

# Victorious Christian Living



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Romans 8:1-11

The thrill of victory..



Superbowl XLVIII

AFC VS. NFC FOR THE NFL CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE VINCE LOMBARDI TROPHY

# SUPER BOWL

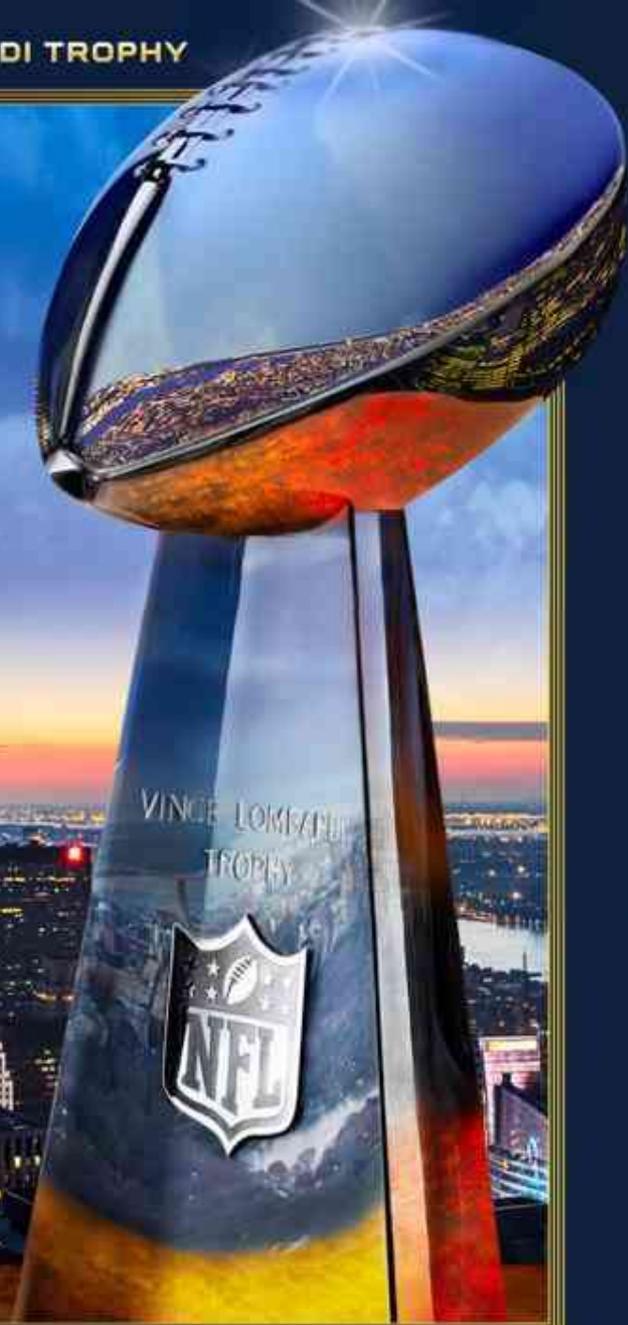
# XLV



DENVER  
BRONCOS



SEATTLE  
SEAHAWKS



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# Seahawks realize victory..



- For Bronco fans... the agony of defeat

# The Christian life...



- Some win battle... rejoicing in Christ
- Others overcome, cannot sustain life of holiness..

God wants us to live  
victorious lives...



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- He is willing to help us achieve victory and provide all we ever will need...

# Satan wants us to feel defeated...



- John 8:44 a murderer, father of lies..
- Rev. 12:10 accuser of the brethren..

# Satan is crafty...



- When we think we have scored, but discover it didn't count...

# ECCLESIASTES

Wisdom Literature

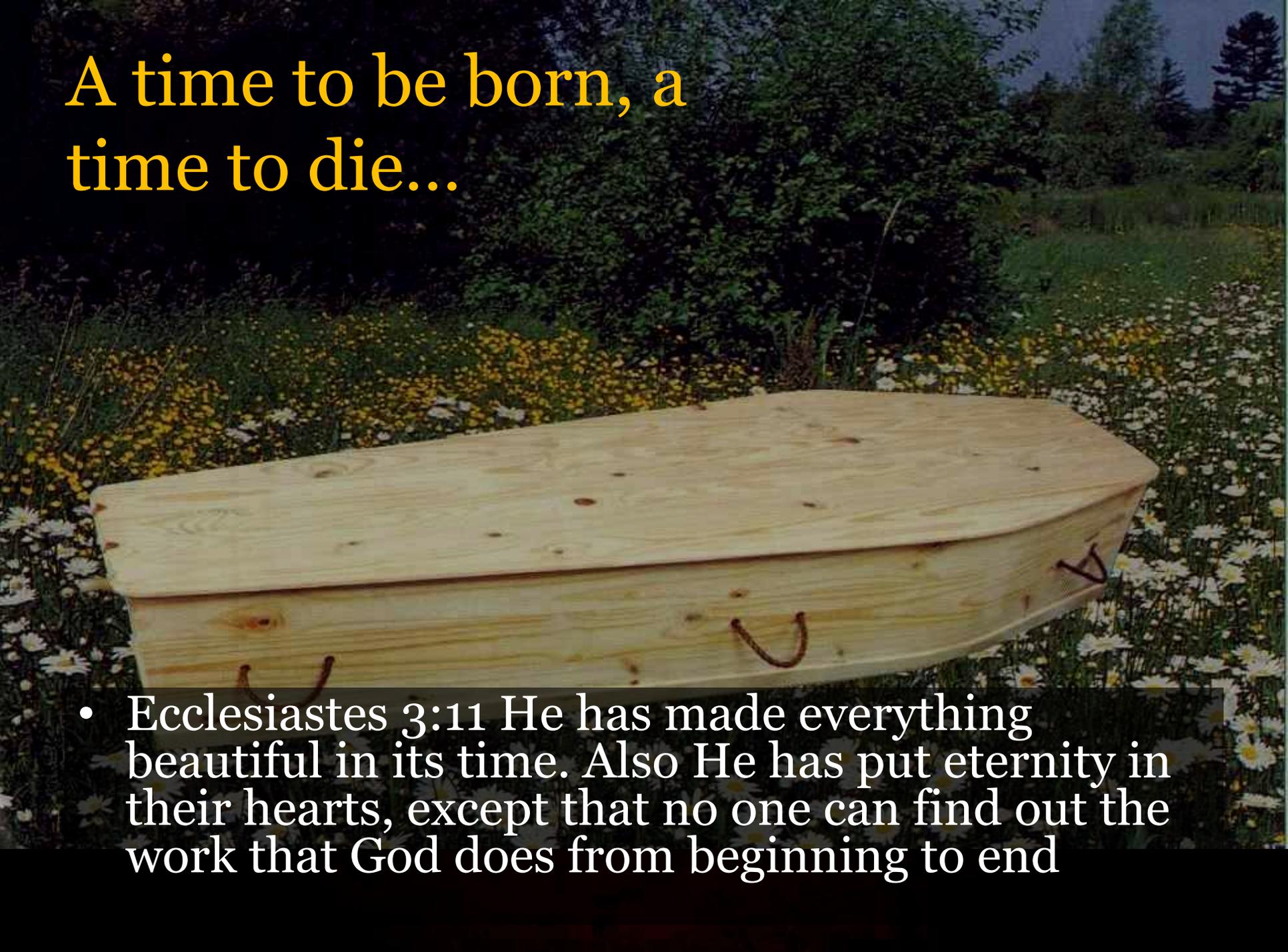
- Ecclesiastes 1:1-2 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. 2 "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher; "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity."

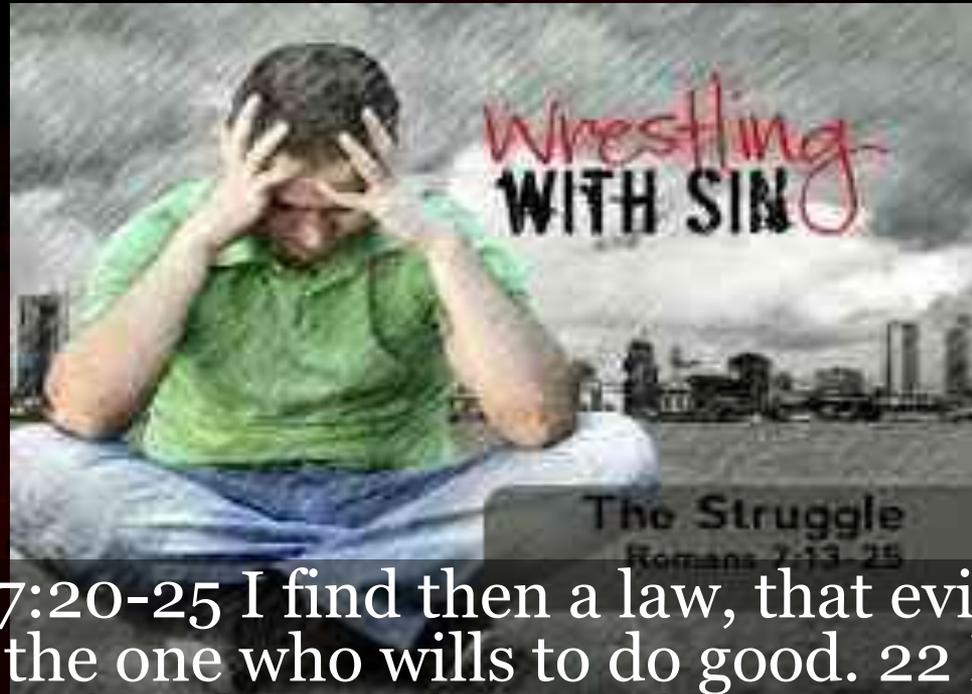
# Cardboard imitations..

A cardboard diorama of a winter forest scene. On the left, there are several trees with dark brown trunks and flat, circular green tops. In the center, a white mountain peak is visible against a dark background. On the right, there are several tall, conical evergreen trees made of green cardboard, some decorated with small red and white ornaments. The entire scene is set on a flat, light-colored base.

- Worldly pleasure, immoral living, alcohol, drugs...

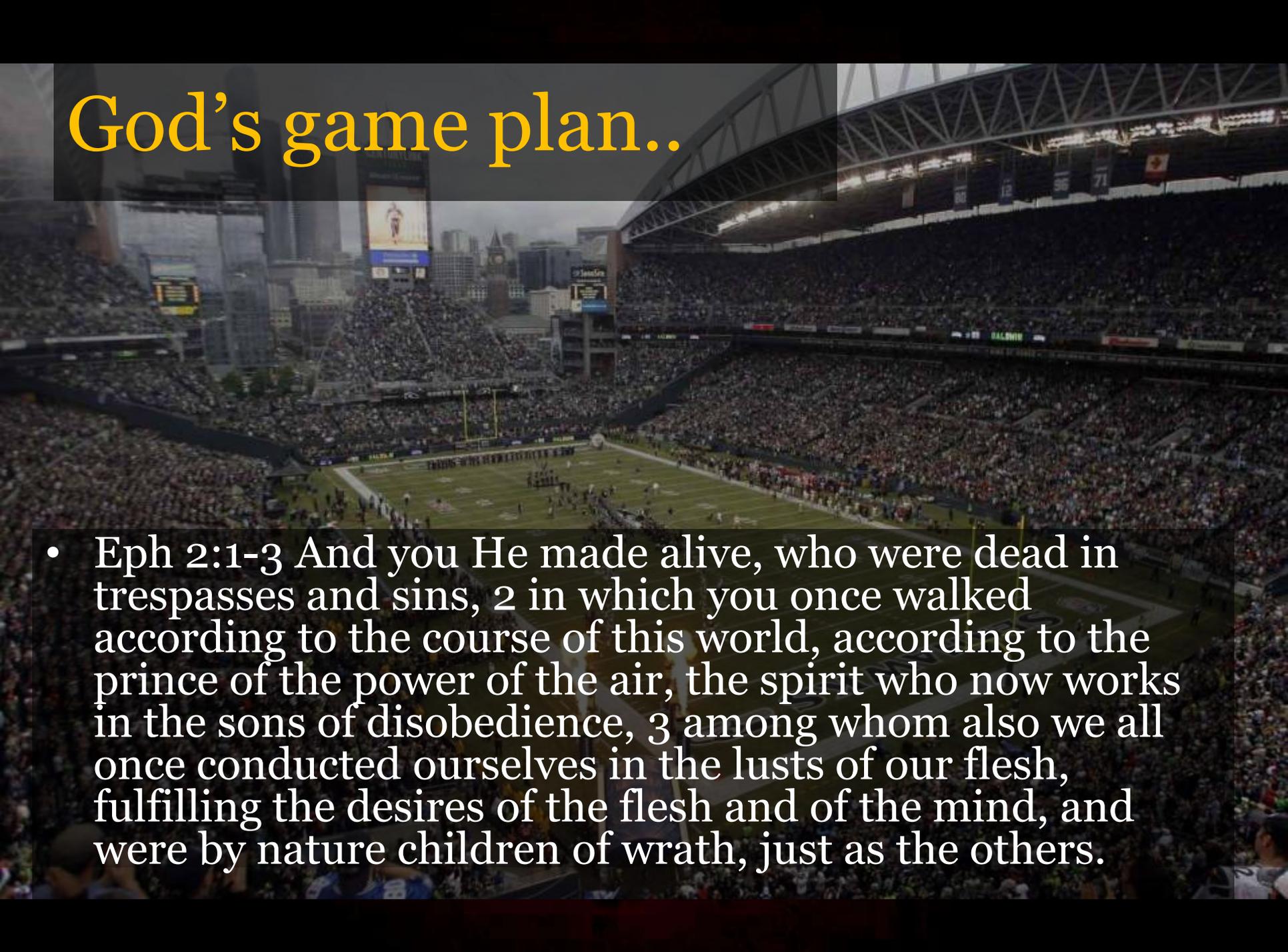
A time to be born, a  
time to die...

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- A photograph of a simple, light-colored wooden coffin lying horizontally in a field of wildflowers, including many white daisies and yellow flowers. The background is filled with dense green foliage and trees under a clear sky. The coffin has metal handles on its sides.
- Ecclesiastes 3:11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end



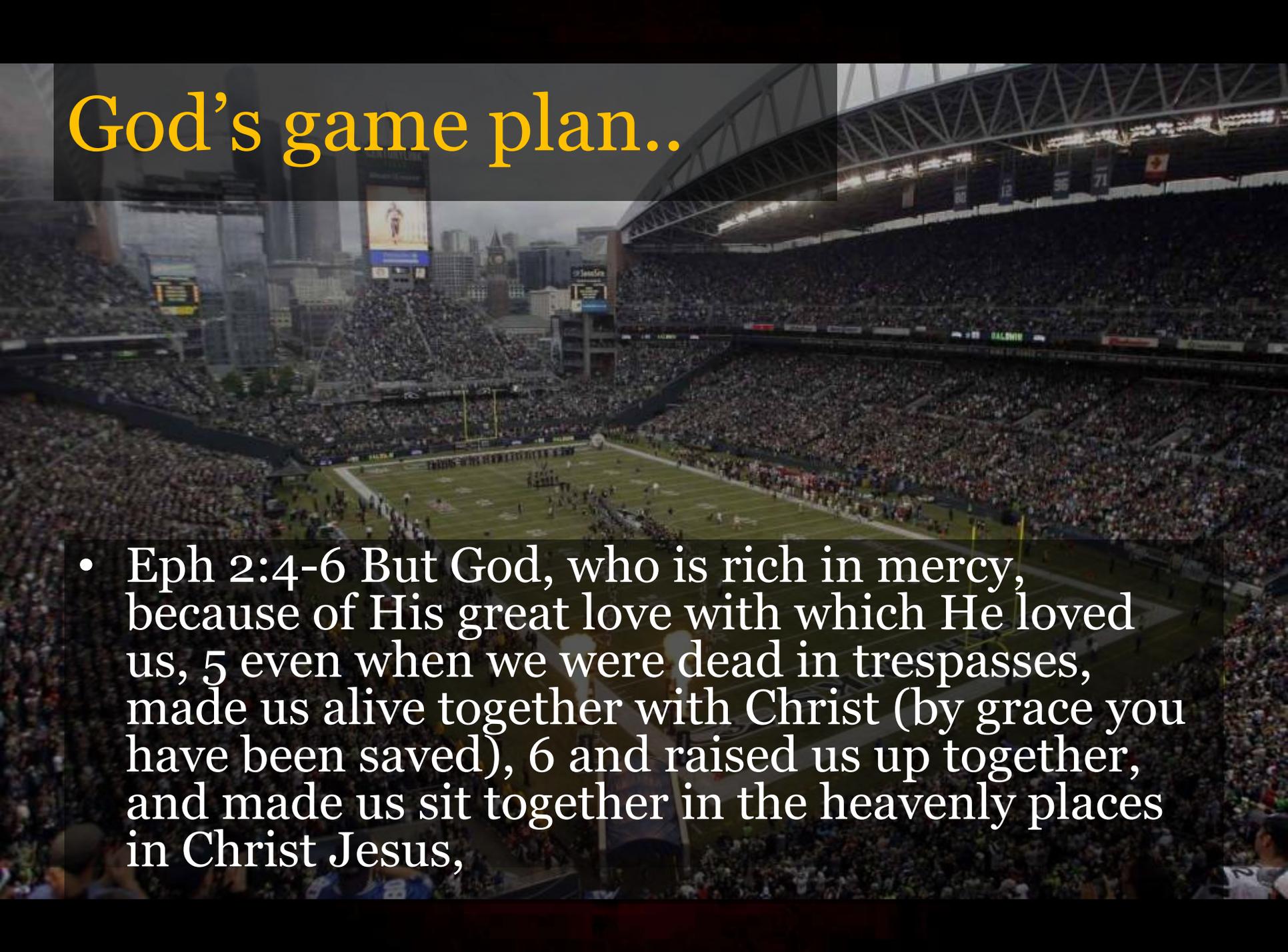
- Romans 7:20-25 I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. 22 For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 I thank God — through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

# God's game plan..

A wide-angle, high-angle photograph of a massive stadium filled with spectators. The stadium is illuminated by bright lights, and the field is visible in the center. In the background, a city skyline with several tall buildings is visible under a dark sky. The overall atmosphere is that of a major sporting event.

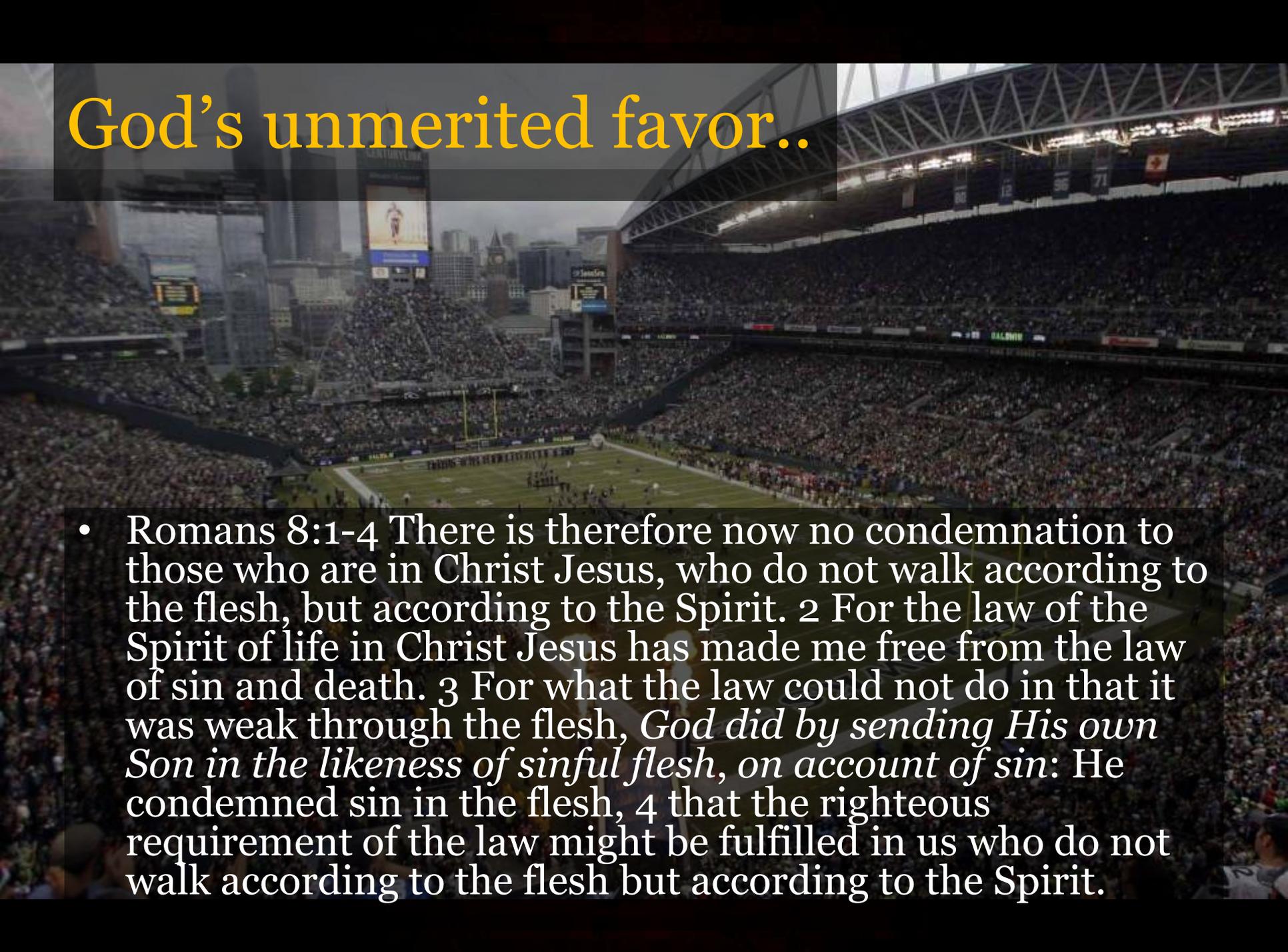
- Eph 2:1-3 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

# God's game plan..

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- Eph 2:4-6 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

# God's unmerited favor..



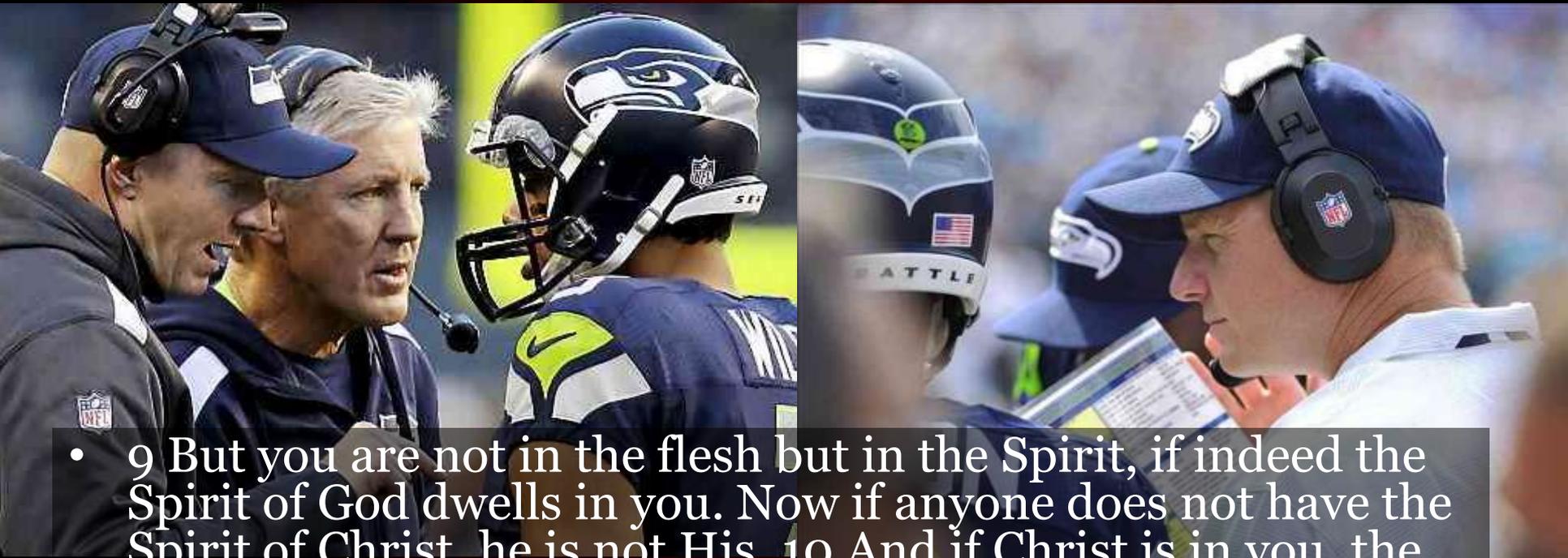
- Romans 8:1-4 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, *God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,* 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

# The Millionaire...



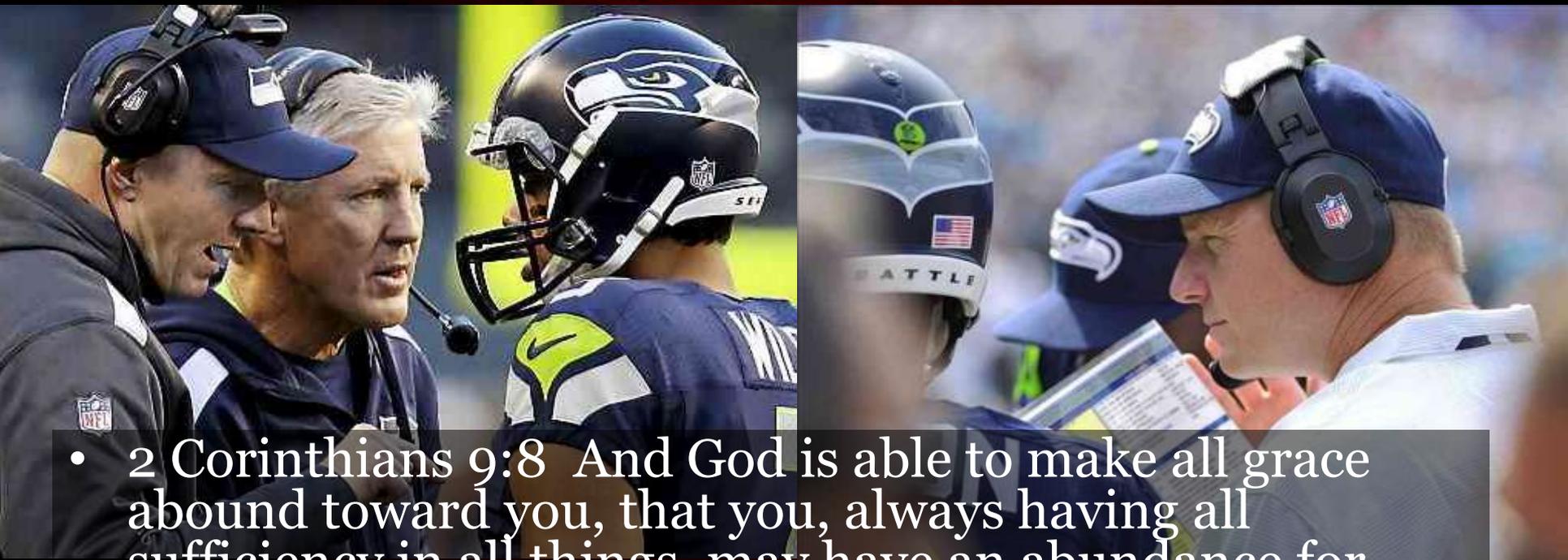
- Are we willing to accept God's gift ..
- How will we choose to use it?

# God's presence and resources assure victory...



- 9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. 10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

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- 2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.
- Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ...

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