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# INTRODUCTION

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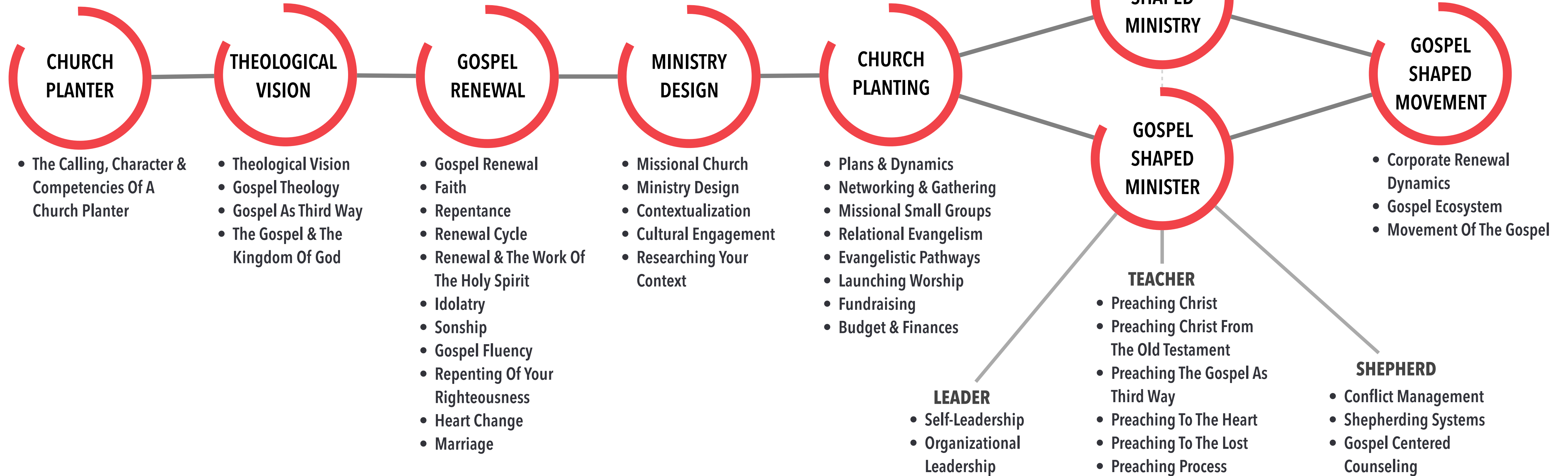


**GLOBAL CITIES**



**NEW CHURCHES**

# CONTENT ROADMAP





# GOSPEL RENEWAL



**PLANTING SEEDS**



**LEARNING NOT LECTURE**



**TENSION**



**DISORIENTATION**



**FLOURISH**



**CAPTURE**

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# REDISCOVERING THE GOSPEL

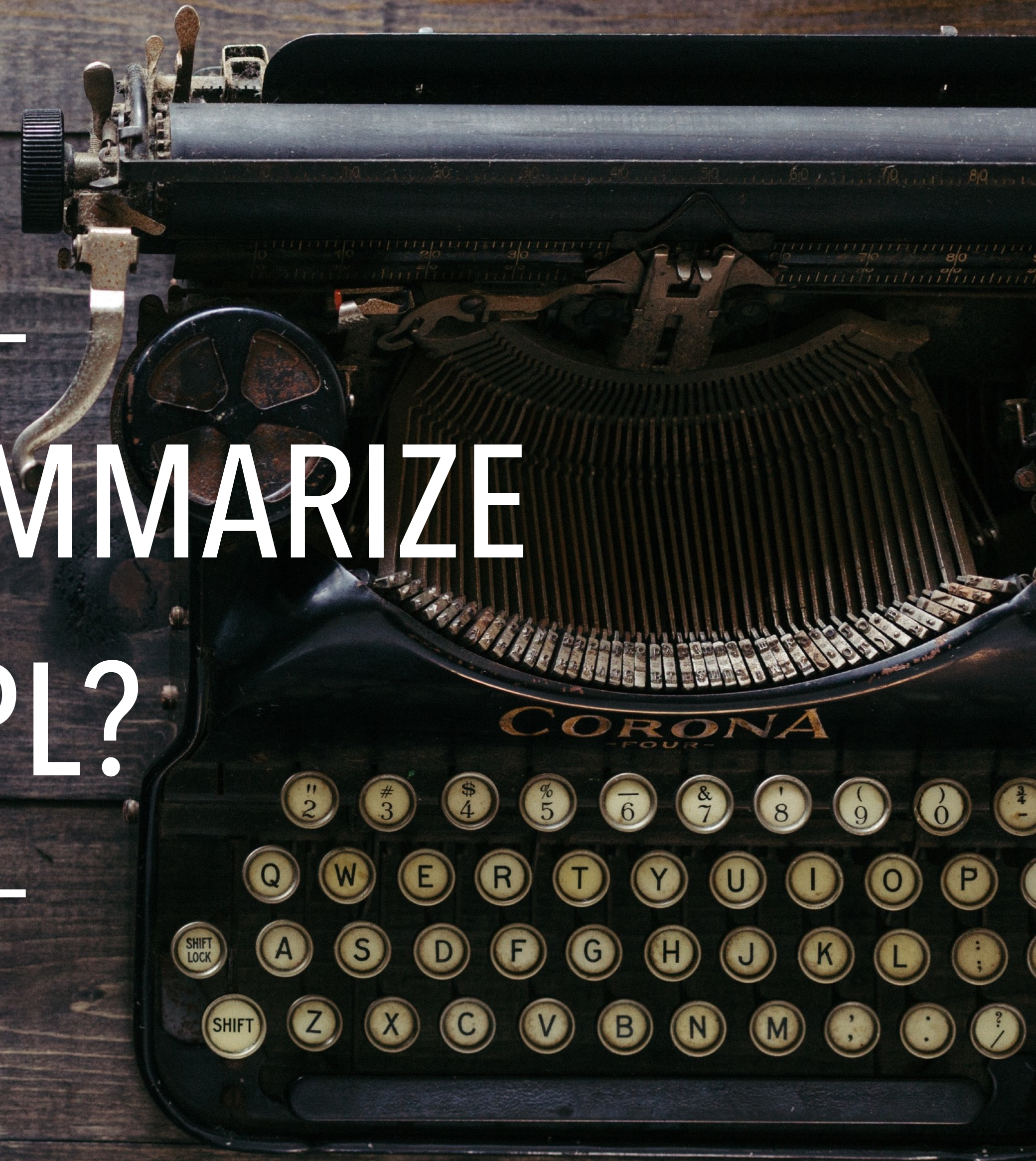
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**"ALMOST BY DEFINITION, CHRISTIANS KNOW THE GOSPEL ... HAVING SAID THAT, 'GOSPEL' IS ONE OF THOSE WORDS THAT IS SO BASIC, SO FUNDAMENTAL TO CHRISTIAN LIFE THAT IT CAN BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED. IT CAN BECOME THE TERM FOR JUST ABOUT ANYTHING AT ALL IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. 'GOSPEL' CAN BECOME SO FULL OF MEANING ... THAT IT CAN BE EMPTIED OF MEANING ALTOGETHER. LIKE THE WORD 'LOVE' IN POPULAR MUSIC, 'GOSPEL' CAN MEAN EVERYTHING AND NOTHING AT THE SAME TIME." – JOHN DICKSON**

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HOW DO YOU SUMMARIZE  
THE GOSPEL?

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# BIBLICAL SURVEY

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**1THESSALONIANS 1:4,5 – “FOR WE KNOW, BROTHERS LOVED BY GOD, THAT HE HAS CHOSEN YOU, BECAUSE OUR GOSPEL CAME TO YOU NOT ONLY IN WORD, BUT ALSO IN POWER AND IN THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WITH FULL CONVICTION.”**

**The gospel is “dynamic” not “static” for it comes  
in power not just words.**

**COLOSSIANS 1:5,6 – “OF THIS YOU HAVE HEARD BEFORE IN THE WORD OF THE TRUTH, THE GOSPEL, WHICH HAS COME TO YOU, AS INDEED IN THE WHOLE WORLD IT IS BEARING FRUIT AND INCREASING—AS IT ALSO DOES AMONG YOU, SINCE THE DAY YOU HEARD IT AND UNDERSTOOD THE GRACE OF GOD IN TRUTH.”**

**The gospel bears fruit and advances in the lives  
of people.**

**ROMANS 1:16 – “FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL, FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD FOR SALVATION TO EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES, TO THE JEW FIRST AND ALSO TO THE GREEK.”**

**“Now the word ‘salvation’ here is not justification. The word ‘salvation’ encompasses the whole: justification, sanctification, glorification.”**

**– Francis Schaefer**

**“The gospel message is actually the power of God in verbal, cognitive form. It lifts people up; it transforms and changes things. When articulated or reflected upon, the power is released.”**

**– Tim Keller**

**COLOSSIANS 3:16 – “LET THE WORD OF CHRIST DWELL IN YOU RICHLY, TEACHING AND ADMONISHING ONE ANOTHER IN ALL WISDOM, SINGING PSALMS AND HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS, WITH THANKFULNESS IN YOUR HEARTS TO GOD.”**

**“Colossians 3:16 literally says that—the gospel (the ‘word of Christ’) must ‘dwell in you richly.’ This means you must have your inner being and character shaped by the gospel.” – Tim Keller**

**ROMANS 1:8,15 – “FIRST, I THANK MY GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST FOR ALL OF YOU, BECAUSE YOUR FAITH IS PROCLAIMED IN ALL THE WORLD ... SO I AM EAGER TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO YOU ALSO WHO ARE IN ROME.”**

**We, like the church in Rome  
(their faith was world famous),  
need the gospel preached to us  
over and over.**

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WHY DO YOU NEED THE  
GOSPEL EVERY DAY?

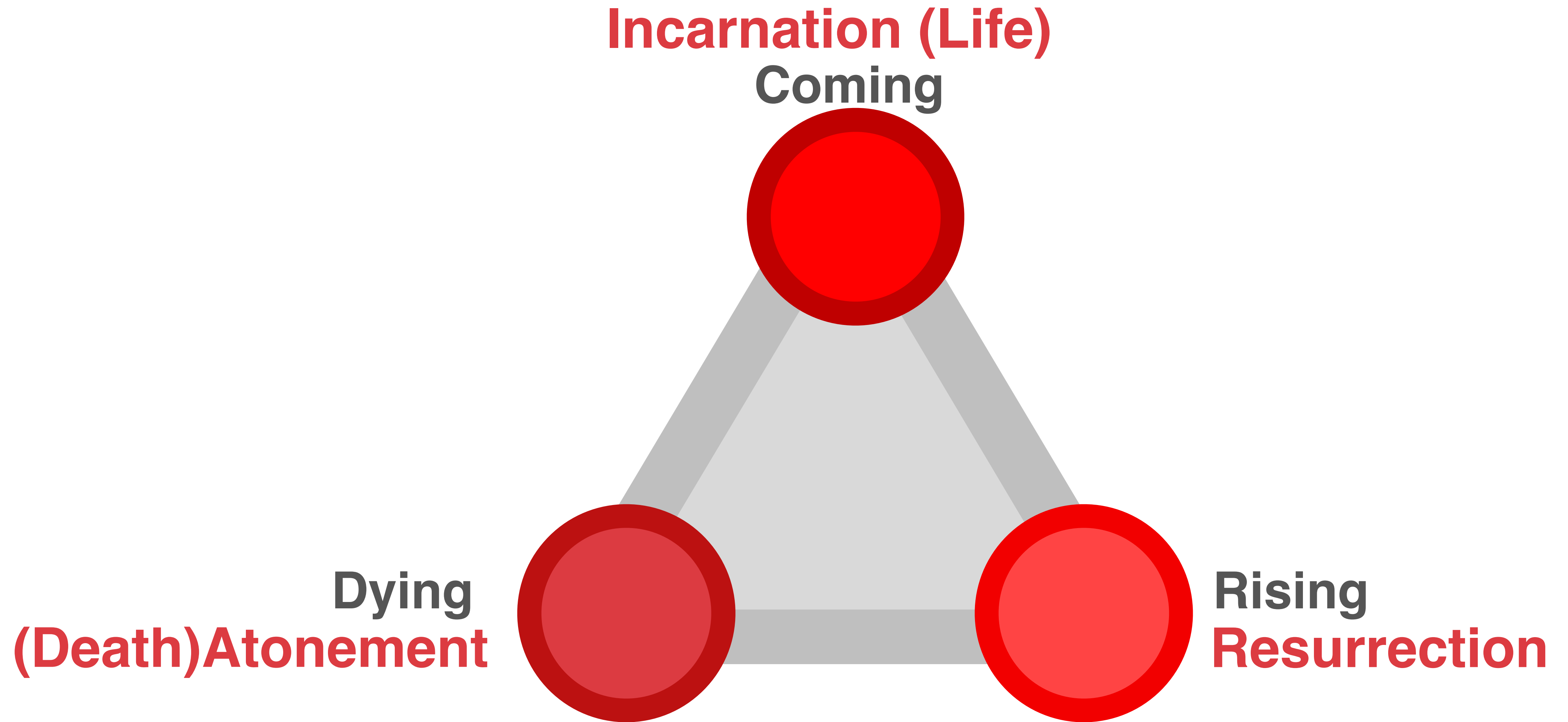
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# SUMMARIES

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## “Person”

“The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”

- Mark 1:1

## “Proclamation”

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

- 1Peter 2:9

## “Power”

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

- Romans 1:16

## “Penalty”

God has **SAVED** you from the penalty of sin

Titus 3:4-7 - “But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**Justification**

## “Power”

God is **SAVING** you from the power of sin

1Corinthians 1:18; 15:1,2 - “For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God ... Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved.”

**Sanctification**

## “Presence”

God will **SAVE** you from the presence of sin

Romans 5:9,10 - “Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.”

**Glorification**

## “Past”

Beloved (Col 3:2)  
Called By God (Rom. 1:6)  
Adopted (Rom. 8:15)  
Chosen (1Thes. 1:4)  
Justified (Rom. 3:24)  
Blessed (Eph. 1:3)  
Redeemed (Eph. 1:7)  
Sanctified (1Cor. 1:2)  
Regenerated (Titus 3:5)  
Fellow Heir (Eph. 3:6)  
Raised Up with Christ (Eph. 2:16)  
Alive to God (Eph. 2:5)  
Born Again (1John 5:1)  
New Creation (2Cor. 5:17)  
Sealed by the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:13)  
Rooted in God’s Love (Eph. 2:17)

“Righteousness ...

Justification

## “Present”

Being Renewed (2Cor. 4:16)  
Fresh Faith (2Thes. 1:3)  
New Power (Rom. 14:17)  
New Assurance (Heb. 10:22)  
Hope (Romans 5:4)  
More Holy Spirit (John 14:16)  
Fresh Repentance (Mark 1:15)  
Fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22)  
New Joy (Rom. 14:17)  
Beholding Jesus (2Cor. 3:18)  
Fresh Peace (Phil. 4:7)  
Being Transformed (2Cor. 3:18)  
Unending Love (John 13:34)  
Grow in Grace (2Pet. 3:18)  
Prayers of Jesus (Heb. 7:25)  
Being Sanctified (Heb. 10:14)

In Christ

(1Cor. 1:30)

Sanctification

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## “Future”

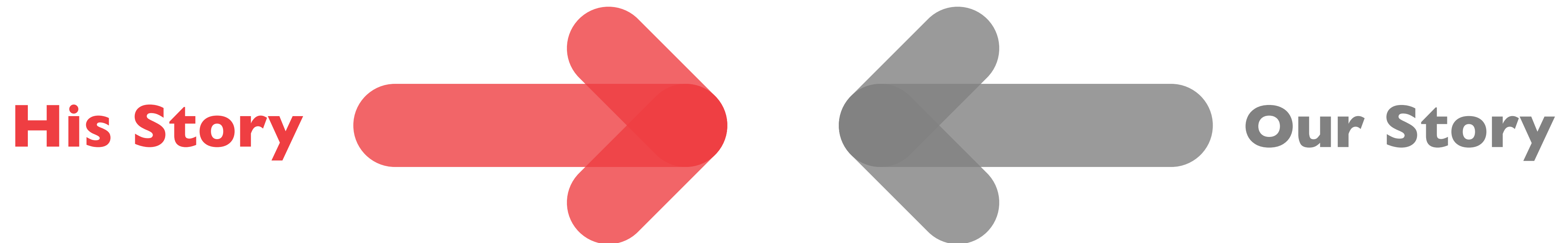
Shall Be Like Him (1John 3:2)  
Comforted (Matt. 5:4)  
Inheritance (Eph. 1:11)  
Redeemed Bodies (Rom. 8:23)  
Glorified (2Thes. 2:14)  
Satisfied (Luke 6:21)  
Perfect (Heb. 12:23)  
Blessed (Rev. 20:6)  
Holy (Rev. 21:6)  
Marriage Supper (Rev. 19:9)

... Redemption”

Glorification

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.” - Romans 3:23-25

(His Life) Active Righteousness + Passive Righteousness (His Death)



“Very simply stated the doctrine of propitiation means that Christ propitiated [appeased, satisfied] the wrath of God [on the cross with his righteous life & substitutionary death] and rendered God propitious [favorable, Approving] to his people.” – John Murray

## “Upside-Down”

In the Gospel, the way up is the way down.

But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” - James 4:6

Emphasis  
Community  
Reconciliation  
Sharing Resources

**Incarnation**

## “Inside-Out”

Religion is outside in, but the Gospel is inside out.

“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”  
- Romans 14:17

Emphasis  
Evangelism  
Gospel Renewal  
Personal Conversion

**Atonement**

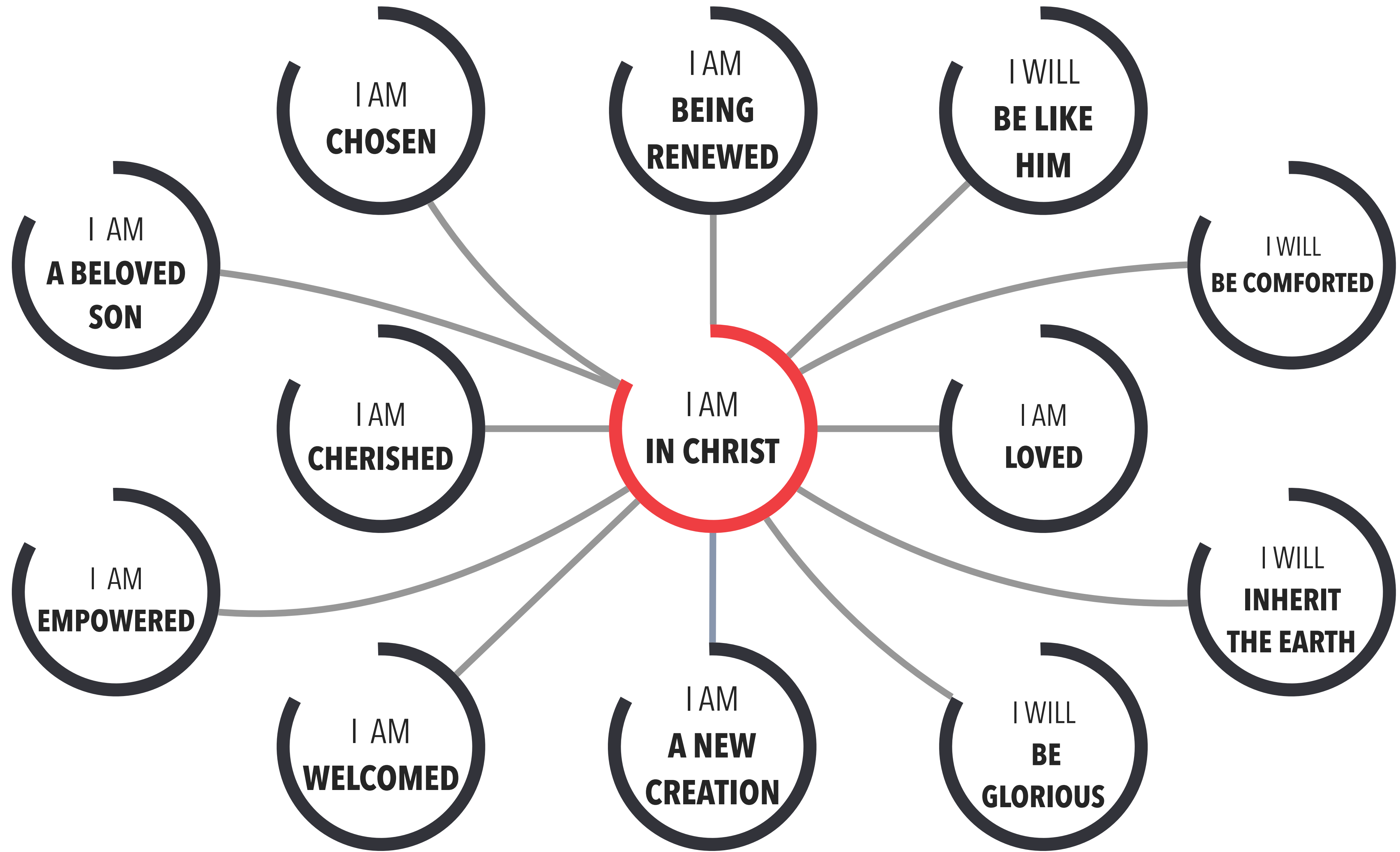
## “Forward-Back”

The Kingdom is “already but not yet” in the gospel.

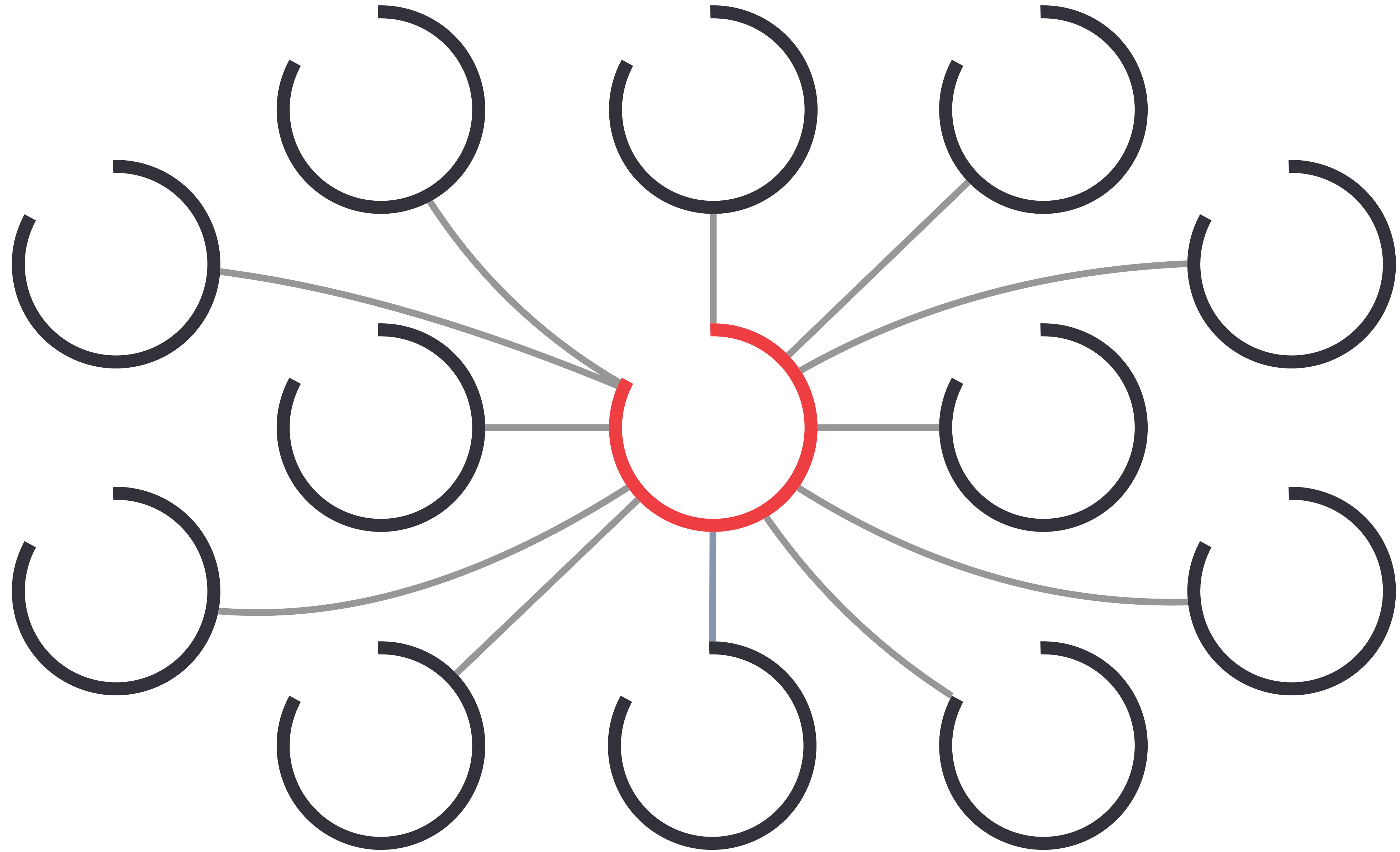
“And he who was seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new’.”  
- Revelation 21:5

Emphasis  
Faith & Work  
Welfare of The City  
Cultural Engagement

**Resurrection**



# EXERCISE: DIAGRAM THE GOSPEL FOR YOU



**“All of us, to some degree live around the truth of the gospel but do not “get” it. So the key to continual and deeper spiritual renewal and revival is the continual re-discovery of the gospel. A stage of renewal is always the discovery of a new implication or application of the gospel—seeing more of its truth. This is true for either an individual or a church.” - Tim Keller**

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**THE GOSPEL IS A STORY**

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## Fall “Is”

Romans 3:23  
“For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

## Redemption “Can”

1 Corinthians 1:30  
“And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.”

## Creation

“Ought”

Genesis 1:31  
“And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.”

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## Restoration

“WILL”

1 Peter 5:10  
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## Redemption

*Inauguration*

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“And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.”

## Renewal

*Continuation*

Revelation 21:5  
“And he who was seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new’.”

## Restoration

*Consummation*

1Peter 5:10  
“And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.”

**OBJECT OF  
RENEWAL**

**AGENT OF  
RENEWAL**

**“The main problem, then, in the Christian life is that we have not thought out the deep implications of the gospel, we have not “used” the gospel in and on all parts of our life.” - Tim Keller**

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# THE CENTRALITY OF THE GOSPEL

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**" 11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. 13 And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. 14 But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?" - Galatians 2:11-14**



**“In Galatians 2:14, Paul lays down a powerful principle. He deals with Peter’s racial pride and cowardice by declaring that he was not living “in line with the truth of the gospel.” From this we see that the Christian life is a process of renewing every dimension of our life—spiritual, psychological, corporate, social—by thinking, hoping, and living out the “lines” or ramifications of the gospel. The gospel is to be applied to every area of thinking, feeling, relating, working, and behaving. The implications and applications of Galatians 2:14 are vast.” – Tim Keller**

A vintage Corona typewriter is shown from a side-front perspective, resting on a dark, textured wooden surface. The typewriter is black with a prominent carriage and a keyboard. The brand name 'CORONA' is visible on the front panel above the keyboard. The text 'WHAT DOES ALL OF THIS MEAN FOR YOU?' is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image. Two horizontal white lines are positioned above and below the text, extending from the left edge towards the typewriter.

WHAT DOES ALL OF THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

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# QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

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