

# Study Objectives



- Open
- Web Site Materials
  - Resources, Videos, PDF, Video & Sessions
- Welcome Open Prayer Songs –Discernment unto Maturity Friday Feb 23,2024  
6:30 – 8 PM CST
- Next Session: 012424
- 1 JN 4.4-6 Summary - Prayer; Quad Relationships 2

MPLS  
Jan 17, 2024

# The Sabbath Rest Experiential Christianity

TBS 1 John  
Thought Block Bible Study

Sabbath Rest



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**1 JN 4.4-6**

## Sabbath Rest



Building Blocks of Faith

- Definitions
- Synonyms
- Apostolic/Scriptural Unfolding – NT Epistles Interpretive Lens
- Exhortational Foundation

## Fellowship of LIFE



Building Blocks of Faith

- Have LIFE
- Testimony of the Father
- Having Believed Evidence of Faith
- Promise of the Spirit

## Blood of Christ



Building Blocks of Faith

- Incarnate God; Birth God/Man; New Creation
- Reality of the Blood; Human; Man
- Curse/LIFE
- Blood of Old/Blood of New
- Cry of the Heart “Abba Father”; Peace with God
- Experience of LIFE

## Study Method



Building Blocks of Faith

- Methodical Bible Study: Basic & Advanced Step
- Kipling in Experience
- Epistolary Method: Experience of Resident Life
- Know by the Knowing Experience

*I never asked you to live the Christian life,  
I came to share MY LIFE with you.*

"Can't Even Walk" cover acoustic version | Angie Sutherland





**"I Can't Even Walk Without You Holding My Hand" Southern Gospel**

# Discernment unto Maturity


## Experiential Christianity



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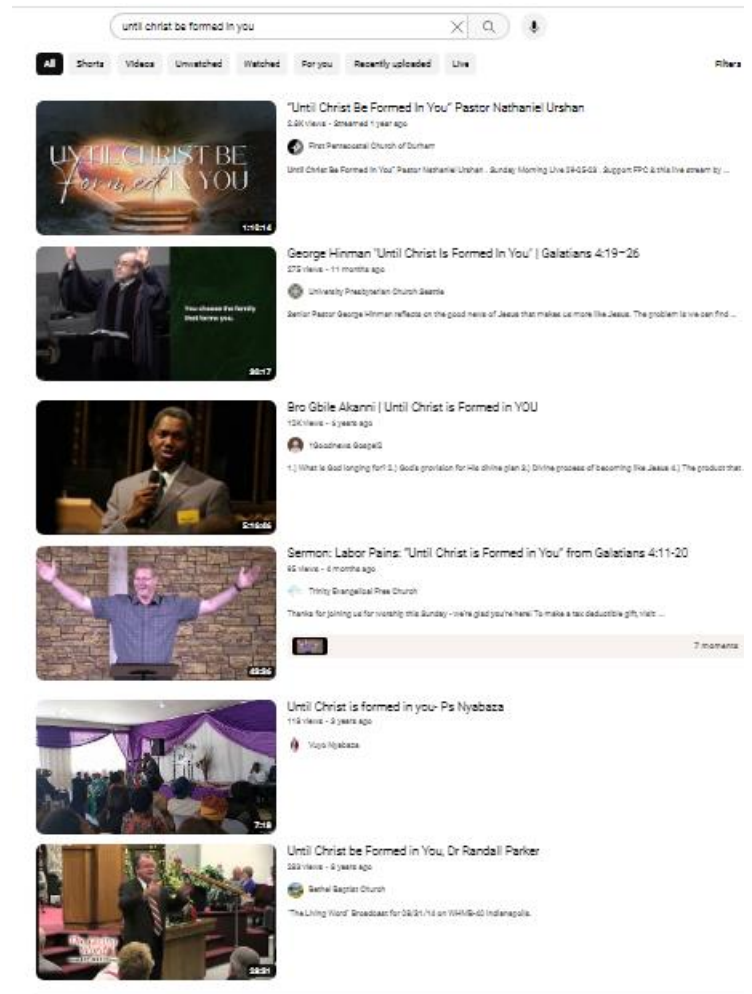
The Role of Experiential FAITH  
The "I AM"

## Session 2

FEBRUARY 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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# UpComing



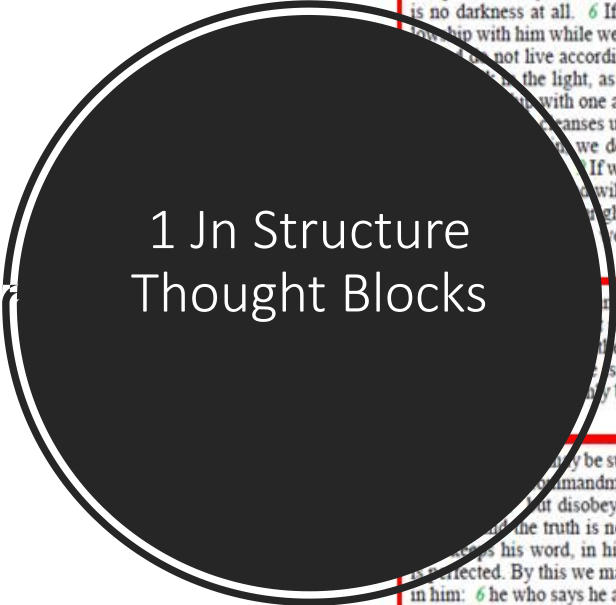
# "Until Christ Is Formed In You" | Galatians 4:19–26

## How is Christ Formed in YOU?



You Are OF God  
The OF  
OF Faith





1 Jn Structure  
Thought Blocks

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19 By this we shall know that we are of the truth, and reassure our hearts before him 20 whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21 Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God; 22 and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. 23 And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 24 All who keep his commandments abide in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit which he has given us.

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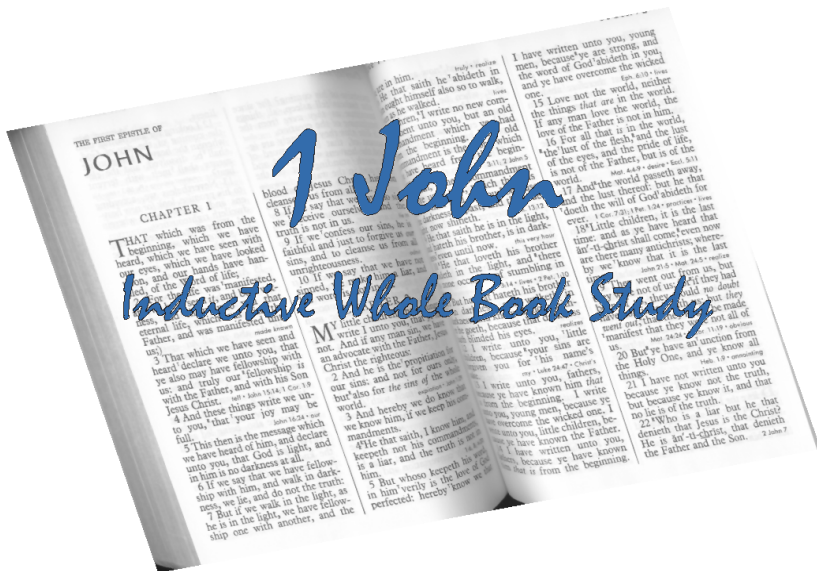
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12 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his sake. 13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. 14 I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If any one loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides for ever.

18 Children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come; therefore we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out, that it might be plain that they all are not of us.

20 But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all know. 21 I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and know that no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. 23 No one who denies the Son has the Father. He who confesses the Son has the Father also. 24 Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is what he has promised us, eternal life.

26 I write this to you about those who would deceive you; 27 but the anointing which you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that any one should teach you; as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie, just as it has taught you, abide in him.

28 And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. 29 If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that every one who does right is born of him.

3:1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every one who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

4 Every one who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who does right is righteous, as he is righteous. 8 He who commits sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 9 No one born of God commits sin; for God's nature abides in him, and he cannot sin because he is born of God. 10 By this it may be seen who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not do right is not of God, nor he who does not love his brother.

11 For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, 12 and not be like Cain who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. 13 Do not wonder, brethren, that the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. 15 Any one who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. 16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But if any one has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth.

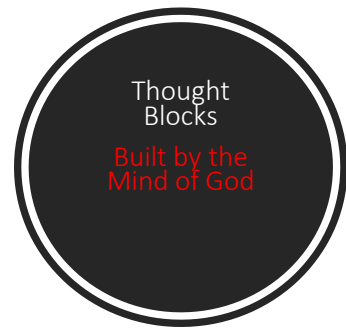
19 By this we shall know that we are of the truth, and reassure our hearts before him 20 whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21 Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God; 22 and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. 23 And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 24 All who keep his commandments abide in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit which he has given us.

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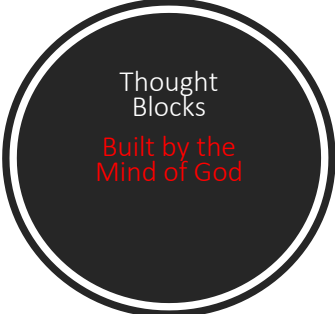
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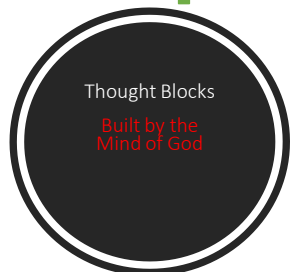
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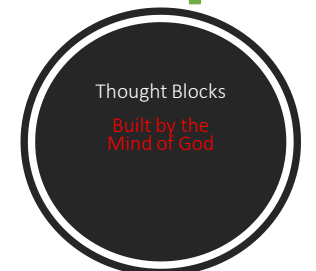
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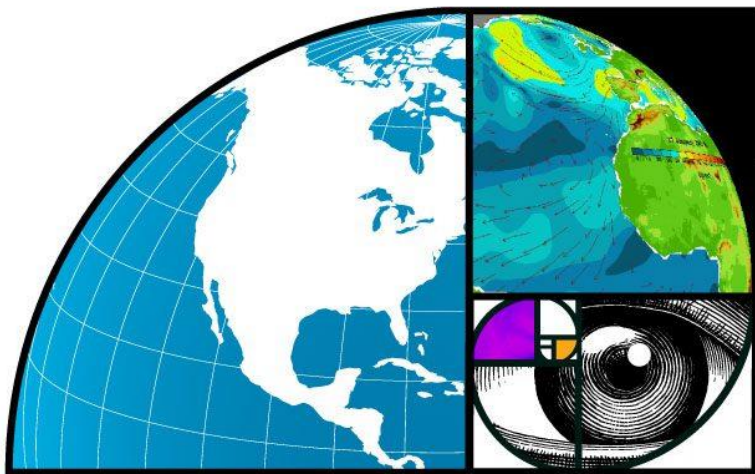
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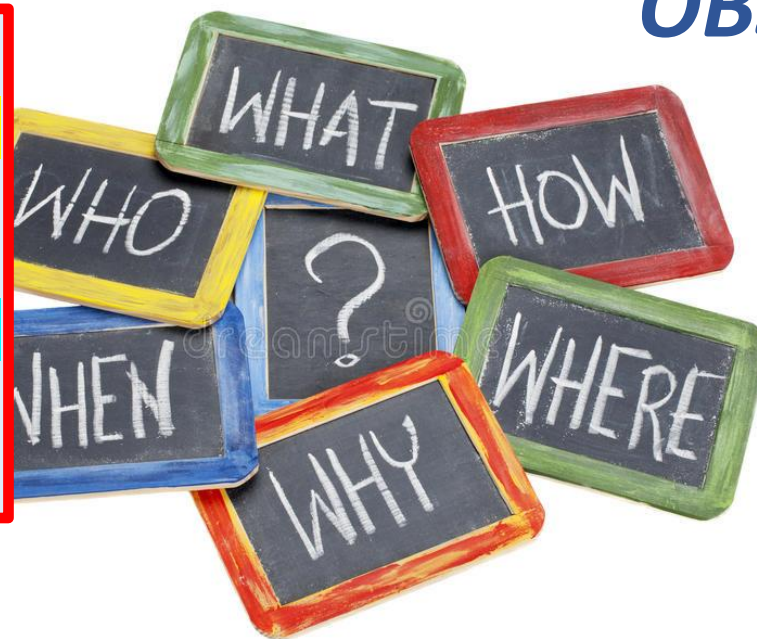
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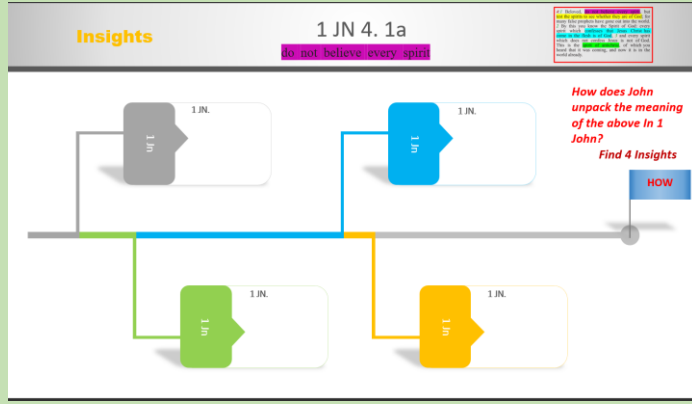
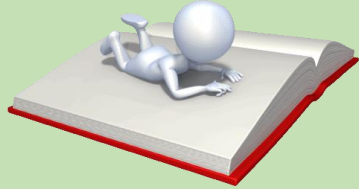
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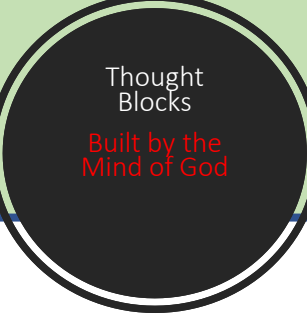
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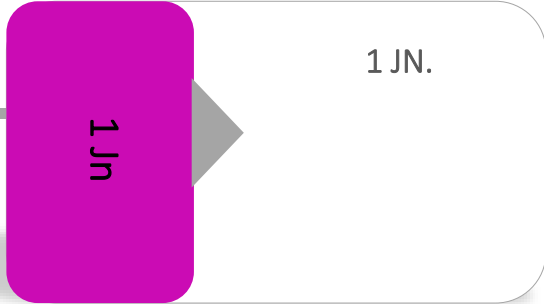
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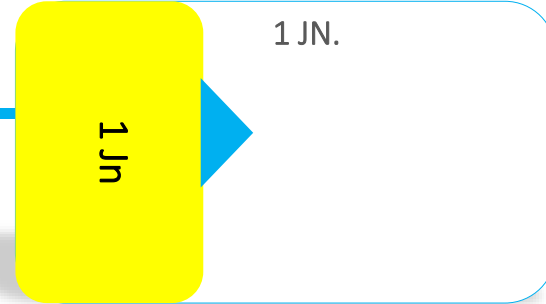
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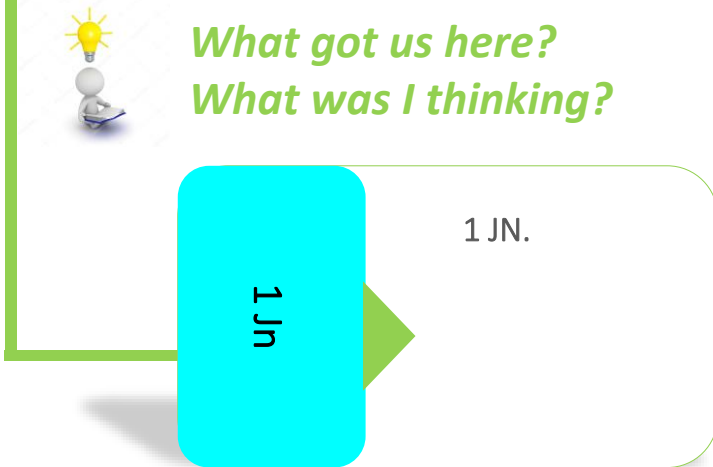
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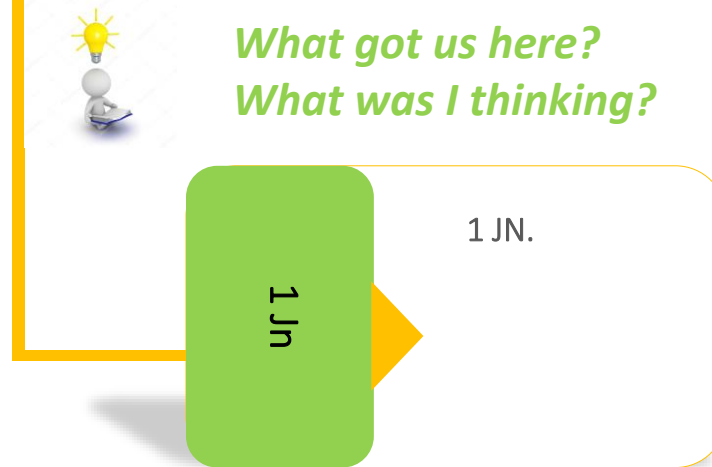
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- I. great
  - A. of the external form or sensible appearance of things (or of persons)
    - i. in particular, of space and its dimensions, as respects
      - a. mass and weight: great
      - b. compass and extent: large, spacious
      - c. measure and height: long
      - d. stature and age: great, old
  - B. of number and quantity: numerous, large, abundant
  - C. of age: the elder
  - D. used of intensity and its degrees: with great effort, of the affections and emotions of the mind, of natural events powerfully affecting the senses: violent, mighty, strong
- II. predicated of rank, as belonging to
  - A. persons, eminent for ability, virtue, authority, power
  - B. things esteemed highly for their importance: of great moment, of great weight, importance
  - C. a thing to be highly esteemed for its excellence: excellent
- III. splendid, prepared on a grand scale, stately
- IV. great things
  - A. of God's preeminent blessings
  - B. of things which overstep the province of a created being, proud (presumptuous) things, full of arrogance, derogatory to the majesty of God

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a. persons, eminent for ability, virtue, authority, power; as God, and sacred personages: **Θεός**, Titus 2:13 ((on which see Prof. Abbot, Note C. in Journ. See Biblical Literature, etc. i., p. 19, and cf. **ἐπιφάνεια**)); **Ἄρτεμις**, Acts 19:27f, 34f; **ἀρχιερέυς**, Hebrews 4:14; **ποιμήν**, Hebrews 13:20; **προφήτης**, Luke 7:16; absolutely, **οἱ μεγάλοι**, great men, leaders, rulers, Matthew 20:25; Mark 10:42; universally, **eminent, distinguished**: Matthew 5:19; Matthew 20:26; Luke 1:15, 32; Acts 8:9. **μειζων** is used of those who surpass others — either in nature and power, as God: John 10:29 (here T Tr WH text give the neuter (see below)); John 10:28; Hebrews 6:13; 1 John 4:4; add, John 4:12; John 8:53; or in excellence, worth, authority, etc.: Matthew 11:11; Matthew 18:1; Matthew 23:11; Mark 9:34; Luke 7:28; Luke 9:46; Luke 22:26; John 13:16; John 15:20; 1 Corinthians 14:5; **δυνάμει μείζονες**, 2 Peter 2:11; neuter **μείζον**, **something higher, more exalted, more majestic** than the temple, to wit the august person of Jesus the Messiah and his preeminent influence, Matthew 12:6 L T Tr WH; (cf. John 10:29 above); contextually equivalent to **strict in condemning**, of God, 1 John 3:20.

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- I. an apt and harmonious arrangement or constitution, order, government
- II. ornament, decoration, adornment, i.e. the arrangement of the stars, 'the heavenly hosts', as the ornament of the heavens. 1 Pet. 3:3
- III. the world, the universe
- IV. the circle of the earth, the earth
- V. the inhabitants of the earth, men, the human family
- VI. the ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God, and therefore hostile to the cause of Christ
- VII. world affairs, the aggregate of things earthly
  - A. the whole circle of earthly goods, endowments riches, advantages, pleasures, etc, which although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ
- VIII. any aggregate or general collection of particulars of any sort
  - A. the Gentiles as contrasted to the Jews (Rom. 11:12 etc)

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1Jo 2:2 and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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1Jo 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world.

1Jo 2:17 And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides for ever.

1Jo 3:1 ¶ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

1Jo 3:13 Do not wonder, brethren, that the world hates you.

1Jo 3:17 But if any one has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

1Jo 4:1 ¶ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are of God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

1Jo 4:3 and every spirit which does not confess Jesus is not of God. This is the spirit of antichrist, of which you heard that it was coming, and now it is in the world already.

1Jo 4:4 ¶ Little children, you are of God, and have overcome them; for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

1Jo 4:5 They are of the world, therefore what they say is of the world, and the world listens to them.

1Jo 4:9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

1Jo 4:14 ¶ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.

1Jo 4:17 ¶ In this is love perfected with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so are we in this world.

1Jo 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith.

1Jo 5:5 Who is it that overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

1Jo 5:19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world is in the power of the evil one.

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His LIFE comes out of us and some will receive and some will reject us.

1 JN

John wants me to KNOW I am Of God and not of the World.

*How does John unpack the meaning of the above In 1 John?*

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Acts 7:37 [R G]; 1 John 4:5f. Hence,

δ. its use by John in the sense to listen to, have regard to, of God answering the prayers of men: John 9:31; John 11:41; 1 John 5:14f (the Sept. render שָׁמַע by εἰσακούω).

1. to learn to know, come to know, get a knowledge of; passive to become known: with the accusative, Matthew 22:18; Mark 5:43; Acts 21:34;

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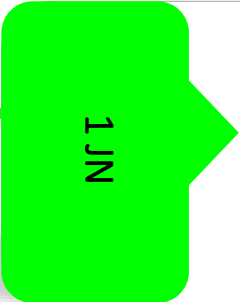
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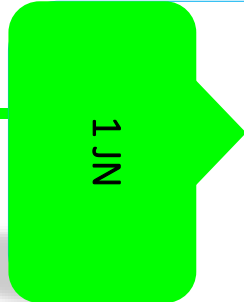
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I belong to God in my entirety = Spirit soul body My whole self. The world does not know this to be true in themselves.



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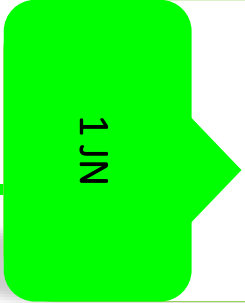
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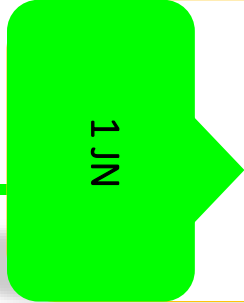
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How have I overcome those of the world?

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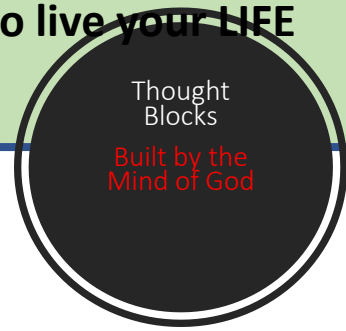
Thank you for the assurance that we are of you and that it is YOU who is our LIFE. – You made us to live your LIFE thru us in this world.

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# 1 JN 4.4-6

Teach me in Our Relationship how your LIFE tests the spirits and to recognize the confession of Christ.

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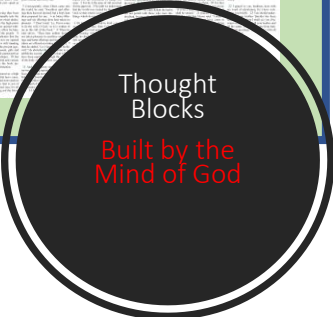
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# 1 JN 4.4-6 Topics & Concepts

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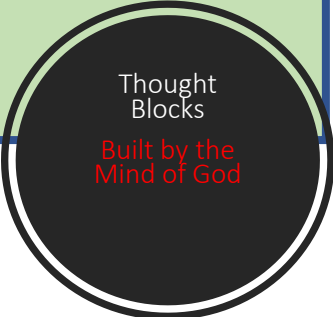
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**1 JOHN 4:4-6**

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1:3 Every man that believes in the Son of God... 1:4 And this is the love that has been perfected in us... 1:5 And whoever does not have this love... 1:6 And the love that is perfected in us... 1:7 And if we love one another... 1:8 And do not love... 1:9 And whoever does not confess... 1:10 And whoever receives... 1:11 And if we have loved... 1:12 And if we have not... 1:13 And if we have not... 1:14 And if we have not... 1:15 And if we have not... 1:16 And if we have not... 1:17 And if we have not... 1:18 And if we have not... 1:19 And if we have not... 1:20 And if we have not... 1:21 And if we have not... 1:22 And if we have not... 1:23 And if we have not... 1:24 And if we have not... 1:25 And if we have not...

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Heb 1.3 He reflects the glory of God We reflect the Glory of God.

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**Col 1:13 He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,**

**Col 2:15 He disarmed the principalities and powers and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in him.**

**Col 3:10 and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.**

**Col 4:5 ¶ Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. 6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer every one.**

**1 JN 4:10**

*1/1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ at Laodicea: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.*

*3 We always thank God, the Father, our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love which you have for all the saints, 5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—so among yourselves, from the day you heard and understood the grace of God in truth, 7 as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf 8 and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.*

*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. 11 May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13 He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

*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, in that in everything he might be pre-eminent. 19 For in him all the fullness 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.*

*21 And you, who once were estranged and hostile to him, by his death, 22 he has now reconciled in his blood to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by his death, 23 who provided himself with his own sacrifice to atone for our sins, in order to purify to himself his own people, zealous of good works.*

*24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for you and in my flesh I complete what is lacking of Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, the church, 25 of which I became a minister, to present every man mature in Christ, 26 the mystery hidden for ages and centuries, but now made manifest to his saints. To them God chose to make known how among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the church, 28 Him we proclaim, warning every man to be subject to him, as you have been subject to him, in order that you may bring to maturity the word of God, 29 that you may present every man mature in Christ, 30 this I toil, striving with all the energy which mightily inspires within me.*

*2/1 For I want you to know how greatly I love you, and for those at Laodicea, and who have not seen my face, 2 that they may be encouraged as they are knit together, to have all the riches of assured standing and the knowledge of God's mystery of Christ, 3 in whom are hid all the treasures and knowledge, 4 which no eye has seen, neither was heard, nor entered into the heart of man, which things God has prepared for those who love him.*

*5/1 I say in order that no one may delude you with beguiling speech. 2 For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.*

*6 As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*

*8 See to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ, 9*

*For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have come to fullness of life in him, who is the image of all righteousness, without being defiled, 11 who provided his own sacrifice to atone for our sins, in order to purify to himself his own people, zealous of good works, 12 that you may present yourselves as holy and blameless before God. You are to put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator, 13 having put off the old nature with its deeds and anger and wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth, 14 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the lying, in which you were once walking, when you lived in them.*

*15 But now put them all away, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth, 16 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the lying, in which you were once walking, when you lived in them.*

*17 Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.*

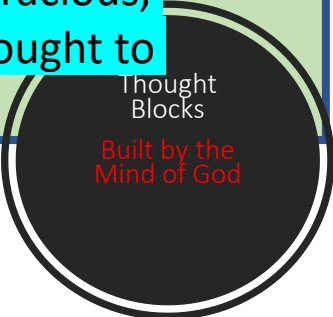
*18 Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven, 19 of whom you are Lord, 20 since you are Lord over the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the image of the Father, who sits at the right hand of the Father, 21 who is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the savior, who has purified to himself the church by the word of water with the word, 22 that he may present to himself the church to himself, spotless and without wrinkle, or anything of the kind, 23 that he may cleanse to himself the church by the word, 24 that he may present to himself the church to himself, spotless and without wrinkle, or anything of the kind, 25 that he may cleanse to himself the church by the word, 26 that he may present to himself the church to himself, spotless and without wrinkle, or anything of the kind, 27 that he may cleanse to himself the church by the word, 28 that he may present to myself the church to myself, spotless and without wrinkle, or anything of the kind, 29 that he may cleanse to himself the church by the word, 30 that he may present to myself the church to myself, spotless and without wrinkle, or anything of the kind.*

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*4/1 I bear him witness that he has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. 2 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 3 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 4 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 5 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 6 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 7 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 8 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 9 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 10 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 11 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 12 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 13 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 14 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 15 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 16 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 17 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 18 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 19 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 20 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 21 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 22 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 23 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 24 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 25 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 26 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 27 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 28 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 29 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine. 30 I have written to the church at Laodicea, and they have been a comfort and joy to me, because they have read your letter, as you have read mine.*

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17 Paul an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father... 18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas... 19 But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother... 20 (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!)

22 Brethren, I beseech you, become as I am, for I also do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but know it was because of a noble intent that I preached the gospel to you at first... 23 For you were called to freedom, brethren, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh...

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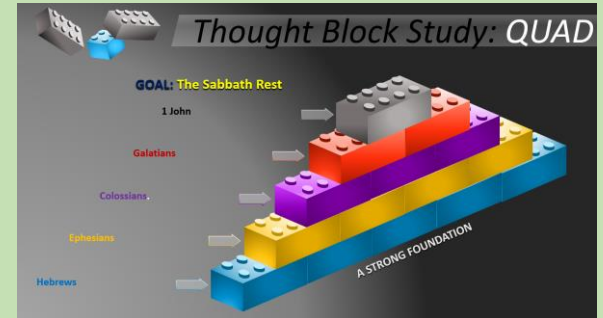
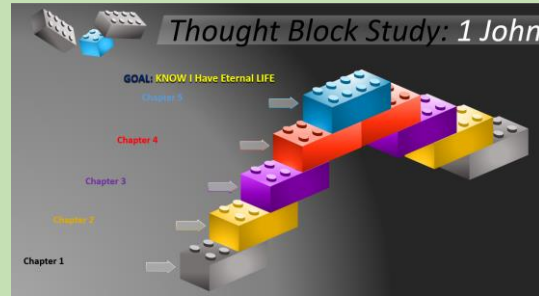
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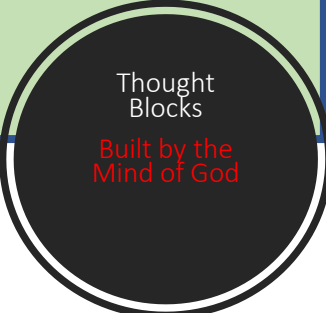
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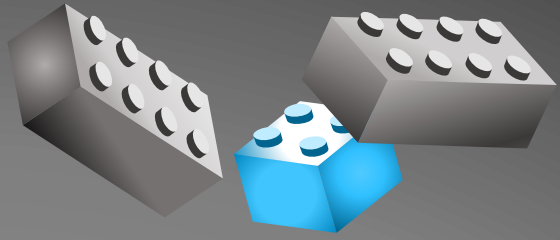
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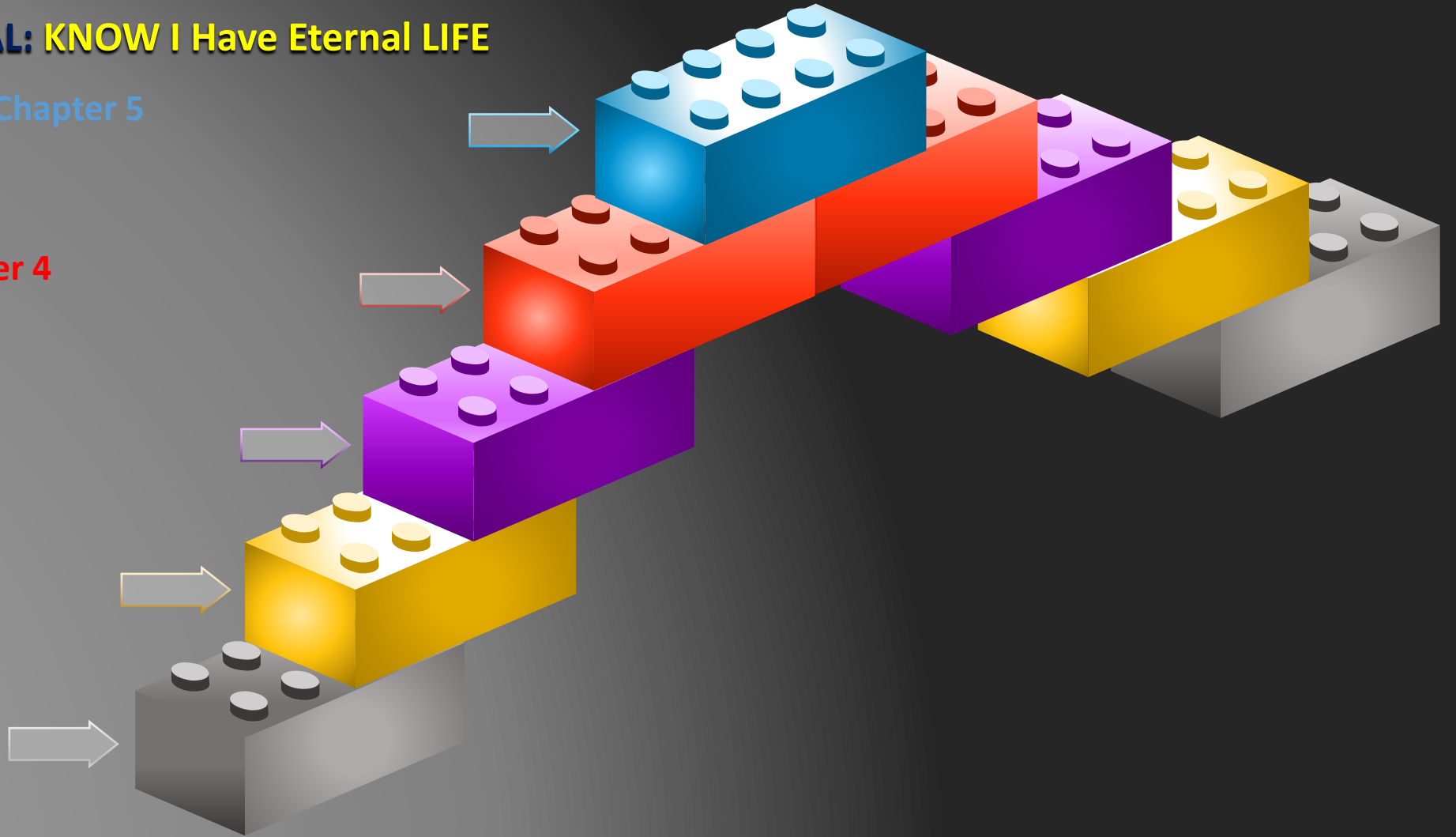
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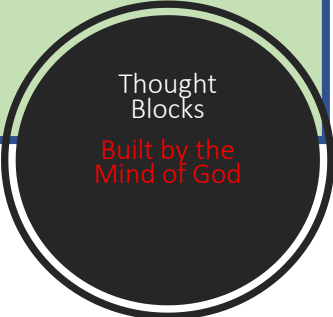
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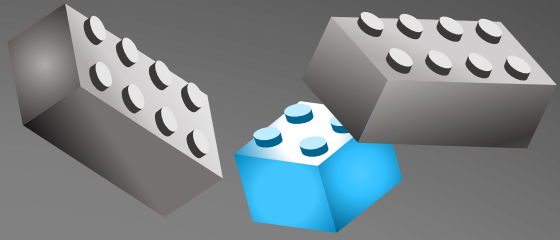
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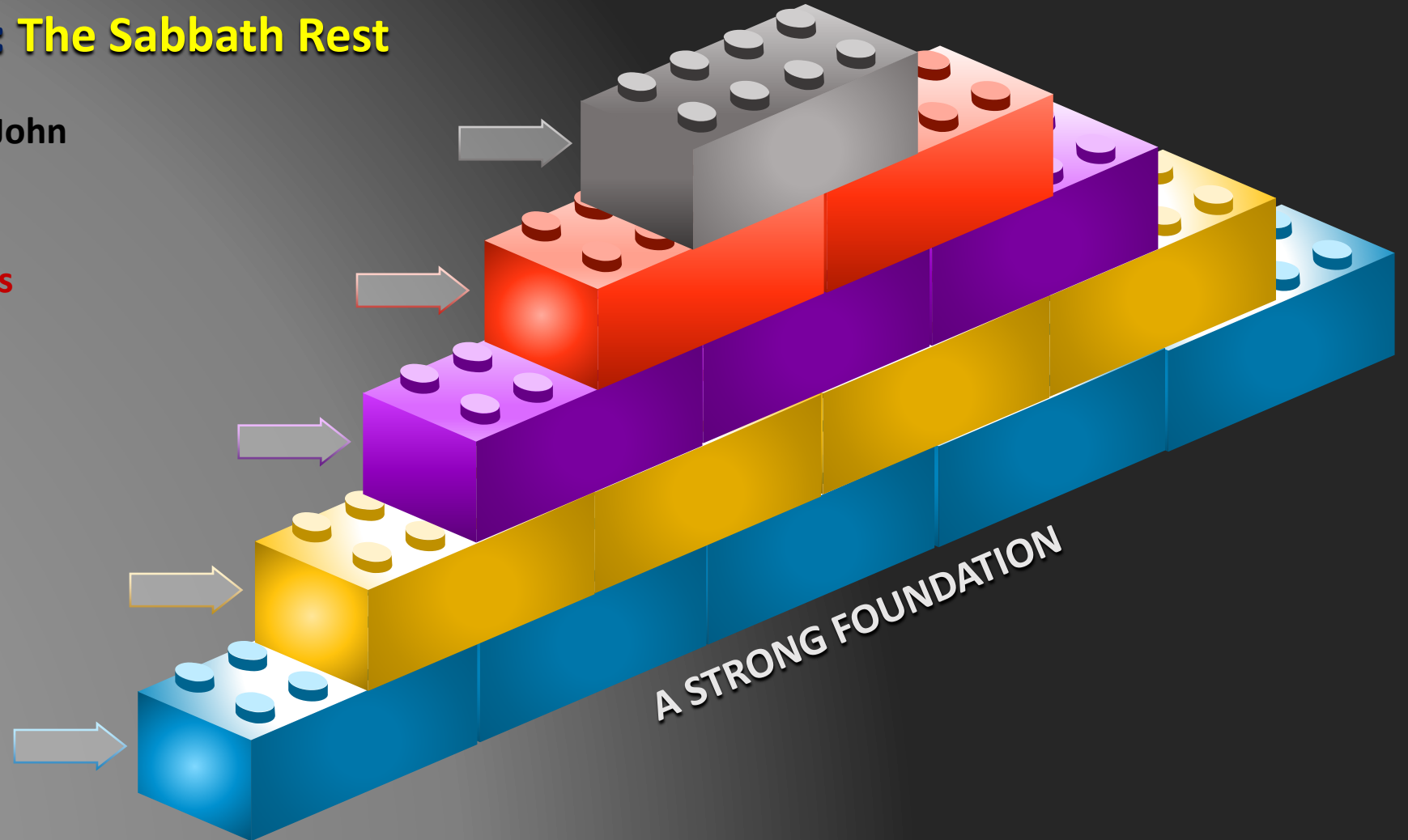
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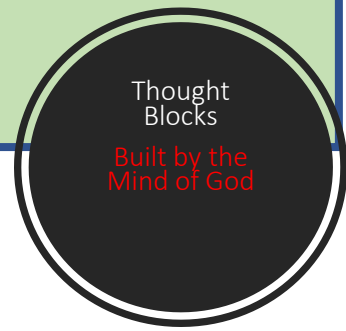
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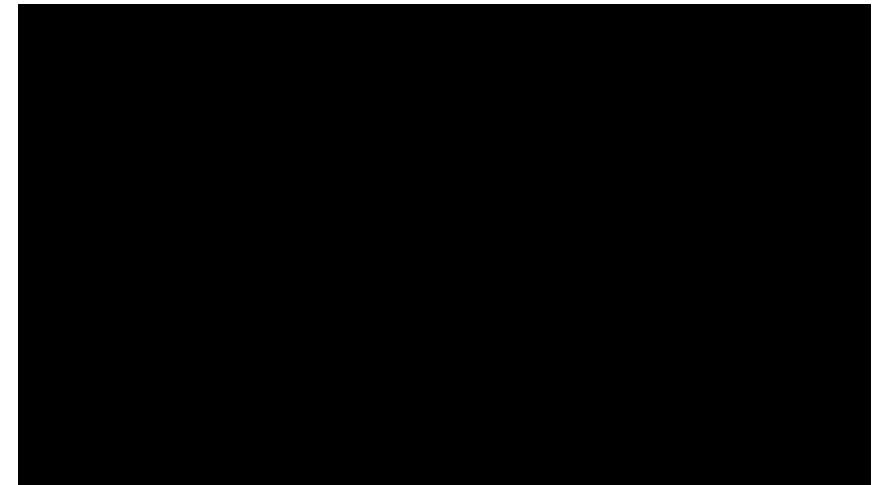
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**20** But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all know. **21** I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and know that no lie is of the truth. **22** Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. **23** No one who denies the Son has the Father. He who confesses the Son has the Father also. **24** Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father. **25** And this is what he has promised us, eternal life.

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**17** In this is love perfected with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so are we in this world. **18** There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love. **19** We love, because he first loved us. **20** If any one says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. **21** And this commandment we have from him, that he who loves God should love his brother also.

**5:** Every one who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God, and every one who loves the parent loves the child. **2** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. **3** For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. **4** For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith. **5** Who is it that overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

**6** This is he who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. **7** And the Spirit is the witness, because the Spirit is the truth. **8** There are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree. **9** If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has borne witness to his Son. **10** He who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. He who does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne to his Son. **11** And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. **12** He who has the Son has life; he who has not the Son of God has not life.

**13** I write this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. **14** And this is the confidence which we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. **15** And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him. **16** If any one sees his brother committing what is not a mortal sin, he will ask, and God will give him life for those whose sin is not mortal. There is sin which is mortal; I do not say that one is to pray for that. **17** All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin which is not mortal.

**18** We know that any one born of God does not sin, but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him.

**19** We know that we are of God, and the whole world is in the power of the evil one.

**20** And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, to know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. **21** Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

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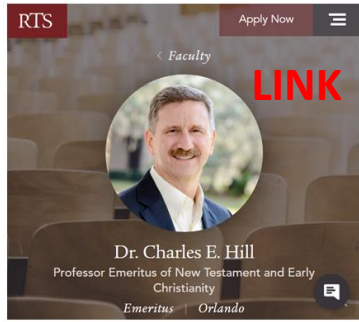
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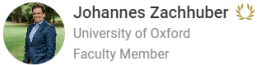
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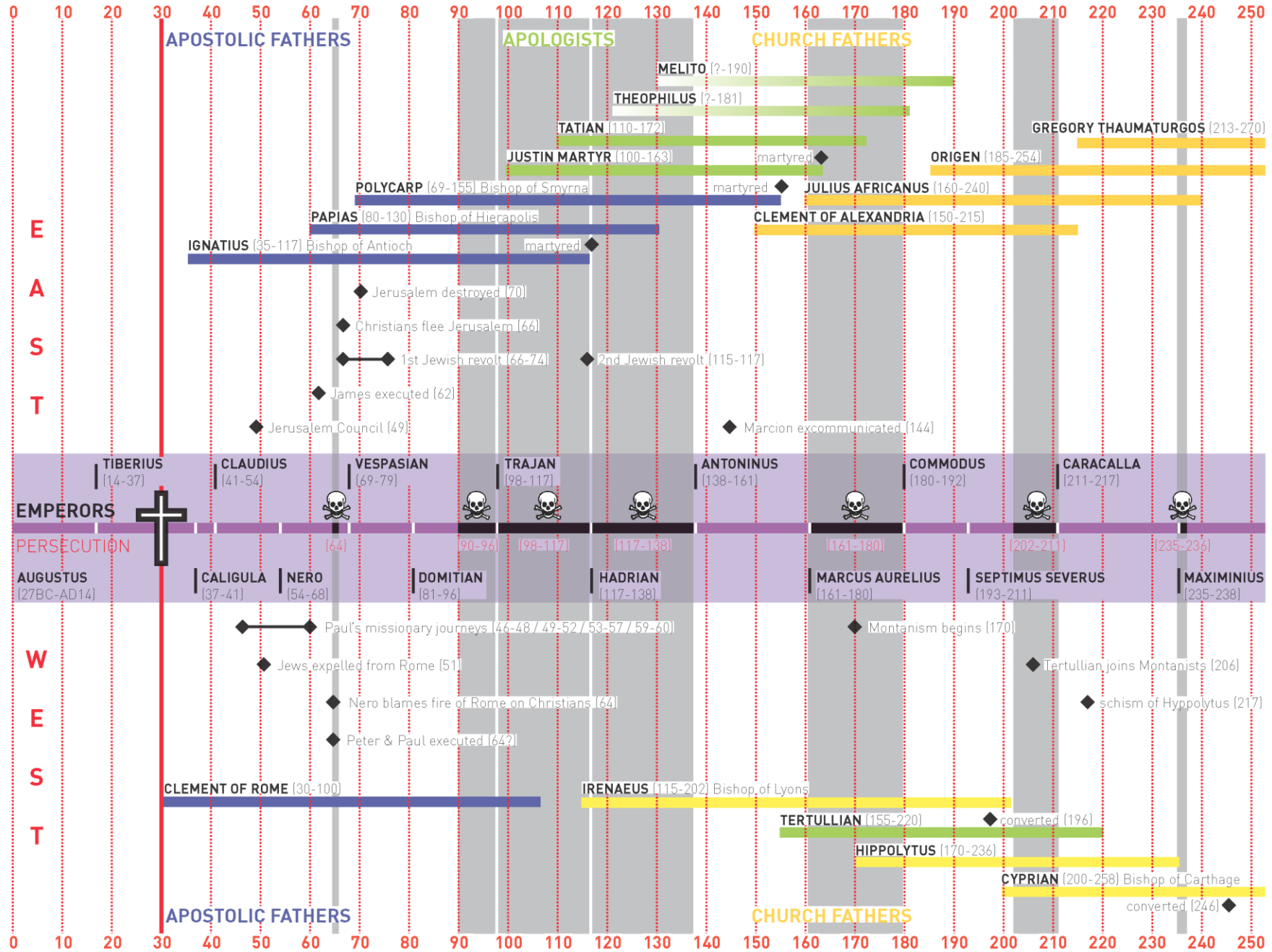
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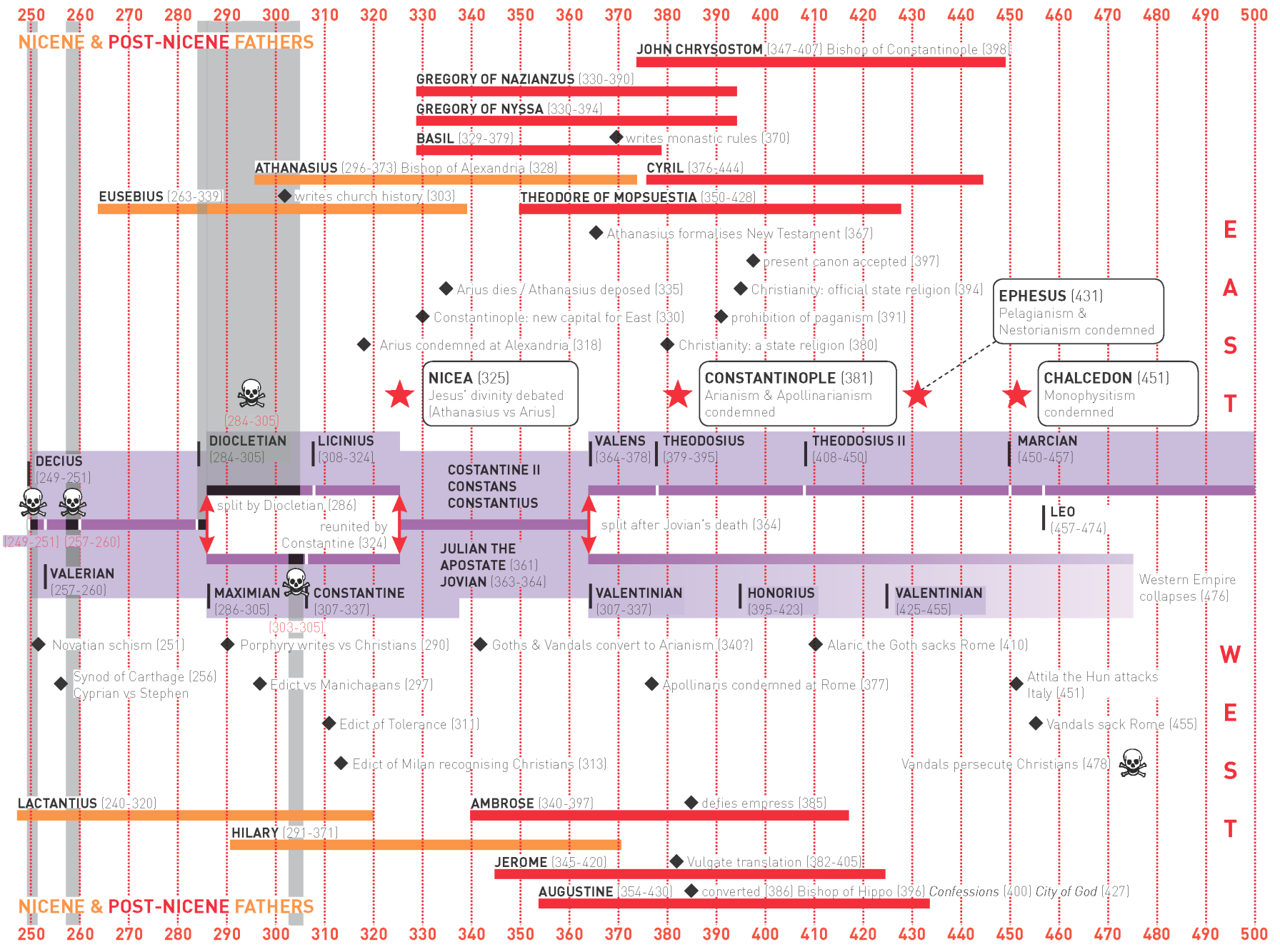
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