

2 Peter 1:1

The Essential Basis for “Christian Unity” Is Unity in the Biblical Basics of the Christian Faith

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a bond-servant and Apostle of Jesus Christ

**[writing] to those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours
by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

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His given name: Simon, his nickname (given by Jesus Jn 1:40-42) was Petros (“Rocky”) He was one of the 12 Apostles and the leader among equals by force of his personality. He was not a Pope (he was married with a mother in law) and he is not the foundation of the Church (Jesus-the Christ, the Son of the Living God is).

a bond-servant and Apostle of Jesus Christ (an oxymoronic title // “jumbo shrimp”) the Greek word bond-servant (doulos) was the lowest form of servitude in Peter’s day the term “Apostle” refers to the highest rank under Christ in the New Testament Church

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“faith” CAN be subjective: the personal ACT of believing in Christ (John 1:12/Acts 16:31)

Example: “When I was nine years old, I put my faith in Jesus Christ.”

BUT HERE “faith” is objective: the specific CONTENT of our faith (2 Peter 1:12/Jude 3)

Example: “TBF stands for the essentials of the Christian faith.”

IOWs: Peter and his readers were regenerate believers who held to the same Christian faith-that is the same doctrinal/moral convictions. However Peter was an eyewitness of the Risen Christ...but many/maybe all of his readers (just like all of us today) had not physically seen Jesus either before or after the resurrection (1 Peter 1:8).

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IOWs: by means of/consistent with the +R of Christ-the syntax of the title “Jesus Christ” in the original Greek affirms that Jesus Christ is both God (Deity) and Savior (which means that we all....are saved-salvation is of the LORD). 2 Peter 1:1 is another NT passage which affirms the full Deity of Jesus (JC 12, 8x10)

The Essentials of the Christian Faith

1: Doctrinally-What We Believe: The Super Seven

1: Who God Is

TTTOOOJRSLIVE: True, Triune, Transcendent, Omniscient, Omnipotent, Omnipresent, Just, Righteous, Sovereign, Love, Immutable, Veracity, Eternal

2: Who Jesus Is

The 2nd Person of the Trinity: the God-Man-Savior

3: Who Human Beings Are

We are all GIs: Guilty before God with an Inability to Save Ourselves

4: What Jesus Did

Perfect +R Life...SAS/LBSR: He died as a once for all Substitutionary Atoning Sacrifice on the Cross validated by His Literal Bodily Supernatural Resurrection

5: What Human Begins Must Do

Salvation by God's Grace through Faith in Christ Alone ("Christ plus nothing")

6: What Christ Will Do

He Will End Human History on God's Terms by His Future LBS-SA: Literal, Bodily, Supernatural-Second Advent to Planet Earth

7: What the Bible Is

Uniquely Inspired of God, Inerrant and Indispensable as Our Spiritual Food

2: Morally: How We Are To Behave: The Terrific Two

We are to Walk in Relationship with Christ (John 13-17) and in Submission to Him and His Royal Law of Liberty (The Ten Commandments in a New Testament Context)

As we abide in Christ, we are to love the LORD our God and love others as ourselves.

Take This To Heart

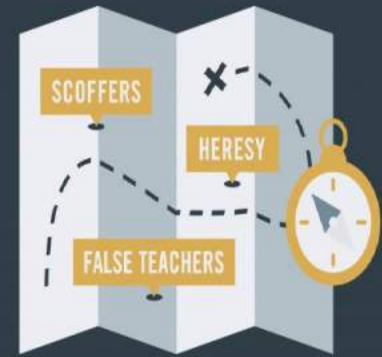
"Christian Unity" is important...it is also inherent! TBF, the SBC, DTS, JETS cannot and will not cause it to happen. Born-again believers of all generations, of all denominations, of all colors, countries and cultures HAVE an inherent unity in Christ and Capital C-Church (1 Cor 12:13). While Christians may not always express our unity consistently (and some are unaware of it?!?) it is always there (it is God-given not man-made).

With that said: we must be wise enough to reject any call to "Christian Unity" that involve watering down the uniqueness of Christ and/or aspects of the essentials of the faith. As our Lord Himself teaches us we are to "as wise as serpents and as innocent as doves" (Matthew 10:16). To this end: local churches must teach and stand for the essentials...and thus endeavor to feed sheep....not to entertain goats. (Spurgeon).



— GIVING ALL DILIGENCE —

FAITH – VIRTUE – KNOWLEDGE
SELF-CONTROL – PERSEVERANCE – GODLINESS
BROTHERLY KINDNESS – LOVE



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W A R N I N G

THE BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

1 Corinthians

2 Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

1 Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians

1 Timothy

2 Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

1 Peter

2 Peter

1 John

2 John

3 John

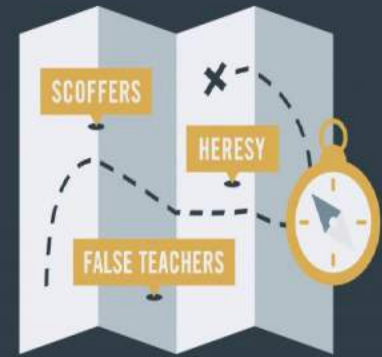
Jude

Revelation



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Holiness, Heresy and Hope

W A R N I N G







July 17, 2016

**Montrell
Jackson,
BRPD**

**Matthew
Gerald,
BRPD**

**Brad
Garafola,
EBRSO**





Michael

Back to School
Hospital Homebound Dec 19, 2017

CAN NOT...

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- walk
- sit up
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- write
- control head

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Why do eagles often build their nests on the roofs of churches?

Because they are birds of pray.

What is the Christian Real Estate Agent's Favorite Bible Passage?

The Great Commission (\$)

What is the Christian Mathematician's Favorite Formula?

One Cross + Three Nails = Forgiven

If the Apostle Peter were alive today, every person in the world would consider him amazing because he would be a little...

...over 2000 years old!

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“the truth” = “the faith”

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Belief (Doctrine)

The 7 AIM Truths of Christianity

What Christ Has Done

Who We Are

What We Must Do

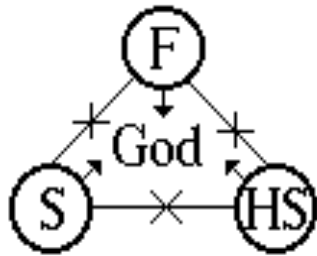
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Who God Is

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In the Being of the One God
there are Three Persons, Equal
in Essence/Attributes, Distinct
in Subsistence

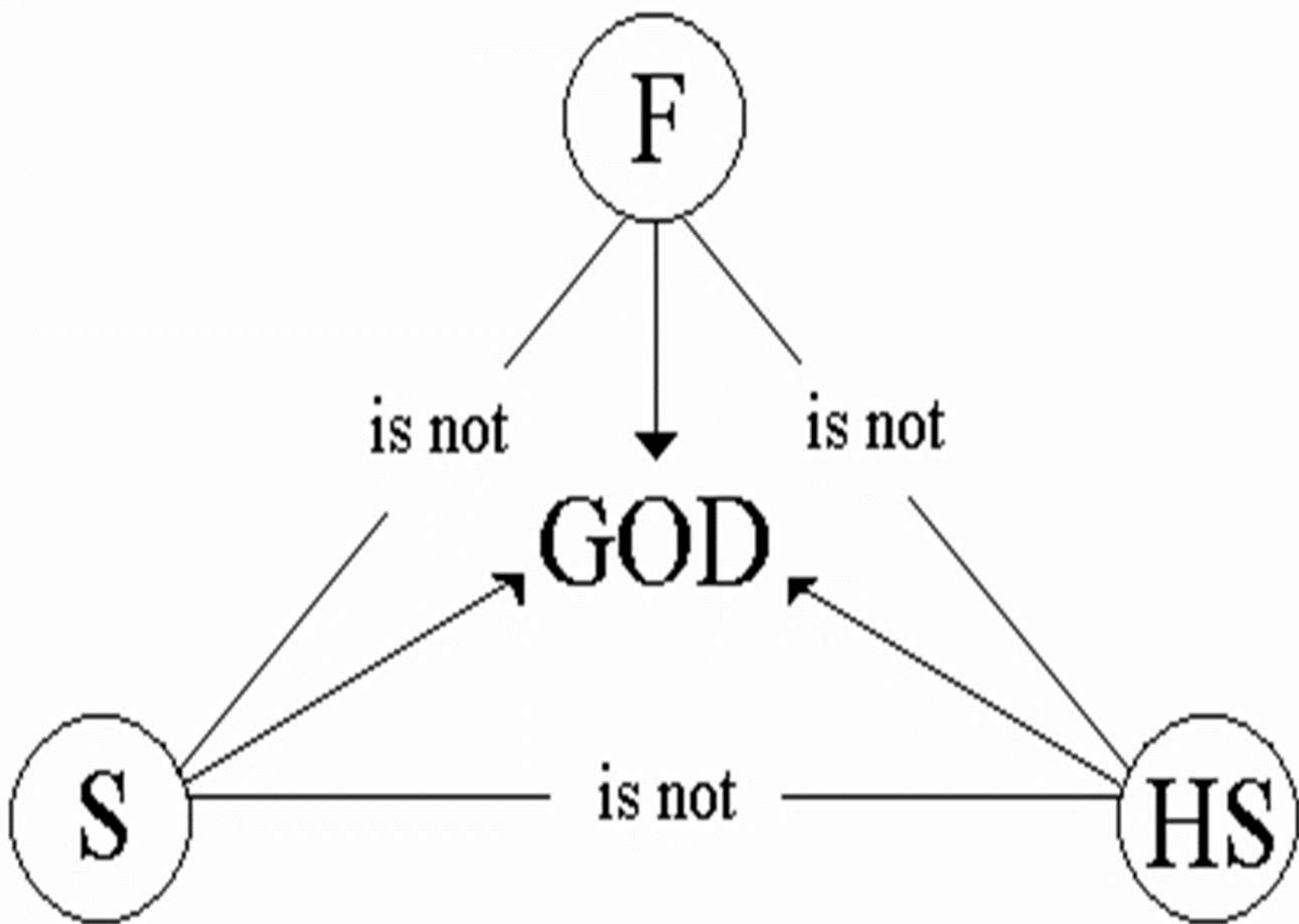
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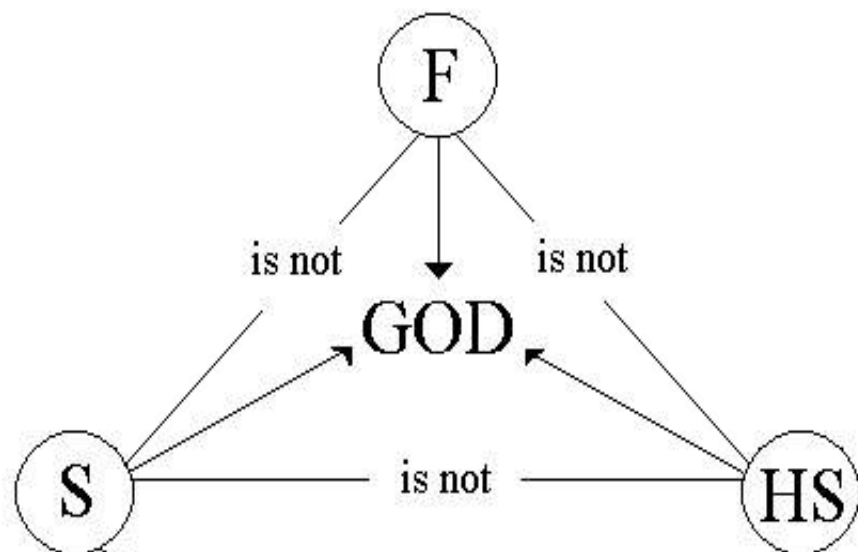
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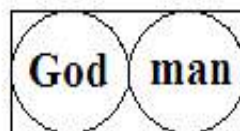
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Omnipotent	Immutable
Omnipresent	Veracity
	Eternal





John 1:14

The Word became flesh...
"The Incarnation"



1 Person
with 2 Natures

Psalm 2
Psalm 110
Acts 2



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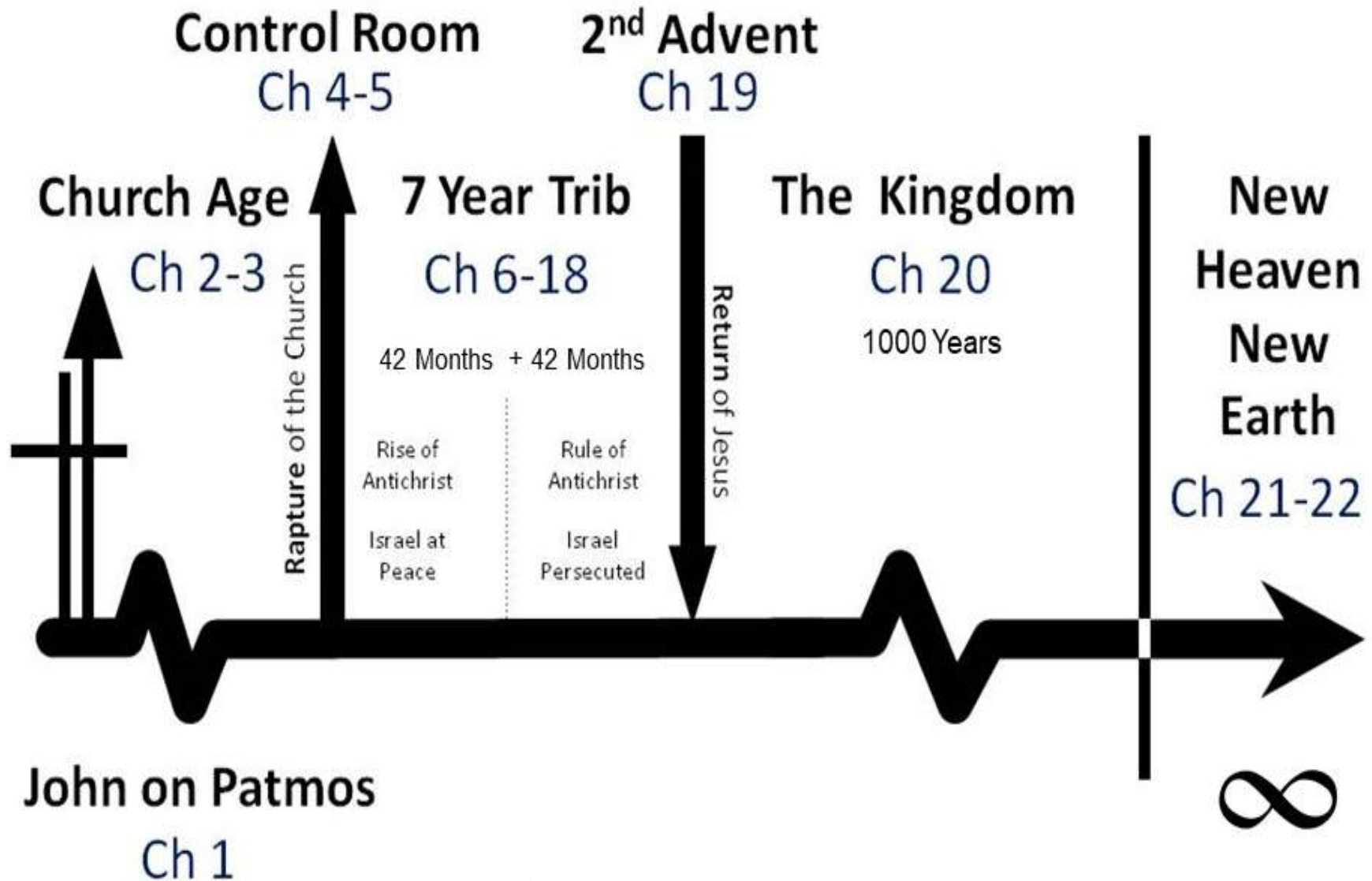




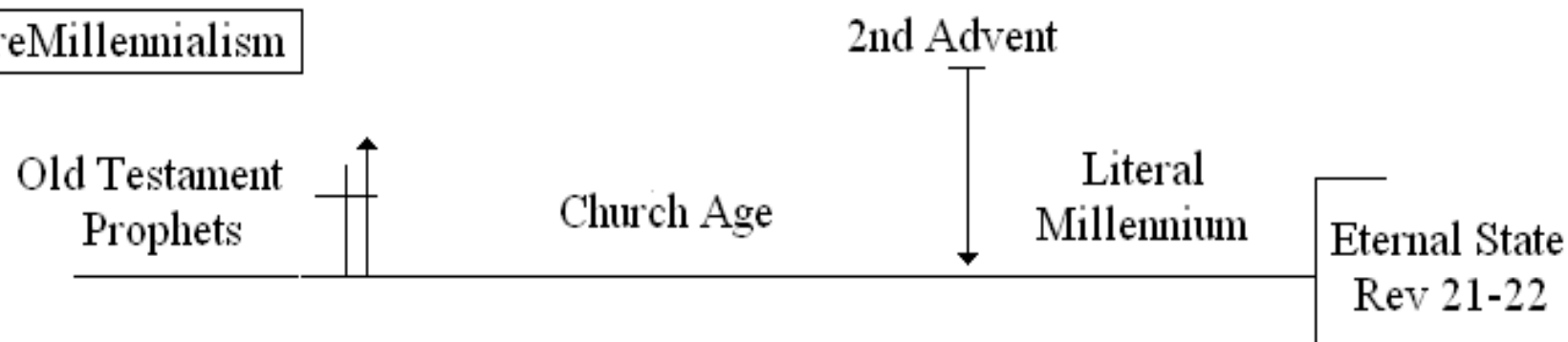
Because Christ Died FOR Our Sins...
...We Don't Have to Die IN Our Sins

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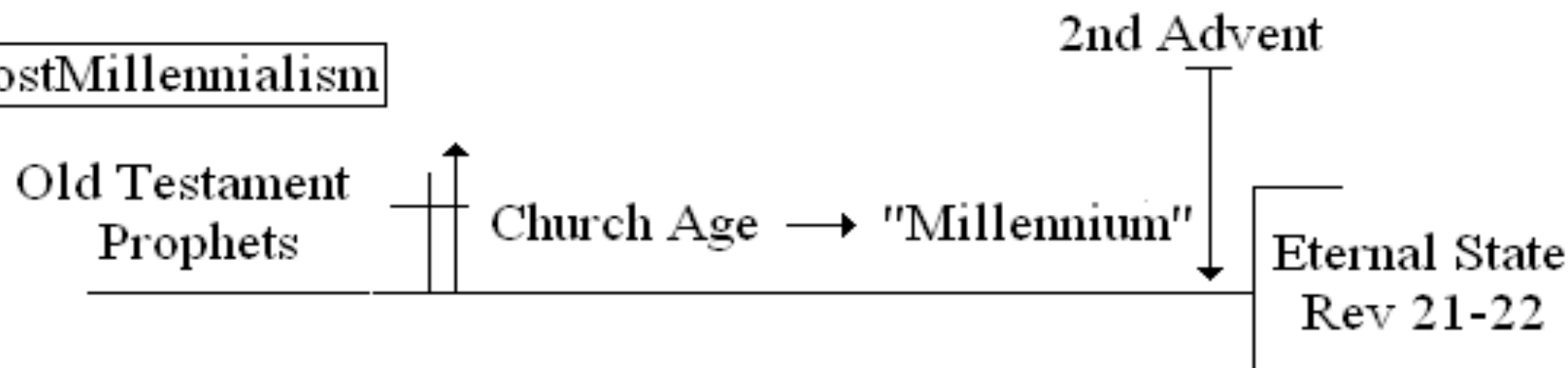




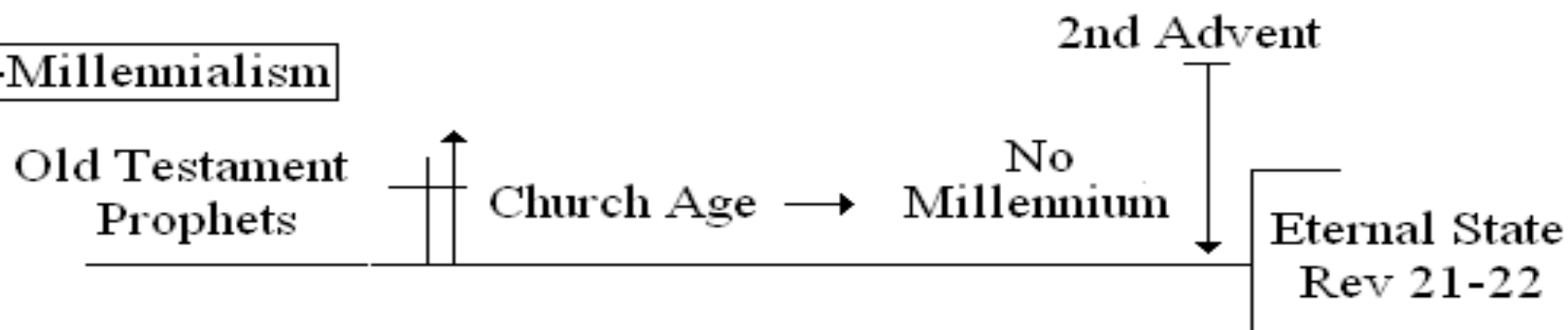
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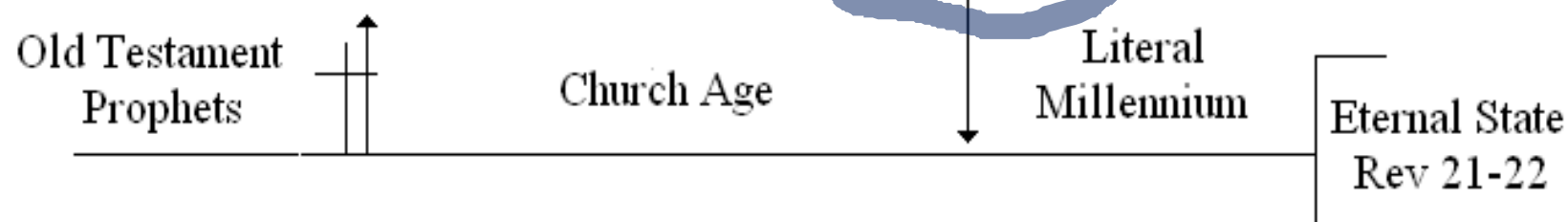
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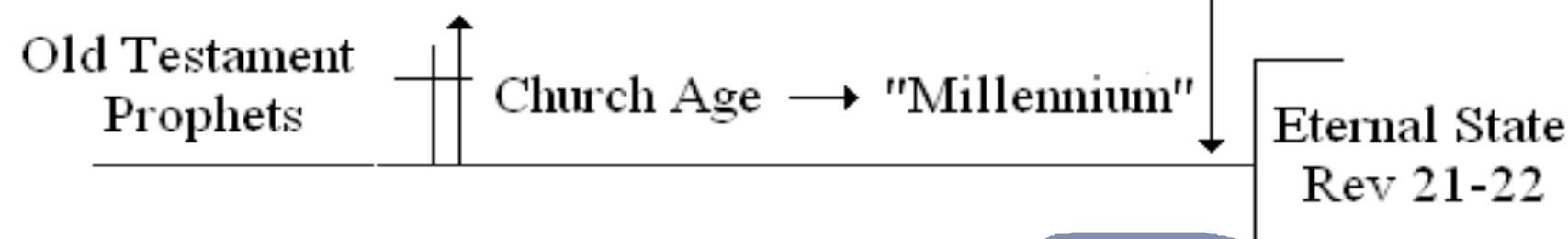
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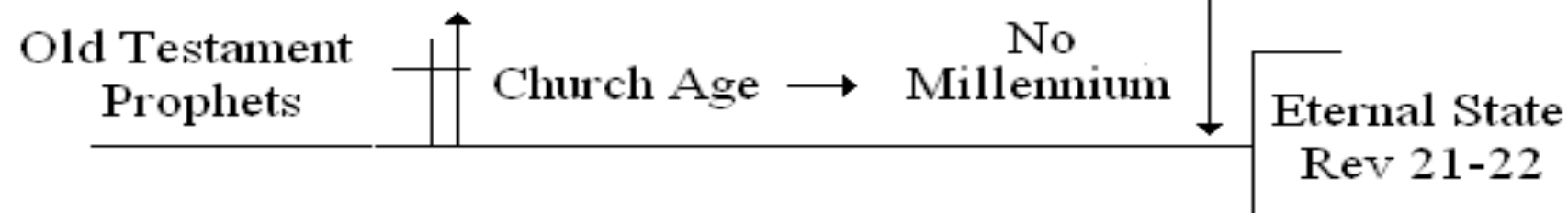
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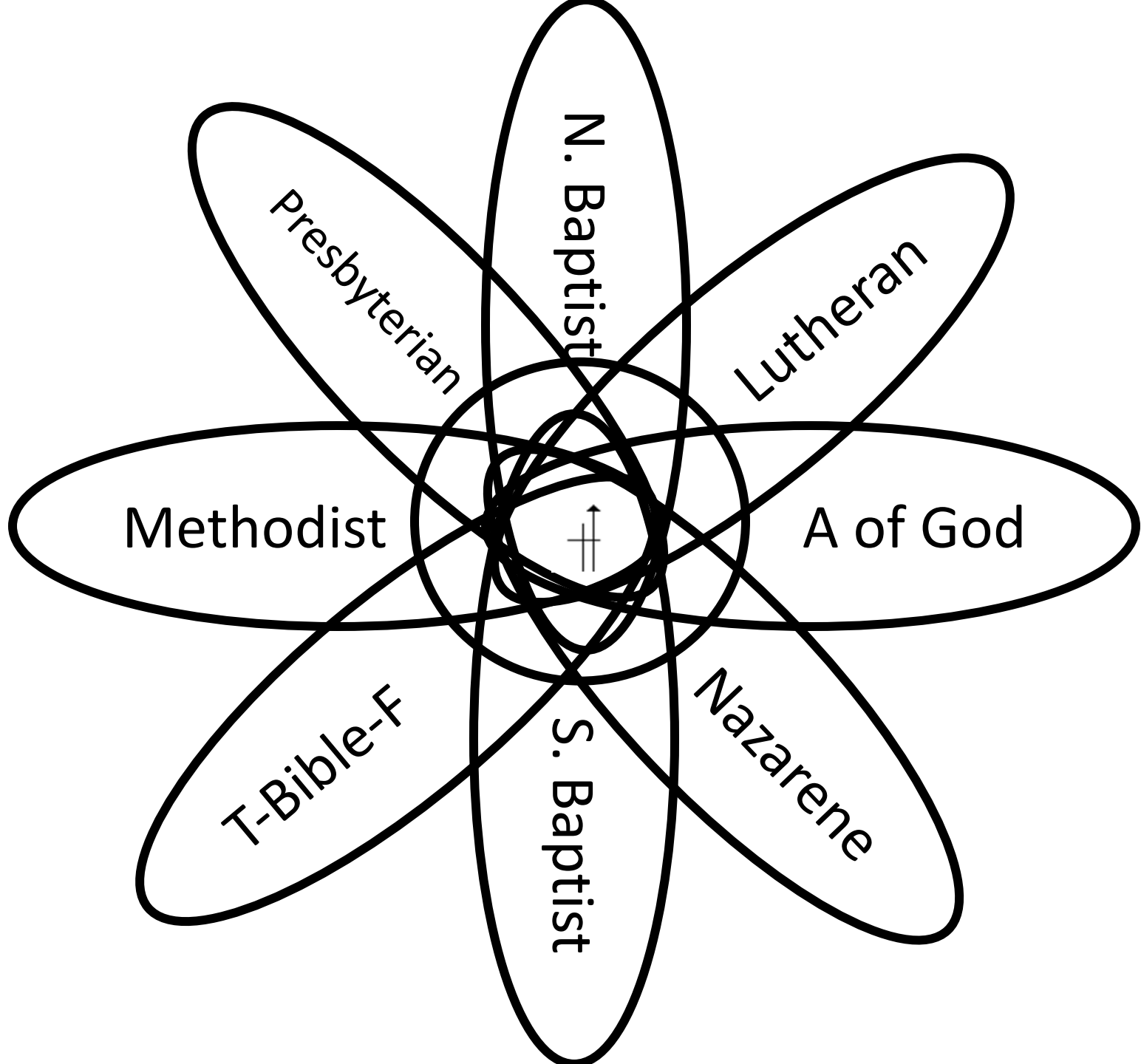
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Behavior (Duty)

The Terrific Two Rooted in the Only One

**Loving God
and
Loving Others
As Believers
Abide in Christ**





The Great Commandment
Love the LORD

The Law of Christ
Love One Another

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What are the Essentials?

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Three Keys to TBF's Ministry

In the Essentials: Unity

In the Non-Essentials: Liberty

In All Things: Charity (Agape Love)

Κυριος
Lord

Title

Ιησους
Jesus

Name

Χριστος
Christ

Title

corresponds
to the OT Word

יהוה

meaning
"God"

Title: God

corresponds
to the OT Word

יהושע

meaning
"God-Savior"

Human Name:
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Lord Jesus Christ = God-Man-Savior

Rather Than Changing
The Essentials of the Faith
We Should Allow
The Faith to Change Us