



Hebrews IBS Workshop IV

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Jewish Christians

- Originally Jews or Jewish believers
- Grown up and educated in Jewish traditions/religion: Law of Moses, Priests, High Priest, Temple, Sacrifices
- An exhaustive, detailed, elaborate religion / religious framework / philosophy with history
- Great foundation
- Came to believe in Christ (who was crucified and died on the cross)
- They have been spiritual heroes a blessing for the pagans and for the world!

Jewish Christians

“[32] Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you stood your ground in a great contest in the face of suffering.

[33] Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated.

[34] You sympathized with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions.”

(Hebrews 10,32-34)



Stephan



Ananias



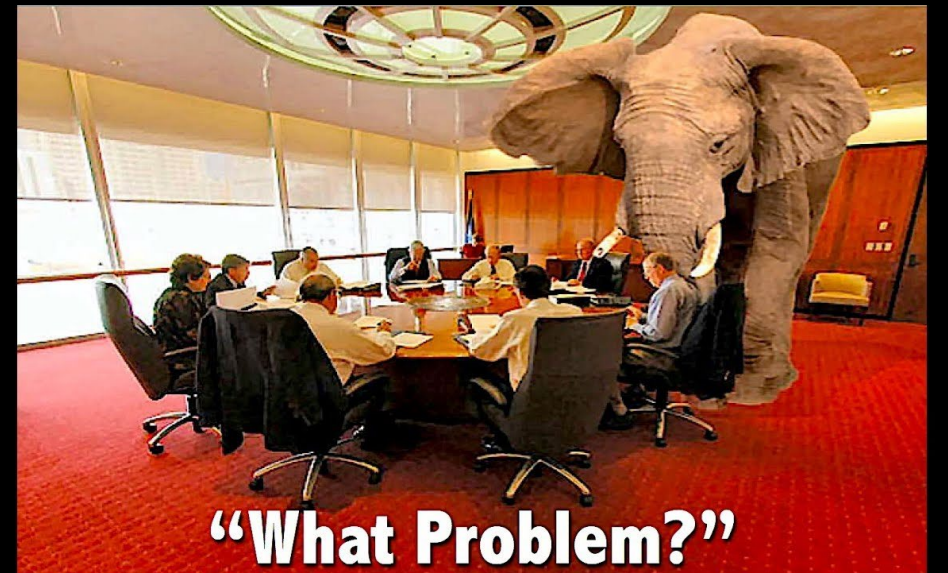
Barnabas



Silas

Jewish Christians

- Big bag
- Jewish religion seems “perfect”
- Faith in Christ too simple.
- Persecution
- They became unsure about their faith in Jesus Christ.
- Hebrews: They lost “confidence” (faith).
- The elephant in the room: Is Christ really the true religion?
- “Is it worth it all?” (following Christ)
- Christ + alpha?



Jewish Christians

- Go back to the Bible!
- Study the Scriptures!
- Letter to the Hebrews!
- Explain the Gospel in the language and framework the Jews
- Show that the “perfect” (because complex) Jewish religion is only a “shadow” / copy (of the reality)
- Show that Jesus Christ is the “perfect” (final) expression of God’s presence (and love)
- Encourage them to live with “confidence” and hope (vision) as spiritual conquerors and world changers!





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8:1-13	Jesus, mediator of a new covenant and better promises
9:1-28	The superiority of Christ's blood, death and sacrifice
10:1-39	Christ, fulfillment of the law and the promises

[9:14] How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

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8:6	“But the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, and it is founded on better promises.”	Jesus: Superior ministry Superior covenant Superior promises
8:6-13	Claim based on Jeremiah 31:31-34	
9:1-28	The meaning of Christ’s blood, death, and sacrifice	
10:10-14	Christ’s fulfillment of God’s will and promises	Citation of Psalm 40:6-8
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Chapter 10:1-4

The law cannot make perfect

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Shadow / Copy

Realities

[8:5] They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven.

[9:23a] It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these **sacrifices**...

[9:23b] ...but the heavenly things themselves with **better sacrifices** than these.

[9:24a] For Christ did not enter **a man-made sanctuary** that was only a copy of the true one...

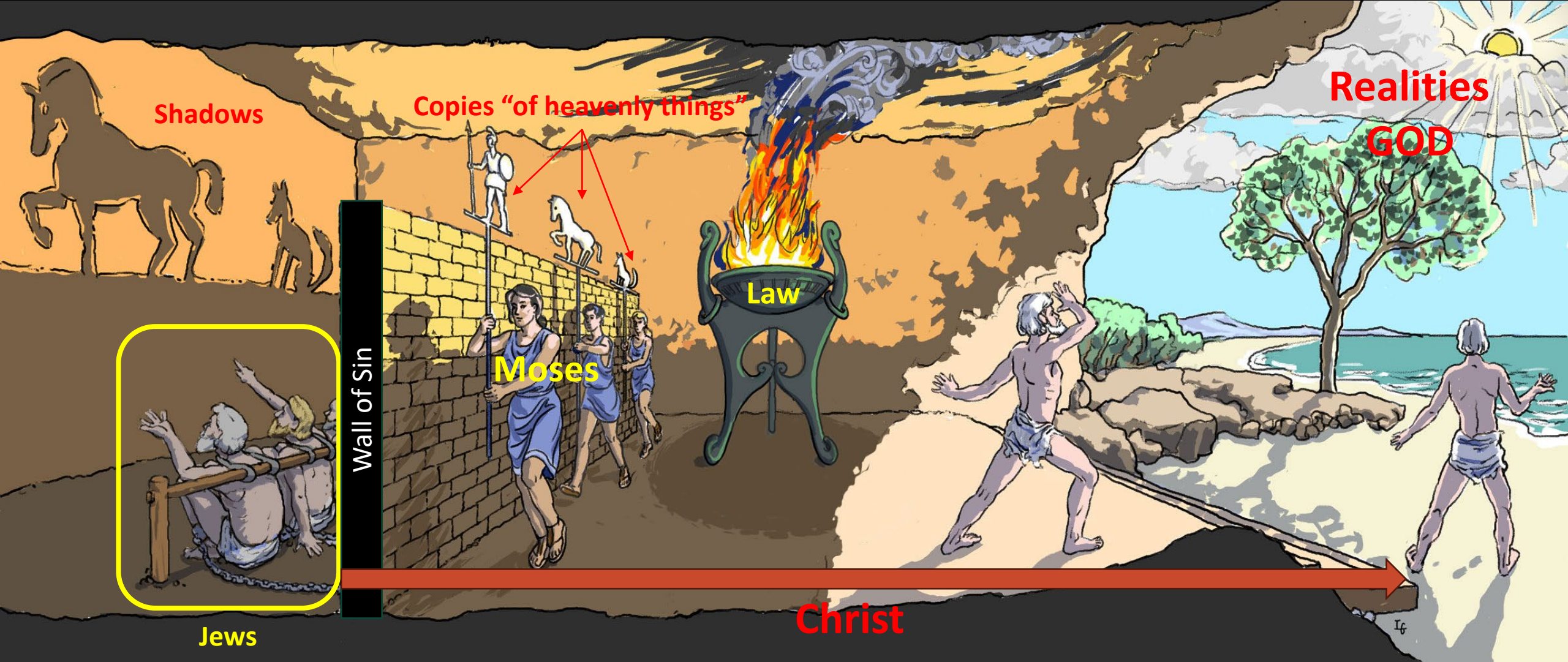
[9:24b] ...he entered **heaven itself**, now to appear for us in God's presence.

[10:1] **The law** is only a shadow of the good things that are coming

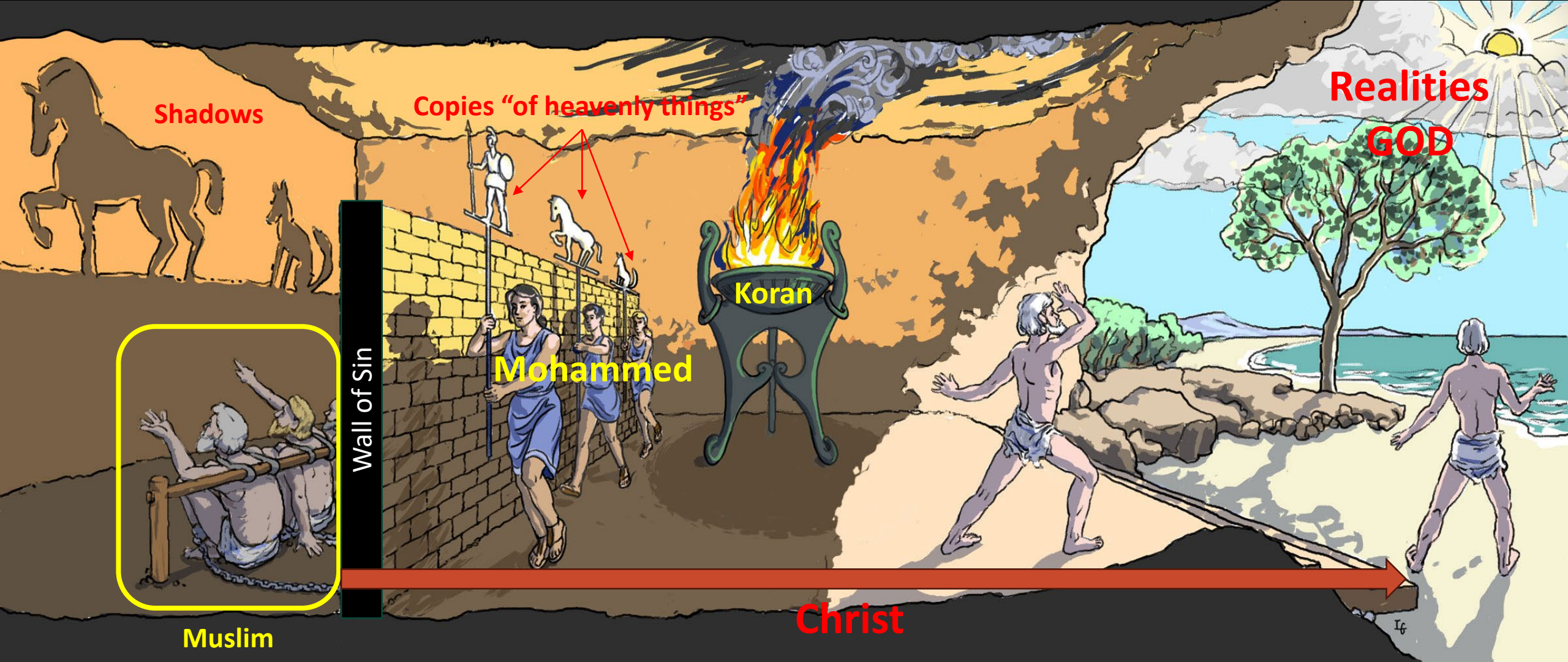
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Shadow / Copy	Realities
High Priest (Weak and mortal)	Jesus, high priest in the order of Melchizedek
Tabernacle	The greater and more perfect tabernacle: God's presence itself
Blood of goats and calves	Blood of Christ
Killing of animals	Christ's Death
Animal sacrifices	Christ offered himself
1 st Covenant	New covenant

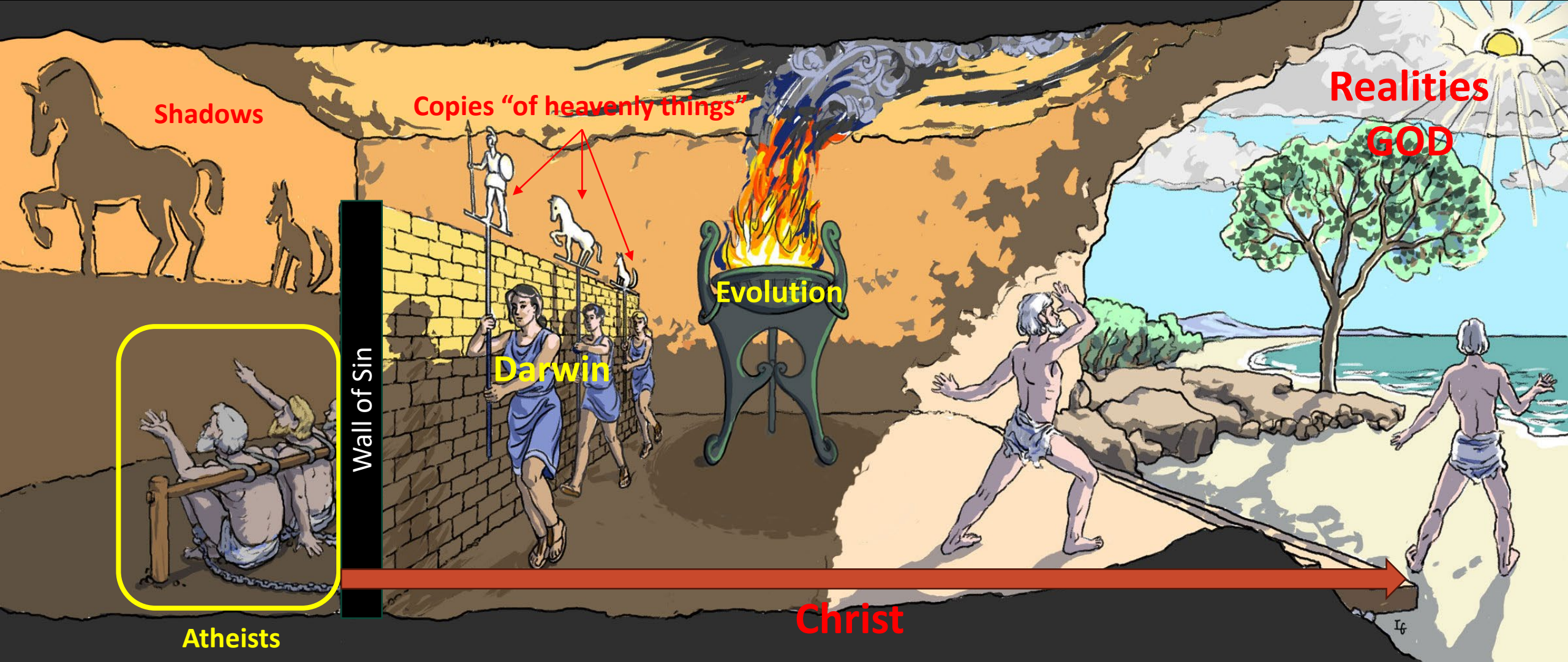
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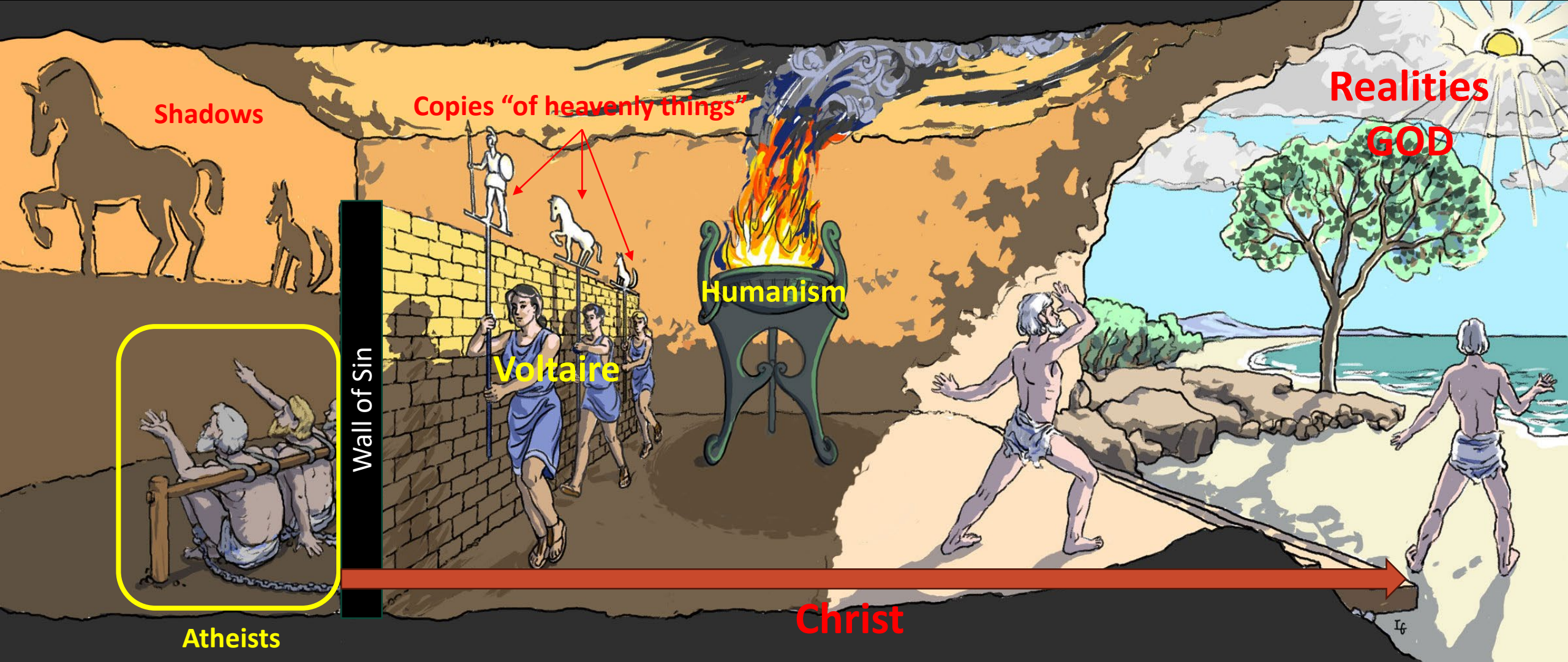
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**Shadow / Copy
(Complex and Imperfect)**

**Realities
(Simple and Perfect)**

Religion / Worship

“Serve the living God” [9:14]
“Worship God in spirit and in truth” [Jn 4:23]

Philosophy

Faith in Christ Jesus

Science / Evolution

Creator God: “It was very good”

Humanity / Human Rights

God created man in the image of God

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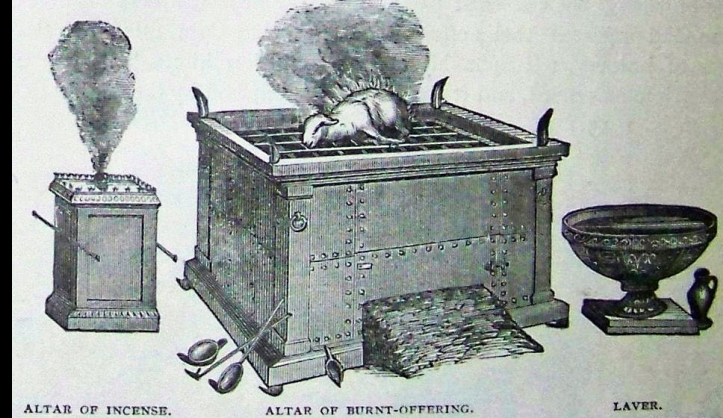
[6] with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased.

[7] Then I said, 'Here I am--it is written about me in the scroll--I have come to do your will, O God.'"

[8] First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them" (although the law required them to be made).

[9] Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second.

Psalm 40:6-8



Hebrews 10:5-7

[6] Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but my ears you have pierced; burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.

[7] Then I said, "Here I am, I have come- it is written about me in the scroll.

[8] I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

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[6-7] Author's comment:

Religious practices (sacrifices and offerings, pilgrimages, etc) cannot please God.

God waits for someone doing his will (ultimately not able to be done by sinful man).

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Chapter 10:10-12

Jesus superior to the law by doing God's will

[10] "that will" = New Testament [Jn 3:16],
finished through Jesus Christ's perfect sacrifice.

We have been made holy once for all.

We are not holy, but we have been made holy.

Us being made holy has nothing to do with us.

It's a gift (by God's grace) and a precious
responsibility.

[10] And by that will, **we have been made holy**
through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ
once for all.

[11] Day after day every priest stands and
performs his religious duties; again and again he
offers the same sacrifices, which can never take
away sins.

[12] But when this priest had offered for all time
one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right
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[11] Sacrifices are religious practices. They can never take away sins.

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Hebrews 8:1



Hebrews 10:12

[1] The point of what we are saying is this: We do have **such a high priest**, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven,

[12] But when **this priest** had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.

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[12] Conclusion and confirmation of author's claim in 8:1 – Jesus sat down at the right hand of God.

Jesus is the one, who finally and completely executed God's will.

Jesus is the final revelation.

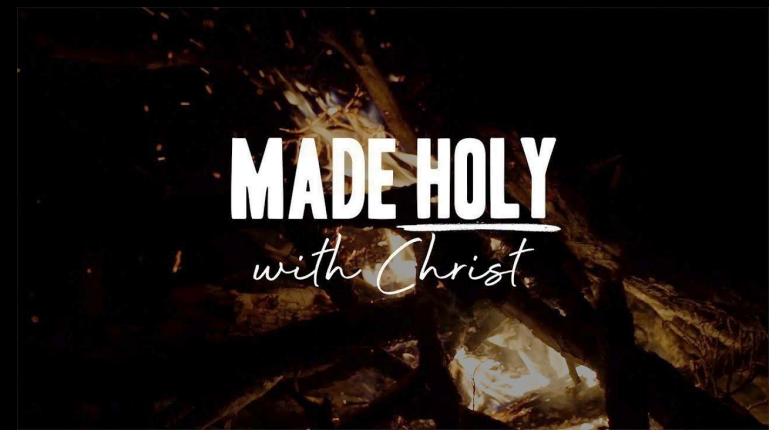
There is no other way of salvation.

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[13] Who are "his enemies"? They are those, who have not accepted Jesus' perfect sacrifice.

What does "wait" mean? God waits means God's patience and "grace time". It is not endless.

[13] Since that time he **waits** for his **enemies** to be made his footstool,

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Christ fulfilled God's promise

[14] Christ has made perfect those who are being made holy.

They are "perfect" not in the moral or legalistic sense, but in the sense of "finished". Their sin problem is ultimately solved.

They are not anymore enemies of God (but children of God).

It is impossible to become "perfect" by our own means (as it is impossible for the blood of calves and goats to take away sins).

Instead we must accept that Jesus makes us holy and perfect by his perfect sacrifice.

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[15-18] Confirmation of author's claim in 8:8-12

The new covenant boils down to two things:

(1) God will put the laws in the hearts and write them on the minds of his people.

What laws? God's will. E.g. God's love.

God's will is put in our hearts and written on our minds. We become able to do God's will. We become new people, God's people.

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The new covenant boils down to two things:

(2) God will not remember their sins and lawless acts anymore.

God forgets our sins (not out of ignorance, but because the sin problem is actually solved)

[18] There is no longer sacrifice for sin (doubts, no good deeds, etc.). Then what? There is faith in Christ!

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Repent and
Return to the
Lord



10 Lost Tribes belong to
the Northern House of
Israel (Ephraim).
Taken into Assyrian
captivity @ 732 BCE.



2 Southern Tribes belong
to Southern House of
Judah. They are the Jews
of today.



“At that time Jerusalem shall be called the throne of the Lord, and all nations shall gather to it, to the presence of the Lord in Jerusalem, and they shall no more stubbornly follow their own evil heart.

In those days the house of Judah shall join the house of Israel, and together they shall come from the land of the north to the land that I gave your fathers for a heritage.”

(Jer 3:17,18 ESV)

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Chapter 10:13-18

Christ fulfilled God's promise

Core Message/Interpretation:

Religious practices cannot solve our sin problem nor lead us to salvation.

Jesus Christ by doing God's will solved our sin problem with finality (once for all).

In Jesus Christ we are made holy and perfect and we become God's people that can do God's will (with God's power).

Application:

We must not run after the "shadows" and "copies" (religious practices, humanism, etc), but through the gospel of Jesus Christ we must worship God in spirit and in truth.

As God "waits for his enemies" co-work with through 1:1 and world missions!

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36-39	Perseverance is better than shrinking back

Chapter 10:19-21

Conclusion: Three “haves”

[19] We have confidence ... in God’s presence

Our confidence is independent of circumstances.

[19] Therefore, brothers, since **we have confidence** to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,

[20] by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,

[21] and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

1 a : a feeling or consciousness of one's powers or of reliance on one's circumstances

2 : the quality or state of being certain

3 a : a relation of trust or intimacy

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Conclusion: Three “haves”

[20] We have a new and living way through the curtain.

Jesus lives (forever) and it is our way to (eternal) life.

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=> We have nothing??

=> We have everything!

=> We have everything to live as global leaders, spiritual conquerors and stars that shine forever and ever!

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[23] Let us hold unswervingly to the hope

[24] Let us spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

[25] Let us not give up meeting together, but let us encourage one another.

[22] **let us draw near to God** with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

[23] **Let us hold unswervingly to the hope** we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

[24] And **let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.**

[25] Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but **let us encourage one another**--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Chapter 10:22-25

Conclusion: Four “Let us”

[22] Let us draw near to God

(the opposite of getting distant from God)

With a sincere heart

Full assurance of faith

Our hearts sprinkled

Our guilty conscience cleansed

Our bodies washed with pure water

The secret of a victorious live of faith is staying near to God (beginning from daily bread, fellowship, GLEF).

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Hope = Our faith

We will be saved when we hold to the hope until the end.

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Conclusion: Four “Let us”

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Love (feeding God’s sheep)

Good deeds not by the law, or social deeds, but “greater deeds than Jesus”

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let us encourage one another

[Acts 14:22] strengthening the disciples and **encouraging** them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said.

[1 Peter 4:13] But **rejoice** that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

[Hebrews 12:5,6] And you have forgotten that word of **encouragement** that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son."

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We can encourage one another through meeting (GLEF or International Wednesday Bible Seminar).

Encourage to do great things for God.

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Chapter 10:26-31

Warning against deliberately keeping on sinning

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[27] but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

[28] Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

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[31] It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

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[26] Deliberate keep on sinning

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Treat as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant

Insulted the spirit of grace

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Warning against deliberately keeping on sinning

[26-27] No sacrifice for those who keep on deliberately sinning, only fear and judgement.

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Chapter 10:32-35

Cost and worth of the Gospel

[32-34] The cost of the Gospel of Jesus Christ:

Great contest in the face of suffering

Public insult and persecution

Prison

Confiscation of their property

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Cost and worth of the Gospel

[32-34] Bravery and greatness:

Stood your ground

Stood side by side

Sympathy and joy

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Chapter 10:32-35

Cost and worth of the Gospel

[35] Do not throw away your confidence:

Yes, the grace of God through the Gospel of Jesus Christ is costly.

Is it worth it all?

Yes, we know, it is a better and lasting possession.

Yes, it will be richly rewarded.

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We will receive what God has promised.

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Habakkuk 2:3-4

[3] For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; **it will certainly come and will not delay.**

[4] "See, he is puffed up; his desires are not upright- **but the righteous will live by his faith**

Hebrews 10:37-38

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Live by faith until the end.

Shrinking back does not please God.

Living by faith is a question of decision and determination (not of feeling).

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[39] Shrinking back is not an (good) option, means destruction.

Those who believe are saved.

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Chapter 10:19-39

Let us hold to the Hope we profess

Core Message

Holding on to the hope and persevering in the life of faith is the way of salvation.

Interpretation

Living with the gospel is an active/ongoing struggle.

It is costly and worthy.

Application

We have started as SEBTs, global leaders.

Yes, it is worth it all!

We must not go back, but move forward. We will be saved and richly rewarded. We will be like the stars that shine forever and ever.

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Example: Daniel

- Deported to Babylon
- Held on to his spiritual identity at all cost
- Served 5 Babylonian and Persian rulers
- Held on to his prayer at all cost
- Held on to God's promise for the restoration of Israel
- Received God's visions
- Persevered until the end as a bible teacher
- Shines like a star forever and ever



[Daniel 12:3] Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

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Example: Dr. Peter Chang

- Missionary to Germany since 43 years
 - Persecuted at least three times
 - Not a pensioner
 - Held on to Ezekiel 37:10
 - Spiritual mobilizer through GLEF
 - Vision for 120 mission base camps



[Ezekiel 37:10] So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet-a vast army.

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