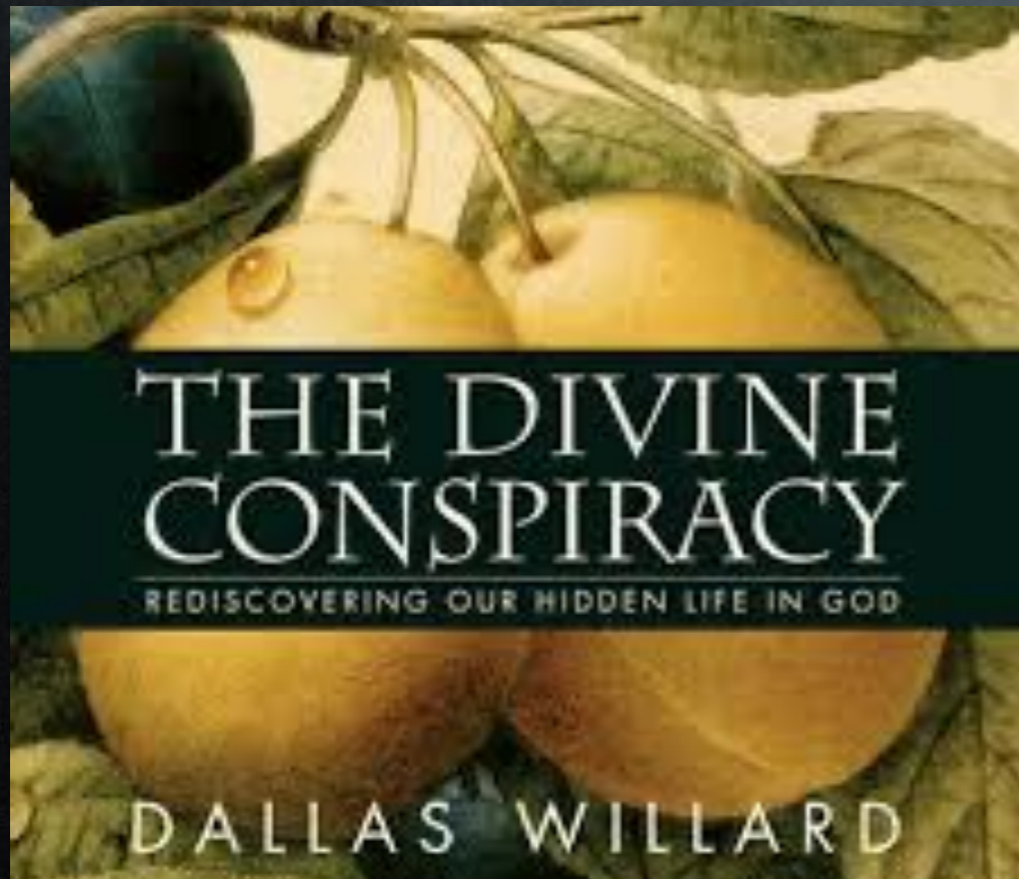


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Chapter 1 - *Entering the Eternal Kind of Life Now*



Session 1

In an upside down, lost world, Jesus opens a doorway to apprenticeship in His Kingdom.

Session 2

Jesus arranged an eternal kind of life in humans as a place where the life of God flows.

Session 3

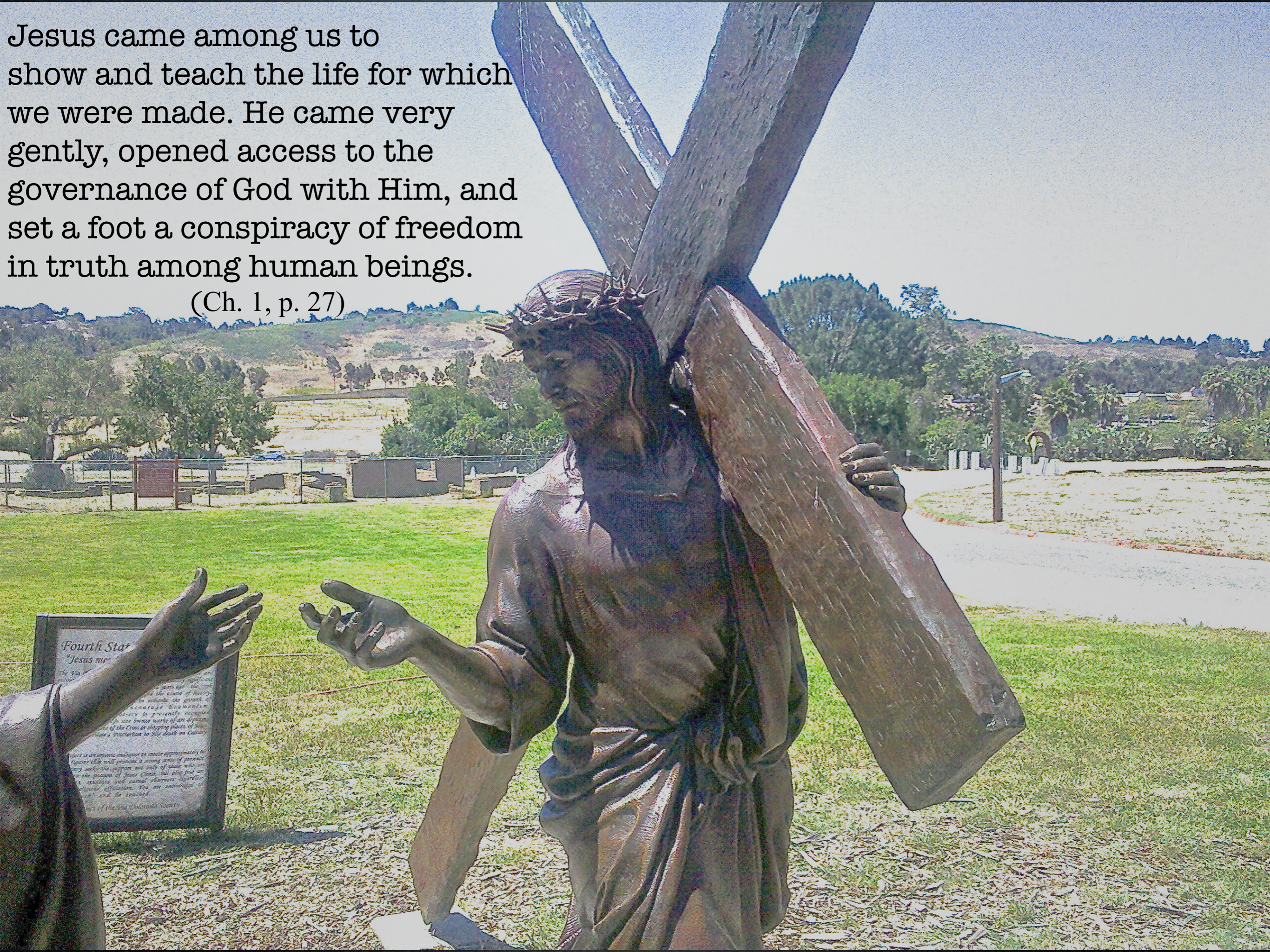
You were created by the Creator and reignited in Jesus to govern with the King over His creation.

Session 4

You are a bearer of God's Kingdom at hand fully interfaced with many kingdoms.

Jesus came among us to show and teach the life for which we were made. He came very gently, opened access to the governance of God with Him, and set afoot a conspiracy of freedom in truth among human beings.

(Ch. 1, p. 27)



The invitation to come out of the darkness into the light makes no sense to many.

The **ETERNAL KIND of LIFE** now available to us within the ever-present governance of God. Caught up in His active rule, our deeds become an element in God's eternal history.

(Ch. 1, p. 27)



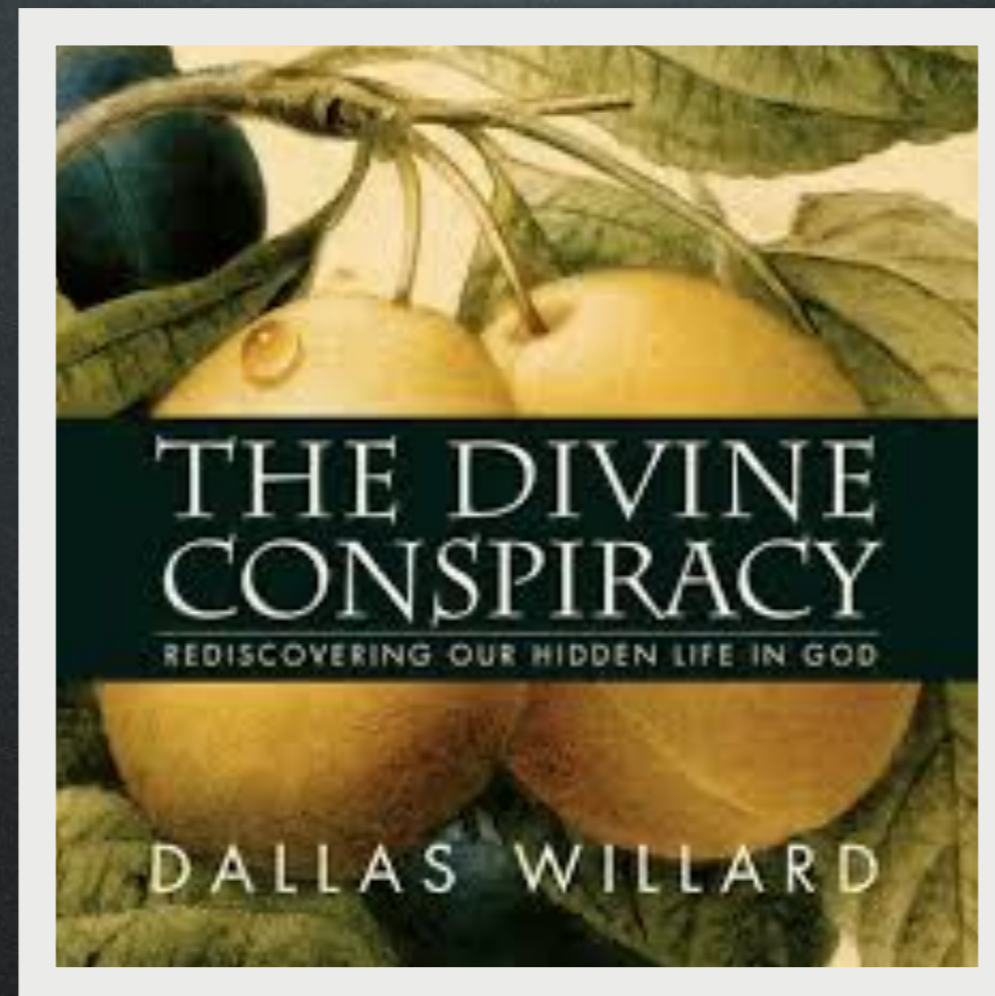


“And this is ETERNAL LIFE, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” John 17:3

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But what about the Turkish Delight?



The Promotion • The Product • The Problem

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The Promotion

Christians are not perfect, just forgiven

* Bar Code Faith - “All paid at once” or “pay as you go”?

“Grace is cheap for those who need it” (37)

The Product

Is my faith more than “Fire Insurance” & “Life Insurance”?

Is it more than “Management of Sin”? (38)



“Are we eating what we are selling? What we are selling is irrelevant to our real existence and without power over daily life.”

Rev. Helmut Thielicke
World War II Germany
quoted in *The Divine Conspiracy*, p. 39



The Problem

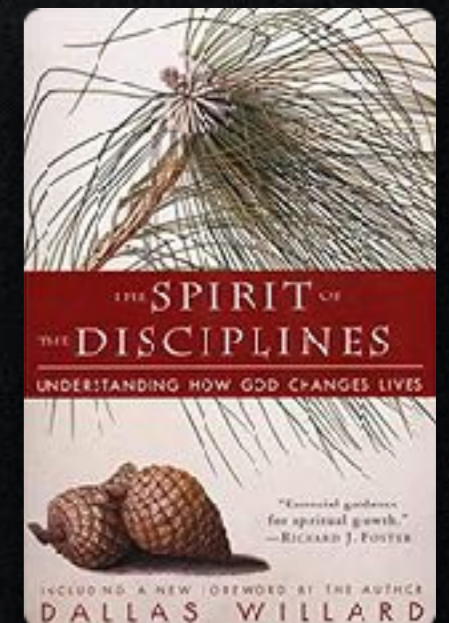
We lack a coherent framework of knowledge and practical direction adequate to personal transformation toward the abundance and obedience emphasized in the New Testament, with a corresponding redemption of ordinary life. (*The DC*, 41)

~ *In other words* ~

For Christianity to succeed, it needs two things:

- 1.) Take human transformation seriously.
- 2.) Clarify and exemplify realistic methods of human transformation.

Dallas Willard, *The Spirit of the Disciplines*, p. ix



Once again, Dallas teaches

The Problem...

“...soteriology that identifies being saved with having your sins forgiven. Our question: How ‘sins forgiven’ relates to salvation as a process and an outcome?”

The background assumption — justification is the entirety of salvation. Simply put, that is the problem.”

Dallas Willard

“Spiritual Transformation as a Natural Part of Salvation”

Wheaton College, 2009



This teaching by Dallas Willard answers,

“What are we saved from and what are we saved to?”

Understanding “The Gospels of Sin Management” vs. the Proto-evangelion - the original Gospel of the Kingdom of God — will release the spiritual parking break on your road to transformation into Christlikeness.



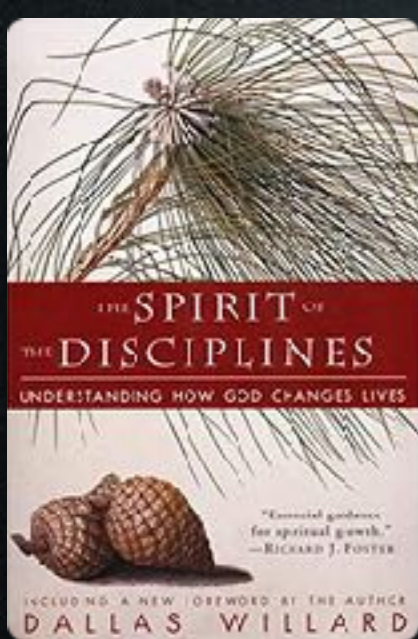
The Gospels We Hear Today

“I think it is right to think REGENERATION comes first, then JUSTIFICATION, then SANCTIFICATION, then GLORIFICATION. They are a natural progression along a continuous line. The way it is often presented now is that Justification is the whole deal, no one makes much sense of regeneration and there is no natural progression to sanctification because of the way it is presented.” [1:14:50]

Dallas Willard

“The Divine Conspiracy Lecture Series”
Harvey Fellows 2007 Summer Institute
[Session 5, “Salvation Confusion”](#)





Salvation is not just Forgiveness, but as a New Order of Life

We must do nothing less than engage in a radical re-thinking of the Christian concept of salvation.

What does it mean to be saved?

We've lost "grace and human personality" together in discipleship.

Inestimable harm: Salvation = mere forgiveness

- Theories of Atonement leave salvation and life unintelligible.

God's grace in salvation embodied in human personalities walking with Jesus in His easy yoke.

The Spirit of the Disciplines, p. 32-33

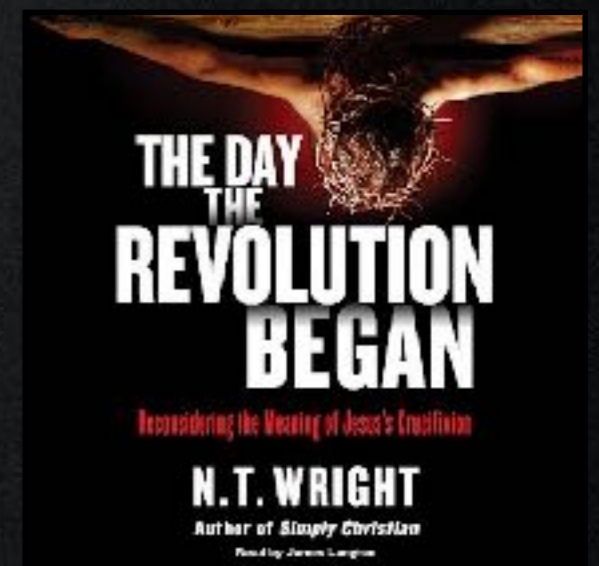
"Saved by His Life" Romans 5:10

Two mistakes - “Heaven is the goal and sin is the problem.”

Humans are not made for Heaven but for the new Heaven-and-Earth. The human problem is not so much sin...but rather idolatry. These two mistakes go together, reinforcing the basic heaven-and-earth dualism that continues to haunt Western theology. The “goal” is not “heaven” but a renewed human vocation within God’s renewed creation.

NT Wright

The Day the Revolution Began, 74



Is Jesus more than a source of a Heavenly...



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Gospel of the Right - Forgiveness of individual sins (41)

- Believe, pray the prayer - "a magical moment of mental assent...they can't keep us out." (43)
- Transferred merit to remove guilt and gain admission to heaven after death separate from Christian living.
- Legal condition not vital reality or character. (47)

Is the gospel an ARRANGEMENT to get us into Heaven or the good news of the present AVAILABILITY of life in the Kingdom now through reliance on Jesus the anointed? (49)

*"Between you and the Lord...
only the scanner will know."* (43)



And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 1 John 5:11-12

“And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” John 17:3 [The Divine Conspiracy, 49. 53, 319]

Gospel of the LEFT – Removal of social evils (41)

- The gospel...God himself stood behind liberating, equality, and community, that Jesus died to promote them (51) for Jesus identifies and loves oppressed people (52), but this gospel is another version of the “American Dream” (53) providing social and political ideals of human existence in a secular world. (54)

25 years after publishing *The Divine Conspiracy*...

It is now a “Global Dream” of
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
to do what I want and be who I want to be
with a god who will honor my will for my life.





These are all Gospels of **Sin Management** - what are you going to do about sin - they are not gospels of Regeneration and new life now in the present Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of the Heavens, under the living Lord Jesus Christ. It is often presented if we had never sinned, we would have no use for Christ.

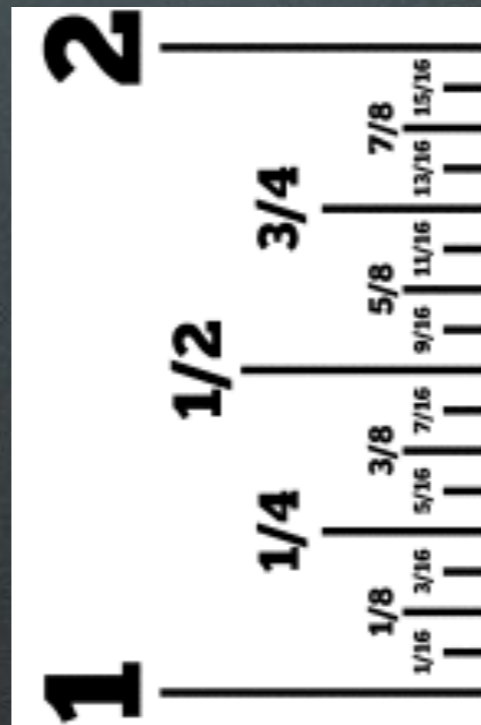
GRACE - Is the gospel only what to do about sin? Grace is often taught as only for guilt. This misunderstands grace.

The misunderstanding of grace is another way of approaching this. A thorough inductive study on grace... will help you get all of this straight.

You have to think of yourself in presenting Christ to the world - is it primarily about what to do about sin?

The Gospel Gap

“Disconnection of personal integrity to...



...Christlikeness”

Sin Guilt or Social Evils

AN INHABITED CASTLE
A Regenerated Life of God in Us



**THE INTERIOR
CASTLE**
Teresa of Avila

**"ESCAPE
TO
THE CHATEAU"**
TV Show
Castle Regeneration

Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

(Use the Q&A on the bottom of your Zoom screen)



Q&A

80:00 + 10K

Meditation — *John 17:3* to hear the Son before His Father.

What is revealed about eternal life?

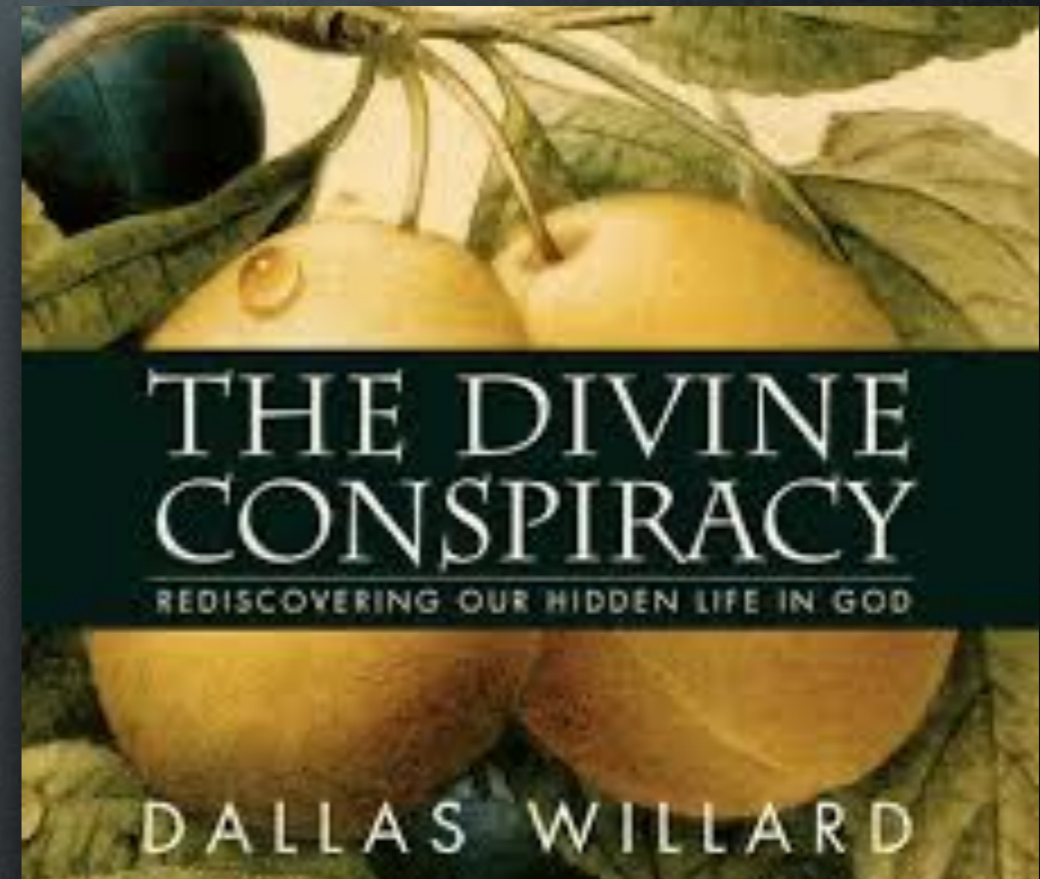
- 1.) What do I think it means to become a Christian and what does that buy?
- 2.) Are forgiveness & Heaven the “target” or the “byproduct” of life in the Kingdom?
- 3.) Is there a gap between what I believe (salvation) and who I am (discipleship)?
- 4.) Am I experiencing eternal life — abundant life in Jesus right now? If not, why?



† Cross Fit

Session 5 Summary

Do we preach and share a gospel of managing sin and securing where we go when we die, the removal of social evil, or the availability of an eternal type of life in the Kingdom with and like Jesus?



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discern the signs of the
true gospel in your next
10,000 minutes,

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