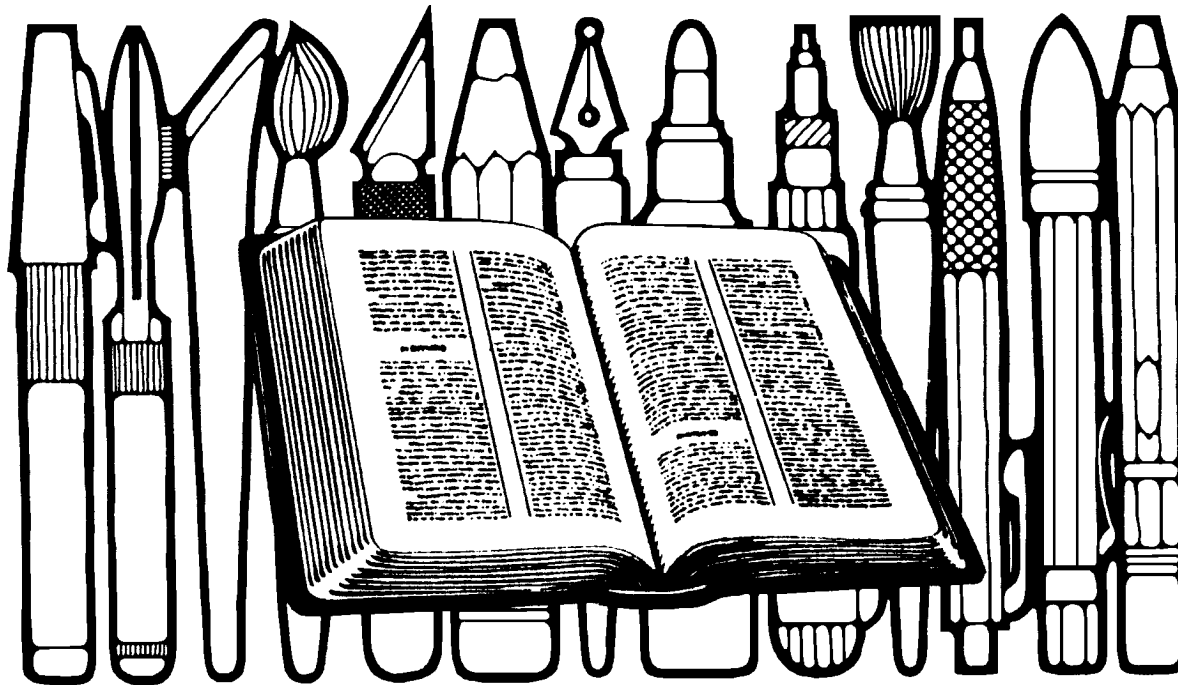




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Organization Of The Church:

Elders, Deacons, Evangelists and
Members (*Philippians 1:1*)

Acts Of Worship:

Singing (*Colossians 3:16*)

Praying (*Acts 2:42*)

Giving (*1 Corinthians 16:1–2*)

Teaching (*Acts 2:42*)

Communion (*1 Corinthians 11:23–29*)

The Work Of The Church:

Evangelism (*Acts 13:1–3*)

Edification (*Ephesians 4:11–16*)

Benevolence (*Romans 15:25–26*)

Names Used To Describe The Church:

Church of God (*1 Corinthians 1:2*)

Church of Christ (*Romans 16:16*)

House of God (*1 Timothy 3:15*)

Church of the Firstborn (*Hebrews 12:23*)

Names Used To Describe Members:

Disciples, Christians (*Acts 11:26*)

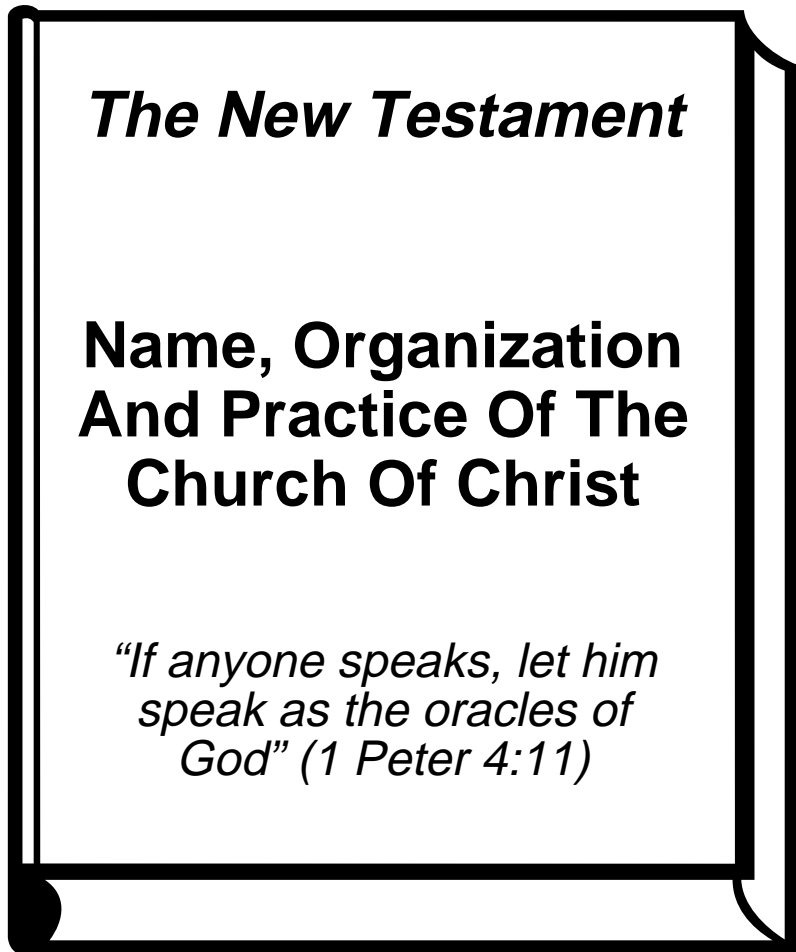
Saints (*Romans 1:7*)

Brethren (*Galatians 6:1*)

Abiding In The Doctrine Of Christ

“Whoever transgresses
and does not abide in
the **doctrine of Christ**
does not have God.
He who abides in the
doctrine of Christ has
both the Father and the
Son” (*2 John 9*)

Outside The Doctrine Of Christ



Yearly Communion

Worldly Living

Cake Sales

Political Motives

Earthly Headquarters

Creed Books

Social Gospel

Clergy / Laity

False Doctrine

The Law At Sinai

The 10 Commandments

My relationship with Jehovah:

Have no other gods before Jehovah (*Exodus 20:3*)

Do not make or bow down to carved images (*Exodus 20:4–6*)

Do not take God's name in vain (*Exodus 20:7*)

Remember the Sabbath day (*Exodus 20:8–11*)

My relationship to my fellow man:

Honor father and mother (*Exodus 20:12*)

Do not commit murder (*Exodus 20:13*)

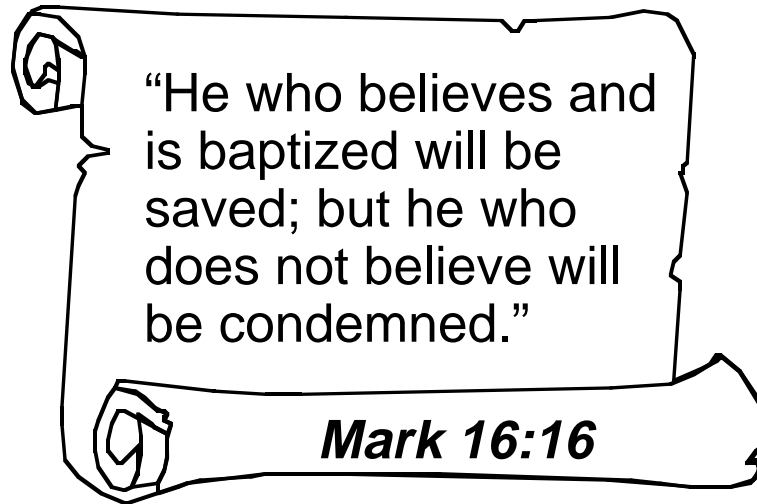
Do not commit adultery (*Exodus 20:14*)

Do not steal (*Exodus 20:15*)

Do not bear false witness (*Exodus 20:16*)

Do not covet (*Exodus 20:17*)





Five Views Of Mark 16:16

Catholic: "He who believes **not** and is baptized shall be saved"

Atheist: "He who believes and is baptized shall **not** be saved"

Universalist: "He who believes **not** and is **not** baptized shall be saved"

Baptist: "He who believes and is **not** baptized shall be saved"

Bible: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved"

Baptism Is The Act Which Faith Obeys!

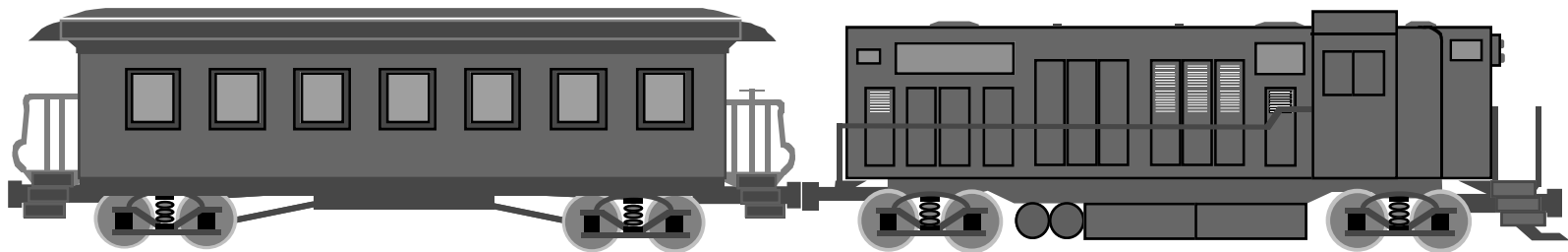
An Inseparable Connection Between Baptism And The Remission Of Sins

“Then Peter said to them, Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38)

REPENT

AND

BE BAPTIZED



“Because of”

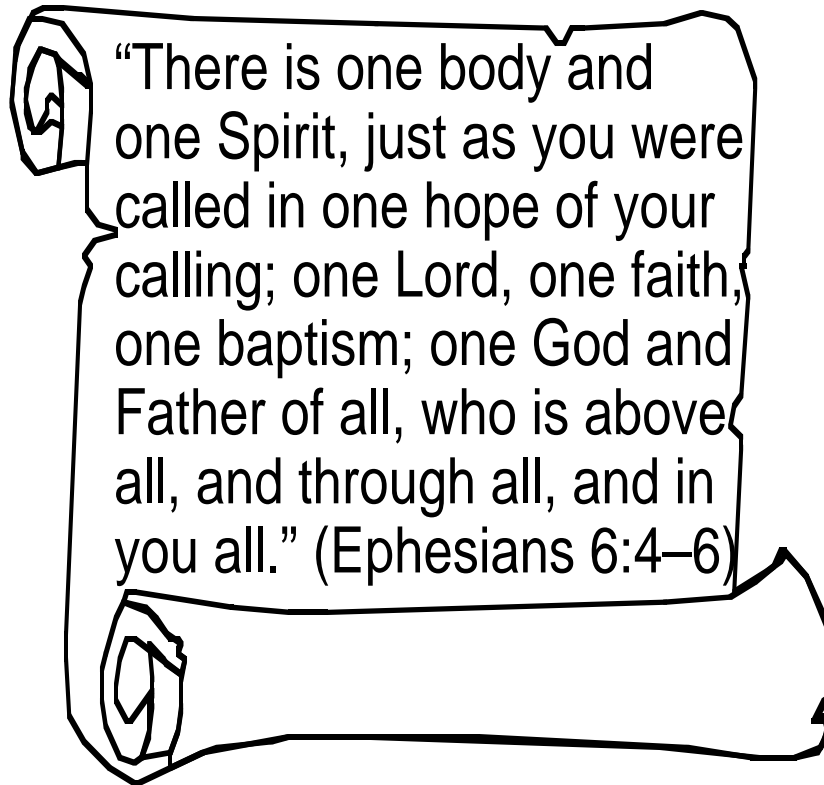
“In order to obtain”

Noah's Salvation And Ours

1 Peter 3:18–21

<p>“But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord” (<i>Genesis 6:8</i>)</p>	<p>Grace</p>	<p>“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God...” (<i>Ephesians 2:8</i>)</p>
<p>“By faith Noah ... prepared an ark for the saving of his household...” (<i>Hebrews 11:7</i>)</p>	<p>Faith</p>	<p>“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved...” (<i>Acts 16:31</i>)</p>
<p>“Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did” (<i>Genesis 6:22</i>)</p>	<p>Obedience</p>	<p>“And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him” (<i>Hebrews 5:9</i>)</p>
<p>“when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water” (<i>1 Peter 3:20</i>)</p>	<p>Water</p>	<p>“There is also an antitype which now saves us, namely baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (<i>1 Peter 3:21</i>)</p>

Which One Is Not Essential?



- 1
- Body
 - Spirit
 - Hope
 - Lord
 - Faith
 - Baptism
 - God

*All seven items on this list are necessary for salvation.
What a list for baptism to be on if it has no part in salvation!*

Baptism Is Always Before Salvation



Mark 16:16 “He who believes and is *baptized* will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”

Acts 2:38 “Then Peter said to them, Repent, and let every one of you be *baptized* in the name of Jesus Christ for the *remission of sins*; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 22:16 “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be *baptized*, and *wash away your sins*, calling on the name of the Lord.”

Romans 6:4 “Therefore we were buried with Him through *baptism* into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in *newness of life*.”

1 Peter 3:21 “There is also an *antitype* which now saves us, namely *baptism* (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

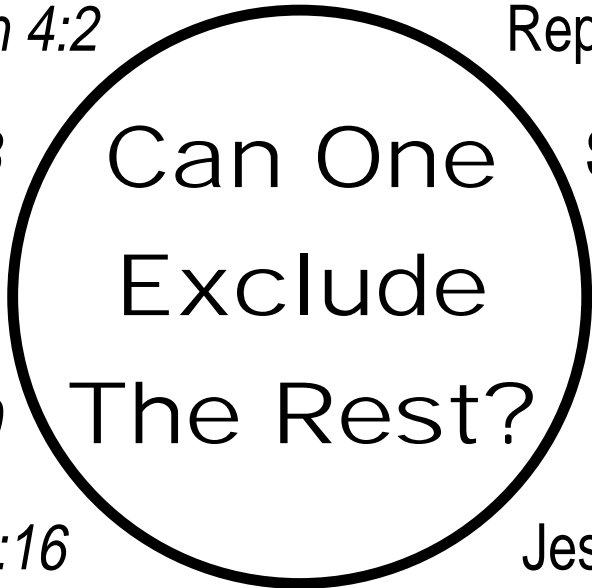
What Saves Us?

Belief - *Acts 16:31*

Confession - *1 John 4:2*

Repentance - *Acts 11:18*

Grace - *Ephesians 2:8*



Spirit - *Titus 3:5*

Hope - *Romans 8:24*

Blood - *Romans 5:9*

God - *2 Timothy 1:8,9*

Works - *James 2:24*

Gospel - *Romans 1:16*

Jesus - *Matthew 1:21*

Baptism - *1 Peter 3:21*

The Children Of God By Faith

**“For you are all the sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, *for* as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ”
(*Galatians 3:26–27*)**



- **“For”** – “It adduces the cause or gives the reason of a preceding statement or opinion” (*Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon*, pg. 109)
- In baptism we see how men can render **“obedience to the faith”** (*Romans 16:26*)

*“Born Of Water And The Spirit”
John 3:5*

The Spirit Moving Through The Word
2 Pet. 1:21; John 14:26; 1 Cor. 2:7–13

Joined With The Waters Of Baptism
Eph. 5:25–27; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:23

“Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures” (*James 1:18*)

Some Parallels

John 3:5	1 Cor. 12:13	Eph. 5:26	Titus 3:5
born of water	baptized	washing of water	washing of regeneration
born of Spirit	by one Spirit	by the word	renewing of the Holy Ghost
enter into the kingdom of God	into one body	sanctify and cleanse	saved

Saved By Faith

Hebrews 11

“By **faith** Abel **offered** unto God a more excellent sacrifice” (vs. 4)

“By **faith** Noah ... **moved** with fear, **prepared** an ark...” (vs. 7)

“By **faith** Abraham ... **obeyed** ... and **went out** ...” (vs. 8)

“By **faith** Abraham ... **offered** up Isaac...” (vs. 17)

“By **faith** Moses **forsook** Egypt” (vs. 27)

“By **faith** they **passed through** the Red Sea...” (vs. 29)

“By **faith** ... walls of Jericho ... were **compassed about**...” (vs. 30)

Faith: Conviction Joined With Obedience!

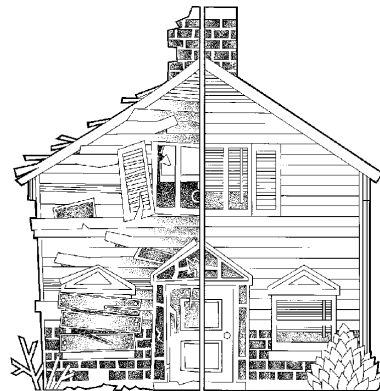
The New Man In Christ

Ephesians 4:22–32; Colossians 3:8–13

Put off:

former conduct
lying
stealing
corrupt speech
wrath
bitterness
anger
clamor
evil speaking
malice
blasphemy

Put off
the
“old man”
(*Rom. 6:1–6*)

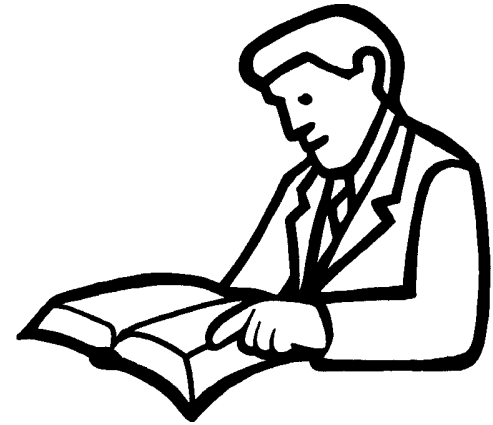


Put on:

speaking the truth
honest labor
pure speech
kindness
be tenderhearted
forgiving
full of mercy
humbleness of mind
meekness
longsuffering
forbearance
love

Responsibilities Of A Christian

- ➔ **Self denial (*Matthew 16:24*)**
- ➔ **Love the brethren (*John 13:34*)**
- ➔ **Glorify God (*1 Corinthians 6:19,20*)**
- ➔ **Teach others (*2 Timothy 2:2*)**
- ➔ **Assemble with the saints (*Hebrews 10:25*)**
- ➔ **Practice pure religion (*James 1:27*)**
- ➔ **Remain constant in prayer (*1 Thessalonians 5:17*)**
- ➔ **Remain faithful unto death (*Revelation 2:10*)**



Being Of Value In The Lord's Work

Things not needed:

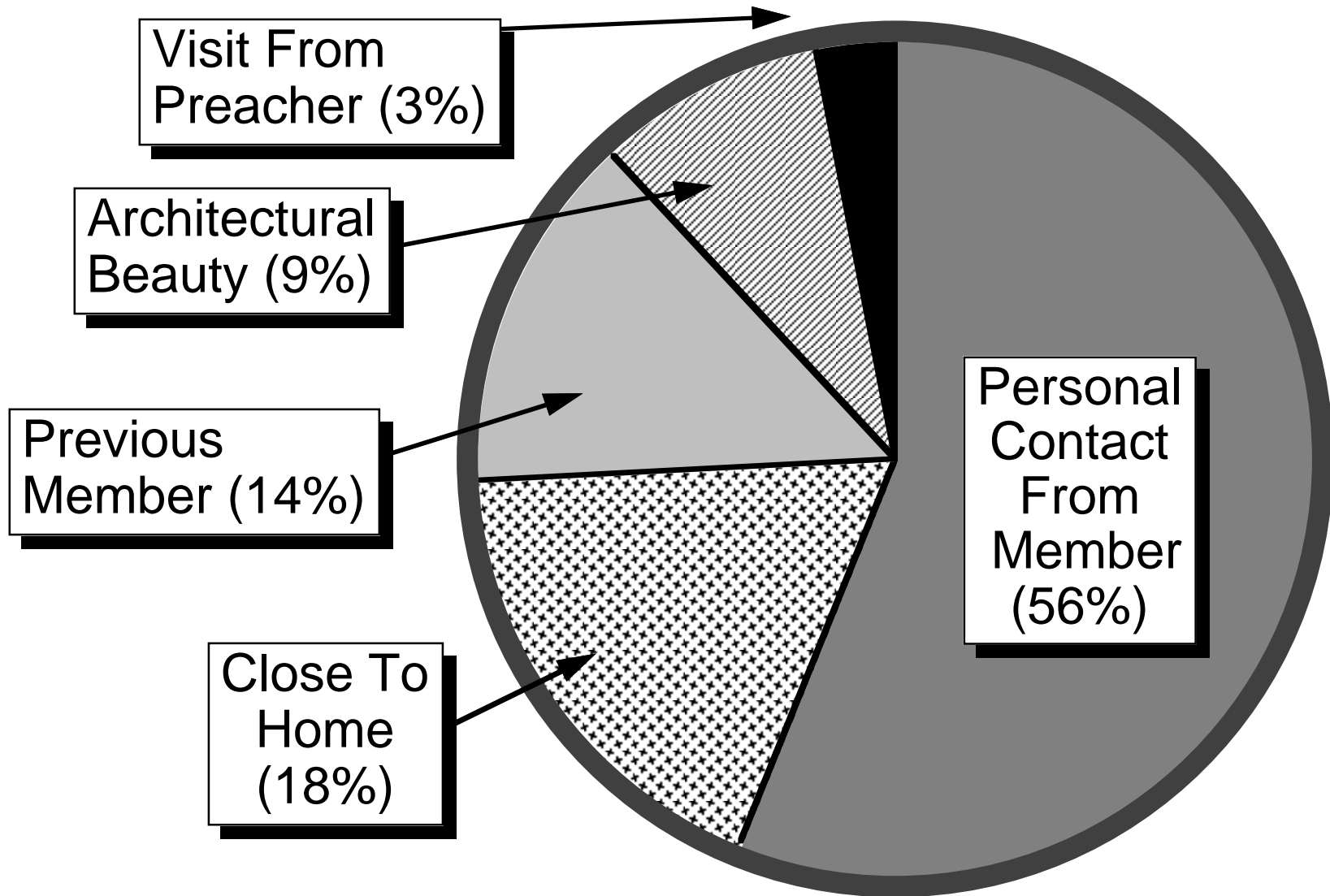
- Eloquence of speech (*1 Corinthians 2:1–4*)
- Secular education (*Acts 4:13*)
- Riches and great wealth (*Matthew 8:20*)
- Fine health (*2 Corinthians 12:10*)
- Convenience (*Acts 16:19–34*)
- Years of experience (*Acts 9:19–20*)

Things that are needed:

- A good example (*Romans 12:1–2*)
- Diligence (*2 Timothy 2:15*)
- Liberality (*2 Corinthians 9:6–7*)
- Love of lost souls (*Romans 10:1–3*)



Why Do People Choose A Church?



Matthew 18

15 Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between *you and him alone*. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.

16 But if he will not hear you, take with you *one or two more*, that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

17 And if he refuses to hear them, *tell it to the church*. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.



**One Man Is Not
“The Church”**



**Two Men Are Not
“The Church”**



**Here We Find
“The Church”**

The Ten Commandments

According To The Catholic Bible

1. You shall not have any other gods beside me.
2. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
4. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.
5. Honor your father and mother.
6. You shall not kill.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him.

(Exodus 20:4-17, *The New American Bible*)

According To The Catholic Catechism

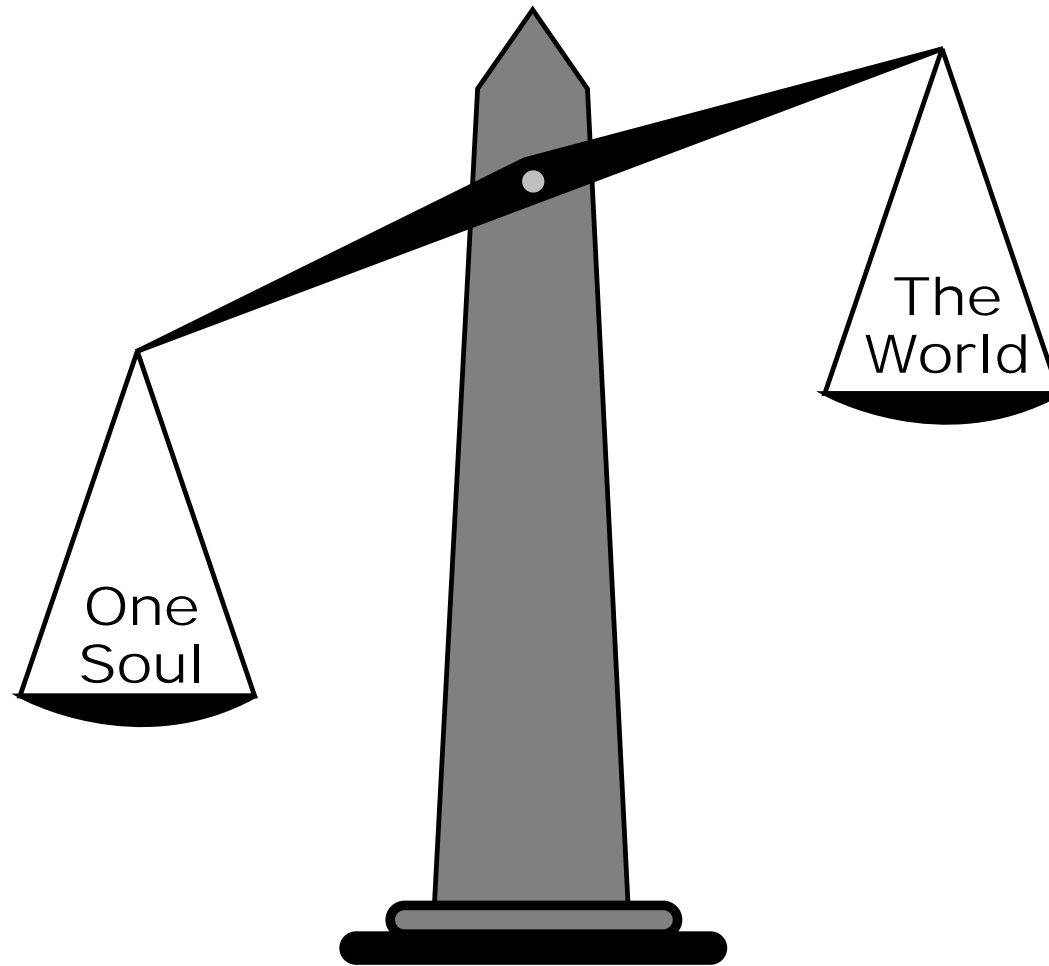
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9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

(*The Teaching Of Christ, A Catholic Catechism For Adults*, pg. 276)

*What Happened To The
Second Commandment?*

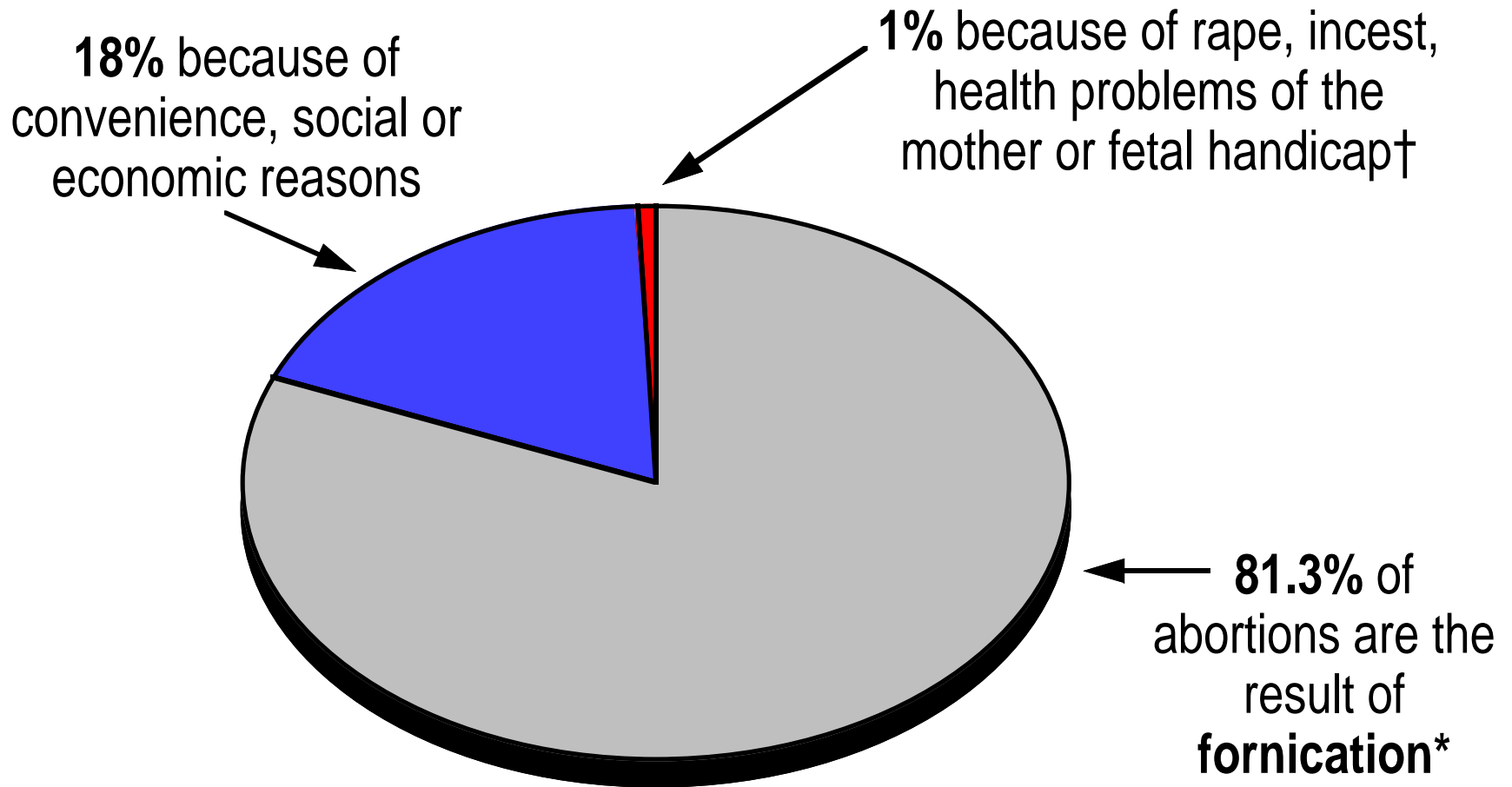
The Catholic Bible prohibits the making of idols. It also prohibits bowing down before these images. Why would Catholic leaders leave this commandment out of their Catechism? Could it be because their practice does not follow their Bible? The Second General Council of Nicea (787 a.d.) approved the veneration of icons and statues.

The Value Of A Soul



“For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses his soul?” (Matthew 16:26)

Why Women Choose Abortion



*Editorial Research Reports, 1987, Vol. II, pg. 537

†Abortion Questions & Answers, pg. 193

All Spiritual Blessings Are In Christ

Ephesians 1:3

Baptized “Into”
Romans 6:3–6
Galatians 3:26–27

Confess “Unto”
Romans 10:10

Repent “Unto”
Acts 11:18

Believe “Unto”
Romans 10:10

“In Christ”

Redemption
Ephesians 1:7

New Creation
2 Corinthians 5:17

Sanctification
Hebrews 13:12

Justification
Romans 5:9

Can A Christian Fall From Grace?

Denominational Doctrine

“We take the position that a Christian’s sins do not damn his soul. The way a Christian lives, what he says, his character, his conduct, or his attitude toward other people have nothing whatever to do with the salvation of his soul ... All the prayers a man may pray, all the Bibles he may read, all the churches he may belong to, all the services he may attend, all the sermons he may practice, all the debts he may pay, all the ordinances he may observe, all the laws he may keep, all the benevolent acts he may perform will not make his soul one whit safer; and all the sins he may commit from idolatry to murder will not make his soul in any more danger ... The way a man lives has nothing whatever to do with the salvation of his soul ... The way I live has nothing whatsoever to do with the salvation of my soul.” (*Do A Christian’s Sins Damn His Soul?*, Sam Morris, First Baptist Church, Stamford, Texas)

“They whom God hath accepted in His Beloved, effectually called and sanctified by his Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace: but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved.” (*Westminster Confession of Faith*, Presbyterian Church)

Bible Doctrine

“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.” (*1 Corinthians 6:9-10*)

“Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.” (*Galatians 5:19-21*)

“For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.” (*Ephesians 5:5*)

“You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.” (*Galatians 5:4*)

Which One Do You Believe?

Faithful Sayings

Christ Came Into The World To Save Sinners (1 Tim. 1:15)

- Purpose of His Birth (Matt. 1:21) and His Death (Rom. 5:8)

Desire To Be An Elder: It Is A Good Work (1 Tim. 3:1)

- Qualifications must be met (1 Tim. 3:1–7; Titus 1:5–9)
- Appointed by gospel preachers (Titus 1:5)
- Guard the flock (Acts 20:28) and stop vain talkers (Titus 1:10–11)
- Must be an example to the flock (1 Pet. 5:3)

Godliness Is Profitable For All Things (1 Tim. 4:9)

- We must be living sacrifices (Rom. 12:1–2)
- We will be judged by our deeds (2 Cor. 5:10)

If We Die With Christ, We Shall Live With Him (2 Tim. 2:11)

- We "die" with Him in baptism (Rom. 6:1–8)
- Salvation comes through His death (Matt. 26:28)
- We should bear the likeness of His death (2 Cor. 4:10–11)

We Must Be Careful To Maintain Good Works (Titus 3:8)

- We were redeemed for this purpose (Titus 2:14)
- Not by works of human righteousness (Eph. 2:8–10)

Will The Jews Return To Palestine?

Premillennialists claim the Jews will return to Palestine after the second coming of Christ. They have three insurmountable problems:

The Land Promises Were Based On Keeping The Law Of Moses

(Deut. 30:1–10; Neh. 1:7–10)

The Law of Moses has been abolished (Eph.2:14–16)

The Inheritance Was Only Through The Family Estate

(Lev. 25: 13–28; Ezra 2:70; Jer. 12:14)

Genealogies are now forbidden (Titus 3:9; 1 Tim. 1 :4)

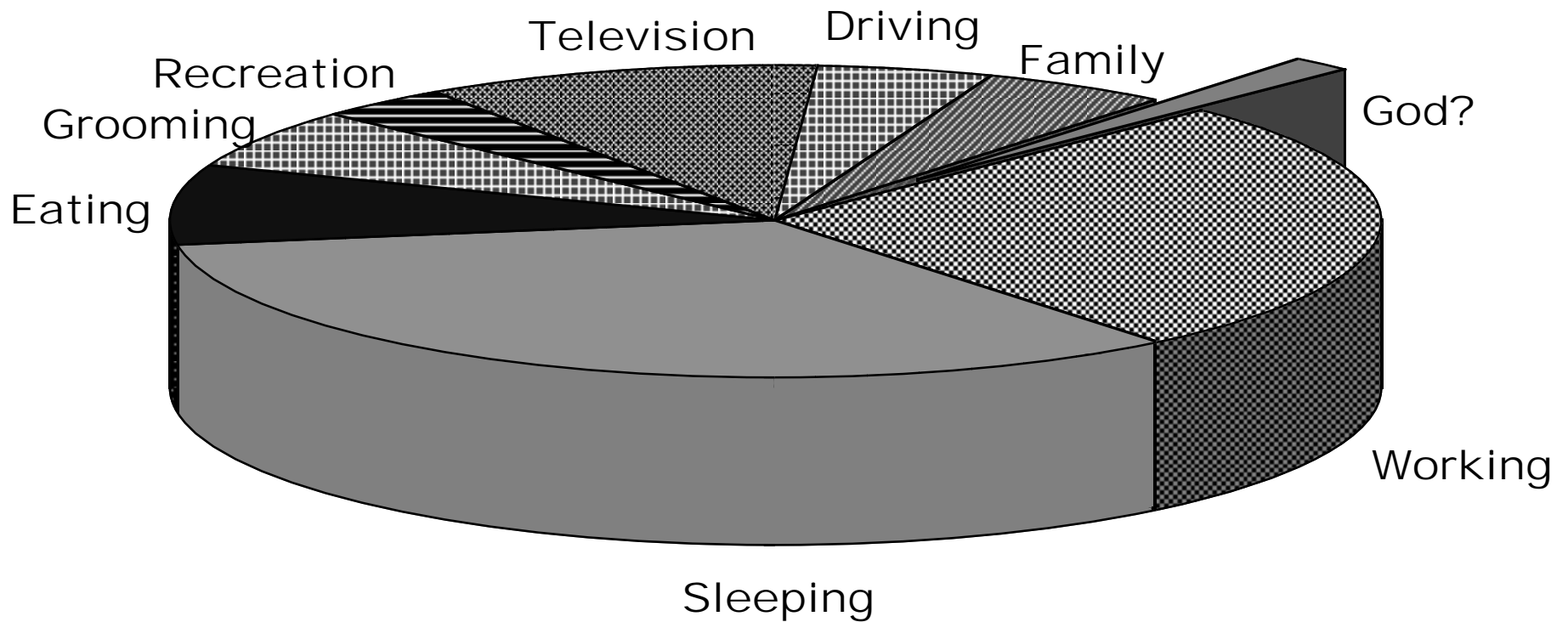
The Earthly Throne Of David Ended With Coniah

(Jer. 22:24-30; 1 Chron. 3:16–17)

Christ is a descendant of Coniah (Matt. 1: 12)

“When you have transgressed the covenant of the Lord your God, which He commanded you, and have turned and served other gods, and bowed down to them, then the anger of the Lord will burn against you, and you shall perish quickly from the good land which He has given you” (Joshua 23:16)

168 Hours In A Week



How Many Are Devoted To God?

The Resurrection Of Christ



Foretold In The Old Testament
(Psa. 16:8–11; Acts 2:25–26)

Promised By Jesus
(John 2:19; John 11:25)

It Defeated Satan
(Gen. 3:15; Act 2:24)

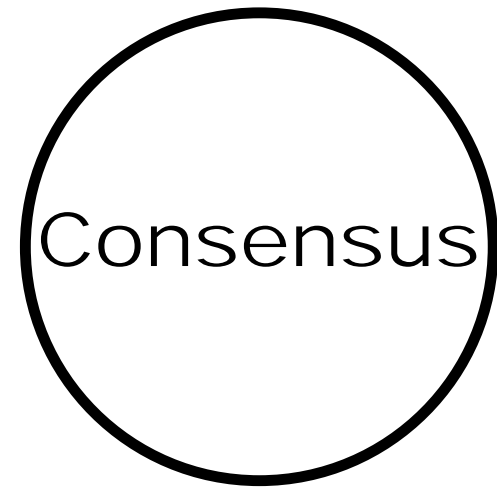
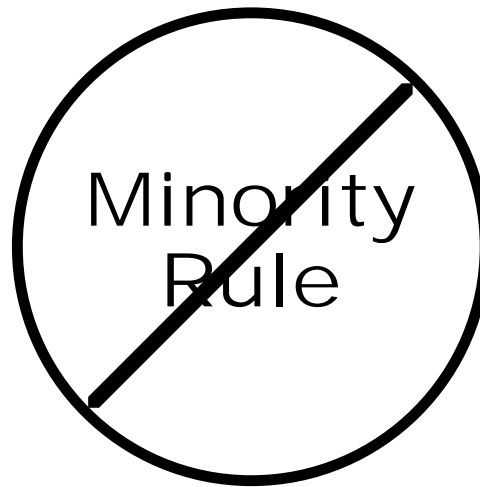
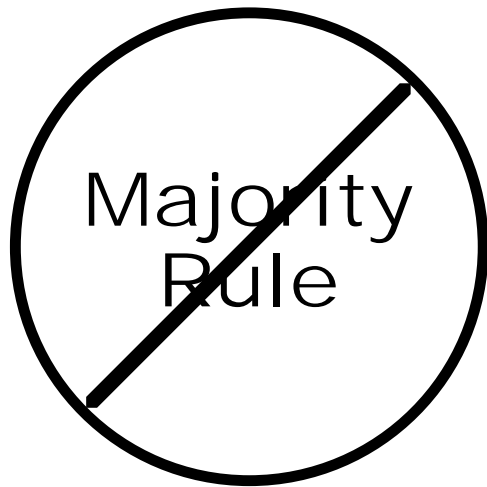
Witnessed By Over 500 Brethren
(1 Cor. 15:6)

It Is The Foundation Of The Gospel
(1 Cor. 15:3–4)

Is It The Basis For Our Hope
(1 Cor. 15:12–19)

Memorials To The Resurrection:
The Lord's Supper (Matt. 26:26–29)
The Lord's Day (Acts 20:7)
Baptism In Water (Rom. 6:1–6)

In The Absence Of Elders

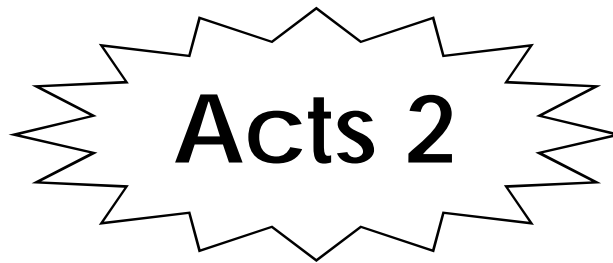


Seven Seconds In The Bible

Joel 2:28–32

Eph. 2:1–7

Isa. 2:1–5

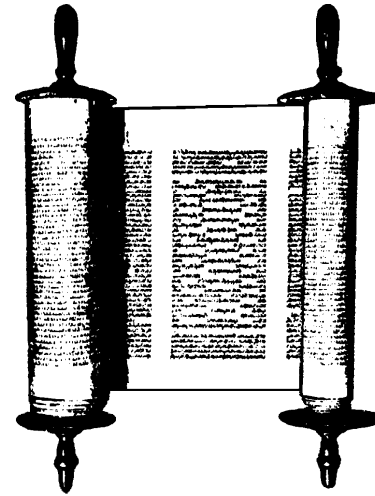


Col. 2:10–15

Dan. 2:31–45

Heb. 2:3–9

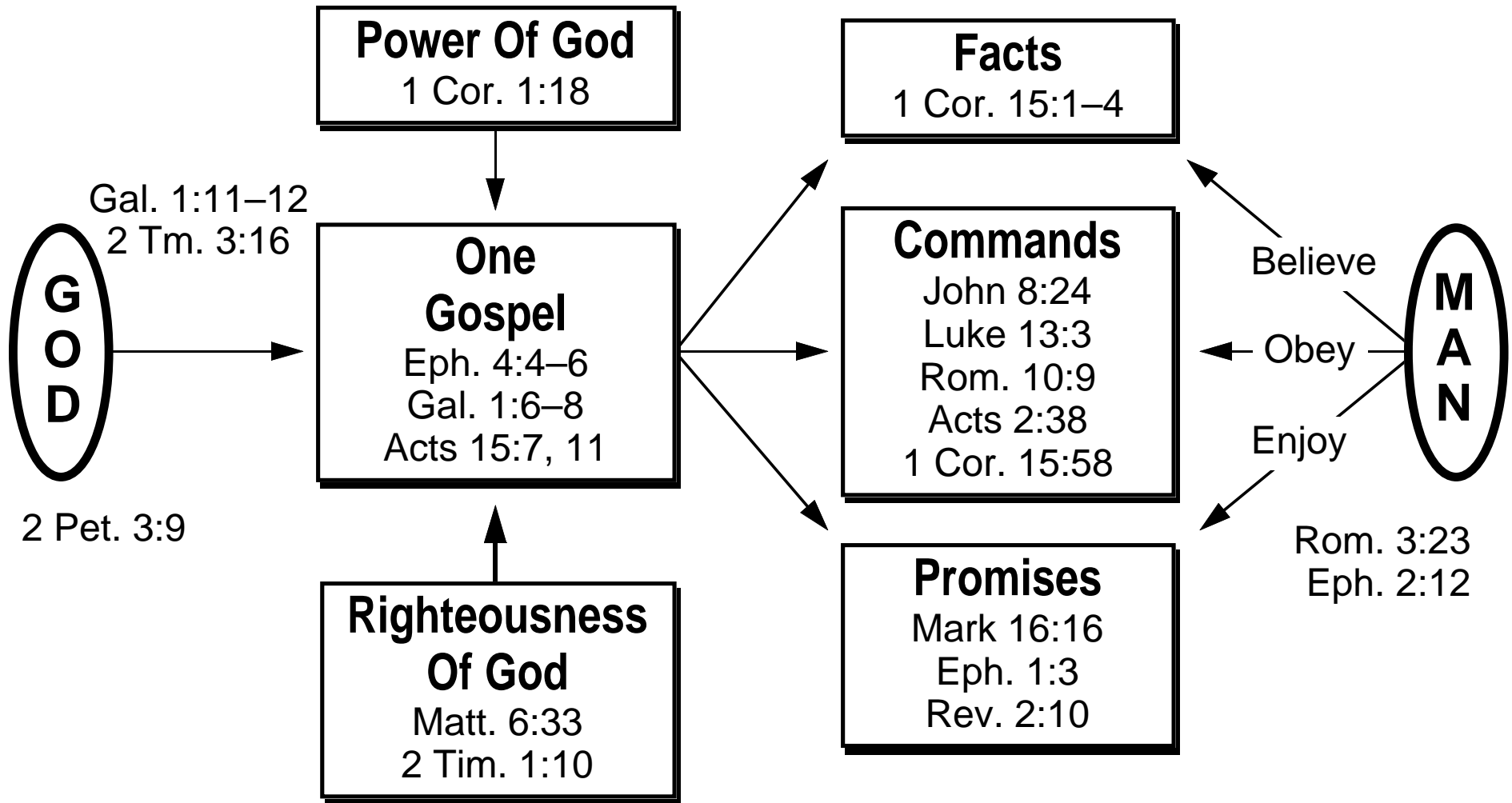
What Purpose Did The Law Serve?

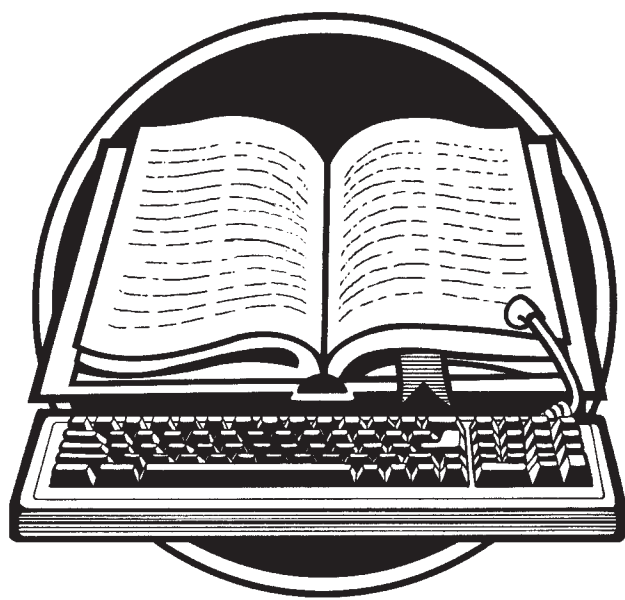


- ⇒ It was a “tutor” for the Jews (*Gal. 3:19–29*)
- ⇒ It revealed what sin was (*Rom. 7:7*)
- ⇒ It can instill hope in our hearts (*Rom. 15:4*)
- ⇒ It gives us examples of faith (*Heb. 11:4; Rom. 4:12*)

The Gospel: God's Power To Save

Romans 1:16–17





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