



Chapter 1

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The Holy Bible is the Word of God

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

- 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 complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- Hebrews 4:12

- ¹² For the word of God is **living and powerful**, and sharper than any two-edged **sword**, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

- Jeremiah 23:29

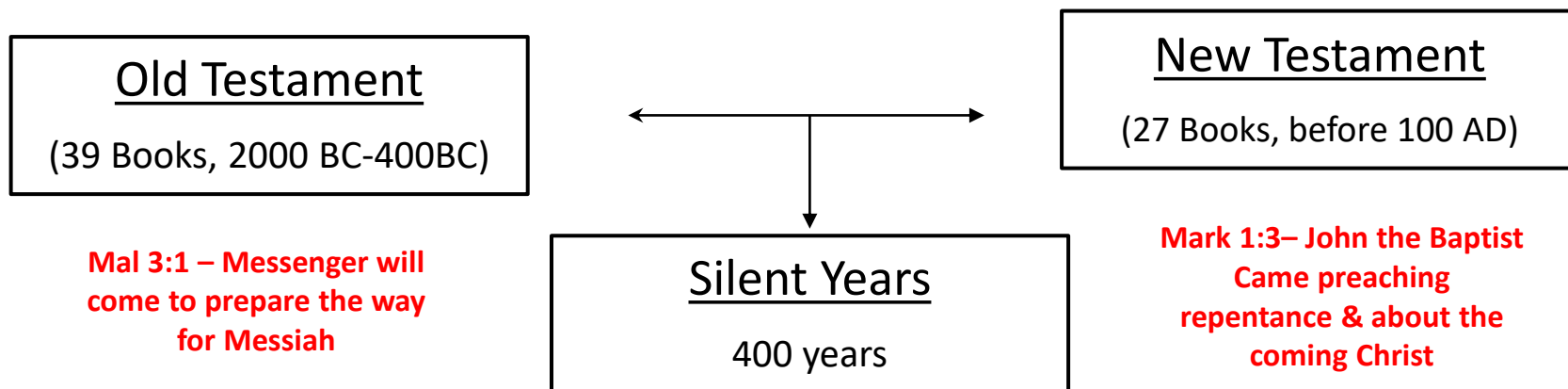
- ²⁹ “Is not My word like a **fire**?” says the LORD, “And like a **hammer** that breaks the rock in pieces?”

**All Scripture is the inspired Word of God, and is
Powerful like a
“FIRE”, a “HAMMER” and a “SWORD”**

What Famous People Said of the Bible

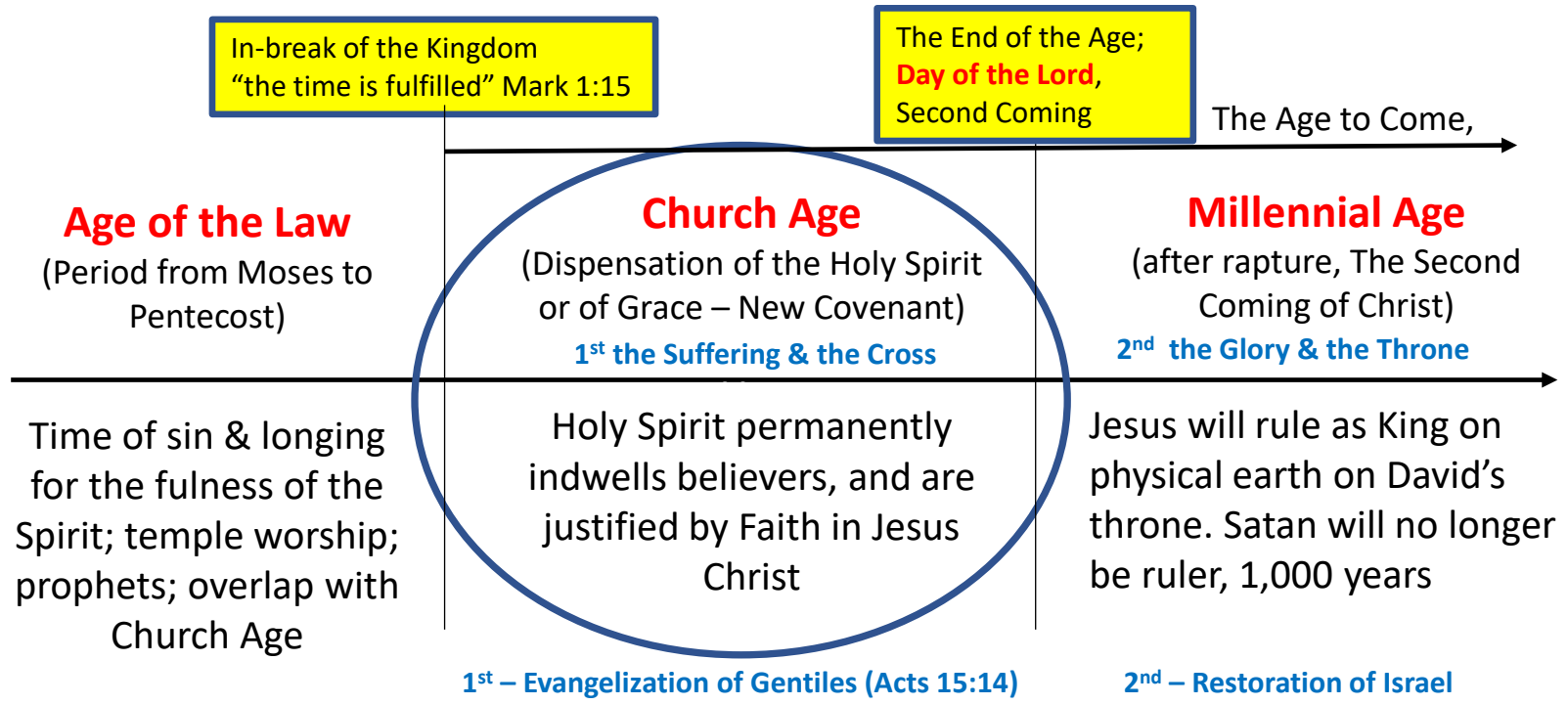
- The **Bible** is no mere book, but a Living Creature, with a power that conquers all that oppose it. **Napoleon**
- I believe the **Bible** is the best gift God has ever given to man. **Abraham Lincoln**
- A thorough knowledge of the **Bible** is worth more than a college education. It is necessary for the welfare of the nation that men's lives be based on the principles of the Bible. No man, educated or uneducated, can afford to be ignorant of the Bible. **Theodore Roosevelt**
- A man has deprived himself of the best there is in the World who has deprived himself of a knowledge of the **Bible**. **Woodrow Wilson**
- There are more sure marks of authenticity in the **Bible** than in any profane history. All my discoveries have been made in answer to prayer...I have a fundamental belief in the Bible as the Word of God, written by men who were inspired. I study the Bible daily” **Sir Isaac Newton** (1642-1727)
- It is clear that there must be difficulties for us in a revelation such as the **Bible**. ... There must be, in any complete revelation of God's mind and will and character and being, things hard for the beginner to understand; and the wisest and best of us are but beginners. **R.A. Torrey**

The Holy Bible – Context Overview



- **The entire Bible has one great theme, the Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ**, who is God revealed in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16), and whose sacrificial death and resurrection to save mankind from judgement and the penalty of sin, constitutes the Gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-4).
- Over the period of 2,000 years before Jesus, the OT prophets promised a Rescuer, the Christ, the Anointed Messiah who would save the world from the slavery of sin and final judgement.
- In the OT, sin was atoned for (satisfied God) by animal sacrifices, but the final eternal redemptive act of God to save mankind would be provided by the shed blood of the sinless “Lamb of God” which would be Christ. **Salvation is by Faith in the Crucified Christ.**
- There are over 300 prophecies of Christ’s first coming in the OT that were fulfilled, from Genesis 3:15 to Malachi 4:5, (and over 1,800 prophecies on **His Second Coming which is still to be fulfilled!**).
- **Christ was prophesied as both a Royal & Priestly Messiah from the line of David (Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 110:1; Jer. 33:14-16) and as a Suffering Servant. (Isaiah 53).**

God's Dispensations of Time



2500 years from Adam to Moses

1500 years from Moses to Jesus

2,000 years from Jesus to the Current Time

1,000 years reign of Jesus Christ after His return – then Eternity in Heaven – Rev. 21

4,000 years = 4 days

2,000 years = 2 days

1,000 years = 1 days

7 days is God's Perfect Number (creation)

Context in the Whole Bible

- Mark goes out of his way to establish a link between the beginning of the Gospel and the end of the Old Testament.
- The story so far is that God created a good world, but Adam & Eve (mankind), tempted by Satan, rebelled against God and was thrown under curse. However, God deferred ultimate judgement of death and promised that the “seed of woman” would defeat Satan. God then promised that this world rescue would happen through one nation, Israel.
- When God rescued Israel from slavery in Egypt this revealed how the world would be rescued (saved by faith in the blood-Red Sea Crossing, journey through the Wilderness - Crossing the Jordan - to the Promised Land).
- Israel remained sinful and was eventually punished by being sent into exile in Babylon, like that in Egypt.
- The Old Testament prophets promised a Redeemer, the Christ who would save the world from final judgement which must inevitably come. By the end of the OT, this Rescuer had not yet appeared.
- Christ is the judge and redeemer of the true Exodus from sin, and it’s no accident He was crucified during Passover & that the first Communion at the Last Supper is the inauguration of the **New Covenant** ([Jer. 31:31-34](#); [Mark 14:24](#); [Heb 8:6-13](#)).
- Passover is to remember how God rescued the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Just as physical Israel was saved from death in Egypt by the death of lambs (Ex. 12), Jesus is the true, sinless (unblemished) Passover Lamb who saves us from death.

Jesus Prophecies in Old Testament

There are over 300 prophecies of Christ in the Old Testament that were fulfilled (and over 2,400 prophecies on His Second Coming which is still to be fulfilled!). **Christ was prophesied as both a **Royal & Priestly Messiah** from the line of David and as a **Suffering Servant**.**

Royal & Priestly Messiah

Isaiah 7:14 ¹⁴Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:6 ⁶For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Jeremiah 33:15 ¹⁵'In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David A Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

Isaiah 53 – The Suffering Servant - ³He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief... ⁵But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,... Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put *Him* to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin,

Old Covenant

- In the Mosaic covenant (Sinai Covenant), the blessing or lack thereof was a direct result of the obedience or disobedience to the Laws given to Moses by God (10 Commandments plus the 613 laws in Leviticus).
- The purpose of the Law was to reveal the character of God, and the effect of the Law was to make people aware of their inability to keep it and reveal their sin, so that when Christ came, they would recognize their need for Him (Gal. 3:24-25). Christ fulfilled the Law (Matt. 5:17-18).
- The sacrificial system of the Mosaic Covenant did not really take away sins (Heb. 10:1-4); it simply foreshadowed the bearing of sin by Christ, the perfect high priest Who was also the perfect sacrifice (Heb 9:11-28).
- Hebrews 9 calls it the First Covenant and it involved sacrifices, the tabernacle, the Holy of Holies, and the Old Testament regulations of divine worship.
- Jesus was the last sacrificial lamb, and since Pentecost, as John the Baptist preached, believers were baptised in the Holy Spirit, forgiven of their sin (justified or declared righteous) and given eternal life.
- **Jesus came to fulfill the Law and Righteousness.** Matthew 5:17; 3:15

New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (also Heb. 8:6-13; Ezek. 36:25-27; Mark 14:24)

- ³¹ “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah
- ³² not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD.
- ³³ But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: **I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts**; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.
- ³⁴ No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. **For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”**

Mark - Overview

- Key Message – **Jesus is the Son of God & the Prophesised Messiah**
- Key Themes - **Who Jesus is** (8:31); **Why Jesus Came** (10:45); **Man's Response**
- Jesus was a **SERVANT** Christ who **came to DIE** on the Cross for the purpose of providing Salvation (forgiveness of sin & eternal life) for those who believe and trust in Him with their hearts. His miracles demonstrate that only God could have this kind of power; His actions and teachings demonstrate how He wants us to follow Him – in faith, obedience, compassion and mission to proclaim the gospel.
- Mark is the first Gospel written (55-69 AD); to Gentiles in Rome
- Based on the preaching of Peter, written by his assistant John Mark – inspired by God.
- Action book – 19 miracles; 9 parables; word “immediately” is used 40 times.
- John Mark wasn't a Disciple or Apostle, but the failed servant of Paul, assistant to Peter, and cousin of Barnabus. His mother Mary lived in Jerusalem and her house was a common meeting place for the disciples.
- **John Mark Ref.:** Acts 12:12, 24; 13:5, 13; 15:37; 1 Peter 5:13; 2 Peter 1:15; Col 4:10; Phil 24:22; 2 Tim 4:9-11

Mark Demands a Response...What is Yours?

4 Groups of People – 2 Primary Responses

1. Pharisees (Reject & Oppose)
2. Crowds (Amazed but don't follow)
3. Disciples (Misunderstand)
4. Individuals (Believed with Faith)

1. FEAR/Rejection

- “Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith.” (Mark 4:40)
- “Why do you reason...Do you not yet perceive and understand?...Having eyes, do you not see? Having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember? (all the things He has done) (Mark 8:17-19)

Mark Demands a Response...What is Yours?

2. FAITH (Trust – a total dependence on Jesus)

- “When Jesus saw their **faith**, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.” (Mark 2:5)
- “Daughter, your **faith** has made you well...be healed of your affliction.” (Mark 5:34)
- “Do not be afraid, only **believe**.” (Mark 5:36)
- “...**all things are possible to him who believes**.” (Mark 9:23)
- “Lord, I believe, **help my unbelief!**” (Mark 9:24)
- “Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a **little child** will by no means enter it.” (Mark 10:15)
- “With men it is impossible, but not with God, for with God all things are possible.” (Mark 10:27)
- “Have **faith** in God...whoever says to this mountain...be cast into the sea, and does **not doubt** in his heart, but **believes**...will have whatever he says.” (Mark 11:22-23)

Mark 1 – Scripture

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Temptations of Christ – Detailed Teaching

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-KKMaRmONYU>

Kingdom of God – Detailed Teaching

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EDLI2EO1TR4>

Mark Chapter 1

Summary of Key Messages

Chapter 1 of Mark is very significant and presents many of the principles of God's plan and purpose for saving mankind. It presents the first words and actions of Jesus ever documented, which reveal his message, his purpose for coming, his power, and his compassion.

1. Announcement (The King is Coming)
2. Prophecy Fulfilled (Messenger)
3. Jesus' Baptism & Trinity Revealed (Coronation of King)
4. Spiritual Warfare (Satan tempts Jesus)
5. Kingdom of God (is at hand)
6. Salvation Message (Repent & Believe)
7. Disciples Called (Follow Me)
8. Teaching (with Authority)
9. Exorcism (demon possessed man in synagogue)
10. Healing (Fever & Leper)

Mark 1:1 - The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God

- **Beginning** – Gospel is not finished. The King is coming back!
- **Gospel** – message of Salvation (“good news”) & the 2nd Coming
- **Jesus** - His human name (in Hebrew it’s “Yehoshua” or “Yeshua” or “Yahweh” or “I AM” or “Joshua” which means **salvation or deliverance**, Math. 1:21)
- **Christ** - is His royal title for **Messiah** or **Anointed King** who God promised would come to Judge and save His people (Ezekiel 34: 20-31)
 - The Messiah (Anointed One) was prophesied as both Royal and a Priestly Messiah and had an expectation of restored Davidic monarchy (Ps. 110:1; Isa 7:14; 9:1-6; 11:1; Jer. 33:14-26; Ezek. 17:22-24; Mic. 1-4; Zech. 9:9-10) and also as a **Suffering Servant** (Isa. 52-53).
 - Jesus fulfilled the role of Suffering Servant in the first coming, who gave His life on the Cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. He will be the conquering King at His Second Coming when the physical Kingdom of God on Earth will be ushered in at the end of the Age.
- **Son of God** – co-equal to God. **Jesus is God!** God declared it and even the demons recognize it.

Mark 1:2 – Prophecy Fulfilled

Prophesied Messenger of the Messiah – used in all 4 Gospels

Isaiah 40:3

Exodus Symbolism

The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Commonly done to prepare for a royal visit, metaphor for repentance.

Very Significant – John the Baptist is the messenger of GOD, who is Jesus

Malachi 3:1

“Behold, I send **My (GOD)** messenger, And he will prepare the way before **Me (GOD)**

And the Lord, whom you seek, **will suddenly come to His temple** (exactly where Jesus went 1st in John 2). Even the **Messenger of the covenant**, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,” Says the LORD of hosts.

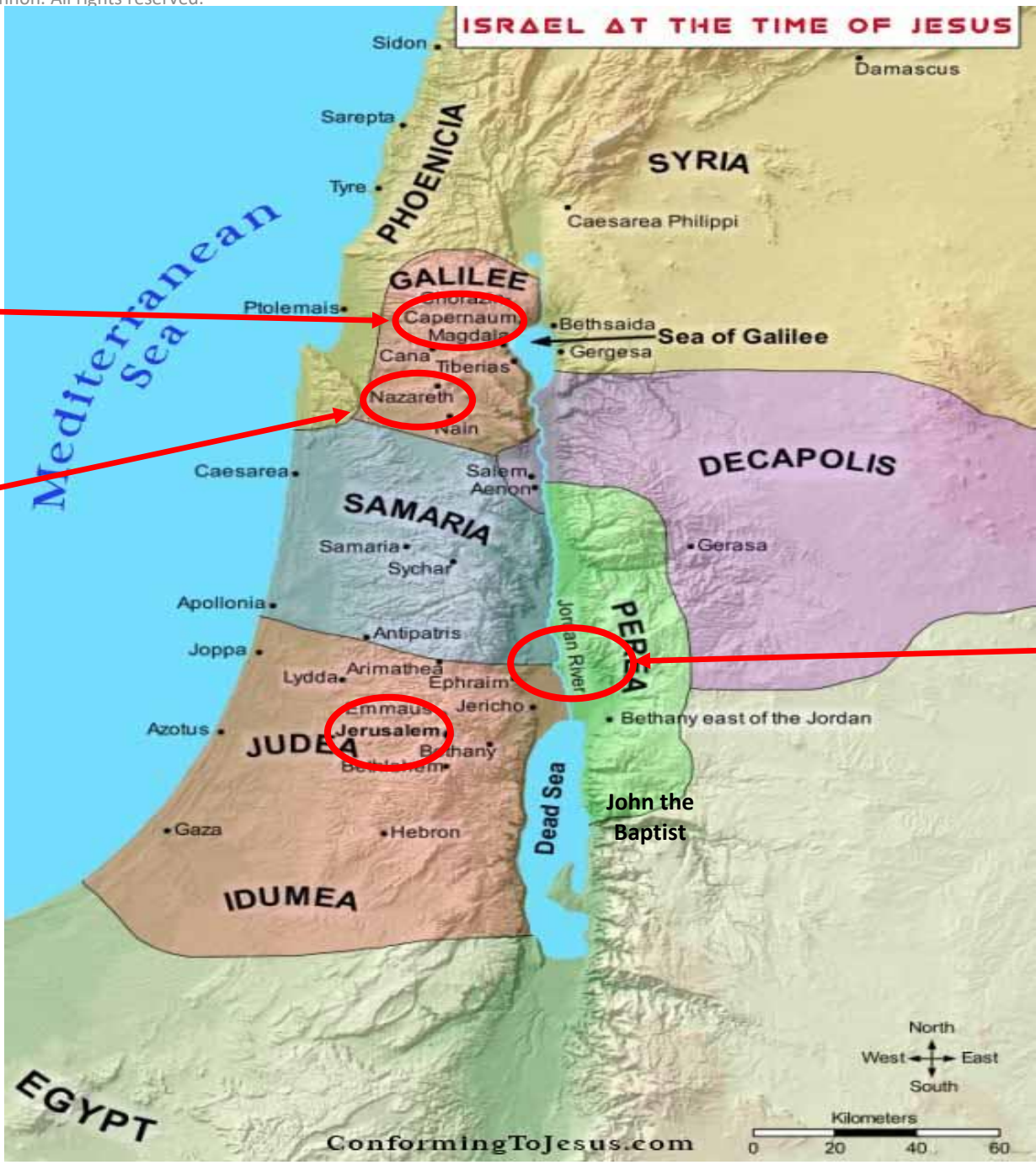
Mark 1:2-7 – John the Baptist

- The Baptist's significance to the story is massive, since he was "**SENT FROM GOD**", commissioned like Moses and the Prophets.
- Luke 7:28 "...no one among those born of women is greater than John", John the Baptist is included in all 4 Gospels
- John was miraculously conceived by Elizabeth, a relative of Jesus; filled with the Spirit from his mother's womb (Luke 1:13-15)
- John prepared the hearts of the people with the message of repentance, and declared the arrival of the King of Israel.
- John baptised for 6 months prior to baptizing Jesus, and 6 months after, and then was beheaded 6 months later.
- John is like Elijah – **2 Kings 1:8; Mal. 4:5; Luke 1:17**
- We are also told that Elijah will be one of the prophets that fulfils this role at the time of Christ's return. **Mal. 4:5–6 (Day of Lord)**

Mark 1:2-7 – John the Baptist

- **Q. What was he doing, what was he preaching, where was he, how did the people respond, why was his role important?**
- **Q. Think of someone God has used in your life to prepare the way for Jesus. How can Jesus use us to prepare the way for Jesus?**

ISRAEL AT THE TIME OF JESUS



3.

Jesus' casts out demons in synagogue
Mark 1:21-27

1.

Nazareth
Jesus hometown
Mark 1:9;
prophesized in Is. 9:1
 (where Mary & Joseph came after leaving Bethlehem to go to Egypt until the death of Herod the Great – pop. of 500, 25 miles from Capernaum)

2.

John the Baptist preaching repentance for remission of sin
Mark 1:4-5

Jesus Baptism

- Being lowered into water and then rising again is symbolic of Jesus' death and resurrection.
- Jesus' baptism marks the beginning of His public ministry and is one of the 5 major milestone events of His life, the others being the Transfiguration, the Cross, the Resurrection and the Ascension.
- **Miraculous revealing of the Trinity & Anointing of the Spirit**- Mark 1:10-11
- **Heavens torn open** signifies the doors of heaven were opened (Is. 64:1; Ez. 1:1; Rev. 4:1) and that a new Kingdom Age has begun. It also prepares for the veil of the temple being "torn in two" (Mark 15:28).
- **Spirit descending like a dove** – **Isaiah 11:1-2**; At creation, the Spirit was hovering over the water" (Gen 1:2; 8:8), and here we have the Spirit to inaugurate the age of salvation. **John 3:34** says Jesus was given the Spirit without measure – **FULL POWER.**

Jesus Baptism

- **God Speaks Audibly** - “You are My Beloved Son in whom I am well Pleased” –
 - **Psalm 2:6-7** (Messianic King from David)
 - ⁶ “Yet I have set My King , On My holy hill of Zion.”
 - ⁷ “I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me,
‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.
 - **Isaiah 42:1** (Suffering Servant, well pleased). God affirms Jesus is the Messiah who will bring salvation.
 - “Behold! My Servant whom I uphold,
My Elect One in whom My soul delights!
I have put My Spirit upon Him;
He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.

Mark 1: 9-11

Baptism of Jesus - Why?

1. Identifies with Sinners (as He would on the Cross)

Is. 53:12 “And He was numbered with the transgressors” (although He had no sin to repent of – which is why John didn’t want to baptize Jesus-Matt 3:13)

2. Symbol of Redemptive Act Required by God

- **Matt. 3:13-15 “to fulfill all righteousness”**
- To bring completion to God’s plan of redemption for the need of the people to be made “right” with God. The righteous requirement of God’s law was death as payment for sin, which Jesus paid on the Cross. God required it, and Jesus obeyed the Father.

3. Symbolized looking forward to the Cross

Jesus later refers to His death & resurrection as a baptism (**Mark 10:38-39; Rom. 6:3-4**)

Mark 1: 8

Baptism of Holy Spirit

- **Messianic reference to the prophesied outpouring of the Spirit fulfilled at Pentecost – **New Covenant****
 - **Ezekiel 36: 25 – 27; Joel 2: 28-32** (also Acts 1:8; 2:1-4);
Jeremiah 31:31-34
- **Happens at Salvation**, the moment you accept Christ as your Lord and Saviour
 - **Romans 6:3-4; 1 Corinth. 12:13**
- **Heavens torn open (at the Cross the veil of the temple tore open) - **Isaiah 64:1****

Water Baptism vs. Spiritual Baptism

Water Baptism (Physical Realm)

- **Water baptism** (public profession of faith in Christ)
- Water baptism is not a means of salvation, but a demonstration of it, and is commanded of believers (1 Cor. 1:13-17; Eph 4:5; 1 Pet 3:21; Acts 22:16).

Spiritual Baptism (Eternal Realm)

- When you put your trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, you receive the Holy Spirit and are baptized into Christ for all eternity.
- This is what it means to be “born again” of the Spirit of God – you are now a new creation, declared righteous in God’s eyes and forgiven of all your sin.

Temptations of Jesus

Mark 1: 12-13

“Immediately the **Spirit drove Him** into the **wilderness**. And He was there in the wilderness forty days, **tempted by Satan**, and was with **wild beasts**; and the **angels** ministered to Him.”

Matthew 4:1-11 (also in Luke 4:1-13)

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.

³ Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “**If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.**”

⁴ But He answered and said, “**It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’**”

⁵ Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ and said to Him, “**If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.’**” ⁷ Jesus said to him, “**It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’**”

⁸ Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, “**All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.**”

¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “**Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’**”

¹¹ Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him

Temptations of Jesus – Discussion

- This wilderness passage is part of God’s purpose to show us how to defeat Satan and resist temptations. “Immediately the Spirit “impelled” Him - emphasizes it was God’s purpose for Jesus to be tempted.
- Mark doesn’t discuss the actual temptations (like Matt. & Luke), but he stresses that temptations did occur, the Spirit allowed it and there were both Wild Beast & Angels present. Once saved (born again), you are now spiritually awake and the Spiritual Battle begins.
- While this passage demonstrates Jesus’ authority and power over Satan, it also gives us an important teaching that Satan is real and dangerous, and how we can have victory in spiritual attacks from Satan in our own lives.
- Satan’s main objective was to induce Christ to act from Himself, in disobedience to God’s will (like the first Adam – Jesus is the “last Adam – 1 Cor. 15:45). Christ defeated Satan by a means available to the His follower – using the Word of God (scripture).
- Seems to be a principle of God’s dealing with men that there is always a wilderness experience (i.e. Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, David, King Nebuchadnezzar)
- “40 days in the wilderness” – interesting that Moses waited 40 years before Exodus and fasted 40 days (Ex. 34:28; Deut 9:9), Israel was tested in the Wilderness 40 years (Ex. 16:4-5), Elijah on Mount Horeb for 40 days, Jesus was resurrected for 40 days prior to the Ascension (Acts 1:3); 40 days of waiting after the flood for Noah; 6 weeks to break a habit? – 40 seems to be the period of preparation for God’s purpose in many cases.
- Once saved, we receive the Holy Spirit and Jesus’ experience demonstrates that this is when Spiritual Attacks will be their strongest. Therefore if you or someone you know are a new convert, be vigilant, be on guard and don’t take your eyes (trust) off of Jesus. Focus on prayer, reading the Word and separation from people and places where Satan will be there to tempt you – “**Deny Yourself**” (Mark 8:34) and your fleshly desires – “Wild Beasts” will be there, but so will “God”.
- Details of the **3 temptations** are in Matthew 4:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13 and are summarized as:

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| 1. Stones to Bread | - FLESHLY DESIRES (not trusting God to keep him alive) |
| 2. Jump and Angel with Catch You | - POWER (to command angels to save Him) |
| 3. Ruler of the World | - PRIDE (doing things the easy way without suffering) |

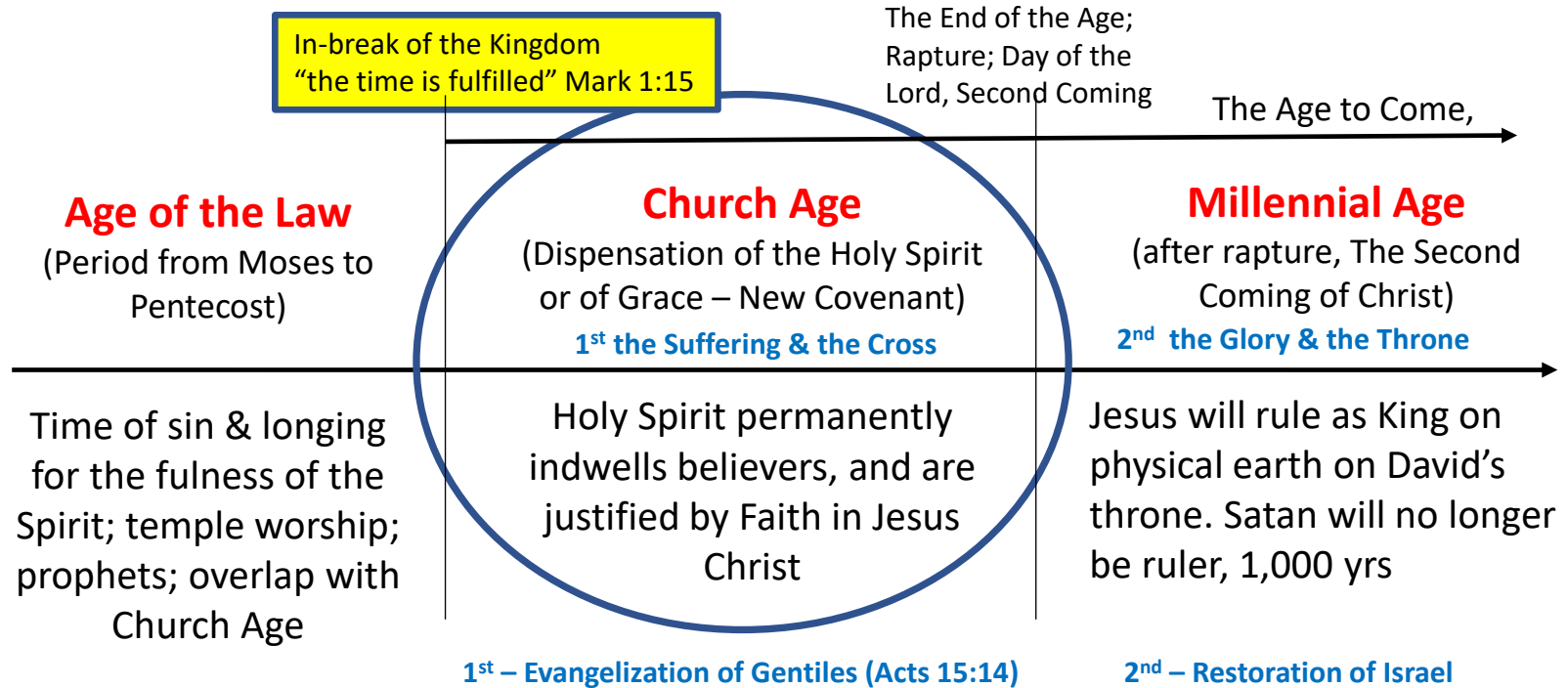
- How did Jesus Defeat Satan? - **TRUST, OBEDIENCE & the WORD** - How can we resist temptation and live Victoriously? 26

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“The Time is Fulfilled”

- Refers to the “**fullness of time**” as in Galatians 4:4
- The decisive moment of salvation history, when the prophecies of the Old Testament Messiah would be fulfilled. **A New Age and a New Covenant.**
- The time had arrived according to God’s sovereign timetable for the Savior to arrive to pay the penalty for sin and provide salvation for the elect – from the beginning of history to the end.
- Exact time is mentioned in Luke 3:1 (15th year of reign of Caesar) & John 2:20 (46 years after Herod starting building the temple), and corresponds to AD 27-28, when Jesus was 30

The Church Age



- OT prophets couldn't see the Church age, while they foresaw a Messiah of suffering & rejection, they also saw One of Earthly Glory & Power – confusion & mystery.
- A New Age was announced by Jesus – The Church Age (Matt. 16:18; Acts 9:31; Eph 1:22-23; 1 Cor. 10:32)
- Paul explains "the mystery" of the Church Age - "To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. (Col 1:25-27); Rom. 8 – the Olive tree. To separate a people for His name (called the Church, Acts 15:14).
- The end-time fulfillment of the twofold OT promise of the restoration of Israel to their land if they repent, and the Salvation of the Gentiles. Paul reverses the order, first the conversion of Gentiles, and then restoration of Israel (Rom. 11: 25-27)
- The Church Age will be brought to an end by a series of prophesied events, mainly the **Rapture** (1 Thess. 4:17; the judgements of the 7th week of Daniel called the **tribulation** (Rev. 7:14), and the **return of the Lord Jesus Christ** from Heaven to Earth in power and glory (Rev. 19:11, 17)

Mark 1:15

“the kingdom of God is at Hand”

- God’s reign has begun and because Jesus is the King, wherever He is the Kingdom is present.
- “at hand” means “come near” or is at the point of arrival. The full victory over sin at the Cross is near.
- There was 2 comings of Christ prophesied, and in the
 1. 1st Coming, Jesus is establishing a **Spiritual Kingdom** of the heart, revealed by revelation and indwelling of the Holy Spirit of those who believe (Luke 17:20-21). Provides the power to overcome evil and avoid its eternal consequences.
 2. 2nd Coming, there will be a **Physical Earthly Kingdom** (Rev. 20:1-6) where Jesus will reign as King in Jerusalem, and after 1,000 years God will create a new heaven and a new earth that will last forever (Rev 22-1-5).

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“repent and believe” A Call to Salvation

- **Repentance** – for the unsaved person means a heartfelt, sorrowful recognition that you are a lost, helpless sinner who needs God’s forgiveness. (a change in mind resulting in a change in lifestyle)
- **Believe = Trust = Faith (total confidence in and dependence on Jesus)**
 - that Jesus Christ is God and your saviour, and with faith, accept Him into your **heart** as your Lord with a desire to follow Him.
 - It’s more than intellectual, even **the demons “believed”** and trembled, **it must be from the heart and there must be a change in your life.**
- **Salvation** - When we do our part by Repenting & Believing, God does His part by providing us salvation, which is the **forgiveness of sins and eternal life.**
 - **No effort required – Just Trust (with a repentant heart)**
 - **But it does require Commitment** - like a marriage to a spouse where on the wedding day you trust your spouse to love and care for your needs for the rest of your life.
 - Repentance & Faith go together, because it’s impossible to put your faith in Christ as your Lord & Saviour, without first changing your mind about who He is and what he has done.

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REPENTANCE

- **Rom 3:23; 6:23; Prov 28:13; Luke 13:3, 24:46-48; 2 Cor. 7:10; Mark 2:17**
- **Repentance** literally means **TO CHANGE ONE'S MIND** about your **ATTITUDE** towards **God, self, sin and Christ.**
- Repentance is the sinner's recognition & acknowledgement that they are lost, helpless and in need of grace, in light of God's holiness. Grace and Truth must never be separated.
- It must be produced by the Holy Spirit and often effected by preaching of the Word, like John the Baptist was doing.
- Therefore Jesus tells every sinner in Luke 13:3 **“Except you change your ATTITUDE, you will perish.”**
- See www.Crossroadoftruth.org – detailed study notes on Sin & Repentance at this link.
<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5ce606228f647a00015de8b3/t/5ceb5fd6eef1a12eced1f15/1558929366663/SIN+%26+Repentance.pdf>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pn-MxtZLxI8> – Video on What Sin is

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Discussion Questions

- Do you sometimes feel like your **heart** is filthy, disturbed, or something is wrong?
- Do you look for excuses to defend yourself, comparing yourself to others, rather than judging yourself and realizing you have sin in your heart that needs forgiveness from God (i.e. pride, selfishness, anger, lust, etc.)?
- How do you think people who don't know Christ would respond if you told them this Truth?
- Are you prepared to tell people you love this truth, even if they are offended or mock you? (or are you ashamed of the Gospel? – Mark 8:38)

The Salvation of God

DEATH

Sin/Child of Satan/
Dead Spiritually/Adam
Nature/Blind/Condemned/
God's Wrath/Judged to Hell

- Disobedience to God's law
- Penalty of sin is death, therefore we need to be judged righteous to avoid the wrath of God

LIFE

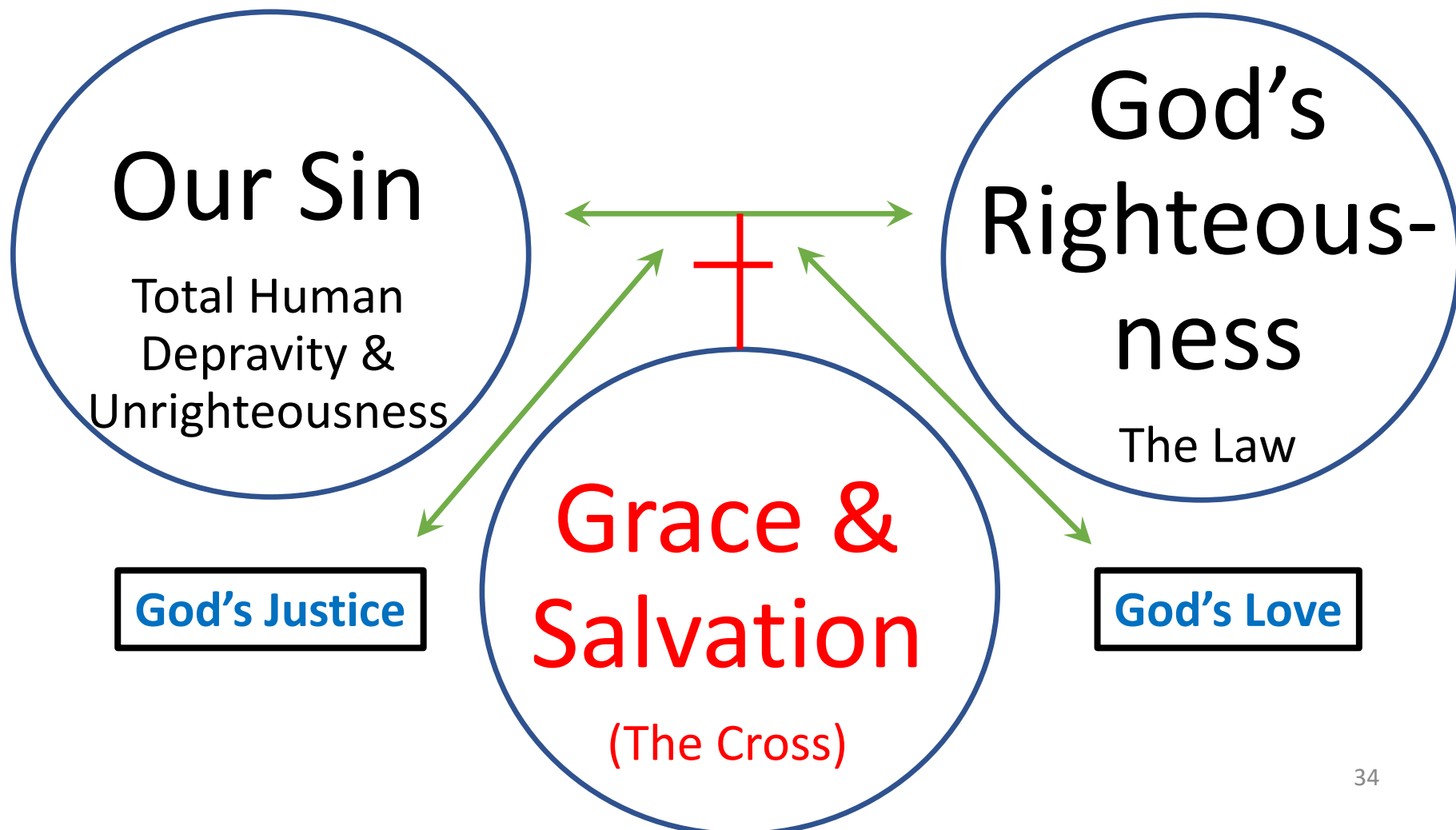
Salvation
by Grace through Faith in the
Shed Blood of Jesus
Christ/Justified or Declared
Righteous by God/Heaven

- Born Again/Adoption as Child of God/Forgiven of all Past & Future Sin/No Condemnation, Eternal Life/Holy Spirit Indwells

Grace & Salvation

The Cross

Grace of God Revealed is Revealed through the Cross



Salvation Message Meaning

- **“Trust in Jesus and you will be saved”** Acts 16:31
- We are sinners deserving eternal death (Rom 3:23; 6:23), nothing we do on our own can satisfy God (“like filthy rags” Is. 64:6). Therefore everything Christ did for us was undeserved – this is **Grace**.
- Jesus Christ, who was without sin, died “as an offering for sin” acceptable to God, and paid the penalty of sin by **redeeming** those who believe. He was raised on 3rd day and conquered death.
- Our sins are imputed to Him, and His righteousness is imputed to us (Rom 3:24) so we may be judged Righteous to God (justified). In other words our sins are forgiven (Past, Present & Future) by His shed blood on the Cross (Heb. 9:22) which is the basis for the New Covenant. Christ “atoned” or substituted His life for ours and satisfied God as the last sacrifice required, “It is Finished”.
- We in turn are born again spiritually, freed from the power of Sin and we receive **eternal life** in Heaven. This is a free gift of God.
- All you need to do is admit you are sinner (with a repentant heart) and **“put your Trust (Faith) in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved”** -
What a salvation!!