

How to Correctly Interpret God's Word 3

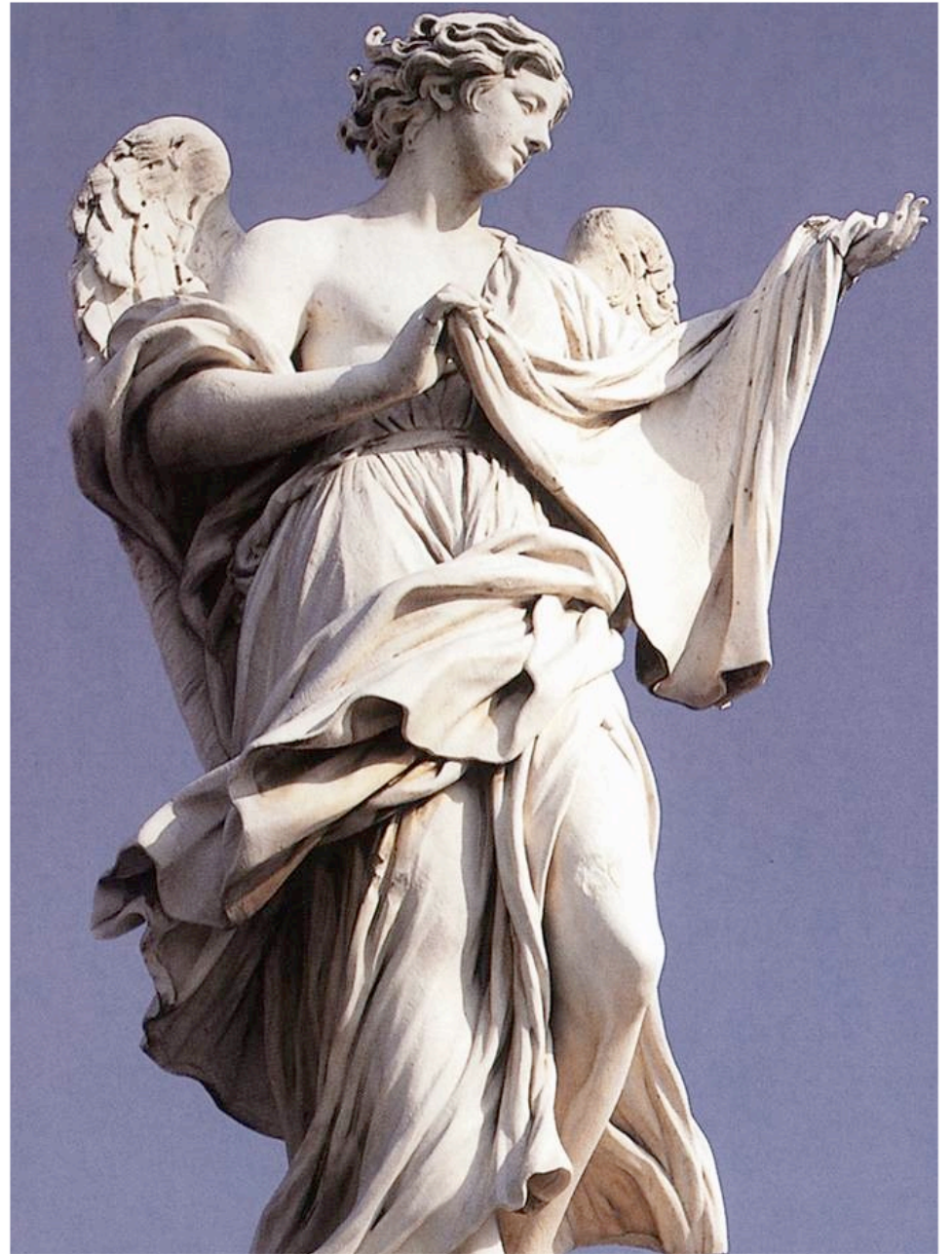
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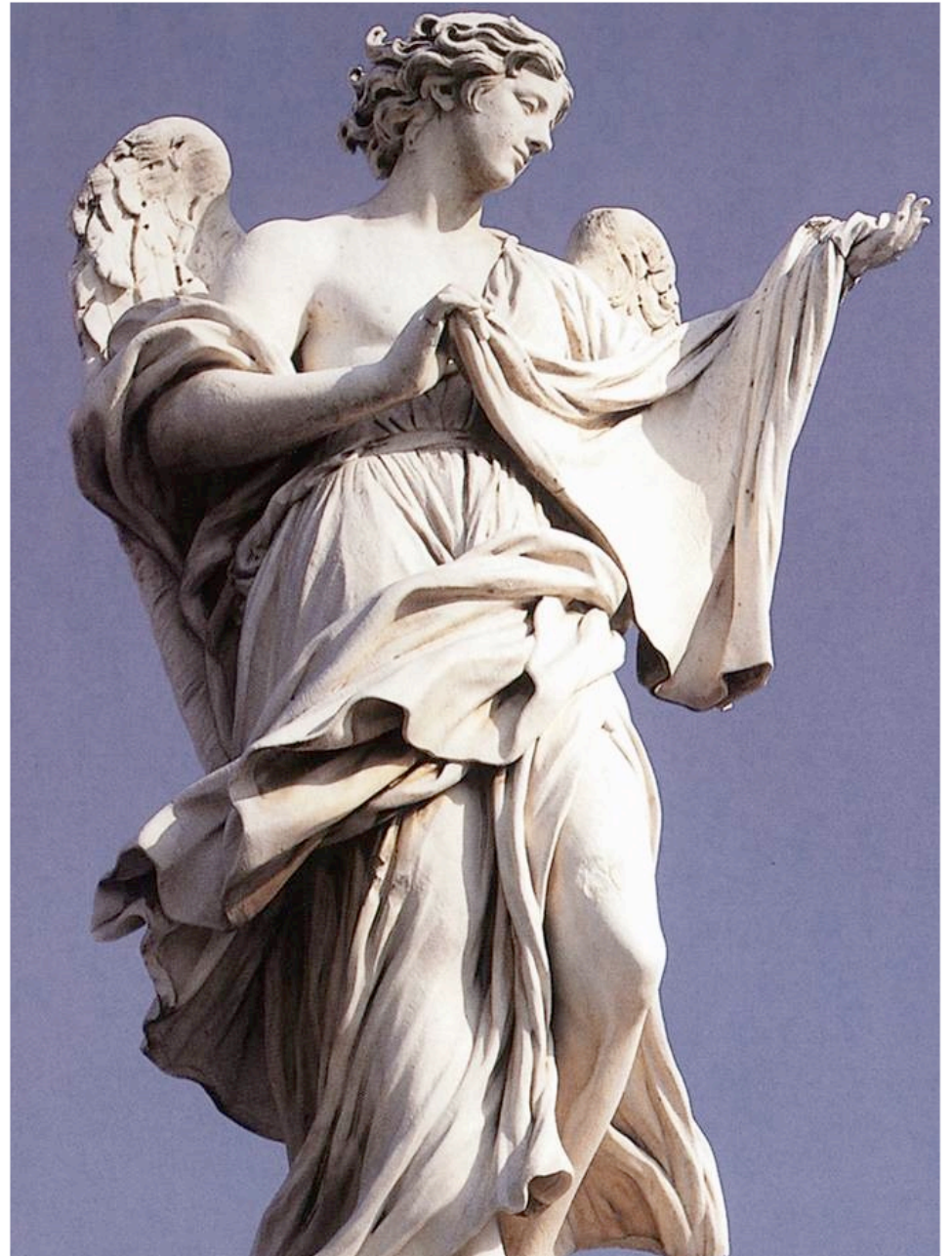
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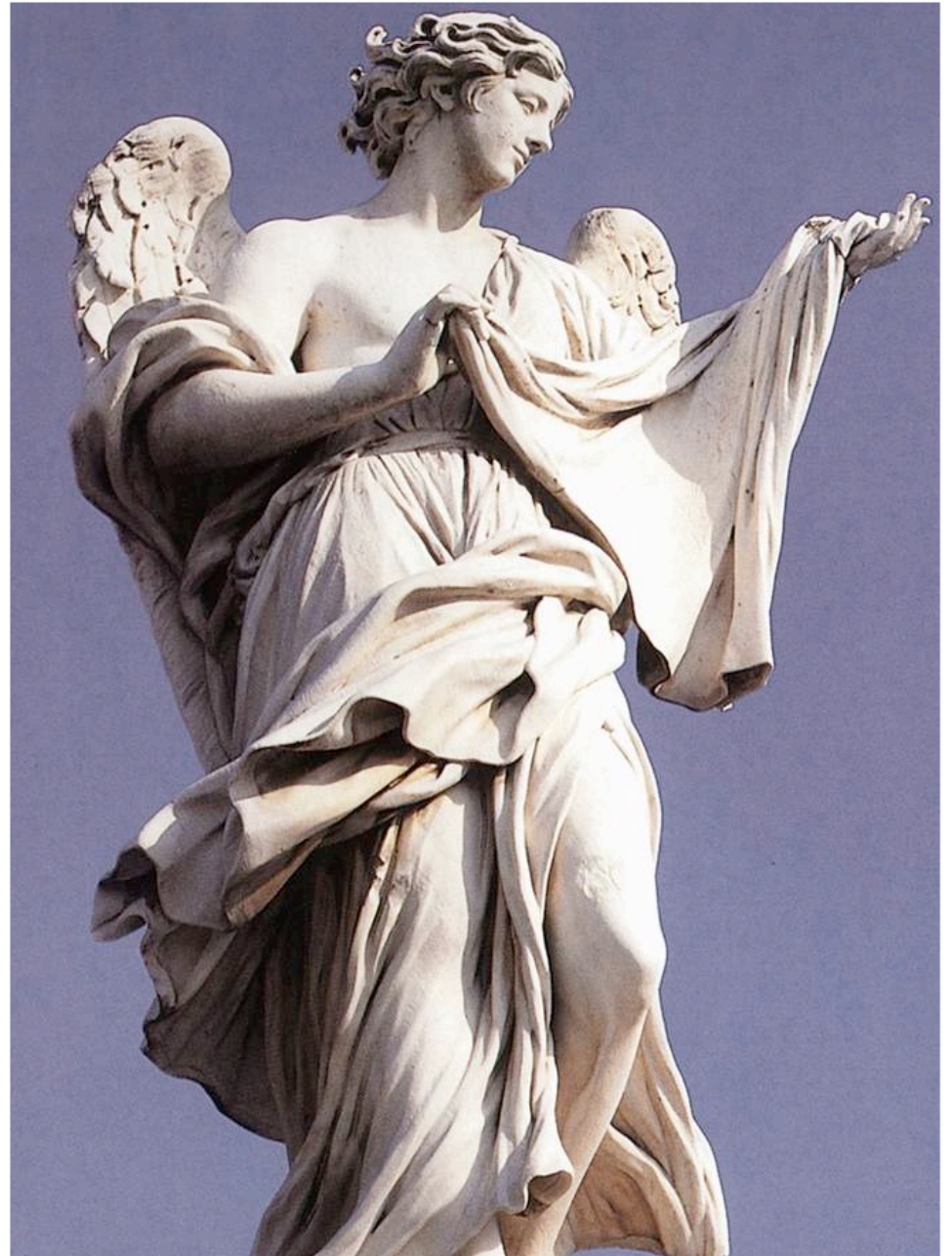
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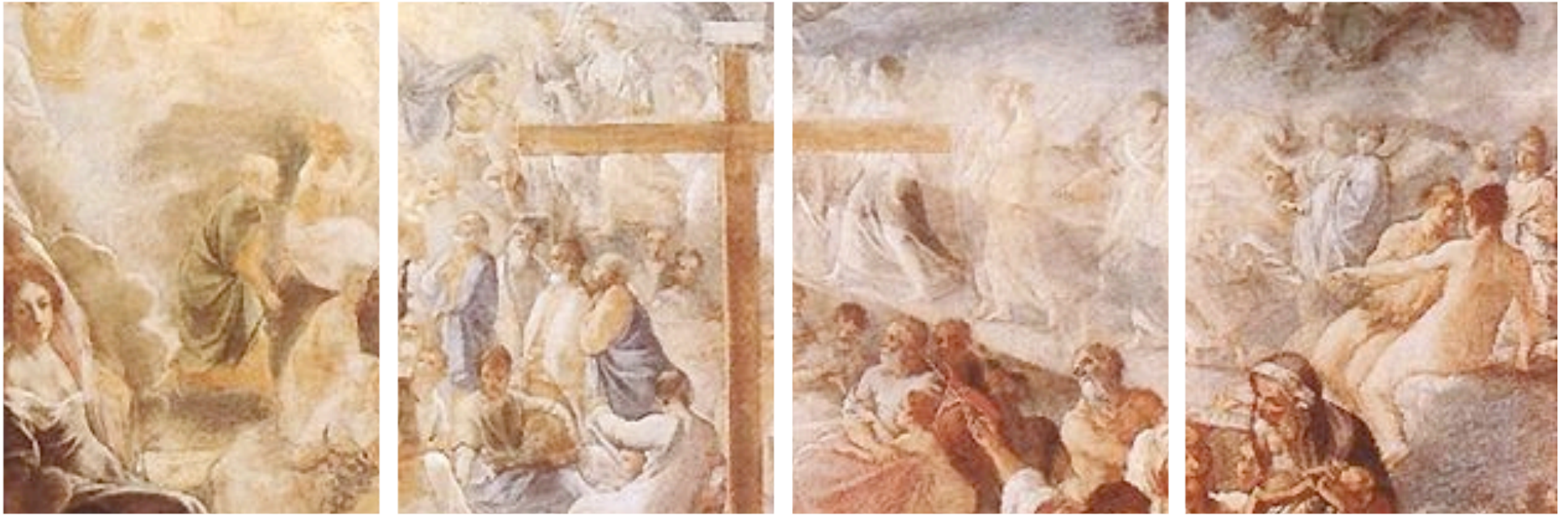
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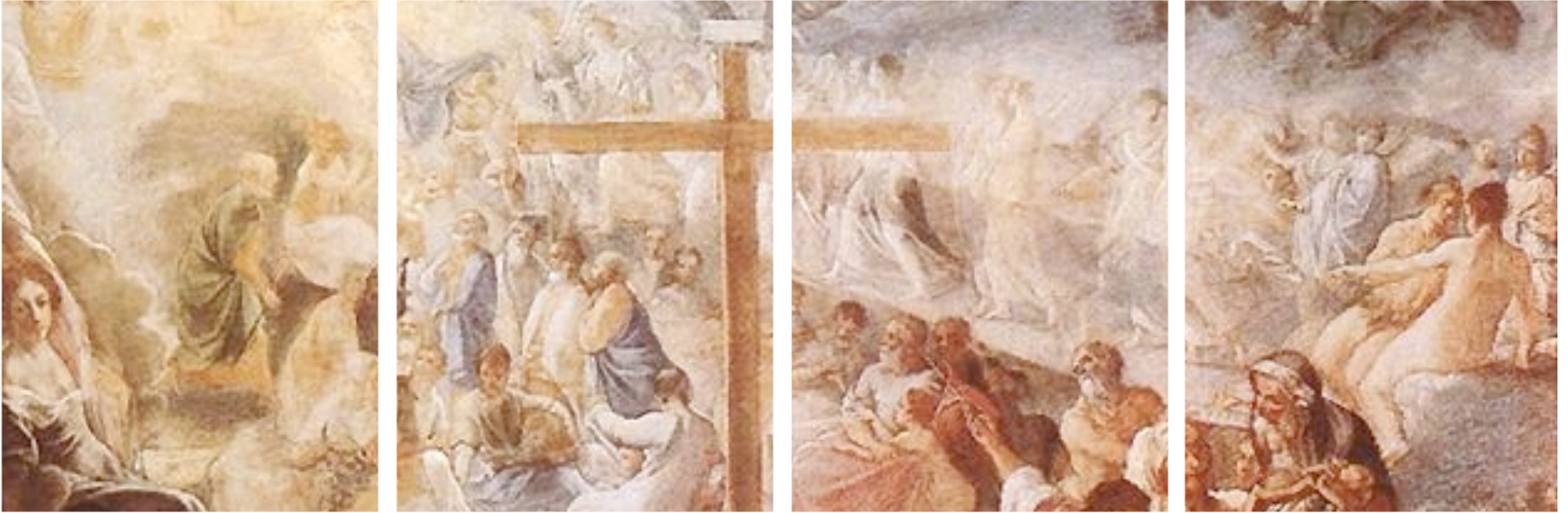
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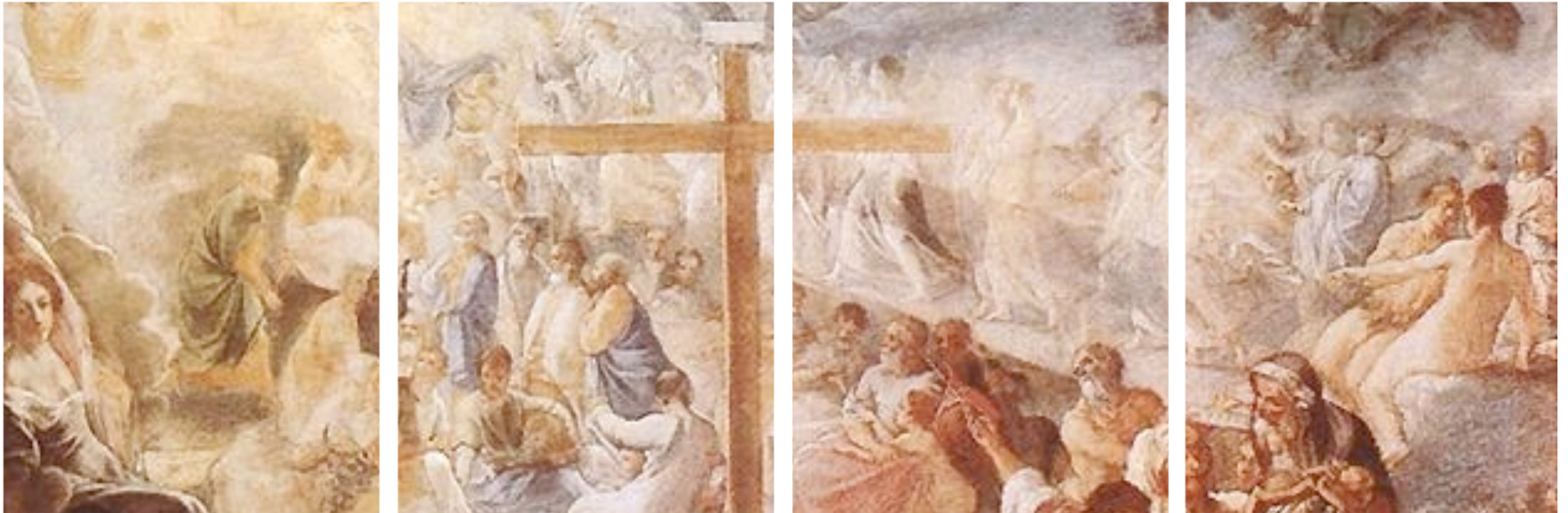


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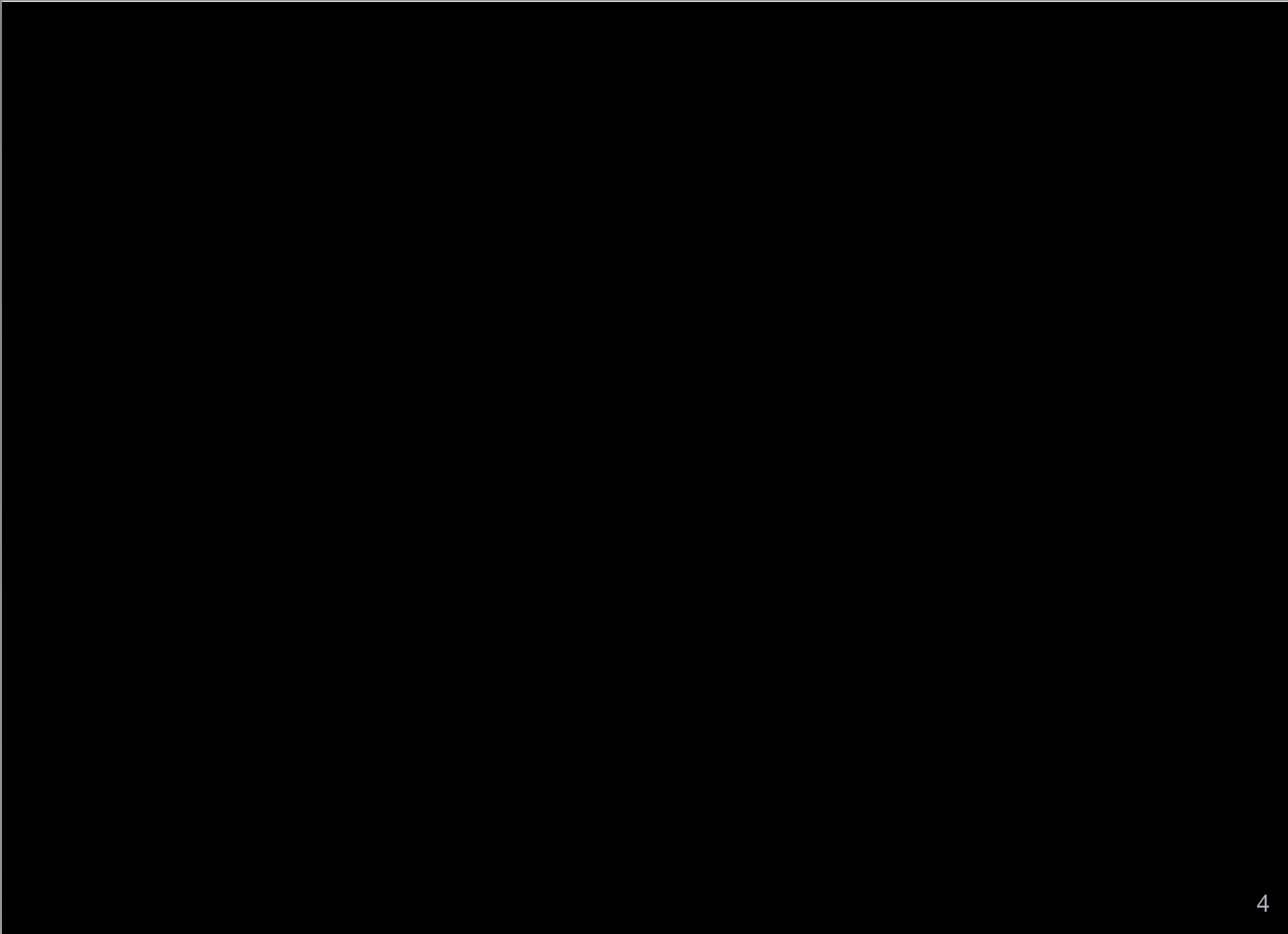
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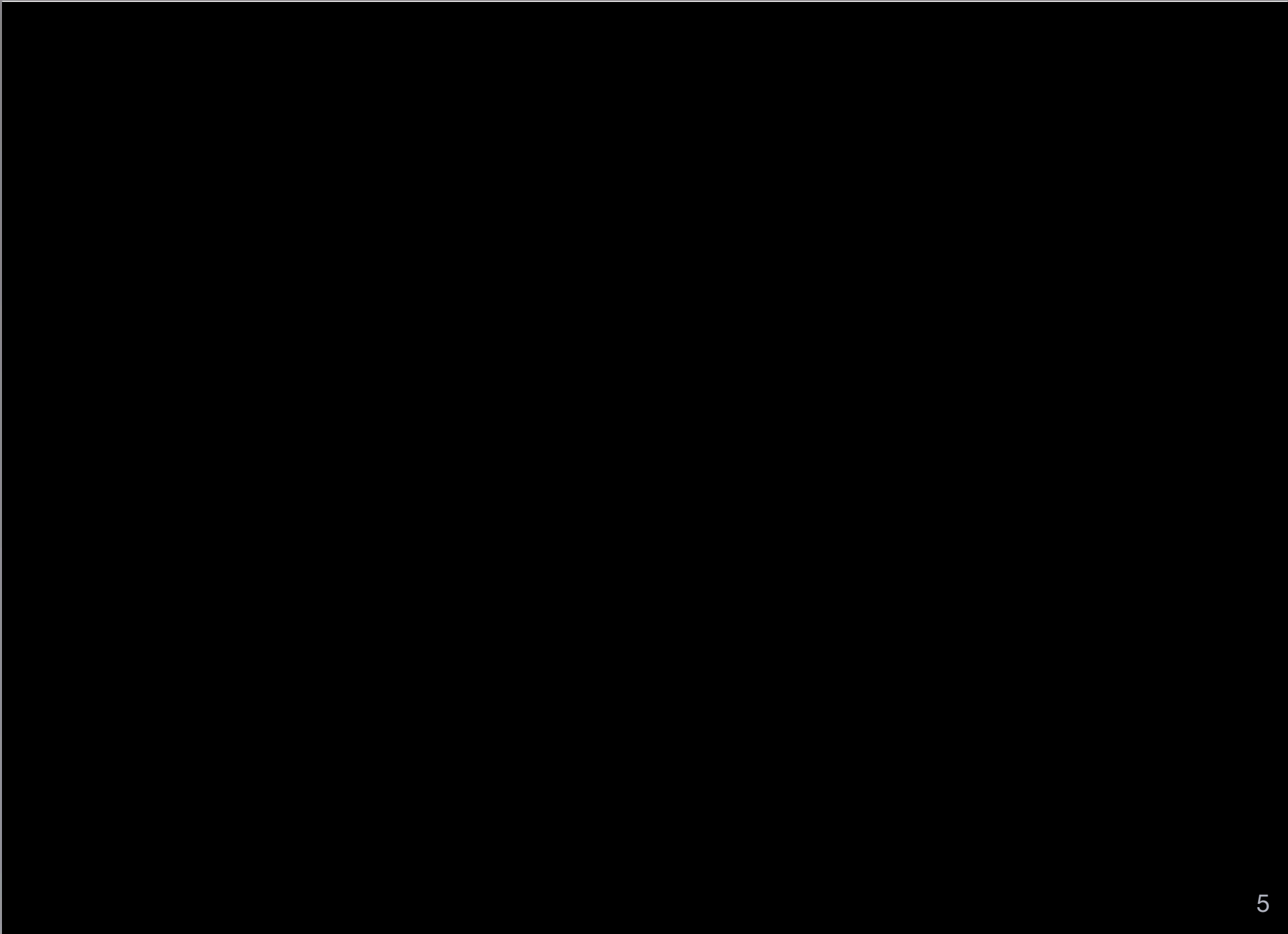


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Rule #5 - To rightly understand and interpret Scripture is to necessarily distinguish between Law & Gospel elements in the text and then properly relate the former (law) to the latter (gospel). Justification by grace through faith in Christ is the res (main subject) of all true biblical and Christian theology.

The interpreter **MUST** see to it that his interpretation of the text has CHRIST as its center, teaches HIM, and glorifies HIM as Savior and Lord.



**Christ Centered Interpretations Hinge on
Correctly Distinguish Between the Law and the Gospel**



1Tim. 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, 2 To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 3 As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus that you may **charge (παραγγέλλω)** **certain persons not to teach any different doctrine**, 4 nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith.





1 Tim 1:5 The aim of our charge is love

that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. 6 Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, 7

desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

1Tim. 1:8 Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, 9

understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers,





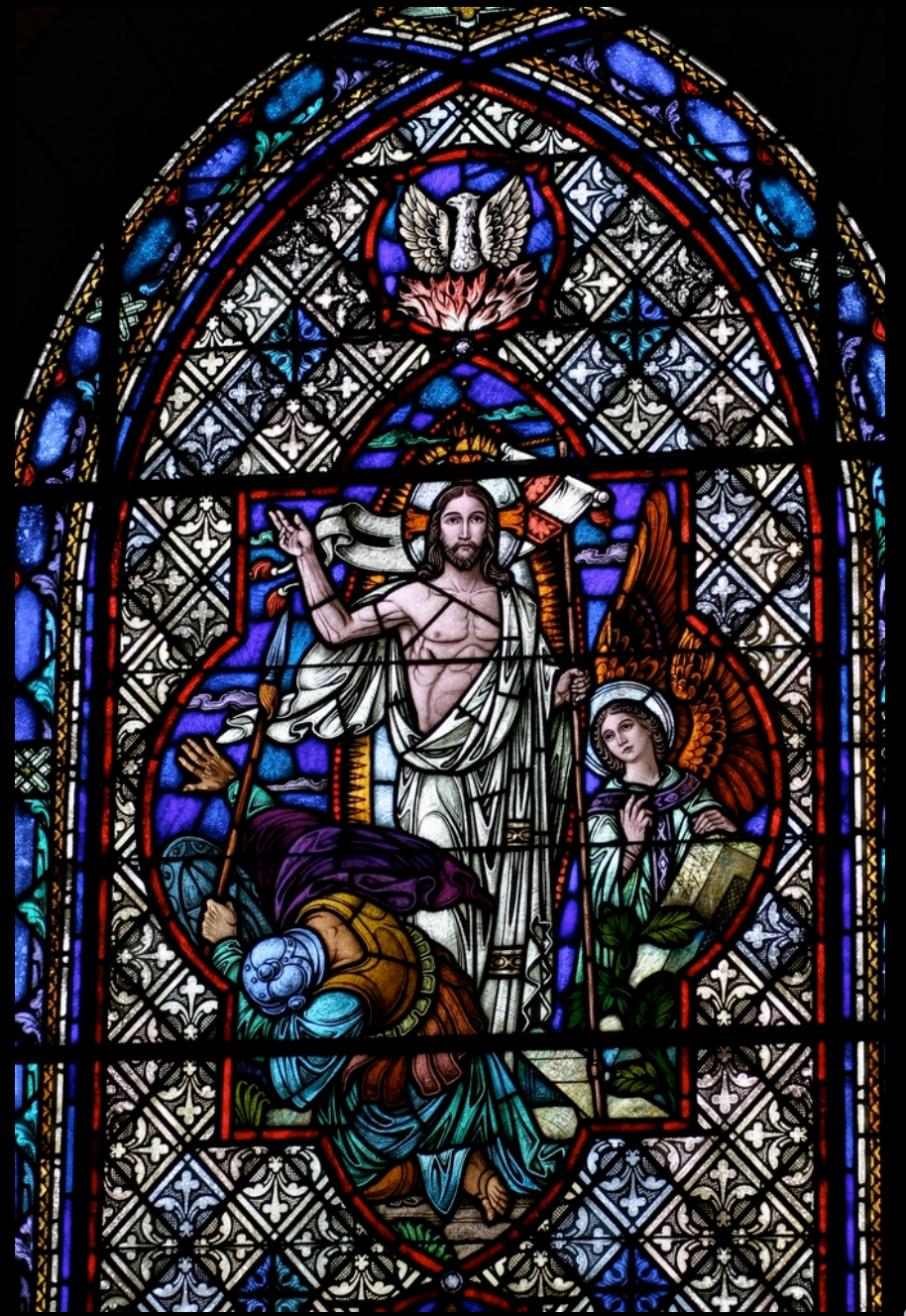
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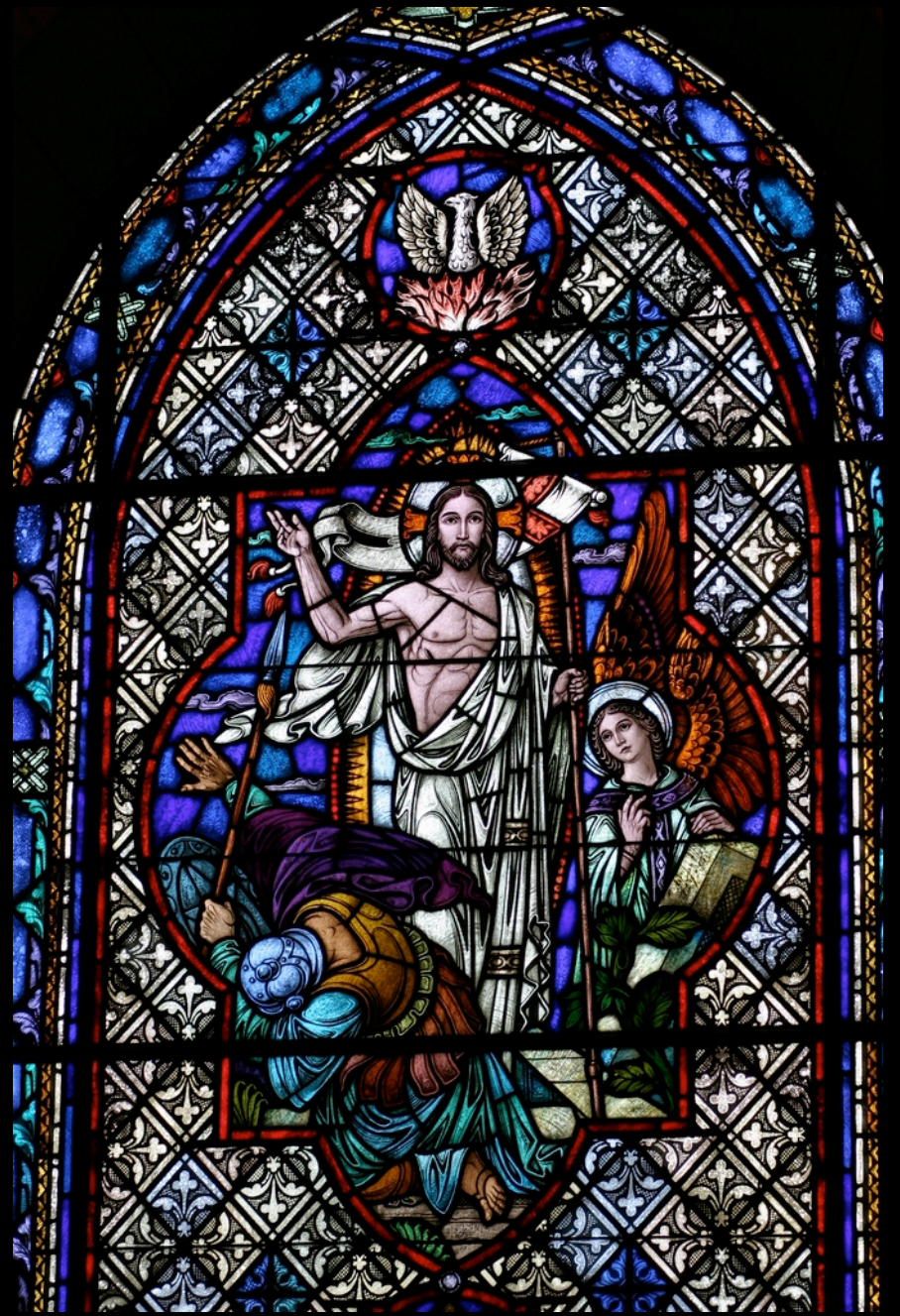
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Rom. 3:19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, **so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.** 20 Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.



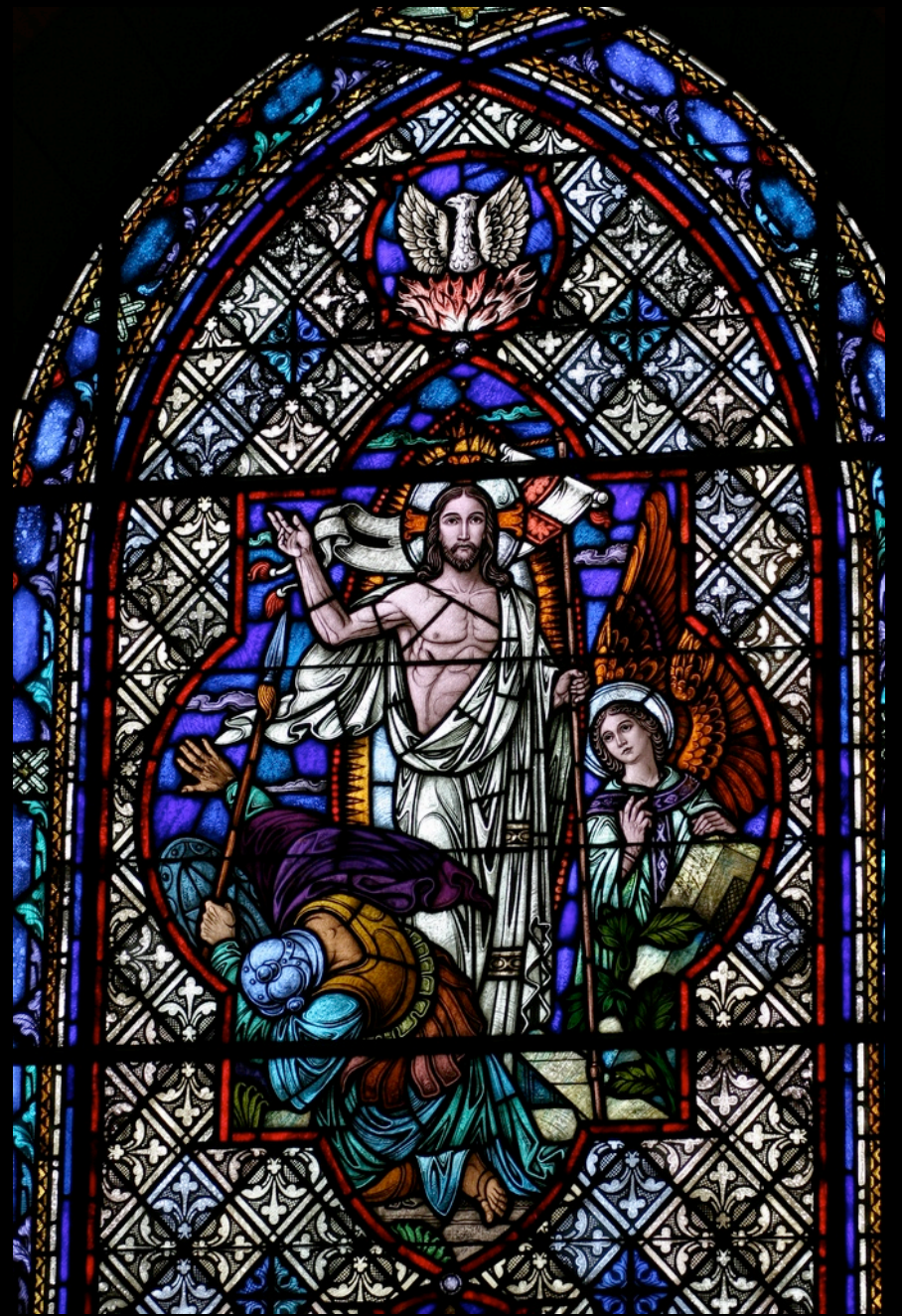


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Gal. 2:21 21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if justification were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.



How is the Interpreter Portraying God's Law?



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This way of interpreting Scripture is **MAN-CENTERED** not Christ-Centered. The emphasis is always on what **YOU** need to be doing to please God. **WWJD.**



God's Law Is Utterly Unmanageable and Untamable (A Burden We Cannot Bear)

It is vicious, demanding, unrelenting, threatening, thundering, and terrifying.

Only those who keep it PERFECTLY will be saved by it.

Deut. 11:26 “See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: 27 the blessing, **if** you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, 28 and the curse, **if** you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God...

This leaves all of us in a VERY VERY Bad Spot. Without outside intervention we have NO HOPE on the day of judgment because God's LAW has already knocked us to the ground and is snarling a terrifying word, “Guilty”.



Rom. 3:9 What then? Are we Jews* any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, 10 as it is written: **“No one 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.” Rom. 3:19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, **so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.**



Luke 18:9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 10 “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, **I thank you that I am not like other men**, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

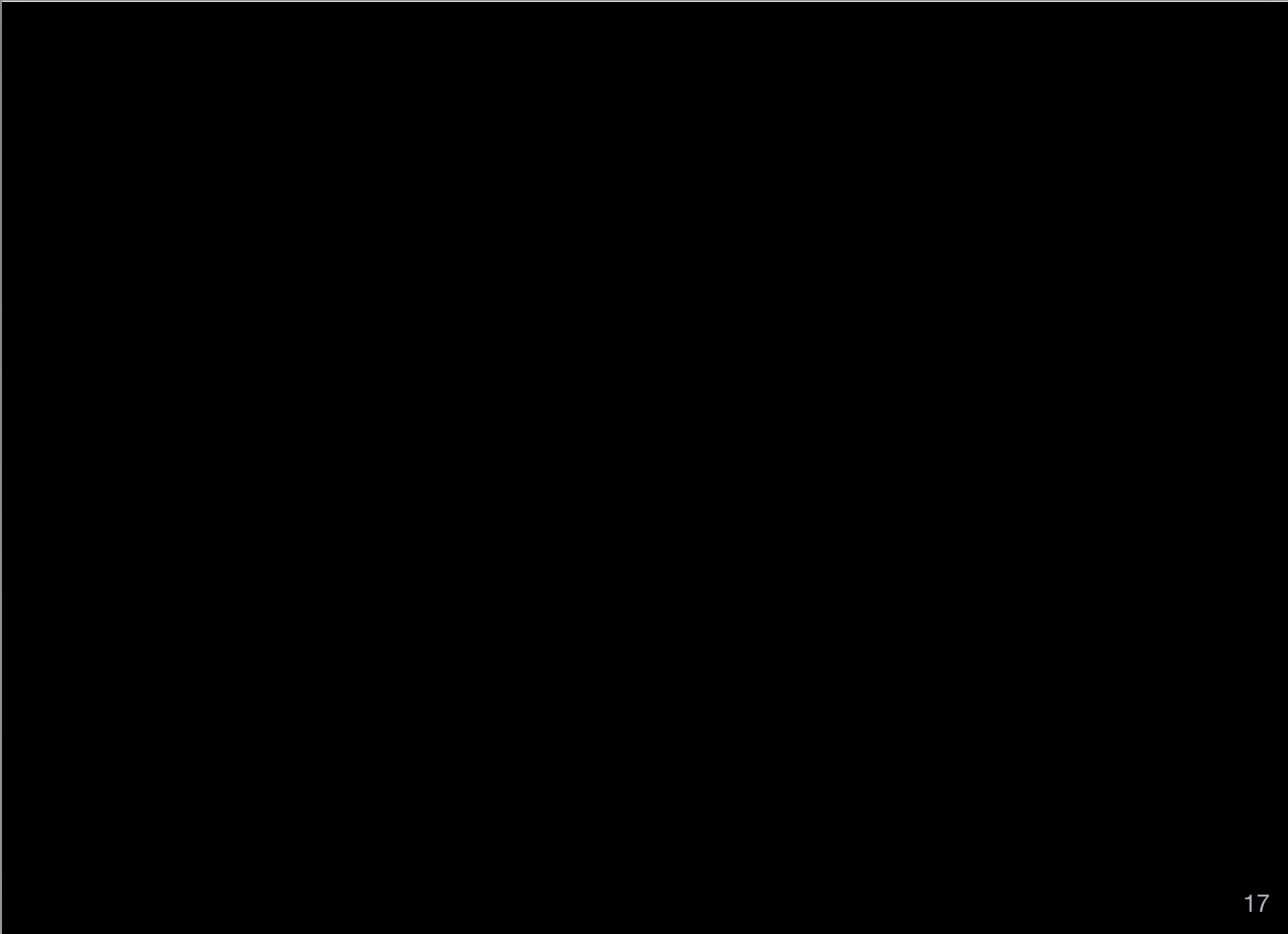


God's Law Kills Us

1. It Exposes Our Utter Sinfulness
2. It Destroys Self-Righteous Pride
3. It Humbles Us
4. It Holds Us Accountable to God
5. It Shows Us What We Should Be Doing But ARE NOT.
6. It shows Us What We Should Be Thinking But Don't
7. It is not manageable
8. It terrifies us
9. It leaves us no hope within ourselves and our own 'good works'

Interpreting the Law 'Lawfully' is the only way to truly have a **Christ-Centered Interpretation of Scripture**. Christ is our Great God and Savior instead of our example, 'moral coach', training buddy or therapist.





Jesus Christ Is the Center of All Scripture



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Luke 24:13 That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” 19 And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.





Luke 24:21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. 22 Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” 25 And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” 27 **And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets**, he interpreted to them in **all the Scriptures the things concerning himself**.





Luke 24:28 So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, 29 but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, “**Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?**” 33 And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34 saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

