

EXPERIENTIAL CHRISTIANITY

Seeking the Sabbath Rest

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Start
Point

Starting Point

As a Christian: What do we base our knowledge and understanding on in the reality of our life?

What is the relationship of the Sabbath Rest to my 'basic' or 'normal' Christian life?

Is the Sabbath Rest something necessary to my Christian life?

Personal Interpretive Lens

Wesleyan Quadrilateral

Christ in you the hope
of Glory

Christ my LIFE

Christian Interpretive Lens

The LIFE of Christ in you
Sabbath Rest is the Mature

Experience of the LIFE of
Christ manifest in you

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Christ My Life

What is this LIFE

What is it to have this LIFE

What does this LIFE Do

Is this different from my life

Etc

Not GET LIFE but HAVE LIFE to
LIVE LIFE

- A. Foundational Prerequisites
- B. Scriptural Perspective
- C. Interpretive Lens
- D. Biblical Epistolary
Construct
- E. 1 John Study Method

LIFE



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Foundational Prerequisites

Seeking the Sabbath Rest
Experience Demands the
Starting Point Established by
the Apostolic Witness,
Testimony and Writings.

A. FP

Have to be a Christian

Forgiveness of Sins-

New Testament

Child of God

Have Life – Eternal Life





Scriptural Perspective

The Sabbath Rest Experience and LIFE in the Sabbath Rest is the fullness of the existing LIFE of the Child of God.

B. SP



Written to Christian Believers
Written for Christian Believers

If People Do Not Know the Bible, They Cannot Know God.



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The impact of the problem of biblical illiteracy can't be overestimated. As Dr. R.C. Sproul and other pastors and theologians have recognized throughout history, if people don't know their Bibles, they can't have saving knowledge of God. And without saving knowledge of God, they won't have eternal life.

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Interpretive Lens

This is not the 'Practicing the Presence of Jesus' or 'The Imitation of Christ' or

Authentic discipleship must be motivated by a deep, personal relationship with our Savior. As we begin to model our walk after the example of Christ, we will begin to see true heart-change in the people around us! Here is a short study that can help you to get a clearer picture of Christ's heart for discipleship.



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C. IL

Understood from the Experience of having LIFE

Not looking at the LIFE and studying it but in full rest and trustful reliance upon the LIFE jointly LIVING IT.

No, we do not know how to do it. The Person residing in us does. He came to share His LIFE with us.



Biblical Epistolary

Construct

The Epistles make it clear what the goal of the writers is and how they go about to accomplish it as they methodically bring the readers to Maturity.

REF: Hebrews 1 John Ephesians
Colossians Galatians

Foundational – Child of God

Goal – Sabbath Rest - Maturity

Methodology –

- 1.Evidence of The Experience of LIFE
- 2.Growth built upon the Experience of LIFE

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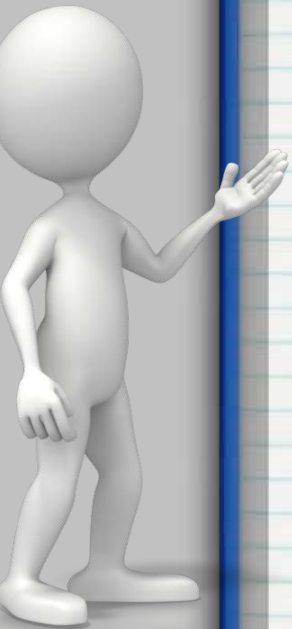


1 John's Method of Study

The First Epistle of John is the written format of the Holy Spirit's teaching method for bringing every believer to the full mature faith of experientially knowing they actually have the LIFE of God indwelling them and jointly participate in this LIFE as HE Lives. ONE LIFE Lived.

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Paragraph by paragraph, verse by verse John embraces the believer. John draws upon the actual experience of the LIFE of God in each believer bringing them to an every deeper and fuller revelatory understanding of the LIFE they have and the ONE PERSON indwelling them as their own. The consequent result is the fully assured personal knowledge of each to the reality that they have ETERNAL LIFE and are at full REST in HIM.



Study
Method

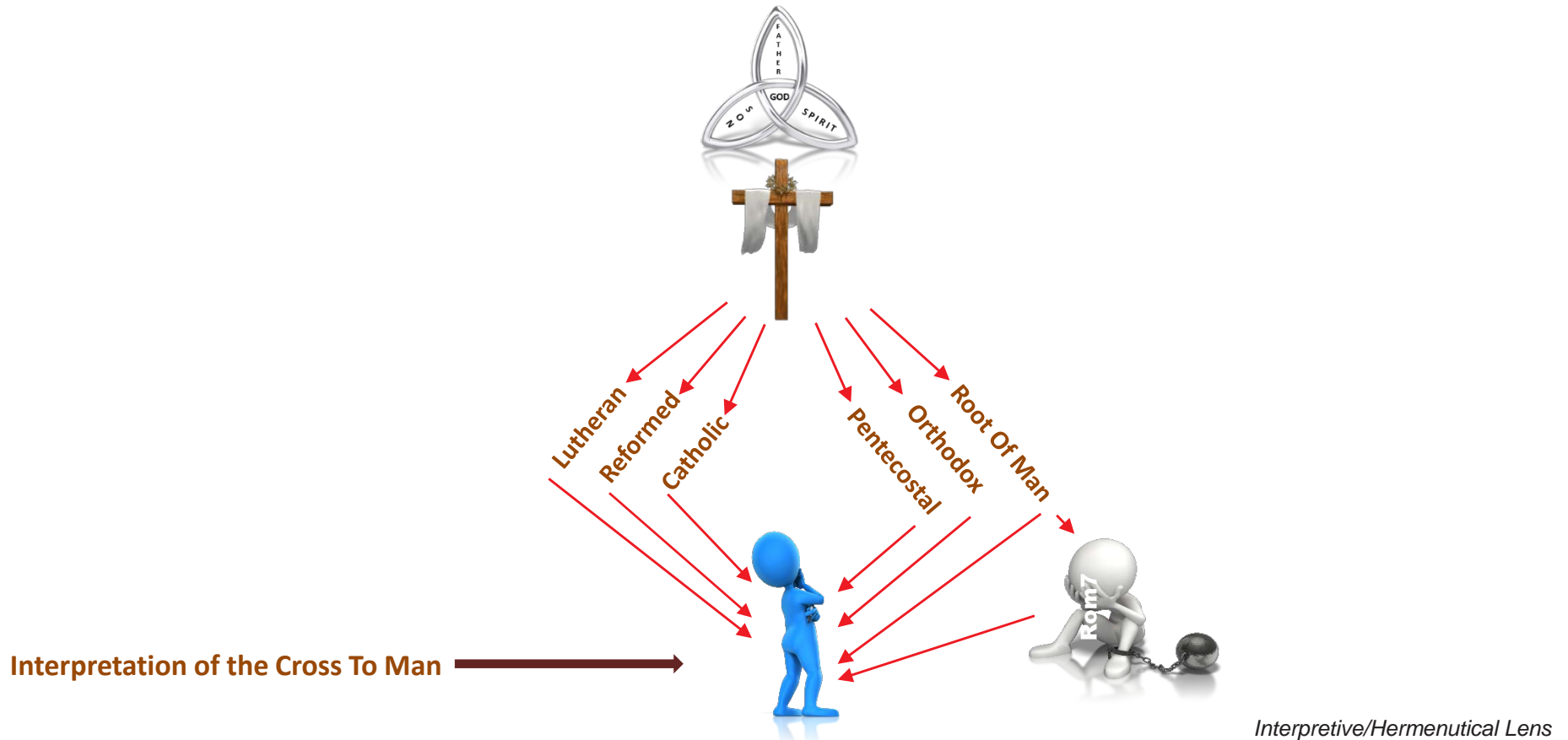


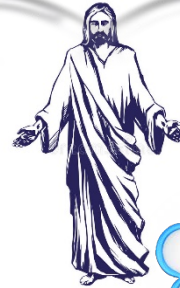
Working Papers

- John Unfolds the Experience of the LIFE of God In the believer in no less than 3 ways: 1.The experience of Actual LIFE - I have LOVE 2. The Experience of recognizing LIFE/not LIFE in others - walking in the light w fellowship of LIFE 3. The experience of righteous judgement and discernment of the World - I do not love the world. Stated another way: 1. The LIFE Itself 2. The Internal Benefits of that LIFE 3. The External Benefits of that LIFE

What is Man?

Where do we look for the Human User Manual?





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Heb 3:1

Therefore, holy brethren, who share in a heavenly call, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession.

Interpretive/Hermeneutical Lens



Jesus Christ is the Human User Manual



Not to be copied -

But to be Experienced!

Eph. 3:11
This was according to the eternal purpose
which he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord
(RSV)

Interpretive/Hermenutical Lens

Here is where we look for the Human User Manual?

The Full Revelation of God Jesus Christ God-Man



Col 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; 16 for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities--all things were created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. 19 For in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. RSV

God Manifest
True Humanity Manifest
LIFE Manifest

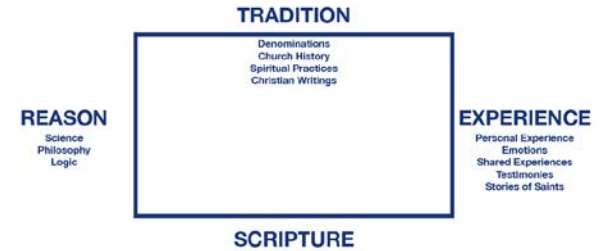
Humanity in Fellowship with God
Joint Participation in LIFE

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THE WESLEYAN QUADRILATERAL



Scripture



Reason



Tradition



Experience



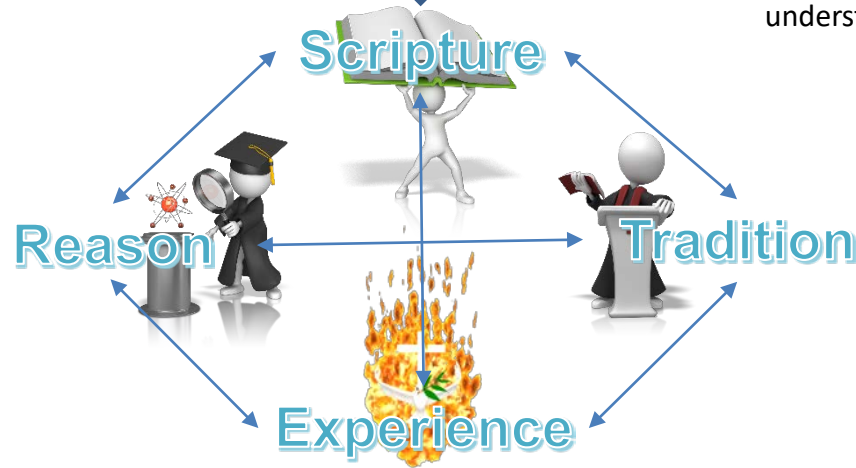
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Pr 2:1 ¶ My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, 2 making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; 3 yes, if you cry out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, 4 if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures; 5 then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. 6 For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; RSV



Col 1:9 ¶ And so, from the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 to lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. RSV

Modified Wesleyan Quadrilateral

