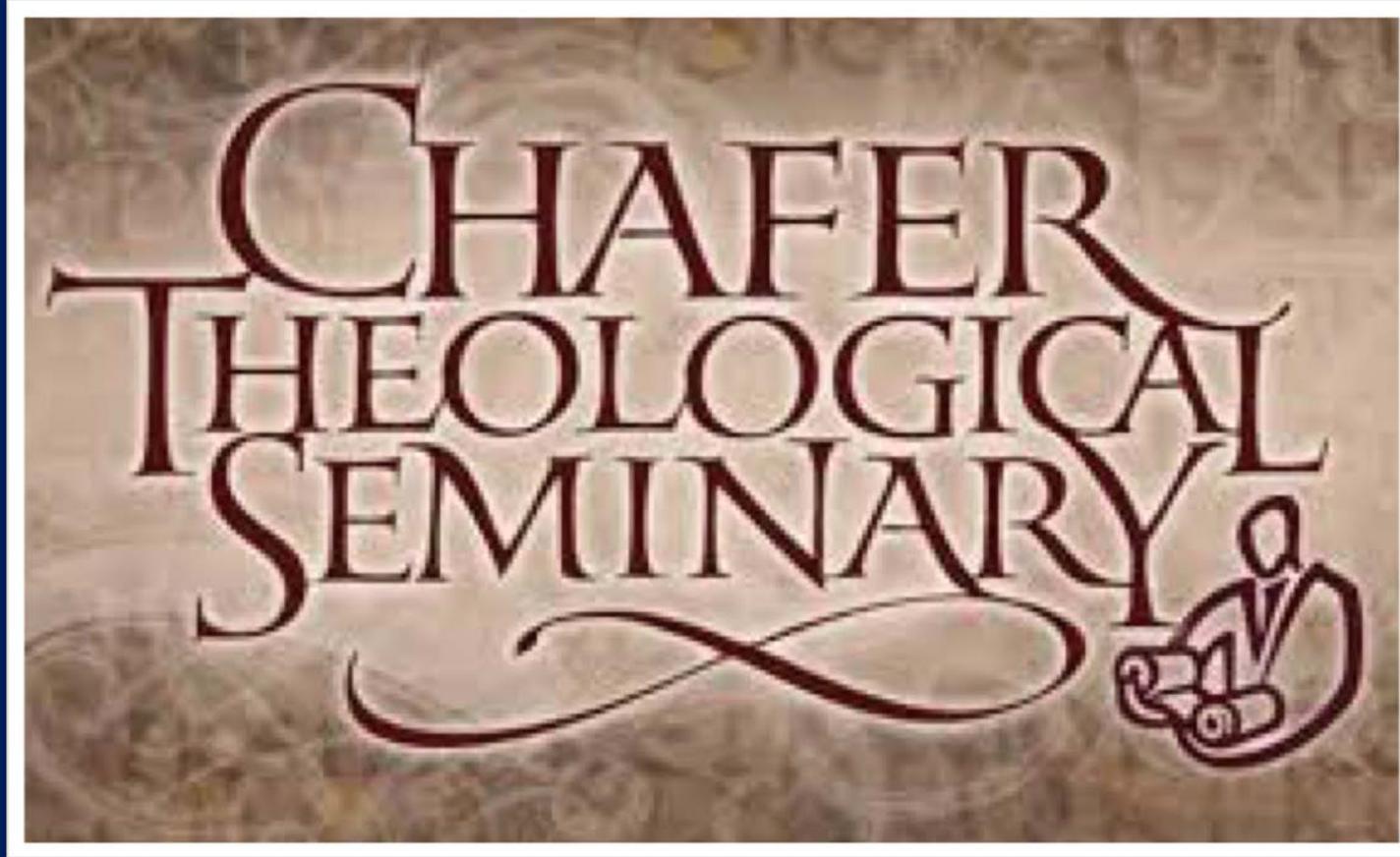
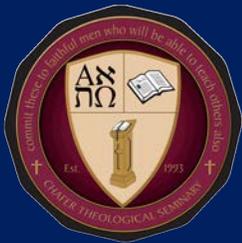


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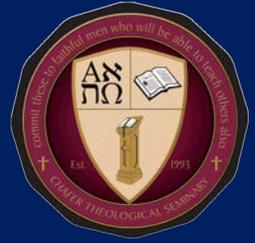


**Dr. Andy Woods**

Senior Pastor – Sugar Land Bible Church  
President – Chafer Theological Seminary



# WHO WILL FILL YOUR PULPIT?



**“They were scattered for lack of a shepherd, and they became food for every beast of the field and were scattered.” Ezekiel 34:5**

## Hosea 4:6

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.”



## Amos 8:11

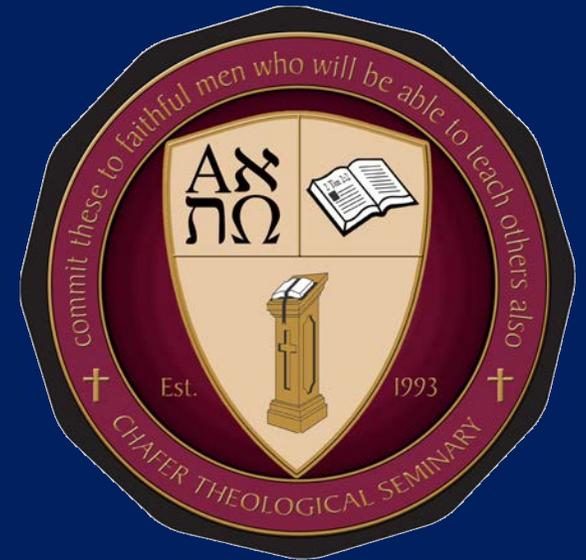
“Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord God, “When I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, But rather for hearing the words of the Lord.”



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## Matthew 5:18

“For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.”



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“But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.’”

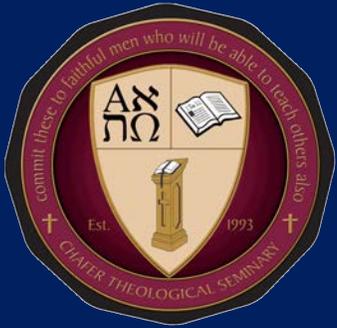


# Daniel 2–7

## Chiasm “Aramaic” ( 2-7)



1. Gentile History (2)
2. Protection (3)
3. Revelation to a gentile king (4)
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2. Protection (6)
1. Gentile history (7)



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"We share the deep conviction that teaching the Word of God itself builds believers in the faith for fruitful service. Therefore, Greek and Hebrew exegesis is foundational to our school's educational program."

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Foreword by John F. MacArthur

# THE JESUS CRISIS

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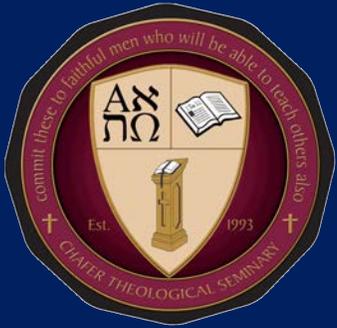
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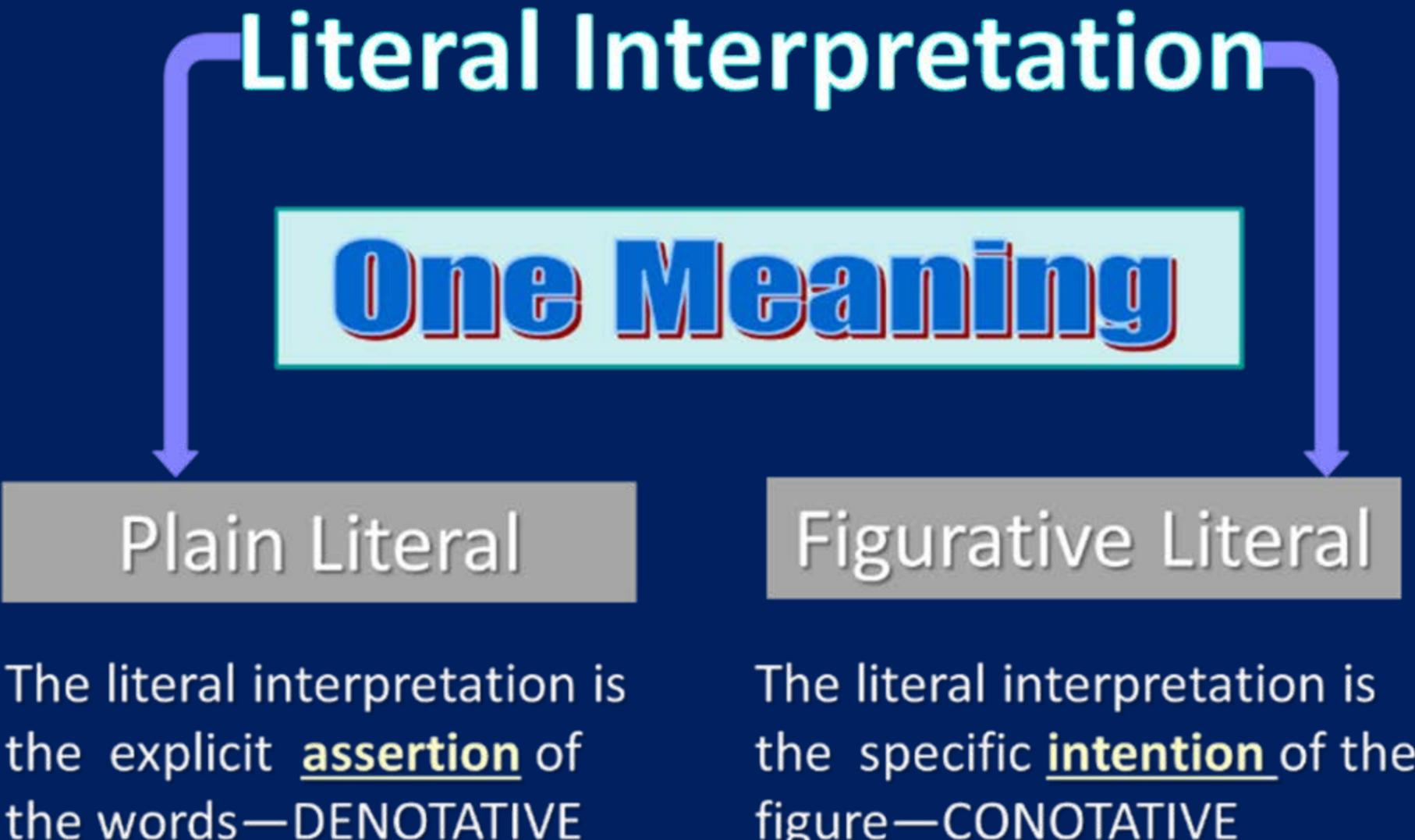
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# Literal Interpretation



**One Meaning**

Plain Literal

The literal interpretation is the explicit assertion of the words—DENOTATIVE

Figurative Literal

The literal interpretation is the specific intention of the figure—CONOTATIVE

Chart by Earl Radmacher

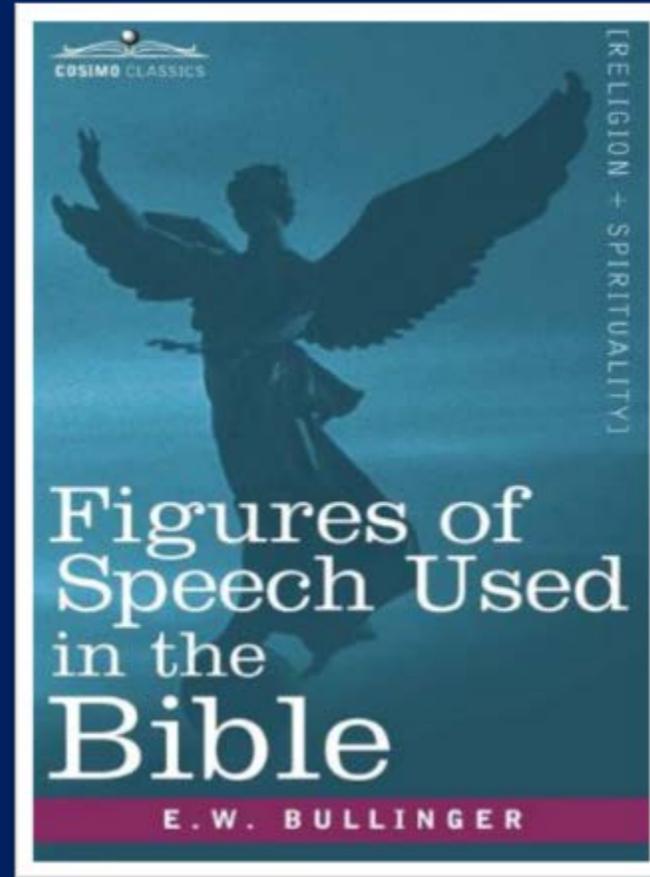
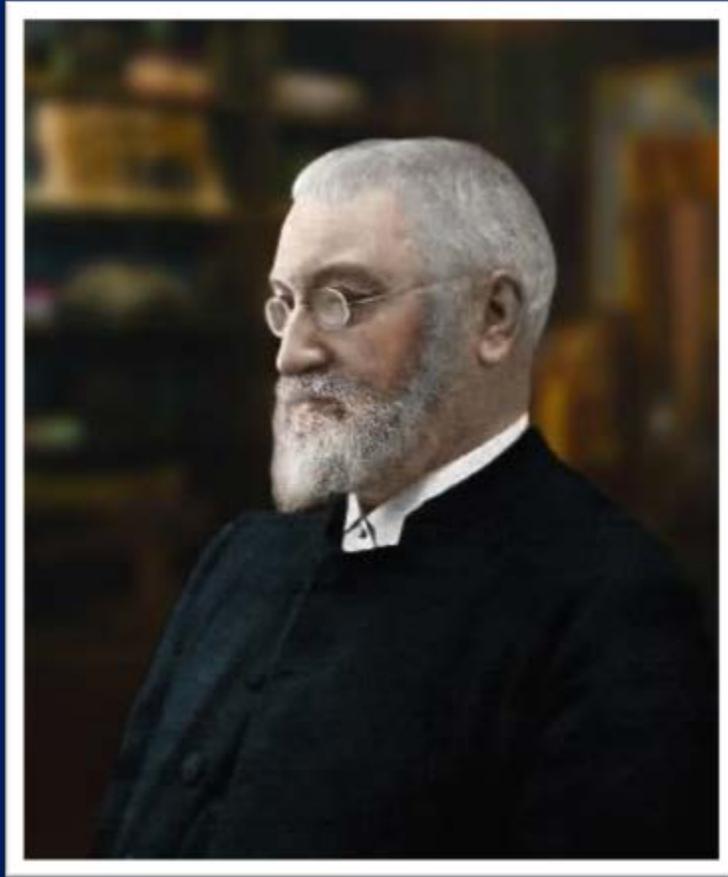
# Charles Ryrie

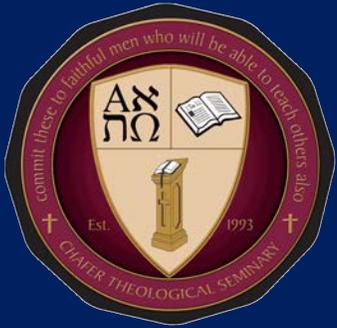
*Dispensationalism* (Chicago: Moody Press, 1965), 86.



Literal interpretation “...might also be called plain interpretation so that no one receives the mistaken notion that the literal principle rules out figures of speech.”

# E.W. Bullinger (1837–1913)





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## Dr. John Walvoord

"An Interview: Dr. John Walvoord Looks at Dallas Seminary,"  
*Dallas Connection* (Winter 1994, Vol. 1, No. 3), p. 4.

In 1994, "What do you predict will be the most significant theological issue over the next ten years?" He responded, "The hermeneutical problem of not interpreting the Bible literally, especially the prophetic areas. The church today is engulfed in the idea that one cannot interpret prophecy literally."



## Rick Warren

*Purpose Driven Life, 285-86.*

“When the disciples wanted to talk about prophecy, Jesus quickly switched the conversation to evangelism. He wanted them to concentrate on their mission in the world. He said in essence, “The details of my return are none of your business. What is your business is the mission I have given you. Focus on that!” If you want Jesus to come back sooner, focus on fulfilling your mission, not figuring out prophecy. Speculating on the exact timing of Christ’s return is futile, because Jesus said, “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” Since Jesus said He didn’t know the day or hour, why should you try to figure it out? What we do know for sure is this: Jesus will not return until everyone God wants to hear the Good News has heard it.”



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Jesus said, “The Good News about God’s kingdom will be preached in all the world, to every nation. Then the end will come.” If you want Jesus to come back sooner, focus on fulfilling your mission, not figuring out prophecy. It is easy to get **distracted** and sidetracked from your mission because **Satan** would rather have you do anything besides sharing your faith. He will let you do all kinds of good things as long as you don’t take anyone to heaven with you. But the moment you become **serious about your mission**, expect the Devil to throw all kinds of diversions at you. When that happens, remember the words of Jesus: “Anyone who lets himself be distracted from the work I plan for him is **not fit for the Kingdom of God**.”

# Rick Joyner

*The Harvest*, 1989-1990, revised booklet page 121.

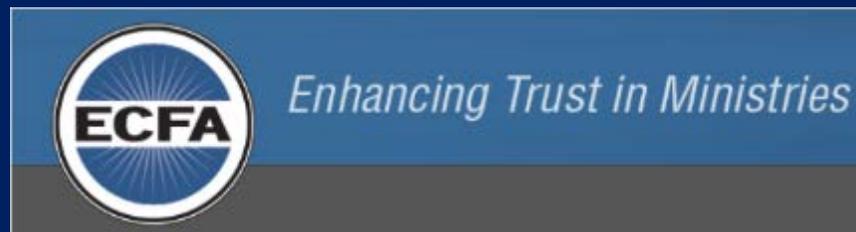
“The doctrine of the rapture was a great and effective use of the enemy to implant in the church a retreat mentality. Already this yoke has been cast off by the majority of the advancing church and it will soon be cast off by all.” (italics added)



# “EFCA Now Considers Premillennialism a Non-Essential,”

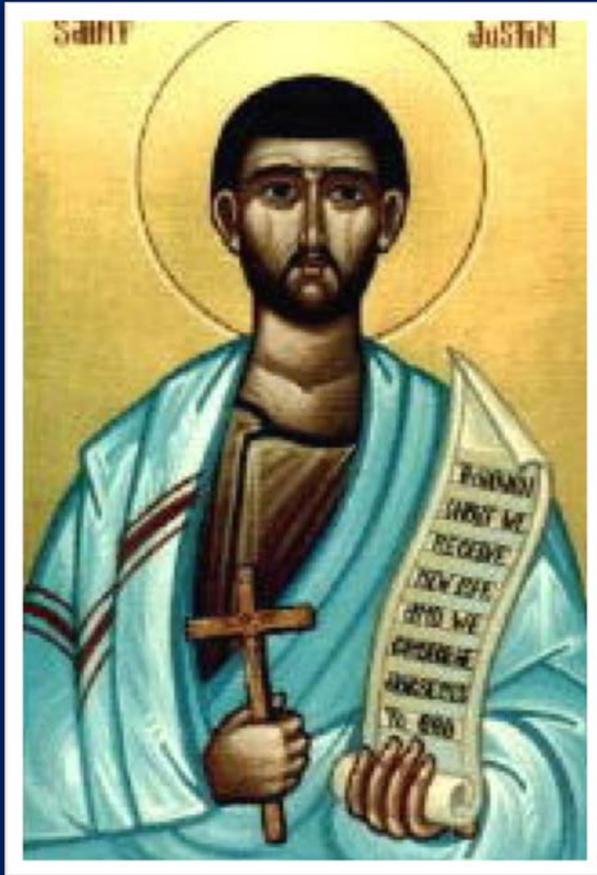
by Daniel Silliman, Christianity Today, 8/23/19

“The denomination drops end times doctrine from its statement of faith in a move to ‘major on the majors’ and ‘minor on the minors.’ The Evangelical Free Church of America (EFCA) changed its position on end times theology, voting this summer to drop the word ‘premillennial’ from the denomination’s statement of faith... Premillennialism has been a ‘denominational distinctive’ for the EFCA, according to the document, but shouldn’t be overemphasized.”



# Justin Martyr

*Dialogue with Trypho, 80.*



“But I and every other completely orthodox Christian feel certain that there will be a resurrection of the flesh, followed by a thousand years in the rebuilt, embellished, and enlarged city of Jerusalem as was announced by the prophets Ezekiel, Isaiah, and the others.”

# Eschatology A Sin?



*“Therefore, I conclude that it is sin to divide the body of Christ—to divide the body that he prayed would be united. Therefore for us to conclude that we must agree upon a certain view of alcohol, or a certain view of schooling, or a certain view of meat sacrificed to idols, or a certain view of the millennium in order to have fellowship together is, I think, not only unnecessary for the body of Christ, but it is therefore both unwarranted and therefore condemned by scripture. **So if you’re a pastor and you’re listening to me, you understand me correctly if you think I’m saying you are in sin if you lead your congregation to have a statement of faith that requires a particular millennial view.** I do not understand why that has to be a matter of uniformity in order to have Christian unity in a local congregation.”*

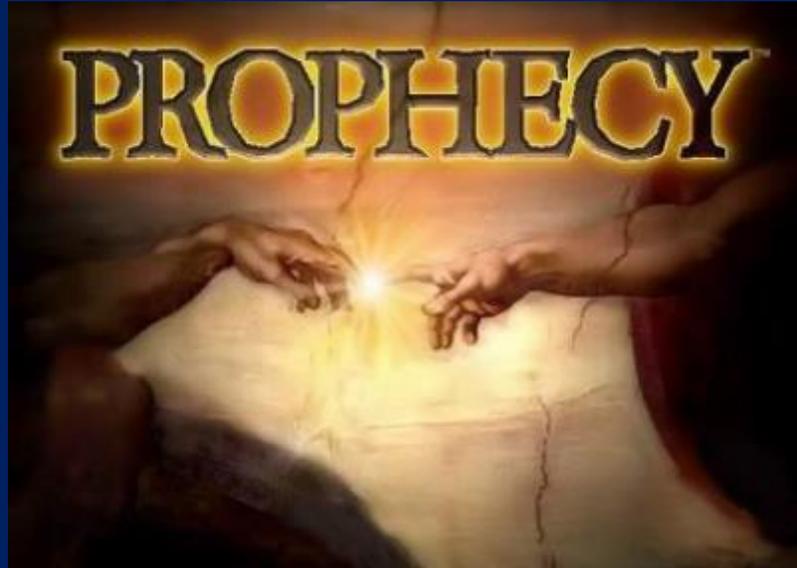
## 2 Peter 1:19

“So we have the prophetic word *made* more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.”



# Biblical Prophecy: Importance

- 27% of Scripture was prophetic at the time it was written
- 2 Pet 1:19

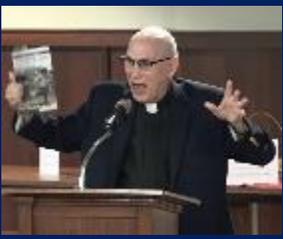




# Naim Ateek

Naim Ateek, *Justice, and Only Justice: A Palestinian Theology of Liberation* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 1990), 81–82.

“The use of this “new” hermeneutic is accessible to all Christians, even to the simple of faith...The constant application of this hermeneutic, therefore, is the best key for Christians to interpreting and understanding the biblical message. Furthermore, this theological understanding can determine the validity and authority of the Scriptures for the life of the Christian. It is grounded in the knowledge and love of God as revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The revelation of God, God’s nature, purpose, and will as revealed in Christ, becomes the criterion by which . . .



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## “Complementary Hermeneutics” in Progressive Dispensationalism

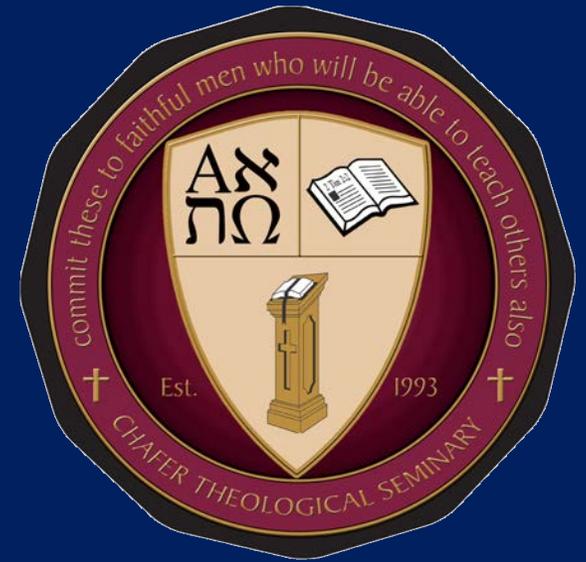


“...the New Testament does introduce change and advance; it does not merely repeat Old Testament revelation. In making complementary additions, however, it does not jettison Old Testament promises. The enhancement is not at the expense of the original promise.”

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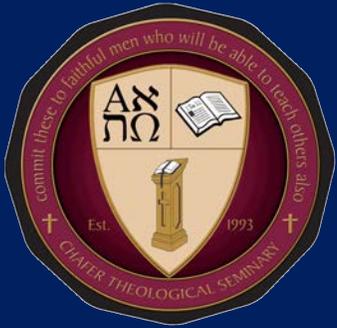


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# Dispensational Theology a System of Theology

Traditional-normative dispensational theology is a system that embodies three essential, fundamental concepts called the ***sine qua non*** (lit. “without which is not”):

1. The **consistent** use of a plain, normal, literal, grammatical-historical method of interpretation;
2. Which reveals that the **Church is distinct from Israel**;
3. God’s overall purpose is to bring **glory to Himself** (Eph. 1:6, 12, 14).

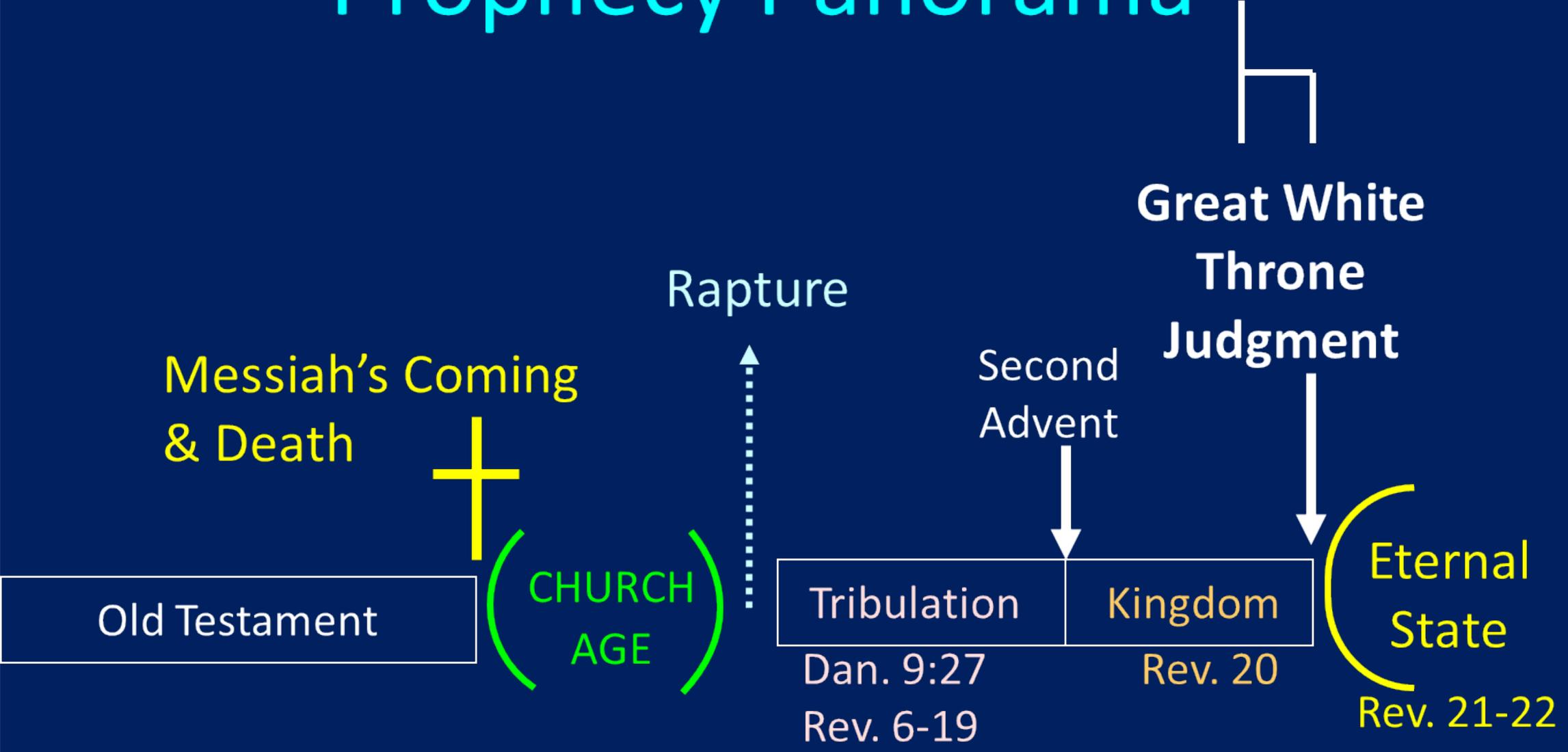


# Purposes of the Local Church

Dr. Robert Lightner

- Glorify God (Eph 3:21)
- Edify the saints (Eph 4:11-16)
- Fulfill the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20)

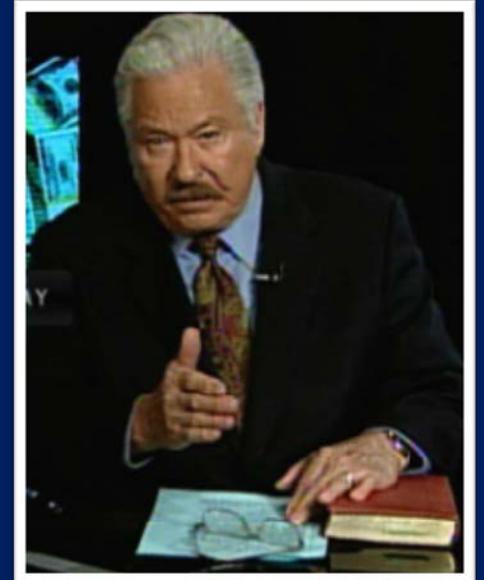
# Prophecy Panorama



# Hal Lindsey

*The Road to Holocaust, 269*

Bestselling author Hal Lindsey warned what could happen to the church in the last days if she began to see herself as the establisher of God's kingdom: “The last days of the church on the earth may be largely wasted seeking to accomplish a task that only the LORD Himself can and will do directly.”



## Emergent: Kingdom

“He selected 12 and trained them in a new way of life. He sent them to teach everyone this new way of life...Even if only a few would practice this new way, many would benefit. Oppressed people would be free. Poor people would be liberated from poverty. Minorities would be treated with respect. Sinners would be loved, not resented.”

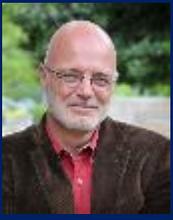


Brian McLaren, *A Generous Orthodoxy*, 111.

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“Industrialists would realize that God cares for sparrows and wildflowers-so their industries should respect, not rape, the environment. The homeless would be invited in for a hot meal. *The kingdom of God would come* – not everywhere at once, not suddenly, but gradually like a seed growing in a field, like yeast spreading in a lump of bread dough, like light spreading across the sky at dawn.”





## Brian McLaren

Brian McLaren, *A Generous Orthodoxy*, 138

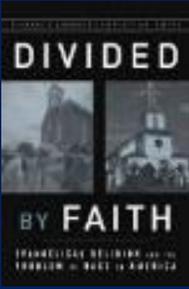
“Liberals were heroic for tackling tough issues often several decades before conservatives. For example, in terms of science and learning, they tackled issues like evolution and the age of the earth long before their conservative counterparts...Liberals took action on the issue of women in the ministry decades before most conservatives began to rethink their position. The same could be said about the stewardship of the earth, concern for the poor, sensitivity to the plight of the Palestinians, and a questioning of unconditional support for Israel. And although the debate has been agonizing, liberals have blazed the trail in seeking to treat homosexuals and transgender persons with compassion.”



## Kevin DeYoung

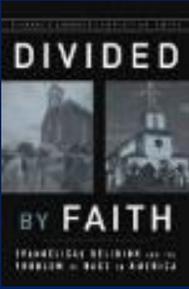
“Kevin DeYoung, “Seven Passages on Social Justice (4),” The Gospel Coalition, 13 April 2010

**“Matthew 25 is about social justice in the sense that it is about caring for the needy.** But the needy in view are fellow Christians, especially those dependent on our hospitality and generosity for their ministry. . . . **Jesus says if we are too embarrassed, too lazy, or too cowardly to support...[the needy]** fellow Christians who depend on our assistance and are suffering for the sake of the gospel, **we will go to hell. We should not make this passage say anything more or less than this.**”



## Premillennialism and Racism

“To understand this, we must account for the pre-millennial view that had come to dominate the American evangelical worldview and played a role in limiting evangelical social action on the race issues. According to this view, the present world is evil and will inevitably suffer moral decline until Christ comes again. Thus, to devote oneself to social reform is futile. The implications of this view were clearly expressed by Billy Graham. In response to King’s famous ‘I have a dream’ speech that his children might one day play together with white children, Graham, who had...



## Premillennialism and Racism (cont'd)

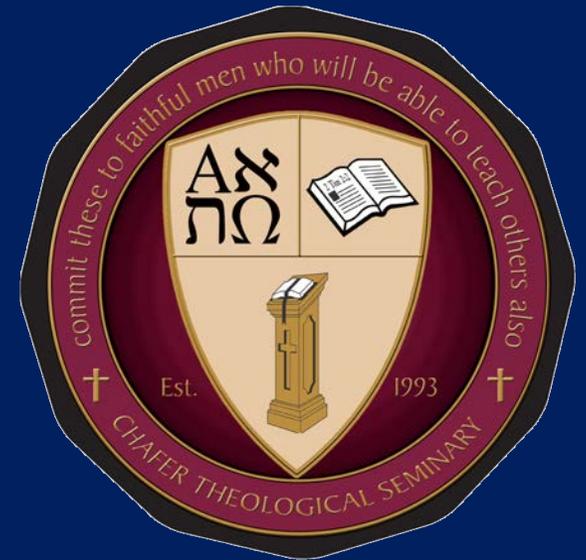
...been invited but did not attend the 1963 march on Washington, said: 'only when Christ comes again will little white children of Alabama walk hand-in-hand with little black children.' This was not meant to be harsh, but rather what he and most white evangelicals perceived to be realistic."



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Ezekiel  
Commissioned  
(1-3) mouth closed

Ezekiel  
Recommissioned  
(33) mouth opened



Judgment on



Blessing on

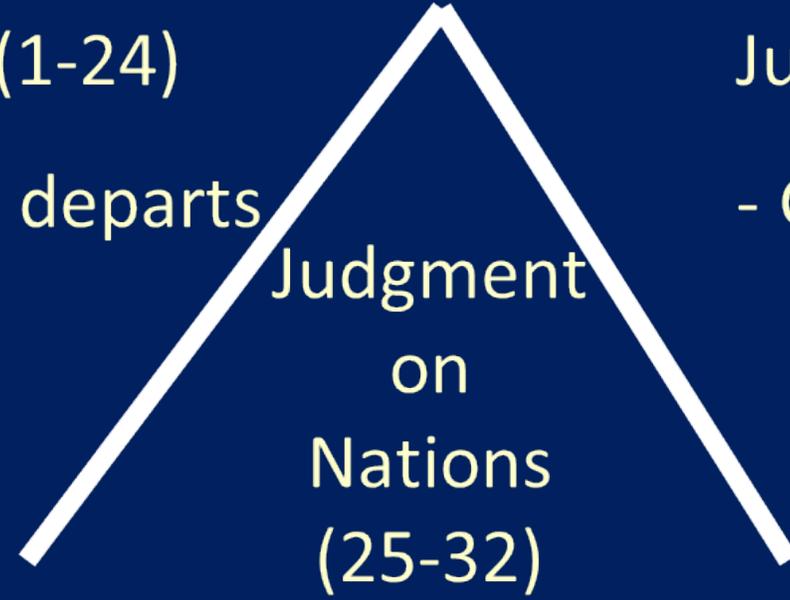


Judah (1-24)

Judah (33-48)

- Glory departs

- Glory Returns



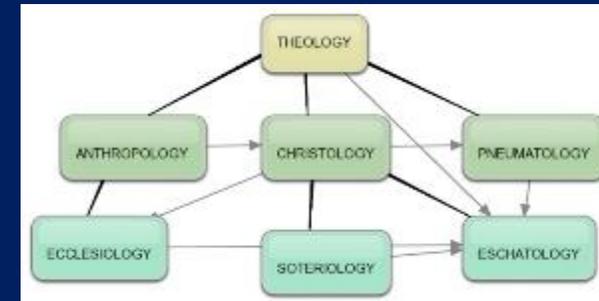
Judgment  
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Nations  
(25-32)

Source: Charles Dyer, *Notes on Ezekiel*

# Areas of Systematic Theology

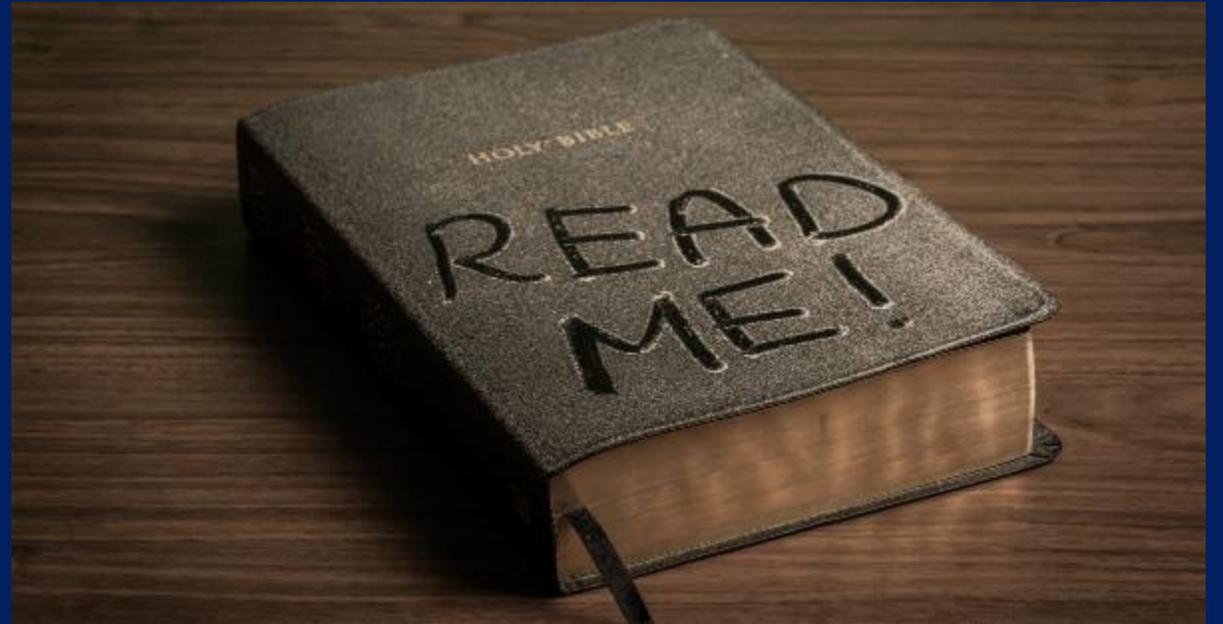
- Prolegomena – Introduction
- Theology – Study of God
- Christology – Study of Christ
- Pneumatology – Study of the Holy Spirit
- Anthropology – Study of Man
- Hamartiology – Study of sin
- Soteriology – Study of salvation
- Angelology – Study of angels
- Ecclesiology – Study of the Church
- Eschatology – Study of the end

Systematic  
Theology



# Bible Exposition

- Genesis – Judges
- 1 Samuel – Esther
- Wisdom Literature
- Prophets
- Gospels
- Acts – Paul
- Hebrews – Revelation





## Andy Stanley

'Christians Need to Unhitch the Old Testament from Their Faith': Andy Stanley's Sermon Draws Backlash

"(First Century) Church leaders unhitched the church from the worldview, value system, and regulations of the Jewish scriptures," said Stanley. "Peter, James, Paul elected to unhitch the Christian faith from their Jewish scriptures, and my friends, we must as well."



## Andy Stanley

Andy Stanley's Sermon Draws Backlash: ANDY STANLEY TRASHES EXPOSITORY PREACHING; CALLS IT "EASY" AND "CHEATING"

"Guys that preach verse-by-verse through books of the Bible – that is just cheating. It's cheating because that would be easy, first of all. That isn't how you grow people. No one in the Scripture modeled that. There's not one example of that."



## Brian Brodersen

Calvary Chapel's Brian Brodersen instructs pastors to "Tone it down" for youth

"Here's my point. I think you can preach the whole counsel of God without teaching all 66 books of the Bible. I don't think that's what Paul meant. When he said he preached [the whole purpose of God]...Again, look at the New Testament. Don't you think the New Testament is the whole counsel of God?...I think there is enough that is built into the New that gives you the essential information about the Old that enables you to comprehend the New."

Posted By Amy Spreeman on November 3, 2016

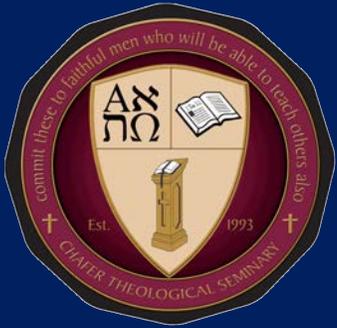
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"We believe in the complete adequacy of Scripture, for in it God has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness. We hold, therefore, that the Word of God by itself is sufficient to prepare a person for a lifetime of effective ministry."

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# Order of Paul's Letters

1. Galatians (A.D. 49)
2. 1–2 Thessalonians (A.D. 51)
3. 1–2 Corinthians (A.D. 56)
4. Romans (A.D. 57)
5. Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, Philippians (A.D. 60–62)
6. 1 Timothy, Titus (A.D. 62–66)
7. 2 Timothy (A.D. 67)



## 2 Timothy 3:16-17

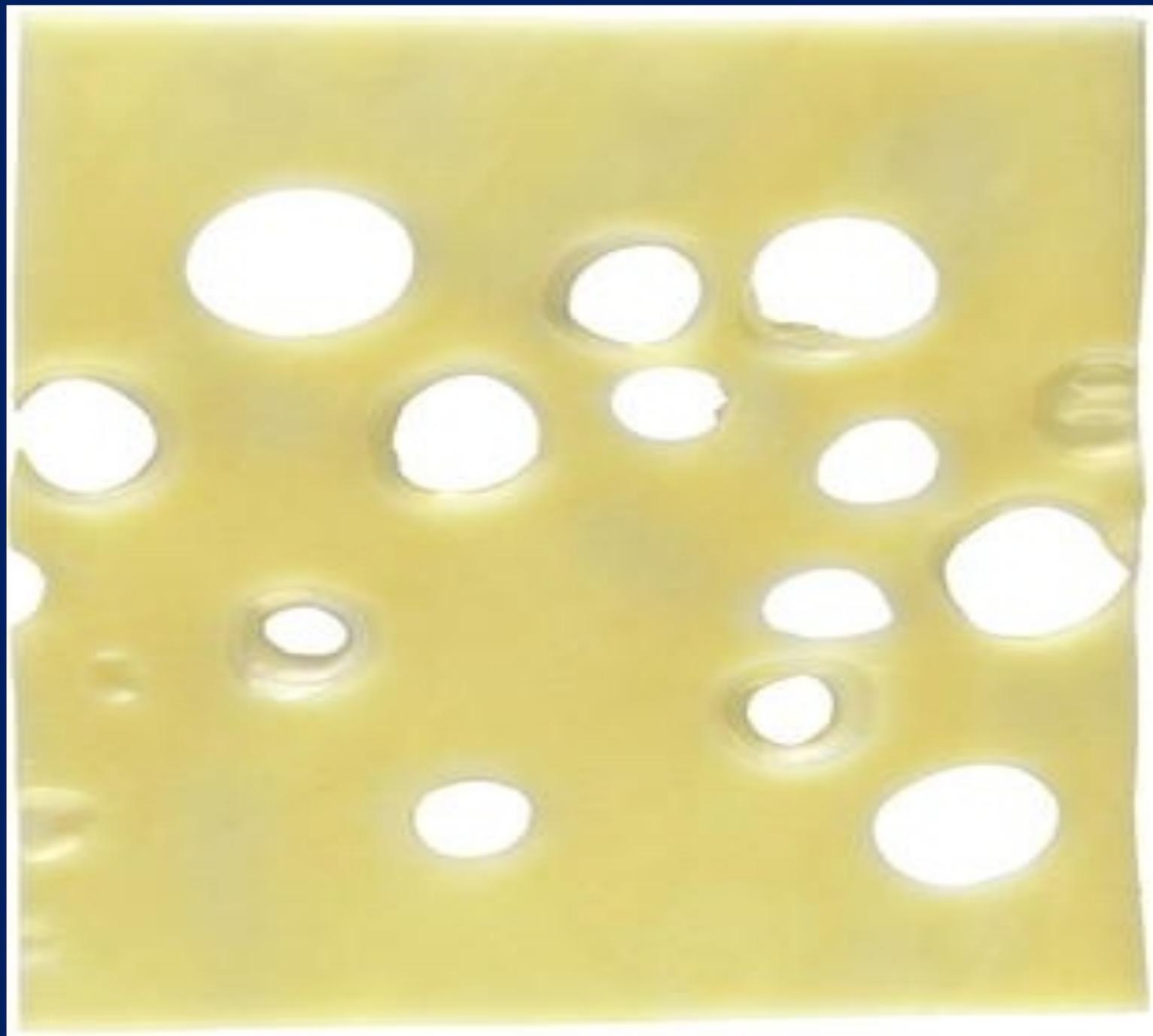
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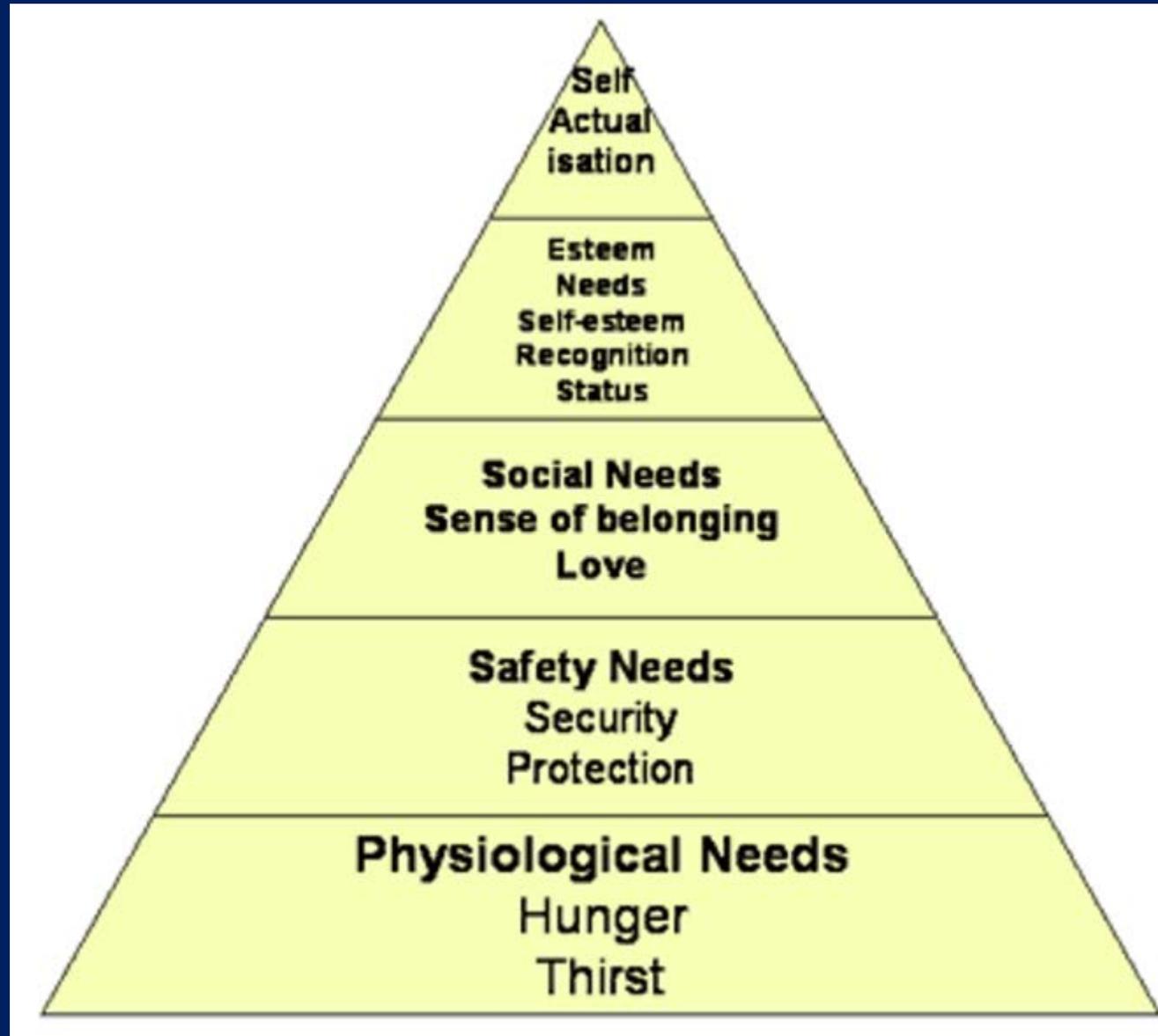
## 2 Peter 1:3-4

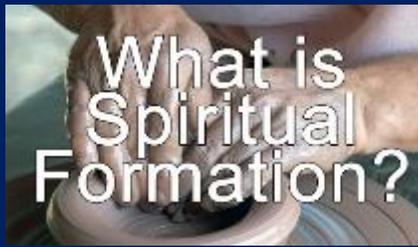
“<sup>3</sup> Seeing that His divine power has granted to us **everything** pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. <sup>4</sup>For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent **promises**, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.”





# Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs





# Spiritual Formation

The Dangers of Spiritual Formation?

August 9, 2014 by Lighthouse Trails author Berit Kjos

"My publisher, Lighthouse Trails, has been following this trend for over 12 years now and has discovered that **some of the top accreditation associations for Christian schools** are requiring Spiritual Formation programs to be implemented in schools now before they can be accredited!"

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**Lord,  
please talk  
to me**



## 1 Peter 2:2

“like newborn babies, long for the pure [adolos] milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, <sup>3</sup> if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.”

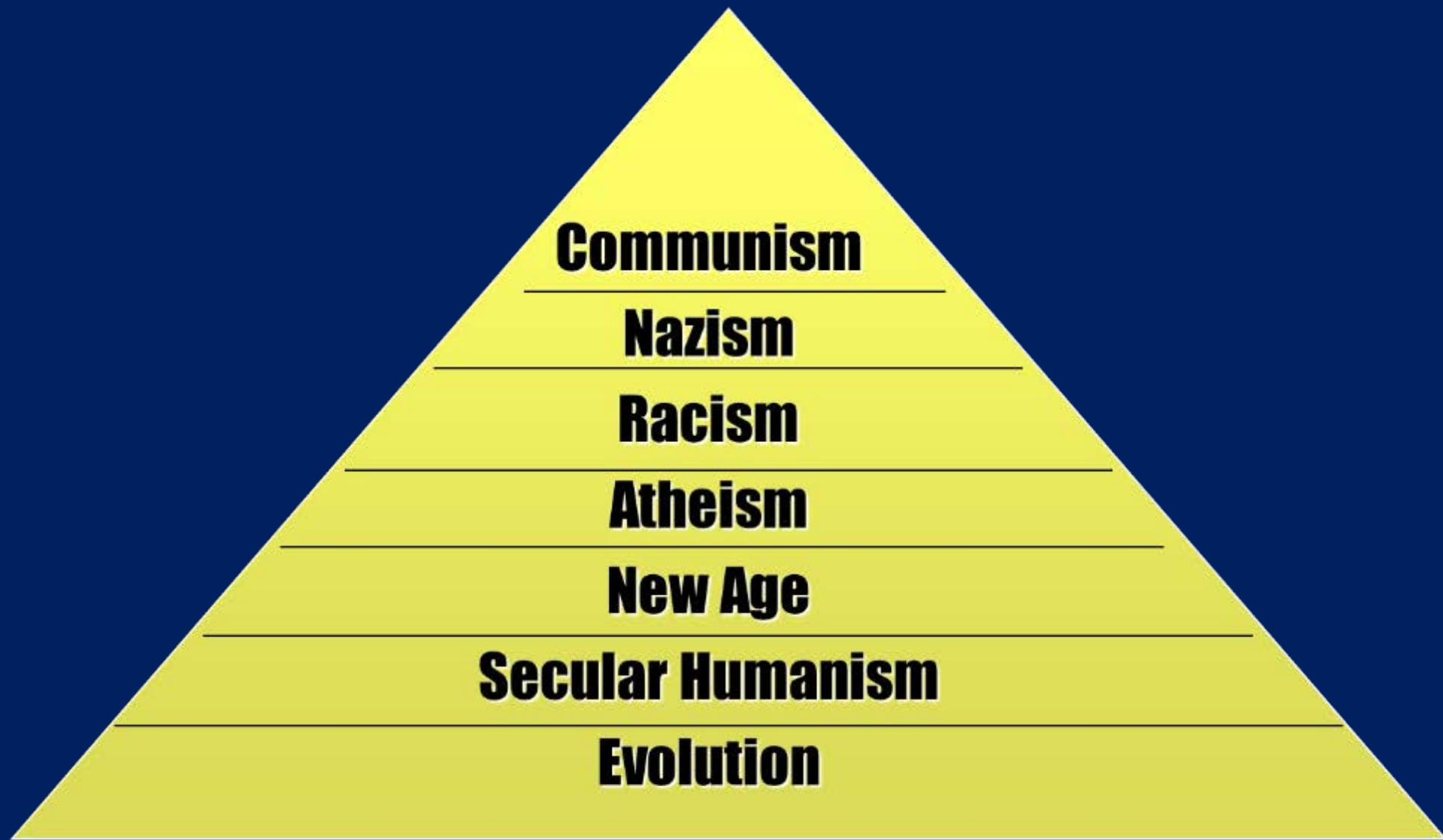


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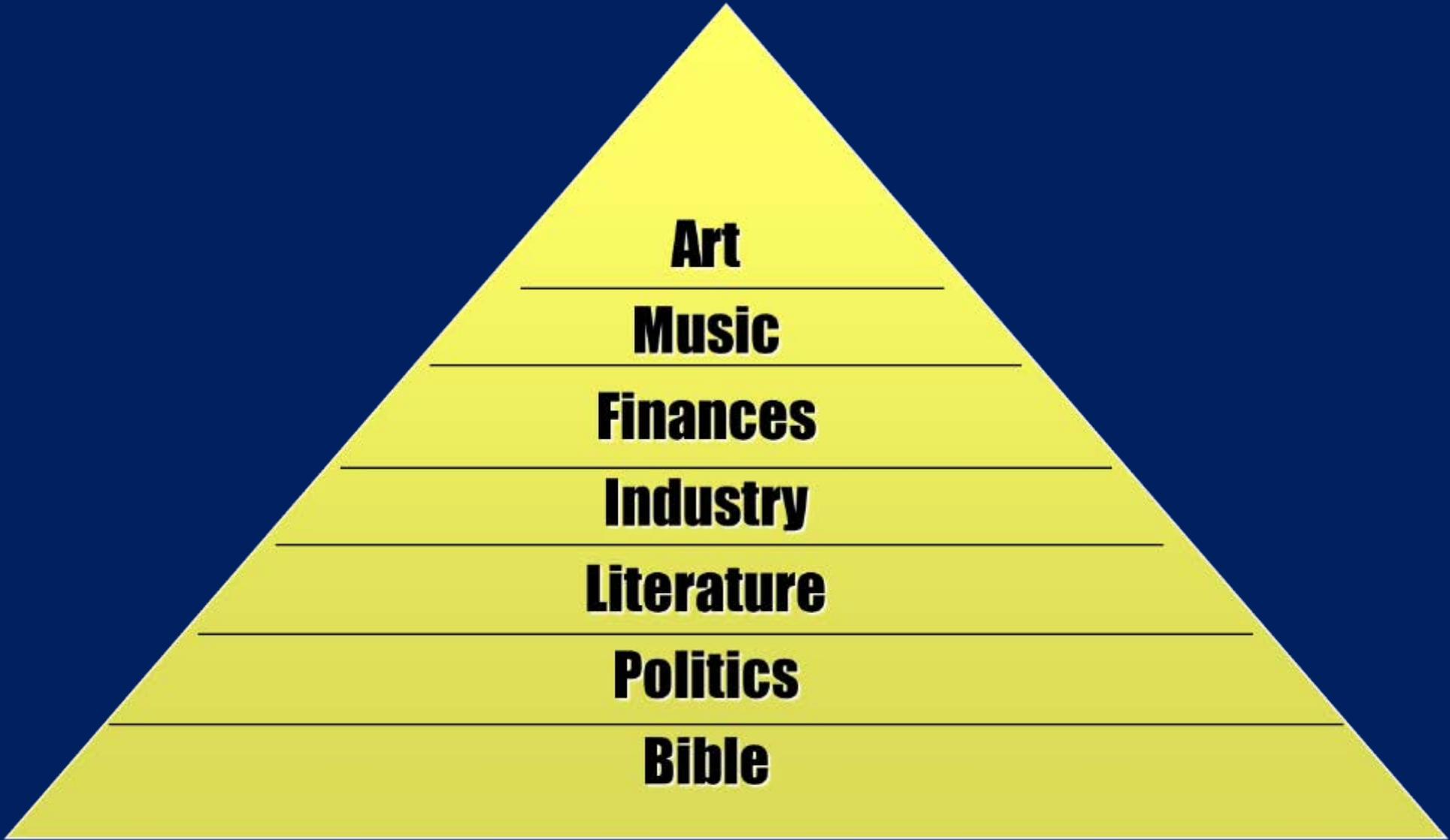
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*Source: Henry Morris, The Long War Against God*



# The Divine Institutions

- Conscience (Gen. 3:22)
- Marriage and family (Gen. 1:26-28; 2:18-25)
- Labor (Gen. 2:15; 3:19)
- Government (Gen. 9:6)
- Nationalism (Gen. 11:1-9)

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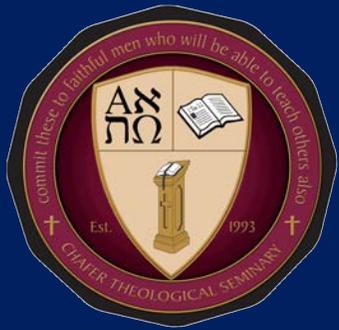


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# Chafer Theological Seminary Distinctives:

## FREENESS OF GOD'S GRACE

"We hold fast to free grace—the view that God saves mankind by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone. No works before, during, or after the moment of initial faith in Christ contribute anything to the free gift of forgiveness and eternal life that one receives through faith in Jesus Christ. The absence of good works during or after the moment of faith subtracts nothing from one's eternal position in Christ. However, good works determine whether one will receive eternal rewards."

<https://www.chafer.edu/distinctives>

## Romans 4:4-5

“Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness.”



# Belief – God’s One Condition for Justification



“...because upwards of 150 passages of Scripture condition salvation upon believing only (cf. John 3:16; Acts 16:31).”

Lewis Sperry Chafer, vol. 7, *Systematic Theology*  
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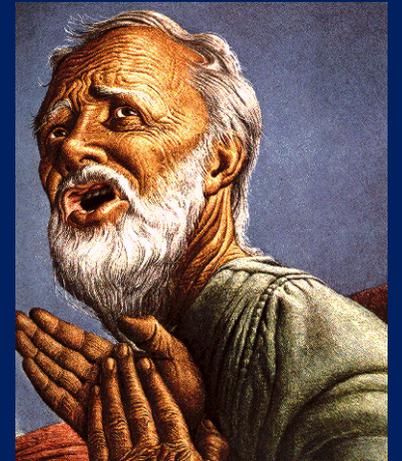
Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

## 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.

## Acts 16:30-31

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved..."



# Three Tenses of Salvation

<b>Phase</b>	<b>Justification</b>	<b>Sanctification</b>	<b>Glorification</b>
<b>Tense</b>	<b>Past</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Future</b>
<b>Saved from sin's:</b>	<b>Penalty</b>	<b>Power</b>	<b>Presence</b>
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5</b>	<b>Philip 2:12</b>	<b>Rom 5:10</b>

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