



MAJOR BIBLE THEMES

INTRODUCTION

Background:

For more than three quarters of a century "Major Bible Themes" written by Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer (revised by Dr. John F. Walvoord in 1976) has blessed thousands of readers throughout the world. We at Holly Hills Bible Church were some of the many who were blessed by using Dr. Chafer's book in a study of the 52 vital doctrines of scripture presented in his book. We attempted to cover one chapter per week in an adult Bible study class. This was a very ambitious endeavor because of the extensive amount of material in each chapter.

Overhead slides were produced in Power Point to attempt to summarize and clarify some of the doctrines presented. Our purpose initially is to make these overheads available to both the teachers and students of the many home Bible study groups and church classes, or those involved in self study who are now or will be utilizing Dr. Chafer's book as their guide. These overheads are not meant to stand alone for teaching or instruction but are to be utilized with the textbook "Major Bible Themes"

Our prayer is that every believer involved in this study will not only learn and understand the objective truths of the scripture but that these truths may become subjective (believed on truths) in the believer's life. This is God's method for the believer to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Cor 3:18).

Textbook:

Major Bible Themes by Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer. This book can be purchased from one of the following sources:

- www.scripturetruth.com
- www.christianbook.com
- www.amazon.com
- your local Bible book store

Future Updates:

We are in the process of putting this study and others in more accessible formats (e.g PDF) on our website.

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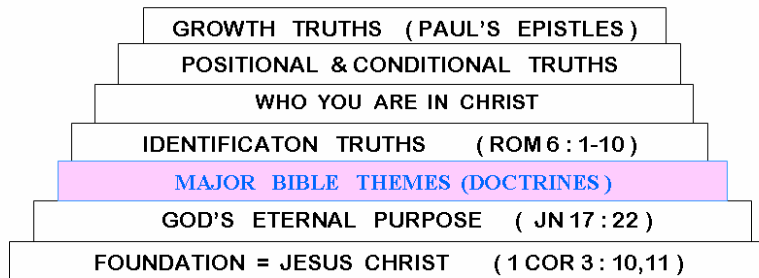
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QUESTION: WHY STUDY " MAJOR BIBLE THEMES " (DOCTRINES) ?

ANSWER: IT IS **GOD'S REVELATION** FOR GROUNDING & GROWTH OF BELIEVERS

GOD'S REVELATION



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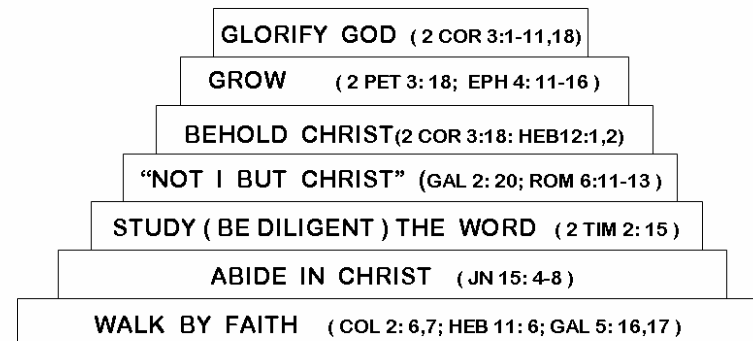
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QUESTION: WHAT SHOULD BE OUR RESPONSE TO **GOD'S REVELATION** ?

ANSWER: BELIEVE (REST) IN IT & WALK IN IT!

OUR RESPONSE



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The Bible: The Word of God

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Homework:
Read **Chapter 2**
Answer Questions: 1, 12, 15 & 16



The Bible: The Word of God

Two lines of evidence about the Bible

- **The Bible's own claim concerning itself (Internal)**

The Bible both directly **declares** and **assumes** itself to be the Word of God

- **Facts concerning the Bible (External)**

- The continuity of the Bible
- The extent of Biblical revelation
- The influence & publication of the Bible
- The subject matter of the Bible
- The Bible as literature
- The unprejudiced authority of the Bible
- The supreme character of the Bible

Not extra-Biblical
But observations about the facts given in scripture



The Bible: The Word of God

The Bible's own claim concerning itself (Internal)

- Old Testament examples
 - **Psalm 19:7-9**
Law of the Lord / Testimony of the Lord / Precepts of the Lord
Commandments of the Lord / Fear of the Lord / Judgments of the Lord
 - **Deuteronomy 6:1&17**
Commandments / Statutes / Judgments / Testimony
 - **Isaiah 55:9-11**
My thoughts / My ways / My word / My mouth



The Bible: The Word of God

The Bible's own claim concerning itself (Internal)

- New Testament examples
 - **Hebrews 1:1-2**
God spoke long ago to the Father through the prophets
God has spoken to us in His Son
 - **1 Thessalonians 2:13**
The Word of God which you heard from us you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is—the Word of God
 - **Romans 10:17**
So faith *comes* from hearing and hearing by the Word of Christ



The Bible: The Word of God

- **Facts concerning the Bible (External)**
 - **The continuity of the Bible**
 - 40 authors over a period of 1,600 years
 - The Bible is one book
 - Human authors from all walks of life
 - Historical sequence
 - Doctrinal themes
 - Programs of God
 - **The extent of Biblical Revelation**
 - Like a telescope
 - Like a microscope
 - Like a stereoscope
 - Up to date in subject matter
 - Eternity past to eternity future



The Bible: The Word of God

- **Facts concerning the Bible (External)**
 - **The influence & publication of the Bible**
 - Published in most of the world's languages
 - One of the first pages to be printed from the printing press
 - Skeptics predicted that the Bible would be obsolete in a generation
 - **The Subject matter of the Bible**
 - Deals with the unknown & unknowable
 - Describes eternity past to eternity future
 - Describes the program for the world, Israel & the Church
 - On every subject its statement is final, accurate & timeless



The Bible: The Word of God

- **Facts concerning the Bible (External)**
 - **The Bible as literature**
 - Graphic history
 - Detailed prophecy
 - Beautiful poetry
 - Drama
 - **The unprejudiced authority of the Bible**
 - Not prejudiced in favor of man
 - Records the sin and weakness of the best men
 - God's message to man rather than man's message to man
 - "Such a book could not be written by man if he chose to write it, and even if he could, man would not choose to write it, apart from divine direction."



The Bible: The Word of God

- **Facts concerning the Bible (External)**
 - **The supreme character of the Bible**
 - Reveals the person & glory of God as manifested in His Son
 - Jesus Christ could never have been the invention of a mortal man, for His perfections could never have been comprehended by the wisest and holiest of men
 - Similarity between the written Word and the living Word
 - Supernatural in origin
 - Perfect blending of that which is divine and human
 - Able to transform the lives of those who believe
 - Can be rejected by those who do not believe
 - Divine perfection embodied in each
 - The revelations which they (written Word & living Word) disclose can be comprehended by a child, but at the same time are infinitely complex



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The Bible: The Word of God

1. The Bible: The Word of God
2. The Bible: Inspired of God
3. The Bible: Its Subject and Purpose
4. The Bible: As a Divine Revelation

HOMEWORK: READ CHAP 3
ANSWER QUESTIONS: 1,3,8,11

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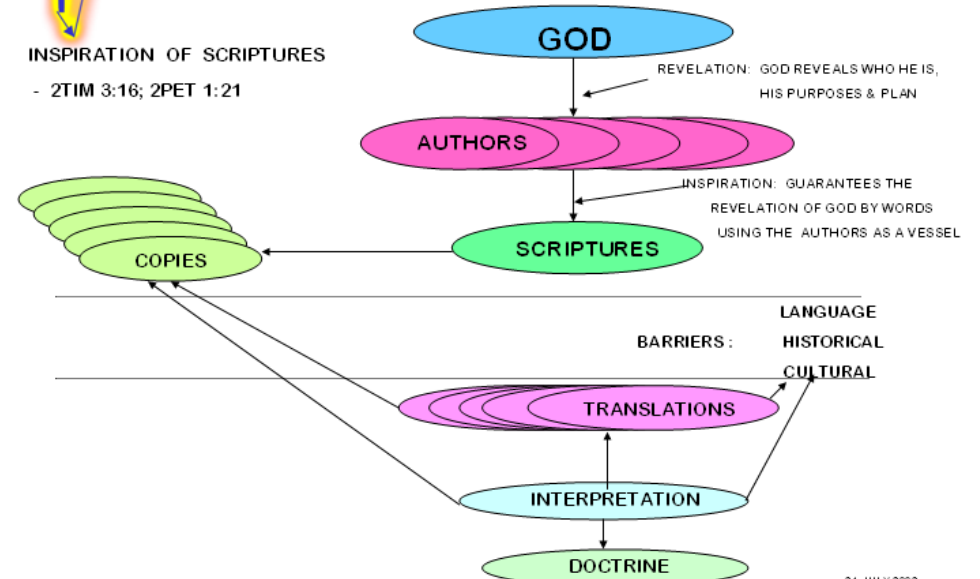


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THE BIBLE : INSPIRED OF GOD

INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURES

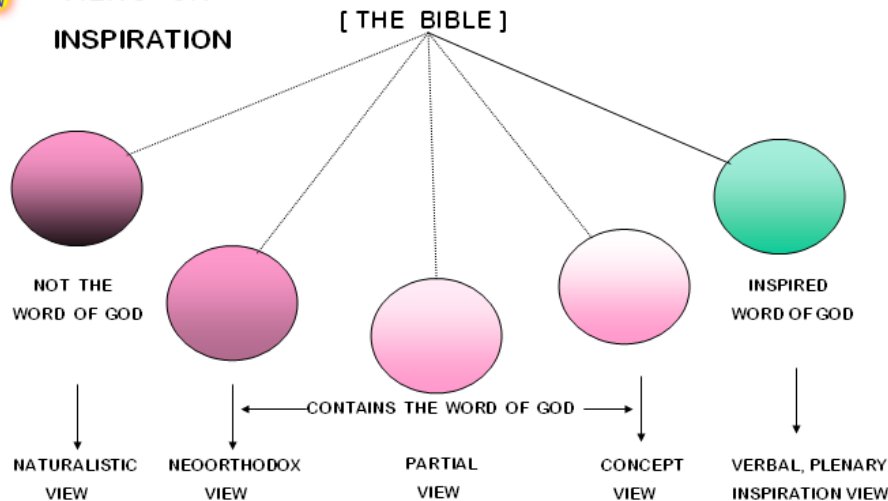
- 2TIM 3:16; 2PET 1:21



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THE BIBLE : INSPIRED OF GOD

VIEWS ON INSPIRATION



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DEFINITIONS

- Verbal:** The Holy Spirit guided in the choice of the words in the original Scriptures.
- Plenary:** Means fully inspired (all the words) and not just most of the words.
- Infallible:** Impossible of error, thus it cannot mislead, deceive or disappoint.
- Inerrant (unlimited):** The entire original scripture is truth & contains no error.
- Concept View:** The heresy that God inspired the concepts & not the words.
- Partial View:** The heresy that only parts of the Bible are inspired.
- Neo-orthodox View:** The 20th century heresy saying there are errors in the Bible and it is not literally true. Truth is dependent on the individual reader.
- Naturalistic View:** The heresy that the Bible is strictly a human production and is not the Word of God.



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THE BIBLE: INSPIRED OF GOD

1. Key Passages on verbal inspiration

a. 2 Tim. 3:16 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God....."

- Analysis:

- "All" = whole (Scripture as a whole or every passage of Scripture)
 - the "all" that Timothy had was copies of the 39 books of the Old Testament

This is proof that God protects His Word (copies nearly equivalent to originals)

The "all" would also include the New Testament (but not completed yet)

1 Cor. 2:7-13; Gal. 1:11-17; Eph. 3:1-12

- "Scripture" = the utterances of God by which man was directed and guided to write by the Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1:21)
- "Inspiration" = theo | pneustos
God | breathed
 - breath implies words (as opposed to thoughts)

b. 2 Pet. 1:21 "... prophecy came by holy men of God as they were moved by the Holy Spirit..... "

- Analysis:

- "moved" (phero) = to carry, to bear
 - Lit. The writers were borne along by the Holy Spirit
- "prophecy" (propheteia) = God's revelation (His mind & counsel)
 - Note: The source of Scripture is God Himself via the Holy Spirit

c. Other passages

- Paul 1 Cor. 2:7-13 (words from Holy Spirit and not man)
Gal 1: 11-17 (revelation directly from Jesus Christ)
Eph 3: 1-6 (the revelation includes the mystery- the Church)
1 Thes. 2: 13 (His words are the Word of God)
- Peter 2 Pet 3: 15,16 (equates Paul's epistles to other Scriptures)
- Moses Exod. 24:3-8 (wrote the words of the Lord)
- Jesus Matt. 12:40 (confirmed the Jonah account)
Matt. 19:4-6 (confirmed the creation account)
- Isaiah Isa. 51:16 (God put words in Isaiah's mouth)

2. Words were inspired – not thoughts

a. Key expressions used (2500 times)

"Thus saith the Lord"

"Write thou these words"

"God said"... "The Lord said"

e.g. Exod. 20:1,22; 34:27-28; 2 Sam. 23:2; Ps. 45:1; Prov. 30:6; Isa. 6:5-8;
Jer. 1:7; 36:1-2; Matt. 8:17; John 14:10; 17:8; 1 Cor. 2:4

Note: Apart from exact words and grammar there cannot be precision in a thought or concept.



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THE BIBLE: INSPIRED OF GOD (cont.)

b. The prophets did not select the thoughts nor did they select the words.
(1 Pet 1: 10-12)

- These prophets searched their own writings for the purpose of understanding God's plan
 - They did not know what they were writing about.
 - They did not even understand God's thoughts
 - They simply wrote the exact words God said.
- This passage must be referring to word or verbal inspiration.
 - The prophet's words originated from God. (2 Pet. 1:21)
 - They spoke and recorded God's words
 - Scripture never originated from man
 - But men were carried along (of the mind, moved inwardly, prompted) by the Holy Spirit
 - The human authors never added nor took away any words from God's revelation to man. (Rev. 22:18-19; Prov. 30:6)

1. Evidences of inspiration

a. Prophecy

- Jesus Christ's 1st coming – over 300 prophecies fulfilled
 - Born of a virgin: Isa. 7:14; Luke 1:34-35; Matt. 1:18-25
 - Born in Bethlehem: Mic. 5:2; Matt. 2:1; Luke 2:4-5
 - Descendant of Abraham & David: Gen. 22:18; Matt. 1:1; Ps. 132:11; Luke 1:32
 - 483 years between command to rebuild temple & Jesus Christ: Dan. 9:24-27; Luke 19:28-40; Zech. 9:9
 - Perform miracles and healing: Isa. 61:1-2a; Matt. 11:4-6; John 20:30; 21:25
 - Sinless-perfect character: Jer. 23:5-6; Isa. 11:2-5; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:22
 - Betrayed for 30 pieces of silver: Zech. 11:12-13; Matt. 26:15; 27:3-10
 - He would be a sacrifice for man's sin: Isa. 53; Rom. 5:8; Heb. 2:9; Tit. 2:11
 - Death on a cross: Ps. 22; Matt. 27:39-46
 - Resurrection: Isa. 53:10; Ps. 2:7; Acts 2:23-24; Ps. 16:10; Acts 13:33
 - Part garments & cast lots: Ps. 22:18; Matt. 27:35
 - Chief cornerstone: Isa. 8:14; 28:16; 1 Pet. 2:6-8
 - Stone of stumbling: Ps. 118:22; Rom 9:32-33; Matt 21:42; 22:44
- Israel to return to land in latter days
 - Return in unbelief: Ezek. 36:16-24; 34:11-19
 - All Israel will be saved: Ezek. 36:25-28; Rom. 11:26-27
 - They will serve God in the land & dwell in peace: Ezek. 20:40; 34:20-31; 37: 21-28
- Points on prophecy
 - Fulfilled prophecy is unique to the Bible
 - It is positive and conclusive proof that the Bible is truly the inspired Word of God
 - Only an almighty and all knowing God can infallibly predict the future



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THE BIBLE: INSPIRED OF GOD (cont.)

b. Historical accuracy of Scripture

- Existence of King Belshazzar – Dan. 5
 - The Bible confirmed his existence
 - Historians up to 1929 disclaimed his existence
 - In 1929 the Nabonidus Cylinder was discovered which proved Belshazzar's existence
- Three co-rulers in Babylon – Dan. 5:7, 29 (rejected by historians)
 - The Bible confirms 3 rulers
 - 1) Belshazzar – one ruler
 - 2) No name given – a second ruler
 - 3) Daniel – third ruler
 - The Nabonidus Cylinder also confirmed that Belshazzar was co-ruler with his father Nabonidus
- Summary
 - Multitudes of archeological findings have confirmed many Biblical accounts.
 - Many Biblical accounts have led to archeological findings.
 - No archeological finding has ever contradicted a Biblical reference.

c. Scientific accuracy of Scripture

- Earth is round: Isa. 40:22; Job 22:14
- Earth rotates on its axis: Gen. 1:5, 8, 13; Exod. 20:8-11
- Earth is suspended in space: Job 26:7
- Earth is one of many planets: Ps. 33:6
- The hydrologic cycle: Eccl. 1:7
- The increasing law of entropy: Ps. 102:25-27
- Life of flesh is in the blood: Gen. 9:4; Lev. 17:11,14
- Nuclear fission: 2 Pet. 3:7-10

d. Transformed lives

- A believer is a new creation in Christ with a new nature (the very nature of Christ): 2 Cor. 5:17
- As a believer walks by faith and abides & beholds the Lord Jesus Christ through the word of God, the Holy Spirit conforms him/her to the image of Jesus Christ and manifests the life of Christ through the believer: Col 2: 6,7; Jn. 15: 1-5; 2 Cor. 3: 18; Rom. 8: 28,29
- The believer is the very epistle (message) of Christ for the world to observe. The world will see the very glory (essence) of Christ (e.g. His love, grace, mercy, forgiveness, patience, faithfulness, etc.) manifested in the believer: 2 Cor. 3:1-12, 18
- This transformed life of the believer is one of the greatest and most influential evidences that the Bible is truly the inspired Word of God.



The Bible: Its Subject and Purpose

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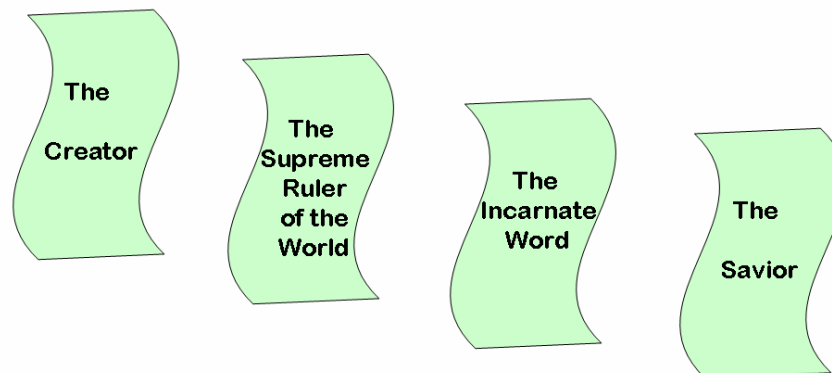
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Homework:
Read Chapter 4
Answer Questions: 1,2,6 & 8



The Bible: Its Subject and Purpose

The person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ is the supreme subject of Scripture



The perfection's of Christ in His person and work are presented in many ways in scripture



The Bible: Its Subject and Purpose

- **Jesus Christ as the Creator**
 - Genesis 1:1& 26
 - In the beginning God (Elohim) created
 - Let us make man in our image according to our likeness
 - John 1:3 all things came into being by Him
 - Colossians 1:16 - all things -
 - created by Him
 - for Him
 - in Him they hold together

• were made (KJV)
• come into a new state of being (ginomai)



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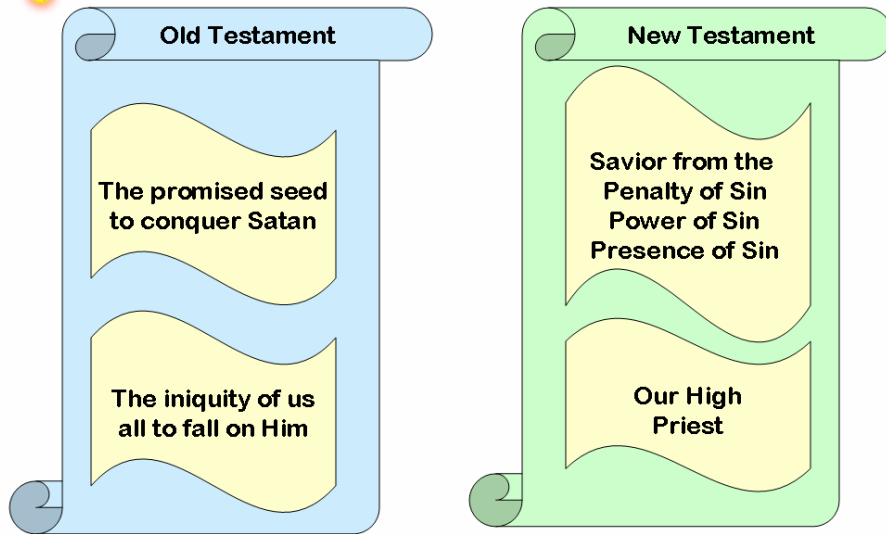
- **Jesus Christ as the Supreme Ruler of the world**
 - Eph1:20-22 - seated Him(Christ) at the right hand in heavenly places
 - Far above every government
 - Far above every authority
 - Far above every power
 - Far above every dominion
 - Far above every name that is named
- **Jesus Christ as the Incarnate Word**
 - John 1:1
 - The Word was in the beginning
 - The Word was with God
 - The Word was God
 - Hebrews 1:3 -
 - He is the radiance of His glory
 - He is the exact representation of His nature

QUESTION: What are the ways scripture show that Jesus Christ is the supreme ruler?
Is this point addressing His person or work?



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- Jesus Christ as Savior



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- The History of Man in the Bible
 - The Gentiles
 - The Nation of Israel
 - The Church

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The Bible: Its Subject and Purpose

The supreme purpose of Scripture is the manifestation of the glory of God

7 aspects of God's glory

- All things created for His glory
- The nation Israel is for the glory of God
- Salvation is unto the glory of God
- All service unto the glory of God
- The new passion is that God may be glorified
- Believer's death is said to be to this one end
- Appointed to share in the glory of God

God's glory Declared

God's glory Revealed

God's glory Shared

The result is that God is to be glorified

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THE BIBLE: AS A DIVINE REVELATION

PREMISE:

“ IF GOD CREATED THE UNIVERSE & MAN FOR A PURPOSE,

IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT GOD WOULD REVEAL

HIS PURPOSE AND WILL TO MAN ”

QUESTION: IS THIS A REASONABLE PREMISE ?



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THE BIBLE: AS A DIVINE REVELATION

3 CRITICAL QUESTIONS:

1. WHAT HAS GOD REVEALED ?

2. HOW HAS GOD REVEALED IT ?

3. HOW CAN WE KNOW HIS REVELATION ?



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THE BIBLE: AS A DIVINE REVELATION

1. WHAT HAS GOD REVEALED ?

- THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

- GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE

2. HOW HAS GOD REVEALED IT ?

- GENERAL REVELATION

- SPECIAL REVELATION

QUESTION: CAN AN UNBELIEVER

1. HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD?
2. KNOW GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE?



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THE BIBLE: AS A DIVINE REVELATION

THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

• VIA GENERAL REVELATION

- CREATION DECLARES GOD'S GLORY (HIS DEITY & POWER) - PS 19:1-6; ROM 1:20
- THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD IS MANIFEST IN EVERY PERSON - ROM 1: 19

• VIA SPECIAL REVELATION

- THE WRITTEN WORD - PS 19: 7-14; 2 TIM 3: 16
- THE LIVING WORD - JN 8: 12; 15: 15; 1 JN 5: 20



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THE BIBLE: AS A DIVINE REVELATION

GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE

1. TO DECLARE HIS GLORY

2. TO SHARE HIS GLORY

3. TO REVEAL HIS GLORY

4. TO BE GLORIFIED



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THE BIBLE: AS A DIVINE REVELATION

GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE

1. DECLARE HIS GLORY: PS 19:1; ROM 1: 21

2. SHARE HIS GLORY: GEN 1: 26,27; JN 17: 22; 2 COR 3:18

3. REVEAL HIS GLORY:

- VIA WRITTEN WORD: O.T & N.T
- VIA LIVING WORD: JN 1:1-4, 14; 17:1-4;
COL 1:15-19; 2: 9; HEB 1:3
- VIA HIS CHILDREN: 2 COR 3:3,18; 4:6;

4. GOD GLORIFIED: JN 17:1; ROM 11: 33-36; 15:6; 1 COR 6:19,20
("NOT": ROM 1: 21-23)



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THE BIBLE: AS A DIVINE REVELATION

3. HOW CAN WE KNOW HIS REVELATION ?

("BY STUDYING 'DILIGENTLY' THE WORD OF TRUTH" - 2 TIM 2:15)

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE - 4 MAJOR STEPS

(THE HOLY SPIRIT BEING OUR GUIDE)

1. OBSERVATION: WHAT DOES IT SAY ?
2. INTERPRETATION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN ?
3. CORRELATION: DOES THE INTERPRETATION AGREE WITH REST OF SCRIPTURE ?
4. APPROPRIATION: APPROPRIATING THE REVEALED TRUTHS BY FAITH



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THE BIBLE: AS A DIVINE REVELATION

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE: A FEW GUIDELINES

1. OBSERVATIONS :

- OBSERVE GRAMMAR, SYNTAX, DEFINITION OF WORDS, CULTURE, ETC.
- ASK LOTS OF QUESTIONS: (EXAMPLES)
 - IS IT WRITTEN **TO ME** OR **FOR ME** ? (**TO THE CHURCH** - FOR APPROPRIATION)
(**FOR ME** - INFORMATION ABOUT GENTILES OR ISRAEL)
 - IF IT'S TO ME - THEN WHAT IS THE TIMING & APPLICABILITY OF THE TRUTH ? (I.E. PAST, PRESENT OR FUTURE ?)
 - IS THE TRUTH POSITIONAL (WHO I AM) OR CONDITIONAL (HOW I AM TO WALK) ?

2. INTERPRETATION :

- WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE ITSELF MEAN ?
- CONSIDER THE IMMEDIATE CONTEXT (SURROUNDING PASSAGES)
- CONSIDER THE REMOTE CONTEXT (THE PARAGRAPH, THE CHAPTER, THE BOOK)
- CONSIDER THE HISTORY
- CONSIDER THE CULTURE
- CONSIDER THE LANGUAGE
- LET SCRIPTURE INTERPRET SCRIPTURE
- ENSURE EXEGESIS (READING OUT OF SCRIPTURE) VS EISEGESIS (READING INTO SCRIPTURE)
- ENSURE A DISPENSATIONAL THEOLOGY
- CONSIDER PROGRESSIVE REVELATION & TRANSITIONS (E.G. IN THE EARLY CHURCH DISPENSATION)

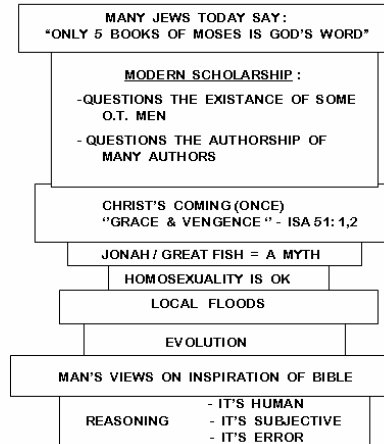


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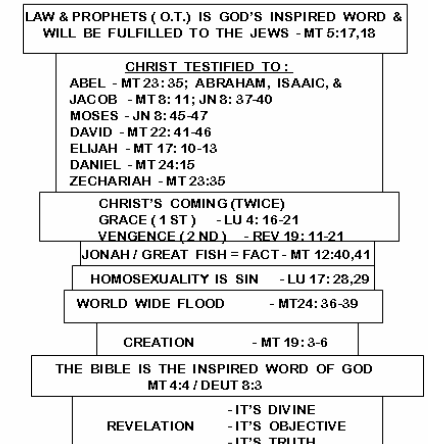
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MAN VS CHRIST'S TESTIMONY OF SCRIPTURE (GOD'S REVELATION)

MAN



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The Names of God in the Old Testament

- **Elohim** - most common word translated “God” in Old Testament
 - Masculine noun in plural form - 1st used in Gen. 1:1
 - Used of the true God and pagan gods (Ex. 18:11)
- **Yahweh (Jehovah)** - word translated “LORD” in block caps
 - Used of true God only - 1st used in Gen. 2:4
 - Defined in Ex. 3:14 as “I AM WHO I AM” or “I AM THAT I AM”
- **Adonai** - word translated “Lord” in lowercase letters
 - 1st used in Gen. 15:2
 - Frequently joined to Elohim - Adonai Elohim or “Lord God”



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The Unity of the Divine Trinity

- The Unity of God in Scripture
- The Triune God in Scripture
 - The Son is called God
 - The Spirit is called God
 - Christ and the Father
 - Christ and the Spirit
 - The Procession of the Godhead
 - Angel of the Lord
 - Spirit of the Lord



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Unity of God

What two ideas are here?

- Deut. 6:14 “--- the Lord is our God, the Lord is one”
- Isa. 44:6 “--- I am the first, and I am the last, and there is no other beside Me”.
- Tri-unity of God
 - The Son is called God
 - John 1:1 “--- the Word was God”
 - Romans 9:5 “--- God blessed forever”
 - Titus 2:13 “--- our great God”
 - The Spirit is called God
 - Acts 5:3-9 “ --- not lied to men, but to God”
 - 2 Cor. 3:17 “--- the Lord is the Spirit”



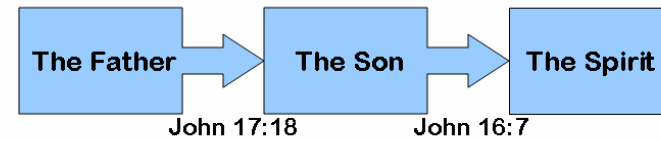
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- Tri-unity of God
 - Christ and the Father
 - John 10:30 “I and the Father are one”
 - continuously one with the Father
 - one in essence (Weust)
 - John 14:9 -10
 - “He who has seen Me has seen the Father”
 - “I am in the Father and the Father in Me”
 - Also see 2 Cor. 5:19 and Col. 2:19
 - Christ and The Spirit
 - John 14:16 “ I (Christ) will ask the Father and He will give another Helper (the Spirit)”
 - another (allos) of the same kind
 - abide with you forever



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- The Procession of the Godhead



- The Angel of the Lord
 - Gen. 16:7-11 “Now the angel of the Lord found her (Hagar)”
 - Gen. 22:11-15 “But the angel of the Lord called to him (Abraham)”
- The Spirit of the Lord
 - Judges 3:10 “The Spirit of the Lord came upon him (Othniel)”
 - 2 Samuel 23:2 “The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me (David)”



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God the Trinity

- Holy
 - Righteous
 - Just
- Infinite
 - Omniscient
 - Omnipresent
 - Omnipotent
- Self Existent
- Love
 - Grace
 - Mercy
- Immutable
 - Faithful
 - Truth
- Spirit
- Sovereign

The Trinity and the Attributes of God

Is the essential qualities of the Triune God - Who He is !

- Example: God is Truth
 - Father - John 7:28 “He who sent me is true”
 - Son - Rev. 3:7 “He who is holy, who is true”
 - Spirit - 1 John 5:7 “ It is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth”



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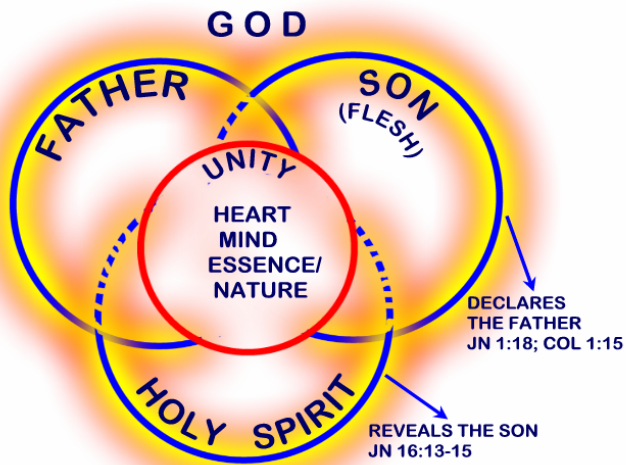
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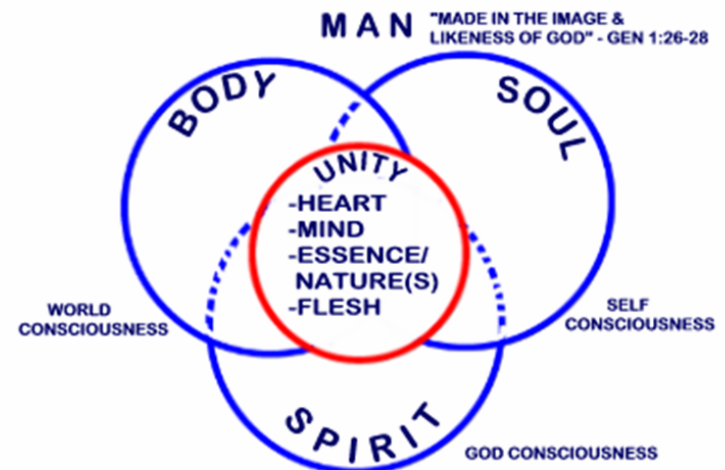
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2. DIVINE FATHERHOOD
3. FATHER: OF JESUS CHRIST
4. FATHER: CREATOR, ORIGINATOR, SOURCE
5. FATHER: INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP
 - A. WITH MANKIND
 - B. WITH ISRAEL
 - C. WITH THE CHURCH



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GOD THE FATHER

1. DEFINITIONS (FATHER):

A. HEBREW - (AB OR ABA)

- SOURCE
- PROGENITOR
- CREATOR / RULER
- RELATIONSHIP (LOVE, CONCERN, NURTURE, PROVIDE, PROTECT)
- CREATOR / RULER
- ORIGINATOR

B. GREEK - (PATER)

- SOURCE
- SUSTAINER
- PROGENITOR
- AUTHOR
- RELATIONSHIP (LOVE, CARE, NURTURE, INTIMACY, PROVIDE, PROTECT)
- ORIGINATOR



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2. DIVINE FATHERHOOD (HE IS GOD, DEITY, 1st PERSON OF GODHEAD)

- HE WILLED THAT CHRIST GIVE HIMSELF FOR OUR SINS - GAL 1:4; MT 26:42; HEB 13:20
- HE RAISED CHRIST FROM THE DEAD - GAL 1:1; HEB 13:20

3. FATHER OF JESUS CHRIST (ONE OF RELATIONSHIP & COMMISSIONING)

- THE ONLY BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER - JN 1:14,18
- "ONLY BEGOTTEN" (MONOGENES) DESCRIBES HIS NATURE - NOT HIS SOURCE
- CHRIST IS THE "UNIQUE ONE" - THE EXACT REPRESENTATION OF THE FATHER (HEB 1:3)
- HE IS DESIGNATED THE SON, NOT DUE TO HIS BIRTH BUT THAT HE IS ETERNAL & INFINITE
- 'FATHER - SON' = PRINCIPLE OF HEADSHIP & SUBMISSION - 1 COR 11:1-3
- OUR PRAYER & WORSHIP IS TO THE FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - EPH 3:14



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4. FATHER - (AS CREATOR, ORIGINATOR, SOURCE, RULER, SUSTAINER)

- FATHER OF 'LIGHTS' (CELESTIAL BODIES) - JAS. 1:17
- FATHER OF PHYSICAL CONDITIONS (RAIN / SNOW, LIGHT / DARKNESS) - JOB 38:28
- MADE & ESTABLISHED ISRAEL - DEUT 32:8
- GOD MAKES ABRAHAM THE FATHER OF MANY NATIONS (BELIEVERS) - ROM 4:11, 17, 18
- GRACE AND PEACE - EPH 1:2
- ETERNAL ENCOURAGEMENT & HOPE - 2 THES 2:16
- FATHER OF MERCIES - 2 COR 1:3
- FATHER OF GLORY - EPH 1:17
- FATHER OF (OUR) SPIRITS (BELIEVERS) - HEB 12:9 *

* = DIFFERENT INTERPRETATION THAN * MAJOR BIBLE THEMES *



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5. FATHER (INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP)

A. WITH MANKIND

- SCRIPTURE DOES NOT TEACH THE UNIVERSAL FATHERHOOD OF GOD TOWARD MAN
- MAN HAS HIS BEING (EXISTENCE) FROM GOD BUT NO RELATIONSHIP - ACTS 17:28,29
- UNBELIEVING MANKIND'S FATHER IS SATAN - JN 8:38, 41-44

B. WITH ISRAEL

- "APPLE OF GOD'S EYE" - DEUT 32:10
- FATHER OF (BELIEVING) ISRAEL - MAL 2:10 *
- THE FATHER IS THE POTTER, ISRAEL IS THE CLAY - ISA 64:8
- GOD WILL REGATHER, RESTORE & BLESS ISRAEL- HE IS ISRAEL'S FATHER - JER 31:9, 31-34

C. WITH THE CHURCH

- WE BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD BY FAITH IN THE PERSON & WORK OF CHRIST - JN 1:12,13
- WE ARE PLACED AS SONS & CRY 'ABA' FATHER - ROM 8:14-17
- HE QUALIFIED US TO SHARE IN THE INHERITANCE IN THE KINGDOM OF LIGHT - COL 1:12
- THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD & FATHER (OF BELIEVERS) & WE ARE IN HIM - 1 COR 8:6 *
- HE IS FATHER OF ALL (BELIEVERS), ABOVE ALL, THROUGH ALL & IN YOU ALL - EPH 4:6 *
- 'WHOM' THE WHOLE FAMILY (CHURCH) IN HEAVEN & EARTH IS NAMED - EPH 3:14,15 *
- WE HAVE ACCESS TO THE FATHER THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT - EPH 2:18
- SUBJECTION TO THE FATHER OF (OUR) SPIRITS RESULTS IN LIFE (IN OUR WALK) - HEB 12:9 *
- THAT WE BE BLAMELESS & HOLY (IN OUR WALK) IN OUR FATHER'S PRESENCE - 1 THES 3:13
- ALWAYS GIVING THANKS TO THE FATHER FOR EVERYTHING - EPH 5:20

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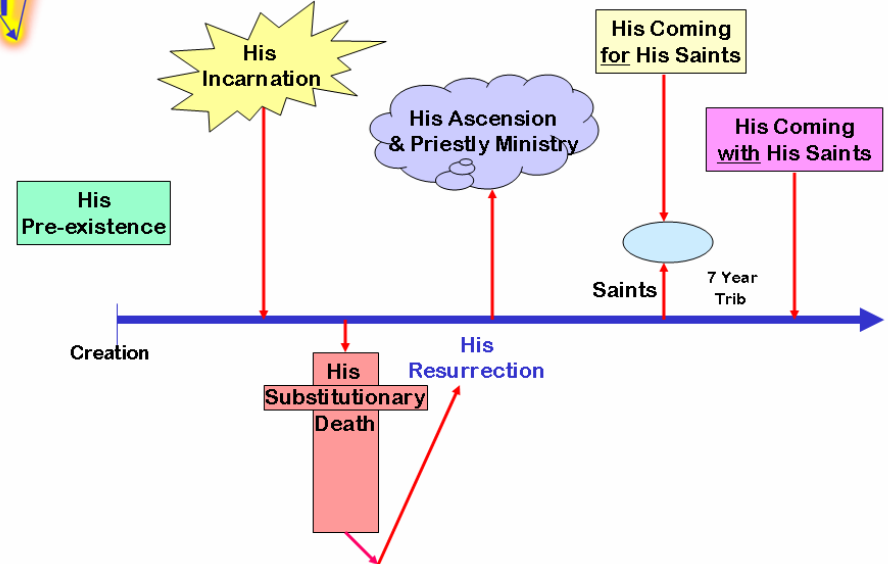
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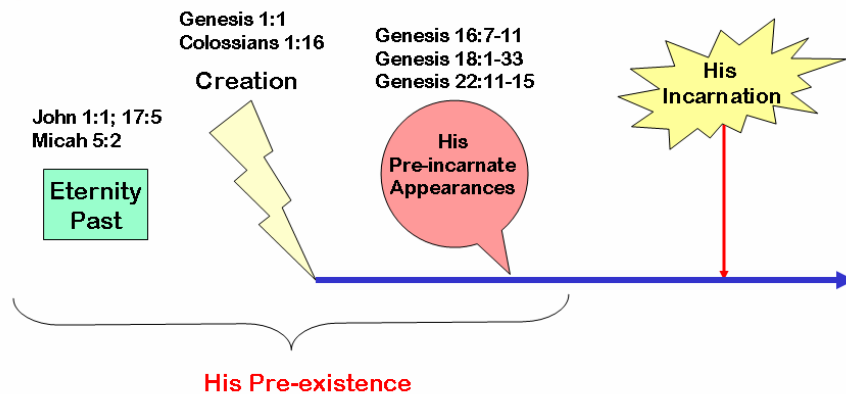
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Direct Statements of the Son of God's Pre-existence

In Eternity Past

- John 1:1-2
 - The Word was in the beginning
 - The Word was with God
 - The Word was God
 - He was in the beginning with God
- John 17:5
 - “--- the glory which I had with You before the world was.”
- Micah 5:2
 - “ --- His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity.”

Wuest New Testament

John 1:1-2 In the beginning the Word was existing. And the Word was in fellowship with God the Father. And the Word was as to His essence absolute deity. This Word was in the beginning in fellowship with God the Father.

John 17:5 And now glorify me, Father, beside yourself, with the glory which I was constantly having with you before the universe existed.

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Direct Statements of the Son of God's Pre-existence

At Creation

- Genesis 1:1 & 26
 - In the beginning God (Elohim) created
 - Let us make man in our image according to our likeness
- John 1:3 all things came into being by Him
- Colossians 1:16 - all things -
 - created by Him
 - for Him
 - in Him they hold together



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Direct Statements of the Son of God's Pre-existence

Pre-incarnate Appearances

- Gen. 16:7-11 "Now the angel of the Lord found her (Hagar)"
- Gen. 18:1-33 "Now the Lord appeared to him (Abraham)"
- Gen. 22:11-15 "But the angel of the Lord called to him (Abraham)"



God the Son: His Deity and Eternity (Pre-existence)

Implications of the Son of God's Pre-existence

- John 17:18 "As You sent Me into the world"
- John 1:14 "And the Word became (was made) flesh"
- Heb. 2:14 "He Himself likewise also partook of the same" (flesh and blood)
- Phil. 2:8 "And being found in appearance as a man"
- John 8:23 "I am from above...I am not of this world"
- John 17:14 "because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world"
- John 3:13 "...He who descended from heaven, even the Son of man"



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1. WHAT IS THE INCARNATION ?

- NEITHER THE NOUN (INCARNATION) OR THE ADJECTIVE (INCARNATE) APPEAR IN THE NEW TESTAMENT (N.T)
- 'INCARNATION' IS A LATIN TERM - THE GREEK EQUIVALENT IS FOUND IN THE N.T
EXAMPLE: **LATIN** : "IN CARNE"= IN FLESH - (INCARNATION / INCARNATE)
GREEK: "EN SARKI" = IN FLESH
- THE INCARNATION IS DEFINED AS THE LORD JESUS CHRIST(WHO IS ETERNAL, WHO IS GOD, WHO IS THE SECOND PERSON OF THE TRINITY) BECOMING FLESH
 - GOD IN THE FLESH - JN 1:1, 14
 - 100% MAN & 100% GOD (HYPOSTATIC UNION) - HEB 1:3
 - THE SON BECAME FLESH FOR ALL ETERNITY - ACTS 1:9-11

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2. WHAT DOES FLESH MEAN ?

"FLESH" HAS SEVERAL USAGES, IT MAY BE POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE
& CAN BE SUMMARIZED IN 3 MAJOR CATEGORIES:

1. WITH REFERENCE TO THE MATERIAL (THE BODY)

- THE PHYSICAL BODY - ACTS 2:30-31; EPH 5:28-29
- THE FLESH THAT IS ATTACHED TO THE BONE - GEN 17:11; LU 24:39

2. WITH REFERENCE TO THE MATERIAL & IMMATERIAL

- "INFIRMITY OF THE FLESH" - ROM 6:19
- "FLESH & BLOOD" (FRAIL & FEEBLE MAN) - GAL 1:16; EPH 6:12
- "THE WORD BECAME FLESH" - JN 1:1,14
- "THE LIFE I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH" - GAL 2:20

3. WITH REFERENCE TO THE IMMATERIAL

- "LUSTS OF THE FLESH" - GAL 5:16-17
- "IN THE FLESH - CANNOT PLEASE GOD" - ROM 8:8

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WHEN THE WORD BECAME FLESH:

JN 1:1,14

- HIS DEITY WAS NOT ABANDONED - HEB 1:8
- HIS DEITY WAS NOT REDUCED OR DIMINISHED IN ANY WAY - HEB 1:8
- HE EMPTIED HIMSELF (NOT OF HIS DEITY BUT OF HIS OUTWARD GLORY) - PHIL 2:7; MT 17:1-5
- HE BECAME POOR (IMPOVERISHED HIMSELF - OF HIS OUTWARD GLORY) - 2 COR 3:9
- HE WAS MADE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS (PRE-CROSS HUMANITY) - HEB 2:9
- HE BECAME SO MUCH BETTER THAN THE ANGELS(POST-RESURRECTION HUMANITY) - HEB 1:4-8
- THE "ANGEL OF THE LORD" (O.T) NEVER APPEARS IN N.T - CHRIST IS THE ANGEL OF THE LORD
- HE NEVER CEASED TO EXERCISE HIS DIVINE FUNCTIONS:
 - BY HIM ALL THINGS CONSIST (STAND OR HELD TOGETHER) - COL 1:17
 - HE UPHOLDS (BEARS) ALL THINGS BY THE WORD OF HIS POWER - HEB 1:3
 - HE IS THE OUTRAYING OF THE FATHER'S GLORY - HEB 1:3
 - HE IS THE EXPRESS IMAGE OF THE FATHER - HEB 1:3



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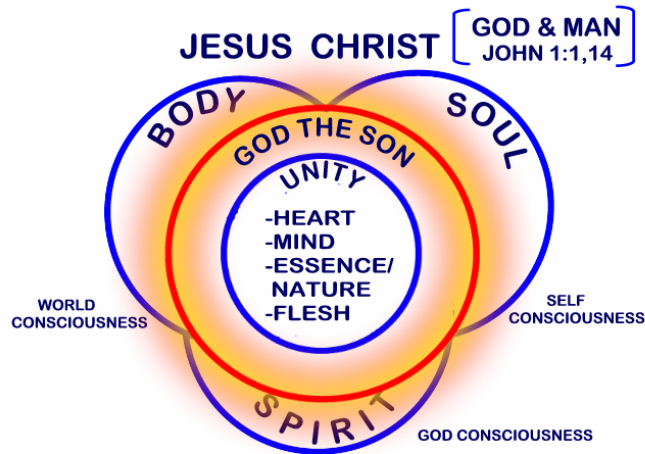
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- HE CAME IN THE LIKENESS OF SINFUL FLESH - ROM 8:3
 - THE LIKENESS (RESEMBLANCE) : HE IS TRUE HUMANITY
 - HE WAS BORN OF A WOMAN - GAL 4:4
 - HE WAS BORN UNDER THE LAW - GAL 4:4
 - HE PARTOOK OF FLESH AND BLOOD - HEB 2:14
 - HE WAS FULLY MAN - BODY, SOUL & SPIRIT - MT 26:38; JN 13:21; 1 JN 4:2
 - HE BECAME THE MAN CHRIST JESUS - 1 TIM 2:5
 - THE DIFFERENCE : HE WAS SINLESS HUMANITY
 - HE KNEW (EXPERIENCED) NO SIN - 2 COR 5:21
 - HE DID NOT SIN (THOUGHT, WORD OR DEED) - 1 PET 2:22
 - HE WAS TEMPTED BUT WITHOUT SIN - HEB 4:15
 - THE JUST (RIGHTEOUS ONE) - 1 PET 3:18
 - HE COULD NOT SIN - 1 JN 3:5; JAS 1:13
- HE CONTINUED FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER AND DID HIS WILL - JN 5:19,30
- THE FULLNESS OF THE GODHEAD DWELT IN HIM BODILY - COL 2:9



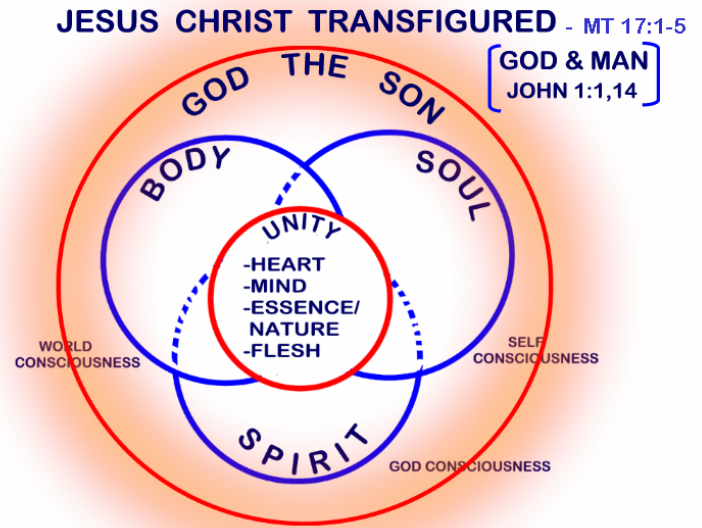
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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE INCARNATION ?

THIS CAN ONLY BE ANSWERED BY UNDERSTANDING GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE

• **GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE:**

1. **TO DECLARE HIS GLORY**

2. **TO SHARE HIS GLORY**

- GOD CREATED MAN TO SHARE HIS GLORY FOR ETERNAL FELLOWSHIP - GEN 1:26,27
- ADAM'S SIN CAUSED SEPARATION & CONDEMNATION FOR ALL MANKIND - ROM 5:12-18
- MAN'S SIN COULD ONLY BE PAID FOR BY A SINLESS MAN (CHRIST) - HEB 10:1-12
- GOD IS SATISFIED WITH CHRIST'S EFFICACIOUS WORK ON THE CROSS - 1 JN 2:2; 4:10
- OUR DELIVERENCE FROM SEPARATION & CONDEMNATION IS BY FAITH IN THE PERSON & WORK OF CHRIST - ACTS 16:30,31; EPH 2:8,9
- AT THE MOMENT OF BELIEF GOD MAKES US ALIVE TO HIM & RECREATES US IN CHRIST WHO SHARES HIS GLORY WITH US (OUR POSITION IN HIM) - 1 JN 4:9; 2 COR 5:17; JN 17:22
- WE SHARE CHRIST'S VERY LIFE & GLORY NOW AS WE ABIDE IN HIM - COL 3:1-4; JN 15:5

3. **TO REVEAL HIS GLORY**

4. **TO BE GLORIFIED**

- **QUESTION: ISN'T THE LORD WONDROUS & MAGNIFICENT IN HOW HE HAS PURPOSED TO SHARE CHRIST'S VERY GLORY WITH YOU & ME ?**



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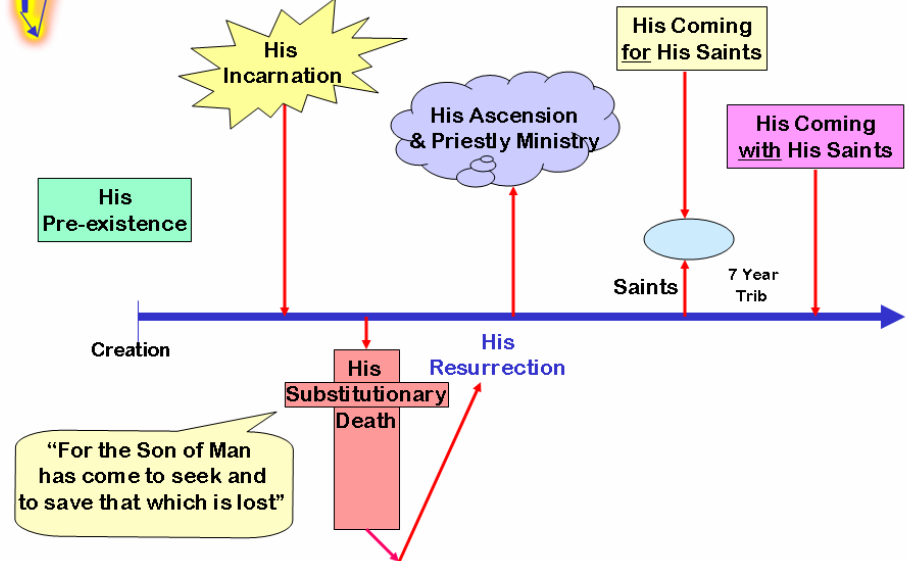
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HOMEWORK: Read Ch. 10
Answer questions: 4, 8, 12 & 13



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God the Son: His Substitutionary Death



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The death of Christ

Assures us of the Love of God toward the sinner

A Redemption or Ransom to a Holy God for the sinner

The Substitute bearing the penalty of the sinner

The Judgment or Condemnation of the Sin Nature



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God the Son: His Substitutionary Death

The assurance of God's Love toward the sinner

- John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son
- Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us
- 1 John 3:16 We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us
- 1 John 4:9 By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son



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God the Son: His Substitutionary Death

The Redemption/Ransom to a Holy God for sinners

Greek	English	Definition	Verses
agorazo	bought, purchased	to buy in the market place	1 Cor 6:20, 1 Cor 7:23, 2 Peter 2:1
exagorazo	redeemed, delivered	to buy out of the market place	Gal 3:13, Gal 4:4,5
lutroo	redeem, redeemed	to let loose or set free	Titus 2:14, 1 Pet 1:18-20
apolutrois	redemption	a releasing for a ransom upon payment	Eph 1:7, Col 1:14, Heb 9:15



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The Judgment or Condemnation of the Sin Nature



Fruit = personal sins
1 Cor. 15:3 --- Christ died for our sins

- Sins which are personal failures or transgressions
- vs.
- Sin which is a nature

Root = Sin (Sin Nature)
Rom. 6:10 --- He died unto sin



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God the Son: His Substitutionary Death

The Substitute bearing the penalty of the sinner

- John 10:11
 - the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep
- Romans 5:6 & 8
 - For while we were still helpless
 - Christ died for the ungodly
 - God demonstrates His own love toward us
 - while we were yet sinners
 - Christ died for us
- 1 Pete 3:18
 - For Christ also died for sins once for all,
 - the just for the unjust,
 - in order that He might bring us to God



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God the Son: His Resurrection

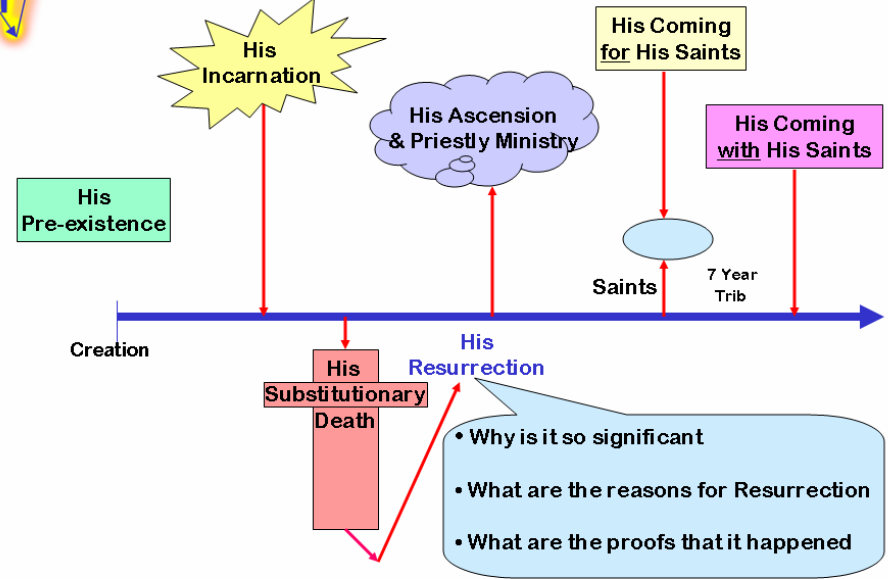
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HOMEWORK: Read Ch. 11
Answer questions: 5,7,10 & 12



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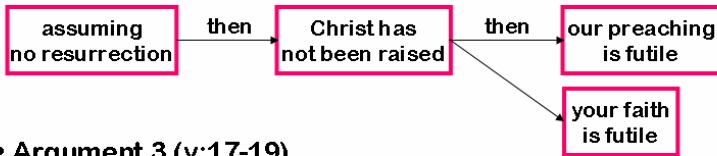
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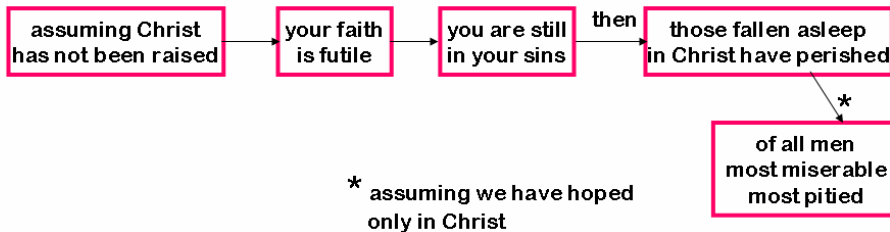
Why is the Resurrection so significant ?

• Some say "no resurrection of the dead" 1 Cor. 15:12-19

• Argument 1 (v:13 & :14)



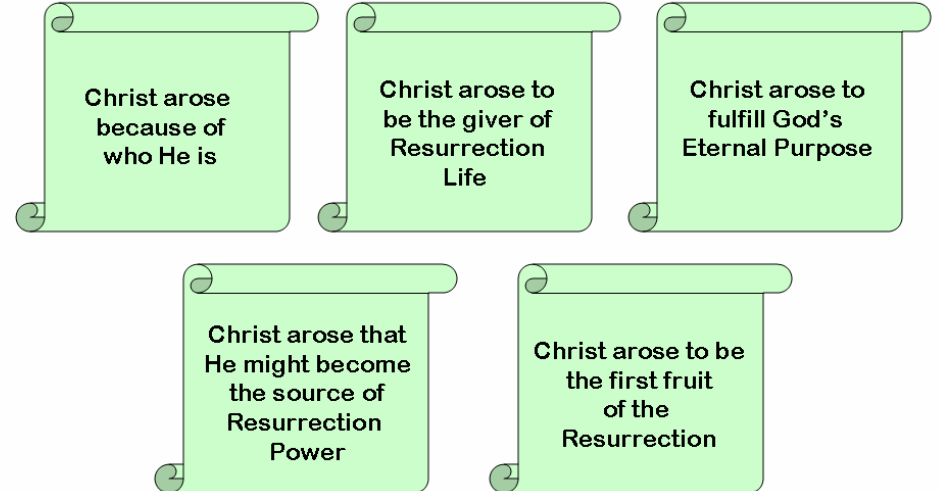
• Argument 3 (v:17-19)



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What are the reasons for the Resurrection ?





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What are the proofs of the Resurrection ?

• 17 Appearances after the Resurrection (continued)

	appeared to	place	verses
10	the disciples	on a mountain in Galilee	Matt. 28:16-20
11	the disciples	mount of Olives when He ascended	Luke 24:44-53
12	Stephen	prior to being martyred	Acts 7:55-56
13	Paul	road to Damascus	Acts 9:3-6
14	Paul	in Arabia	Acts 20:24
15	Paul	in the temple	Acts 22:17-21
16	Paul in prison	in Caesarea	Acts 23:11
17	the apostle John	island of Patmos	Rev 1:12-20



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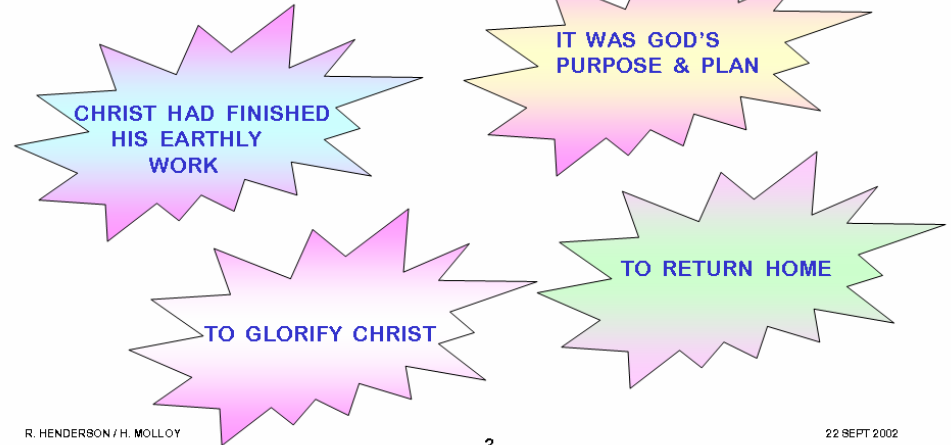


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WHY THE ASCENSION ?
WHY DIDN'T CHRIST REMAIN HERE ON EARTH ?

FOUR REASONS FOR CHRIST'S ASCENSION:



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WHY THE ASCENSION ?

1. CHRIST HAD FINISHED HIS EARTHLY WORK

- BY HIS WORK ON THE CROSS - JN 17: 1,4
- CHRIST FULFILLS HIS PART OF THE ETERNAL COVENANT - HEB 13: 20
 - FORGIVES MAN'S SINS - 1 JN 2:2
 - CONDEMNS THE SIN NATURE - ROM 8:3

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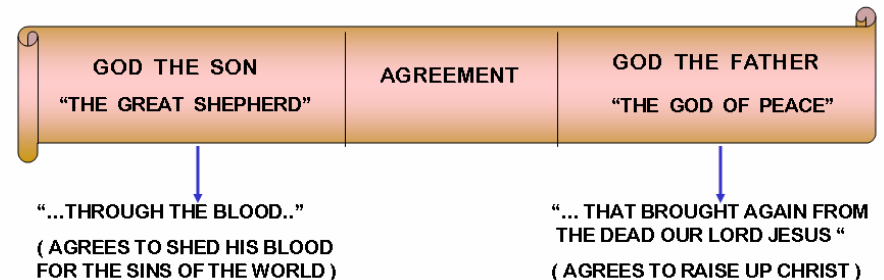


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THE ETERNAL COVENANT - HEB 13:20

DEFINITIONS :

- "COVENANT" (DIATHEKE = TO CUT OR PLACE BETWEEN TWO, AN AGREEMENT)
- "ETERNAL" (AIONIOS = FROM & FOR ALL ETERNITY)



REASONS:

- BLOOD / DEATH :
WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD THERE IS NO FORGIVENESS OF SINS - HEB 9:22
- THE RESURRECTION :
 - WITHOUT THE RESURRECTION WE WOULD STILL BE IN OUR SINS -1 COR 15:17
 - IT'S THE PROOF THAT GOD IS SATISFIED WITH CHRIST'S WORK -1 COR 15:1-4

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WHY THE ASCENSION ? 2. IT WAS GOD'S PURPOSE & PLAN

- **CHRIST FULFILLS GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE OF SHARING HIS GLORY** - JN 17:22
 - BY GIVING ETERNAL LIFE TO ALL WHO BELIEVE - JN 17:2
 - ETERNAL LIFE IS CHRIST'S LIFE (POSITIONALLY) & KNOWING (EXPERIENTIALLY & INTIMATELY) GOD THE FATHER & JESUS CHRIST - 1 JN 5:11-13; COL 3:4; JN 17:3
- **CHRIST'S ASCENSION WAS GOD'S PLAN & FORETOLD**
 - IT WAS ANNOUNCED BY CHRIST - JN 16:28
 - IT WAS ACCOMPLISHED - ACTS 1: 9-11

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WHY THE ASCENSION ? 3. TO GLORIFY CHRIST

- BY THE RESTORATION OF HIS VISIBLE GLORY (IT'S WHO HE IS!)
- HIS GLORY IS THE FATHER'S GLORY ("WITH THINE OWN SELF") - JN 17: 5
- THE ASCENSION MARKS THE RETURN TO CHRIST'S MANIFESTED GLORY
 - IT WAS STILL HIDDEN AFTER HIS RESURRECTION & DURING HIS ASCENSION
 - IT WAS RETURNED AFTER HIS ASCENSION

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WHY THE ASCENSION ? 4. TO RETURN HOME

- EARTH IS NOT HIS HOME ["I AM NOT OF (OUT OF) THE WORLD"] - JN 17: 14
 - HE DIDN'T COME FROM THE WORLD BUT TO THE WORLD - JN 17 :14,16
 - HE IS A HEAVENLY MAN (OUT FROM HEAVEN) - 1 COR 15: 47
- HE IS GOING HOME TO THE FATHER
 - WHO SENT HIM TO DO MISSION IMPOSSIBLE - JN 17:3,8,18,21,23,25; JN 3:16,17
 - WHO WANTS HIM HOME
- HE FORSEES HIMSELF AFTER HIS ASCENSION
 - "I AM NO LONGER IN THE WORLD " - JN 17: 11
- SOME BLESSED TRUTHS FOR YOU IN CHRIST:
 - YOU ARE IDENTIFIED WITH CHRIST - ROM 6: 3-6
 - YOU ARE NOT OF (OUT OF) THE WORLD - JN 14: 14,16
 - YOU ARE A HEAVENLY PERSON WITH A HEAVENLY BIRTH - JN 3:3; 1 COR 15: 48,49
 - HEAVEN IS ALSO YOUR HOME - PHIL 3: 20,21
- QUES: DO YOU WANT TO BE HOME ?

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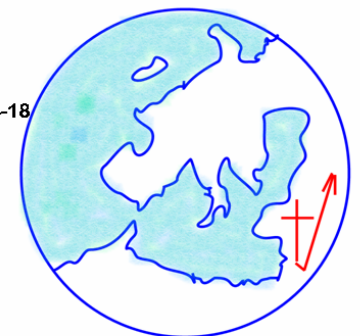
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CHRIST'S PRIESTLY MINISTRY
(FOR HIS OWN)

TRUTH : THE FATHER & CHRIST ARE ALWAYS WORKING NO MATTER WHAT DAY OF THE WEEK OR DISPENSATION IT IS - JN 5:17

ON EARTH

- HE IS CALLING OUT A PEOPLE FOR HIS NAME (FROM JEWS & GENTILES) - ACTS 15: 14; L EPH 2:14-18
- HE IS SANCTIFYING (SETTING APART) HIS OWN FROM THE WORLD & SELF TO CHRIST THROUGH THE WORD (THE TRUTH) - JN 17: 15-19
 - EDIFYING THEM - JN 16: 13-15; EPH 4: 11-16
 - SHARING HIS GLORY BY CONFORMING US TO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST - JN 17:21-23; ROM 8:28,29; GAL 4:19; 2 COR 3:18





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CHRIST'S PRIESTLY MINISTRY

- **HE IS A MINISTER IN THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY** - HEB 8:1,2; 10:21
 - HE IS OUR HIGH PRIEST AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHISEDEC - HEB 5:10; 7:1
 - HIS PRIESTHOOD IS UNCHANGEABLE - HEB 7:24
 - HE EVER LIVES TO MAKE INTERCESSION FOR US - HEB 7: 25
 - HE APPEARS IN GOD'S PRESENCE ON OUR BEHALF - OUR ADVOCATE - HEB 9:24

- **AS HIGH PRIEST CHRIST IS A BESTOWER OF BLESSINGS FOREVER** - HEB 7:6,7; 7:17

- **HE IS TOUCHED (SUFFERS WITH) OUR WEAKNESSES** - HEB 4:14,15
 - HE WAS IN ALL RESPECTS TEMPTED LIKE WE ARE - BUT APART FROM SIN
 - HE UNDERSTANDS OUR HUMAN CONDITION (MENTAL, PHYSICAL & SPIRITUAL)
 - HE IS COMPASSIONATE TOWARD US

- **BECAUSE WE HAVE SUCH A GREAT HIGH PRIEST :**
 - WE CAN APPROACH THE THRONE OF GRACE WITH CONFIDENCE - HEB 4:16; 10:19
 - WHERE WE RECEIVE MERCY (COMPASSION) - HEB 4:16
 - WHERE WE FIND GRACE (HIS UNMERITED FAVOR)
 - WHERE HE DELIVERS US TO THE UTTERMOST WHEN WE APPROACH - HEB 7:25



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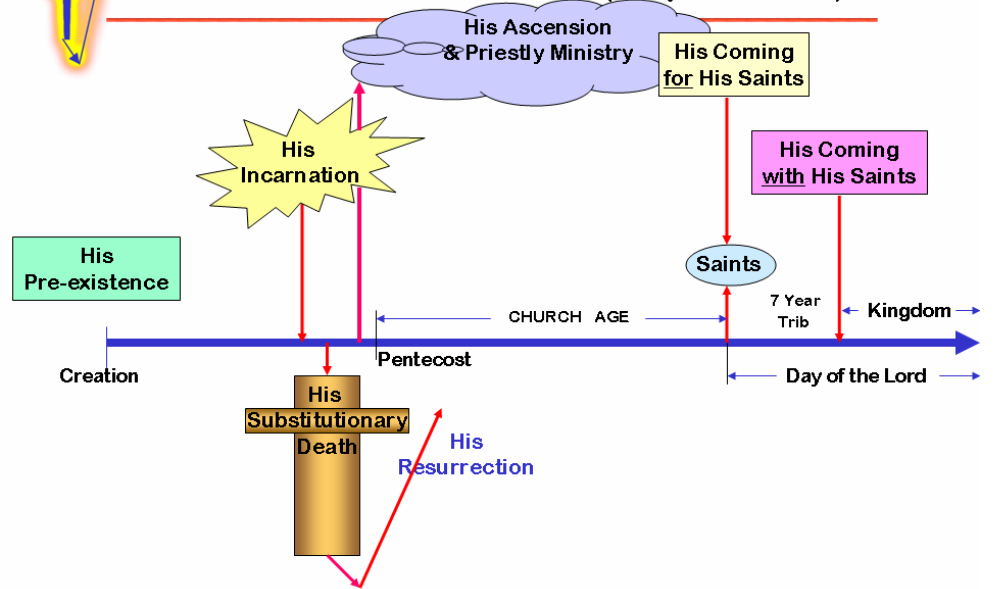
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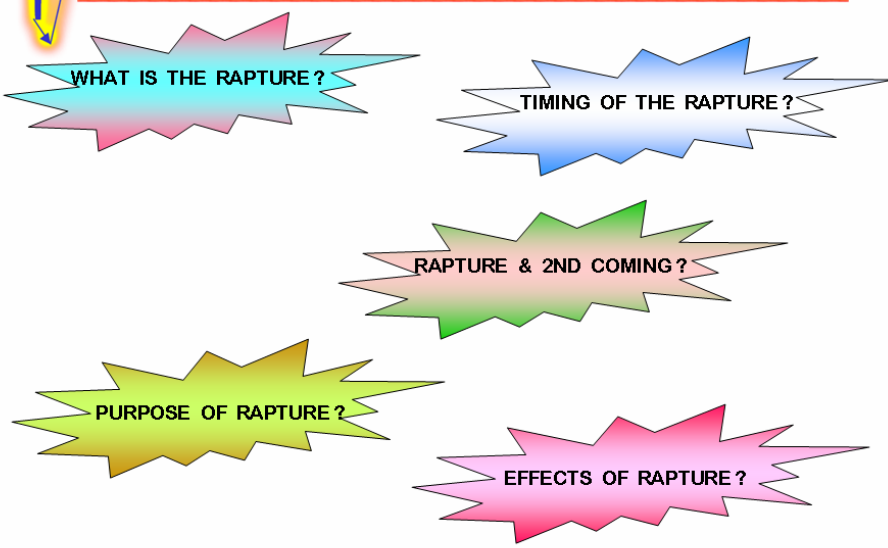
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TIMING OF THE RAPTURE ?

- THIS QUESTION HAS THE MOST DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN BIBLE SCHOLARS
- THEY HAVE 4 VIEWS OF THE TIMING:
 1. PRETRIBULATION
 2. MIDTRIBULATION
 3. PREWRATH (MARV ROSENTHAL)
 4. POSTTRIBULATION

• WE BELIEVE THE PRETRIBULATION VIEW IS THE BIBLICAL VIEW ! - BECAUSE :

- NO PROPHETIC EVENTS NEED TO BE FULFILLED PRIOR TO THE RAPTURE - JN 14: 2-3
- PAUL EXPECTED THE IMMINENT RETURN OF THE LORD - 1 THES 4: 17; 2 THES 2:1-3; 3:3-4
- THE RAPTURE WILL INITIATE THE " DAY OF THE LORD " - 2 THES 5: 1-3
- THE RAPTURE COMES FIRST THEN THE "DAY OF THE LORD" - 2 THES 2: 3
 - "FALLING AWAY" FIRST (APOSTASIA = FALLING AWAY OR "DEPARTURE")
 - NOT A DEPARTURE FROM THE FAITH - BECAUSE CHRIST'S RETURN IS IMMINENT
 - SO "DEPARTURE" MUST MEAN DEPARTURE FROM THE EARTH = THE RAPTURE
- DEFINITION : OF "DAY OF THE LORD"
 - IT INCLUDES THE TRIBULATION & THE MILLENIUM (O.T REVEALS JUDGMENT & BLESSING)
 - IT COMES UNEXPECTEDLY (AS A "THIEF IN THE NIGHT") - 1 THES 5: 2
 - IT'S A TIME OF WRATH (GOD'S) - 1 THES 5: 9
- BUT BELIEVERS ARE NOT APPOINTED TO GOD'S WRATH - 1 THES 5: 9; ROM 5:9; EPH 2:3; 1 THES 1:10

• THEREFORE BELIEVERS WILL NOT GO THROUGH THE TRIBULATION

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RAPTURE & 2ND COMING ?

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1 COR 15:51,52a; 1 THES 4:17
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2 THES 2:1-12; REV 6-19
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REV 19:11-16
- SAINTS GO FROM HEAVEN TO EARTH
REV 19:14,15
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MT 24:29-31; REV 19:11 - 20:3
- O.T SAINTS RESURRECTED
DAN 12:1,2; REV 20:4-6
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MT 25:31-46; REV 19:11-21
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REV 20:1-3

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PURPOSE OF RAPTURE ?

TO FULFILL GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE & PLAN :

- TO SHARE CHRIST'S GLORY (OUR CONDITION BECOMES OUR POSITION) - 1 JN 3: 2; JN 17: 22
- TO SEE CHRIST & BE WITH HIM FOREVER - 1 JN 3: 2; JN 14: 2; 1 THES 4: 17; 1 COR 13:12
- TO GIVE US OUR NEW BODIES - PHIL 3: 21; 1 COR 15: 35-44
- FOR CHRIST TO TAKE US HOME - JN 14: 1-3; PHIL 3: 20-21; 1 COR 15: 48-49
- TO COMPLETE OUR SALVATION (SAVED FROM THE PRESENCE OF SIN) - PHIL 3: 20
- TO FULFILL OUR PRESENT FAITH & HOPE - THEN DO AWAY WITH THEM - 1 COR 13: 10

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EFFECTS OF RAPTURE ?

THE PRESENT EFFECTS :

- IT'S A COMFORTING HOPE TO OUR HEARTS - 1 THES 4:18; JN 14: 1-3
- IT PROVIDES STABILITY TO OUR MINDS IN STRESS & TRIALS - 2 THES 2: 1-2
- WE ARE VICTORIOUS OVER DEATH THROUGH CHRIST - DEATH HAS NO STING
- 1 COR 15: 55-57
- OUR HOPE OF THE RAPTURE PURIFIES US (CONSECRATES US AS BELIEVER PRIESTS)
- 1 JN 3:2,3
- IT'S A MOST HAPPY HOPE (AN EXPECTATION THAT IS CERTAIN) - TITUS 2: 13



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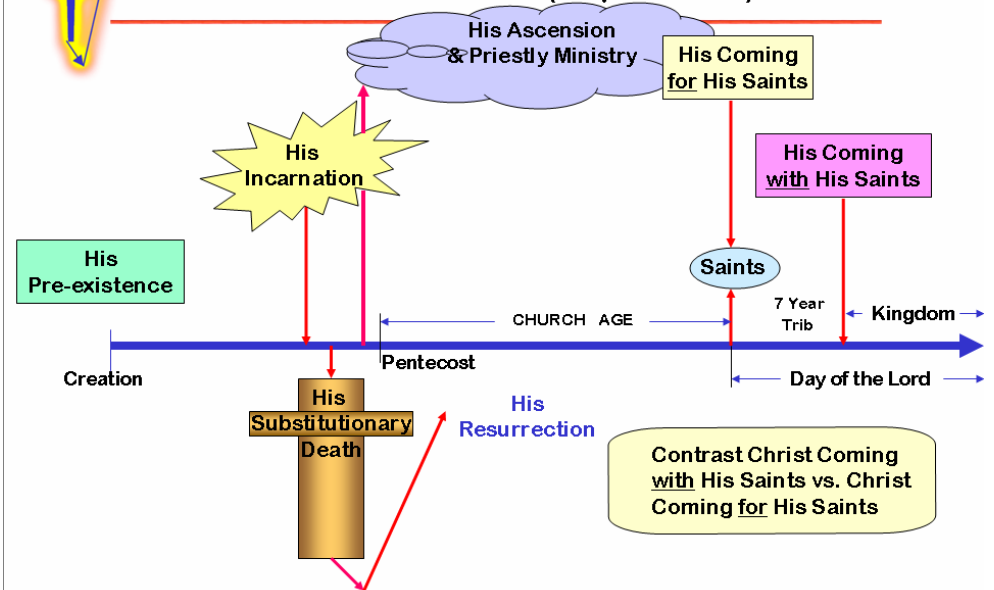
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Other Chapters on Subject
44. Events Preceding the Second Coming of Christ
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Facts about His Second Coming

• His return will be physical to this earth

Zech. 14:4 And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives ---

Job 19:25 --- And at the last He will take His stand on the earth

• His return on the clouds of heaven

Acts 1:9-11 --- while they were looking on --- a cloud received Him --- will come in just the same way

Rev. 1:7 Behold, He is coming with the clouds

Daniel 7:13 And behold with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming



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Facts about His Second Coming

• His return is in power and great glory

• Matt. 24:27-30

- after the tribulation
- sun darkened, moon will not give light, stars will fall from sky, powers of heaven shaken
- sign of the Son of Man
- all people on earth will mourn
- all people will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds
- with power and great glory
- Christ will send forth His angels (with great trumpets)
- His angels will gather together His elect from the four winds

• 2 Thess. 1:7-8 --- the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire



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Facts about His Second Coming

- The Church returns with Christ at His Second Coming
 - Then the Lord my God will come and all the holy ones with Him - Zech.14:5
 - Behold the Lord came with many thousands of His Holy ones - Jude 14-15
 - --- at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints -1 Thes. 3:13
 - the armies which are in heaven clothed in fine linen - were following Him - Rev 19:14
- The return is seen in both Old and New Testament
 - For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels - Math 16:27
 - --- with clouds of heaven --- One like the Son of Man was coming --- to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom --- all peoples, nations --- might serve Him - Dan 7:13-14



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Contrast Rapture vs. Second Coming

RAPTURE	verses	2ND COMING	verses
CHRIST COMES FOR HIS SAINTS	1 THES 4:13-18; 3:13	CHRIST COMES WITH HIS SAINTS	REV 19:11-16
SAINTS GO FROM EARTH TO HEAVEN	1 THES 4:16,17; 2 THES 2:1	SAINTS GO FROM HEAVEN TO EARTH	REV 19:14,15
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UNRIGHTEOUSNESS ON EARTH	2 THES 2:1-12; REV 6-19	RIGHTEOUSNESS ON EARTH	ZEPH 1:1-3:20; ZECH 14:1-21; REV 20:1-4
IMMINENT	1 THES 4:15; 2 THES 2:1-3	MANY SIGNS & EVENTS PRECEED	MT 24:1-28; REV 6-19
WAS A MYSTERY (NOT REVEALED) IN O.T	1 COR 15:51,52a	REVEALED IN O.T	ISA 61:1-3; ZECH 12:9-14; 13:6
INITIATES REWARDS TO THE CHURCH	2 COR 5:10; 1 COR 3:5-17	INITIATES JUDGMENT TO THE WORLD	MT 25:31-46; REV 19:11-21
SATAN REMAINS ACTIVE	2 THES 2:1-12	SATAN IS BOUND FOR 1,000 YEARS	REV 20:1-3



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HOMEWORK: READ CHAP 15
ANSWER QUESTIONS: 1,8,9,12



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GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT : QUESTIONS

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WHAT
DOES HE DO?

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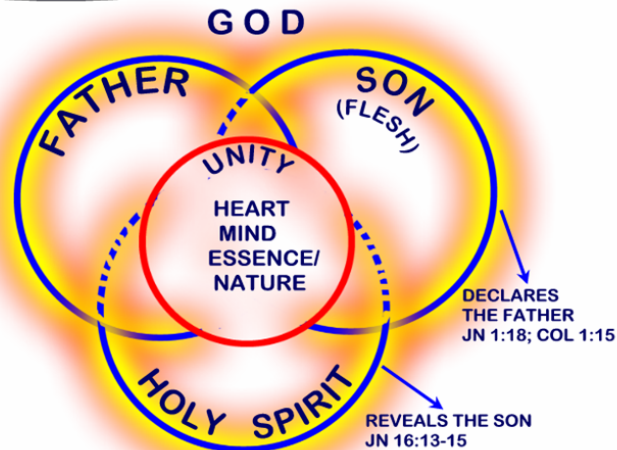


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GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT:

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HIS DEITY: GEN 1:1,2, 26,27; ACTS 5:3
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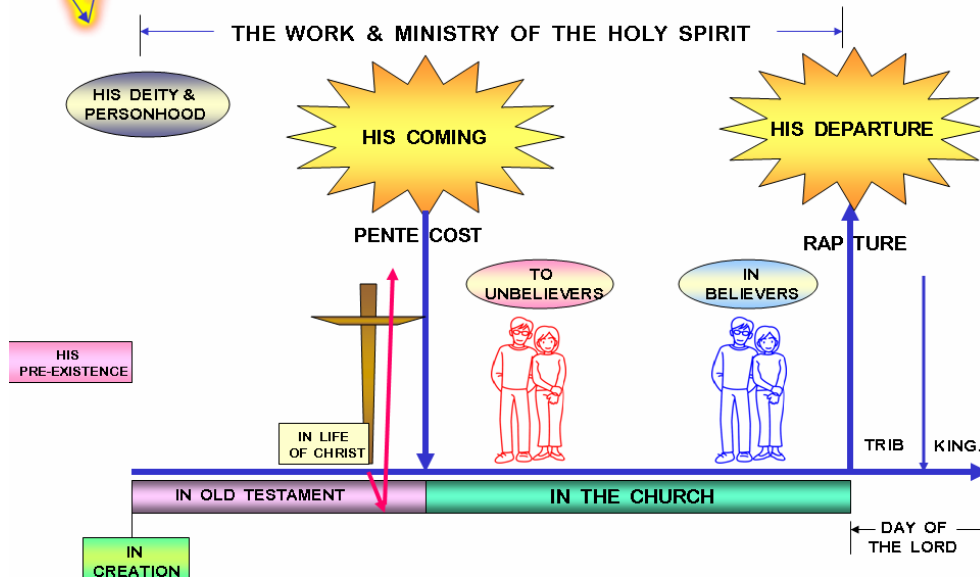
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2. HE REVEALS CHRIST'S GLORY TO YOU & THROUGH YOU

- JN 16:12-15

- HE COMFORTS YOU - 1 COR 2:9-13; ROM 8:5-6
- HE TEACHES YOU - JN 14:26; 15:26; 16:7
- HE INTERCEDES FOR YOU - JN 14:26; 16:12-15; 1 COR 2:13; 1 JN 2:20,27
- HE GUIDES YOU - ROM 8:26-27; EPH 6:18
- HE SANCTIFIES YOU - JN 16:13
- HE TESTIFIES TO YOU - 2 THES 2:13; 1 PET 1:2
- HE ENCOURAGES YOU - ROM 8:16; HEB 10:15
- HE REVEALS TO YOU & THROUGH YOU : - ACTS 9:31; ROM 5:5
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 - THE GLORY OF CHRIST - ROM 5:1-5; 2 COR 3:1-11, 18
 - THE UNITY (ONENESS) OF HIS PURPOSE - EPH 4:3; JN 16:12-15
- HE EDIFIES YOU - EPH 4:11-16
- HE ASSURES YOU - ROM 8:16
- HE EQUIPS YOU - 1 COR 12:7; 2 COR 6:4; EPH 4:11-12



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HE MANIFESTS IN YOU & THROUGH YOU

- THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT - JN 15:1-5,8; GAL 5:22-23; 2 COR 6:4-6
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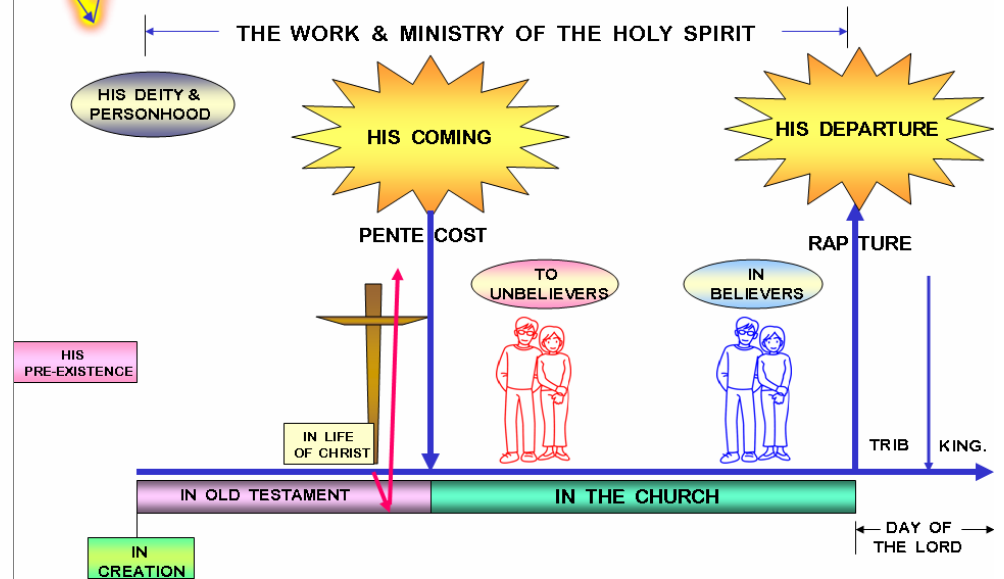
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IN OLD TESTAMENT

- Holy Spirit working in & through people according to the will of God
 - Gen. 41:38 --- can we find a man like this, in whom is a divine spirit
 - Exod. 31:3 And I have filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge and in all kinds of craftsmanship
 - Num. 27:18 --- Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit and lay your hands on him
 - Hag. 2:5 My Spirit is abiding in your midst; do not fear
- The Holy Spirit as the Omnipresent One
 - PS 139:7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence



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GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT : HIS ADVENT

IN LIFE OF CHRIST ON THE EARTH

- The demonstration of the Holy Spirit's power in the life of Christ
 - Luke 1:35 --- The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will over-shadow you; and for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God
 - Matt. 3:16 --- after being baptized --- the heavens were opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and coming upon Him
 - Heb. 9:14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God



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- Promises about the Holy Spirit's coming
 - John 14:16 And I will ask the Father and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever
 - Luke 24:49 --- I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on High
- Promises about the Holy Spirit's ministry
 - John 14:16-17
 - The Holy Spirit will be the same kind as Christ
 - The Holy Spirit will be with you forever
 - The world cannot receive Him
 - The Holy Spirit abides with you
 - The Holy Spirit will be in you



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- Promises about the Holy Spirit's ministry (continued)
 - John 16:7
 - It is to your advantage that I go away
 - The Helper shall not come if I don't go away
 - I will send Him to you
- Promises about the Holy Spirit's ministry to the world (unbelievers)
 - John 16:8-11
 - When He comes will convict (convince) the world
 - concerning - sin, righteousness and judgment
 - sin - because they do not believe
 - righteousness - because I go to the Father and you no longer behold Me
 - judgment - because the ruler of this world has been judged



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GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT : HIS ADVENT



- Promises about the Holy Spirit's ministry to believers
 - John 16:13
 - He will guide you into all the truth
 - He will not speak on His own initiative
 - Whatever He hears He will speak
 - He will disclose to you what is to come
 - John 16:14
 - He shall glorify me
 - He shall take of Mine and shall disclose it to you
 - All things that the father has are Mine (therefore - He shall take of Mine and will disclose it to you)



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- At the coming of the Holy Spirit
 - He took up His abode on the Day of Pentecost
 - His abode is now in the world
 - His new ministry is unique to the church age



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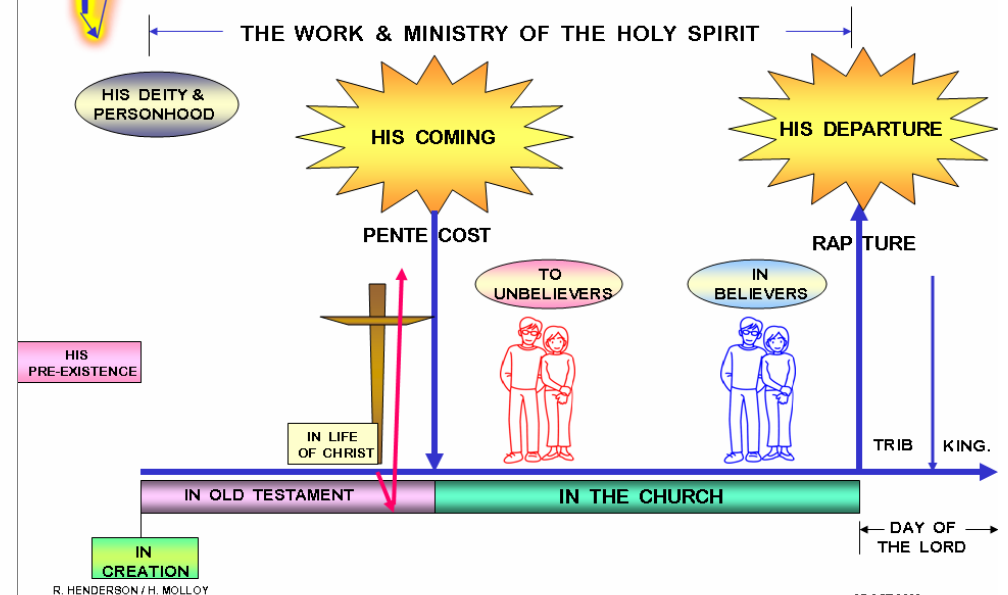
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GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT: HIS COMPLETED MINISTRIES TO YOU

HE SHARED CHRIST'S GLORY WITH YOU

HE CALLED YOU:

- **DEFINITION : TO CALL (KALEO)**
 - TO INVITE
 - TO APPOINT
- **GENERAL CALL OR INVITATION :** - MK 2:17; 1 COR 1:24-26; JN 3:16
 - TO EVERY PERSON (UNBELIEVER)
 - AN INVITATION TO ETERNAL LIFE (HIS GLORY)
 - THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE RESPONSE : IS FAITH - ACTS 16:31; HEB 11:6
 - "FAITH" - IN THE PERSON & WORK OF CHRIST
- **SPECIFIC CALL OR APPOINTMENT :**
 - ONLY TO THOSE WHO RESPOND BY FAITH :
 - = BELIEVERS ("THE CALLED ONES")
 - APPOINTED TO:
 - SHARE HIS GLORY - 2 THES 2:13-14; ROM 8:28-30
 - FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM - 1 COR 1:9
 - HOLINESS - 1 THES 4:7

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HE SHARED CHRIST'S GLORY WITH YOU

HE CHOSE YOU

- **DEFINITION: "CHOSE" (EKLEGO)**
 - "TO PICK OUT, TO SELECT, TO ELECT"
- **THE FACTS OF HIS CHOOSING (ELECTING) YOU:**
 - YOU ARE CHOSEN (ELECTED) BECAUSE YOU ARE "IN CHRIST" - EPH 1:4
 - CHRIST CHOSE YOU - YOU DID NOT CHOOSE HIM - JN 15:16; 1 PET 1:1-2
 - GOD CHOSE YOU BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD - EPH 1:4
 - YOU ARE HOLY AND DEARLY LOVED - COL 3:12; 1 THES 1:4
- **WE ARE CHOSEN:**
 - TO SHARE THE VERY GLORY OF CHRIST - 2 THES 2:13-14; JN 17:22
 - OUT OF THE WORLD BY CHRIST - JN 2:19
 - TO BE HOLY & BLAMELESS - EPH 1:4
 - TO PRAISE HIS GLORY - EPH 1:4, 12

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HE SHARED CHRIST'S GLORY WITH YOU

HE REGENERATED YOU

- **DEFINITION : "REGENERATION" (PALINGENESIA)**
 - LIT: 'PALIN' = AGAIN, 'GENESIS' = BIRTH, CREATION
 - TO BE BORN AGAIN , A NEW BIRTH OR NEW CREATION (SPIRITUALLY)
- **WHY IS A NEW BIRTH (SPIRITUAL) NECESSARY?**
 - BECAUSE EVERY PERSON IS BORN SPIRITUALLY DEAD - EPH 2:1-5
 - EVERYONE IS BORN WITH A SIN NATURE WHICH IS CONDEMNED - ROM 5:12; 8:3
 - MAN MUST BE RECREATED BY A NEW BIRTH (SPIRITUAL) - JN 3:3; 1 PET 1:23
- **HOW IS THE NEW BIRTH OBTAINED ?**
 - NOT BY PHYSICAL BLOOD - JN1:13
 - NOT BY MAN'S WILL - JN 1:13
 - BUT BY GOD & THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST - JN 1:12-13; TITUS 3:5
- **RESULTS OF THE NEW BIRTH (REGENERATION)**
 - YOU ARE NO LONGER A CHILD OF SATAN BUT A CHILD OF GOD - JN 8:44; 1:12; GAL 3:26
 - YOU ARE A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST - 2 COR 5:17
 - GOD IMPARTS CHRIST'S VERY NATURE (GLORY) TO YOU - 1 PET1:23; 2 COR 5:17; JN 17:22
 - YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE - JN 3:16; 1 JN 5:11-13

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HE SHARED CHRIST'S GLORY WITH YOU

HE BAPTIZED YOU

- **DEFINITION:**
 - "BAPTIZE"(BAPTIZO = TO IMMERSE SO AS TO IDENTIFY ONE OBJECT WITH ANOTHER)
- **WHY IS BAPTISM (SPIRITUAL) NECESSARY ?**
 - YOU WERE IDENTIFIED (IN ALIVING UNION) WITH:
 - ADAM ("IN ADAM") AND HIS NATURE (SIN NATURE) - ROM 5:12
 - AND A SLAVE TO THE SIN NATURE - EPH 2:3
 - GOD HAD TO TERMINATE YOUR OLD ADAMIC LIFE AND SEPARATE YOU FROM THE POWER OF YOUR SIN NATURE IN ORDER TO FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM
- **WHAT DID CHRIST DO ON THE CROSS FOR YOU ?** - ROM 6:1-10; 1COR 5:21
 - HE DIED ON THE CROSS FOR YOUR SINS - AS YOUR SUBSTITUTE (1 JN 2:2)
 - HE ALSO DIED UNTO SIN (YOUR SIN NATURE) - AS YOUR REPRESENTATIVE
 - HE TOOK YOU TO THE CROSS WITH HIM SO THAT YOU DIED (WERE SEPARATED) UNTO YOUR SIN NATURE - HE IDENTIFIED YOU IN HIS DEATH
 - HE DID NOT FORGIVE, NOR ERADICATE, NOR ANNIHILATE YOUR SIN NATURE
 - HOWEVER HE CRUCIFIED YOUR SIN NATURE

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HE SHARED CHRIST'S GLORY WITH YOU

HE BAPTIZED YOU (CONT'D)

- THE MOMENT YOU TRUSTED CHRIST - YOU WERE BAPTIZED (IDENTIFIED);
ROM 6:1-10; COL 2:12; 1 COR 12:13
 1. INTO THE PERSON OF CHRIST
 2. INTO CHRIST'S DEATH
 3. INTO CHRIST'S BURIAL
 4. INTO CHRIST'S RESURRECTION
 5. INTO CHRIST'S ASCENSION
 6. INTO CHRIST'S BODY (THE CHURCH)



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GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT: HIS MINISTRIES TO THE CHURCH

HIS COMPLETED MINISTRIES : VITAL TRUTHS ABOUT THEM

1. HIS COMPLETED MINISTRIES TO YOU ARE NOT REPEATABLE
2. THEY ARE NOT RETRACTABLE
3. THEY ARE ETERNAL
4. THEY ARE IMMUTIBLE (UNCHANGEABLE)
5. THEY DO NOT DEPEND ON YOUR MERIT OR FAITHFULNESS
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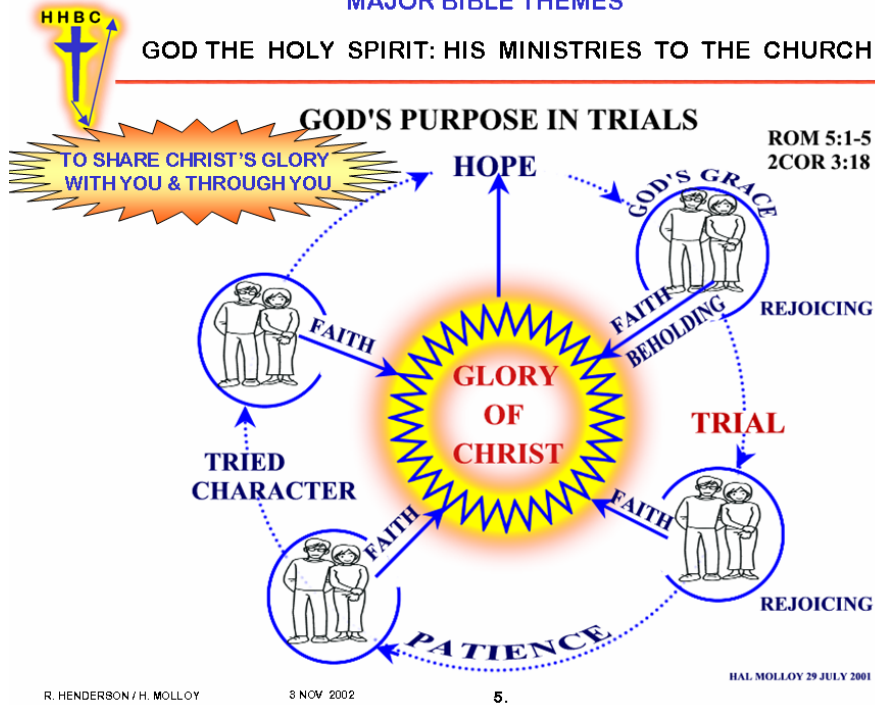
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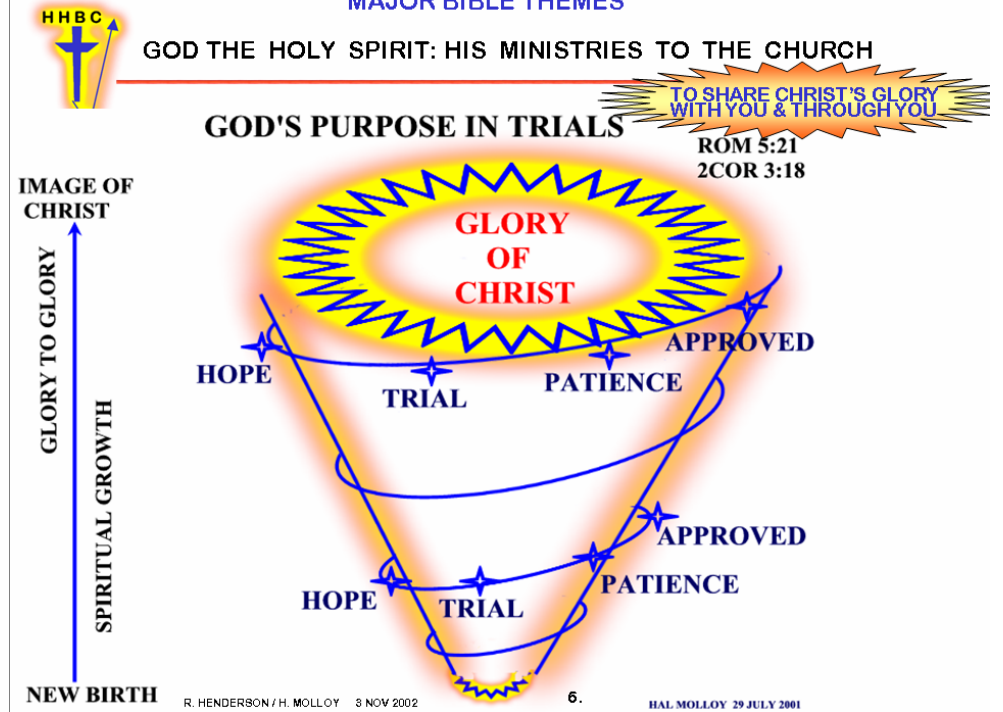
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HE SHARES CHRIST'S GLORY WITH YOU & THROUGH YOU

HE FILLS YOU:

- COMMAND : ".... BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT" - EPH 5:18
- WHAT IT IS NOT SAYING :
 - IT'S NOT A COMMAND TO BE **CONTROLLED** BY THE HOLY SPIRIT
 - IT'S NOT REFERRING TO THE DEGREE OF YOUR BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT
 - THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT THE **CONTENT** OF THE FILLING
- WHAT IT IS SAYING:
 - THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE **AGENT** OF THE FILLING
 - THE PREPOSITION "WITH" (EN) - IS BETTER TRANSLATED AS "BY"
 - **YOU ARE FILLED BY THE SPIRIT** - THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES THE FILLING
- WHAT IS THE **CONTENT** OF HIS FILLING ?
 - IT IS THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST (HIS GLORY) - EPH 1:23; 3:16-19; 4:10; JN 16:13-14
 - IT IS THE FULLNESS OF GOD (HIS GLORY) - EPH 3:19
- HOW DOES THE SPIRIT FILL YOU WITH THE GLORY OF CHRIST?
 - AS YOU WALK BY FAITH & BEHOLD HIM - COL 2:6-7; 2 COR 3:18
- RESULTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S FILLING YOU WITH CHRIST
 - YOU GLORIFY GOD:
 - IN PSALMS (PRAISES) & SPIRITUAL SONGS - EPH 5:19-20
 - IN THANKSGIVING - EPH 5:20; COL 2:7



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GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT : HE REVEALS CHRIST'S GLORY

1. The Bible: The Word of God
2. The Bible: Inspired of God
3. The Bible: Its Subject and Purpose
4. The Bible: As a Divine Revelation
5. God The Trinity
6. God the Father
7. God the Son: His Deity and Eternity
8. God the Son: His Incarnation
9. God the Son: His Substitutionary Death
10. God the Son: His Resurrection
11. God the Son: His Ascension and Priestly Ministry
12. God the Son: His Coming for His Saints
13. God the Son: His Coming With His Saints
14. God the Holy Spirit: His Personality
15. God the Holy Spirit: His Advent
16. God the Holy Spirit: His Regeneration
17. God the Holy Spirit: His Indwelling and Sealing
18. God the Holy Spirit: His Baptism
19. God the Holy Spirit: His Filling

HOMEWORK: READ CHAP 19

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GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT : HIS MINISTRIES TO THE CHURCH

- **HE SHARED CHRIST'S GLORY WITH YOU**
 - He Called You
 - He Chose You
 - He Regenerated You
 - He Baptized You
- **HE SHARES CHRIST'S GLORY TO YOU & THROUGH YOU**
 - How the Holy Spirit Shares Christ's Glory through Trials
 - He Fills You
- **HE REVEALS CHRIST'S GLORY TO YOU & THROUGH YOU**
 - How the Holy Spirit Reveals Christ's Glory
 - He Guides You
 - He Teaches You
- **HE GLORIFIES THE FATHER & SON IN YOU & THROUGH YOU**

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GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT : HE REVEALS CHRIST'S GLORY

B. HIS CONTINUING MINISTRIES : (IN YOUR WALK BY FAITH - CONDITION)

2. **HE REVEALS CHRIST'S GLORY TO YOU & THROUGH YOU** - JN 16:12-15
 - HE COMFORTS YOU - 1 COR 2:9-13; ROM 8:5-6 - JN 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7
 - HE TEACHES YOU - JN 14:26; 16:12-15; 1 COR 2:13; 1 JN 2:20,27 - ROM 8:26-27; EPH 6:18
 - HE INTERCEDES FOR YOU - JN 16:13
 - HE GUIDES YOU - 2 THES 2:13; 1 PET 1:2
 - HE SANCTIFIES YOU - ROM 8:16; HEB 10:15
 - HE TESTIFIES TO YOU - ACTS 9:31; ROM 5:5
 - HE ENCOURAGES YOU
 - HE REVEALS TO YOU & THROUGH YOU :
 - THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT - GAL 5:22-23; 2 COR 6:4-6
 - THE GLORY OF CHRIST - ROM 5:1-5; 2 COR 3:1-11, 18
 - THE UNITY (ONENESS) OF HIS PURPOSE - EPH 4:3; JN 16:12-15
 - HE EDIFIES YOU - EPH 4:11-16
 - HE ASSURES YOU - ROM 8:16
 - HE EQUIPS YOU - 1 COR 12:7; 2 COR 6:4; EPH 4:11-12

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GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT : HE REVEALS CHRIST'S GLORY

- **He Reveals "the things of God"** - 1 Corinthians 2:9-14
 - verse 9
 - eye has not seen, ear has not heard, has not entered the heart of man
 - the things which God has prepared for them that love Him
 - verse 10
 - God has revealed *them* unto us by His Spirit
 - the Spirit searches all things
 - even the deep things of God
 - verse 11
 - who knows the things of a man except the spirit of man
 - the things of God no one knows except the Spirit of God

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- **He Reveals “the things of God” (cont.)** 1 Corinthians 2:9-14
 - verse 12
 - we have received the Spirit of God
 - that we might know the things that are freely given to us by God
 - verse 13
 - which things also we speak
 - not in words taught by human wisdom
 - comparing spiritual things with spiritual
 - verse 14
 - the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God
 - they are foolishness unto him
 - neither can he know *them*
 - because they are spiritually discerned



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GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT : HE REVEALS CHRIST'S GLORY

- **He makes known to you “the things of Christ”** John 16:13-15
 - verse 12
 - I have many more things to say to you
 - But you cannot bear them now
 - verse 13
 - He will guide you into all the truth
 - He will not speak on His own initiative
 - But as many things as He hears He will speak
 - The things that are coming He will make known to you



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GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT : HE REVEALS CHRIST'S GLORY

- **He makes known to you “the things of Christ” (cont.)** John 16:13-15
 - verse 14
 - He shall glorify Me
 - He shall take of Mine (the things which pertain to Me) and make it known to you
 - verse 15
 - All things that the Father has are Mine
 - He shall take of Mine (the things which pertain to Me) and shall make it known to you



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HOMEWORK: READ CHAP 20
Questions: 1, 2 and 6

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HIS CONTINUING MINISTRIES : (IN YOUR WALK BY FAITH - CONDITION)

HE GLORIFIES THE FATHER & SON IN YOU & THROUGH YOU

HE MANIFESTS IN YOU & THROUGH YOU

- THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT - JN 15:1-5,8; GAL 5:22-23; 2 COR 6:4-6
- THE GLORY OF JESUS CHRIST - JN 16:14; 2 COR 3:1-11,18

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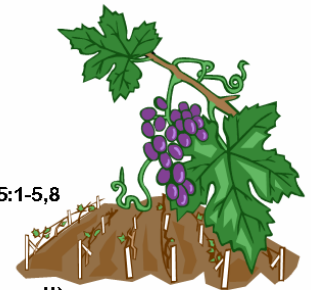
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GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT : HE MANIFESTS CHRIST'S GLORY

- **Definition of "manifest"**
 - phaneroo - to make visible, clear, known to uncover, lay bare, reveal
- **The bearing of fruit that glorifies God** JN 15:1-5,8
 - verse 1
 - I am the true Vine
 - My Father is the Vinedresser (tiller of the soil)
 - verse 2
 - Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away
 - Every branch that bears fruit He prunes it
 - verse 3
 - You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you



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GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT : HE MANIFESTS CHRIST'S GLORY

• The bearing of fruit that glorifies God

JN 15:1-5,8

- verse 4
 - Abide in Me and I in you
 - As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself
 - unless it abides in the Vine
 - so neither can you unless you abide in Me
- verse 8
 - By this is My Father glorified
 - that you bear much fruit
 - so prove to be My disciples



• The fruit of the Spirit

Gal 5:22-23

- Love, Joy, Peace
- Patience, Kindness, Goodness
- Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control



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GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT : HE MANIFESTS CHRIST'S GLORY

• The Glory of Jesus Christ

- 2 Cor. 3:9 -11 & 18

- verse 9
 - the ministry of condemnation has glory
 - the ministry of righteousness abounds in glory
- verse 11
 - that which fades was with glory
 - that which remains is in glory
- verse 18
 - (we) with unveiled face
 - (we) beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord
 - (we) are being transformed into the same image
 - from glory to glory
 - from the Lord the Spirit

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GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT : HE MANIFESTS CHRIST'S GLORY

• The Glory of Jesus Christ

- 2 Cor. 3:1- 8

- verse 2 - You are our letter
 - written in our hearts
 - known and read by all men
- verse 3 - being manifested that you are a letter of Christ
 - written not with ink
 - written with Spirit of the living God
 - not on tablets of stone
 - but on tablets of human hearts
- verse 5 - not adequate in ourselves
 - our adequacy is from God
- verse 7- 8 - the ministry of death came with glory
 - the ministry of the Spirit --- even more glorious





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THE DISPENSATIONS

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HOMEWORK: READ CHAP 21



MAJOR BIBLE THEMES
THE DISPENSATIONS

OUTLINE

1. WHAT IS A DISPENSATION ?
2. WHAT ARE THE DISPENSATIONS ?
3. WHICH MODEL IS PREFERABLE ?
4. WHY THE IMPORTANCE OF DISPENSATIONS ?
5. WHAT OCCURS IF DISPENSATIONALISM IS OMITTED ?



MAJOR BIBLE THEMES

1. WHAT IS A DISPENSATION ?

USAGE:

- THE GREEK WORD FOR "DISPENSATION" IS USED 20 TIMES IN THE NT
- IT IS TRANSLATED "DISPENSATION" IN ONLY 4 PLACES (KJV) :
1 COR 9:17; EPH 1:10; 3:2; COL 1:25

DEFINITION: (SEE NOTES - PAGE 4)

SUMMARY:

- "A DISPENSATION IS A DISTINGUISHABLE ECONOMY (GOD'S GOVERNMENT AND ACTIVITY) IN THE OUTWORKING OF GOD'S PURPOSE" - DR. CHARLES RYRIE
- DISPENSATIONALISM VIEWS THE WORLD OF MANKIND AS A HOUSEHOLD RUN ACCORDING TO GOD'S PURPOSE WHERE MAN IS A STEWARD -
1 COR 4:1-4; TITUS 1:7



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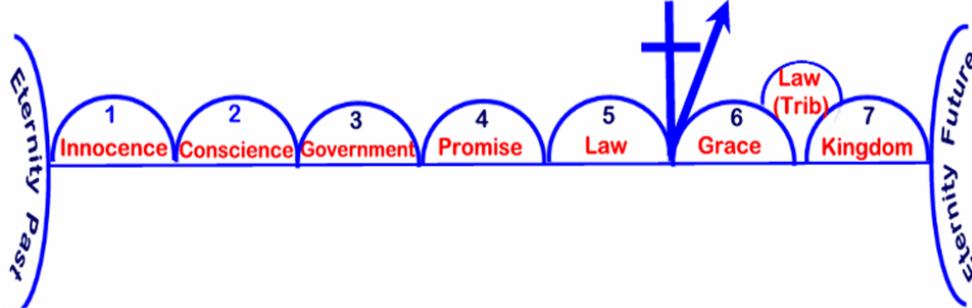
DEFINITION:

- "Dispensation" = "oikonomia" (feminine noun)
 - From: "oikos" (house or household) & "nomos" (law or principle)
 - Lit: "The principle of a household"
- 2 main meanings in Greek:
 - (1) Administration - The management of a household'
 - (2) The Office - The administrator or steward (stewardship)
- There are 2 parties involved in a dispensation:
 - (1) The one who defines the purpose & principles (Administration)
 - (2) The one who carries them out (steward)
- "Dispensation" does not denote time - therefore a dispensation will have a beginning but may have no end



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2. WHAT ARE THE DISPENSATIONS ?

THE 7 DISPENSATION MODEL



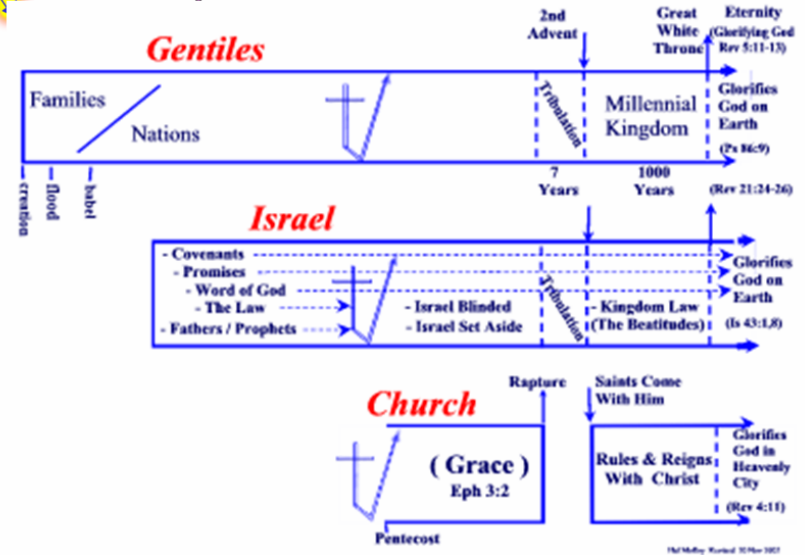
BASIC CHARACTERISTICS :

1. Each dispensation or economy has a different governing relationship into which God enters with man called God's "administration"
2. Man's resulting responsibility is called his "stewardship"
3. In each dispensation there is :
 - A TEST : God tests man's volitional response to his God given responsibility
 - A FAILURE : Man fails to fulfill his responsibility or stewardship in every dispensation
 - A JUDGMENT : In each dispensation God disburses a judgment(s) for man's failure



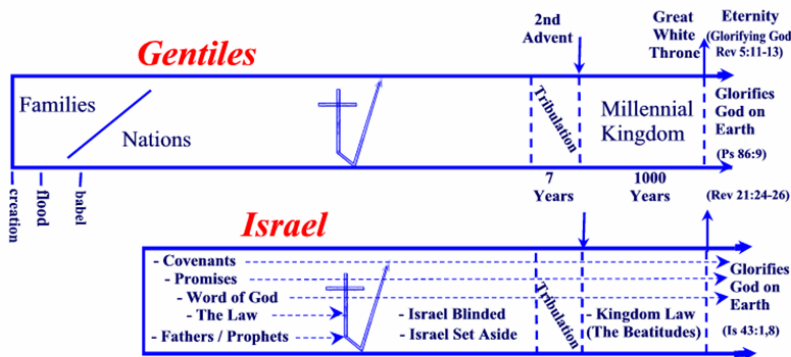
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2. WHAT ARE THE DISPENSATIONS ?

THE 3 DISPENSATION MODEL



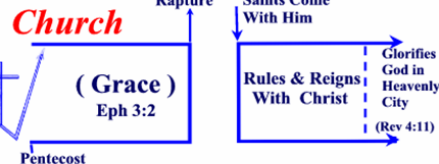
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2. WHAT ARE THE DISPENSATIONS

THE 3 DISPENSATION MODEL



The 3 Dispensation Model- Basis of:

1. Dispensation of the Church - Col 1:24,25
 - "Grace of God" - Eph 3:2
 - "Preaching of Gospel" - 1 Cor 9:16,17
 - "Fullness of Times" - Eph 1:10,22,23
2. Prior Dispensations - Gentiles & Israel
 - Col 1:24-26
 - 1 Cor 10:32; 12:13



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3. WHICH DISPENSATION MODEL IS PREFERABLE ?

SCRIPTURAL OBSERVATIONS : (SEE DETAILED OBSERVATIONS - PAGE 11 & 12)

- THE WORD "DISPENSATION" IS NEVER USED WITH 6 OF THE 7 DISPENSATIONS
- PAUL ONLY REFERS TO THE DISPENSATION OF GRACE (THE CHURCH)
- PAUL'S TEACHING IS FOCUSED ON 3 GROUPS OF PEOPLE :
 - THE GENTILES
 - THE JEWS (ISRAEL)
 - THE CHURCH
- A DISPENSATION DOES NOT NECESSARILY DENOTE TIME
- EACH DISPENSATION MUST FULFILL GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE:
 - TO DECLARE GOD'S GLORY
 - TO SHARE GOD'S GLORY
 - TO REVEAL GOD'S GLORY
 - TO BE GLORIFIED

CONCLUSION:

- THE 3 DISPENSATION MODEL BEST FITS THE SCRIPTURAL OBSERVATIONS

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4. WHY ARE DISPENSATIONS IMPORTANT ?

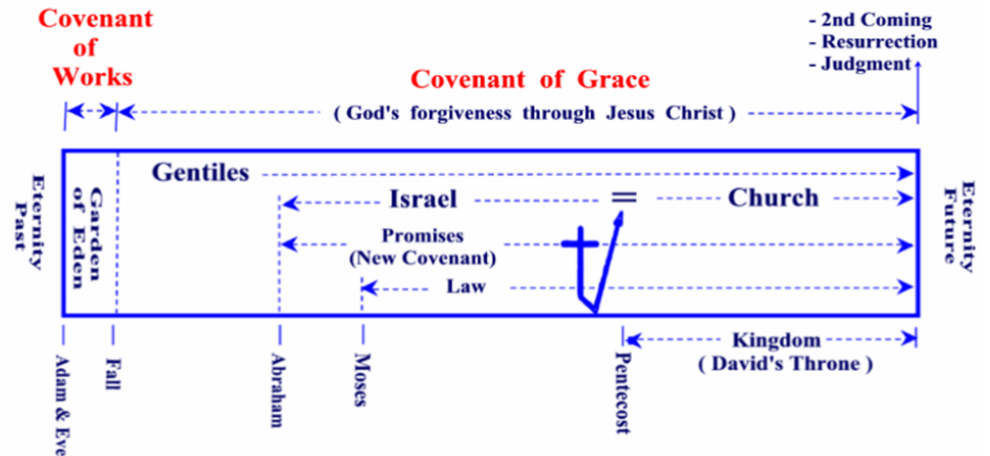
- DISPENSATIONS GIVE THE CLEAR REVEALED PURPOSE & PLAN OF GOD
- DISPENSATIONS RECOGNIZE THE DISTINCTIONS IN THE BIBLE
 - GOD'S ADMINISTRATION TO ISRAEL IS DIFFERENT THAN TO THE CHURCH
 - INSTRUCTIONS OF LAW & SACRIFICES TO ISRAEL DON'T APPLY TO THE CHURCH
- DISPENSATIONS ARE CRITICAL IN OUR INTERPRETING THE BIBLE
- DISPENSATIONS PROVIDE A MEANINGFUL PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY
 - ALL OF HISTORY FOCUSES ON GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE & PLAN THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

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5. WHAT OCCURS IF DISPENSATIONALISM IS OMITTED ?

Covenant Theology: Overview



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Some Scriptural Observations On Dispensations

- The word "dispensation" is never used with "Innocence", "Conscience", "Government", "Promise", "Law", or "Kingdom"
- Neither does the apostle Paul ever refer to these as dispensations
- The apostle Paul seems to reveal dispensations related to groups of people (e.g. "The Church") - Col 1:24,25
- Paul consistently refers to 3 distinct groups of people - 1 Cor 10:32
 - The Gentiles
 - The Jew (Israel)
 - The Church
- The word "dispensation" does not denote "time" - therefore a dispensation will have a beginning but may not have an end
- A critical consideration in defining a scriptural model is to account for God's eternal purpose, which is:
 - To declare His Glory
 - To share His Glory
 - To reveal His Glory
 - To be Glorified

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Some Scriptural Observations On Dispensations - cont'd

- God's purpose is to share the very glory of the Lord Jesus Christ (as a man) with every believer now and through all eternity - Jn 17:20-23; Rom 6:1-4; 1 Jn 3:1,2
- The redemption & salvation of man is only the prerequisite of God sharing His Glory with man
- Since God's purpose is eternal then every defined dispensation should be eternal - it should have a beginning but no end
- Also each dispensation should result in all of mankind glorifying God forever- for example:
 1. Scripture defines both Gentiles & Jews (Israel) as an earthly people and those who believe (outside of the church age) will spend eternity on earth glorifying God - 1 Cor 15:47-50; Rev 21:24-27
 2. The Church (the bride of Christ) is a heavenly people whose citizenship is now in heaven and will spend eternity in heaven (The New Jerusalem) glorifying God - Jn 14:1-3; 1 Cor 15:47-50; Phil 3:20; Rev 21:9 - 22:5
- Conclusion:
 - The 3 dispensation model is the preferred interpretation because it fulfills all of the scriptural observations above
 - Where the 7 dispensation model does not.



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HOMEWORK: READ CHAP 22



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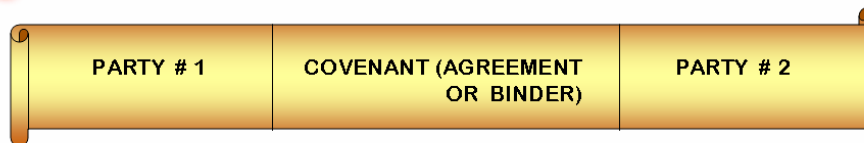
OUTLINE

1. WHAT IS A COVENANT ?
2. WHAT ARE THE MAJOR COVENANTS ?
3. HOW DO THE DISPENSATIONS & COVENANTS RELATE ?
4. THE MISUNDERSTOOD COVENANTS
 - THE ETERNAL COVENANT
 - ISRAEL'S NEW COVENANT
 - CHURCH'S NEW COVENANT
5. SUMMARY OF THE MAJOR COVENANTS



MAJOR BIBLE THEMES THE COVENANTS

WHAT IS A COVENANT ?



DEFINITION :

- A COVENANT (DIATHEKE = TO PLACE BETWEEN TWO PARTIES SO AS TO BIND THEM TOGETHER - e.g. MARRIAGE)

TYPES :

1. CONDITIONAL
2. UNCONDITIONAL

DURATIONS :

1. TEMPORAL
2. ETERNAL



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WHAT IS A COVENANT ?

Definition:

“dia” = a preposition: it means “ between two”

“theke” = from a verb which means “to put or place”

“diatheke” = to put or place between two parties (e.g man & God)

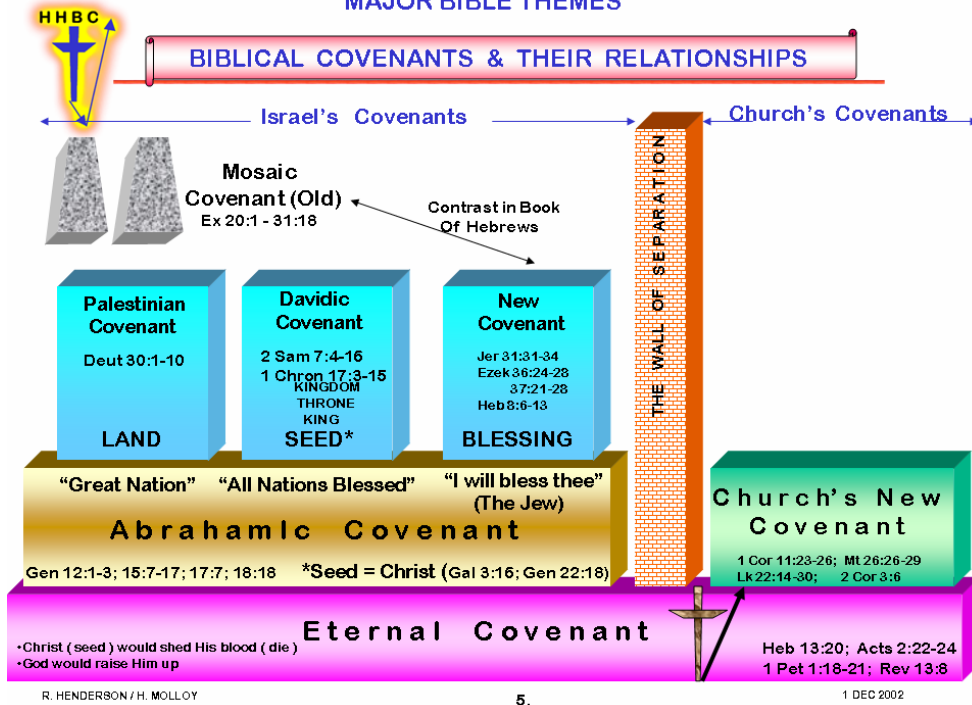
Types:

1. **Conditional:** A covenant in which man has to fulfill his responsibility before God will do His part. If man fails in his part God is not obligated to fulfill His part.
2. **Unconditional:** A covenant in which God makes certain promises and will fulfill them in His timing and man has no responsibilities in the fulfillment. God does desire that man believe Him.

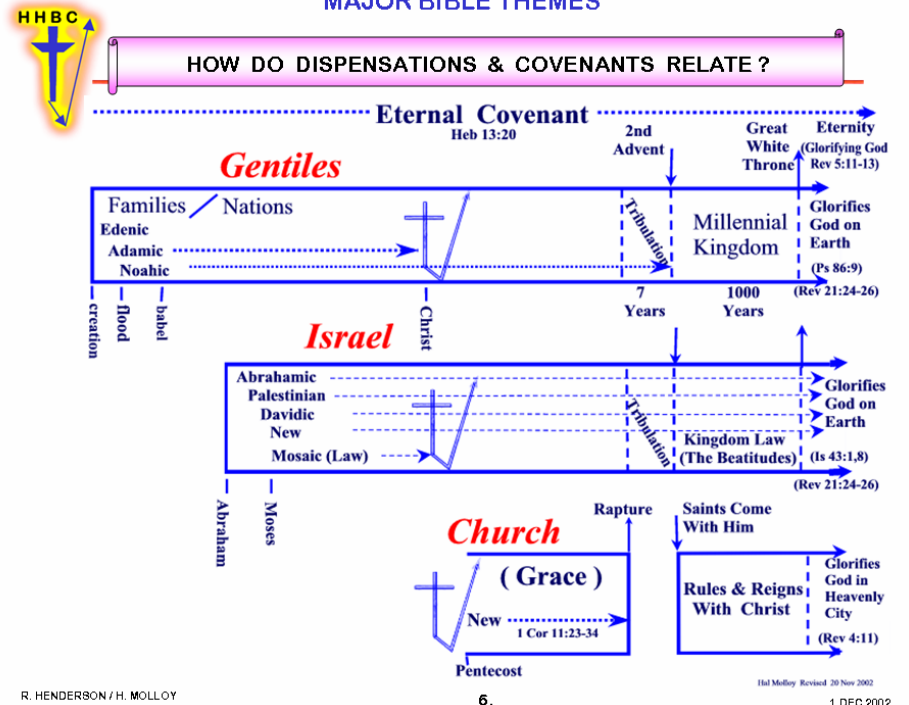
Duration:

1. **Temporal** - A covenant in which the duration is limited.
2. **Eternal** - A covenant which is durative for all eternity.

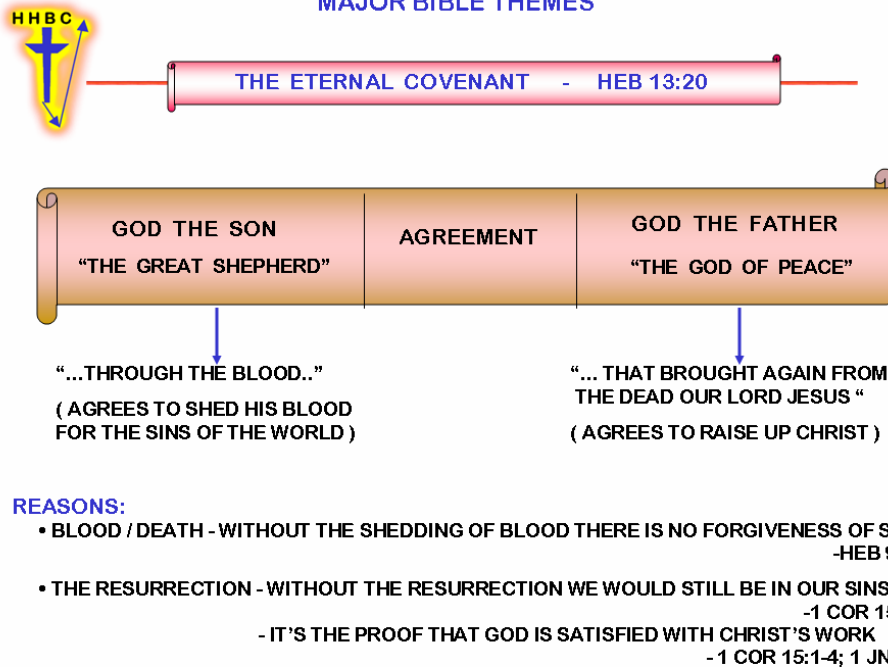
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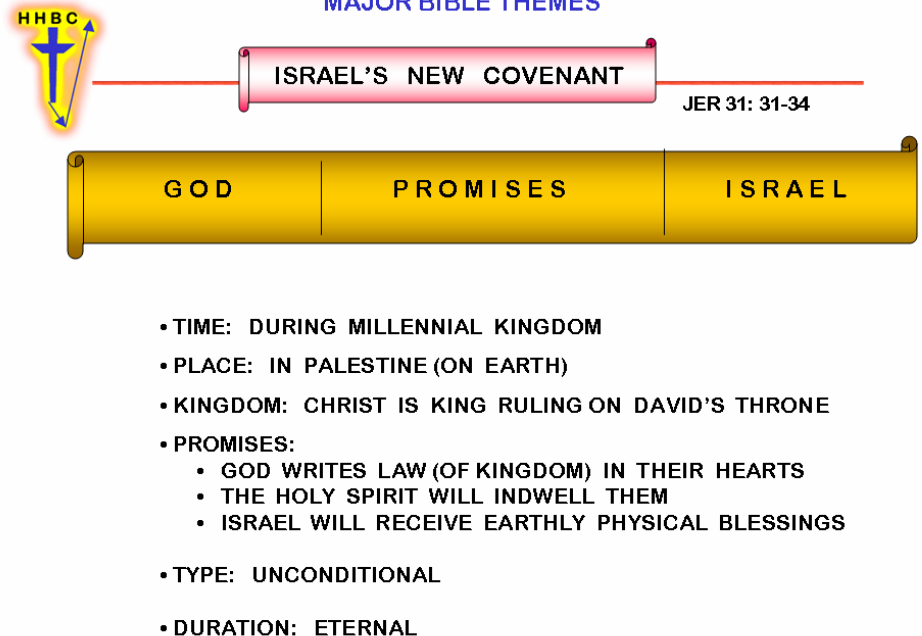
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KEY ASPECTS OF "ISRAEL'S NEW COVENANT"

ISRAEL'S NEW COVENANT	REFERENCES			
	JER.	HEB.	EZEK.	EZEK.
1. Name of Covenant: New Covenant	31:31	8:8		
2. The 2 Parties: God & Israel (Israel 10 tribes) & (Judah-2 tribes)	31:31	8:8,10	36:21,22	37:21, 22,28
3. Time of covenant: "Days to come" (future) -In the day of the Lord = Kingdom Jer. 31:38-40' Zech. 14:1-21	31:31	8:10		
4. Primary Features				
a. God puts His law in their inward parts	31:33		36:27	37:24
b. God writes His law in their mind (sing.)	31:33	8:10		
c. God will be Israel's God	31:33	8:10	36:26	
d. Israel will be God's people	31:33	8:10	36:28	37:23,27
e. All Israel shall know God	31:34	8:11		
f. God will forgive their iniquity (-R)	31:34	8:12	36:25,33	37:23
g. God will remember their sin no more	31:34	8:12		
h. God will give Israel indwelling Holy Spirit			36:26,27	
5. The mediator (go-between, guarantee): Christ		8:6		
6. Comparison of New to Old covenant (Mosaic Covenant)		8:6-9		
a. New Cov. contains better promises than old				
b. Old Cov. did not bind Israel & God together				
c. Old Cov. was perfect for revealing sin				
d. Old Cov. could not take away sin & impart life				
e. Old Cov. is holy, righteous & good- but the people were faulty (i.e. their old sin nature) - Jer. 31:32				
7. Events surrounding New Covenant				
a. Israel will be brought into their own land			36:24	37:21
b. Israel will dwell in the land (never scattered again)			36:28	
c. Israel will receive earthly physical blessings e.g. increased grain, no famine, multiplied fruit desolate land tilled, ruined cities inhabited			36:29-38	
d. Israel will be one unified nation vs. 2 kingdoms				37:22
e. Israel will have a king over them				37:22
f. Israel will turn away from idols & other gods				37:23
g. David shall be king over Israel & prince forever				37:24,25
h. Israel to dwell in the land forever				37:25
i. Covenant of peace between God & Israel - everlasting				37:26
j. God will set his sanctuary in the land - forevermore				37:26,28
k. The nations will recognize Israel & their God - forevermore				37:28
8. Duration of New Covenant: Everlasting- Gen. 12:1-3; 17:7,8; Ezek. 37:24-28				
9. Place of New Covenant: Planet earth - land of Palestine -Ezek. 36:24; 37:21,22				

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3. WHAT ARE THE MAJOR COVENANTS ?

THE CHURCH'S NEW COVENANT

LORD JESUS CHRIST

COVENANT (BINDER)

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1 COR 11:23-26; MT 26:26-29;
MK 14:22-25; LK 22:14-20; 2 COR 3:6

"THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT"

- 1 COR 11:25

- THE CUP REPRESENTS CHRIST'S BLOOD / DEATH ON THE CROSS OF THE ETERNAL COVENANT (HEB 13:20)
- THE NEW COVENANT IS THE APPROPRIATION OF THE CUP OF THE ETERNAL COVENANT TO EVERY BELIEVER BY GOD
- THE CUP (CHRIST'S BLOOD / DEATH)
 - BINDS YOU (POSITIONALLY) TO CHRIST'S DEATH
 - YOU GROW (CONDITIONALLY) IN CONFORMITY TO HIS DEATH (DEATH TO SELF)
- BINDS YOU TO CHRIST'S RESURRECTION LIFE & FELLOWSHIP

- PHIL 3:10

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SOME KEY POINTS

1. THE REVELATION OF THE COVENANT:

- PAUL RECEIVED IT DIRECTLY FROM THE LORD - 1 COR 11:23
- THE REVELATION WAS PERSONALLY GIVEN TO PAUL BY CHRIST
- GAL 1:11, 12, 15-18
- IT WAS TOTALLY SEPARATE & DISTINCT FROM ISRAEL'S NEW COVENANT
- JER 31:31-34; EZEK 36:21-28; 1 COR 10:16-18
- THE CHURCH'S NEW COVENANT WAS NOT PREVIOUSLY REVEALED

2. DEFINITIONS:

- A COVENANT (DIATHEKE = TO PLACE BETWEEN TWO PARTIES SO AS TO BIND THEM TOGETHER - e.g. MARRIAGE)
- THE TWO PARTIES: JESUS CHRIST & YOU (THE BELIEVER)
- THE COVENANT: "THE CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT" (SEE NOTE)

3. THE ESSENCE OF THE COVENANT:

- THE CUP REPRESENTS CHRIST'S BLOOD / DEATH WHICH IS PART OF THE "ETERNAL COVENANT" (HEB 13:20)
- HE DIED AND SHED HIS BLOOD ON THE CROSS:
 - (1) FOR OUR SINS - AS OUR SUBSTITUTE - 1 JN 2:2; 2 COR 5:19
 - (2) UNTO SIN (OUR SIN NATURE) - AS OUR REPRESENTATIVE - ROM 6:1-10; 2 COR 5:21

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3. THE ESSENCE OF THE COVENANT: (CONT'D)

- THE CUP IS A CUP OF BLESSING BECAUSE IT PROCURED FOR US RIGHTEOUSNESS AND LIFE (HIS LIFE) - ROM 3:21-26; GAL 3:21; 1 COR 10:16
- THE NEW COVENANT IS THE APPROPRIATION OF THE CUP OF THE ETERNAL COVENANT TO EVERY BELIEVER BY GOD
- THE CUP (CHRIST'S BLOOD / DEATH) :
 - BINDS YOU (POSITIONALLY) TO CHRIST'S DEATH - ROM 6:3
 - YOU GROW (CONDITIONALLY) IN CONFORMITY TO HIS DEATH (DEATH TO SELF) - PHIL 3:10
 - BINDS YOU TO CHRIST'S RESURRECTION LIFE & FELLOWSHIP - ROM 6:4; PHIL 3:10

4. TYPE OF COVENANT: UNCONDITIONAL

5. DURATION OF THE COVENANT: ETERNAL

6. THE LORD'S TABLE IS A REMEMBRANCE OF THE NEW COVENANT

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NOTES ON 1 COR 11:25

- “THE CUP” IS THE SUBJECT OF THE SENTENCE
- THE VERB “IS” IS A “LINKING” OR “ESSENCE” VERB (IT DEFINES THE QUALITY OR NATURE OF THE CUP)
- PRESENT TENSE = CONTINUOUS ACTION IN THE PRESENT
- INDICATIVE MODE = A REALITY
- THE NEW COVENANT IS THE SUBJECT COMPLEMENT OR “PREDICATE NOMINATIVE” - WHICH IDENTIFIES THE CUP
- CONCLUSION: THE CUP (CHRIST’S BLOOD / THE CROSS) CONTINUOUSLY EXISTS AS GOD’S MEANS FOR BINDING OR UNITING THE BELIEVER TO CHRIST (THE NEW COVENANT RELATIONSHIP) CONDITIONALLY



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SUMMARY OF THE COVENANTS

Covenant	Ref.	2 Parties	Major Aspects	Type	Duration
Eternal	Heb 13:20	Father & Son	Christ would shed His blood (die) God would resurrect Him	Conditional	Eternal
Abrahamic	Gen 12:1-3	God & Abraham	A Land, A Seed, A Blessing	Unconditional	Eternal
Palestinian	Deut 30:1-10	God & Israel	God reaffirms & describes “land” portion of Abrahamic Covenant	Unconditional	Eternal
Davidic	2 Sam 7:4-16	God & Israel	God reaffirms & describes “seed” portion of Abrahamic Covenant. Provides a king, throne & kingdom	Unconditional	Eternal
Israel's New	Jer 31:31-34	God & Israel	God reaffirms & describes “blessing” portion of Abrahamic Covenant	Unconditional	Eternal
Mosaic	Ex 20:1-31:18	God & Israel	If Israel keeps God's law = blessing; If they do not = cursing	Conditional	Temporal
Church's New	1 Cor 11:23-26	Christ & Believers	the appropriation of the cup(Christ's death) of the Eternal Covenant to every believer	Unconditional	Eternal



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HOMEWORK: READ CHAP 23
Answer Questions



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How is the word used in Scripture ?

The Nature of Angels

- **Definition:** the Greek word is *angelos* - "a messenger" from the word "to deliver a message"
- **Used of a special class of being**
 - A created being to serve and praise God - Ps. 148:2,5, Gen. 2:1, Ex. 20:11, Neh.9:6
- **Innumerable company of beings** - Heb. 12:22, Rev. 5:11
 - Heavenly position above men - Ps. 8:5, 2Pet. 2:10
- **Used of the preincarnate appearances of Christ**
 - **The Angel of the LORD**
 - Identified as the LORD - Gen. 16:7:11
 - As a distinct person from the LORD - Zech. 1:7-13
- **Used of others as messengers**
 - Men as messengers - Luke 7:24, James 2:25
 - Angel of the Seven Churches - Rev. 2:1, 8, 12, 18



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The Unfallen Angels

- **Michael the archangel is the head of all the holy angels**
 - name means "who is like God" - Dan.10:18-21, Dan. 12:1, Jude 9
- **Gabriel is one of the principal messengers of God**
 - name means "hero of God" - Dan. 8:15-19, Dan. 9:20-23, Luke 1:11-19, Luke 1:26-37
- **Some angels are designated "cherubims"**
 - living creatures who defend God's holiness - Gen 3:24, Ex 25:18-22, Ezek. 10:1-22
- **Some angels are designated "seraphim"** - Isa. 6:1-7
- **Most angels are not given individual names**
 - some described as "elect or chosen" angels - 1Tim 5:21
- **The term "principalities and powers" * seems to be used of both types of angels**
 - warfare between the holy angels and the fallen angels
 - Eph. 1:21, 3:10, Col. 1:16, 2:10,15
- * **"the rulers and the authorities"**



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The Fallen Angels

- When Satan fell he drew multitude of angels with him
- Two classes of Fallen Angels
 - Those who are bound
 - Reserved in chains unto judgment - 1Cor. 6:3, 2 Pet 2:4, Jude 6
 - Those who are free
 - Satan and the Demons - Mark 5:9,15; Luke 8:30, 1 Tim 4:1
- The doom of Satan and his angels is the Lake of Fire
 - Matt. 25:41, Rev 20:10



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The Ministry of Holy Angels

- Angels were present at
 - Creation - Job 38:7
 - The giving of the law - Acts 7:53, Gal. 3:19, Heb. 2:2
 - The birth of Christ - Luke 2:13
 - His temptation - Matt. 4:11
 - Garden of Eden - Luke 22:43
 - The Resurrection - Matt. 28:2
 - The Ascension - Acts 1:10
- The angels will be included in the company
 - descending from heaven to earth at the second coming - Matt. 24:
 - seen in the eternal state in the New Jerusalem - Rev. 19:14, 21:
- They are ministering spirits sent forth to the "heirs of salvation"
- The angels are spectators and witnesses of the things of the earth
- Lazarus was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom
- The ministry of angels is essential to understanding God's providential and sovereign direction of His creation



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Satan: His Personality and Power

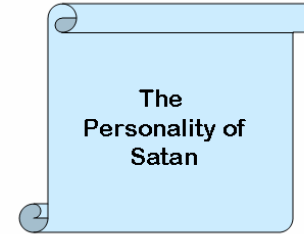
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HOMEWORK: READ CHAPTER 24



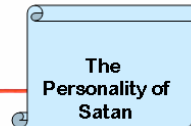
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- Satan was created as a Person
 - you had the the seal of perfection
 - full of wisdom
 - perfect in beauty
 - you were in Eden (garden of God)
 - every precious stone was your covering
 - on the day that you were created they were prepared
 - you were the anointed cherub who covers (I placed you there)
 - you walked in the midst of the stones of fire
 - you were blameless in your ways from the day you were created
 - until unrighteousness was found in you

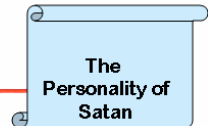
Ezek. 28:12-15

King of Tyre
= Satan



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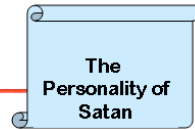
- Personality - the definition from Webster's
 - the condition or facts relating to a particular person
 - the characteristics that distinguishes an individual
- Satan exercises the functions of a person
 - Pride
 - I will ascend to heaven
 - I will raise my throne above the stars of God
 - I will sit on the mount of assembly
 - I will ascend above the heights of the clouds
 - I will make myself like the Most High
 - Conceit
 - 1 Tim 3:6
 - Craftiness and Deceptions
 - Genesis 3:1
 - 2 Cor. 11:3 and 14-15
 - Rev. 12:9

Isaiah 14:12-14



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• Satan exercises the functions of a person (continued)

- Dialogue with the LORD in heaven Job 1:6-12 & 2:1-13
 - LORD - Have you considered My servant Job
 - Satan - Does Job fear God for nothing - You have made a hedge about him
 - Satan - But put forth Your hand now and touch all that he has
- he will surely curse You to Your face
 - LORD - Behold all that he has is in your power
- Dialogue with Jesus on earth Luke 4:1-13
 - Satan - If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread
 - Jesus -It is written, man shall not live on bread alone
 - Satan -If You worship before me, it (kingdoms of the world) shall all be Yours
 - Jesus -It is written, you shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only

- Schemes Eph. 6:11



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• His personal strength cannot be estimated (power over)

- All the kingdoms of this world (handed over to him) - Luke 4:6
- Sickness in the case of Job - Job 2:7
- Sift Peter like wheat - Luke 22:31
- Weakened the nations - Isa. 14:12
- Made the earth to tremble - Isa. 14:16
- Shaken kingdoms - Isa. 14:16
- Made the earth a wilderness - Isa. 14:17
- Overthrew its (the world) cities - Isa. 14:17
- Did not allow his prisoners to go home - Isa. 14:17

- Satan is aided by demons - Mark 5:1-13,
Matt. 8:28-34



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Satan: His Personality and Power



• Satan has been judged

- Judgment is upon this world - the ruler of this world shall be cast out - Jn12:31
- The ruler of this world has been judged - Jn16:11

• Victory for the child of God

- He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is the devil - Heb.2:14
- Greater is He that is in you than he who is in the world - 1 Jn 4:4
- Overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb - Rev.12:11
- Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might - Eph. 6:10



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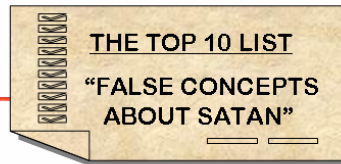


NO.	FALSE CONCEPT	BIBLICAL TRUTH
10	Satan Doesn't Really Exist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satan Exists Just as Hell Exists-Ezek 28:11-19 • Christ Created Both - Col 1:16; Mt 25:41
9	Satan Is Red, Has a Long Tail & Pitchfork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satan Is Perfect In Beauty -Ezek 28:12 • Transformed Into An Angel Of Light-1 Cor 11:14 • "Red Dragon/Tail" = His Character - Rev 12:3,4
8	Satan Existed Prior to the 6 Days of Creation*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the Angels (Host) Were Created In the First 6 Days - Gen 2:1,2; Neh 9:6
7	Satan is Omnipresent, Omniscient, Omnipotent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only God possesses this essence • No created being has this essence - otherwise they would be God • However God gives Satan limited power - Lu 4:6; Job 2:7; Isa 14:12,16,17

* Dr L. S. Chafer believes this: p156(bot.) & p157(top)



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NO.	FALSE CONCEPT	BIBLICAL TRUTH
6	Satan Can Indwell Believers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believers Only Indwelt by the Holy Spirit - 1 Cor 2:12 1 Cor 6:19,20; 1 Jn 3:24; 4:13 • Satan Cannot "Touch" ("Harm", "Cling to"- Indwell) Believers - 1 Jn 5:18
5	Satan Is the Direct Cause of Sin in Believers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satan Couldn't Cause Christ to Sin - Mt 4:1-11 • Therefore Satan Can't Cause Those "In Christ" to Sin • Our Sin Nature is the Source of Sin - Rom 6:12,13 • Satan Can Only Tempt (Solicit One to Sin) - e.g. Christ (Mt 4: 3) - Believers (1 Cor 7:5; 1 Thes 3: 5)
4	Satan Is to be Slandered (Spoken Against or To)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believers Are Warned Not to Speak Against Satan or His Demons - 2 Pet 2:10; Jude 1: 8



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NO.	FALSE CONCEPT	BIBLICAL TRUTH
3.	Satan Is to Be Rebuked and Bound by Believers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believers Are Never Commanded to Do Either • Misinterpretation of Following Passages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Titus 2:15, "Rebuke"- Not Satan, but anything not of Christ • Mt 18: 18, "Bind"- Not Satan, but Church Discipline
2	Satan No Longer Has Access to Heaven	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satan Has Been Judged at the Cross • But His sentence Has Not Been Fully Executed • He Still Has Access to 3rd Heaven-Job1:6; Rev 12:10 • He Will Lose His Access In Middle of Trib.- Rev 12:7-9
1	Satan Is Not the Father of all unbelievers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satan Is Categorically the Spiritual Father of Every Person Not Trusting Christ - Jn 8: 44; 1 Jn 3: 8 • His Doom Is Their Doom - Mt 25: 41; Rev 20:10, 11-15



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DOES SATAN LOOK LIKE THIS ?



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OR DOES SATAN LOOKS LIKE THIS ?



Question: Does He Look Like The Most Beautiful Angel Ever Created ?

Note: Rev 12: 3 “..sign in heaven”

- “sign” = That which distinguishes a person
- “red” = pictures his bloodthirsty character
- “dragon” = pictures his intense cruelty

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Man: His Creation

OUTLINE

1. WHAT ARE MAN'S BASIC QUESTIONS ?
2. WHAT ARE THE ANSWERS TO HIS QUESTIONS ?
3. HOW WAS MAN CREATED ?
4. HOW CAN WE KNOW GOD'S IMAGE ?
5. HOW DOES MAN'S IMAGE DIFFER FROM GOD'S ?
6. WHAT IS THE MAKE-UP OF MAN ?

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Man: His Creation

1. WHAT ARE MAN'S BASIC QUESTIONS ?

MAN HAS FOUR QUESTIONS :

1. WHO AM I ?
2. WHERE DID I COME FROM ?
3. WHY AM I HERE ?
4. WHERE AM I GOING ?

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2. WHAT ARE THE ANSWERS TO HIS QUESTIONS ?

QUESTION	HUMANISM / EVOLUTION	BIBLICAL CREATIONISM
WHO AM I ?	HIGHEST FORM OF ANIMAL	CREATION IN GOD'S IMAGE & LIKENESS
WHERE DID I COME FROM?	EVOLVED FROM _____???	CREATED BY GOD
WHY AM I HERE?	WISH I KNEW	TO GLORIFY GOD
WHERE AM I GOING?	LIGHTS OUT !!	HEAVENLY HOME

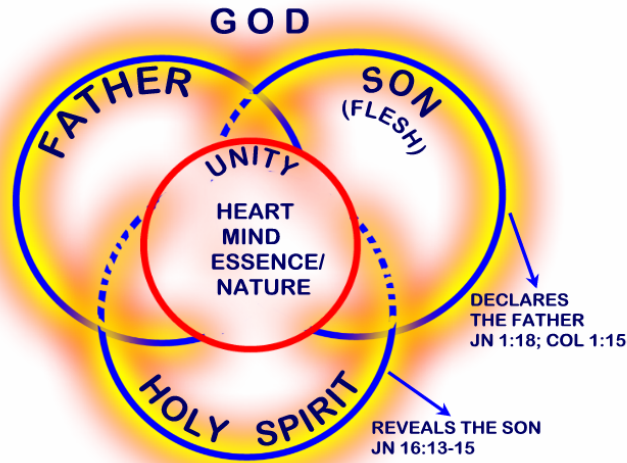
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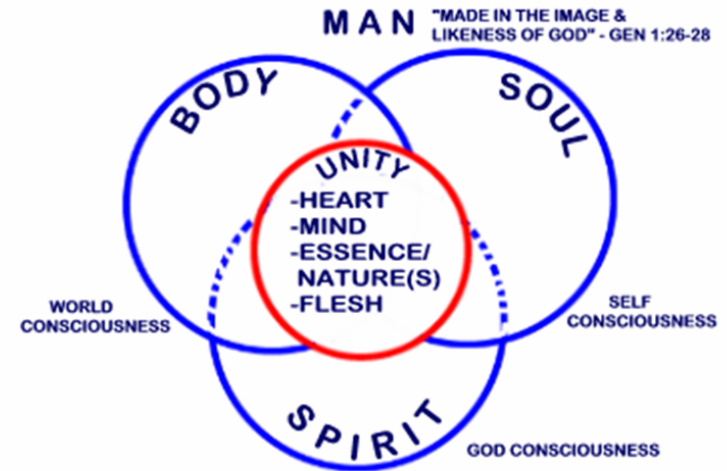
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4. HOW CAN WE KNOW GOD'S IMAGE ?

MAN: IMAGE & LIKENESS OF GOD -GEN 1:26,27

GOD'S GLORY

HOLY
RIGHTEOUS
JUST

INFINITE
OMNIPOTENT

OMNIPRESENT
OMNISCIENT

SELF EXISTENT
(ETERNAL)

MAN'S GLORY (IN CHRIST)

CAPACITY TO BE SET APART TO GOD - 1PET 1:15
" " " RIGHTEOUS - ROM 6:19
" " " JUST (FAIR)

FINITE
CAPACITY TO MANIFEST GOD'S EMPOWERMENT
-JN 15:5 ; PHIL 4:13

IN ONE PLACE AT A TIME
CAPACITY TO THINK ABSTRACTLY, REASON,
UNDERSTAND, INTELLIGENCE

DEPENDENT ON GOD FOR PHYSICAL & SPIRITUAL
LIFE; MAN IS ETERNAL - GEN 2:7



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4. HOW CAN WE KNOW GOD'S IMAGE ?

MAN: IMAGE & LIKENESS OF GOD - GEN 1:26,27

GOD'S GLORY

LOVE

GRACE
MERCY

IMMUTABLE

TRUTH
FAITHFUL

SPIRIT

SOVERIGN

MAN'S GLORY (IN CHRIST)

CAPACITY TO LOVE & WORSHIP GOD,
" " MANIFEST GOD'S LOVE
CAPACITY TO MANIFEST GOD'S GRACE
" " " " MERCY

CHANGEABLE - BUT CAN CHANGE FOR THE GOOD,
i.e. CONFORMED TO IMAGE OF CHRIST
WE CAN LIARN & IDENTIFY WITH THE TRUTH
WE CAN MANIFEST CHRIST'S FAITHFULNESS

WE HAVE AN ETERNAL SPIRIT & CAN
FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

WE ARE SUBJECTS TO GOD;
BEFORE THE FALL GOD GAVE MAN DOMINION
OVER ALL LIFE & THE EARTH



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5. HOW DOES MAN'S IMAGE DIFFER FROM GOD'S ?

MAN: IMAGE & LIKENESS OF GOD - GEN 1:26,27

GOD (FATHER, SON, HOLY SPIRIT)	MAN (ADAM)
CREATOR - Gen 1:1	CREATION - Gen 1:26,27
SOVEREIGN - Ps 103:19	SUBJECT - 1 Cor 15:27
TRIUNE - Mt 28:19 (FATHER, SON, HOLY SPIRIT)	TRIUNE - Heb 4:12 (BODY, SOUL, SPIRIT)
FULLNESS OF GLORY - Heb 1:30	IMAGE & LIKENESS - Gen 1:26,27
LIFE GIVING SPIRIT - 1 Cor 15:45	LIVING SOUL - Gen 2:7
SPIRITUAL - Jn 4:24	NATURAL - 1 Cor 15:44
HEAVENLY - 1 Cor 15:47,48	EARTHLY - 1 Cor 15:48
INCORRUPTIBLE - Rom 1:23	CORRUPTIBLE - Rom 1:23
FELLOWSHIP OF GODHEAD - Jn 17:5,21	FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD - 1 Jn 1:3
PERSONHOOD	PERSONHOOD



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6. WHAT IS THE MAKE-UP OF MAN ?

THE OUTWARD MAN (BODY) - GEN 2:7

- GOD FORMED MAN (YATSAR - HEB = "SCULPTED")
- FORMED HIM FROM MATERIAL (DUST)
- ABODE OF THE SOUL & SPIRIT
- HAS EVERYTHING EXCEPT LIFE
- DECAYS UPON DEATH

THE INWARD MAN (SOUL & SPIRIT) - GEN 2:7

- GOD BREATHED THE BREATH OF "LIVES"
- PHYSICAL
- SOUL (SOULISH)
 - EMOTIONS
 - INTELLECT
- SPIRIT (SPIRITUAL)
 - WILL
 - REASON
- ALLOWS MAN TO RELATE TO GOD
- LIVES FOREVER



NOTES ON CHAPTER 25 - MAN: HIS CREATION

I. THE MATERIAL PART OF MAN -

THE BODY (WORLD CONSCIOUSNESS)

- IT IS FORMED OR FASHIONED BY GOD FROM THE DUST (ELEMENTS) OF THE GROUND. - GEN. 2:7
- IT IS GIVEN LIFE BY THE BREATH (OR SPIRIT OF GOD). - GEN. 2:7
- IT IS A NATURAL OR SOULISH BODY - ADAPTED TO THE SOUL & EARTHLY ENVIRONMENT. - 1 COR.15:44
- IT IS SUBJECT TO DEATH & DECAY VIA THE FALL. - GEN.2:15-17
- 1 COR.15:42-44
- OUR MORTAL BODIES ARE NEUTRAL. THEY ARE NEITHER SINFUL OR RIGHTEOUS - BUT CAN MANIFEST EITHER. - GAL. 5:19-23
- THE LIFE OF THE BODY IS SUSTAINED BY GOD VIA THE SOUL & THE SPIRIT. PHYSICAL DEATH RESULTS WHEN GOD REMOVES THE SOUL & SPIRIT. - LU. 16:19-31
- THE BODY RETURNS TO THE DUST (ELEMENTS) OF THE GROUND. - GEN.3:19
- THE BELIEVERS BODY WILL BE RAISED A SPIRITUAL BODY - ADAPTED TO THE SPIRIT & THE ETERNAL HEAVENLY ENVIRONMENT. OUR BODIES WILL BE LIKE CHRIST'S GLORIOUS BODY. - 1 COR. 15:44
- 1 JN. 3:2
- THE UNBELIEVERS BODY WILL BE RAISED AND HE/SHE WILL SPEND ALL ETERNITY IN THE LAKE OF FIRE. - REV. 20:11-15

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II. THE IMMATERIAL PART OF MAN

A. SOUL: (SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS)

1. THE SOUL IS THAT ASPECT OF THE IMMATERIAL PART OF MAN THAT IS RELATED TO LIFE & LIFE FUNCTIONS:
 - MENTALITY (INTELLECT, DISCERNMENT, THINKING, REASONING, DECISION MAKING...)
 - SENSES (INTERPRETATION OF BODILY SENSES)
 - EMOTIONS (SENSITIVITY, FEELINGS, COMPASSION)
 - WILL (VOLITION - TO MAKE CHOICES)
 - CONSCIENCE - A CO-KNOWLEDGE (WITH ONESELF) OR ONE'S OWN INNER WITNESS AS TO ONE'S OWN THOUGHTS & CONDUCT, WHETHER THEY ARE MORALLY GOOD OR BAD OR IN ACCORDANCE TO THE WILL OF GOD.
2. THE WORD TRANSLATED SOUL (HEB: NEPHSH, GREEK: PSUCHE) IS ALSO TRANSLATED LIVING CREATURE, PERSON, APPETITE, MIND, ETC. - GEN. 1:24; ACTS 2:41; 27:37 ETC.
3. OFTEN TIMES IT IS USED INTERCHANGEABLY WITH SPIRIT (WHICH HAS SIMILAR CHARACTERISTICS AS THE SOUL).
4. MAN BECAME A LIVING SOUL BY THE BREATH OF GOD AND THE SOUL IS ETERNAL. - GEN 2:7; DAN 12:2; MT10:28
5. THE SOUL DEPARTS THE BODY AT PHYSICAL DEATH AND IN ETERNITY WILL EITHER RESIDE IN THE LAKE OF FIRE, (FOR UNBELIEVERS) OR IN FELLOWSHIP WITH THE LORD, (FOR BELIEVERS) IN THEIR RESURRECTED BODIES - REV. 20:11-21:27

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B. SPIRIT: (GOD CONSCIOUSNESS)

1. MAN'S SPIRIT IS THE PRINCIPLE OF LIFE WHICH WAS BREATHED BY GOD.
2. MAN'S SPIRIT ALLOWS MAN TO KNOW GOD & FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD:
 - PRE-FALL (ADAM WALKED WITH GOD = FELLOWSHIP) - GEN. 3:8
 - POST-FALL (SPIRITUAL DEATH - SEPARATION FROM GOD) - GEN. 3:8-15 - ROM. 3:23
 - SPIRITUAL DISCONNECT (MAN CANNOT RECEIVE OR KNOW THE THINGS OF THE H.S.) - 1 COR. 2:14
3. GOD IN HIS LOVE & GRACE DESIRES TO FELLOWSHIP WITH MAN FOR ALL ETERNITY, THUS: - JN. 3:16; 2 PET. 3:9
 - MAN MUST BE BORN AGAIN - SPIRITUAL BIRTH BY GOD'S SPIRIT - BY GOD'S BREATH AGAIN - JN. 3:5-9
 - SPIRITUAL BIRTH IS WHERE REAL LIFE BEGINS - WHEN MAN BELIEVES IN THE PERSON & WORK OF CHRIST. - JN. 1:12-13 - 1 PET. 1:23; 1 COR. 15:45-50
4. THE HOLY SPIRIT COMMUNICATES TO THE BELIEVER VIA HIS HUMAN SPIRIT WHICH IS NOW ALIVE UNTO GOD.

C. HEART:

GENERALLY REFERS TO THE CENTER & SEAT OF HUMAN LIFE:

- PHYSICAL LIFE (PHYSICAL ORGAN) - 2 SAM. 18:14; 2 KI. 9:24
- INTELLECTUAL LIFE - DEUT. 8:5; PS. 119:11; HEB. 4:12
- EMOTIONAL LIFE - DEUT. 6:5; PS. 104:15; ROM. 9:2
- VOLITIONAL LIFE - HEB. 4:7; EX. 7:22,23
- SINFUL LIFE - JER. 17:9; GEN. 6:5; ACTS 7:51
- SPIRITUAL LIFE - 1 PET. 3:15 (ABODE OF THE FATHER)
(WITH THE HEART MAN BELIEVES, RESULTING IN +R) - EPH. 3:17 (ABODE OF THE SON)
- 2 COR. 1:22 (ABODE OF THE H.S.)
ROM. 10:9,10

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D. MIND:

- GENERALLY REFERS TO THE CENTER & SEAT OF REFLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS, COMPRISING THE FACULTIES OF PERCEPTION, UNDERSTANDING, JUDGING, & DETERMINING.
- THE MIND OF THE FLESH
 - REPROBATE (ROM. 1:28); VAIN (EPH. 4:17); DEFILED (TIT. 1:15)
 - BLINDED (2 COR. 4:4); DARKENED (EPH. 4:18)
 - AT ENMITY AGAINST GOD (ROM. 8:7)
- A BELIEVER'S MIND - EITHER:
 1. FLESHLY MINDED (JUST LIKE AN UNBELIEVER)
 - WALKS & MINDS THE THINGS OF THE FLESH - ROM. 8:4,5;
- GAL. 5:16,17
 2. SPIRITUALLY OR CHRIST MINDED
 - WALKS & MINDS THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT - ROM. 8:4,5;
- GAL. 5:16,17
- PHIL. 2:1-5

E. NATURE(S)

1. A NATURE IS WHAT MAKES ANY CREATURE WHAT IT IS (i.e. ANGEL, MAN, HORSE, DUCK, & CHICKEN, ETC.)
2. MAN IS UNIQUE IN THAT HE ONLY WAS MADE IN THE IMAGE & LIKENESS OF GOD. - GEN. 1:26,27
3. BECAUSE OF ADAM'S SIN THAT IMAGE & LIKENESS OF GOD IN ADAM WAS SEVERELY MARRED. ADAM'S NATURE BECAME SINFUL & IS PASSED DOWN TO EVERY PERSON. - GEN. 5:3; ROM. 5:12
4. BELIEVERS THROUGH THEIR IDENTIFICATION WITH CHRIST POSSESS A NEW NATURE WHICH IS SINLESS & BECOME PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE (CHRIST'S) NATURE. - ROM. 6:1-4; 2 COR. 5:21;
2 PET. 1:3,4

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F. FLESH

THE TERM "FLESH" IS UTILIZED IN SCRIPTURE SUCH THAT IT HAS DIFFERENT USAGES. IT MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE ANY GOOD OR EVIL QUALITY IMPLIED. GENERALLY THESE USES CAN BE SUMMARIZED IN THE FOLLOWING THREE CATEGORIES:

1. WITH REFERENCE TO THE MATERIAL (THE BODY)
2. WITH REFERENCE TO THE MATERIAL & IMMATERIAL WITH REFERENCE TO THE IMMATERIAL

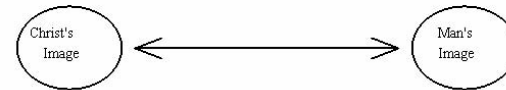
EXAMPLES:

1. WITH REFERENCE TO THE MATERIAL (THE BODY)
 - a. THE ACTUAL FLESH THAT IS ATTACHED TO THE BONE - GEN. 17:11; EX. 12:8; LU. 24:39
 - b. THE PHYSICAL BODY - ACTS 2:30-31; EPH. 5:28-29
2. WITH REFERENCE TO THE MATERIAL & IMMATERIAL
 - a. "INFIRMITY OF THE FLESH" - ROM. 6:19
 - b. "FLESH & BLOOD" (FRAIL & FEEBLE MAN) - GAL. 1:16; EPH. 6:12
 - c. "THE WORD BECAME FLESH" - JN 1:14
 - d. "THE LIFE I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH" - GAL. 2:20
3. WITH REFERENCE TO THE IMMATERIAL
 - a. "LUSTS OF THE FLESH" - GAL. 5:16,17
 - b. "IN THE FLESH - CANNOT PLEASE GOD" - ROM. 8:8
 - c. "BELIEVERS ARE NOT IN THE FLESH" - ROM. 8:9

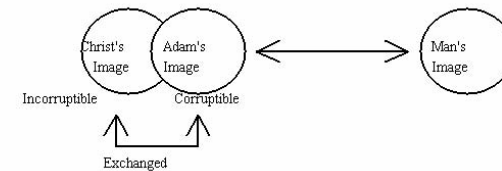


WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST (IMAGE BEARERS - I Cor. 15:49)

1. Every person is an image bearer of either Adam or of Christ (positionally).
2. Image bearer means a continual representation and manifestation but not the "express image" of a person as Christ is of the Father (Heb. 1:3).
3. The history of man's image:
 - a) God's plan & purpose: To make man in God's (Christ's) image & likeness - Gen. 1:26,27



- b) The fall & it's results: Every man born bears Adam's corrupt image & likeness (except Christ) Gen. 5:3; Rom. 1:21-23



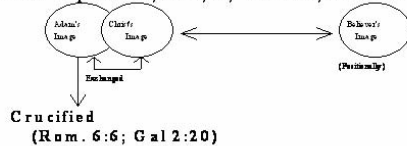
Observe: Gen. 26,27 & Rom. 1:23
God's will is to make man in His Image
Man's will is to make God in his image



- c) God's plan & purpose not changed or thwarted::
 - God accomplishes His plan & purpose of making man in Christ's image by:

RECREATION

 - God does not renovate or fix up Adam but created a totally new man.
 - (kainos = new in quality)
 - God makes the believer a new creation through his/her union with Christ. Eph. 2:15, 4:22,24; Col 3:10; 2 Cor. 5:17

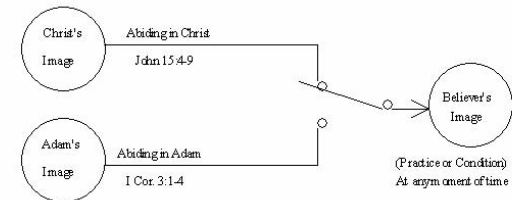


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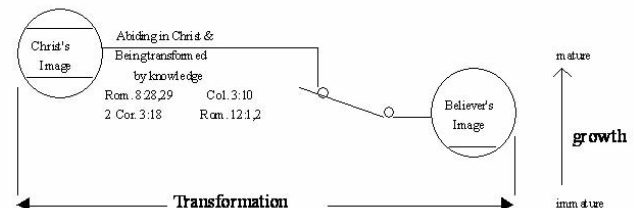
Positionally a believer is now & always will be a complete representation & manifestation (Image Bearer) of Christ. Col. 2:10; I Cor. 15:49; I John 3:2



- d) Bearing Christ's Image in practice:
 - (1) The believer can manifest in practice either Christ's Image or Adam's image - depending on whether the Believer is abiding in Christ (new man) or in Adam (old man).



- (2) The degree to which a believer bears the image of Christ is dependent on his/her spiritual maturity (knowing Christ & appropriating the mind of Christ = growth)





MAJOR BIBLE THEMES

Man: His Fall

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- 21 The Covenants
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HOMEWORK: READ CHAPTER 27



MAJOR BIBLE THEMES

Man: His Fall

Adam before The Fall:

- God's original plan and purpose *Last Time*
- God's detailed design of man *Last Time*
- God's original home and instructions for man
- God's testing of man

Adam, Eve
and Satan
after The Fall

The effect upon
the race of
Adam's Fall



MAJOR BIBLE THEMES

Man: His Fall

- **God's original plan and purpose** - Gen. 1
 - verse 26 - let us make man in Our image
 - according to Our likeness
 - rule over ... fish, birds, cattle etc.
 - verse 27 - God created man in His own image
 - in the image of God He created them
 - be fruitful and multiply
 - verse 30 - God saw all that He made & behold it was very good

What happened to man's image and likeness when Adam fell? - Gen. 5:3

- **God's detailed design of man** - Gen. 2
 - verse 7 - LORD God formed man of dust from the ground
 - (**material** part of man)
 - and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life [plural - lives] and man became a living soul*
 - (**immaterial** part of man)
 - man is said to have a body, soul and spirit - 1 Thess. 5:23, Heb. 4:1

* living being in NASB

Adam
before
The Fall



MAJOR BIBLE THEMES

Man: His Fall

- **God's original home and instructions for man** - Gen. 2

- verse 9 - LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food
 - the tree of life
 - the tree of the knowledge of good and evil

- verse 16 - LORD God ~ from any tree of the garden you may eat freely
- verse 17 - from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat
 - for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die [dying you will surely die]

Adam
before
The Fall



MAJOR BIBLE THEMES

Man: His Fall

• God's testing of man - Gen. 3

- verse 1 -The serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field
- He said ~ Indeed, has God said, you shall not eat from any tree of the garden ?
- verse 4 - The serpent said ~ You surely shall not die ~
- verse 5 - For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil

• God's judgment upon Satan - Gen. 3:14 -15

• Special judgment upon Eve - Gen. 3:16

• Special curse fell on Adam - Gen. 3:17-19

Adam
before
The Fall

Adam, Eve
and Satan
after The Fall



MAJOR BIBLE THEMES

Man: His Fall

The effect upon
the race of
Adam's Fall

• Doctrine of imputation*

- The sin of Adam is imputed to his posterity - Rom. 5:12-14
- The sin of man is imputed to Christ - 1 Pet 2:24, 2 Cor.5:21a
- The righteousness of God is imputed to those who believe - Rom.4:3, 2 Cor.5:21

• Holy judgments of God rest upon all men outside of Christ - Rom 3:23

• The penalties resting on the "old creation" -Eph. 2:1 & 4:17-19, Rev. 21:8

* to attribute to another



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MAJOR BIBLE THEMES

SIN: ITS CHARACTER AND UNIVERSALITY

THE TOP 10 LIST

"MAJOR QUESTIONS CONCERNING SIN"

NO.	QUESTION	ABBREVIATED ANSWER (SEE DETAILED NOTES - CHAP 27B)
10	What Is Sin ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's Man Missing the Mark of God's Glory-Rom 3:23 • It's any deviation from God's Essence
9	What Is the distinction between: - "sins" (plural) & - "sin" (singular)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Sins"- are personal sins (thoughts or deeds of omission or commission) - Gal 5:19-21 • "Sin"- often with the definite article ("the" sin) normally refers to man's sin nature: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The source of "sins" - Rom 5:12 - The <u>sin nature</u> is the <u>root</u> and <u>sins</u> are the <u>fruit</u> - Rom 6:12-23
8	Do men become sinners because they sin ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men sin because they have a sin nature - Rom 5:12 • They are born in the image of Adam - Gen 5:3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam fell & possessed a sin nature • Principle: "Like begets like"



MAJOR BIBLE THEMES

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THE TOP 10 LIST

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7	What has Christ done with man's sins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He has paid the penalty for everyone's sins (sins that are past, present & future) - 1 Cor 15:3; 2 Cor 5:19; Heb 1:3; 1 Jn 3:5 • God is satisfied with Christ's sacrifice - 1 Jn 2:2
6	Will unbelievers go to Hell because of their sins ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their sins are forgiven but their sin nature is condemned - Rom 8:3 • So they are condemned because of their union with their sin nature - Rom 5: 16-21 • Only in Christ is there <u>NO</u> condemnation - Rom 8:1
5	Are believers sinners?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Position: Believers are Saints, never sinners - Rom 1:7; 1 Cor 1:2 • In Condition (practice): Believers do sin and are to confess their sins - 1 Jn 1:9



MAJOR BIBLE THEMES

SIN: ITS CHARACTER AND UNIVERSALITY

THE TOP 10 LIST

"MAJOR QUESTIONS CONCERNING SIN"

NO.	QUESTION	ABBREVIATED ANSWER (SEE DETAILED NOTES - CHAP 27B)
4	Do you (a believer) have a sin nature ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes! - Rom 7:4-25 • Your sin nature has not been annihilated nor eradicated • It is your greatest enemy within
3	What has Christ done with your sin nature ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He became sin(what the sin nature is)- 2 Cor 5:21 • He rendered it inoperative - Rom 6:6 • He died unto it - Rom 6:10 • He condemned it - Rom 8:3
2	What is your relationship to your sin nature ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Position: Dead to it (separated, cut loose) - Rom 6:2; Gal 2:20 • In Practice: Can fulfill its desires(lusts)- Rom 6:12
1	How should you respond to the desires of your sin nature ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reckon yourself dead (separated) to it- Rom 6:11 • Be on God's side - stand against it! • Keep on beholding Christ - 2 Cor 3:18

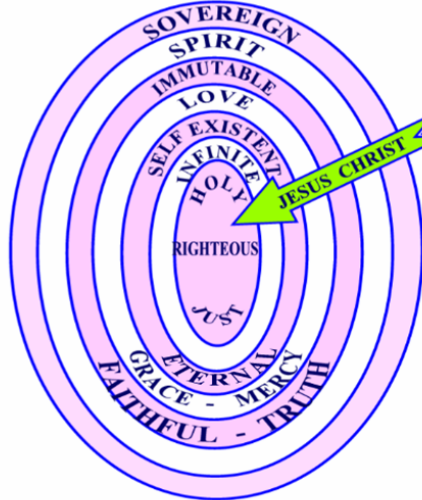


MAJOR BIBLE THEMES
SIN: ITS CHARACTER AND UNIVERSALITY

WHAT IS SIN ?

IT IS MISSING THE MARK OF GOD'S GLORY - ROM 3:23

GOD'S GLORY



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 ROM 1:19-21



MAJOR BIBLE THEMES
THE TWO TREES
QUESTION : WHICH TREE ARE YOU ABIDING IN ?

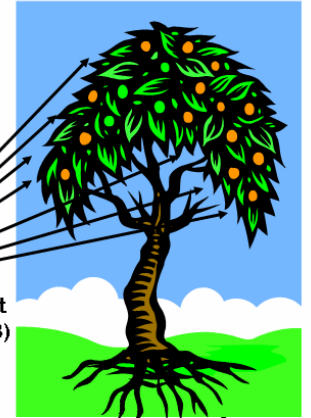
TREE OF KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD & EVIL
 [Post Fall]



Fruit (sins) = Human good
 Fruit (sins) = Human evil

Root = Sin Nature

TREE OF LIFE



Fruit = Fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5: 22,23)

Root = Christ

SIN: ITS CHARACTER AND UNIVERSALITY

CHAPTER 27B - DETAILED NOTES

THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN 5 INDIVIDUAL PAPERS CONCERNING THE DOCTRINE OF SIN. THEY ARE:

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| 1. SIN VS. SINS | 25 JUNE 1995 |
| 2. SIN VS. SINS - UNBELIEVERS | 16 JULY 1995 |
| 3. SIN VS. SINS - UNBELIEVERS | 23 JULY 1995 |
| 4. SIN VS. SINS - UNBELIEVERS | 30 JULY 1995 |
| 5. BELIEVERS OVERTHROWN | 08 OCT 1995 |

SIN VS. SINS

I. BACKGROUND:

There is a vast difference in Scripture between sin & sins. Also between:

- A. freedom from sin (identification) &
- B. freedom from sins (substitution)

II. DEFINITIONS:

- A. Sin: most often refers to the sin nature. It is the source of sins. It is singular, and most of the time has the definite article. I Jn. 1:8; Rom. 6:1,2,6,7,10-14,17,18,20,22,23)
- B. Sins: acts of sin (e.g. bitterness, anger, fear, unforgiveness, jealousy, envy, etc.). Sins are a product of the sin nature. I Jn. 1:9,10; 2:2

III. GOD'S PLAN & PROVISIONS

- : A. SINS: (thoughts or acts of sins)
1. God has forgiven every single sin (past, present, & future) of every person in the world through the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ. He took the judgment in place of every person ever born. Rom. 5:8; 2 Cor. 5:14,15; Heb. 2:9; I Jn. 16:8,9
 2. There is only one sin that a person will go to hell for - that is the sin of not believing in Christ (His person & His work). Jn. 16:8,9
 3. A believer will commit sins if he/she abides in his/her sin nature. I Jn. 1:6-8; Rom. 6
 4. Believers' sins will result in a loss of fellowship with Christ (not loss of salvation).
I Jn. 1:6-8
 5. God restores our fellowship when we confess our sins to him. I Jn. 1:9

B. SIN NATURE:

1. Every believer still has a sin nature. Rom. 6,7
2. Every believer has two natures - not one.
 - A new nature & the old sin nature 2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 6,7
 - Sins must have a source = sin nature Rom. 6,7; I Jn. 1:8
3. The sin nature can never change nor can it be improved or fixed up. Jer. 17:9; Rom. 7
4. Psychology can't change the sin nature.
5. God has not forgiven the sin nature in the believer. Rom. 8:3
6. God has condemned (pronounced sentence upon) the sin nature through Christ's work on the cross. Rom. 8:3
 - a) unbelievers - are in union with their sin natures thus they are condemned because their sin natures are condemned Rom. 8:3
 - b) believers - are no longer in union with their sin nature but in union with Christ

therefore there is no condemnation Rom. 6; Rom. 8:3

7. The sin nature is imparted at conception and is active from birth to death. Ps. 51:1-5
8. God has co-crucified every believer with Christ so that we are judicially separated from our sin nature and walk in newness of life - this is our position in Christ. Gal. 2:20;
 - The sin nature is rendered inoperative (put in idle). Rom. 6
 - The sin nature no longer reigns in our life - it has been dethroned.
 - The sin nature no longer has to lord it over us.
 - We are free from the power of our sin nature.

SIN VS. SINS - UNBELIEVERS

(The work of the Holy Spirit - John 16:7-11)

1. God in His infinite love, grace, & mercy is constantly working in the life of every unbeliever via the Holy Spirit to convict them of three critical truths:
 - a) sin
 - b) righteousness
 - c) judgment

2. Definition: convict (elegcho) = to convince of error

3. An unbeliever has reached the wrong conclusions concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment in his/her mind and the Holy Spirit is convincing them of their error.

4. Reason for error: Satan has blinded the minds of those that are lost. He has veiled their minds from the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ. - 2 Cor. 4:3,4

5. Observe that conviction or convincing is directed to one's mind and not to one's senses or emotions. Much of the gospel presentation today is to the senses & emotions.

6. God loves the unbeliever and his ultimate will and responsibility is to save each unbeliever. The Holy Spirit overcomes the blindness (smoke screen) of their minds by enlightening them with truth.

7. "Conviction (convincing) of sin":
 - a) The Holy Spirit is continuously convincing the unbeliever of the one sin (missing the mark) that will keep them separated from God for all eternity - that one sin is not believing in Jesus Christ.
 - b) Believing in Christ consists of two things:
 1. believing in the person of Christ - Jn. 3:16-18
 2. believing in the work of Christ - Jn. 3:16-18
 - c) Some examples of the person of Christ are:
 - 1) He is God - Jn. 1:1,2; 8:58; 10:30; 14:7-11; 17:21-23; Phil. 2:6; Col. 1:19; 2:9
 - 2) He is human - Jn. 1:14; Rom. 8:3; Heb. 2:14
 - 3) He is sinless - 2 Cor. 5:21
 - 4) He is the creator - Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:16; Rev. 4:11; 10:6
 - 5) He sustains life & the universe - Col. 1:17; Heb.1:3
 - 6) He is the truth - Jn. 1:14; 14:6
 - 7) He is life - Jn.1:4; 5:21; 6:33; 10:10; 14:6
 - d) Some examples of the work of Christ are:
 - 1) Paid penalty for sins of mankind - Rom. 3:25; 5:3; 2 Cor. 5:14,15
Eph. 1:7; Col. 2:14; I Tim 2:6; 4:10 Titus 2:11; Heb. 2:9; 9:28;
I Pet. 1:10-12; 3:18; I Jn. 2:2; 4:10; (Jn. 16:8,9)
 - 2) Provides redemption (through faith) - Rom. 3:24; Eph. 1:7
 - " justification " - Rom. 5:9; Gal. 2:16
 - " reconciliation " - Rom 5:10,11; 2 Cor.5:18,19
 - " righteousness " - 2 Cor. 5:21
 - " salvation " - Acts 4:12; Eph. 2:8
 - " life " - Eph. 2:4-6; I Jn. 4:9; 5:12

SIN VS. SINS - UNBELIEVERS
(The work of the Holy Spirit - John 16:7-11)

8. "Conviction (convincing) of righteousness":

a) "because I go to my Father"

1) Leaving His earthly ministry:

While on earth Christ manifested his absolute righteousness to man. They witnessed his sinless nature and love of righteousness. By this the world knows that God the Father has sent his righteous son to earth and the Holy Spirit convinces the world of this. Jn. 17:4-8

2) Leaving by his ascension following the cross & resurrection

The cross, resurrection, ascension, & seating of Christ is the greatest manifestation of the glory of God.

The glory of God is all of God's essential essence including his absolute righteousness.

The Holy Spirit convinces the world that they stand condemned in Adam but by the one righteous act of Jesus Christ (dying for the ungodly) - the free gift of righteousness is made available to mankind by God's grace through faith. Jn. 17:1-3; Rom. 5:6-8, 17-19; Heb. 13:20

b) "and you see me no more"

1) The world no longer sees the manifestation of God's righteousness in the physical person of Christ because he is ascended.

2) But the world sees the manifestation of God's righteousness which is imputed to believers in Christ - which convicts unbelievers of their unrighteousness. Rom. 5:17; 2 Cor. 5:21; Jn. 17:20-25; Rom. 5:1-5

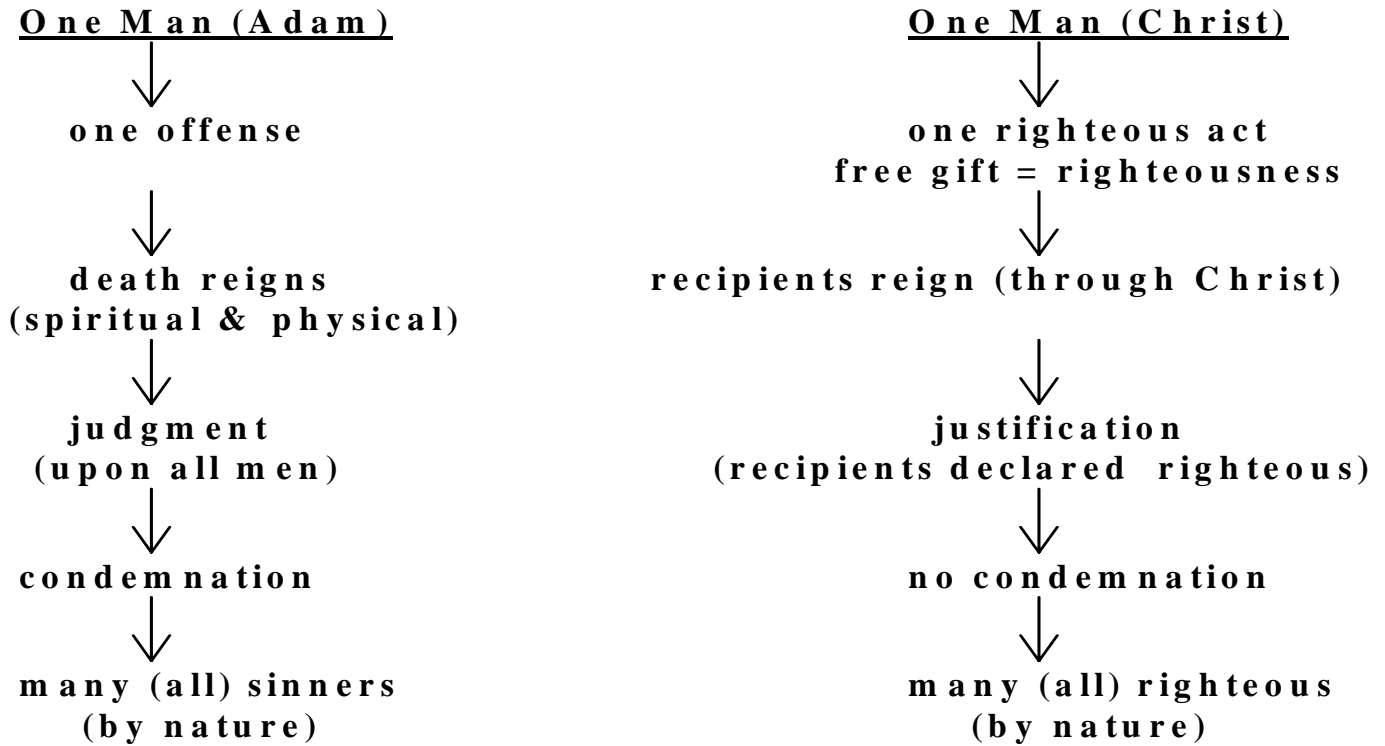
9. "Conviction (convincing) of judgment because the prince of this world (Satan) is judged"

a) Satan has blinded the minds of unbelievers to the gospel of the glory of Christ by hiding (veiling) it with abiding results.

b) The death, burial, resurrection, & ascension of Jesus Christ secures the judgment of Satan promised by God through "the seed of the woman" in Gen. 3:15 (Jn. 12:31-33). Also the veil is lifted which hid the gospel of the glory of Christ from the unbelievers' mind. With Satan judged the Holy Spirit can now freely enlighten or convince the unbeliever of his/her error. Heb. 2:14; I Jn. 3:8; Jn. 8:44

SIN VS. SINS – UNBELIEVERS (Rom. 5:17-19)

HEADSHIPS OF THE HUMAN RACE



Note: The Holy Spirit convinces unbelievers of the truths in both of the above columns and thus reveals their error. He accomplishes this via a man/woman of God living and/or proclaiming the gospel

BELIEVERS OVERTHROWN FROM WITHIN (BY SIN NATURE)

The Jews with Moses - I Cor. 10:1-11

All baptized / identified

- a) in the cloud = glory of God (a representation)
- b) in the sea = their deliverance (physical)

Believers in Christ-Rom. 6:1-13; Gal. 5:17

All baptized / identified

- a) into the person of Christ = glory of God
(the true)
- b) into his death, burial, & resurrection = our deliverance from sin nature (spiritual)

RESULTS

1. God's presence (external & temporary)
Shekinah Glory - (Ex. 40:34-38)
2. God's provision (sustained life-physical)
 - a) spiritual food - manna
 - b) spiritual drink - water
 - note: "spiritual" = supernatural
in its origin (a type of the true)
3. God's protection (conditional)
no external force could overthrow them
(Ex. 13:21,22; 14:14)
 - a) the largest & strongest army could not (Ex. 14:1-31)
 - b) Amalek's army in the wilderness could not (Ex. 17:8-16)
 - c) no nation in the world could - God would fight their battles (Ex. -33:1-3; Num. 14:5-12)

1. God's presence (internal & permanent)
the indwelling H.S. (Eph. 2:22; I Cor. 3:16; 6:19)
2. God's provision (gives life-spiritual)
 - a) true bread of life - Christ
 - b) true water of life - Christ
(Jn. 6:25-36, 49-51; Jn. 4:5-14)
3. God's protection (unconditional)
no external force can overthrow us
 - 2 Cor. 4:8-11
 - Rom. 8:35-39

VULNERABILITY (to the army /enemy within us)

They were overthrown from within - internal

- a) with the majority - God was not well pleased
- b) reason: they were overthrown
- c) where: in the wilderness - even though under God's total protection, provision, & presence
- d) how overthrown: by their sin nature -
focus on self

We can only be overthrown from within - internal

- a) every believer is vulnerable to grieve the H.S.
- b) reason: by being overthrown
- c) where: in our walk even though under God's total protection, provision & presence
- d) how overthrown: by our sin nature -
focus on self

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1. lust for evil (non-beneficial) things
 2. idolatry - biggest idol = self
 3. fornication
 4. put Christ to the test
 - speaking against God by blaming him for our situation & circumstances
 5. Murmuring & complaining about God's perfect provision
 - behind every murmur & complaint in life is unbelief



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The meaning and scope of Salvation

- **Salvation** - derived from the word for savior, the Greek word is "soteria" - deliverance, preservation
- **How "soteria" is used in the New Testament**
 - of material and temporal deliverance Acts 7:25, Acts 27:34
 - of spiritual and eternal deliverance Acts 4:12, Rom 1:16
 - of the present experience of God's power to deliver next section
 - of the future deliverance of the believer next section
 - of the deliverance of the nation of Israel Luke 1:69-71
 - to sum up all the blessings of God for the believer 1 Pet. 1:9
- **Old Testament verses on salvation**
 - Psalm 3:8 --- salvation belongs to the LORD
 - Jonah 2:9 --- salvation is of the LORD

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The meaning and scope of Salvation

- **Scope of Salvation includes the following:** substitution, redemption, reconciliation, propitiation, conviction, repentance, faith, regeneration, forgiveness, justification, sanctification, preservation, glorification
- "The word salvation represents the whole work of God by which He rescues man from the eternal ruin and doom of sin and bestows on him the riches of His grace, including eternal life now and eternal glory in heaven"
- **Salvation is the saving work of God**
 - made fit to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints Col 1:12
 - made accepted in the beloved Eph. 1:6
 - made the righteousness of God 2 Cor. 5:21
 - made near to God Eph. 2:13
 - made sons of God John 1:12
 - made citizens of heaven Phil. 3:20
 - made a new creation 2 Cor 5:17
 - made members of the family and household of God Eph. 2:19
 - made complete in Christ Col. 2:10


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from the
penalty of Sin

Past Tense

- refers to salvation as being wholly past
- completed (unchanging) for one who has believed

from the
power of Sin

Present Tense

- salvation from the reigning power of sin
- we are to walk in Him by faith

from the
presence of Sin

Future Tense


- saved into full conformity to Christ
- yet to be saved from the presence of sin

The three tenses of Salvation

- **from:** the penalty of sin (eternal death)
- **to:** eternal life
- Eph. 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith
- Jn. 5:24 - he who believes - has passed out of death into life
- Jn. 10:28 - shall never perish - no one shall snatch them out of My hand
- Rom. 8:1 no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus

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- **from:** power of sin (sin nature)
- **to:** being alive to God
- Rom. 6:6 Knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, that our body of sin might be done away with, ---
- Rom 6:11 Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus
- called the "Identification Truths"

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- **from:** presence of sin (sin nature)
- **to:** absence of sin
- 1 Jn. 3:2 --- it has not appeared as yet what we shall be -- when He appears, we shall be like Him
- 1 Pet 1:5 -- protected -- for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last times
- Phil 1:6 --- will perfect it (a good work in you) until the day of Christ Jesus

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Salvation From the Penalty of Sin

Salvation is conditioned upon Faith alone

- In 115 passages of the NT, salvation of a sinner is declared to depend only upon believing - In 35 passages it is declared to depend upon faith
- **Belief** (Greek - pisteuo) and **Faith** (Greek - pistis) are synonymous
- God alone can save - only through the sacrifice of His Son
- Man is to believe God's message concerning His Son
- Believing is the opposite of doing anything - it's trusting another instead
- Salvation depends only upon believing
- For salvation it is not required that one
 - believe and pray
 - believe and confess sin
 - believe and confess Christ
 - believe and repent
 - believe and make restitution



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SALVATION FROM THE POWER OF SIN

OUTLINE

1. POTENTIAL SINS OF A BELIEVER
2. THE SOURCE OF A BELIEVER'S SINS
3. OUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE SOURCE OF SIN
4. THE PROCESS OF TEMPTATION
5. THE IMPACT OF ABIDING (OLD VS. NEW NATURE)



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SALVATION FROM THE POWER OF SIN

1. Potential Sins of a Believer

Question: What is the source of the following SINS that can be and often are practiced by every believer in Christ?

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| • Casting Blame | • Discontent | • Selfishness | • Unloving |
| • Anger | • Provoking | • Insensitive | • Impatient |
| • Irritability | • Complaining | • Argumentative | • Harshness |
| • Bitterness | • Inhospitable | • Unthankful | • Roughness |
| • Resentful | • Gluttony | • Never Satisfied | • Uncaring |
| • Self Pity | • Excessiveness | • Obstinacy | • Ignorance |
| • Discouraged | • Extravagance | • Rebellious | • Hard Hearted |
| • Fearful | • Laziness | • Hatred | • Self Ambition |
| • Worry | • Busybody | • Wrathful | • Dissension |
| • Anxiety | • Miserliness | • Malice | • Fraudulent |
| • Loneliness | • Bad Attitude | • Judgmental | • Dishonesty |
| • Depression | • Aggressive | • Returns Evil | • Flattery |
| • Despair | • Glorifies Self | • Scornful | • Greed |
| • Short Tempered | • Lack of Faith | • Slanderous | • Falsehood |
| • Moody | • Gossip | • Insolent | • Swindler |
| • Critical | • Unconcerned | • Quarrelsome | • Incest |



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SALVATION FROM THE POWER OF SIN

1. Potential Sins of a Believer - Continued

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| • Arrogance | • Prostitution | • Jealousy | • Lack of Joy |
| • Disobedient | • Sorcery | • Envy | • Thoughtless |
| • Inconsiderate | • Selfishness | • Magic Arts | • Hostile |
| • Lying | • Factious | • Tempting Others | • Rape |
| • Murmur | • Rage | • Stumbling Block | • Heresies |
| • Faultfinder | • Profanity | • Conceited | • Ungentle |
| • Abusive | • Strife | • Seditious | • Desires : |
| • Sexual Lusts | • Drunkenness | • Not Abiding | • Popularity |
| • Defensive | • Immorality | • Unrest | • Influence |
| • Hypocritical | • Murder | • Carnality | • Reputation |
| • Adultery | • Covetous | • Lewdness | • Prestige |
| • Fornication | • Deceitful | • Enmity | • Acceptance |
| • Bragger | • Unfaithful | • Strife | • Success |
| • Idolatry | • Steals | • Faction | • Power |
| • Homosexuality | • Takes Advantage | • Divisive | • Riches |
| • Carousing | • Unkind | • Reveling | • Wisdom |

Question: Do you personally identify with any of these sins?



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2. The Source of a Believer's Sins

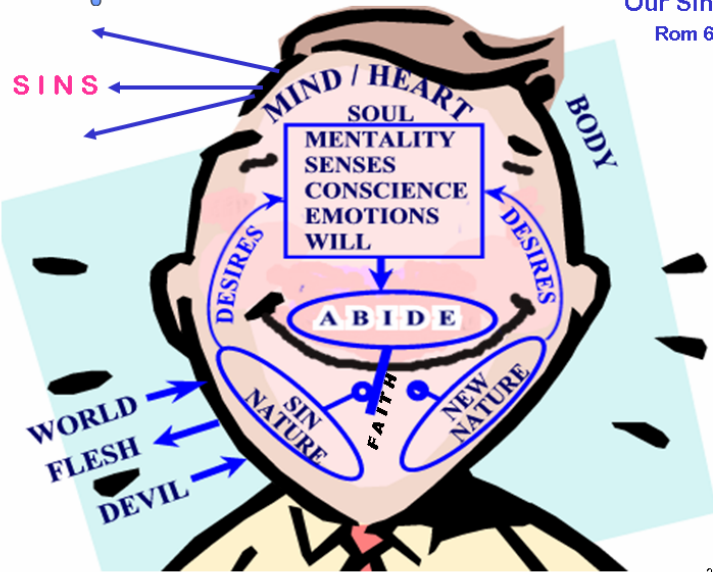
- Scripture clearly teaches the source of a believer's sins is his/her Sin Nature
- A one-naturist (who says the sin nature is eradicated) says source of sins are:
 - Residual sins - or Bad habits - or Satan
- Every believer possesses 2 natures:
 - The "sin (Adamic) nature" - Rom 5:12; 1 Jn 1:8
 - The "new (Christ's) nature" - 2 Cor 5:17; 2 Pet 1:4
- God in His wisdom & sovereignty has not removed our sin nature
- The sin nature is incapable of holiness / righteousness
 - Positional - Rom 3:23; 5:12-31
 - Conditional - Rom 7:4-25; Gal 5:19-21
- The new nature is incapable of sin
 - Positional - 1 Jn 3:9
 - Conditional - 1 Jn 3: 6; Gal 5:22-23
- God's work in the believer:
 - Not fixing up nor improving the sin nature (old man) - Rom 8:3
 - But forming Christ's nature in us (new man)-Gal 4:19; Rom 8:28-29; 2 Cor 3:18



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2. The Source of a Believer's Sins

Our Sin Nature
Rom 6:12-13



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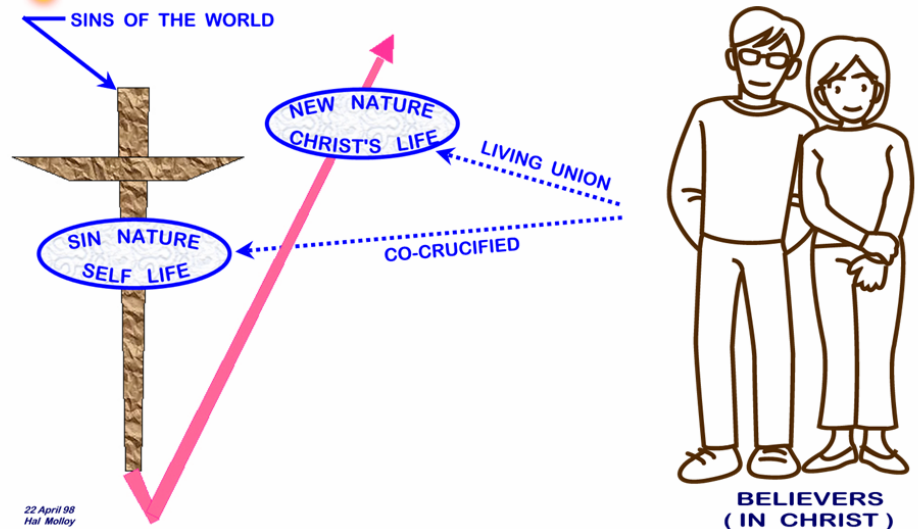
3. The Believer's Relationship to His/Her Sin Nature (POSITIONAL)

- "We are DEAD to sin (nature)" - Rom 6:2
 - "Dead" - means separated, or cut loose from our sin nature
 - Aorist Tense = The fact tense - separated at our new birth
 - Indicative Mood = It's a reality in your life (positional)
- Our death occurred by our co-crucifixion with Christ
 - We were co-crucified with Christ - Gal 2:20; Rom 6:6
 - Christ died unto your sin nature - Rom 6:10
 - You also judicially died with Him to your sin nature - Rom 6:8,11
- Your death is part of your identification with Christ - Rom 6:1-10
 - In His Death
 - In His Burial
 - In His Resurrection
 - In His Ascension
 - In His Seating



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3. The Believer's Relationship to His/Her Sin Nature





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4. The Process of Temptation

- **What Is Temptation ?**
 - Temptation (Peirazo) = A solicitation or an alluring to sin(negative sense)
 - However temptation is not sin
- **What Is the Source of Temptation ?**
 - The source is never ever God - James 1:12
 - The world, the flesh & the devil are sources
 - They allure or solicit the sin nature
- **When Does Temptation Become Sin ?** - James 1:13-15
 - When the desire (in the sin nature) from the temptation becomes more attractive than Christ's desires
 - You then, by faith, "take the bait" & temptation now becomes sin
 - Sin results in death(separation of fellowship with Christ)
 - You are now abiding in the sin nature(flesh)
- **Next to the Knowledge of the Lord Jesus Nothing Is So Important as the Knowledge of Self (the Sin Nature)**

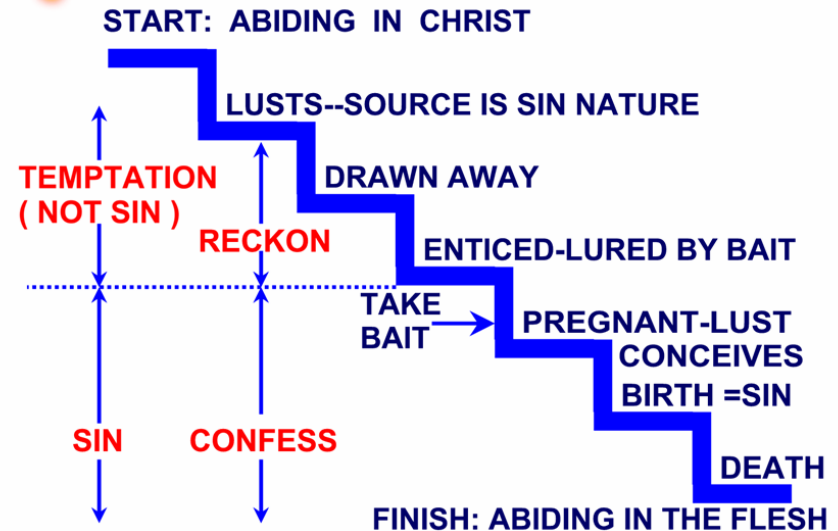


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4. The Process of Temptation

JAMES 1:13-15



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5. The Impact of Abiding: Sin vs. New Nature

ABIDING / WALKING IN THE FLESH (SIN NATURE)

- We are living in death (separation of fellowship with Christ)- Rom 8:6,13; Js 1:15
- We are slaves to the sin nature - Rom 6:6,16; 7:23
- The sin nature with its desires is reigning in our body - Rom 6:12
- The sin nature has dominion (lords over us) - Rom 6:14
- We are grieving the Holy Spirit - Eph 4:30
- We cannot grow in Christ (we are beholding self & not Christ) - 2 Cor 3:18
- We have no fruit acceptable to God - Rom 6:21; 7:19
- We have fallen from grace (to law- conditionally) - Gal 5:4
- We cannot please God - Rom 8:8; Heb 11:6



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5. The Impact of Abiding: Sin vs. New Nature

ABIDING / WALKING IN THE SPIRIT (NEW NATURE)

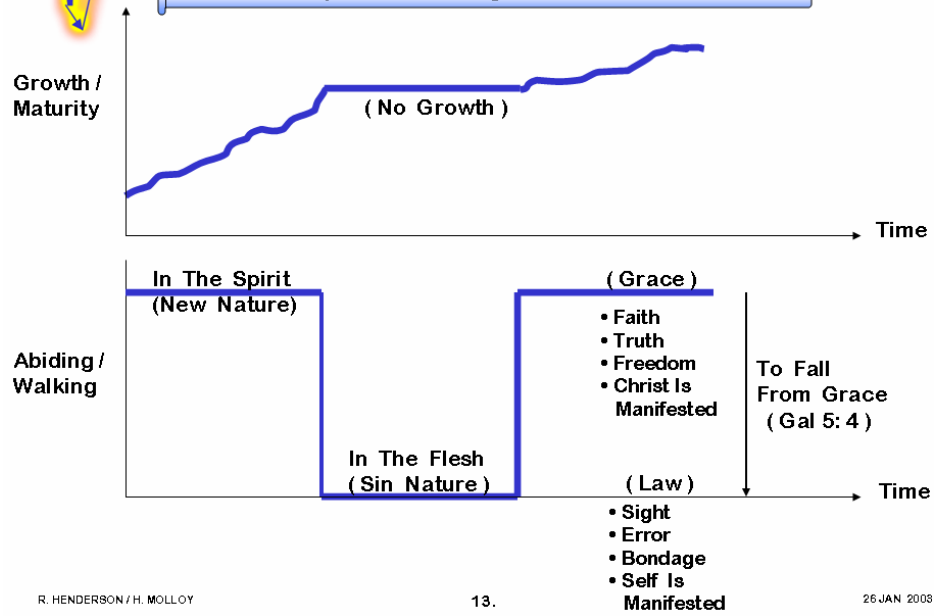
- We are filled by the Holy Spirit - Eph 5:18
- The Spirit fills us with the things of Christ - Jn 16:12-15; 1 Cor 2:9-13
- The Spirit is leading- we are following - Rom 8:4,14
- We are growing & being conformed to Christ's image - Rom 8:28,29; 2 Cor 3:18
- The righteousness of the law is being fulfilled in us - Rom 8:4
- We are not fulfilling the lusts of the flesh - Gal 5:16
- The Spirit is manifesting His fruit in us - Gal 5:22,23
- His life is being manifested through us - 2 Cor 4:10-12
- We are being used as an epistle of Christ - 2 Cor 3:3
- We are reckoning ourselves dead to our sin nature & alive to God - Rom 6:11
- We are free from the slavery of the sin nature - Rom 8:2; Gal 5:1
- We are walking by faith in God's grace - Col 2:6,7; 2 Cor 9:8
- **Our walk is pleasing to God** - Rom 11:6; Col 2:6,7



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Four Aspects of Righteousness

God is Righteous

The Self-Righteousness of Man

The Imputed Righteousness of God

Position vs. Condition



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Four Aspects of Righteousness

- **Righteous** - (dikaios) - signifies "just" without prejudice or partiality, the root word "dike" means right or just

- therefore righteousness is the character or quality of being righteous (formerly spelled "rightwiseness")

- **God is righteous in His Being**

- James 1:17 --- coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow

variation - (parallage) - denotes a change, the English word is "parallax"

shifting shadow - shadow which is cast by the motion of turning (Wuest)

- 1 John 1:5 --- we have heard from Him --- that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all

- **God is righteous in His ways** - Rom. 3:21-26

- the righteousness of God has been manifested
- to make clear His righteousness --- God let the sins of earlier times go without punishment



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Four Aspects of Righteousness

The Self-Righteousness of Man

- **Isa. 64:6** For all of us have become like one who is unclean and all of our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment
- **Rom. 3:10** --- There is none righteous, not even one
- **Rom. 10:1-3** --- seeking to establish their own (righteousness) they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God
- **2 Cor. 10:12** --- some of those who commend themselves, when they
 - measure themselves with themselves
 - compare themselves with themselves
 - they are without understanding



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Four Aspects of Righteousness

The Imputed
Righteousness
of God

• The facts of God's imputed righteousness

- 2 Cor 5:21 -- we might be made the righteousness of God in Him
- 1 Cor 1:30 --- by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God -- righteousness -- sanctification -- redemption

• The results of God's imputed righteousness

- members of His body 1 Cor.12:13
- branches of the true Vine John 15:5
- God the Father loves us as He loves His Son John 17:23
- God the Father accounts us to be what His own Son is Rom. 3:22
- God the Father accepts us as He accepts His own Son Eph.1:6, 1Pet.2:5



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• Illustrations of God's imputed righteousness

- Garments of skin which required the shedding of blood for Adam and Eve Gen. 3:21
- A righteous standing was imputed to Abraham because he believed in God Gen. 15:6
- The wedding clothes (fine linen) are called the righteous acts of the saints Rev. 19:8



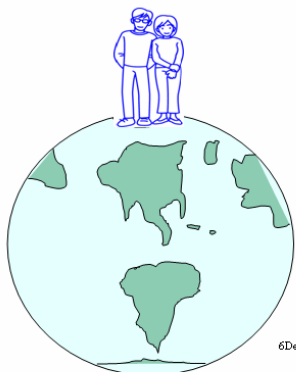
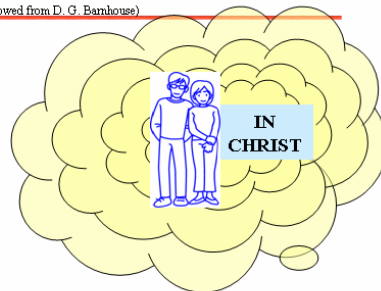
God made Abraham go outside. He said, "Look at the sky. Try to count the stars."



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Position / Standing Vs. Condition / State

(borrowed from D. G. Barnhouse)

Our **POSITION / STANDING**
(WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST)
• Eternal
• Unchangeable



Our **CONDITION / STATE**
(OUR MOMENT-BY-MOMENT WALK
IN OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE)
• Temporal
• Changeable

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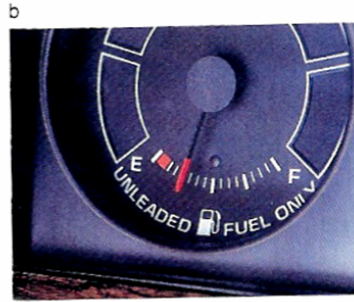
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- "STATE REFERS TO THE CHANGING & IMPERFECT CONDITION OF OUR SOUL FROM MOMENT TO MOMENT" **Chafer**
- "GOD'S TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT IS TO THE END THAT THE BELIEVER MAY BE MORE CONFORMED IN HIS STATE TO WHAT HE POSSESSES IN STANDING FROM THE MOMENT HE IS SAVED" **Chafer**
- "OUR STATE COMES FROM THE FACT THAT OUR OLD NATURE CAN NEVER BE ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE FILTHY THING GOD DECLARES IT TO BE. WE MUST YIELD IT TO THE LORD FOR DAILY DEATH WITH CHRIST." **Barnhouse**
- "OUR CONDITION IS VARIABLE." **Stanford**
- "THROUGH THE EXERCISE OF FAITH, OUR ETERNAL POSITION (SOURCE) AFFECTS OUR DAILY CONDITION." **Stanford**
- "SCRIPTURAL, FACT-CENTERED FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS AS OUR POSITION BEFORE THE FATHER IS THE ONE MEANS OF EXPERIENCING THAT FINISHED WORK IN THE GROWTH OF OUR DAILY CONDITION." **Stanford**



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example of “Parallax”





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OUTLINE

What Does It Mean ?

Are You Sanctified ?

Why Were You Sanctified ?

What Are The Aspects Of Sanctification ?

Points On Sanctification



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What Does It Mean ?

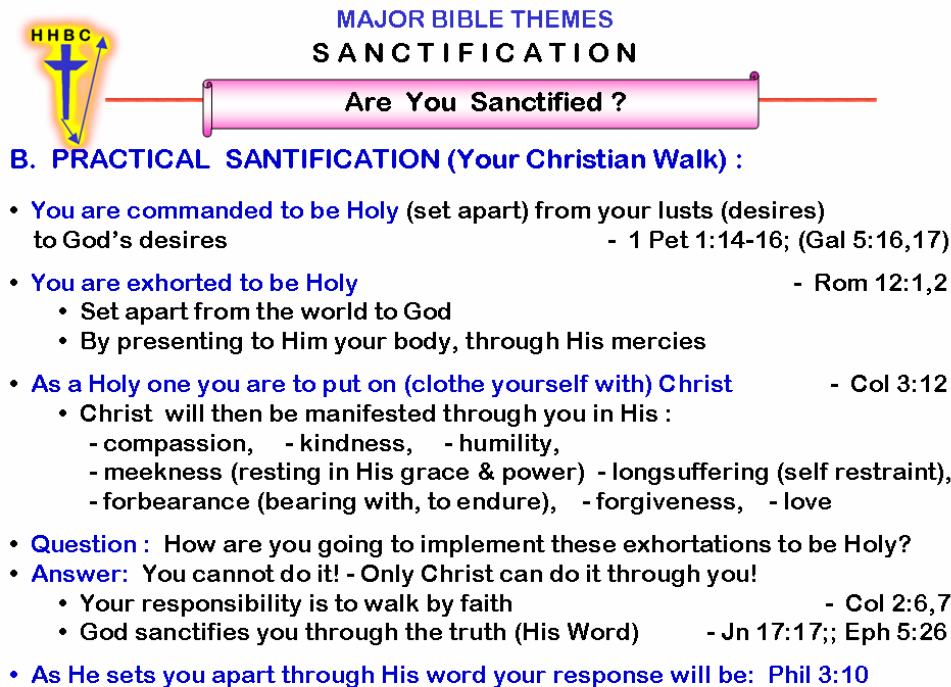
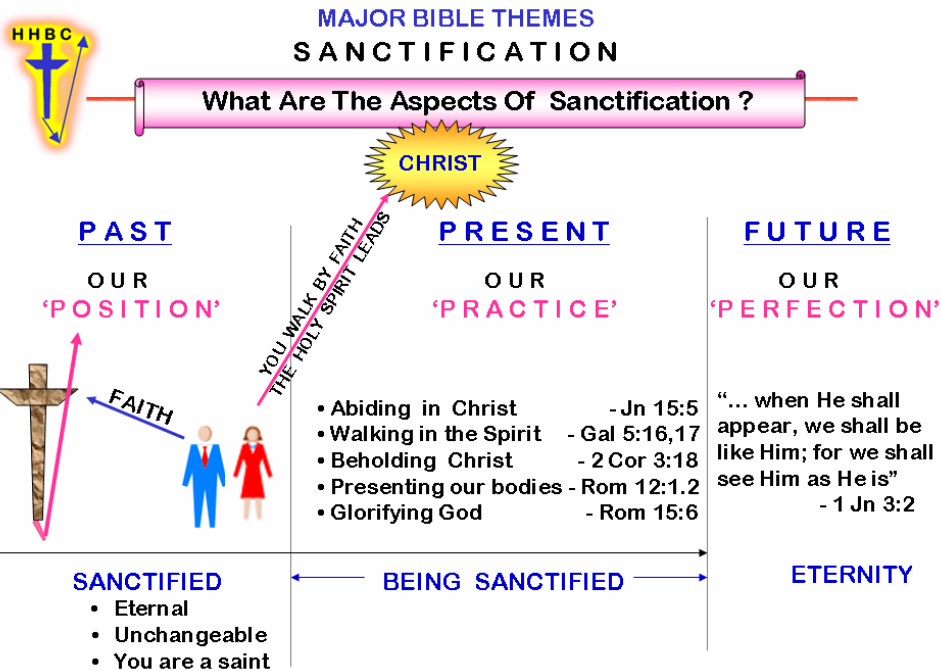
- **“SANCTIFY”** (hagiazō) - **“SAINT”** (hagios) - **“HOLY”** (hagiasmos)
 - ALL HAVE THE SAME ROOT MEANING :
= “TO SET APART “ (FOR A SPECIAL PURPOSE)
- WHEN SOMETHING OR SOMEONE IS SET APART
 - **FROM** ONE THING OR PERSON
 - **TO** ANOTHER THING OR PERSON
- WHAT GOD SETS APART TO HIMSELF - HE CALLS **“HOLY”** OR A **“SAINT”**
- EXAMPLES : (SEE NEXT PAGE - p4.)



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Examples

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| • Holy Angels | - Mk 8:38 | • Believers - be Holy | - 1 Pet 1:15 |
| • Holy Prophets | - Acts 3:21 | • The Church - be Holy | - Eph 5:27 |
| • Holy Spirit | - 2 Tim 1:14 | • Holy and Beloved (Elect) | - Col 3:12 |
| • Holy Covenant | - Lu 1:72 | • Holy Calling (God called us) | - 2 Tim 1:9 |
| • Holy Father | - Jn 17:11 | • Holy Brethren (Believers) | - Heb 3:1 |
| • Holy One of God (Christ) | - Acts 4:27 | • God is Holy | - 1 Pet 1:15 |
| • Holy Place (Temple) | - Act 6:13 | • Holy Priesthood (Believers) | - 1 Pet 2:5 |
| • The Law is Holy | - Rom 7:12 | • Holy Nation (Believers) | - 1 Pet 2:9 |
| • Saints at Jerusalem | - Rom 15:25 | • Holy Woman (OT) | - 1 Pet 3:5 |
| • All believers called Saints | - 1 Cor 1:2 | • Holy City (Earthly Jer.) | - Rev 11:12 |
| • Holy Thing (One = Christ) | - Lu 1:35 | • Holy City (Heavenly Jer.) | - Rev 21:10 |





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SANCTIFICATION

Points On Sanctification

1. The doctrine of sanctification:
 - Cannot be interpreted by experience
 - Must be rightly related to every other bible doctrine
 - Must not be overemphasized or underemphasized
2. Positional sanctification is as complete for the immature saint as it is for the mature saint :
 - Dependent only on one's identification with Christ - 1 Cor 1:2; Rom 6:3-10
 - Sainthood is not subject to progression - It's a state of being -1 Cor 1:2,30
3. You are not sanctified because of anything you are, or anything you have done, but because you are in Christ -1 Cor 1:30
4. You may not believe you are a saint because of not knowing your position in Christ -1 Cor 1:2



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SANCTIFICATION

Points On Sanctification

5. Because you are sanctified (positional) you may not be sanctified in practice - Rom 12:1,2
6. Sanctification (practical) never implies:
 - Sinless perfection - Jn 17:19
 - One's quality of daily life (Christ is your life) - Col 3:3,4
 - Moral improvement or betterment
7. Practical sanctification is not a matter of feeling or emotion but one of walking in holiness (set apart to God) - Col 3:12
8. The Lord Jesus sanctified Himself for the purpose that you might be sanctified through the truth - Jn 17:19
 - He sets Himself apart to us that we might grow spiritually - 2 Cor 3:18
 - He sets Himself apart to us that we might know Him - Phil 3:10



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PASSAGES ON SANCTIFICATION

Romans 6:18

Being then made free from sin, ye became **the servants** of righteousness.

Hebrews 10:10

By the which will **we are sanctified** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

Acts 26:18

To open their eyes, *and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.*



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PASSAGES ON SANCTIFICATION

1 Peter 1:14

As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

1 Peter 1:15

But as **he** which hath called you **is holy**, so **be ye holy** in all manner of conversation;

1 Peter 1:16

Because it is written, **Be ye holy**; for **I am holy**.

Romans 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, **holy**, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

Romans 12:2

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Philip. 3:10

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;



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PASSAGES ON SANCTIFICATION

1 Thes. 4:3

For this is the will of God, *even your sanctification*, that ye should abstain from fornication:

1 Thes. 4:4

That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in *sanctification* and honour;

1 Thes. 4:5-6

Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:
That no *man* go beyond and defraud his brother in *any* matter: because that the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

1 Thes. 4:7

For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but *unto holiness*.

Ephes. 4:24

And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true *holiness*.



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Assurance of Salvation

Assurance

- is a confidence that a right relationship exists between a believer and God
- speaks of our *condition* as we walk by faith
- relates to a personal confidence in a present salvation
- is a matter of what one believes at a given time concerning his personal salvation

Security (eternal)

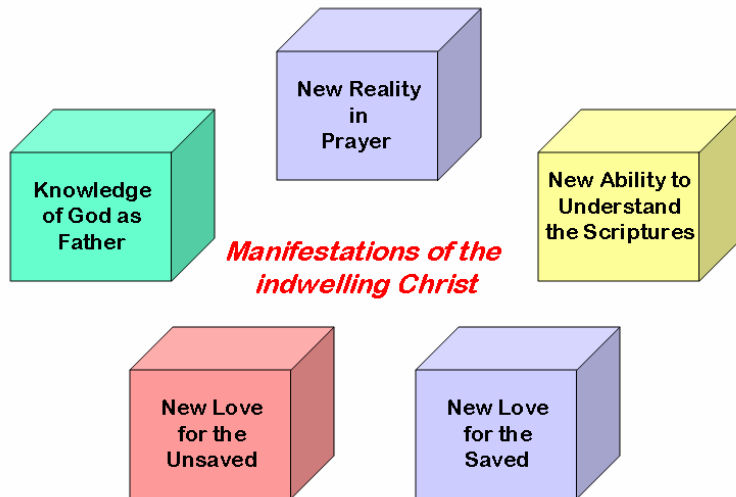
- is a fact due to God's faithfulness whether realized by the believer or not
- speaks of our *position* in Christ
- relates to the absolute eternal safety of those who are in Christ
- is a question of fact

Two lines of Evidence

- Manifestation of the indwelling Christ
- Truthfulness of the Word of God



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• **Matt. 11:27** --- no one **knows** the Son except the Father nor does anyone **know** the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son **wills to reveal** Him



• **John 17:3** And this is life eternal, that they may **know** You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent

• **Rom. 8:26** --- for we do not know how to **pray** as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;

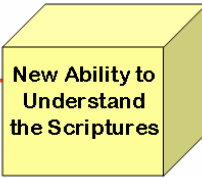


• **Jude 1:20** ---building yourselves up on your most holy faith, **praying** in the Holy Spirit,

• **Eph. 5:20** always **giving thanks** for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;



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• John 16:12-15

- :12 --- I have many more **things** to say to you
- :13 --- But as many **things** as He hears He will speak
The **things** that are coming He will make known to you
- :15 --- All **things** that the Father has are Mine
He shall take of Mine (the **things** which pertain to Me)
and shall make it known to you

• Example - Christ on the road to Emmaus in Luke 24

- :19 --- The things about Jesus the Nazarene,
- :27 --- He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures
- :32 --- Were not **our hearts burning** within us while He was speaking
to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?

• What Christ did following the Emmaus meeting in Luke 24

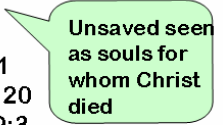
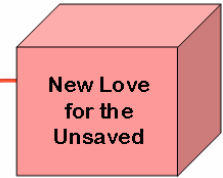
- :45 --- Then He **opened their minds** to understand the Scriptures,

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• 2 Cor. 5

- :14 --- that one died for all
- :15 and He died for all, that they should no longer
live for themselves but for Him who died and rose again

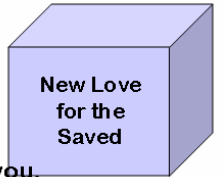
• examples of the Apostle Paul's life

- for the lost he ceased not to pray Rom. 10:1
- for the lost he ceased not to strive Rom. 15:20
- for the lost willing to be accursed from Christ Rom. 9:3

• 1 John 3:14 We know that we have passed out of
death into life, because **we love the brethren**

• John 13

- :34 --- that you **love one another**, even as I have loved you,
that you also love one another
- :35 By this all men will know that you are My disciples,
if you have **love for one another**



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• Truthfulness of the Word of God

- experience is too often indefinite and overshadowed because of carnality
- the abiding evidence of God's word can be depended upon

1 John 5:13 These things I have written to **you who believe** in
the name of the Son of God

in order that **you may know** that you have eternal life

• The written promises of God are as a title deed

- --- the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out John 6:37
- --- he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me,
has eternal life, and does not come into judgment,
but has passed out of death into life John 5:24
- He who believes in the Son has eternal life --- John 3:36
- --- for it (the gospel) is the power of God for salvation
to everyone who believes Rom 1:16
- Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved Rom 10:13

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• Eternal Security

- A doctrine that comprehends only the continuation of salvation for those who are saved
- It asks the question: Could a person who is saved ever be lost again?
- It has no relationship to the unsaved person

Overview

- The twelve (12) undertakings of God for His children
- Rebuttal to the so-called “Conditional Security” passages



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• Scriptural basis for believing that a person once saved is always saved

The work of the **Father** in Salvation

The work of the **Son** in Salvation

The work of the **Spirit** in Salvation

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| • The Purpose of God | • His Substitutionary Death | • The Spirit’s Regeneration |
| • The Power of God | • His Resurrection | • The Spirit’s Indwelling |
| • The Love of God | • His Intercession in Heaven | • The Spirit’s Baptism |
| • The Influence on the Father of the Prayer of the Son | • His Advocacy in Heaven | • The Spirit’s Sealing |



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The work of the **Father** in Salvation

• The Purpose of God - Promise of salvation to all who believe

- John 3:16 ---He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life
- John 5:24 ---he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life
- John 6:37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out

• The Power of God - He is able to save and keep

- John 10:29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand
- Rom. 8:38 --- neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord



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The work of
the **Father** in
Salvation

• **The Love of God**

- Rom. 5:8 But God demonstrates **His own love toward us**, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us
- Eph. 1:4 **In love** He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,

• **The Influence on the Father of the Prayer of the Son**

John 17:9-10 **I ask on their behalf**; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours; ---

11-12 I am no longer in the world; and yet **they themselves are in the world**, and I come to You. Holy Father, **keep them in Your name**, ---
While I was with them, **I was keeping them in Your name** which You have given Me; and **I guarded them and not one of them perished** but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.

15 I do not ask You to take them out of the world, **but to keep them from the evil one**

20 "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for **those also who believe in Me through their word**;



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The work of
the **Son** in
Salvation

• **His Substitutionary Death - the guarantee of security**

- 1 John 2:2 and He Himself is **the propitiation for our sins**; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world

• All condemnation is removed

- John 3:18 He who believes in Him **is not judged**; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God

- Rom. 8:1 Therefore there is now **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus

• **His Resurrection**

- Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is **eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord**
- Col. 2:12 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you **were also raised up with Him through faith** in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead
- Col. 3:1 Therefore if **you have been raised up with Christ**, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.



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The work of
the **Son** in
Salvation

• **His Intercession in Heaven**

- Luke 22:32 but **I have prayed for you**, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers
- Rom. 8:34 --- Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, **who also intercedes for us**
- Heb. 7:25 Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since **He always lives to make intercession for them**

• **His Advocacy in Heaven**

- 1 John 2:1 --- I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, **we have an Advocate with the Father**, Jesus Christ the righteous;
- Heb. 9:24 For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, **now to appear in the presence of God for us**



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The work of
the **Spirit** in
Salvation

• **The Spirit's Regeneration**

- John 3:5-7 --- unless one is born of water and **the Spirit** he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is **born of the Spirit is spirit** --- You must be born again.
- 2 Peter 1:4 --- He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them **you may become partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.
- others Titus 3:4-6 and 1 John 3:9

• **The Spirit's Indwelling**

- Rom. 5:5 --- hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through **the Holy Spirit who was given to us**
- Rom. 8:9 However, you are not in the flesh **but in the Spirit**, --- But if anyone does not have **the Spirit of Christ**, he does not belong to Him
- 1 Cor. 6:19 --- your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit **who is in you, whom you have from God**, and that you are not your own?

• **Other 1 John 3:24**



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The work of
the Spirit in
Salvation

• The Spirit's Baptism

- 1 Cor. 12:13 For by one Spirit we were **all baptized** into one body,
--- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit
- Gal. 3:27 For **all of you who were baptized into Christ**
have clothed yourselves with Christ

• The Spirit's Sealing

- Eph. 4:30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,
by whom **you were sealed for the day of redemption**
- 2 Cor. 1:21-22 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ
and anointed us is God, **who also sealed us**
and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.



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• Rebuttal to so-called "Conditional Security" passages

- Passages dispensationally misapplied Matt. 24:13, Matt. 18:23-35
- Passages related to false teachers of
the last days of the Church 1 Tim 4:1-2, Jude 1:17-19
- Passages related to no more than moral reformation Luke 11:24-26
- Passages related to profession which is proved
to be such by its fruits John 8:31, John 15:6
- Passages containing admonitions of various kinds Heb. 10:26-31, Heb. 6:4-9
- Passages related to the loss of rewards,
walking in darkness, and chastisement John 15:2, 1 Cor. 11:29-32
- Passages related to falling from grace Gal. 5:4



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Divine Election

- **Divine Election** - designates a sovereign divine purpose so formulated as to be independent of **human merit, descent, or cooperation**

God's message to the **Saint**

- chosen "in Him" before the foundation of the world
- the source of our election is God's grace
- the "Saint" is to be comforted and encouraged by his election
- the doctrine of election is for the "Saint" not for the "Sinner"

God's message to the **Sinner**

- the Gospel - the good news:
 - that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures
- power of God for salvation to everyone who believes
- whosoever will come



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Divine Election

• **YOUR INCREDIBLE POSITION IN CHRIST**

- HE SHARED CHRIST'S GLORY WITH YOU - 2 THES 2:13-14; JN 17:22
 - HE CALLED YOU (TO SHARE IN CHRIST'S GLORY) - 2 THES 2:13-14; ROM 8:30
 - HE CHOSE YOU - 2 THES 2:13; 1 PET 1:2
 - HE REGENERATED YOU - JN 3:3-6; TITUS 3:4-5
 - HE BAPTIZED YOU - ROM 6:1-10; 1 COR 12:13; COL 2:11
 - HE JUSTIFIED YOU - 1 COR 6:11
 - HE SANCTIFIED YOU - 1 COR 6:11; 1 PET 1:2; 2 THES 2:13
 - HE CO-ENLIFED YOU - JN 6:63; EPH 2:4-5; ROM 8:9-11; COL 3:4
 - HE FREED YOU - ROM 8:2
 - HE INDWELLS YOU FOREVER - JN 14:16-17; ROM 8:9-11; 1COR 3:16; 6:19
 - HE SEALED YOU - 2 COR 1:22; 5:5; EPH 1:13-14; 4:30



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• **Election in Scripture**

- the word "Election" and "Chosen" are synonymous in Scripture
- the corporate election of Israel and the Church
- the personal election of individual for services

• **Israel a chosen people**

Deut. 7:6-8 --- the Lord your God **has chosen you to be a people for His own possession** out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. The Lord did not set His love on you nor **choose** you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but because the Lord loved you and kept the oath ---

PS 135:4 For the Lord **has chosen Jacob for Himself**, Israel for His own possession.

Isa. 45:4 For the sake of Jacob My servant, And Israel **My chosen one**,

Acts 13:17 The God of this people Israel **chose our fathers** and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt,



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- The words election and chosen in the New Testament
 - **Elect** - eklektos - root word is "eklego" - "ek" - from
- "lego" - to gather or pick out
 - **Chosen** - eklegomai - same root "eklego"
 - only in the middle voice in the NT - meaning "to choose for oneself"
 - not necessarily implying the rejection of what is not chosen
 - the idea is of kindness or favor or love
 - denotes a relationship to be established between the one choosing and the object chosen

Mark 13:20 Unless the Lord had shortened those days, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of **the elect**, whom **He chose**, He shortened the days.



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• Disciples chosen

Luke 6:13 And when day came, He called His disciples to Him and **chose twelve of them**, whom He also named as apostles

John 6:70 Jesus answered them, "Did I Myself not **choose you**, the twelve, and yet one of you is a devil?" as apostles:

John 13:18 "I do not speak of all of you. I know the ones **I have chosen**; but it is that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who eats My bread has lifted up his heel against Me.'

• Christ chosen

Isa 42:1 Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; **My chosen one** in whom My soul delights.

Luke 23:35 --- And even the rulers were sneering at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, **His Chosen One**."

1 Pet 2:4 And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is **choice** and precious in the sight of God,



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• Believers chosen

Eph. 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places **in Christ** just as **He chose us in Him** before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love

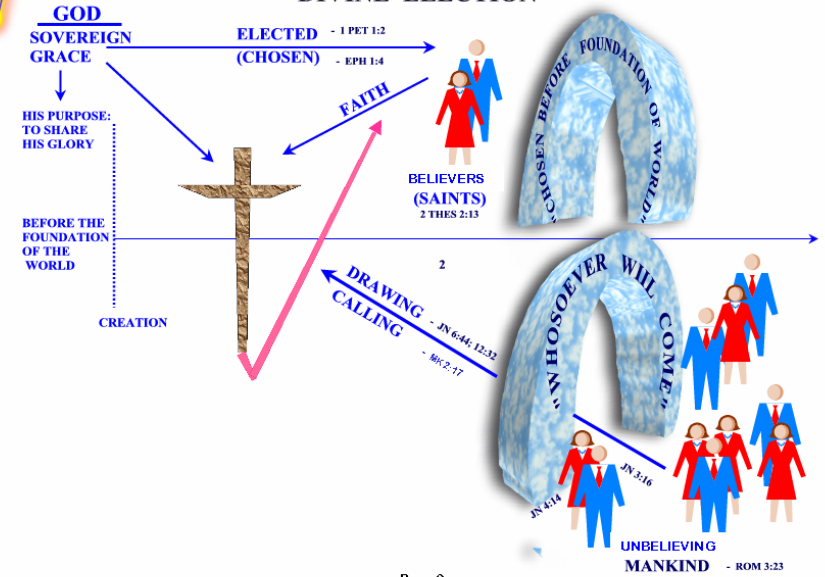
1 Pet 1:1-2 To those ---, **who are chosen** according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit,

2 Thess. 2:13 But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because **God has chosen you** from the begin for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.



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THE CHURCH : HER MEMBERS

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF "CHURCH" ?

"CHURCH" - Ekklesia (Greek)

SECULAR MEANING

- It **does not refer to people**
- It refers to a formal meeting of a political assembly

- Acts 19:32,39,41

NT MEANING - 2 Basic Uses

- "The Church" - As an organism ("called out ones") - Eph 1:22,23; Heb 12:23
 - A living union of all believers in Christ - His body
 - Christ is the head
 - Believers between Pentecost & the Rapture
- Eph 5:23; Col 1:18
- "The Church" - Local or organized church
 - A singular group (meeting in a house or at HHBC) - 1 Cor 16:19; Col 4:15
 - Several different groups in a city or local - 1 Cor 4:17; 11:16; Gal 1:2

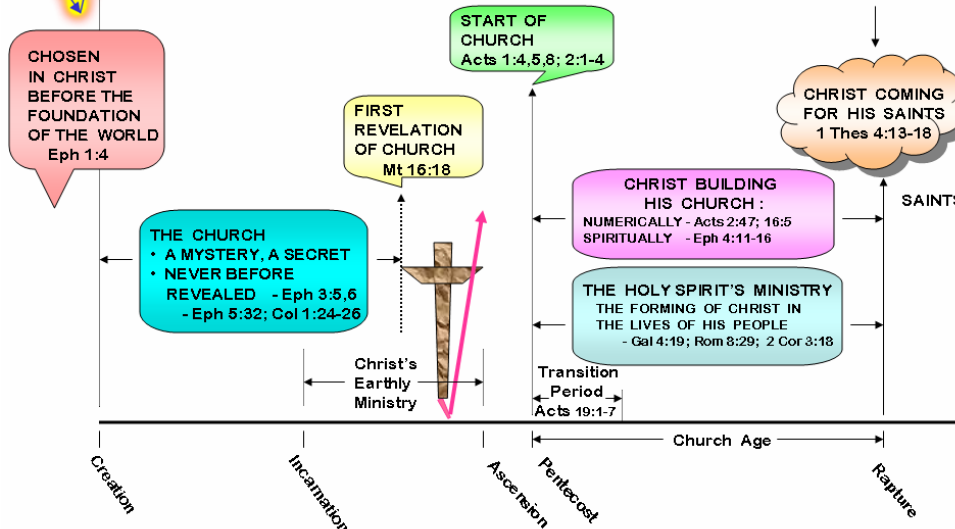


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THE CHURCH : HER MEMBERS

THE CHURCH : OVERVIEW

CHRIST
"WILL PRESENT
TO HIMSELF THE
CHURCH BLAMELESS"
Eph 5:27



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THE CHURCH : HER MEMBERS

WHEN DID THE CHURCH START ?

- THE CHURCH WAS NEVER REVEALED IN THE OT
- THE CHURCH WAS FIRST FORTOLD BY CHRIST - Mt 16:18
- HE SAID IT WOULD START AFTER HIS EARTHLY MINISTRY - Acts 1:4,5,8
- THE CHURCH STARTED ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST - Acts 2:1-4
- THE CHURCH INCREASED NUMERICALLY VIA THE GOSPEL - Acts 2:47; 16:5
- CHRIST IS THE FOUNDER & FOUNDATION - Mt 16:18; 1 Cor 3:11
- DISAGREEMENTS ON THE START OF THE CHURCH
 - BY ULTRADISPENSATIONALISM
 - Teaches the church started sometime after Pentecost
 - Moderates - Some say Acts 9, others say Acts 13 (They observe the Lord's table but not water baptism)
 - Extremes - Acts 28 (No observance of Lord's table or water baptism)

NOTE:

- Paul taught the church started on Pentecost
- He believed in Acts 9 & persecuted the "church" prior - 1 Cor 15:9; Gal 1:13; Phil 3:6



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THE CHURCH : HER PURPOSE & COMMISSION

OUTLINE

Is The Church Separate From Israel & The Gentiles ?

What Is The Composition Of The Church ?

What Is The Purpose Of The Church ?

How Is The Church Unique ?



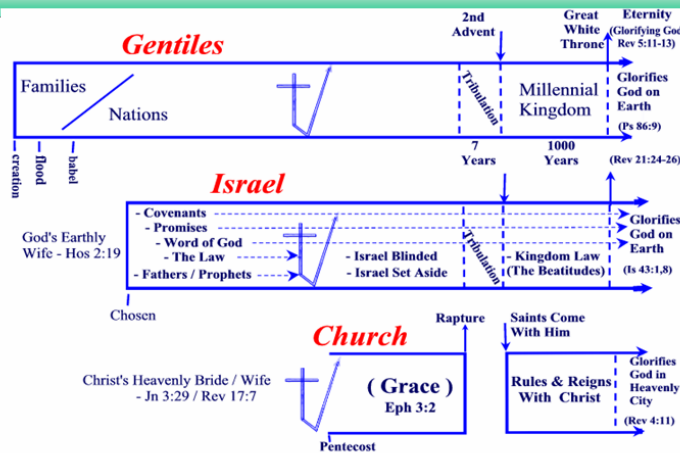
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Is The Church Separate From Israel & The Gentiles ?

Answer: YES !!! Scripture Is Very Clear:

1 Cor. 10:32 " Give none offence, neither to the Jews (Israel), nor to the Gentiles, nor to the Church of God:" Also: Gal 6:15,16



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What Is The Composition Of The Church ?

- **BELIEVING JEWS & GENTILES** - Acts 15:14; Eph 2:15,16
 - From Pentecost to the Rapture
- **REFERRED TO AS "ONE NEW MAN"** - Eph 2:14-16
 - Oneness of Jew & Gentile In Christ
 - Contrast & Separation Eliminated
 - Peace vs. Enmity Now Exists
 - The Law Is Abolished (Grace Is Now the Principle of Living)
 - Totally New In Quality
 - "Newness" In the Resurrected & Glorified Lord Jesus - Rom 6:4
 - Not the Continuation or Remaking of Israel
- **REFERRED TO AS A "NEW CREATION"** - Gal 6:14-16
 - "Creation": It Did Not Previously Exist" (Just Like We Did Not) - 2 Cor 5:17
 - "Newness" In the Resurrected & Glorified Lord Jesus - Rom 6:4
 - Circumcision (being a Jew) Nor Un-circumcision (being a Gentile) Is Not God's Measure (Rule)
 - God's Measure is the Cross - We Glory there & not in distinctions



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THE CHURCH : HER PURPOSE & COMMISSION

What Is The Purpose Of The Church ?

A. FOR EACH MEMBER OF HIS BODY :

- 2Tim 1:9

- God called us in Christ with a holy calling to be a vessel in fulfilling God's Eternal Purpose
- God's eternal purpose is fulfilled through the individual believer rather than through the local church body
- Because every believer is in a vital (living) union with the resurrected glorified Lord he/she is in union with God's eternal purpose, which is:
 - To Declare His Glory
 - To Share His Glory
 - To Reveal His Glory
 - To Be Glorified



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THE CHURCH : HER PURPOSE & COMMISSION

What Is The Purpose Of The Church ?

A. FOR EACH MEMBER OF HIS BODY : (Cont'd)

- 2Tim 1:9

- HOW EXCITING!! - How God uses you in His eternal purpose
 - To Declare His Glory
 - To declare the riches of His glory - Col 1:26-28
 - To declare (make known) His righteousness - Rom 3:25,26
 - To declare the gospel - 1 Cor 15:1-4
 - To Reveal His Glory
 - Through you as an epistle of Christ - 2 Cor 3:3-11,18
 - Through you in your trials & suffering - Rom 5:1-5
 - To Share His Glory
 - Christ shares His glory with those who believe via your witness - Jn 17:22
 - To Glorify God
 - We glory only in the Lord!! - 1 Cor 1:31; 2 Cor 10:17
 - We glory in the cross moment by moment - Gal 6:14
 - We glorify God as the Holy Spirit bears His fruit in us - Jn 15:8
 - We glorify God by edifying each other - Rom 15:6
 - We are to glorify God in our bodies - which are His - 1 Cor 6:20



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THE CHURCH : HER PURPOSE & COMMISSION

How Is The Church Unique ?

TRUTHS CONCERNING WHO YOU ARE IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

- Born of God - Jn 1:13; 1Jn 4:7; 5:1; 1Pet 1:23
- Indwelt by the Holy Spirit - 1Cor 3:16; 6:19
- Baptized by the Holy Spirit
 - Into His person, death, burial, resurrection - Rom 6:3,4; Col 2:12
 - Into His body(the church) - 1Cor 12:13
- A new creation - 2Cor 5:17; Gal 6:15
- You share His very glory - Jn 17:22
- You share His very life - Col 3:4
- You share His eternal purpose - 2Tim 1:9
- You share in the oneness that the Father & Son share - Jn 17:21-23
- You are Christ's body - 1Cor 12:12-25; Rom 12:5
- You are a heavenly people - 1Cor 15:47-49; Phil 3:20
- Christ is in you - Jn 14:20; 2Tim 1:9
- You are not of this world - Jn 17:16; Phil 3:20
- You are a temple & building of God - 1Cor 3:16,17; 6:19; Eph 2:19-22
- You are loved & cherished by Christ - Eph 5:25,29
- You are Christ's bride - Jn 3:29; Rev:19:7



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HOMEWORK: READ CHAP 38

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The Church: Her Service and Stewardship

QUESTION :

How Do You Glorify God By Your Service & Stewardship ?

What Should You Present To God ?

What Is The Purpose Of Your Spiritual Gift ?

How Much Should You Give Financially ?

Does Faith Rest & Good Works Mix ?

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The Church: Her Service and Stewardship

GLORIFYING GOD: BY EACH MEMBER OF CHRIST'S BODY

(Prerequisite: You are walking by faith - Col 2:6,7
You are abiding in Christ - Jn 15:5)

1. By presenting to Him

- Yourself - Rom 6:11-15
- Your body - Rom 12:1-2
- Your sacrifice of praise - Heb 13:15,16
- Your sacrifice of good works - Heb 13:16

2. By the Holy Spirit ministering His spiritual gift thru you

- He has given you at least one spiritual gift - 1 Cor 12:1,4,7
- Your spiritual gift is for the edification of the body - Eph 4:12
- (See additional notes on following page)

3. By God performing good works thru you

- God has predetermined His plan of good works You are His workmanship (product, vessel) for His good works - Eph 2:10
- God's desire is that His good works be part of your life - Phil 1:6

4. By your financial giving (See separate detailed notes)

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GLORIFYING GOD: BY EACH MEMBER OF CHRIST'S BODY

[2. By the Holy Spirit ministering His spiritual gift thru you (cont'd) - Eph 4: 11-16]

• Spiritual Gifts are Identified With Individual Men:

- Apostles & prophets = foundational gifts (terminated) - 4:11
- Evangelists, pastors & teachers = functional gifts

• Purpose of Spiritual Gifts:

- For the perfecting (equipping) of the saints - 4:12
- For the work of the ministry
- For the edifying (spiritual growth) of the body

• The Goal of Spiritual Gifts:

- That we all come in the unity of the faith - 4:13
 - "The faith" = the body of truth in Scripture
 - All truth (doctrine) has its focus on Christ
- That you come to the knowledge (intimacy) of Christ
- That you be perfect (complete, mature)
 - The measure (or standard) is the fullness of Christ (all that He is)

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GLORIFYING GOD: BY EACH MEMBER OF CHRIST'S BODY

[2. By the Holy Spirit ministering His spiritual gift thru you (cont'd) -Eph 4: 11-16]

• **The Results Spiritual Gifts Being Ministered:** - 4:14-16

- **Stability of mind**
 - Not influenced by false doctrine
 - Not deceived by the trickery of men to mislead
- **Spiritual growth**
 - Considering all the details of life instrumental in your growth
 - The unity & spiritual growth of the body requires you functioning
 - Lovingly expressing truth in your life
- **The result is a mature body building itself up in love**

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES OF GIVING FINANCIALLY

I. What is financial giving?

A. Giving is fellowship (koinonia)

It is a financial sharing in common or partnership in God's ministry of the defense and confirmation (establishment) of the Gospel of the Person of Christ.

Phil. 1:5-7; Rom. 15:24-26; 2 Cor. 8:4

Note:

1. Every true ministry (i.e. God's ministry) is begun and is continually performed by God.
2. There are ministries not begun nor performed by God - but by Adam.
3. There are ministries begun by God but are no longer being performed by God - they are being performed by Adam.

B. Every believer should seek wisdom and judge the ministry he/she is supporting - otherwise it may not be true fellowship.

C. Giving is sharing in common with a ministry of the finances which is already God's. (i.e. God gives us the privilege of allocating His finances)

D. Giving to God's ministry is durative and consistent for as long as God performs the ministry.

Phil. 1:5; 4:10,15,16,18

E. Due to the lack of financial means a believer may not have the opportunity to give financially - but fellowship (care, concern, love, etc.) continues for the ministry and the ones ministering.

Phil. 1:5; 4:10

F. Giving is the fruit of abiding in Christ and being led by the Holy Spirit.

Phil. 4:7

G. Giving is a grace.

i.e. a financial gift is a grace gift - out from God's grace.

2 Cor. 8:4,7,19

II. What is the source & manner in giving?

A. The source of giving is out from grace. It is out from the new man who is created in Christ and led by the Holy Spirit. 2 Cor. 8:4,7,19

B. The giving of finances is only a portion of the totality of giving - the order in giving is:

1. Giving ourselves to the Lord -

- Making ourselves and everything that he has graciously given us available to Him.
- Seeking wisdom & guidance from Him on how we should allocate all that is His.

2. Giving ourselves to the ministry of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ -

- Exercising our spiritual gifts in the local church for the edification (building up in the faith) of the body.
- Participating in God's ministries in the defense & confirmation (establishment) of the gospel of Christ.

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES OF GIVING FINANCIALLY

3. Giving financially. - 2 Cor. 9:7 - Answers 4 questions on giving:

(1) Who should give?

"Every man" = each one (who is in Christ)

(2) How should we give?

"As you purpose in your heart"

purpose = pro / aireomai

pro / aireomai

lit. before / to choose

Idea: a) of deliberation

b) of volition - of our choosing

c) of planning ahead of time

d) we decide (in fellowship with the Holy Spirit) - no one tells us

Note: The middle voice is used = the subject (you & I) are intensely involved in the action & it's results.

(3) How shouldn't we give?

a) "not grudgingly"

- Lit. "not out of grief or sorrow"

- These are emotions that come from within i.e. (old man)

b) "not of necessity"

- Lit. "not out of distress or compulsion"

- These are demands that come from without i.e. (a law system)

4. What is God's attitude?

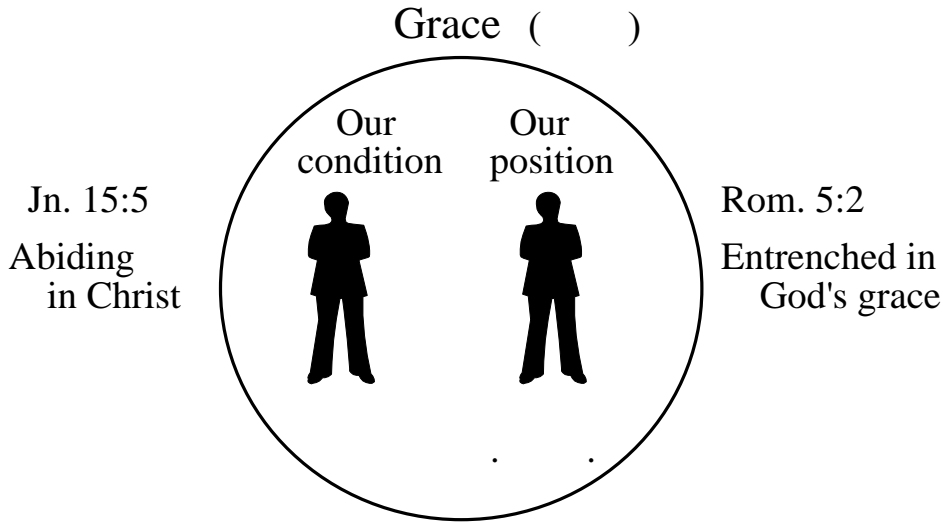
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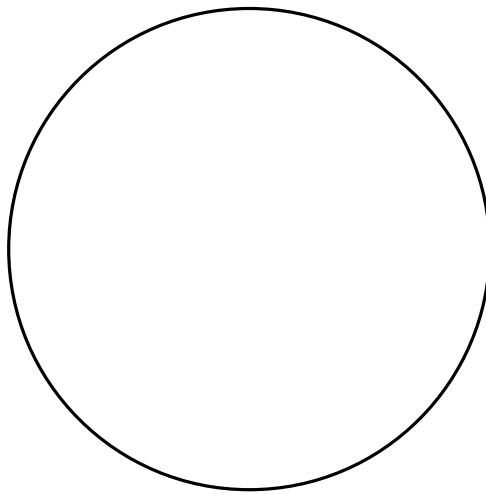
2 Cor. 9:7 Illustrated:

Question: How should we give?

- Answer: 1. Out from our position & condition of grace.
2. As we purpose (choose & plan) in our hearts (new man).



Law (system)

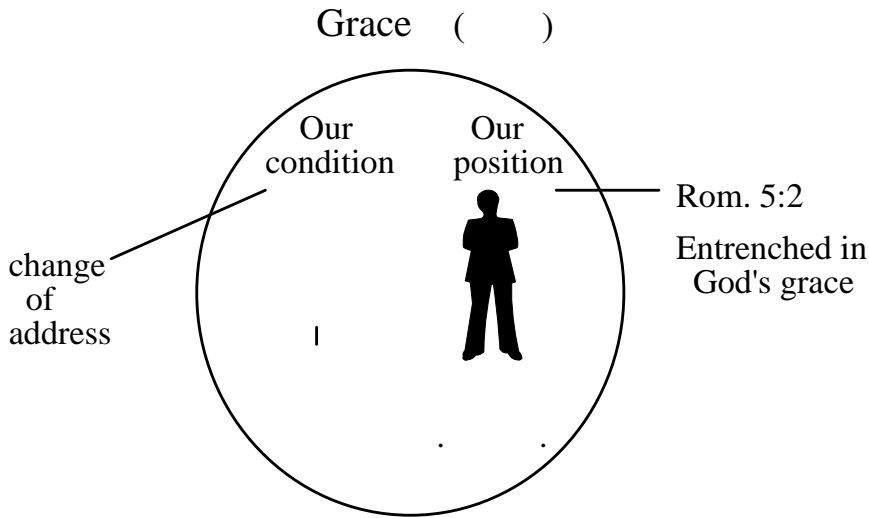


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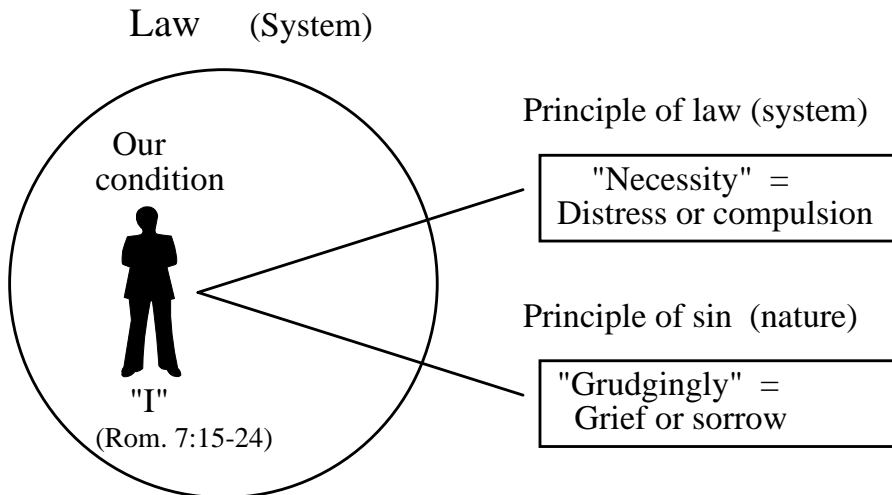
2 Cor. 9:7 Illustrated:

Question: How shouldn't we give?

Answer: 1. Not out of grief or sorrow (grudgingly)
2. Not out of distress or compulsion (necessity)



———— We fall from grace (Gal. 5:4)
In our condition (practice) - not position



BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES OF GIVING FINANCIALLY

III. Tithing

A. What is tithing?

Definition: tithe = (asar) - Hebrew

A tithe is a tenth part of anything

e.g. a tenth part of seeds, fruit, herds, flocks

B. What is the history of tithing?

1. Pre-Mosaic law tithes: There are 2 instances in scripture where tithing was voluntarily performed:

a) by Abraham to Melchizedek - Gen. 14:20

b) by Jacob to God - Gen. 28:22

2. Mosaic Law Tithes:

a) By the 12 tribes of Israel to the Levites Num. 18:20-28; Lev. 27:30-32

- God did not give the Levites any physical inheritance - God himself was their inheritance

- The Levites were priests & also were to do service in the Tabernacle/Temple

- The tithes of the 12 tribes were an offering to the Lord & an inheritance to the Levites

- These tithes were 1/10th of the yearly increase of seed, fruit, cattle, sheep, etc. of the 12 tribes

- The Levites were to take 1/10th of these tithes given to them & offer them to the Lord

b) A special tithe by the 12 tribes of Israel - every 3rd year for the stranger, fatherless & widow Deut. 14:28,29

C. Is tithing mentioned in the N. T.?

1. Tithing is mentioned in the following N.T. references:

Mt. 23:23; Lu. 11:42; 18:12; Heb. 7:5,6,8,9

2. Every one of these passages either refer to the pre-Mosaic law tithes (i.e. Abraham tithing to Melchizedek) or the Mosaic law tithes. They are only references back to the O.T. - nothing else!! They are not commands nor exhortations to the Church!!

3. Observation: because something is mentioned in the N.T. it does not necessarily mean that it is a principle for the Church to follow!! e.g. sacrifices, circumcision, etc.

(Note: The reverse is also true - that we should institute something in the Church never mentioned in the N.T. e.g. infant baptism, dedication, etc. etc.)

D. Is tithing applicable for the Church?

1. God has revealed the majority of the Church truths (which were a mystery - never revealed in the O.T. or Gospels) through the Epistles of Paul.

2. Tithing is never mentioned in Paul's epistles

3. The Church (Body of Christ) is never commanded nor exhorted to tithe (give 10 % of either gross or net)

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES OF GIVING FINANCIALLY

D. Is tithing applicable for the Church? (cont.)

4. Tithing is diametrically opposed to the N.T. teaching of grace giving (see principles outlined in points I & II.
5. In Christ we have liberty & we are to entrench ourselves in that liberty. Gal. 5:1
 - a) We are free from our sin (adamic) nature & the law.
 - b) Tithing is part of a law system.
 - c) Tithing therefore is a yoke of bondage with which we are not to be entangled.

E. Why then is tithing taught, encouraged, & even demanded by local churches?

1. The primary reason is that the Word of Truth (the Scriptures) are not being rightly divided by many Pastor/Teachers. 2 Tim. 2:15
2. They are not teaching Scriptures from a dispensational framework & thus applying the teachings to Israel also to the Church.
3. All covenant theology will take the truths that apply only to the dispensation of Israel (e.g. tithing) & apply them to the Church (Body of Christ).
4. Non dispensational teaching will almost always mix law with grace - & they cannot be mixed since they are diametrically opposed.

IV. How much should I give?

- A. Scripture does not prescribe to the new creature in Christ (the Believer), as to how much he/she should give.
 1. There are no percentages!
 2. There are no amounts!
 3. There are no tithes!
- B. Whatever amount we give, it is to come out from grace - as the believer purposes in his/her heart being led by the Holy Spirit. 2 Cor. 8:4; 9:7 The Lord is not concerned with the amount as He is with the heart & attitude. 2 Cor. 8:12
- C. Grace sets no requirements, boundaries, constraints or limits on how much we are to give - we can never out give God. Rom. 8:32
- D. Scripture does however give us some examples on the extent of the giving by the early church - they are:
 1. There may be periods where a believer cannot give due to the lack of financial means or ability. Phil. 4:10
 2. The Philippian believers were in deep poverty (beggary poor) but were generous in their giving - it was out from grace & the power of God. 2 Cor. 8:2,3
 3. The Corinthian believer were exhorted to abound in giving (i.e. above & beyond their own power) 2 Cor. 8:3,7
 4. One sowing (giving) sparingly will reap sparingly (i.e. spiritual blessings). One sowing (giving) bountifully shall reap bountifully (i.e. spiritual blessings) 2 Cor. 9:6
 5. God loves a cheerful (hilarious) giver 2 Cor. 9:7
 6. A God has prospered us 1 Cor. 16:2



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The Church: Her Worship in Prayer and Thanksgiving

• Old Testament

• Prayer

- a pleading with God to observe and do what He has promised He would do

• Thanksgiving

- offering of a sacrifice to God in thanksgiving for what He has done
- appreciation of the person of God

• New Testament

• Prayer

- is now in Christ's name
- involves the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- the believer abides in Christ and His word abides in the believer
- the believer is to ask and Christ will perform the action
- the believer appointed to prayer

• Thanksgiving

- Christ gave thanks to God
- rendered to God for His many blessings
- offered to God continually and for all things



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The Church: Her Worship in Prayer and Thanksgiving

• Based on the divine covenants of God

• Based on the character of God

• example Solomon's prayer in 1 Kings 8:22-26

- O Lord, the God of Israel, there is no God like You
- keeping covenant and showing lovingkindness to Your servants
- O God of Israel, let Your word, I pray, be confirmed which You have spoken to Your servant, my father David

• example of Moses' prayer in Exodus 32:11-14

- Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel
- Your servants to whom You swore by Yourself,
- I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heavens
- all this land of which I have spoken I will give to your descendants
- they shall inherit it forever



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The Church: Her Worship in Prayer and Thanksgiving

• Prayer under grace - overview

- new ground of prayer after the death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ and giving of the Holy Spirit
- new relations between the Godhead and the believer
- joined to the Lord as members of His body
- all believers are in a favored position in Christ
- is one of the blessings of the believer's life under grace

• Prayer under grace will be "in Christ's name" John 16:24 & 26

- Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive
- In that day you will ask in My name





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The Church: Her Worship in Prayer and Thanksgiving

• Prayer under grace involves the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

- offered to the Father John 16:23
- in the name of the Son John 16:23
- in the power of the Holy Spirit Jude 1:20

• Order in prayer is not arbitrary

- prayer is to be “through Him” not “to Him”
 - prayer is to be “in My name” John 14:13-14
 - prayer is to be “by Him” not “to Him”
 - by means of the Holy spirit Jude 1:20

Prayer in the New Testament



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The Church: Her Worship in Prayer and Thanksgiving

• Prayer under grace - conditional aspect - John 15:7

- if you abide in Me
- and My words abide in you
- ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you

• Prayer under grace - divine arrangement - John 14:12-14

- the works that I do, he (believer) will do also
- greater works than these he (believer) will do
- because I go to the Father
- whatever you ask in My name
- that will I do
- that the Father may be glorified in the Son
- if you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it

Prayer in the New Testament



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• Prayer under grace - appointed of God - John 15:16

- you did not choose Me
- but I chose you
- appointed you that you would go and bear fruit
- and that your fruit would remain
- so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name
- He may give to you

Prayer in the New Testament



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The Church: Her Worship in Prayer and Thanksgiving

• The Prayer of Thanksgiving - Overview

- Thanksgiving is the voluntary expression of heartfelt gratitude for benefit received
- Thanksgiving is in no way a payment for benefits received
- Thanksgiving is the gracious acknowledgment of the fact that the one who had received the benefit is indebted to the giver

• The Prayer of Thanksgiving - Old Testament

- Sacrifice of thanksgiving Lev. 7:12-15, PS 107:22, PS 116:17
- Appreciation of the person of God
 - --- and give thanks to His holy name PS 30:4, PS 97:12
 - let us come before His presence with thanksgiving PS 95:2
 - enter His gates with thanksgiving PS 100:4
 - at midnight I shall rise to give thanks to You because of Your righteous ordinances PS 119:62



The Church: Her Worship in Prayer and Thanksgiving

• Prayers of Thanksgiving - New Testament

- Christ's practice of giving thanks for food Matt. 15:36, Mark 8:6, John 6:23
- Apostle Paul also practiced giving thanks for food Acts 27:35, Rom. 14:6
- Thanksgiving rendered to God in the New Testament
 - thanks be to God for His indescribable gift 2 Cor. 9:15
 - thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ 1 Cor. 15:57
 - thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ 2 Cor. 8:16
 - We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers 1 Thess 1:12
 - I thank my God in all my remembrance of you Phil 1:3

• Two important features of thanksgiving

- Thanksgiving should be offered to God continually Heb. 13:15
- Thanksgiving should be offered for all things Eph. 5:20, 1 Thess. 5:18



Prayer

- Prayer to God must come from God. There can be no prayer in the full assurance of faith apart from the known will of God in the matter. M. Stanford
- I do not think that a petition that misses the mind of God will ever be answered (1 John 5:14). Personally, I feel the need of trusting Him to lead me in prayer as well as in other matters. J. Fraser
- The prayer life is the expression of the Spirit of Christ through the believer to the Father in Heaven. As there is growth in Christ, there will increasingly be prayer in the Spirit (Rom. 8:26). M. Stanford
- We are not praying down here on earth to One who is a long way off in Heaven. We are one with Him there and He is one with us here. T.L.M.
- In order for us to pray according to His will, we must first know His will; not only that, but His blessed will must become our will. M. Stanford
- Prayer is the fellowship of an intimate, living union; as with all of the Christian life, it must be carried on in dependence upon the Holy Spirit. M. Stanford



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MAJOR BIBLE THEMES

THE CHURCH: HER ORGANIZATION & ORDINANCES

TWO MAJOR QUESTIONS

IS THE CHURCH

- AN ORGANIZATION OR
- AN ORGANISM ?

WHAT ARE THE ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH ? - ARE THEY

- INFANT BAPTISM ?
- FIRST COMMUNION ?
- CONFIRMATION ?
- FOOT WASHING ?



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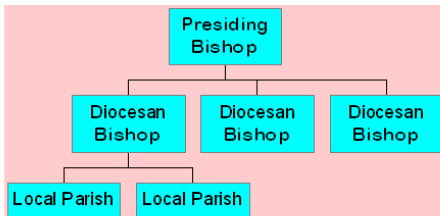
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TYPICAL CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

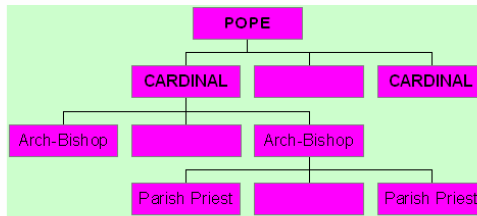
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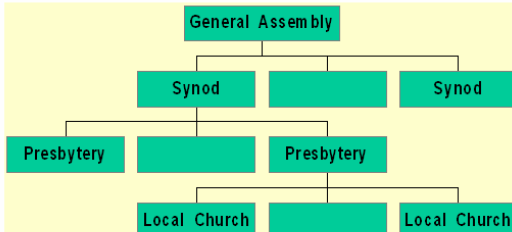
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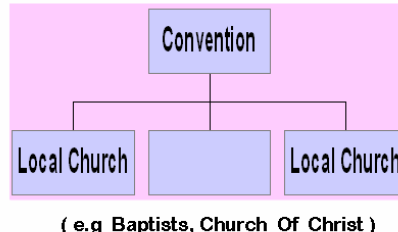
• ROMAN CATHOLIC



• REPRESENTATIVE FORM (e.g Presbyterian)



• CONGREGATIONAL FORM



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THE CHURCH AS AN ORGANISM

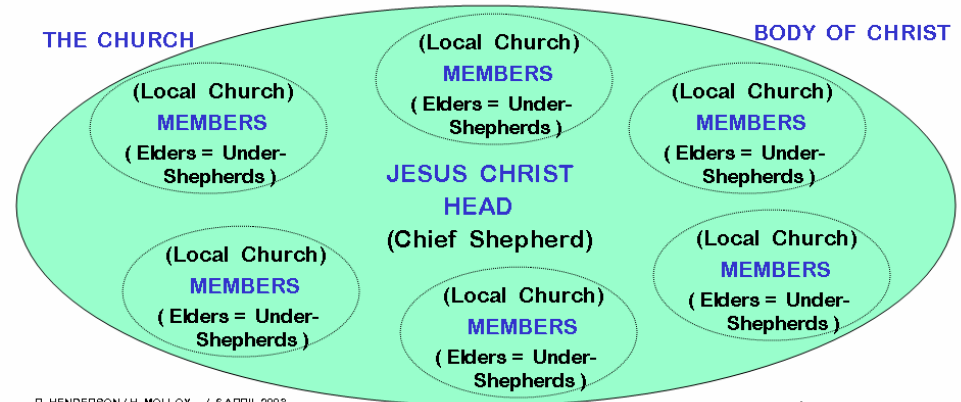
IS THE CHURCH

- AN ORGANIZATION OR
- AN ORGANISM ?

- THE BIBLICAL MODEL VIEWS THE CHURCH AS AN ORGANISM
 - The church("called out ones") is the body of Christ - Rom 12:5; Eph 2:16
 - Every believer is a member of Christ's body - 1 Cor 12:27
 - Jesus Christ is the head of the body - Eph 1:22; 5:23
- Each local church is a microcosm of the body of Christ

THE CHURCH

BODY OF CHRIST





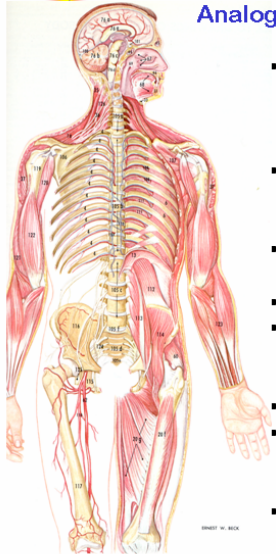
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THE CHURCH AS AN ORGANISM

IS THE CHURCH
• AN ORGANIZATION OR
• AN ORGANISM?

Analogy of Human Body & Christ's Body (The Church)



- Many members but they function as one body
 - Physically: Born with a body and its members
 - Spiritually: Born by the Holy Spirit into Christ's body as a member -1Cor 12:13
- Members of the body differ - 1 Cor 12:15-18; Rom 12:4-6
 - Their function & gifts are different
 - God designed it that way
- Just as each member of the human body is content with its function - so should we be - 1 Cor 12:14-24
- Total dependence between members-1 Cor 12:21,22; Rom 12:5
- No exaltation of one member over another - 1 Cor 12:22-25
 - Because of their function or gift
 - Otherwise divisions occur
- God in His grace has gifted every member - 1Cor 12:7; 28-30
- God's wonderful goal for the members - Eph 4:16
 - To function in the body as they are gifted
 - Results in the edification of the body in love
- The local church :
 - Needs to encourage the exercise of spiritual gifts
 - The dynamic is not the elders - but the Holy Spirit

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BIBLICAL ORDINANCES

WHAT ARE THE ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH?

- **ONLY TWO ORDINANCES ARE RECOGNIZED IN SCRIPTURE :**
 - WATER BAPTISM - ACTS 2:41; 16:30-33
 - LORD'S SUPPER - 1 COR 11:23-29
- **COMMON QUESTIONS ON ORDINANCES :**
 - DOES WATER BAPTISM OR THE LORD'S TABLE IMPART A SPIRITUAL BENEFIT ?
 - ARE THESE ORDINANCES MERELY RITUALS OR RITES ?
 - WHAT IS THE PROPER MODE OF WATER BAPTISM :
 - SPRINKLING ?
 - POURING ?
 - IMMERSION ?
 - WHEN SHOULD A PERSON BE BAPTIZED ?
 - AM I REALLY PARTAKING OF THE ACTUAL BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST IN THE LORD'S SUPPER ?

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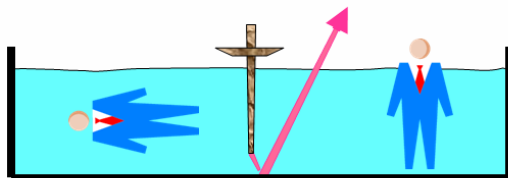
WATER BAPTISM

WHAT ARE THE ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH?

• WHAT IT IS

- ROM 6:3,4; COL 2:12

- IT IS THE OUTWARD PHYSICAL EXPRESSION OF AN INWARD SPIRITUAL TRUTH
- THE INWARD SPIRITUAL TRUTH IS THE BELIEVER'S PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION OR IMMERSION SPIRITUALLY INTO CHRIST'S :
 - **DEATH** - (IMMERSION INTO WATER PROCLAIMS YOU DIED WITH CHRIST)
 - **BURIAL**- (HELD UNDER WATER PROCLAIMS YOU WERE BURIED WITH HIM)
 - **RESURRECTION** - (RAISED UP FROM THE WATER PROCLAIMS YOU WERE RESURRECTED WITH CHRIST)
- IT IS PERFORMED AFTER A PERSON BELIEVES IN CHRIST - ACTS 8:12,13; 36-38



YOUR IDENTITY IN ADAM TERMINATED

YOU ARE A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST-HE'S YOUR LIFE

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WATER BAPTISM

WHAT ARE THE ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH?

• WHAT IT ISN'T

- IT DOESN'T IMPART ANY SPIRITUAL BLESSING OR GRACE UPON THE RECIPIENT
- WATER BAPTISM DOES NOT REGENERATE A PERSON
- ONLY FAITH IN CHRIST REGENERATES A PERSON -1 JN 5:1,4; 1PET 1:23
- THERE IS NO SCRIPTURAL BASIS FOR INFANT BAPTISM - IT'S NOT IN SCRIPTURE
- WATER BAPTISM IS NOT A **REQUIREMENT** FOR SALVATION
- WATER BAPTISM IS A **RESULT** OF SALVATION

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

WHAT ARE THE ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH?

• WHAT IT IS

- 1 COR 11:23-29

- THE LORD'S SUPPER IS A "REMEMBRANCE" (LIT: "TO BE MINDFUL AGAIN")
- IT IS AN AFFECTIONATE CALLING TO MIND OF:
 - THE PERSON & WORK OF CHRIST FOR YOU PERSONALLY
 - HE DIED FOR YOUR SINS (AS YOUR SUBSTITUTE) - 1 JN 2:2
 - HE ALSO DIED UNTO THE SOURCE OF YOUR SINS (YOUR SIN NATURE)- ROM 8:3
- CHRIST'S DEATH HAS VALUE ONLY DUE TO HIS RESURRECTION -1COR 15:14-17
- YOU ARE NO LONGER A SLAVE TO SIN BUT TO RIGHTEOUSNESS - ROM 6:11-14; 18
- THE BREAD REPRESENTS HIS BODY WHICH WAS GIVEN FOR YOU
- THE CUP REPRESENTS HIS BLOOD (DEATH)
- THE CUP IS "THE NEW COVENANT" FOR THE CHURCH (SEE CHAPTER 21)



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THE LORD'S SUPPER

WHAT ARE THE ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH?

• WHAT IT ISN'T

- IT IS NOT A "MEMORIAL" (SOMETHING DONE "IN MEMORY OF")
 - THAT'S FOR DEAD PEOPLE
 - CHRIST IS ALIVE IN HIS GLORIFIED BODY
- IT IS NOT A PARTAKING OF THE LITERAL BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST
 - "TRANSUBSTANTIATION"
 - BELIEVES BREAD & WINE IS CONVERTED INTO CHRIST'S BODY & BLOOD
 - "CONSUBSTANTIATION"
 - BELIEVES BREAD REMAINS BREAD - WINE REMAINS WINE
 - BUT THE PRESENCE OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST ARE IN THE ELEMENTS
- THE LORD'S SUPPER IS NOT A REQUIREMENT FOR SALVATION
- THE LORD'S SUPPER DOES NOT IMPART SOME SPIRITUAL BLESSING OR GRACE



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THE CHURCH'S NEW COVENANT

LORD JESUS CHRIST

COVENANT (BINDER)

BELIEVERS



1 COR 11:23-26; MT 26:26-29;
MK 14:22-25; LK 22:14-20; 2 COR 3:6

"THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT"

- 1 COR 11:25

- THE CUP REPRESENTS CHRIST'S BLOOD / DEATH ON THE CROSS OF THE ETERNAL COVENANT (HEB 13:20)
- THE NEW COVENANT IS THE APPROPRIATION OF THE CUP OF THE ETERNAL COVENANT TO EVERY BELIEVER BY GOD
- THE CUP (CHRIST'S BLOOD / DEATH)
 - BINDS YOU (POSITIONALLY) TO CHRIST'S DEATH
 - YOU GROW (CONDITIONALLY) IN CONFORMITY TO HIS DEATH (DEATH TO SELF) - PHIL 3:10
 - BINDS YOU TO CHRIST'S RESURRECTION LIFE & FELLOWSHIP - PHIL 3:10
- CHRIST'S BLOOD / DEATH IS MADE EFFICACIOUS BY HIS RESURRECTION -1 COR 15:14-17

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The Shepherd and the Sheep

- Israel the "Sheep of His pasture"
 - the sheep of Your pasture PS 74:1
 - the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand PS 95:7
 - we are His people and the sheep of His pasture PS 100:3

• The other Sheep (the Church) of flock John 10:14-16

- I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me ---
- I lay down My life for the sheep
- I have other sheep, which are not of this fold,
- I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice;
- And they will become one flock with one shepherd.

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The Vine and the Branches

- I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser John 15:1-5
- Abide in Me, and I in you.
- As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine,
- so neither can you unless you abide in Me.
- I am the vine, you are the branches;
- he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit,
- for apart from Me you can do nothing.



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The Cornerstone and the Stones of the building

- **Christ is the Foundation Stone** 1 Cor. 3:11
 - no man can lay a foundation other than --- Jesus Christ
- **Christ is the “precious” Cornerstone** 1 Peter 2:6
- **Each stone in the building is itself a living stone** 1 Peter 2:5
 - you also, as living stones,
 - are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood,
 - to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- **The whole structure is an habitation of God** Eph. 2:19-22
 - the whole building --- is growing into a holy temple in the Lord
 - you also are being built together into a dwelling of God



Cornerstone

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The High Priest and the Kingdom of Priests

- **Christ our High Priest** Heb. 10:5&10, 4:14, 9:24
 - so also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest,
 - being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.
 - since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, --- Jesus the Son of God
 - for Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands - but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us
- **Every believer is a priest unto God** 1 Pet.2:5-9, Rev.1:6, Rom. 12:1, Heb.13:15
 - but you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation ---
 - and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father
 - present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship
 - through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name

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The Last Adam and the New Creation

- **Christ the Last Adam (second man)** 1 Cor. 15:45-47
 - the first man, Adam, became a living soul
 - the **last Adam** became a life-giving spirit
 - the first man is from the earth, earthy
 - the **second man** is from heaven.
- **All Believers are a new creation in Christ** 2 Cor. 5:17, Gal 3:27&28, Eph 2:10,15
 - therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is **a new creature** the old things passed away; behold, new things have come
 - for all of you who were baptized into Christ have **clothed yourselves with Christ.** --- for you are **all one in Christ Jesus**
 - for we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus** for good works
 - so that in Himself He might make the two into **one new man,**

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The Bridegroom and the Bride

- **Christ is the Bridegroom** John 3:29
 - He who has the bride is the **bridegroom**; but the friend of the **bridegroom**, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the **bridegroom's** voice. So this joy of mine has been made full.
- **The Church is Christ's Bride** Eph. 5:25-27
 - Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved **the church** and gave Himself up for her,
 - so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,
 - that He might present to Himself **the church** in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing --- she would be holy and blameless
- **The marriage of Christ and His Church** Rev. 19:7-8
 - Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and **His bride** has made herself ready. It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.



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OUTLINE

THE SABBATH DAY

- WHAT DOES IT MEAN ?
- WHEN WAS IT INSTITUTED ?
- WHO WAS IT GIVEN TO ?
- SHOULD YOU OBSERVE IT ?

GOD'S REST

- DOES GOD HAVE A REST FOR
- ISRAEL ?
- THE CHURCH ?

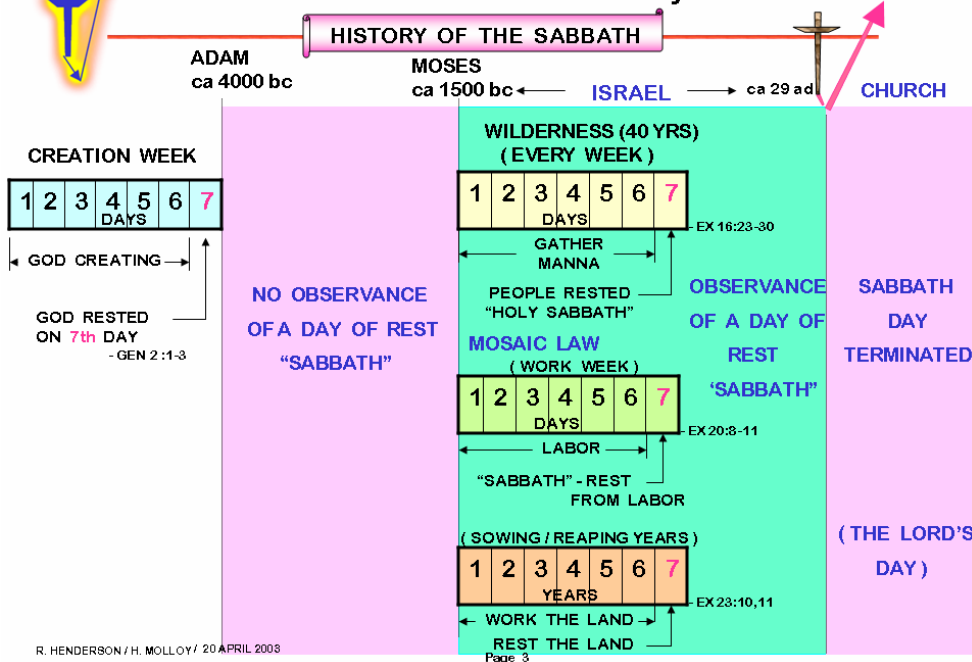
THE LORD'S DAY

- IS THIS THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH ?
- WHY IS THIS THE 1st DAY OF THE WEEK ?
- IS THERE SOMETHING SPECIAL YOU ARE TO DO ?



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HISTORY OF THE SABBATH



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THE SABBATH DAY

• WHAT DOES SABBATH MEAN ?

- "SABBATH" (HEB: SHABBATH) = TO REST FROM LABOR, CESSATION
- OBSERVE: THE HEBREW WORD FOR SEVEN IS "SHEBA" (A DERIVATIVE)
- A SABBATH IS A REST OR REFRAIN BY SOMEONE OR SOMETHING FROM A CERTAIN ACTIVITY - EXAMPLE:
- GOD "RESTED" ON THE 7th DAY OR CEASED HIS CREATIVE WORK - GEN 2:1-3
- HE DIDN'T NEED TO TAKE A BREAK - HIS WORK WAS PERFECT & COMPLETE

• WHEN WAS THE SABBATH INSTITUTED ?

- THE FIRST OCCURRENCE WAS TO ISRAEL IN THE WILDERNESS - EX 16:23-30
 - IT WAS JUST PRIOR TO GOD GIVING MOSES THE LAW
 - GOD STARTED TO PROVIDE MANNA FOR 6 DAYS (DOUBLE PORTION ON 6th DAY)
 - ISRAEL WAS TO REST AND NOT GATHER MANNA ON THE 7th DAY
 - GOD CALLED THIS DAY: "REST OF THE HOLY SABBATH"
 - GOD IN HIS FAITHFULNESS SUPPLIED ISRAEL MANNA FOR 40 YEARS
- THE MOSAIC LAW INSTITUTED THE "SABBATH DAY" - EX 20:8-11; 31:12-17
 - MAN, HIS HOUSEHOLD & CATTLE ARE TO WORK 6 DAYS & REST ON THE 7th
 - THE PATTERN WAS ACCORDING TO GOD'S CREATION WEEK
 - GOD MADE HEAVEN & EARTH IN 6 DAYS & RESTED IN THE 7th DAY
 - NOTE: THIS CONFIRMS THAT A CREATION DAY WAS A LITERAL 24 HOUR DAY
 - THE 7th DAY WAS SATURDAY - THE SABBATH
- THE MOSAIC LAW ALSO INSTITUTED A SABBATH YEAR - EX 23:10,11; LEV 25:2-7
 - THE SABBATH YEAR WAS FOR THE LAND
 - THEY WERE TO SOW & REAP FOR 6 YEARS & REST THE LAND ON THE 7th YEAR



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THE SABBATH DAY

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SABBATH :

1. **IS THE SABBATH A DAY OF WORSHIP ?**
 - ISRAEL WAS NOT COMMANDED TO WORSHIP ON THE SABBATH - IT BECAME A CUSTOM
 - THE SABBATH DAY WAS SIMPLY CESSATION OR REST FROM LABOR
2. **DID CHRIST KEEP THE SABBATH ?**
 - CHRIST WAS FAITHFUL TO THE ENTIRE LAW, SABBATH INCLUDED - MT 5:17
3. **HOW WAS THE SABBATH DISTORTED ?**
 - THE JEWS DISTORTED THE INTENT OF THE SABBATH BY RESTRICTING MAN
 - CHRIST CORRECTED THEIR ERROR, HE TOLD THEM : - MK 2:27,28
 - "THE SABBATH WAS MADE FOR MAN & NOT MAN FOR THE SABBATH"
 - "THE SON OF MAN IS LORD ALSO OF THE SABBATH"
 - JEWS' ACCUSATION : "JESUS IS A SINNER & BREAKS THE SABBATH BY HEALING"
 - CHRIST CORRECTED THEIR ERROR - HE KEEPS ON HEALING ! - JN 5:1-16
 - CHRIST HEALS THE MAN LAME FOR 38 YEARS ON THE SABBATH - MT 12:9-14
 - CHRIST HEALS THE MAN'S PARALYZED HAND ON THE SABBATH - JN 9:1-16
 - CHRIST HEALS THE MAN BORN BLIND ON THE SABBATH
 - THE JEWS HYPOCRISY:
 - MOST CONCERNED ABOUT RULES & NO JOY IN THE HEALINGS
 - THEIR HEARTS FULL OF HATRED TOWARD CHRIST
 - THIS IS THE EPITOME OF MAN'S RELIGION



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THE SABBATH DAY

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SABBATH :

4. **SHOULD I OBSERVE THE SABBATH ?**
 - THE SABBATH (PART OF THE MOSAIC LAW) WAS GIVEN TO ISRAEL ONLY !
 - IT WAS A SIGN BETWEEN JEHOVAH & ISRAEL
 - IT WAS A SIN IF ISRAEL DIDN'T KEEP THE SABBATH
 - HOWEVER THE SABBATH WAS TERMINATED AT THE CROSS
 - KEEPING THE SABBATH IS THE ONLY COMMANDMENT OF THE TEN THAT IS NOT A COMMAND IN THE NEW TESTAMENT
 - THE BELIEVER IS NOT TO OBSERVE DAYS - GAL 4:9,10
 - THE BELIEVER IS NOT TO BE JUDGED WITH RESPECT TO A SABBATH DAY - COL 2:16,17



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GOD'S REST

- **GOD HAD PROVIDED A REST FOR ISRAEL !** - HEB 3:7-19
 - HOWEVER ISRAEL FAILED TO ENTER INTO GOD'S REST
 - GOD PROVIDED THEM A LAND (CANAAN) AS A PHYSICAL REST
 - FROM EGYPT TO CANAAN - ISRAEL MURMURED, COMPLAINED, AND HARDENED THEIR HEARTS TOWARD GOD
 - THEIR WILDERNESS JOURNEY WAS ONE OF SIN AND UNBELIEF
 - GOD SWORE IN HIS WRATH THAT THE OLDER GENERATION THAT CAME OUT OF EGYPT WOULD NOT ENTER HIS REST (CANAAN)
- **GOD HAS PROVIDED A REST FOR YOU PERSONALLY** - HEB 4:9-16
 - GOD HAS PROVIDED YOU A SPIRITUAL REST - IT IS HIS REST
 - IN HIS REST YOU CEASE FROM YOUR OWN WORKS (BUT NOT FROM HIS WORKS)
 - YOU ENTER HIS REST BY FAITH (THE OBJECT IS CHRIST)
 - IN HIS REST YOU FIND MERCY (COMPASSION), GRACE & PEACE
 - BE DILIGENT TO ENTER HIS REST OTHERWISE YOU WILL BE IN A STATE OF UNREST WITH THE SELF LIFE - ISRAEL IS OUR EXAMPLE
 - CHRIST SAYS TO YOU : "COME UNTO ME, ALL YOU THAT LABOR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST" - (MT 11:28)



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THE LORD'S DAY

- **WHY CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY (SUNDAY - THE 1st DAY) ?**
 - CHRIST WAS RESURRECTED FROM THE DEAD ON THE 1st DAY - JN 20:1-10
 - SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RESURRECTION TO YOU PERSONALLY
 - YOU ARE NO LONGER IN YOUR SINS - 1 COR 15:17; 1 JN 2:2
 - IT IS THE BASIS BY WHICH GOD:
 - IMPUTES HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS TO YOU - ROM 4:24,25
 - APPROPRIATES HIS POWER TO YOU - EPH 1:19,20; PHIL 3:10
 - IDENTIFIES YOU WITH CHRIST & RAISES YOU TO NEWNESS OF LIFE - ROM 6:3,4
 - YOU ARE NOW A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST - 2 COR 5:17
 - OLD THINGS (ALL WHO YOU WERE IN ADAM) ARE PASSED AWAY
 - NEW THINGS (ALL WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST) HAVE BECOME (YOUR VERY BEING)
 - SINCE THE 1st DAY (SUNDAY) IS SO SIGNIFICANT TO YOU - IT IS CAUSE TO CELEBRATE & REFLECT ON THIS DAY
 - THE DISCIPLES MET ON THAT RESURRECTION SUNDAY - JN 20:19
 - THE DISCIPLES CONTINUED TO MEET ON THE 1st DAY OF THE WEEK - ACTS 20:6,7,26
 - THE CHURCH STARTED ON THE 1st DAY OF THE WEEK - ACTS 2:1-4
 - FINANCIAL GIVING (BY GRACE) WAS ON THE 1st DAY OF THE WEEK - 1 COR 16:1,2
 - THE 1st DAY OF THE WEEK IS CALLED "THE LORD'S DAY" - REV 1:10



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THE LORD'S DAY

- **IS THE CHURCH COMMANDED TO KEEP THE 1st DAY ?**
 - NO COMMAND IS GIVEN IN SCRIPTURE TO KEEP THE LORD'S DAY
 - THERE IS NO PRESCRIBED MANNER GIVEN TO CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY
 - THE EARLY CHURCH ASSEMBLED AND CONTINUED STEADFASTLY IN :
 - THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE
 - FELLOWSHIP
 - THE BREAKING OF BREAD
 - PRAYERS
 - IF THERE WERE A WRITTEN REQUIREMENT WE WOULD MAKE IT INTO A LAW SYSTEM & NO LONGER WOULD OBSERVING THE 1st DAY BE BY GRACE
 - THE ISSUE TO YOU IS TO WALK BY FAITH BEHOLDING CHRIST
VS KEEPING OR OBSERVING A DAY - COL 2:6,7; 2 COR 3:18
 - EVERY DAY IN OUR LIFE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED THE LORD'S DAY



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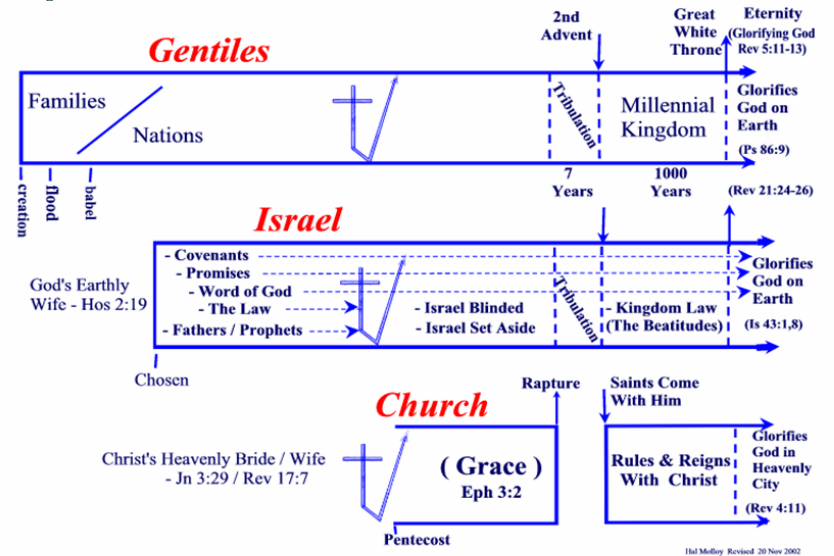
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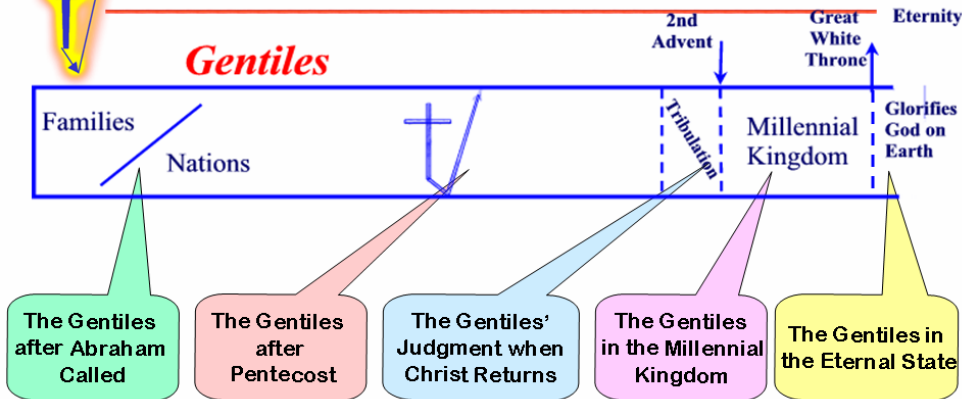


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The Major Divisions of Humanity from Scripture



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- Greek word is **ethnos** - a multitude or company of people of the same nature or genus
- word translated **Gentiles** or **Nations***
- a related word translated **Greeks** denoted Gentiles who spoke Greek

* Nations (Heb.- goy) used in the OT in many verses



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The Gentiles after Abraham Called

- Humanity divided into two groups
 - The nation of Israel (Abraham - Isaac -Jacob) Gen.12:1-4
 - --- go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you;
 - And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing;
 - And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.
 - All other nations
 - Egypt Gen. 12:10-14; 13:1&10;15:18
 - Assyria Gen. 10:11; 2 Kings 15:19-29
 - Babylon 2 Kings 25:1-21, Dan 4:30



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The Gentiles after Pentecost

• Gentiles before Pentecost

Eph. 2:12 remember that you (Gentiles) were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

• Gentiles are now fellow heirs through the Gospel

Eph. 3:6 to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,

Act. 10:44 --- the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message. 45 All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

Act 11:17 "Therefore if God gave to them the same gift as He gave to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" 18 When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life."



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The Gentiles Judgment when Christ Returns

Joel 3:2 I will gather all the nations --- Then I will enter into judgment with them there On behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, --- :12 Let the nations be aroused --- For there I will sit to judge All the surrounding nations.

Matt 25:31 "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. 32 "All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, --- 33 and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. 34 "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.



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The Gentiles in the Millennial Kingdom

• The Scriptures' promise of Gentiles (Nations) in the Millennial Kingdom

Isa. 2:1- 4, Jer. 3:17, Jer. 16:19-21

• The Gentiles will be Israel's servant during this age

Isa. 14:1-2, Isa. 49:22-23, Acts 15:16-17

• The Gentiles are saved prior to admission

Isa. 19:19-25, Isa. 61:8-9, Matt. 25:34

• The Gentiles will be subject to Christ (Messiah)

Isa. 42:1, Isa. 49:6, Zech. 8:20-23



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Rev 21:22 I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23. And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

Rev 22:1 Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, 2. in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.



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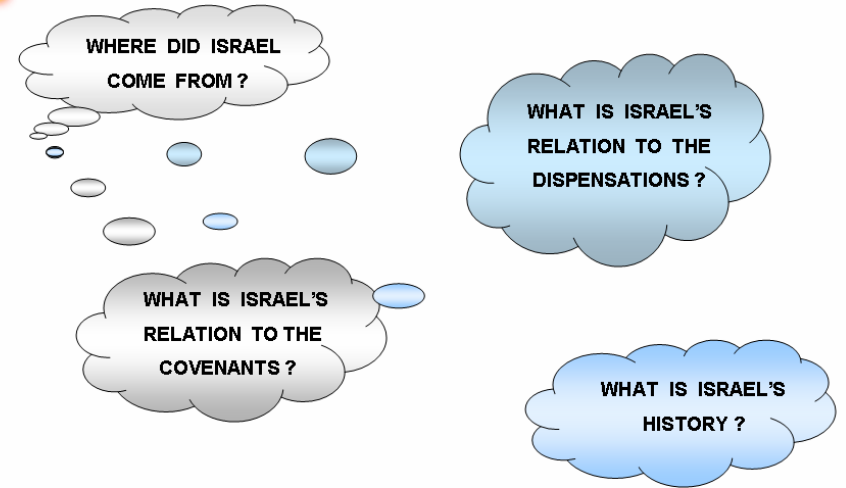
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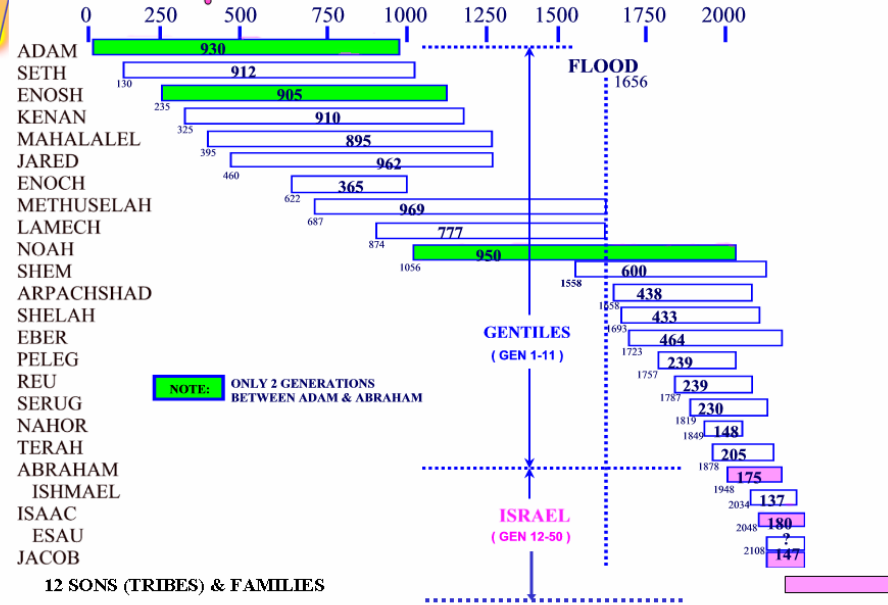


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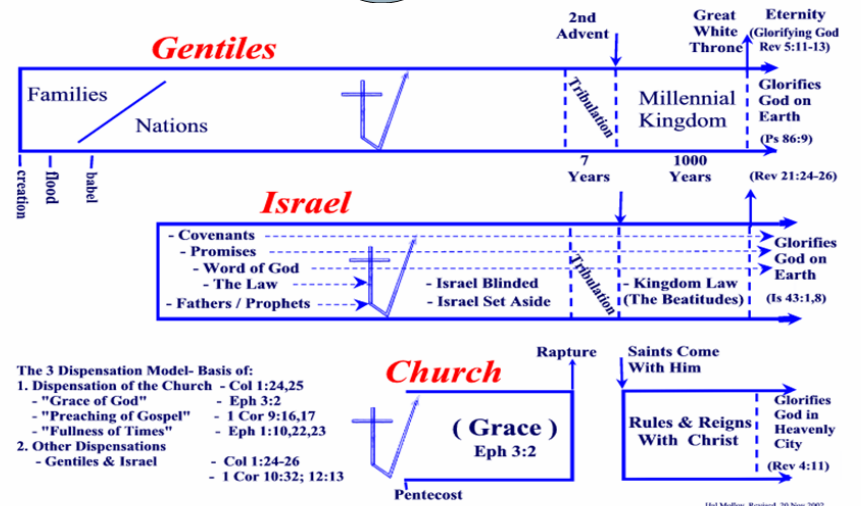


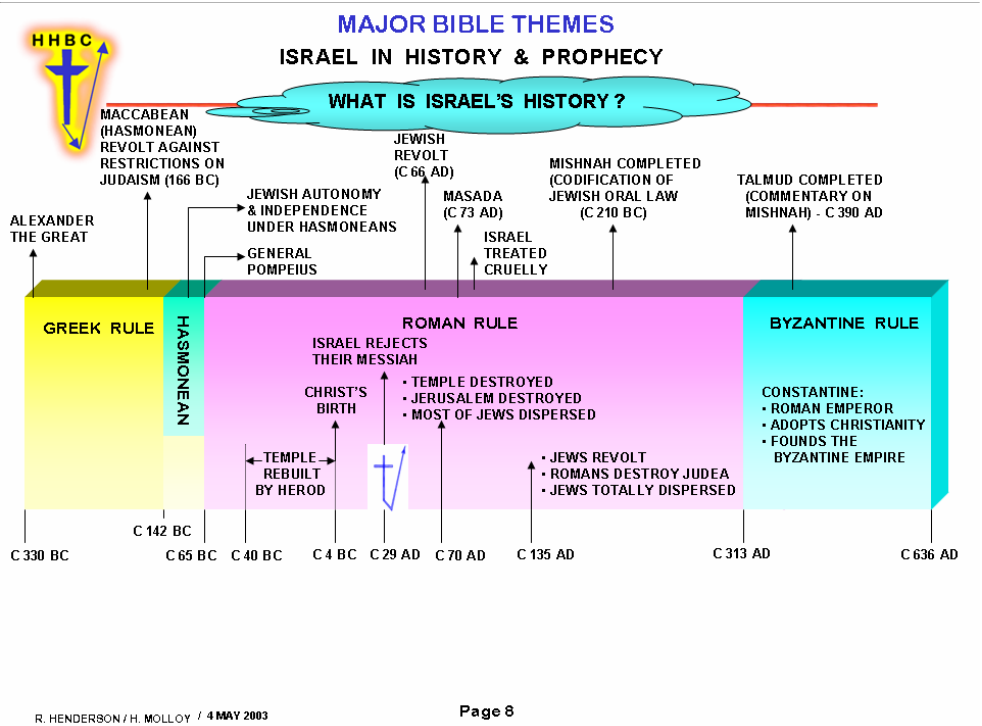
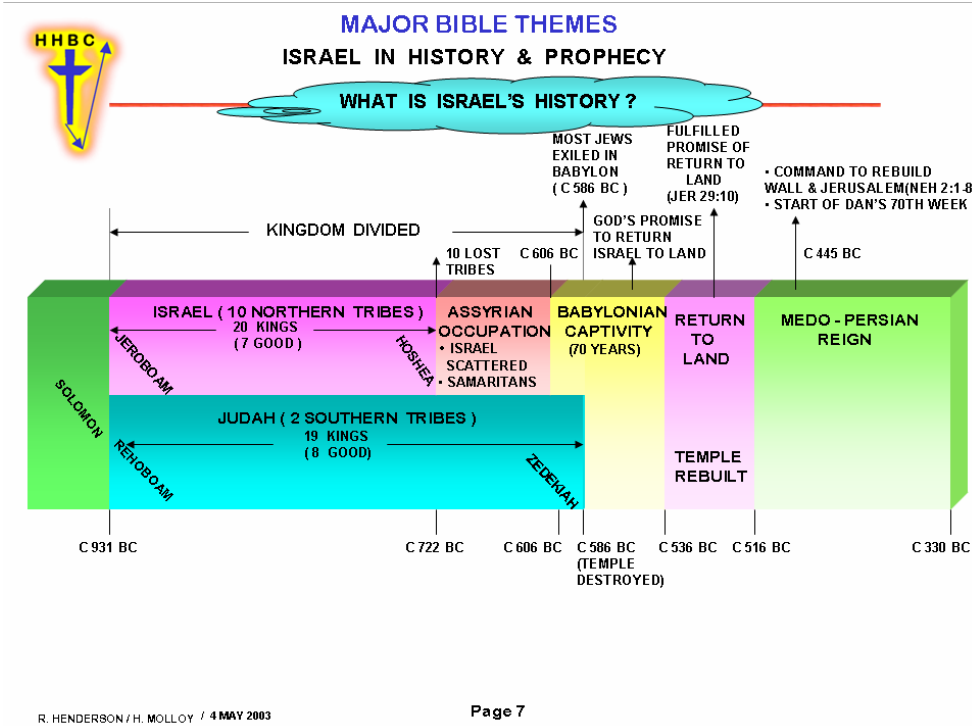
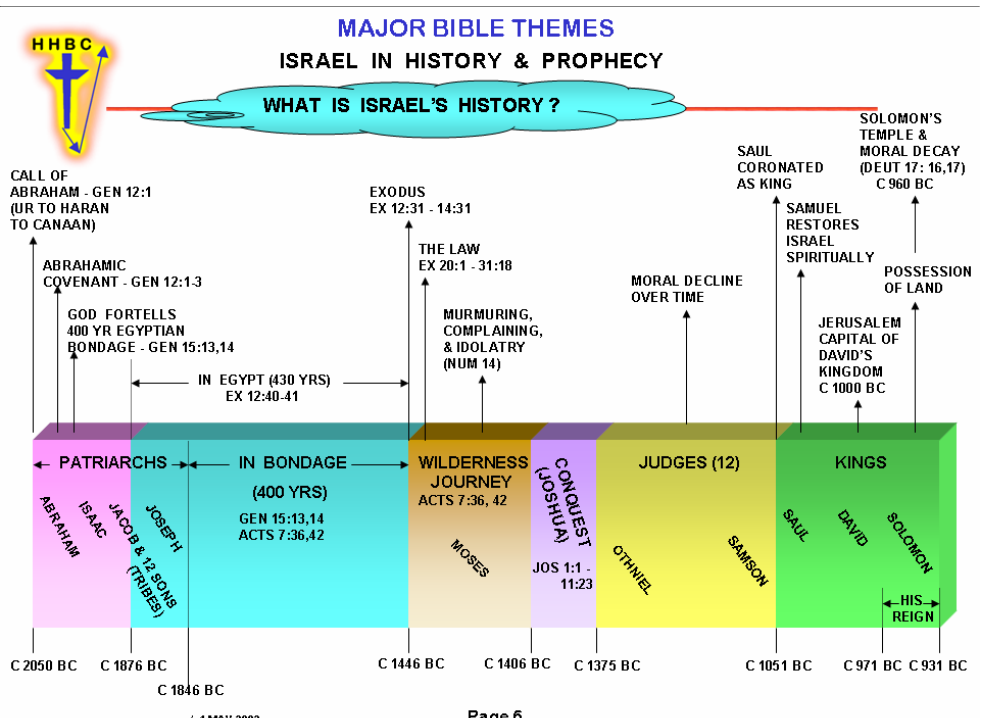
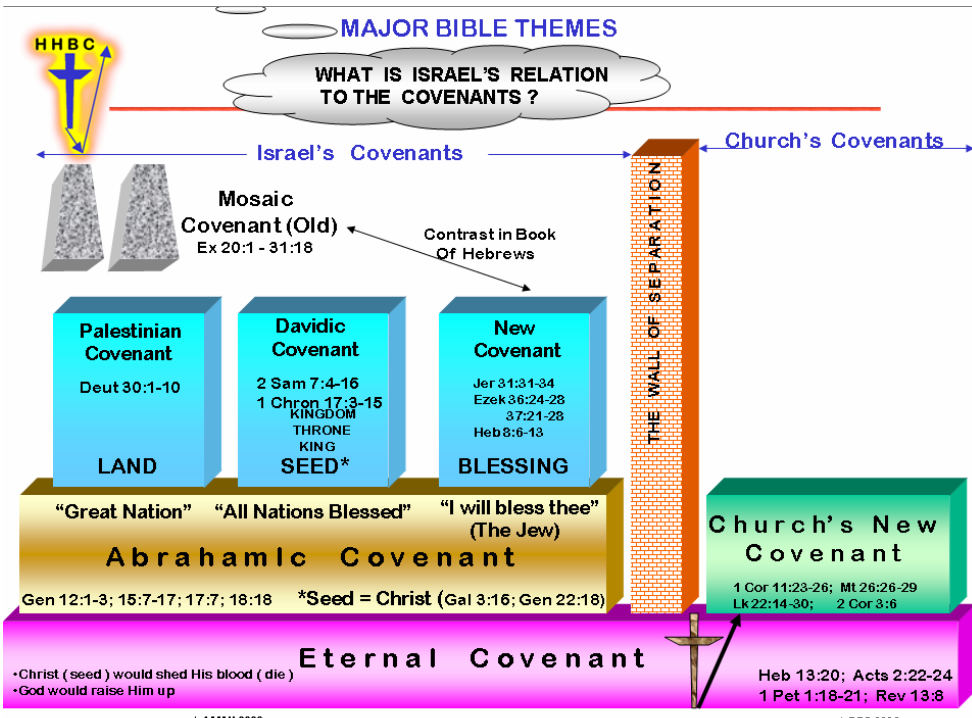
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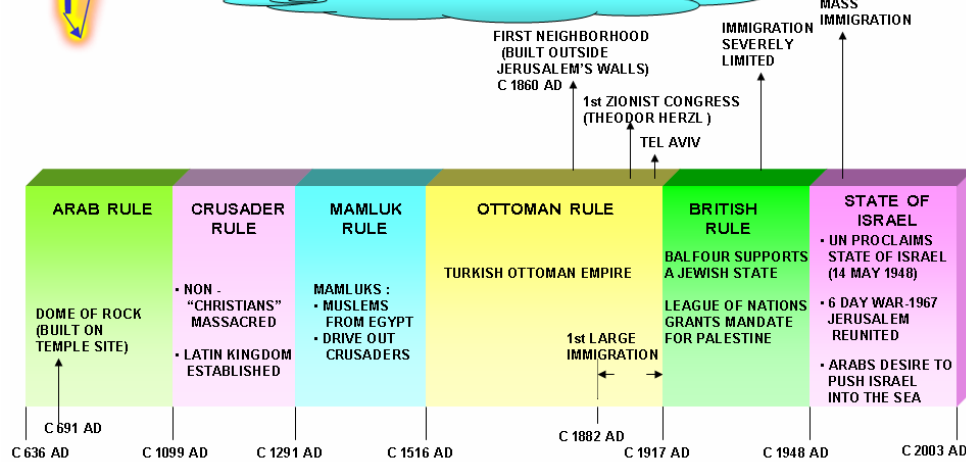






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POINTS ON ISRAEL

- GOD WAS, IS, AND ALWAYS WILL BE INVOLVED IN ISRAEL'S HISTORICAL PROCESS
 • SUMMARY PASSAGES - NEH 9:14-38; PS 105, 137; ACTS 7:1-60; 13:14-43
- GOD CHOSE ISRAEL (THE JEWS) AS HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE THROUGH ABRAHAM - GEN 12:1-3; ACTS 7:1-5
 • TO FULFILL HIS PROMISE TO ADAM OF A SEED (SAVIOR TO THE WORLD) - GEN 3:15
 • GOD PROMISED TO BLESS ALL NATIONS - GEN 12 1-3; GAL 3:8
 • THIS BLESSING WOULD COME THROUGH ABRAHAM'S SEED - GEN 22:18
 • ABRAHAM'S SEED IS CHRIST - GAL 3:16
 • THE BLESSING IS GOD'S IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS (OR LIFE = CHRIST'S LIFE) VIA FAITH - GAL 3:6-9,14,22
- GOD FORTOLD TO ABRAHAM OF ISRAEL'S EGYPTIAN BONDAGE FOR 400 YEARS - GEN 15:13,14; ACTS 7:6-7
 • GOD FAITHFULLY PROVIDED FOR ISRAEL (VIA JOSEPH) DURING THE FAMINE YEARS - GEN 46:1-7; 50:15-21; ACTS 7:10-16
 • GOD MIRACULOUSLY DELIVERS ISRAEL OUT OF EGYPTIAN BONDAGE VIA MOSES - EX 12:31-36; ACTS 7:31-36
 • GOD FAITHFULLY PROVIDES LIFE'S NECESSITIES FOR ISRAEL DURING 40 YEAR WILDERNESS JOURNEY - EX 16:4-8; ACTS 7:31-36
- GOD FORTOLD TO MOSES OF JESUS CHRIST - DEUT 18:15-19; ACTS 7:37,38
- ISRAEL'S RESPONSE TO GOD'S PROMISES AND FAITHFULNESS - ACTS 7:39-43
 • THEY WOULD NOT OBEY HIM (i.e JESUS CHRIST THROUGH MOSES)
 • THEIR HEARTS TURNED AWAY FROM GOD'S REST(CANAAN) BACK TO EGYPT & UNREST
 • (NOTE: WE DO THE SAME THING BY TURNING TO THE SELF LIFE VS. CHRIST'S LIFE)
 • THEY WORSHIPED OTHER GODS & GOD TURNED THEM OVER TO THE DESIRES OF THEIR HEART
- BOTTOM LINE: GOD IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL (TO ISRAEL, TO YOU) EVEN THOUGH (ISRAEL & YOU) ARE NOT ALWAYS FAITHFUL TO HIM - REASON WHY: 2 TIM 2:13



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Events Preceding the Second Coming of Christ

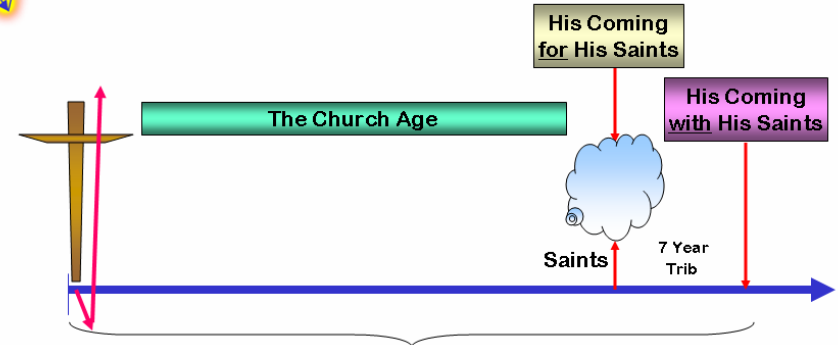
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The Present Age until Christ Comes



- The general character of the present age from Matthew 13



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- **The Seven Parables of Matthew 13**
 - parable of the Sower, the Seed and the Soil
 - parable of the Tares among the Wheat
 - parable of the Mustard seed
 - parable of the Leaven
 - parable of the Hidden Treasure
 - parable of the Pearl of great price
 - parable of the Dragnet
- **parable** - parabole(gk) - placing of one thing beside another with a view to comparison (an illustration of a truth)
- **mystery** - knowledge withheld, not previously revealed (Matt.13:35)
- **kingdom of heaven** - God's rule on the earth, embraces any sort of empire that God may have on the earth at a given time



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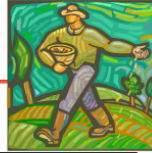
- **Guide to interpretation of Parables***
 - Determine the exact nature and details of the customs, practices and elements that form the material or natural part or the parable ---
 - Determine the one central truth the parable is attempting to teach
 - Determine how much of the parable is interpreted by the Lord Himself ---
 - Determine if there are any clues in the context as to the parable's meaning
 - Don't make a parable walk on all fours ---
 - Be careful of the doctrinal use of parables
 - A clear understanding of the time-period that many of the parables are intended for is necessary for their full interpretation

* from Dwight Pentecost "Things to Come" page 56



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• the Sower, the Seed and the Soil

- Some seeds **fell beside the road**, and the birds came and ate them up.
- Others **fell on the rocky places**, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil. --- and because they had no root, they withered away.
- Others **fell among the thorns**, and the thorns came up and choked them out.
- Others **fell on the good soil** and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.



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• Tares among the Wheat

- The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who **sowed good seed** in his field.
- his enemy came and **sowed tares** among **the wheat**, and went away
- **the wheat** sprouted and bore grain, then **the tares** became evident also
- Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?'
- No; for while you are gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them.
- Allow both to grow together until the harvest
 - gather up the **tares** and bind them in bundles to burn them up
 - gather **the wheat** into my barn

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• Explanation of the Sower, the Seed and the Soils - Matt 13:19-23

- **The seed beside the road** is when anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart
- **The seed on the rocky places**, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.
- **The seed was sown among the thorns**, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.
- **The seed was on the good soil**, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.

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• Explanation of the Tares among the Wheat

- The one who sows the **good seed** is the Son of Man,
- the field is the world
- the **good seed**, these are the sons of the kingdom
- the **tares** are the sons of the evil one;
- the enemy who sowed them is the devil
- the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels.
- The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
- Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father

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• The Mustard Seed

Matt 13:31-32

- The kingdom of heaven is like **a mustard seed**,
- which a man took and sowed in his field;
- this is smaller than all other seeds, but when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants and becomes a tree
- so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches

• The Leaven

Matt 13:33

- The kingdom of heaven is like **leaven**, which a woman took and hid in three pecks of flour until it was all leavened

• The Hidden Treasure

Matt 13:44

- The kingdom of heaven is like **a treasure hidden in the field**, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field



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• The Costly Pearl

Matt 13:45-46

- the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, and upon finding **one pearl of great value**, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

• The Dragnet

Matt 13:47-50

- the kingdom of heaven is like **a dragnet cast into the sea**, and gathering fish of every kind;
- when it was filled, they drew it up on the beach; and they sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but the bad they threw away.
- So it will be at the end of the age; the angels will come forth and take out the wicked from among the righteous, will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.



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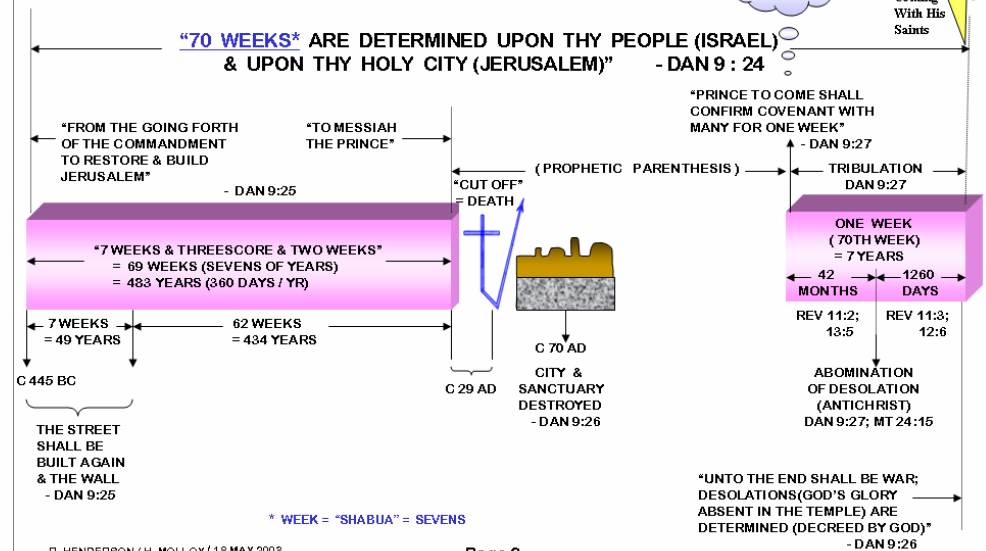
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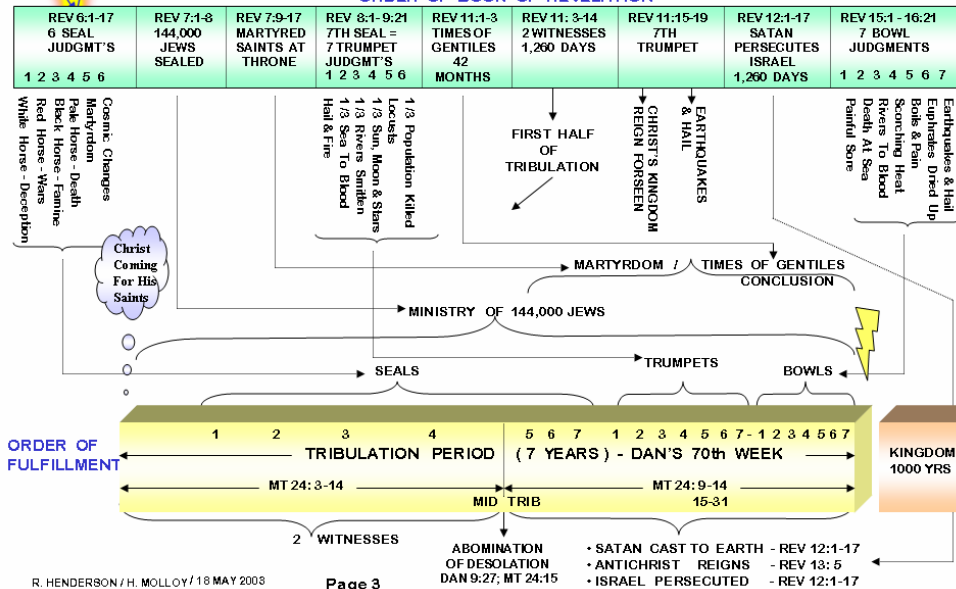
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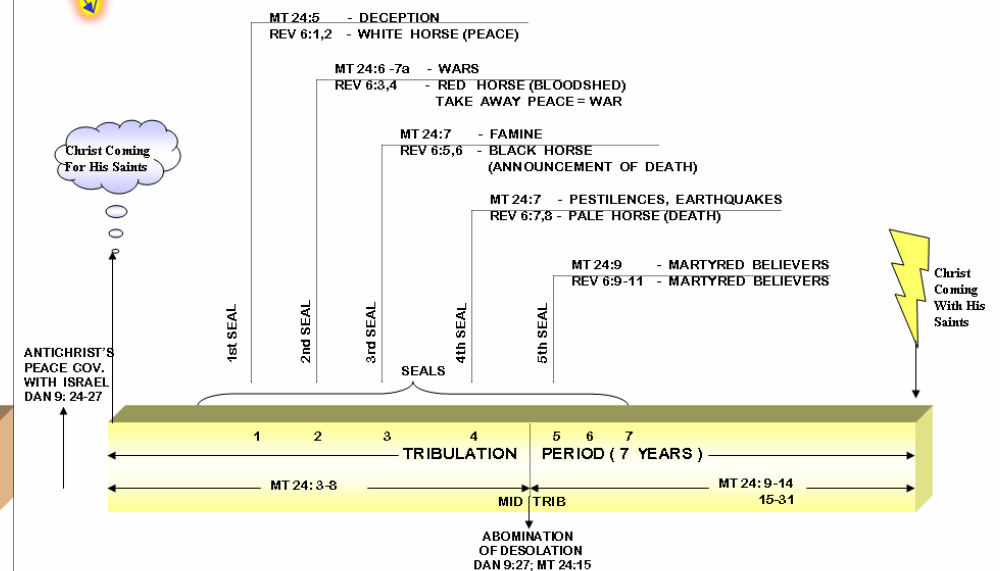
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These notes are a summary of the teaching in the Holly Hills Bible Church adult Sunday school class during February & March 1992.

I. Background:

A. Daniel's 70th week is a 7 year period of tribulation for Israel and the world which is yet future – Dan. 9:24-27.

B. God has a six-fold purpose for the nation of Israel during Daniel's 70th week.

1. "To finish Israel's transgression" = Israel's departure from The Law, thus disobedience to the voice of God – Dan. 9:11,24.
2. "To make an end of Israel's sins" = Israel's iniquity, wickedness, rebellion against God, departure from God's work, shame among the nations and overall sin against God will end sometime during Daniel's 70th week - Dan. 9:5,8,11,24.
3. "To make reconciliation for Israel's iniquity" = Israel, who for centuries, has turned away from her God, will now turn to God and be brought back into harmony with God. The enmity and hostility of Israel toward God will be removed – Dan. 9:5,13,16,24.
4. "To bring in everlasting righteousness" = Israel will be shameful of their trying to establish their own righteousness and will accept the righteousness that God will give them through Jesus Christ – Dan. 9:7,18,24
5. "To seal up the vision and prophecy" = all the blessings and promises that God has made to Israel will be completed and finished by the end of Daniel's 70th week – Dan. 9:24.
6. "To anoint the Most Holy" = probably refers to the Holy of Holies of the Millennial Temple where the Lord Jesus Christ will rule & reign from during the Millennial Kingdom (Ezekiel chapter 40-48) – Dan. 9:24.

C. The greatest manifestation of God's wrath & judgment upon this earth will occur during Daniel's 70th Week (Matt. 24:21; Dan. 12:1). For Israel, it is referred to as "Jacob's Trouble"(Jer. 30:7).

D. Israel will come under severe attack both physically and spiritually:

1. By the nations of the world (Ezek. 38 & 39)
2. By the one world religious system (Ecclesiastical Babylon - Rev. 17:1-6)
3. By Satan, and one third of his angels (Rev. 12:1-17)
4. His antichrist and false prophet (Rev. 13:1-18)



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- E. Although the physical & spiritual persecution is great against Israel, God pours out His Spirit of Grace, (The Holy Spirit – Zech. 12:9) toward Israel and protects her from the onslaught of this persecution (Rev. 12:6-17; Zech. 12:1-14).
- F. From the beginning to the end of Daniel's 70th Week God demonstrates His love, grace and mercy toward Israel. The manifestation of His love, grace and mercy can be observed by His protection over Israel.

This protection during Daniel's 70th Week can be likened to His protection of Israel during their captivity in Egypt. Although they were under severe persecution, God protected Israel from all the plagues He poured upon the Egyptians (Exodus chap 5-14; Dan. 9:15).

II. Comment:

One of the purposes in studying prophesy is to discover the wonderful attributes of God's (Father, Son & Holy Spirit) essence so that we can glorify Him (magnify His essence). The events concerning Israel during Daniel's 70th Week certainly magnify God's love, grace and mercy toward Israel. The following summary of events which occur during the first and second halves of the Tribulation Period shows God's grace via His protection over Israel during the worst period the world will ever experience.

III. God's grace (via protection) over Israel during the first half of the tribulation period.

A. The 144,000 Jews protected:

Soon after the rapture of the Church (1 Thess. 4:13-18), it appears that a large portion of Israel turns to Christ. Scripture doesn't tell us how or why but we do know that "faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of Christ" (Rom. 9:17). At this point 144,000 Jews are sealed, 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes (the tribe of Dan is missing). There could be and there are many more Jews who believe on Christ but only 144,000 are sealed (Rev. 7:1-8).

The Gospel of the Kingdom (earthly - not the Church's Heavenly Gospel) is preached to all the nations of the world until the end of the 7 Year Tribulation Period (Matt.24:14). It appears that these 144,000 Jews are used by God to preach the gospel, because after their sealing it is indicated that a multitude of people, from all nations, are trusting Christ (Rev. 7:9-17). Also "the everlasting gospel" is associated with the 144,000 Jews (Rev. 14:1-6).

These 144,000 Jews are protected by God throughout their ministry. They have the Father's name written on their foreheads which is God's seal for ownership, security, and destination and guarantees that God would fulfill His ministry to the world through them (Rev.7:1-4; 14:1-6).



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God protects these witnessing Jews from the onslaught of both man's and Satan's persecution against them. This persecution is the manifestation of man's and Satan's deliberate rebellion against God. Some of the sources of the attempted persecution against the 144,000 Jews are:

1. The world's religious system (Ecclesiastical Babylon) – Rev. 14:8; 17:1-6
2. Satan – Rev. 12:9-13
3. The antichrist – Rev. 13:1-10; 14:9-12
4. The false prophet – Rev. 13:11-18; 14:9-12

B. The Two Witnesses protected:

Another example of God's protection of his people during the first half of the tribulation period can be seen in God's Two Witnesses.

God has foreordained (Rev. 11:4; Zech. 4:2-3, 11-14) to have two Jews (Scripture doesn't identify who they are) to be mighty witnesses in the nation of Israel during the first half of the Tribulation Period (Rev. 11:3-6). They will have the power to withhold the rain and bring great plagues upon the entire earth.

These Two Witnesses will be hated by the entire world and assassination plots will abound. God will protect them and no man will be able to kill them during their ministry. Every person who attempts to kill them will be killed by the Two Witnesses (Rev. 11:5). At the middle of the Tribulation Period the antichrist who was previously killed (Rev. 13:3) will be restored to life and God will allow him to kill the Two Witnesses (Rev. 11:7). God resurrects them after 3 1/2 days which brings great fear upon the nations of the world (Rev. 11:11).

C. The nation of Israel protected from Russia & its allies

The most outstanding protection of Israel by God is seen during the invasion by Russia & its allies.

Sometime, probably during the first half of the Tribulation Period, Russia, Iran, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Libya, Germany, and Turkey will invade the nation of Israel. These nations will come with hordes of men and great military power. Their strength is so overwhelming that, from human viewpoint, Israel won't have a chance to survive. However God miraculously delivers the nation of Israel. God turns these armies against themselves to destroy each other. In addition He pours down rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone to aid in their destruction.

It will take the Israelites 7 years to burn and destroy their enemies' weapons and 7 months to bury all of their enemies' bodies.



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God will use this destruction to demonstrate to Israel that he is their God - and they will truly believe that forever. The nation of Israel will never again be scattered among the nations and God will pour out His Spirit upon them (Ezek. chap 38 & 39; Zech chap 12).

- IV. God's grace/protection over Israel during the second half of the tribulation period
- A. The relative peace that Israel enjoys during the first half of the tribulation period (because of her 7 year peace covenant with the Antichrist) will come to an abrupt end at the middle of the Tribulation Period – Dan. 9:27.
 - B. The antichrist (prince to come - Dan 9:26) will reveal his true identity to Israel when he ceases their worship of God in the temple and insists that he be worshipped as god in their temple and in their life. This event is called the "abomination of desolation" - Dan 9:27; Matt 24:15. The antichrist is also referred to as "the man of sin (lawlessness)" and he "comes out of the closet" and directly opposes God. He also exalts himself above God and publicly displays himself as God - 2 Thess. 2:3,4.
 - C. Coincident with these events with the antichrist, there is a great battle in heaven between the archangel Michael (Israel's guardian angel) and Satan (i.e. the dragon, the serpent of old, the devil). Satan and his angels lose the battle to Michael and his angels. Satan is cast out of heaven forever and is cast to the earth and he takes one third of his angels with him – Rev. 12:4, 7-9.
 - D. Satan is infuriated by being cast to the earth and he knows God has given him only a short time (i.e. 3 1/2 years). His wrath becomes great and is directed against Israel. Throughout history Satan's major purposes were to deceive the nations about Christ and to accuse the believers before God day and night. He now takes on another major purpose, that is to persecute the nation of Israel – Rev. 12:9-13; 2 Cor. 4:3,4.
 - E. This double whammy persecution (time of Jacob's trouble – Jer.30:7) from the antichrist and Satan thrusts Israel to total dependence upon the Lord Jesus Christ whom she now has accepted as her Messiah. It appears that all of Israel realizes and believes that God had used her to bring forth His Male Child and Ruler of all Nations. During this intense persecution Israel is totally focused on Christ and they are not even concerned about their lives (what a vast contrast to the Israel in Egypt and the wilderness) – Rev. 12:5,11,17.



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- F. The Israel that was not willing to be gathered unto Christ for love and protection at His first coming (matt 24:37-39) is now more than willing because her stony heart has been replaced with a new heart. This is evident by their faith in the shed blood of Christ (the Lamb) and their testimony in word concerning Christ – Rev. 12:11,17.
- G. Because of Israel's faith & testimony in Christ many of them will be martyred. They will be delivered up to be killed because of their faith in Christ. It is clear that their love for Christ is so much greater than for the love of their own lives. – Matt. 24:9; Rev. 7:9-17; 12:12,17.
- H. God pours out his matchless and marvelous grace over the nation of Israel (Zech. 12:10) and delivers her during the second half of the tribulation (Rev. 12:10; Dan. 12:1). This is evidenced by the following examples:
1. God prepares a place in the wilderness in the land of Israel for her protection and safety (Rev.12:6,14). Note that Israel's place is on earth and the Church's place is in heaven where there are many mansions (John 14:1-3).
 2. God feeds and nourishes Israel in her place of protection and safety. God's "feeding" (Rev 12:6) and "nourishing" (12:14) of Israel are very tender terms. They are used of a mother who breast feeds her child. So God takes Israel into his bosom and gives her love, tenderness, contentment, satisfaction, and desire for growth in the midst of the turmoil and persecution thrown at her.
 3. God's protection over Israel will last the entire duration of Jacob's trouble (i.e. 3 1/2 years) - Rev. 12:6,14; Dan. 12:1,7.
 4. While Israel is being protected by God, God lays a very heavy burden on, and cuts in pieces, those nations of the world who come against Israel - Rev. 12:12; Zech. 12:1-5.
 5. God gives Israel the power to overcome Satan. This power is through the blood of the Lamb – Rev. 12:11.
 6. God's deliverance and protection of Israel is likened to when he delivered them out of Egypt (i.e. "on two wings of a great eagle") – Rev. 12:14; Ex. 9:1-4.



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7. No matter how Satan attacks Israel, God is right there to protect her. When Satan tries to carry away the remnant of Israel by a flood, God immediately opens up the earth to swallow the flood to protect the remnant –Rev.12:15-17. There is no reason not to take this literally because God has opened the earth before to protect his people (e.g. from self appointed leaders – Num. 16:1-4, 28-35).

V. Summary:

Often times we are under the impression that the time of "Jacob's trouble" (Jer. 30:7) is a time where God is pouring out His wrath and judgment on the Jews, but this is not so. It is clear that God brings the scattered Jews back into the land in unbelief at the beginning of Daniel's 70th Week (i.e. Tribulation Period). He brings them back because they are His people and he loves them and is through disciplining them by scattering them among the nations. He does not bring them back to pour out his wrath and judgment upon them. Once they are back in the land it appears that all of the Jews will turn to Christ soon after the rapture. We can observe that by the middle of the Tribulation Period that all Jews are believers. This is seen in Rev. 12:17 where the remnant (all Jews who are alive = loipos (gr.) - the rest or the only remaining ones) keep God's commandments and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. Never again will Israel turn its back on God and their Messiah.

God's wrath and judgment is poured out on the peoples of the world and not the Jews. Israel in the tribulation sanctifies God and God uses this to sanctify His name before all nations.

"and I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the nations, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, saith the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

For I will take you from among the nations, and gather you out of all countries and bring you into your own land.

Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean; from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep mine ordinances, and do them.

And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God." Ezek. 36:23-28



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REASONS WHY THE CHURCH WILL NOT GO THROUGH ANY PART OF DANIEL'S 70TH WEEK

1. Scripture teaches the coming of our Lord for His saints. This 'catching up' of believers is commonly referred to as the 'Rapture'. - 1 Thess. 4:13-18
2. The Rapture is not to be confused with the "2nd Coming" – the second advent of our Lord with His saints to rule & reign on earth. - Rev. 19:11-16; Zech. 14:1-5
3. The Thessalonian believers were taught by Paul that they would be raptured & not experience the Day of the Lord. - 2 Thess 2:1-3
4. The Day of the Lord (preceded by the Rapture) comes as a thief in the night – by surprise - 1Thess 5:2
5. The Day of the Lord is for people of darkness (unbelievers) & not people of light (believers) - Thess. 5:4,5
6. The Day people (people of light) should be arraying themselves with the helmet of salvation (protecting their minds) with a confidence in being delivered from the Day of the Lord. - 1 Thess. 5:8
7. The Reason for this confidence is that God has not appointed believers to wrath (Day of the Lord) but to deliverance from the wrath to come. - 1 Thess. 5:9
Rom:5:2,9; 1 Thess. 1:10; Rev. 6:16,17
8. Looking forward to the coming of Christ at the Rapture is a comfort to believers – How could this be a comfort if the Rapture is to occur in the middle or at the end of Daniel's 70th Week? - 1 Thess 4:13-18
9. Scripture describes in detail Daniel's 70th Week & the church is never mentioned. - Rev. chapt.4-19
10. The hope (fixed confidence) of every believer is the imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are to keep watching for Him with an attitude of expectancy. - Titus 2:13; Phil. 3:20

Conclusion/Application: 5 commands to each believer in view of the imminency of His return

- a. Be sound minded vs. instability
- b. Be sound unto prayers - calm vs. frenzy
- c. Keep on having fervent (stretched out) love
- d. Be hospitable to everyone
- e. Use spiritual gifts properly = to edify or build up believers - 1 Pet. 4:7-12



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THE TRIBULATION

WHERE IN TIME IS DANIEL'S 70th WEEK?

A. The Starting Point – Dan. 9:26

1. Must occur after the Cross
2. Must occur after the Temple destruction – 70 A.D.

B. The Ending Point – 6 Purposes of 70th Week – Dan. 9:24

1. "TO FINISH THE TRANSGRESSION" (FUTURE)
Must relate to Israel (Thy People) – their rebellion against God will end – in the future
The Great Tribulation will stimulate Israel to belief & all Israel will be saved –
Rom.11:26
2. "TO MAKE AN END OF SINS" (FUTURE)
Fulfillment of New Covenant to Israel at the end of 70th Week – Jer. 31:31-34; Rom. 11:27
3. "TO MAKE RECONCILIATION FOR INIQUITY" (PAST – REALIZED IN FUTURE)
Reconciliation (kaphar – atonement)
Speaking of the death of Jesus Christ at Calvary – 2 Cor.5:19
4. "TO BRING IN EVERLASTING RIGHTEOUSNESS" (FUTURE)
The Cross brought in perfect righteousness – 2 Cor. 5:21
This perfect righteousness will be Israel's throughout the Millennium & all eternity
5. "TO SEAL UP THE VISION AND PROPHECY" (FUTURE)
Seal = to complete, to finish
Daniel's vision & prophesy will be fulfilled or finished at the end of the 70th Week
6. "TO ANOINT THE MOST HOLY" (HOLY OF HOLIES) (FUTURE)
Refers to the Temple during the Millennium described by Ezekiel (chap 40-41)

C. Conclusion

The 70th Week is yet future – the full effecting of these blessings come to Israel at the return of Messiah.



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THE TRIBULATION

REASONS WHY DANIEL'S 70TH WEEK IS YET FUTURE

1. 6 of the 6 blessings in Dan. 9:24 have not yet been fulfilled for Israel. The one that was fulfilled (reconciliation for sin) has not been appropriated by Israel – Dan. 9:24
2. From the end of the 69th Week (past) to the end of the 70th Week (future) Israel will experience war & the city & sanctuary will be laid waste (physically & spiritually). – Dan. 9:26
3. The Temple must be rebuilt because the antichrist causes the sacrifice & meal offering to cease. This is the abomination & blasphemous act by the antichrist in the middle of the 70th Week. – Matt. 24:15; Dan. 9:27; 2 Thess. 2:1-4; Rev. 13:1-14

Observe Scripture correlation:

a. middle of week	= 3 ½ yrs	Dan. 9:27
b. 42 mo.	= 3 ½ yrs	Rev. 13:5
c. 42 mo.	= 3 ½ yrs	Rev. 11:2
d. 1260 days	= 3 ½ yrs	Rev. 11:3
e. 1260 days	= 3 ½ yrs	Rev 12:6

4. Our Lord stated that the events in Daniel's 70th Week were yet future to His 1st Advent & were associated with His 2nd Advent. – Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:1-3; 14, 15, 29, 30
5. There is a long gap between the end of the 69th Week & the start of the 70th Week. There are many gaps in Scripture that relate to the 1st & 2nd Advents of our Lord.
e.g. a. Isa. 61:1,2 cp Luke 4:16-21
b. Isa. 9:6,7



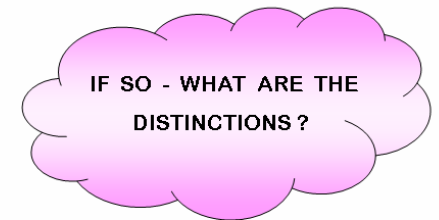
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THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

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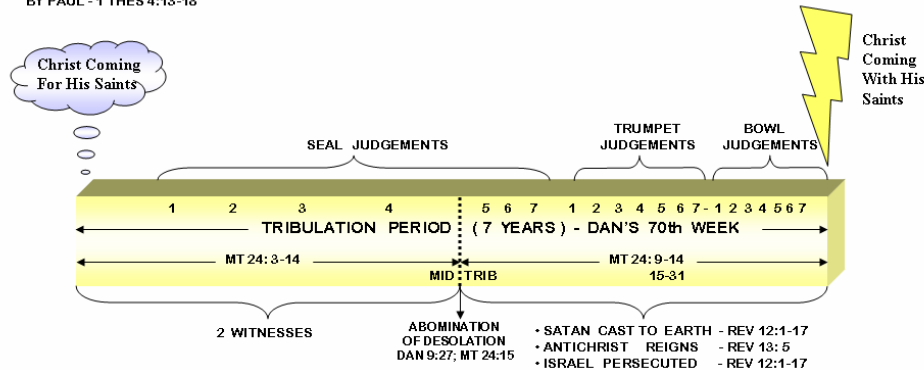


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CHRIST'S 2ND COMING (TWO DISTINCT & SEPARATE EVENTS)

HIS COMING FORTOLD
 OT -
 NOT IN OT (IT WAS A MYSTERY)
 NT -
 BY CHRIST - JN 14: 1-3
 BY PAUL - 1 THES 4:13-18

HIS COMING FORTOLD
 OT -
 ZECH 14: 4,5
 NT -
 BY CHRIST - MT 24: 27-31
 BY JOHN - REV 1: 7,8



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CHRIST'S 2ND COMING (TWO DISTINCT & SEPARATE EVENTS)

- Prophecy
- Purpose
- Place of His Coming
- Visibility of His Coming
- Journey of the Saints
- Related Resurrections
- Translations
- Holy Spirit
- Conditions on Earth
- Nations of the World
- Timing of His Coming



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CHRIST'S 2ND COMING (TWO DISTINCT & SEPARATE EVENTS)

ASPECTS	FOR HIS SAINTS (RAPTURE)	WITH HIS SAINTS (REVELATION)
1. Prophecy - By Christ	Our Lord promises the Apostles (foundation of church) that He would return and receive the Church to Himself – therefore our hearts should not be troubled but comforted (John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:18)	Our Lord describes His return to earth with his saints after the Tribulation or consummation of the age (sunteleia) – also known as Daniel's 7 th Week (Matt. 24:27-31)
- In N. T.	Our Lord will return in the air and the dead in Christ shall be raised & those alive in Christ shall be changed & caught up to meet the Lord (1 Thess. 4:13-18) Note: movement is to <u>Heaven</u>	Our Lord's return is to earth with His saints to pour out God's wrath, to judge & to make war upon the nations & rule them with an iron rod (Rev. 19:11-16) Note: Movement is to <u>earth</u>
- In O. T.	NONE (the Church was a mystery – therefore His coming for the Church was a mystery – 1 Cor. 15:31)	Not a mystery – however the O. T. prophets saw the Messiah's coming as a single event – they did not know that His suffering (1 st Coming) & His glory (2 nd Coming) would be separated in time – 1 Pet. 1:10-12 (Isa. 61:1,2; Luke 4:16-21; Zech. 14:4,5)
2. Purpose – (abbreviated)	To complete the plan of salvation for those in Christ (Church) a. Salvation from the presence of sin into full conformity to Christ Rom. 8:29, 13:11; 1 Pet. 1:5-9; 1 John 3:1-2; Heb. 9:28 b. Salvation of four body Phil. 3:20-21; 1 Cor. 15:51-57; Heb. 9:28	To judge, make war & smite the nations Rev. 19:11-21 To bind Satan Rev. 20:1-3 To sit on the throne of David Luke 1:31-33; Matt. 25:31 To judge the nations Matt. 25:31-46 To restore Israel & make her head of the nations Isa. 60:11-14; Zech. 8:20-23
3. Place of His coming	In the air: 1 Thess. 4:17	To the earth: Rev. 19:11-21 Mount of Olives: Zech. 14:4; Acts 1:11
4. Manner of His coming	A sign-less event – the Rapture will be a surprise, like a thief in the night 1 Thess. 4:16, 5:2 (2a,b above)	Preceded by signs Matt. 24:3-31; Rev. chapt. 4-19
5. Visibility of His coming	Probably not visible to anyone but the Church 1 Thess. 4:17	Visible to all on earth, every eye shall see Him Rev. 1:7; Zech. 12:9,10; Matt. 24:27,30



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CHRIST'S 2ND COMING (TWO DISTINCT & SEPARATE EVENTS)

A SPECTS	FOR HIS SAINTS (RAPTURE)	WITH HIS SAINTS (REVELATION)
6. Journey of saints	From the earth up to <u>heaven</u> 1 Thess. 4:16,17	From heaven <u>down to earth</u> Rev. 19:14,15
7. Related resurrections	Of the dead in Christ (Church) 1 Thess. 4:16	a) Of the Tribulation martyrs Rev. 20:4 b) Of the O. T. believers Dan. 12:1,2
8. Translations	Of those alive in Christ 1 Thess. 4:17; 1 Cor. 15:51,52	NONE
9. Holy Spirit	He leaves the earth, with the Raptured believers, in the sense of completing His abiding ministry. He will still be present because of His omnipresence 1 Thess. 2:6-12	At the start of the Kingdom Period the Holy Spirit indwells every person on earth since everyone is saved. His abiding ministry resumes on earth again Ezek. 36:26,27; Jer. 31:31-34
10. Conditions on earth	Paves the way for increased immorality, sin, crime, worldliness, religion, & overall degeneration & strife. There is hell on earth because restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit is removed. 2 Thess. 2:1-12; 2 Tim. 3:1-9	Paves the way for the most ideal conditions on earth – sin & immorality are suppressed. No wars, no sickness or physical disabilities, no more famines, food surplus – there is complete peace & order because of indwelling Holy Spirit & presence of Christ Himself Isa. 2:4; 35:5-10; Ezek. 36:26-38
11. Nations of the world (Gentiles)	a) Only the unbelievers of the nations are left on earth 1 Thess. 4:16,17 b) They prepare for war. "they will beat their plowshares into swords & pruning hooks into spears" Joel 3:10	a) Only the believers of the nations are left on earth Matt. 25:34,41,46 b) They prepare for peace. "they will beat their swords into plowshares & their spears into pruning hooks" Isa. 2:4
12. Timing of His coming	a) Scripture correlates the Rapture with the start of the Day of the Lord (i.e. the Rapture initiates the Day of the Lord) 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 5:1,2, 2 Thess. 2:1-3	7 years after the Rapture, He returns physically to earth at the end of Daniel's 70 th Week (Tribulation Period) Matt. 24:21-31; Rev. 19:11-21



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CHRIST'S 2ND COMING (TWO DISTINCT & SEPARATE EVENTS)

ASPECTS	FOR HIS SAINTS (RAPTURE)	WITH HIS SAINTS (REVELATION)
12. Timing of His coming (cont'd)	<p>b) The Day of the Lord is a period that consists of</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Wrath of God (Tribulation Period) 2. The Blessings from God (Millennium) <p>Joel chaps. 1-3; Amos 5:16-20; Isa. 2:1-22; 13:6-16; Ezek. 30:1-19; Zeph. 1:1-3; 20; Zech. 14:1-21; Mal. 4:1-6; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; 2 Thess. 2:1-12, 2 Pet. 3:10</p> <p>c) The Rapture occurs first – then the Day of the Lord immediately follows 2 Thess. 2:1-3 Note: The falling away = apostasia (apostasy) or "departure." This departure is of believers from the earth = the Rapture</p> <p>d) The Day of the Lord (preceded by the Rapture) comes as a thief in the night (unexpected & unannounced) – 1 Thess. 5:2</p> <p>e) The Day of the Lord is for people of darkness (unbelievers) & not for sons of light (believers) 1 Thess. 5:4-8</p> <p>f) God has not appointed believers to go through or experience His wrath during the 7 year tribulation portion of the Day of the Lord – therefore the Rapture must precede the 7 year Tribulation Period (1 Thess. 5:9; 1:10)</p> <p>g) The Lord Jesus Christ, Paul, James, & John attest to the imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ. Imminent means that no other biblical prophecy needs to be fulfilled prior to the Rapture (e.g. a general apostasy, rebuilding the temple, etc.) thus the Rapture can occur at any moment. John 14:1-3; 1 Cor. 1:7; Phil. 3:20,21; 1 Thess. 1:9,10; 4:16,17; 5:5-9; Titus 2:13; James 5:8,9; Rev. 3:10,11; 22:16-21 Note: Every position except for the Pre-Tribulation position denies the imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ (i.e. mid-Trib, post Trib, reject imminency)</p>	



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SOME IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

HOW DO THE PASSAGES ON THE RESURRECTION CORRELATE ?

WHAT ARE THE THEOLOGICAL VIEWS ON THE RESURRECTION ?

ARE THERE DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN RESURRECTIONS ?

WHAT RESURRECTIONS ARE FUTURE ?

HOW CAN THE RESURRECTIONS BE SUMMARIZED ?



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SOME PASSAGES ON THE RESURRECTION

HOW DO THE PASSAGES ON THE RESURRECTION CORRELATE ?

Daniel 12:1-2

1. And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.
2. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.

John 5:25

Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

John 5:28-29

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, **29**And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Acts 24:15

And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.



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SOME PASSAGES ON THE RESURRECTION

Hebrews 11:35

Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

Rev. 20:4-6

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

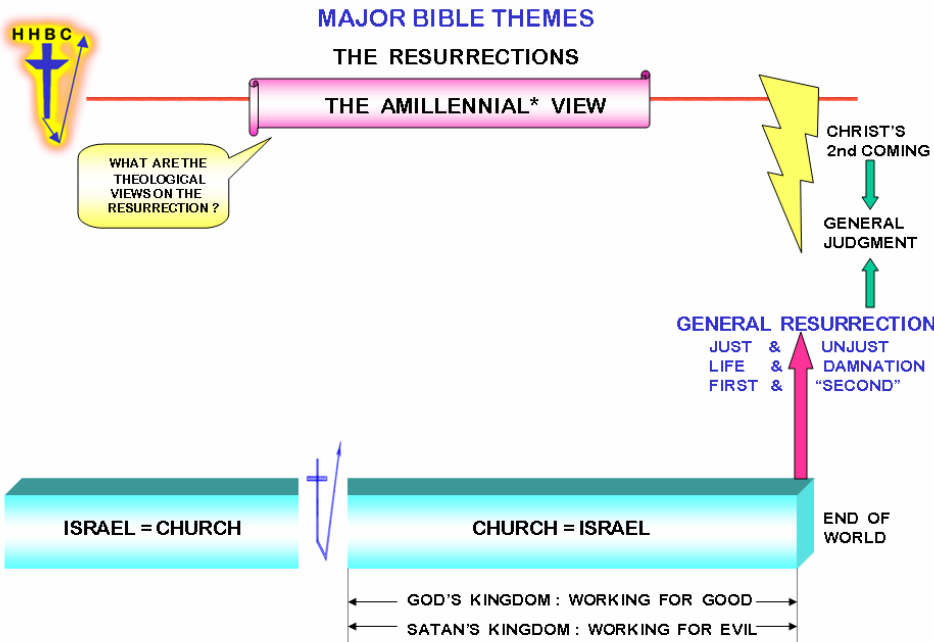
5But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection.

6Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

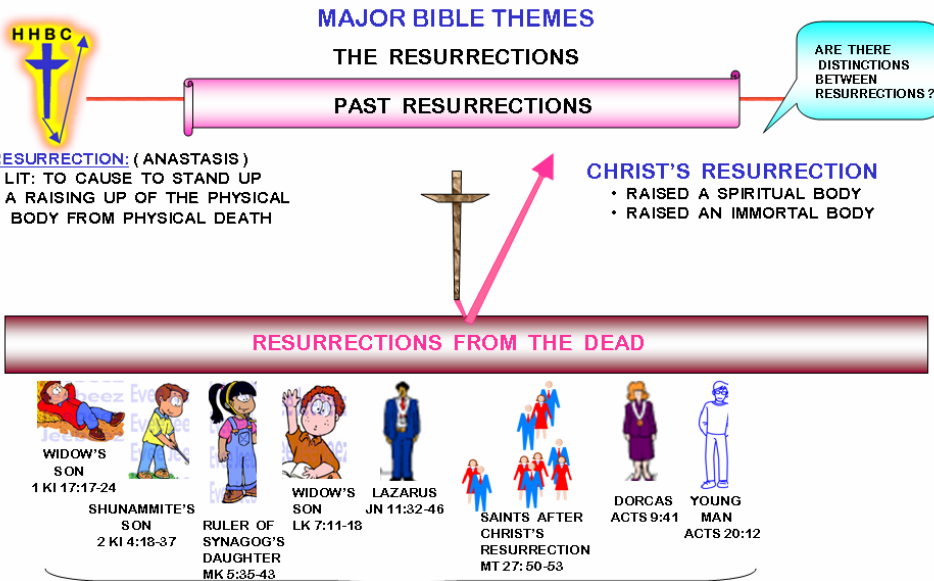
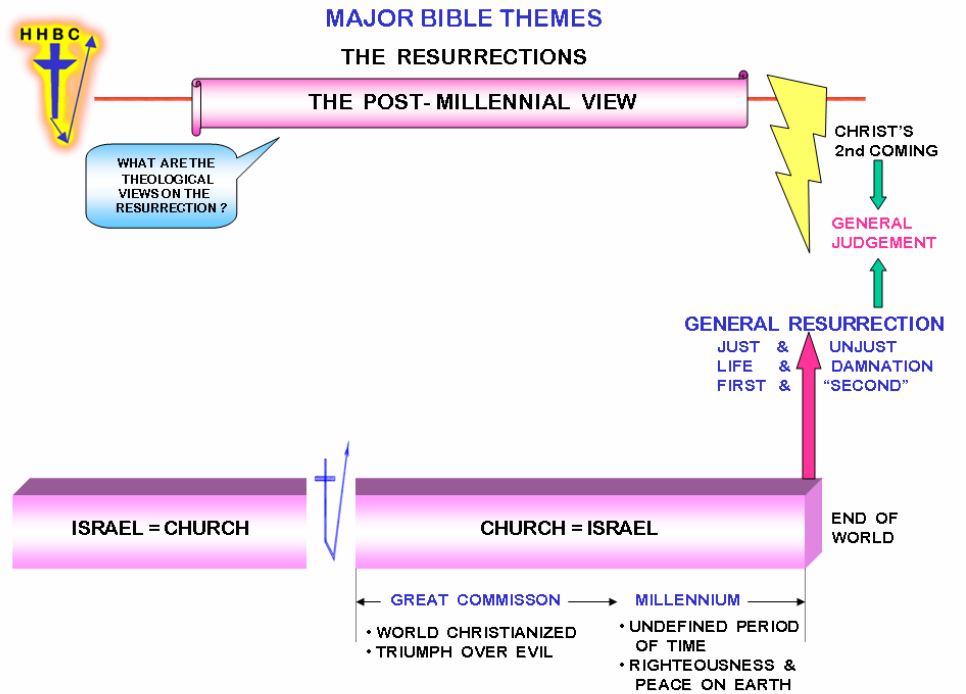
Rev. 20:13-14

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

14And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. (At the second resurrection)



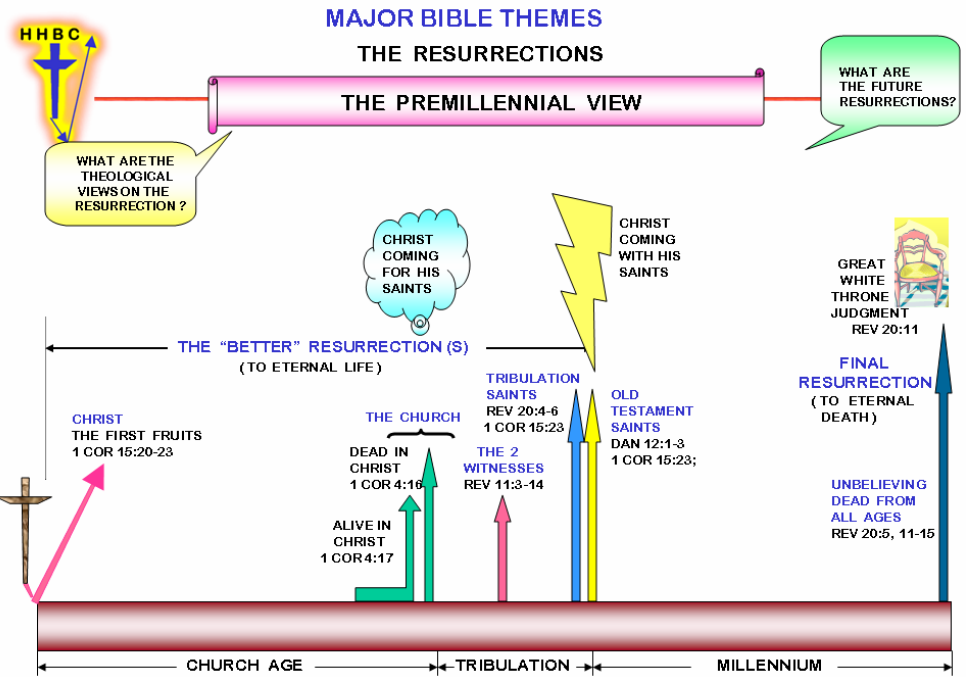
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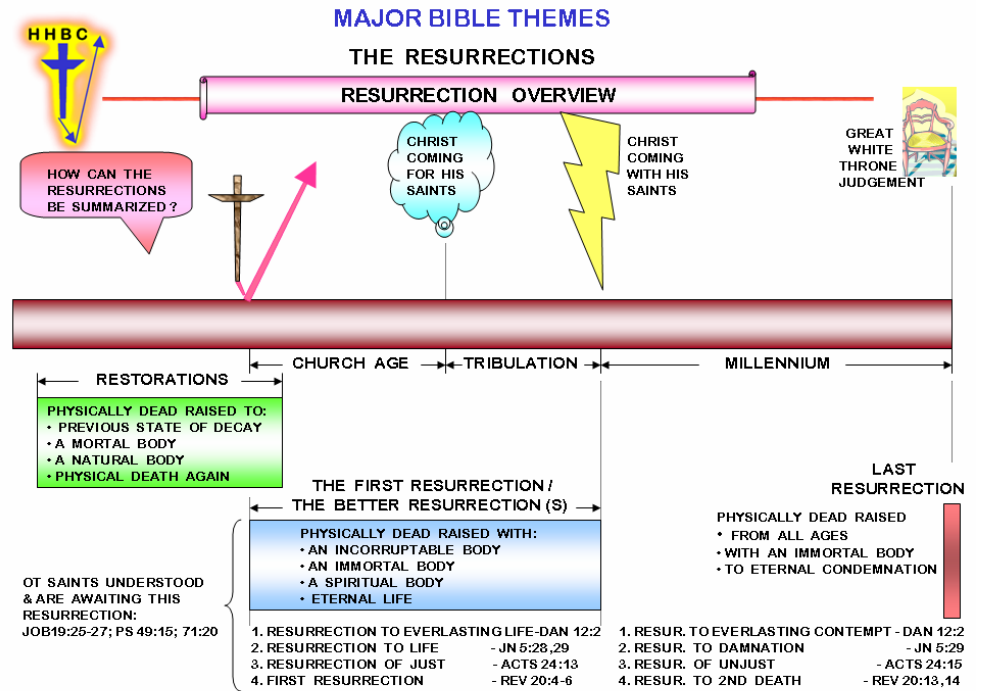
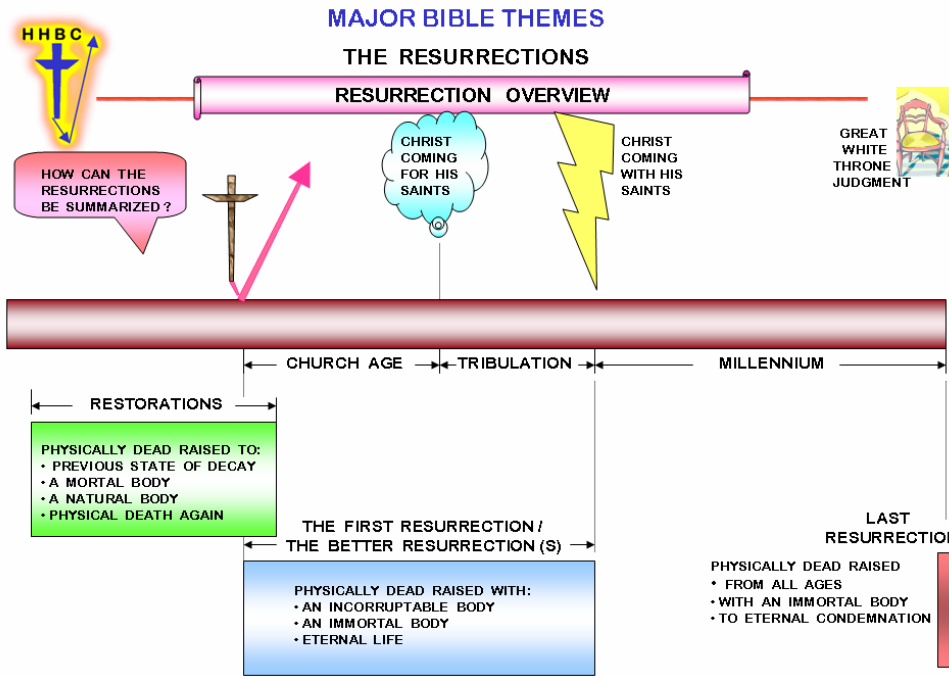


RESTORATIONS

- RAISED A NATURAL BODY
- RAISED A MORTAL BODY (THEY ALL DIED AGAIN)

POINT : ONLY CHRIST HAS ATTAINED THE TRUE ("BETTER") RESURRECTION







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THE RESURRECTIONS

Points on the Resurrection

I. Definitions:

A. Resurrection (“The better one”) – A rising of the physical body from the dead with a body that will never die physically again. The resurrection has come to pass only in the case of Jesus Christ alone & will come to pass in all men according to God’s order at the end of this age.

1 Cor 15:20-23, 35-44

B. Resurrection (Restoration) – A rising from the dead of the physical body with a body that will again die again physically. The body is restored to life but to the previous state of decay.

Examples of Restorations:

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| 1. Widow’s son | - by Elijah | - 1 Ki 17:17-24 |
| 2. Shunammite’s only son | - by Elisha | - 2 Ki. 4:18-37 |
| 3. The Jewish ruler’s daughter | - by Lord Jesus Christ | - Mk. 5:35-43 |
| 4. The widow’s only son | - by Lord Jesus Christ | - Lu. 7:11-18 |
| 5. Lazarus | - by Lord Jesus Christ | - Jn. 11:32-46 |
| 6. Many saints at LJC’s resurrection | - by God | - Mt. 27:50-53 |
| 7. Dorcas | - by Peter | - Acts 9:41 |
| 8. Young man | - by Paul | - Acts 20:12 |

II. The fact of the resurrection: foretold in Scripture

A. Of Messiah

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| 1. David’s prophesy of the resurrection of the Messiah | - Psalm 16:9-11 |
| 2. Peter’s explanation that David was speaking of Jesus Christ | - Acts 2:30-32 |

B. Of man

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| 1. Resurrection after decay | - Job 19:25-27 |
| 2. The dead shall live | - Isa. 26:19 |
| 3. The dead shall awake, some to everlasting life & some to everlasting contempt | - Dan. 12:2,3 |
| 4. All men to be resurrected, some to life, others to judgment | - Jn. 5:28,29 |

III. The time & order of the resurrection:

A. Resurrection of the just to everlasting life (the 1st resurrection) – Dan. 12:2; Jn. 5:28,29; Acts 24:15; Rev. 20:4-6

1. Jesus Christ

- the first fruits – 1 Cor. 15:20-23
- first to rise from the dead (accomplished) – Acts 26:23; Col. 1:18; Ps. 16:9-1

2. Church age believers at the Rapture (future)

– 1 Cor. 15:20-23;
1 Thess. 4:16; Jn 5:28,29



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Points on the Resurrection

- A. Resurrection of just to everlasting life (cont'd)
- 3. The 2 Witnesses in the middle of Tribulation Period (future) – Rev. 11:3-11
 - 4. O.T. believers at the end of Tribulation Period (future) – Dan 12:1-3; Jn. 5:29
 - 5. Tribulation believers at the end of Tribulation Period (future) – Rev. 20:4-6
- B. Resurrection of unjust to everlasting contempt & damnation – Dan. 12:2; Jn. 5:28,29; Acts 24:15; Rev. 20:5, 11-14
- All the unbelieving dead from all ages at the end of the Millennium (future) – Dan. 12:2; Rev. 20:5,11-14
- IV. Significance of Christ's resurrection – with respect to God
- A. The resurrection of LJC fulfilled the everlasting covenant – Heb. 13:20; Acts 2:23
- B. The resurrection of LJC authenticated God's Word given through the prophets – Ps. 16:9-11; Acts 2:30-32
- C. The resurrection of LJC authenticated Jesus Christ's Word
- 1. He foretold His resurrection – Mt. 26:32; Lu. 9:22; Jn. 2:19-22
 - 2. His words were fulfilled – Lu. 24:6,7; Jn. 2:22
- D. The resurrection of Jesus Christ was necessary for the implementation of God's eternal purpose for humanity – Acts 2:22-36; 1Pet. 3:21,22; 1Pet. 1:20,21
- E. The resurrection proves the deity of Jesus Christ – Acts 2:24 Rom 1:4
- F. The resurrection proved that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah (the Christ) – Acts 17:1-3
- V. Significance of Christ's resurrection – with respect to believers:
- A. Is the basis for the believer's faith & hope – 1 Pet. 1:21; Acts 26:6-8; I Pet 1:3,4
- B. Is the basis for imputed righteousness & the believer's justification – Rom 4:24,25
- C. Is the basis for the believer's life – Rom. 6:4; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 3:10; Col. 3:1-4
- D. Is the means of intercession between man & God – Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:25; 9:24
- E. Is the means by which resurrection power can be appropriated to a believer's life – Phil. 3:10; 2 Cor. 13:4; Eph. 1:19,20; Acts 4:33



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Points on the Resurrection

V. Significance of Christ's resurrection – with respect to believers (cont'd)

- F. Has many positive aspects – 1 Cor. 15:12-19
- Christ is risen
 - Our proclaiming it is not in vain
 - Our faith is profitable
 - We are true witnesses of God
 - We are no longer in our sins
 - The dead in Christ will live
 - We have hope for eternity
 - We live with joy
- G. Is the basis for the believer's identification, union & completeness in Christ – Rom. 6:4-10; Col.2:9-12
- H. Is the guarantee of the believer's resurrection – Rom. 8:11; 1 Cor. 6:14;
1 Thess. 4:14
- I. Is our guarantee that we have life – Jn. 11:25,26; Jn. 17:2,3



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THE JUDGMENTS OF THE NATIONS & GREAT WHITE THRONE

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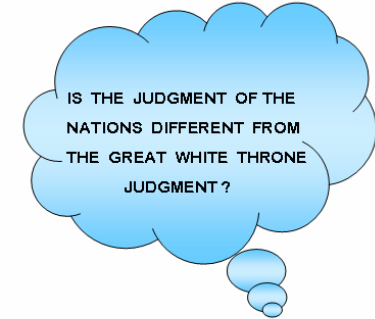
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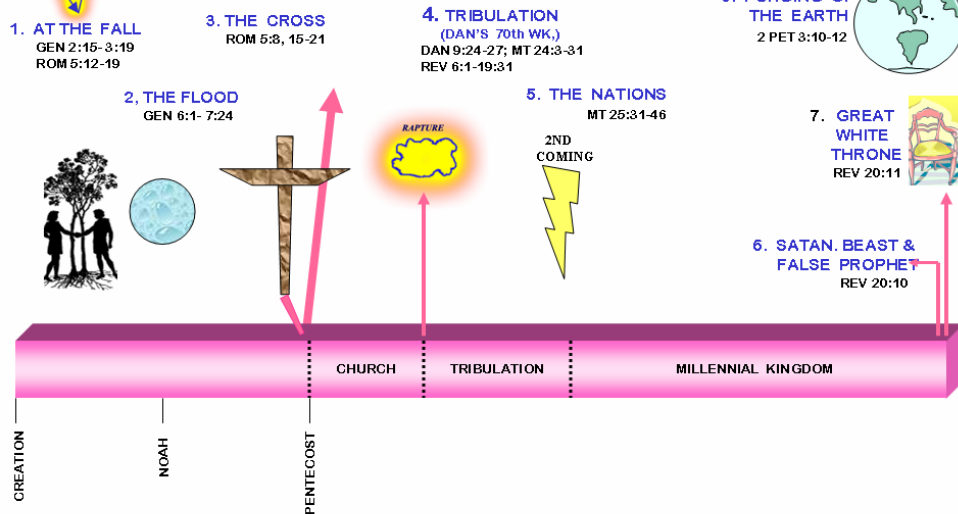
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THE JUDGMENTS OF THE NATIONS & THE GREAT WHITE THRONE

MAJOR JUDGMENTS BY GOD



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THE JUDGMENTS OF THE NATIONS & THE GREAT WHITE THRONE

COMPARISONS WHICH DISTINGUISH THE TWO

	The Nations (Matt. 25:31-46)	The Great White Throne (Rev. 20:11-15)
1. Time:	Immediately after the Tribulation & 2 nd Advent Before the Millennium - When He comes in glory - He takes & sits on throne - Matt. 24:29-31; 25:31 - (Matt. 25:31-35)	Immediately after the Millennial Kingdom - Rev. 20:7-11 - He leaves earth & earthly throne for the G.W.T.
2. Place:	On earth- Matt. 25:31; Zech. 14:3, 4, 9, 16; Joel 3:2, 12	Somewhere in the heavens before the G.W.T. - Rev. 20:11
3. Subjects:	The living (all nations) - Matt. 25:32	The dead (from all ages) - Rev. 20:12,13
4. Basis:	Acceptance / Rejection of Christ a. Believers - works out from faith - Mt. 25:34-40,46; Eph. 2:8-10 b. Unbelievers - no works out from faith - Mat.25:41-46; John 13:20	Rejection of Christ a. Unbelievers - not in the Book of Life - Rev. 20:12,15; Ex. 32:32,33; Ps. 69:28 b. Unbeliever - their works (self-righteousness) are judged from the Book(s) of Works & not accepted by Christ - Rev. 20:12-13
5. Conditions:	a. No resurrection mentioned b. No books mentioned c. Separation is made & judgment given before the reason is stated - Matt 25:32-34	a. Resurrection mentioned b. Books mentioned c. Books carefully examined & judgment given after the reason stated - Rev. 20:11-15
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Matthew 24:3 - The Disciples' Three Questions

QUESTION	REASON OR SOURCE OF QUESTION	THE LORD'S ANSWER
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FLOOD & 2ND COMING COMPARISON - Matt. 24:36-41

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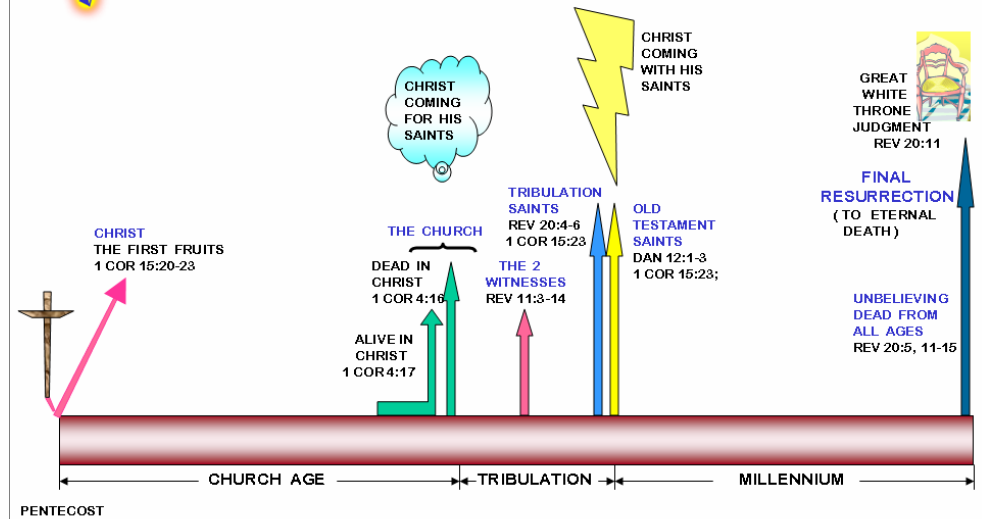
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Christ's rule during the Millennium

- **Christ will rule the entire earth**
 - --- and all the nations will stream to it (mountain of the house of the Lord) Isa. 2:2
 - Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as Your possession PS. 2:8
 - That all the peoples, nations and men of every language might serve Him Dan. 7:14
- **Christ will rule with absolute authority and power**
 - And let all kings bow down before him, all nations serve him PS. 72:11
 - --- He will rule them with a rod of iron Rev. 19:15
- **Christ will rule with righteousness and peace**
 - But with righteousness He will judge the poor Isa. 11:4-9
 - Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins
 - And the wolf will dwell with the lamb
 - And the leopard will lie down with the young goat
 - And the lion will eat straw like the ox.
 - The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra



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Israel in the Millennial Kingdom

- **Israel will be regathered and restored to their land** Jer. 30:3 & 31:8-9, Ezek. 39:25-29
- **Israel will be the subjects of the revived Davidic kingdom** Isa. 9:6-7 & 33:17, Jer 23:5
- **Israel and Judah will be united** Jer. 3:18 & 33:14, Ezek 20:40
- **Israel as the wife of Jehovah** Isa. 62:2-5, Hos 2:14-23
- **Israel will be in a privileged place above the Gentile believers** Isa. 14:1-2, Isa. 49:22-23 & 60:14-17
- **Israel will be spiritually revived** Isa. 2:3, 49:22-24 & Isa. 45:17



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Blessing in the Millennial Kingdom

- A period of plenty & peace Joel 2:18-27
- The Spirit of God poured out on all people Joel 2:28,29
- Deliverance for those who call upon the Lord Joel 2:32
- Restoration of Israel Joel 3:1
- A time of plenty, blessing & restoration of Israel Joel 3:18-20
- A pure language Zeph. 3:9
- Peoples to call upon the Lord Zeph. 3:9
- People to serve God Zeph. 3:9
- Sin's shame removed Zeph. 3:11
- No pride or arrogance Zeph. 3:11
- No more iniquity or lies from Israel Zeph. 3:13
- A time of plenty and peace Zeph. 3:13
- No more judgment Zeph. 3:15
- Israel's enemies cast out & Messiah King in their midst Zeph. 3:15
- Absence of evil Zeph. 3:15
- Rejoicing over Israel by the Lord Zeph. 3:17
- God's overflowing love manifested Zeph. 3:17
- Restoration of Israel Zeph. 3:18-20



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Christ's Manifesto of the Kingdom

Christ's words on the Kingdom	OT words on the Kingdom	Church age contrast
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Mat. 5:3	I dwell on a high and holy place, And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite. Isa.57:15	So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; Col 3:12
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Mat. 5:4	To comfort all who mourn, to grant those who mourn in Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, Isa. 61:2-3	In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, 1 Pet 1:6
Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth. Mat. 5:5	And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; Isa 11:4	But the fruit of the Spirit is --- gentleness Gal 5:22



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Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Mat. 5:5	For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not keep quiet, Until her righteousness goes forth like brightness, And her salvation like a torch that is burning. The nations will see your righteousness, Isa.62:1-2	He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Cor. 5:21
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Mat. 5:6	Therefore hath the Lord recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight. With the merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt show thyself upright; PS 18:24	But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), Eph 2:4-5
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Mat. 5:7	Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart PS 24:3 Your eyes will see the King in His beauty; Isa 33:15	But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned Heb. 2:9 and 2 Cor. 4:6



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Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Mat. 5:10	none offered	Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. 2Tim. 3:12
Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Mat. 5:11	none offered	For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, Phil.1:29



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The Judgment of Satan and Fallen Angels

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Judgment of Satan in the Garden of Eden

- The Lord God said to the **serpent**,
Because you have done this,
Cursed are you more than all cattle,
And more than every beast of the field;
On your belly you will go,
And **dust you will eat**
All the days of your life; Gen. 3:14
- And I will put **enmity**
Between **you** and the woman,
And between **your seed** and her seed;
He shall bruise **you** on the head,
And **you** shall bruise him on the heel.” Gen. 3:15

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Judgment of Satan at the Cross

- And He, when He comes, will convict the world
concerning **sin** and **righteousness** and **judgment**; John 16:8
- and concerning judgment, because the **ruler** of this world
has been judged John 16:11
- When He had disarmed the **rulers** and authorities,
He made a public display of them,
having triumphed over them through Him Col. 2:15
- Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood,
He Himself likewise also partook of the same,
that through death He might **render powerless** him
who had the power of death, that is, the **devil**, Heb. 2:14

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Satan Cast Out of Heaven

- And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war,
- and they were **not strong enough**, and there was **no longer a place found** for them in heaven.
- And the great **dragon was thrown down**, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was **thrown down to the earth**, and his angels were thrown down with him.
- --- for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night.
- “And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, ---
- “For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the **devil has come down to you**, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time.” Rev. 12:7-12



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Satan Bound and Cast into the Abyss

- Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand.
- And he laid hold of the **dragon**, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and **bound him for a thousand years**;
- and **he threw him into the abyss**, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time. Rev. 20:1-3



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Satan Final Judgment

- When the **thousand years are completed**, **Satan** will be released from his prison,
- and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore.
- And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.
- And the devil who deceived them **was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone**, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. Rev. 20:7-10



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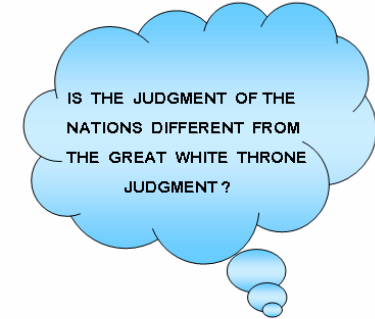
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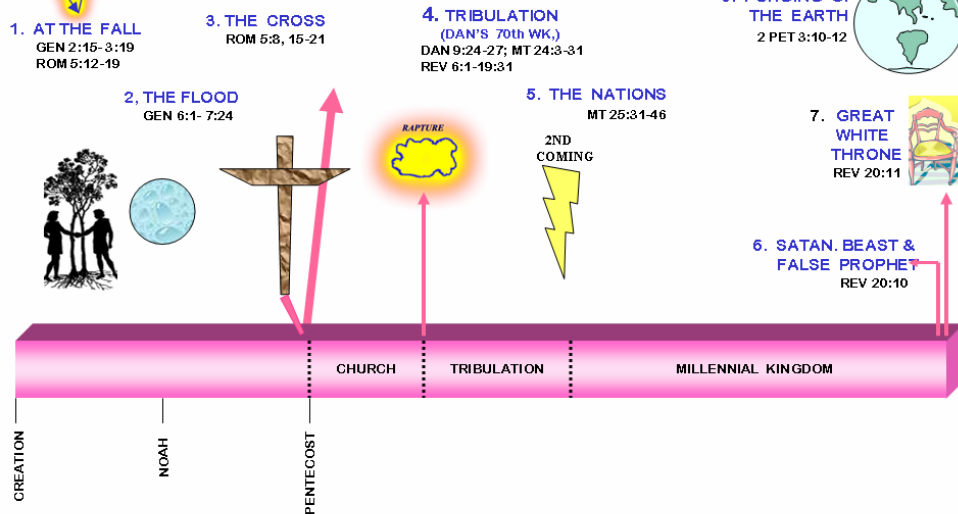
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COMPARISONS WHICH DISTINGUISH THE TWO

	The Nations (Matt. 25:31-46)	The Great White Throne (Rev. 20:11-15)
1. Time:	Immediately after the Tribulation & 2 nd Advent Before the Millennium - When He comes in glory - He takes & sits on throne - Matt. 24:29-31; 25:31 - (Matt. 25:31-35)	Immediately after the Millennial Kingdom - Rev. 20:7-11 - He leaves earth & earthly throne for the G.W.T.
2. Place:	On earth- Matt. 25:31; Zech. 14:3, 4, 9, 16; Joel 3:2, 12	Somewhere in the heavens before the G.W.T. - Rev. 20:11
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GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE

1. TO DECLARE HIS GLORY
2. TO SHARE HIS GLORY
3. TO REVEAL HIS GLORY
4. TO BE GLORIFIED



Rev. 21:1 *And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.*

QUESTION: WILL GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE CONTINUE IN THE NEW HEAVEN & NEW EARTH ?

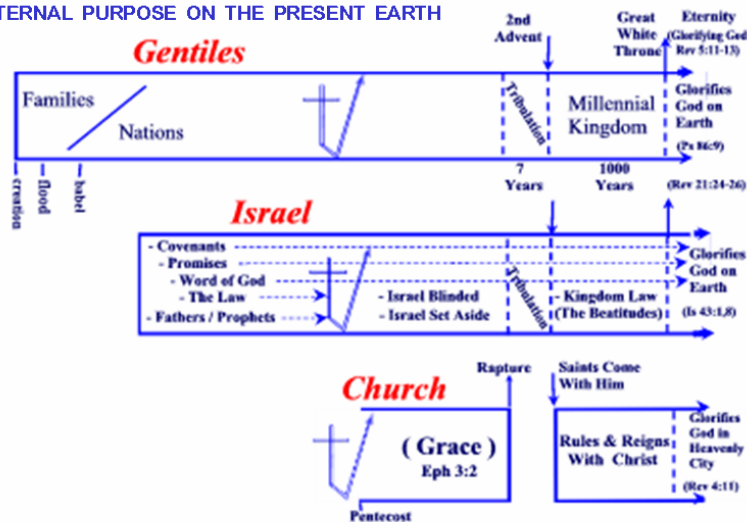


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GOD'S PLAN FOR THE PRESENT EARTH

OBSERVE: GOD'S INCREDIBLE PLAN FOR FULFILLING HIS HIS ETERNAL PURPOSE ON THE PRESENT EARTH



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SUMMARY OF DOCTRINES STUDIED IN GOD'S PLAN

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GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE FOR THE NEW EARTH

1. TO DECLARE HIS GLORY

- New Jerusalem declares (demonstrates, tells of) God's Glory

Rev. 21:10-11

And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;



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2. TO SHARE HIS GLORY

Col. 3:4

When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Rev. 21:3

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.

Rev. 22:3-5

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

4 And they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads.

5and they shall reign for ever and ever.



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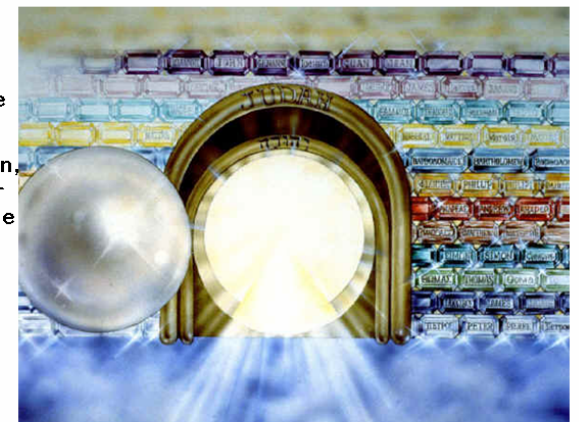
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3. TO REVEAL HIS GLORY

Rev. 21:22-23

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb *is* the light thereof.



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4. TO BE GLORIFIED

Rev. 21:24-26

And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth **do bring their glory and honour into it.**

25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

