A large tree stands in the center of the image, split vertically. The left side of the tree is bare and dark, while the right side is lush with vibrant green leaves. The ground is also split: the left side is a cracked, brown, arid landscape, and the right side is a rolling green hillside. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds on the left and lighter, blue sky with white clouds on the right. The text 'A NEW SEASON' is written in large, white, serif capital letters across the middle of the tree.

A  
NEW  
SEASON



“a new season of  
expressing  
our core values  
and  
what we’re called to do”



an active  
and ongoing  
experience of  
life with the  
Spirit

In him you also are being  
built together into a dwelling  
place for God by the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:22 ESV



“Prepare to  
become a place  
where the glory of God  
does not just come to visit  
**but rather where  
the glory of God  
comes to dwell.”**

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“He is glory.

He is everywhere, but glory is  
the manifestation of that reality.

Earth has the atmosphere of air,  
whereas

the heavenly atmosphere is glory,

**His presence.**

When glory comes down, it’s a bit of  
Heaven’s atmosphere  
coming down to us....”

Ruth Ward Heflin,  
*Glory: Experiencing the  
Atmosphere of Heaven*

“The first thing we notice about the glory realm is the ease it brings. The glory brings an ease in every dimension of ministry. The glory brings an ease, for instance, in the ministry of healing. We may have prayed for the sick in one dimension, but when we move into the glory realm, healing just happens.

There is no struggle.”



His presence “was so powerful that you were constantly living in the expectation that something was about to happen. You would feel a sort of excitement inside yourself. You were afraid of saying anything wrong. You were afraid of saying or doing anything that would cause God to remove His presence.”

Mary Peckham



To become and remain a people and a place upon whom the glory of God does not just come to visit, but rather upon whom the glory of God comes to dwell, will require a sufficiently large percentage of truly mature believers who walk in relational and moral holiness, *and* who “make every effort” to protect the church family against the divisive strategies of the kingdom of darkness, as well as the selfish ambition and divisive behavior of people.



# three common destroyers of the unity of the Spirit

a divisive  
person

“a bitter  
spirit” that,  
as it spreads,  
chokes out  
the bond of  
peace

“bitter  
jealousy  
and selfish  
ambition”

But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition  
in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

<sup>15</sup> This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is  
earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where jealousy and selfish  
ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

James 3:14-16 ESV

zeelon

“a particularly  
strong feeling of  
resentment and  
jealousy against  
someone”

eritheian

“a desire to put  
oneself forward”;  
implies a feeling  
of rivalry toward  
other people

“bitter  
jealousy  
and selfish  
ambition”



I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup> and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup> Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears.


Acts 20:29-31 ESV

Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. <sup>16</sup> The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup> The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely....

Philippians 1:16-17a ESV



So if there is any encouragement in Christ,  
any comfort from love,  
any participation in the Spirit,  
any affection and sympathy,  
<sup>2</sup> complete my joy by being of the same mind,  
having the same love,  
being in full accord and of one mind.  
<sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,  
but in humility  
count others more significant than yourselves.  
Philippians 2:1-3 ESV



literally,  
to hold  
above

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,  
but in humility  
count others more significant than yourselves.  
Philippians 2:3 ESV



Thus Joseph...  
a Levite, a native of  
Cypress, sold a field  
that belonged to him  
and brought the money  
and laid it at the  
apostles' feet.

Acts 4:36-37

Thus Joseph,  
who was also called  
by the apostles Barnabas  
[which means son of  
encouragement]  
a Levite, a native of Cypress,  
sold a field that belonged  
to him and brought the  
money and laid it at the  
apostles' feet.

Acts 4:36-37

And let us consider how  
to stir up one another to  
love and good works....

Hebrews 10:24



But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup> This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

James 3:14-15 ESV

And let us  
consider how  
to stir up one  
another to love  
and good  
works....

Hebrews 10:24

So be content  
with who you are,  
and don't put on airs.  
God's strong hand is on  
you; he'll promote you  
at the right time.

1 Peter 5:6 THE MESSAGE

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