



## WORSHIP, THANKSGIVING & PRAISE

### Our Joy of BEING One With the 'I AM'

- Eph 3:8 To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,
- 9 and to make all men see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;
- 10 that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places.
- 11 This was according to the eternal purpose which he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,
- 12 in whom we have boldness and confidence of access through our faith in him.



# OUR PRAYER

- **Col 2:1 For I want you to know how greatly I strive for you, and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not seen my face,**
- **2 that their hearts may be encouraged as they are knit together in love, to have all the riches of assured understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, of Christ,**
- **3 in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**



# OUR HEART PRAYER

- Heb 6:11 And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness in realizing the full assurance of hope until the end,
- 12 so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

# Study Objectives



- Open
- [Web Site Materials](#)
  - Resources, Videos, PDF, Video & Sessions
- Welcome Open Prayer Songs – Discernment/Maturity Fri 6:30 PM CST March 15, 2024
- Para-Flip Bk; Study Sources
- Next Session: 030624
- 1 JN 4.7-12 Bullets

MPLS  
Feb 28, 2024

# The Sabbath Rest Experiential Christianity

TBS 1 John  
Thought Block Bible Study

Sabbath Rest



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## Fellowship of LIFE

1 JN 4.7-12

## Sabbath Rest



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



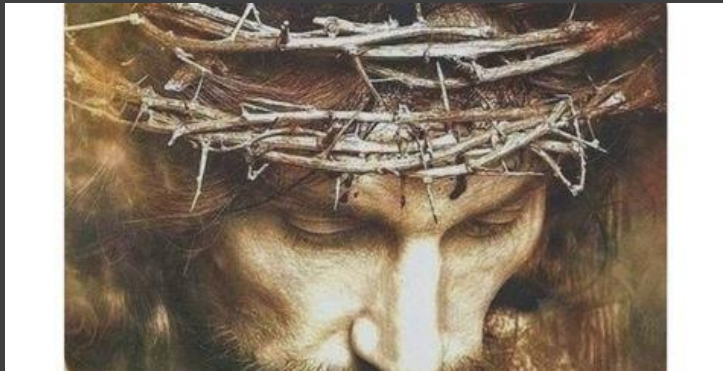
Building Blocks of Faith

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

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

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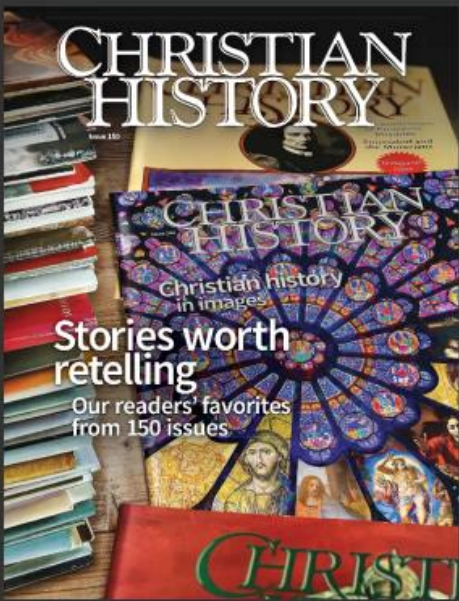


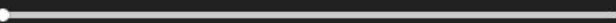







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# Discernment unto Maturity

Experiential Christianity

The Role of Experiential FAITH

The "I AM"

TBBS  
Thought Block Bible Study

**Session 2B**

March 15, 2024  
6:30 – 8 PM CST

The **LIFE** of GOD

**TRUE GOD**

Discernment unto Maturity

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

*How is Christ Formed  
in YOU?*



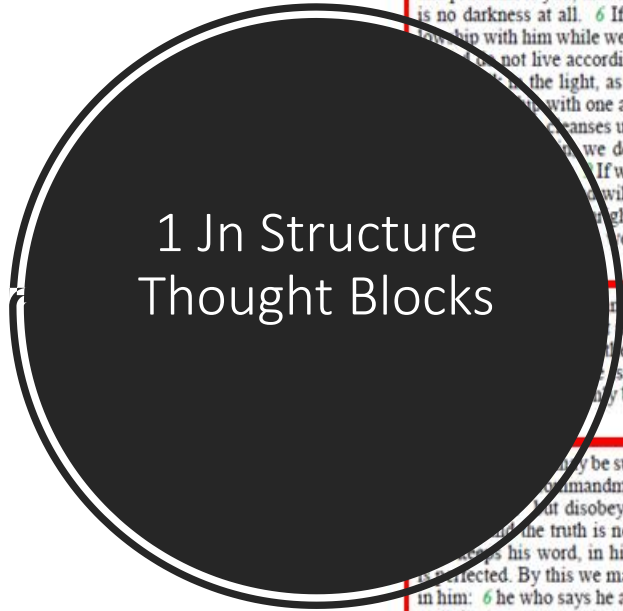
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# 1 Jn Structure Thought Blocks

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5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we do not live according to the truth; 7 but who is the light, as he is in the light, we fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus which cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and our sin will not be forgiven. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and we do not have his part.

11 Writing this to you so that you may not be deceived by anyone who does sin, we know that the Father, Jesus Christ who came in the flesh, is the expiation for our sins, and not only for our sins but also for the sins of the whole world. 12 Therefore, if anyone has sinned, let him be sure that we know him, and he will receive his wages. 13 He who does not obey his commandments, but disobeys his commandments, he who says he knows him, he who does not receive his word, in him truly love for God is not perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him: 6 he who says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

7 Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment which you had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you have heard. 8 Yet I am writing you a new commandment, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. 9 He who says he is in the light and hates his brother is in the darkness still. 10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and in it there is no cause for stumbling. 11 But he who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

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.

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. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God. 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.

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. 5 They are of the world, therefore what they say is of the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are of God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and he who is not of God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

7 Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. 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. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his own Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

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.

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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 no life.

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**4:7-12**

Who?      What?      Why?      Where?      When?      How?

*The First Epistle  
of Saint John*

*RSV*

Paragraph Format  
for observational questions

Who?

What?

Why?

Where?

When?

How?



# Para-Flip Book Kipling Questions: Methodology



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1 John 4.7-12

Who?

What?

Why?

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Explanatory? Meaning? Implication? Implication? Why? Reason?

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Progression? Meaning? Explanatory? How? Reason?

**know God; for God is love.**





# Para-Flip Book Kipling Questions: Methodology

## Thought Block Bible Study

### Observational/Interpretive Questions

The main purpose for asking ourselves questions is to make ourselves think more seriously about the meanings, implications and relationships of words, phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, chapters and books. We are trying to determine what the author meant or implied by the words he used.

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Grammatical Connectives: coordinate and subordinate connectives used to relate the different types of clauses to each other. Some of them will be expressed by prepositional phrases which serve as connectives.

### Four Categories

<u>TEMPORAL</u> or Chronological	<u>LOCAL</u> or Geographical	<u>LOGICAL</u>	<u>EMPHATIC</u>
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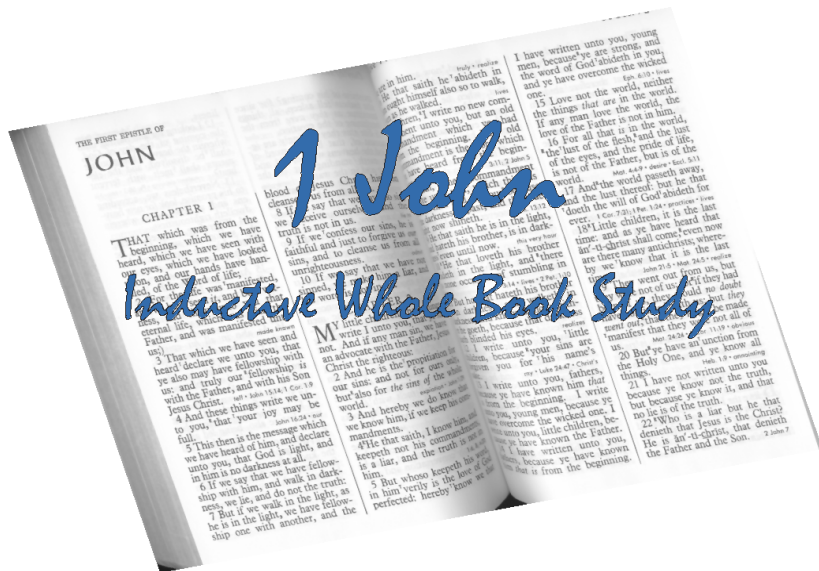
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Reason-because, for, since,  
Result-so, then, therefore,  
thus, so then, hence,  
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# Key Words & Phrases

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 Antichrist  
 Because  
 Believe  
 Blood  
 Born Of God  
 Brother  
 Christ  
 Commandment  
 Confidence  
 Darkness  
 Eternal Life - Life  
 Fellowship  
 From The Beginning  
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1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup> the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—<sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> And we are writing this that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup> This is the message which we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; <sup>7</sup> but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup> My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup> and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

<sup>3</sup> And by this we may be sure that we know him, if we keep his commandments. <sup>4</sup> He who says "I know him" but disobeys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him; <sup>5</sup> but whoever keeps his word, in him truly love for God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him: <sup>6</sup> he who says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment which you had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you have heard. <sup>8</sup> Yet I am writing you a new commandment, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. <sup>9</sup> He who says he is in the light and hates his brother is in the darkness still. <sup>10</sup> He who loves his brother abides in the light, and in it there is no cause for stumbling. <sup>11</sup> But he who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

<sup>12</sup> I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his sake. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> 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.

<sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides for ever.

<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> 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.

<sup>20</sup> But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all know. <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> No one who denies the Son has the Father. He who confesses the Son has the Father also. <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> And this is what he has promised us, eternal life.

<sup>26</sup> I write this to you about those who would deceive you; <sup>27</sup> 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.

<sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that every one who does right is born of him.

<sup>3:1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And every one who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup> Every one who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. He who does right is righteous, as he is righteous. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> No one born of God commits sin; for God's nature abides in him, and he cannot sin because he is born of God. <sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> Do not wonder, brethren, that the world hates you. <sup>14</sup> We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. <sup>15</sup> Any one who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. <sup>16</sup> By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. <sup>17</sup> 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? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup> By this we shall know that we are of the truth, and reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup> whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup> and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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.

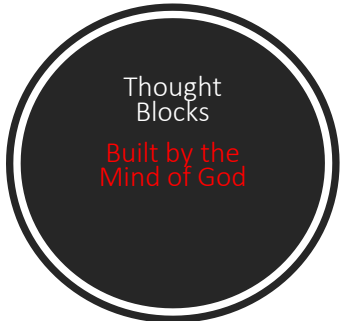
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## Prayers

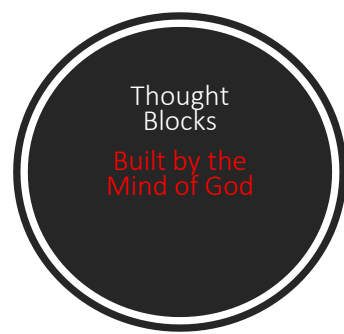
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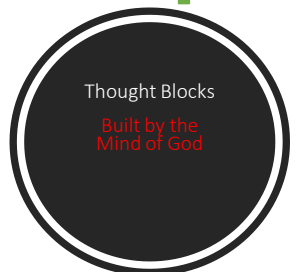
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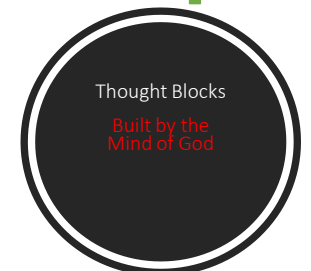
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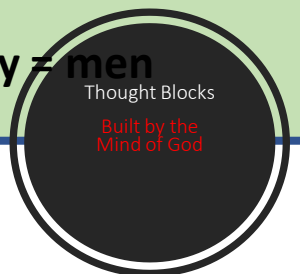
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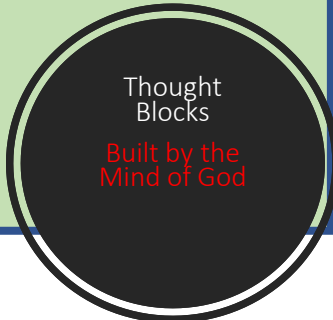
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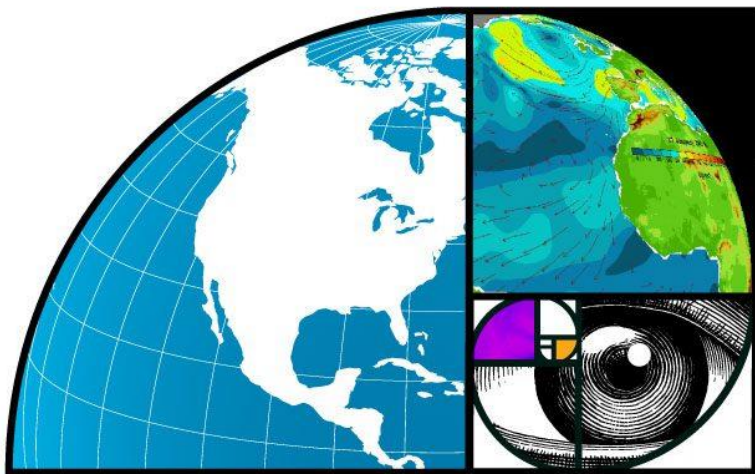


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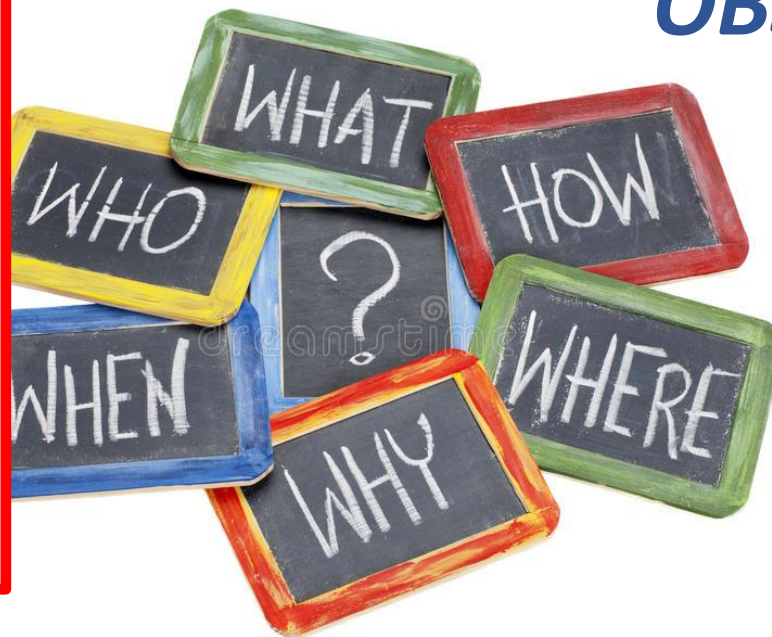




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**OBSERVATION**



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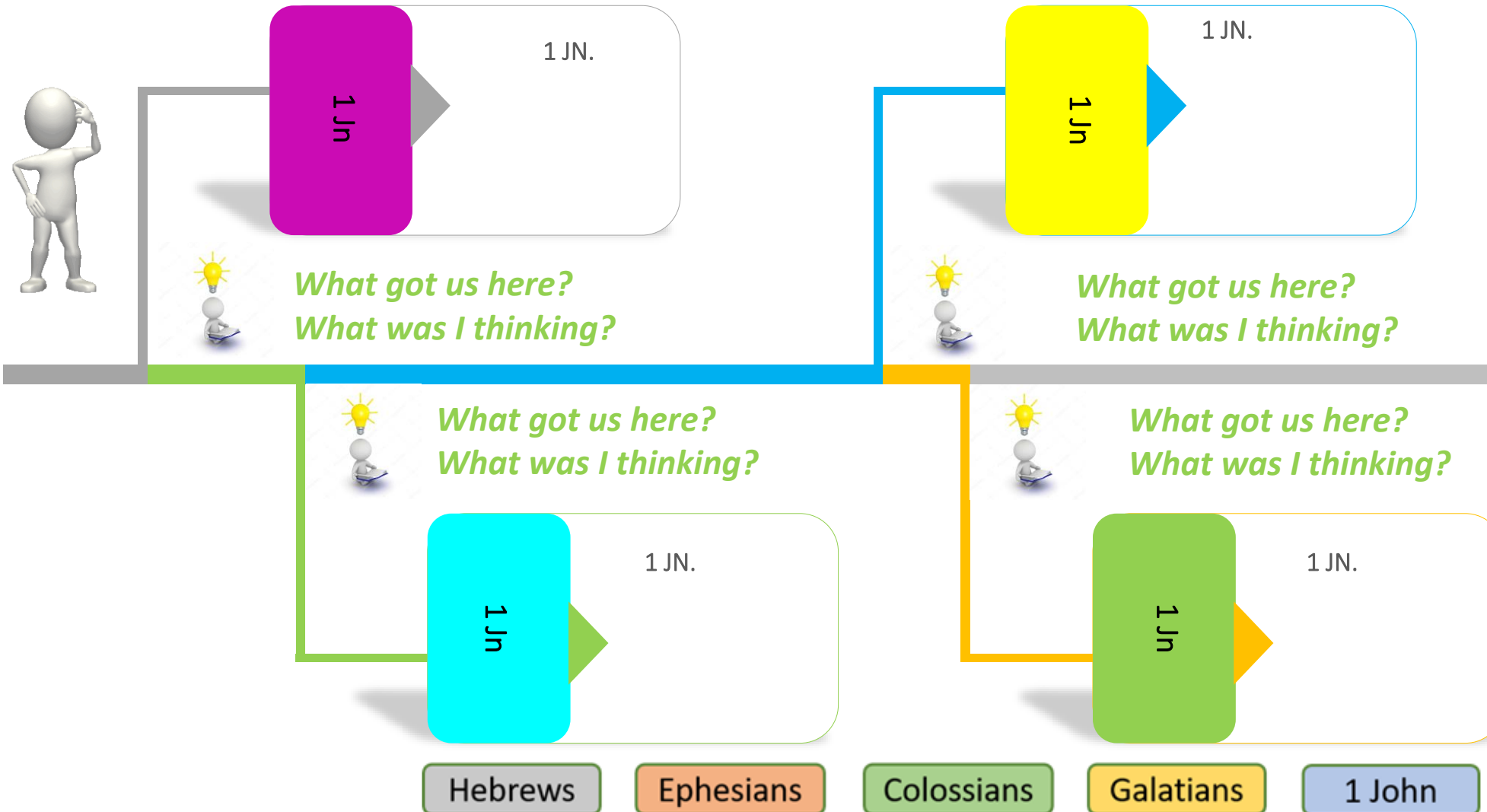
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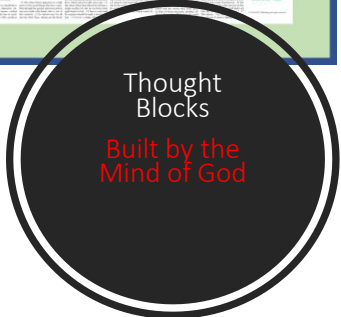
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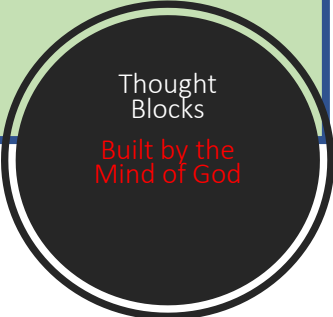
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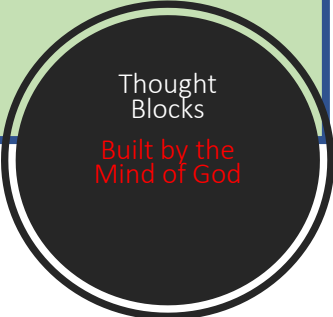
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1. The word "love" in the Greek text of the New Testament is agape, which is a selfless, sacrificial love. It is the highest form of love, and it is the love that God has for us and that we should have for God and for one another. In 1 John 4:7-12, the apostle John emphasizes the importance of this love in the Christian life. He begins by stating that love is of God, and that those who love are born of God and know God. This is a profound statement, as it suggests that love is not just a human emotion, but a divine attribute that is essential to the Christian faith. John then explains that those who do not love do not know God, and that God is love. This is a key concept in the Christian faith, as it suggests that God is not a distant, impersonal deity, but a loving Father who desires to be in relationship with His children. Finally, John states that we should love one another, and that if we do, God will live in us and His love will be perfected in us. This is a powerful message of hope and encouragement, as it suggests that we can experience the love of God in our lives if we only love one another.

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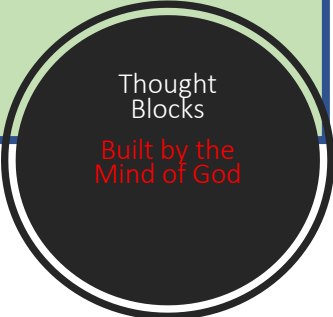
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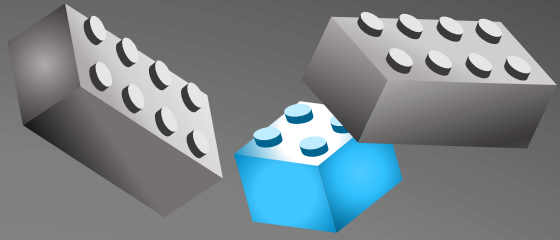
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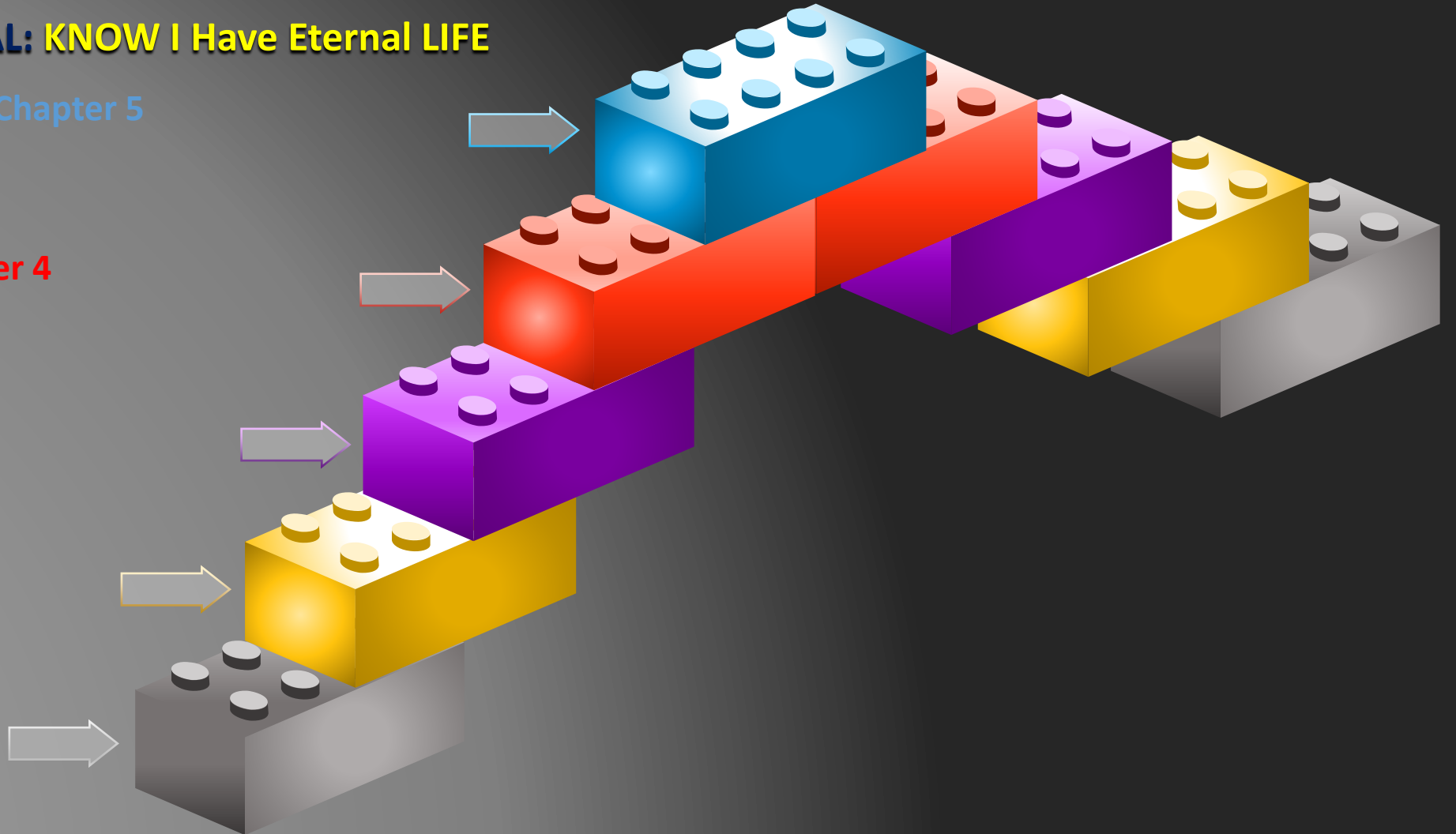
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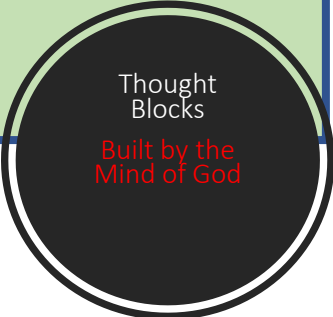
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**2:1** My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin, but if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2 and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**3** And by this we may be sure that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 He who says "I know him" but disobeys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him; 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly love for God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him: 6 he who says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

**7** Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment which you had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you have heard. 8 Yet I am writing you a new commandment, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. 9 He who says he is in the light and hates his brother is in the darkness still. 10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and in it there is no cause for stumbling. 11 But he who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

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## TB Goal Building

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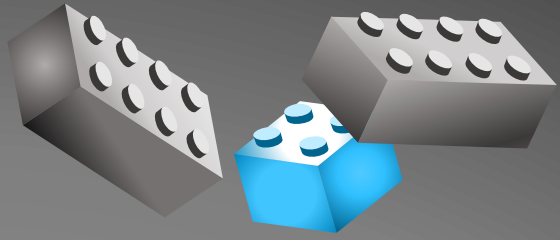
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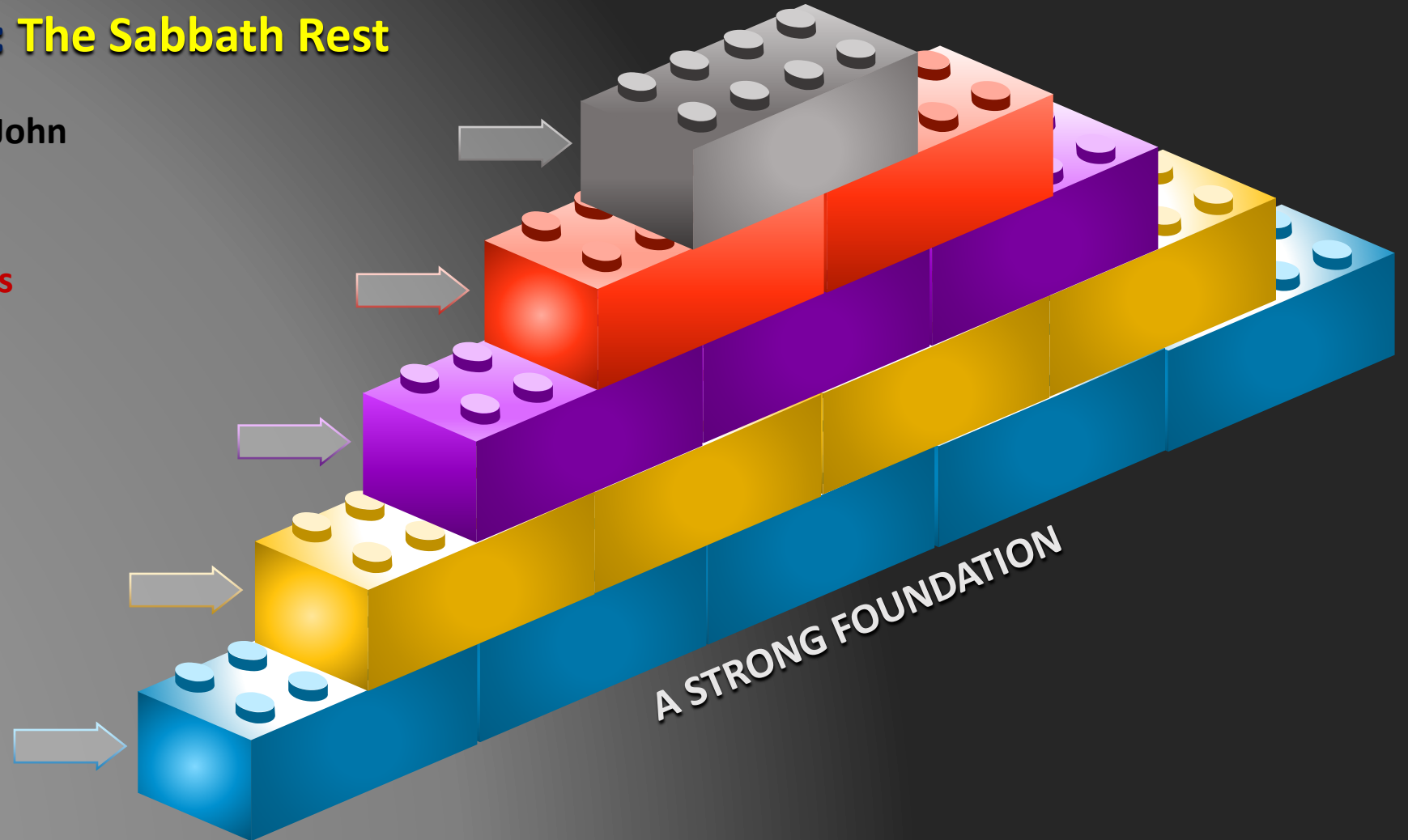
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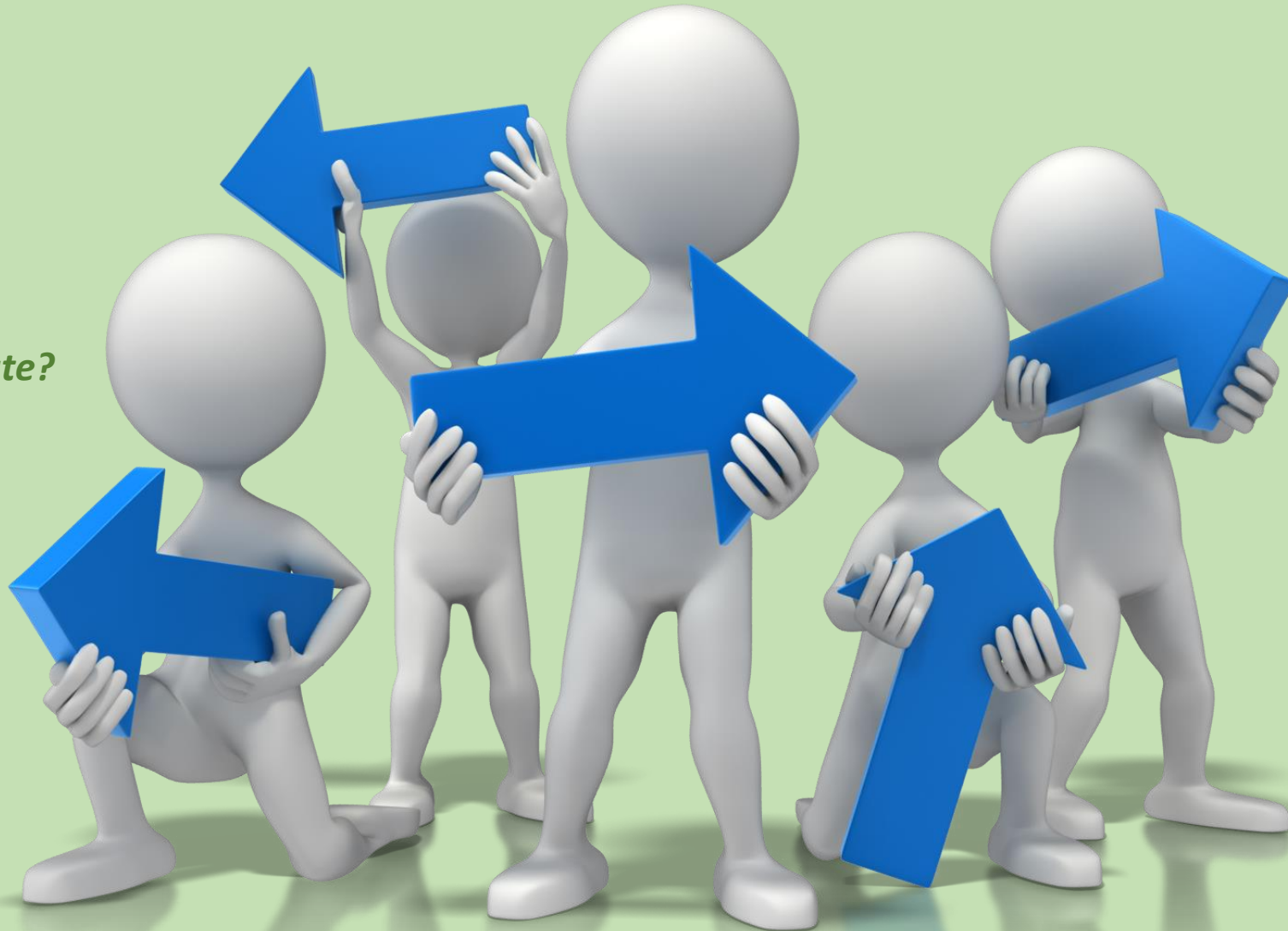
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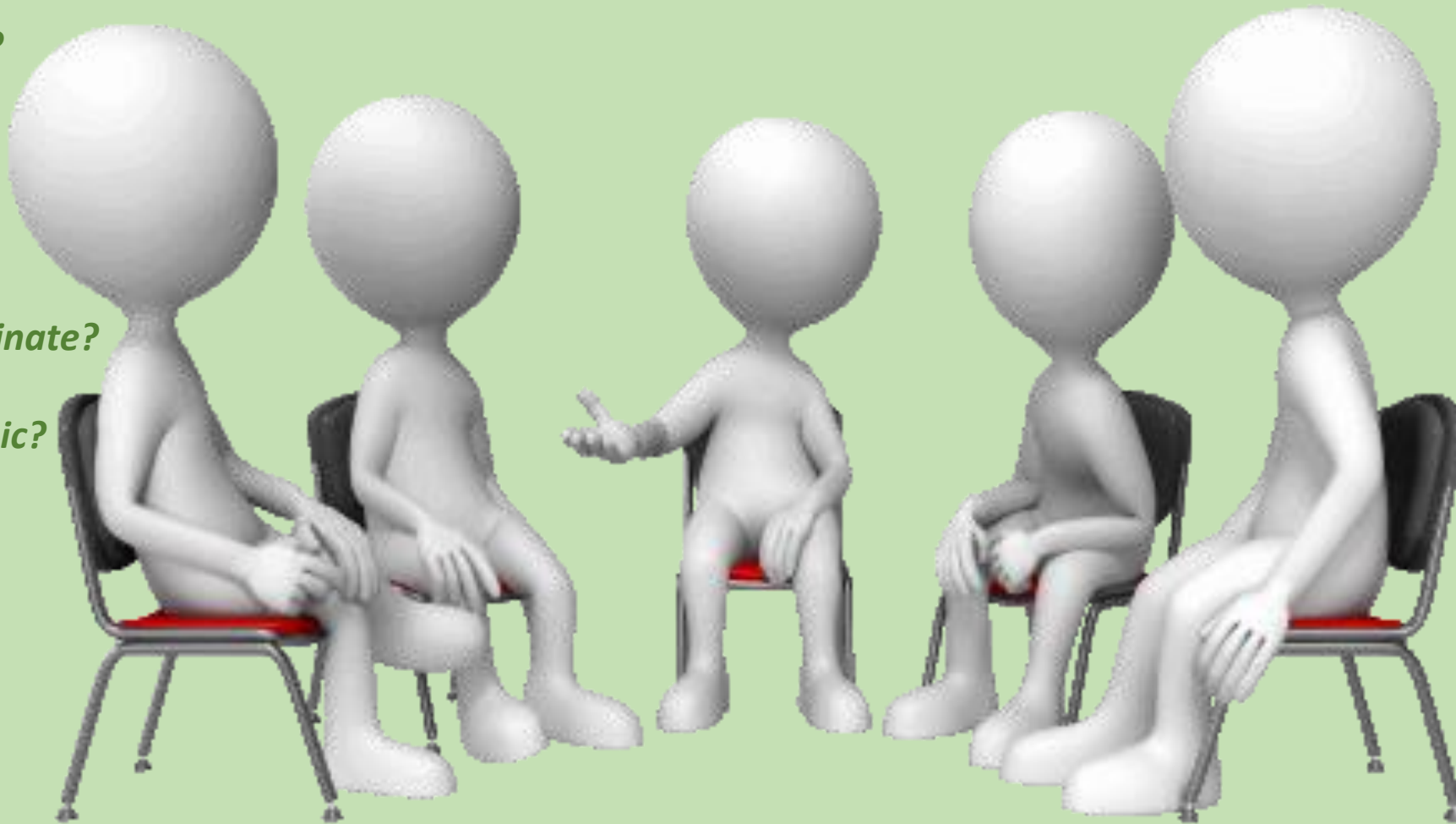
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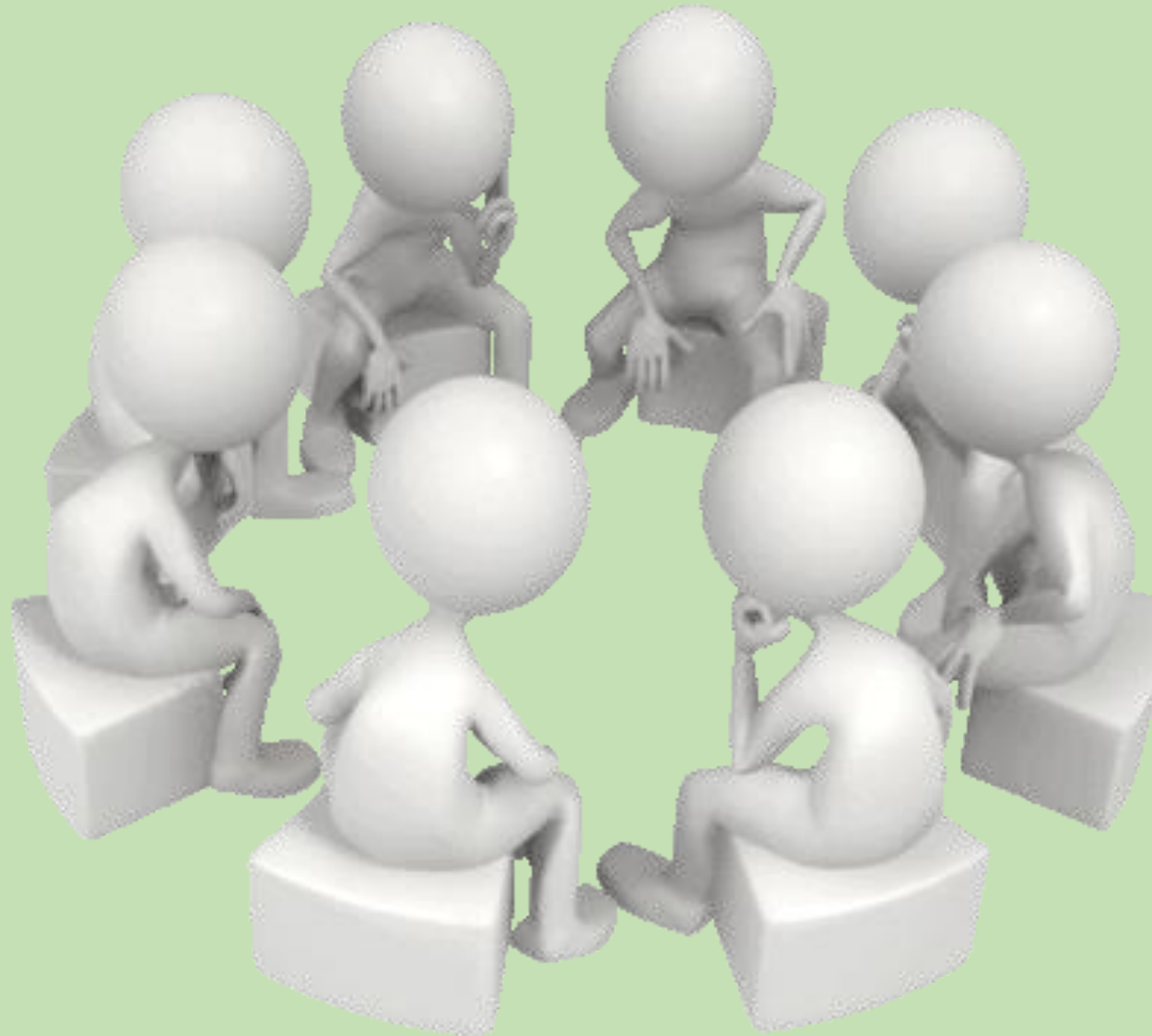
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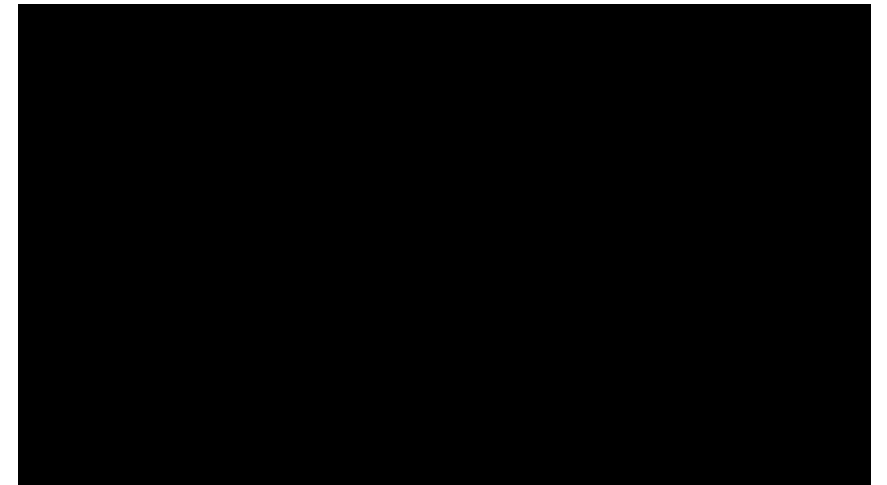
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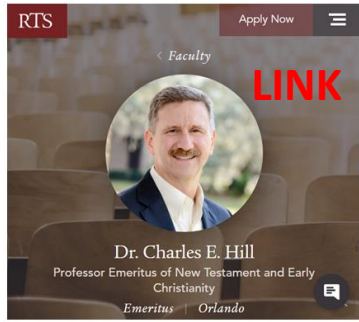
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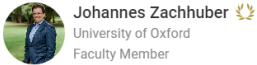
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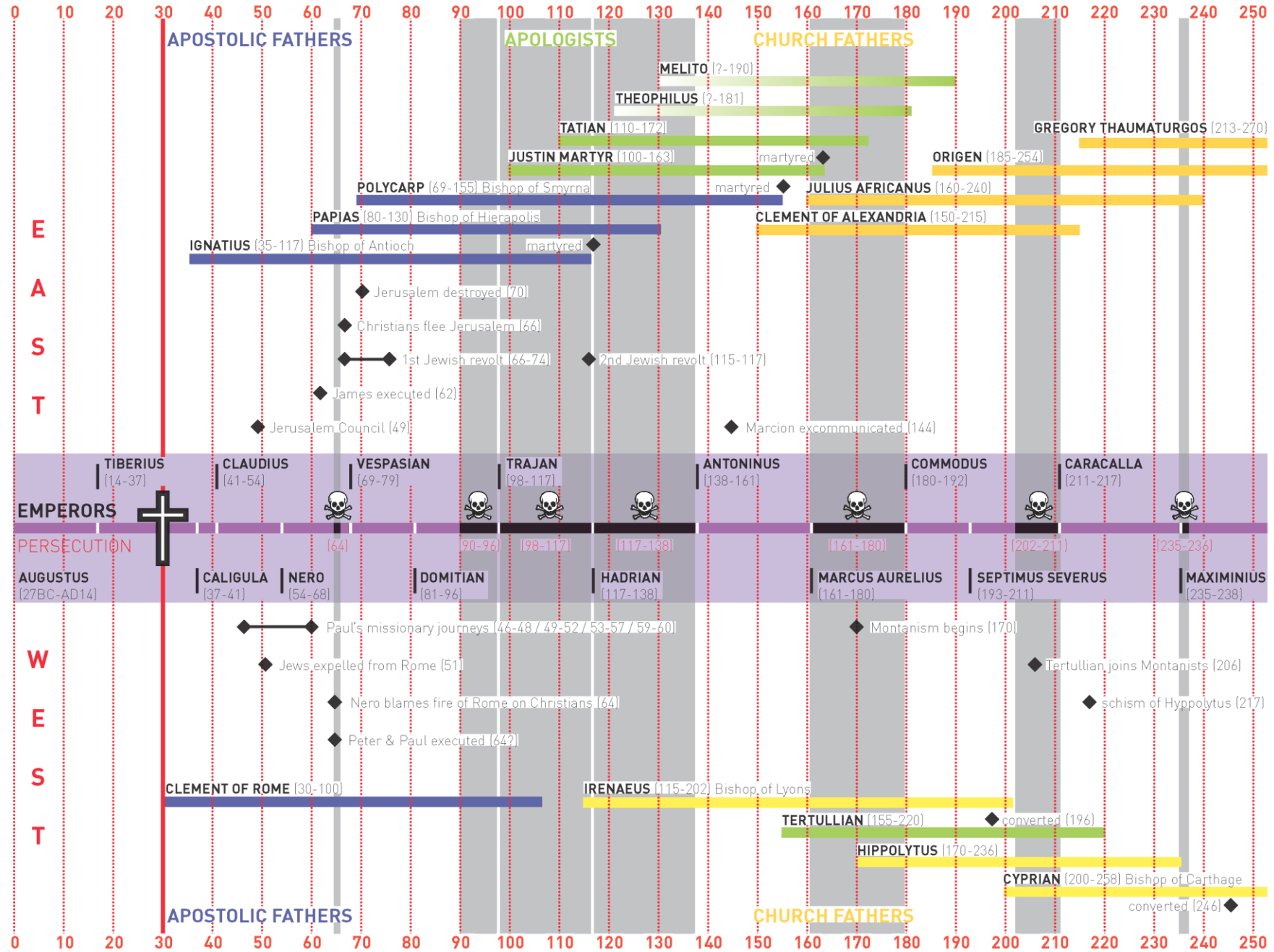
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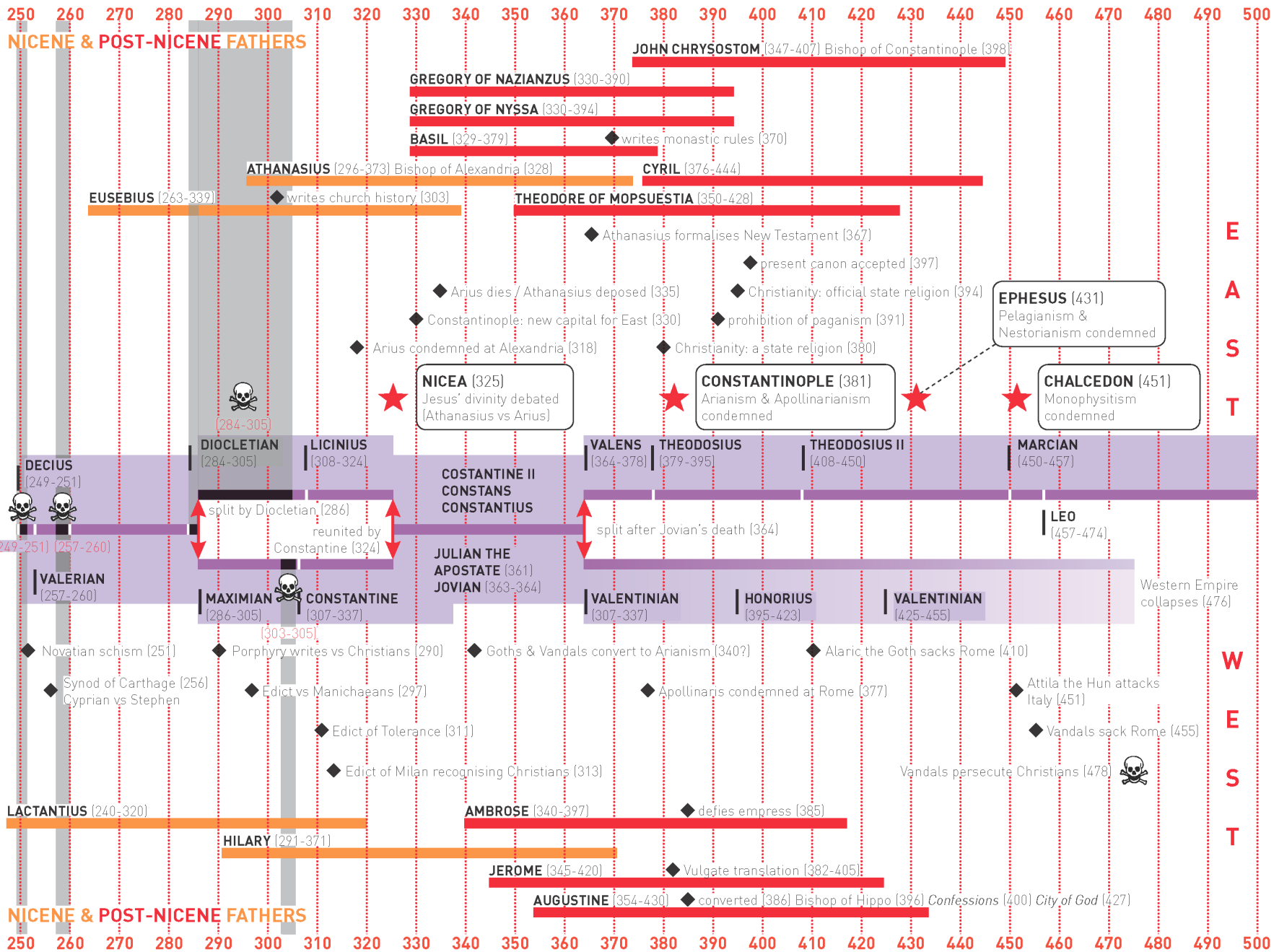
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