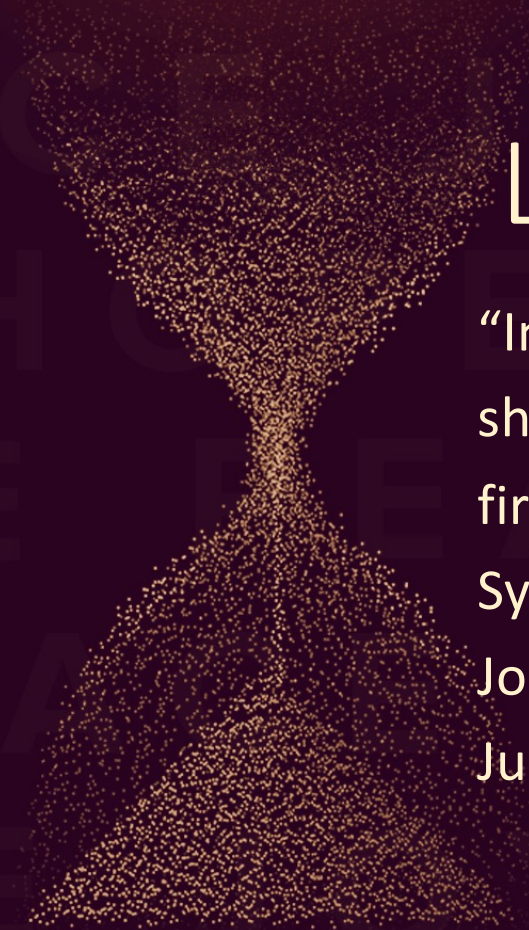


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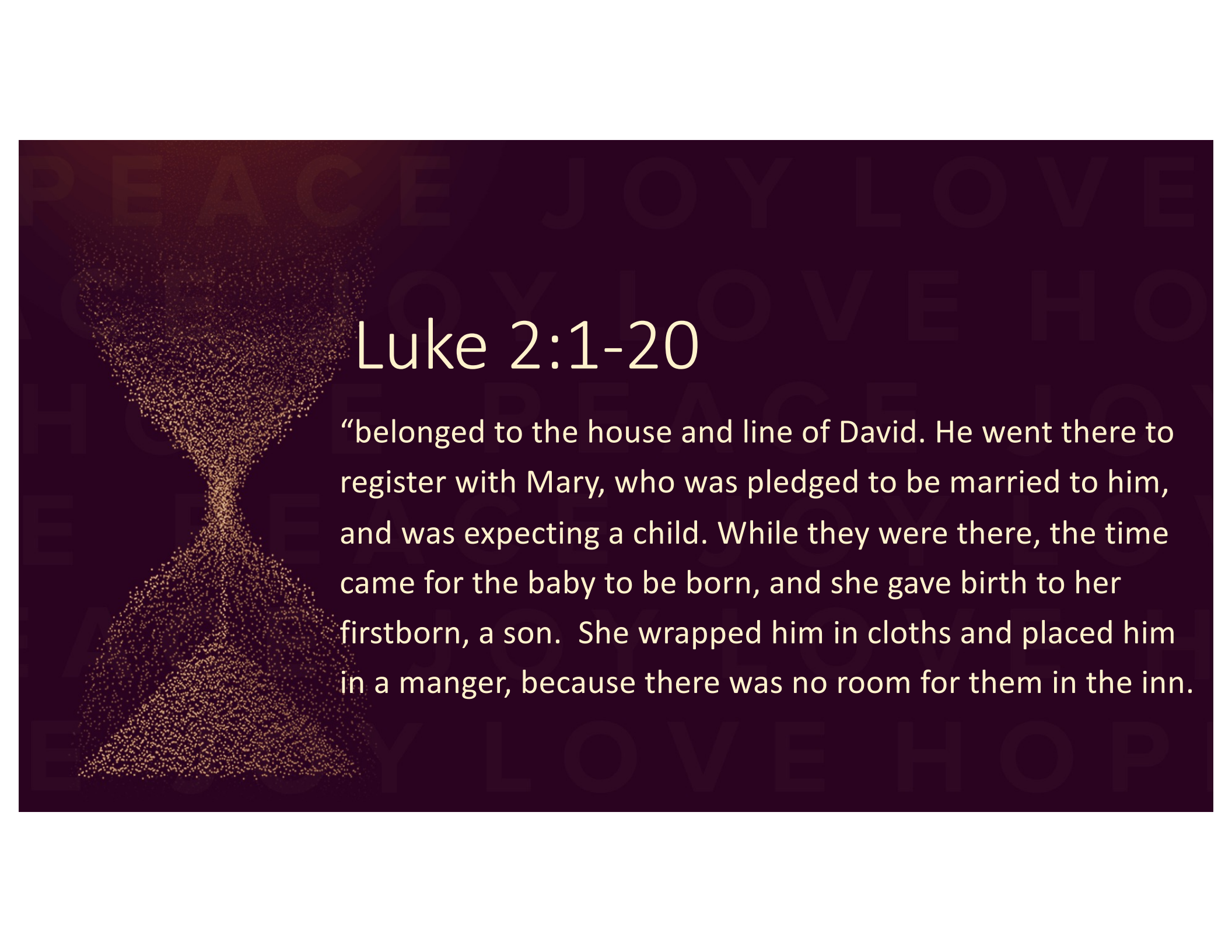
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Jesus, the Son has Arrived!



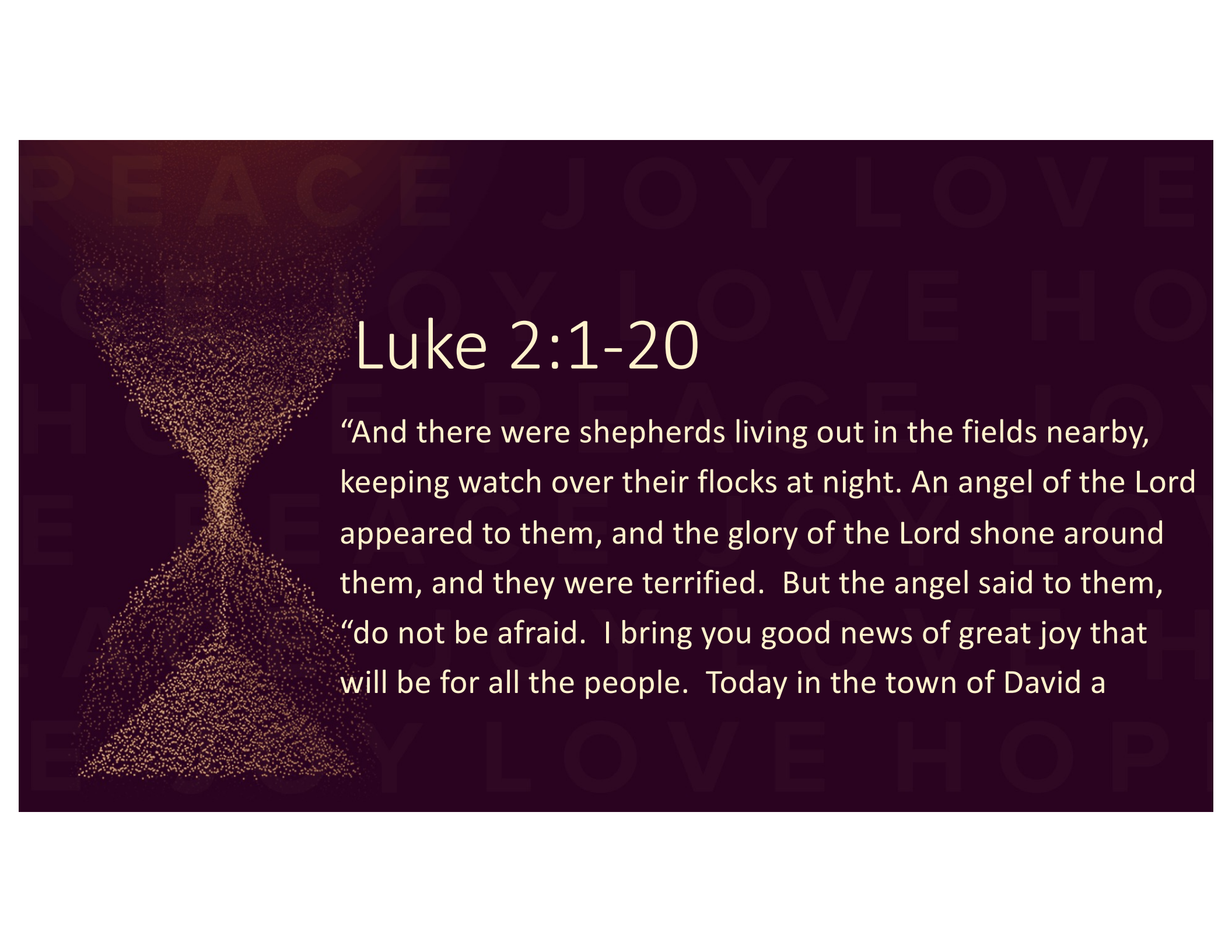
## Luke 2:1-20

“In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was Governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem, the town of David, because he



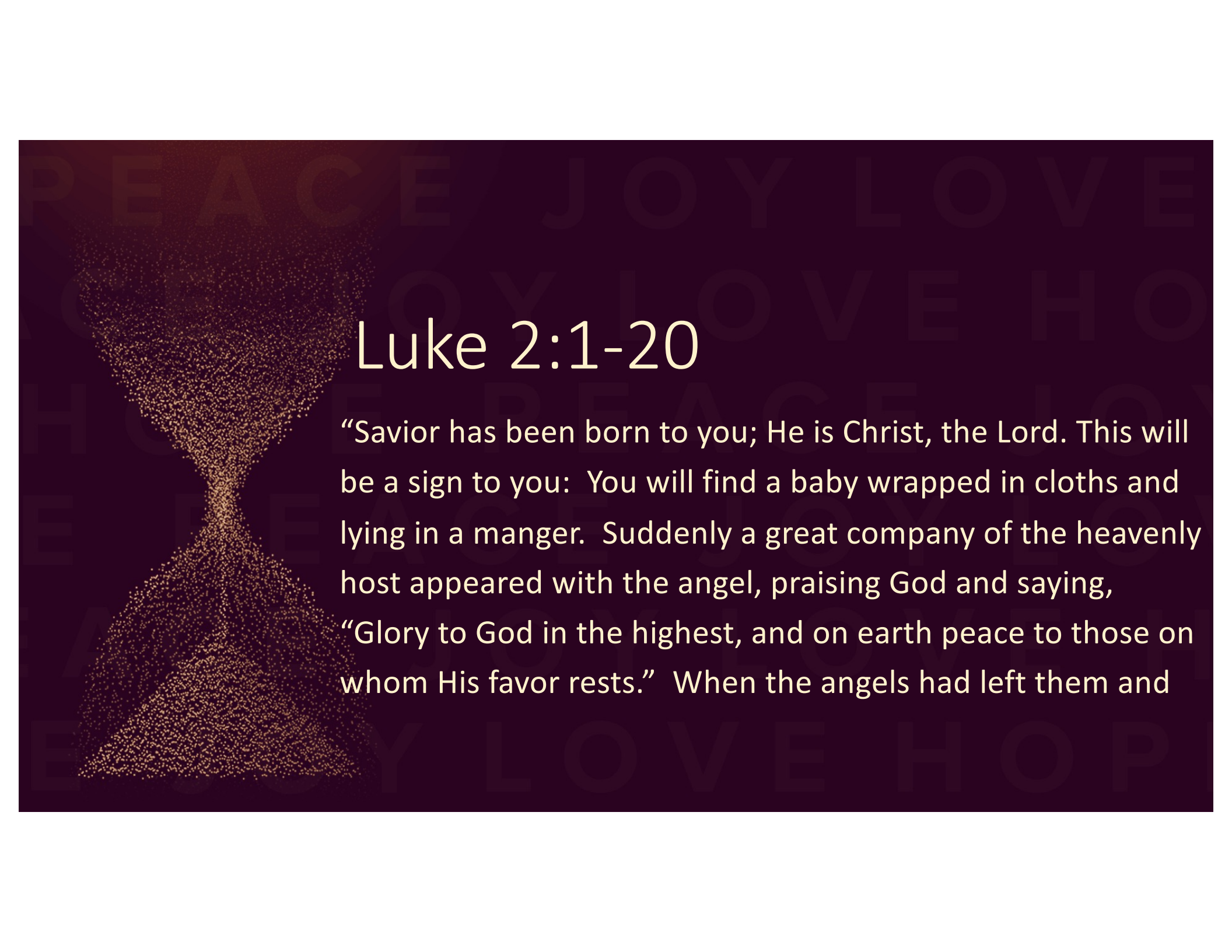
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“belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him, and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.



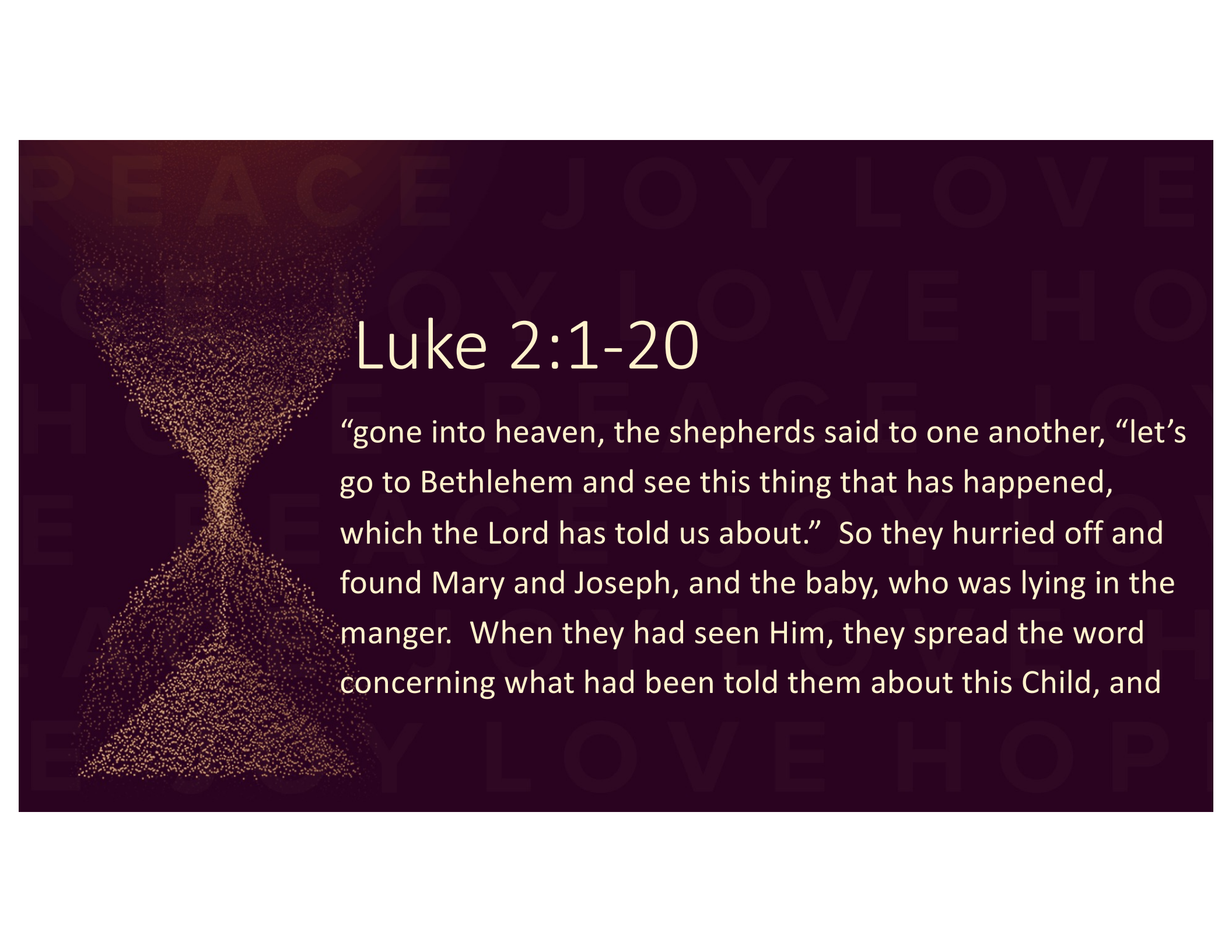
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“And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a



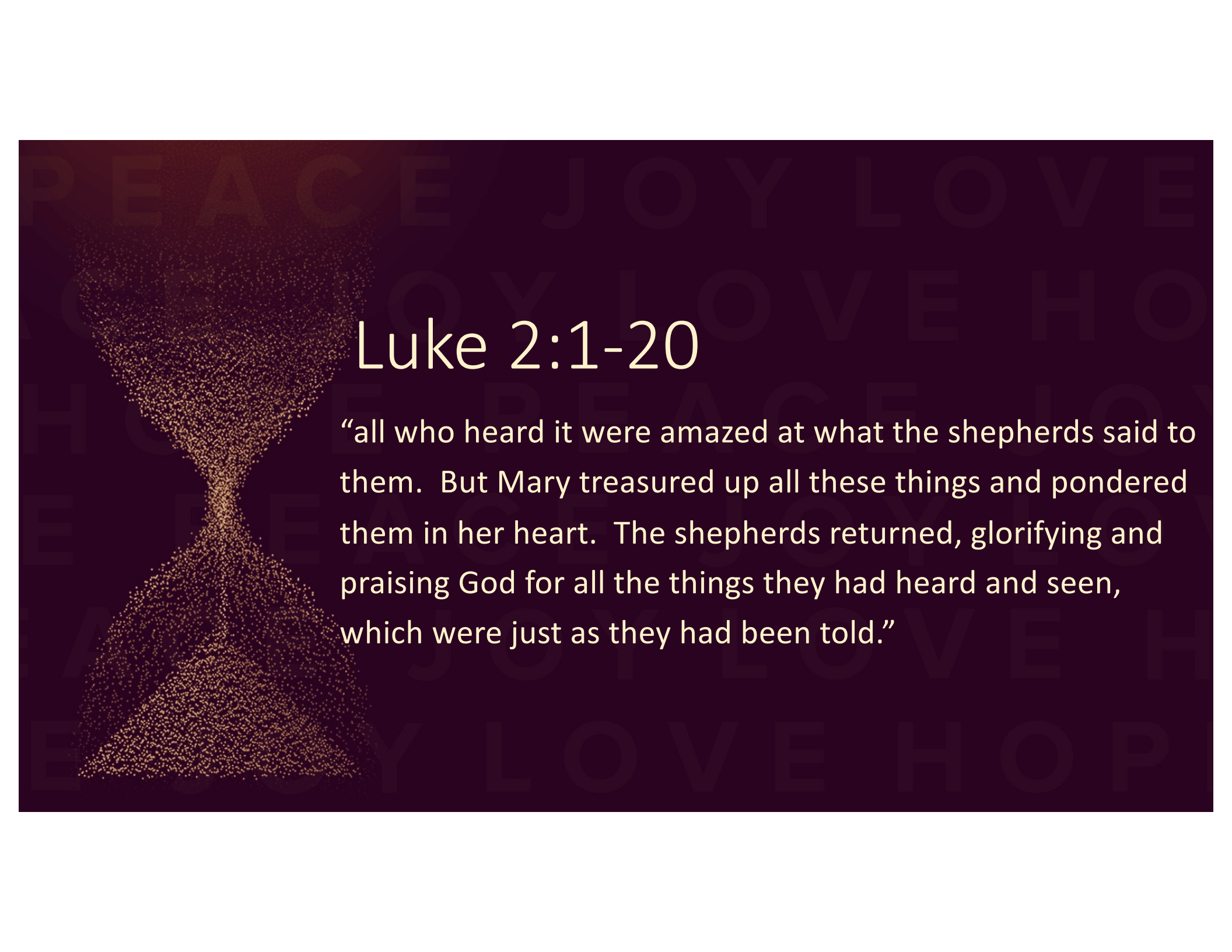
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“Savior has been born to you; He is Christ, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.” When the angels had left them and



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“gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this Child, and



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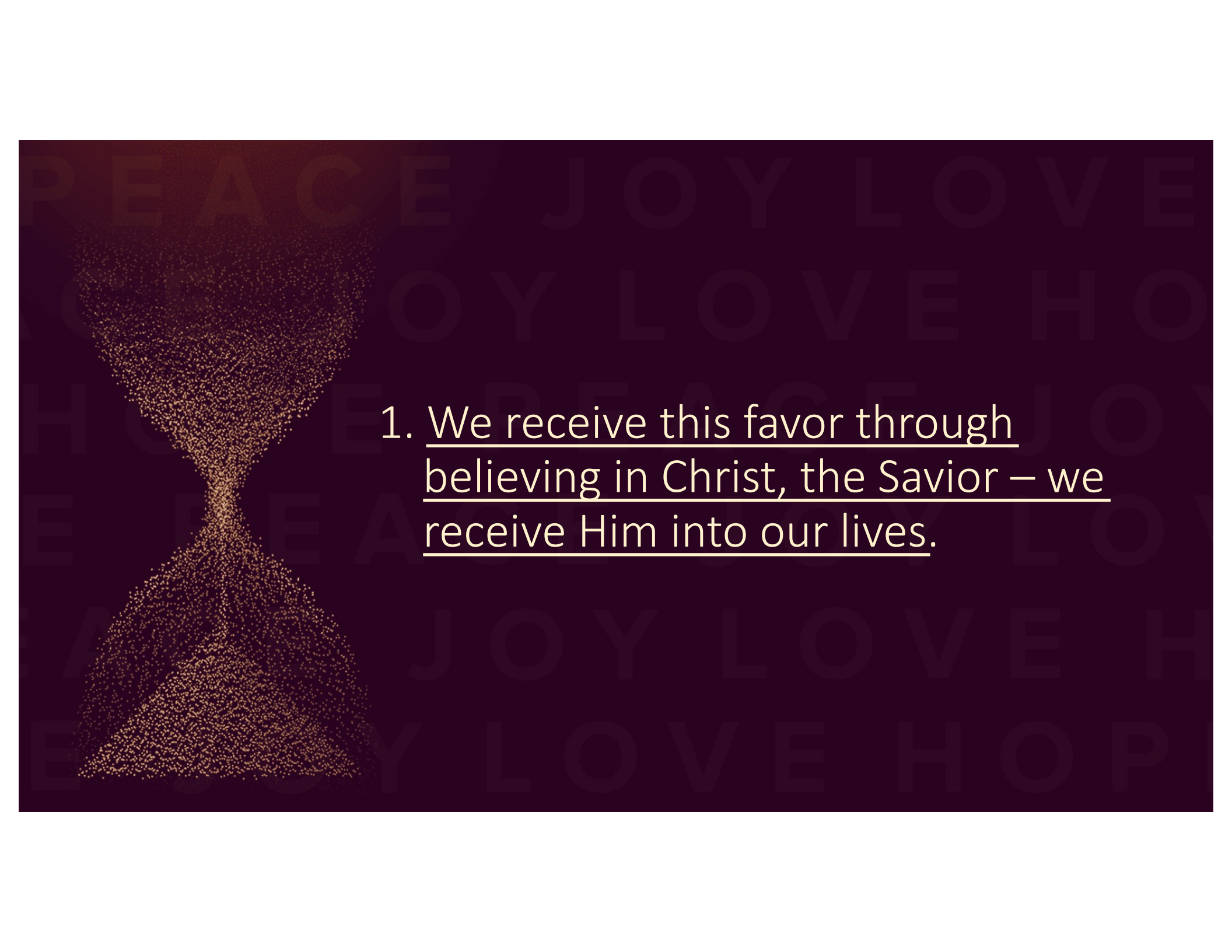
“all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.”





## MAIN THOUGHT:

God offers a Christmas gift to each of us – it is the gift of His favor that comes only through His Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior and Lord!



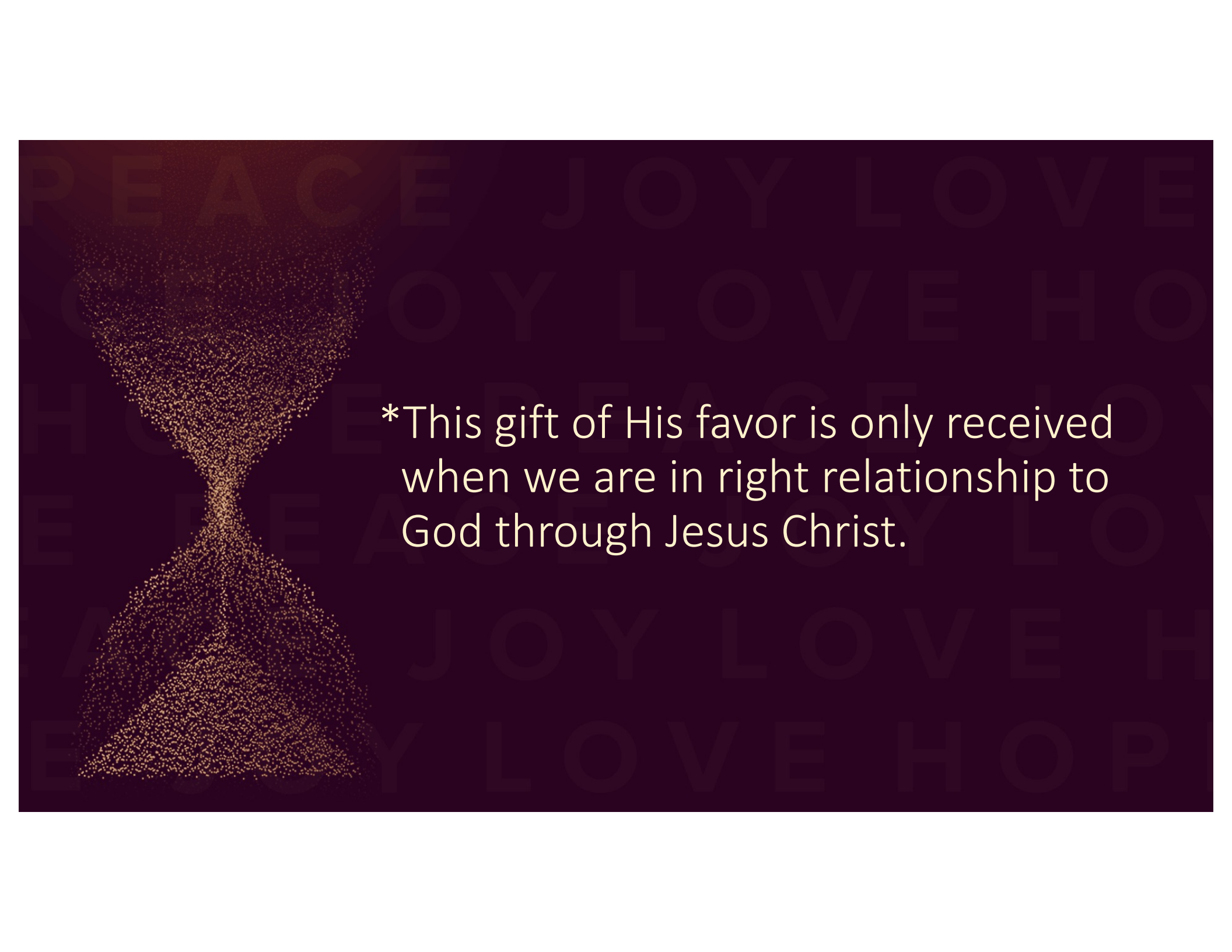
1. We receive this favor through believing in Christ, the Savior – we receive Him into our lives.



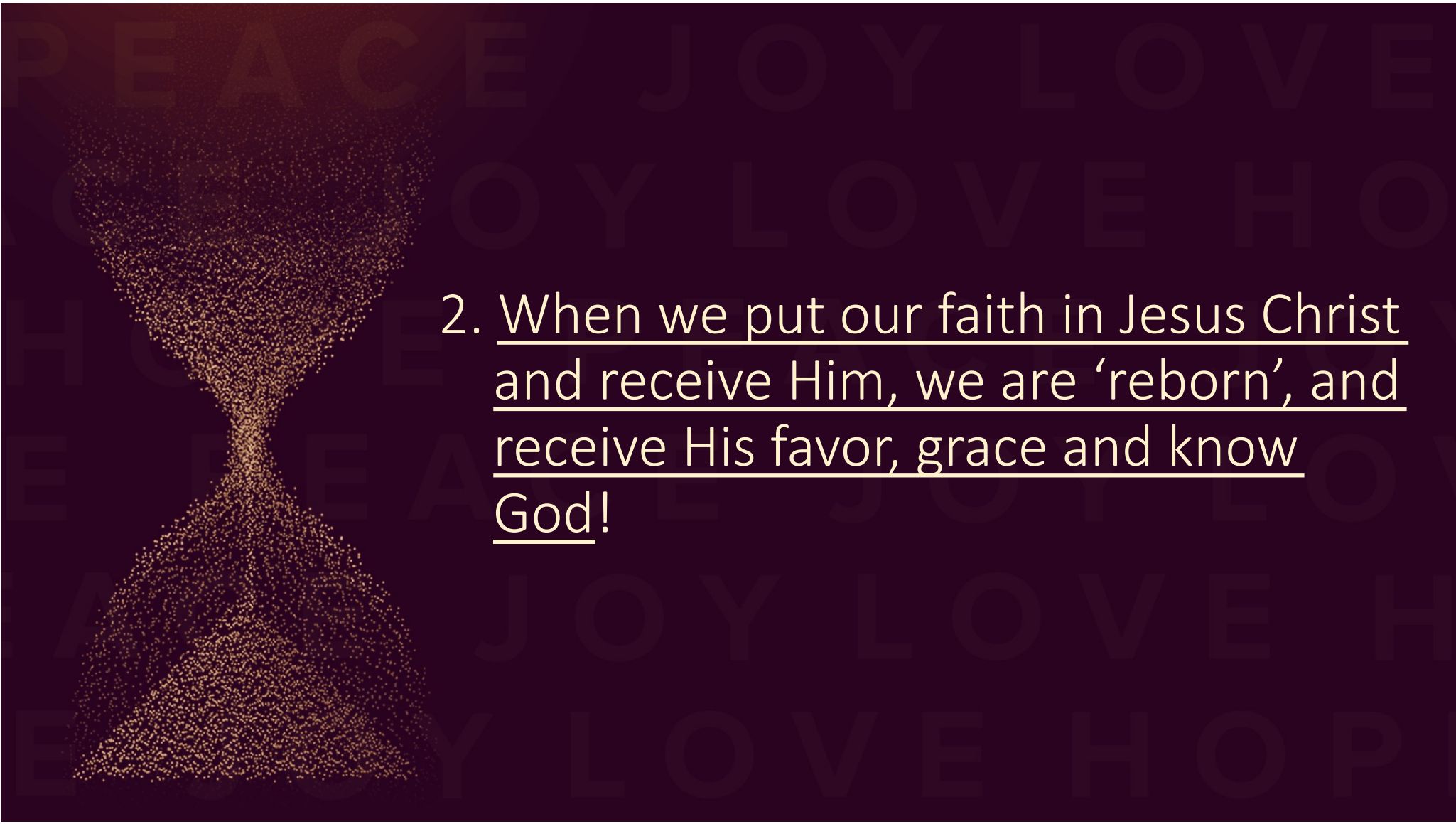
## John 1:12-14

“Yet to all who received Him, to all who believed in His Name, He gave the right to become children of God, children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

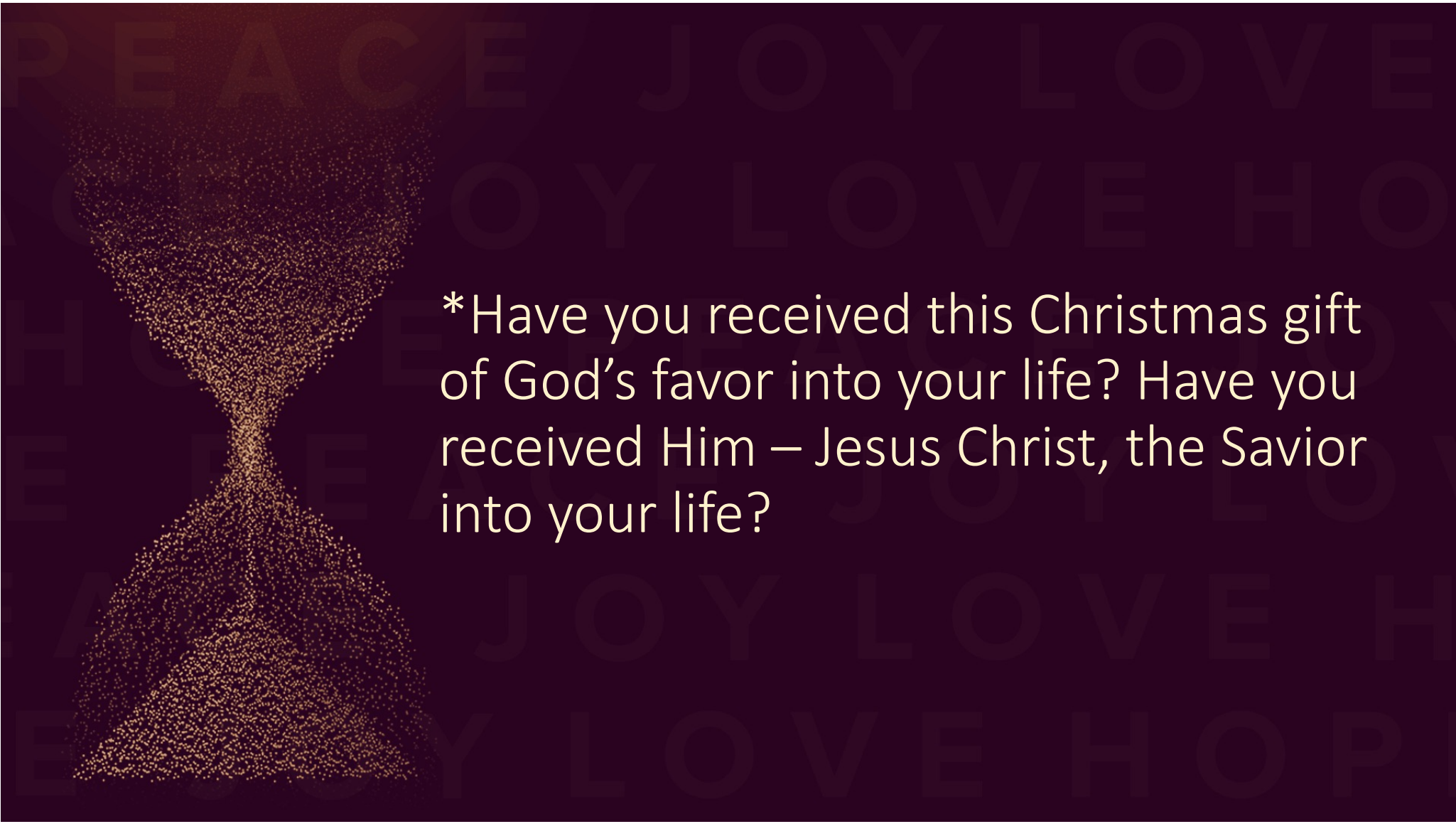
The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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\*This gift of His favor is only received when we are in right relationship to God through Jesus Christ.

A golden hourglass is positioned on the left side of the image, set against a dark purple background. The background features faint, repeating text patterns such as 'PEACE', 'JOY', 'LOVE', 'HOPE', and 'GOD'. The hourglass is filled with a shimmering, golden particle effect, creating a sense of light and movement. The text on the right is white and underlined, providing a clear message.

2. When we put our faith in Jesus Christ and receive Him, we are 'reborn', and receive His favor, grace and know God!

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\*Have you received this Christmas gift of God's favor into your life? Have you received Him – Jesus Christ, the Savior into your life?

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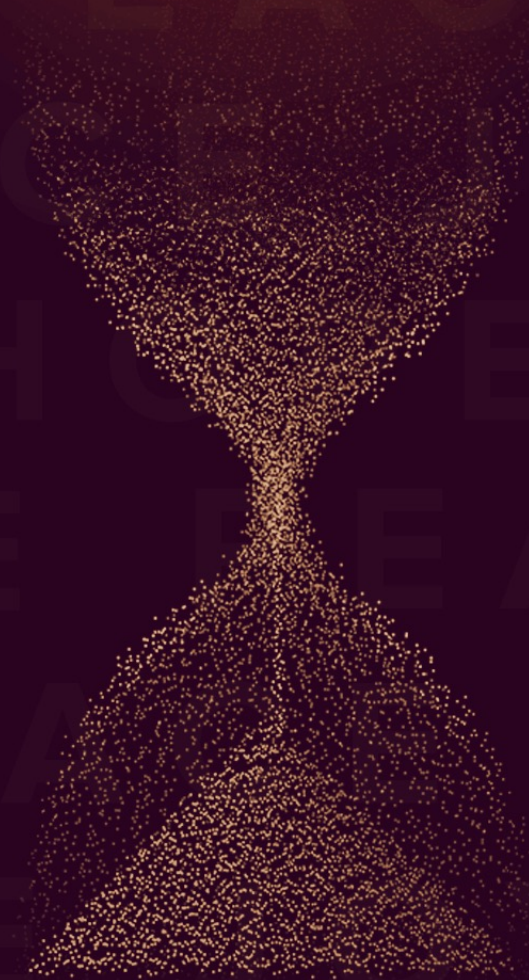
3. The gift of Christmas is that we can live a blessed life every day!

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## John 14:2-3

“I am going there to prepare a place for you... and I will come back again and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”



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\*His Favor will remain with us until He comes again to take us to heaven!