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WHY HEAVEN IS A PLACE OF CELEBRATION

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# **Introduction:**

Heaven is a place of celebration,  
because the cross of Jesus Christ  
has made it one!



Text: Revelation 5:1-14

**Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?"**

**But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it.**

**I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.**

**Then one of the elders said to me,  
“Do not weep! See, the Lion of the  
tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has  
triumphed. He is able to open the  
scroll and its seven seals.”**



**Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders.**

**He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.**



**He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.**

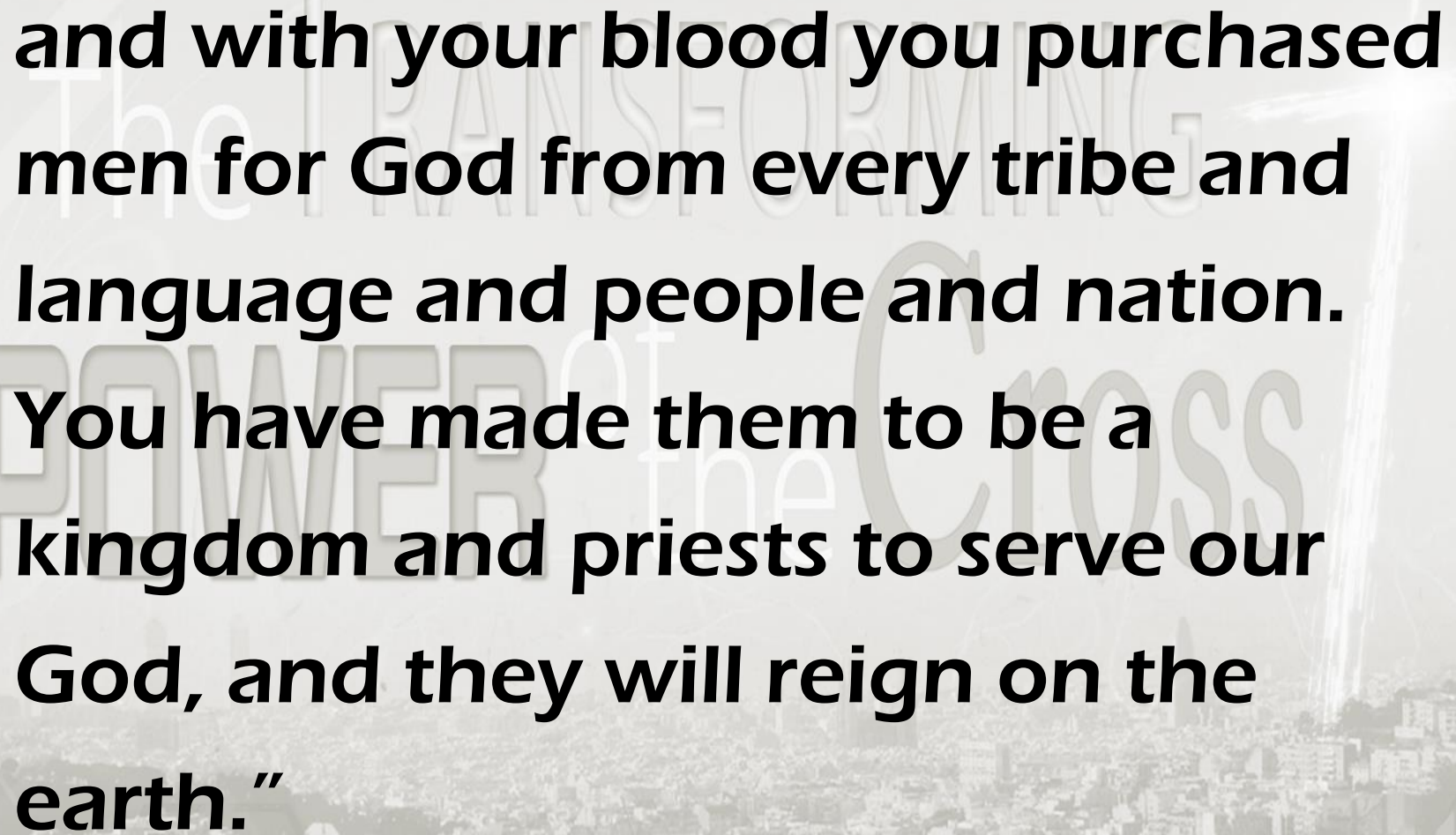
**And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb.**

**Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.**

**And they sang a new song:**

**“You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain,**

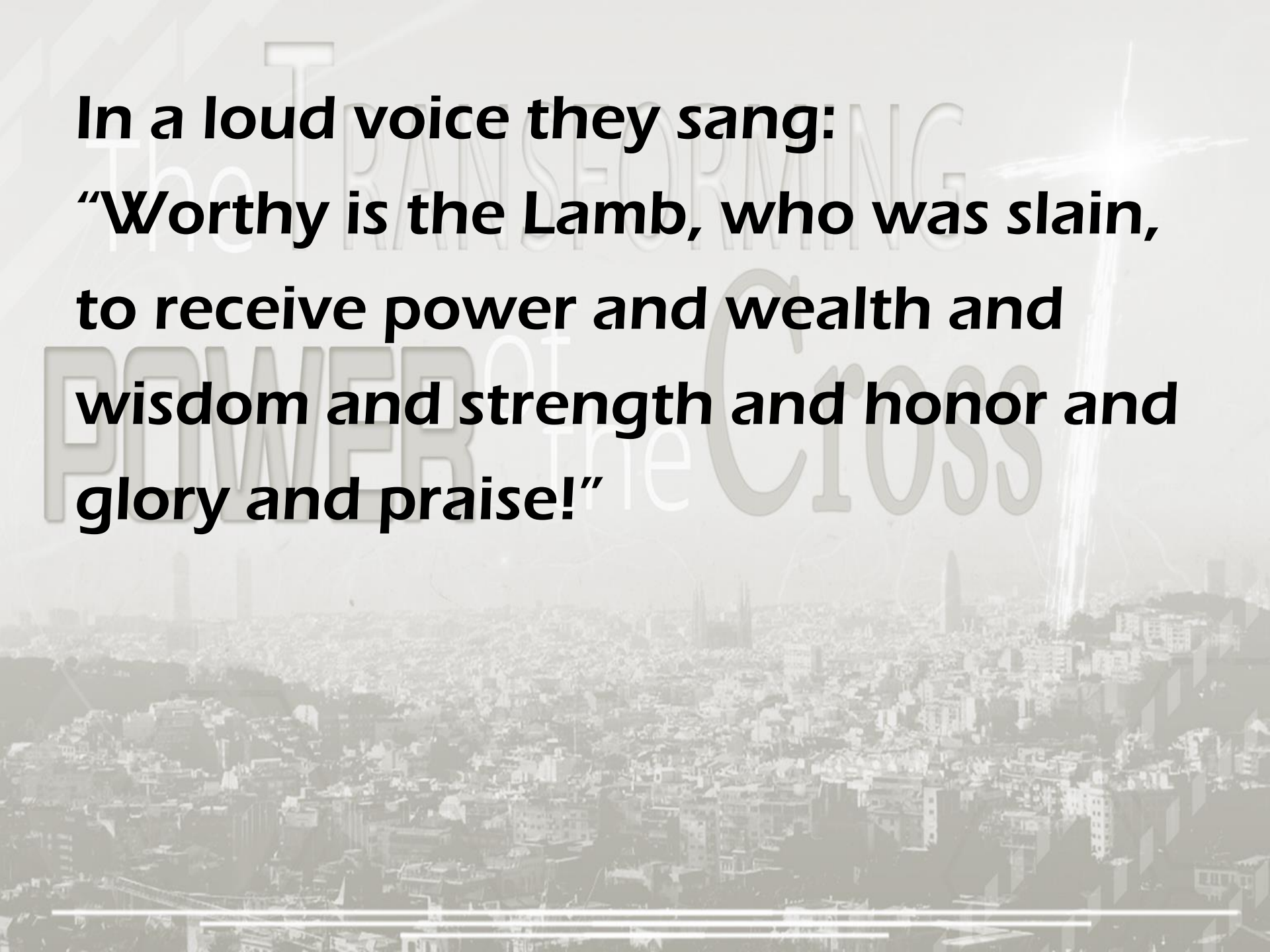




**and with your blood you purchased  
men for God from every tribe and  
language and people and nation.  
You have made them to be a  
kingdom and priests to serve our  
God, and they will reign on the  
earth.”**

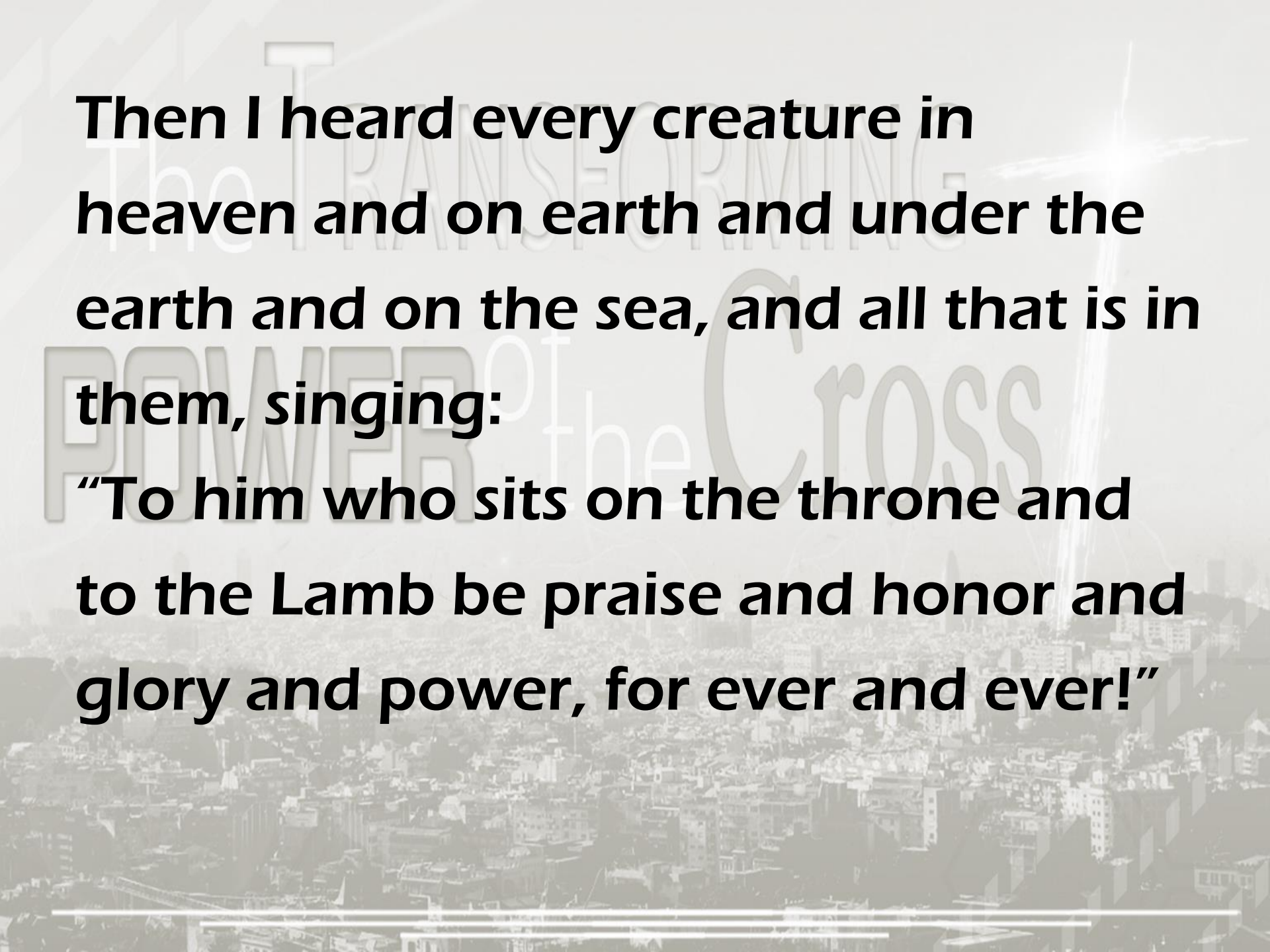
**Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand.**

**They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders.**



**In a loud voice they sang:  
“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and  
wisdom and strength and honor and  
glory and praise!”**





**Then I heard every creature in  
heaven and on earth and under the  
earth and on the sea, and all that is in  
them, singing:**

**“To him who sits on the throne and  
to the Lamb be praise and honor and  
glory and power, for ever and ever!”**

**The four living creatures said,  
“Amen,” and the elders fell down and  
worshiped.**

Revelation 5:1-14

POWER of the Cross



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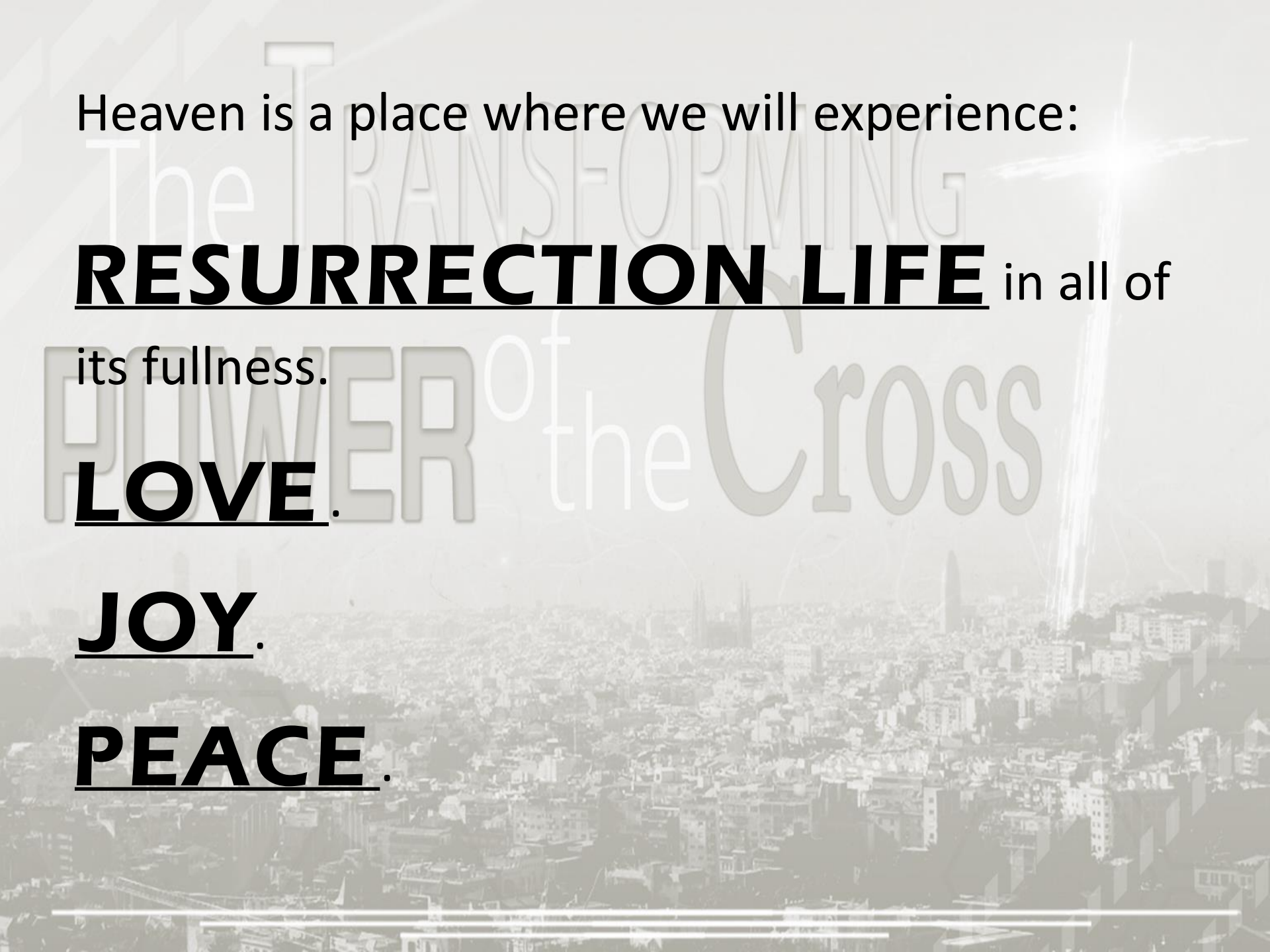
**RESURRECTION LIFE** in all of

its fullness.

**LOVE.**

**JOY.**

**PEACE.**





Heaven is a place where we will experience:

**PATIENCE.**

**KINDNESS.**

**GOODNESS.**

**FAITHFULNESS.**



The TRANSFORMING  
POWER of the Cross

Heaven is a place where we will experience:

**GENTLENESS.**

**SELF-CONTROL.**



Joyful **REUNIONS**.

Restored **RELATIONSHIP** — we  
won't carry all of the limitations of our flawed  
humanity.



God's **RECOGNITION** and  
**REWARD** — it will be time to  
**CUT DOWN** the **NETS**!

POWER of the CROSS



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## **Conclusion:**

When we start celebrating in Heaven we may be surprised at how much we actually have longed for all of these things!



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