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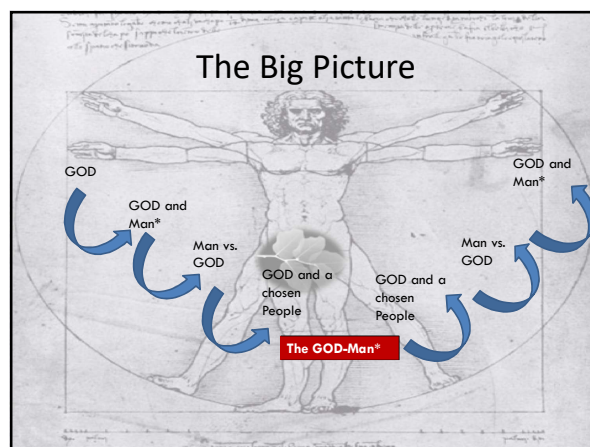
- Mankind fell (Genesis 3)
- The process is still the same
- Eve saw
 - The fruit was good for food (Lust of Flesh)
 - Pleasing to the eye (Lust of Eyes)
 - Able to make one wise (Pride of Life)
- Beware of (1 Jn. 2:16)
 - Lust of the flesh
 - Lust of the eyes
 - Pride of life
- Still today



Now the Big Problem . . .

- 1 Corinthians 2:6-16
 - I am the “Natural Man” before Christ and CANNOT know/understand spiritual things
- Romans 8:5-10
 - My mind is broken
- Ephesians 2:1-10
 - For **I** was dead in my trespasses and sins in which I walked . . .

The Big Picture

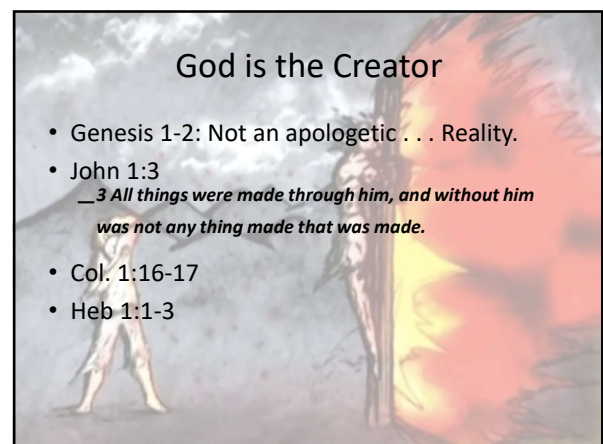
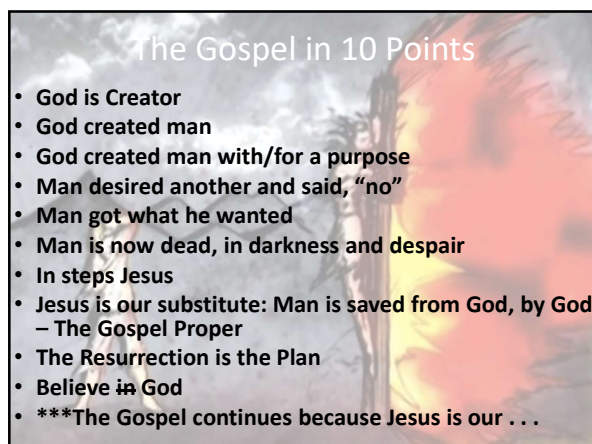
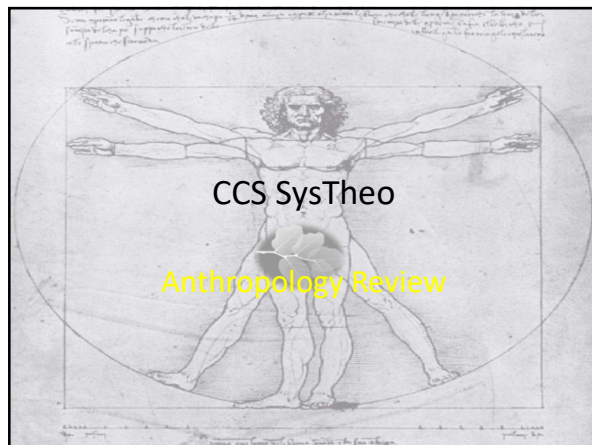
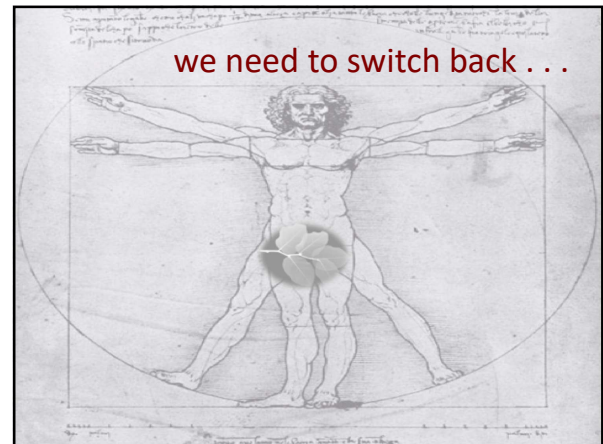
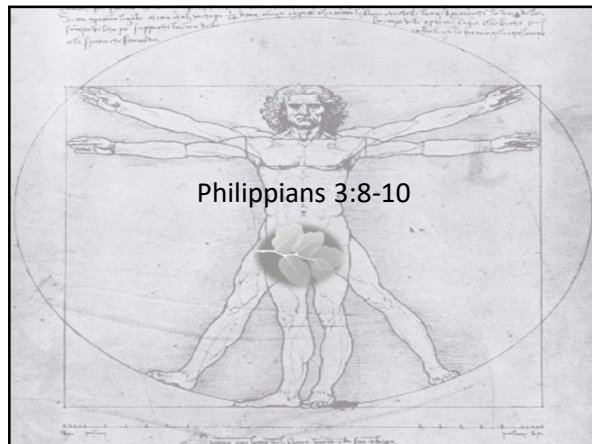


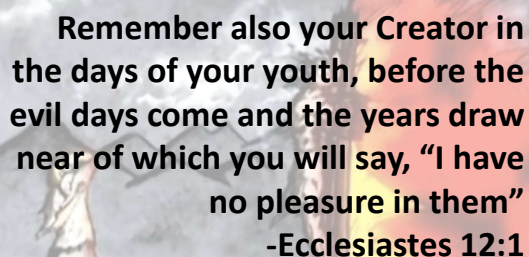
How do we get back home?



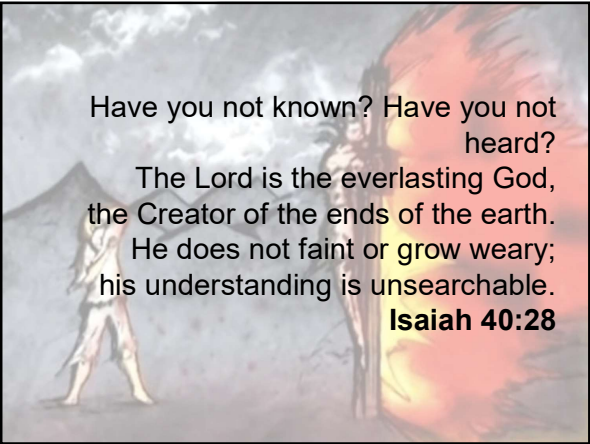
Romans 1:18-25

- The Great Exchange
- The truth for the lie
- The knowledge of God and sin
 - We knew God
 - We knew about sin
 - We exchanged

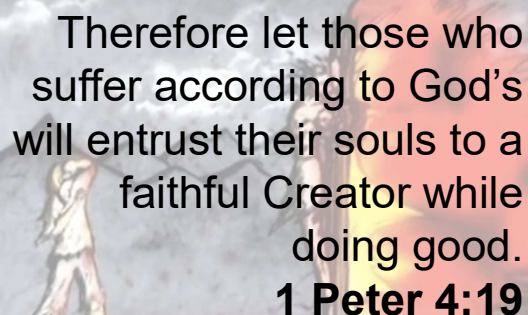




Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, "I have no pleasure in them"
-Ecclesiastes 12:1

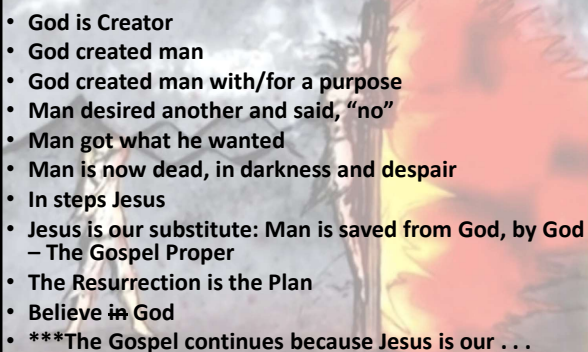


Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.
Isaiah 40:28



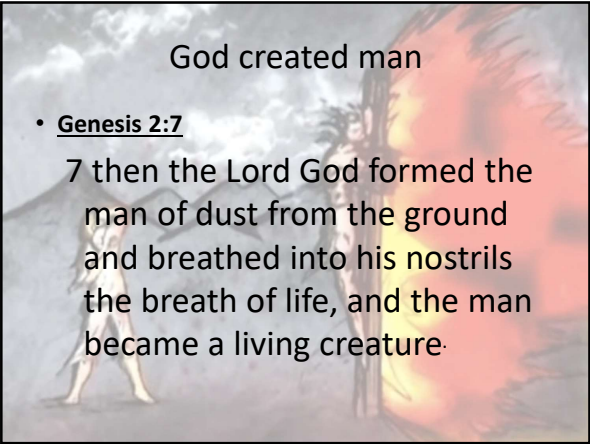
Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.
1 Peter 4:19

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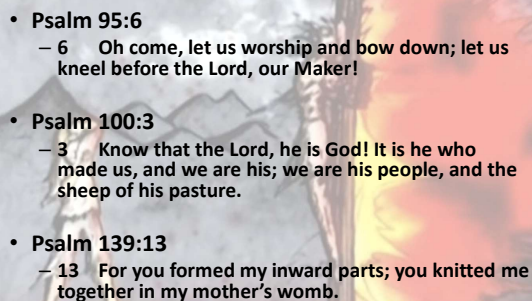
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- Genesis 2:7



7 then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

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- Psalm 95:6
 - 6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
 - Psalm 100:3
 - 3 Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
 - Psalm 139:13
 - 13 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

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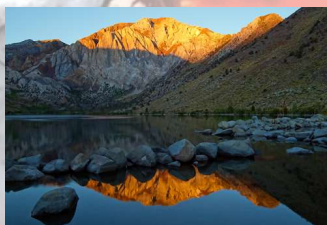
- **Genesis 1:26-27** – to bear His Image
 - 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
- **Isaiah 43:7** – to bring Him glory
- 7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."
- **Philippians 4:4** – to enjoy Him forever
 - 4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

To Glorify God is like ...

The Sun

A Dump

Shiny things



... To radiate and reflect ...

His glory

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Romans 1:21-23

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Not two ways . .

- They said "no" to reality
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What's behind the other door?



Remember . . . It is not . . .

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- RATHER . . .

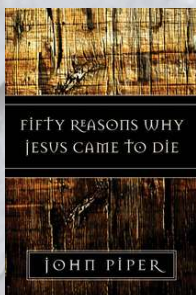


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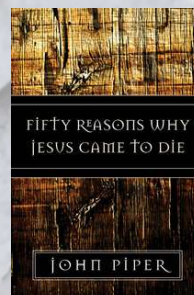


We glorify what we enjoy most . . .



God's law demanded, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might" (Deuteronomy 6:5). But we have all loved other things more. This is what sin is—dishonoring God by preferring other things over him, and acting on those preferences. Therefore, the Bible says, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). We glorify what we enjoy most. And it isn't God.

Failure to love is not trivial—it is treason



Therefore sin is not small, because it is not against a small Sovereign. The seriousness of an insult rises with the dignity of the one insulted. The Creator of the universe is infinitely worthy of respect and admiration and loyalty. Therefore, failure to love him is not trivial—it is treason. It defames God and destroys human happiness.

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- 24 Therefore **God gave them up** in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. –Romans 1:24-25

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- In God is:
 - LIFE
 - LIGHT
 - HAPPINESS
- When Man said “no”, he said “no” to:
 - LIFE
 - LIGHT
 - HAPPINESS
- Now man has:
 - DEATH
 - DARKNESS
 - DESPAIR

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THEY GOT WHAT THEY WANTED . . . ONLY THEY DIDN'T COUNT THE COST

REMEMBER . . . It is . . .



DEATH

TRULY, MAN IS LOST . . .

“None is righteous, no, not one;
 11 no one understands;
 no one seeks for God.
 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”
 13 “Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.”
 “The venom of asps is under their lips.”
 14 “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”
 15 “Their feet are swift to shed blood;
 16 in their paths are ruin and misery,
 17 and the way of peace they have not known.”
 18 “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”
 ROMANS 3:10B-18

5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.
 6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; **indeed, it cannot.**
 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. – ROMANS 8:5-8

The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.
 1 Corinthians 2:14

1 And **you were dead** in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

EPH. 2:1-3

... but, God ...

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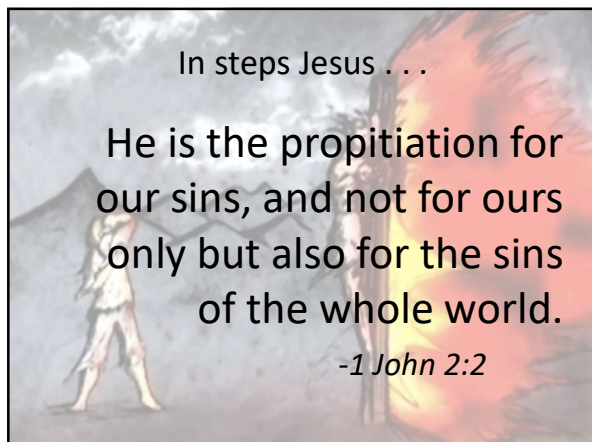
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For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,
—*Romans 8:3*

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He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

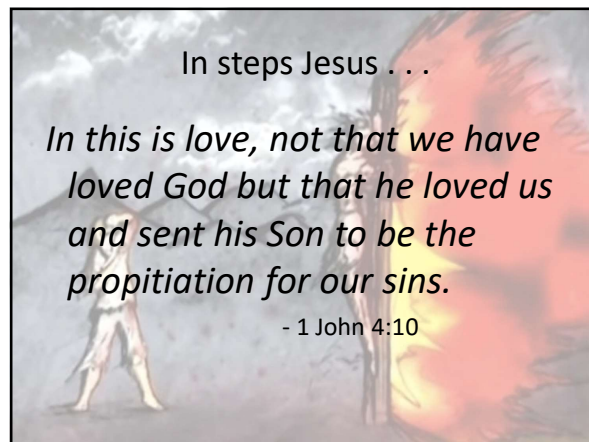

-1 John 2:2



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In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

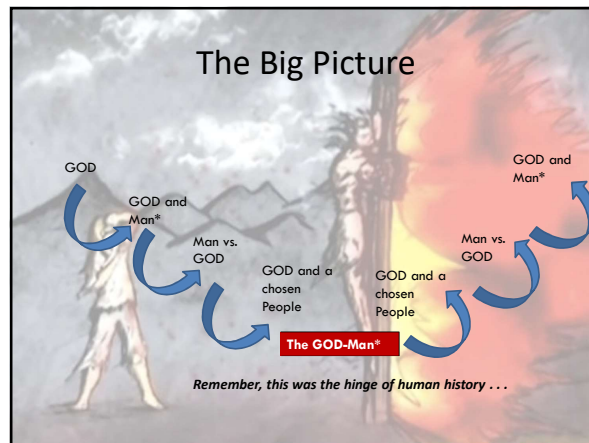
- 1 John 4:10

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

-Romans 5:6

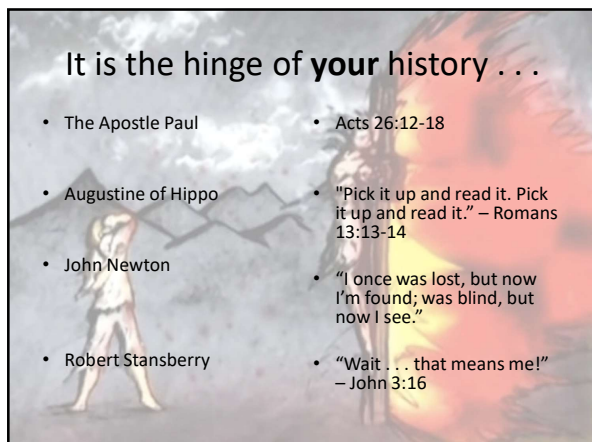
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Remember, this was the hinge of human history . . .

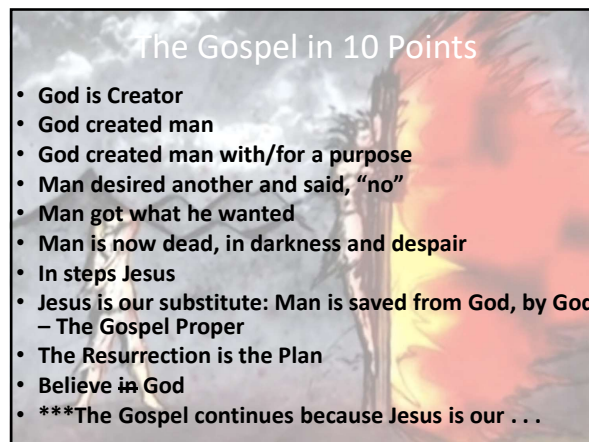
It is the hinge of **your** history . . .

- The Apostle Paul
- Acts 26:12-18
- Augustine of Hippo
- "Pick it up and read it. Pick it up and read it." – Romans 13:13-14
- John Newton
- "I once was lost, but now I'm found; was blind, but now I see."
- Robert Stansberry
- "Wait . . . that means me!" – John 3:16



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—Romans 3:21-26

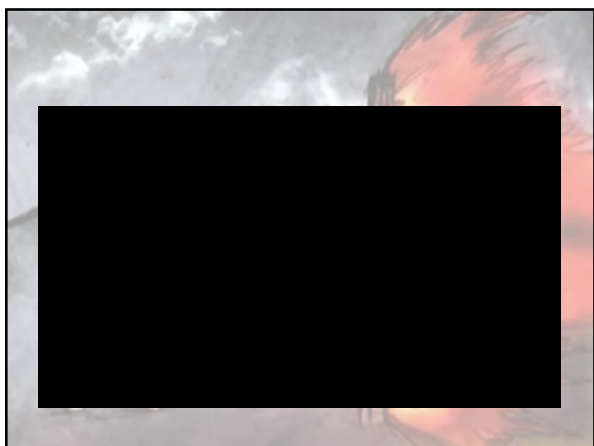
For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
- 2 Corinthians 5:21

8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more **shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.** 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

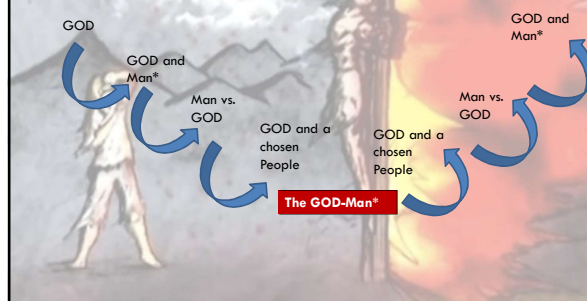
—Romans 5:8-11

We are saved from God by God.

GOD IS THE GOSPEL

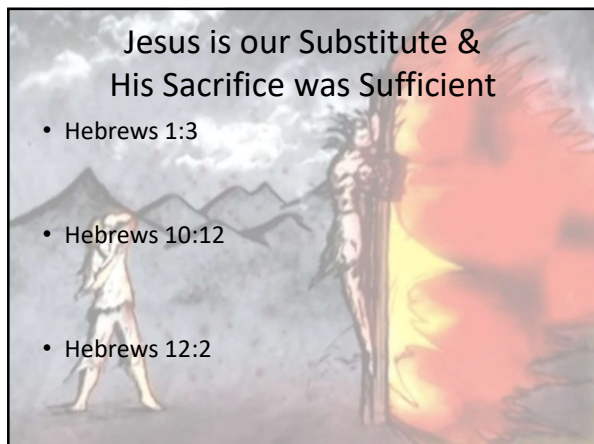


Remember . . . The Big Picture
He is the God-Man – that is, Our Substitute



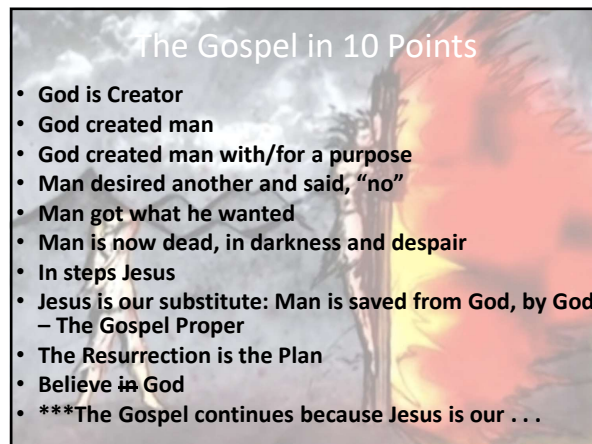
Jesus is our Substitute & His Sacrifice was Sufficient

- Hebrews 1:3
- Hebrews 10:12
- Hebrews 12:2



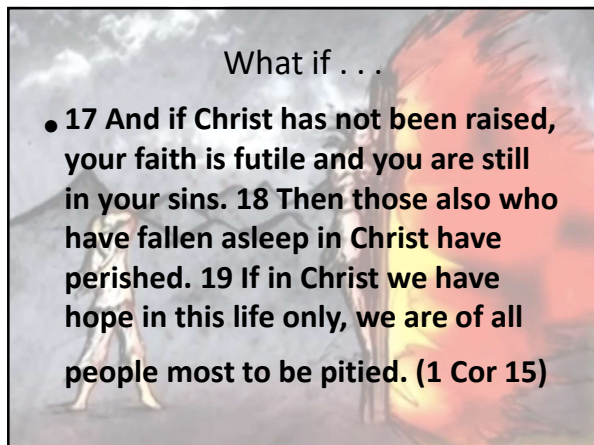
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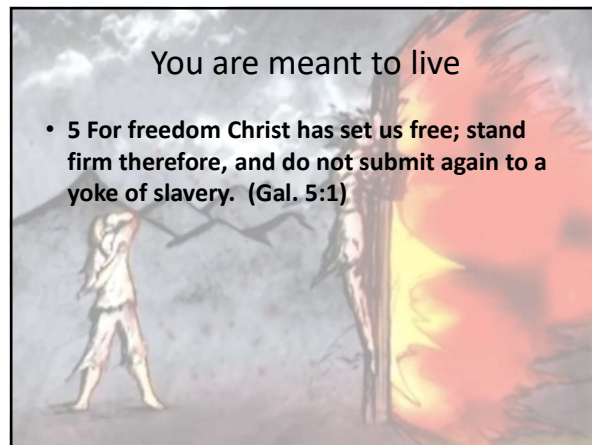
What if . . .

- **17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. (1 Cor 15)**



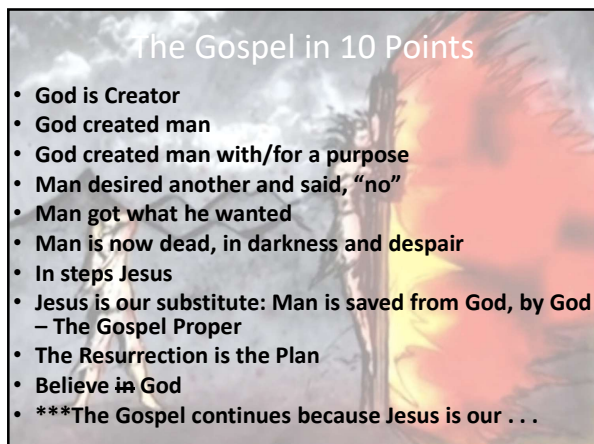
You are meant to live

- **5 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. (Gal. 5:1)**



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No! Don't Do It!
Don't believe IN God!



Don't just Believe *in* God – **believe God**

You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!

James 2:19

To believe is to assume believing in . . . yet, it goes further – further to submission and obedience

“Father” Abraham?

Abraham

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

(Gen. 12:1-3)

For what does the Scripture say?

“Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.”

(Romans 4:3 [Gen15:6])

Us

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,

(Hebrews 1:1-2a)

Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” 31 And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” *(Acts 16:30)*

How are you saved?

Just like Abraham was . . . by faith.

Romans 4

One looked forward and one looks back



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|------------|---------------|
| • Lord | • Prophet |
| • Master | • High Priest |
| • Word | • King |
| • Shepherd | • Advocate |
| • Father | • Comfort |
| • Brother | • Life |
| | • Light |
| | • Happiness |

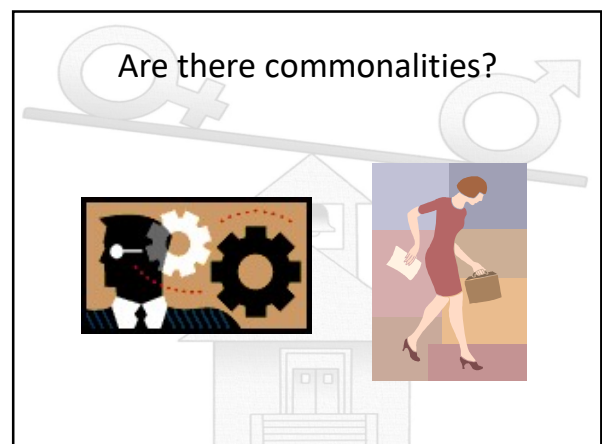
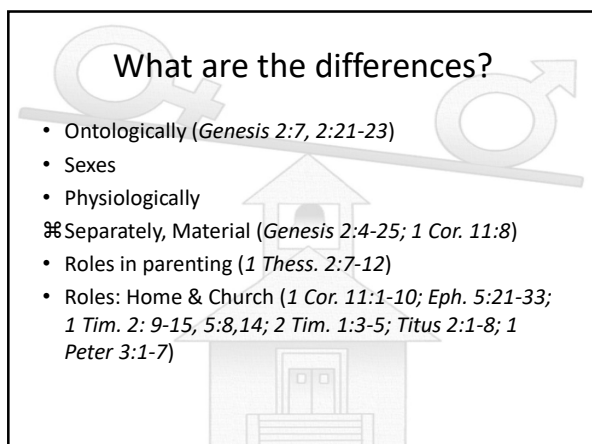
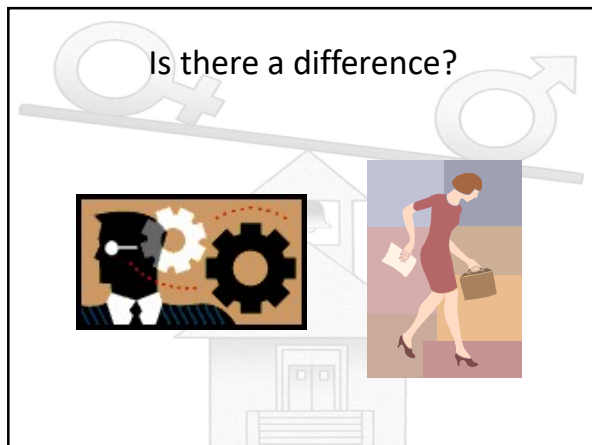
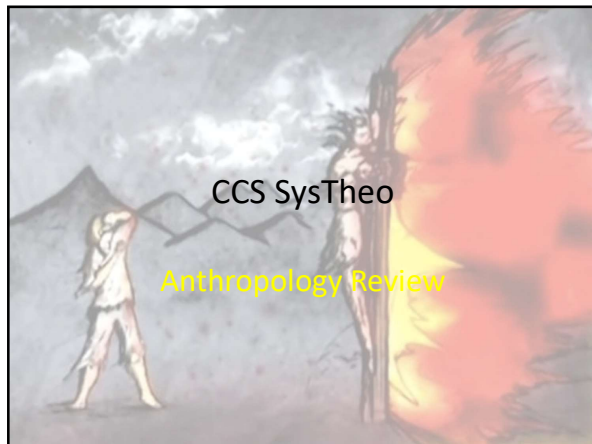
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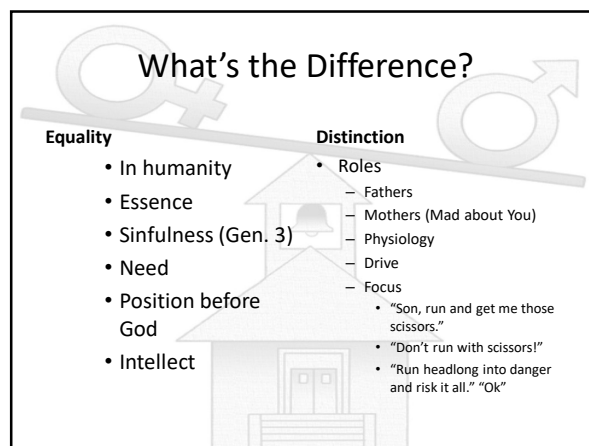
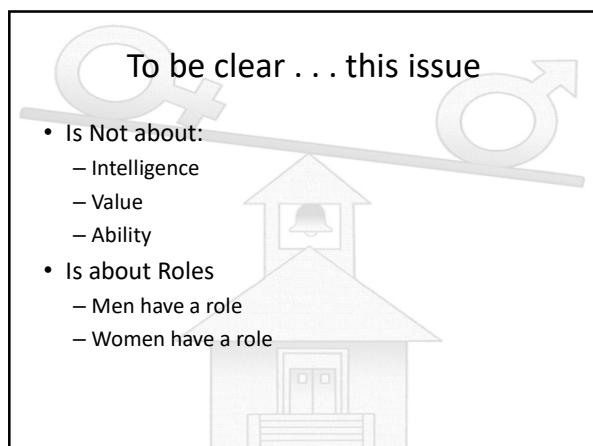
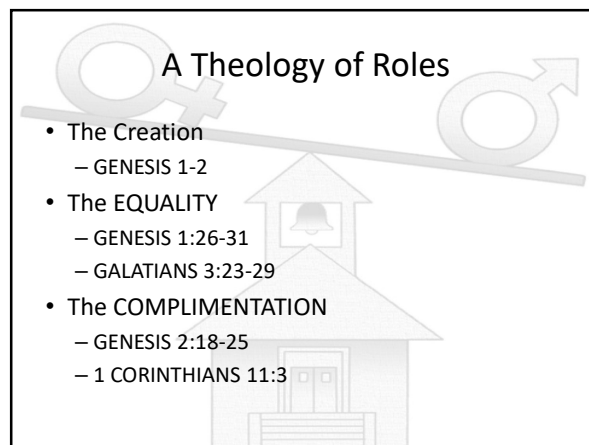
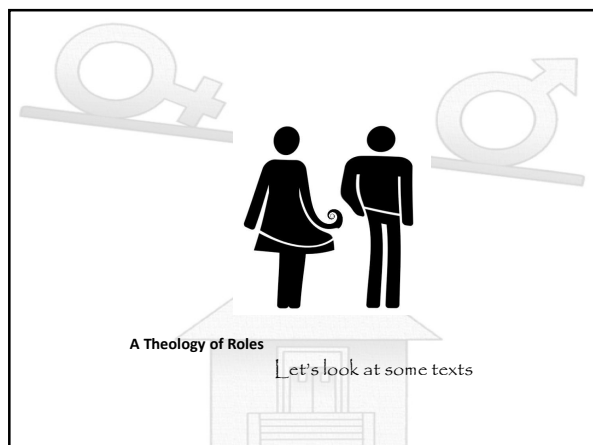
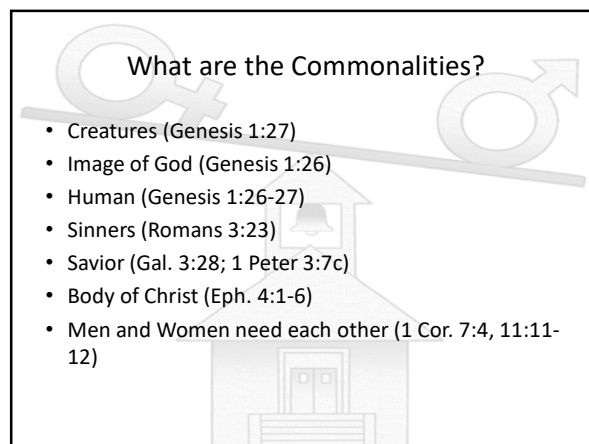
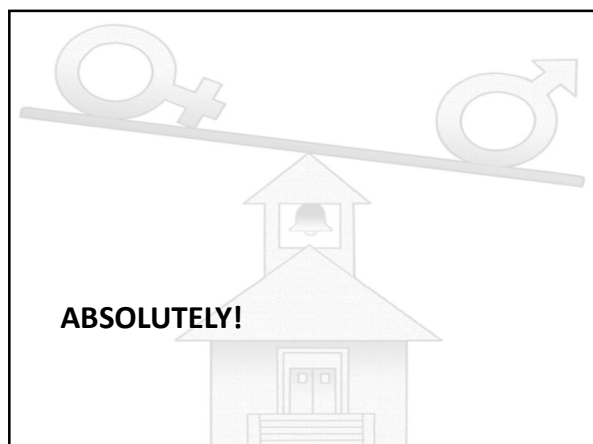
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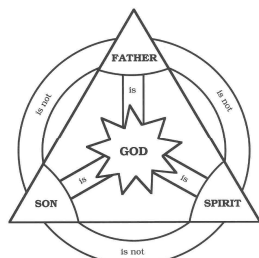
EVERYTHING

what is it?





This is a Trinitarian Thing



Roles in the Trinity

- The Father is the Authority
- The Son proceeds from (obeys) the Father
- The Spirit proceeds from (obeys) the Father and the Son*
 - John 5:30
 - John 8:42
 - John 15:26
 - A Western Church Concept. In Eastern Church Only 2 Roles.

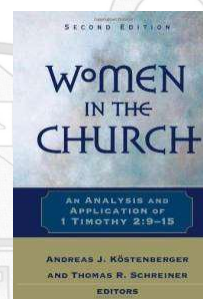
Roles Fleshed out Some More

- 1 Corinthians 7
- Ephesians 5:22-33
- 1 Timothy 2:9-15
- Titus 2
- 1 Peter 3:1-7



Some Challenges

- 1 Tim. 2:9-15
- **Opponents say:**
 - Contextually applicable only
 - Difficult passage
 - Antiquity
- 1 Cor. 11:3
- **Opponents say:**
 - “head” means source of



Roles in Marriage

The role of the husband:

1. Love his wife and sacrifice for her.
2. Head of the wife.
3. Provide for the family.
4. Honor and respect wife.
5. Provide a positive environment for children.

The role of the wife:

1. Submit to her husband.
2. Love her husband and children.
3. Keep the family a priority.

IT IS NO MORE OFFENSIVE TO SAY
THAT WOMEN WERE MADE TO BE
HELPERS THAN IT IS TO SAY THAT
MEN NEED HELP . . .

Men . . .



So, generally . . .

- In the Text, the genders are always distinct
- These roles and distinctions are **very important**, for they are an extension of the Trinity
- This is likened, then unto the Church and the government therein
- These “pictures” of the Trinity are defined by the Trinity and then help define the Trinity, visually, for us – namely that since there are roles in the Trinity, there are roles in His creation, specifically man that bears His image

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Remember . . .

- It begins with God
- It comes to us
 - Imago Dei
 - Roles
 - Relationships
 - True Life
- As He IS, so are we . . .
- We are made to be **like** Him; we are made to be **with** Him

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