

2 Peter 2:4-9

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**One Example: "Grace" That Ain't Really Grace
Who Says This about That?**

We are saved by grace, after all that we can do

HINT: They also say "As man is God once was, as God is man may become."

**Proof Positive That God's Grace Is Absolutely Amazing-It Is Undeserved,
Unearned and Complete Unmerited from 2 Peter 2:7 "Righteous" Lot**

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into Tartarus and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; and *if* He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing *them* to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly *lives* thereafter; and *if* He rescued **righteous Lot**, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men (for by what he saw and heard *that* righteous man, while living among them, felt *his* righteous soul tormented day after day by *their* lawless deeds), *then* the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from tribulation and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment.

Question

How in the World Could Anyone Call Abraham's "Sketchy" Nephew "Righteous"?

Answer

Nobody (That Is No Human Being in The World Based on HVP) Would Call Abraham's "Sketchy" Nephew "Righteous" But God Did and He Still Does!

Righteous Lot and the Grace of God

According to Scripture, Lot was foolish, carnal and immoral generally, horrifically he committed incest with his two daughters and impregnated them (can you say Moabites and Ammonites) and yet 2 Peter 2:7 describes him as “righteous Lot.”

How is this possible? 2 Peter describes him based on his spiritual standing not based on his spiritual walk (for him it was a limp). IOWs: is describes his position not his performance. The KEY: is the dynamics of forensic justification or how a sinner receives a +R standing before God. Justification before God is by His grace through our faith in Christ alone, it confers a spiritual status which does not fluctuate, is not based on our merit before, during or after the transaction.

Philippians 3:7-9

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. And I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain **Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith...**

Romans 3:20-27

by the works of the Law no human will be justified-declared righteous in God's sight, for by the Law *comes* the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets even **the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe**. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus**, whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, so **that [without compromising His character] He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus**. Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what principle? Of works? No, but by the principle of faith.

Romans 4:2-5

For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? “ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.” 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

2 Corinthians 5:21

He [God the Father-the Author of the Plan of Salvation] made Him [Jesus Christ-the Active Agent of Salvation] who knew no sin *to be* a sin offering on our behalf, so that we [the ungodly who believe ala Romans 4:2-5] would become the righteousness of God [as our legal standing before Him, through faith] in Him.

Doesn't The Apostle Paul Contradict the Book of James?

- 1: Paul states people are justified by faith alone APART from works
- 2: James states people are not justified by faith only but BY works

Who is Correct? Paul or James?

Both of Them are Correct and Here's How/Why:

James says there are two DIFFERENT kinds of “justification” and he is focusing on addressing the second kind/type of “justification.” (Acts 15 shows that Paul and James agree on Justification before God by faith alone)

Justification Type 1-How God Sees Us-Our Judicial +R Standing before God

Justification Type 2-How Other People See Us-Our Actual +R Walk at Work

J1: VERTICAL Justification-Eternal Salvation (Faith Alone in Christ Alone)

Declaration by God about Us Now and Forever in Heaven (Rom 5:1/8:1; Eph 2:8-9)

J2: HORIZONTAL Justification-Experiential Sanctification (Works an Effect of Faith)

Demonstration by Us before People Now on Earth (Matthew 6:1-18; Eph 2:10)

The KEY: Paul/James Use DIFFERENT Examples from the Life of Abraham

J1: Justification before God-the EXAMPLE Paul uses:

Abraham Receiving Salvation by Faith in Genesis 15 = an Apple

J2: Justification before People-the EXAMPLE James uses:

Abraham Expressing Salvation through Mature Faith in Genesis 22 = an Orange

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IOWs: Grace (as God delivers it in the salvation of sinners like Abraham, Issac, Jacob, Lot and you/me) is absolutely amazing/totally underserved and complete unmerited...if "it" (whatever someone calls "grace" is not absolutely amazing/totally underserved and completely unmerited then s/he ain't really talkin' about grace at all!?!)

I tend to see how the Lord Jesus interacted with the Terrorist on the Cross as the #1 example of the truth of the absolutely amazing grace of God in salvation but Peter's reference to "Righteous Lot" is a very close #2. Maybe we should do this:

Example 1a: The Terrorist on the Cross in Luke 23

Example 1b: Righteous Lot in 2 Peter 2

"Righteous Lot" Are You Kidding Me?!????!?!? How in the World Could Anyone Call Abraham's "Sketchy" Nephew "Righteous"
Nobody (That Is No Human Being Could/World) But God Did/Does

Since we are saved by grace....should we be motivated by guilt or gratitude?
Is it really "dangerous" to teach/preach PURE/CLEAR GRACE
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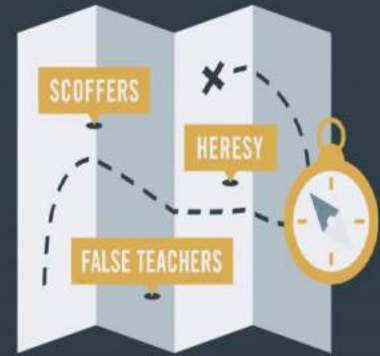
God's grace can be abused (can you say "Lot?" and too many times by "Brad McCoy") but to do so is not normative/not legitimate!

The "normal" response to the greatness of God and His grace in our salvation is a profound desire to greatly glorify the One who saved us. Romans 12:1-2 teaches the only logical response to our salvation is for believers to live their lives as a living sacrifice...not for us to be saved or to stay saved but because we are saved...and to do it without being impressed with how faithful/fruitful we are.



— GIVING ALL DILIGENCE —

2:4-9



2 PETER

Holiness, Heresy and Hope



W A R N I N G



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THE LORD'S SUPPER

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23—30





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The Message of 2 Peter

A Christ-Centered **HOPE** Should Motivate
Believers Now to Embrace a Lifestyle of True
HOLINESS and to Avoid the **HERESIES**
(Morally/Doctrinally) of False Teachers.

2 Peter

Therefore beloved...be diligent to be found in Him
in peace, spotless and blameless...grow in the grace
and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

HOPE Chapter 3

HERESY Chapter 2

HOLINESS Chapter 1

If God

1: did not spare angels...

2: did not spare the ancient world...

3: did not spare Sodom and Gomorrah

AND If God rescued **Righteous Lot**

THEN the Lord knows how to rescue the godly
and to keep the unR for the Day of Judgment

“Righteous”

Lot?!?

According to Scripture Lot...

...Wasn't Righteous!!!

In His Behavior

- 1: Foolish/HVP
- 2: Carnal-Generally
- 3: Immoral-Horrifically

According to Scripture Lot...
...Was Righteous!!!
In His Position in Christ

1: Philippians 3:7-9

2: Romans 3:20-27; 4:2-5

3: II Corinthians 5:21

James/Paul: Friends NOT Foes

Romans 4/Galatians 3

justification is by faith not by works

James 2

justification is by works not by faith

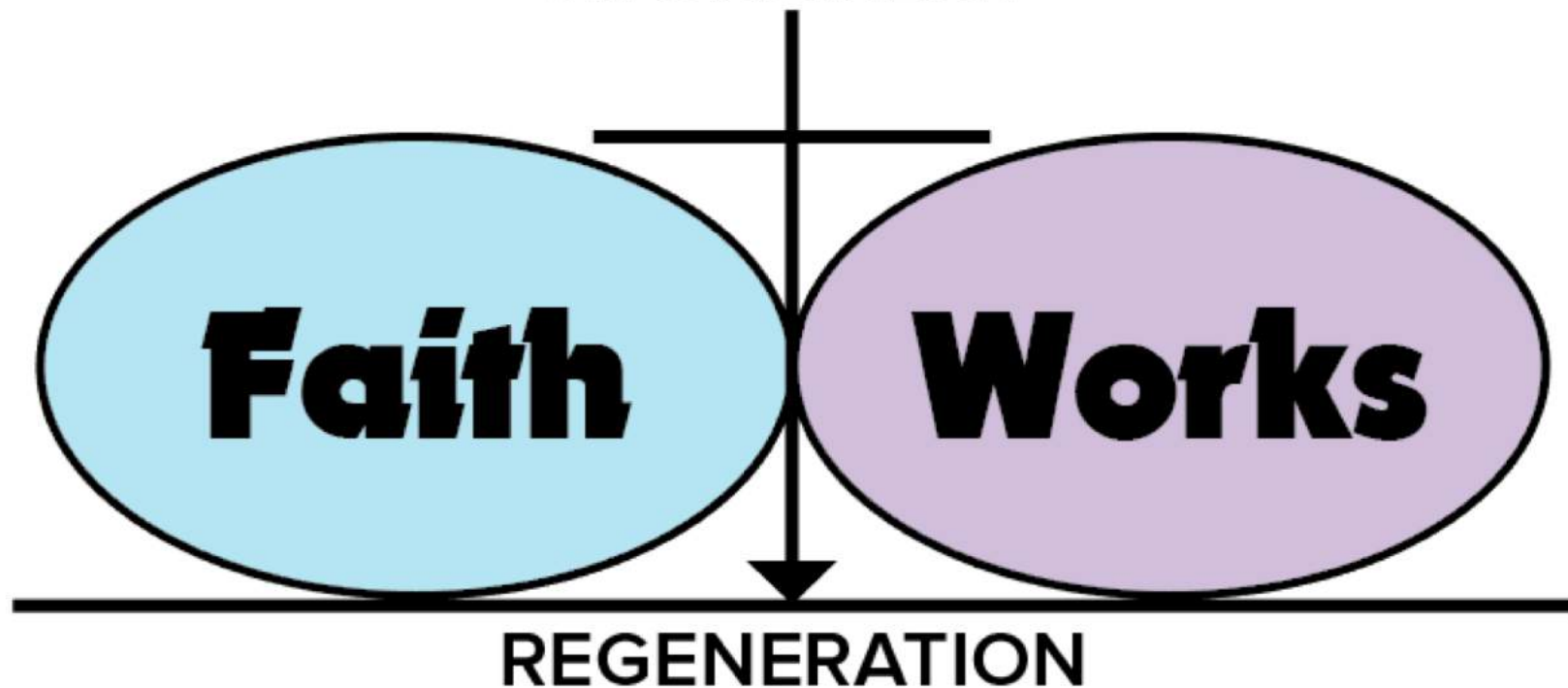
Apples/Oranges: 1 Word-2 Different Meanings

Paul: Justification before God/Vertical

James: Justification before People/Visible

**In Acts 15 it is clear James and Paul AGREE on the Fact
That Justification before God is by Faith Not by Works**

ATONEMENT



Root Cause

Ephesians 2:8-9

*Not by Works
Come to the Light*

► **Fruit Effect**

Ephesians 2:10

*But for Works
Let your Light Shine*



For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

Content in Context

- Romans 3-5: Paul Cites Abraham
To Validate Justification before God by Faith
Abraham in Genesis 15
- James 2: James Cites Abraham
To Validate Justification before Men by Works
Abraham in Genesis 22

One Man/Two Different Events
AND Two Different Kinds of Justification

Correlating Paul and James On Faith/Works (Acts 15)

Romans 4/Galatians 3

James 2

**Abraham
Genesis 15**

**Abraham
Genesis 22**

**Justified by Faith
Before God**

**Justified by Works
Before People**

Correlating Paul and James On Faith/Works (Acts 15)

Romans 4/Galatians 3

James 2

20-30 Years Later

**Abraham
Genesis 15**

**Abraham
Genesis 22**

**Justified by Faith
Before God**

**Justified by Works
Before People**

Lot Too!

Lot Not So Much!

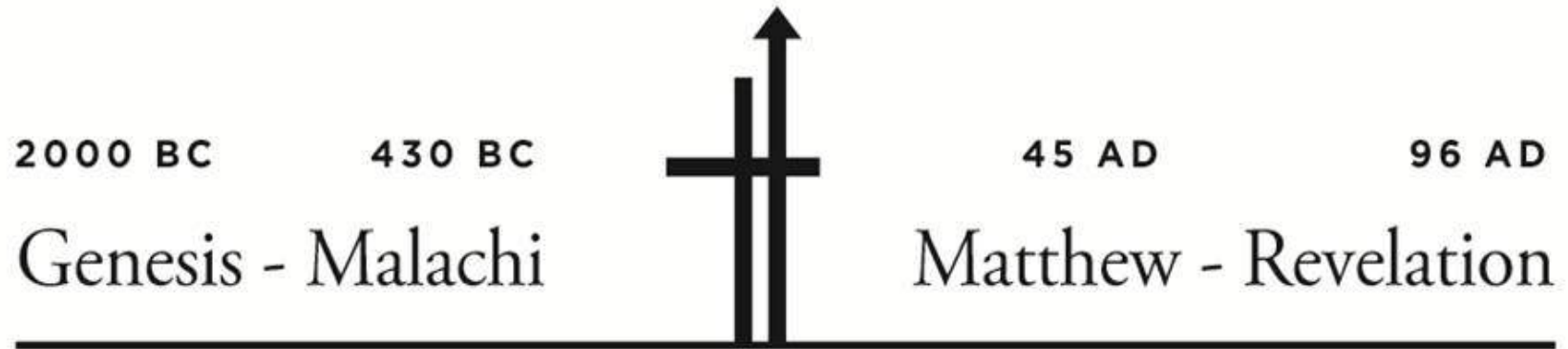
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The Bible

A SYNTHETIC OVERVIEW



ONE MAJOR PREMISE:

All Humans are Sinners/Die...

ONE MAJOR PREMISE:

Jesus of Nazareth is the Savior/Alive...

ONE MAJOR PROMISE:

...the Savior is Coming!

ONE MAJOR PROMISE:

...the Savior is Coming Back!

The OT Law is Holy, Just and Good BUT It is Only Partial, Preliminary and It Points to the Jewish Messiah/Savior of the World: Jesus Christ

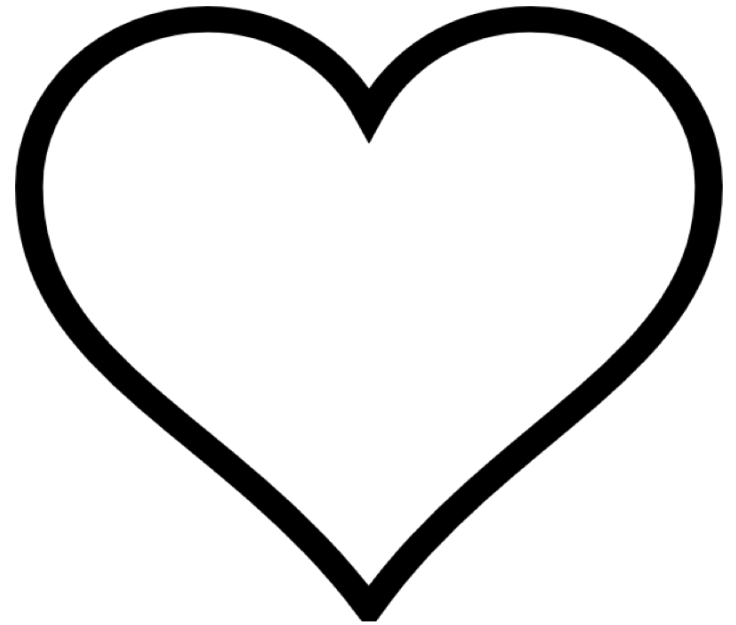


You can't weather the
storms of life
unless your **foundation**
is built on the
SOLID ROCK of
GOD

Hebrews 4:12

The Word of God
is alive and powerful...

...and is a critic of
1: the thoughts and
2: the intents of
the heart





Mind-Consciousness

Will-Convictions

Κυριος
Lord

Ιησους
Jesus

Χριστος
Christ

He is the Exclusive Issue and the Exclusive Issuer of Salvation/Everlasting Life to All Who Trust in Him

corresponds
to the OT Word

יהוה

meaning
"God"

Title: God

corresponds
to the OT Word

ישוע

meaning
"God-Savior"

Human Name:
God-Savior

corresponds
to the OT Word

משיח

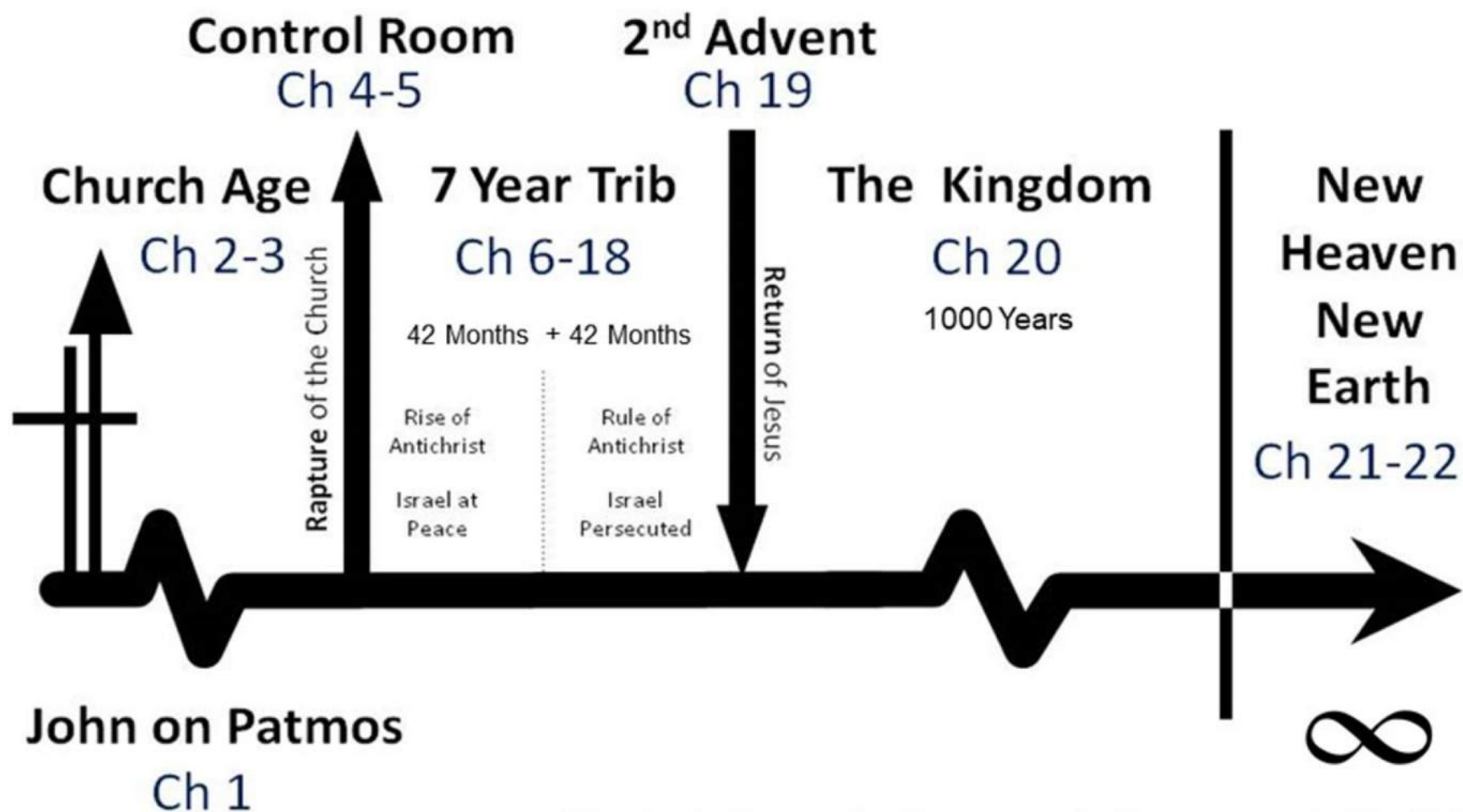
meaning
"Savior"

Title: Savior

Lord Jesus Christ = God-Man-Savior

Prologue 1:1-11

Epilogue 22:6-21



The infinity symbol represents the concept of infinity

The Grace of the Gospel is Rooted in The Reality of the Resurrection

Christ Died (SAS) for Our Sins

according to the Scriptures

and He (His dead body) was buried

He Was Raised (LBSR) from the Dead

according to the Scriptures

and He appeared (in His body transformed)

Gnosis

Awareness of Information

“Knowing” about Flying
From Books/Plane Rides

Biblical Consciousness

Involves the Head

1 Corinthians 8:1

Epignosis

Info Embraced as Truth

“Knowing” about Flying
From Flying Airplanes

Biblical Convictions

Involves the Heart

Romans 3:20; 10:2