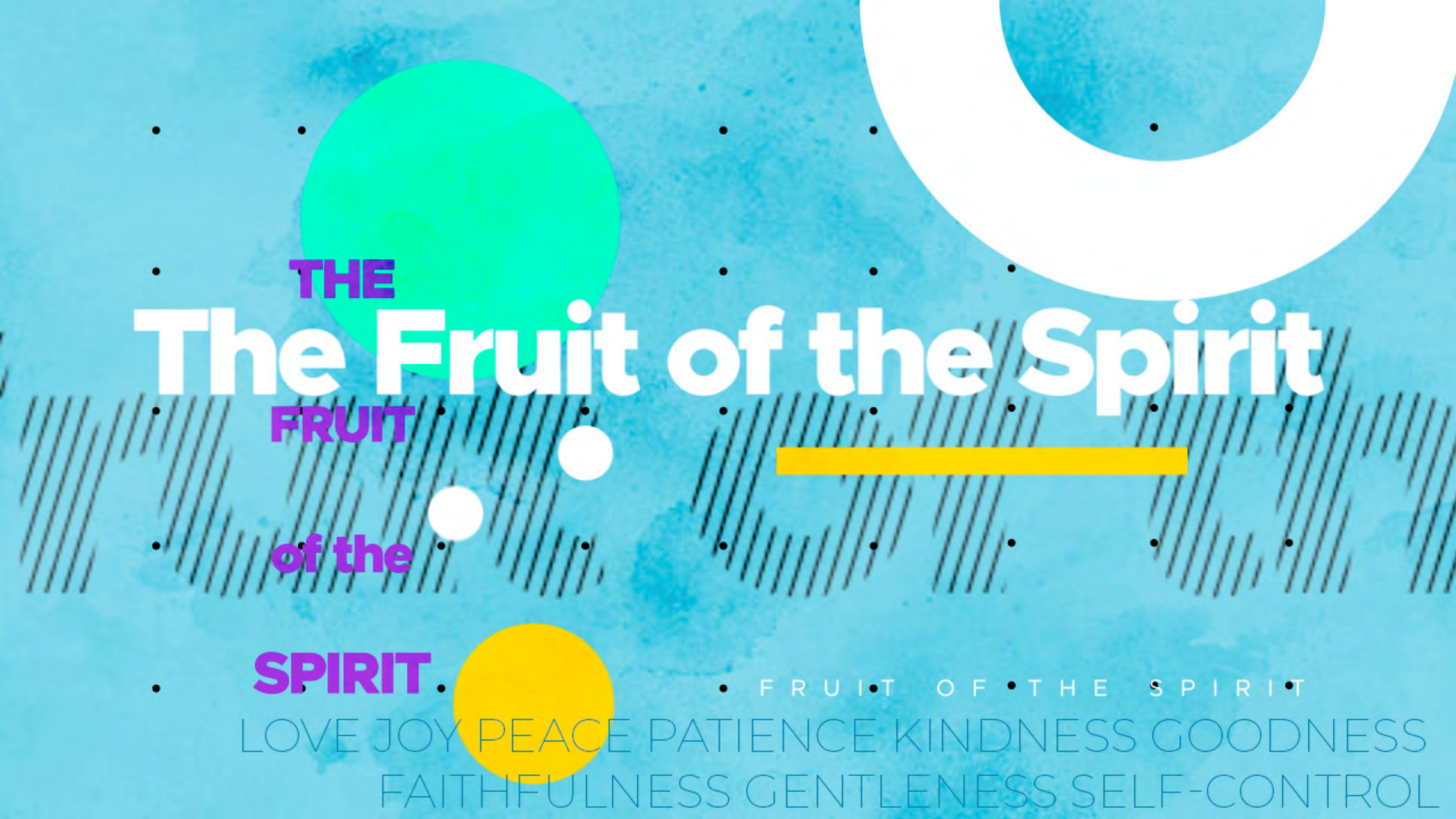




THE The Fruit of the FRUIT

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LOVE JOY PEACE PATIENCE KINDNESS GOODNESS

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Look, I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.

Galatians 5:2-4

1. Joy - Emotion of Delight and Gladness

Christian joy is a good feeling in the soul, produced by the Holy Spirit, as he causes us to see the beauty of Christ in the word and in the world. *John Piper*

Joy is a deep-seated experience of satisfaction, good cheer and contentment which grows out of the Gospel. It is a spirit of confidence in the living God and in his promises that rises above the difficult circumstances of life.

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

John 15:8-11

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2 ESV

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy...

1 Peter 1:8

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalms 16:11

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13

Joy is a deep-seated experience of satisfaction and contentment which grows out of the Gospel. It is a confidence in the living God and in his promises that is able to rise above the difficult circumstances of life.

2. Peace - Harmonious relations and freedom from dispute; freedom from worry

...and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

Ephesians 6:15 NIV

...and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

Ephesians 6:15

Position of Peace - “Not at War” with God

- Inner Disposition of Peace.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7



Our World is Becoming Less Safe

People are Becoming More Vulnerable

3. Patience - endurance of pain or suffering; long-suffering

“A state of emotional calm in the face of provocation or misfortune and without complaint or irritation.”

Greek-English Lexicon of the NT

...so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy...

Colossians 1:10-11

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant.

1 Corinthians 13:4

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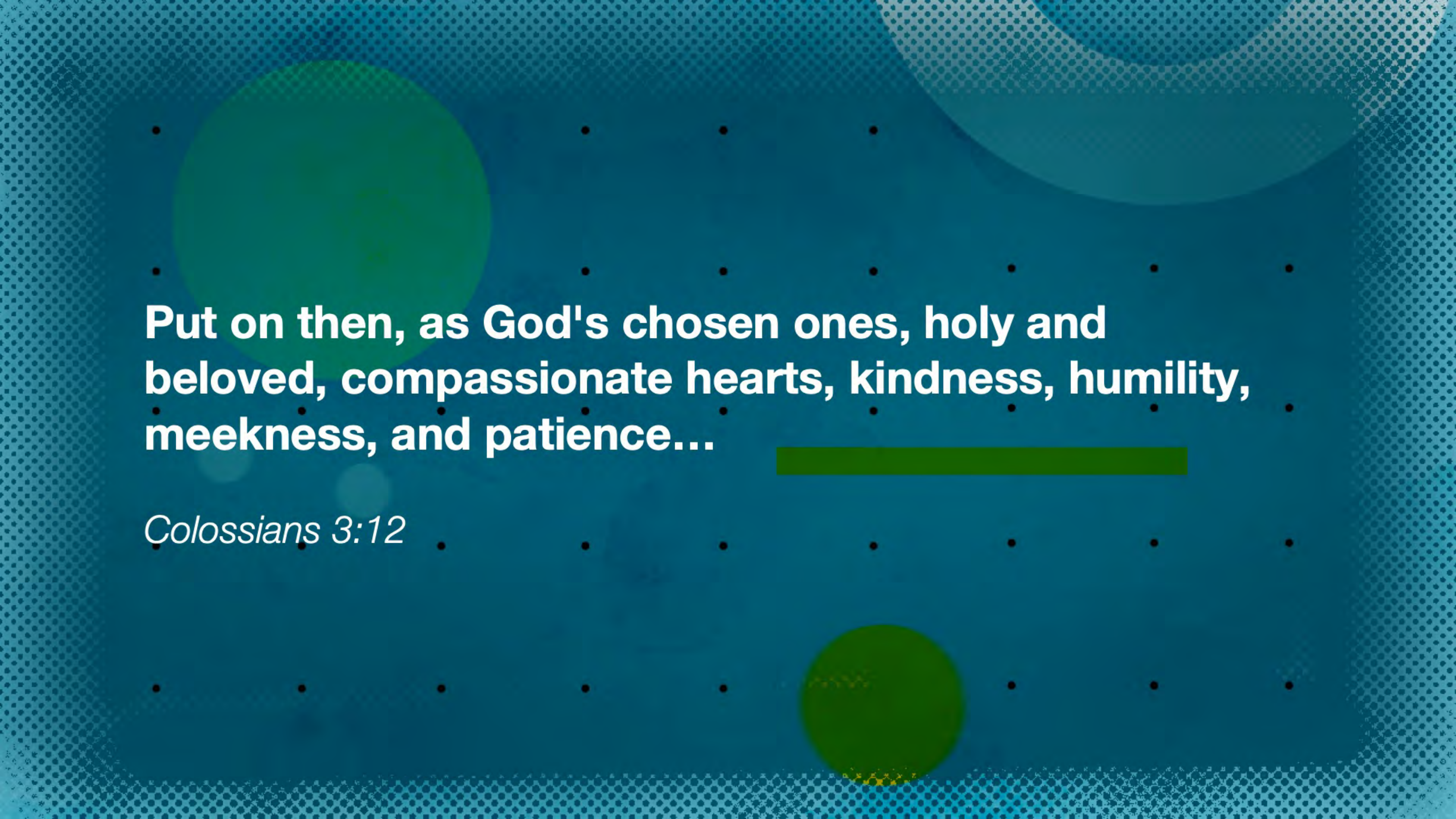
4. Kindness - the quality of being warm-hearted, considerate, gentle and sympathetic to others.

You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.” But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Matthew 5:43-44

“But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either.

Luke 6:27-29



Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience...

Colossians 3:12

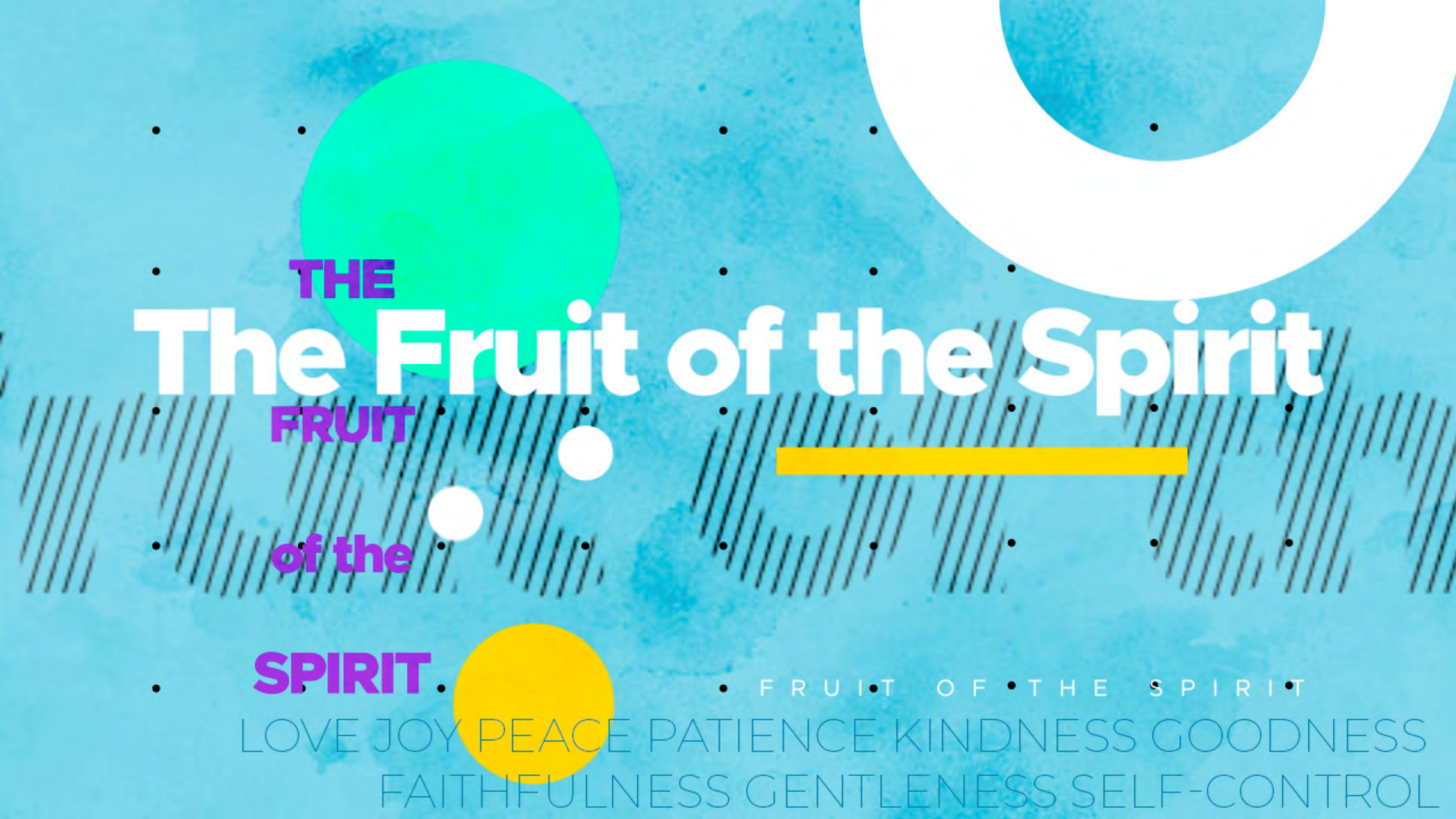
Love – the ability to put others above myself

Joy – that deep-seated experience of satisfaction and contentment to rise above the difficult circumstances.

Peace – that inner disposition of peace that grows out being in a position of peace with God.

Patience – that emotional calm in the face of provocation or misfortune, without complaint or irritation

Kindness – being warmhearted, considerate, gentle and sympathetic to others.



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