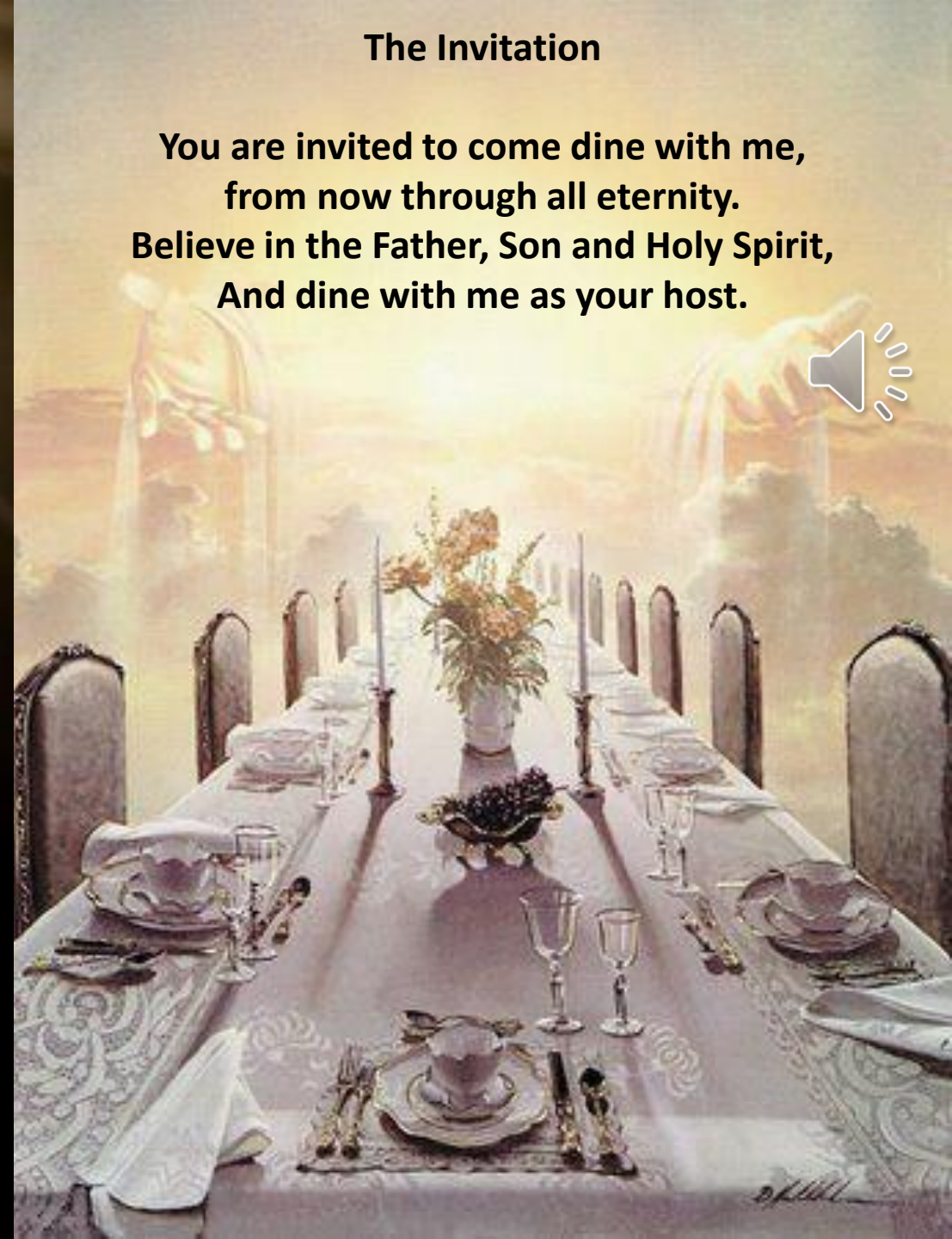


**Jesus saith unto them, Come *and* dine.
John 21.12**



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.**





Study Objectives



- Open
- Web Site Materials
 - Resources, Videos, PDF, Video & Sessions
- Welcome Open Prayer Songs – Discernment/Maturity Fri 6:30 PM CST Aug. 30 , 2024
- Discussion: Summary & Bullet Points
- Session Schedule: Next Session Date 8/7/24
- 1 JN 4.13-16 : Mains

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The Sabbath Rest Experiential Christianity

TBS 1 John
Thought Block Bible Study

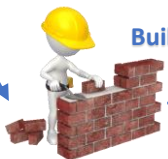
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Sabbath Rest



Building Blocks of Faith

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

LIFE



Building Blocks of Faith

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

Blood of Christ



Building Blocks of Faith

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

Study Method



Building Blocks of Faith

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

*I never asked you to live the Christian life,
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Tell It To Jesus

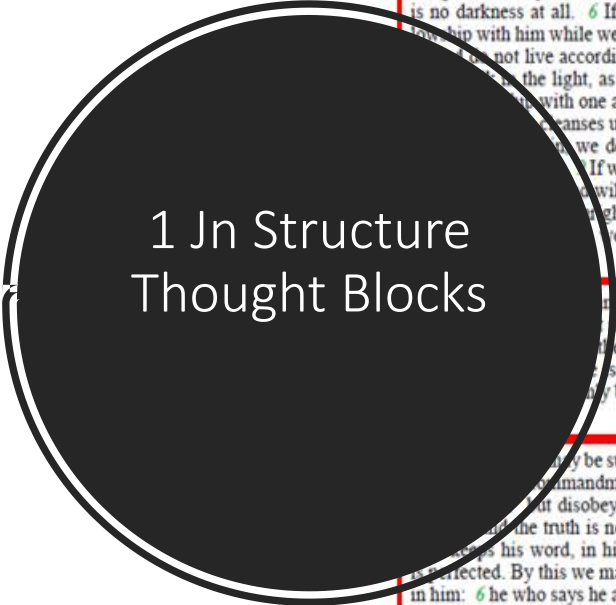
Tell It To Jesus - Willie Nelson (Lyrics)

Willie Nelson

The background is a piece of crumpled, off-white paper. In the bottom left, a wooden pencil lies diagonally. In the bottom center, a white spiral-bound notebook is partially visible. On the right side, a portion of a ruler and a protractor are visible. The text is written in a hand-drawn, outlined font.

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 may not be deceived by anyone who does sin, we know that the Son of God has appeared in the flesh, and the expiation for our sins is through him; but also for the sins of the world. 12 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. 13 No one who denies the Son has the Father. He who confesses the Son has the Father also. 14 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. 15 And this is what he has promised us, eternal life.

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

25 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. 26 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. 27 We love, because he first loved us. 28 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. 29 And this commandment we have from him, that he who loves God should love his brother also.

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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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6 This is he who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. 7 And the Spirit is the witness, because the Spirit is the truth. 8 There are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree. 9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has borne witness to his Son. 10 He who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. He who does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne to his Son. 11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who has not the Son of God has no life.

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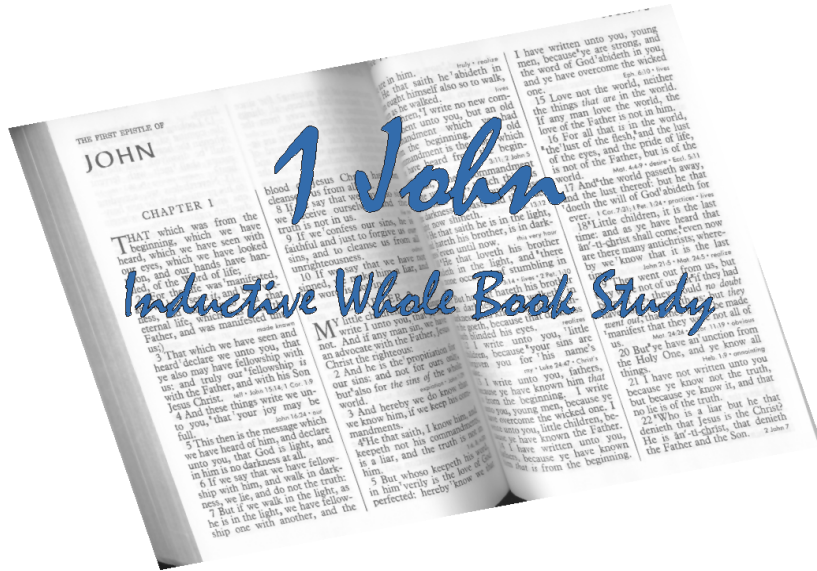
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Who? What? Why? Where? When? How?



Key Words & Phrases

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are of God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. **2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,** **3 and every spirit which does not confess Jesus is not of God.** This is the **spirit of antichrist,** of which you heard that it was coming, and now it is in the world already.

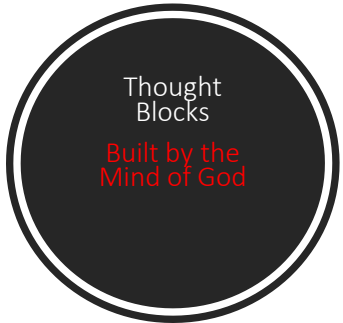
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7 Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. **8 He who does not love does not know God; for God is love.** **9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.** **10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.** **11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.** **12 No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.**

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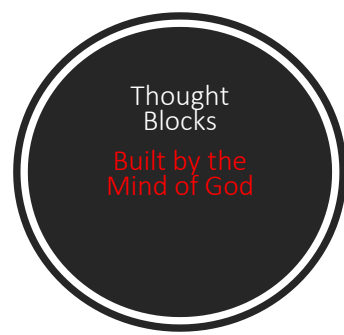
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Embracing Eternal Life and Divine Love in 1 John: A Call to Believers' Identity and Fellowship

Session 217, First John Chapter 4 Verses 7 through 12, explores the concept of eternal life as presented in the First Epistle of John, focusing on God's love and believers' fellowship with Him. Key topics include the indwelling of God's Spirit, the manifestation of divine love through believers, and the assurance of salvation. The discussion emphasizes the importance of recognizing one's identity in Christ, knowing God's love experientially, and living out this love in relationship with others. Concepts such as sanctification, obedience, and spiritual maturity are examined in light of Christ's finished work on the cross. The study encourages believers to embrace their oneness with Christ, recognizing that God's love and life are now resident within them. Exhortations include growing in the awareness of God's indwelling presence, allowing His love to flow through believers to the world, and living with the confidence of being God's children. We are encouraged to cultivate a deeper understanding of one's identity in Christ, expressing God's love to others, and seeking to manifest God's wisdom and character in daily life.

These points capture the main themes, topics, concepts, directives, exhortations, and encouragements presented in the transcript.

Main Themes, Topics, and Concepts

- **God's Love and Fellowship:** The primary theme revolves around understanding and experiencing God's love, emphasizing that love originates from God and believers are called to love one another as a manifestation of this divine love.
- **Eternal Life:** Eternal life is presented not just as a future promise but as a present reality experienced through the indwelling of God's Spirit. The study encourages believers to recognize and experience eternal life in their daily lives.
- **Obedience and Maturity:** The importance of obedience to God, exemplified by Jesus' obedience even unto death, is discussed. Spiritual maturity is linked to understanding and living out the eternal life given by God.
- **Identity in Christ:** Recognizing one's identity in Christ is crucial. Believers are encouraged to embrace their oneness with Christ, understanding that God's love and life are now resident within them.
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- **Practical Directives:** Believers are urged to cultivate a deeper understanding of their identity in Christ, express God's love to others, and seek to manifest God's wisdom and character in their daily lives.

Directives, Exhortations, and Encouragements

- **Grow in Awareness:** Believers are encouraged to grow in the awareness of God's indwelling presence and the assurance of salvation.
- **Live Out God's Love:** Embrace and live out God's love in relationships with others, recognizing that this love is a manifestation of God's life within them.
- **Seek Deeper Understanding:** Continuously seek a deeper understanding and experience of God's self-appreciating love and the unsearchable riches of Christ.
- **Recognize and Reflect:** Reflect on personal awareness of possessing eternal life and knowing God as a person, moving beyond intellectual understanding to experiential knowledge.
- **Express God's Love:** Engage deeply with the material, allowing the truth of scripture to transform lives and express God's love in practical ways.
- **Manifest God's Wisdom:** Aim to manifest God's wisdom and character in daily life, recognizing the transformative power of God's love and the importance of spiritual maturity.

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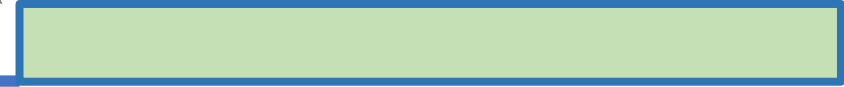


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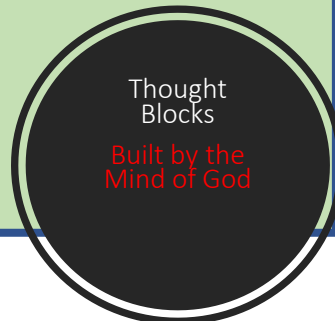
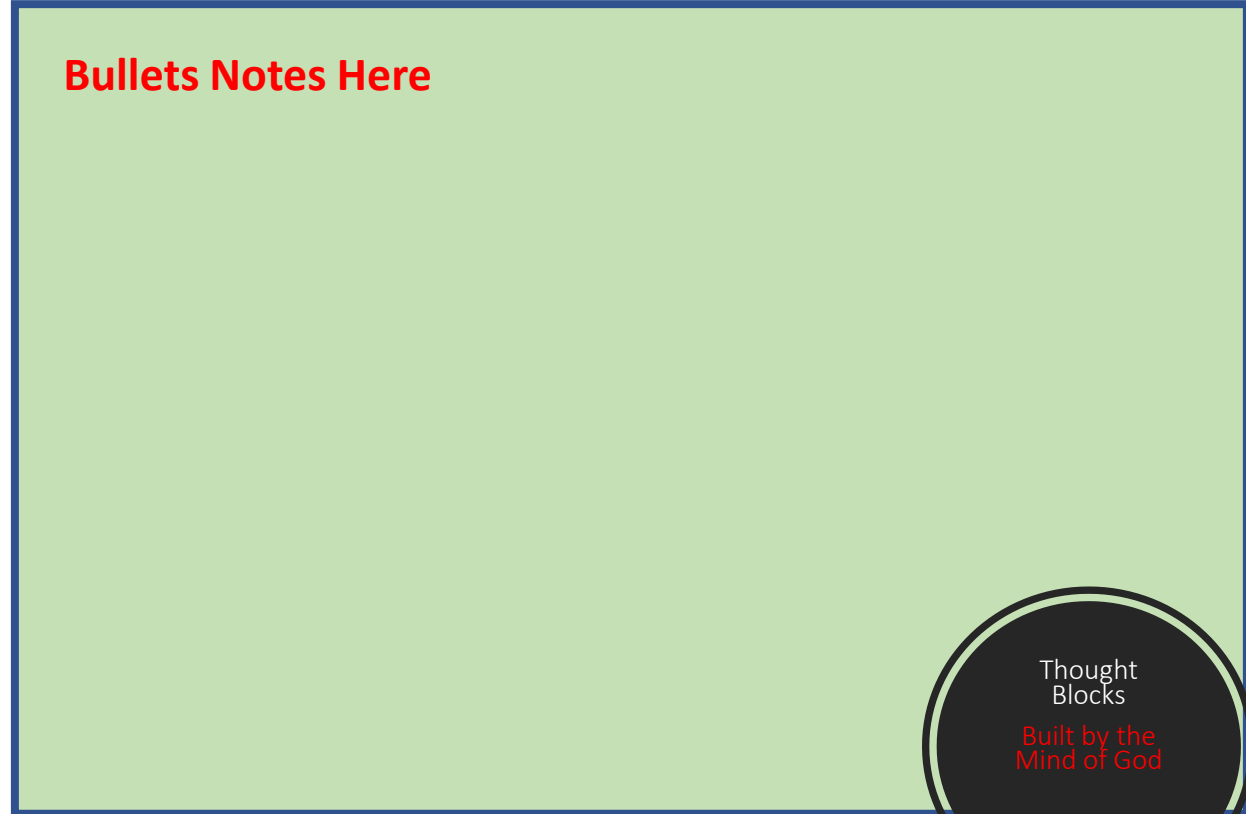
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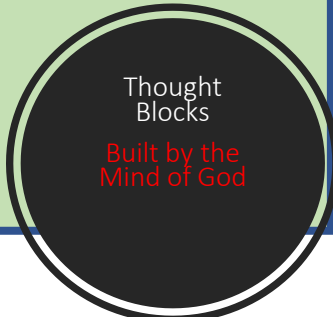
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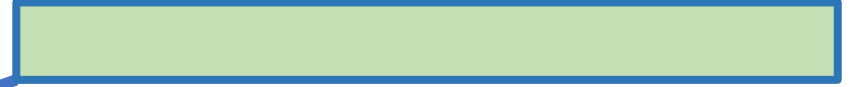
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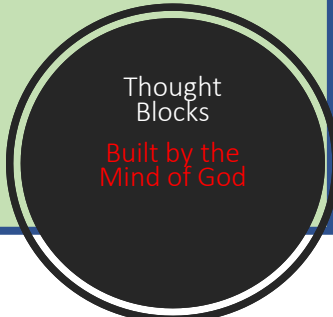
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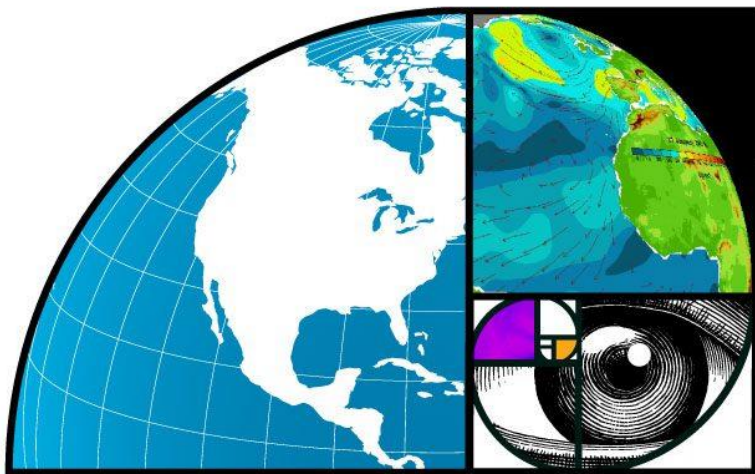


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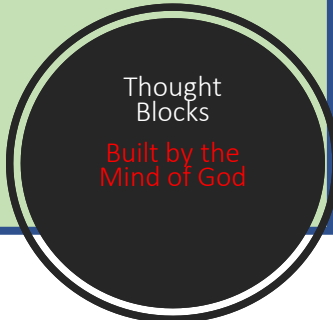
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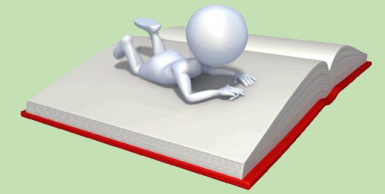
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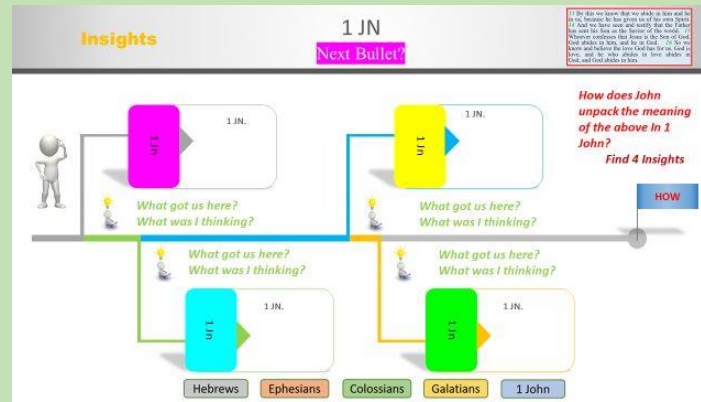
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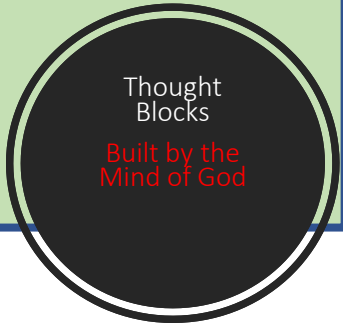
How does John unpack the meaning of this?



1. The Greek word for 'insights' is ἐπισημάνσεις (epishēmánsēis), which means 'to mark or to point out'. It is a verb in the infinitive form, and it is used here to describe the process of uncovering the meaning of the text. The word is derived from the prefix 'ἐπι-' (epi-, 'upon') and the verb 'σημαίνω' (sēmaínō, 'to mark').	2. The Greek word for 'unpack' is ἀναλύω (anályō), which means 'to analyze' or 'to break down'. It is a verb in the infinitive form, and it is used here to describe the process of taking apart the text to see its individual parts. The word is derived from the prefix 'ἀνα-' (ana-, 'up') and the verb 'λύω' (lýō, 'to loose').	3. The Greek word for 'meaning' is σмысль (smyśly), which means 'the sense or the meaning of a word or a sentence'. It is a noun in the feminine gender, and it is used here to describe the central idea or the main point of the text. The word is derived from the prefix 'смы-' (smy-, 'to understand') and the suffix '-сль' (-sly, 'noun ending').	4. The Greek word for 'this' is αὐτό (aútō), which means 'that' or 'the same'. It is a pronoun in the neuter gender, and it is used here to refer to the text that is being discussed. The word is derived from the prefix 'αὐτ-' (aut-, 'self') and the suffix '-ό' (-ō, 'neuter pronoun ending').	5. The Greek word for 'how' is ὡς (ōs), which means 'in what way' or 'by what means'. It is a particle in the adverbial case, and it is used here to introduce the question of how the text is being unpacked. The word is derived from the prefix 'ὡ-' (ō-, 'how') and the suffix '-ς' (-s, 'adverbial particle ending').
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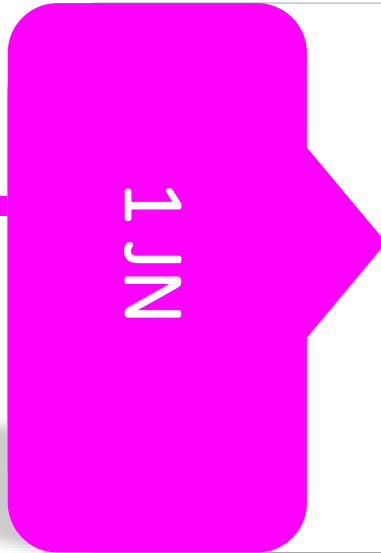
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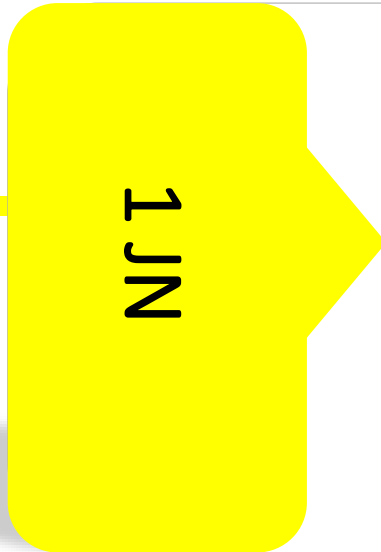
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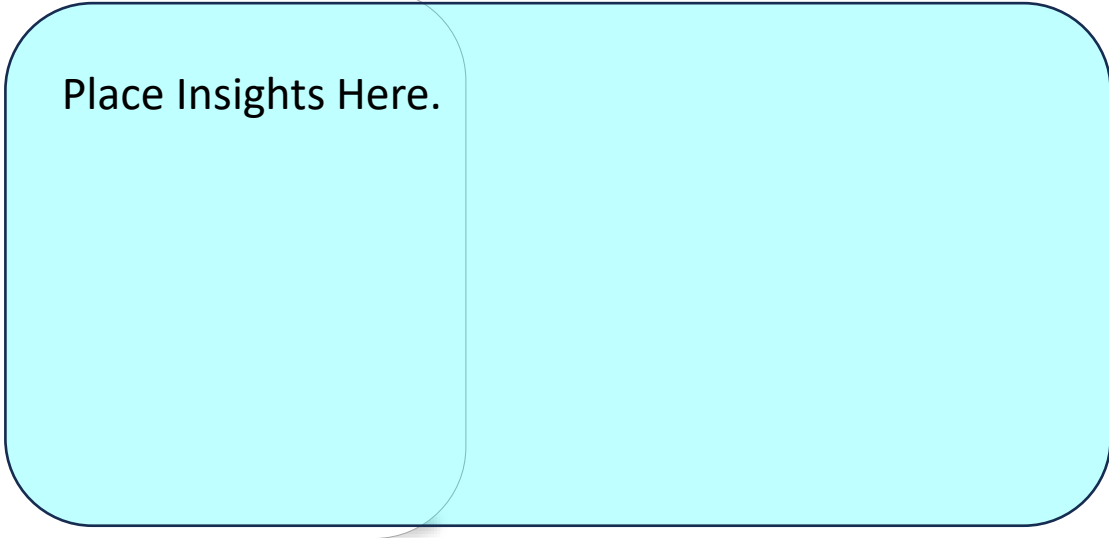
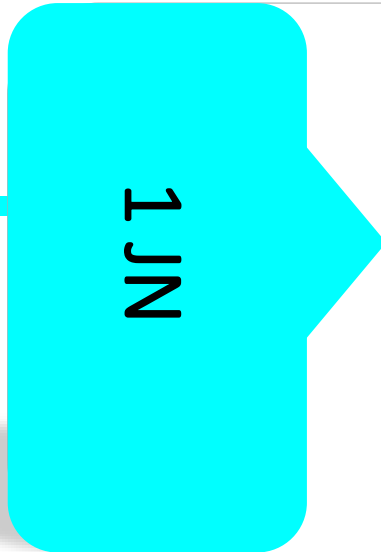
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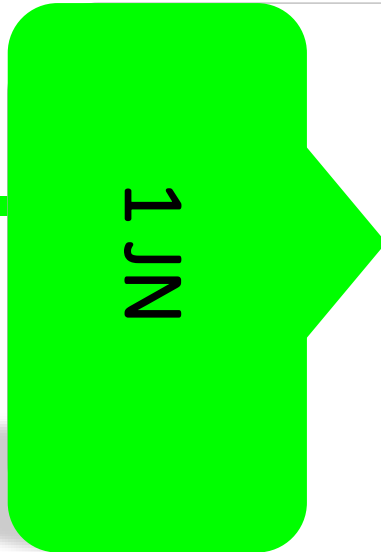
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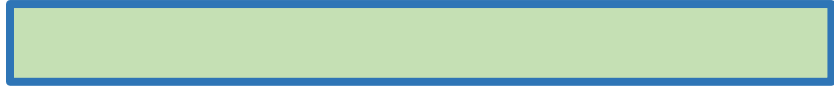
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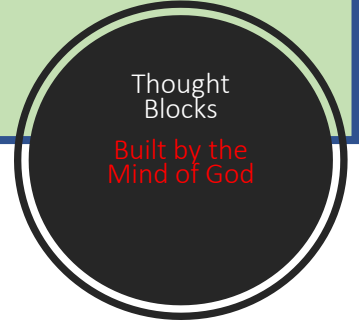
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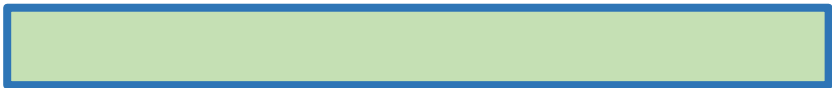
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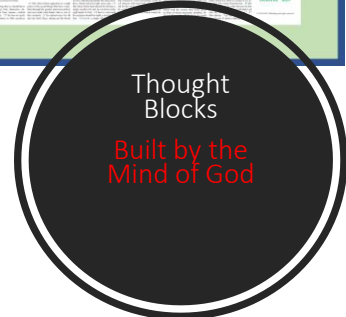


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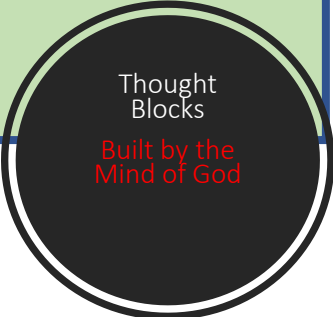
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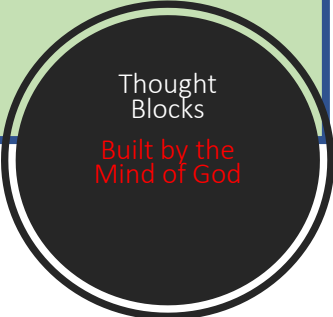


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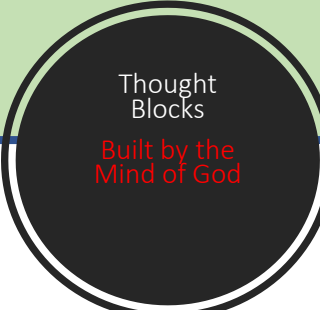
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Galatians

Galatians 1:1-5

1 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you to the grace of Christ and turning to a different gospel...

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.

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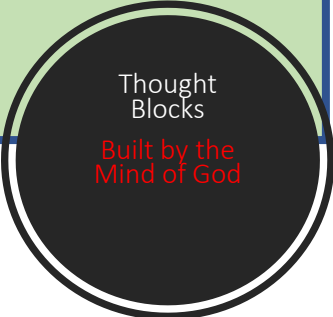
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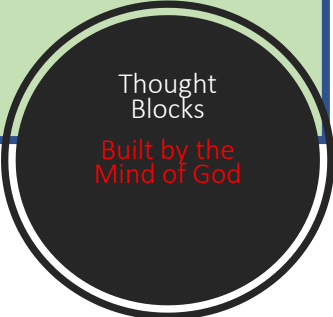
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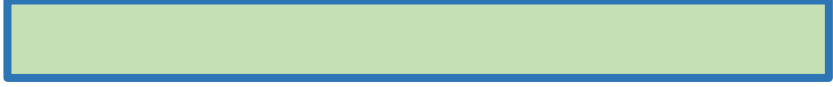
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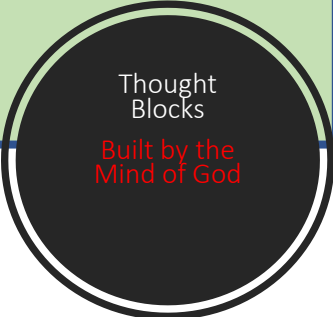
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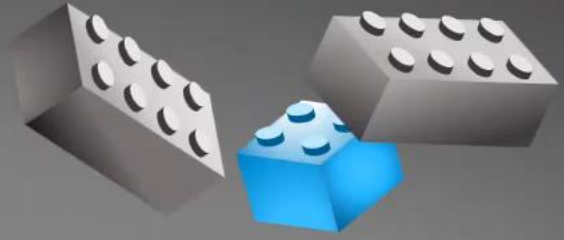
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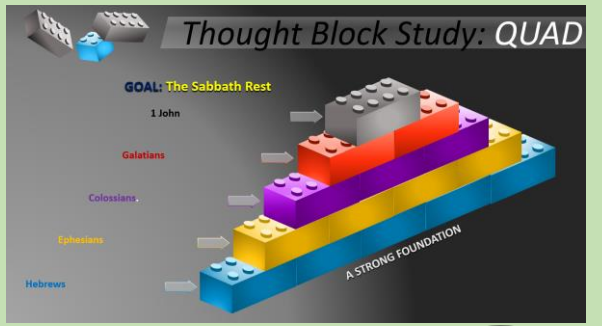
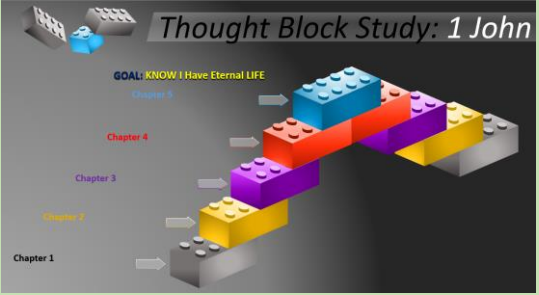
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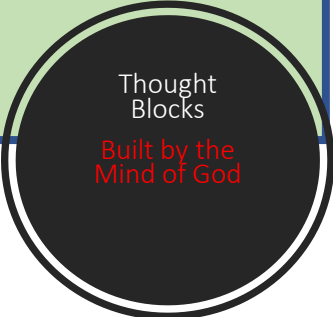
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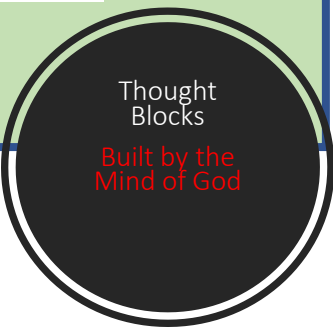
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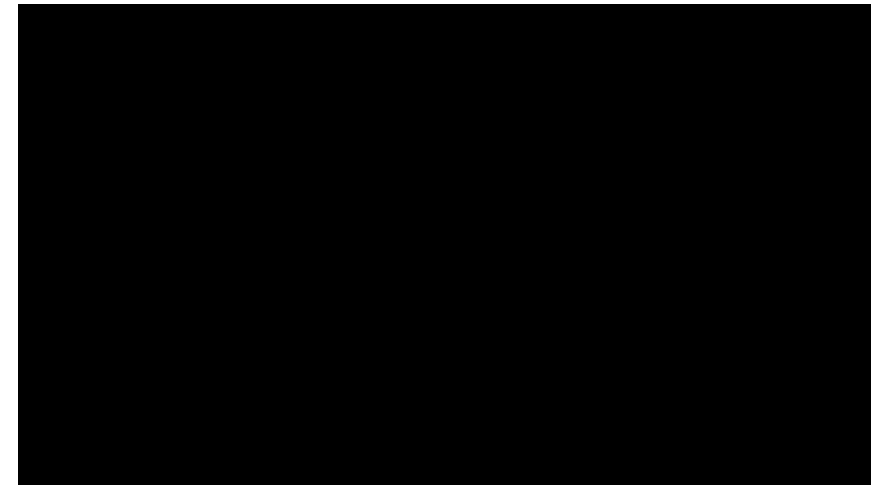
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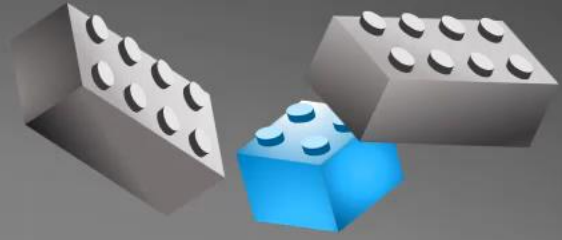
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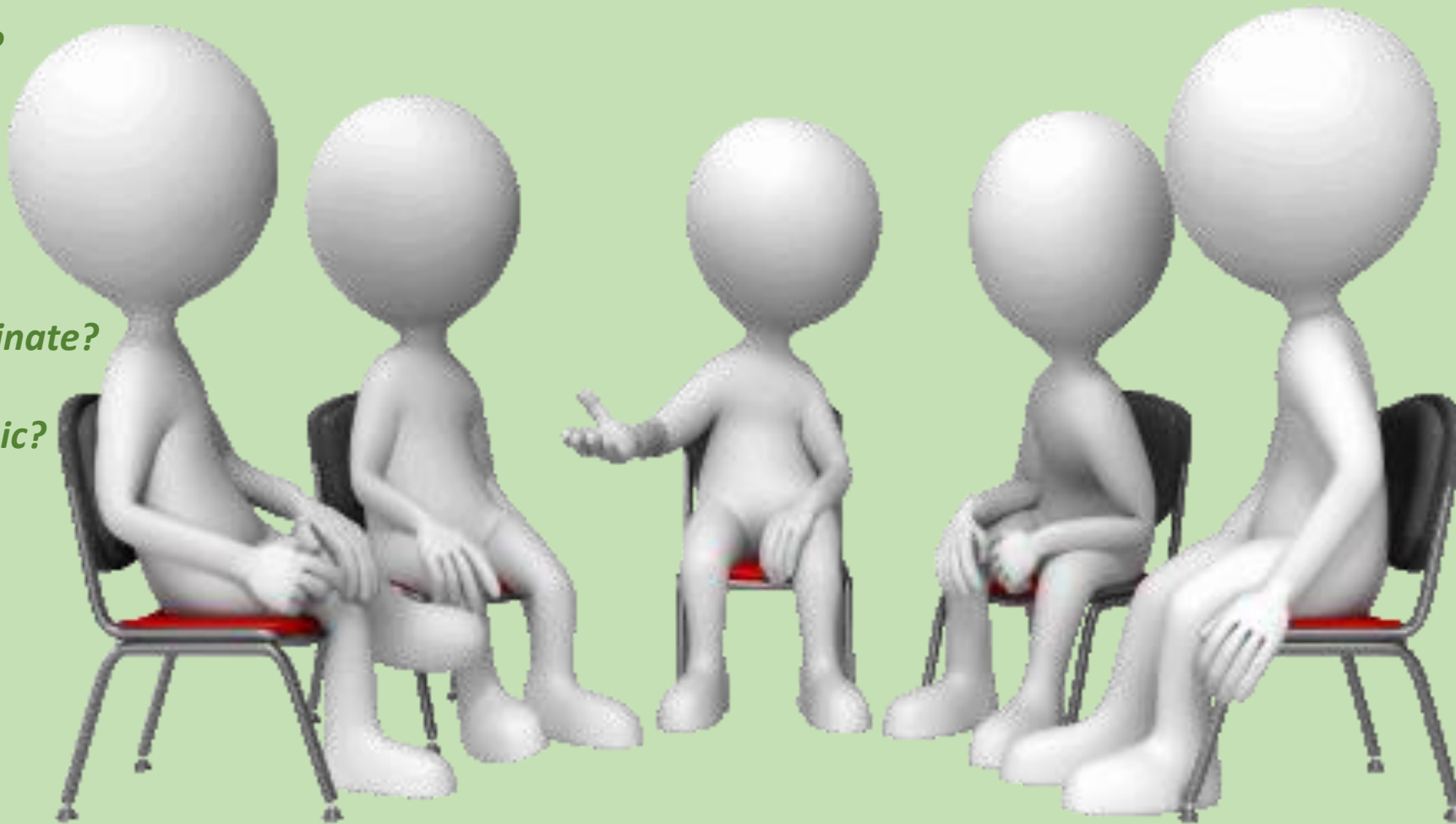
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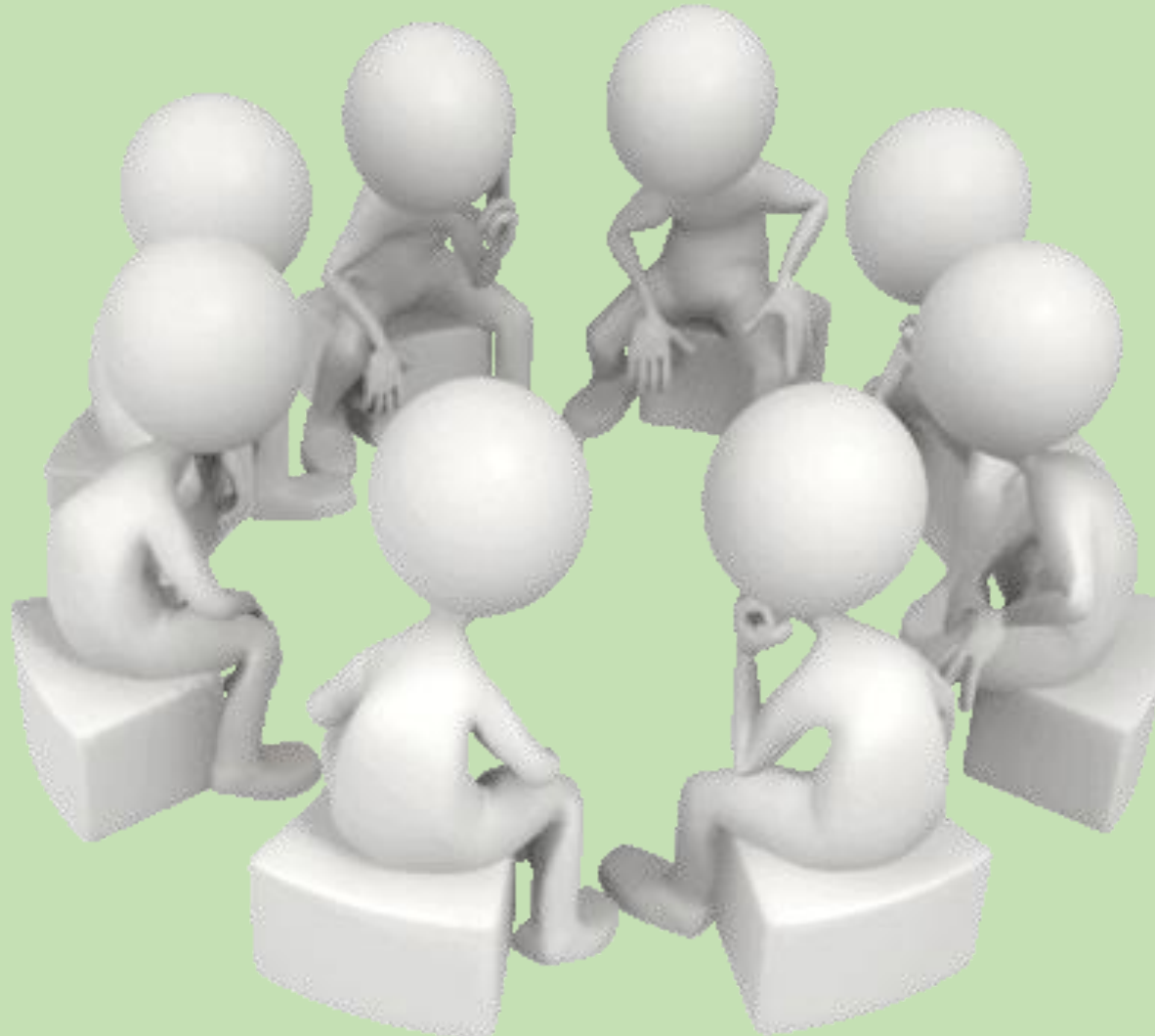
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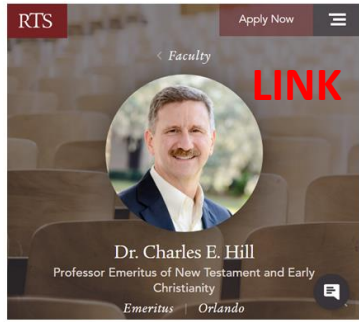
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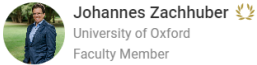
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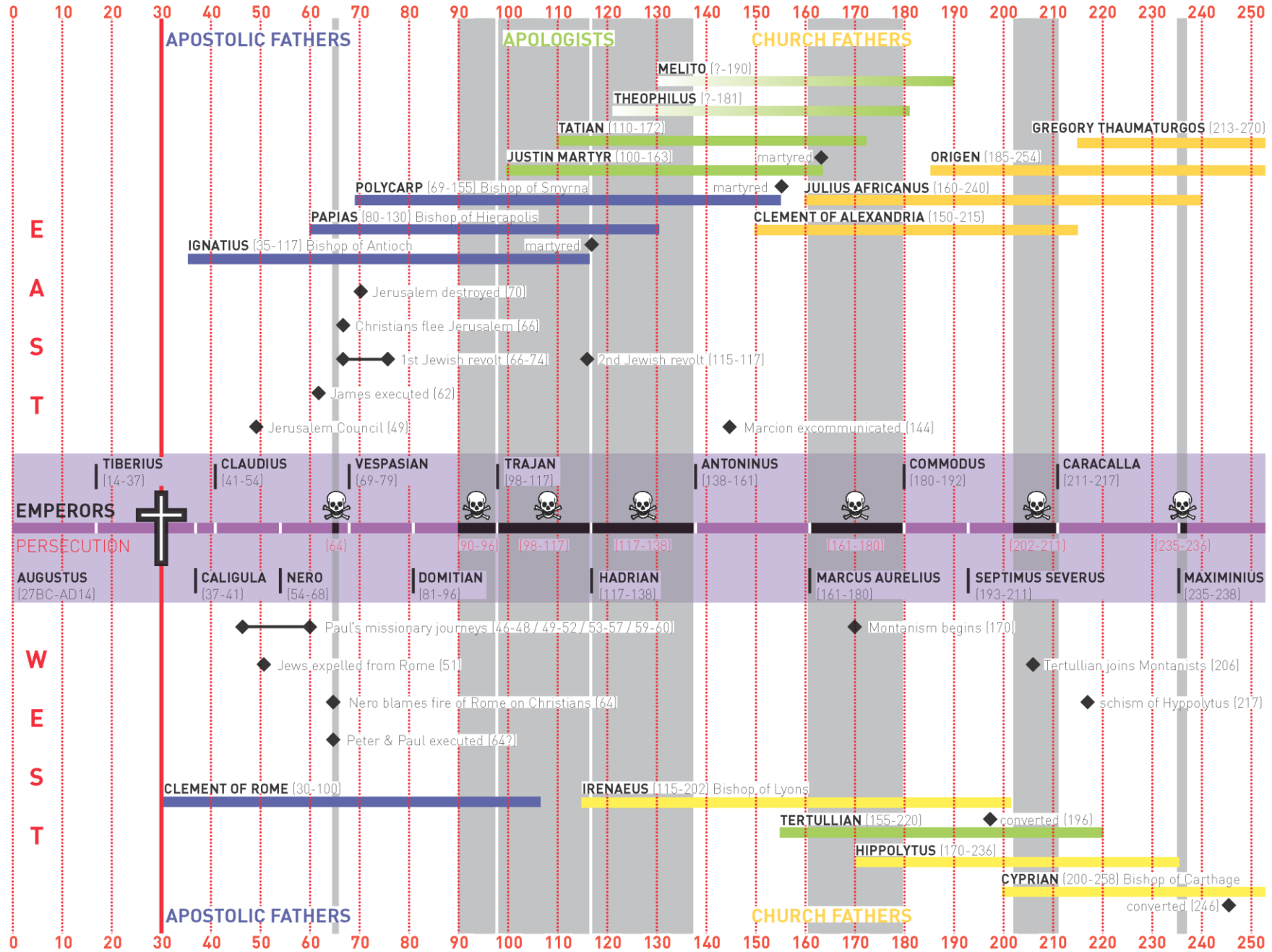
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