







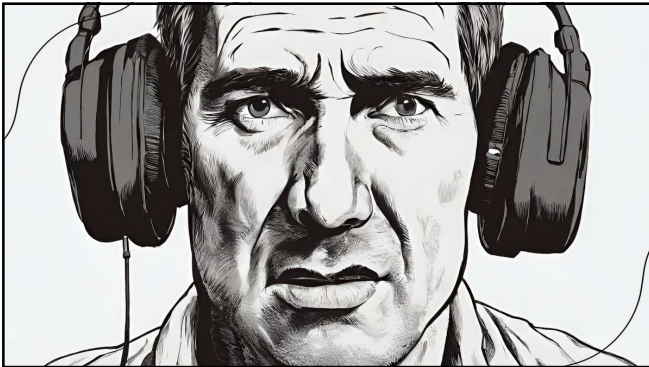
WHY IS CHOOSING OUR OWN IDENTITY PROBLEMATIC?

FOUR CORE HUMAN DESIRES

- IDENTITY - WHO AM I ?
- DESTINY - WHERE AM I GOING ?
- PURPOSE - WHAT SHOULD I DO ?
- HOPE - WHAT CAN I EXPECT ?

WHAT IS TEMPTATION ?





WHAT IS TEMPTATION ?

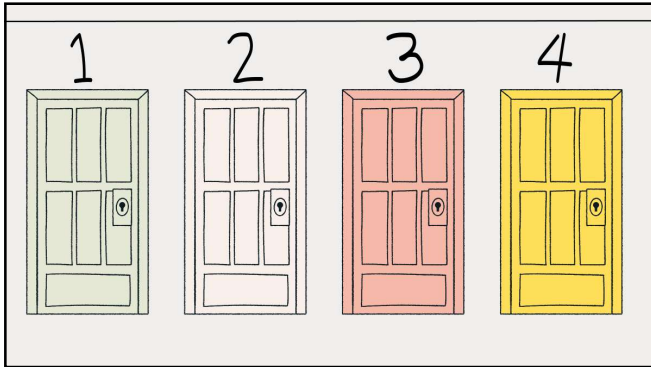
THREE CLASSICAL THEOLOGICAL ANSWERS

1. THE DEVIL
2. THE WORLD
3. OUR FLESH

BUT

GOD IS FAITHFUL

1 COR.10:13





CONSIDER IT PURE JOY, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WHENEVER YOU FACE TRIALS OF MANY KINDS, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT THE TESTING OF YOUR FAITH PRODUCES PERSEVERANCE. LET PERSEVERANCE FINISH ITS WORK SO THAT YOU MAY BE MATURE AND COMPLETE, NOT LACKING ANYTHING.

JAMES 1, 2-4

NOT ONLY SO, BUT WE ALSO GLORY IN OUR SUFFERINGS, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT SUFFERING PRODUCES PERSEVERANCE; PERSEVERANCE, CHARACTER; AND CHARACTER, HOPE. AND HOPE DOES NOT PUT US TO SHAME, BECAUSE GOD'S LOVE HAS BEEN POURED OUT INTO OUR HEARTS THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHO HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US.

ROMANS 5,3-5

KNOWLEDGE



WORD #117

COURSE OUTLINE I AM

...A CREATED BEING	...NOT YET PERFECT
...IN CHRIST	...UNDER GRACE
...PART OF A BIGGER STORY	...CALLED
...JUSTIFIED	...EQUIPPED
...FREE	...SAFE

WORD #118

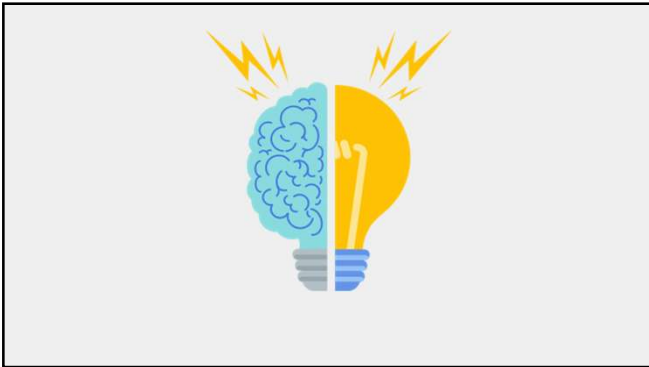
RESOURCES USED

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Alberry, Sam	What God has to say about our bodies	Hughes, Philip	The True Image
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Chester, Tim	Enjoying God	Platt, David	Follow me
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DeYoung, Kevin	The hole in our holiness	Shaw, Ed	Purposeful Sexuality
DeYoung, Kevin	Do something	Tchividjian	Jesus + Nothing = Everything
Ferguson, Sinclair	The Christian Life	Wilbourne, Rankin	Union with Christ











I CREATED YOUR INMOST BEING;
 I KNIT YOU TOGETHER IN YOUR MOTHER'S WOMB.
 YOU ARE FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE;
 ALL MY WORKS ARE WONDERFUL,
 YOU KNOW THAT, DON'T YOU ?
 YOUR FRAME WAS NOT HIDDEN FROM ME
 WHEN YOU WERE MADE IN THE SECRET PLACE,
 WHEN YOU WERE WOVEN TOGETHER IN THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH.
 MY EYES SAW YOUR UNFORMED BODY;
 ALL THE DAYS ORDAINED FOR YOU WERE WRITTEN IN MY BOOK
 BEFORE ONE OF THEM CAME TO BE.

I, JESUS, HAVE MADE YOU. I DO NOT MAKE MISTAKES

WOW AM I ?

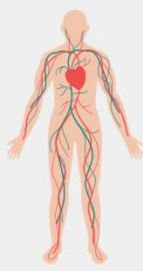
WHO AM I ?

I AM GOD'S CREATION





WHAT IS A HUMAN ?



WHAT IS A HUMAN ?

WORD AND 1 ?

- **MERRIAM WEBSTER:** A BIPEDAL PRIMATE MAMMAL (HOMO SAPIENS)
- **BRITANNICA:** HUMAN BEING, A CULTURE-BEARING PRIMATE CLASSIFIED IN THE GENUS HOMO, ESPECIALLY THE SPECIES H. SAPIENS. HUMAN BEINGS ARE ANATOMICALLY SIMILAR AND RELATED TO THE GREAT APES BUT ARE DISTINGUISHED BY A MORE HIGHLY DEVELOPED BRAIN AND A RESULTANT CAPACITY FOR ARTICULATE SPEECH AND ABSTRACT REASONING
- **WIKIPEDIA:** HUMANS (HOMO SAPIENS) OR MODERN HUMANS ARE THE MOST COMMON AND WIDESPREAD SPECIES OF PRIMATE, AND THE LAST SURVIVING SPECIES OF THE GENUS HOMO. THEY ARE GREAT APES CHARACTERIZED BY THEIR HAIRLESSNESS, BIPEDALISM, AND HIGH INTELLIGENCE.

GENESIS 1:26-28

WORD AND 1 ?

26 THEN GOD SAID, "LET US MAKE MANKIND IN OUR IMAGE, IN OUR LIKENESS, SO THAT THEY MAY RULE OVER THE FISH IN THE SEA AND THE BIRDS IN THE SKY, OVER THE LIVESTOCK AND ALL THE WILD ANIMALS, [27] AND OVER ALL THE CREATURES THAT MOVE ALONG THE GROUND."

27 SO GOD CREATED MANKIND IN HIS OWN IMAGE,
IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HE CREATED THEM;
MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM.

28 GOD BLESSED THEM AND SAID TO THEM, "BE FRUITFUL AND INCREASE IN NUMBER; FILL THE EARTH AND SUBDUCE IT. RULE OVER THE FISH IN THE SEA AND THE BIRDS IN THE SKY AND OVER EVERY LIVING CREATURE THAT MOVES ON THE GROUND."

31 GOD SAW ALL THAT HE HAD MADE, AND IT WAS VERY GOOD. AND THERE WAS EVENING, AND THERE WAS MORNING—THE SIXTH DAY.

CREATION

WORD AND 1 ?

1. AS HUMANS

CREATION

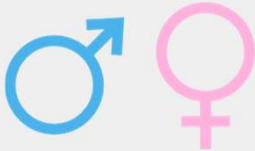
QUESTION 1.2

1. AS HUMANS
2. IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

CREATION

QUESTION 1.3

1. AS HUMANS
2. IN THE IMAGE OF GOD
3. AS MAN AND WOMAN



CREATION

QUESTION 1.4

1. AS HUMANS
2. IN THE IMAGE OF GOD
3. AS MAN AND WOMAN
4. AS SEXUAL BEINGS

CREATION

QUOTE REF: 1.2

IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT YOU
SHOULD BE SANCTIFIED: THAT
YOU SHOULD AVOID SEX

1 THESSALONIANS 4:3

CREATION

QUOTE REF: 1.3

IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT YOU SHOULD
BE SANCTIFIED: THAT YOU SHOULD
AVOID SEXUAL IMMORALITY

1 THESSALONIANS 4:3

CREATION

QUOTE REF: 1.2

SEX IS GOD'S APPOINTED WAY FOR TWO PEOPLE TO
RECIPROCALLY SAY TO ONE ANOTHER: "I BELONG
COMPLETELY, PERMANENTLY, AND EXCLUSIVELY TO YOU"
WE MUST NOT USE SEX TO SAY ANYTHING ELSE.
-TIMOTHY KELLER

CREATION

WHAT'S SEX THERE FOR ANYWAYS?

WHO AM I ?

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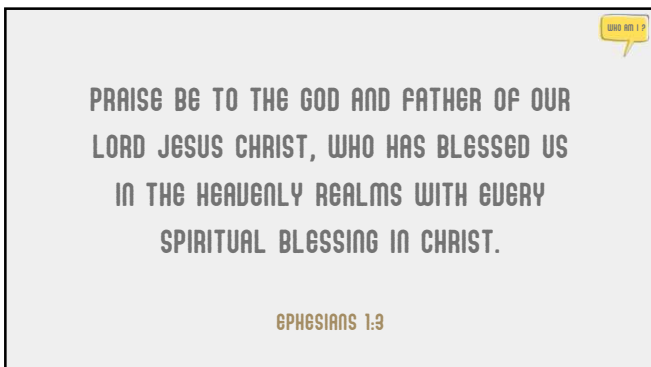
I AM GOD'S CREATION

WHO AM I ?

IDENTITY







PRAISE BE TO THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO HAS BLESSED US
IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS WITH EVERY
SPIRITUAL BLESSING **IN CHRIST.**

EPHESIANS 1:3

WHO AM I ?

UNION WITH CHRIST
"ONE WITH CHRIST"

WHO AM I ?

Who?

• AM I ?

WHO AM I ?

Who?

- AM I ?
- AM I AS A CHRISTIAN ?





COLOSSIANS 1:27

GALATIANS 2:20



COLOSSIANS 1:27

"GLORIOUS RICHES OF THIS MYSTERY:
CHRIST IN YOU"

GALATIANS 2:20

"CHRIST WHO LIVES IN ME"



UNION WITH CHRIST

I. THE REPRESENTATIVE UNION

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A. THE FIRST ADAM

B. THE SECOND ADAM

UNION WITH CHRIST

WORD AND 1.2

I. THE REPRESENTATIVE UNION

II. THE LIVING UNION



WORD AND 1.3

THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

"I AM THE TRUE VINE, AND MY FATHER IS THE GARDENER. 2 HE CUTS OFF EVERY BRANCH IN ME THAT BEARS NO FRUIT, WHILE EVERY BRANCH THAT DOES BEAR FRUIT HE PRUNGS(A) SO THAT IT WILL BE EVEN MORE FRUITFUL. 3 YOU ARE ALREADY CLEAN BECAUSE OF THE WORD I HAVE SPOKEN TO YOU. 4 REMAIN IN ME, AS I ALSO REMAIN IN YOU. NO BRANCH CAN BEAR FRUIT BY ITSELF; IT MUST REMAIN IN THE VINE. NEITHER CAN YOU BEAR FRUIT UNLESS YOU REMAIN IN ME. 5 "I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES. IF YOU REMAIN IN ME AND I IN YOU, YOU WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT; APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING.

JOHN 15,1-11

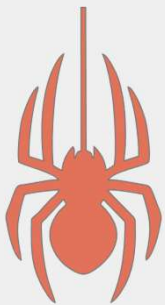
6 IF YOU DO NOT REMAIN IN ME, YOU ARE LIKE A BRANCH THAT IS THROWN AWAY AND WITHERS; SUCH BRANCHES ARE PICKED UP, THROWN INTO THE FIRE AND BURNED. 7 IF YOU REMAIN IN ME AND MY WORDS REMAIN IN YOU, ASK WHATEVER YOU WISH, AND IT WILL BE DONE FOR YOU. 8 THIS IS TO MY FATHER'S GLORY, THAT YOU BEAR MUCH FRUIT, SHOWING YOURSELVES TO BE MY DISCIPLES. 9 "AS THE FATHER HAS LOVED ME, SO HAVE I LOVED YOU. NOW REMAIN IN MY LOVE. 10 IF YOU KEEP MY COMMANDS, YOU WILL REMAIN IN MY LOVE, JUST AS I HAVE KEPT MY FATHER'S COMMANDS AND REMAIN IN HIS LOVE. 11 I HAVE TOLD YOU THIS SO THAT MY JOY MAY BE IN YOU AND THAT YOUR JOY MAY BE COMPLETE.

JOHN 15,1-11



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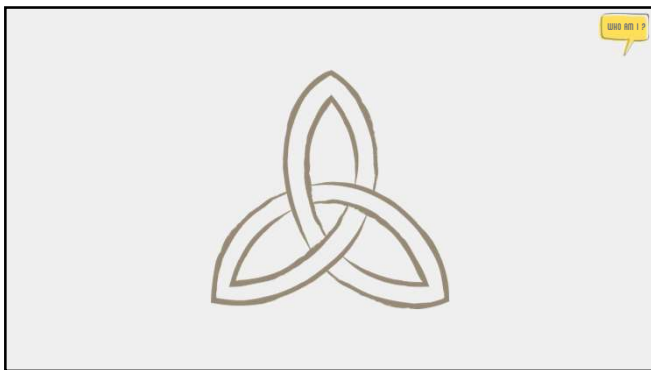
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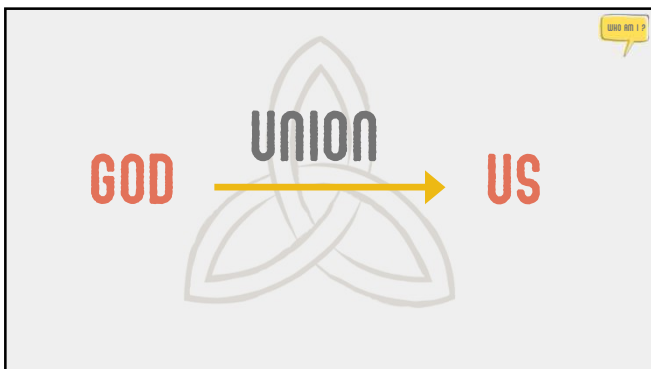


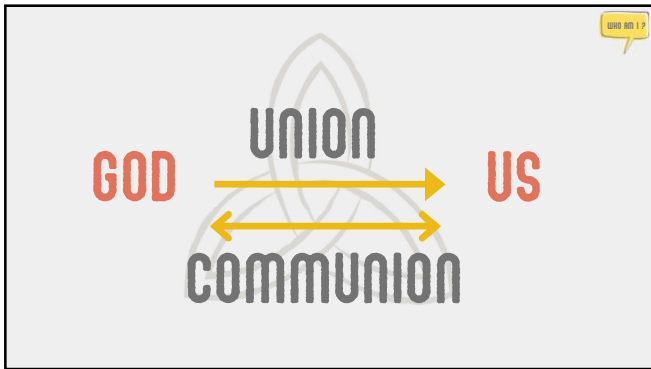
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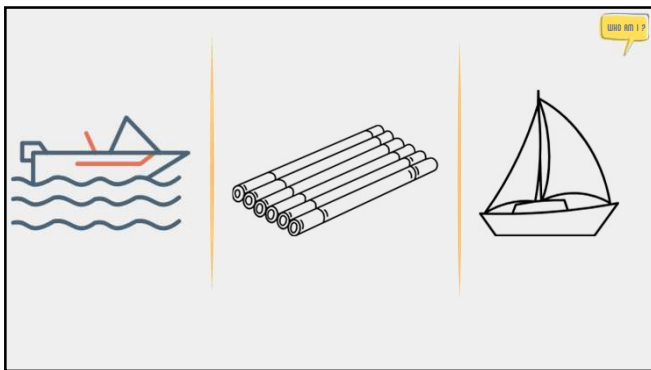


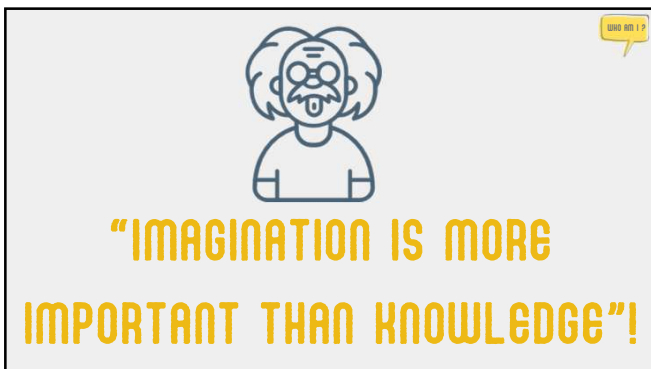















"IMAGINATION IS **JUST AS**
IMPORTANT **AS** KNOWLEDGE!"



I AM IN CHRIST
CHRIST IS IN ME



IDENTITY







WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF LIFE?

"I'VE COME TO REAFFIRM MY BOY SCOUT MOTTO, GIVE OR TAKE A FEW WORDS, THAT THE MEANING OF LIFE IS TO: DO GOOD, BE GOOD, BUT ALSO TO RECEIVE GOOD. THE FOGGY TERM IN THIS ADVICE, OF COURSE, IS 'GOOD'; BUT I LEAVE THAT TO THE INTUITIVE POWERS THAT WE ALL SHARE."

IDENTITY

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF LIFE?

WHEN I ASK, 'WHAT IS LIFE? I WANT TO KNOW WHAT LIFE IS AT ITS HIGHEST FORM. I BELIEVE LIFE AT ITS BEST IS SPIRIT: IT IS ACTIVE, SENTIENT, FEELING, THINKING, PURPOSEFUL, VALUING, SOCIAL, OTHER-RESPECTING, RELATING, AND CARING.

IDENTITY

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF LIFE?

PLATO SUGGESTED THE ACQUISITION OF KNOWLEDGE, ARISTOTLE TO PRACTICE VIRTUE, AND THE STOICS, MENTAL FORTITUDE AND SELF-CONTROL. TODAY'S PHILOSOPHERS ECHO THE EXISTENTIALIST VIEW THAT LIFE IS FULL OF ABSURDITY, ALTHOUGH THEY ALSO TELL US THAT WE MUST PUT MEANING INTO LIFE BY MAKING OUR OWN VALUES IN AN INDIFFERENT WORLD. BUT IF LIFE IS JUST A JOURNEY FROM WOMB TO TOMB, WILL SUCH 'MEANING' BE SUFFICIENT TO ALLOW THE TRAVELER AT JOURNEY'S END TO FEEL THAT IT WAS WORTHWHILE? IT'S A MATTER OF WEIGHING THE GOOD AND BAD TIMES - THE CHALLENGE IS TO BALANCE BOTH, ENDING UP WITH A LIFE LOOKED BACK ON THAT WAS WORTH THE MIGHTY EFFORT

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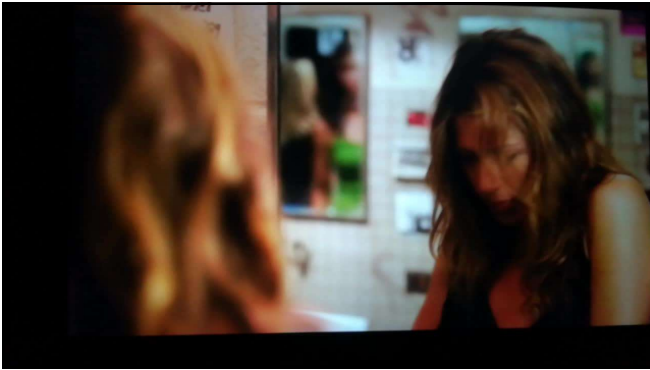
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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF LIFE?

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WORLDVIEW









RECENT MOVIE YOU WATCHED

1. ALL IS GOOD, CHARACTERS INTRODUCED.

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2. CONFLICT IS INTRODUCED

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5. RESOLUTION, IMPLICATIONS WORKED OUT FOR ALL THE CHARACTERS.



**IN CHRIST, YOU HAVE BEEN
ENGRAFTED INTO A NEW STORY LINE**

**FOR FROM HIM AND THROUGH HIM AND TO HIM ARE
ALL THINGS. TO HIM BE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN.
FOR EVERYTHING COMES FROM HIM AND EXISTS BY
HIS POWER AND IS INTENDED FOR HIS GLORY.**

ROMANS 11:36

**IN CHRIST, YOU HAVE BEEN
ENGRAFTED INTO A NEW STORY LINE**

IN CHRIST, YOU HAVE BEEN
ENGRAFTED INTO A NEW STORY LINE
BUT: WHAT IS MY ROLE ?

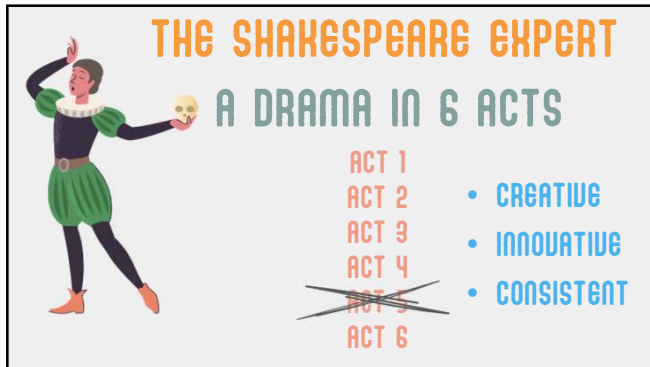
THE SHAKESPEARE EXPERT



THE SHAKESPEARE EXPERT A DRAMA IN 6 ACTS



ACT 1
ACT 2
ACT 3
ACT 4
~~ACT 5~~
ACT 6



IF OUR STORY DOES NOT END HERE, THEN
MAYBE THINKING ABOUT ETERNITY
SHOULD BE MORE CENTRAL TO OUR LIVES

REVELATION 21:5

ISAIAH 65:17

LIVING LIFE WITH
ETERNITY IN VIEW

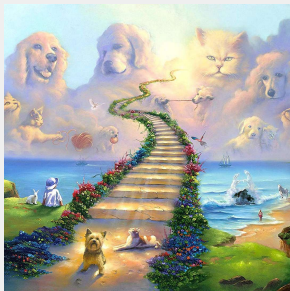
WHAT IS YOUR PICTURE OF HEAVEN?



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WHAT IS YOUR PICTURE OF HEAVEN?

BORING

WHAT IS YOUR PICTURE OF HEAVEN?

SATAN'S ROLE

- JOHN 8:44
- REV 13:6
- ISAI 14:12-15

NATURALISM

- 1 CO 2:9-10

PLATONISM

LIVING LIFE WITH
ETERNITY IN VIEW



WHAT IS YOUR PICTURE OF HEAVEN?

NO LONGER WILL THERE BE ANY CURSE
REV.3:20

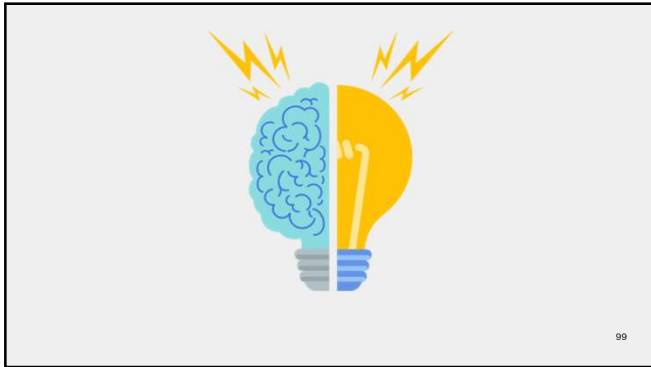
WHO AM I ?

IN CHRIST - I AM PART OF A BIGGER STORY

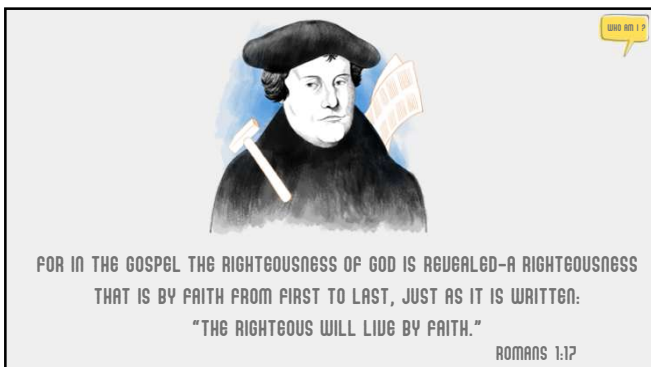








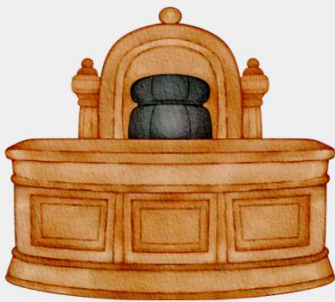




MAN IS NOT RIGHT WITH GOD BECAUSE

- HE IS A CHURCH MEMBER
- BECAUSE HE IS BAPTIZED
- HE IS WORKING HARD
- HE PRAYS SPECIFIC PRAYERS
- HE IS TITHING

WORD RECOGNITION



WORD RECOGNITION

HOW CAN WE BE RIGHT WITH GOD,
IF WE HAVE DISOBEYED HIM AND
CONTINUE TO DO SO?

WORD RECOGNITION



IN CHRIST - I AM JUSTIFIED



**HOW CAN I POSSIBLY
BE RIGHT WITH GOD?**



WHAT IS JUSTIFICATION?

QUESTION 1.2

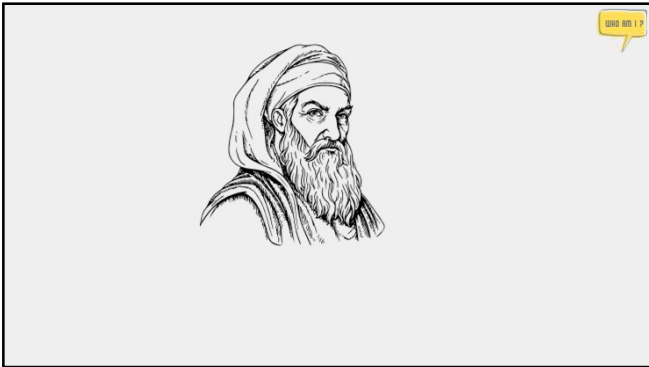
- BEING NOT RIGHT WITH GOD
- POSSIBLE WAYS OUT
- THE SOLUTION

WHAT IS JUSTIFICATION?

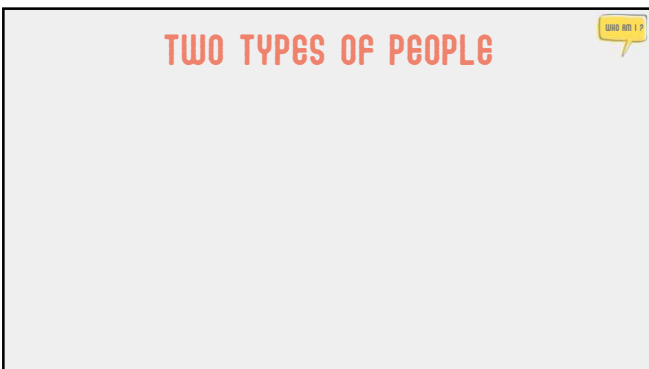
QUESTION 1.3

- THE SOLUTION









I DELIGHT GREATLY IN THE LORD; MY SOUL REJOICES IN MY GOD.

FOR HE HAS CLOTHED ME WITH GARMENTS OF SALVATION

AND ARRAYED ME IN A ROBE OF HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS,

AS A BRIDEGROOM ADORNS HIS HEAD LIKE A PRIEST,

AND AS A BRIDE ADORNS HERSELF WITH HER JEWELS.

11 FOR AS THE SOIL MAKES THE SPROUT COME UP

AND A GARDEN CAUSES SEEDS TO GROW,

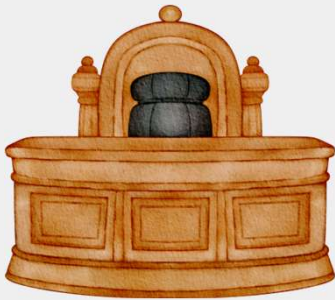
SO THE SOVEREIGN LORD WILL MAKE RIGHTEOUSNESS

AND PRAISE SPRING UP BEFORE ALL NATIONS.

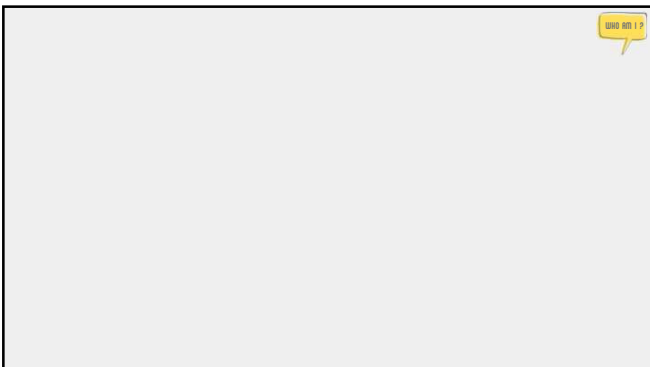
ISAIAH 61, 10-11



WORD REU 1.2



WORD REU 1.3



WORD REU 1.2









WHO AM I ?

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WHO AM I ?

WHO AM I ?

IN CHRIST - I AM FREE

WHAT ARE YOU FREE FROM?

WHAT ARE YOU FREE FROM TO DO NOW ?

THE VOICE





OLD TESTAMENT

OLD TEST 1.8

- GIVEN TO GOD'S PEOPLE
- THROUGH MOSES
- "CONSTITUTION"
- LEVITICUS 18:5 / DEUTERONOMY 29:9
- ROMANS 3:20



NEW TESTAMENT

NEW TEST 1.7

- ROMANS 10:4
- 1 COR. 9:20-21
- GALATIANS 3:23
- HEBREWS 8 / 10
- GALATIANS 6:2

QUESTION 1.2

OUR PROBLEM

BLESSING
CENTEREDNESS

QUESTION 1.3

QUESTION 1.4







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SUMMARY

GODS WORD 1.7

**A. IN CHRIST, WE ARE NOT
UNDER THE LAW ANYMORE**

SUMMARY

GODS WORD 1.8

B. TWO ERRORS WE CHRISTIANS HAVE EMBRACED

1. FOLLOWING RULES GUARANTEES A GOOD LIFE

**2. GOD IS IMPORTANT TO US BECAUSE HE
DISPENSES BLESSINGS**

SUMMARY

GODS WORD 1.7

**C. WE REALIZE GOD DOES NOT "DELIVER"
AND LIFE DOES NOT WORK OUT**

**WE TAKE IT ON OURSELVES TO MAKE LIFE WORK.
RESULT: PRESSURE. BONDAGE. OLD WAY.**

SUMMARY

WORD REPT 1.2

D. THE NEW WAY OF LIVING

1. GOD DOES NOT GUARANTEE A GOOD OUTCOME AS A RESULT OF YOUR OBEDIENCE.
2. HE PROMISES HIMSELF. NO MATTER THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF YOUR LIFE.

ONLY THE MATURE VALUE THE
BLESSING OF PRESENCE OVER THE
BLESSING OF PRESENTS

WORD REPT 1.3

BUT THE ONE WHO LOOKS INTO THE
PERFECT LAW, THE LAW OF LIBERTY,
AND PERSEVERES, BEING NO HEARER WHO
FORGETS BUT A DOER WHO ACTS, HE
WILL BE BLESSED IN HIS DOING.

JAMES 1:25

WHO AM I ?

IN CHRIST - I AM FREE

• FROM THE LAW

• TO KNOW GOD

WHO AM I ?

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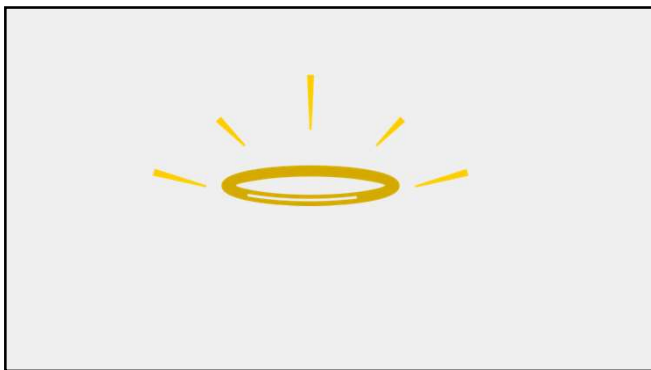


THE VOICE

WHO AM I ?

IN CHRIST - I AM (NOT YET) PERFECT





1. POSITINAL HOLINESS

2. PROGRESSIVE HOLINESS



DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO THE "GAP"

- A. GIVE UP
- B. EASY BELIEVISM
- C. SINLESS PERFECTION
- D. GRADUAL GROWTH

1. GOD IS =

2. WE WERE =

3. IN CHRIST, WE NOW ARE =

4. WE OUGHT TO BE =

SINCE, THEN, YOU HAVE BEEN RAISED WITH CHRIST, SET YOUR HEARTS ON THINGS ABOVE, WHERE CHRIST IS, SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD. 2 SET YOUR MINDS ON THINGS ABOVE, NOT ON EARTHLY THINGS. 3 FOR YOU DIED, AND YOUR LIFE IS NOW HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN GOD. 4 WHEN CHRIST, WHO IS YOUR LIFE, APPEARS, THEN YOU ALSO WILL APPEAR WITH HIM IN GLORY.

5 PUT TO DEATH, THEREFORE, WHATEVER BELONGS TO YOUR EARTHLY NATURE: SEXUAL IMMORALITY, IMPURITY, LUST, EVIL DESIRES AND GREED, WHICH IS IDOLATRY.

COLOSSIANS 3:1-5

BE DILIGENT IN THESE MATTERS; GIVE YOURSELF WHOLLY TO THEM, SO THAT EVERYONE MAY SEE YOUR PROGRESS.

WATCH YOUR LIFE AND DOCTRINE CLOSELY. PERSEVERE IN THEM, BECAUSE IF YOU DO, YOU WILL SAVE BOTH YOURSELF AND YOUR HEARERS.

1 TIMOTHY 4:15-16

THEREFORE, MY DEAR FRIENDS, AS YOU HAVE ALWAYS OBEYED—NOT ONLY IN MY PRESENCE, BUT NOW MUCH MORE IN MY ABSENCE—CONTINUE TO WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING, FOR IT IS GOD WHO WORKS IN YOU TO WILL AND TO ACT IN ORDER TO FULFILL HIS GOOD PURPOSE.

PHILIPPIANS 2:12

I WANT TO KNOW CHRIST—YES, TO KNOW THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION AND PARTICIPATION IN HIS SUFFERINGS, BECOMING LIKE HIM IN HIS DEATH, IT AND SO, SOMEHOW, ATTAINING TO THE RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD. NOT THAT I HAVE ALREADY OBTAINED ALL THIS, OR HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED AT MY GOAL, BUT I PRESS ON TO TAKE HOLD OF THAT FOR WHICH CHRIST JESUS TOOK HOLD OF ME. BROTHERS AND SISTERS, I DO NOT CONSIDER MYSELF YET TO HAVE TAKEN HOLD OF IT. BUT ONE THING I DO: FORGETTING WHAT IS BEHIND AND STRAINING TOWARD WHAT IS AHEAD, I PRESS ON TOWARD THE GOAL TO WIN THE PRIZE FOR WHICH GOD HAS CALLED ME HEAVENWARD IN CHRIST JESUS. ALL OF US, THEN, WHO ARE MATURE SHOULD TAKE SUCH A VIEW OF THINGS. AND IF ON SOME POINT YOU THINK DIFFERENTLY, THAT TOO GOD WILL MAKE CLEAR TO YOU. ONLY LET US LIVE UP TO WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY ATTAINED.

JOIN TOGETHER IN FOLLOWING MY EXAMPLE, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, AND JUST AS YOU HAVE US AS A MODEL, KEEP YOUR EYES ON THOSE WHO LIVE AS WE DO.

PHILIPPIANS 3:10-17

“WHAT ONE CHANGE COULD YOU MAKE TODAY IN ORDER TO PURSUE THE THING THAT MATTERS THE MOST?”

CJ MAHANNEY








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C. S. Lewis.


WHO AM I ?

THAT'S EASY:



C. S. Lewis.

THAT'S EASY:
IT IS GRACE!




C. S. Lewis.

WHO AM I ?

WHO AM I ?

IN CHRIST - I AM UNDER GRACE



GOD'S GRACE IN SALVATION

AS FOR YOU, YOU WERE DEAD IN YOUR TRANSGRESSIONS AND SINS, 2 IN WHICH YOU USED TO LIVE WHEN YOU FOLLOWED THE WAYS OF THIS WORLD AND OF THE RULER OF THE KINGDOM OF THE AIR, THE SPIRIT WHO IS NOW AT WORK IN THOSE WHO ARE DISOBEDIENT. 3 ALL OF US ALSO LIVED AMONG THEM AT ONE TIME, GRATIFYING THE CRAVINGS OF OUR FLESH AND FOLLOWING ITS DESIRES AND THOUGHTS. LIKE THE REST, WE WERE BY NATURE DESERVING OF WRATH. 4 BUT BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT LOVE FOR US, GOD, WHO IS RICH IN MERCY, 5 MADE US ALIVE WITH CHRIST EVEN WHEN WE WERE DEAD IN TRANSGRESSIONS—IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED

EPHESIANS 2:1-5

GOD'S GRACE IN SALVATION

- JOHN 1:16-17
- EPHESIANS 2:8-9
- ROMANS 5:20-21

GOD'S GRACE IN YOUR WEAKNESS

BUT HE SAID TO ME, "MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU, FOR MY POWER IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS." THEREFORE I WILL BOAST ALL THE MORE GLADLY ABOUT MY WEAKNESSES, SO THAT CHRIST'S POWER MAY REST ON ME. 10 THAT IS WHY, FOR CHRIST'S SAKE, I DELIGHT IN WEAKNESSES, IN INSULTS, IN HARSHIPS, IN PERSECUTIONS, IN DIFFICULTIES. FOR WHEN I AM WEAK, THEN I AM STRONG.

2 COR.12:9-10

GOD'S GRACE IN YOUR WEAKNESS

"AND GRACE CALLS OUT, 'YOU ARE NOT JUST A DISILLUSIONED OLD MAN WHO MAY DIE SOON, A MIDDLE-AGED WOMAN STUCK IN A JOB AND DESPERATELY WANTING TO GET OUT, A YOUNG PERSON FEELING THE FIRE IN THE BELLY BEGIN TO GROW COLD. YOU MAY BE INSECURE, INADEQUATE, MISTAKEN OR POTBELLED. DEATH, PANIC, DEPRESSION, AND DISILLUSIONMENT MAY BE NEAR YOU. BUT YOU ARE NOT JUST THAT. YOU ARE ACCEPTED. NEVER CONFUSE YOUR PERCEPTION OF YOURSELF WITH THE MYSTERY THAT YOU REALLY ARE ACCEPTED.'"

B.MANNING

ENDURING IN GRACE

"CHEAP GRACE IS THE GRACE WE BESTOW ON OURSELVES. CHEAP GRACE IS THE PREACHING OF FORGIVENESS WITHOUT REQUIRING REPENTANCE, BAPTISM WITHOUT CHURCH DISCIPLINE, COMMUNION WITHOUT CONFESSION. CHEAP GRACE IS GRACE WITHOUT DISCIPLESHIP, GRACE WITHOUT THE CROSS, GRACE WITHOUT JESUS CHRIST, LIVING AND INCARNATE. COSTLY GRACE...IS THE KINGLY RULE OF CHRIST, FOR WHOSE SAKE A MAN WILL PLUCK OUT THE EYE WHICH CAUSES HIM TO STUMBLE, IT IS THE CALL OF JESUS CHRIST AT WHICH THE DISCIPLE LEAVES HIS NETS AND FOLLOWS HIM."

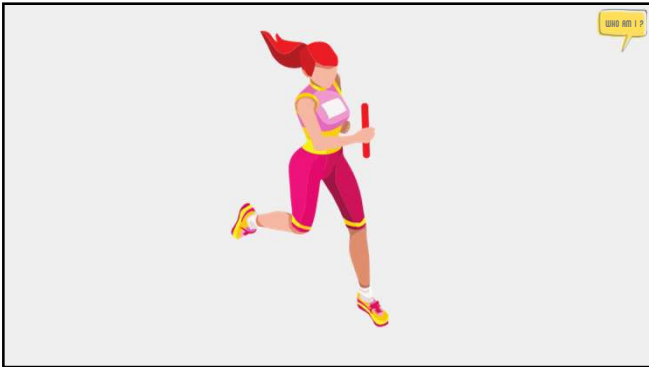
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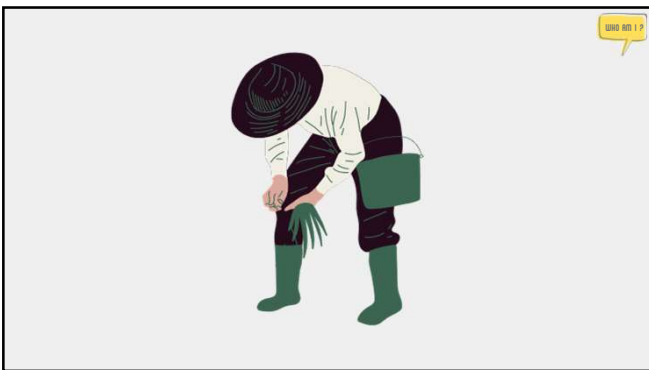
YOU THEN, MY SON, BE STRONG IN THE GRACE THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS. 2 AND THE THINGS YOU HAVE HEARD ME SAY IN THE PRESENCE OF MANY WITNESSES ENTRUST TO RELIABLE PEOPLE WHO WILL ALSO BE QUALIFIED TO TEACH OTHERS. 3 JOIN WITH ME IN SUFFERING, LIKE A GOOD SOLDIER OF CHRIST JESUS. 4 NO ONE SERVING AS A SOLDIER GETS ENTANGLED IN CIVILIAN AFFAIRS, BUT RATHER TRIES TO PLEASE HIS COMMANDING OFFICER. 5 SIMILARLY, ANYONE WHO COMPETES AS AN ATHLETE DOES NOT RECEIVE THE VICTOR'S CROWN EXCEPT BY COMPETING ACCORDING TO THE RULES. 6 THE HARDWORKING FARMER SHOULD BE THE FIRST TO RECEIVE A SHARE OF THE CROPS. 7 REFLECT ON WHAT I AM SAYING, FOR THE LORD WILL GIVE YOU INSIGHT INTO ALL THIS.

2.TIMOTHY 2:1-



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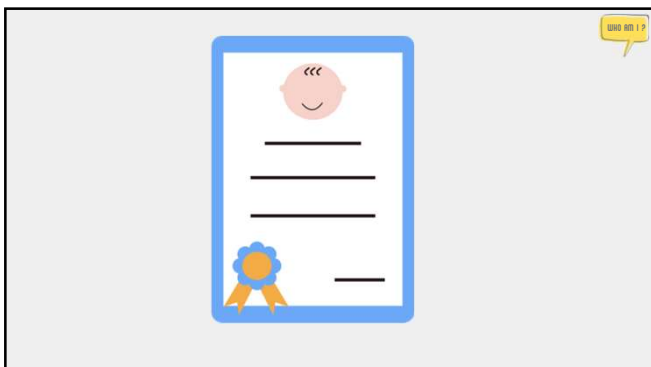













WHO AM I ?

IN CHRIST -
I AM A CHILD OF GOD



GROUP WORK

- JOHN 1:9-13
- ROMANS 8:14-17
- ROMANS 8:18-23
- GALATIANS 3:26-29
- GALATIANS 4:4-7
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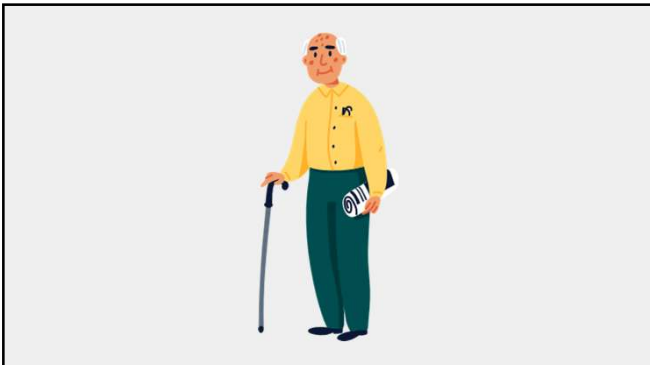


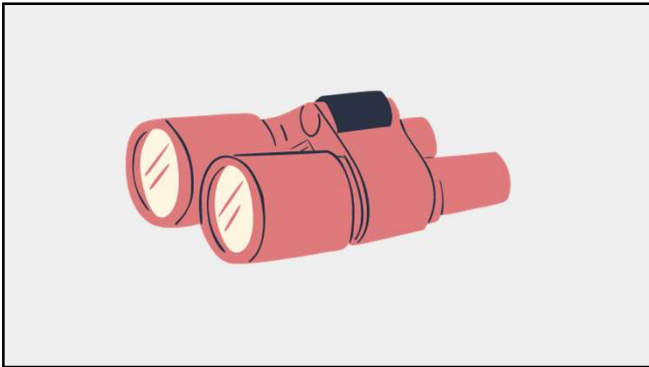
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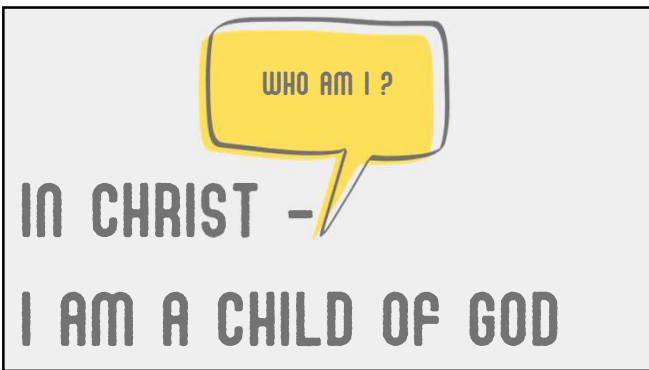
"YOU SUM UP THE WHOLE OF NEW TESTAMENT RELIGION IF YOU DESCRIBE IT AS THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AS ONE'S HOLY FATHER. IF YOU WANT TO JUDGE HOW WELL A PERSON UNDERSTANDS CHRISTIANITY, FIND OUT HOW MUCH HE MAKES OF THE THOUGHT OF BEING GOD'S CHILD, AND HAVING GOD AS HIS FATHER. IF THIS IS NOT THE THOUGHT THAT PROMPTS AND CONTROLS HIS WORSHIP AND PRAYERS AND HIS WHOLE OUTLOOK ON LIFE, IT MEANS THAT HE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND CHRISTIANITY VERY WELL AT ALL.

FOR EVERYTHING THAT CHRIST TAUGHT, EVERYTHING THAT MAKES THE NEW TESTAMENT NEW, AND BETTER THAN THE OLD, EVERYTHING THAT IS DISTINCTIVELY CHRISTIAN AS OPPOSED TO MERELY JEWISH, IS SUMMED UP IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD. 'FATHER' IS THE CHRISTIAN NAME FOR GOD. OUR UNDERSTANDING OF CHRISTIANITY CANNOT BE BETTER THAN OUR GRASP OF ADOPTION."



















IN CHRIST - I AM CALLED



THE VOICE

OUR PROBLEM

- TOO MANY CHOICES
- PERFECT FULFILLMENT
- PROFESSIONALISM
- WRONG THEOLOGY

1. HOW DOES GOD WORK?

EXODUS 2:23-25

2 CHRONICLES 16:9

2. GOD'S GENERAL CALL

- FELLOWSHIP WITH JESUS
- SPIRITUAL GROWTH
- WORK - TO GOD'S GLORY
- SERVICE IN THE CHURCH
- BEING A WITNESS

"WHEN THE STABLE MAID FAITHFULLY
MILKS THE COWS AND CLEARS THE DUNG
OUT OF THE STABLE, SHE LIVES MORE
SPIRITUALLY THAN THE REBELLIOUS MONK
WHO PRAYS IN THE MONASTERY"



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ACTS 13:1-3

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"'NOT CALLED' DID YOU SAY? 'NOT HEARD THE CALL,' I THINK YOU SHOULD SAY. PUT YOUR EAR DOWN TO THE BIBLE, AND HEAR HIM BID YOU GO AND PULL SINNERS OUT OF THE FIRE OF SIN. PUT YOUR EAR DOWN TO THE BURDENED, AGONIZED HEART OF HUMANITY, AND LISTEN TO ITS PITIFUL WAIL FOR HELP. GO STAND BY THE GATES OF HELL, AND HEAR THE DAMNED ENTREAT YOU TO GO TO THEIR FATHER'S HOUSE AND BID THEIR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND SERVANTS AND MASTERS NOT TO COME THERE. THEN LOOK CHRIST IN THE FACE-WHOSE MERCY YOU HAVE PROFESSED TO OBEY-AND TELL HIM WHETHER YOU WILL JOIN HEART AND SOUL AND BODY AND CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE MARCH TO PUBLISH HIS MERCY TO THE WORLD."

WHAT IS IT TO GO? ASSUREDLY IT IS NOT TO SIT STILL. GET UP. SHAKE YOURSELF. ACT. DO SOMETHING; DO IT AT ONCE; GO ON DOING IT; DO IT WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT. SPARE NO PAINS. NEVER STOP ANY MORE. READ, GIVE, PRAY, TALK, SING - DO ANYTHING YOU CAN. SUFFER. GOING MEANT SUFFERING TO CHRIST: IT MEANT THIS TO THE APOSTLES.

WILLIAM BOOTH



"WE OBSESS OVER THE THINGS THAT GOD HAD NOT MENTIONED AND MAY NEVER MENTION, WHILE, BY CONTRAST, WE SPEND LITTLE TIME ON ALL THE THINGS GOD HAS ALREADY REVEALED TO US IN THE BIBLE"

KEVIN DEYOUNG

**"GO WHERE YOU'RE SENT
STAY WHERE YOU'RE PUT
GIVE WHAT YOU'VE GOT"**

JILL BRISCOE

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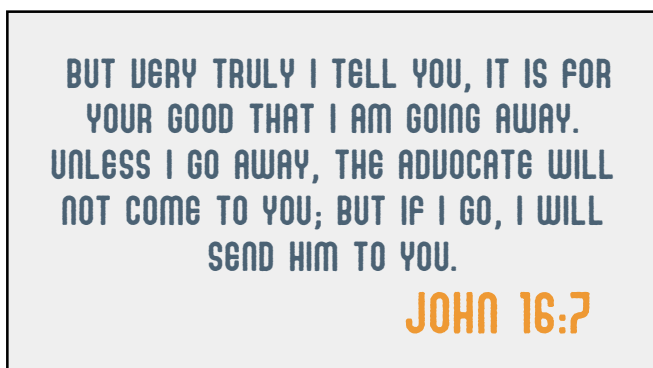
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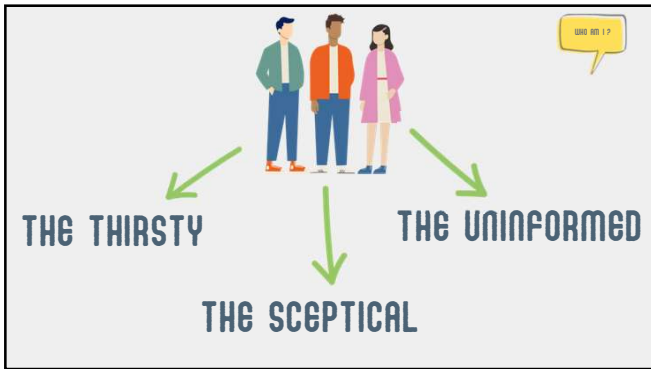





WHO AM I ?

IN CHRIST - I AM EQUIPPED





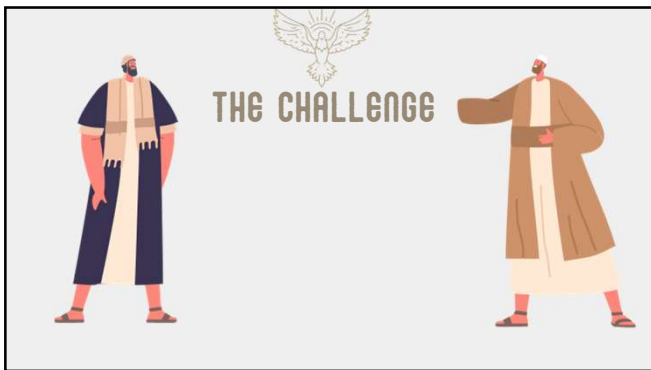


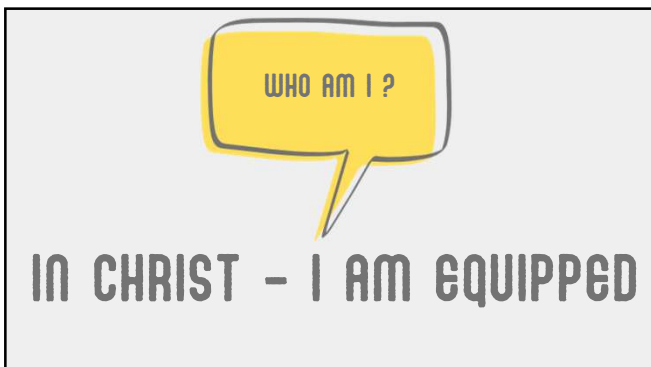
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1. OLD TESTAMENT
 2. NEW TESTAMENT
 3. HIS ROLE
 4. HIS GIFTS
 5. LIVING WITH HIM

NOW, LORD, CONSIDER THEIR THREATS AND ENABLE YOUR SERVANTS
TO SPEAK YOUR WORD WITH GREAT BOLDNESS. SO STRETCH OUT
YOUR HAND TO HEAL AND PERFORM SIGNS AND WONDERS THROUGH
THE NAME OF YOUR HOLY SERVANT JESUS.' (ACTS 4:29-30)

FOUR ENEMIES









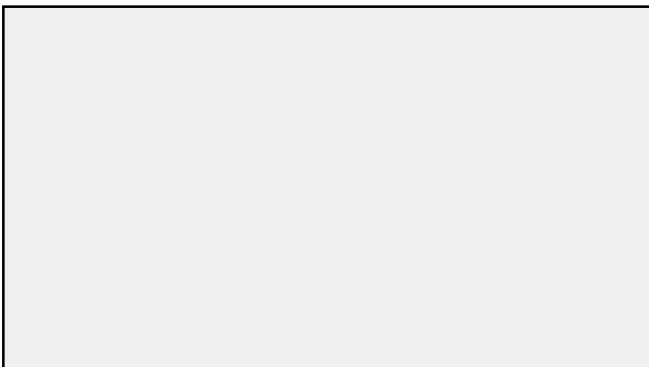






IN CHRIST - AM I SAFE ?





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DEFINING THE RELATIONSHIP





CALVINISM

3 PRAISE BE TO THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO HAS BLESSED US IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS WITH EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING IN CHRIST.

4 FOR HE CHOSE US IN HIM BEFORE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD TO BE HOLY AND BLAMELESS IN HIS SIGHT. IN LOVE

5 HE PREDESTINED US FOR ADOPTION TO SONSHIP THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS PLEASURE AND WILL -

6 TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORIOUS GRACE, WHICH HE HAS FREELY GIVEN US IN THE ONE HE LOVES.

EPHESIANS 1:3-6



CALVINISM

36 BUT AS I TOLD YOU, YOU HAVE SEEN ME AND STILL
YOU DO NOT BELIEVE.

37 ALL THOSE THE FATHER GIVES ME WILL COME TO ME,
AND WHOEVER COMES TO ME I WILL NEVER DRIVE AWAY.

38 FOR I HAVE COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN NOT TO DO MY
WILL BUT TO DO THE WILL OF HIM WHO SENT ME.

JOHN 6:36-39



CALVINISM

38 FOR I AM CONVINCED THAT NEITHER DEATH NOR
LIFE, NEITHER ANGELS NOR DEMONS, NEITHER THE
PRESENT NOR THE FUTURE, NOR ANY POWERS,
39 NEITHER HEIGHT NOR DEPTH, NOR ANYTHING ELSE IN
ALL CREATION, WILL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM
THE LOVE OF GOD THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.

ROMANS 8:38-39



CALVINISM

6 BEING CONFIDENT OF THIS, THAT HE
WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL
CARRY IT ON TO COMPLETION UNTIL THE
DAY OF CHRIST JESUS.

PHILIPPIANS 1:6

10 AT THAT TIME MANY WILL TURN AWAY FROM THE FAITH AND WILL BETRAY AND HATE EACH OTHER, 11 AND MANY FALSE PROPHETS WILL APPEAR AND DECEIVE MANY PEOPLE.

12 BECAUSE OF THE INCREASE OF WICKEDNESS, THE LOVE OF MOST WILL GROW COLD, 13 BUT THE ONE WHO STANDS FIRM TO THE END WILL BE SAVED.

MATTHEW 24:10-13



ARMINIANISM

21 ONCE YOU WERE ALIENATED FROM GOD AND WERE ENEMIES IN YOUR MINDS BECAUSE OF YOUR EVIL BEHAVIOUR. 22 BUT NOW HE HAS RECONCILED YOU BY CHRIST'S PHYSICAL BODY THROUGH DEATH TO PRESENT YOU HOLY IN HIS SIGHT, WITHOUT BLEMISH AND FREE FROM ACCUSATION -23 IF YOU CONTINUE IN YOUR FAITH, ESTABLISHED AND FIRM, AND DO NOT MOVE FROM THE HOPE HELD OUT IN THE GOSPEL. THIS IS THE GOSPEL THAT YOU HEARD AND THAT HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED TO EVERY CREATURE UNDER HEAVEN, AND OF WHICH I, PAUL, HAVE BECOME A SERVANT.

COLOSSIANS 1:21-23



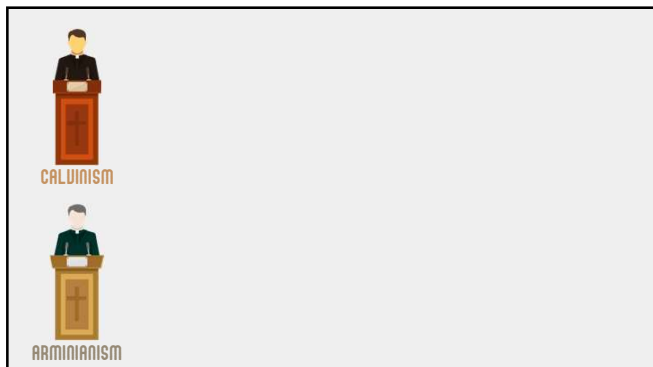
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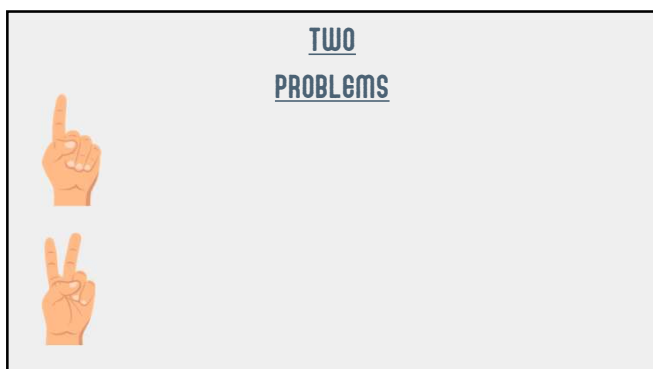
SEE TO IT, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THAT NONE OF YOU HAS A SINFUL, UNBELIEVING HEART THAT TURNS AWAY FROM THE LIVING GOD. 13 BUT ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER DAILY, AS LONG AS IT IS CALLED 'TODAY', SO THAT NONE OF YOU MAY BE HARDENED BY SIN'S DECEITFULNESS. 14 WE HAVE COME TO SHARE IN CHRIST, IF INDEED WE HOLD OUR ORIGINAL CONVICTION FIRMLY TO THE VERY END.

HEBREWS 3:12-14



ARMINIANISM







CONCLUDING THOUGHTS**1. CERTAIN THINGS ARE EXPLICITLY MENTIONED**

- . WE MIGHT STILL FALL INTO SERIOUS SIN (LIKE THE ISRAELITES / 1 COR. 10, 1-12)
- . WE MAY LOSE FUTURE REWARDS (COL.2:18, 2 JOHN 8, REV.9:11)
- . WE MAY LOSE GOD'S APPROVAL (REV.2:1-7)
- . WE MAY LOSE OUR LOVE, JOY, PEACE, AND COMFORT IN THE LORD (HEBR.12:1-11; JAS 3:13-17)
- . WE MAY LOSE THE SPIRITUAL PROTECTION OF THE BODY OF CHRIST AND OUR GOOD STANDING WITH FELLOW BELIEVERS (1 COR. 5:1-8 / 9-13)
- . WE MAY LOSE OUR SPIRITUAL INFLUENCE (1 COR 9:27)

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS**2. WE ARE ETERNALLY SAFE IN CHRIST**

3 BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST! ACCORDING
TO HIS GREAT MERCY, HE HAS CAUSED US TO BE BORN AGAIN TO A LIVING
HOPE THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD,
4 TO AN INHERITANCE THAT IS IMPERISHABLE, UNDEFILED, AND UNFADING,
KEPT IN HEAVEN FOR YOU,
5 WHO BY GOD'S POWER ARE BEING GUARDED THROUGH FAITH FOR A
SALVATION READY TO BE REVEALED IN THE LAST TIME.

1 PETER 1:3-5

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS**3. SALVATION IS NOT JUST A LINE TO CROSS**

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

4. THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT FALLING AWAY IS POSSIBLE



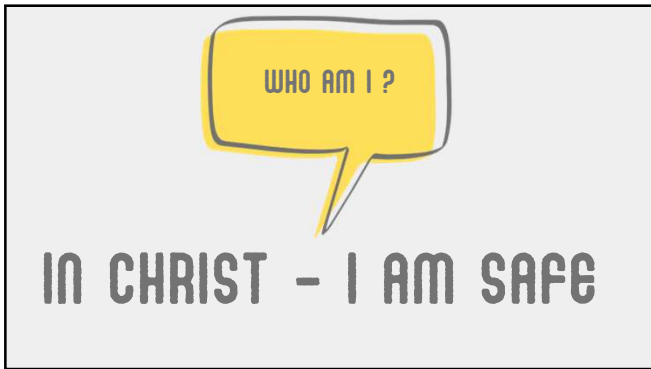
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WHEN THE APOSTLES EXHORT ME TO REPENTANCE AND
OBEDIENCE, I GIVE MYSELF UP TO THAT.'



CHARLES SIMÉON

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

5. WHAT IS YOUR GOAL?








WHO AM I ?

RECAP

IDENTITY



WHO AM I ?

WHO AM I ?

IN CHRIST - I AM LOVED

