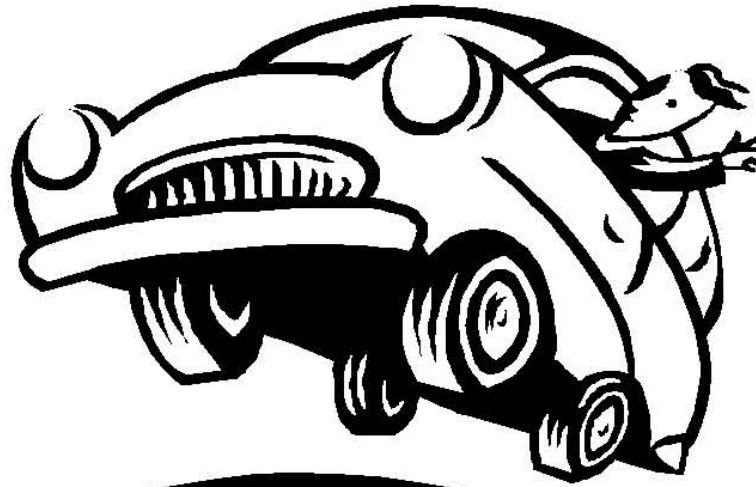


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DISCERNING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TRUE GRACE AND HYPER GRACE



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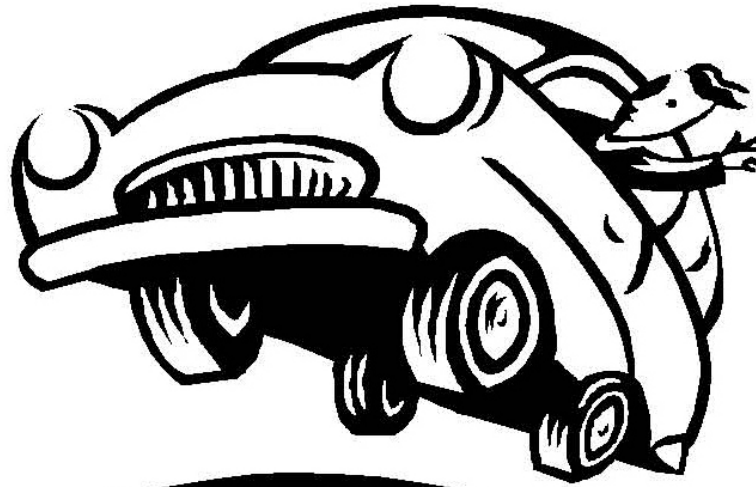


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The internal belief or attitude that seeks to merit the favor of God through our obedience, either to extra-biblical standards or to God's will in the Bible, whether for justification or sanctification.



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	“Free Grace”	
Unbiblical Imbalance		Unbiblical Imbalance
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“Hyper/Radical Grace”		“Lordship Salvation”

Saving faith is no simple thing. It has many dimensions. “Believe on the Lord Jesus” is a massive command. It contains a hundred other things. Unless we see this, the array of conditions for salvation in the New Testament will be utterly perplexing.



John Piper, *Desiring God* (Sisters, OR: Multnomah, 1986), 65.

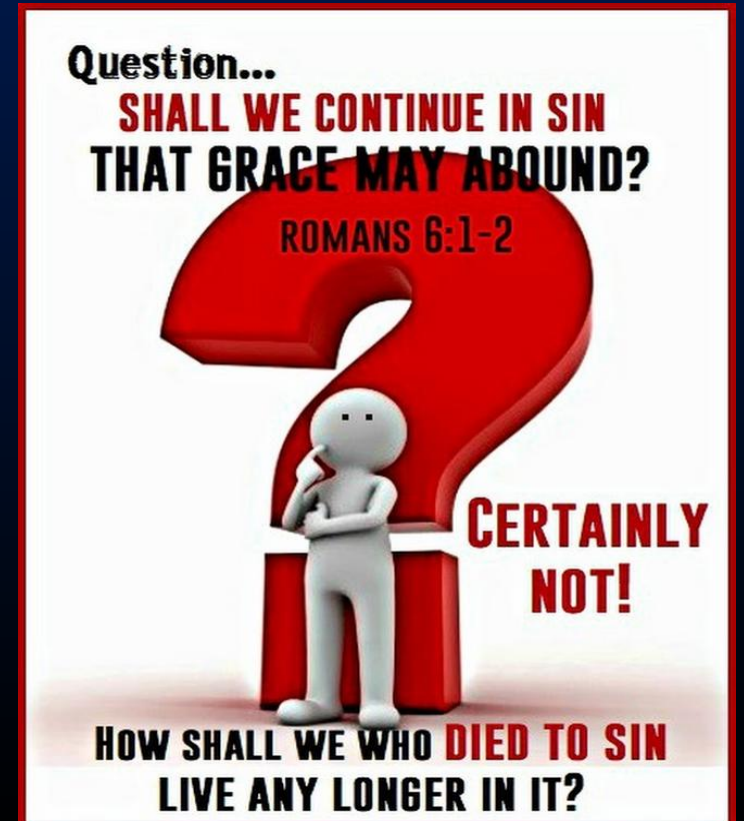
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LICENSE is the unbiblical perspective that thinks our freedom from the law as believers gives us a license to sin or to fulfill our own will rather than God's.



License to Sin

CARDHOLDER



3 Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. 4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, **who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jude 3-4



Jude 4

NKJV: who turn the grace of our God into lewdness

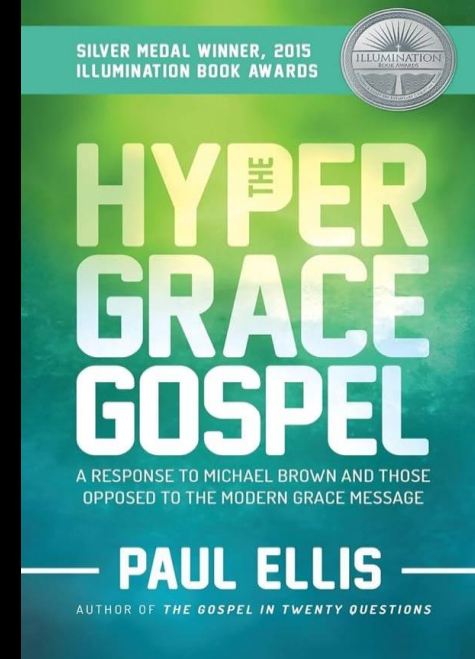
NASB: who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness

NIV: who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality

NET: who have turned the grace of our God into a license for evil



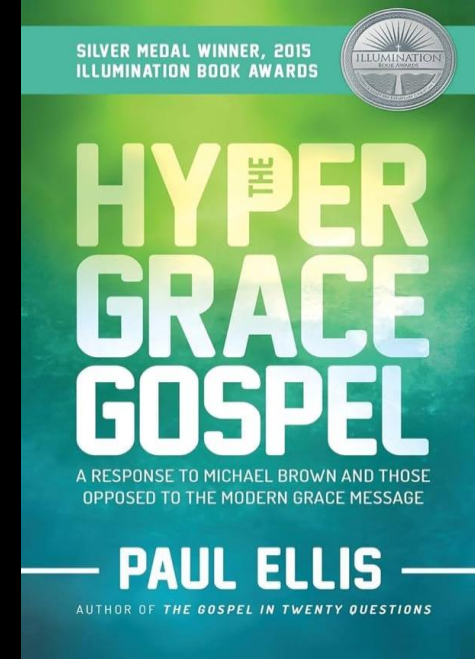
If we are to judge men by the company they keep, then surely we must condemn Jesus, for He was a friend of sinners. It's possible that Jesus was even a friend of gays and lesbians. *Somebody pass the smelling salts!* I am not a homosexual and I don't condone homosexuality. But I will just as **happily break bread with the gay pastor** as with the religious man who frowns upon him.



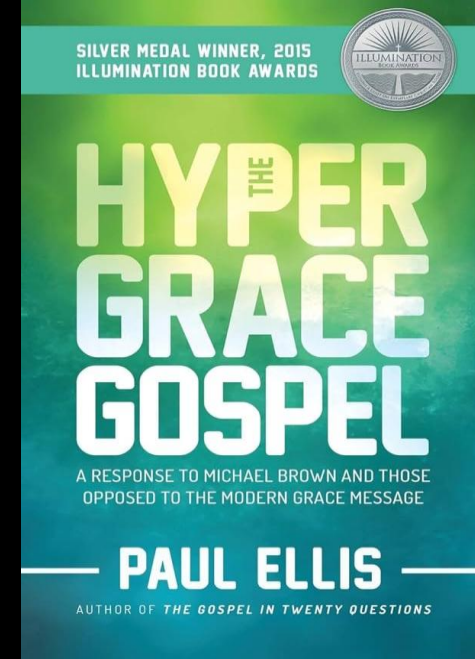
Paul Ellis, *The Hyper-Grace Gospel* (Beach Haven, New Zealand: KingsPress, 2014), 60.

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“Repent therefore of this your wickedness and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be **forgiven** you.” Acts 8:22

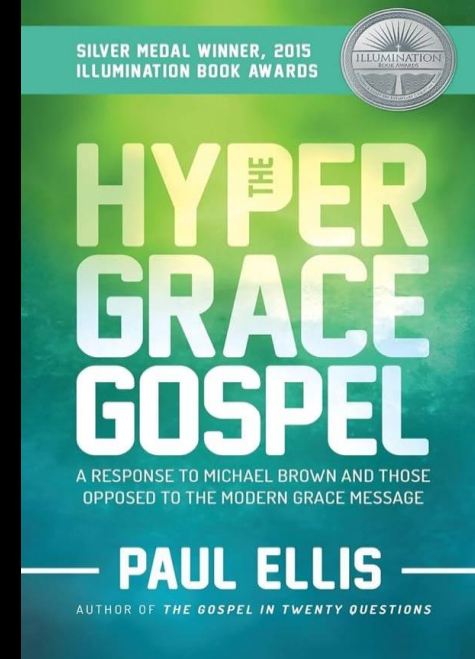
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Joshua 1:7-8 NKJV

**Only be strong and very courageous,
that you may observe to do
according to all the law which
Moses My servant commanded
you; do not turn from it to the
right hand or to the left, that
you may prosper wherever you go.**



I should also add that the label “hyper-grace preacher” is one that has been given to us by our critics. It is not how we see ourselves—although that may change as some are coming to embrace this term. Most of the time we refer to ourselves as grace preachers or gospel preachers or simply Christians. When we speak of the grace of God, **we typically use phrases like pure grace and radical grace** rather than hyper grace.



Paul Ellis, *The Hyper-Grace Gospel* (Beach Haven, New Zealand: KingsPress, 2014), 5.

➤ **adjectives used with “grace”**

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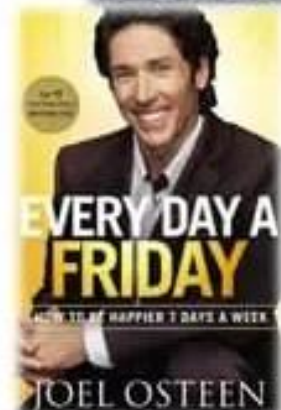
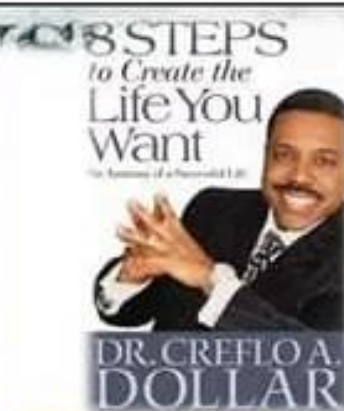
drastic

scandalous

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"PROSPERITY GOSPEL"



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FREEDOM

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Joseph Prince
Andrew Wommack
Paul Ellis
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Tullian Tchividjian
Paul & David Zahl
Andrew Farley
W. Paul Young

GGGS IS... TRINITARIAN

There is one God equally
existent in three distinct
persons: Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit. This tri-unity (or trinity)
reflects the relational nature
of the cosmos wherein God
desires above all else
connection and relationship,
both within the Godhead and
with their creation. This
concept is best encapsulated
in the profound statement
made by the Apostle John:
God is Love.



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- **The Finished Work of Christ (John 19:30)**
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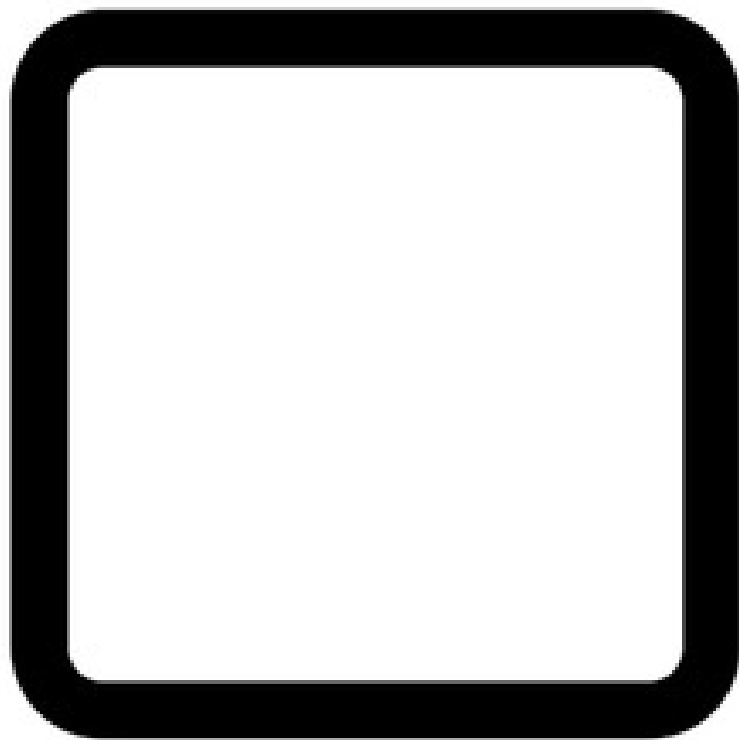
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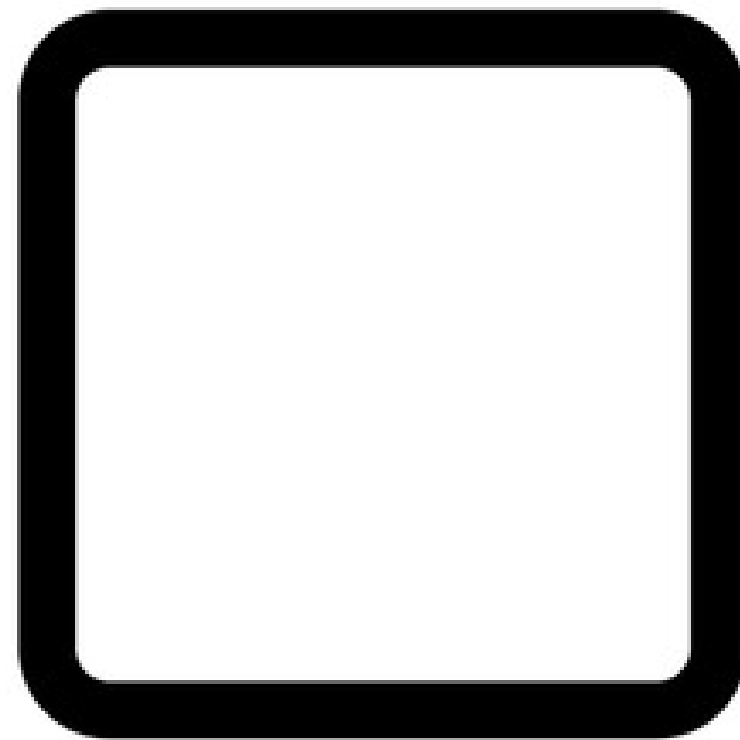
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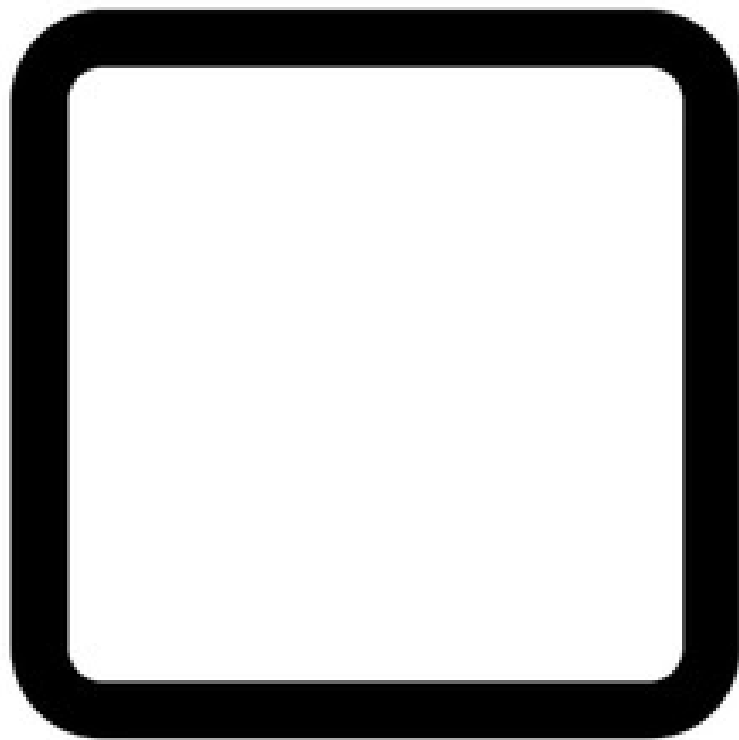
1. Hyper-grace teaching overemphasizes God's LOVE because it is supposedly His PRIMARY attribute (1 John 1:5; 4:8, 16; 5:6), while deemphasizing God's HOLINESS and WRATH toward sin (Ps. 99:9; Heb. 12:29).



Holiness



Love



Holiness



Love

ROB BELL

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

LOVE

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A BOOK ABOUT HEAVEN, HELL, AND THE
FATE OF EVERY PERSON WHO EVER LIVED

ONE WAY LOVE

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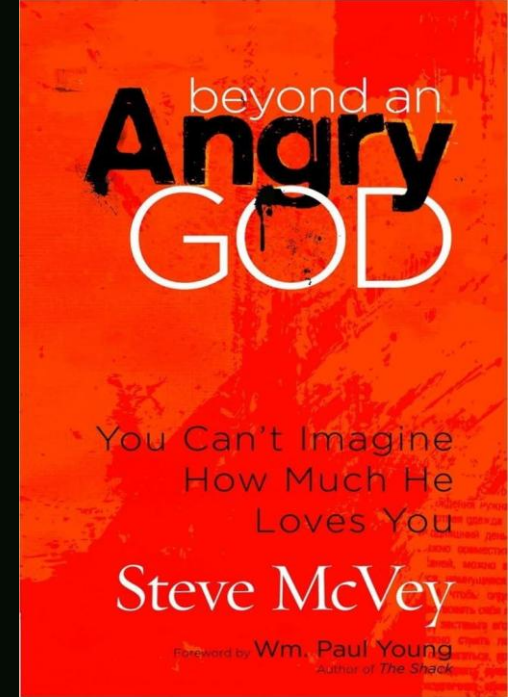
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How Much He
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Steve McVey

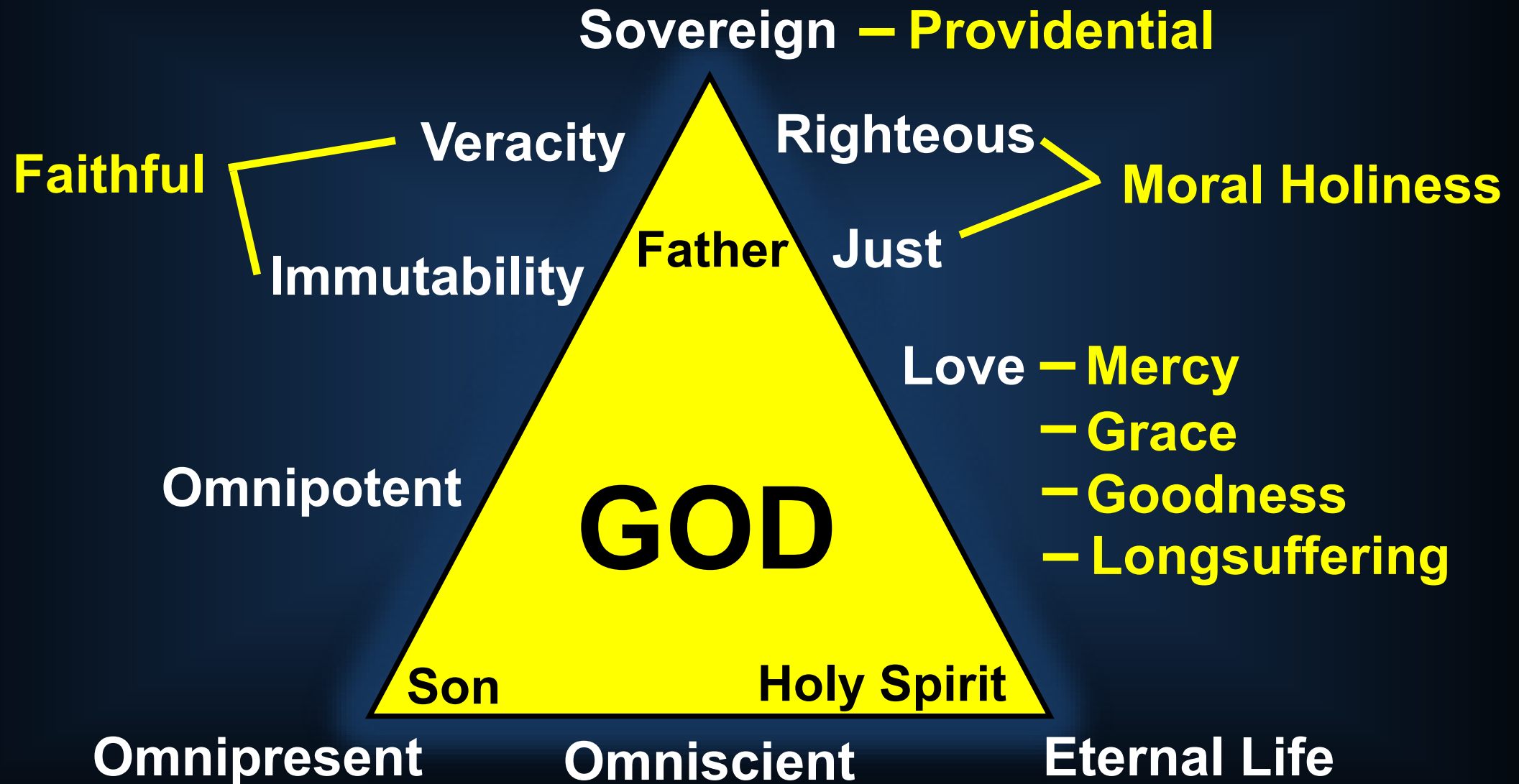
Foreword by Wm. Paul Young
Author of *The Shack*

I didn't realize at the time that **love** isn't just one aspect of His character but **is His fundamental essence. Love isn't one facet of God that stands on par with other divine attributes.** Every feature of who He is must run through the sieve of divine agape, or it will be a misrepresentation of His character. If God is part love and part something else—whether it be wrath or justice or anything else that we might imagine would stand in contrast to love—then we cannot legitimately say that He *is* love.

Steve McVey, *Beyond an Angry God* (Eugene, OR: Harvest House, 2014), 17.



ATTRIBUTES OF GOD



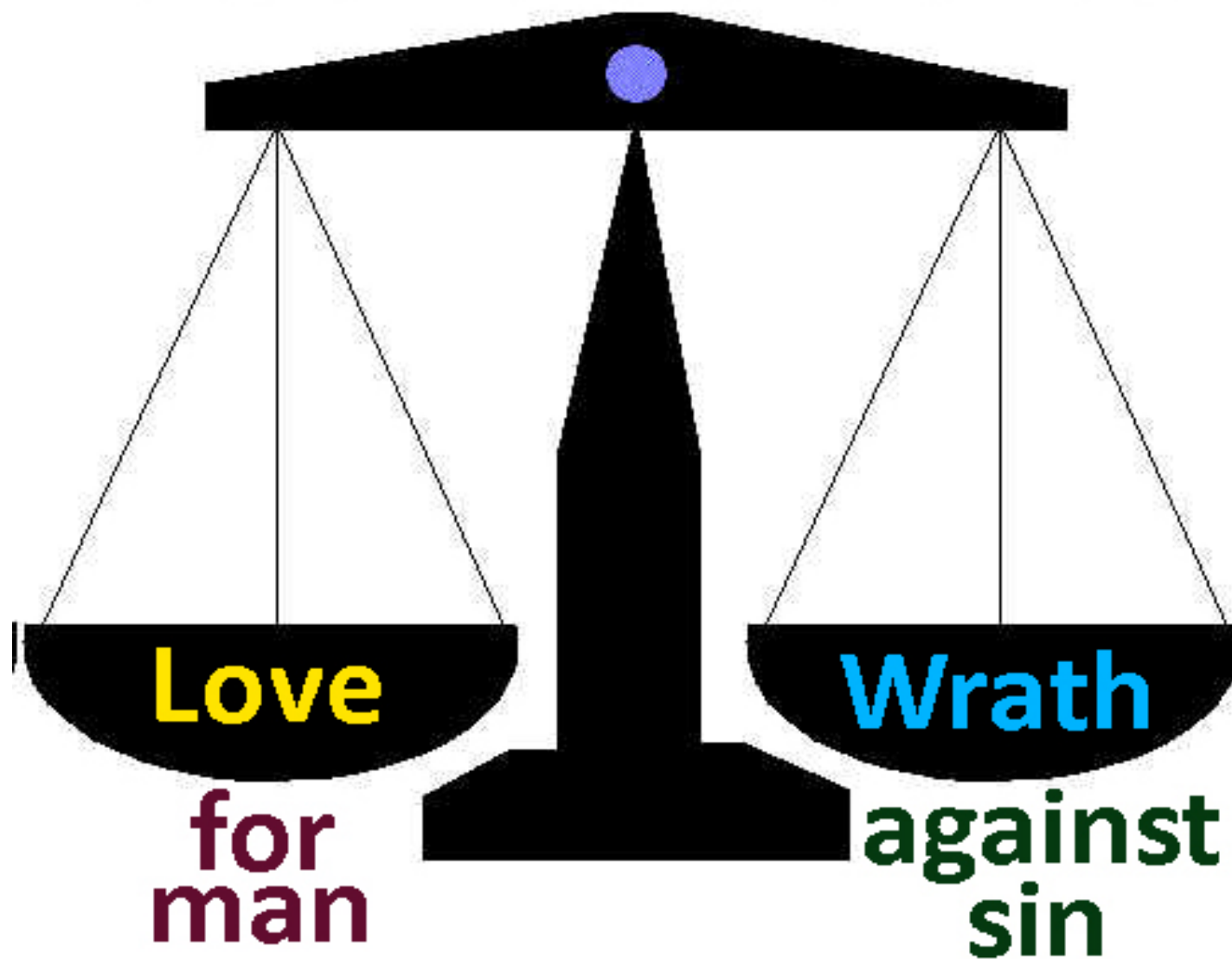


What is happening today is God's attributes are being suppressed. When you study God or the doctrine of theology you learn that God has many, many attributes. One of His attributes is love, another one is grace, another one is mercy, but there is also one called **holiness**. In fact, I would argue **that's His dominant attribute**. When the seraphim, Isaiah 6, stand in the presence of the Lord, day and night they do not say "love, love, love is the Lord God Almighty." They do not say "mercy, mercy, mercy is the Lord God Almighty." They do not say "grace, grace, grace is the Lord God Almighty." They say "holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty." **God's dominant attribute is holiness.**

Andy Woods, John 021 – "Authentic Worship"

2. Many hyper-grace teachers claim Christ's death provided only EXPIATION in carrying away of our sin (Ps. 103:12; Mic. 7:19; John 1:29; 1 John 3:5), not PROPITIATION or penal substitutionary atonement that satisfied the justice of God as Judge (Ps. 7:11; 75:7; Isa. 53:10-11; Rom. 3:25; 1 John 2:2; 4:10).

God's Justice



Jesus Christ



Our Propitiation

Romans 3:21-26

3. Some hyper-grace proponents hold to UNIVERSALISM, or a second chance for salvation after death, or the annihilation of unbelievers after death, rather than conscious, eternal torment in hell.

Matthew 13:40-43, 49-50; 25:41, 46;

2 Thessalonians 1:9;

Revelation 14:9-11

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THE SHACK

WHERE TRAGEDY CONFRONTS ETERNITY



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"This book has the potential to do for our generation what
John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* did for his. It's that good!"

— Eugene Peterson

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“Are you suggesting that everyone is saved? That you believe in universal salvation? That is exactly what I am saying!” (p. 118).

“Every human being you meet . . . is a child of God” (p. 206).

4. Hyper-grace teachers claim believers today are always PLEASING to God and He is never DISAPPOINTED with us.

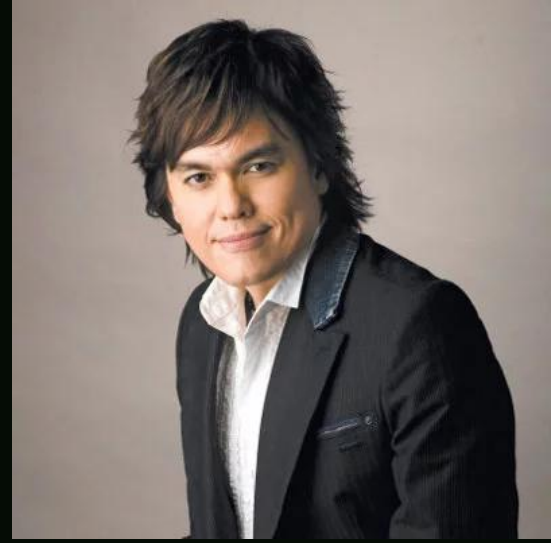
2 Corinthians 5:9;

Ephesians 4:30;

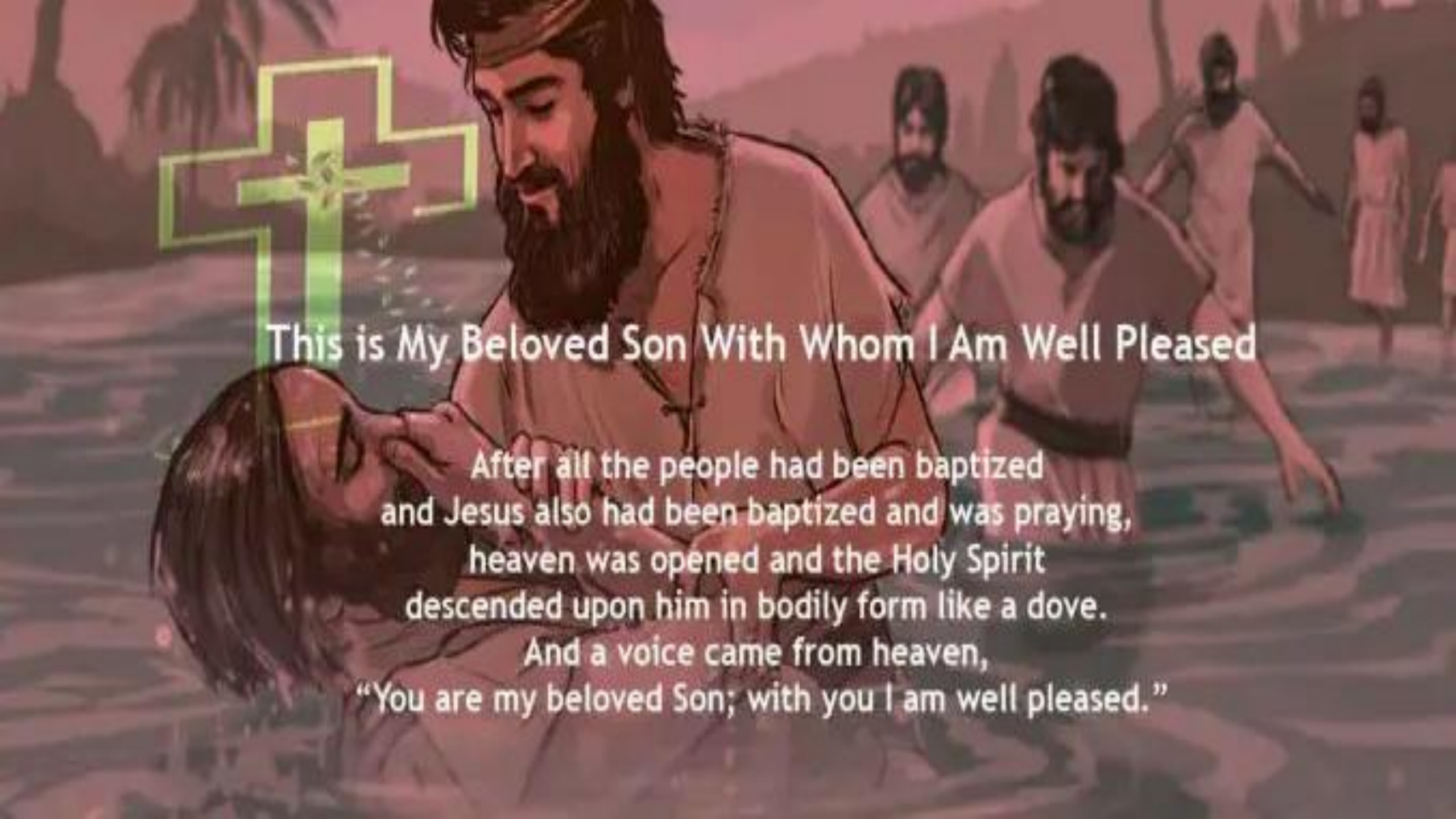
Hebrews 11:6;

Revelation 3:16-19

My friend, God wants you to live each day knowing that **you are His beloved child, in whom He is well pleased.** That is your daily nourishment from Him—to know, believe and confess that you are His beloved and that **you are well-pleasing to Him all the time.**



Joseph Prince, *Unmerited Favor*, 332.



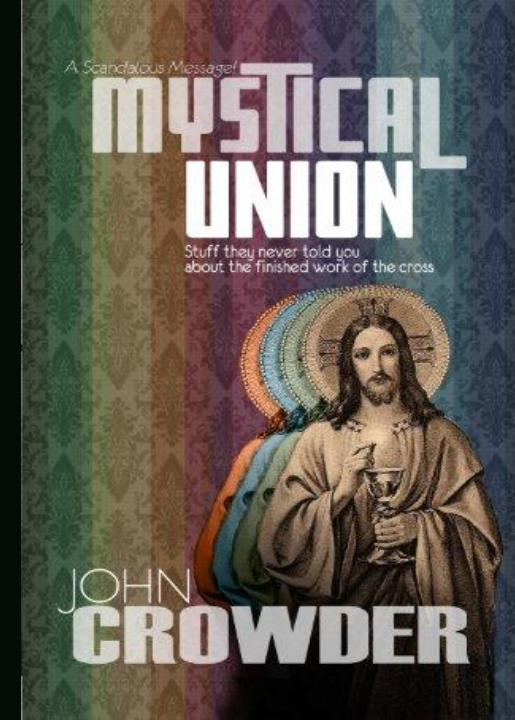
This is My Beloved Son With Whom I Am Well Pleased

After all the people had been baptized
and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,
heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit
descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

And a voice came from heaven,
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

When you think of the cross, do you think of fun? If the answer is 'no' then you have not been taught the cross aright. There is a delicious feast prepared for the believer. Nothing is more satisfying than the revelation of what Christ has conclusively accomplished for you. This book threatens to turn your Christianity upside down. No longer a struggle to please God—the truth plunges you into a celebration of what He has done for you. **It is high time the church gets delivered from God pleasing.**

John Crowder, *Mystical Union* (Portland, OR: Sons of Thunder, 2010), 9.



BUT WITHOUT FAITH
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE HIM:
FOR HE THAT COMETH TO GOD
MUST BELIEVE THAT HE IS,
AND THAT HE IS A REWARDER
OF THEM THAT DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM.

HEBREWS 11:6





WE MAKE IT
OUR AIM
TO PLEASE
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2 CORINTHIANS 5:9

A white dove is shown in flight, its wings spread wide. The bird is positioned on the right side of the frame, facing right. The background is dark, with a warm, orange-gold light source at the top center, creating a soft glow. A semi-transparent blue rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text. A thin white vertical line is on the far left edge of the blue box.

**Do Not Grieve
the Holy Spirit**

16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—

Revelation 3:16-17

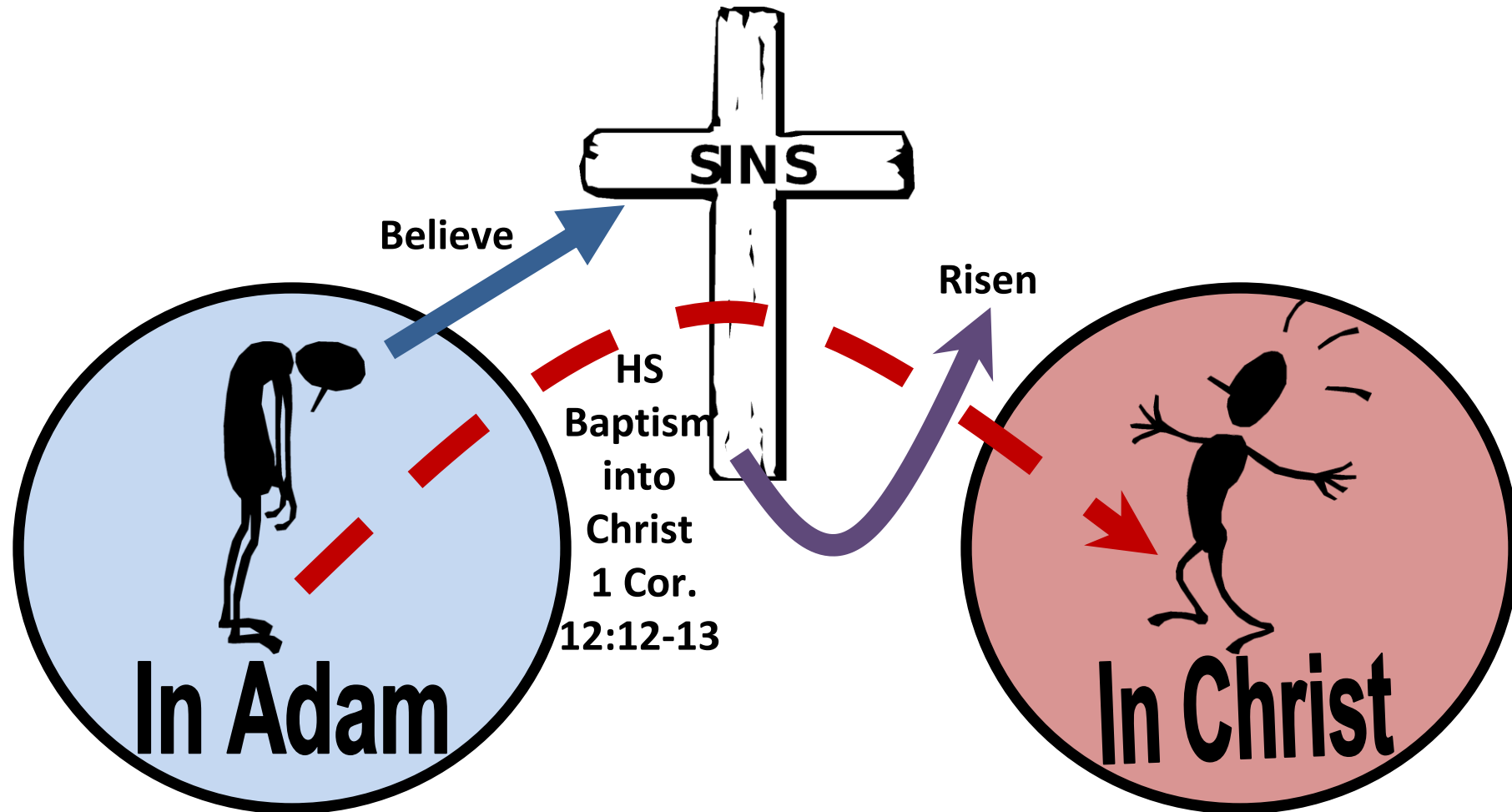


5. Hyper-grace teaching does not differentiate between believers being ACCEPTED in Christ, which is based on our spiritual position, versus being APPROVED by God, which is a matter of our spiritual condition.

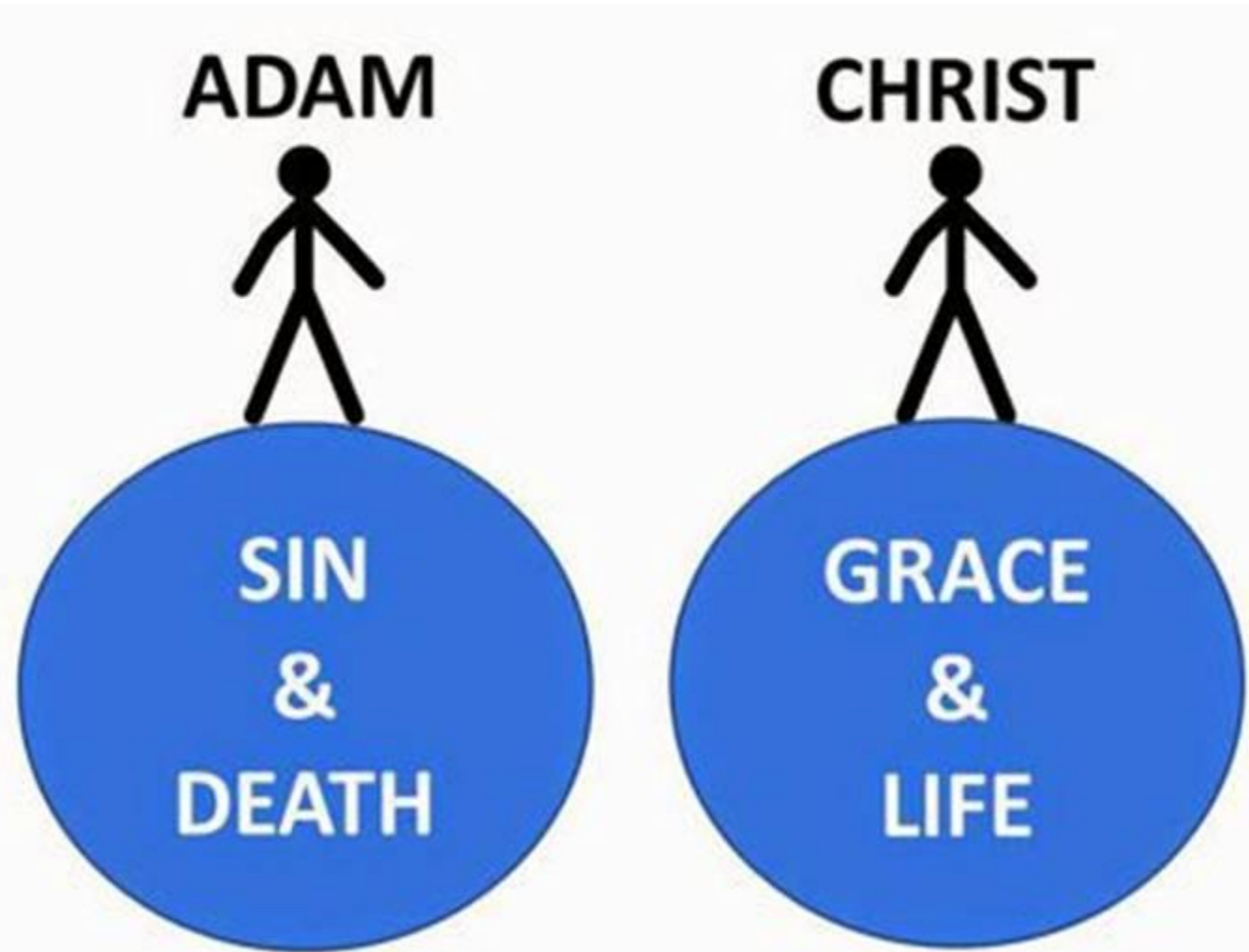
Ephesians 1:6; Romans 16:10; 1 Corinthians 11:19;
2 Corinthians 10:18; 1 Thessalonians 2:4;
2 Timothy 2:15; James 1:12

1 Corinthians 15:22

“For as **in Adam** all die,
even so **in Christ** all shall be made alive.”



OUT OF ADAM INTO CHRIST BY THE GRACE OF GOD



. . . to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us **accepted in the Beloved**.

Ephesians 1:6



So let me tell you why Jesus came, because there's a lot of confusion about who Jesus is and specifically why He came. He didn't come to make you good, okay? If Jesus came to make you good, if Jesus came to make me good, He's not doing a great job, okay? So, He didn't come to make you good. . . . He didn't come to make you nice. This is why He came. **He came to free you from the slavery of trying to get God's approval by pleasing Him.** That's why He came. He came to set you free, and **there's nothing more enslaving than living a life trying to get God's approval.**



Tullian Tchividjian, "Already Pleased" (Misled Series, 22:22).



Be diligent to present yourself **approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**

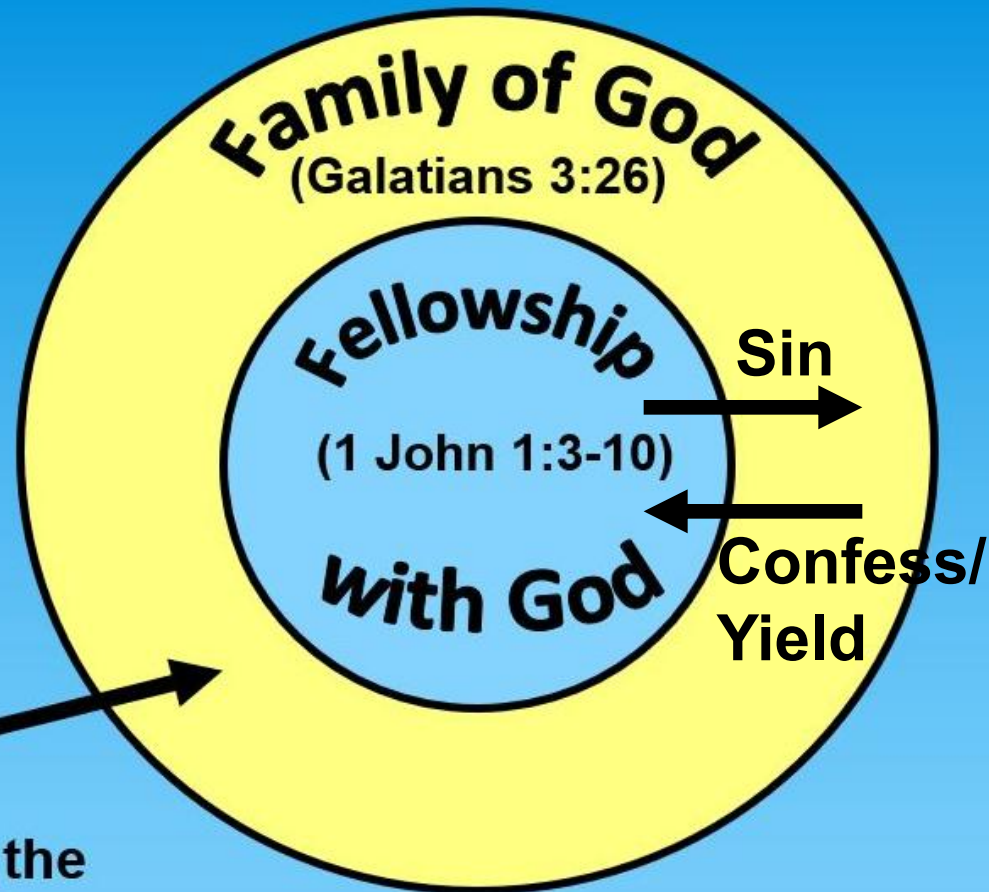
2 Timothy 2:15

6. Hyper-grace teachers deny the distinction between JUDICIAL (Col. 1:14; 1 John 2:12) and PARENTAL forgiveness (John 13:8-11; 1 John 1:7, 9) for believers, claiming that 1 John 1:9 does not REQUIRE confession/repentance for parental forgiveness in the Christian life.

Faith Alone in
Christ Alone
(John 1:12)



Baptism by the
Holy Spirit
(1 Cor. 12:13)



Some people object, “But Ben, doesn’t the Bible say we have to confess or we’re not forgiven? And doesn’t it say we have to repent to be forgiven?” No, if we put any requirement of what we have to do in order to be forgiven, it’s law, not grace. These people look at the first chapter of John’s first letter, and they’re sure confession is the prerequisite to forgiveness. . . . Confession isn’t the necessary trigger to *get* forgiven; Christ has *already* paid that price.

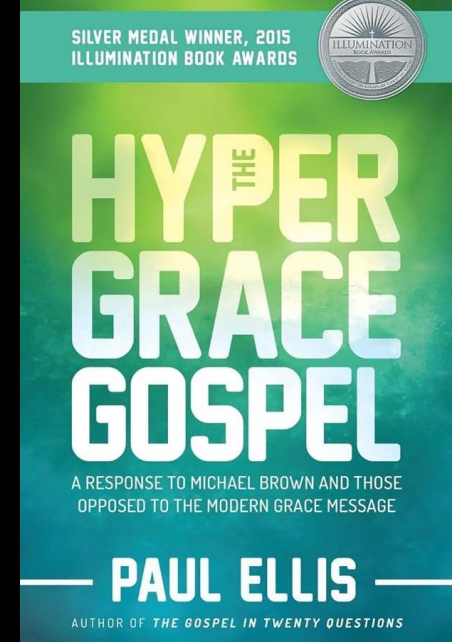
Here, you'll find unexpected encouragement, unswerving confidence with God, and a rock-solid stability in Jesus you never dreamed possible. —Dr. Andrew Farley

CAPTURED BY
GRACE
BE FREED FROM FEAR SO YOU CAN REALLY LIVE!

BEN DAILEY

Ben Dailey, *Captured by Grace* (Friendswood, TX: Baxter Press, 2021), 51-52.

We don't repent and confess to get God to forgive us. We repent and confess *because* God has forgiven us. Your repentance and confession won't change God, but it will surely change you. It will help you receive God's life-changing grace. As Clark Whitten says, "Confession is for my healing, not for God's forgiveness."

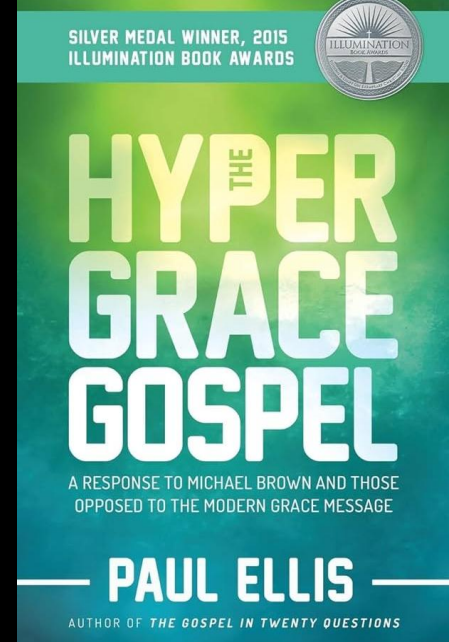


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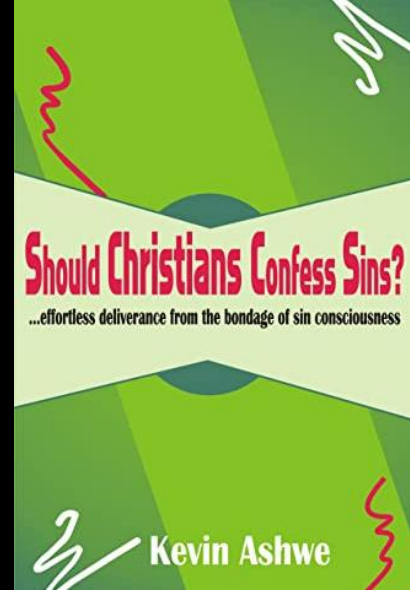


In all things I aspire to be Christ-conscious rather than sin-conscious. I am not minimizing sin and its destructive effects. I am glorifying Jesus and His gracious benefits. I see no reason why we should spend half the time preaching “turn from sin” and half the time preaching “turn to Jesus”. I’d rather just preach Jesus. Repentance *for* the forgiveness of sins is an old covenant concept. It’s doing (repenting) to get (forgiveness). It’s tit for tat and *quid pro quo*. Such thinking has nothing to do with grace.

Paul Ellis, *The Hyper-Grace Gospel* (Beach Haven, NZ: KingsPress, 2014), 75.



I must say it emphatically here that, while it is 'not wrong' to confess your sin if you want to, we must not make it a doctrine and a compulsion for any believer. But you must also know that continuous confession of sin makes a believer sin conscious (Heb. 10:1-4) instead of righteousness conscious. . . . John wouldn't have been making an isolated statement in 1 John 1:9. . . . it's evident that he wasn't talking to a Christian to keep short accounts by regularly confessing sins.



Kevin Ashwe, *Should Christians Confess Sins?: Effortless Deliverance from the Bondage of Sin Consciousness* (2021), p. 80 Kindle Edition.

Was Paul too “sin-focused” in Romans 1-8 instead of love, grace, and Christ-focused?

- “love” & “grace” (?)
- “Lord/Jesus/Christ/Son/He/Him/His” (?)
- “sin” word group (?)

Was Paul too “sin-focused” in Romans 1-8 instead of love, grace, and Christ-focused?

- “love” & “grace” (28x)
- “Lord/Jesus/Christ/Son/He/Him/His” (66x)
- “sin” word group (156x)

7. Many hyper-grace teachers agree that God DECLARES us righteous in God's sight the moment we first believe and are justified (Rom. 4:4-6; 5:1), but they deny God must MAKE us practically righteous afterwards through a walk of faith in practical or progressive sanctification (Rom. 6:13).

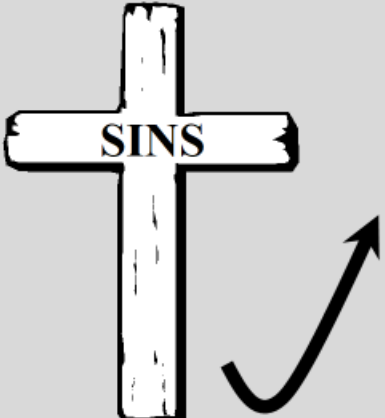
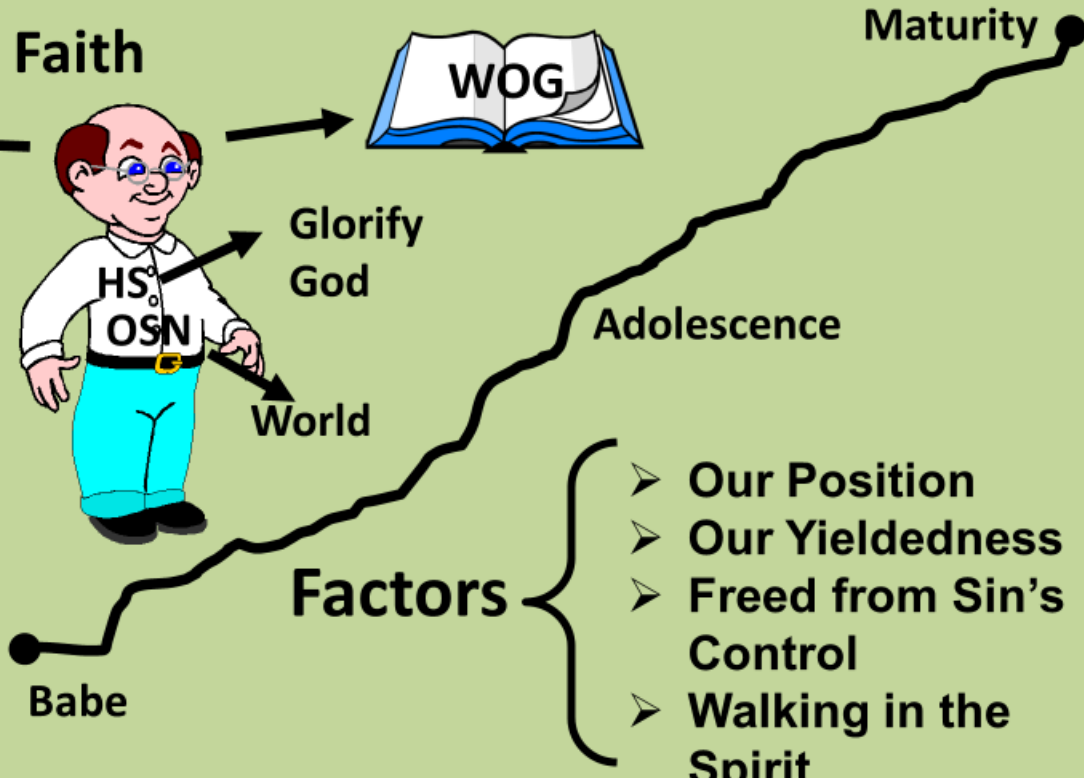
Sanctification isn't a process. We do not become more and more holy. No, we become holy once and for all. **We are sanctified once and for all**, and the life we live is the overflow of what has happened.



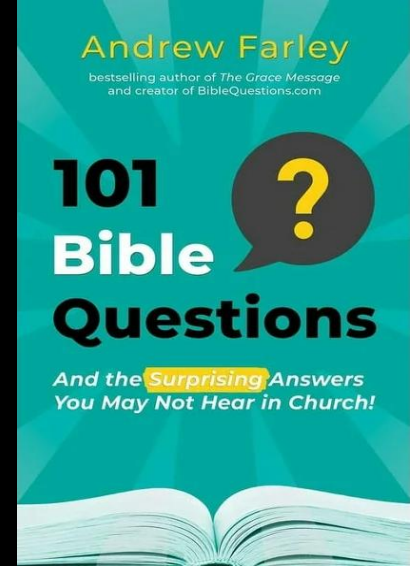
Ryan Rufus, Glory and Grace Conference, 9 June 2011.

<https://ern-baxter.blogspot.com/2011/05/ryan-rufus-glory-and-grace-conference.html>

3 TENSES OF SANCTIFICATION

POSITIONAL	EXPERIENTIAL, PRACTICAL or PROGRESSIVE	ULTIMATE
Our Standing before GOD	Our Condition before MAN (Walk)	What we will be
<u>Past</u>  Positional +R “In Christ” Romans 6:1-10	<u>PRESENT</u>  Factors ➤ Our Position ➤ Our Yieldedness ➤ Freed from Sin's Control ➤ Walking in the Spirit	<u>FUTURE</u> ❖ We will be like Him (1 John 3:2) ❖ Conformed into His image (Romans 8:29) ❖ Without spot, wrinkles, or blemishes (Ephesians 5:27) ❖ Glorified with Christ

Progressive sanctification—the belief that believers are gradually becoming more holy over time—is not biblical. The Bible clearly states that believers have been sanctified (past tense) at salvation (see 1 Corinthians 6:11; 1:2; Hebrews 10:10). We're fully set apart by God and are already holy (sanctified). However, as we continue to learn and grow in our understanding of God's grace, our behavior is being sanctified (1 Peter 1:15). But we are not our behavior!



Andrew Farley, 101 Bible Questions: And the Surprising Answers You May Not Hear in Church! (Washington D.C.: Salem Books, 2023), 217.

. . . but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”

1 Peter 1:15-16



... but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, “[You] Be holy, for I am holy.”

1 Peter 1:15-16



A woman with dark hair is seen in profile on the left, looking into a mirror. The mirror, which has an ornate wooden frame with floral carvings, reflects the face of Jesus Christ. He has long dark hair, a beard, and is wearing a white robe with a sash. The background of the scene is a rustic stone wall.

2 Corinthians 3:18
But we all, with unveiled face,
beholding as in a mirror the
glory of the Lord, are being
transformed into the same image
from glory to glory, just as by
the Spirit of the Lord.

8. Hyper-grace teachers claim the word SINNER should never be used to describe believers (1 Tim. 1:15; Jam. 4:8) because we are SAINTS, and many even teach that believers no longer possess a SIN NATURE (Rom. 7:17-21).

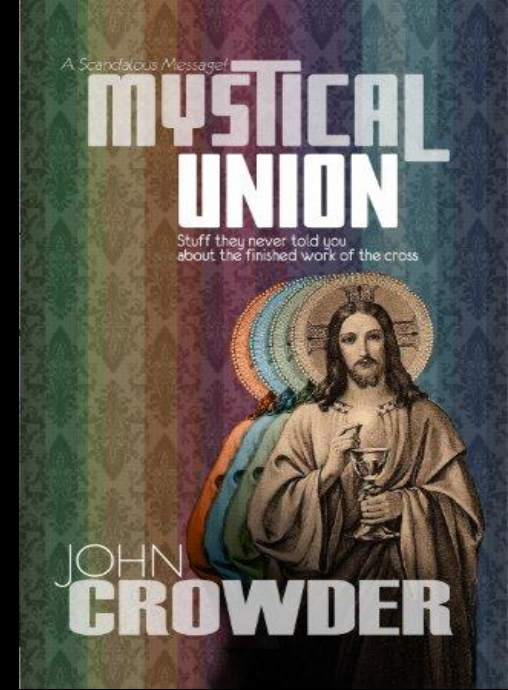
BEFORE SALVATION



AFTER SALVATION



If you have been wrestling with sin,
you have been shadowboxing a lie.
Struggling completely in vain. **I am not
telling you to pretend the sinful nature
is not there. I am saying that it does
not even exist.**



John Crowder, *Mystical Union* (Portland, OR: Sons of Thunder, 2022), 42.

9. Hyper-grace teachers also say that God the Holy Spirit doesn't CONVICT believers of sin today, only unbelievers.

John 16:8-11;

2 Timothy 4:2;

Titus 1:9, 13;

Hebrews 12:5-6;

Revelation 3:19

Now, pay attention to today's scripture because it will liberate you. The bottom line is that **the Holy Spirit never convicts a believer of his sins. He never comes to point out your faults.** . . . The body of Christ is living in defeat because many believers don't understand that the Holy Spirit is actually in them to convict them of their righteousness in Christ. Even when you fail, He is ever present in you to remind you that the blood of Jesus has made you totally forgiven and eternally righteous. That's the Holy Spirit.



And when He [Holy Spirit] has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. (John 16:8-11)



19 As many as I love, I **rebuke** [*elengchō*] and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

Revelation 3:19-20



9 . . . holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and **convict** [*elengchō*] those who contradict. . . . 13 This testimony is true. Therefore **rebuke** [*elengchō*] them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith

Titus 1:9, 13

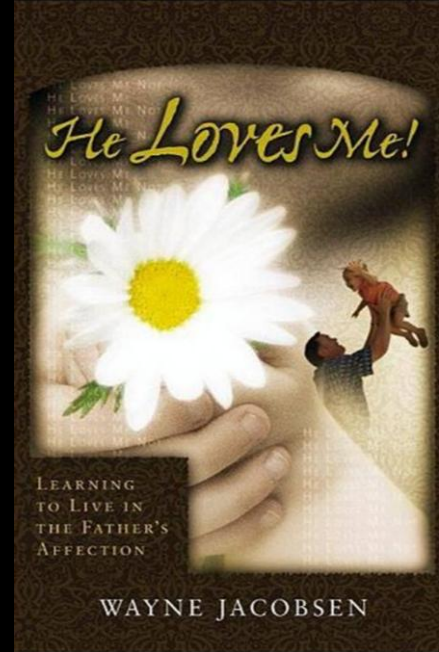


10. Hyper-grace teachers say that since all believers today are SONS of God positionally in Christ (Gal. 4:4-9), it is legalistic to view ourselves as SERVANTS of God positionally. (Rom. 6:18, 22)

Positionally in Christ, the believer is no longer a servant of . . .

- 1. the Sin Nature (Rom. 6:6-12)**
- 2. the Law (Rom. 6:14; 7:4, 6; Gal. 4:5-7)**
- 3. former / false gods (Gal. 4:8)**

God feels the same way about you. **He's not interested in your service and sacrifice.** He only wants you to know how much you are loved, hoping that you will choose to love him in return.



Wayne Jacobsen, *He Loves Me!* (Newbury Park, CA: Windblown, 2007), 30.

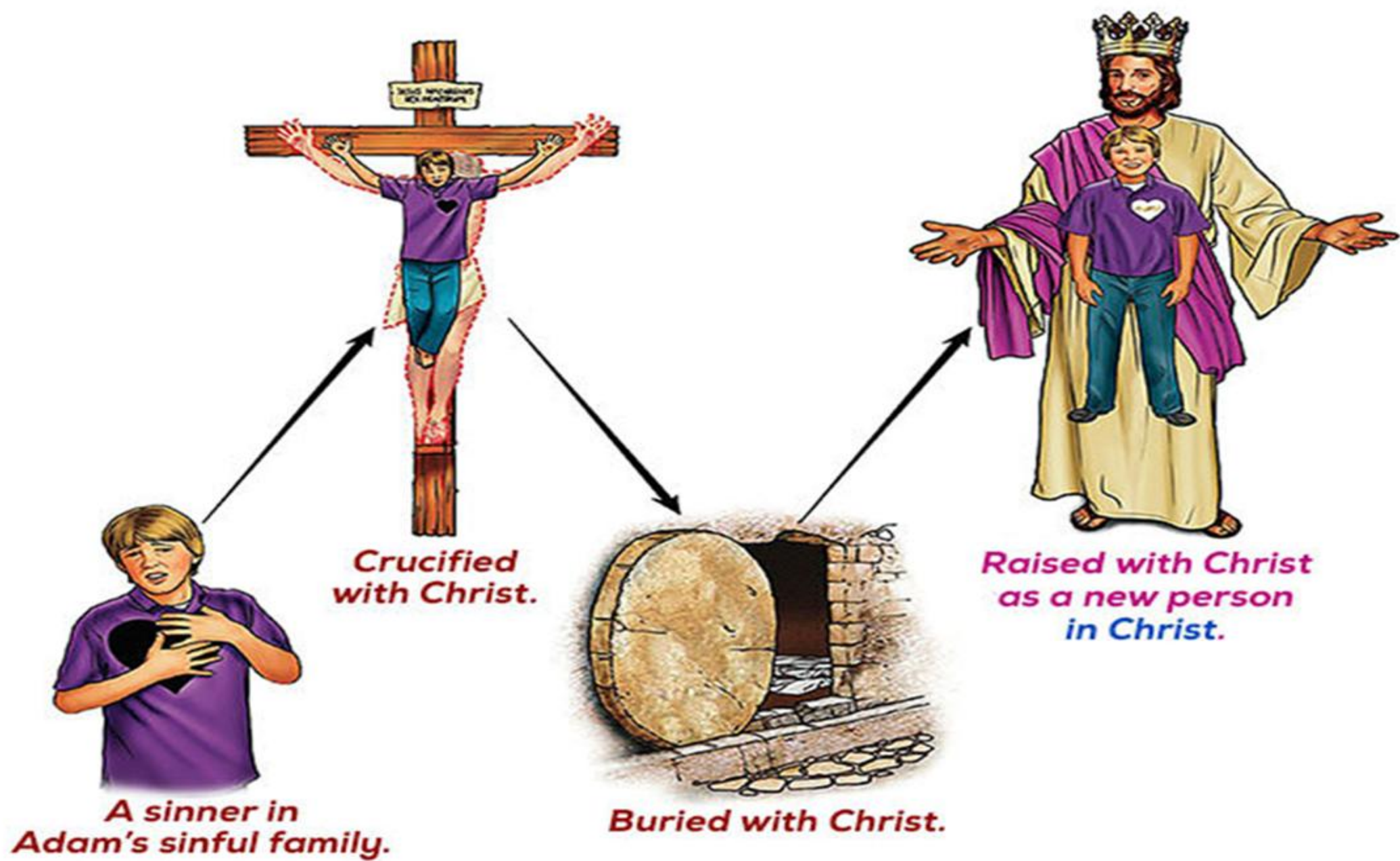
Four Key Words of Romans 6

KNOW (6:3, 6, 9)

RECKON (6:11)

PRESENT / YIELD (6:13)

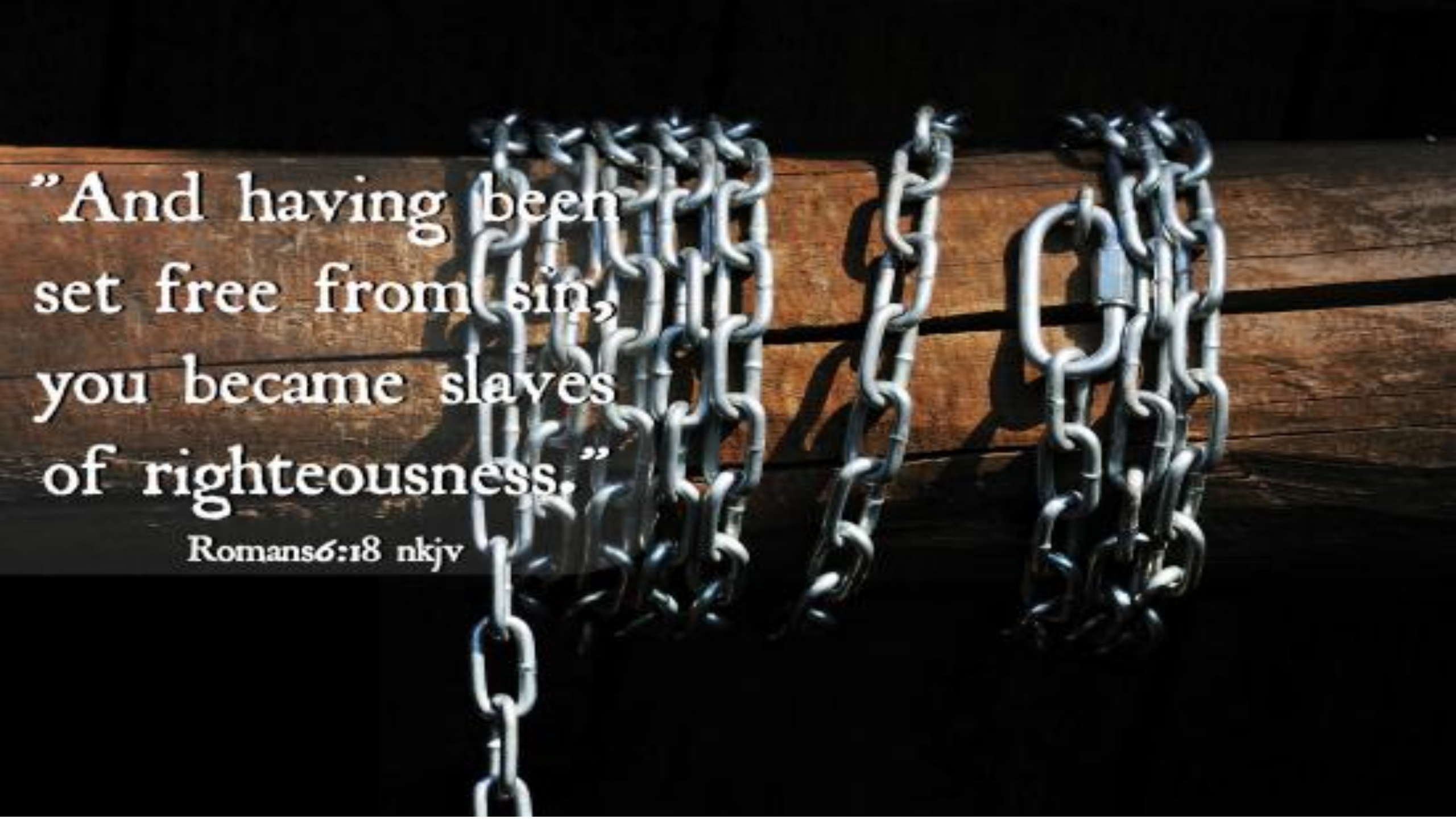
OBEY (6:16, 17)



**“present yourselves to God
as being alive from the dead...”**

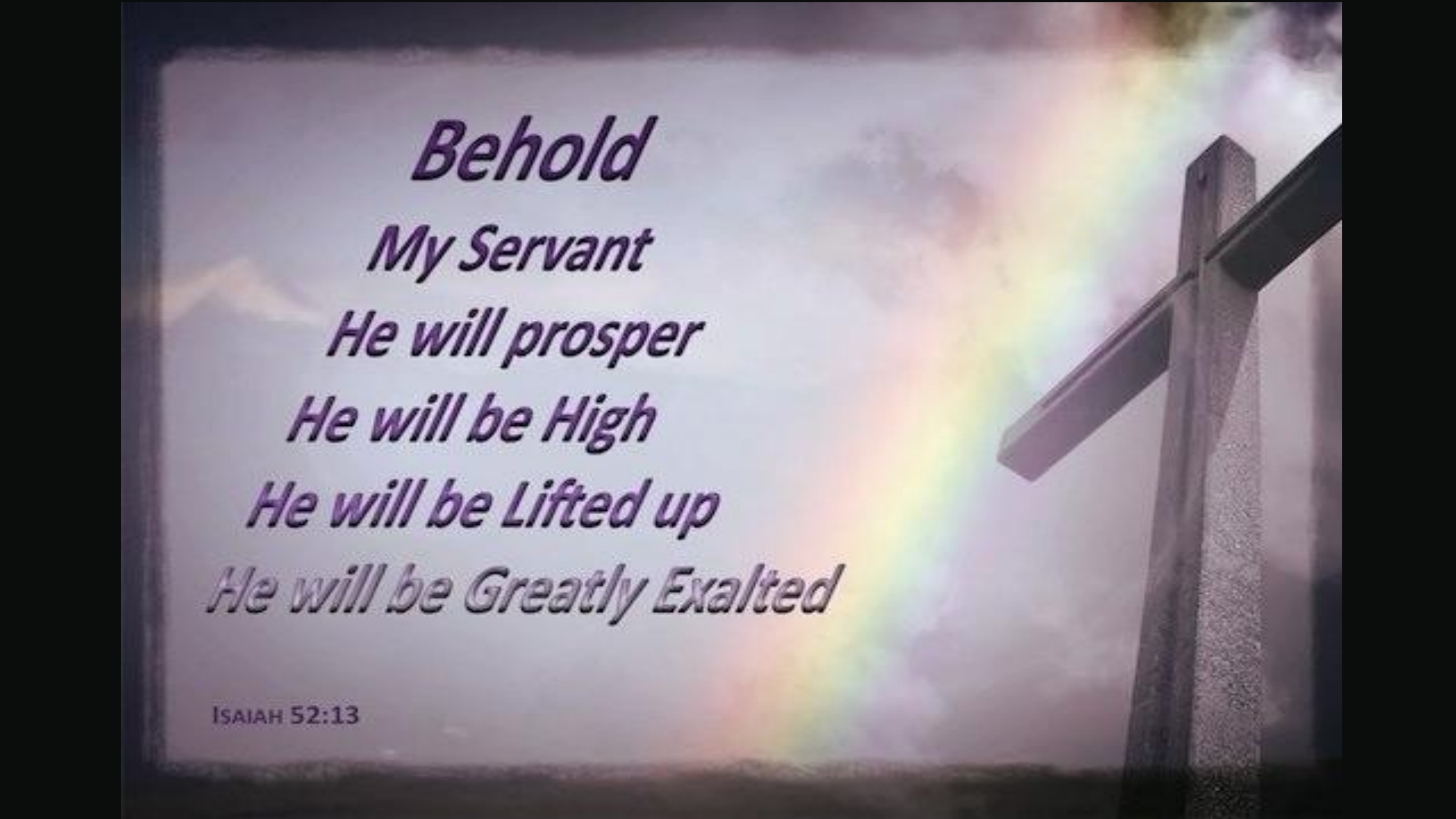






"And having been
set free from sin,
you became slaves
of righteousness."

Romans 6:18 nkjv



*Behold
My Servant
He will prosper
He will be High
He will be Lifted up
He will be Greatly Exalted*

ISAIAH 52:13



- **submission to the will of God the Father (John 4:34; 5:19, 30; 6:38)**
- **submission to Joseph & Mary (Luke 2:51-52)**
- **submission to the Mosaic Law (Matt. 5:17-18; Gal. 4:5)**
- **submission to civil government (Matt. 17:24-27; John 19:4-12)**

11. Hyper-grace teachers tend to DESPISE and REJECT God-ordained authority (2 Peter 2:10; Jude 8) rather than SUBMIT to it (Heb. 13:17; 1 Peter 2:13; 5:5).

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

Hebrews 13:17



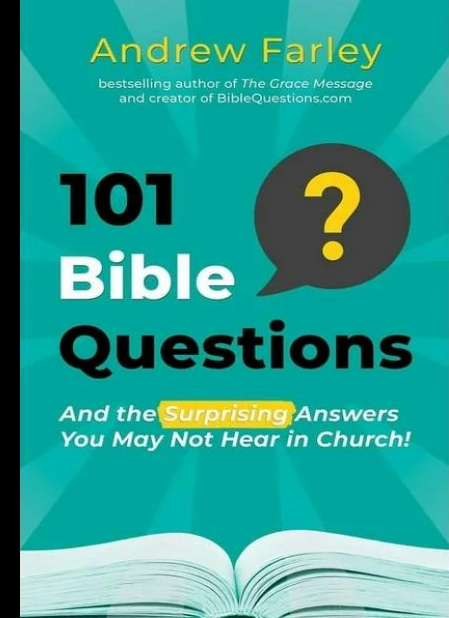
12. Hyper-grace teachers are non-dispensational and often teach there will be no DEGREES of REWARD for believers and that the judgment seat of Christ is the same as the Great White Throne judgment for unbelievers.

Romans 14:10;

1 Corinthians 3:10-15; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10;

2 John 8; Revelation 20:11-15

Christians will not . . . receive differing amounts of rewards. . . . Popular teaching suggests there are two final judgments, one for unbelievers and one for believers. However, Scripture presents only one final judgment for the entire world (2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 20:11-15; Matthew 25:31-33).



Andrew Farley, 101 Bible Questions: And the Surprising Answers You May Not Hear in Church! (Washington D.C.: Salem Books, 2023), 113-14.

Holy Spirit
Descends
(Pentacost)

Judgement
Seat of
Christ

New Heaven
and
New Earth

CHURCH AGE

KINGDOM AGE

GREAT
WHITE
THRONE

Eternity Future

Second Coming
(Rapture)

Second Coming
(Revelation)

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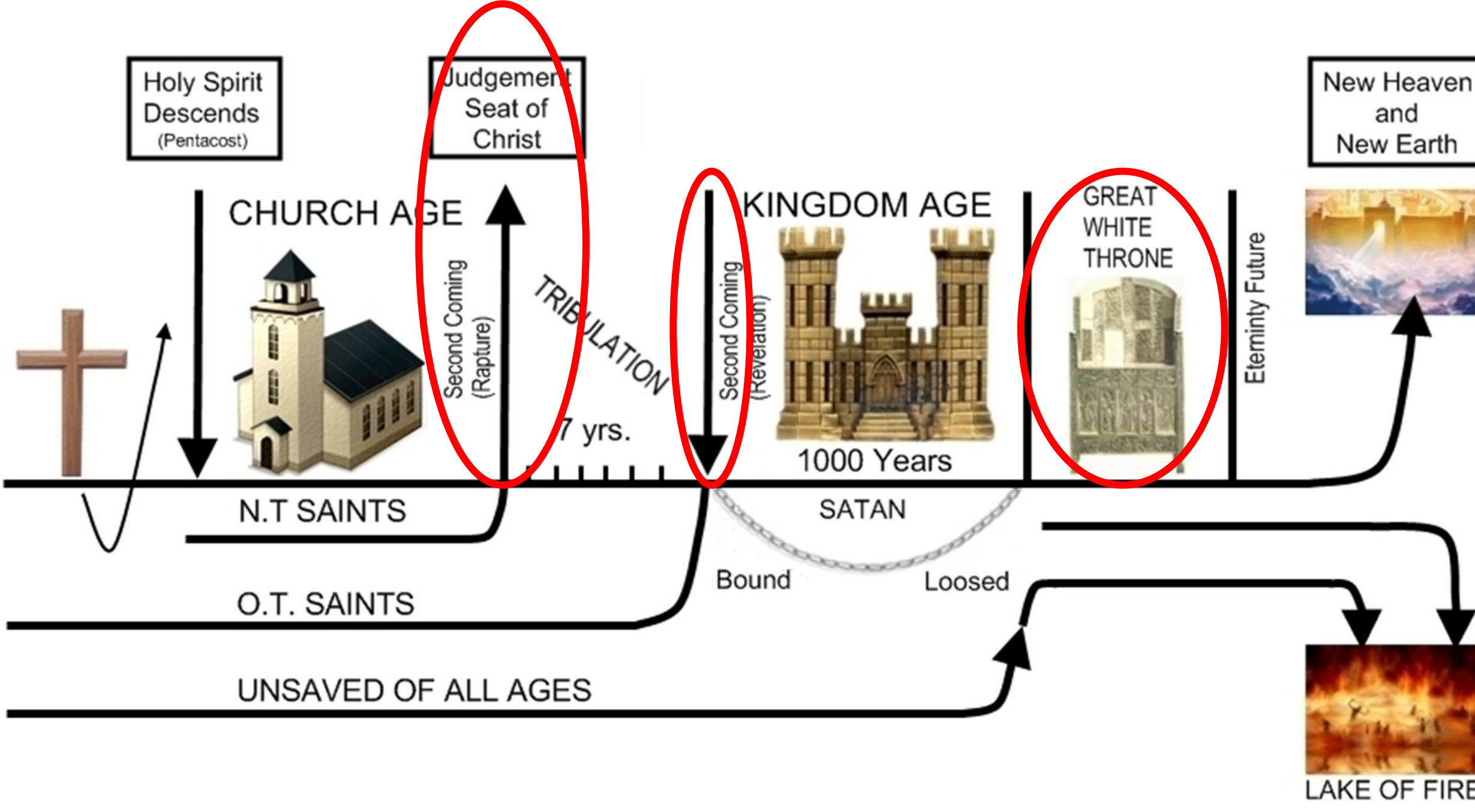
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UNSAVED OF ALL AGES





**HYPER
GRACE**
BIBLICAL?

1 Peter 5:12

NKJV: this is the true grace of God in which you stand.

NASB: this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!

NIV: this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it.

ESV: this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it.

NET: this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it.

