

1. This letter identifies us in relation to God, one another, and this world.

2. This letter declares God's will for those whom He has saved and set apart.

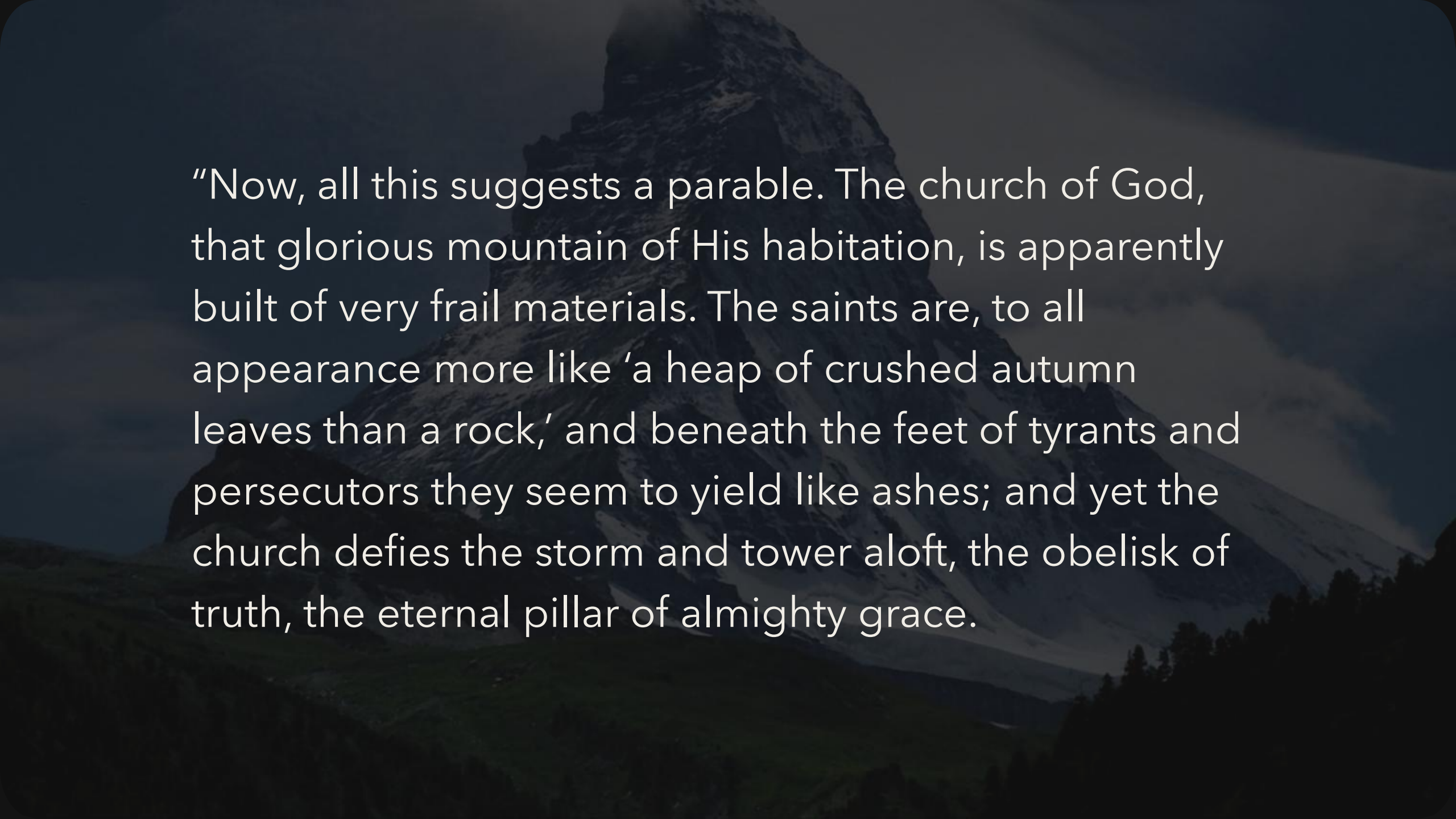
3. This letter comes through an esteemed brother who faced many trials.

4. This letter ministers a full measure of God's true grace and peace (1:2).

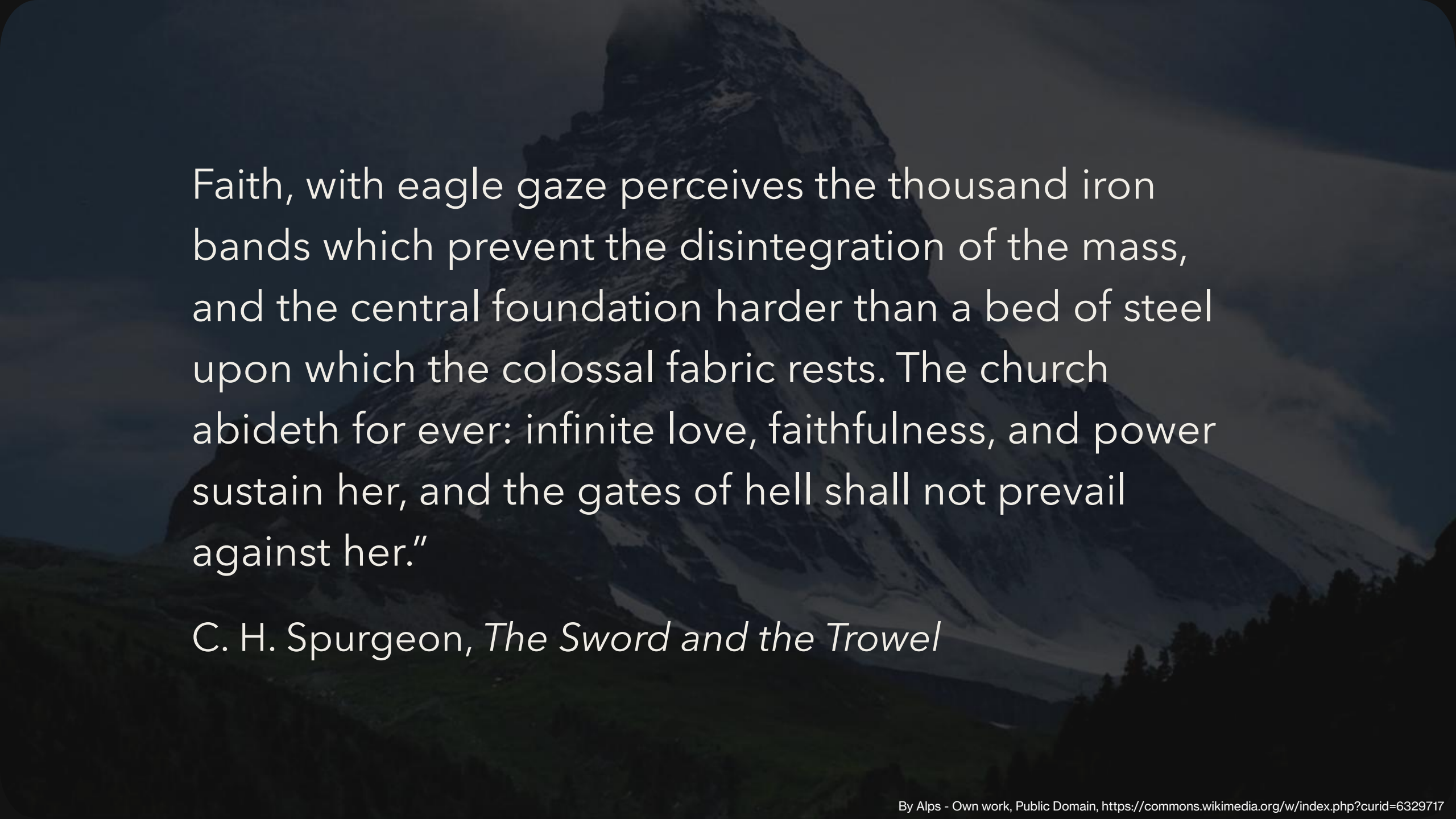
Christian sojourning begins with
Triune worship (1:3-12).

Christian sojourning follows core
commands (1:13-2:3).

Christian sojourning serves as
scaffolding for Christ's
masterpiece (2:4-10).



"Now, all this suggests a parable. The church of God, that glorious mountain of His habitation, is apparently built of very frail materials. The saints are, to all appearance more like 'a heap of crushed autumn leaves than a rock,' and beneath the feet of tyrants and persecutors they seem to yield like ashes; and yet the church defies the storm and tower aloft, the obelisk of truth, the eternal pillar of almighty grace.



Faith, with eagle gaze perceives the thousand iron bands which prevent the disintegration of the mass, and the central foundation harder than a bed of steel upon which the colossal fabric rests. The church abideth for ever: infinite love, faithfulness, and power sustain her, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against her."

C. H. Spurgeon, *The Sword and the Trowel*

Christian sojourning lives
honorably before the lost
(2:11-3:12).

Christian sojourning faces
suffering with faith not fear
(3:13-22).

1. Will I view myself
in terms of God's mercy
that brought me to life?

2. Will I yield to God's
foundational directives
for how to live?

3. Will I delight in Christ's masterpiece by coming to and proclaiming Him?

4. Will I conduct myself so that unbelievers will glorify God in the day of visitation?

5. Will I face unjust suffering with trust in my Savior who suffered and is exalted?