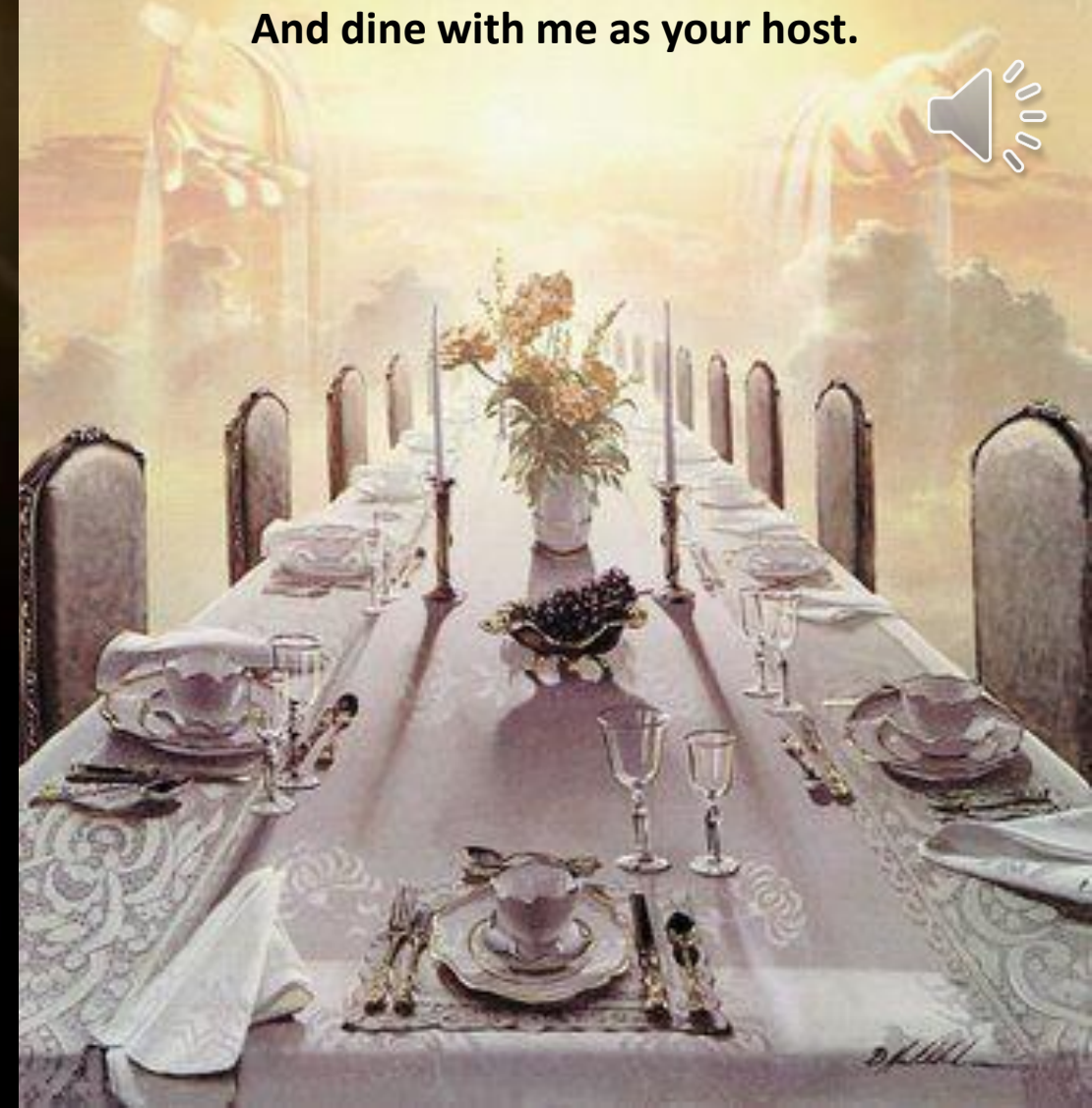


**Jesus saith unto them, Come *and* dine.
John 21.12**



The Invitation

**You are invited to come dine with me,
from now through all eternity.
Believe in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
And dine with me as your host.**



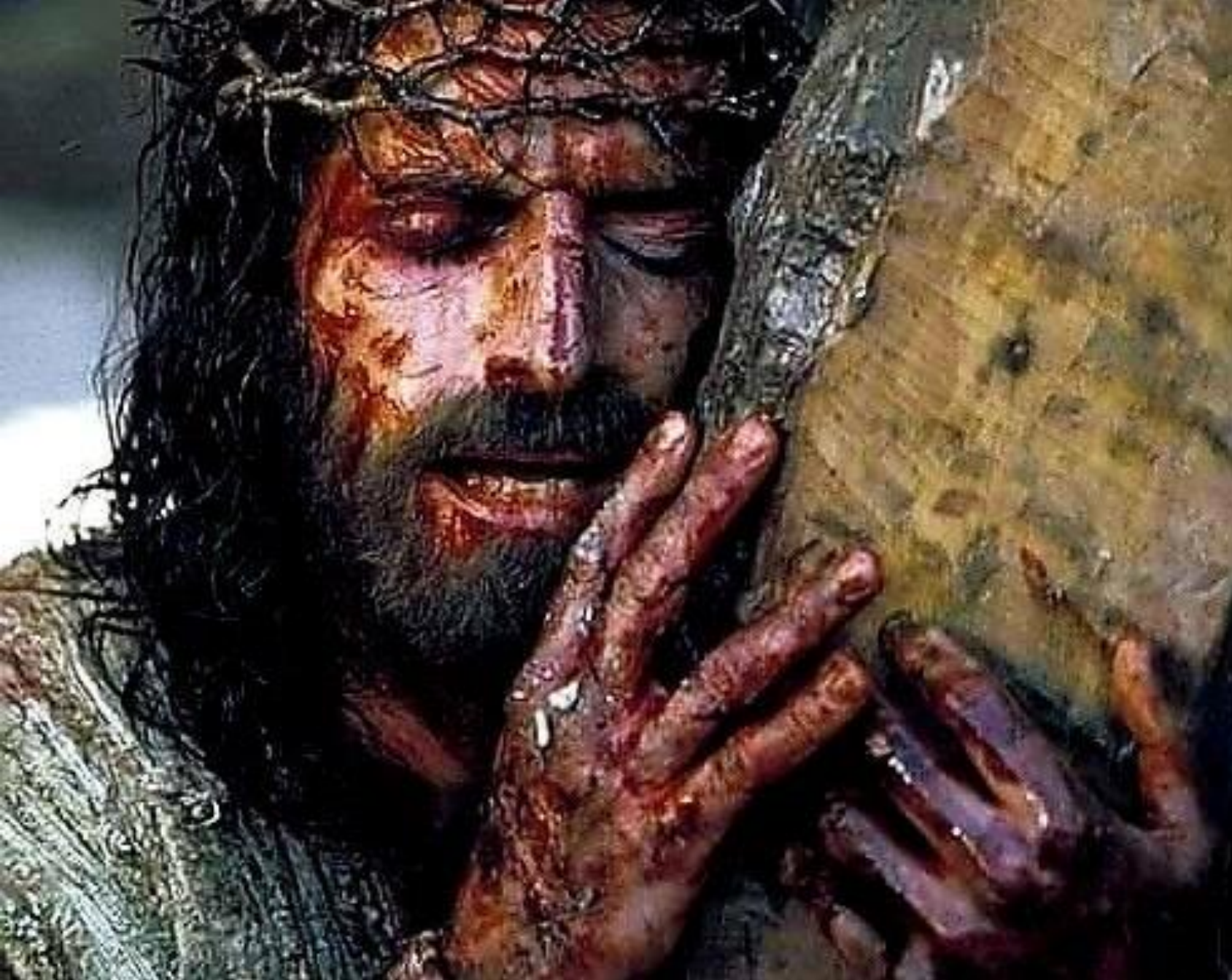
Isaiah 53:7

He was oppressed,
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like a lamb that is led
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• *Ga 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"*

Study Objectives



- Open
- Web Site Materials
 - Resources, Videos, PDF, Video & Sessions
- Welcome Open Prayer Songs – Discernment/Maturity Fri 6:30 PM CST June 28, 2024
- Discussion:
- Session Schedule: Next Session Date 7/03/24
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The Sabbath Rest Experiential Christianity

TBS 1 John
Thought Block Bible Study

Sabbath Rest



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Fellowship of LIFE

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Building Blocks of Faith

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

Blood of Christ



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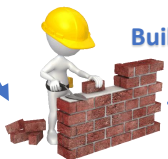
- Incarnate God; Birth God/Man; New Creation
- Reality of the Blood; Human; Man
- Curse/LIFE
- Blood of Old/Blood of New
- Cry of the Heart "Abba Father"; Peace with God
- Experience of LIFE

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.*

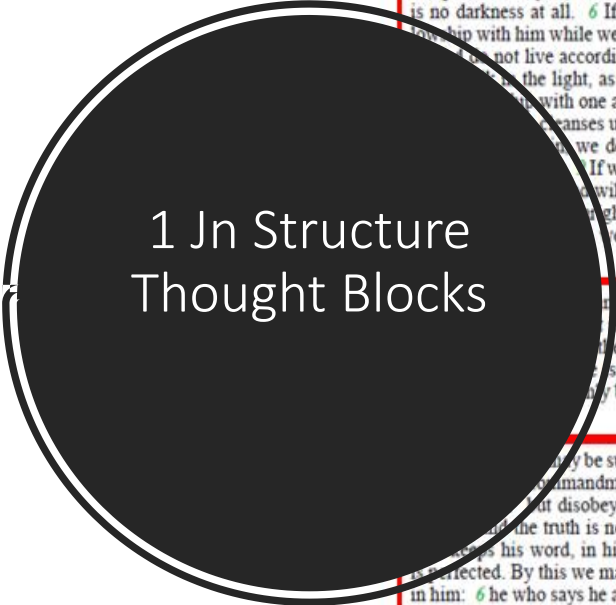
**FOR GOD
SO LOVED
THE WORLD**

JumpStart3 | John 3:16 | Official Lyric Video

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How Does God COMMUNICATE With Us?

Building  Blocks



1 Jn Structure
Thought Blocks

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11 Writing this to you so that you will 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 sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 13 If anyone denies the Son, he denies the Father who sent him, and the Father and the Son who are together and equal. 14 Who denies the Son, he also denies the Father who sent him. 15 Therefore, if anyone has heard or seen any of the things which we have written to you, and does not keep these things, God will not receive his sin offering, which is his love and his faith. 16 If anyone teaches otherwise, God will not receive his sin offering. 17 If anyone loves the world, his love remains in death. 18 Whoever loves the Father and his Son who came in the flesh, his love remains in life, and he will receive the Father and the Son. 19 Whoever does not love the Son who came in the flesh, he does not have the Father, and the Father does not have him. 20 Whoever receives a false witness, he shares in his works. 21 Therefore, if anyone has seen or heard any of the things which we have written to you, and does not keep these things, God will not receive his sin offering, which is his love and his faith. 22 Therefore, if anyone has seen or heard any of the things which we have written to you, and does not keep these things, God will not receive his sin offering, which is his love and his faith.

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Who?

What?

Why?

Where?

When?

How?



Para-Flip Book Kipling Questions: Methodology

LINK

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

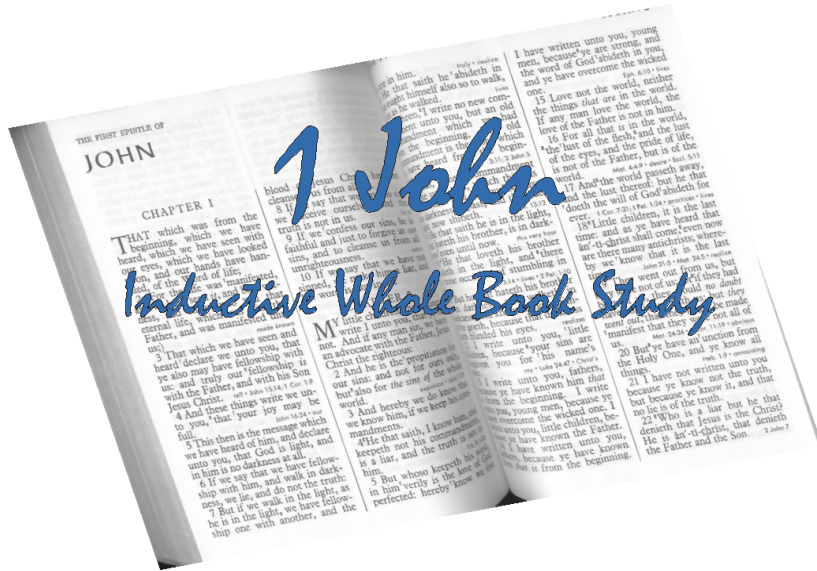
The main purpose for asking ourselves questions is to make ourselves think more seriously about the meanings, implications and relationships of words, phrases , clauses, sentences, paragraphs, chapters and books. We are trying to determine what the author meant or implied by the words he used.

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
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 Fellowship
 From The Beginning
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 Perfect
 Righteous
 Savior
 Sin
 Son
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 Son Of God
 Spirit
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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.**

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.

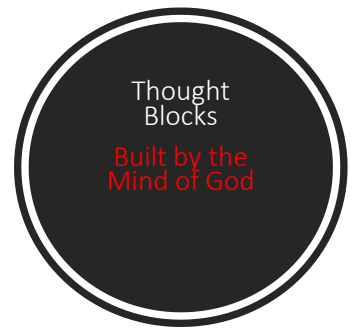
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4 Little children, you are of God, and have overcome them; for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. **5 They are of the world, therefore what they say is of the world, and the world listens to them.** **6 We are of God. Whoever 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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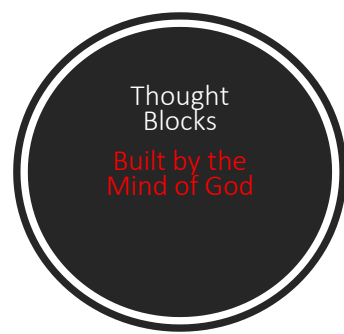
Knowing God's Will Praying In Faith



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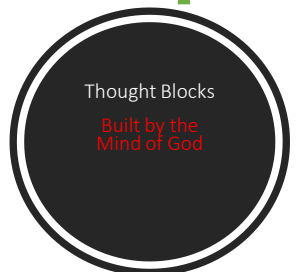
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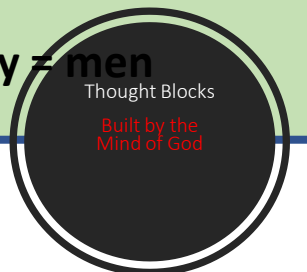
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- 2 **love of God, made manifest, sent his only Son into the world, live through him, to be the expiation for our sins**
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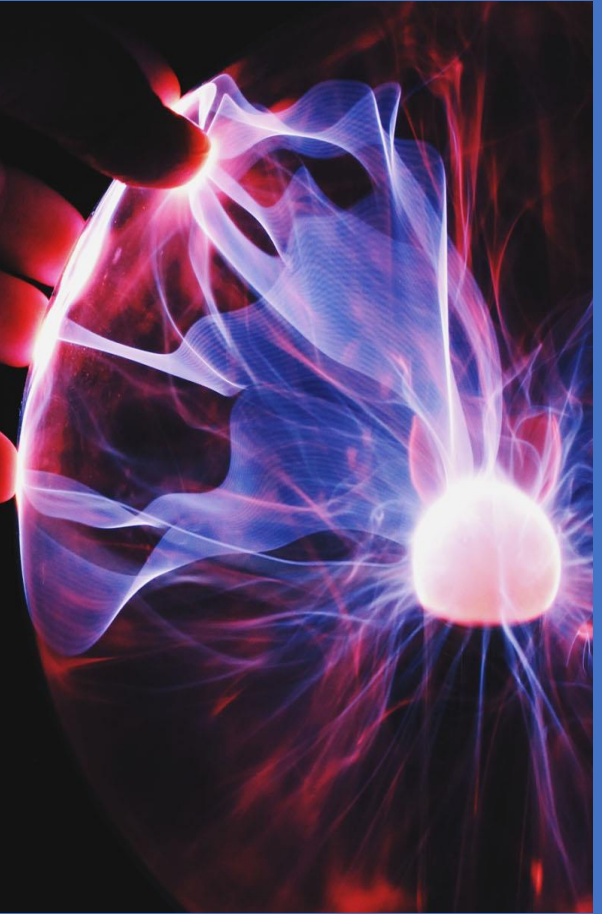


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**THE
HOLY SPIRIT
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2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may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



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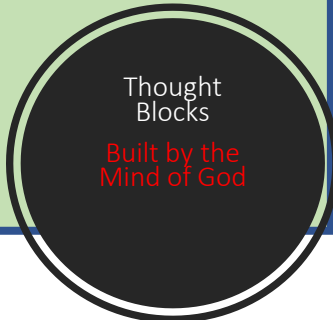
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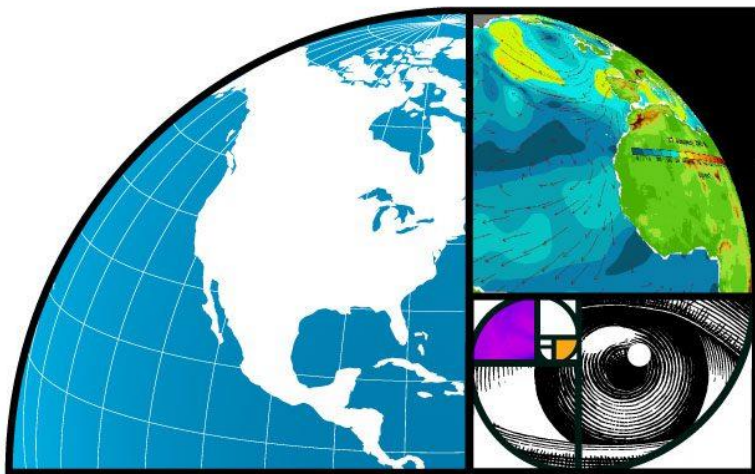


Key Words can help focus our mind on possible 'Insights'

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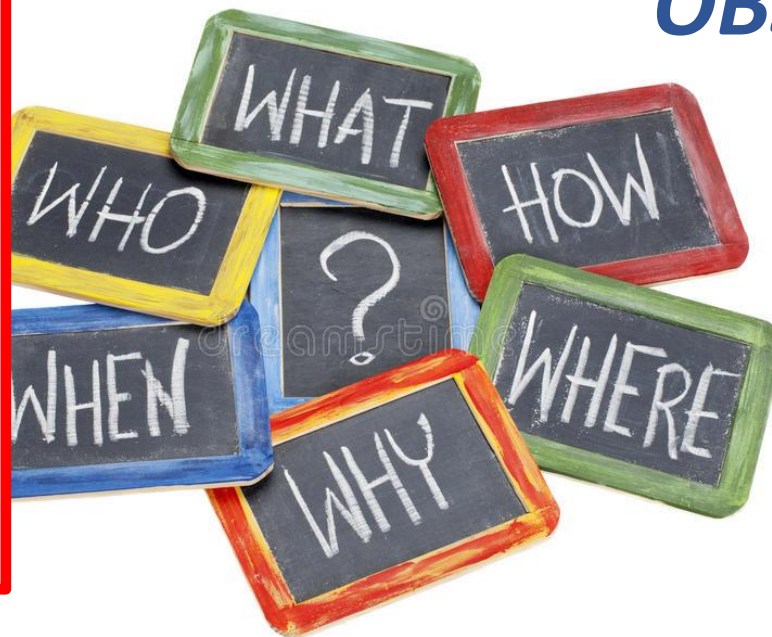
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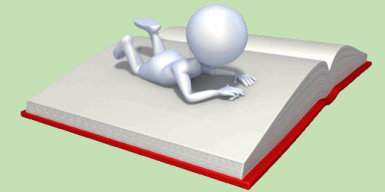
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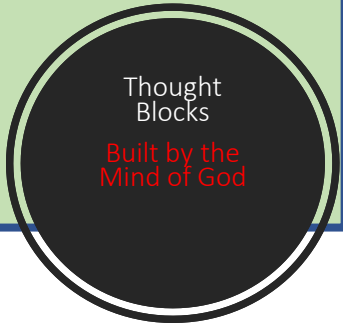
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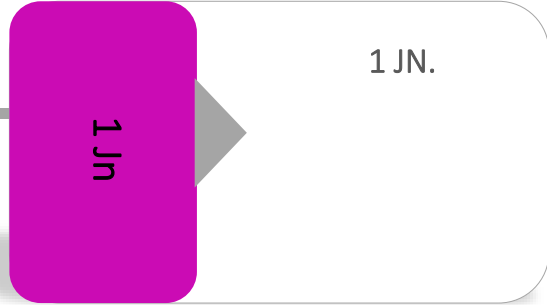


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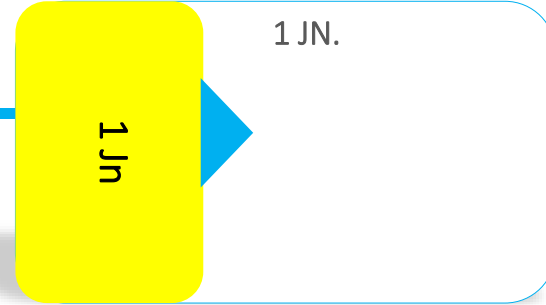
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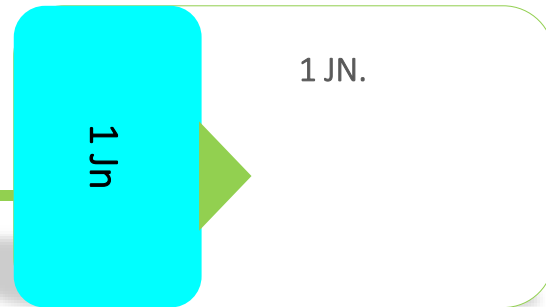
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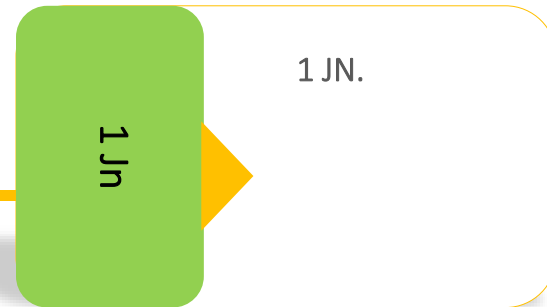
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Love of God in Him witness the reality of God to HIM



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Totally new/born of God essential or is the how to know God.



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

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



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



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1 JN 4.9 love of God, made manifest, sent his only Son into the world, live through him, to be the expiation for our sins

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1 JN

John personally KNOWS the LOVE God manifest = SON



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1 JN

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



What got us here?
What was I thinking?

1 JN

Live thru HIM: As We are branches we partake of the LIFE of the VINE John15



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Expiation. He is the Expiation. The Incarnate God's MAN



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1 JN

We see God in the LOVE of HIS children 1 JN 3:16 Laydown His LIFE



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1 JN

We are a right fit vessel of LOVE=GOD



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We are one with Him even as HE is one.



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Building block essential for us to realize We are God's expression of actual LOVE



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A glowing heart is centered in the upper half of the image, set against a background of a golden field with a bright light source behind it, creating a lens flare effect. The text is overlaid on this scene.

**The Pure in
Heart Shall
See God**

GOD SPEAKS TO THE HEART



**They asked each other,
"Were not our hearts
burning within us while
he talked with us on the
road and opened the
Scriptures to us?"**

Luke 24:32

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

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

I. of persons

A. to welcome, to entertain

II. of things

A. to be well pleased, to

Thayer's Greek Lexicon [?]

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STRONGS G25:

SHOW ALL

ἀγαπάω, -ῶ; [imperfect ἠγάπων]; future ἀγαπήσω; 1 aorist ἠγάπησα; perfect active [1 person plural ἠγαπήκαμεν, 1 John 4:10 WH text], participle ἠγαπηκώς (2 Timothy 4:8); passive [present ἀγαπῶμαι]; perfect participle ἠγαπημένος; 1 future ἀγαπηθήσομαι; (akin to ἄγαμαι [Fick, Part 4:12; see ἀγαθός, at the beginning]); **to love**, to be full of good-will and exhibit the same: Luke 7:47; 1 John 4:7f; with the accusative of the person, **to have a preference for, wish well to, regard the welfare of**. Matthew 5:43ff; Matthew 19:19; Luke 7:5; John 11:5; Romans 13:8; 2 Corinthians 11:11; 2 Corinthians 12:15; Galatians 5:14;

1Jo 3:9 No one born of God commits sin; for God's nature abides in him, and he cannot sin because he is born of God.

Eze 36:26 A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.

Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words

1 Verb Strong's Number: G25 Greek: ἀγαπάω

Love (Noun and Verb):

and the corresponding noun *agape* (B, No. 1 below) present "the characteristic word of Christianity, and since the Spirit of revelation has used it to express ideas previously unknown, inquiry into its use, whether in Greek literature or in the Septuagint, throws but little light upon its distinctive meaning in the NT. Cp., however, Lev 19:18; Deu 6:5.

"*Agape* and *agapao* are used in the NT

(a) to describe the attitude of God toward His Son, Jhn 17:26; the human race, generally, Jhn 3:16; Rom 5:8; and to such as believe on the Lord Jesus

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John knows LOVE is our nature.



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Expect His love to be manifest thru us



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We know we are in the fellowship love.



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God is behind this paragraph.
The Holy Spirit may bring to mind to someone what our past encounter was pertaining to God. They may turn to HIM.
God is participating in creation through His children in Person.

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- Type 4 – Thanksgiving. ...
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What is the dynamic in prayer implied in:

1Jo 5:14 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.

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God abides in us and his love is perfected in us:

Context for intercession for the BODY & Mankind

Pray for all the Body intimate that understanding, enlightenment, comprehension & knowledge of God
ABIDINING in and PERFECTED us/them

His Will that all Mankind would come to this assurance also.

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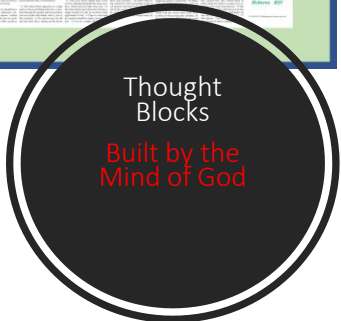
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Abide, love of one another, God's LOVE made manifest Heb 2:10 -13

**John builds upon the resident LIFE
Heb warn against turning back from the resident LIFE.**

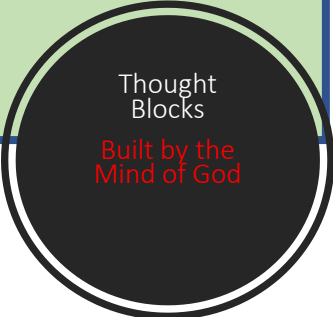
**John builds upon our knowing experience
Heb warn against unbelief.
And we are his house if we hold fast our confidence and pride in our hope. Hold onto believing. What? Knowing He resides with-in us.**

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Eph 1:5 He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. Paul is pointing to this to be your reality, John is using this as our reality.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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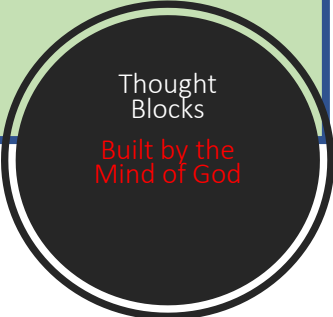
1Jn 4.9-10 Col 2:13 And you, who were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 having canceled the bond which stood against us with its legal demands; this he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

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Galatians

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and turning to a different gospel. For there is another gospel, but there are some who would like you to be deceived. 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. For 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.

—those, I say, who were of your race 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. For he who worked through Peter for the mission to the uncircumcised worked through me also for the Gentiles, 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. For only they would have remembered the point, which very thing I was eager to do.

But when Cephas came to Antioch I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 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. And with him stood the Jews also, and Barnabas, 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. For only they would have remembered the point, which very thing I was eager to do.

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you would. For if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. For the works of the flesh are this: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, jealousy, anger, rivalry, wrath, selfishness, drunkenness, party spirit, envy, bitterness, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. For the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, self-control, against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

For you were called to freedom, brethren, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." For if you hate and devour one another, you will not be at peace, for you are not consumed by one another.

1 JUN 4:7-12

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1. **Love is of God**: Verse 7 states that love originates from God. This is a foundational concept in Christian theology, suggesting that the capacity for love is a divine gift and a sign of being born of God.

2. **Manifestation of God's Love**: Verse 9 describes how God's love was made manifest through the incarnation of His only Son, Jesus Christ, who came to the world to provide a way for humanity to live through Him.

3. **Expiation for Sins**: Verse 10 refers to Jesus as the "expiation for our sins," meaning He provided the means for our sins to be forgiven and removed from our records.

4. **Love as a Requirement**: Verse 11 emphasizes that if God has loved us so much, we are obligated to love one another. This love is not just a feeling but an active pursuit of the good of others.

5. **God's Will**: Verse 12 states that God's will is to love His family and all those who believe in Him. This implies that love is the central purpose and desire of God.

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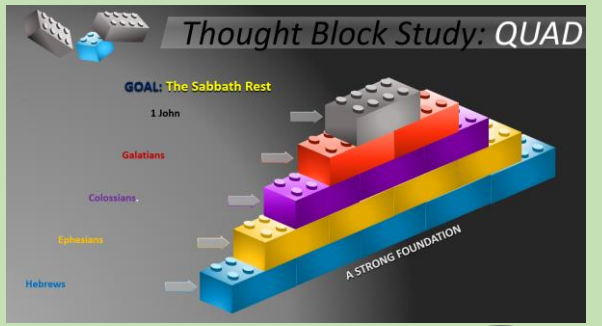
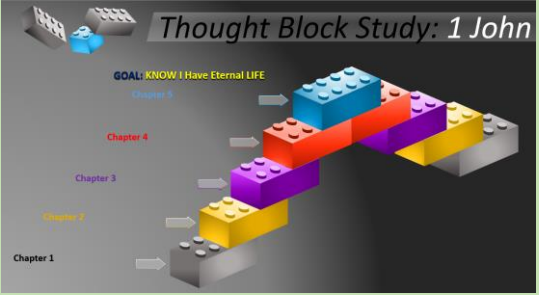
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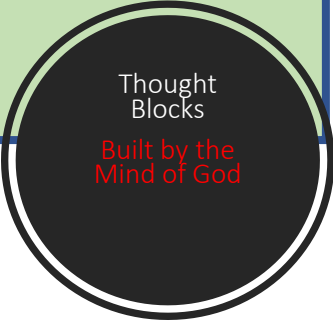


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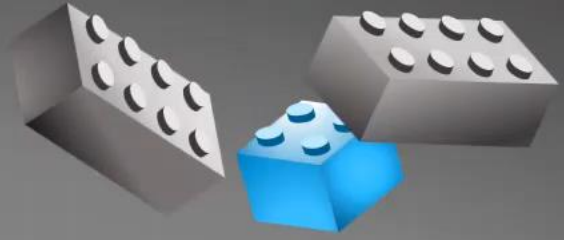
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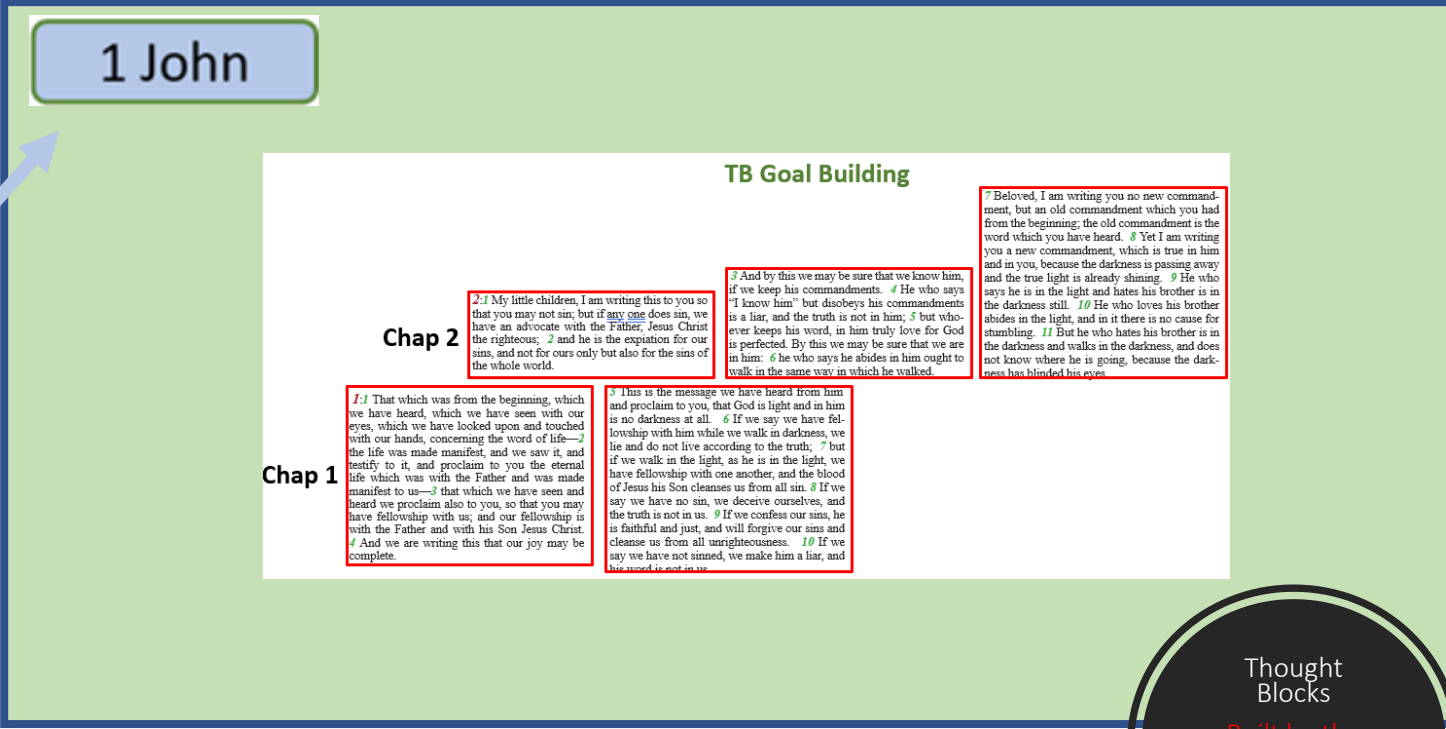
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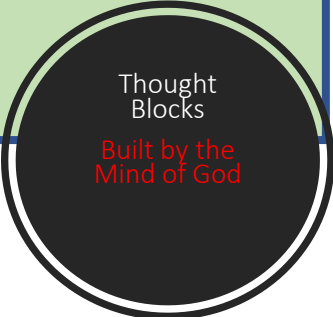
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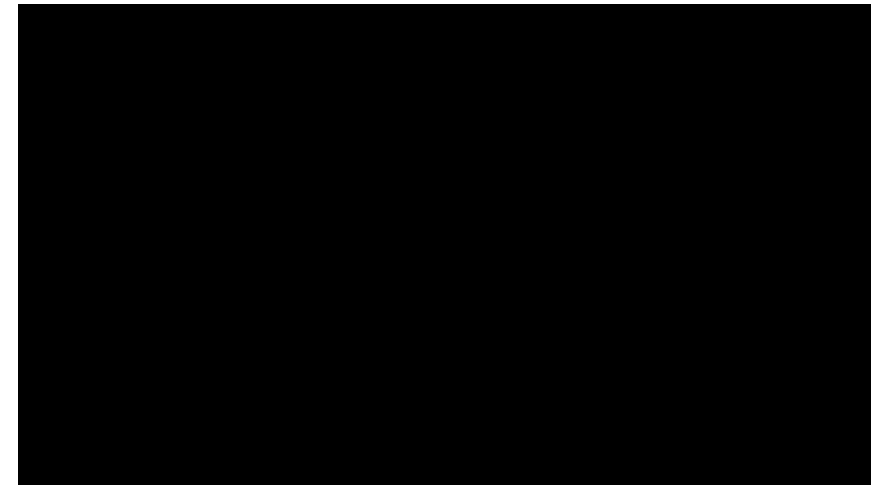
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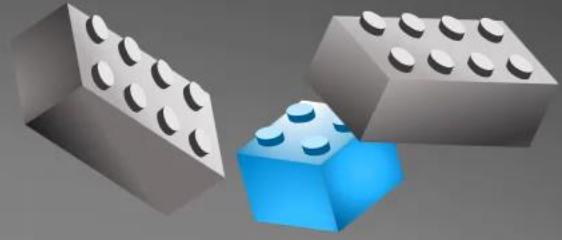
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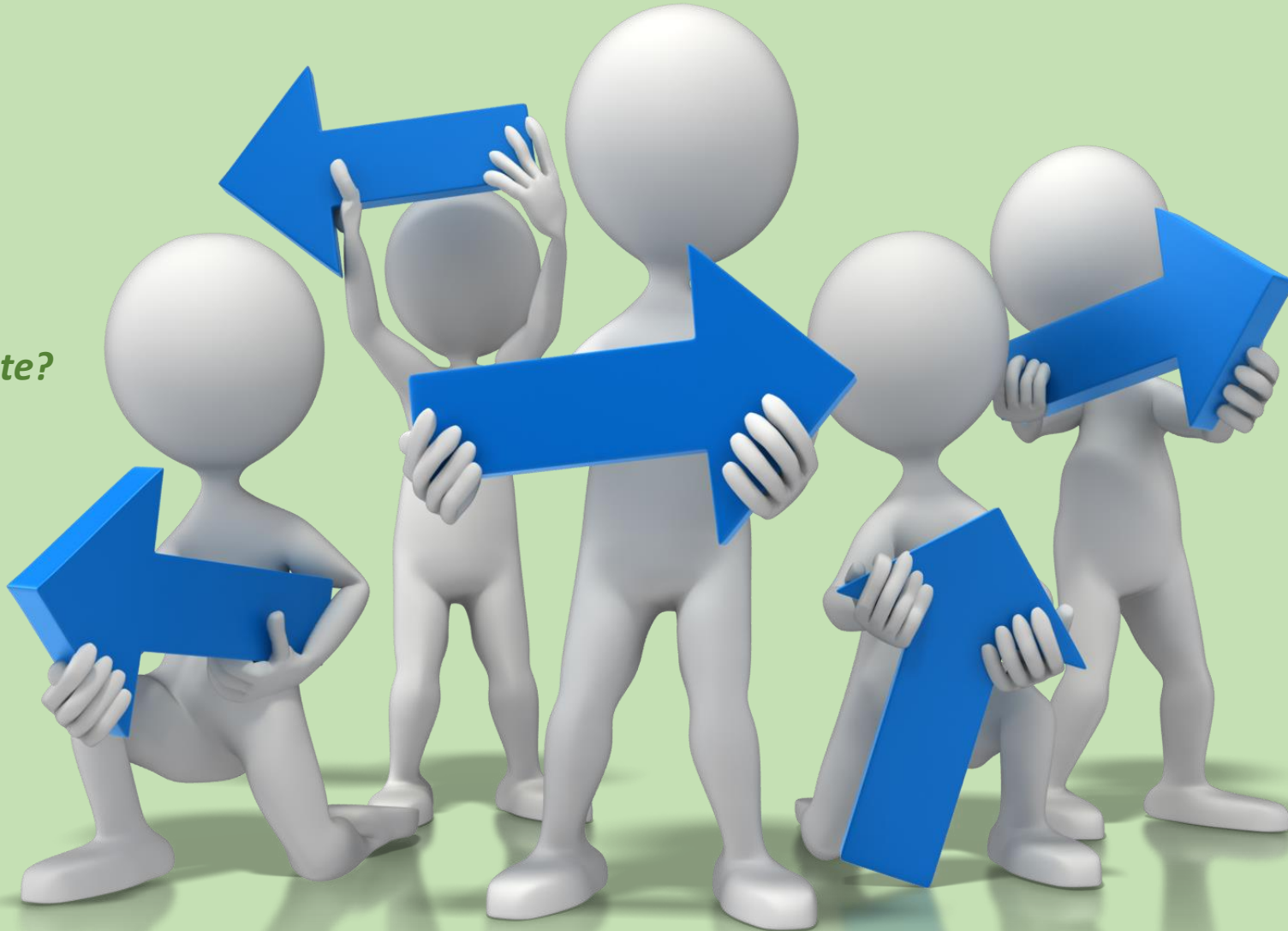
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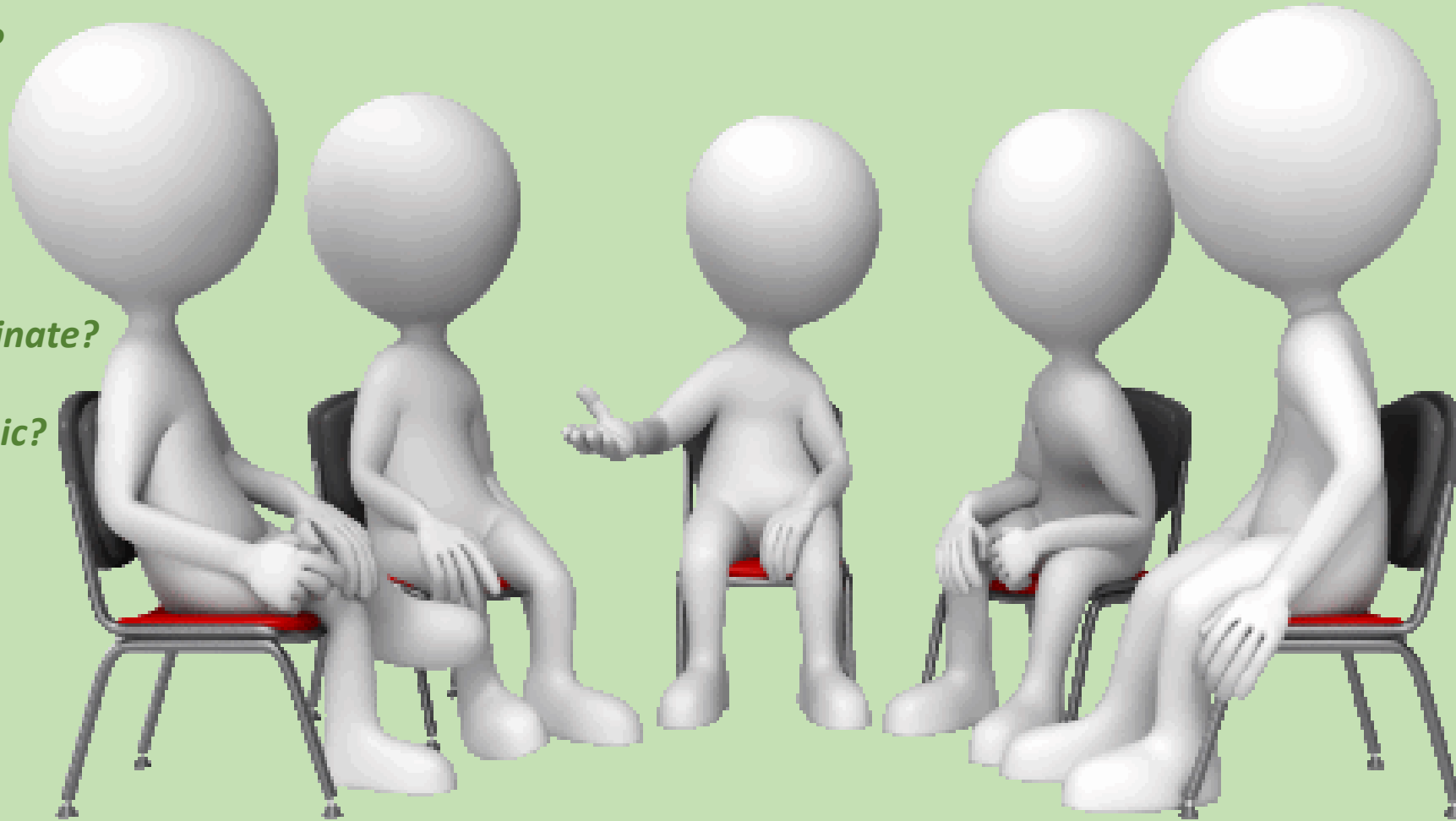
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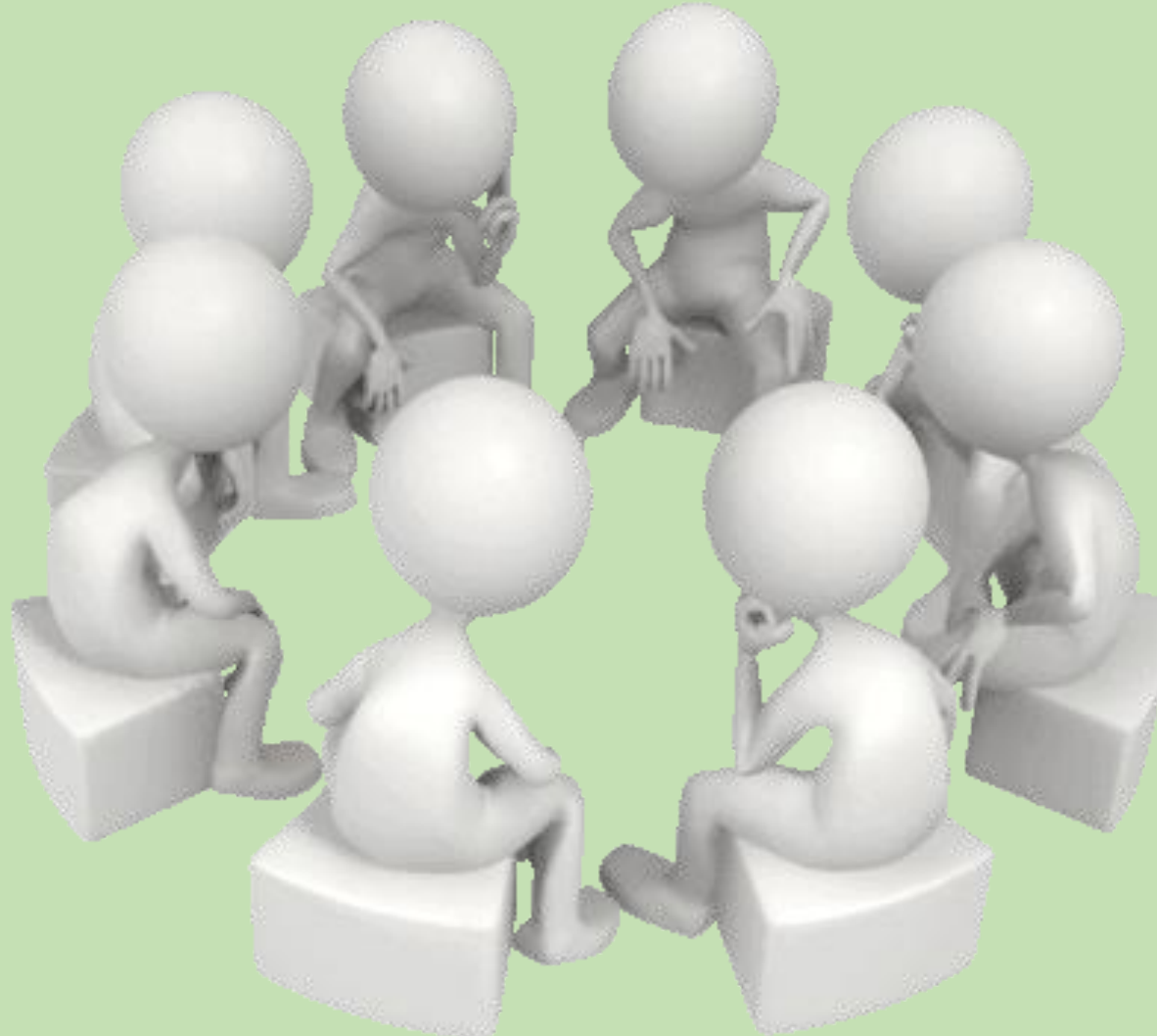
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18 Children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come; therefore we know that it is the last hour. **19** They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they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

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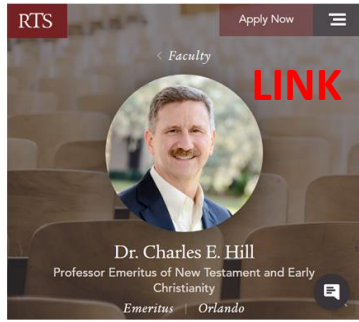
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**"The Truth Above All Demonstration":
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Nearly two millennia after their latest constituent member saw the light of day, the books that make up the Christian Bible continue to play an indispensable role in the spiritual lives of churches and individual believers. Yet today, many who wish to honor Scripture as the word of God can scarcely do so unaware that nearly every aspect of the study and use of their prized volume is under dispute. Whether the topic be the origins of Scripture's individual books, the early scribal transmission of those books, their eventual collection into an exclusive "canon," their interpretation, their reliability or truthfulness, or the role they play in the church's attempt to define itself (and others), the reader of Scripture faces no lack of critical scrutiny. It is not surprising, then, that many should think of looking to the "pre-critical" past and should hark back specifically to the early centuries of the Christian era, when the foundations for scriptural exegesis in the Christian tradition were being laid and when Scripture was finding its place in the worshiping life of the church.

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**Re-Thinking Clement the Philosopher
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Some modern researchers have identified the 'Clement the philosopher' mentioned in On the Divine Names V9 of Dionysius the Areopagite with Clement of Alexandria or with a pagan philosopher who was a contemporary of Dionysius or from a more distant past. The present essay develops an interpretation of the above passage in the context of the attempt of the author to stage the structure and contents of his writings so as to persuade his readers of his apostolic identity. Thus, it argues that it would be proper to examine whether the identity of Clement the philosopher in this passage is compatible with the carefully constructed identity of Dionysius. It proposes that it is possible to understand Clement the philosopher as a reference to Clement of Rome because the information we have about him is consistent with Dionysius' professed identity, and also because there were earlier Christian traditions that represented Clement of Rome as related to the apostle Paul, the purported teacher of Dionysius, and trained in Greek philosophy. **Keywords:** Dionysius the Areopagite, Paul the Apostle, Clement of Rome, Clement of Alexandria, Principles of Beings, Scripture, Greek Patristics, Plato, Proclus, Platonism. This is the official academic Journal of the Academia.edu digital forum or website. It is an open access Journal that publishes peer-reviewed research articles authored by scholars in English.

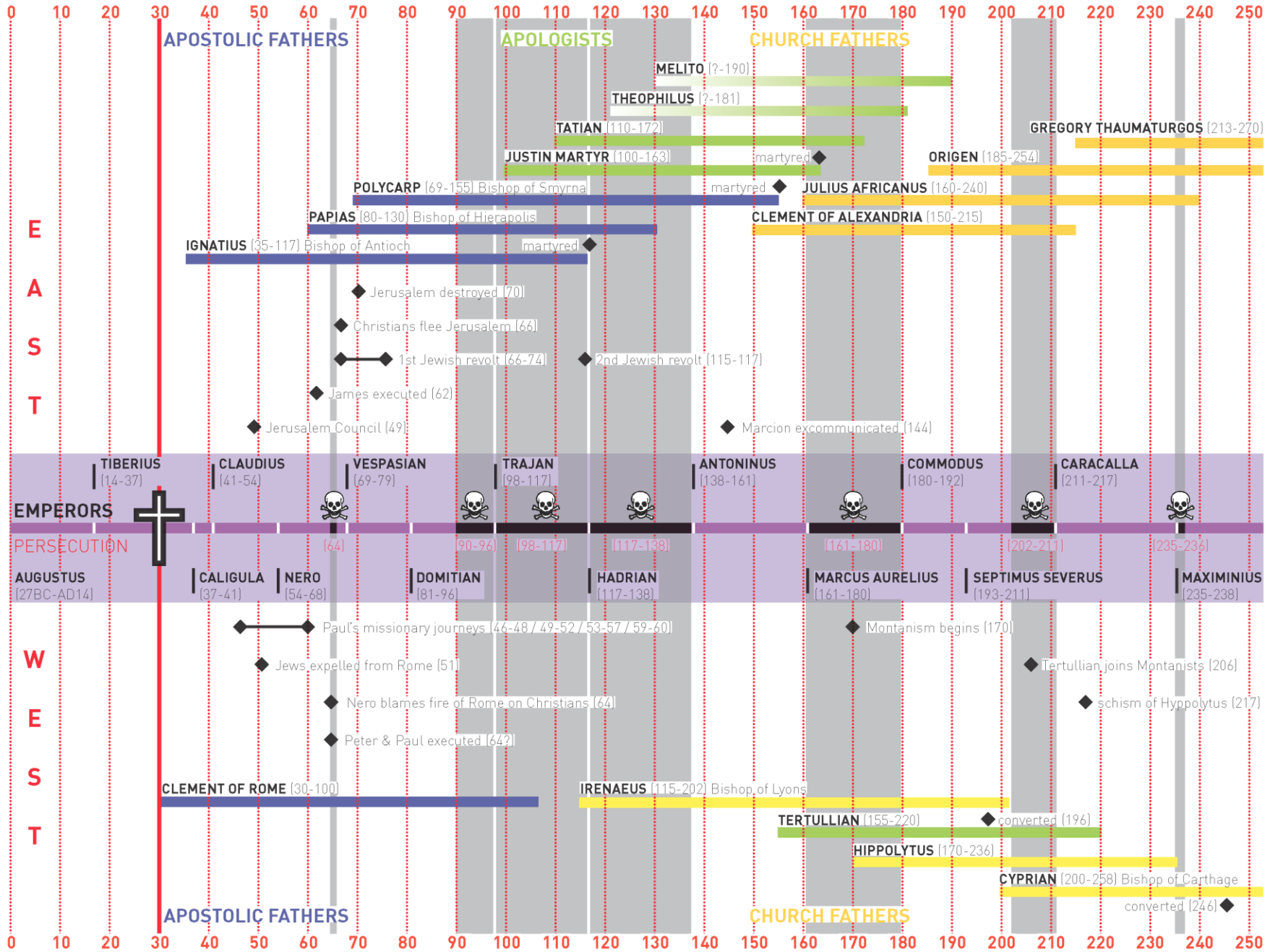
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