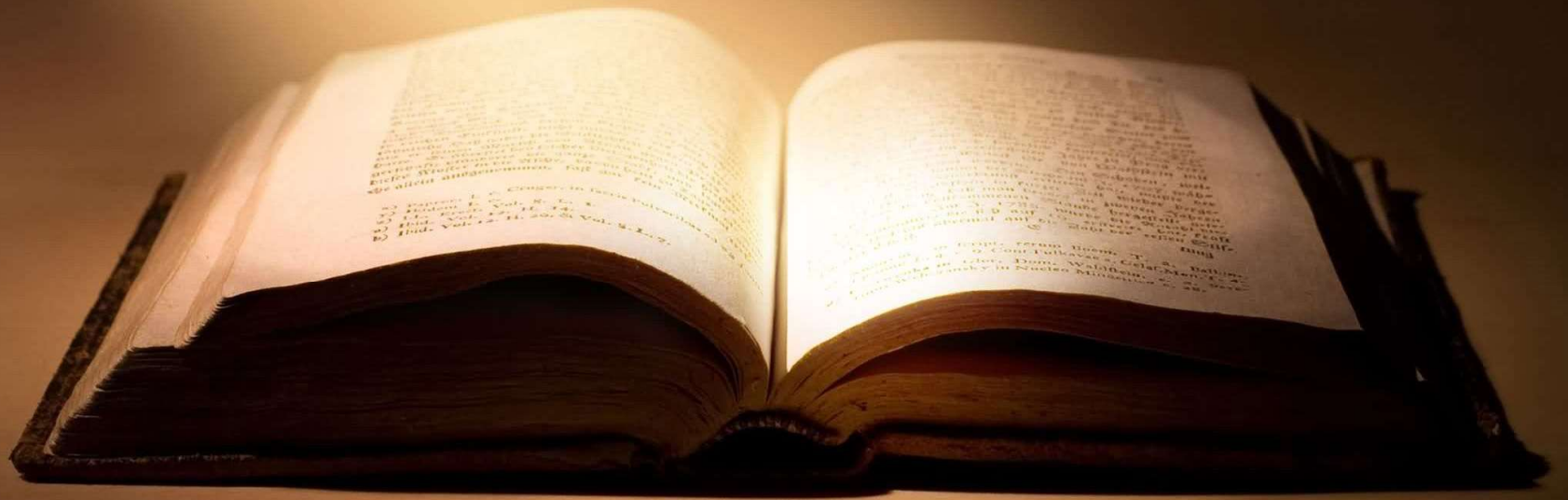
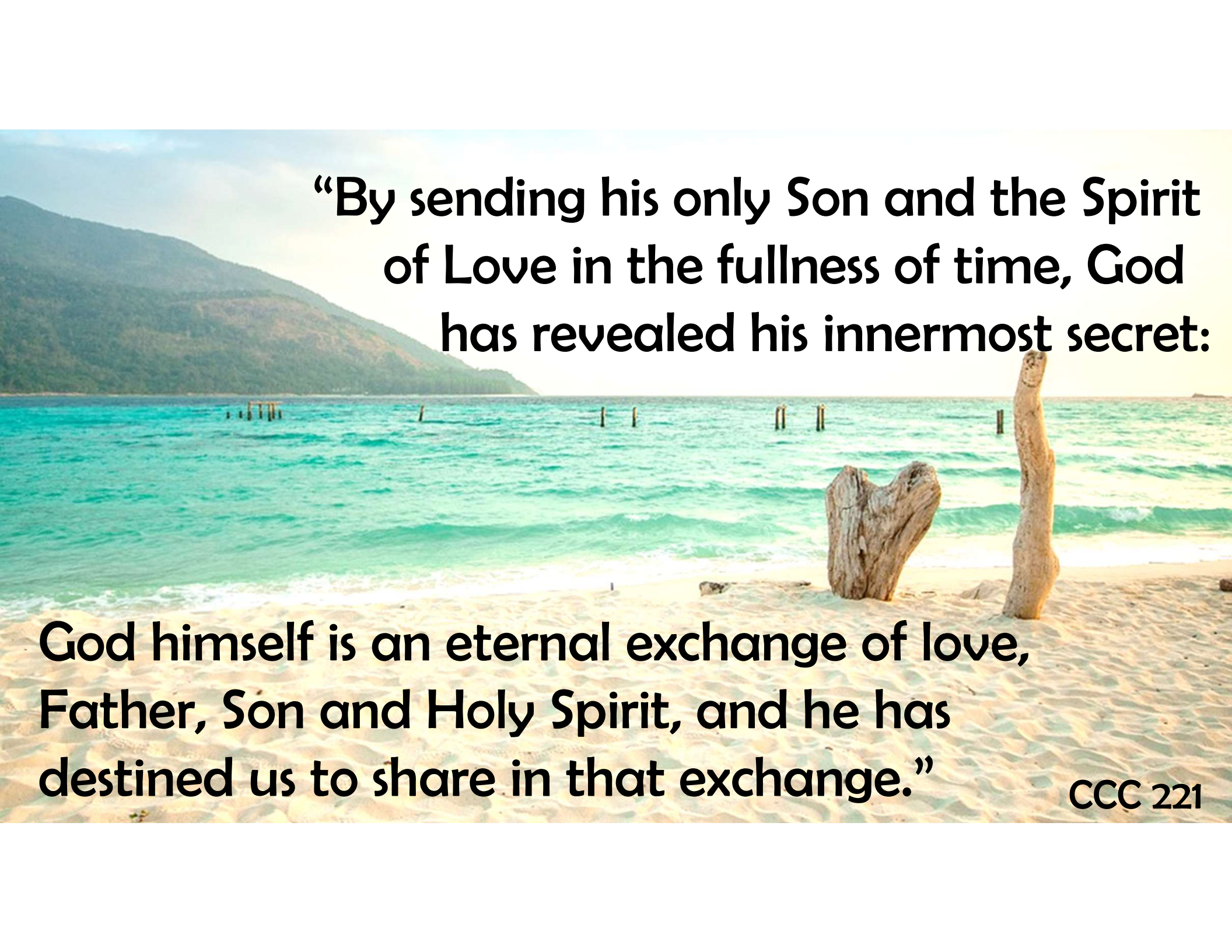


# *Revelation & Faith*





**“By sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret:**

**God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange.”**

**CCC 221**





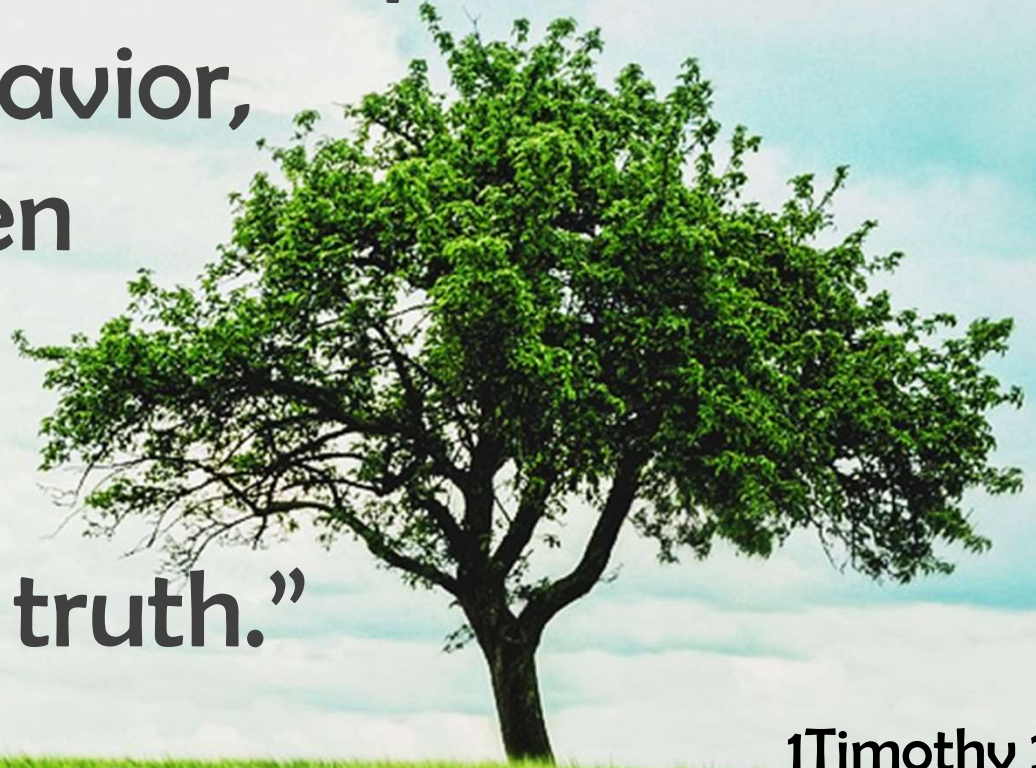
“**Communion** represents both the source and the fruit of **mission**...” (CL 32)

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CCC 221



**“This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”**



**1Timothy 2:3-4**



Grace



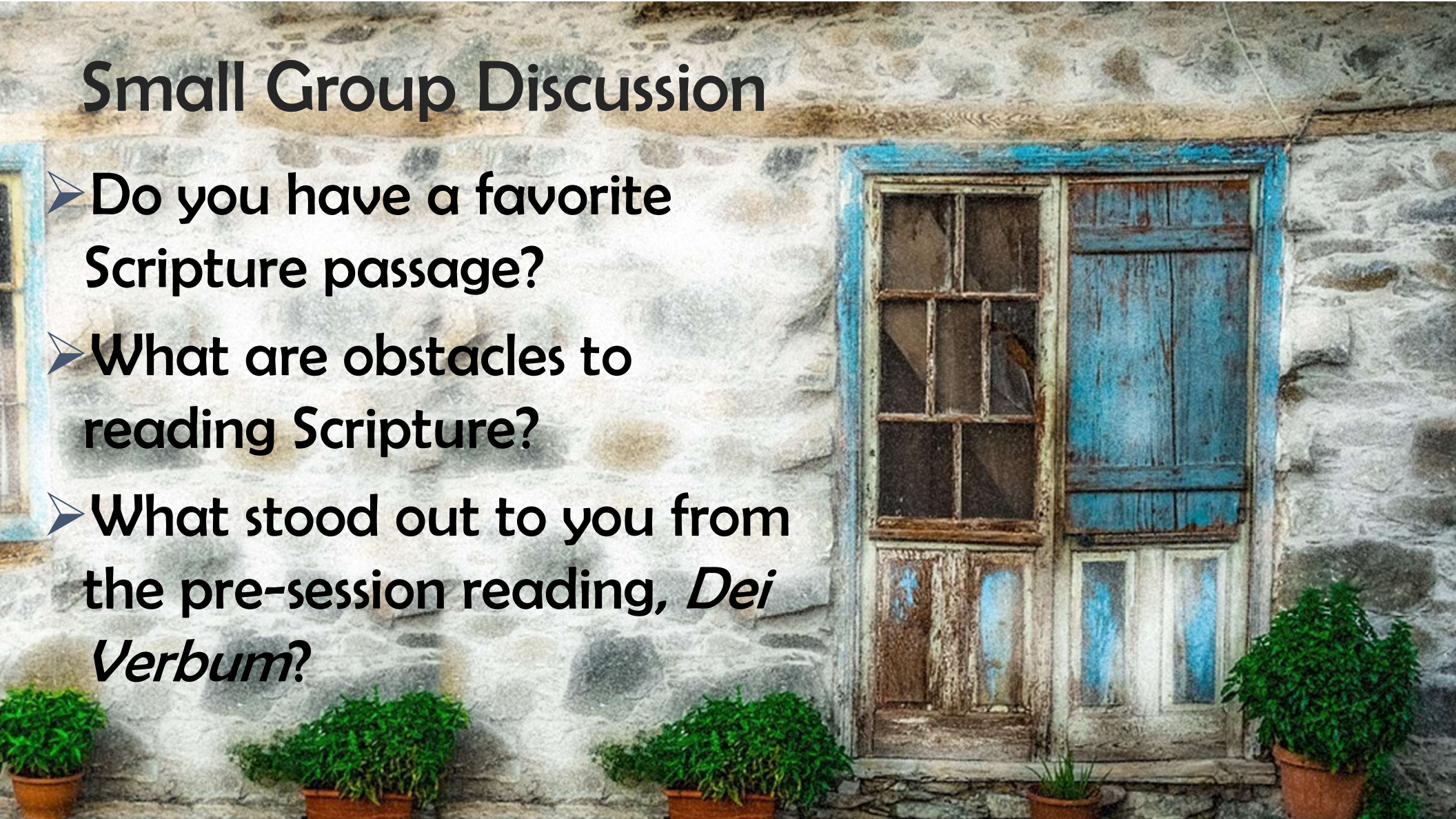
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# Small Group Discussion

- Do you have a favorite Scripture passage?
- What are obstacles to reading Scripture?
- What stood out to you from the pre-session reading, *Dei Verbum*?







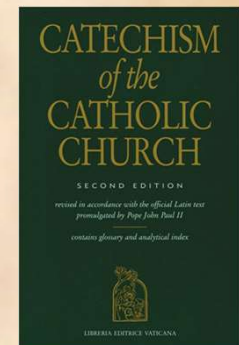




Scripture



Tradition



How does God reveal  
Himself to us?



# *Sacred Scripture*

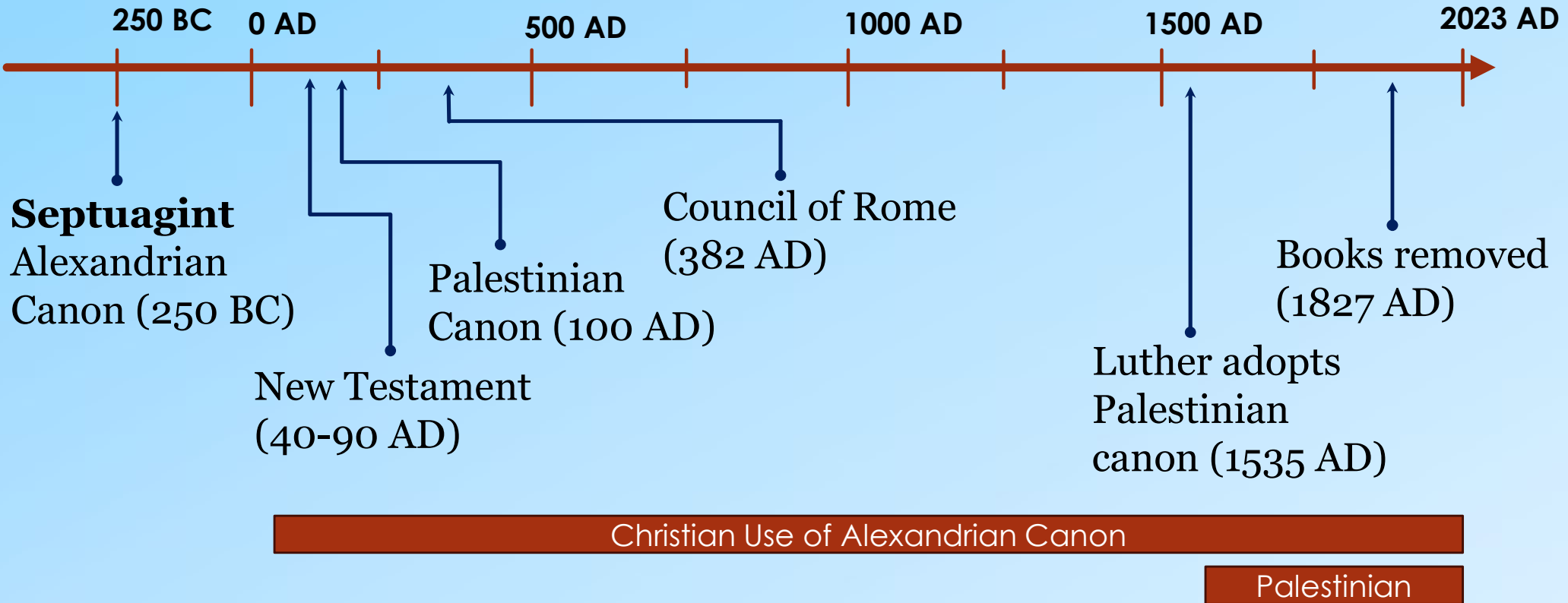
- Translation
- Bishops Imprimatur
- Old Testament 46 books
- New Testament 27 books
- Canon





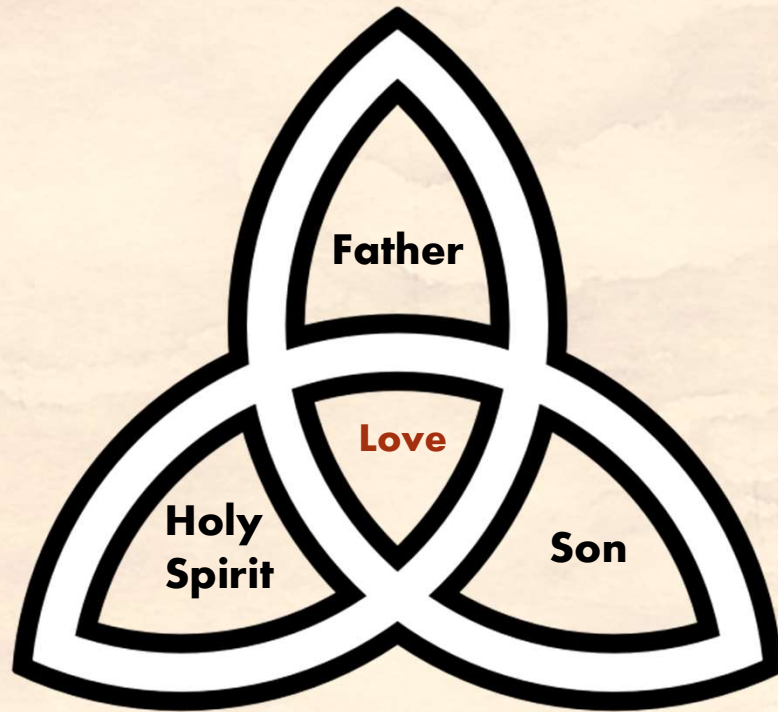


# Canon of Old Testament





The Core Message  
of Scripture



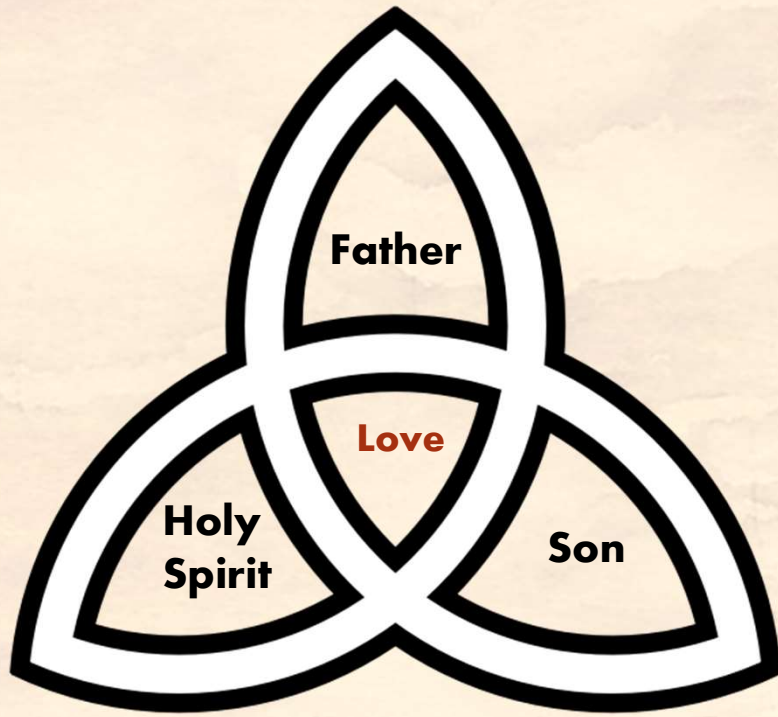
1. God made us

“Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness...”

Genesis 1:26



The Core Message  
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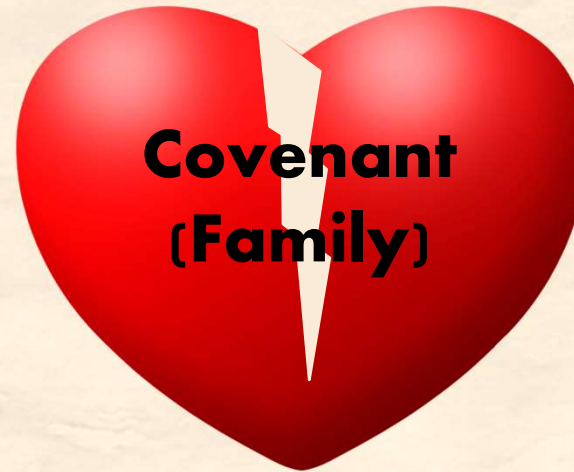
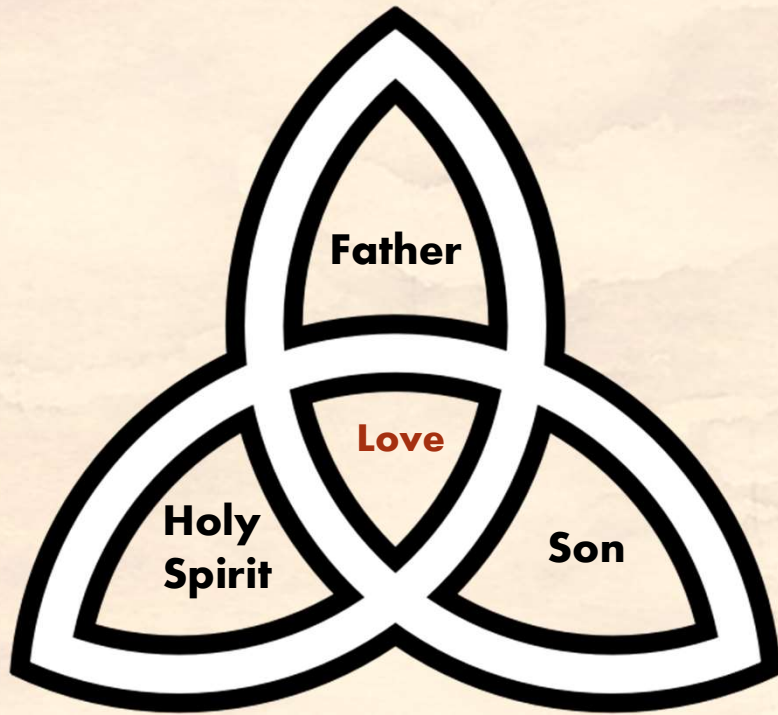


1. God made us
2. Our sin separates us



Humanity

# The Core Message of Scripture

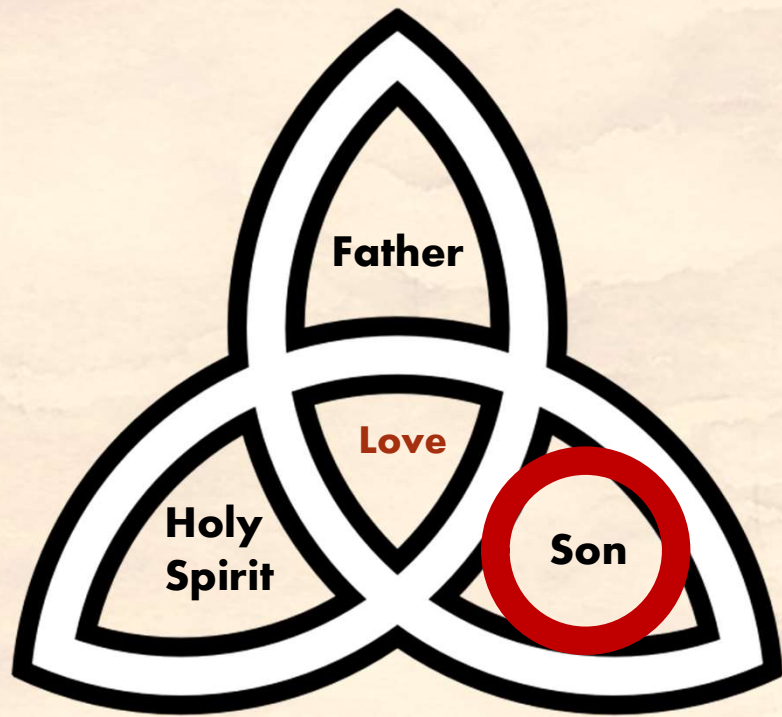


1. God made us
2. Our sin separates us
3. God promises to restore us





## The Core Message of Scripture



1. God made us
2. Our sin separates us
3. God promises to restore us
4. God fulfills His promise in Jesus



Humanity

## The Core Message of Scripture



1. God made us
2. Our sin separates us
3. God promises to restore us
4. God fulfills His promise in Jesus
5. Jesus gives us grace & the Church







A person is sitting on a brick wall, leaning against it. They are wearing a light blue t-shirt, dark blue jeans, and black sandals. They are holding a black Bible with the words "HOLY BIBLE" printed on the cover. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with a brick wall and a paved area.

# Small Group Activity

## Find in Scripture:

- ❖ Luke 1:63
- ❖ John 15:15-16
- ❖ 2 Timothy 3:16

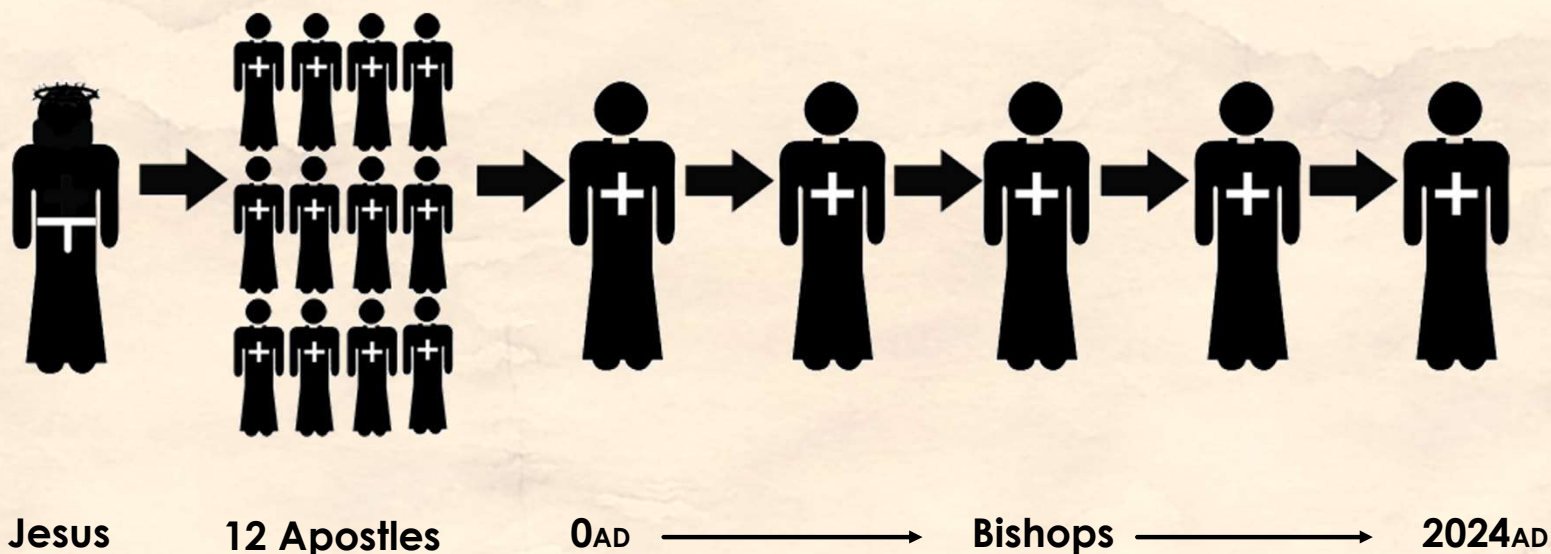


# Sacred Tradition

“So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter.”

2 Thessalonians 2:15

# TRANSMISSION OF ORAL TRADITION



“in order to keep the Gospel forever whole and alive within the Church, the Apostles left bishops as their successors, "handing over" to them "the authority to teach in their own place.” *DV 7*





## Small Group Activity

Find in the Catechism:

❖ CCC 68

❖ CCC 136

A large stone statue of St. Peter, the first Pope, is shown in the foreground. He has a curly beard and hair, and is wearing a draped garment. He holds a set of keys in his right hand, with one key pointing upwards. In the background, three other statues are visible against a clear blue sky. The first is a seated figure holding a staff. The second is a standing figure holding a cross. The third is a seated figure holding a book.

***Dei Verbum 7-10***  
Handing on of Divine  
Revelation



# TO SERVE MAN

EPISODE 89

THE  
TWILIGHT  
ZONE



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# ***Dei Verbum 11-13***

**Sacred Scripture,  
Its Inspiration and  
Divine Interpretation**



- ❖ The Holy Spirit inspired Scripture, “God is their author”
- ❖ This applies to both the Old & New Testaments in their entirety
- ❖ Handed to the Church herself





- ❖ They made use of their powers and abilities
- ❖ Him acting in them and through them, they, as true authors
- ❖ writing everything and only those things which He wanted.



# Literary Type

Narrative

Poetry

Parables

Praise



Allegorical

Legal

Historical

Prophetic

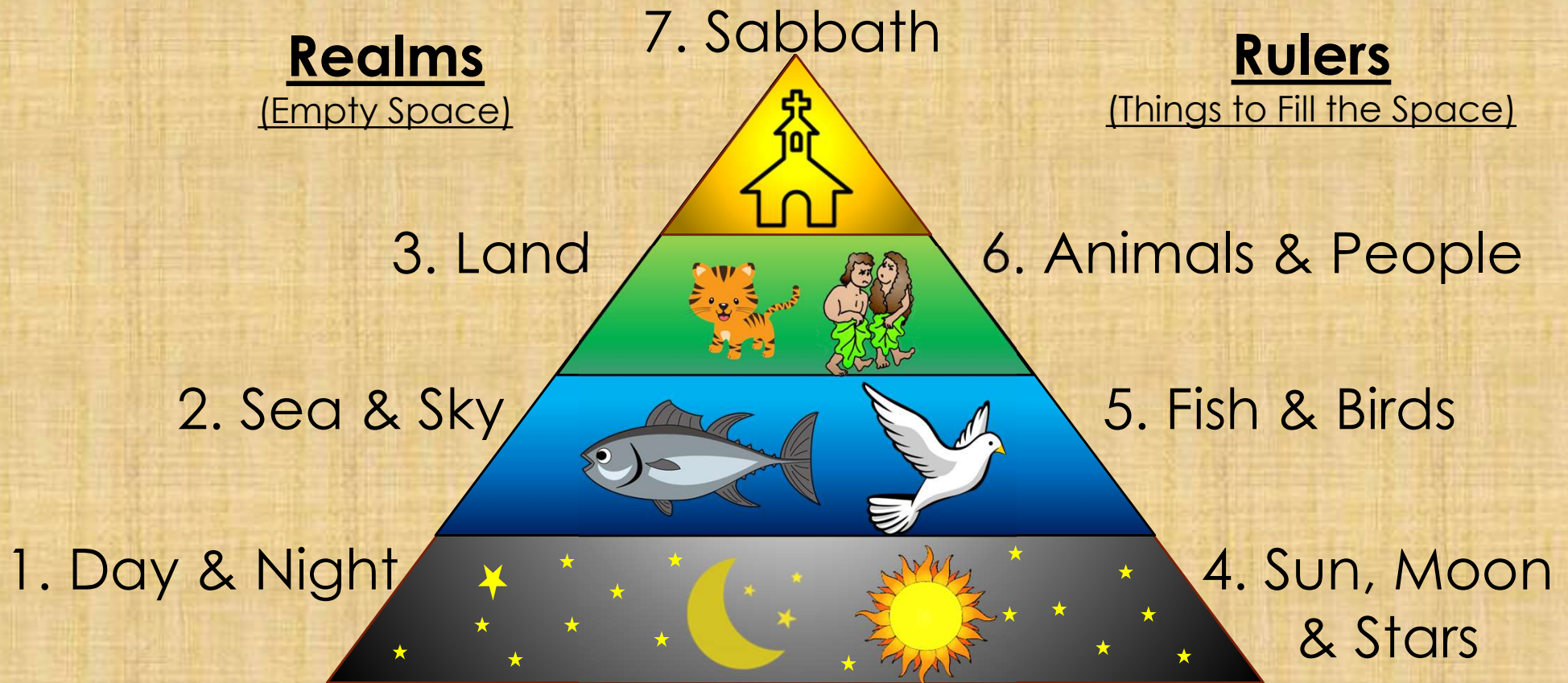


CREATIONISM  
VS.  
EVOLUTION

# Chiasm: Literary Structure of Genesis

**Realms**  
(Empty Space)

**Rulers**  
(Things to Fill the Space)

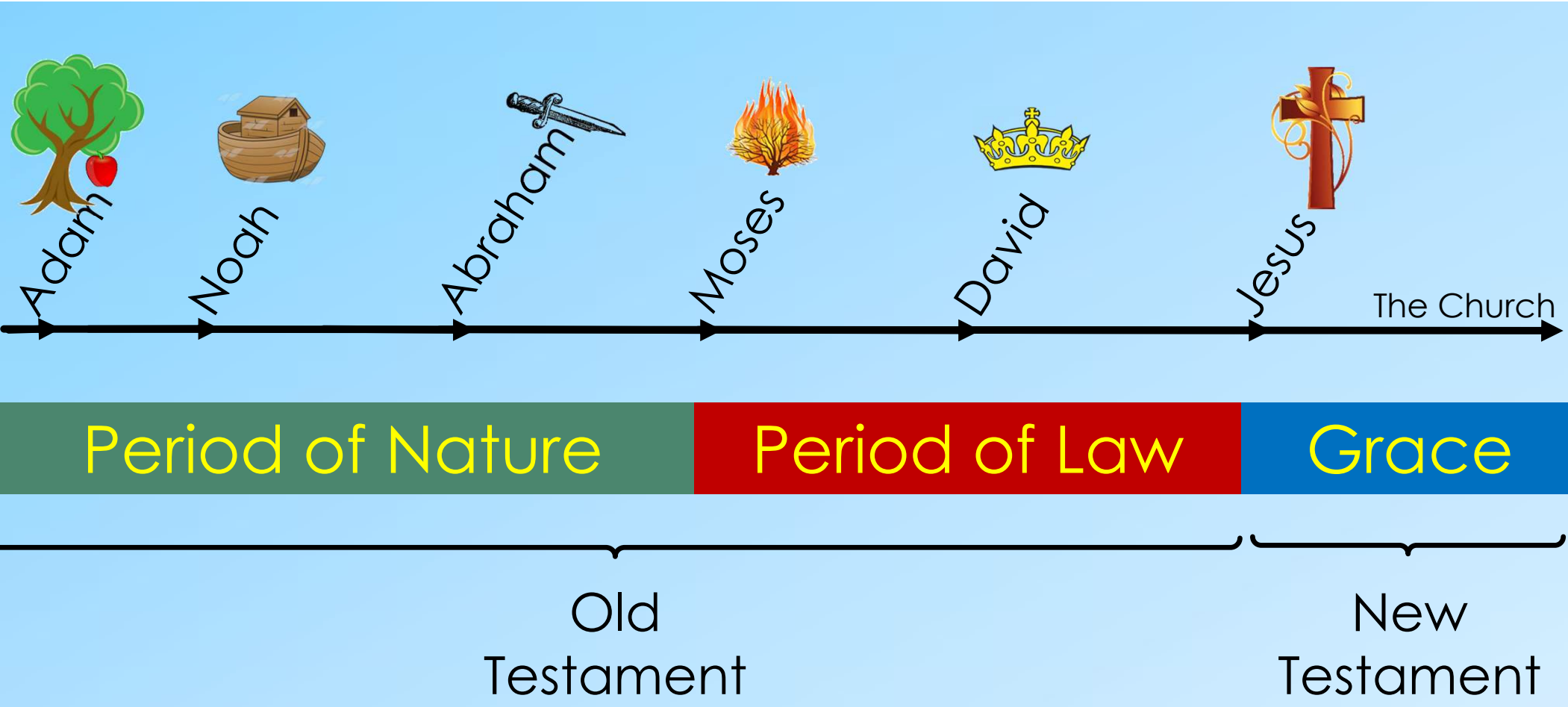




## Historical Cultural Context



As a child, my favorite day was 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Our family bled red, white and blue. Many of my family members answered the call of Uncle Sam. As soon as the sun came up, my dad would hang old glory in every window, and my mom would dress as Lady Liberty. After a picnic of Buffalo wings from Burger King, sliders from White Castle, and Dilly Bars from Dairy Queen, we marched to the park whistling *Stars and Stripes Forever*. Then the coolest night of the year would commence with fireworks and big band music.

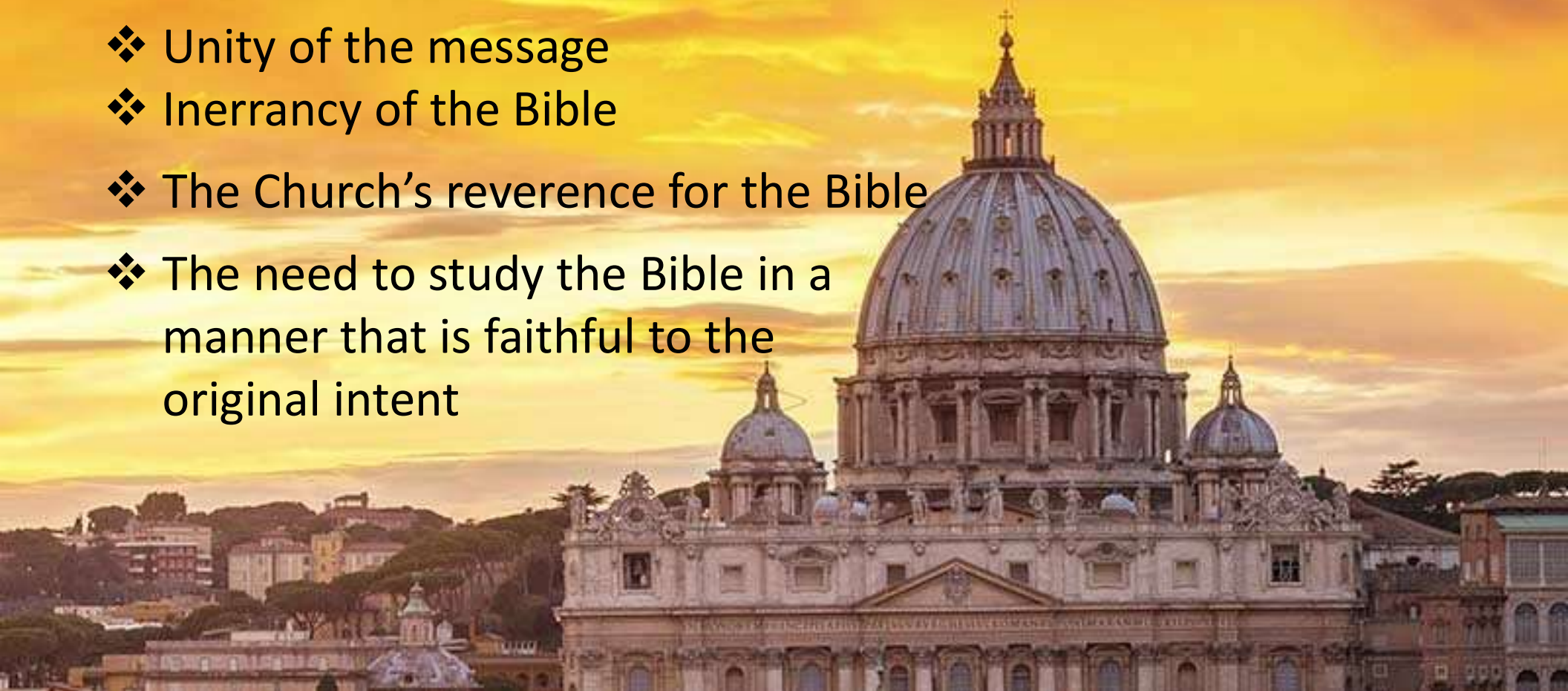


“God has overlooked the times of ignorance, but now he demands that all people everywhere repent” Acts 17:30



# The Implications of Divine Inspiration

- ❖ Unity of the message
- ❖ Inerrancy of the Bible
- ❖ The Church's reverence for the Bible
- ❖ The need to study the Bible in a manner that is faithful to the original intent





# **Getting the most out of Scripture**

**1. Prayer**

**2. Literal Sense**

- **What is the literary form (poetry, narrative, historical)?**
- **What is the historical & cultural context?**

**3. Spiritual Sense**

- **How does it point to Jesus?**
- **How does it inform me to live?**
- **What does it say about my journey towards heaven?**

**4. In line with the rest of Scripture and teachings of the Church.**

**5. Encounter- prayer, contemplation, and conversation**



# The fruit of God's Revelation is Joy



“The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew.”

Evangelii Gaudium 1





**faith**





**faith**

A wide-angle photograph of a church interior during a service. The pews are filled with people of various ages. In the background, a large, ornate crucifix is mounted on the wall above the altar. To the left, a large screen displays text. The lighting is warm and focused on the altar area.

People:

Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my  
roof, but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed

God “willed to make men holy and save them, not as individuals without any bond or link between them, but rather to make them into a people who might acknowledge him and serve him in holiness.” (CCC 781)





# faith





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CCC 162

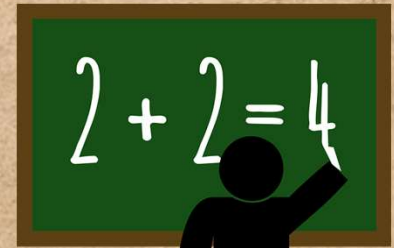
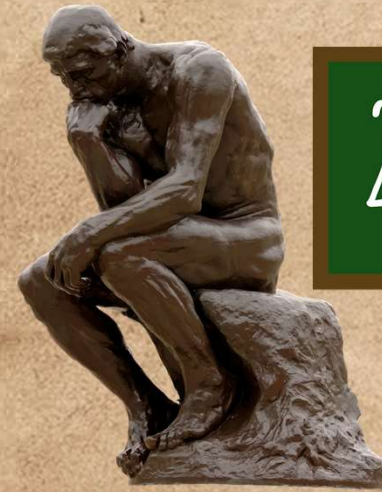
Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to man. We can lose this priceless gift.... To live, grow, and persevere in the faith until the end, we must nourish it with the **word of God**; we must beg the Lord to **increase our faith**; it must be "**working through charity**," abounding in **hope**, and **rooted in the faith** of the Church.



# Two paths to knowledge: Faith & Reason



Faith is knowledge and realities that cannot be known unless revealed to us.



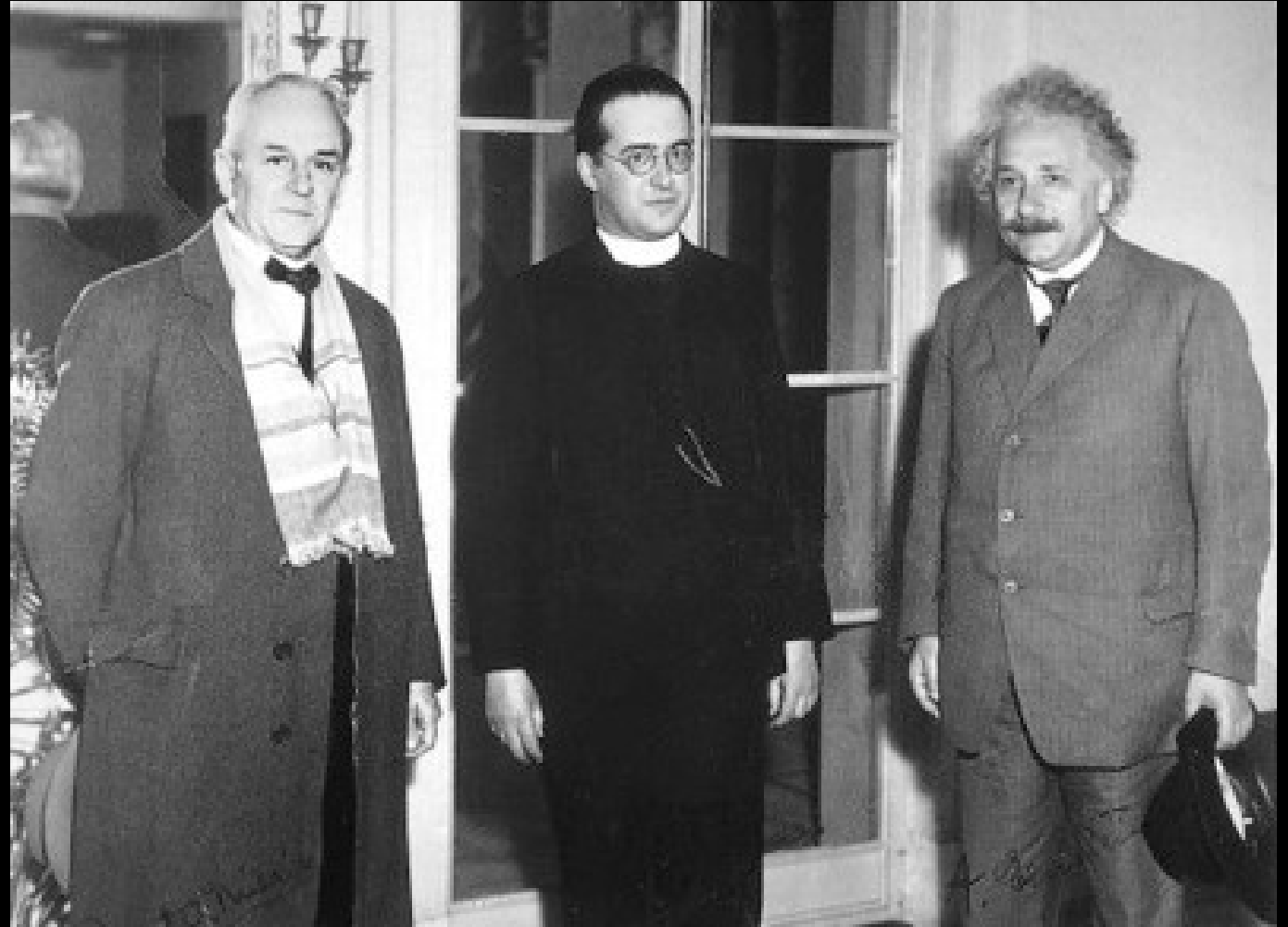
Reason is knowledge which we can discern from our natural powers of observation and deduction.





## Msgr. Georges Lemaître

- A Catholic Priest and Scientist
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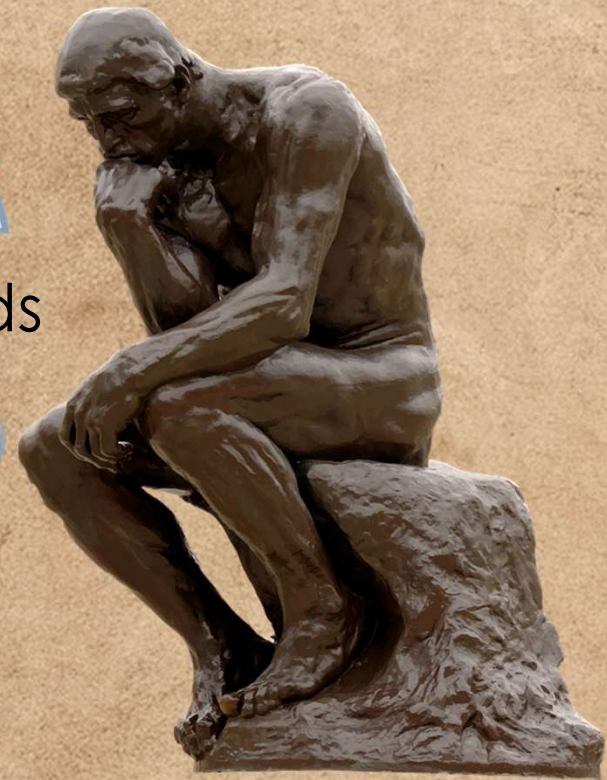
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# Faith & Reason



Grace builds  
on nature





CCC 163-65



“May God the Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit bless  
you, guard you, and lead  
you to life eternal.”

