable [spiritually]

Ephesians 4:14 [NIV]

Then we will no longer be **infants**, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

2] Nepios [Infant]

ii) Carnally Minded [worldly] – Jealousy; quarreling; undecisive.

1 Corinthians 3:1-4 [NIV]

¹ Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly – mere **infants** in Christ.

² I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready.

2] Nepios [Infant]

ii) Carnally Minded [worldly] – Jealousy; quareling; undecisive

1 Corinthians 3:1-4 [NIV]

³ You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans?

⁴ For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not mere human beings?

2] Nepios [Infant]

iii) Unskilled [spiritually] – In the Word of righteousness

Hebrews 5:13

Anyone who lives on **milk**, being still **an infant**, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. [NIV]

For someone who lives on milk is still **an infant** and doesn't know how to do what is right. [NLT]

2] Nepios [Infant]

iv) They Praise the Lord

Matthew 21:16 [NASB 1995]

and said to Him, "Do You hear what these children are saying?"
And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'OUT OF THE MOUTH OF **INFANTS** AND NURSING BABIES YOU HAVE PREPARED PRAISE FOR YOURSELF'?"

Summarily,

Nepios are spiritual babies characterized by

- crying when they do not get their way.
- causing conflict.
- causing division.
- causing strife.
- being self-centered and quick to gossip.
- whining.
- pride.

3] Paidion

- Greek – [paidion].
- A *younger* child (perhaps seven years old or younger).
- A child under training.

3] Paidion

i) Spiritually, paidion, know the Father.

1 John 2:13 [NIV]

... I write to you, **little children**, **[PAIDION]** because you have known the Father.

- They have a relationship with God the Father and have begun to know Him intimately.

3] Paidion

ii) Humble

Matthew 18:4 [KJB]

Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this **little**
child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

3] Paidion

iii) Disciples

John 21:5 [NKJV]

Then Jesus said to them, “**Children,** have you any food?”

They answered Him, “No.”

3] Paidion

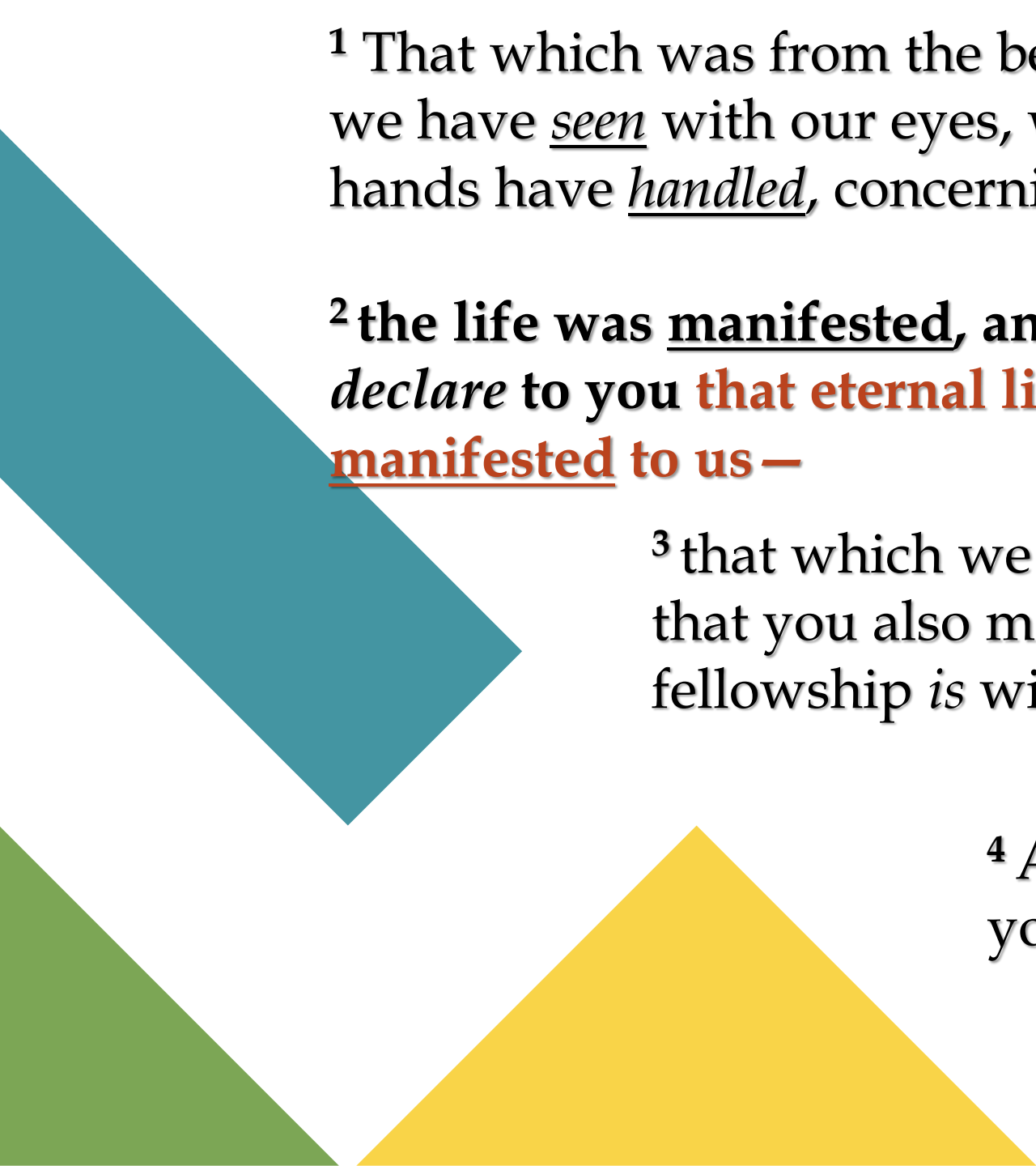
- At this stage [paidion], the individual is still capable of disconnecting from their assignment following an offense, a heartbreak or bitter moment.
- Paidion need to stay under the tutelage of a father because they are not ready for the world on their own, yet.



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Pt. 7

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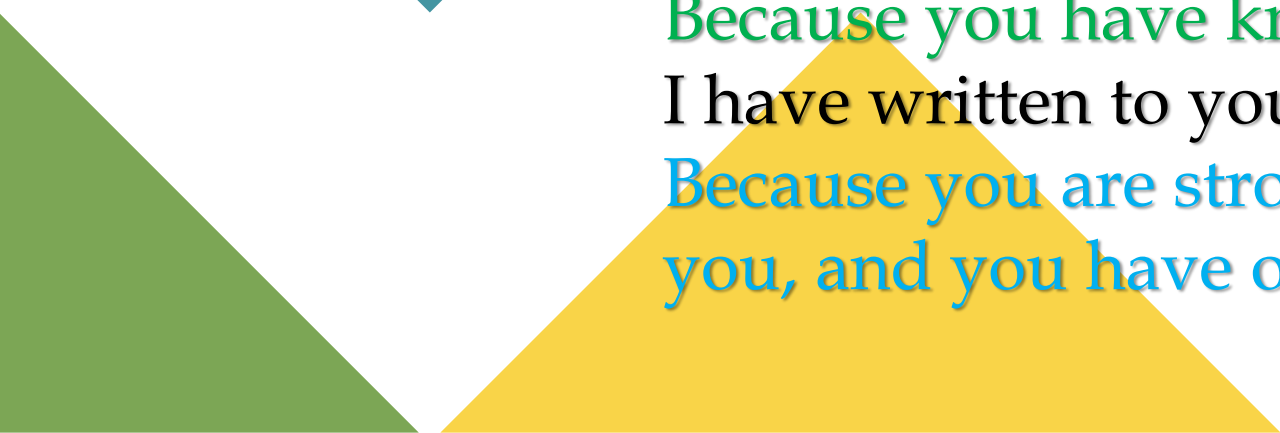
Questions

- What happens if an infant decides to cook, feed themselves, do laundry or keep a job?
 - Most teenagers think they are adults until they need adult [or parental consent].
 - This series requires that we check ourselves and also helps us realize that we need to be very humble and submissive.
 - It takes humility and true submission to learn and grow.
 - The Lord told me recently that you do not receive a mantle standing.
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- I will like to add that it is with joy that you draw from the wells of salvation not with annoyance, anger and resistance.
 - Signs of maturity- identifying I have a problem - seek help humbly- implement what you received - help others gracefully.



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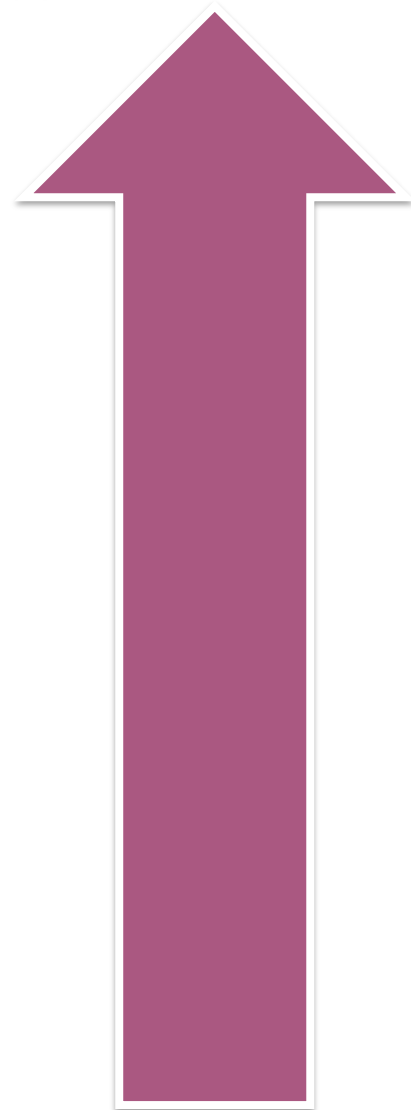
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The Stages...



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☐ NEANISKOS

☐ TEKNON

☐ PAIDION

☐ NEPIOS

☐ ANÓTHEN

4] Teknon

- Young person [birth to adolescence].
- Spiritual teenagers.
- Spiritually, they move from just knowing God to dealing with the world.

4] Teknon

- i) They have begun to gain understanding about their identity in Christ. [or have gained understanding about their identity in Christ].

- 1 John 2:12 [NKJV]

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4] Teknon

ii) They have begun to gain understanding of the blood of Jesus Christ and its function.

1 John 2:1-2 [NKJV]

¹ My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

² And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

4] Teknon

iii) They abide in Christ [and are encouraged to abide in Christ].
Greek - menó: to stay, abide, remain

1 John 2:28-29 [NKJV]

²⁸ And now, **little children, abide in Him**, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

²⁹ If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

4] Teknon

iv) Live pure (holy, sacred) lives because they are conscious of the Father's love towards them.

1 John 3:1-3 [NKJV]

¹ Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called **children of God!** Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

4] Teknon

iv) Live pure lives because they are conscious of the Father's love towards them.

² Beloved, now we are **children of God**; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as **He is pure.**

4] Teknon

v) Guard against deception

1 John 3:7-10 [NKJV]

⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.

⁸ He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

4] Teknon

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ 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.

4] Teknon

vi) Love in, deed (work) and in truth (word). They walk in truth.

1 John 3:18 [NKJV]

18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

19 And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.

4] Teknon

vi) Love in, deed (work) and in truth (word). They walk in truth.

2 John 1:4 [NKJV]

⁴I rejoiced greatly that I have found *some* of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father.

4] Teknon

vi) Love in, deed (work) and in truth (word). They walk in truth.

3 John 1:4 [NKJV]

⁴I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

4] Teknon

vii) Have learned to overcome.

- 1 John 4:1-4 [NKJV]

¹ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

² By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,

4] Teknon

³ and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

⁴ **You are of God, little children, and have overcome them,** because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

4] Teknon

viii) Are encouraged to keep themselves away from idols.

1 John 5:21 [NKJV]

²¹ Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

4] Teknon

ix) Imitators of God the Father

Ephesians 5:1 [AMP]

¹ Therefore become imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved **children** [imitate their father];

4] Teknon

x) The teknon stage is a stage whereby the individual is determined to have Christ formed in their character, their personality and their life.

Galatians 4:19 [AMP]

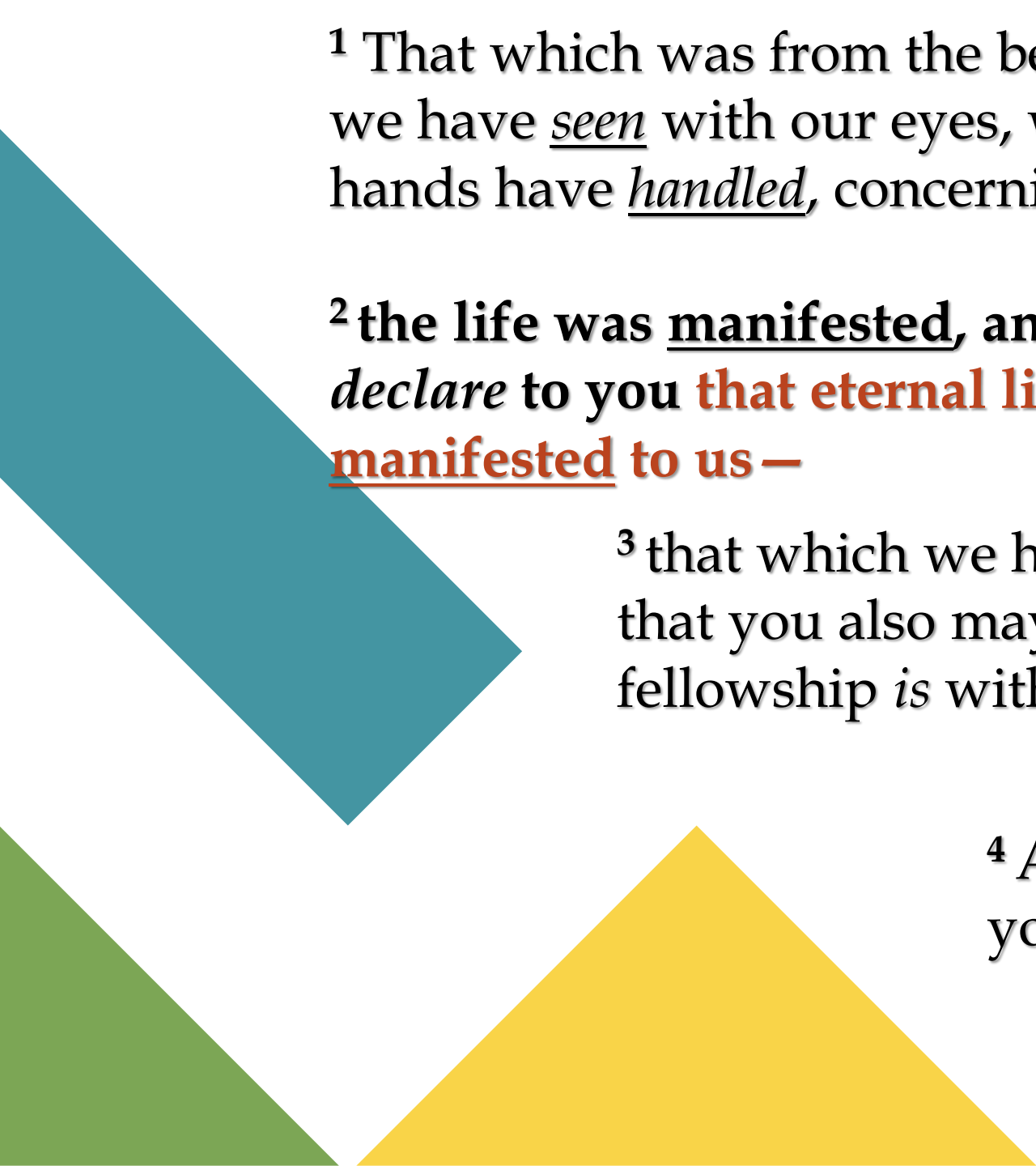
¹⁹ My **little children**, for whom I am again in [the pains of] labor until Christ is [completely and permanently] formed within you.



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1 John 1:1-4 [NKJV]



¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the *Word of life* —

² the life was manifested, and we have *seen*, and *bear witness*, and *declare to you* **that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us** —

³ that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

⁴ And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.



Manifesting

The Stages ~~OF~~
Fruitfulness

& 

The Stages ~~OF~~
Spiritual Growth.



John 15:1-8; 13-16 [NKJV]



1 John 2:12-14 [NKJV]

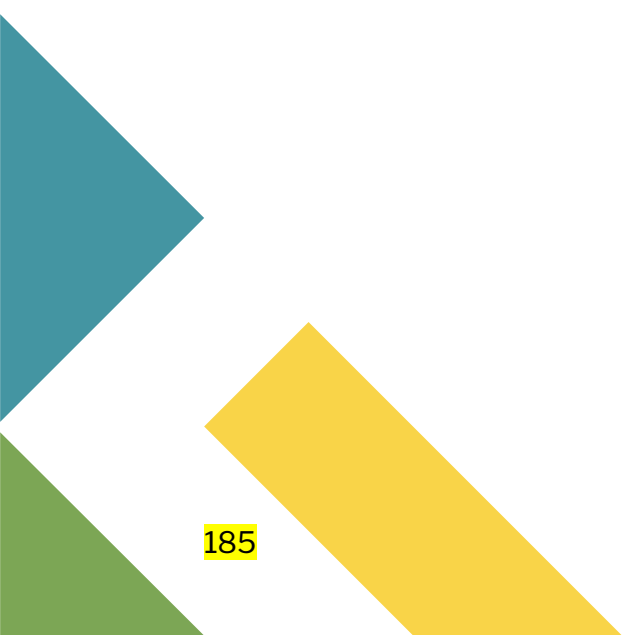


Manifesting

The Stages **OF** Spiritual Growth.

1 John 2:12-14 [NKJV]

The Stages...



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STAGES OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

2] YOUNG MEN

- Greek [Neaniskos - a young man, a youth].
- Describes a youth in the prime of life.
- Possibly a young man functioning as a servant.
- Refers to the younger members of the Christian community [in age and/or maturity].

Neaniskos

i) Neaniskos - the Word of God abides in them, and they have overcome the wicked one

1 John 2:13,14 [NKJV]

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Neaniskos

i) Neaniskos - the Word of God abides in them, and they have **overcome** the wicked one.

nikaó: to conquer, prevail

Lechem and Lacham

- Lechem (noun) comes from the root word lacham (verb).
- Lechem means bread.
- Lacham means to prevail; to make war; fight; do battle; devour.

Neaniskos

ii) Neaniskos is thought to be the category between teknon and huioi because they are still maturing and need to learn how to be led by the spirit.

Neaniskos

Matthew 19:16-22 [NKJV] Jesus Counsels the Rich Young Ruler

¹⁶ Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what **good thing** shall I do that I may have eternal life?”

¹⁷ So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is*, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”

Neaniskos

¹⁸ He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’

¹⁹ ‘Honor your father and *your* mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

²⁰ The **young man** said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?”

Neaniskos

²¹ Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”

²² But when **the young man** heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Therefore, neoniskos...

- Need to learn how to leave beyond the “letter” and move to a place of experiencing Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 3:4-6.
- Need to learn self sacrificing for the kingdom.
- Need to let go of living from a place of spiritual “dos” and “don’ts”. Rather, from a place of relationship and intimacy with the Holy Spirit.

Neaniskos

iii) Neaniskos see visions.

Acts 2:17 [NKJV]

¹⁷ 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,
That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your young men shall see visions,
Your old men shall dream dreams.

☐ Seeing visions is not prove of spiritual maturity or evidence of being led by the Spirit.

Neaniskos

iv) Neaniskos serve leadership.

Acts 5:9-10 NKJV

⁹ Then Peter said to her, “How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, **the feet of those who have buried your husband *are* at the door, and they will carry you out.**”

¹⁰ Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And **the young men** came in and found her dead, and carrying *her* out, **buried *her* by her husband.**

NEXT...

NEANISKOS



HUIOS

HuioS – Son; Descendant

Matthew 16:16 [NIV]

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the **Son** of the living God.”

Matthew 1:20 [NIV]

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph **son** of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

Huios – Son; Descendant

- They are led by the Spirit of God. **This is their defining characteristic.**

Romans 8:14 [KJB]

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the **sons** of God.

- When you see a Christian who *says* and *does* the right thing at the right time consistently, you can assess that you are in the presence of a HUIOS level believer.

Huio - Son; Descendant

- At this level they are positioned to fully access all the promises of God because Jesus is fully functioning as Lord in their lives.

Proverbs 3:5-6 [NKJV]

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;

⁶ *In all your ways acknowledge Him*, and He shall direct your paths.

Huios – Son; Descendant

- At the ANÓTHEN, NEPIOS, PAIDION, TEKNON, and NEONISKOS levels, spiritual fathers and mothers help them access the promises of God by prayer, instruction and counsel.

This is a primary function of spiritual fathers and mothers.

Sons of God - huios

i) Matthew 5:9 – Peace makers [end fights]

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called **children of God.** [NKJV]

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called **sons of God.** [ASV]

Sons of God - huios

ii) Matthew 5:44-45 [NKJV] – Love their *enemies* and pray for those who *persecute* them

⁴⁴ But I tell you, **love** your enemies and **pray** for those who persecute you,

⁴⁵ that you may **be children of your Father** in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

Sons of God - **huios**

iii) Matthew 13:38 – They are referred to as good seed

³⁸ The field is the world, the good seeds are **the sons** of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked *one*.

Sons of God - huios

iv) 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 [NKJV] – Their lifestyles are separate from unbelievers, iniquity, darkness and idols.

¹⁴ Do not be *unequally yoked* together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with *lawlessness*? And what communion has light with *darkness*?

¹⁵ And what accord has Christ with *Belial*? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?

Sons of God - huios

¹⁶ And what agreement has the temple of God with *idols*? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

“I will dwell in them
And walk among *them*.
I will be their God,
And they shall be My people.”

Sons of God - huios

¹⁷ Therefore

*“Come out from among them
And be *separate*, says the Lord.
Do not touch what is unclean,
And I will receive you.”*

¹⁸ “I will be a Father to you,
And you shall be My **sons** and daughters,
Says the LORD Almighty.”

Sons of God - **huios**

v) Galatians 4:7 [NKJV] - They are heirs of God.

⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave but **a son**, and if **a son**, then an heir of God through Christ.

Heir: a person legally entitled to the property or rank of another on that person's death:

Sons of God - huios

vi) Hebrews 2:10 [NLT] - Live conscious of the truth that they have been brought to glory.

¹⁰ God, for whom and through whom everything was made, **chose to bring many children into glory**. And it was only right that he should make Jesus, through his suffering, a perfect leader, fit to bring them into their salvation.

Sons of God - **huios**

vii) 1 Thessalonians 5:5-11 [NKJV] - They do not sleep spiritually, but put on the armor of God, exhorting and building each other up.

⁵ You are all **sons** of light and **sons** of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be sober.

⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.

Sons of God - huios

vii) 1 Thessalonians 5:5-11 [NKJV] - They do not sleep spiritually, but put on the armor of God, exhorting and building each other up.

⁸ But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and *as* a helmet the hope of salvation.

⁹ For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Sons of God - huios

vii) 1 Thessalonians 5:5-11 [NKJV] - They do not sleep spiritually, but put on the armor of God, exhorting and building each other up.

¹⁰ who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

¹¹ Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

Sons of God - huios

viii) Hebrews 5:8 [NKJV] - They learn to be obedient through suffering.

⁸ though He was **a Son**, *yet* He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.

Sons of God - huios

ix) Hebrews 12:5 [NKJV] - They are chastened of the Lord.

⁵ And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to **sons**: “My **son**, do not despise **the chastening** of the LORD, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;

Sons of God - huios

x) 2 Peter 1:17 [NKJV] - They are beloved of the Father.

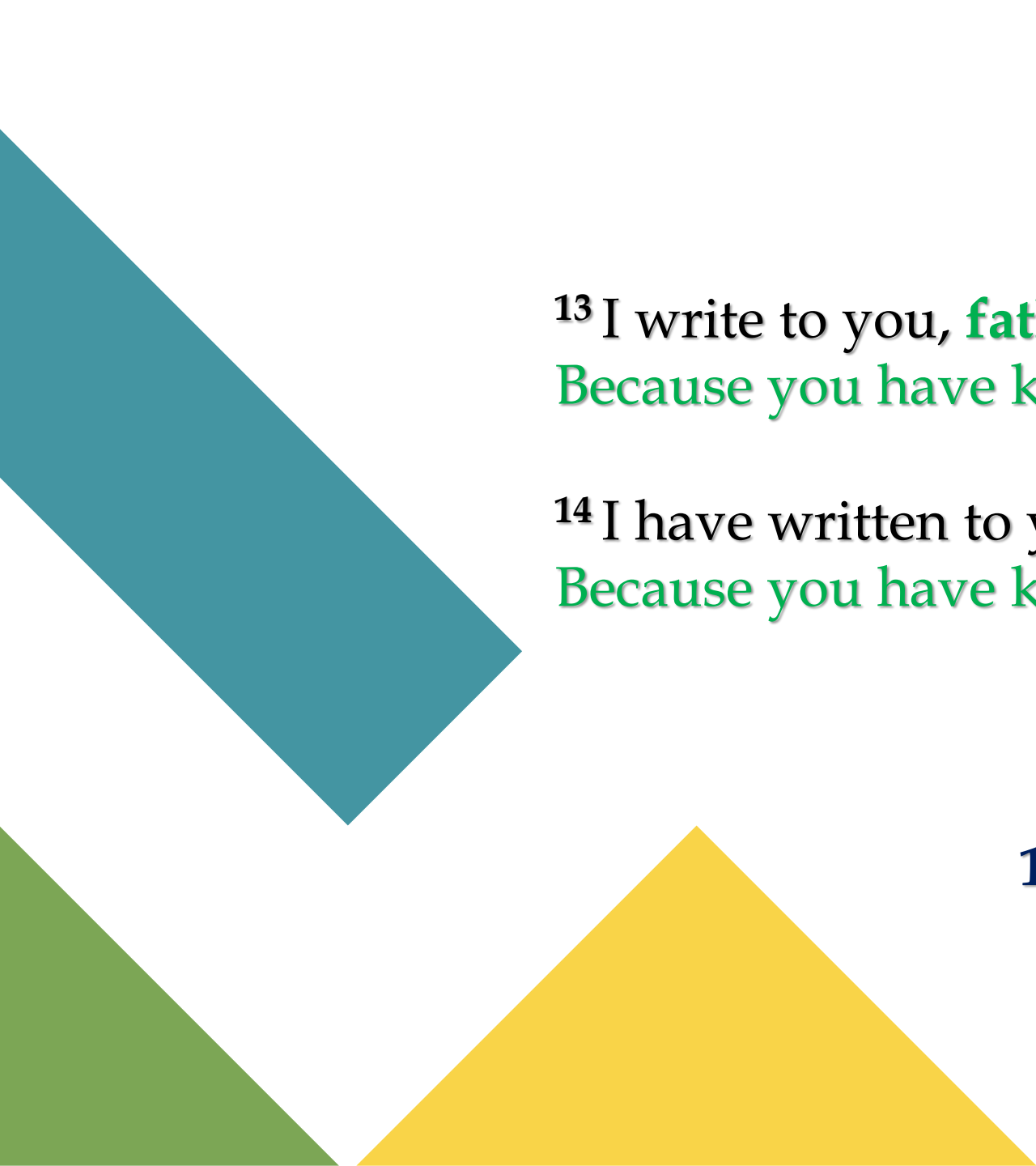
¹⁷ For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved **Son**, in whom I am well pleased.”

NEXT...

HUIOS



PATÉR



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1 John 2:12-14 [NKJV]

Patér

1 Corinthians 4:15 [NKJV]

¹⁵ For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *you do not have* many **fathers**; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you **through the gospel**.

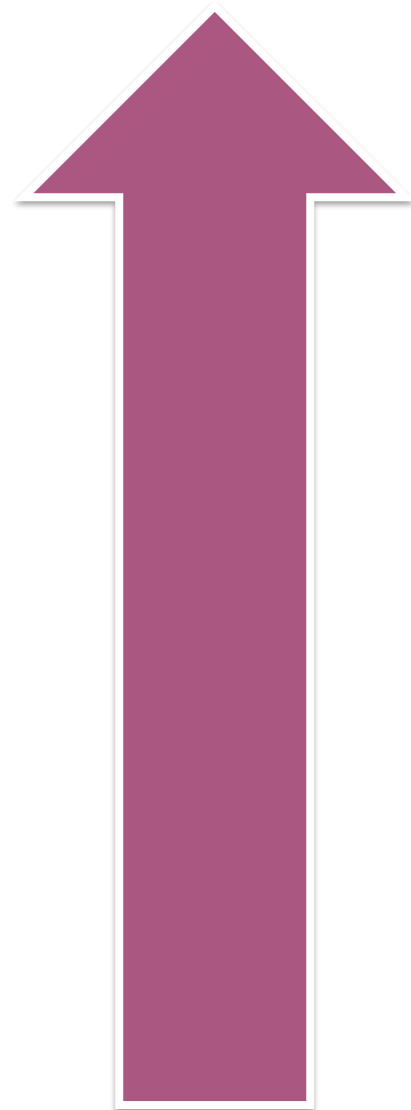
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- The NEPIOS, PAIDION, TEKNON, and NEONISKOS need the continual attention, comfort and edification of the **Patér**.
- HUIOS need a **Patér** as a mentor.
- Fathers charge, exhort, encourage and testify to the believers to the end they walk worthily of God.

1 Thessalonians 2:11 [NKJV]

As you know how we **exhorted**, and **comforted**, and **charged** every one of you, as a **father** *does* his own children.

The END.



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