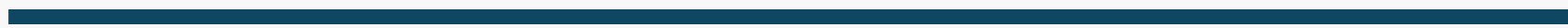
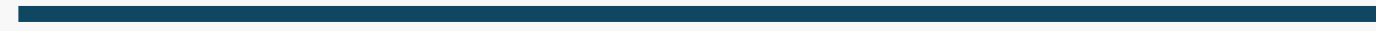


God's Initiative
Our Response

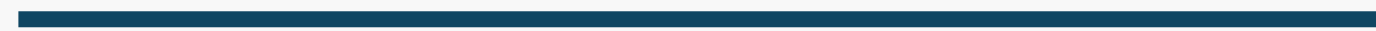
John 3:1-17

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17





You must be born again



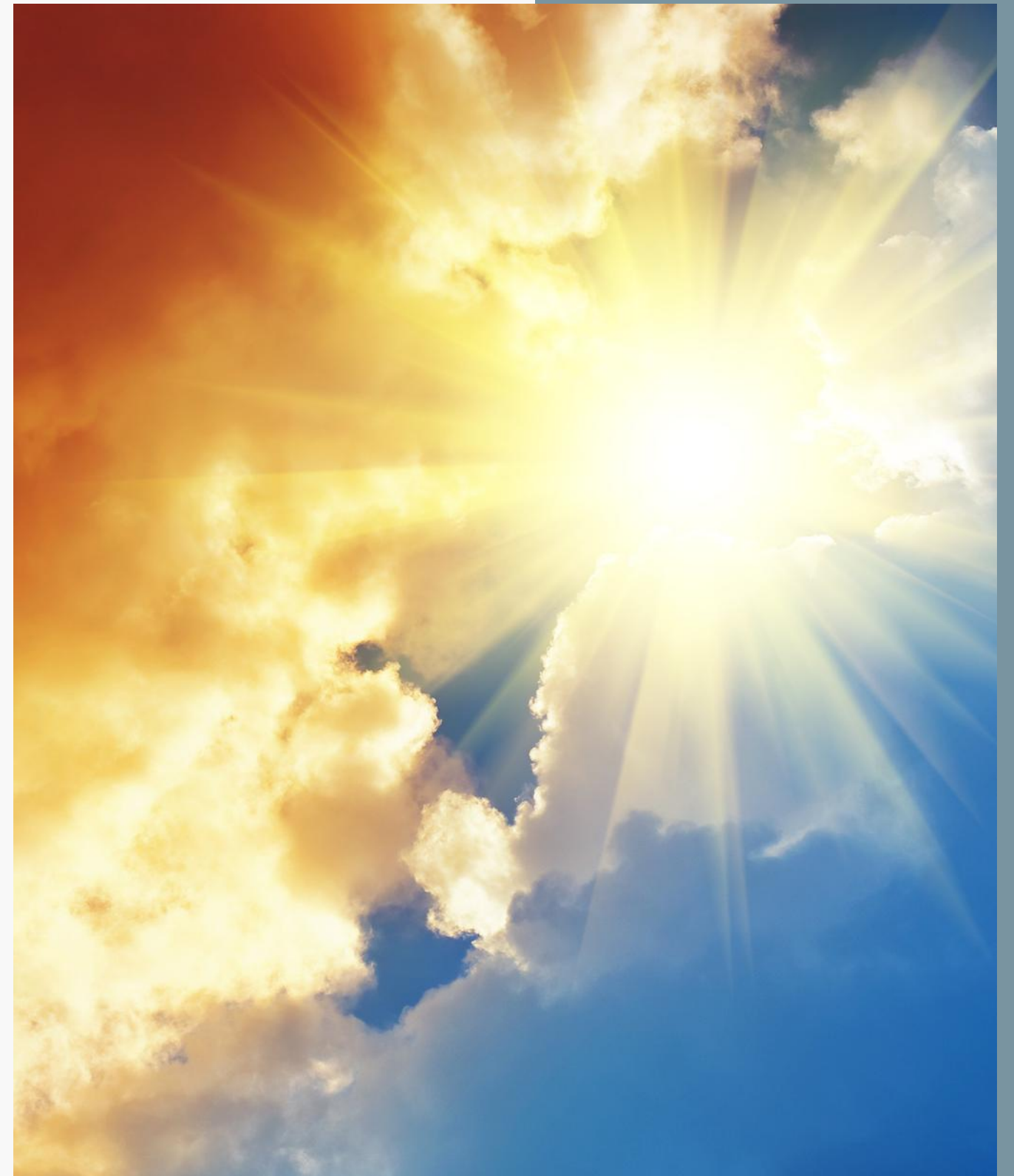


A life that can only
be **received,**
not achieved.



John 3:3

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”



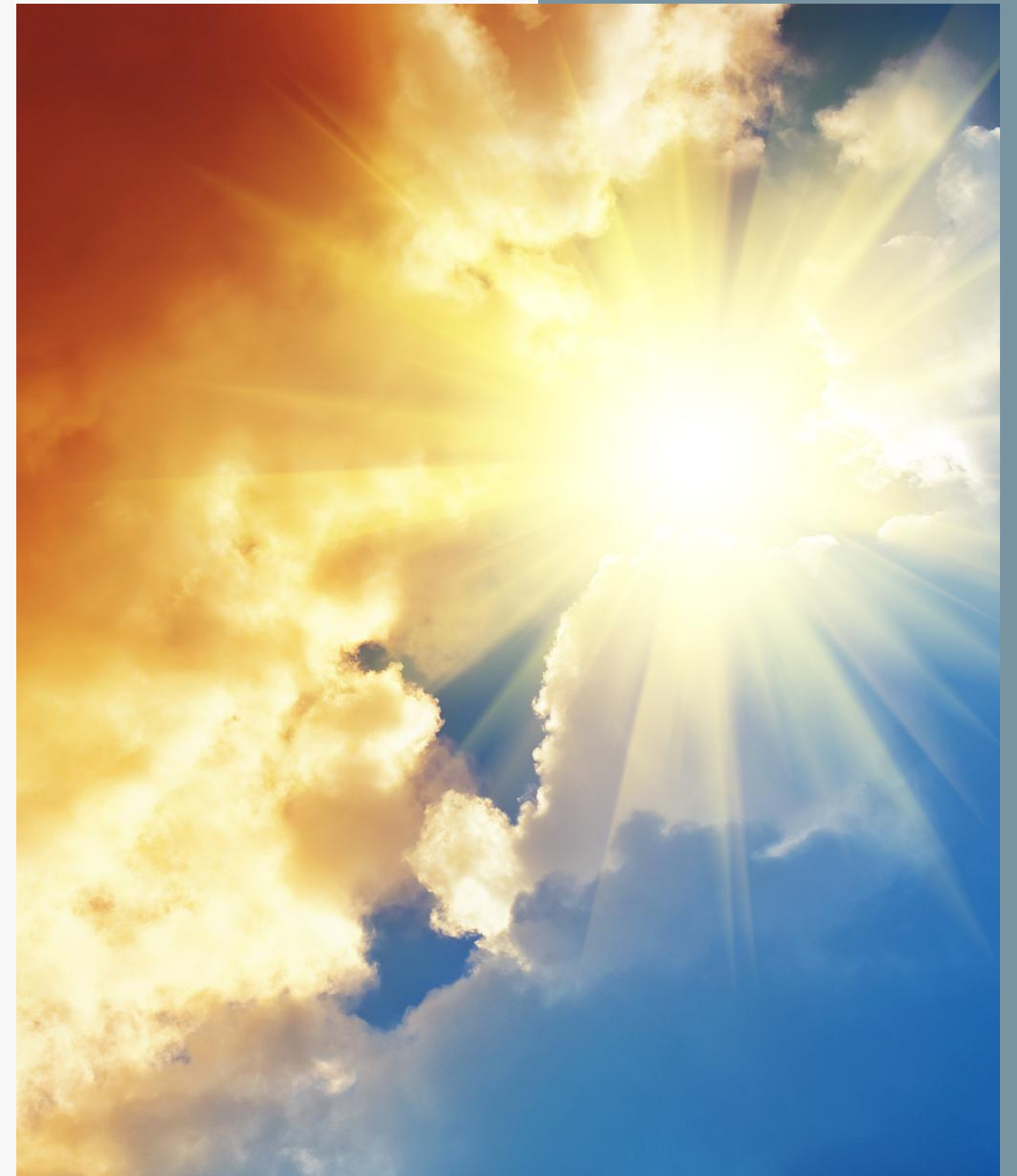
John 3:2

“Rabbi, we know that you are
a teacher come from God,
for *no one can do these signs
that you do unless God is with him.*”



John 3:3

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”



Matthew 7:22-23



On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

John 3:4

“How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”



Spiritual realm operates by a different order:



**Not by sight,
but by faith**



**Not by human
control, but by
God's Spirit**



**Not by natural
ability, but by
divine power**

John 3:5

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”



Ezekiel 36:25-27

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.



Ezekiel 36:25-27

And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.



John 3:6

**“That which is born
of the flesh is flesh,
and that which is born
of the Spirit is spirit.”**



John 3:8

“The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”



John 3:14-15

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.”



Numbers 21:8-9

“Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.



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.”



2 Corinthians 5:17

**If anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation.**





*“You have made us for yourself, O Lord,
and our hearts are restless
until they rest in you.”*

- St Augustine -





New birth does not make works redundant.

Rather, it puts them in their proper place.



Ephesians 2:10

**For we are His workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for
good works, which God
prepared beforehand, that
we should walk in them.**



Romans 8:15b

**...you have received the Spirit
of adoption as sons, by whom
we cry, “Abba! Father!”**

