

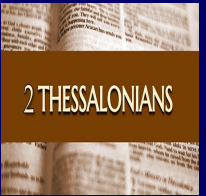
# 2 Thessalonians

**BALANCE: WORKING & WAITING**



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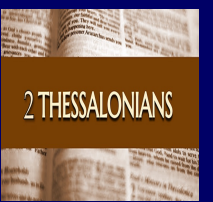
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# Introductory Matters

- Authorship: Paul
- Audience: Thessalonians
- Place of writing: Corinth
- Date: AD 51
- Occasion: Forgery
- Structure: 3 Parts
- Message: working & waiting
- Purpose: Correction of orthodoxy  
& orthopraxy

# Structure



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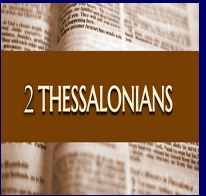
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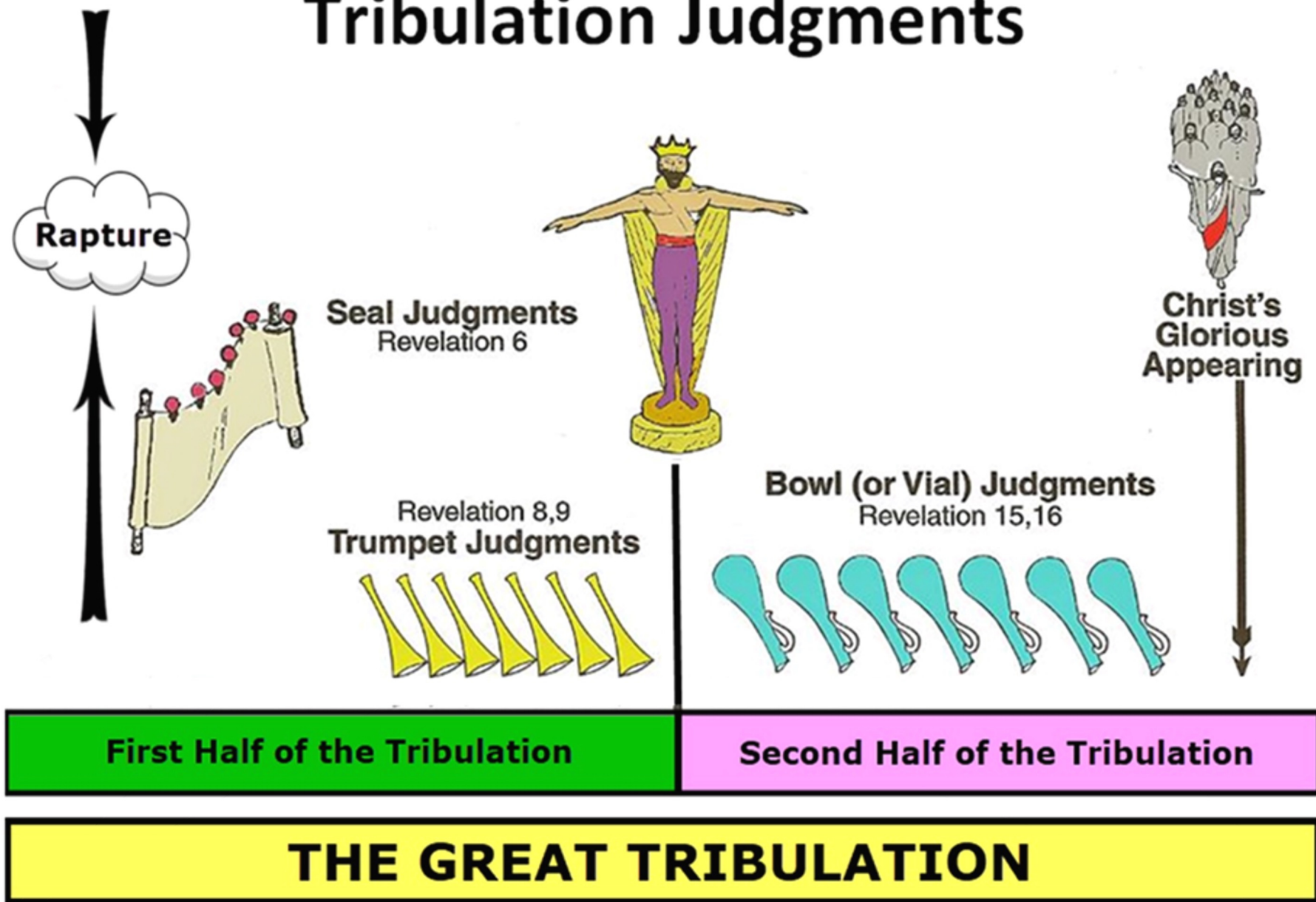
<b>Phase</b>	<b>Justification</b>	<b>Sanctification</b>	<b>Glorification</b>
<b>Tense</b>	<b>Past</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Future</b>
<b>Saved from sin's:</b>	<b>Penalty</b>	<b>Power</b>	<b>Presence</b>
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5</b>	<b>Philip 2:12</b>	<b>Rom 5:10</b>

# RAPTURE DISTINCT FROM SECOND ADVENT

<b>RAPTURE</b> <b>(1 Thess 4:13-17; 1 Cor 15:51-57)</b>	<b>SECOND COMING</b> <b>(Rev 19:11-16)</b>
<b>Christ comes in the air (1 Thess 4:16)</b>	<b>Christ comes to the earth (Zech 14:4)</b>
<b>For His saints (1 Thess 4:15-17)</b>	<b>With His saints (Rev 19:14)</b>
<b>Blessing (1 Thess 4:18)</b>	<b>Judgment (Rev 19:15)</b>
<b>Effects only believers (1 Thess 4:16)</b>	<b>Effects both believers and unbelievers (Rev 19:15)</b>
<b>Invisible (1 Thess 4:16)</b>	<b>Visible to all (Rev 1:7)</b>
<b>Announced only by an archangel (1 Thess 4:16)</b>	<b>Involves myriads of angels (Jude 14)</b>
<b>Resurrection (1 Cor 15: 51)</b>	<b>No resurrection</b>
<b>Rescue of the church (1 Thess 1:10)</b>	<b>Rescue of Israel (Matt 23:37-39)</b>



# Tribulation Judgments



## Isaiah 53:3–6

<sup>3</sup> “He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. <sup>4</sup> Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. <sup>6</sup> All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.”



# Belief – God’s One Condition for Justification



“...because upwards of 150 passages of Scripture condition salvation upon believing only (cf. John 3:16; Acts 16:31).”

Lewis Sperry Chafer, vol. 7, *Systematic Theology*  
(Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1993), 265-66.

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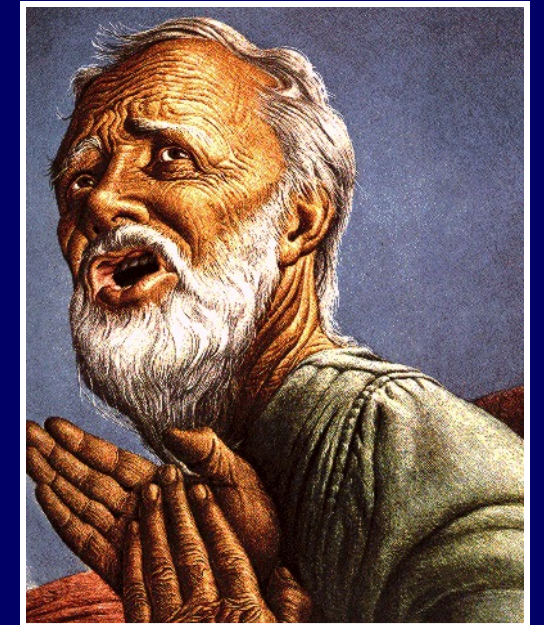
Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

## John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

## Acts 16:30-31

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved..."



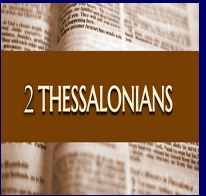
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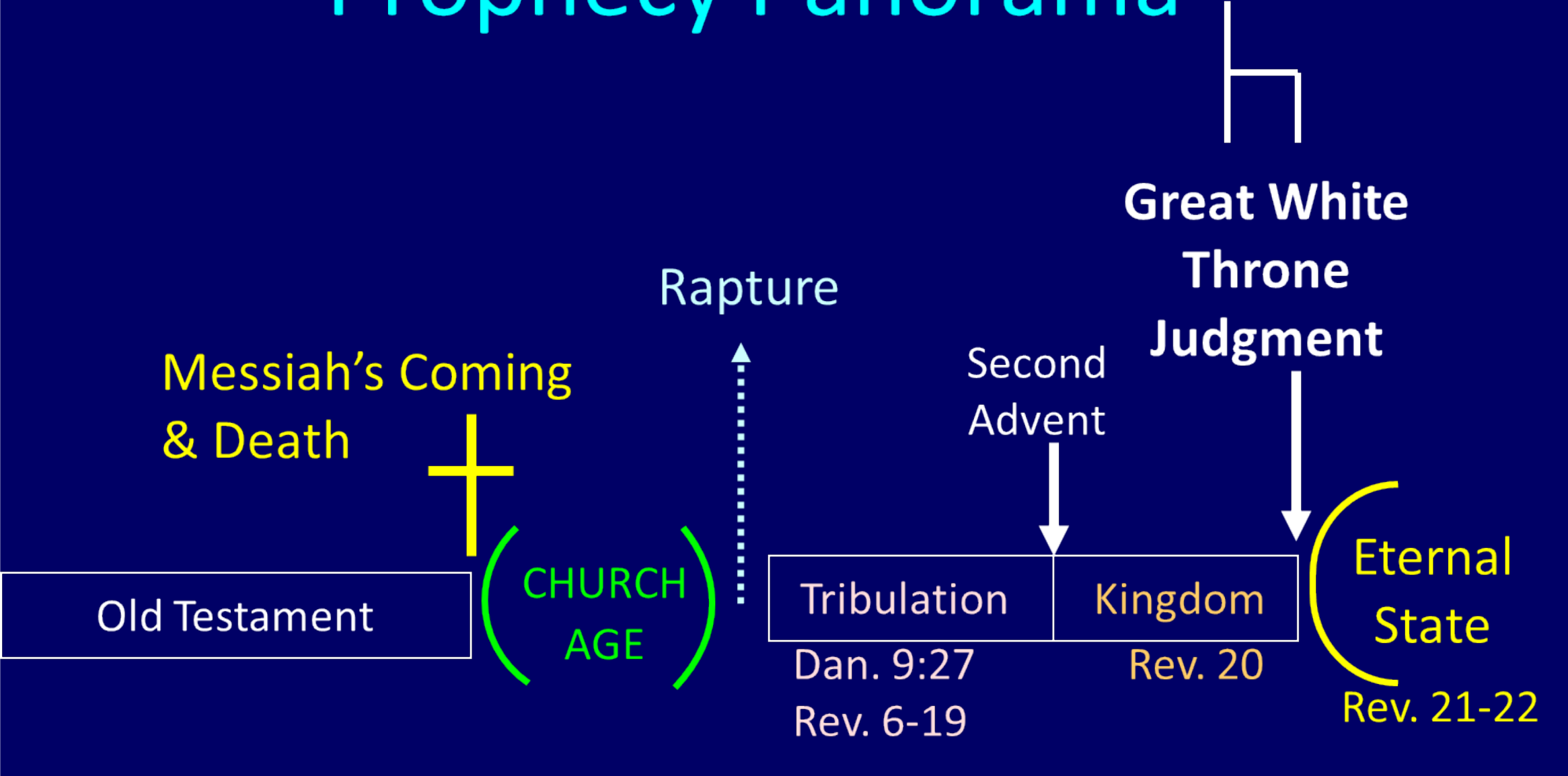
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# Three Positive Commands (5:16-18)



1. Rejoice always (5:16)
2. **Pray without ceasing (5:17)**
3. Give thanks in all things (5:18)

# Prophecy Panorama





# Names & Titles Demonstrating Satan's Post-Fall, Earthly Authority

(Job 1:7; 2:2; Luke 4:5-8; Rom. 8:19-22)



- Prince of this world (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)
- God of this age (2 Cor. 4:4)
- Prince and power of the air (Eph. 2:2)
- Who the believer wrestles with (Eph. 6:12)
- Roaring lion (1 Pet. 5:8)
- Whole world lies in his power (1 John 5:19)

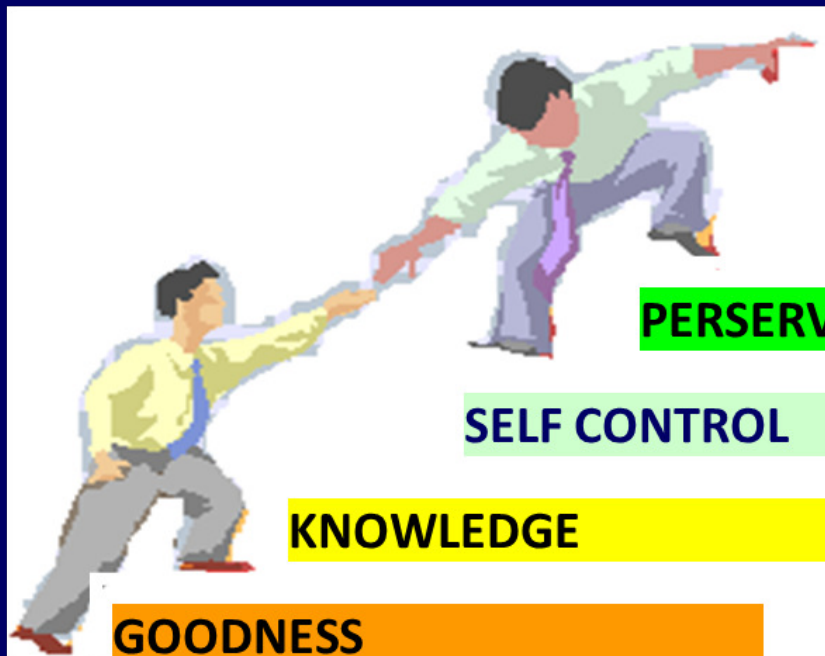
## 2 Peter 1:5-7

<sup>5</sup> Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge, <sup>6</sup> and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness, <sup>7</sup> and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, love.



# PORTRAIT OF GROWTH

1:5-7



LOVE

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GODLINESS

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GOODNESS

FAITH

# Dispensational Theology is a System of Theology

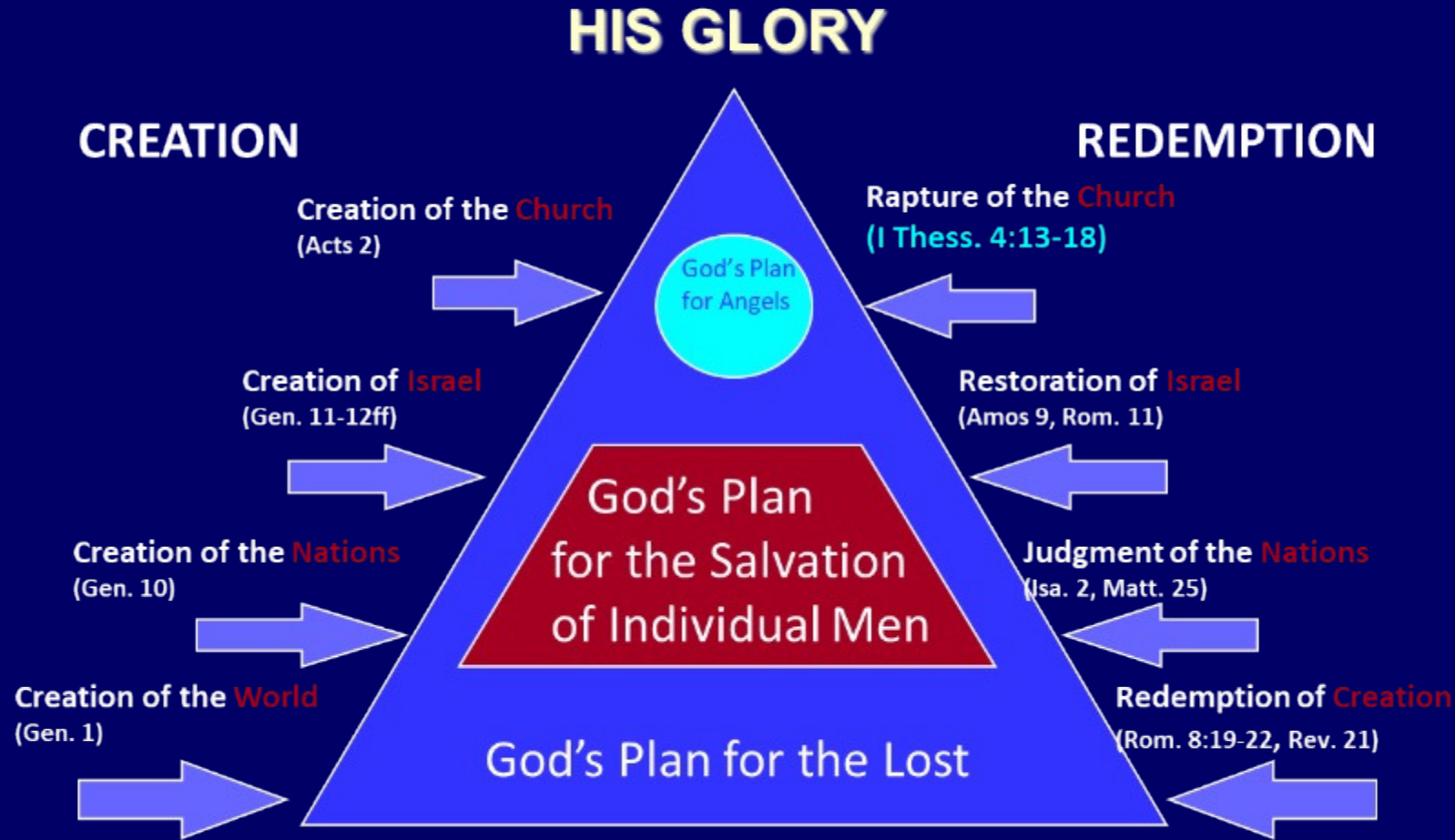
Traditional-normative dispensational theology is a system that embodies three essential, fundamental concepts called the *sine qua non* (lit. “without which is not”):

1. The **consistent** use of a plain, normal, literal, grammatical-historical method of interpretation;
2. Which reveals that the **Church is distinct from Israel**;
3. God’s overall purpose is to bring **glory to Himself** (Eph. 1:6, 12, 14).

# Dispensational Theology: Doxological Purpose

- A. God's ultimate purpose for the ages is to glorify Himself. Scripture is not human-centered, as though salvation were the principle point, but God-centered, because His glory is at the center.
- B. The glory of God is the primary principle that unifies all dispensations, the program of salvation being just one of the means by which God glorifies Himself. Each successive revelation of God's plan for the ages, as well as His dealing with the elect, non-elect, angels, and nations all manifest His glory.

# THE FOCUS ON THE GLORY OF GOD IN DISPENSATIONALISM



## Galatians 3:3

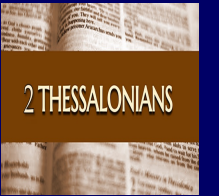
“Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?”

**YOU  
FOOLISH  
GALATIANS!**



Conclusion

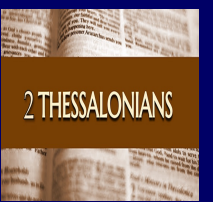




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