



GREETINGS. THIS WINGS OF EAGLES VIDEO SERIES IS INTENDED TO EXPLAIN TO YOU THE REASONS WE HAVE CHOSEN BELIEVE IN JESUS AND TO FOLLOW THE BIBLE AS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD. TODAY WE ARE BOMBARDED WITH MORE INFORMATION THAN ANYONE HAD TO DEAL WITH IN PAST TIMES FROM TV, INTERNET, FACEBOOK, SNAP CHAT, AND SIMILAR PLATFORMS. ARE WE HERE BECAUSE OF ATHEISTIC EVOLUTION, 24-HOUR CREATION, INTELLIGENT DESIGN, OR SOME OTHER REASON? HAS MODERN SCIENCE DISPROVEN GOD OR MADE HIM IRRELEVANT?

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“Yet those who wait for the Lord Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.”

Isaiah 40:31



IS THERE A GOD, AND IF SO CAN YOU REALISTICALLY DETERMINE WHO THAT GOD IS FROM AMONG THE CHOICES GIVEN TODAY? HOW DO WE INTERPRET THE BIBLE? IS IT GOD'S WORD OR JUST A COLLECTION OF OLD STORIES AND OLD OBSOLETE INSTRUCTIONS? IF YOU COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD AND THE HE MEANS WHAT HE SAID, WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

## **WINGS OF EAGLES VIDEO SERIES**

### **1. IF GOD?**

**IS THERE A GOD OR IS ATHEISTIC EVOLUTION THE ANSWER?**

### **2. WHICH GOD?**

**OF THE OFFERINGS TO BE GOD, WHICH IS CREDIBLE?**

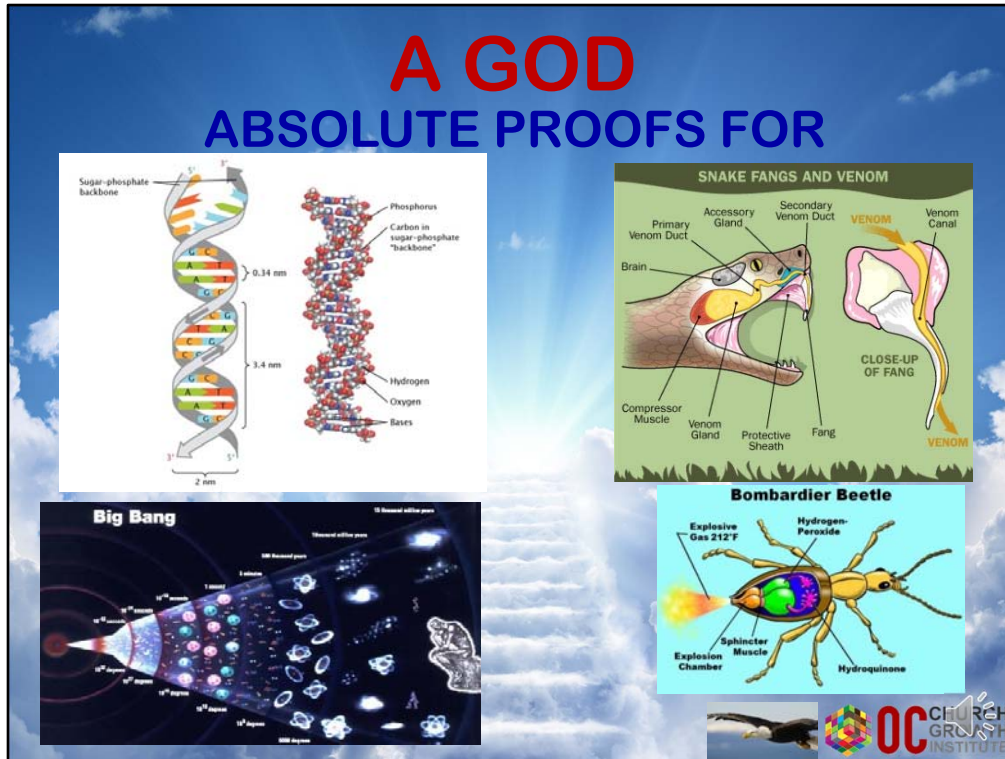
### **3. WHAT'S NEXT?**

**OF THE GROUPS WHICH CLAIM TO FOLLOW JEHOVAH AND JESUS, WHICH IS CREDIBLE? A HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY. WHAT ABOUT YOU AND ME**



THIS IS A 3 LESSON SERIES WHICH ARE - IF THERE IS A GOD, IF THERE IS A GOD THEN WHICH ONE IS HE FROM THE CHOICES AVAILABLE, AND FINALLY IF YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED THE GOD WHAT SHOULD YOU DO. YOU WILL BE GIVEN ACCESS TO A FULL SET OF READY REFERENCES WHEN THE COURSE IS COMPLETE. WE WILL BE LOOKING AT LESSON 3 TODAY, WHAT'S NEXT?

# A GOD ABSOLUTE PROOFS FOR

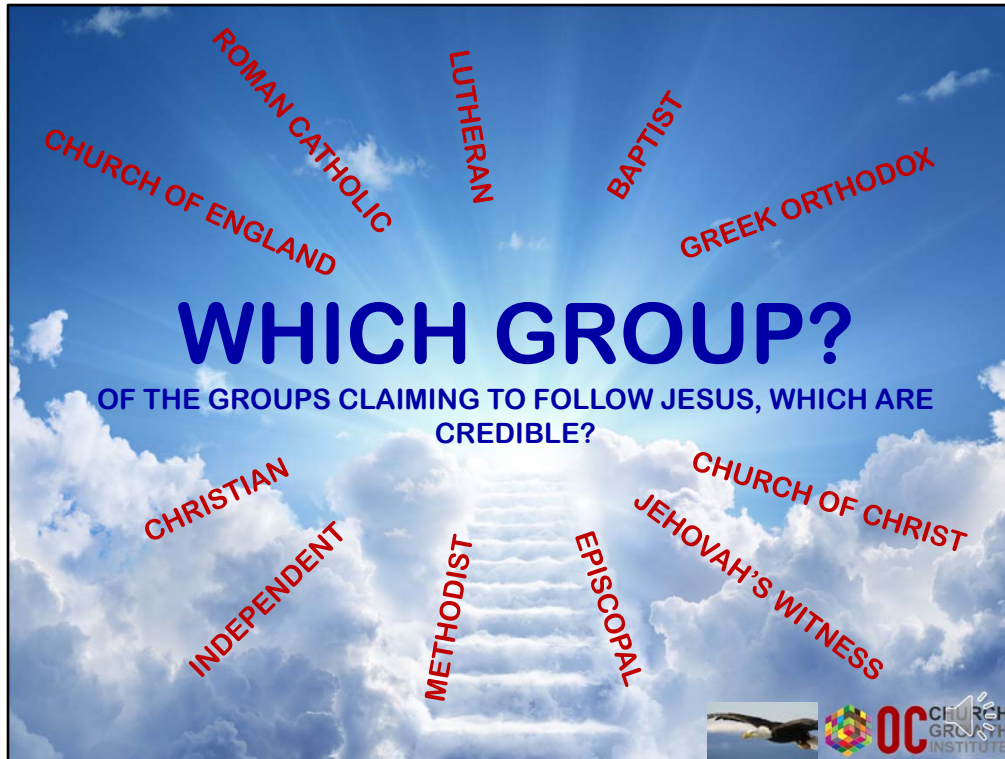


IN LESSON 1 WE CONCLUDED THERE WERE ABSOLUTE PROOFS FOR A GOD INCLUDING THE COMPLEX PROGRAMMING OF DNA, THE CREATION OF THE RATTLESNAKE'S POISON SYSTEM, AND BOMBARDIER'S SPECIAL TALENT. AS THESE ARE ABSOLUTE PROOFS OF A GOD, THEY ARE THEREFORE ABSOLUTE DISPROOFS OF ATHEISTIC EVOLUTION.



IN THE SECOND LESSON WE CONCLUDED THAT THE GOD OF THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN HERITAGE WAS THAT GOD. WE ADDITIONALLY CONCLUDED THAT THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION WAS THE CURRENT PATH TO GOD. THIS LESSON STARTS WITH THOSE CONCLUSIONS AND BUILDS ON THEM.





THE FIRST TOPIC OF THIS LESSON IS WHICH CHRISTIAN GROUP YOU SHOULD FOLLOW. THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF DIFFERENT GROUPS CLAIMING TO FOLLOW JESUS, ALL INCLUDING GOOD, SINCERE, AND WELL MEANING MEMBERS. WE CONCLUDED THAT MAN'S MANY WAYS TO BELIEVE IN GOD WERE NOT REASONABLE. WE SHALL CONSIDER IN THIS LESSON WHETHER THE MANY WAYS MEN WORSHIP JESUS ARE ALL ACCEPTABLE, OR WHETHER THE BIBLE ACTUALLY PROVIDES SOME INSTRUCTIONS WE NEED TO FOLLOW. IS IT IMPORTANT, HOW DO YOU DECIDE? IT IS NOT ACTUALLY OUR GOAL TO IDENTIFY THE WRONG PATHS BUT SIMPLY TO IDENTIFY THE RIGHT PATH.



YOU MIGHT ASK WHETHER THIS IS AN APPROPRIATE QUESTION TO ASK. IT IS CERTAINLY NOT A POLITICALLY CORRECT QUESTION TO ASK TODAY. HOWEVER, CHRISTIANITY IS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE IN THE POLITICALLY CORRECT BUSINESS.

# IS THIS AN APPROPRIATE QUESTION?

30 YEARS LATER IN GALATIANS 5:4  
“FALLEN FROM GRACE.”

60 YEARS LATER IN REV. 3:16  
“SO REMEMBER WHAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED AND  
HEARD; AND KEEP IT, AND REPENT.”

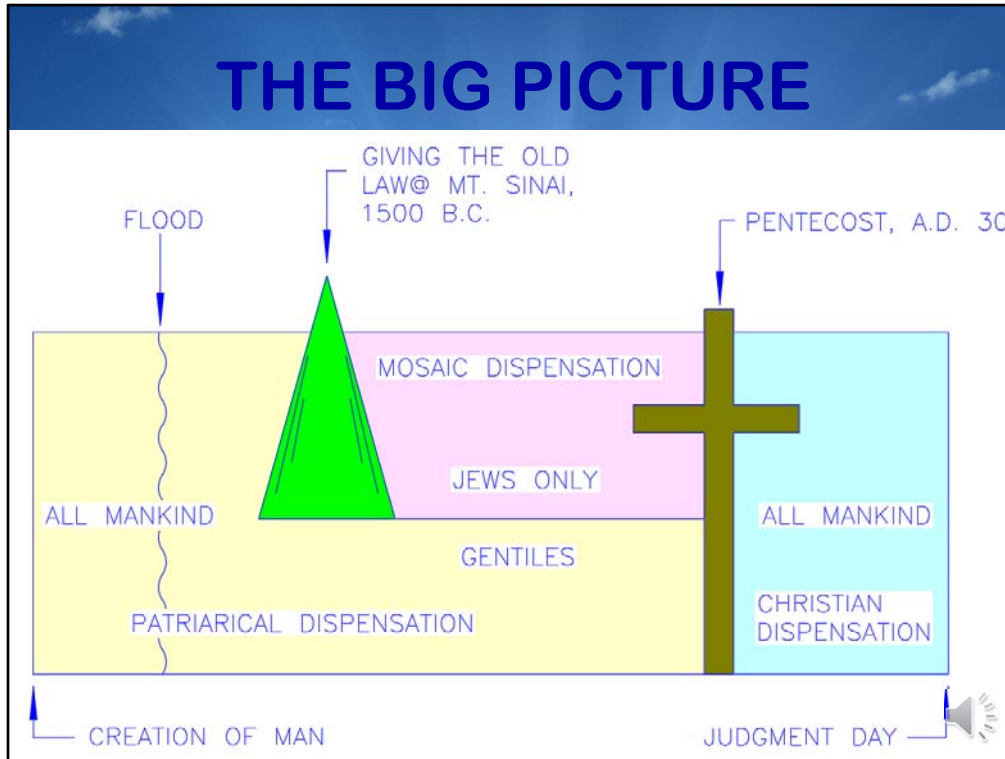


CONSIDER THAT 30 YEARS AFTER THE CHURCH WAS STARTED MEMBERS IN GALATIA WERE FALLING FROM GRACE BECAUSE OF DEPARTING FROM THE SCRIPTURES. 60 YEARS AFTER PENTECOST REVELATION WAS REPORTING THAT MEMBERS WERE DEPARTING FROM THE WORD AND NEEDED TO REPENT OF IT. IT WOULD BE NAÏVE TO THINK THAT 2000 YEARS LATER THERE WOULD NOT BE MANY DEPARTURES FROM THE RECEIVED WORD.





ALL THIS SAYS THAT GOD HAD A PLAN. HE CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH. HE CREATED AN ETERNAL HOME FOR US IN HEAVEN AND HE CREATED TEMPORARY LIVES FOR US ON EARTH. HE ASKED THAT WE LIVE LIVES GENERALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS WISHES. IF WE DO WE WILL HAVE THAT ETERNAL HOME WITH HIM IN HEAVEN. HE CREATED US IN HIS OWN IMAGE AS FREE MORAL AGENTS SO WE CAN CHOOSE TO FOLLOW HIS COMMANDS OR NOT. THE NEXT FEW SLIDES WILL GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF HIS PLAN.



IN THE BIG PICTURE, ALL MANKIND WAS ORIGINALLY UNDER WHAT WAS CALLED THE PATRIARICAL DISPENSATION IN WHICH AT LEAST SOME MEN COMMUNICATED DIRECTLY WITH GOD. THE WORLD BECAME SO SINFUL DURING THIS PERIOD THAT GOD STARTED OVER WITH NOAH AND HIS FAMILY AFTER THE FLOOD ABOUT 4400 YEARS AGO. ABOUT 3500 YEARS AGO GOD SEPARATED THE JEWISH PEOPLE UNDER A SPECIAL LAW TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE CHRIST. AT THAT TIME THE JEWS LIVED IN THE JEWISH DISPENSATION AND EVERYONE ELSE CONTINUED IN THE PATRIARICAL DISPENSATION. ABOUT 2000 YEARS AGO JESUS CHRIST CAME, GAVE HIS LIFE IN A CRUEL SACRIFICE FOR OUR SINS ON CALVARY'S CROSS AND STARTED THE CHRISTIAN DISPENSATION. CHRISTIANITY IS FOR ALL MANKIND AND FOR ALL TIME UNTIL HE RETURNS.

# CREATION

**GENESIS 1:26** Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

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AS GENESIS 1:1 SAYS "IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH. AFTER GOD CREATED THE PLANTS AND THE ANIMALS, GOD CREATED ADAM AND EVE IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN SOMETHING MORE THAN 6000 YEARS AGO. AFTER EVE THEN ADAM ATE FROM THE FRUIT OF THE ONE TREE WHICH GOD SAID NOT TO, THEY WERE DRIVEN FROM THE IDYLIC GARDEN TO LIVE IN THE REGULAR WORLD. THIS SHOWS RIGHT FROM THE START THAT ON THE ONE HAND GOD WAS HAPPY FOR THEM TO HAVE AN IDYLIC LIFE, BUT HE MEANT WHAT HE SAID. AFTER GOD CREATED ALL THE PLANTS AND ANIMALS, HE CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE. WE ARE NOT SURE WHAT ALL IS OWN IMAGE MEANS, BUT AT LEAST PART OF IT IS THAT WE ARE FREE MORAL AGENTS WHO CAN CHOOSE TO SIN OR OBEY GOD. NO OTHER PLANTS OR ANIMALS HAVE THIS KIND OF ABILITY.

# THE FLOOD

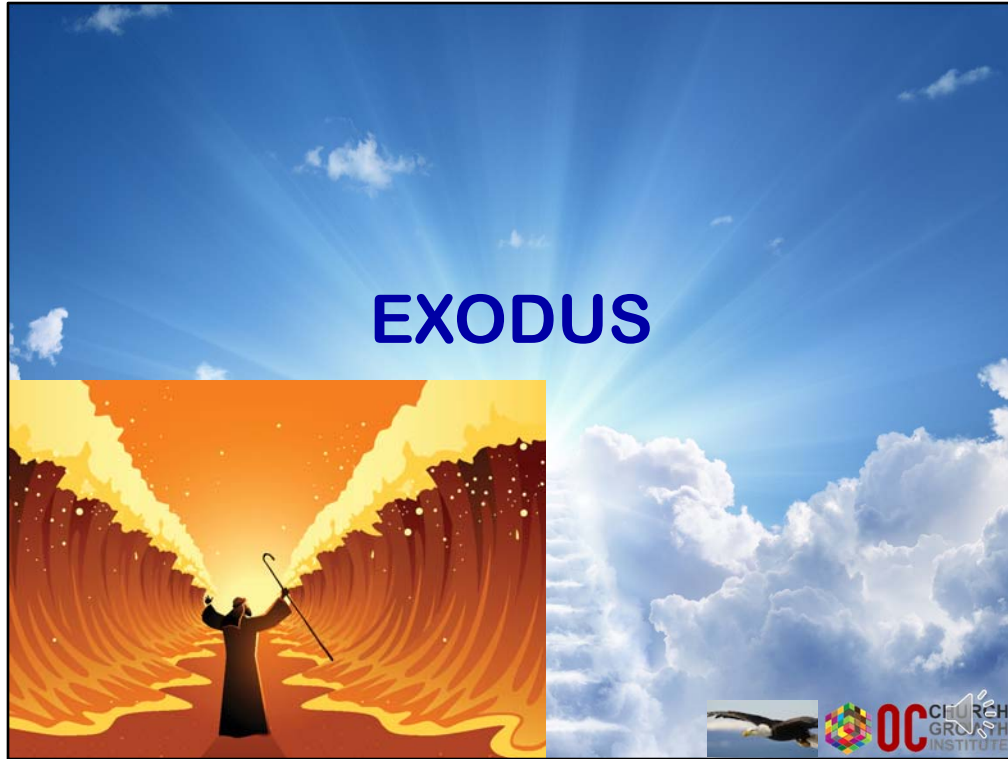


ABOUT 4500 YEARS AGO GOD WAS DISPLEASED WITH THE WICKEDNESS OF MANKIND. HE CAUSED THE FLOOD AND RESTARTED CIVILIZATION WITH NOAH AND HIS FAMILY. AGAIN, THIS SHOWED THE SURENESS OF THE JUDGMENT OF GOD.

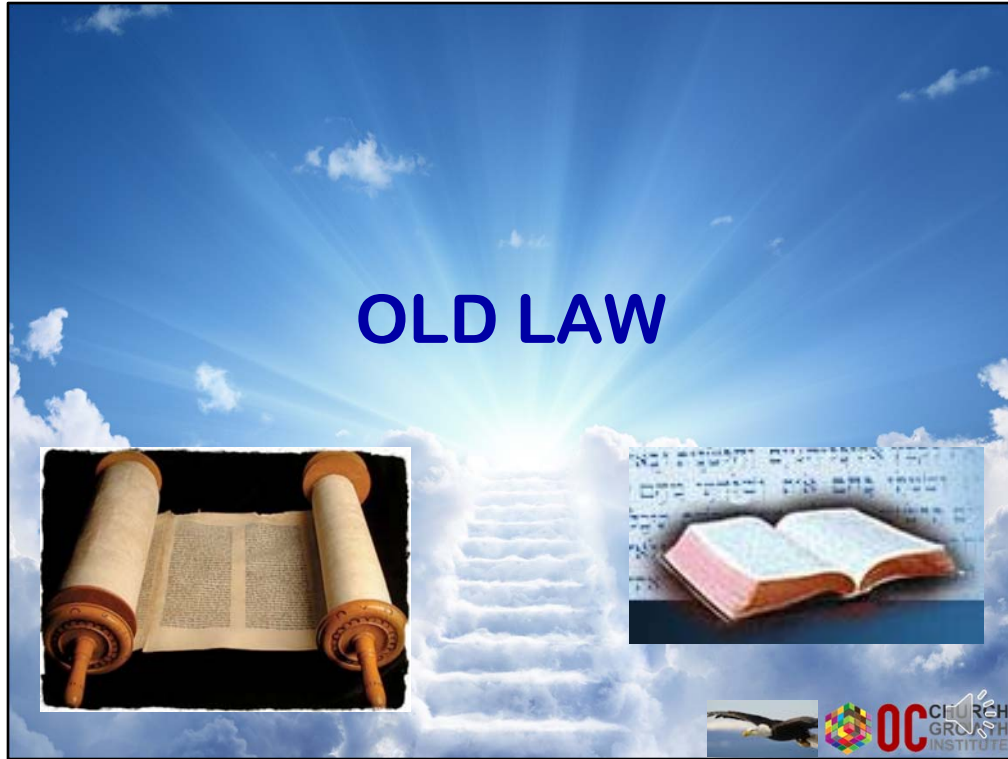


ABOUT 3900 YEARS AGO GOD MADE A COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM THAT THROUGH HIS SEED EVERY NATION WOULD BE BLESSED. THAT BLESSING WOULD BE FULFILLED MANY YEARS LATER THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.





ABOUT 3500 YEARS AGO AFTER ABRAHAM'S DECENDANTS HAD BEEN SLAVES IN EGYPT FOR ABOUT 400 YEARS, GOD SENT MOSES TO LEAD THEM THROUGH THE RED SEA AND TOWARDS THE LAND THAT HE HAD PROMISED TO THEM.



SHORTLY AFTER THE EXODUS, MOSES RECEIVED THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FROM GOD ON MOUNT SINAI WHICH IS THE BEGINNING OF THE OLD TESTAMENT LAWS. THE JEWISH PEOPLE LIVED UNDER THE OLD TESTAMENT LAWS FOR ABOUT 1500 YEARS TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR CHRIST TO COME AND FULFILL THE PROPHECIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

**John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.**

## **BIRTH**



**AFTER ABOUT 1500 YEARS IN 0 B.C. JESUS WAS BORN IN A MANGER IN BETHLEHEM. LITERALLY, GOD SENT HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON FROM HEAVEN TO LIVE A HUMAN LIFE ON EARTH AS A PART OF THE PLAN TO PROVIDE ETERNAL LIFE IN HEAVEN FOR WHOEVER BELIEVED IN HIM.**



JESUS LIVED HIS ENTIRE LIFE AS A FAITHFUL, PRACTICING JEWISH PERSON. LITTLE IS KNOWN OF HIM BETWEEN HIS BIRTH AND THE START OF HIS MINISTRY AT 30 YEARS OLD OTHER THAN A TRIP TO JERUSALEM AT 12 YEARS OLD AND THAT HE WORKED AS A CARPENTER. AT 30 YEARS OLD HE STARTED A 3 YEAR MINISTRY AS AN ITENERATE PREACHER AND TEACHER, NEVER TRAVELLING VERY FAR FROM HOME.



AT 33 YEARS OLD JESUS WAS TRIED BY THE JEWISH AUTHORTIES, HANDED OVER TO THE ROMANS FOR CRUCIFIXION, DIED, AND WAS BURIED. GOD WATCHED AS HIS SON WAS FALSELY TRIED, BEATEN, AND CRUCIFIED. CRUCIFIXION WAS DESIGNED TO BE THE MOST PAINFUL AND HUMILIATING WAY YOU COULD DIE. THIS IMAGE, AS MOST IMAGES DO, DEPICTS CHRIST WITH SOME CLOTHES ON. HE WOULD HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED NAKED TO BE AS HUMILIATING AS POSSIBLE.



# THE RESURRECTION



AFTER 3 DAYS IN THE GRAVE JESUS WAS RESURRECTED BACK TO LIFE. THE BEST PROOF THAT JESUS ACTUALLY DIED AND WAS RESURRECTED WAS THAT FIRST CENTURY CHURCH SERVICES WERE HELD ON SUNDAY WITHOUT EVEN A DISCUSSION. ALL THE EARLY CHRISTIANS HAD BEEN JEWISH AND HAD A LONG HISTORY AND TRADITION OF WORSHIPING ON THE SABBATH OR SATURDAY. THAT THEY NOW WORSHIPPED ON SUNDAY INSTEAD WITHOUT A DISCUSSION SAYS THEY BELIEVED SOMETHING REALLY DRAMATIC HAD HAPPENED.

**DAY OF PENTECOST**

**50 DAYS LATER AT THE DAY OF PENTECOST, CHRIST'S CHURCH WAS ESTABLISHED**

**ACTS 2:38**

**"PETER SAID UNTO THEM 'REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS, AND YOU WILL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'"**

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**ABOUT 50 DAYS LATER ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST, THE APOSTLES RECEIVED SPECIAL POWERS FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT. THEN PETER PREACHED THE FIRST SERMON, INCLUDING THE ACTS 2:38 VERSE WE HAVE QUOTED WITH "REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS, AND YOU WILL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT". AT LEAST 3000 WERE IMMersed OR BAPTIZED THAT DAY AND CHRIST'S CHURCH OR THE KINGDOM OF GOD ON EARTH WAS ESTABLISHED.**

# MISSIONARY JOURNEYS



OVER THE NEXT 60 YEARS THE APOSTLES AND OTHERS WERE TAKING THE GOSPEL OR GOOD NEWS TO EVERYONE THEY COULD TALK TO. AFTER PAUL SAW JESUS IN A VISION WHILE HE WAS ON THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS TO HARM CHRISTIANS, HE WAS CONVERTED. HE CONDUCTED SEVERAL MISSIONARY JOURNEYS FROM JERUSALEM TO ENDING IN PRISON IN ROME.



DURING THE MISSIONARY PERIOD OF THE FIRST CENTURY, THE FOUR GOSPELS OF MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE, AND JOHN WERE WRITTEN TO DOCUMENT THE LIFE OF JESUS. THE BOOK OF ACTS WAS WRITTEN TO DOCUMENT THE HISTORY OF THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH, FOCUSING ON THE ACTIVITIES OF PETER AND PAUL. THE LAST BOOK IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, REVELATION, WAS WRITTEN IN ABOUT A.D. 95 BY JOHN AND IS A COMBINATION OF CHURCH HISTORY AND PROPHECY. THE REMAINING 21 BOOKS BETWEEN ACTS AND REVELATION ARE PRIMARILY LETTERS TO CHURCHES GIVING INSTRUCTIONS AND DEALING WITH THEIR PROBLEMS. THESE LETTERS WERE COLLECTED INTO WHAT WE CALL THE NEW TESTAMENT TODAY.



GENERALLY FROM THE FALL OF ROME IN THE LATE 4<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY TO THE BEGINNING OF THE REFORMATION MOVEMENT WAS CALLED THE MIDDLE AGES. RELIGIOUSLY THIS PERIOD WAS CHARACTERIZED BY LACK OF GOOD ACCESS TO THE SCRIPTURES AND THE DOMINANT CHURCHES ACCUMULATING MORE AND MORE PRACTICES WHICH WERE IN CONFLICT WITH THE SCRIPTURES.





BEGINNING IN 1517 WHEN THE MONK MARTIN LUTHER POSTED A LIST OF 95 THINGS HE UNDERSTOOD THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WAS DOING UNSCRIPTURALLY, EFFORTS WERE MADE TO REFORM THE PRACTICES OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH BACK TO BEING MORE SCRIPTURAL. MOST OF THE WELL-KNOWN DENOMINATIONS WERE STARTED DURING THIS MOVEMENT.



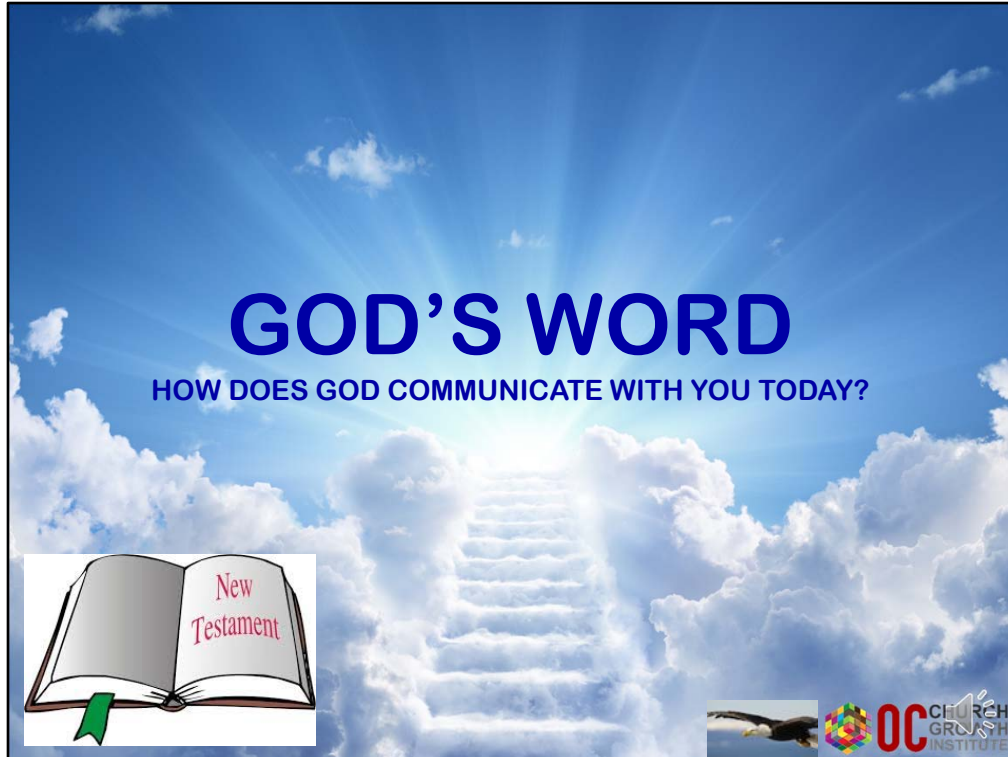
IN THE EARLY 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY A RESTORATION MOVEMENT WAS STARTED. THIS MOVEMENT WAS NOT TO REFORM THE PRACTICES OF EXISTING CHURCHES, BUT TO SIMPLY GO BACK AND START WITH THE BIBLE. THIS WAS GREATLY FACILITATED BY A GREATER ACCESS TO THE SCRIPTURES FOR THE COMMON MAN AND A GREATER GENERAL LITERACY RATE. A MOTTO OF THIS MOVEMENT WAS “SPEAK WHERE THE BIBLE SPEAKS AND REMAIN SILENT WHERE THE BIBLE IS SILENT”, OR THE MORE MODERN “JUST THE BIBLE”.



IN THESE TIMES WHEN MOST PEOPLE THINK ONE CHURCH IS AS GOOD AS ANOTHER, DOES IT REALLY MATTER WHERE YOU ATTEND? DOES GOD ACTUALLY HAVE A PREFERENCE? DOES GOD INDICATE HIS PREFERENCE?



IF WE ARE GOING TO FIND CHRIST'S CHURCH, THE FIRST THING TO CLARIFY IS HOW WE GET THE WORD OF GOD TODAY? IF GOD HAS COMMUNICATED HIS WORD TO US BY SOME METHOD AND HE INTENDS FOR US TO FOLLOW IT, IT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



THE SIMPLE ANSWER IS GOD COMMUNICATES THROUGH YOUR BIBLE. HOWEVER, PEOPLE BELIEVE IN MANY METHODS TODAY. SOME PEOPLE GET GOD'S WORD FROM OTHERS TELLING THEM WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS, SO THEY ARE SORT OF GETTING IT SECOND HAND THROUGH THE INTERPRETATION OF SOMEONE ELSE. SOME PEOPLE THINK THE BIBLE IS GOOD GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW, BUT YOU HAVE A LOT OF FLEXIBILITY. SOME ORGANIZATIONS MAKE UP OPERATING BELIEFS FOR THEIR FOLLOWERS, WHICH IN SOME CASES CONFLICT WITH WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS. THEY ARE USUALLY SINCERE, BELIEVING THAT THE 2000 YEAR OLD INSTRUCTIONS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT NEED TO BE UPDATED TO OUR SITUATIONS. SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THEY RECEIVE A MESSAGE DIRECTLY FROM GOD TODAY. IS IT O.K. TO BELIEVE WHATEVER YOU LIKE, OR HAS GOD GIVEN SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS?



## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

REV. 22:18-19 I TESTIFY TO EVERYONE WHO HEARS THE WORDS OF THE PROPHECY OF THIS BOOK, IF ANYONE ADDS TO THEM, GOD WILL ADD TO HIM THE PLAGUES WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK; AND IF ANYONE TAKES AWAY FROM THE WORDS OF THE BOOK OF THIS PROPHECY, GOD WILL TAKE AWAY HIS PART FROM THE TREE OF LIFE AND FROM THE HOLY CITY, WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK.



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# DOES GOD MEAN WHAT HE SAYS?

## GARDEN OF EDEN

ADAM & EVE KICKED OUR FOR BREAKING THE RULE OF EATING THE FRUIT OF THE TREE

## THE FLOOD

ALL EXCEPT NOAH AND HIS FAMILY DESTROYED

## SODOM & GOMORRAH

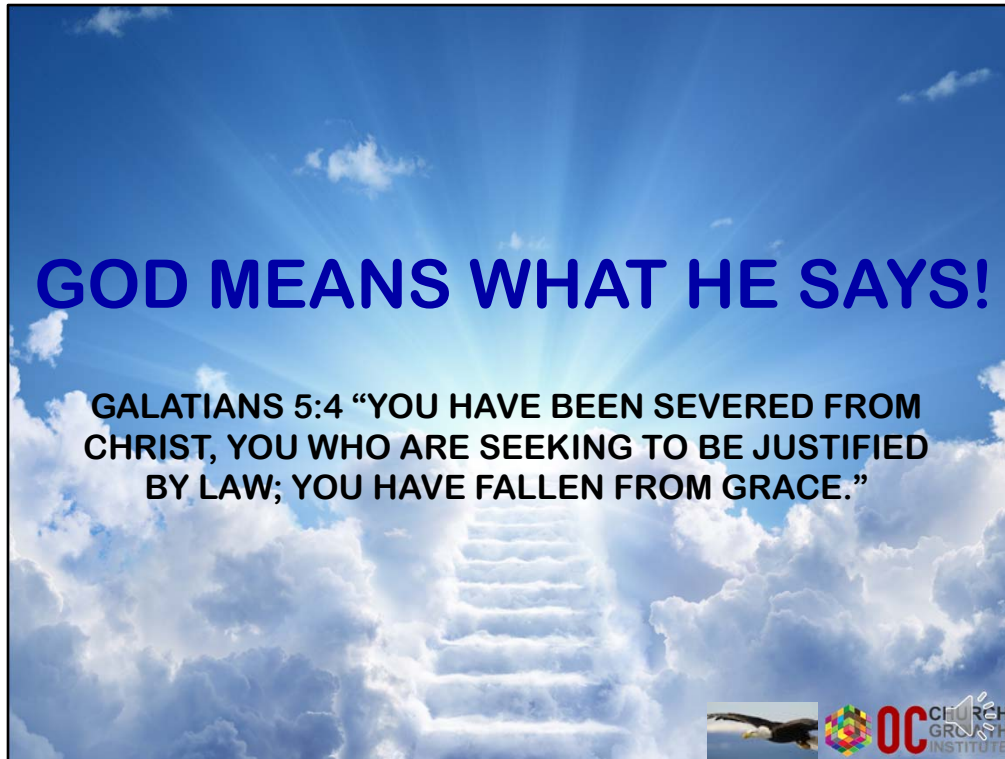
CITIES DESTROYED

UZZAH TOUCHING THE ARK OF THE COVENANT AGAINST THE LAW  
DIED ON THE SPOT

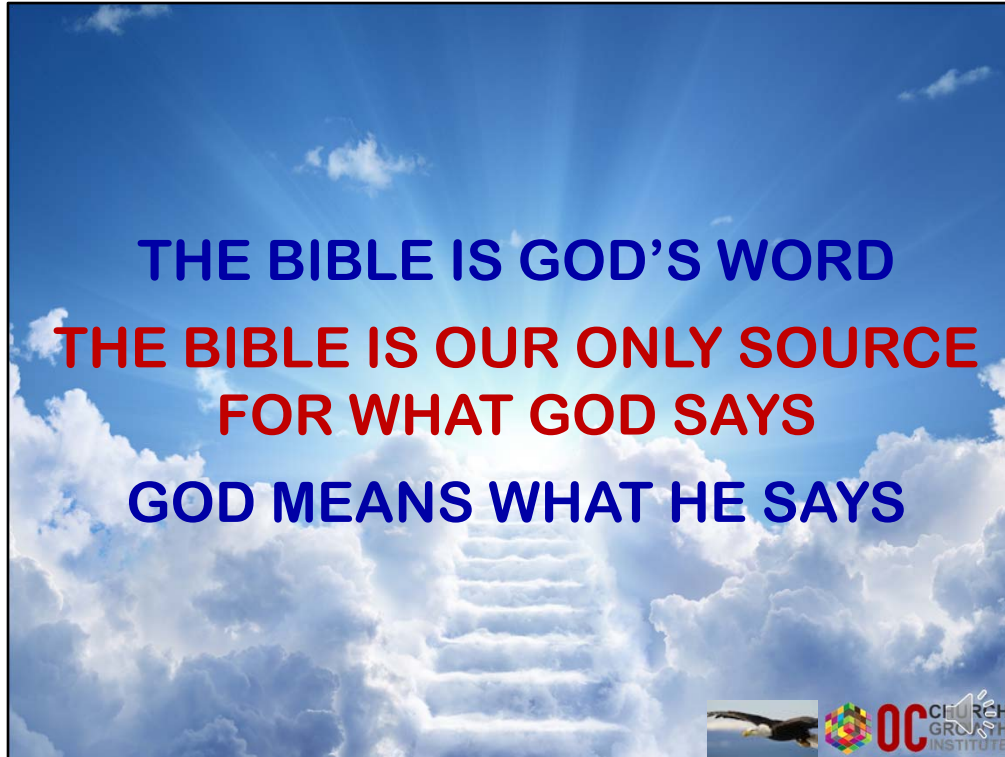
ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA LIED IN ACTS  
DIED ON THE SPOT



IN CASES WHERE WE SEE THE LAW GIVEN, THE ACTIONS OF THE PEOPLE, AND THE JUDGMENT OF GOD, GOD'S JUDGMENT INDICATES HE MEANS WHAT HE SAYS. IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN ADAM AND EVE WERE KICKED OUT FOR DISOBEYING GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS. WHEN GOD WAS DISPLEASED WITH MANKIND, HE BROUGHT ON A GREAT FLOOD AND RESTARTED CIVILIZATION WITH NOAH'S FAMILY. SODOM AND GOMORRAH WERE SO WICKED THAT GOD DESTROYED THEM WITH FIRE AND BRIMSTONE. WHEN UZZAH TRIED TO BE HELPFUL AND TOUCHED THE ARK OF THE COVENANT TO STEADY IT IN CONFLICT WITH GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS HE DIED. IN THE NEW TESTAMENT WHEN ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA LIED ABOUT THE LAND THEY SOLD WHEN THEY GAVE SOME OF THE MONEY TO THE CHURCH THEY DIED. THERE IS NO CONCLUSION TO DRAW BUT THAT GOD MEANS WHAT HE SAYS.



GALATIANS 5:4 SAYS "YOU HAVE BEEN SEVERED FROM CHRIST, YOU WHO ARE SEEKING TO BE JUSTIFIED BY LAW; YOU HAVE FALLEN FROM GRACE." THIS MEANS THAT 1<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CHRISTIANS WERE FALLING FROM A STATE OF SALVATION BY SIMPLY BRINGING GOD'S OLD LAW INTO GOD'S NEW LAW. WOULD YOU EXPECT TO BE ANY BETTER OFF WHEN YOU REPLACE GOD'S NEW LAW WITH YOUR PERSONAL CHOICES? IN THIS WE HAVE AN OBJECTIVE MEASURE. IF YOU DEPART FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT MORE THAN THE EQUIVALENT OF ADDING GOD'S OLD TESTAMENT RULES INTO YOUR CHURCH, YOU WILL FALL FROM GRACE.



WE ARE NOW GOING TO PRESUME THAT YOU HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE **BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD, THE BIBLE IS OUR ONLY SOURCE FOR WHAT GOD SAYS, AND GOD MEANS WHAT HE SAYS.** IF THAT IS NOT TRUE, WE NEED TO GO BACKWARDS IN THIS SERIES TO BUILD TO THIS CONCLUSION. IF YOU STILL BELIEVE THAT WHATEVER FEELS RIGHT TO YOU IS O.K. TO DO OR WHATEVER SOME OTHER RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY SAYS IS WHAT TO DO IS O.K., THE FOLLOWING WILL NOT MAKE SENSE. THE FOLLOWING ONLY SAYS WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES.



THIS IS THE APPROACH GENERALLY STATED AS SPEAK WHERE THE BIBLE SPEAKS AND REMAIN SILENT WHERE THE BIBLE IS SILENT OR JUST THE BIBLE. THIS SAYS THAT WE BELIEVE THAT GOD PREPARED THE NEW TESTAMENT TO BE GOOD FOR RELIGIOUS TEACHINGS UNTIL JESUS RETURNS. THAT IS A BASIC BELIEF THAT WE BELIEVE THE BIBLE SAYS WHAT IT MEANS AND MEANS WHAT IT SAYS. OPERATING PRACTICES FOR A CHURCH WILL BE UPDATED FROM TIME TO TIME, BUT THE RELIGIOUS TEACHINGS REMAIN CONSTANT.



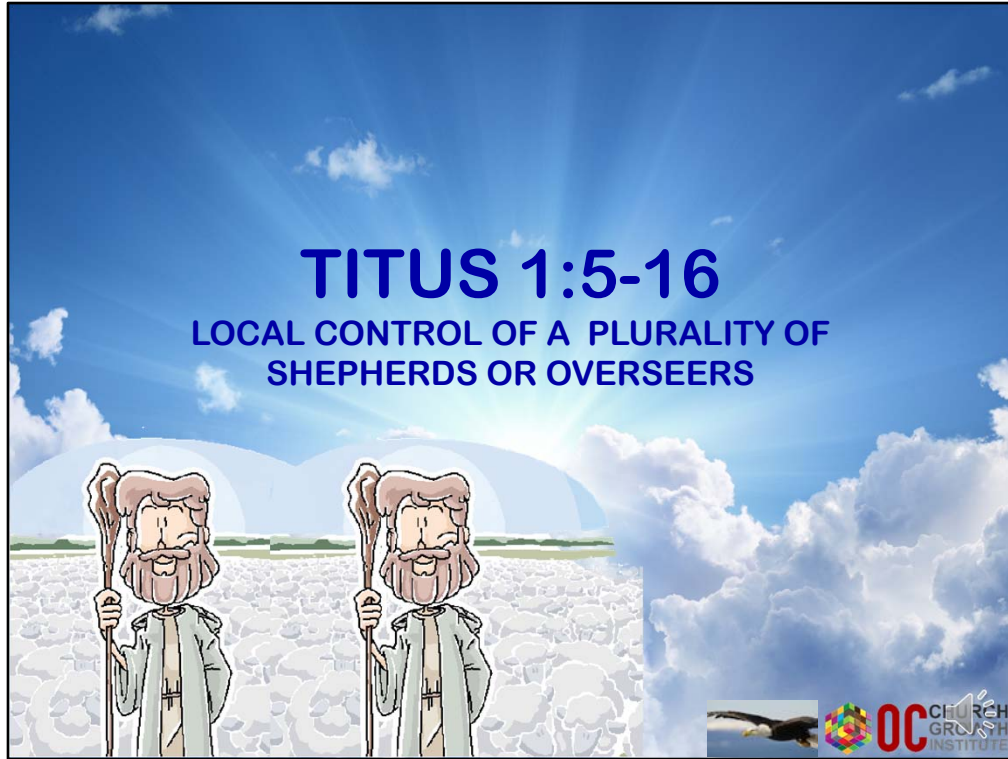


THERE ARE SEVERAL TEACHING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT REGARDING THE CHURCH. HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME SCRIPTURAL TEACHING SO COMMONLY IGNORED THAT IT DOES NOT TAKE A LONG LIST OF TEACHINGS TO ELIMINATE MOST DENOMINATIONS FROM SAYING THEY FOLLOW THE SCRIPTURES. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO ULTIMATELY READ ALL THE NEW TESTAMENT FOR VERIFICATION, BUT WE WILL **SIMPLY LOOK AT 2 TEACHINGS** TO NARROW THE LIST AT THIS TIME. IF ON ANY ONE POINT THE BIBLE SAYS ONE THING AND YOU TEACH ANOTHER, YOU ARE NOT FOLLOWING THE SCRIPTURES.

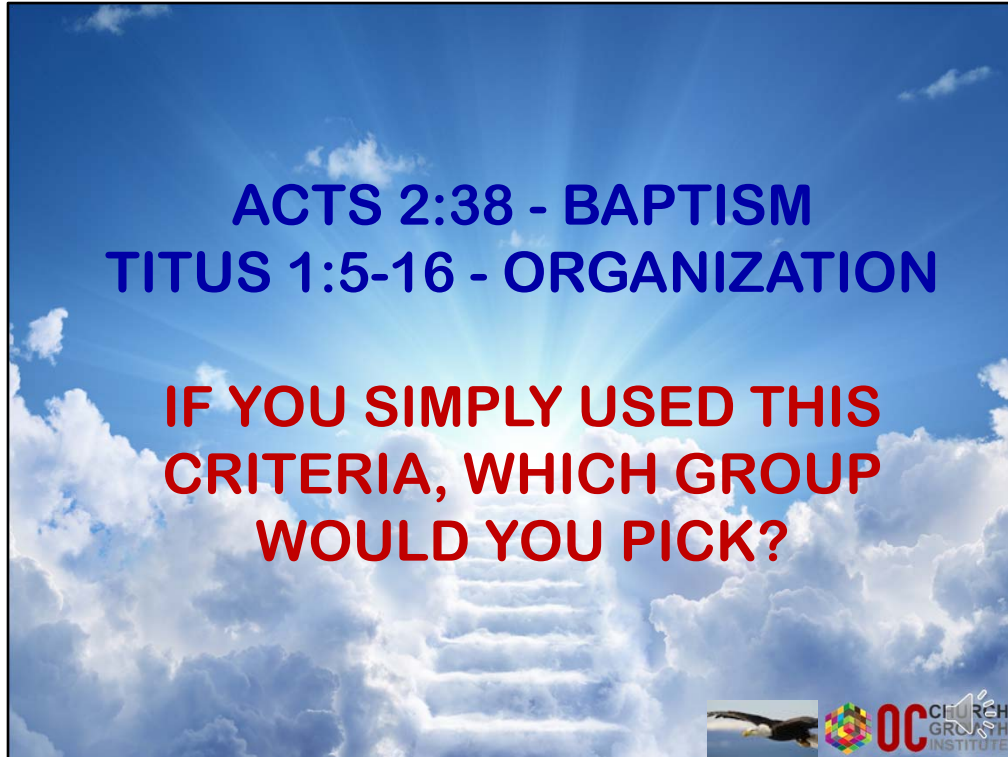




IN ACTS 2:38 ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST IN THE FIRST CHURCH SERMON EVER **“PETER SAID UNTO THEM ‘REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS, AND YOU WILL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT’”**. BAPTISM WAS IMMERSION IN WATER IN THE FIRST CENTURY AND WAS CHANGED IN THIRD CENTURY TO ALLOW SPRINKLING. INSTEAD OF BAPTISM FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS IT WAS CHANGED TO YOUR SINS ALREADY BEING FORGIVEN FIRST ACCORDING TO THE 16<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY CALVINIST DOCTRINE. THAT LOGIC WAS THAT IF YOU WERE BAPTIZED BEFORE YOU WERE SAVED, BAPTISM WOULD BE AND ACT OF WORK TO EARN YOUR SALVATION. WE NEED TO FOLLOW WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS RATHER THAN LATER LOGIC OR CHANGES.



THE SCRIPTURAL INSTRUCTION TO PUT A PLURALITY OF SHEPHERDS OR OVERSEERS IN CHARGE OF EACH CHURCH WAS CHANGED TO THE TYPICAL MULTI-LEVEL BUREAUCRATIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT. THE CHANGE WAS ORIGINALLY PATTERNED AFTER THE ROMAN GOVERNMENT. NEW TESTAMENT CHURCHES WERE UNDER LOCAL CONTROL SO CONGREGATIONS TODAY SHOULD BE UNDER LOCAL CONTROL OF MULTIPLE SHEPHERDS.



IF YOU WERE TO USE ONLY THESE TWO BIBLE VERSES TO SELECT YOUR CHURCH, YOU WOULD PICK YOUR LOCAL CHURCH OF CHRIST OR POSSIBLE SOME LOCAL INDEPENDENT CHURCH WHICH OPERATES SIMILARLY. ALL OTHER RECOGNIZABLY NAMED CHURCHES DEPART FROM THE SCRIPTURES ON AT LEAST ONE OF THESE POINTS. THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER WAYS IN WHICH VARIOUS GROUPS DEPART FROM THE SCRIPTURES, BUT THESE TWO ARE BASIC AND COMMONLY CHANGED FACTORS. IT IS CERTAINLY IMPORTANT THAT YOU ALSO FOLLOW ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT TODAY, NOT JUST THESE TWO INSTRUCTIONS.



WE HAVE WATCHED THREE VIDEOS AND HAVE DRAWING 3 BASIC CONCLUSIONS.



NUMBER 1, THERE IS A SUPERNATURAL FORCE OR GOD AND THAT ATHEISTIC EVOLUTION IS NOT POSSIBLE.



SECONDLY, JEHOVAH IS THAT SUPERNATURAL FORCE AND JESUS IS HIS SON WHO CAME TO THE EARTH SO THAT WE MIGHT HAVE FORGIVENESS OF OUR SINS.



**AT THIS POINT WE HAVE  
DRAWN 3 CONCLUSIONS:**

- 1. THERE IS A GOD**
- 2. JEHOVAH IS THAT GOD  
AND JESUS IS HIS SON**
- 3. CHURCHES OF CHRIST  
ARE UNIQUE IN FOLLOWING  
THE SCRIPTURAL PLAN**



AND FINALLY, THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST AND POTENTIALLY SOME UNAFFILIATED LOCAL CONGREGATIONS ARE UNIQUE IN FOLLOWING THE TWO COMMANDS USED FOR COMPARISON AS WELL AS THE OTHER NEW TESTAMENT INSTRUCTIONS.



WE HAVE SEEN HOW INDIVIDUALS IN PAST CENTURIES HAVE RESPONDED TO THE SCRIPTURES IN VARYING DEGREES. TODAY AS HIGHLY LITERATE PEOPLE WITH GOOD ACCESS TO THE BIBLE, GOD WILL SEE HOW WE EITHER SUBMIT TO HIS PLAN OR DO WHAT WE PREFER INSTEAD. NEXT WE ARE GOING TO ADDRESS WHAT YOUR APPROACH TO IT SHOULD BE. AS THE WORDS NEXT TO THE CALENDAR PAGE SAY, TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.



WE LIVE HERE BUT A BRIEF TIME, AND WILL SPEND ETERNITY BASED UPON OUR ACTIONS. IT MAKES SENSE TO MAKE YOUR LIFE RIGHT WITH GOD. THE BIBLE DOES NOT SAY TO PUT YOUR HANDS ON THE RADIO, SAY THE SINNER’S PRAYER, OR TO HOPE YOUR PARENTS HAD YOU CHRISTENED. IT SAYS **“REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS”**. THE WORD **“BAPTISM”** WAS A WORD TRANSLITERATED INTO THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE FROM THE GREEK TO PLEASE KING JAMES IN 1611. THE ACTUAL GREEK WORD WAS IMMERSSED, SO THE VERSE SHOULD ACTUALLY SAY **“REPENT AND BE IMMERSSED IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS”**. REPENT IMPLIES THAT YOU HAVE HEARD, YOU HAVE BELIEVED, AND RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR A CHANGE IN YOUR LIFE.



TODAY IS THE RIGHT DAY TO CONFESS THAT YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A GOD, THAT JEHOVAH IS THAT GOD, THAT JESUS CAME TO THE EARTH AND WAS CRUCIFIED THAT WE MIGHT HAVE SALVATION FROM OUR SINS, AND THAT YOU NEED TO BE BAPTIZED SO THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE SALVATION FROM YOUR SINS. THERE IS GOING TO BE NO BETTER DAY. ARE YOU READY TODAY?

**5 SECOND PAUSE**



THANK YOU FOR WATCHING AND LISTENING TO THIS VIDEO. WE HOPE THIS SERIES HAS BEEN BENEFICIAL TO YOU. MAY GOD BLESS YOUR STUDIES.



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**RESOURCES REFERENCED IN THIS VIDEO**

**THE BIBLE**

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