

We can preach the
Gospel of Christ no
further than we have
experienced the power
of it in our own hearts

-George Whitefield





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.

The Sabbath Rest

Experiential Christianity

Sabbath Rest

Study Objectives

- Open
- Web Site Materials
 - Resources, Videos, PDF, Video & Sessions
- Welcome Open Prayer Songs – Discernment/Maturity Fri 6:30 PM CST April 5, 2024
- Building the Monarchy of the Father: Christian/Muslim Debate
- Session Schedule: Next Session Date 4/03/24
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Fellowship of LIFE

Blood of Christ

Study Method



Building Blocks of Faith

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



Building Blocks of Faith

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



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



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.*



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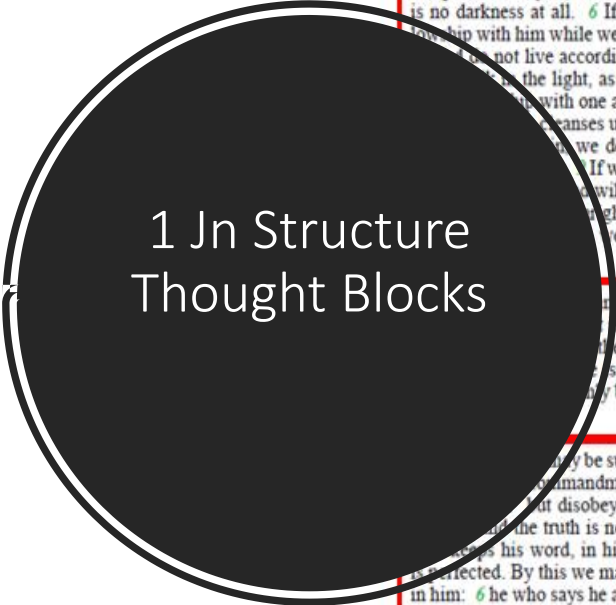
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How Does God
COMMUNICATE
With Us?

Building  Blocks



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 love him and do not love our brother, we deceive ourselves, and the blood of Jesus which cleanses us from all sin does not cleanse us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we do not love our brother who has sinned, we make him a liar, and our love is not perfected with him.

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, we may be sure that we know him, if he does not deny what we have heard concerning the commandments. 4 He who says that he has heard but does not obey his commandments, he who disobeys his commandments, he who does not love the truth is not in him; 5 but who hears 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.

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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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.

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Who?

What?

Why?

Where?

When?

How?



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Thought Block Bible Study

Three Levels of Observational Questions

Level 1 WHO? WHAT? WHY? WHERE? WHEN? HOW?

Level 2 Grammatical Connectives

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>
after as before now then until when while	where	Reason-because, for, since, Result-so, then, therefore, thus, so then, hence, consequently, Purpose-that, in order that, so that, Contrast- but, yet, much more, although, however, nevertheless, other- wise. Comparison-also, as, as-so, just as-so, likewise, so also, so, even as, so accordingly, again. Series of Facts-and, first of all, last of all, or , finally, especially, secondly. Condition-if, unless.	truly only indeed now

Level 3 Observational/Interpretive Questions

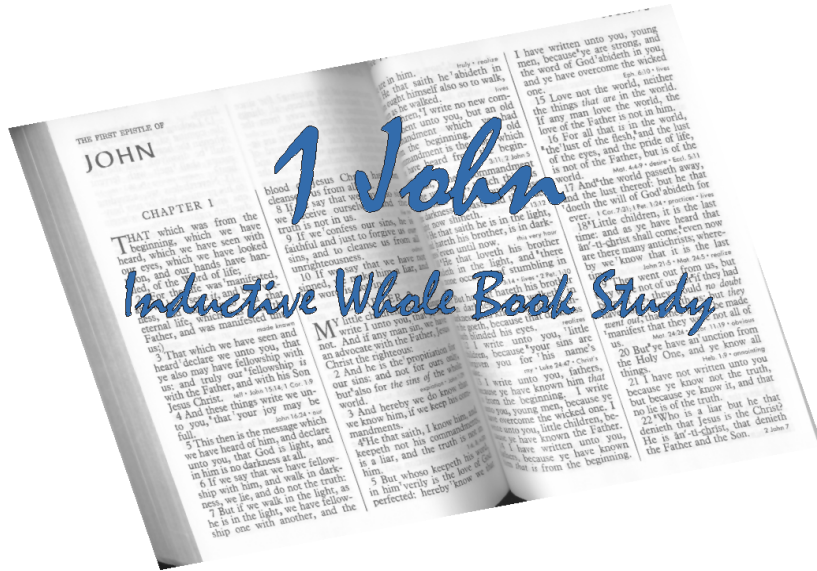
The main purpose for asking ourselves questions is to make ourselves think more seriously about the meanings, implications and relationships of words, phrases , clauses, sentences, paragraphs, chapters and books. We are trying to determine what the author meant or implied by the words he used.

Several Kinds of Questions

- 1. Explanatory:** What does the term mean? How can it be defined? Characteristics? Is there a deeper meaning in the idea than appears on the surface?
- 2. Reason:** What is the reason for the term or idea? Why has the author used these particular terms? Would it make any difference if this idea were left out? Or stated differently? Could another term be used instead of this one? Would it change the meaning? Why is this term used in this particular place?
- 3. Implication:** What is involved in the ideas presented? What do the various terms imply? What is the importance of the terms used or of the combination of ideas? What is the significance of the verb tenses, connectives, grammatical constructions? Significance of the literary patterns used such as comparisons, contrasts, logical arrangements?
- 4. Relationship:** What is the relationship of words to other words? One part of the verse with other parts? Verses with verses? Paragraphs with paragraphs? Chapters with chapters? Relationship of the beginning and the ending of a chapter or a section?
- 5. Progression:** Is there progression in the thought pattern? Does it move toward a climax? Is one idea built on another? In a series of words or ideas, is there any significance in the order?

Heb 1: 5 For to what angel did God ever say, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? **6** And again, when he brings the first-born into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." **7** Of the angels he says, "Who makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." **8** But of the Son he says, "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever, the righteous scepter is the scepter of thy kingdom. **9** Thou hast loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, thy God, has anointed thee with the oil of gladness beyond thy comrades." 1:5-9

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



Key Words & Phrases

Abides
 Antichrist
 Because
 Believe
 Blood
 Born Of God
 Brother
 Christ
 Commandment
 Confidence
 Darkness
 Eternal Life - Life
 Fellowship
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 God
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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—² 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—³ 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. ⁴ And we are writing this that our joy may be complete.

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 lie and do not live according to the truth; ⁷ 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. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{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.

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.

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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.

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.

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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.

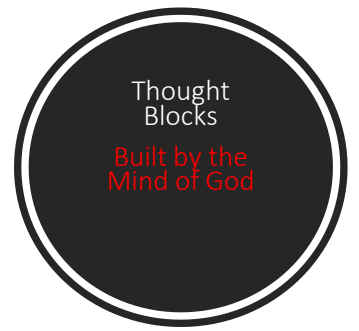
^{4:1} Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are of God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, ³ and every spirit which does not 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.

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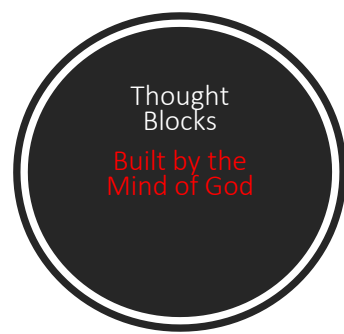
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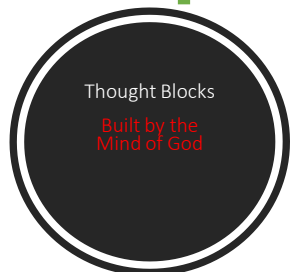
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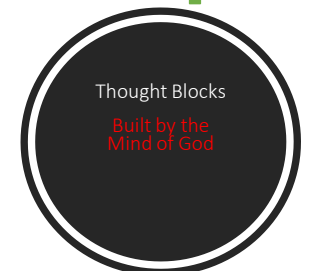
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The Son is love He lives in us via Spirit makes His love manifest in us

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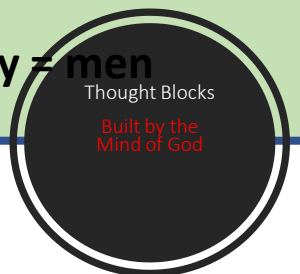
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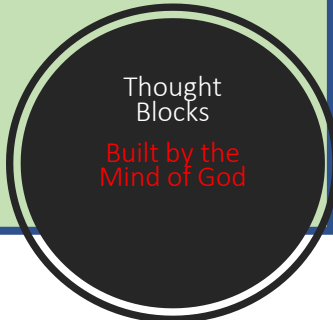
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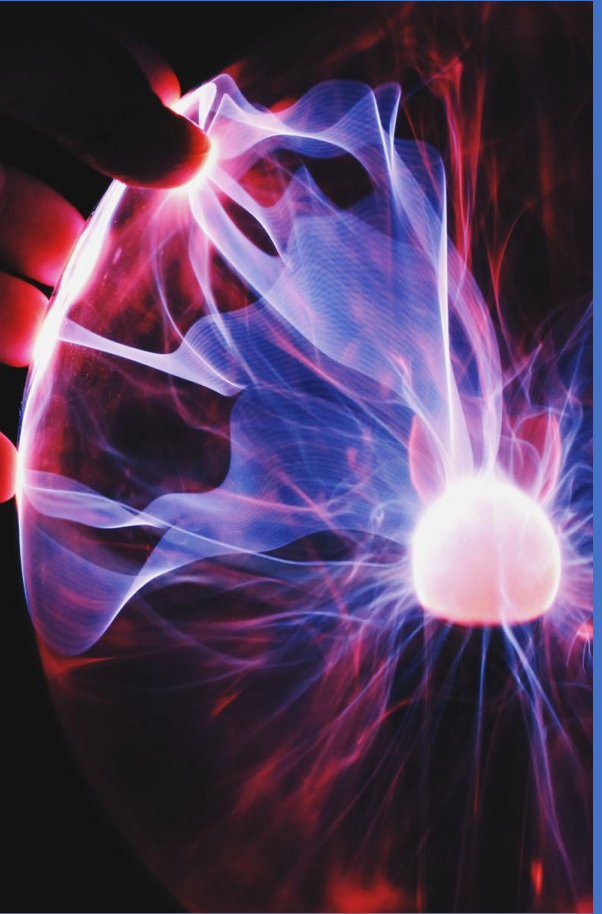
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- 2 love of God, made manifest, sent his only Son into the world, live through him, to be the expiation for our sins
- 3 let us love one another, ought to love one another
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**THE
HOLY SPIRIT
AND YOU**





2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.(KJV)



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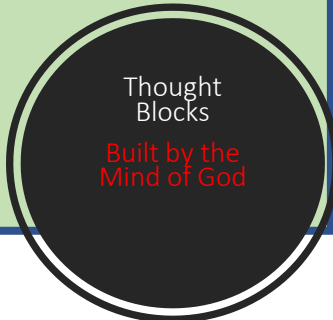
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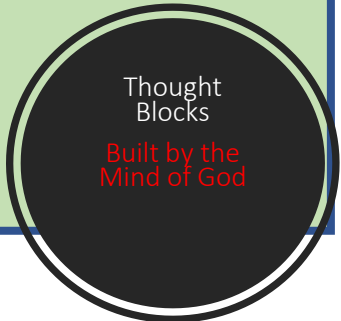


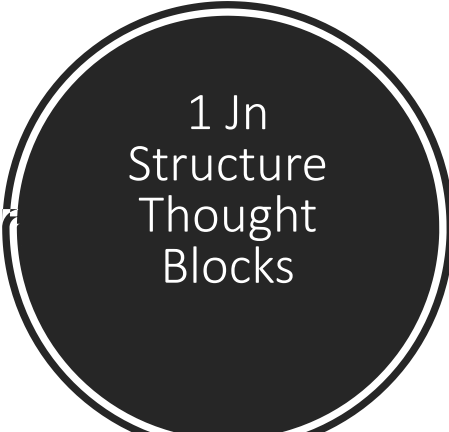
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19 But you have been anointed by the Father, and you all know. 20 If anyone teaches a doctrine that we have not taught, and that you do not receive, do not receive him into your house, and do not greet him. 21 Who greets him who receives him who teaches a doctrine that we have not taught, he shares in his sins. 22 Who is the liar that he who denies that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is the antichrist; whoever denies the Father and the Son is the antichrist; whoever denies that Jesus has come in the flesh is the antichrist; and the liar and the murderer who has no mercy on his brother. 23 Whoever denies Christ who has been born of the flesh and the Father, the Father and the Son, he has gone away from God and his Father who promised us, eternal life in his Son Jesus Christ. 24 All who do these things will not see God, nor will he who does not love his brother whom he has not seen.

25 All who keep his commandments are in the Father, and he in them. And by this we know that the Father and the Son are in us, by the Spirit which he has given us.

26 All who keep his commandments do not sin, and are loved by the Father and the Son. 27 Whoever sins is not seen by God, nor does he pray for that man, and his prayer is not heard.

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 God.

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 The spirit which does not confess Jesus Christ who came in the flesh is not of God, and this is the spirit of the antichrist which has gone out into the world already.

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9 This is he who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. 10 And the Spirit is the witness, because the Spirit is the truth. 11 There are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree. 12 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. 13 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. 14 And this is the testimony that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 15 He who has the Son has life; he who has not the Son of God has not life.

16 I write this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. 17 And this is the confidence which we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 18 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him. 19 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. 20 All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin which is not mortal.

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

22 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. 23 Little children, keep yourselves from idols.



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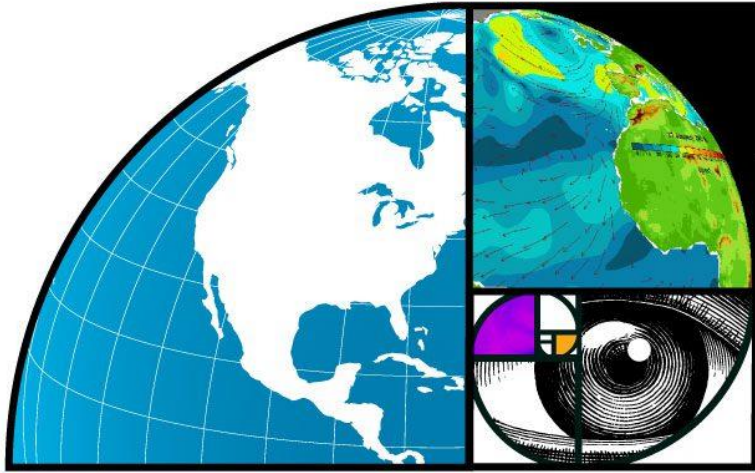


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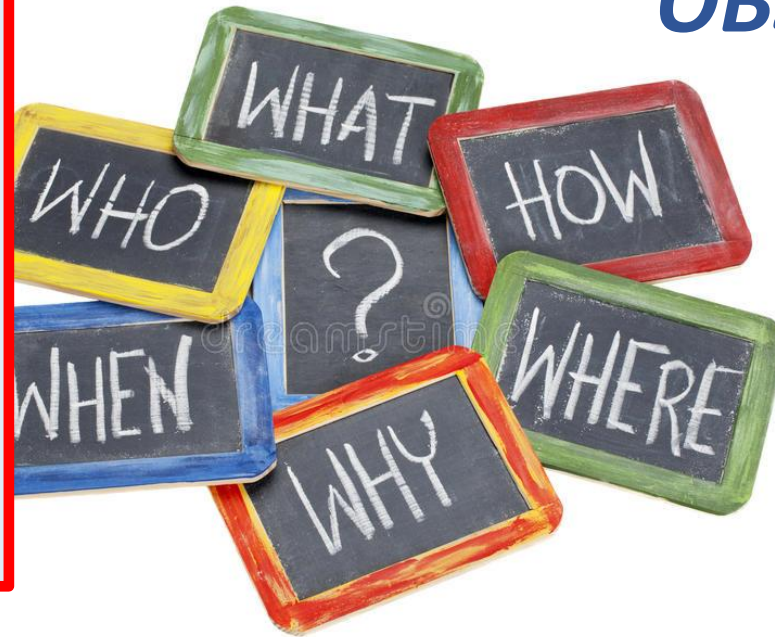
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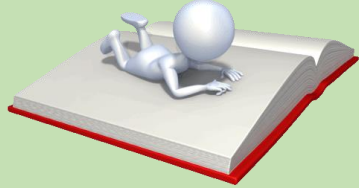
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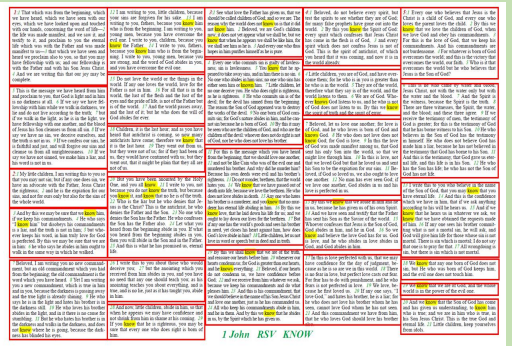


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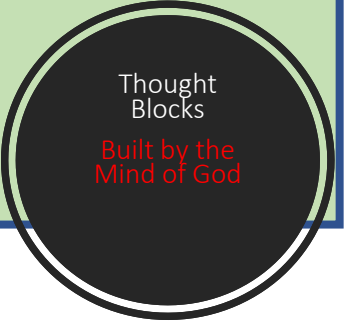


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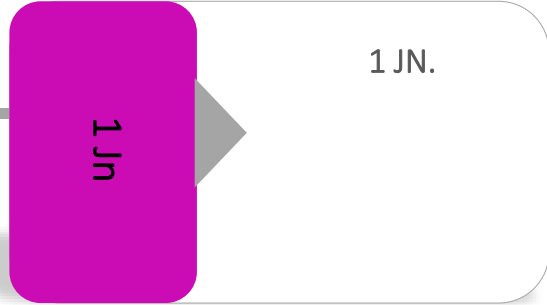


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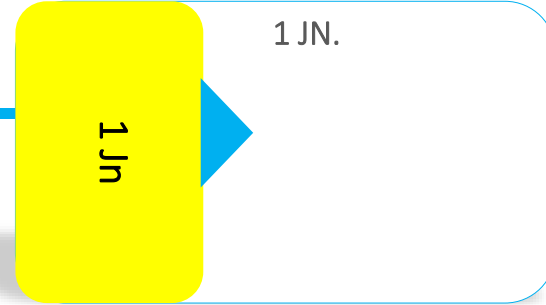
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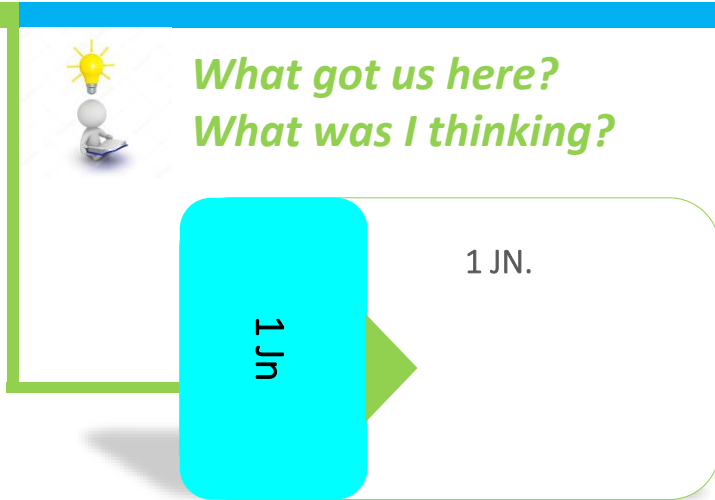
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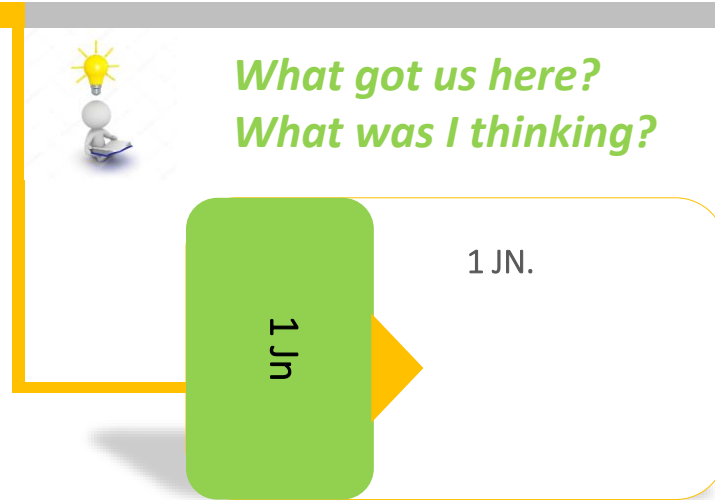
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Love of God in Him witness the reality of God to HIM



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1 JN
You know you love so be confirmed in your new birth and knowing God



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John writes this so that we would be assured 'We are of God.'



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John personally KNOWS the LOVE God manifest = SON



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He eternally predestined HIMself to live in and through HIS created order = i.e. HIS HOUSE



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Live thru HIM



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**The Pure in
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See God**

GOD SPEAKS TO THE HEART



**They asked each other,
"Were not our hearts
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he talked with us on the
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Luke 24:32

1 JN 4.11 let us love one another, ought to love one another

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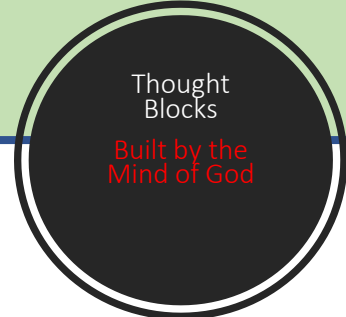
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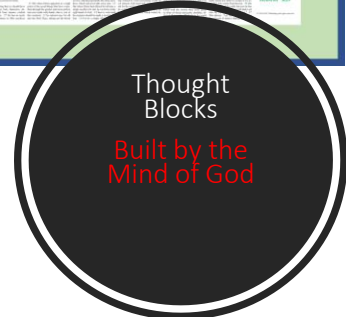
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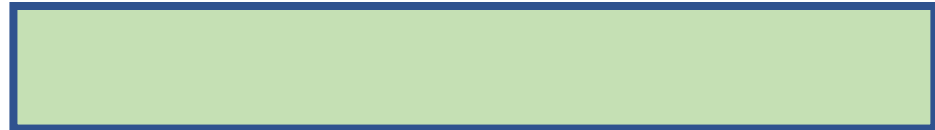


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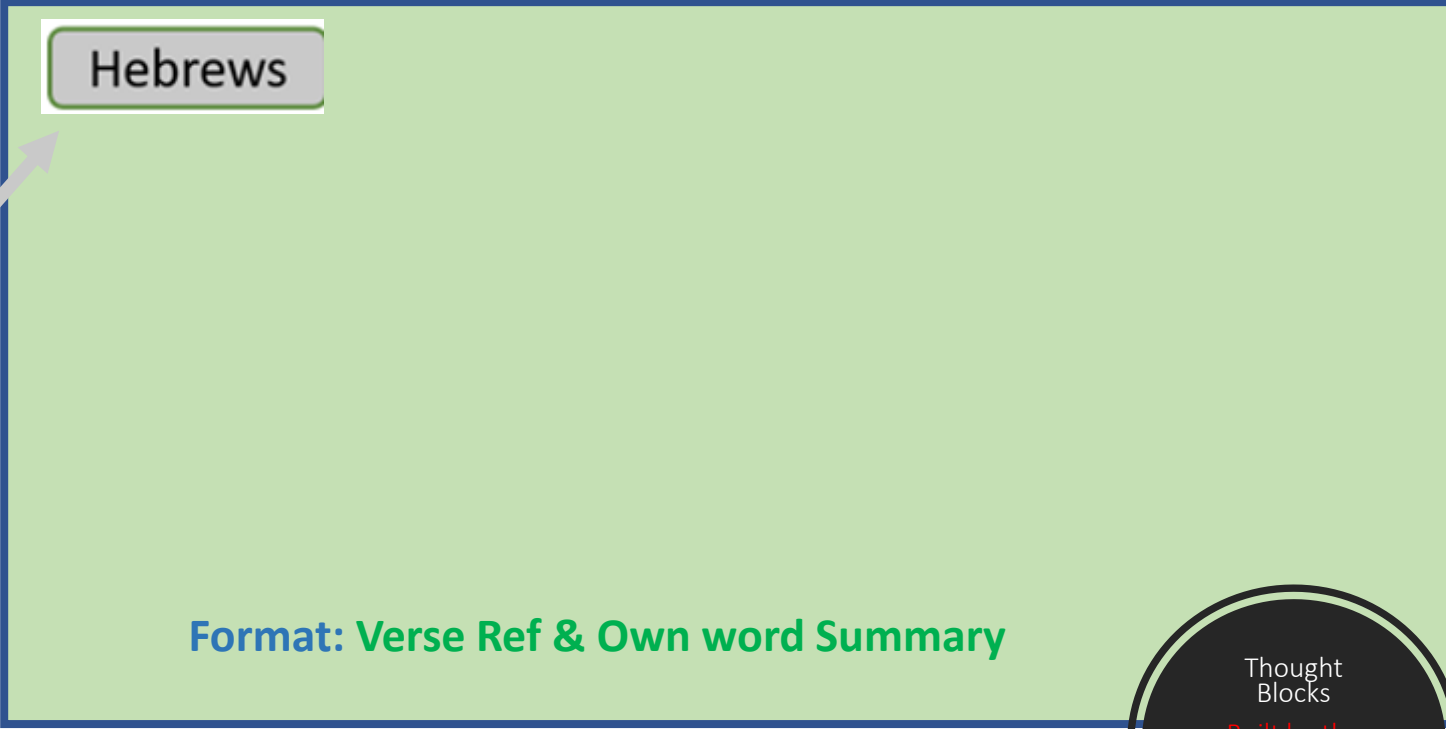


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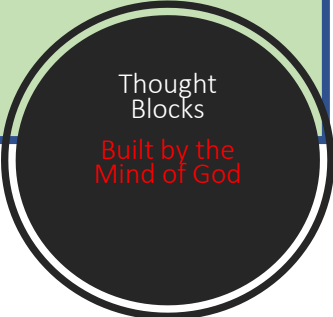
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Galatians

1 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and turning to a different gospel. **2** For if there is another gospel, let it be known to all. For many are wandering and have deserted the teaching of Christ, which you have learned. **3** For if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we preached to you, let him be accursed. **4** As we have said before, so now I say again, if any one is preaching to you a gospel contrary to that which you received, let him be accursed.

5 Am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still pleasing men, I should not be a servant of Christ.

6 If I would have your favor, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel, **7** I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. **8** For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. **9** And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. **10** But when he who had set me apart before I was born, had called me through his grace, **11** he was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles. I did not confer with flesh and blood. **12** For I did not go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and again returned to Damascus.

13 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. **14** But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. **15** On what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! **16** Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. **17** And I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Christ in Judea, **18** they only heard it said, "Who once persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy."

19 And they glorified God because of me.

20 Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. **21** I went up by revelation, and I had heard there that privately before those who were reputed to the gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, lest somehow I should be running or had men in vain. **22** But even Titus, who was with me, was not compelled to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. **23** But because of false brethren secretly brought in, who slipped on to spy out our freedom which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage. **24** In these things we did not yield submission even for a moment, that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. **25** And now these who were reputed to be something (when they were really no difference to us), God shows no partiality.

—those, I say, who were reputed added nothing to me, but on the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised. **26** For he who worked through Peter for the mission to the uncircumcised worked through me also for the Gentiles, **27** and when they perceived the grace that was given to me, James and Cephas and John, who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. **28** For only they would have remembered the poor, which very thing I was eager to do.

29 But when Cephas came to Antioch I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. **30** For before certain men came from James, he ate with the Gentiles, but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. **31** And with him the rest of the Jews stood unanimously, so that even Barnabas was carried away by their suavity. **32** But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I went and told them all. **33** For you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews? **34** We ourselves, who are Jews by birth and not Gentile converts, yet know that a man is not justified by works of the law but that through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. **35** For if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! **36** But if I had upheld against those things which I now do, then I prove myself a transgressor. **37** For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. **38** I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me, and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith and the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. **39** I do not nullify the grace of God, for if justification were through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

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55 To give a human example, brethren, no one attacks even a man's wife, or adds to it, since it has been ratified, which is Christ. **56** This is what I mean: the law, which came four hundred and thirty years afterward, does not annul a promise previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. **57** If of the substance is by the law, it is no longer by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

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60 If by a law then against the promise of God? Certainly not, for if a law had been given which could make alive, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. **61** But the scripture consigns all things to sin, that what was promised to faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

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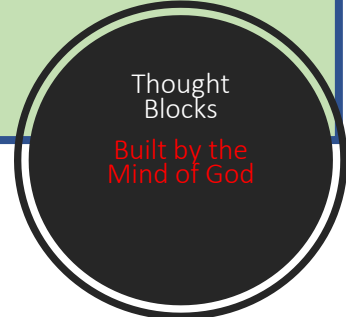
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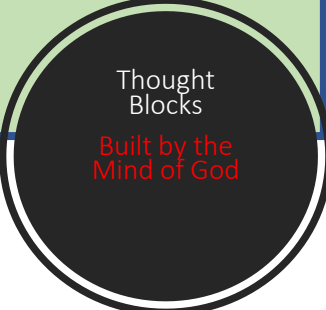
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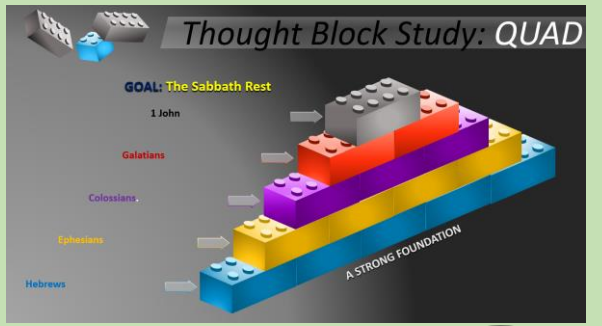
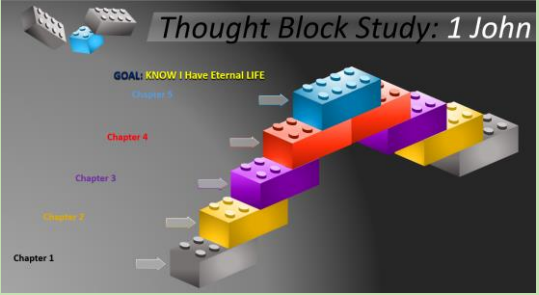
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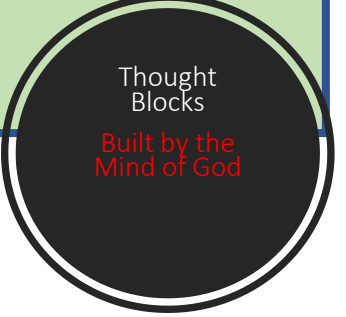
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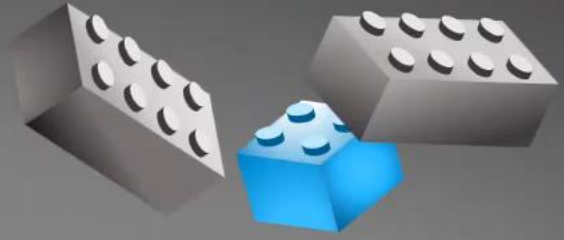
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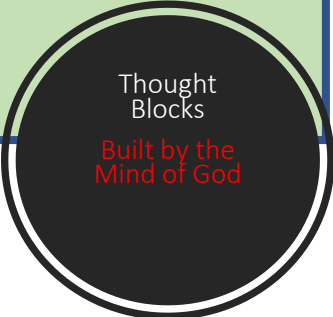
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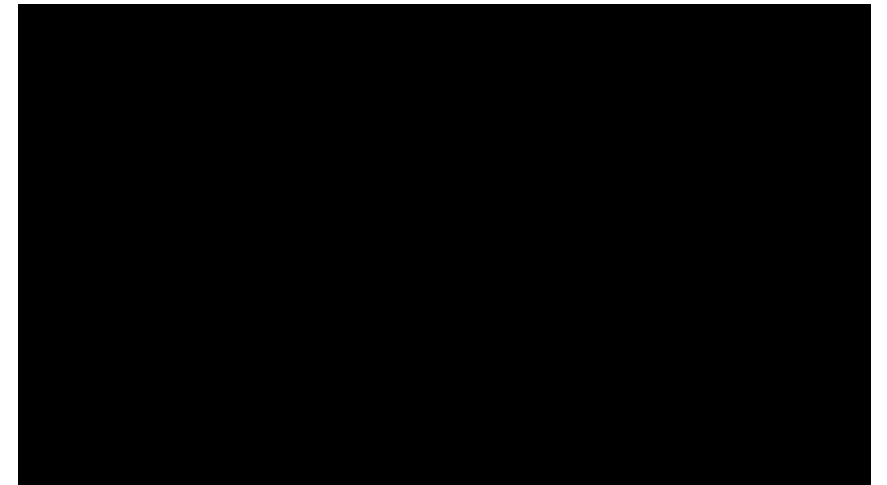


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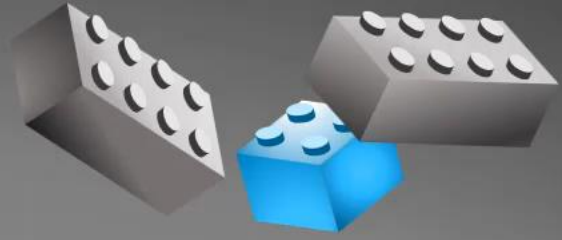
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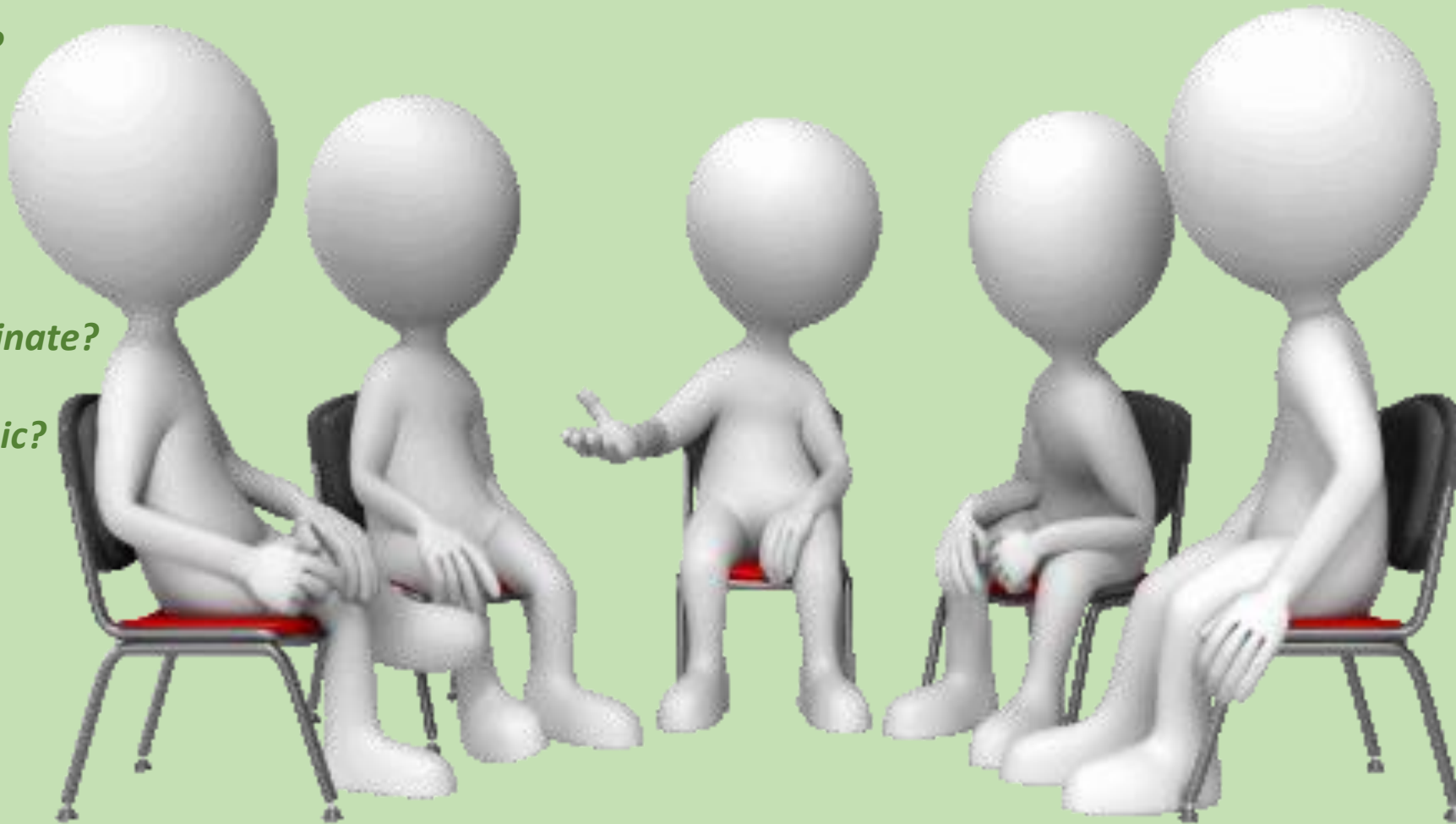
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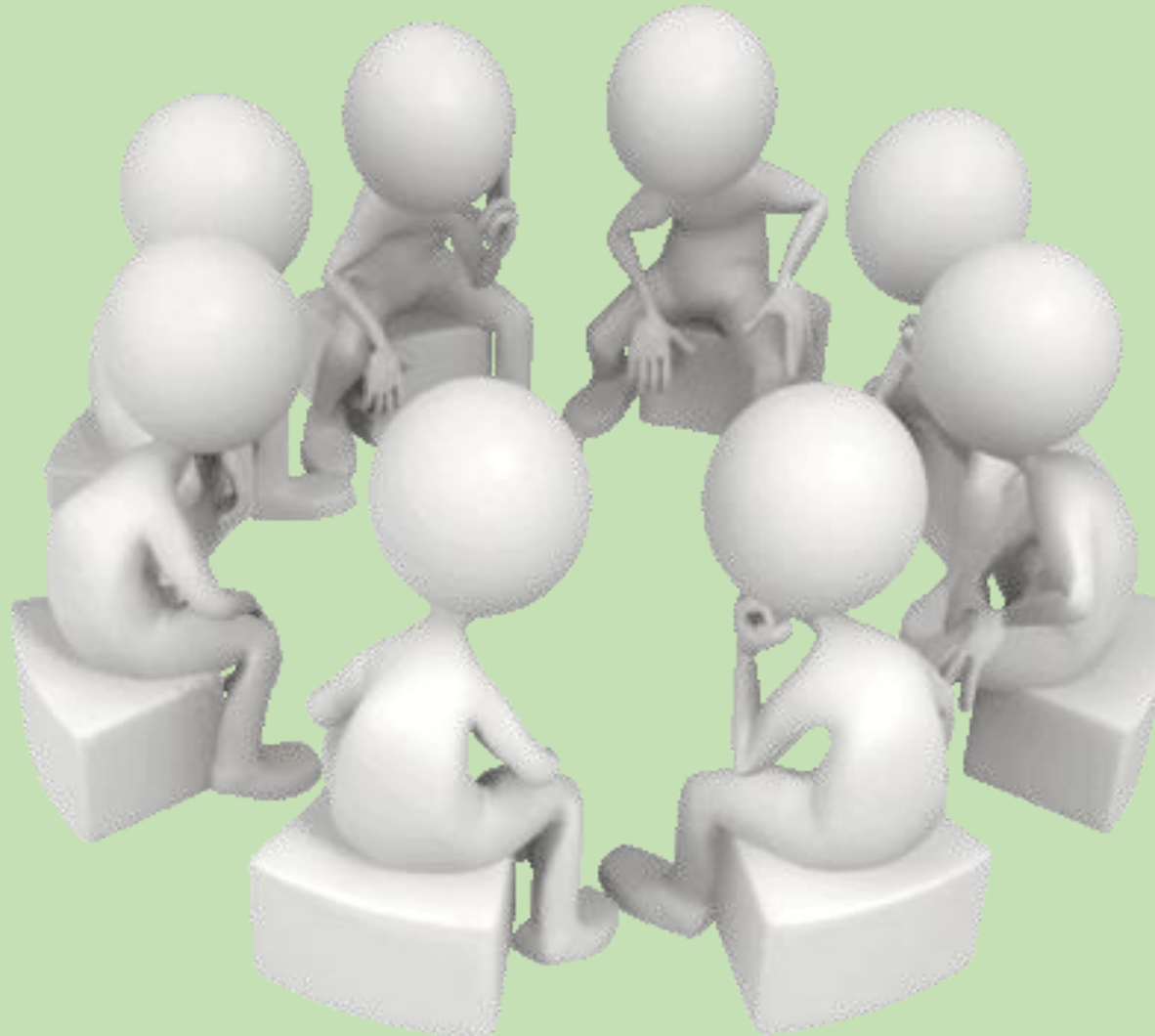
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Joh 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: **15** That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. **16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. **17** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. **18** He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Joh 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. **29** And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him. **30** As he spake these words, many believed on him. **31** Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; **32** And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

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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—**2** 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—**3** 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. **4** And we are writing this that our joy may be complete.

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 lie and do not live according to the truth; **7** 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. **8** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

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.

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.

1 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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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.

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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.

5:1 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 these three, the testimony of God is greater;

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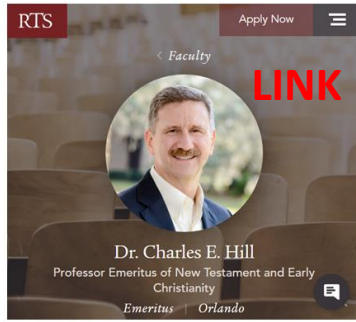
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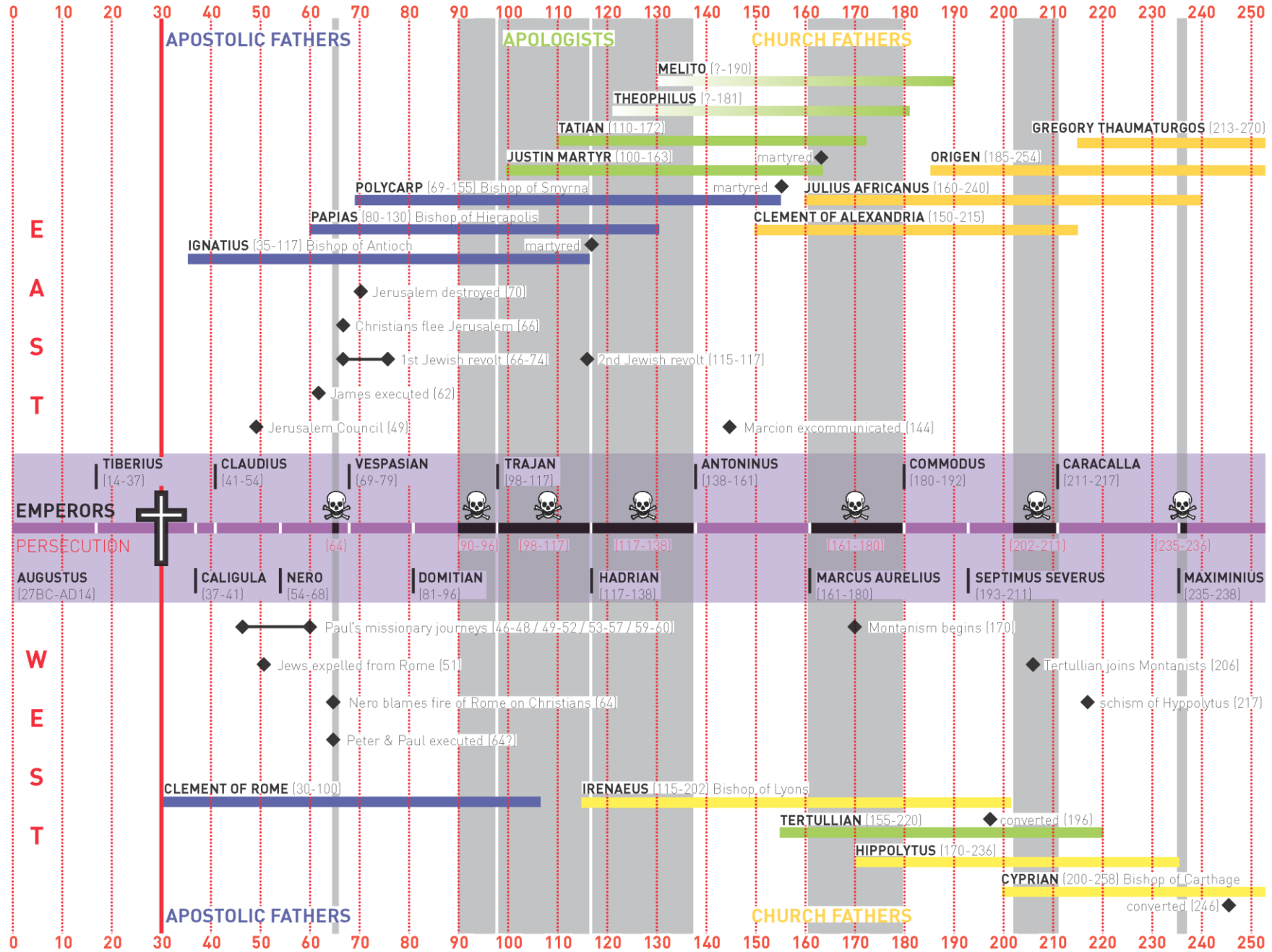
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