

Calvary Chapel Portsmouth



Pentecost



**The Birth, Mandate & Hope
of the Church**

II Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

James 3:11



12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries?
either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt
water and fresh.

James 3:12



13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

James 3:13

14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

James 3:14

15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

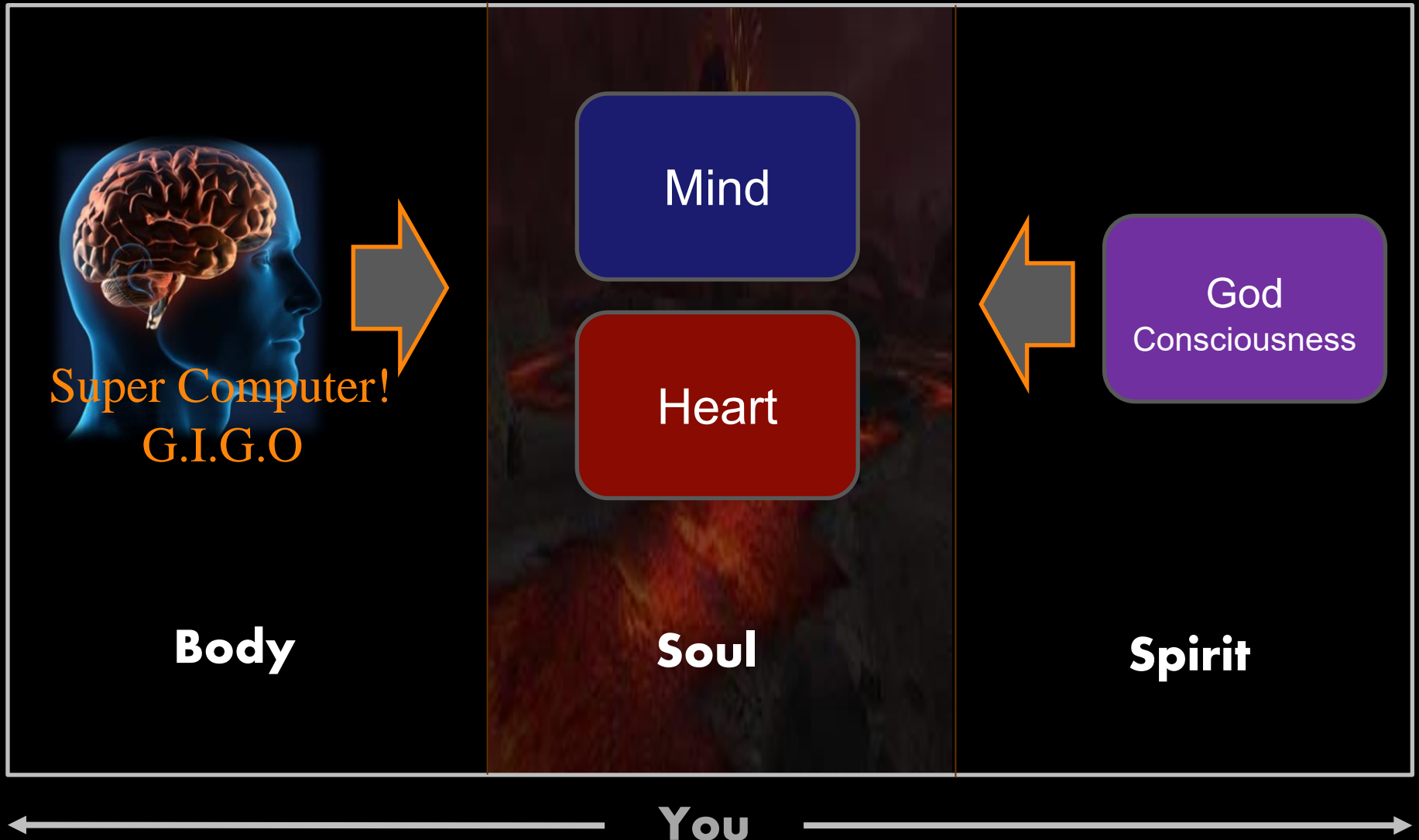
James 3:15-16

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

James 3:2

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“I must mortify the deeds of the body,” some people say. *“I’ve got to crucify my flesh,”* but it’s impossible to crucify yourself. If you lay down on a cross and pound a nail through your wrist, even if you somehow endure the pain, you’re only half crucified because you can’t pound in the other nail. How do you mortify the deeds of the flesh?

There’s only one way: through the Spirit.

The Philistines had captured the Ark of the Covenant and had placed it in the Temple of their fish god, Dagon. The next morning, the Philistines’ priests were up to find Dagon had fallen down before the Ark (1 Samuel 5:3).

Turn on the Light!

They stood Dagon up and went their way. The next morning, they came in again, and there was Dagon, face down on the floor with his head and hands cut off. Now at this point, you would think the priests would have said, *“Something’s fishy here. This isn’t working.”* But instead, they chose to side with Dagon. They stood him up, patched him together, and said, “The Ark’s gotta go.”

Precious people, the way to gain victory over whatever it is your struggling with is not to try to topple Dagon, but to bring in the Ark, for the Ark represents the presence of God. Whatever your Dagon might be, here’s the key: bring in the Spirit of the Lord.

Turn on the Light!

What does that mean? Just love the Lord. Get up tomorrow morning, and before your feet hit the ground, drop to your knees and give your life to Him. When He whispers in your heart during your coffee break, *“Pull away and talk with Me,”* do it. When you’re deciding which dial to press on your radio during lunch, just do what the Spirit tells you to do. Allow the Spirit of God to fill your heart, and you know what will happen? You’ll lose interest in the stuff which dominated and controlled you, not because you worked on Dagon, but because you brought in the Ark.

Turn on the Light!

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Jon Courson – A Day's Journey

Pentecost

49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be **endued with power** from on high.

Luke 24:49

- This 'empowering' was to come after they had received the Holy Spirit

Pentecost

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1:8

Pentecost

I And when the day of Pentecost was fully come...

Acts 2:1

“The words ‘fully come’ could be translated ‘fulfilled.’ When the Day of Pentecost was being fulfilled, they were all together in one place”. J Vernon McGee

A menorah with seven lit candles is silhouetted against a sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The clouds are dark and dramatic, with the light from the sun illuminating the edges of the menorah's branches and the flames of the candles.

The Feast of Harvest

Also known as:

- The Feast of Weeks
- The Feast of Pentecost
- The Feast of Shavuot

9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,
10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

Isaiah 46:9-10

- Through direct specific prophecy
 - History recorded in advance
- Through types and shadows
 - An event that anticipates something yet to occur (a model in advance of the real thing)

Types & Shadows

16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

Colossians 2:16-17

Types & Shadows

¹⁰ I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used **similitudes**, by the ministry of the prophets.

Hosea 12:10

- Adam & Eve – 1 Tim 2:14
- Abraham & Isaac – Gen 22, 24
- Joseph (over 100 ways a type of Christ) – Gen 37-50
- Jonah (3 days & 3 nights) – Jonah 1:17
- The 7 Feasts of Israel – Leviticus 23

The Feast of Harvest

¹⁵ And ye shall count unto you from the **morrow after the sabbath**, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; **seven sabbaths shall be complete:**

¹⁶ Even unto the **morrow after the seventh sabbath** shall ye number **fifty days**; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.

Leviticus 23:15-22

- The Sabbath being the 1st Sabbath after Passover
 - ‘the morrow’ being the Feast of Firstfruits

The Feast of Harvest

¹⁵ And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:
¹⁶ Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a **new meat offering** unto the LORD.

Leviticus 23:15-22

The Feast of Harvest

- The first instruction was that a new מִנְחָה *minchah* [min-khaw] offering was to be brought
 - translated ‘meat’ in the KJV
 - It was a sacrificial offering, usually bloodless and voluntary
- This Feast therefore speaks of something new that was to be voluntarily presented to the LORD.

The Feast of Harvest

¹⁷ Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto the LORD.

Leviticus 23:15-22

- That which was to be presented was to come out of the houses of Israel
- From whence came the Church?

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- Two: The number of witness
- Double offering?
- Double fulfilment?

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Leviticus 23:15-22

- Fine Flour: carefully ground and sifted to remove all impurities, bran and husks

Fine Flour

- 2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;
- 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.
- 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

James 1:2-4

Fine Flour

- 5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:
- 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Hebrews 12:5-11

Fine Flour

IO For [earthly fathers] they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

II Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. **Hebrews 12:5-11**

Fine Flour

- 25* Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
- 26* That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
- 27* That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5:25-27

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The Feast of Harvest

- This is the only Feast where leaven is to be used
- Leaven speaks of sin
 - Because it corrupts by puffing up (1 Cor 5:8)
- Whereas Israel were to be separate from the world - 'uncontaminated'
- The Church is to grow to maturity...

*...in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation,
among whom ye shine as lights in the world*

Phil 2:15

The Feast of Harvest

- Finis Jennings Dake comments:
- *“No bread made with leaven could be burned upon the altar (Lev 2:11), so the object was not a burnt offering; this was a present to Jehovah from the best produce of the earth”.*
- The Church is not destined to be consumed on the altar of God’s wrath, but instead is a gift from the Father to His Son of those He (the Father) draws out of the world (cf. John 6:44).

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Firstfruits

18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth,
that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

James 1:18

The Feast of Harvest

²¹ And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

Leviticus 23:15-22

The Feast of Harvest

- When a person is born again they enter into their eternal rest in Christ;
- No longer are they to labour by their own efforts for reward, for Christ has done it all.
- The writer to the Hebrews comments:

... For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his

Hebrews 4:10

The Feast of Harvest

²² And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleanings of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the LORD your God.

Leviticus 23:15-22

The Feast of Harvest

- The Book of Ruth read each Pentecost
- It tells of a gentile bride (Ruth)
- Purchased by her Kinsman-Redeemer (Boaz)
- Naomi, after leaving the land and returning in poverty, is finally introduced to the Kinsman-Redeemer

A Double Fulfilment?

- Exodus 23:16 we read a brief summary of this Feast and are told: *“And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field....”*
- Here we have a field that has been sown with seed...
- At the time of the harvest the firstfruits are gathered in.

A Double Fulfilment?

²⁴ The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way...

³⁰ Let both [the tares and the wheat] grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn."

Matthew 13:24-25,30

A Double Fulfilment?

- In Matthew 13 we have a field sown with good seed.
- At the time of harvest the good seed will be gathered into His barn (a picture of the Rapture)
- In Exodus we have a harvest of the firstfruits; In Matthew we have the same.
- Coincidence?

A Double Fulfilment?

- Enoch a type of the Church?
- Tradition says he was born on the Feast of Pentecost
- Three groups at the time of the flood
 - Those destroyed in the flood
 - Those preserved through the flood
 - Those removed prior to the flood
- Tradition also holds that Enoch was raptured on his birthday!

A Double Fulfilment?

³ For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

⁴ But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that **that day** should overtake you as a thief.

1 Thess 5:3-4

- 'That day' – Gr. definite article
- Wise virgins knew the day, but not the hour
- Noah knew the day, but not the hour

The Feast of Harvest

² The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest

Luke 10:2

- When did the harvest commence?
- The day of Pentecost!

The Feast of Harvest

³⁵ Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest

John 4:35

- When will the harvest be complete?
- Rapture?

I And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were **all with one accord** in one place.

Acts 2:1

- 'One accord' As Luke noted in 1:14
- One in experience
- One in purpose
- One in prayer

One Accord

IO Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment

1 Cor 1:10

- There is a difference between union & unity

The Feast of Harvest

- 1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*
- 2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;*
- 3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.*

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- The house they had been meeting in
- All gathered together because 'today' was the Jewish Feast of Harvest
- They had gathered early
 - Possibly in expectation
 - Maybe thinking of the sacrifices

² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Acts 2:2

- The sound of a 'mighty breathing'
- There was no wind, just an awesome sound
- Suddenly... Mid conversation, everything stopped

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Acts 2:3

- 900 years before, the Shekinah glory of God had descended in fire on Solomon's Temple:

The Shekinah Glory

¹ Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house.

² And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house.

2 Chron 7:1-3

The Shekinah Glory

3 And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Chron 7:1-3

The Shekinah Glory

- ¹ And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do,
- ² That the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon.

1 Kings 9:1-19

The Shekinah Glory

3 And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

1 Kings 9:1-19

The Shekinah Glory

4 And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments:

5 Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.

The Shekinah Glory

6 But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them:

7 Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people:

The Shekinah Glory

8 And at this house, which is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house?

9 And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil.

The Shekinah Glory

- It was an unspeakable privilege for Israel to be God's chosen nation
- Furthermore, that His glory should dwell in their midst was an incredible honour
- Hence the serious repercussions for violation of this position.

The Shekinah Glory

- However...
- A succession of ungodly kings who defiled the Temple brought God's judgment
- Israel were taken out of their land, carried captive to Babylon
- And the Temple was destroyed.
- Whilst in Babylon Ezekiel saw a chilling vision of one of the darkest days in Israel's history:

The Shekinah Glory

18 Then the glory of the LORD departed from off the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubims.

19 And the cherubims lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they went out, the wheels also were beside them, and every one stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD's house; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.

Ezek 10:18-19

The Temple of The Spirit

- 7x in the New Testament we are told we are the Temple of the Spirit.
- No longer does God reside in buildings made with hands...
- But in 'earthen vessels' (2 Cor 4:7)

The Temple of The Spirit

- ¹ Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?
- ² For all those things hath mine hand made, and those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

Isaiah 66:1-2

The Temple of The Spirit

16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

1 Cor 3:16-17

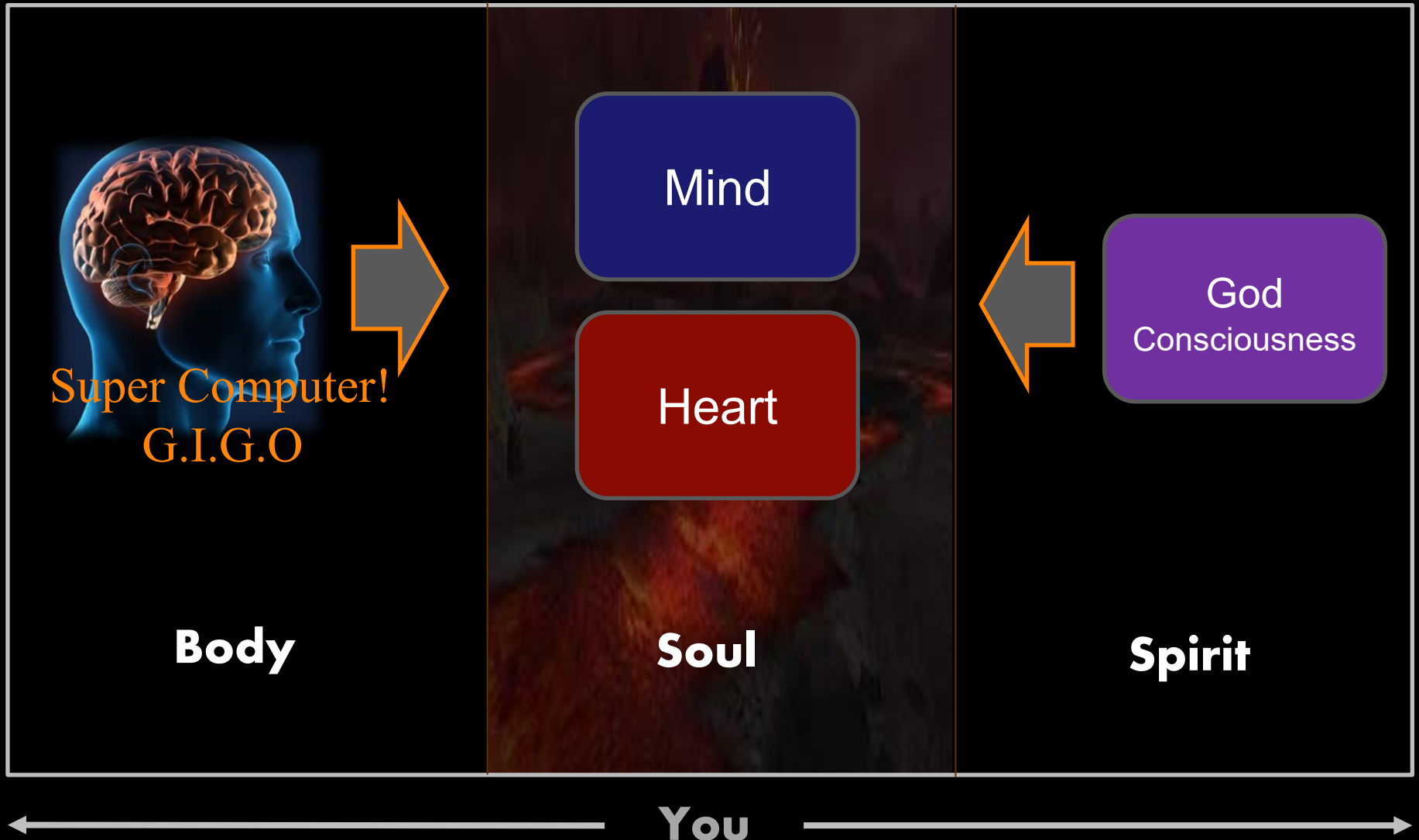
- What an awesome privilege ...
- What awesome responsibility

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:4

- Other tongues = other languages
- Immediately they are filled they begin to witness (confirming Jesus words 1:8)

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Turn on the light!

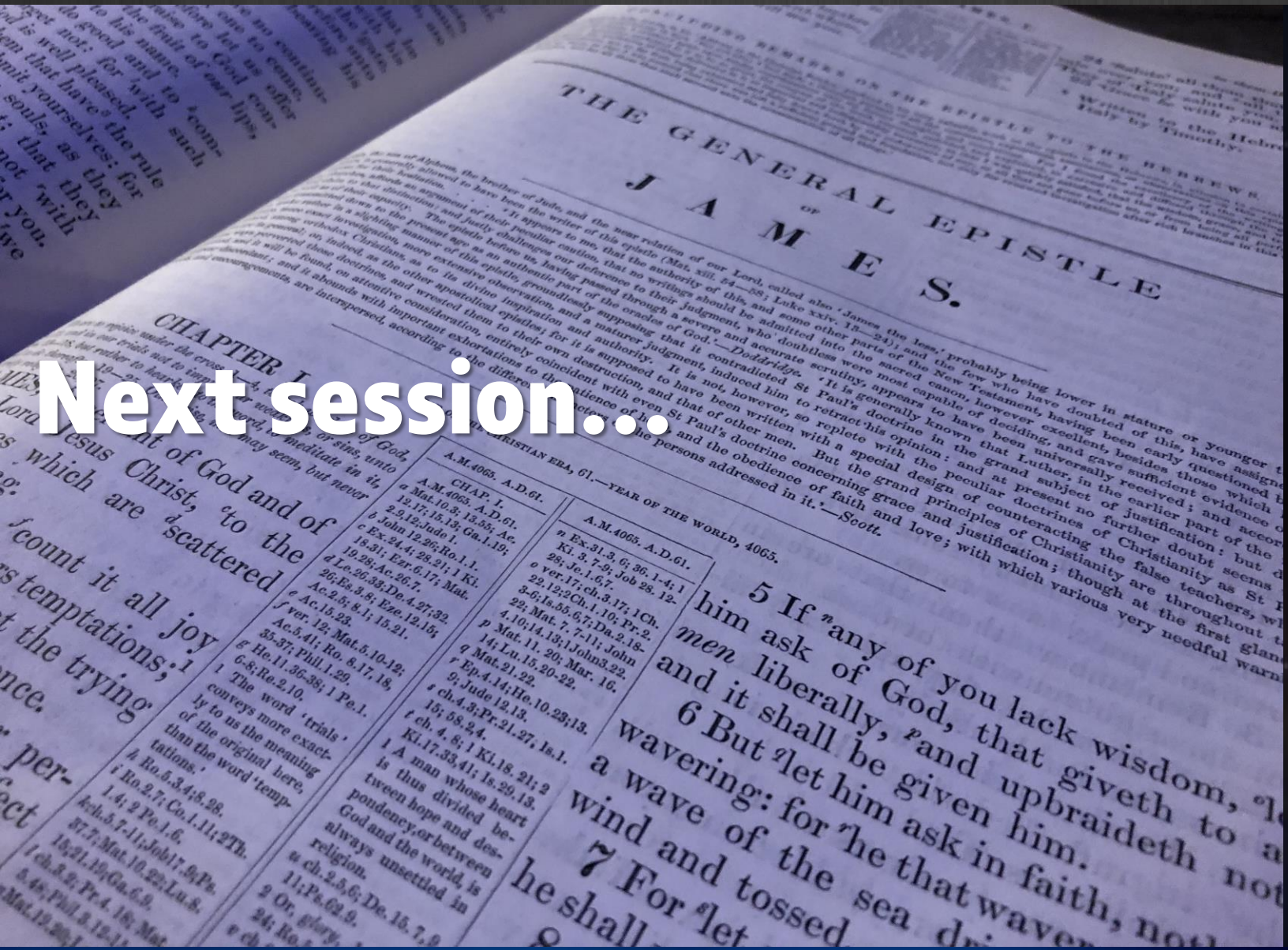
The Epistle of James

A verse by verse study...



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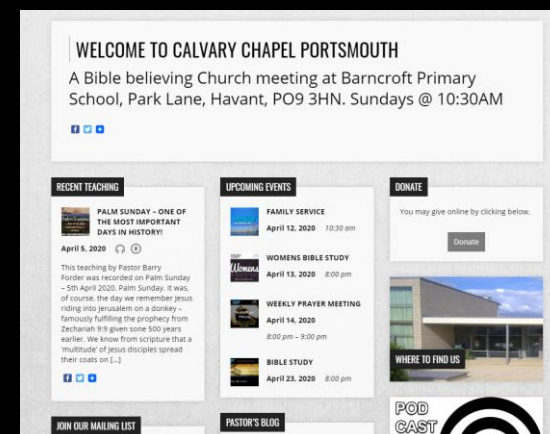
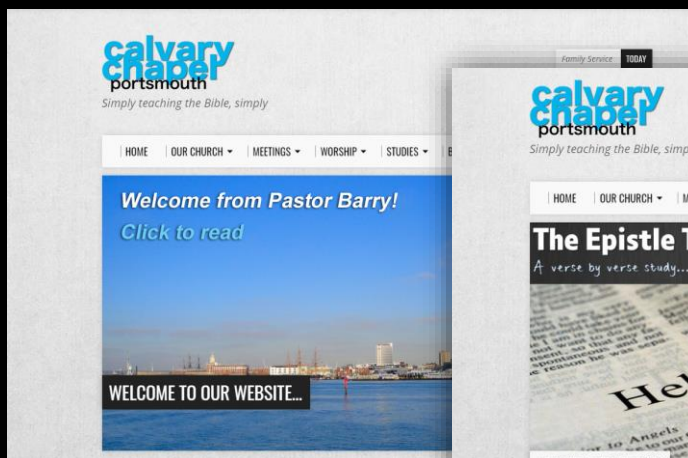
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