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The Gospel: The Power of
God for Salvation

The Seed is More Powerful
Than You Think!



1. The soil of people's hearts seems to be softening.
2. The seed of the gospel message is powerful.
3. Therefore, we want to be sowing as many seeds as possible.

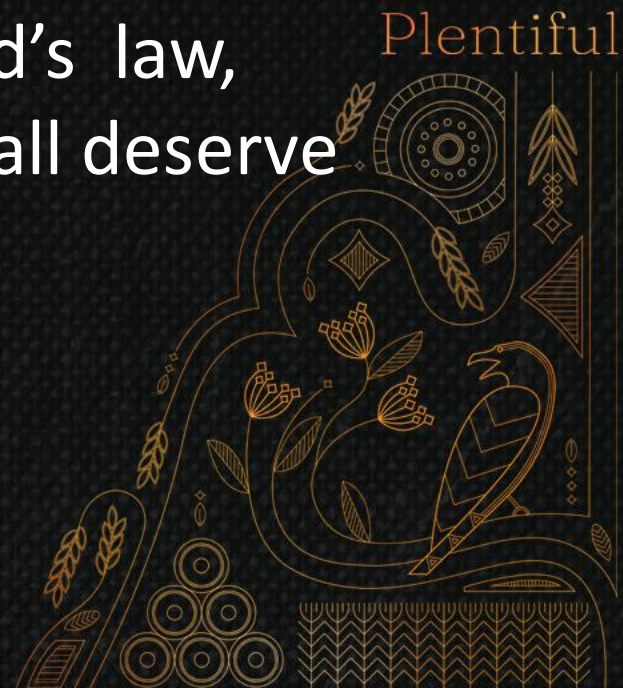
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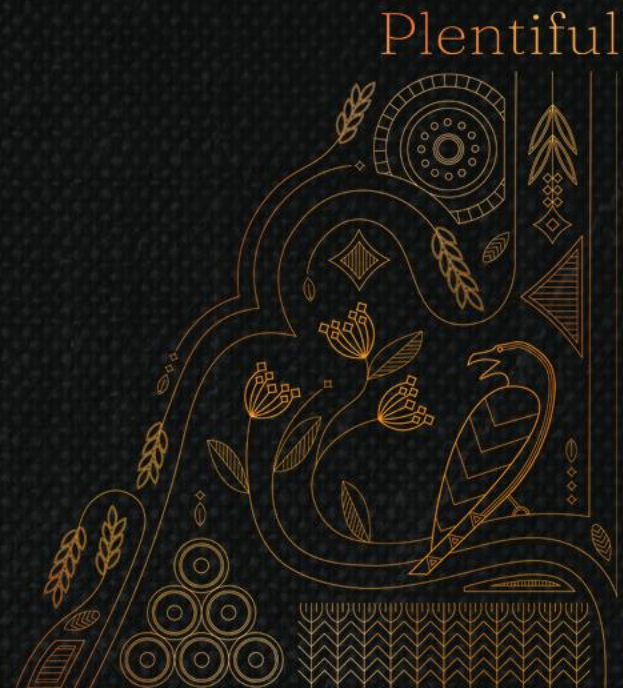
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1. He knew that God was holy, righteous, and just, and that mankind was sinful.
2. He understood the demands of God's law, and that we all deserve hell.



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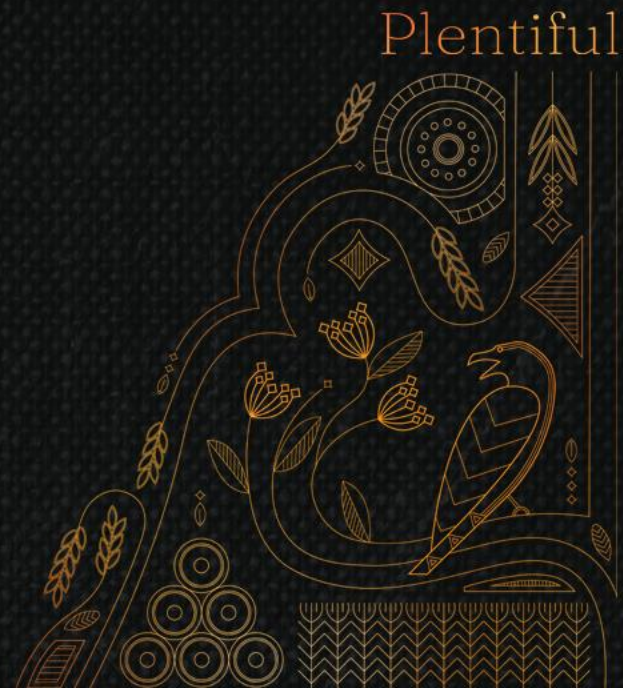
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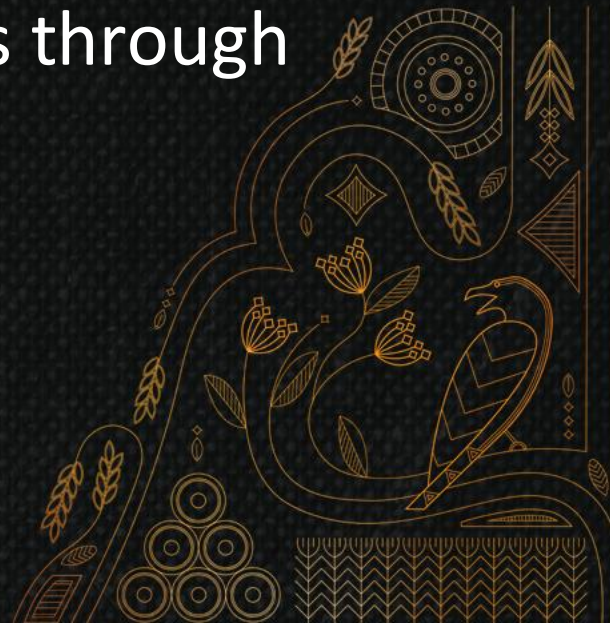


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“Night and day I pondered until I saw the connection between the justice of God, and the statement that ‘the just shall live by faith.’

Then I grasped that the justice of God is that righteousness by which, through grace and sheer mercy, God justifies us through faith.

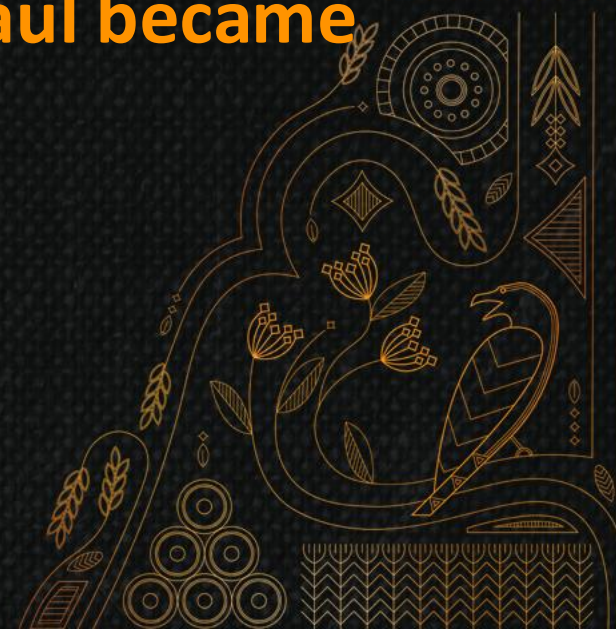
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Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise. The whole of Scripture took on a new meaning, and whereas before, the justice of God had filled me with hate, now it became to me inexpressibly sweet in greater love. **This passage of Paul became to me, a gate of heaven."**

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Ephesians 2:8-9

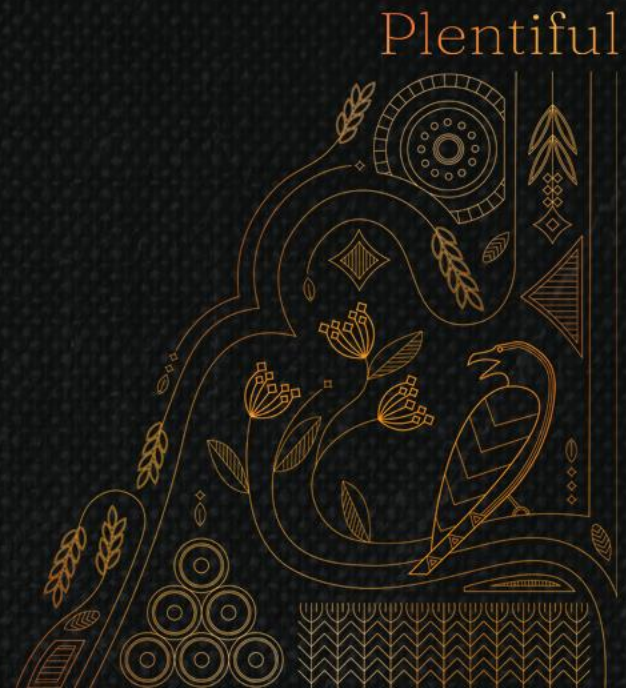
For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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Romans 5:7-8

For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that **while we were still sinners**, Christ died for us.



“You contribute
nothing to your
salvation, except the
sin that made it
necessary.”

Jonathan Edwards

John 14:6

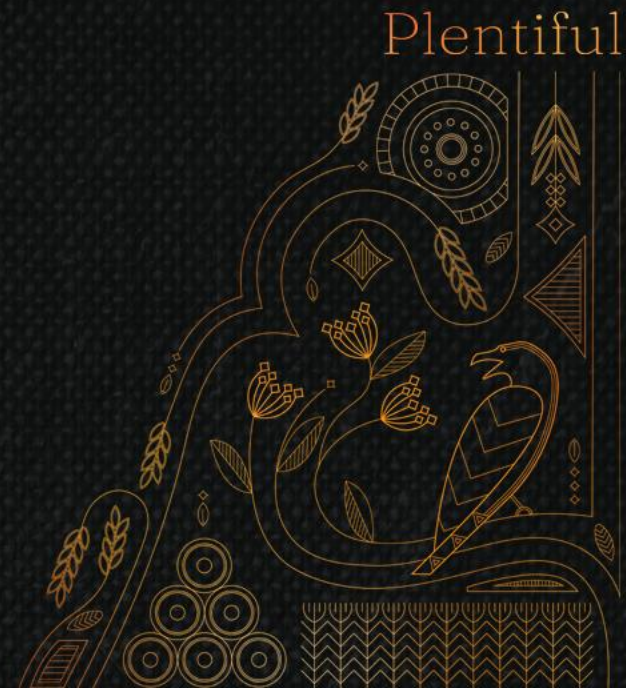
"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the father except through me."

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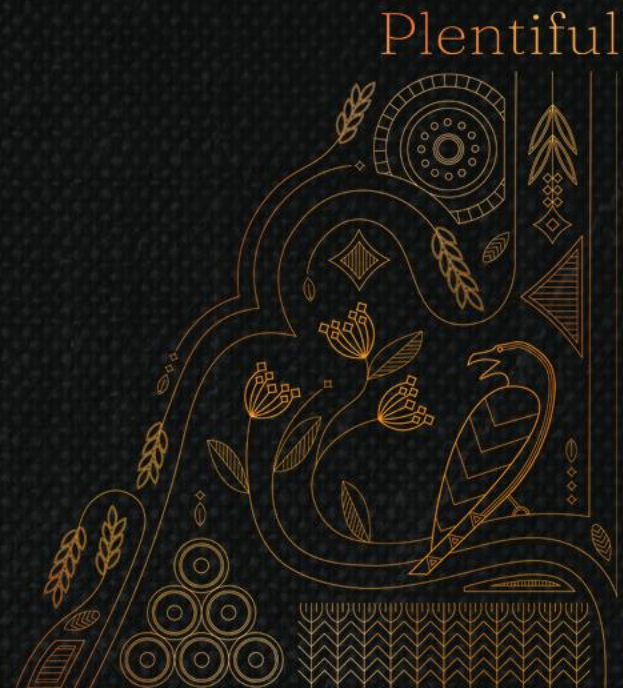
Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



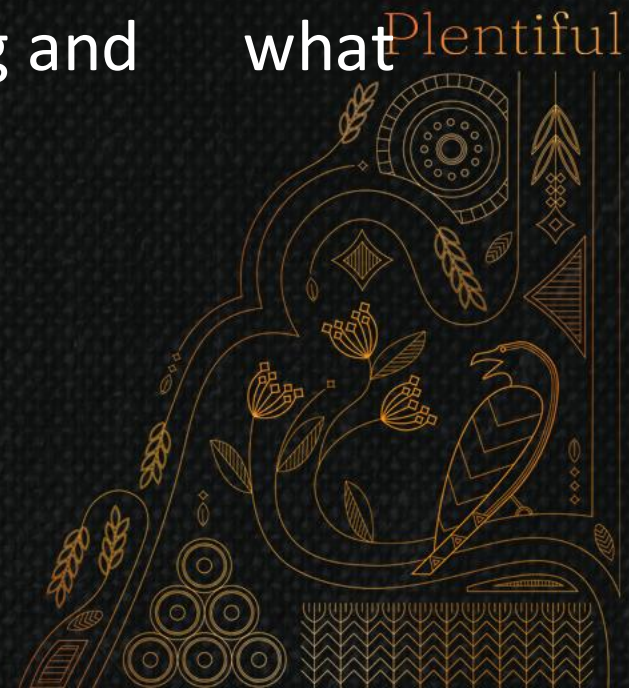
D.A. Carson - The Message of the Bible in 221 Words

God is the sovereign, transcendent and personal God who has made the universe, including us, his image-bearers. Our misery lies in our rebellion, our alienation from God, which, despite his forbearance, attracts his implacable wrath.



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But God, precisely because love is of the very essence of his character, takes the initiative and prepared for the coming of his own Son by raising up a people who, by covenantal stipulations, temple worship, systems of sacrifice and of priesthood, by kings and by prophets, are taught something of what God is planning and what he expects.



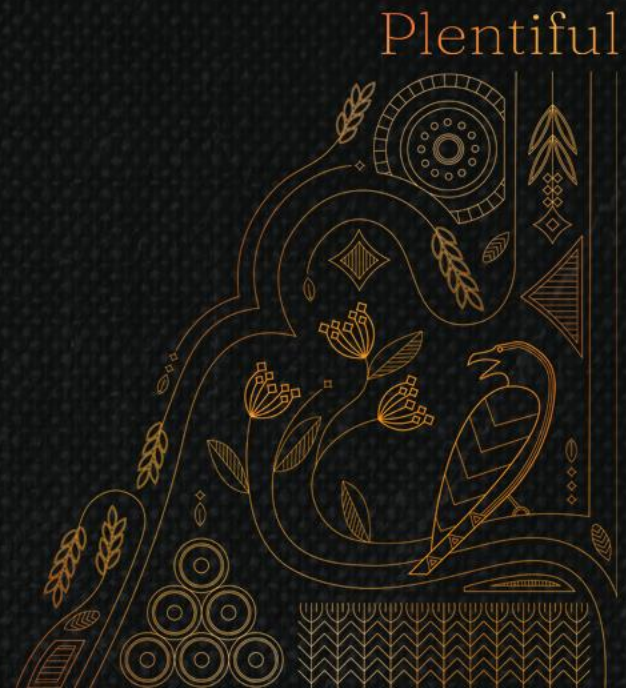
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In the fullness of time, his Son comes and takes on human nature. He comes not, in the first instance, to judge but to save: he dies the death of his people, rises from the grave and, in returning to his heavenly Father, bequeaths the Holy Spirit as the down payment and guarantee of the ultimate gift he has secured for them—an eternity of bliss in the presence of God himself, in a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.



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The only alternative is to be shut out from the presence of this God forever, in the torments of hell. What men and women must do, before it is too late, is repent and trust Christ; the alternative is to disobey the gospel.

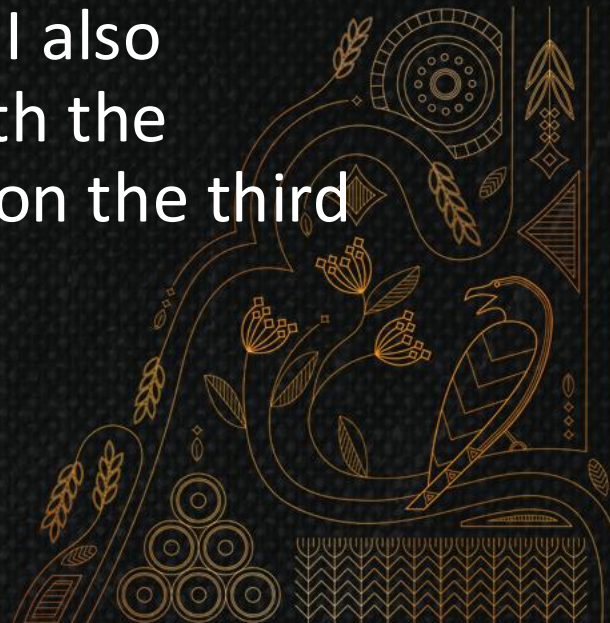


1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Now I would remind you, brothers, of **the gospel** I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

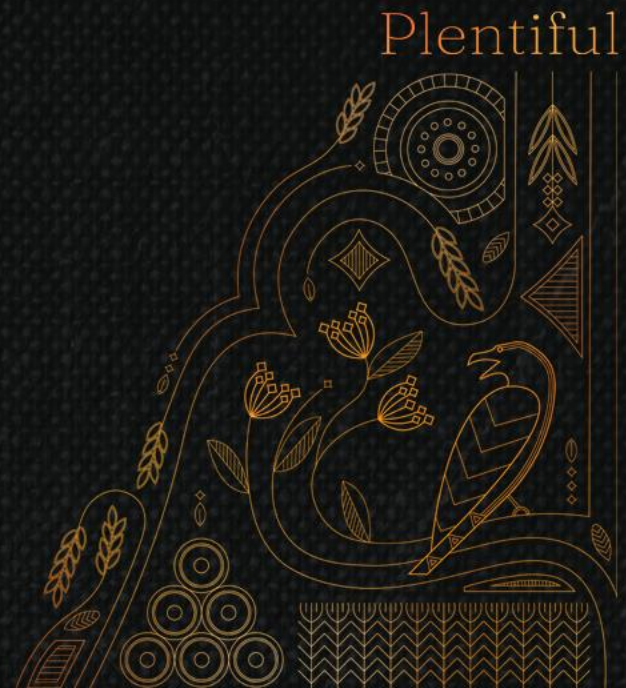
For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

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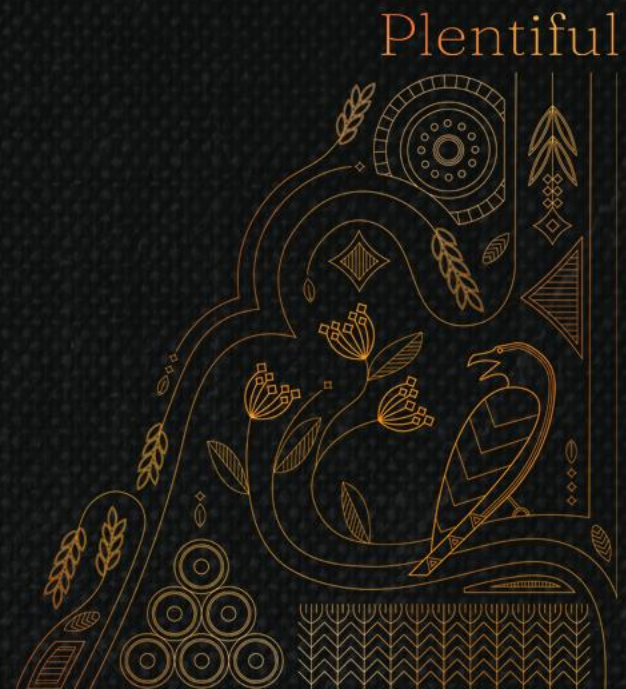


John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.



“God”	(the greatest Lover)
“So loved”	(the greatest degree)
“The world”	(the greatest number)
“That He gave”	(the greatest act)
“His only Son”	(the greatest gift)
“That whoever”	(the greatest invitation)
“Believes”	(the greatest simplicity)
“In Him”	(the greatest Person)
“Should not perish”	(the greatest deliverance)
“But”	(the greatest difference)
“Have”	(the greatest certainty)
“Eternal Life”	(the greatest possession)



1 Peter 1:12

It was revealed to them (the Old Testament prophets) that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the **good news** to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

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“SUBSTITUTION”

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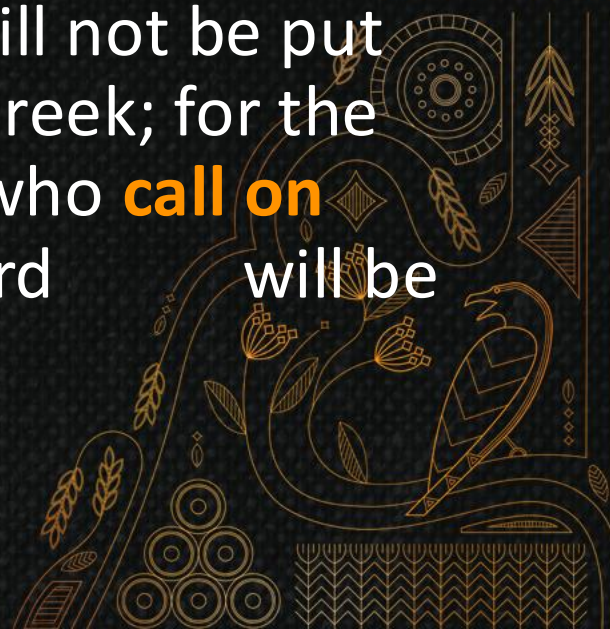


Romans 10:9-13

...if you **confess** with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and **believe** in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who **call on** him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord **will be** saved.”

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1 Timothy 1:11

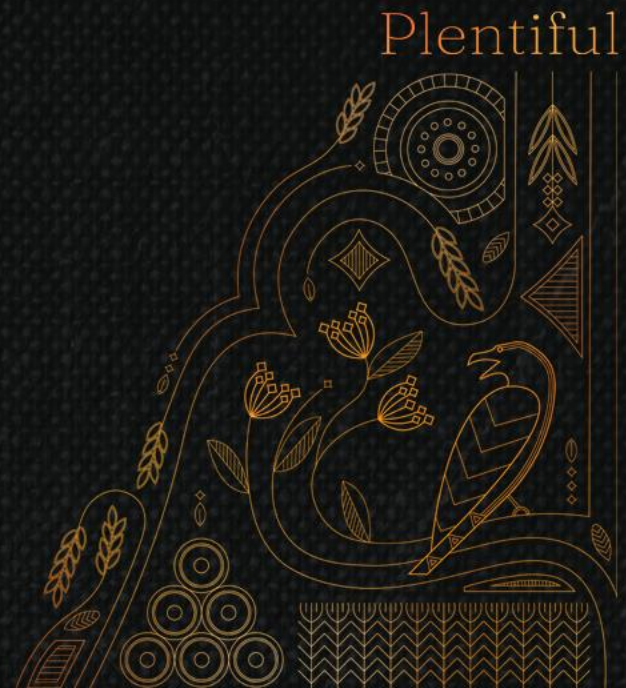
...the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been **entrusted**.

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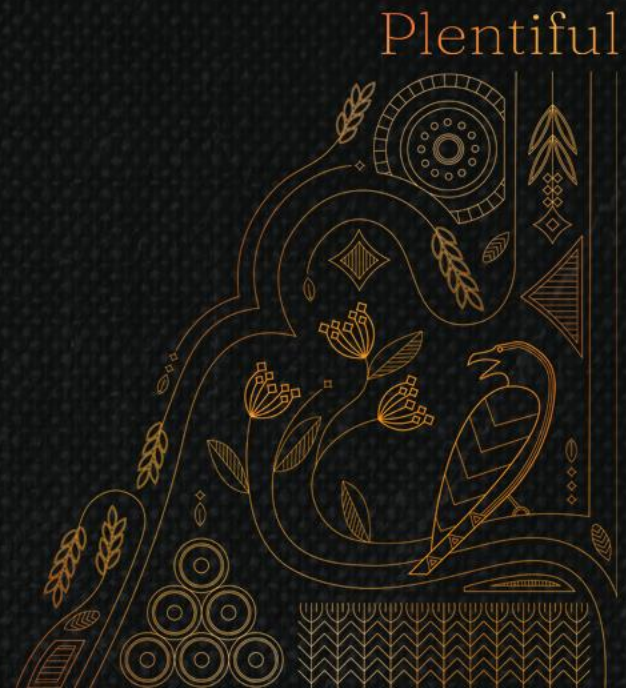
Romans 1:14-15

I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. **So I am eager to preach** the gospel to you also who are in Rome.



Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.



Obstacles to the Gospel

Pride and ego, family pressure, self-righteousness, self-sufficiency, independence, distraction, indifference, hardness of heart, cultural deception, Satanic opposition, demonic lies and deception, love of sin, slavery to sin, worldly-mindedness, fear of persecution, worries of the world, deceitfulness of riches, desires for other things, repressive governments, an immersive evolutionary worldview, and a deeply ingrained merit-based mentality.



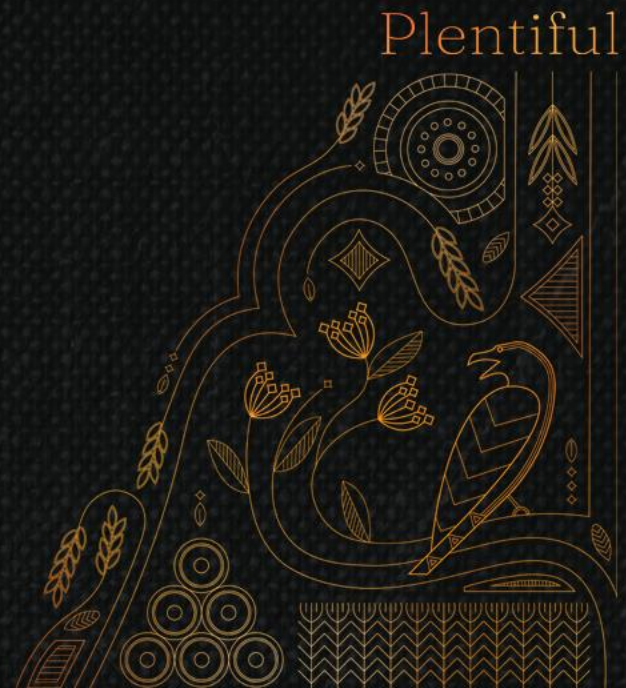
The “Foolishness” of the Gospel

“Christianity is the belief that a cosmic Jewish zombie can make you live forever if you symbolically eat his flesh and telepathically tell him that you accept him as your master, so he can remove an evil force from your soul that is present in humanity because a rib-woman was convinced by a talking snake to eat from a magical tree.”



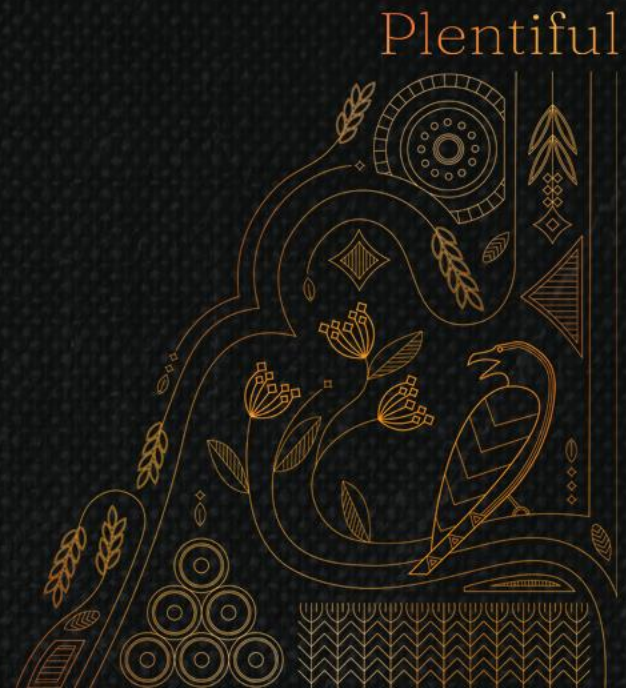
1 Peter 1:23

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of **imperishable [seed]**, through the living and enduring word of God.



James 1:21

Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness **the implanted word**, which is able to save your souls.



Jeremiah 23:29

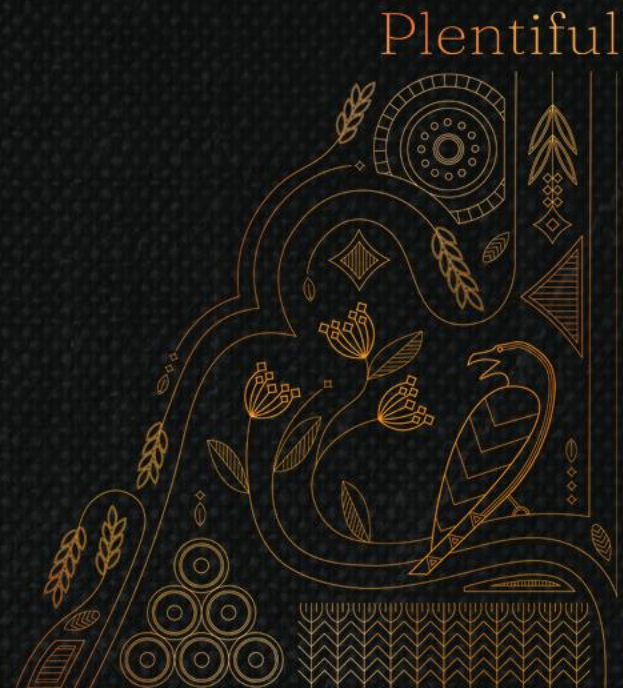
Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and **like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?**

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Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is **living** and **active**, **sharper** than any two-edged sword, **piercing** to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and **discerning** the thoughts and intentions of the heart.



**We cannot force
someone to hear a
message they are not
ready to receive, but
we must never
underestimate the
power of planting a
seed.**

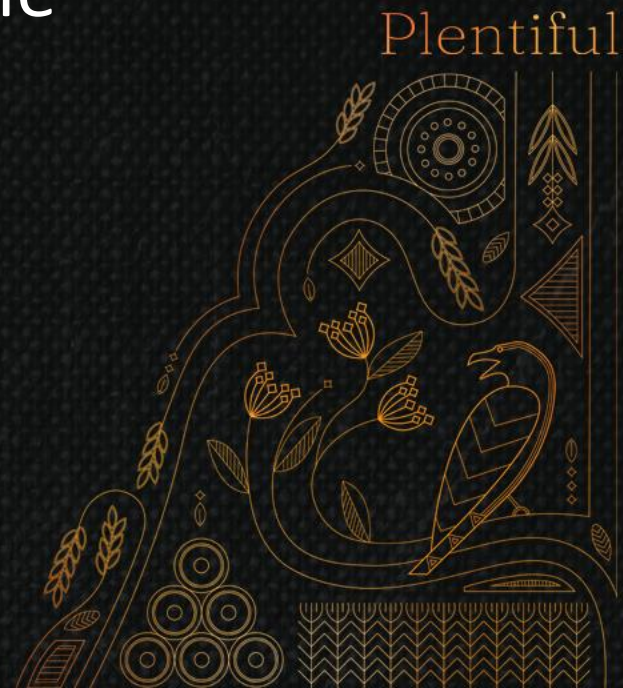
“Excuse me, mate, if
you died within 24
hours, where would
you be in eternity?
Heaven or hell?”

Frank Jenner
(1903 – 1977)

Milton Vincent

“A Gospel Primer for Christians”

“Outside of heaven, the power of God in its highest density is found inside the gospel. This must be so, for the Bible twice describes the gospel as ‘the power of God.’ Nothing else in all of Scripture is ever described in this way, except for the Person of Jesus Christ.



Milton Vincent

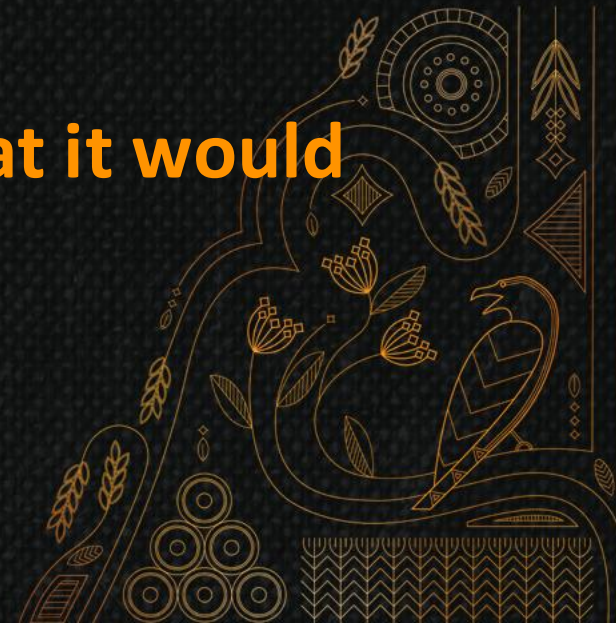
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Indeed, God’s power is seen in erupting volcanos, in the unimaginably hot boil of our massive Sun, and in the lightning speed of a recently discovered star streaking through the heavens at 1.5 million miles per hour. Yet in Scripture such wonders are never labeled ‘the power of God.’

**How powerful, then, must the gospel be
merit such a title!**

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(Final) Kids' Question of the Summer

If you condensed the gospel down to just one
word, what word did I suggest?

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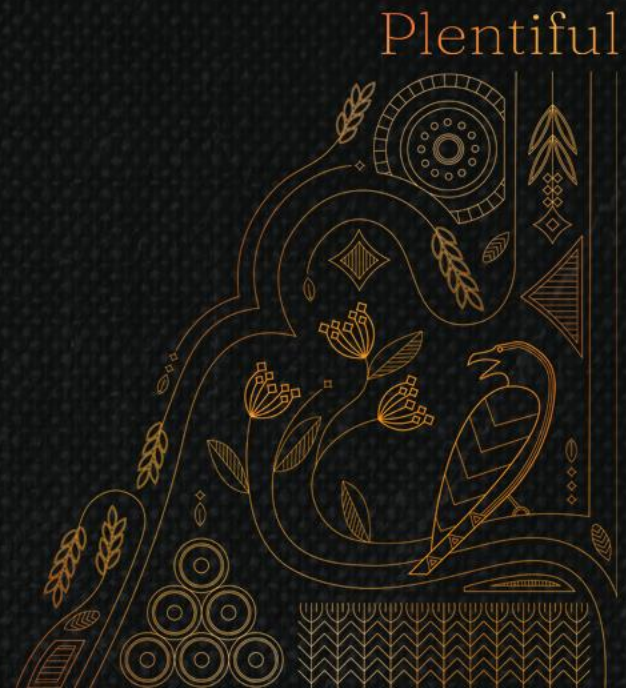


“Most people do not love the gospel. Therefore, I want to warn you, from the very beginning, that if you take the gospel seriously and embrace it, and believe it, you have set yourself on a course of warfare against the world. You will be going against most of the people on this planet.”

Paul Washer

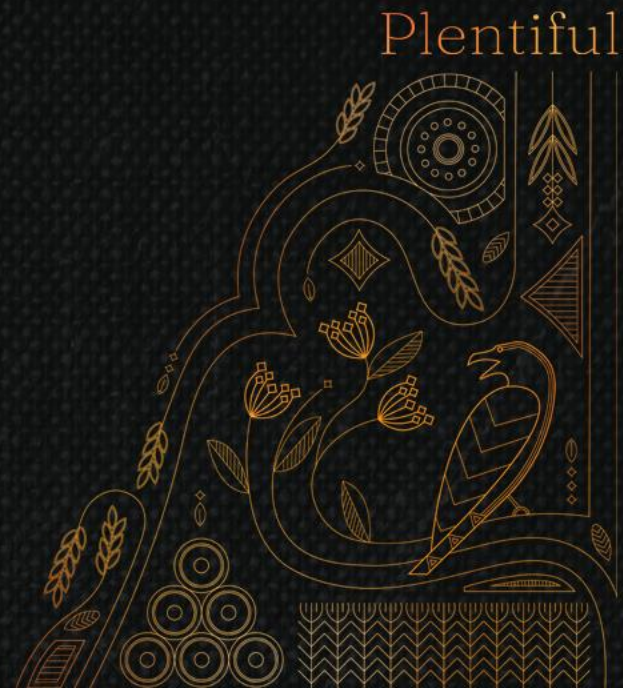
2 Corinthians 5:20

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.



2 Corinthians 2:14

But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.



The soil is softening.
The seed is powerful.
Therefore, sow seeds!

