



Church History

Course Description

- ❑ This Study Covers The Origin, And History Of The Church
- ❑ The Reformation, And The Missionary Movements Of Martin Luther And His Contribution
- ❑ The Purpose Of The Church



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Course Objective

By the end of the this class, students should have a clear sense of:

- ❑ The Chronological Development Of The Origin, And History Of The Church
- ❑ Students Will Become Familiar With The Distinctive Features Of Particular Moments And Figures In Church History
- ❑ Key Ideas And Movements Concerning The Purpose Of The Church



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Course Outline

- Origin of The Church
- The Middle Ages
- Martin Luther - The Reformation



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Course Outline cont'd

- The Age of Reason, Progress and Ideologies
 - Philippians - Church Model
 - Purpose of the Church
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INTRODUCTION

Church History: “Why It's Important”?

- Narrative of the past so that coming generations may know the miraculous dealings of God and His mighty works
- History is vital to our understanding of the institution of the Christian church
- We learn from the examples of others to avoid mistakes as well as to accomplish the calling on our life



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INTRODUCTION

Church History: Why It's Important? cont'd

- ❑ History of the Christian church is to be remembered and learned from the examples of past victories
- ❑ Understanding Christian doctrine in light of church history helps us to separate fiction from truth

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Peanuts Cartoon on Church History



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► Genesis 2:18-25 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁸ And the LORD God said, "*It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.*" ¹⁹ Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought *them* to ^[a]Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

²¹ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²² Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He ^[b]made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

²³ And Adam said:

"This is now bone of my bones
And flesh of my flesh;
She shall be called ^[c]Woman,
Because she was taken out of ^[d]Man."

²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be ^[e]joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

²⁵ And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.



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Genesis 3:15

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.



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Genesis 22:1-2 New King James Version (NKJV)

22 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!"

And he said, "Here I am."

² Then He said, **"Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love,** and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

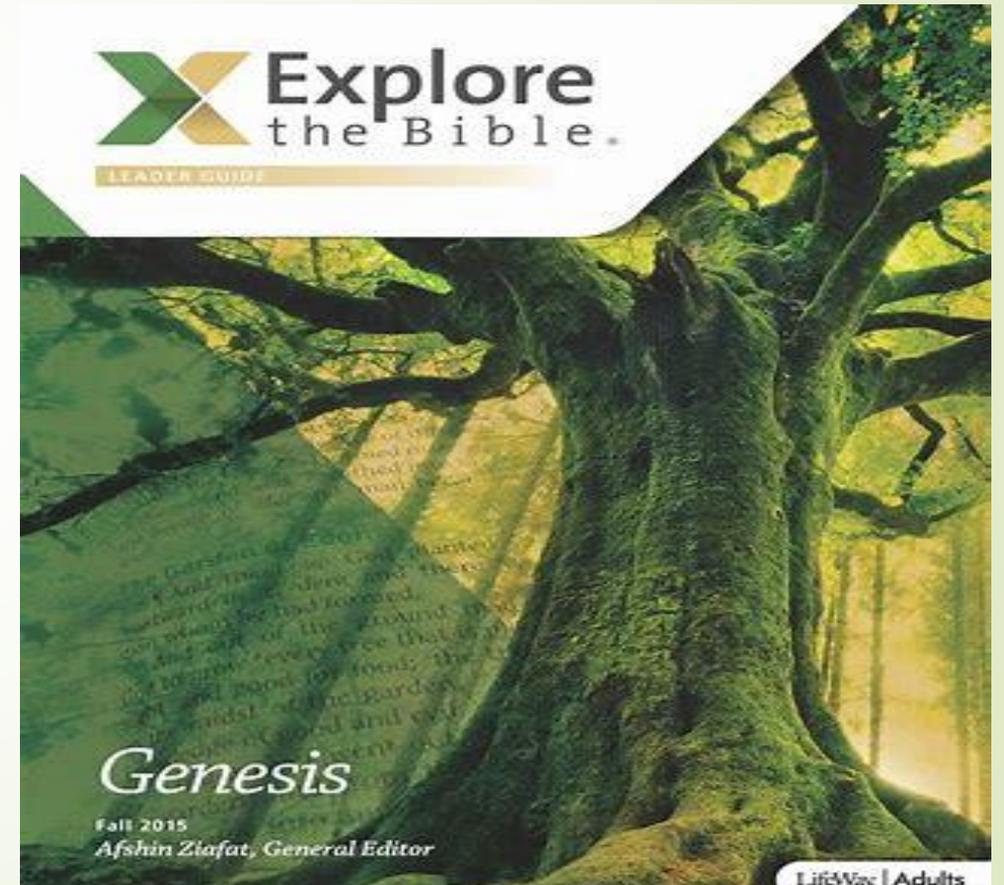


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Genesis 24:1-2 New King
James Version (NKJV)

A Bride for Isaac

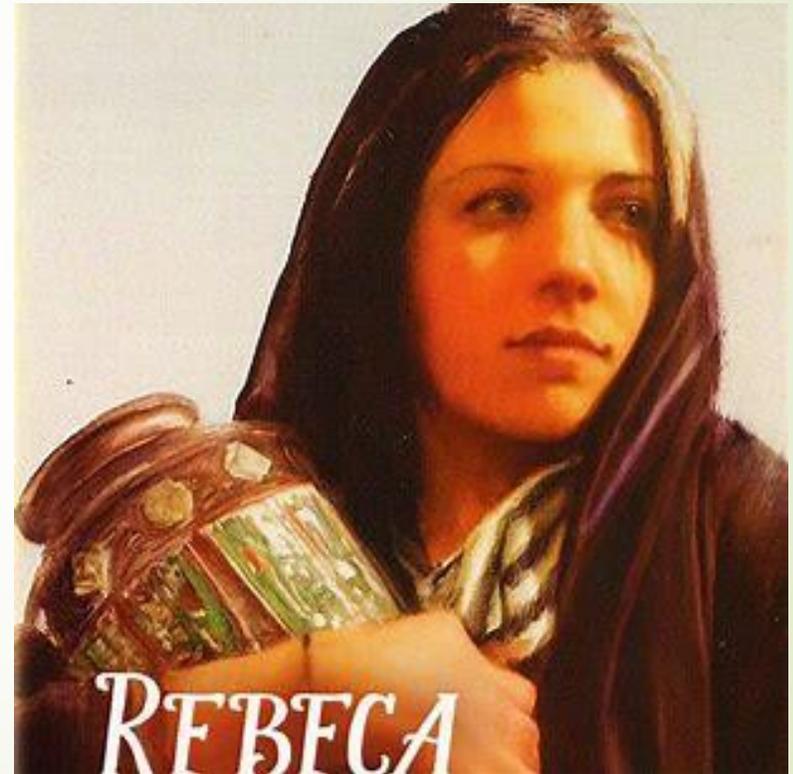
24 Now Abraham was old,
well advanced in age; and
the LORD had blessed
Abraham in all things. ² So
Abraham said to the oldest
servant of his house, who
ruled over all that he had,
“Please, put your hand under
my thigh,



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Genesis 24:51 New
King James Version
(NKJV)

⁵¹ Here *is* Rebekah
before you; take *her*
and go, and let her
be your master's son's
wife, as the LORD has
spoken."



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Genesis 24:64-67 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁶⁴ Then Rebekah lifted her eyes, and when she saw Isaac she dismounted from her camel; ⁶⁵ for she had said to the servant, “Who is this man walking in the field to meet us?”

The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took a veil and covered herself.

⁶⁶ And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷ Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent; and he took Rebekah and she became his wife, and he **loved her.** So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

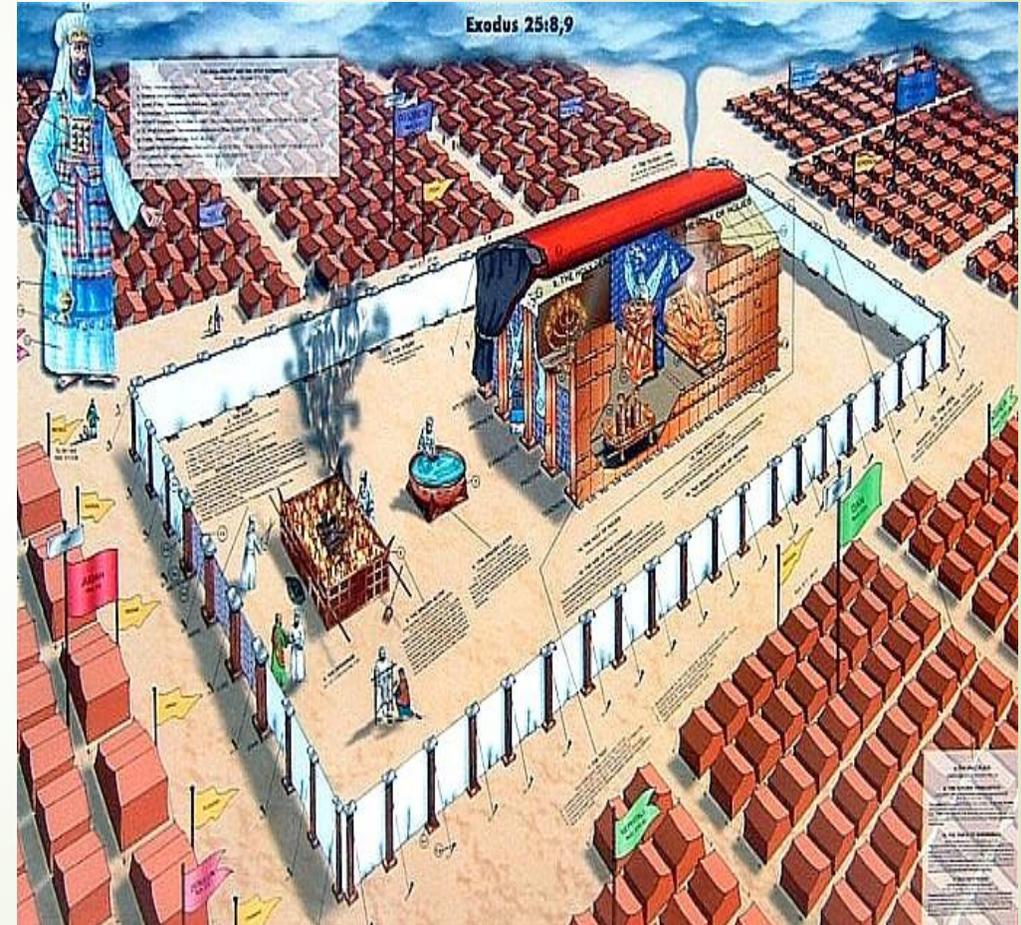


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Exodus 25:8-9

⁸ And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

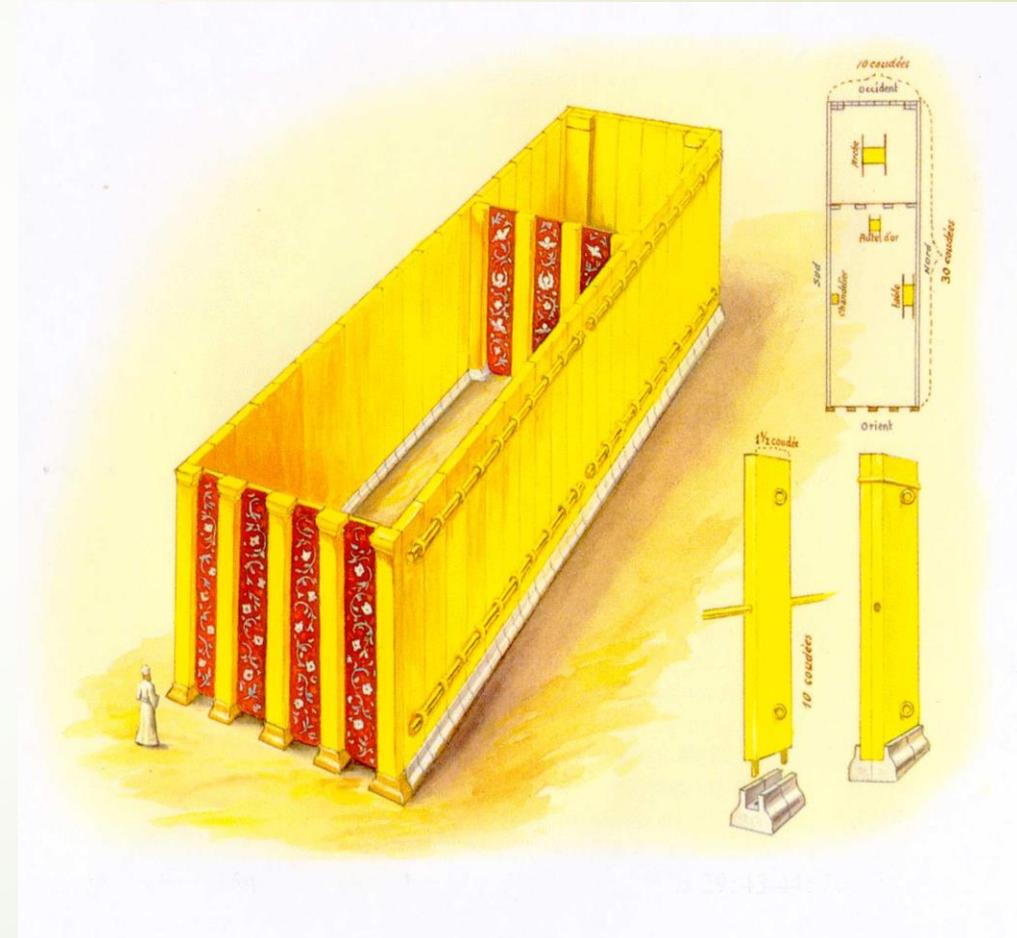
⁹ According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.



Church History II

Exodus 26:15-20 New King James Version
(NKJV)

¹⁵ “And for the tabernacle you shall make the boards of acacia wood, standing upright. ¹⁶ Ten cubits *shall be* the length of a board, and a cubit and a half *shall be* the width of each board. ¹⁷ Two □tenons *shall be* in each board for binding one to another. Thus you shall make for all the boards of the tabernacle. ¹⁸ And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south side. ¹⁹ **You shall make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards: two sockets under each of the boards for its two tenons.** ²⁰ And for the second side of the tabernacle, the north side, *there shall be* twenty boards



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Exodus 26:26-30 King James Version (KJV)

26 And thou shalt make bars of shittim wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,

27 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the two sides westward.

28 And the middle bar in the midst of the boards shall reach from end to end.

29 And thou shalt overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold for places for the bars: and thou shalt overlay the bars with gold.

30 And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle according to the fashion thereof which was shewed thee in the mount.



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Ruth 1:2-5 New King James Version (NKJV)

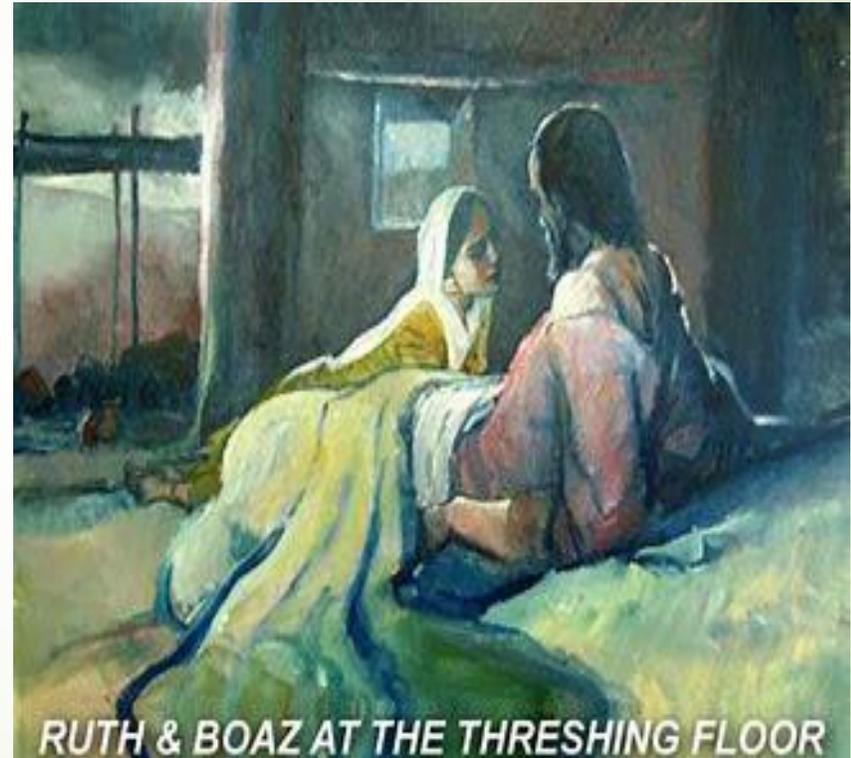
²The name of the man was Elimelech, the name of his wife was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion—Ephrathites of Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to the country of Moab and remained there. ³Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons. ⁴Now they took wives of the women of Moab: the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth. And they [\[a\]](#)dwelt there about ten years. ⁵Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died; so the woman survived her two sons and her husband.



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Ruth 3:11-12 New King James Version (NKJV)

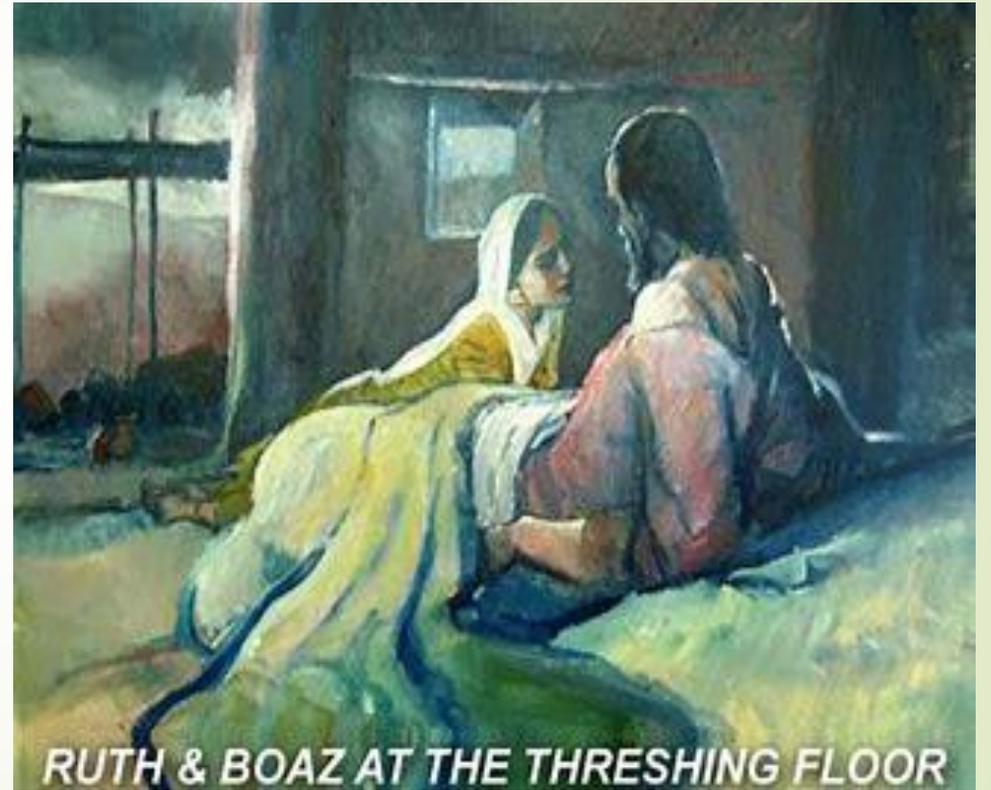
¹¹ And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you *are* a virtuous woman. ¹² Now it is true that I *am* a close relative; however, there is a relative closer than I.



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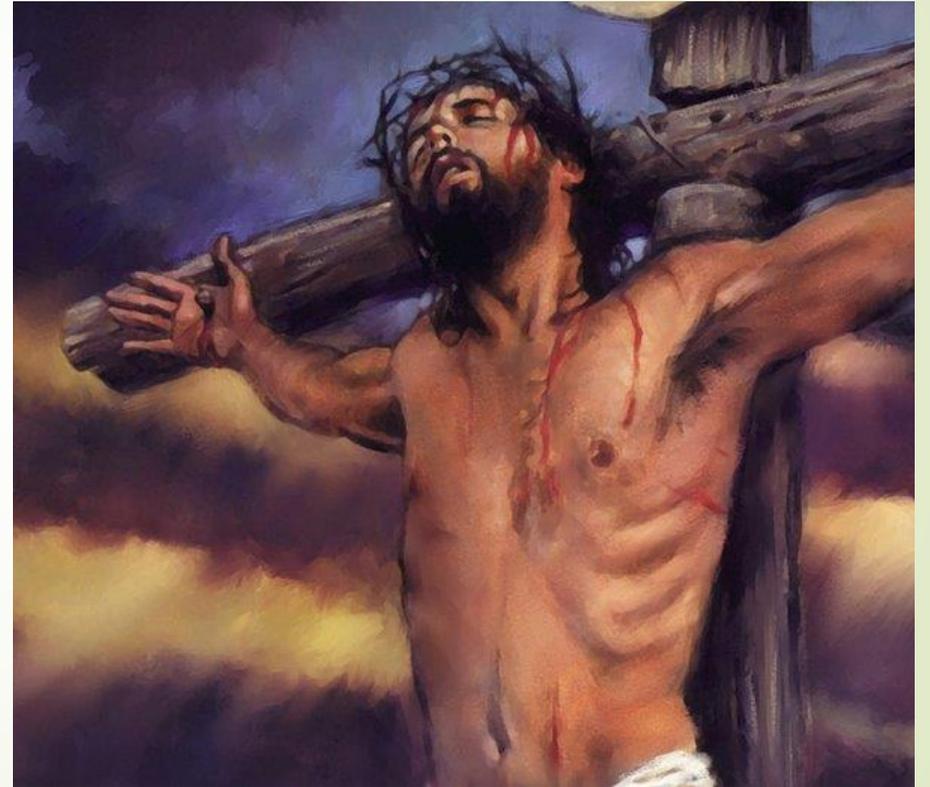
Ruth 3:18 New King
James Version (NKJV)

¹⁸ Then she said, "Sit still,
my daughter, until you
know how the matter
will turn out; for the
man will not rest until he
has concluded the
matter this day."



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The Cross:
Where the
Old and New
testament
meet.

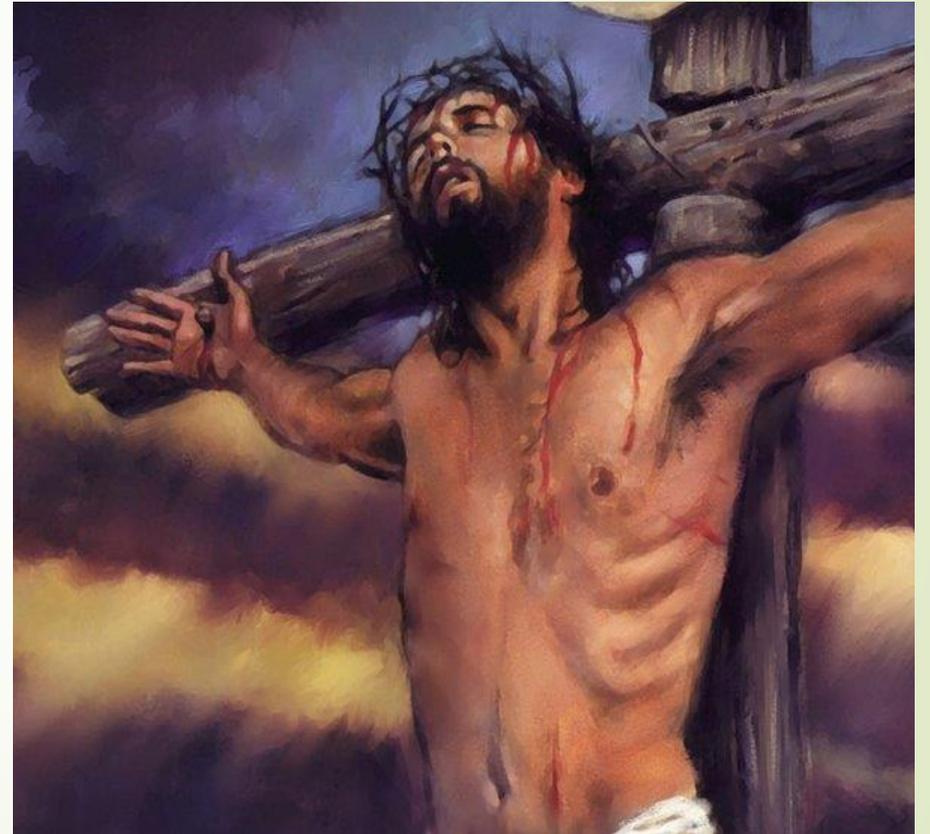


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John 7:37-39 New King James Version (NKJV)

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

³⁷ On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." ³⁹ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those ^[a]believing in Him would receive; for the ^[b]Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.



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Acts 2:1-4

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.



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Paul's conversion

Acts 9:17-20

17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

19 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, t

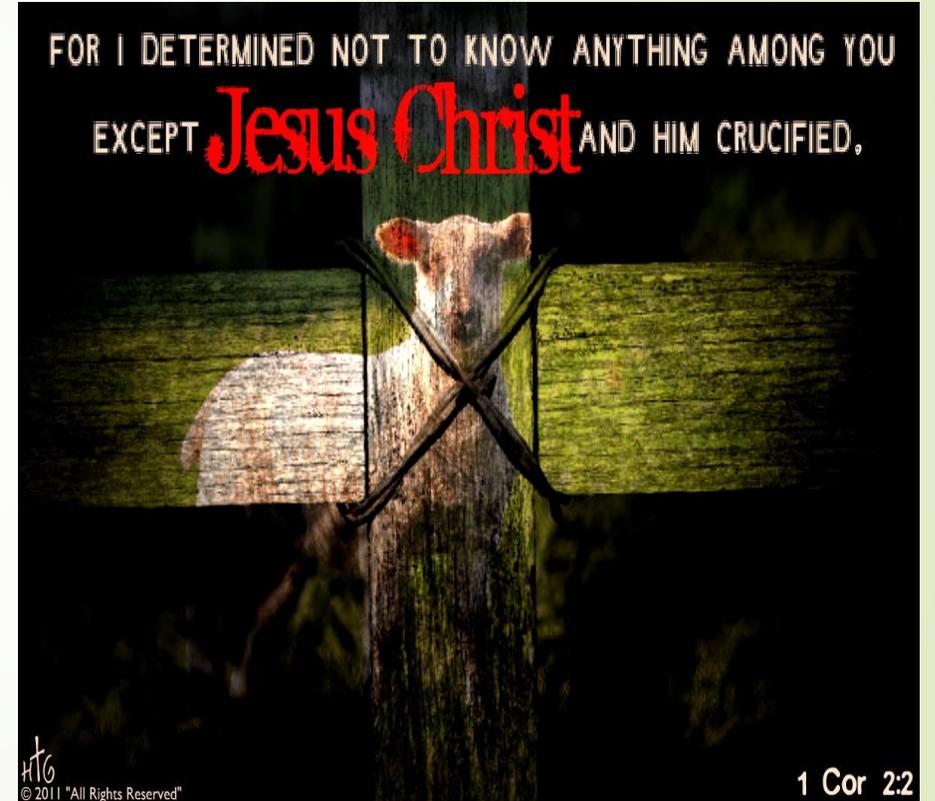


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1 Corinthians 2:1-2

2 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.



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Cornelius' Conversion

Acts 10:28

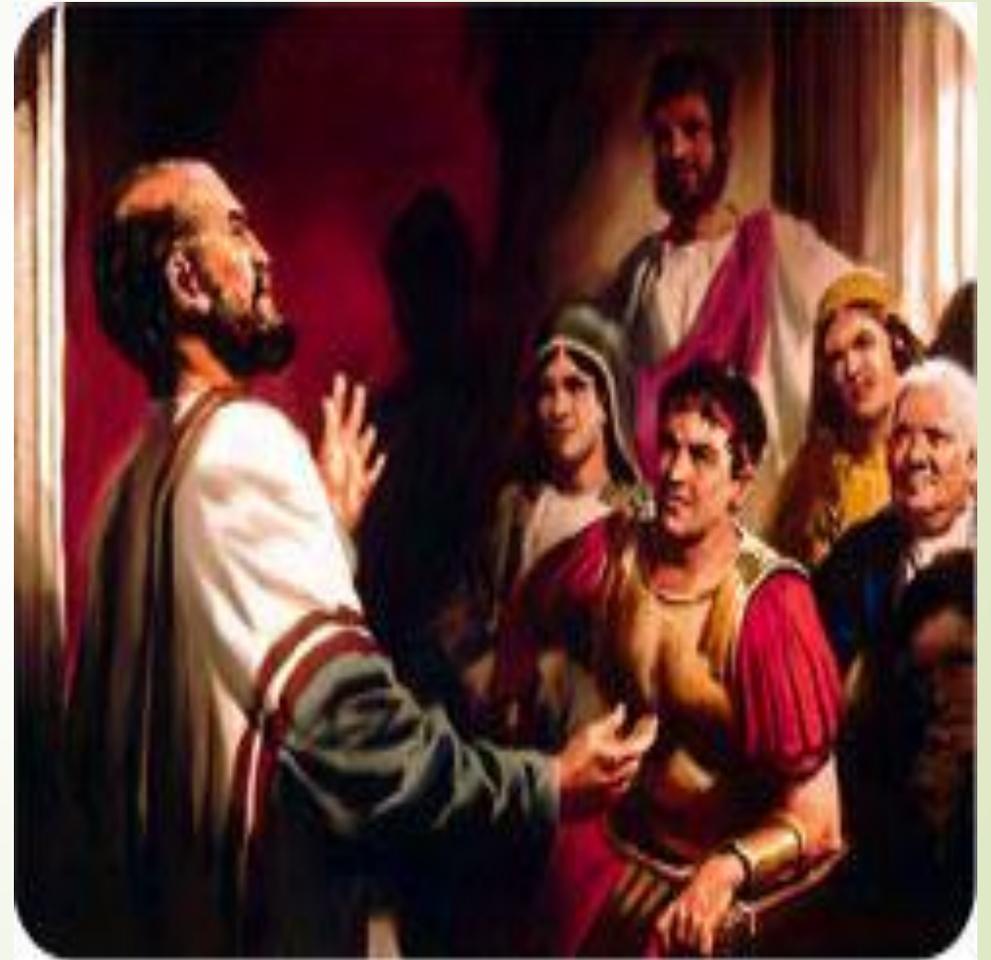
28 And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

Acts 10:43-45

43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.



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Galatians 1:6-9 Living Bible (TLB)

⁶I am amazed that you are turning away so soon from God who, in his love and mercy, invited you to share the eternal life he gives through Christ; you are already following a different “way to heaven,” which really doesn’t go to heaven at all.

⁷For there is no other way than the one we showed you; you are being fooled by those who twist and change the truth concerning Christ.

⁸Let God’s curses fall on anyone, including myself, who preaches any other way to be saved than the one we told you about; yes, if an angel comes from heaven and preaches any other message, let him be forever cursed.

⁹I will say it again: if anyone preaches any other gospel than the one you welcomed, let God’s curse fall upon him.



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The Subject Matter, whether Gentiles had to be Circumcised for Full Christian Membership

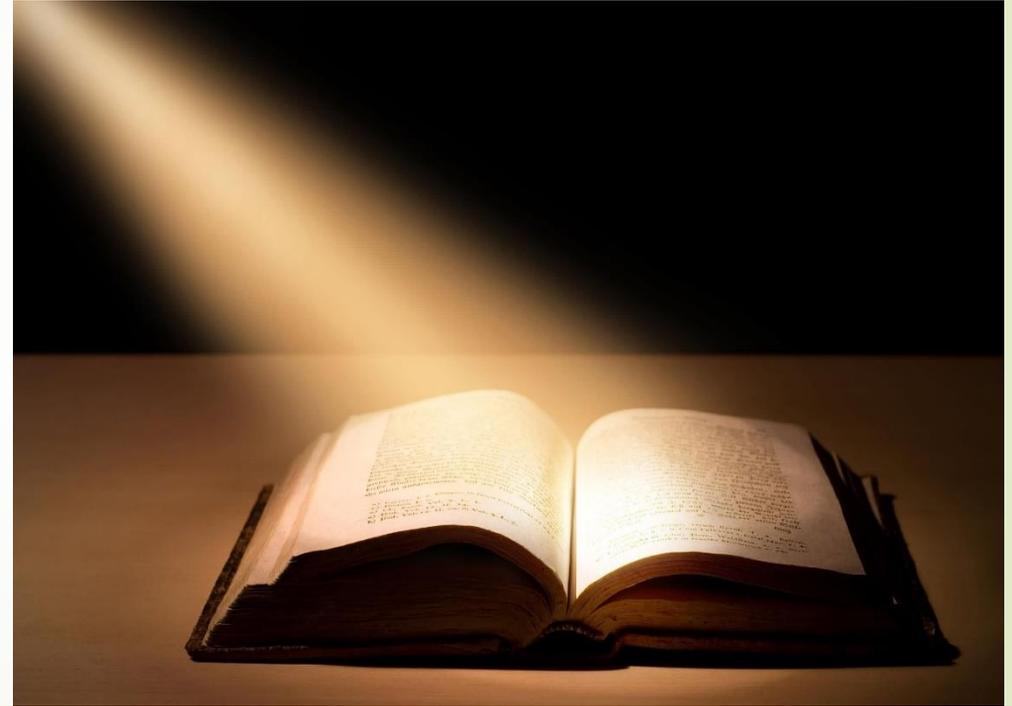
The Dispute was between those, such as the Followers of the Pillars Of The Church, led by James who Believed the Church must Observe the Rules of Traditional Judaism

Paul Of Tarsus, Who Believed there was no such necessity



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1 Corinthians 10:32
32 Give none
offence, neither to
the Jews, nor to the
Gentiles, nor to the
church of God:





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AD 64-AD177

Key Concept

God uses human factors and even human failures to bring glory to himself



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Who were Christians Anyway?

- From the Roman viewpoint Christians were a Jewish sect.
- By AD 100 , the Christian and the Jewish faith were considered separate.
- Two Fires –one in Jerusalem and one in Rome – contributed to this separation in a critical way



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Rome Burns but Nero Doesn't Fiddle

AD 64

- Nero was several miles away when the fire started.
- Many citizen of Rome blamed Nero for the fire.
- Nero responded by giving lavish gifts.
- Nero the first to publicly that Christianity was different.
- Christians were crucified, burned alive or killed by dogs
- Peter and Paul were killed by Nero



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Christians Were Misunderstood

- They called each other brother and Sister (incest)
- They took Holy Communion (Cannibalism)
- Served only one God
- Welcomed everybody (Jew, Gentile Freeman and Slave)
- They were considered Atheist
- Judaism was seen as an ancient religion by the Romans.



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Jerusalem Bleeds

- AD 64 Florus became ruler in Judea. He stole from the Jewish temple. When asked to stop Roman soldiers killed 3600 Jews
- Rebellion started and Nero Sent Vespasian to quell the riots.
- Nero dies and Vespasian returns to Rome to seize the throne.
- AD70 Rome burns the temple and Jews were massacred
- Soldiers steal the silver and gold from the cracks in the rocks.



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Where were the Christians?

- The Christians left the city when Jerusalem was surrounded.

Luke 21:20-21

20 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

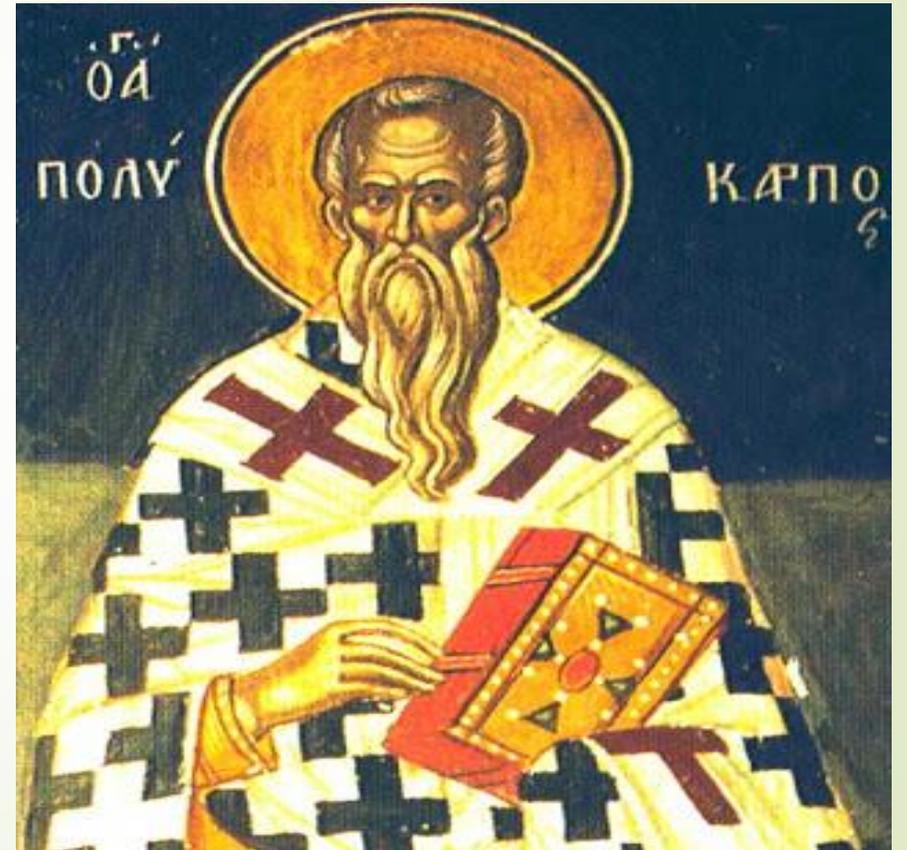
21 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.



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What Shall We Do with All the Christians?

- Emperor Domitian declared he was “Lord and God”
- Pliny gave Christian three chances to recant, if they didn't he had them killed
- Polycarp was a friend of John and the Roman Governor asked him to declare Christians as Atheist. He turned to the crowd and called them the atheist. He was burned alive.



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In spite of the persecution of the Church, the numbers grew. Why?

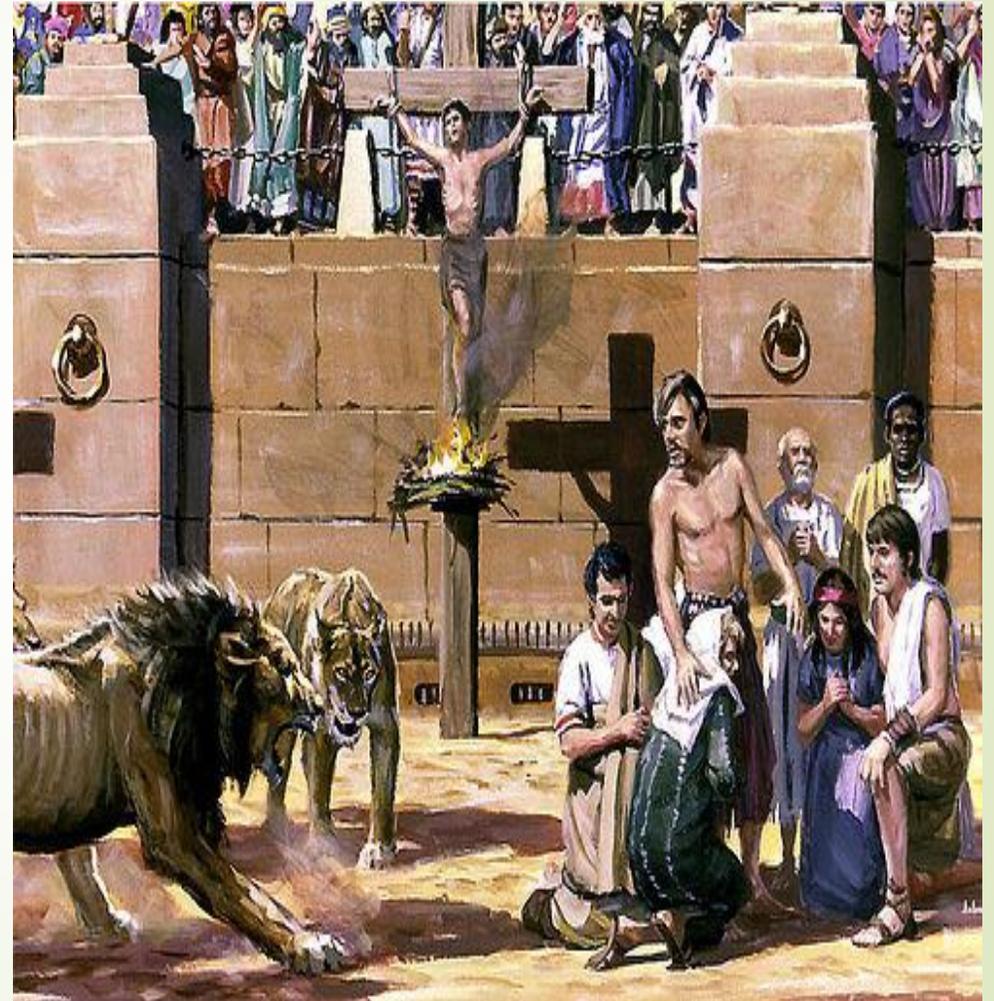
- The Spirit of God was still working.
 - Christianity provided moral guidelines
 - Christianity provided equally and respite
 - Christianity offered a personal relationship with God.
 - Knowledge of Christ's sufferings strengthened thousands of martyrs.
- Luke 21:16-19

¹⁶ And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death.

¹⁷ And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.

¹⁸ But there shall not an hair of your head perish.

¹⁹ In your patience possess ye your souls.





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AD 90-AD 250

Key Concept

God's people must learn to view God's present activities in the light of God's past revelation of Himself in the pages of the Holy Scriptures

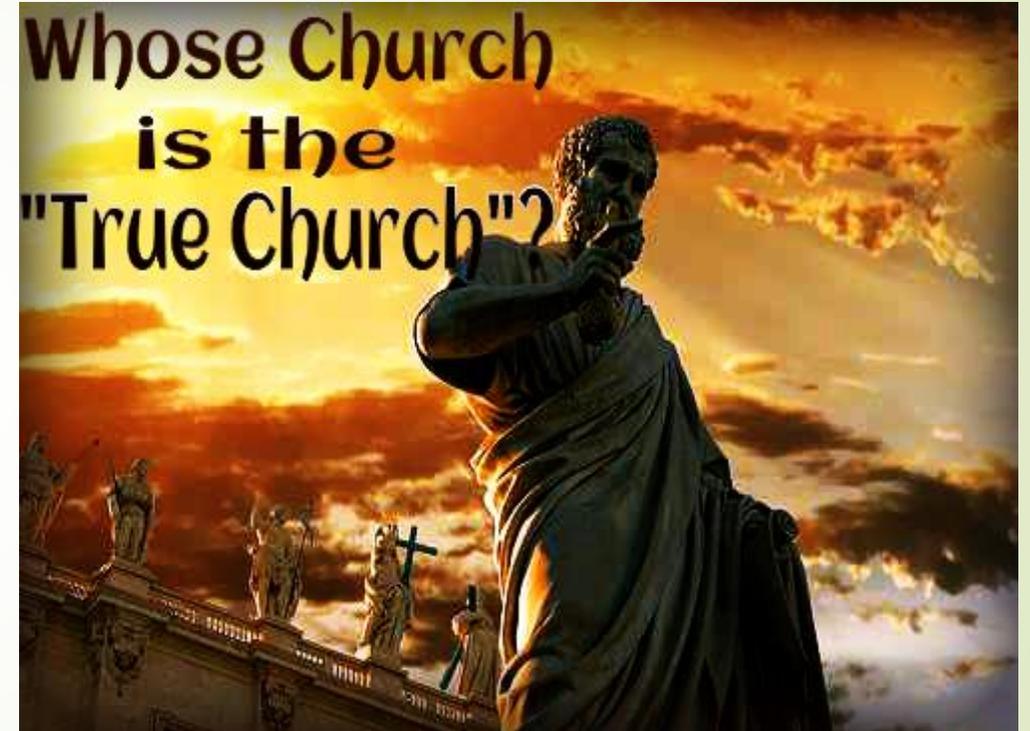
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Ebionites

Were Jews who believed that Jesus was the Messiah, but he was not divine. They saw Him as mere human.

Docetist

Believed Jesus was not human, but he was divine.



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Gnostics

Believed that there were two Gods. One god of the Old Testament and another god of the New Testament.

The god of the Old Testament was evil, and he made the physical world. The God of the New testament was good, and Jesus came to reconnect us with him.

They were anti Jewish and followed the teachings of Plato.





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How Did the Church know what to believe?

Canon of Scripture (measuring Stick)

This is the limits that can be used.

Confession of Faith

What the believer confessed about Jesus that was testified in the Scriptures.



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AD 247- AD 420

1 Timothy 2:1-4 King James Version (KJV)

2 I exhort therefore, that, first, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior;

4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

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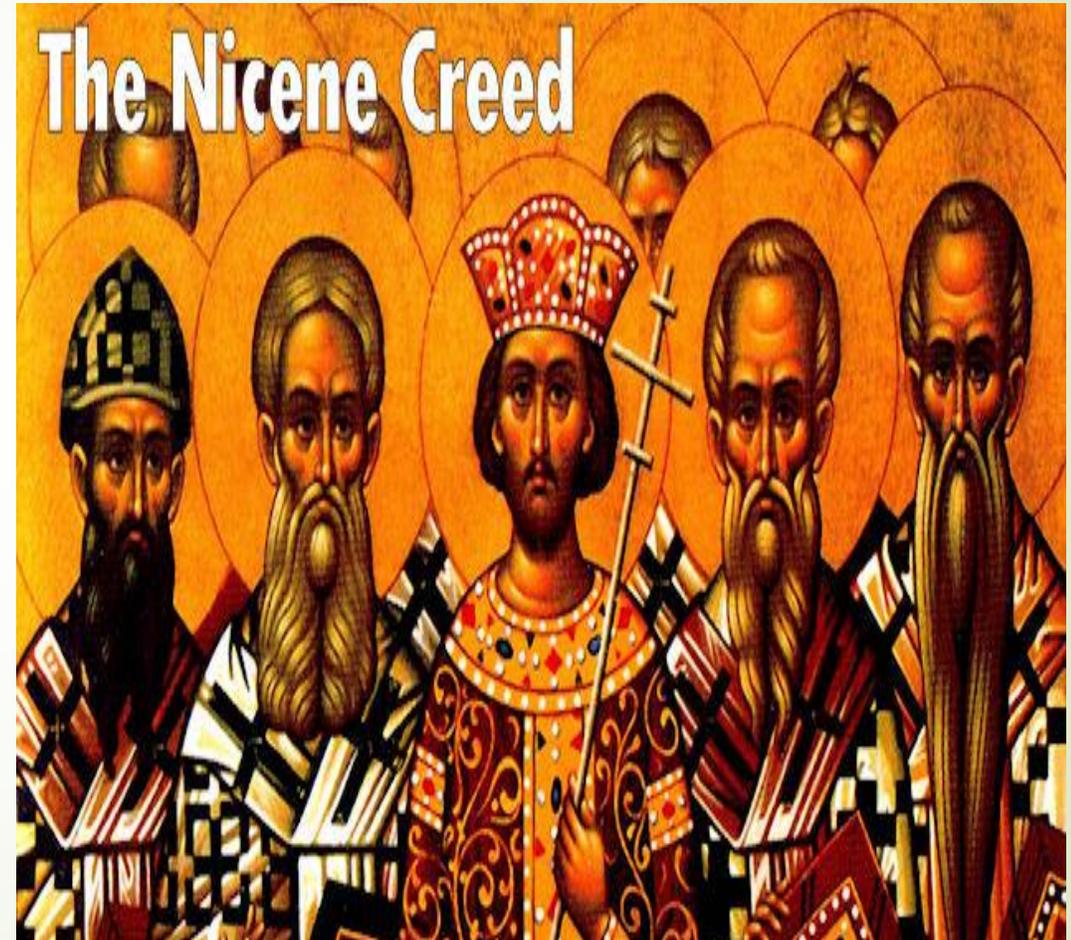
Diocletian becomes emperor

- He decided to have two Emperors. East and West . Each would have a co-emperor for succession.
- Galerius became emperor and put his rival emperor's son(Constantine) in confinement.
- Constantine and Galerius' successor Maxentius fought for control.
- Constantine saw a vision" By this sign you will win. He did.



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- Constantine saw Christ as his personal patron.
- The elder Arius began to teach that Jesus wasn't divine. He taught that Jesus was created. (A Mormon belief today)
- The Council of Nicaea was called to settle dispute.
- The Creed of Nicaea declared that Jesus was divine and added the phrase "of one essence with the Father"





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Key Concept

Learn to live as a servant
leader-

not a leader of servants

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- In AD 400, many barbarians were frustrated with the Roman rulers. They began to invade the Roman Empire and AD 410, Rome fell to invaders.
- Many Romans felt that when Rome worshiped many gods, there was peace and prosperity. When Christianity came, things began to change.
- Monasteries thrived and kept Christianity going . Schools were started inside the Monasteries.



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AD 496-AD 1291

- Muhammad conquers Mecca. Jerusalem fell to the Muslims in 638. Muslims conquered Arabia, Syria, and North Africa.
- Pope Urban encourages the Crusades after the Muslims would charge Christians a Tax to go to Jerusalem for a pilgrimage. On July 15, 1099, the city of Jerusalem falls to the royal crusaders
- It was a bloody affair. Both Jews and Muslims were slaughtered.



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AD 1294-1517

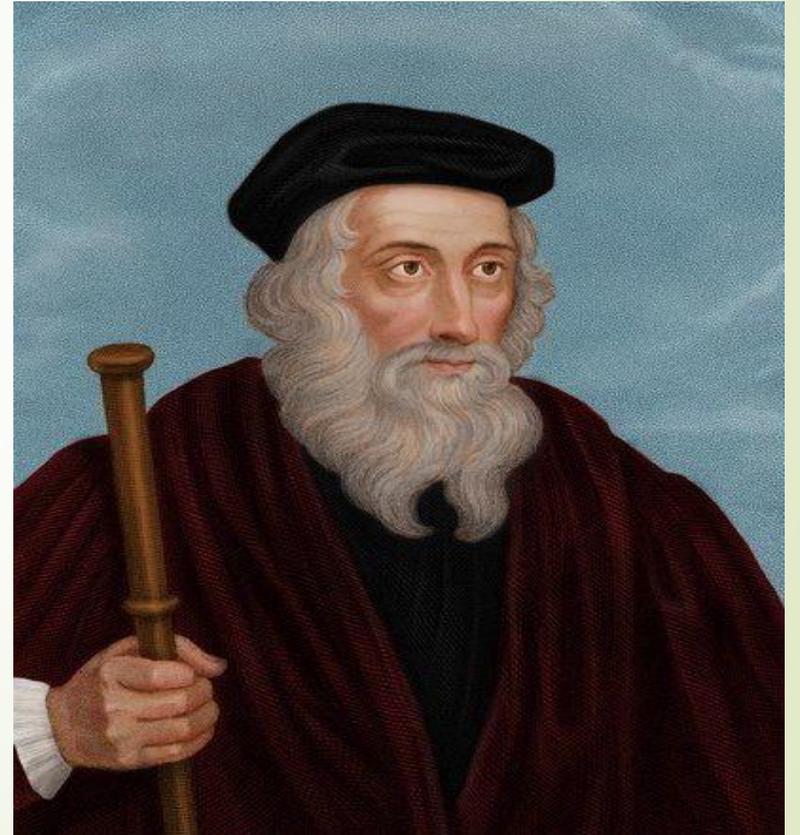
- At one time there were 3 different Popes, there was corruption in the church among its leaders.
- The Black Death spread across Europe. Between 1347 and 1350 more than 23,840,000 people died.



Church History II

AD 1294-1517

- John Wycliffe said the only true Church was not the Pope or Bishops, but the Church was made up of the people called by God to faith in Jesus Christ.
- He believed that every church member should strive to understand the Bible. His followers translated some of the Bible into English,
- The Church leaders called him a heretic. He died of a stroke and was in good standing with the Church



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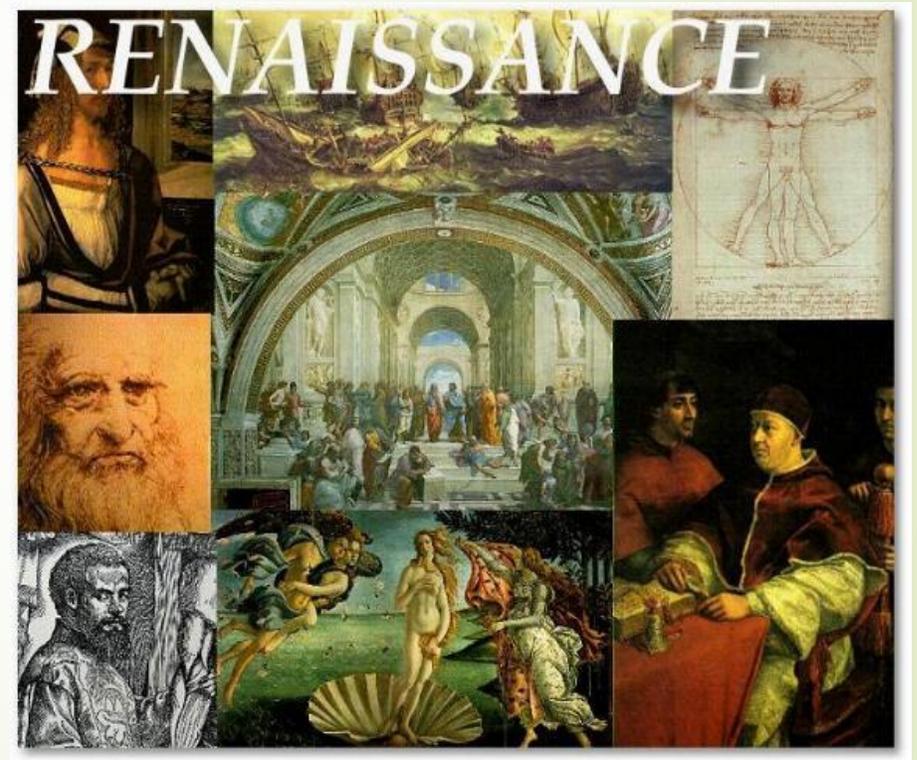
- A brilliant Bohemian embraced Wycliffe's ideas. His name was Jan Hus.
- He was turned over to the government officials and was burned alive. While burning, he said "Lord Jesus, please have mercy on my enemies."



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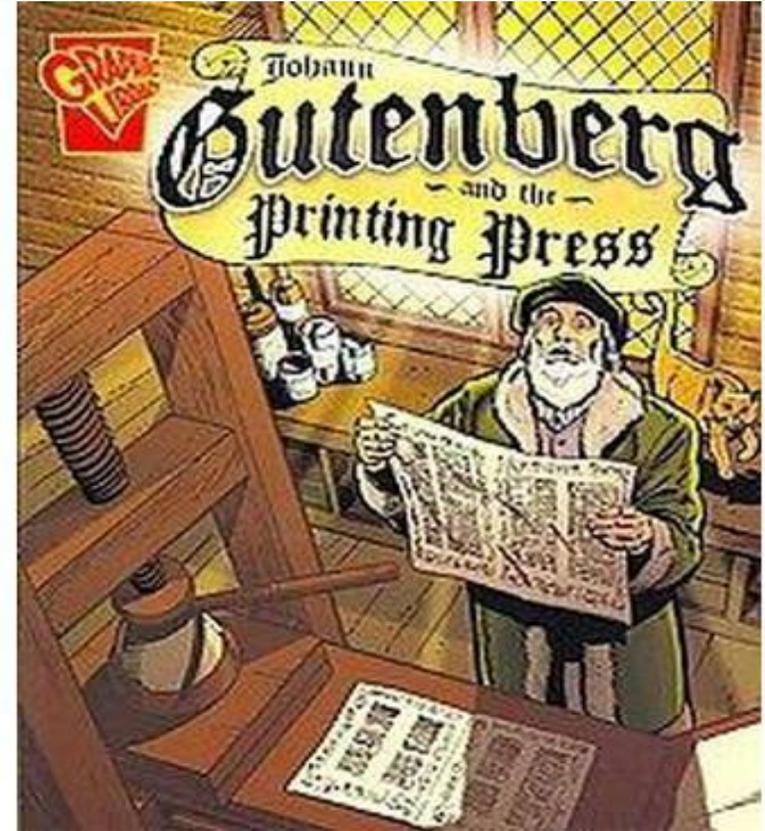
- After the Ottoman Turks took over Constantinople, hundreds of Eastern scholars fled west. They carried ancient Greek manuscripts with them.
- These manuscripts sparked a rebirth called the **Renaissance**. There was a renewed interest in Greek literature and art.
- Some Christians began to focus on the original intent of the scriptures. Their battle cry was "Back to the source"



Church History II

AD 1294-1517

- Much of the popularity of the Renaissance was made possible by the work of a printer name Johann Gutenberg.
- He invented the moveable printing press.
- For the first time, printers could mass produce books. The price of books plummeted. Bibles began to flood Europe.



Church History II

AD 1294-1517

- A young man named Desiderius Erasmus studied Greek throughout Europe. He made scathing remarks about the Pope and the church.
- Erasmus wanted to transform Christ's body- not split it
- In 1516, he published an edition of the Greek New Testament. Now Christians could read the apostle's words in their original language.



Church History II

AD 1500-AD1609

Sola Gratia- Grace
Alone

Sola fide- Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura-
Scripture Alone



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AD 1500-AD 1609

- A lawyer was riding a horse. Lightning struck and knocked him to the ground. He thought this was a sign of God's anger. He cried for help and promised to become a monk.
- His fear of God's judgement followed him to the monastery.
- By 1511, his deep awareness of God's righteousness and his sin, drove him to confessional 6 hours at a time



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AD 1500-AD 1609

- He was sent to study at the University of Wittenberg, but his guilt remain no matter how much he studied.
- He wondered how could anyone please a righteous God.
- Martin Luther found his answer in Erasmus's Greek New Testament.
- He found out that God not only is righteous, but He can give righteousness to sinners, through faith in the righteous life and death of Jesus Christ.
- For years Martin Luther searched for peace, but at the end, Peace found him.



Church History II

AD 1500-AD1609

- The Church was selling indulgences to in order to build St. Peter's Basilica.
- Martin decided to debate the seller of these indulgences and posted a list of 95 topics to debate (thesis)
- This started his protest of the church and its teachings.



Church History II

AD 1500-AD 1609

The Reason for the Reformation

- Sale of Indulgences
- Salvation by Faith Alone
- Justification by Faith Alone
- Non-existence of Purgatory
- Priesthood of All Believers
- Sola Scriptura, "by Scripture Alone"



Church History II

That prior to the revelation of the secret of the body of Christ they (Gentiles) were excluded from Israel and all the benefits Israel enjoyed

Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹ Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

¹² That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

¹⁵ Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

¹⁶ And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:



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17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.



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Ephesians 5:25-32

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it:

²⁶ That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

²⁷ That he might present it to himself a glorious church, **not having spot, or wrinkle**, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

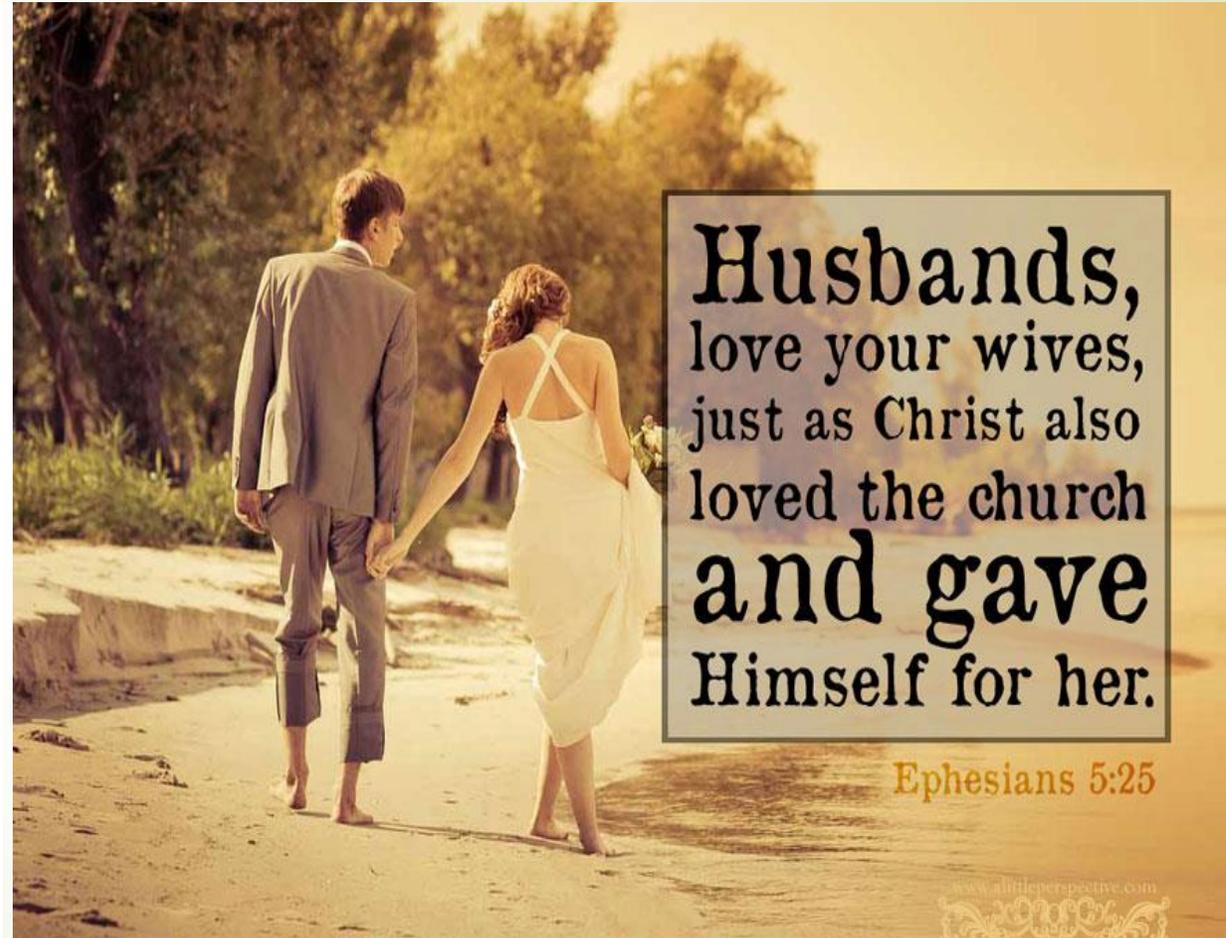
²⁸ So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

²⁹ For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

³⁰ For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

³¹ For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

³² ***This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.***

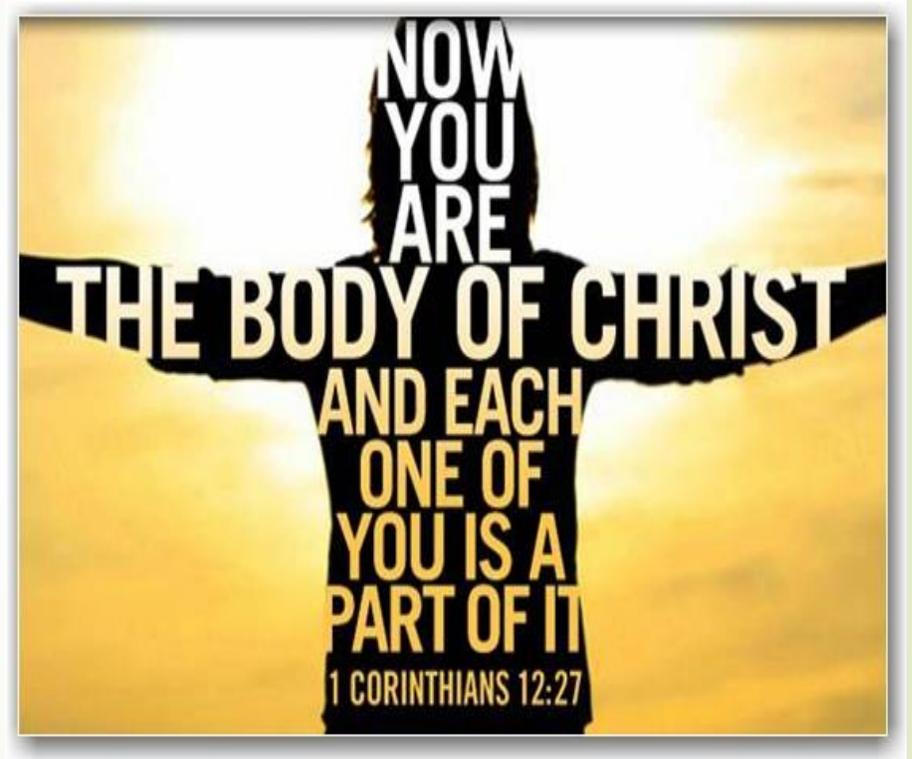


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Paul demonstrated the body of Christ with the human body.

1 Corinthians 12:12

¹² For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.



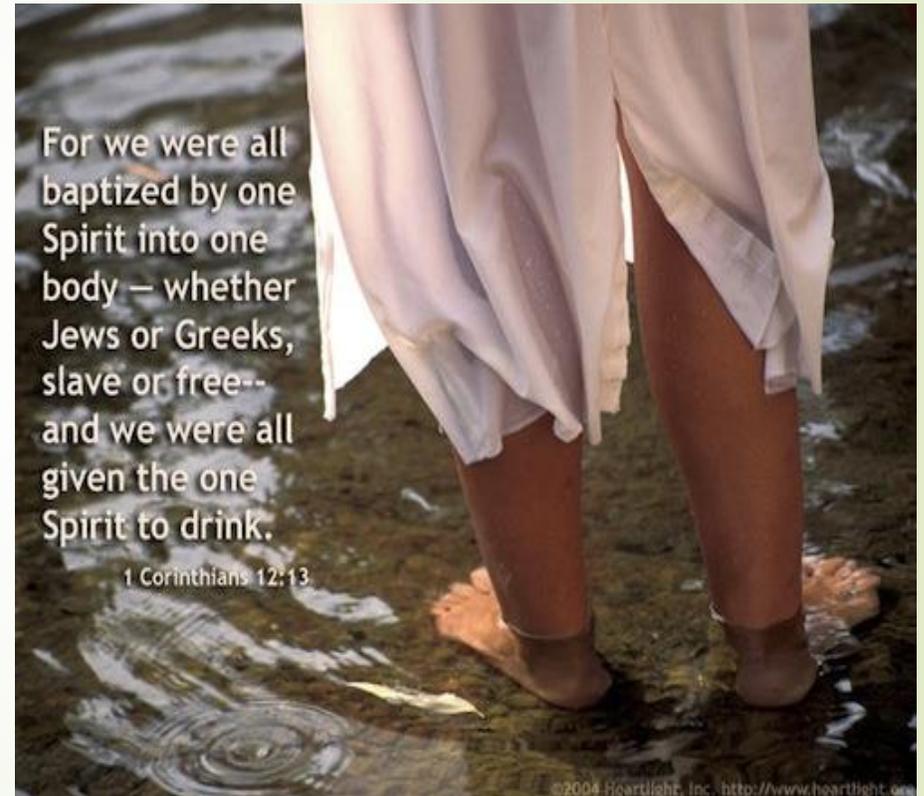
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Becoming a member of the body of Christ, the church is through the baptism of the holy spirit. This is a sensory experience it occurs when one believes the gospel

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

¹² For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

¹³ For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.



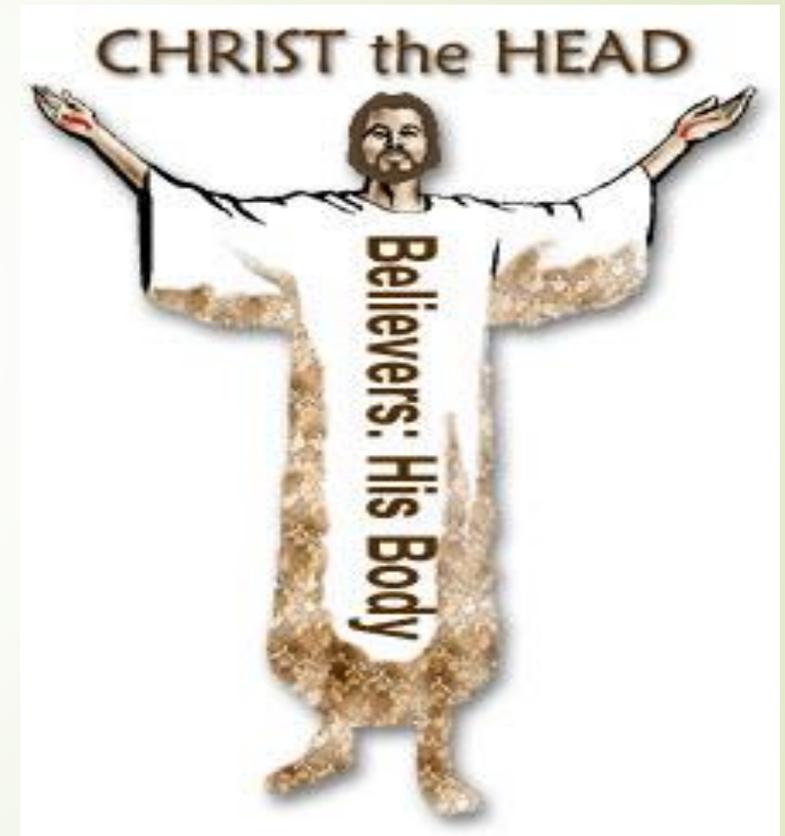
For we were all
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Spirit into one
body – whether
Jews or Greeks,
slave or free--
and we were all
given the one
Spirit to drink.

1 Corinthians 12:13

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- ▶ Paul's conclusion was as the human body is a whole and each part is important so too is the body of Christ
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 12:17 King James Version (KJV)
- ▶ ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?



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Numbers 35:

6 And among the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites there shall be six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint for the manslayer, that he may flee thither: and to them ye shall add forty and two cities.

11 Then ye shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you; that the slayer may flee thither, which killeth any person at unawares.

15 These six cities shall be a refuge, both for the children of Israel, and for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them: that every one that killeth any person unawares may flee thither.

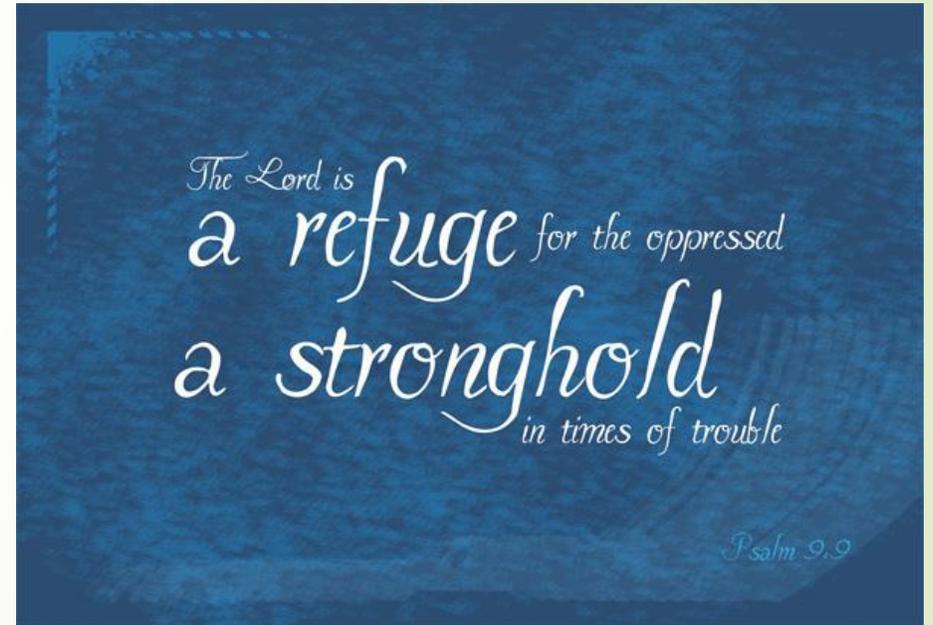
34 Defile not therefore the land which ye shall inhabit, wherein I dwell: for I the LORD dwell among the children of Israel.



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Psalm 9:9

⁹ The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.



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Joshua 2:2-4

² And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Israel to search out the country.

³ And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country.

⁴ And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they were:



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Joshua 2:11

11 And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

18 Behold, when we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee.

19 And it shall be, that whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand be upon him.

