

Welcome To Open Bible Hour

Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!

*Our desire is that you may grow in the grace
and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as
we pursue an in-depth study of
2 Thessalonians.*

*If you have a prayer request, for
which you would like us to pray,
please fill out a prayer sheet at
the back table and give to Lyle.*

“How To Live in Light of the Second Coming”

“Eternal Comfort”

2 Thess. 2:13-17

March 8, 2015

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10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

11 For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false,

12 in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

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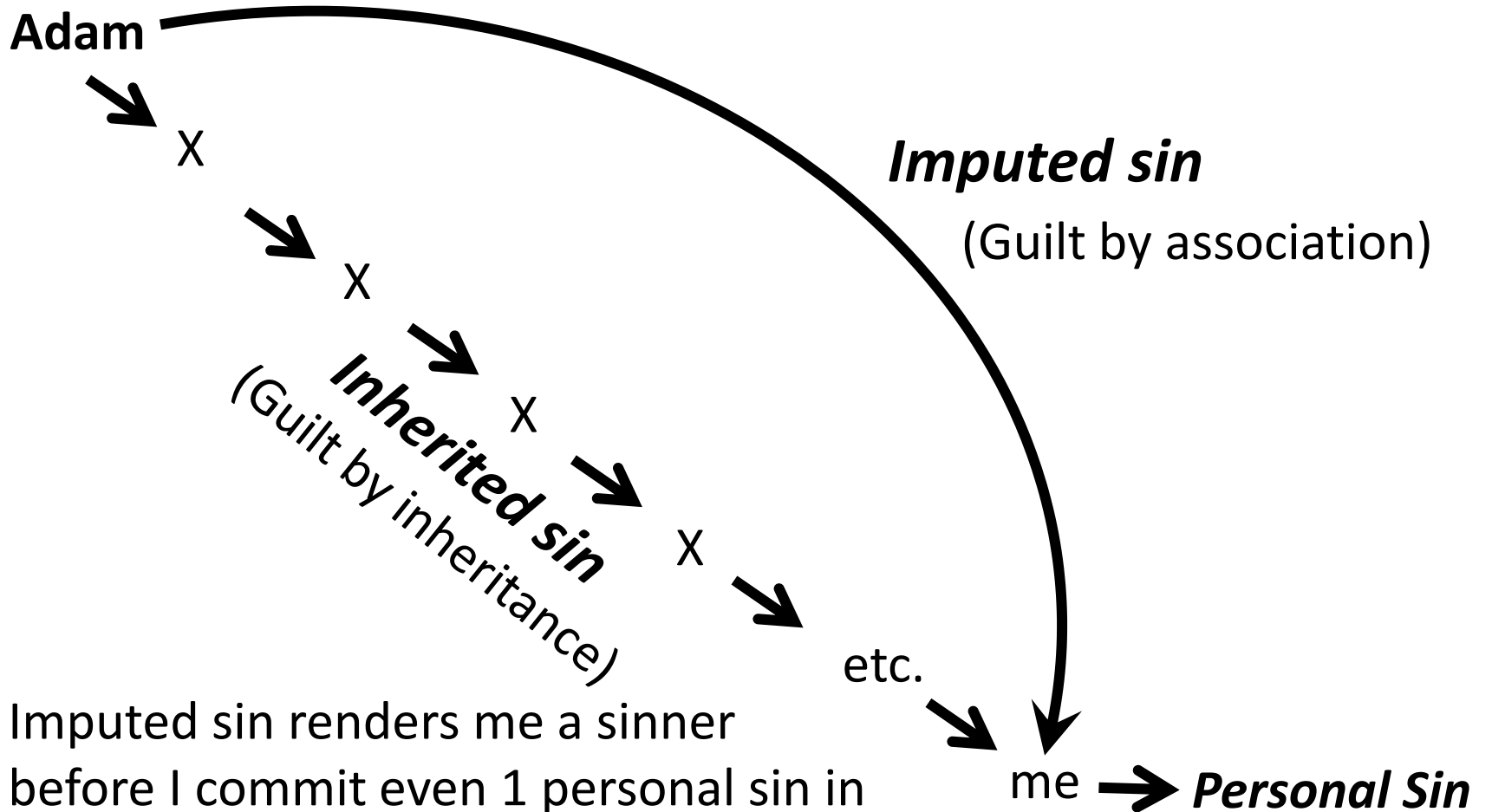
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1. Imputed sin renders me a sinner before I commit even 1 personal sin in my life.
2. Personal sin is the manifestation of my inherited sin nature.
3. Therefore what does the unbeliever have to do to go to hell? Nothing.

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God's work in the believer provides security and comfort:

1. God has set his love on us.

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Deut 7:7-8

7 "The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples,
8 but because the Lord loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers,

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2. God has chosen us.

. . . because God has chosen you . . .

3. God has chosen us for salvation.

. . . because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation . . .

4. God is sanctifying us:

. . . through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

a. by the Spirit

b. by faith in the truth.

5. God has called us through the gospel to obtain the glory of Christ.

14 It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 John 3:2

2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

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God's call to the believer:

- Called of Jesus Christ (Rom. 1:6)
- Called as saints (Rom. 1:7)
- Called according to His purpose (Rom. 8:28)
- Called among the Gentiles (Rom. 9:24)
- Called sons of the living God (Rom. 9:26)
- Called into fellowship (1 Cor. 1:9)
- Called us unto peace (1 Cor. 7:15)
- Called by the grace of Christ (Gal. 1:6)
- Called to freedom (Gal. 5:13)
- Called in one hope (Eph. 4:4)
- Called in one body (Col. 3:15)
- Called for sanctification (1 Thes. 4:7)
- Called through the gospel (2 Thes. 2:14)
- Called to eternal life (1 Tim 6:12)
- Called us with a holy calling (2 Tim. 1:9)
- Called out of darkness (1 Pet. 2:9)
- Called to inherit a blessing (1 Pet. 3:9)
- Called to His eternal glory (1 Pet. 5:10)

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Tradition Can Be Good

Ps 145:4

4 One generation shall praise Your works to another,
And shall declare Your mighty acts.

2 Thess 3:6

6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from every brother who leads an unruly life and not according to the tradition which you received from us.

2 Tim 3:14-15

14 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them,

15 and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

1 Cor 11:2

2 Now I praise you because you remember me in everything and hold firmly to the traditions, just as I delivered them to you.

Tradition Can Be Bad

Mark 7:9

9 He was also saying to them, "You are experts at setting aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition.

Matt 15:3-6

3 And He answered and said to them, "Why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?

4 "For God said, 'HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER,' and, 'HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH.'

5 "But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, "Whatever I have that would help you has been given to God,"

6 he is not to honor his father or his mother.' And by this you invalidated the word of God for the sake of your tradition.

Col 2:8

8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world,

The believer and tradition -

1. Traditions are designed to ensure a belief or practice will be continued in future generations.
2. The source of traditions can be culture, customs, religious ritual, or Scripture.
3. Bottom line: Don't support a tradition that you can't back with Scripture.

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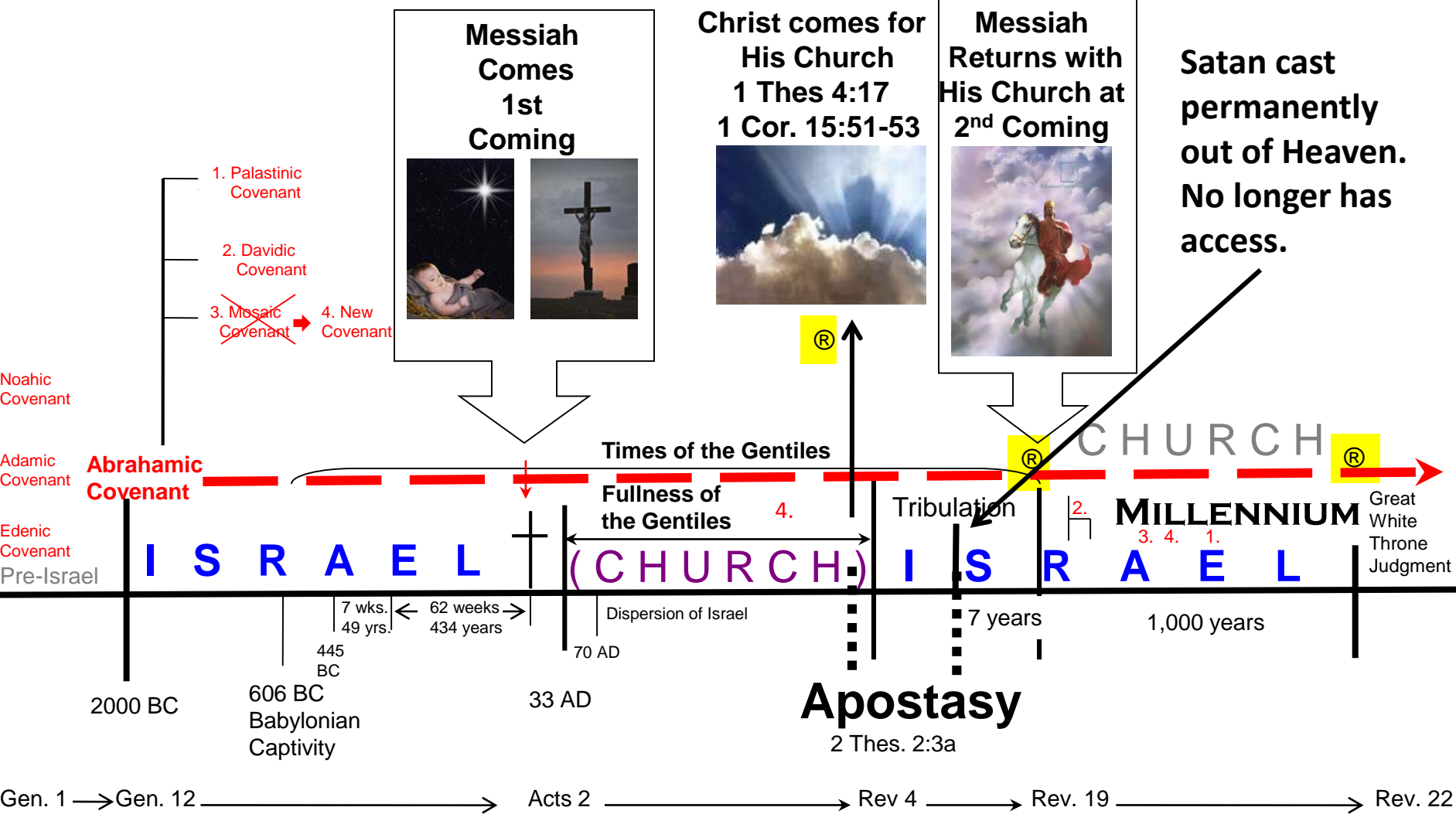
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Matt. 24, 25
2 Thes. 2:3b-12