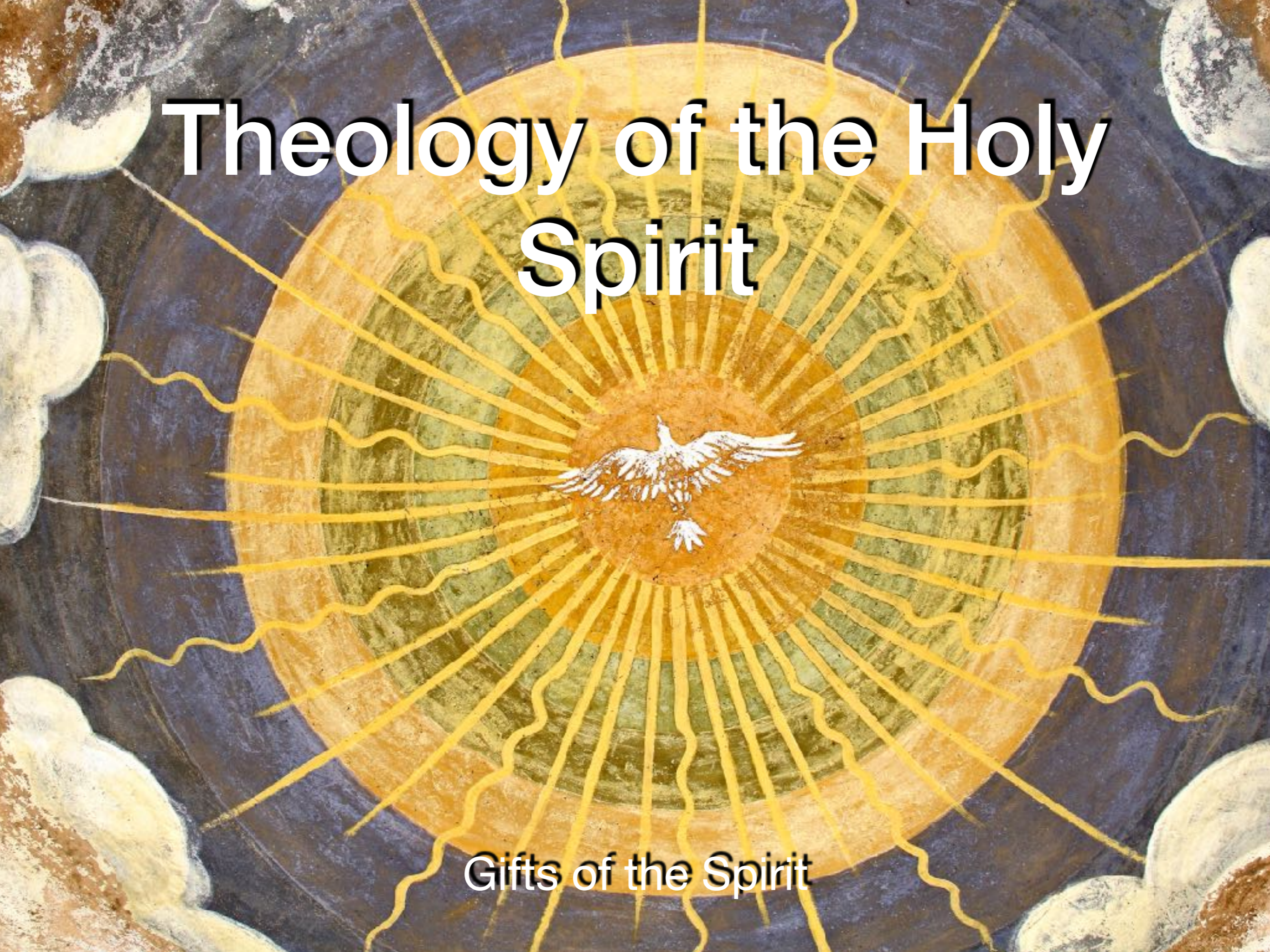
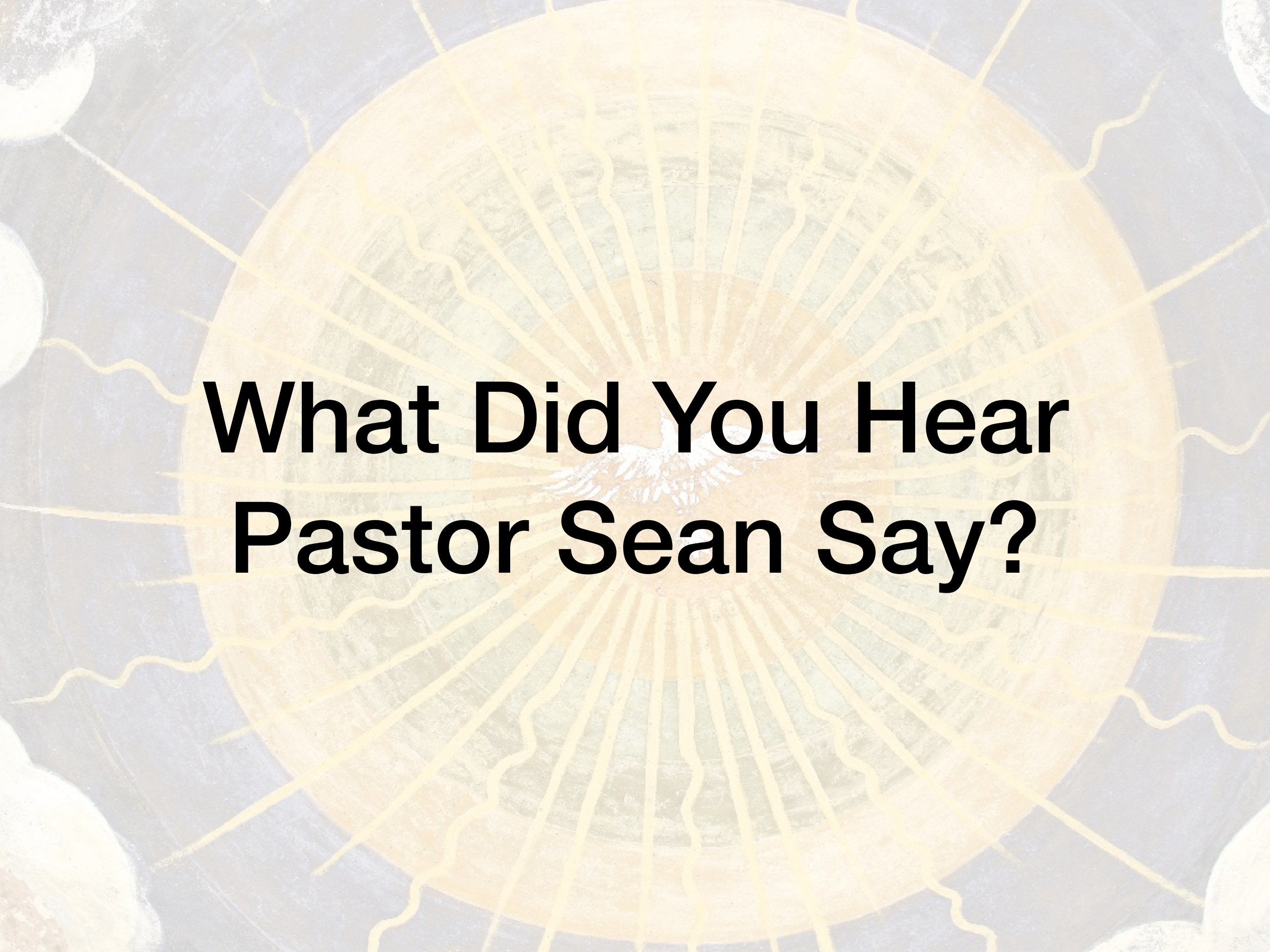


Theology of the Holy Spirit

Gifts of the Spirit



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**What Did You Hear
Pastor Sean Say?**

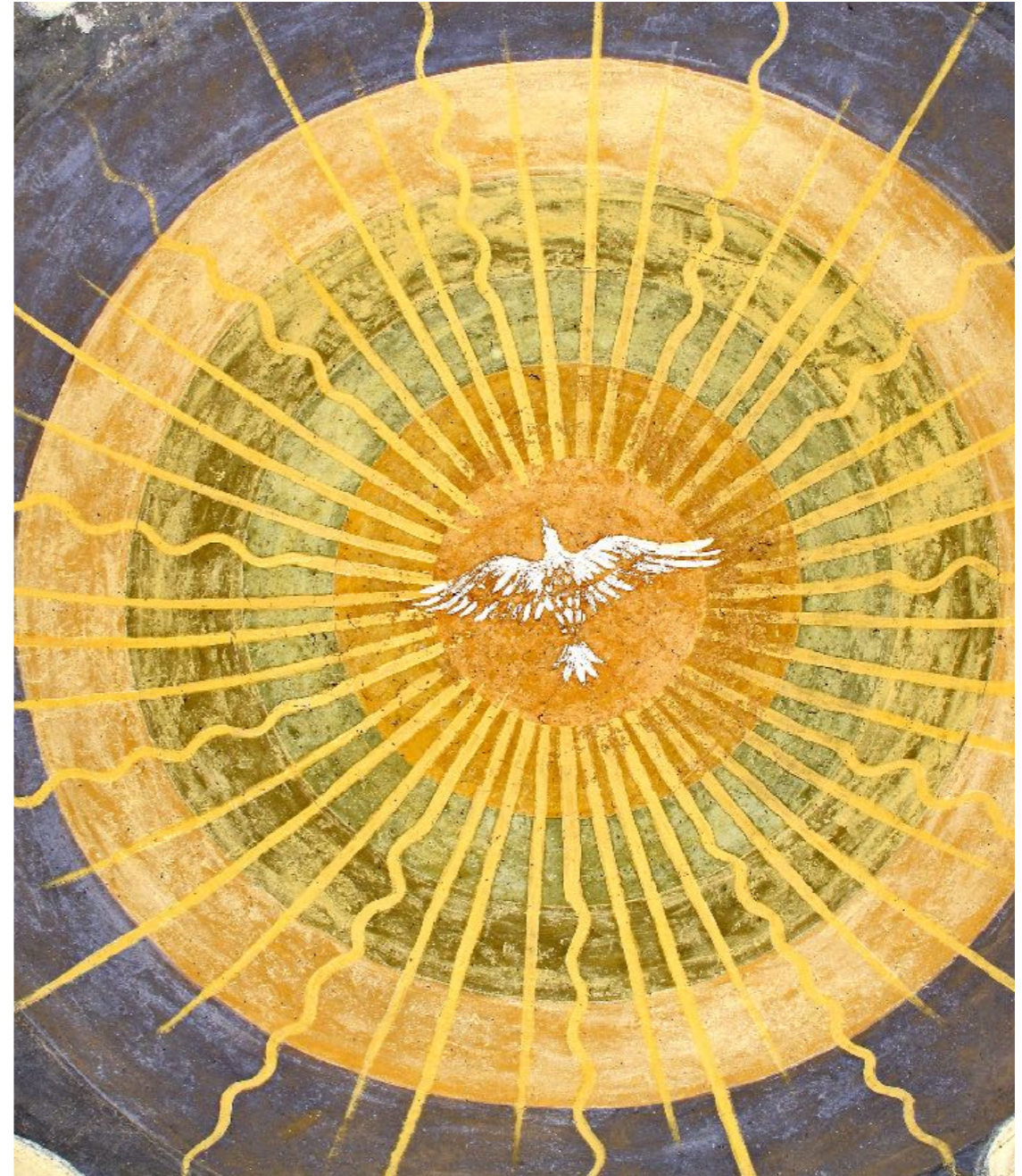
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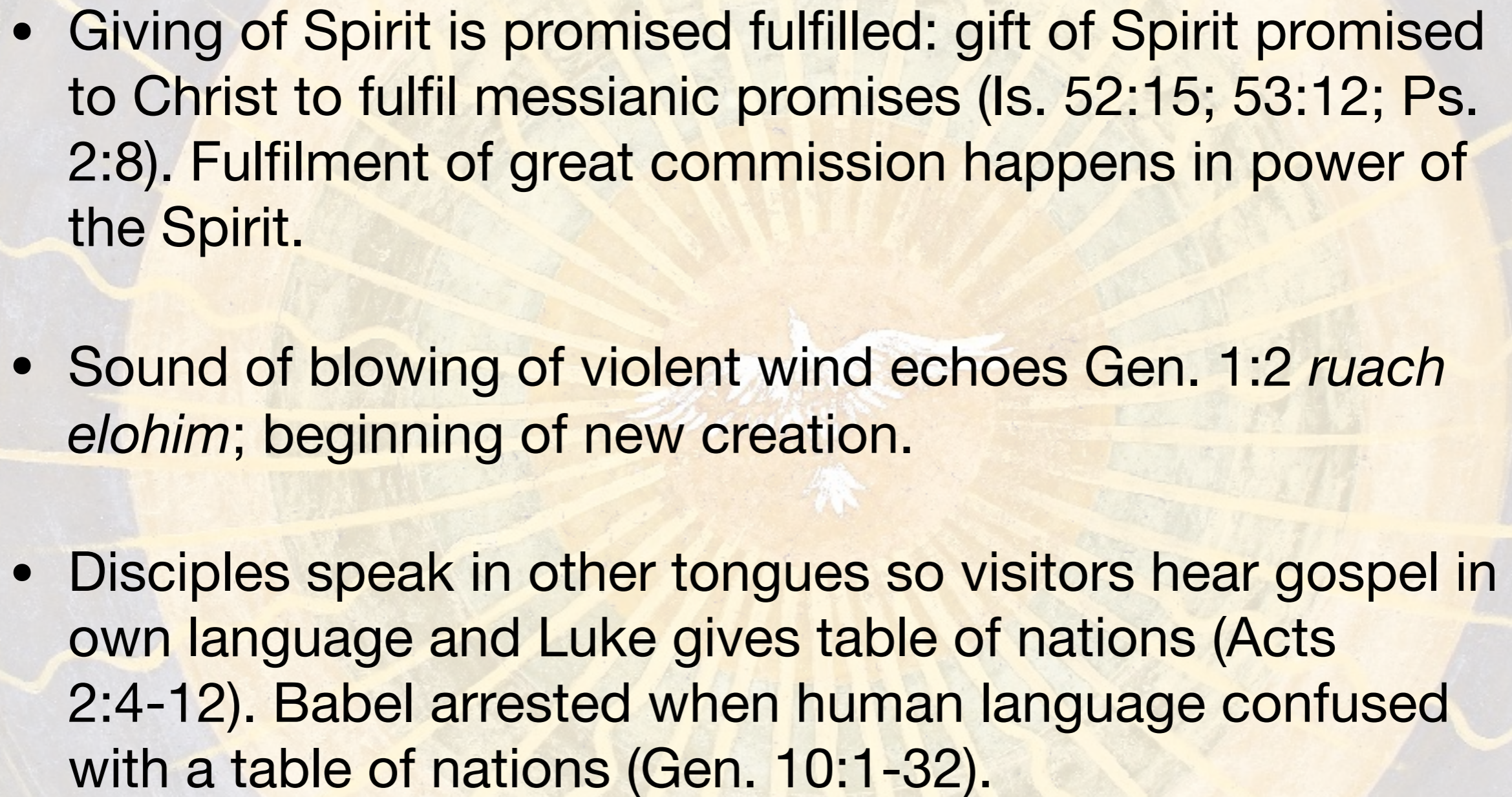
- Pentecost fulfilment of promise of HS (Acts 1:4-5, 8)
- Public mark of transition from OT to NT (2 Cor. 6:2)
- Future life invades present evil age (1 Cor. 10:11)



Luke-Acts

- John announced Jesus's baptism will be Spirit and fire, i.e. messianic age through destruction
- Jesus understood giving Spirit bringing new age, but he himself would experience baptism of fire (cross=judgment)
- Post resurrection no mention of fire with giving of HS



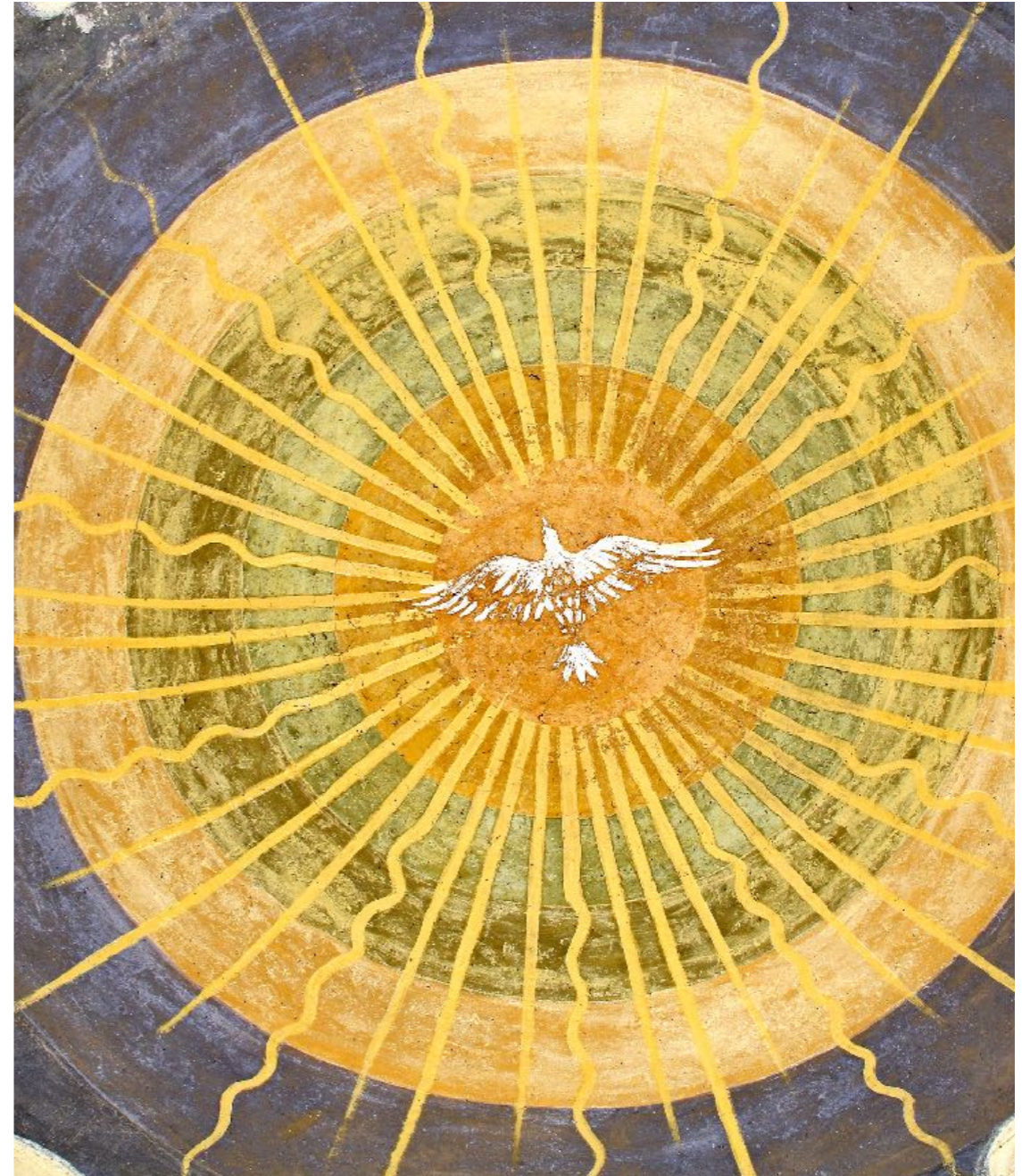
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- Giving of Spirit is promised fulfilled: gift of Spirit promised to Christ to fulfil messianic promises (Is. 52:15; 53:12; Ps. 2:8). Fulfilment of great commission happens in power of the Spirit.
 - Sound of blowing of violent wind echoes Gen. 1:2 *ruach elohim*; beginning of new creation.
 - Disciples speak in other tongues so visitors hear gospel in own language and Luke gives table of nations (Acts 2:4-12). Babel arrested when human language confused with a table of nations (Gen. 10:1-32).

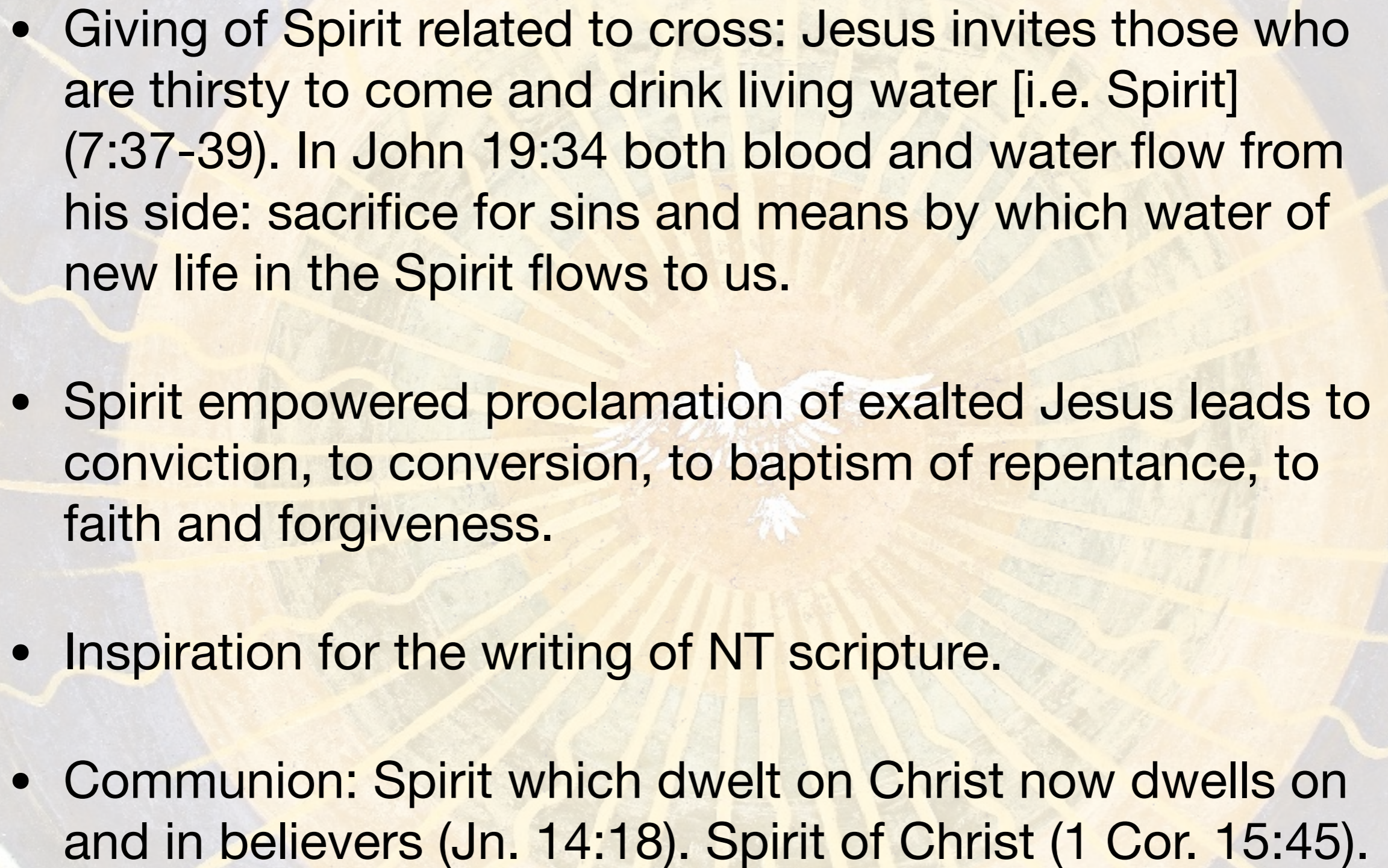
- Echo of Sinai: Moses ascended and came down with Law. Jesus ascends and gives gift of Spirit to write law on believers hearts and enables them to fulfil the law. New covenant promise fulfilled.



John

- Not an alternate version of Pentecost
- In John's theology coming of Spirit dependant on ascension/exaltation (Jn. 14:16-17).
- Jesus's actions symbolic: breath on disciples echoes Gn. 2:7 breathing life, i.e. new creation.
- Equipping apostles for new phase of ministry, i.e. forgiving sins



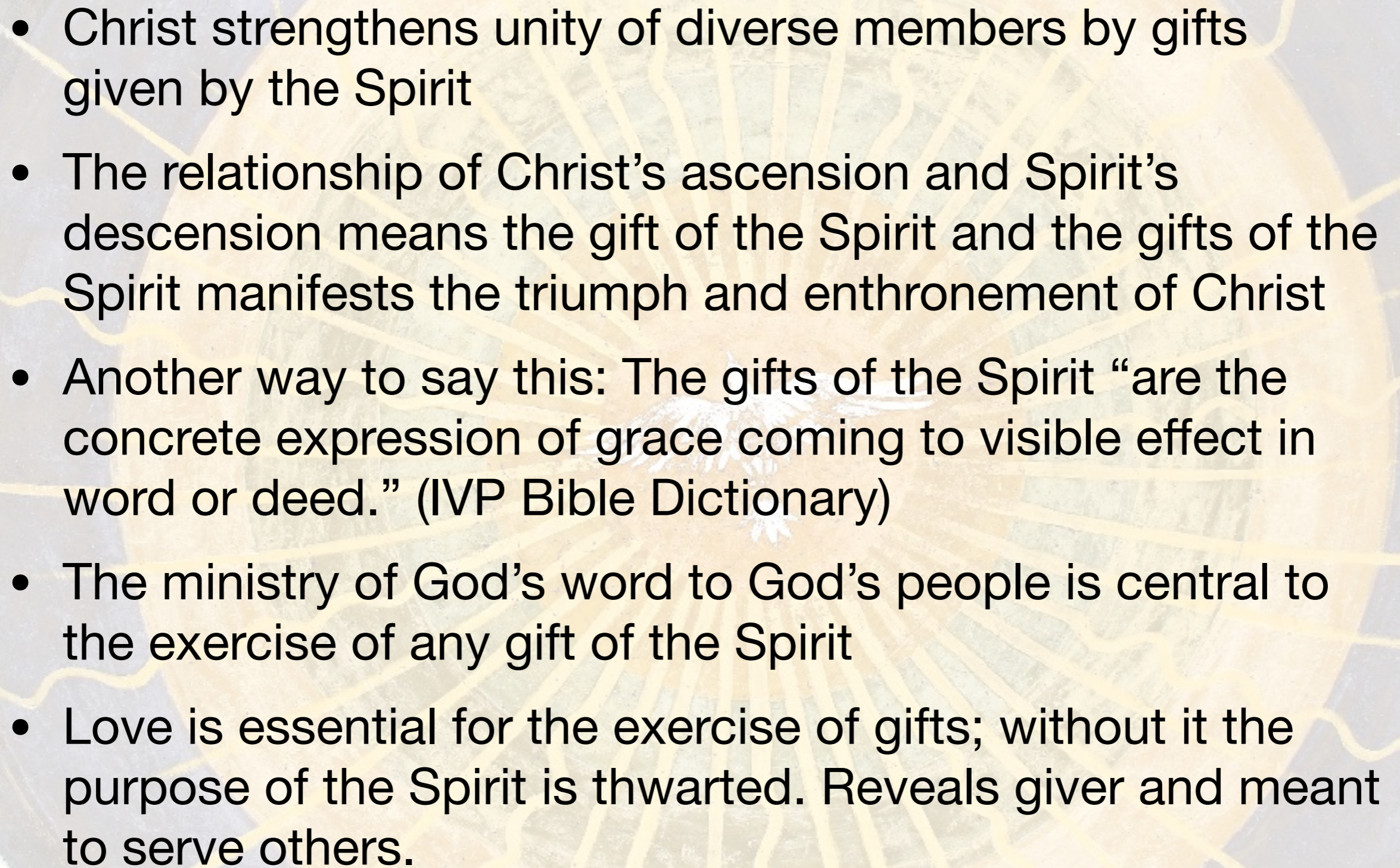
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- Giving of Spirit related to cross: Jesus invites those who are thirsty to come and drink living water [i.e. Spirit] (7:37-39). In John 19:34 both blood and water flow from his side: sacrifice for sins and means by which water of new life in the Spirit flows to us.
 - Spirit empowered proclamation of exalted Jesus leads to conviction, to conversion, to baptism of repentance, to faith and forgiveness.
 - Inspiration for the writing of NT scripture.
 - Communion: Spirit which dwelt on Christ now dwells on and in believers (Jn. 14:18). Spirit of Christ (1 Cor. 15:45).

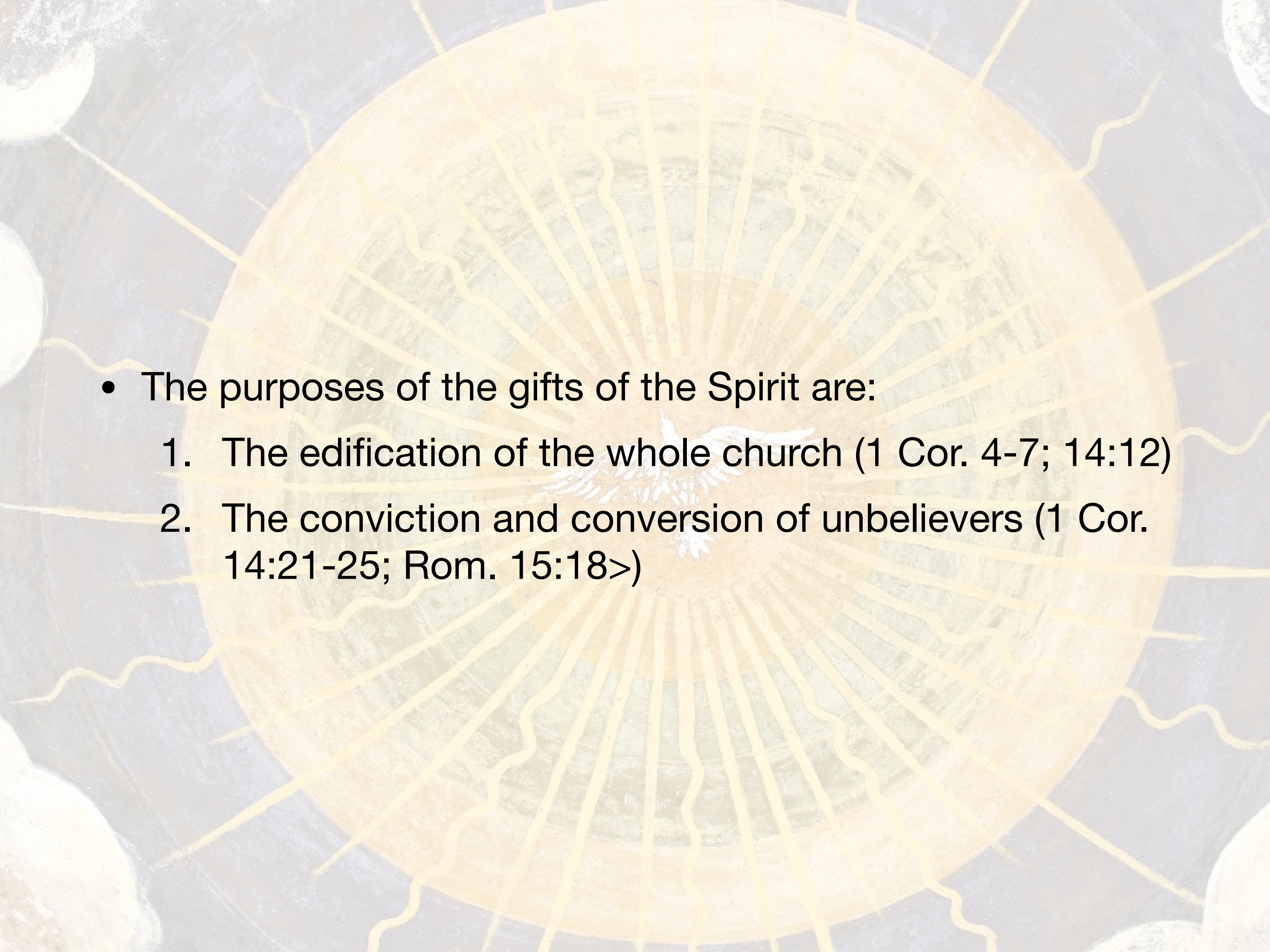
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But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,
he took many captives
and gave gifts to his people.”

– *Ephesians 4:7-8*

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- Christ strengthens unity of diverse members by gifts given by the Spirit
 - The relationship of Christ's ascension and Spirit's descension means the gift of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit manifests the triumph and enthronement of Christ
 - Another way to say this: The gifts of the Spirit "are the concrete expression of grace coming to visible effect in word or deed." (IVP Bible Dictionary)
 - The ministry of God's word to God's people is central to the exercise of any gift of the Spirit
 - Love is essential for the exercise of gifts; without it the purpose of the Spirit is thwarted. Reveals giver and meant to serve others.

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- The purposes of the gifts of the Spirit are:
 1. The edification of the whole church (1 Cor. 4-7; 14:12)
 2. The conviction and conversion of unbelievers (1 Cor. 14:21-25; Rom. 15:18>)

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**The gift of the Spirit is
salvation in Christ**

1 Cor. 12:8-11

- wisdom-word
- knowledge-word
- faith
- healing gifts
- miracle-working
- prophecy
- distinguishing spirits
- speaking in tongues
- interpreting tongues

1 Cor. 12:28

- apostles
- prophets
- teachers
- miracle-workers
- healing
- helps
- administration
- tongues

Rom. 12:6-8

- prophecy
- service
- teaching
- exhorting
- giving
- leadership
- mercy-ministry

Eph. 4:11

- apostles
- prophets
- evangelists
- pastors/
- teachers

1 Pet. 4:11

- speaking
- serving

✦ *Word of Wisdom*

Against backdrop of Corinth valuing knowledge, wisdom and ability of rhetoric. Bled into church, but Paul not impressed. True wisdom is God's hidden wisdom, the message of the cross: God's power revealed in Christ's weakness.

So utterance of wisdom likely revelation of divine mysteries based on insight into God's purposes not human reasoning.

✦ *Word of Knowledge*

An ability to speak knowledge publicly, i.e. imparting knowledge about God. So, gift of teaching. Also, supernatural impartation of knowledge about human need or situation — though this may fit better under prophecy or revelation.



✦ *Faith*

A particular endowment of faith, the kind that moves mountains. Nothing God calls us to accomplish is impossible if we exercise complete faith. Presupposes we are acting on God's will vs. our own — not to get what we want but to fulfil God's commission.



✦ *Gifts of Healing*

Plural may indicate different Christians have faith to pray for different kinds of ailments, i.e. special faiths for healing particular infirmities. God often works dramatic healings to meet needs of his children or draw attention to their gospel.



✦ *Working of Miracles*

Demonstrations of Power. Plural may indicate diverse kinds of working for different miracle workers. Likely overlaps with healing and faith. Also, likely nature miracles and exorcism of demon possessed.

✦ *Prophecy*

Involves God speaking to or through a servant. While it is proclaiming/preaching, it is more. It is broad enough to include any message from the Lord. Paul means specifically, revelatory words spoken in a congregational setting. This is different than teaching (expounding scripture/gospel).



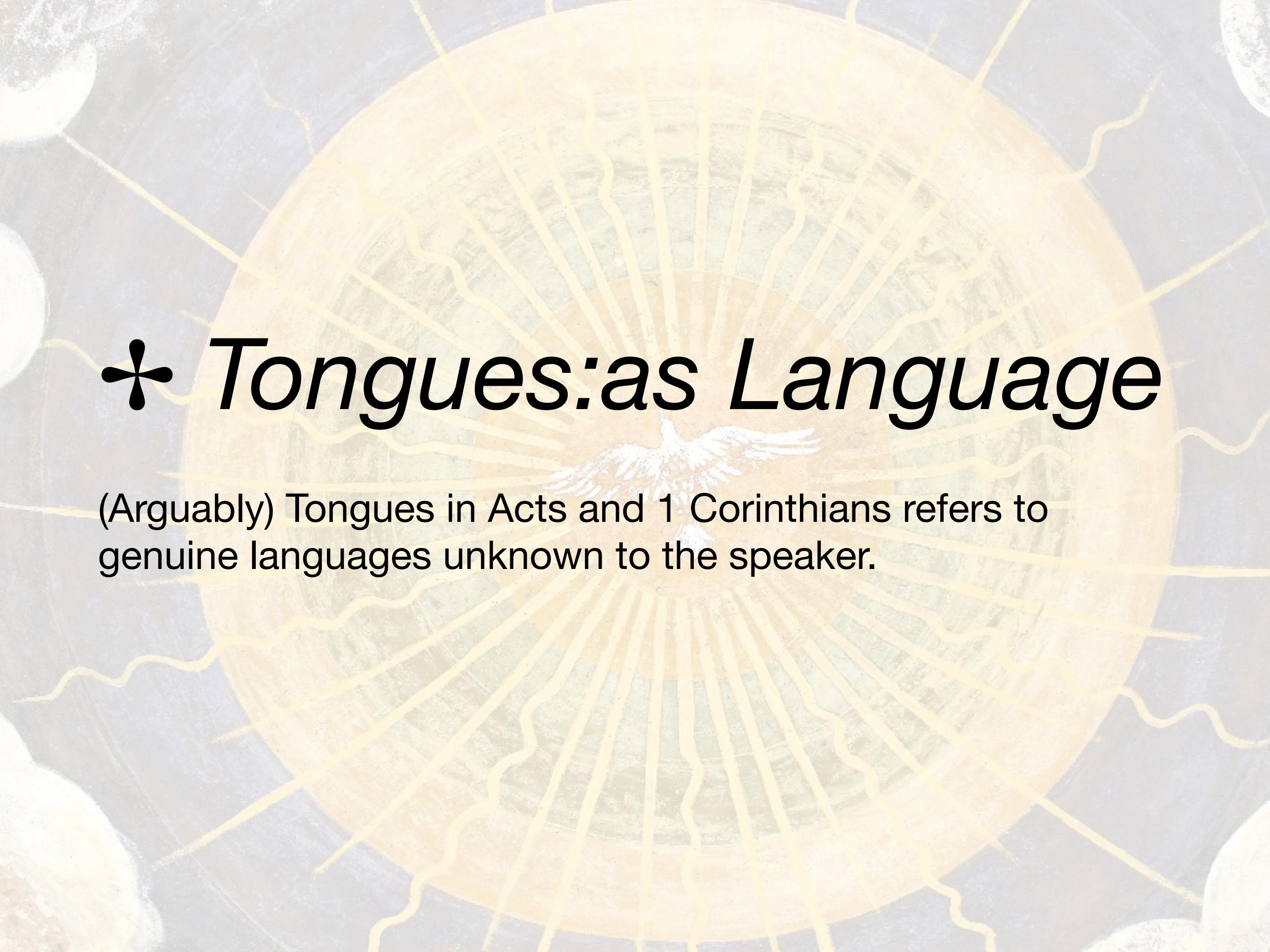
✦ *Discernment of Spirits*

Gift of evaluating prophecy accurately. Prophets can have human error, so gift is safety mechanism giving assurance the Spirit is speaking to us. Prophecy also must be tested by scripture meaning those with gift of discernment know God and scripture, as well as being sensitive to the Spirit.



✦ *Tongues: Gift for Worship*

For praise and, especially, prayer. Valueless for body unless someone interprets. So, if only for individual it should be expressed in private prayer. Tongues is prayer in one's spirit for personal edification.



✦ *Tongues:as Language*

(Arguably) Tongues in Acts and 1 Corinthians refers to genuine languages unknown to the speaker.



✦ *Tongues: Praying with One's Spirit*

Tongues isn't primarily rational; praying in tongues provides an emotional release.

✦ *Apostles*

Apostles broke new ground. They exercised authority generated by their ministry role, not church's institutional structure. They are servants, don't pull rank. Signs and sacrificial simple living characterize their ministry. Name means sent ones and may give a clue to their ministry.



✦ *Prophets*

Prophets, with apostles expositors of God's mysteries in scripture. Those who provide divine direction for Christ's body in the world.



✦ *Evangelists*

Evangelists focus on the saving gospel; a herald of good news or a gospelizer. They advanced into enemy territory as frontline warriors. Also, inspired others in the church to witness to build up Christ's body. Also, focus on how to witness.

✦ *Pastor-Teachers*

Expound scripture to their congregations. Single calling, focus expounding word God had spoken in OT and in Jesus tradition. They are teachers of God's word. Pastor means shepherd indicating they watch over the sheep and care for their needs. Also called overseers/bishops and elders.



**Cessation
or
Continuation?**

Questions



- What do we do with prophetic words, insights or revelations during the morning worship service?
- What is the baptism of the Holy Spirit? If we have never experienced that, then is the Holy Spirit with us?

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