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- 1. active rule/reign/order
- 2. coming **near** (imminent, personal, holistic)
- 3. received (yielded to)

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Romans 14

¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, ¹⁸ because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval.

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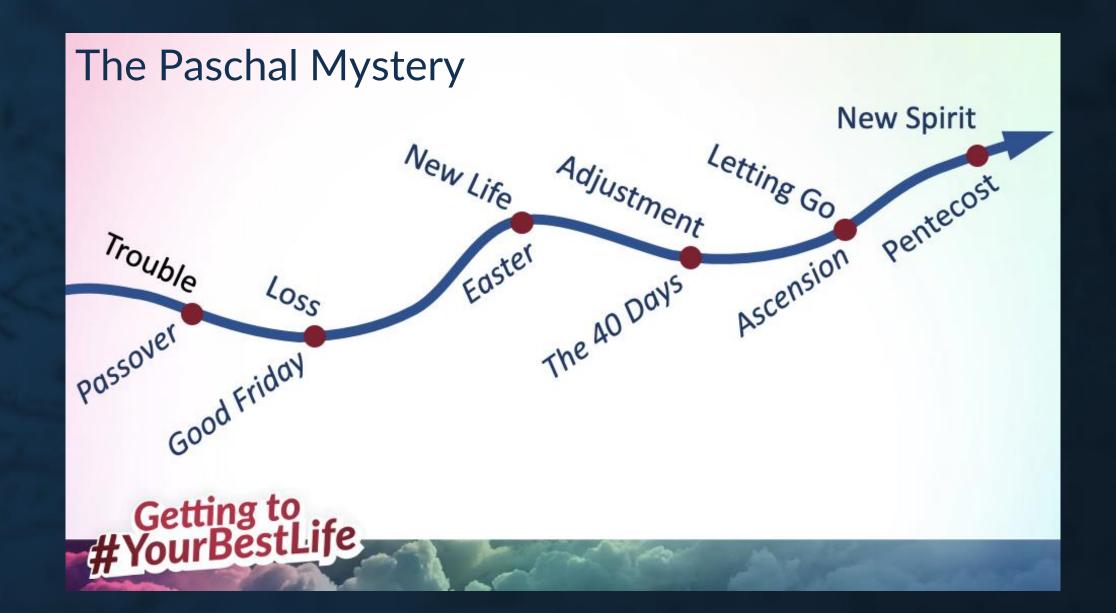
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God's reign becomes active

on the inside

so we must follow Jesus in



The Way In (Invitation)

Make this a regular practice:

Search me, God, and know my heart

Test me and know my anxious thoughts

See if there is any offensive way in me

And lead me in the way everlasting

the way in

is the way on

(Psalm 139:23-24)