A dramatic scene of a cave opening. Light rays stream in from a large opening on the right, illuminating the dark interior. A person stands on a rocky ledge in the distance, and water is visible in the foreground. The overall atmosphere is mysterious and awe-inspiring.

# Pleasing God

## 2 Peter 1:3-1:11



**I. Why we should please God.**

**Three basic reasons to please God.**

- A. He has granted us all things pertaining to life and godliness.**
- B. He has given us great promises.**
- C. He has given us the way to escape corruption!**



A dark, atmospheric cave scene. The walls are rugged and textured, with light filtering through a large opening on the right, creating a dramatic play of light and shadow. In the foreground, a body of water reflects the scene. A small figure of a person stands on a rocky ledge in the middle ground, providing a sense of scale to the vast, cavernous space.

**There is difference between behavior and nature.**

There is difference between behaving better and being better.

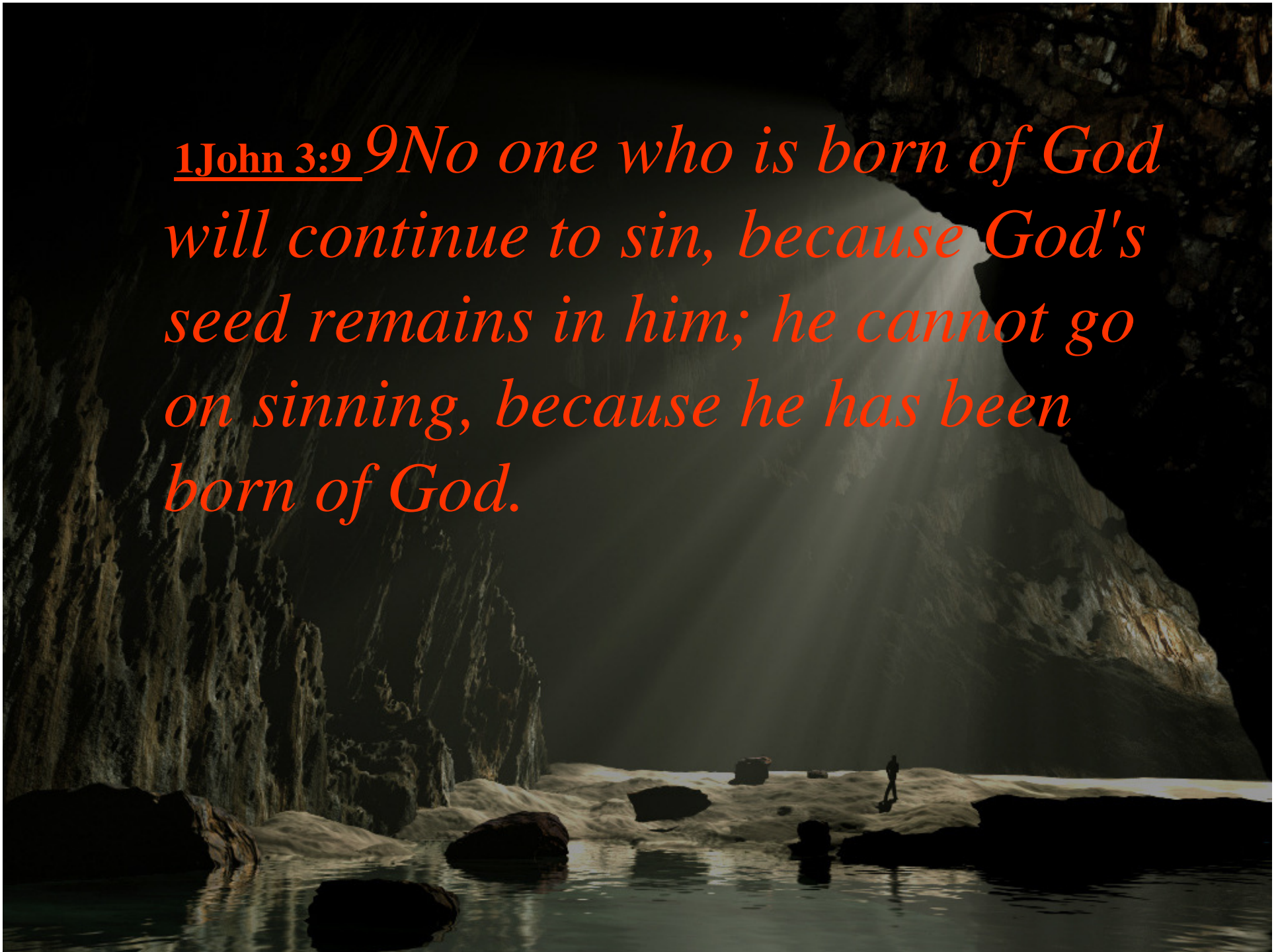
Behavior is the result of training and habits.

Nature is the result of new birth.

Behavior is wolf in the sheep clothing.

**Nature is inward change.**

1John 3:9 *9 No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.*



A dramatic scene of a cave opening. A bright light source, possibly the sun, is shining through a jagged hole in a dark, rocky cave wall. The light illuminates the interior of the cave and creates a strong contrast with the surrounding darkness. In the foreground, a body of water reflects the light and the cave's interior. Several large, dark rocks are scattered in the water and on the cave floor. The overall atmosphere is mysterious and powerful.

**Ezekiel 36:26** *26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.*

## II. How we can please God.

2 Peter 1:5-7 (ESV) *5For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.*

### A. Cooperate with the HS

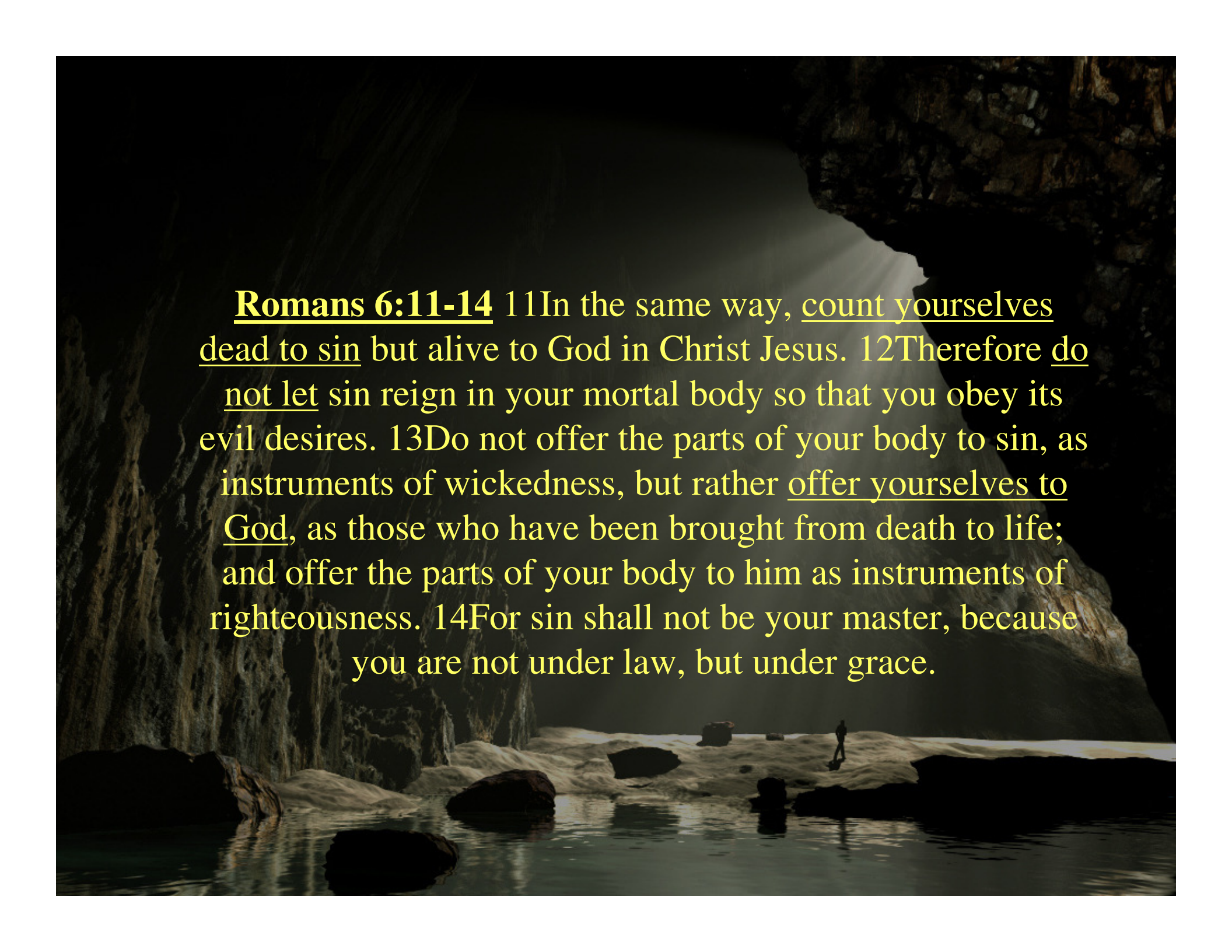


A dramatic scene of a cave opening. A bright light source, possibly the sun, is shining through a large, irregular opening in a dark, rocky cliffside. The light creates a strong beam that illuminates the interior of the cave. In the foreground, there is a body of water reflecting the light. Several large, dark rocks are scattered in the water and on the cave floor. In the distance, a small figure of a person is standing on a rock, looking towards the light. The overall atmosphere is one of mystery and hope.

**Faith is more than a system of beliefs**

**Faith must result in action**

**Sanctification is work of god in which believers cooperate.**

A dramatic scene of a cave opening with light streaming in, a person standing on a rock in the distance, and water in the foreground.

**Romans 6:11-14** 11In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. 12Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. 13Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. 14For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

**B. We are to supplement our faith with some awesome qualities.**

**1. Virtue-** the desire to do what God says is correct.

**2. Faith:** Faith in Christ, faith that brought us to the family of god.

**3. Knowledge-** If we are going to do right, we need to know what is right!

**Ephesians 5:15-17** 15 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

**Hebrews 5:14** 14 But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.



**4. Self-Control-** restrained power, or controlled power,  
Knowledge leads to self-control.

**John 13.1-4**

Jesus Know His **identity**

Jesus know His **time**

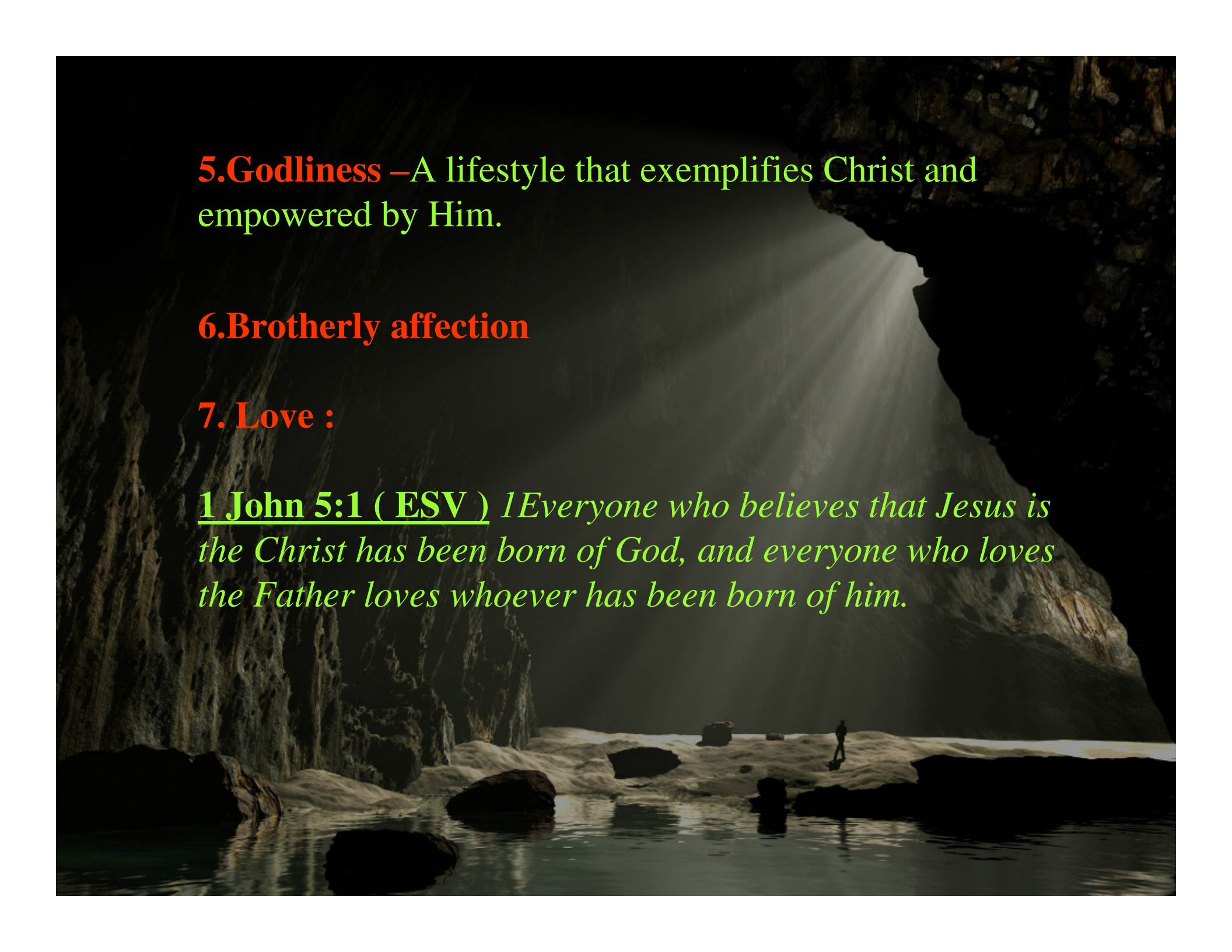
Jesus know his **authority**

Jesus Know His **destiny**

**5. Steadfastness – Perseverance or patience.**

This virtue views time with god's eyes (3:8) while waiting for Christ's return and for the punishment of sins.

Patience is the ability to continue in the faith and resist the pressure of the world system –

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**5. Godliness** –A lifestyle that exemplifies Christ and empowered by Him.

**6. Brotherly affection**

**7. Love :**

**1 John 5:1 ( ESV )** *1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.*

### III. The blessings of pleasing God.

2 Peter 1:8-11 *8For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. 10Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. 11For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

A dramatic scene of a cave opening. Light streams in from a large opening on the right, illuminating a rocky shore and water. The scene is dark and atmospheric, with a person standing on the shore in the distance.

**A. We will be effective in our service to the Lord!**

**B. We will not be blind to what God has done for us.**

**C. We will never fall!**

