

Peace Through God's Spirit

Based on Acts 2:1-16, 22-24, 33-47

The followers of Jesus stayed in the city to await the promised **Spirit**, just as Jesus had instructed. On the day of an important religious festival, seven weeks after Jesus was raised from the dead, those who followed Jesus were meeting together in one place.

Suddenly, there was a sound like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were meeting. Then, what looked like **flames** or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with God's Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as God's Spirit gave them this ability. There were people in the city from all over the world for the festival. They came and heard his followers speaking. They said, "These are local people, and yet we hear them speaking the languages of the lands where we were born about the wonderful things God has done!" They stood there amazed and perplexed. "What can this mean?" they asked each other. But others in the crowd were mocking. "They're drunk, that's all!" they said.

Then one of Jesus' closest followers stepped forward and shouted to the crowd, "Some of you are saying these people are drunk. It isn't true! It's much too early for that. People don't get drunk by nine o'clock in the morning. No, what you see this morning was predicted centuries ago. Listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus . . . by doing wonderful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know. But you **murdered** him. However, God **raised him back to life** again. "Now he sits at the place of highest honor in heaven, at God's right hand. And the Father, as he had **promised**, gave him God's Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today. So let it be clearly known that God has made this Jesus whom you murdered to be both Master and Promised Savior!"

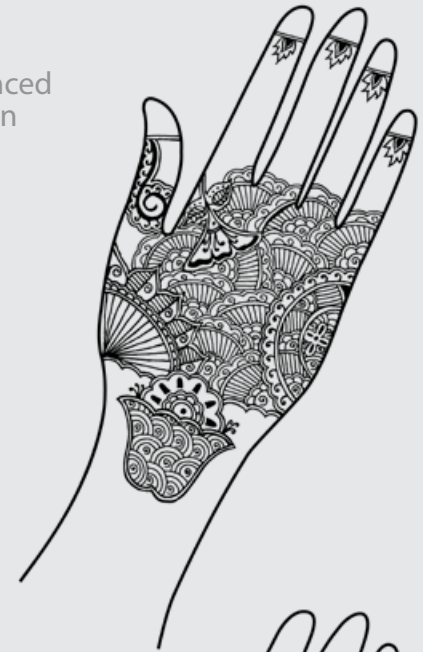
Peter's words convicted them deeply, and they said to him and to the others, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter replied, "Each of you must turn from your sins and turn to God, and be **baptized** in the name of Jesus, the Promised Savior, for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of God's Spirit. This promise is to you and to your children, and to everyone in the world." Then Peter continued speaking for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners.

Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church—about three thousand in all. They joined with the other believers and devoted themselves to Jesus' closest followers' **teaching and fellowship, and in prayer**. And those who had been Jesus' closest followers performed many miraculous signs and wonders. Each day God added to their group those who were being saved.

Drawing Elements: God's Spirit (flames), Killed (whip), Resurrection, Peace, Baptized, Teaching, Fellowship and Prayer (three petal flower)

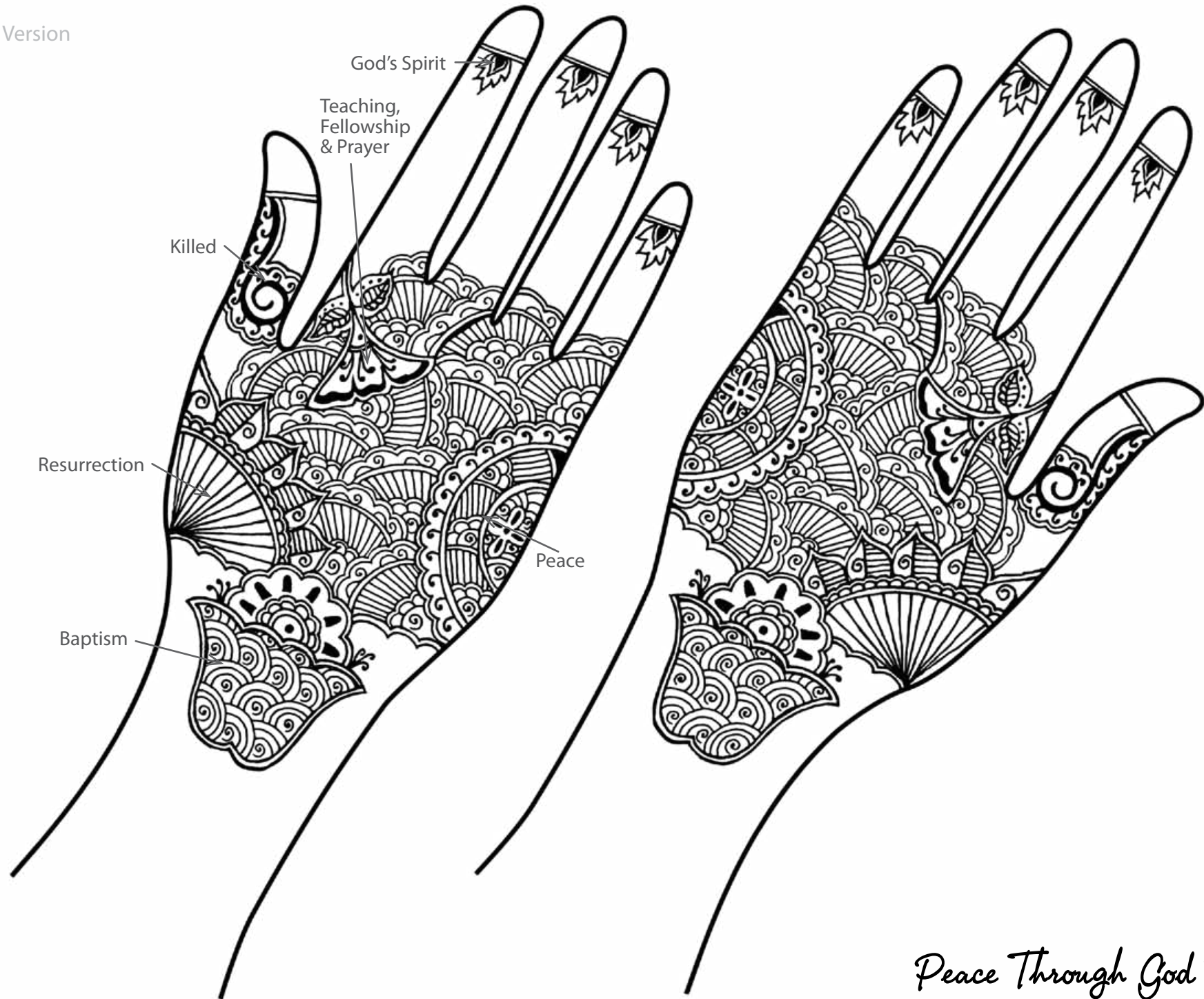
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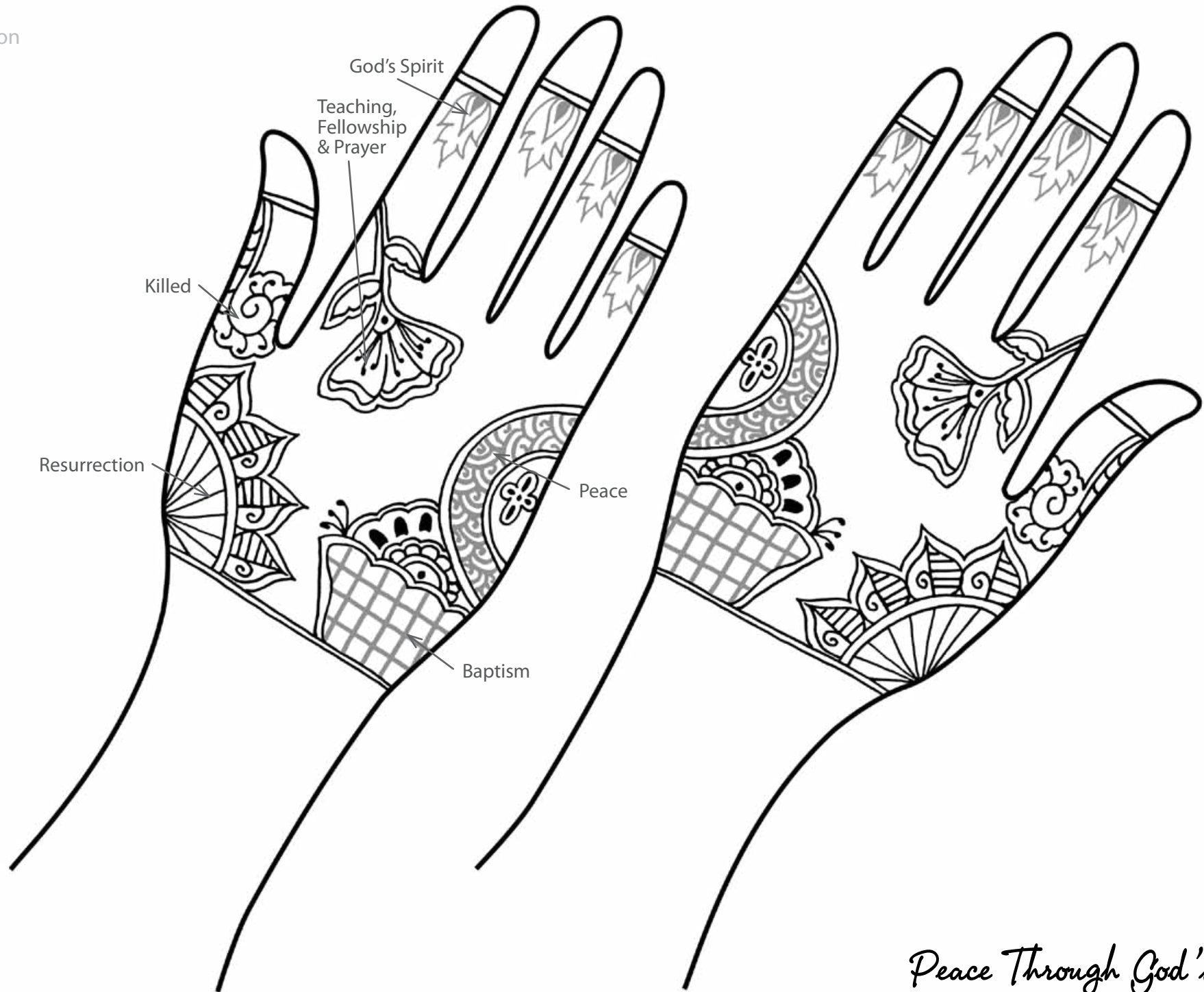




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