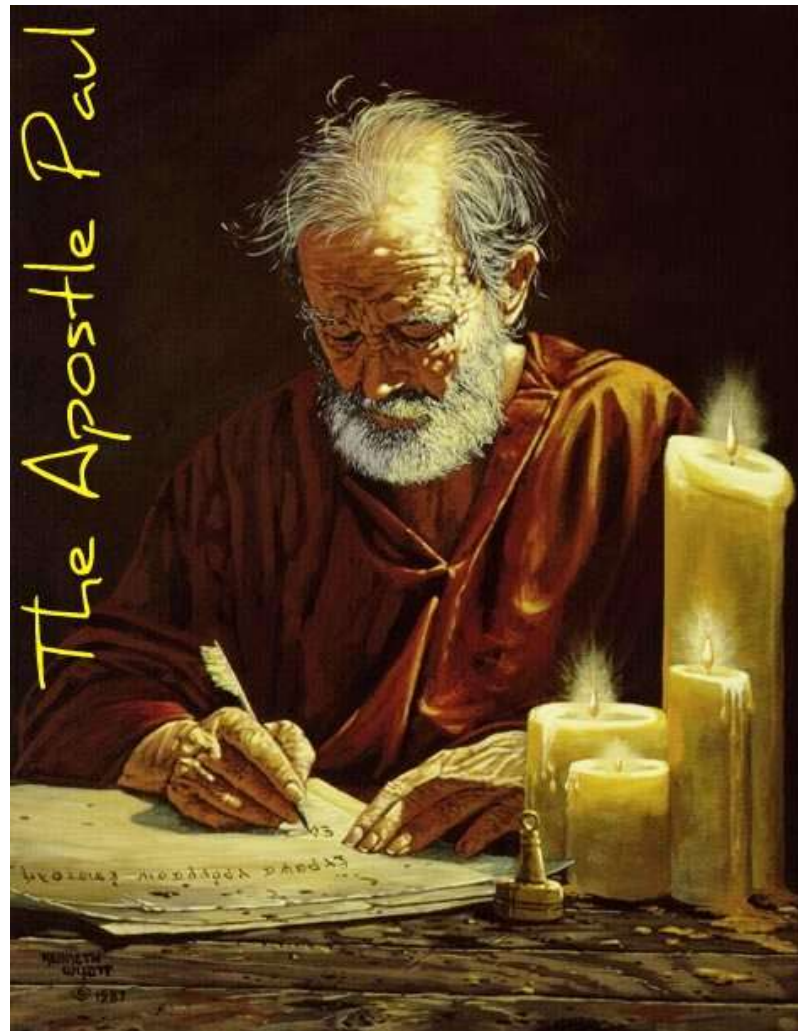


**[1 Thessalonians]
Lesson 1**

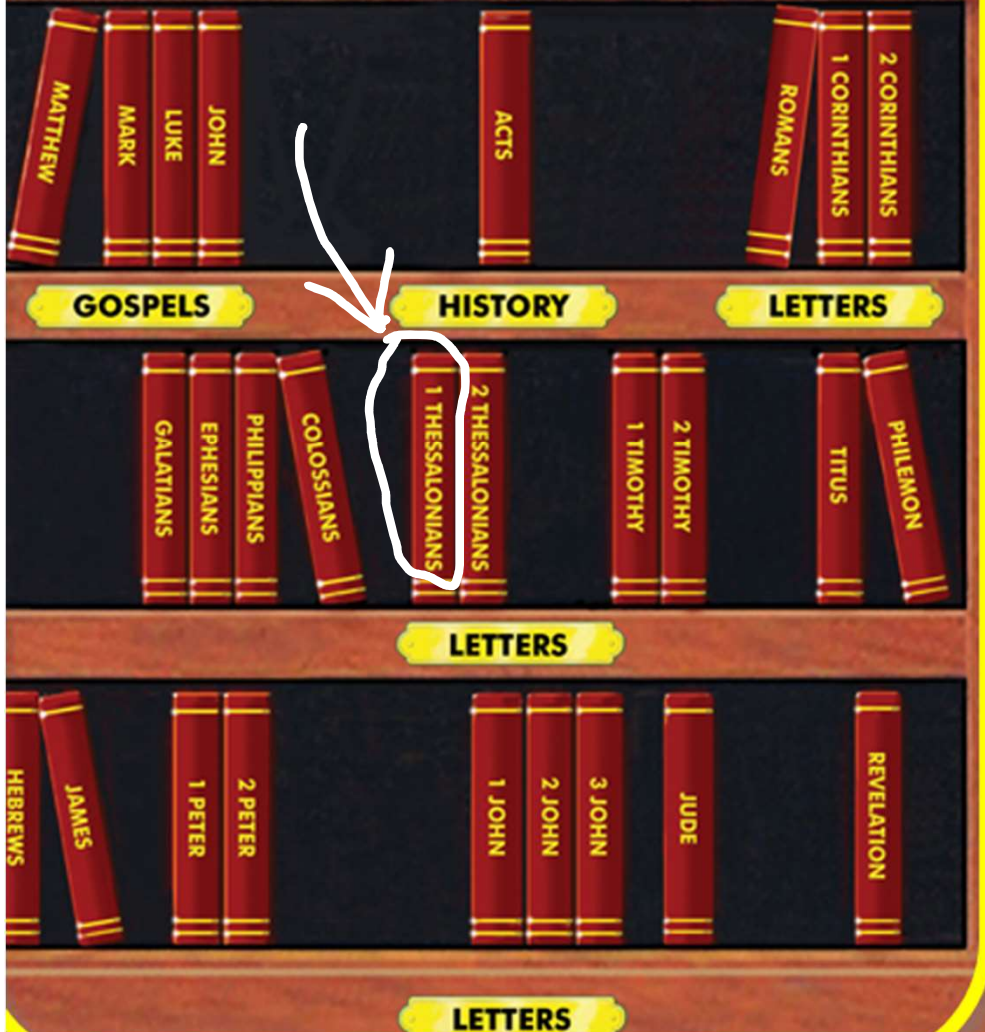
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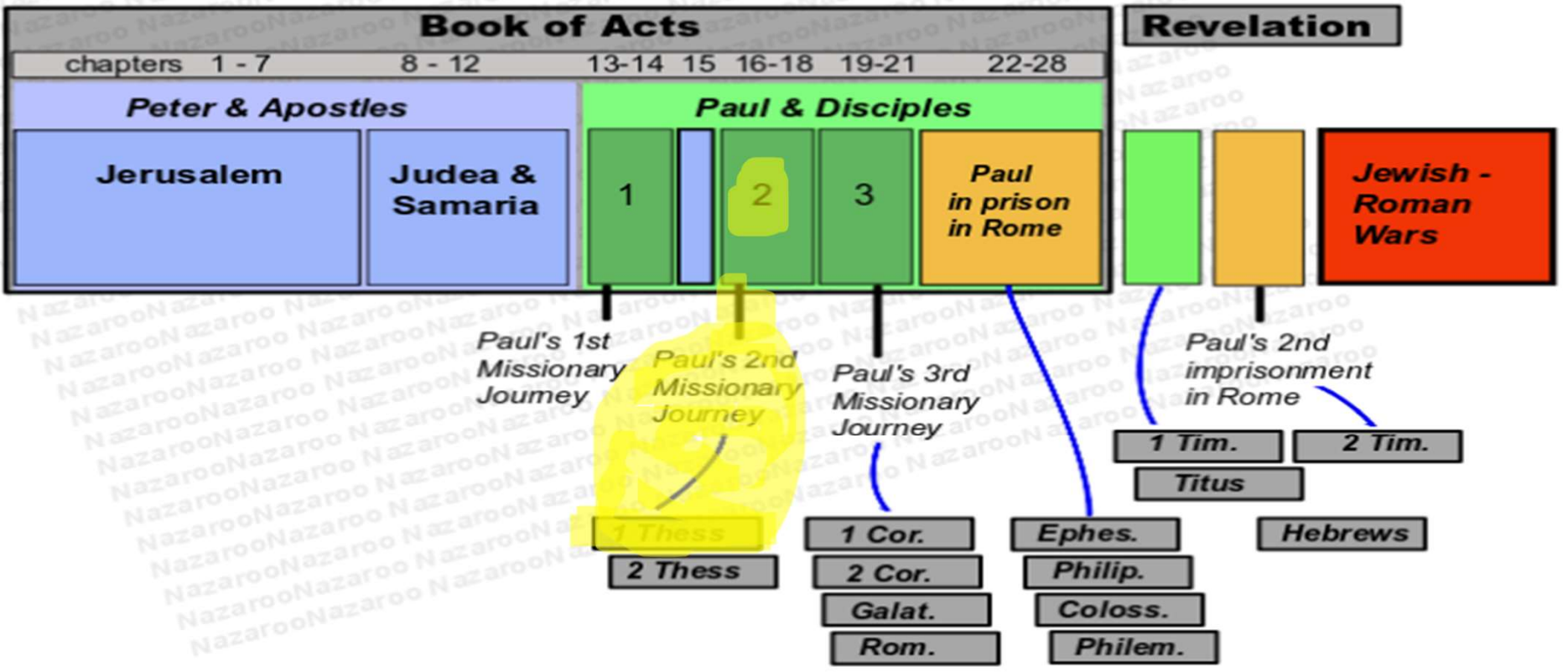
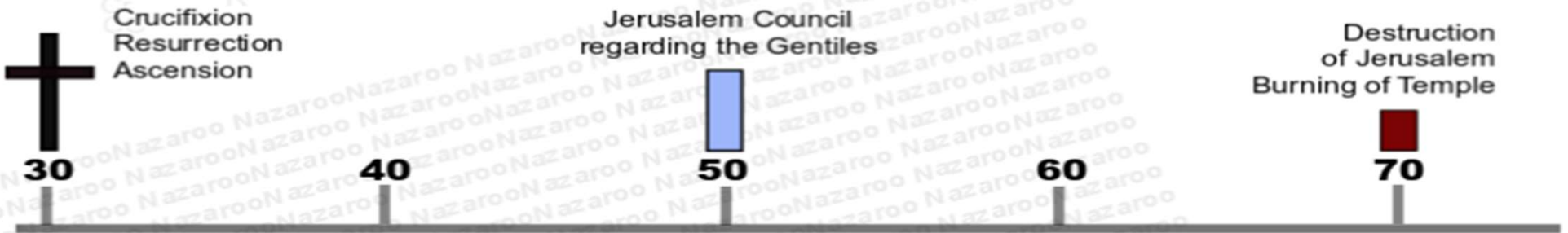


1. Paul Wrote a Letter to Thessalonian Church



New Testament



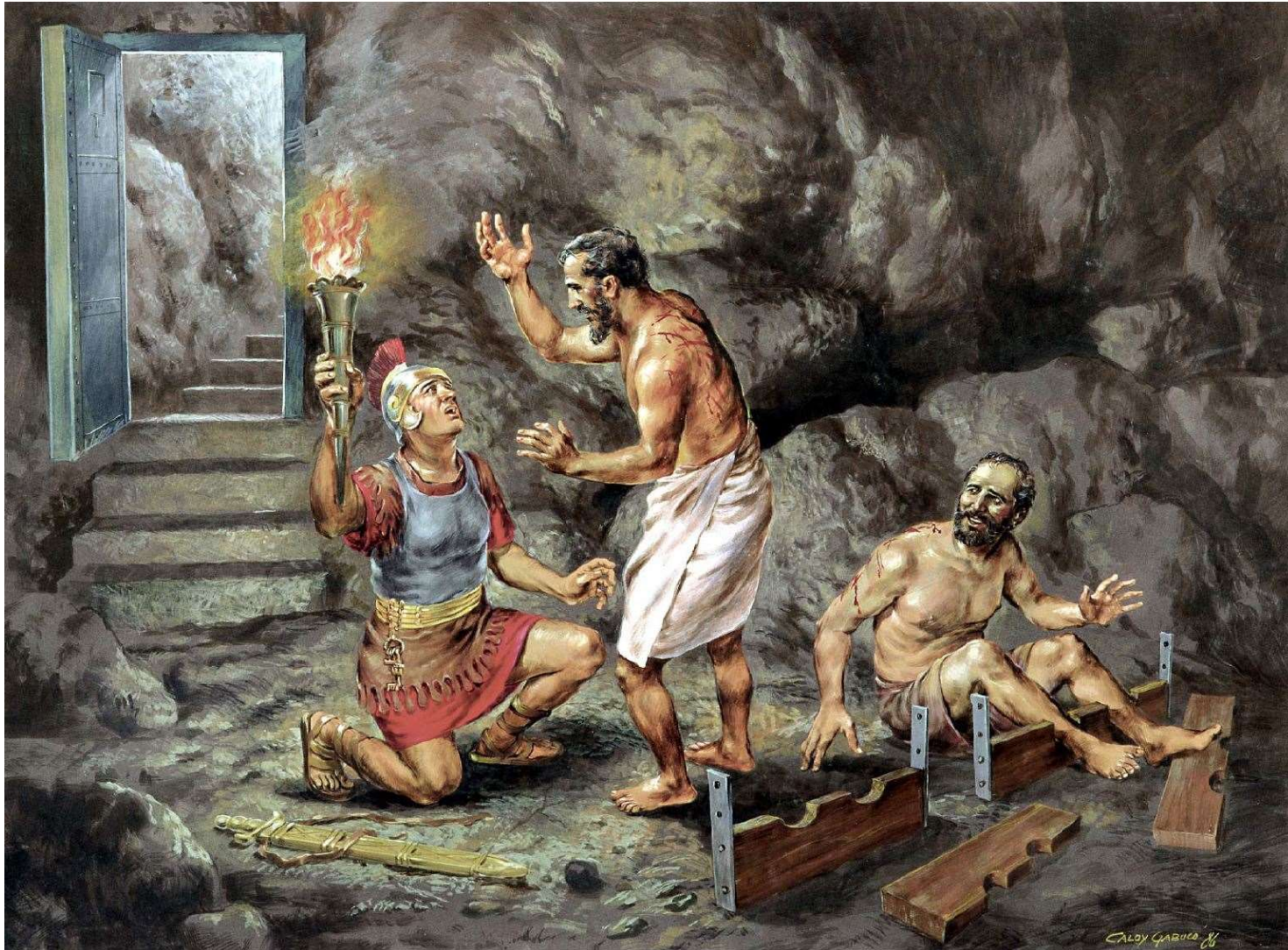


Paul's Second Missionary Journey



Chronological Map 4

Paul and Silas Imprisoned in Philippi



Paul's Second Missionary Journey

[Acts 17:1-15]



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*Some in **Thessalonica** believed in Jesus.

*The Jews attacked Paul and the believers,
so Paul fled to **Berea**.

*In Berea more believed, but then the Thessalonian Jews heard about Berea people believing in Jesus.

Again the Jews came and attacked Paul.
Paul then fled to **Athens**.

*The Jews in Thessalonica were much against Jesus.
The church received much persecution.

[1 Thess. 3:1-2]

*In **Athens**, **Paul** wanted to know how the Thessalonian new Christians were doing.

***Paul** sent **Timothy** to **Thessalonica**, then **Timothy** reported again to Paul in **Corinth**.

***Timothy** gave **Paul** good news about the Thessalonian church. Though they were being persecuted, they were remaining faithful to Jesus.

2. Paul Prayed for the Thessalonian Church



(1 Thess. 1:1) Paul, and Silvanus (Silas), and Timotheus (Timothy), [letter] unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

(2) We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention (say prayer) of you in our prayers;

[Mat. 28:19-20] “teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.”

3. Thessalonian Church True Christians, Proof

proof of your



(1 Thess. 1:3) Remembering without ceasing (stop) your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight (see) of God and our Father;



Faith in Jesus **results** in work for Jesus

([Mat. 28.19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations..."])

The Holy Spirit helps us to **have God's love** for all people.

[1 Cor. 13:4-7 "Charity..."] [**J**OY—**J**esus 1st, **O**thers 2nd, **Y**ou 3rd]

Hope that **Jesus will return** to take us to be with him gives us the confidence to endure all problems and temptations.

500 A.D.

1000 A.D.

1500 A.D.

2000 A.D. Date Unknown

NEW TESTAMENT

Day of Pentecost

The Church

Christ's Return

End Time Events

**New
Heavens
and
New
Earth**

**Apostles
Peter
Stephen
Paul**



*"... from everlasting
to everlasting,
You are God."*

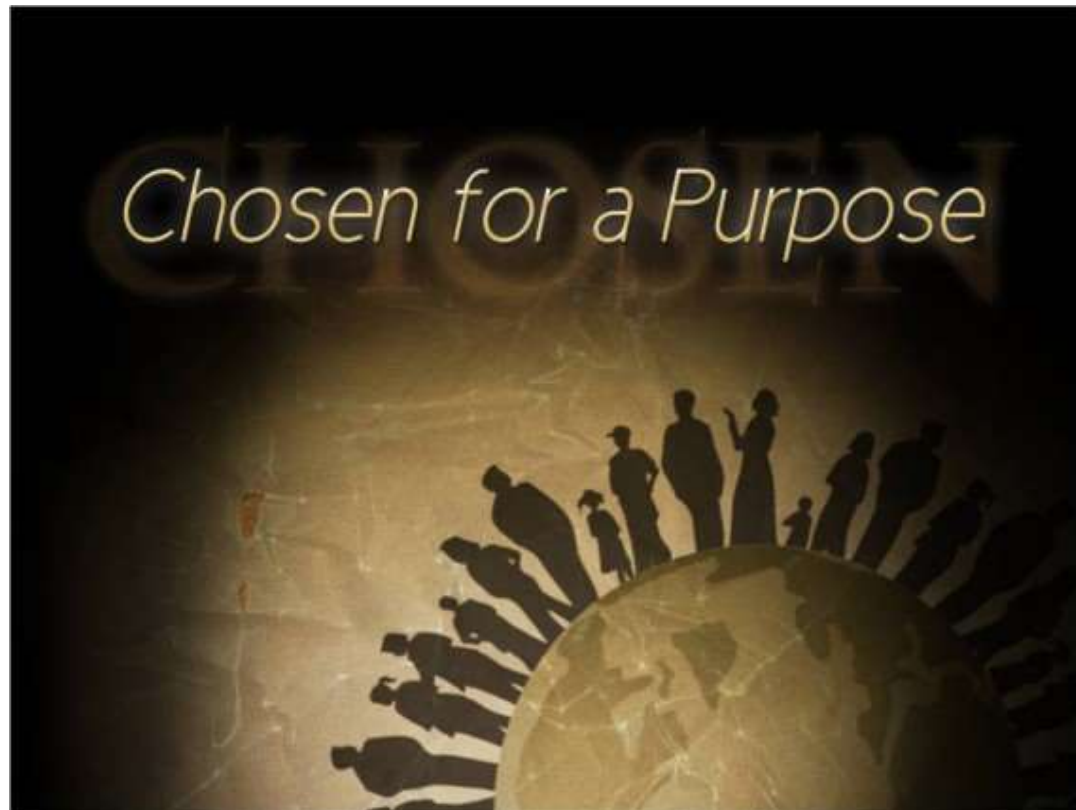
Psalm 90:2

(John 14:1-3) Let not **your** heart be troubled (fear / worry): **ye** (Christians) believe in God, believe also in me (Jesus). (2) In **my** Father's house are many mansions (rooms): if it were not so (true), **I** would have told **you**. **I** go to prepare a place for **you**. (3) And if **I** go and prepare a place for **you**, **I will come again**, and receive **you** unto **myself**; that where **I** am, there **ye** may be also.

[1 Cor. 15:51-52, 58] –about Rapture

4. Our Election

(chosen by God / belong to God)



(1 Thess. 1:4) *Knowing, brethren beloved, your election (chosen) of God.*

[Isa. 42:1 & Eph. 1:3-6]

God chose us in Jesus—the Chosen of God.

We see “*work of faith, labour of love, patience of hope*” then have proof that we are true Christians and are God’s elect (God’s own).

(1 Thess. 1:5) *For our gospel came **not** unto you in word (teaching) **only, but also** in power (miracle—proofs), and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance (know true—proof finish); as ye know what manner (behaviour) of men we were among you for your sake [you become saved].*

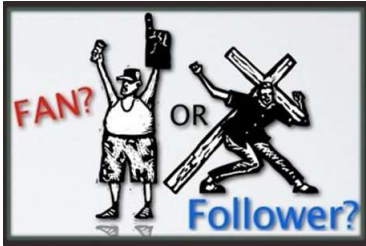
The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God to convince (show true) people.

[John 16:8-11 and Eph. 5:17]

5. Follow Me!



(1 Thess. 1:6) And **ye** became followers of **us**, and of **the Lord**, having received the word (Gospel) in much affliction (suffering), with **joy of the Holy Ghost**:



* **Jesus** suffered, **Paul and Silas** suffered, so also **Thessalonian believers** followed and suffered.

* **The Holy Spirit gives joy even through suffering!**

(1 Thess. 1:7) So that **ye** were ensamples (examples to follow) to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

Now many believers in many places could follow the good example of the **Thessalonian church**.



6. Good Witnesses for Jesus

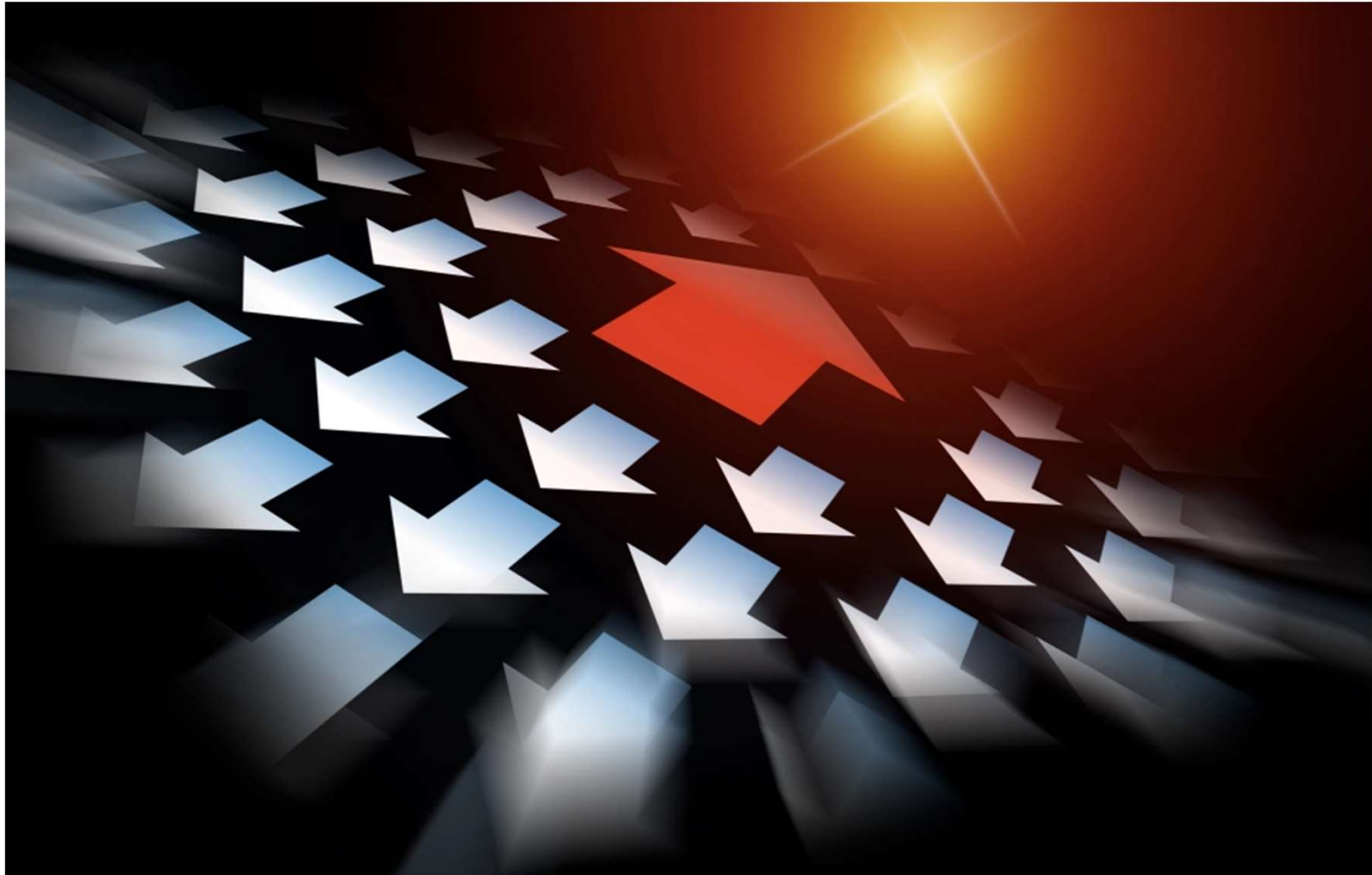


(1 Thess. 1:8) *For from **you** sounded out (tell all) the word of the Lord (Gospel) not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place **your** faith to Godward is spread abroad (told far); so that **we** need not to speak (inform) any thing.*

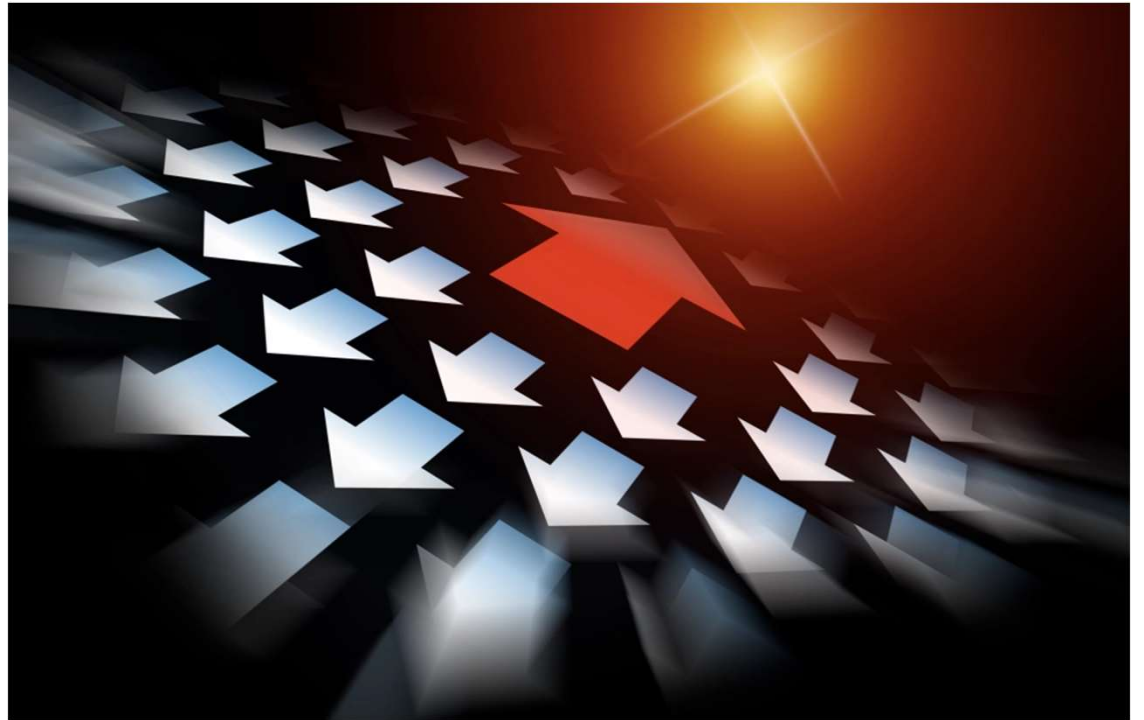
[Acts 1:8 ~This is same as Jesus commanded]



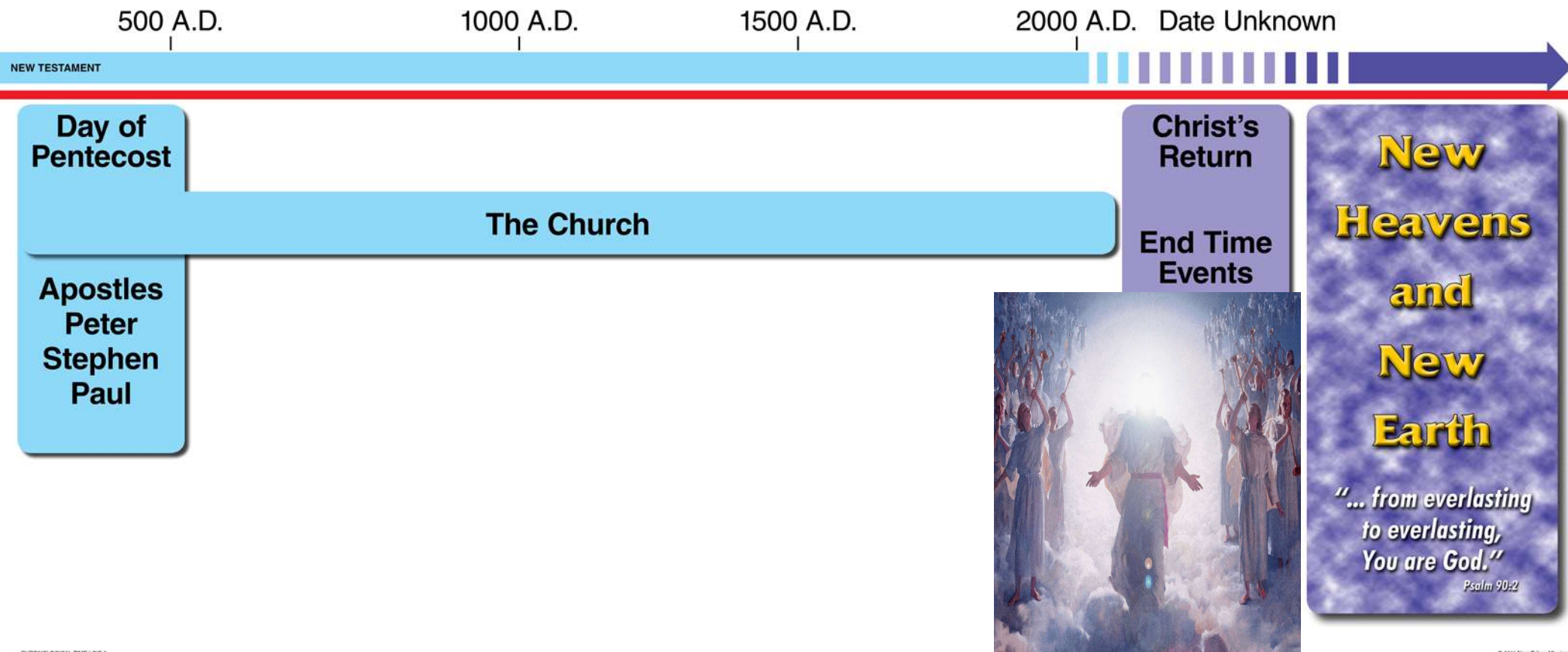
7. Repentance (change)



(1 Thess. 1:9) For they (all people) themselves shew (tell) of (about) us what manner of entering in (result) we had unto you, and how ye turned (repent) to God from idols to serve the living and true God;



8. Looking for Jesus' Return



(1 Thess. 1:10) *And to wait [look] for his (God's) Son from heaven, whom he (God) raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come (Tribulation / God's Judgment).*

[Rom. 8:1 ~Believers need NOT fear God's wrath (condemnation).]

