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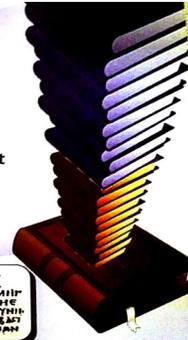
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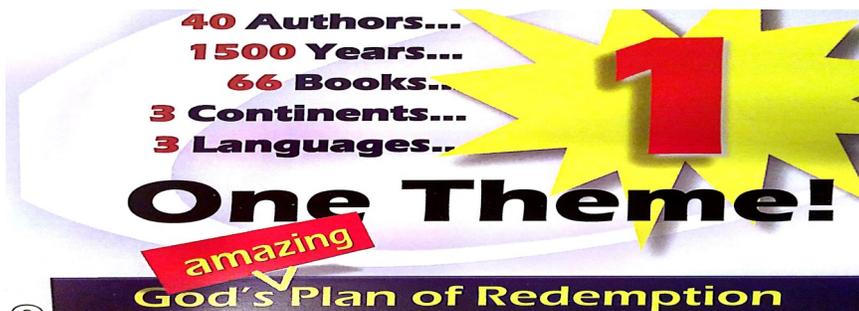
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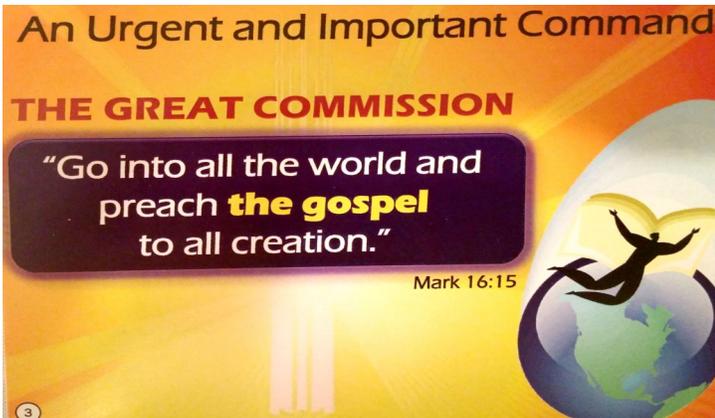
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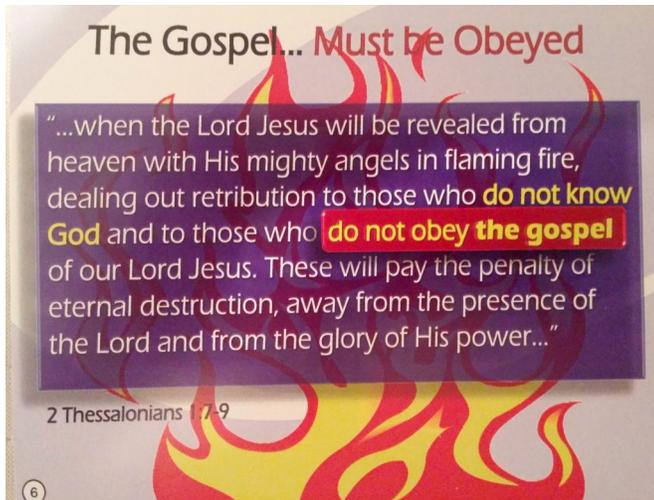
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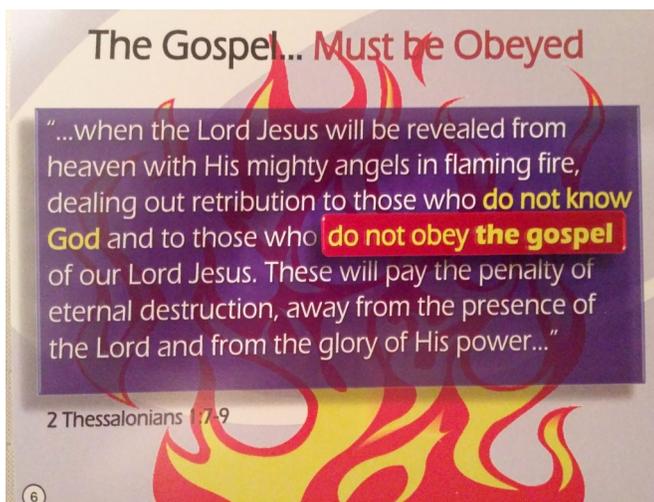
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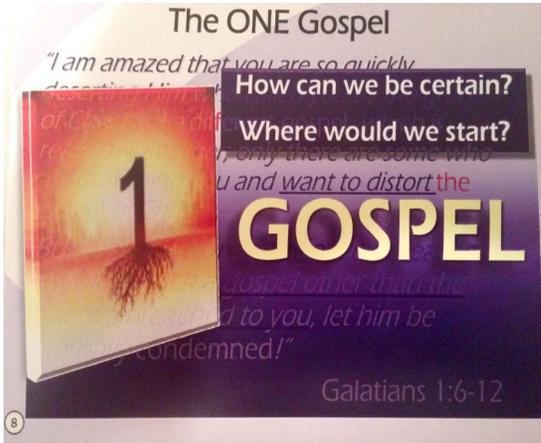


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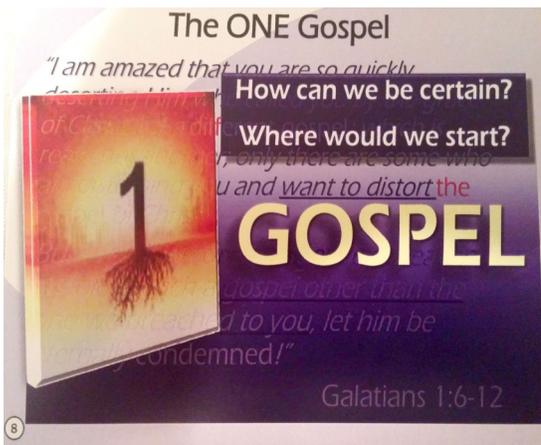
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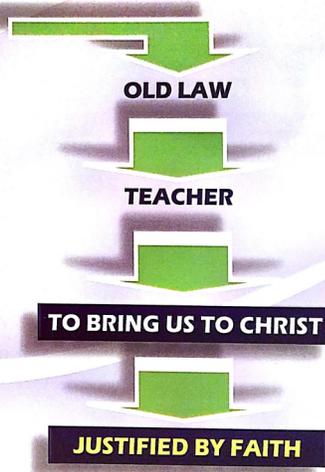
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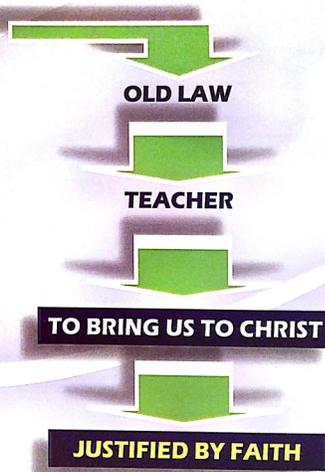
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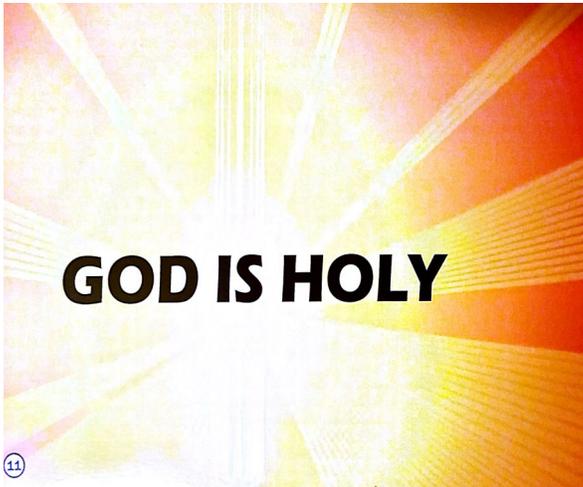
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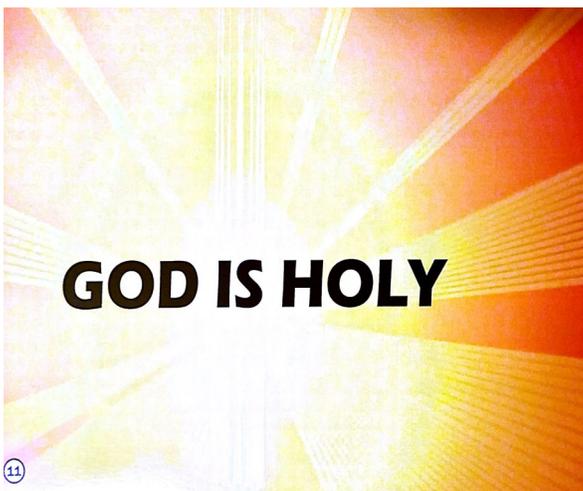


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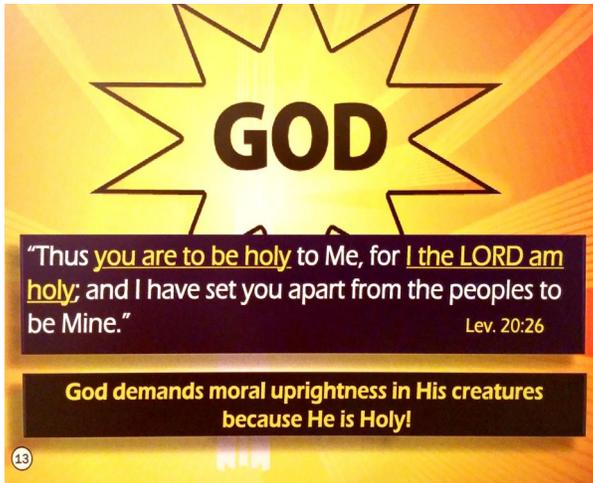
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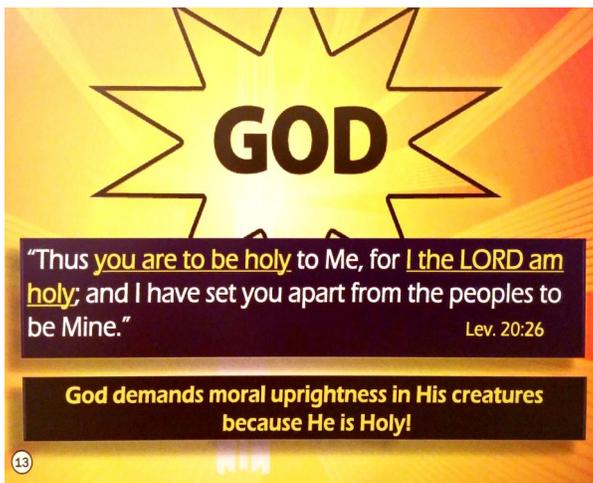
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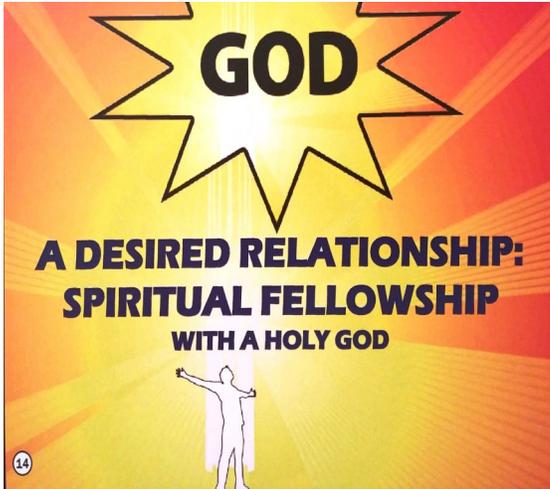
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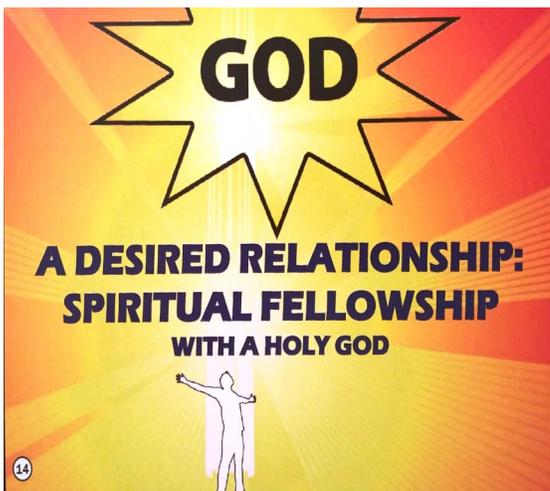
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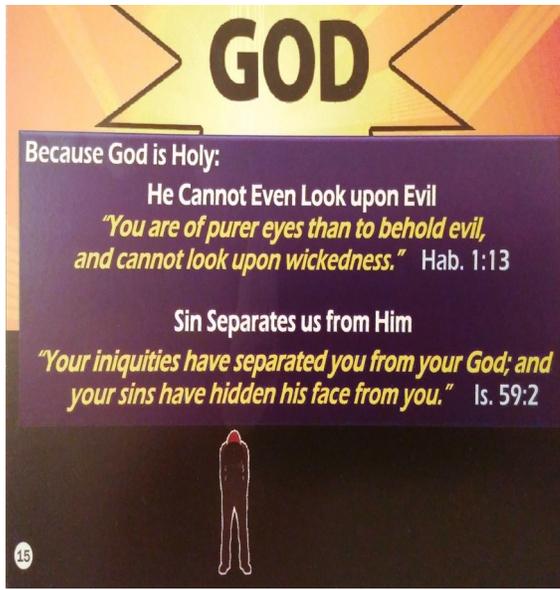
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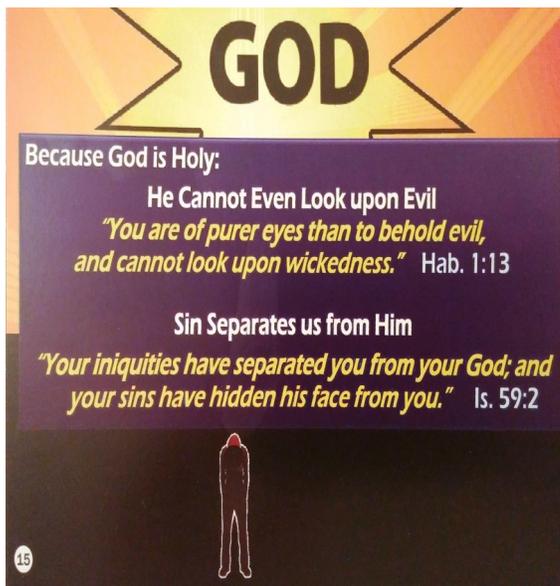
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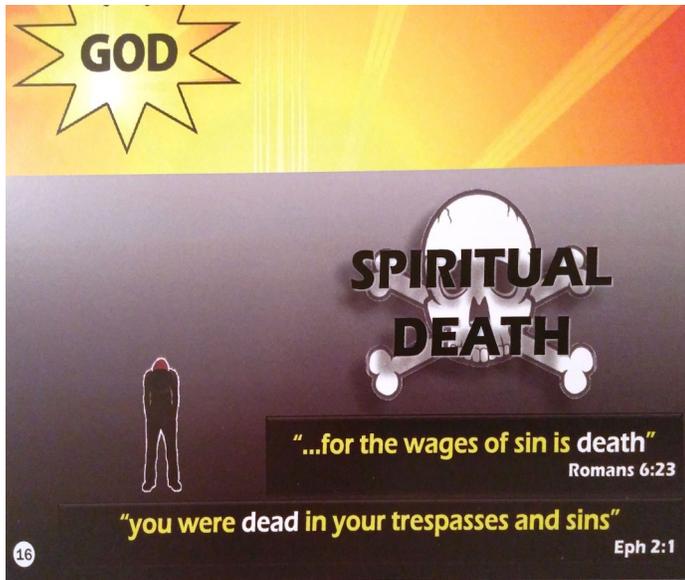
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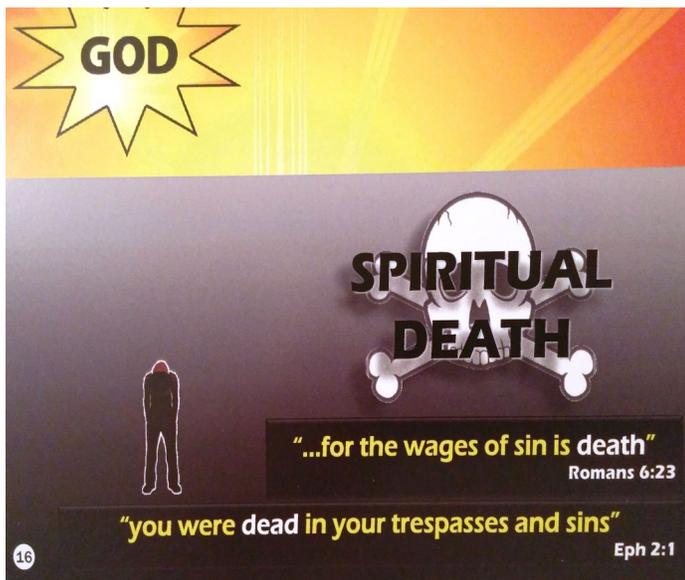
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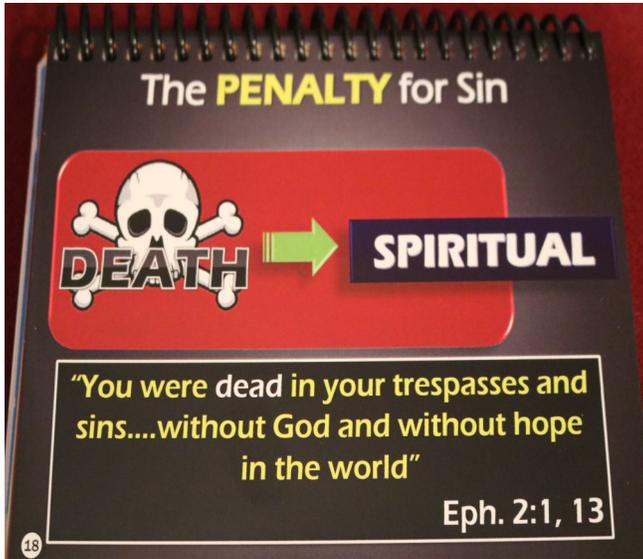
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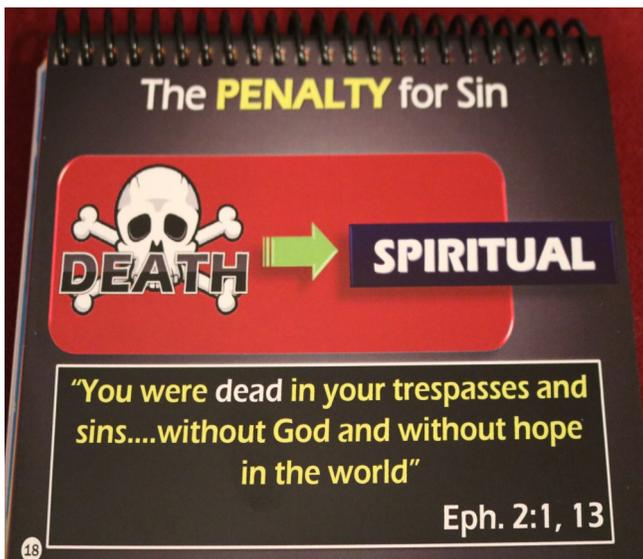
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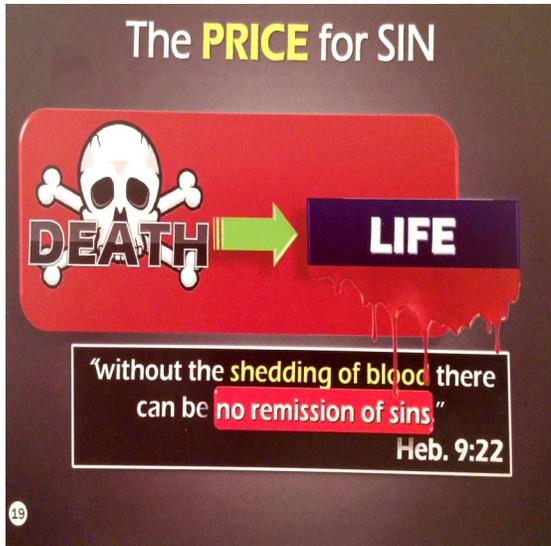
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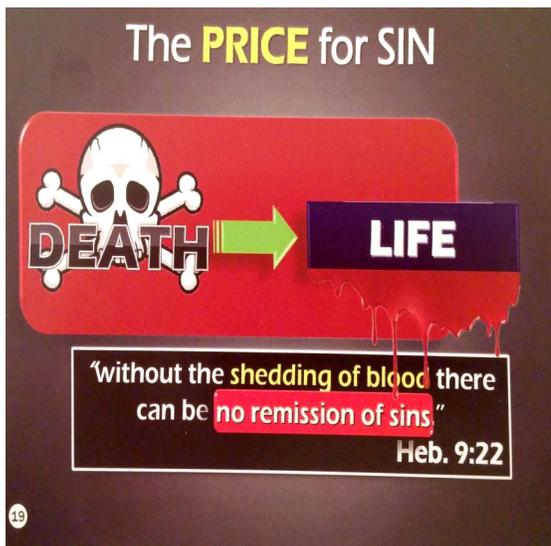
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The JUDICIAL PENALTY results in two serious types of death (remember that death by definition means SEPARATION).

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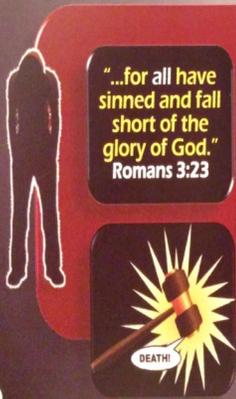
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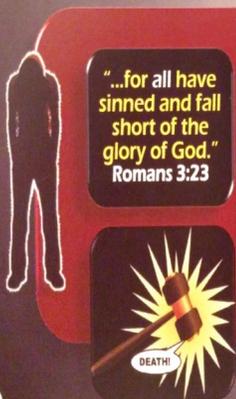
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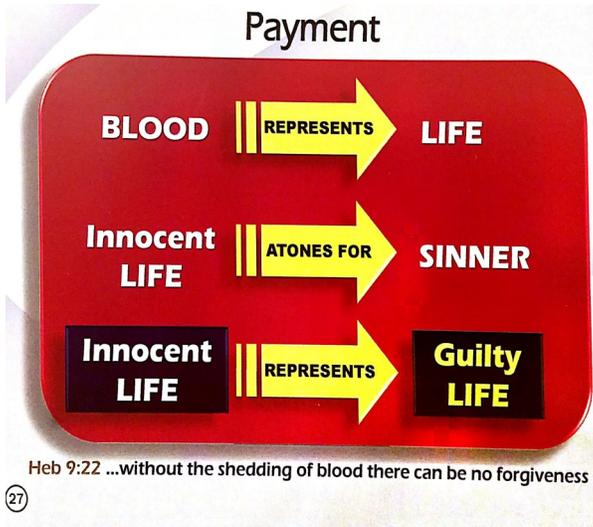
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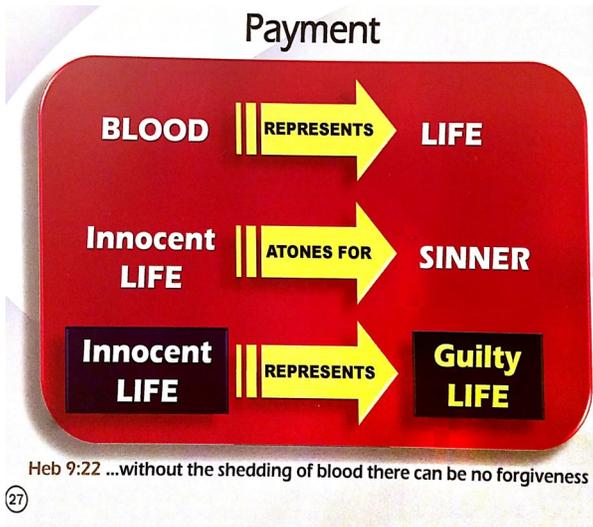
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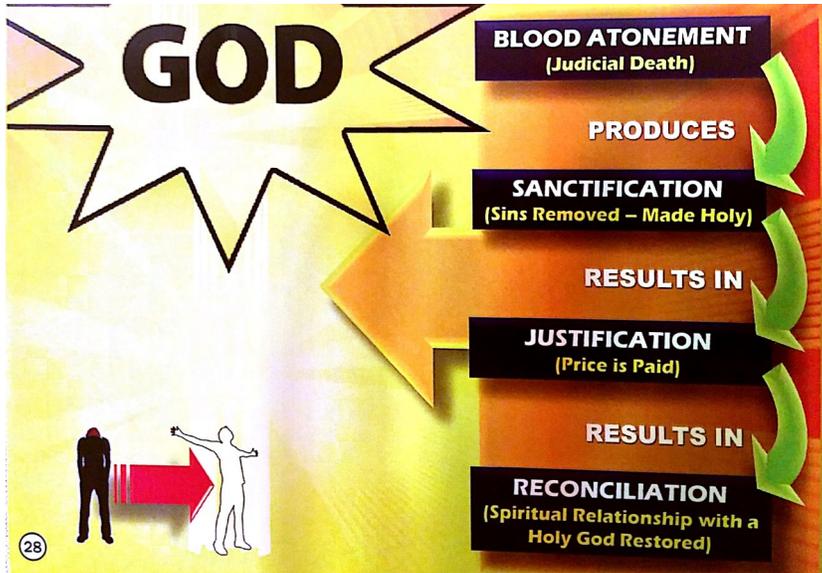
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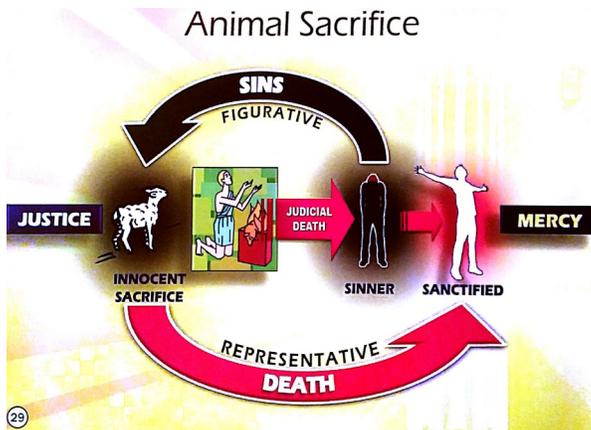
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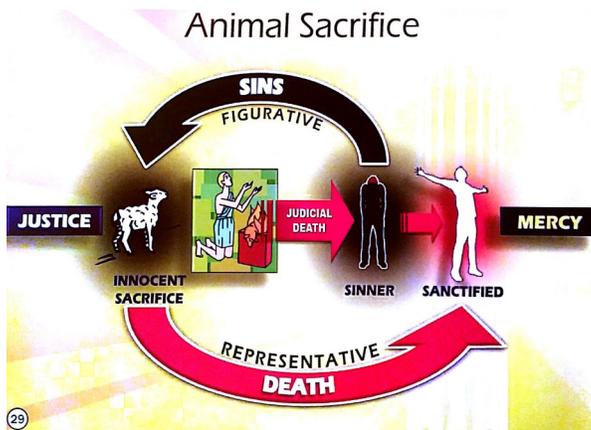
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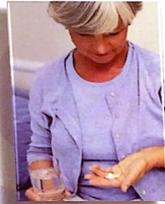
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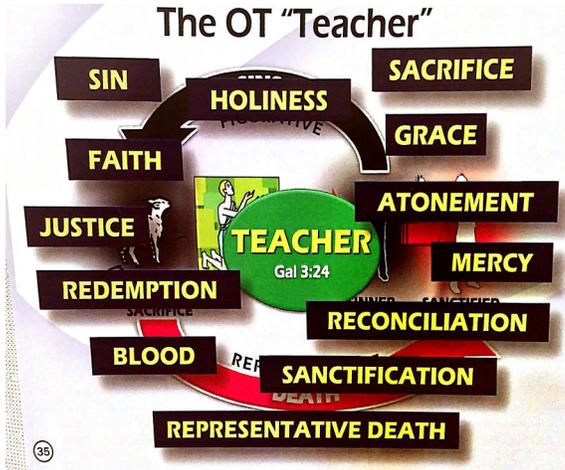
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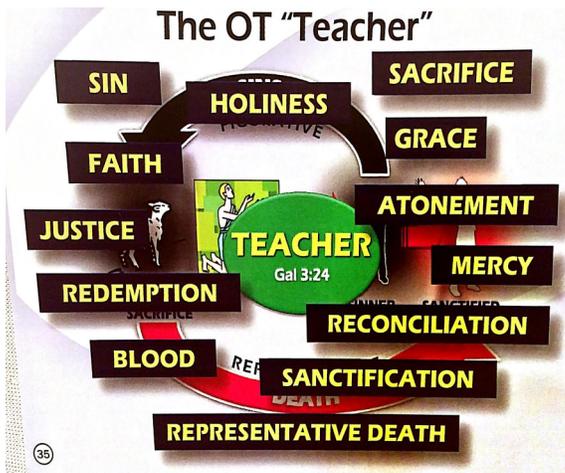
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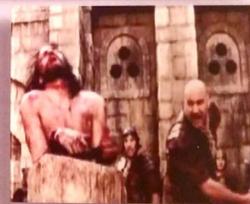
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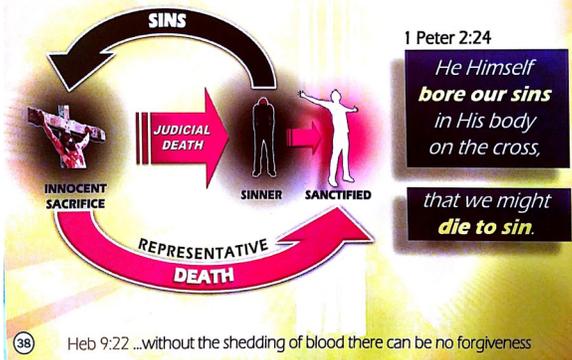
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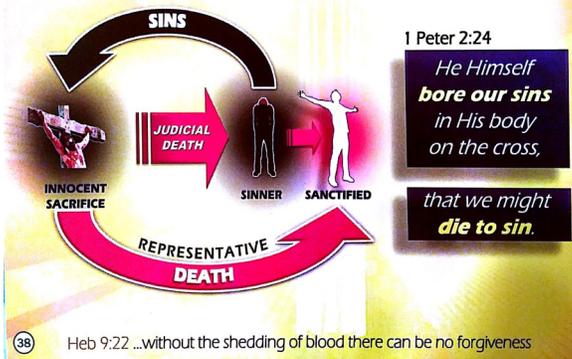
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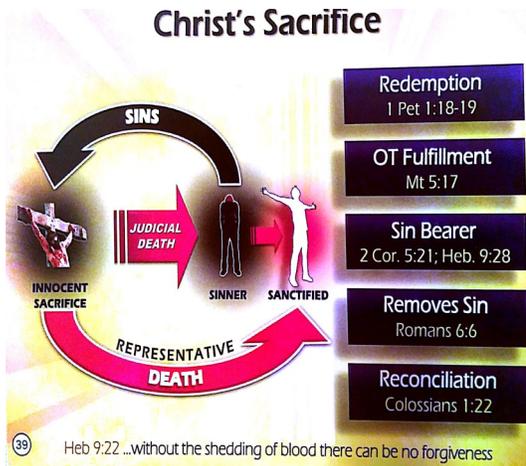
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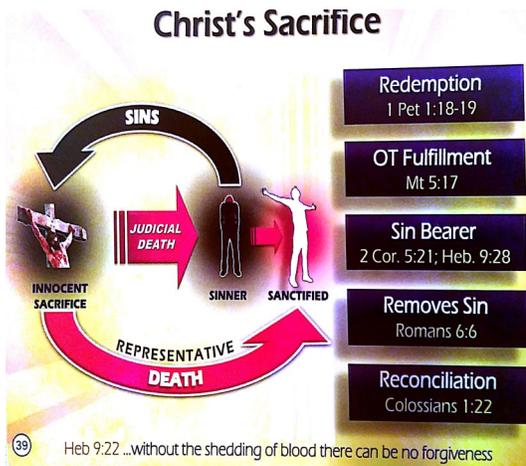
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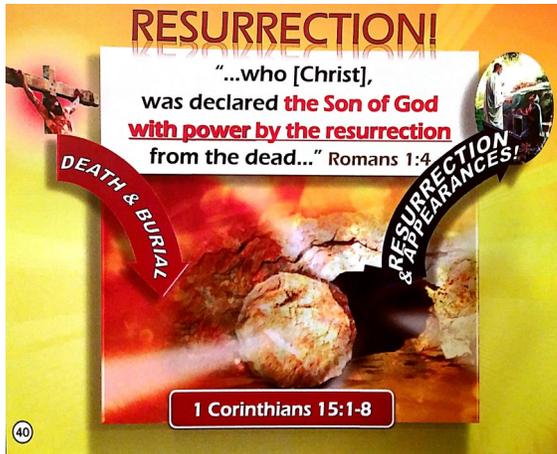
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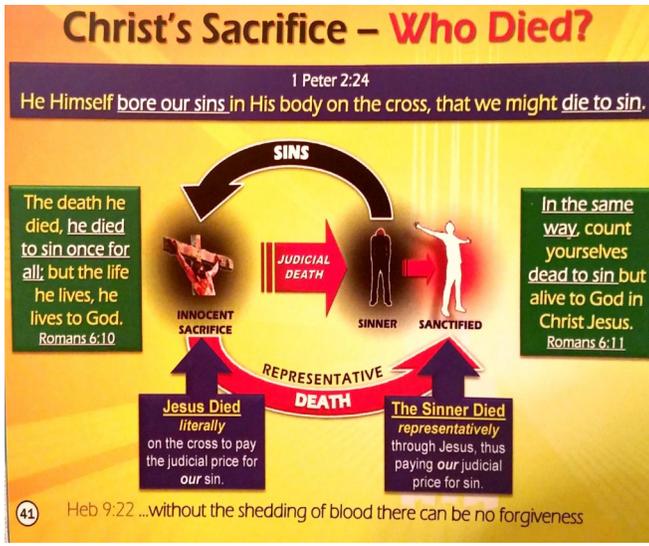
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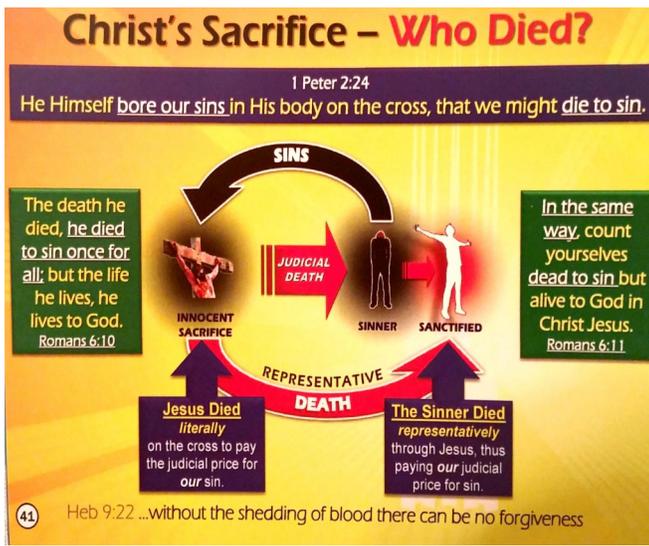


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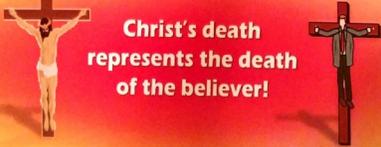
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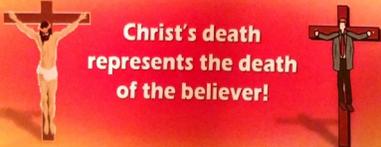
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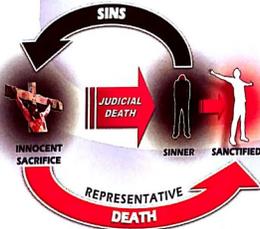
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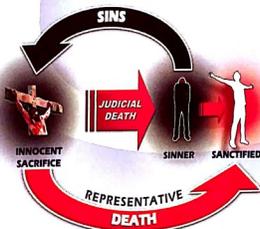
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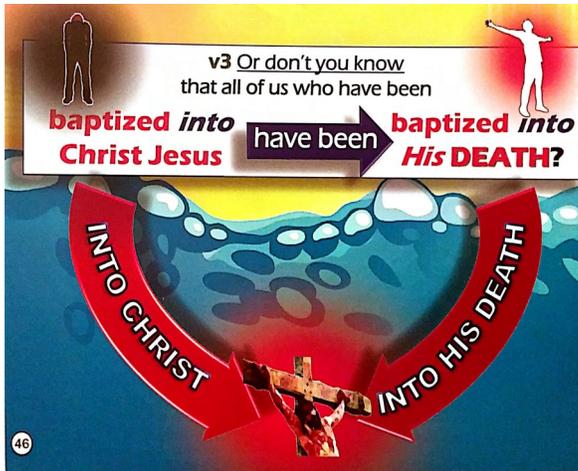
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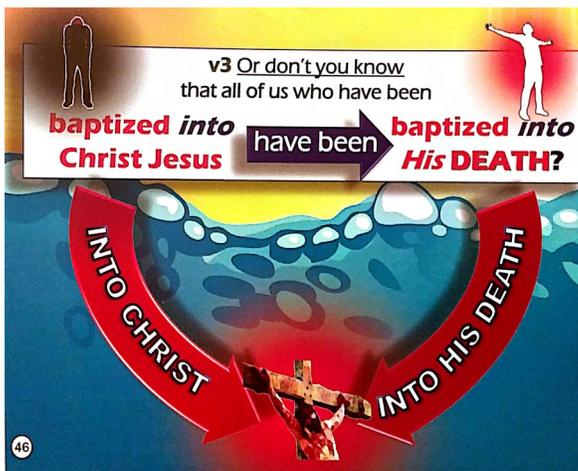
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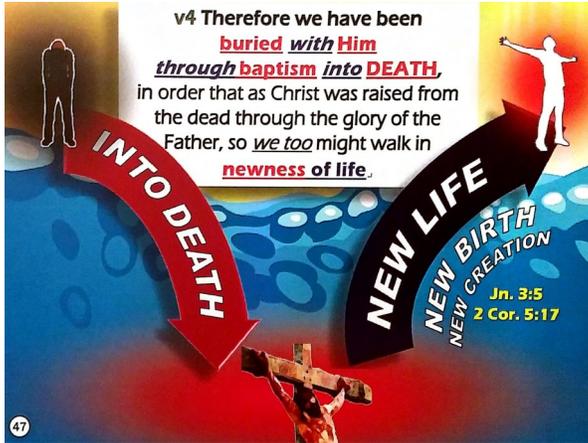
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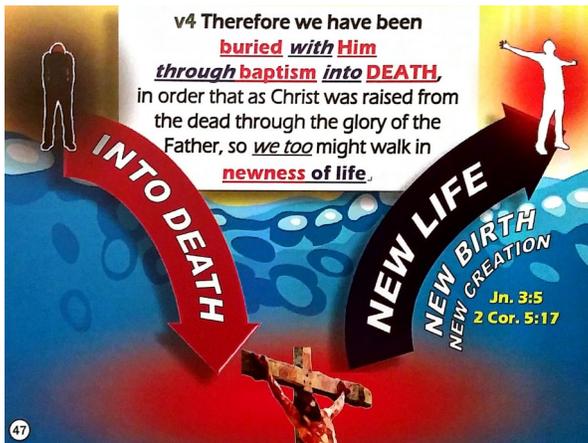
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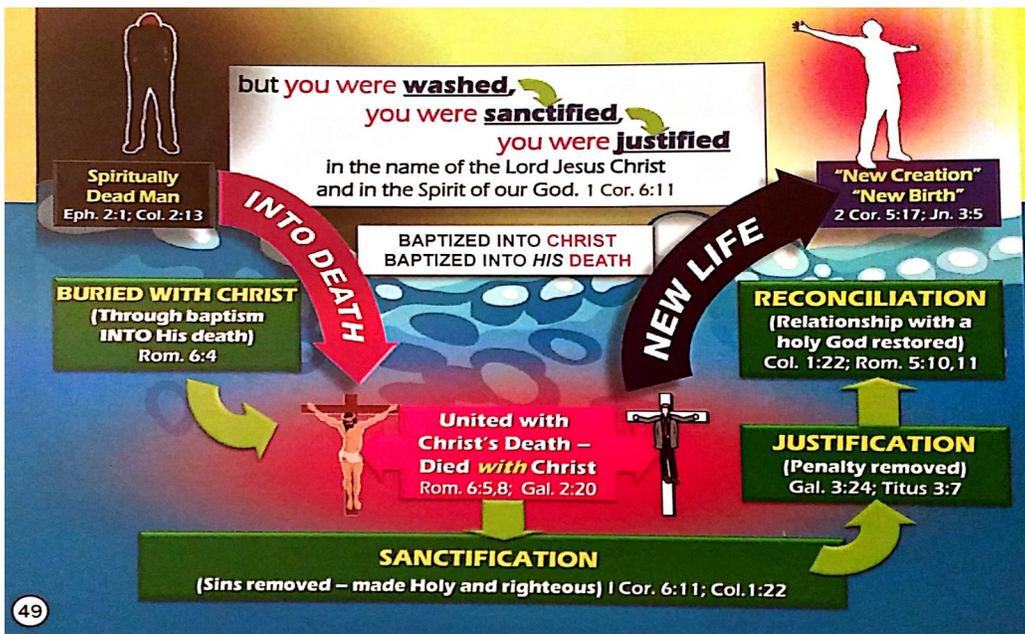
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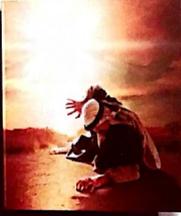


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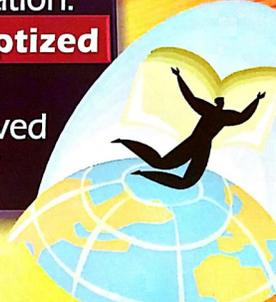
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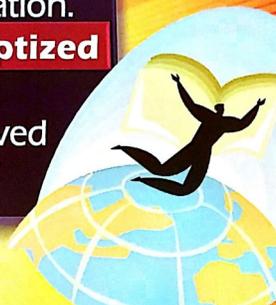
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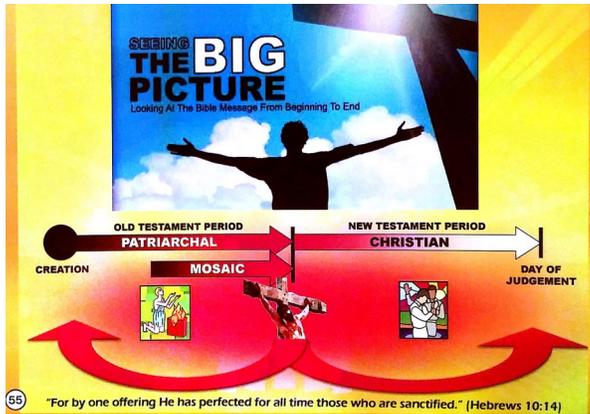
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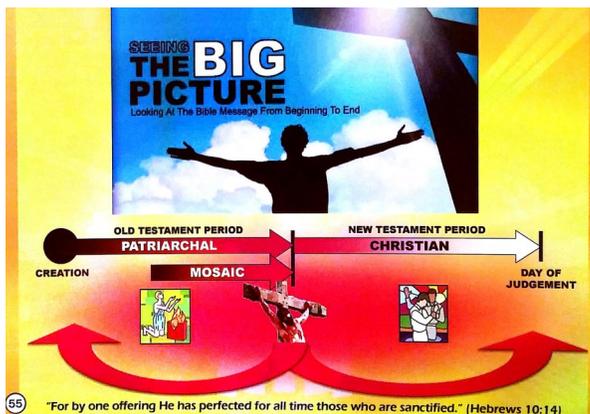
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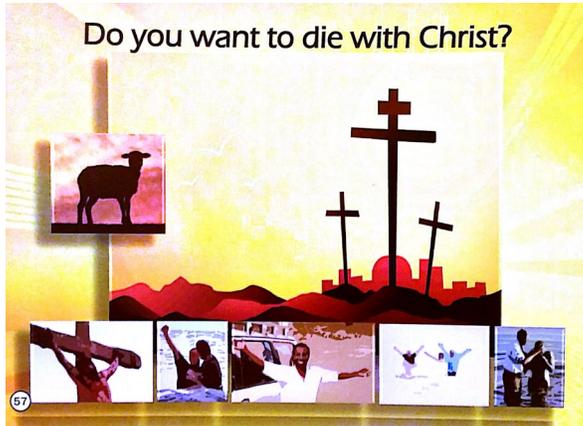
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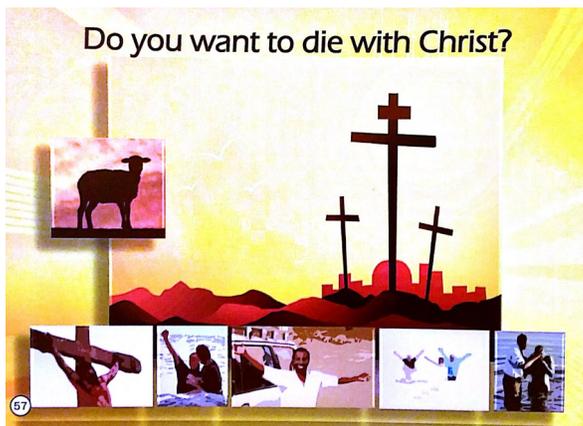


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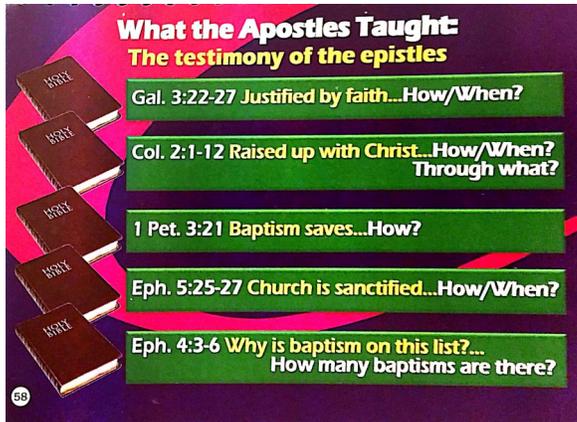


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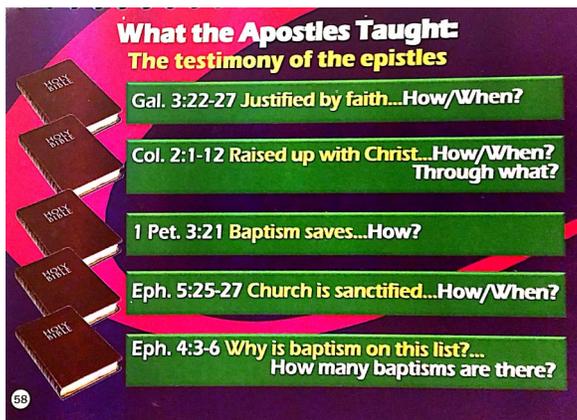
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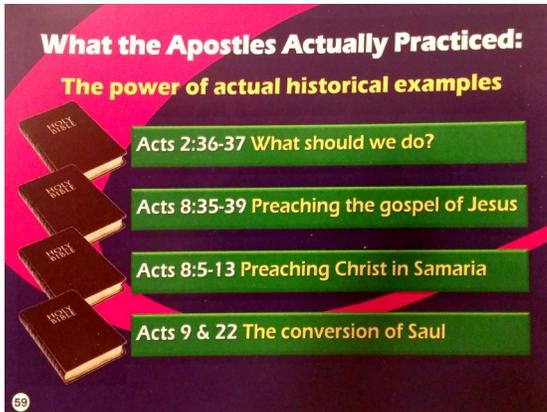
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1 Peter 3:21 - This water of baptism /is a pledge of one's good conscious to God.

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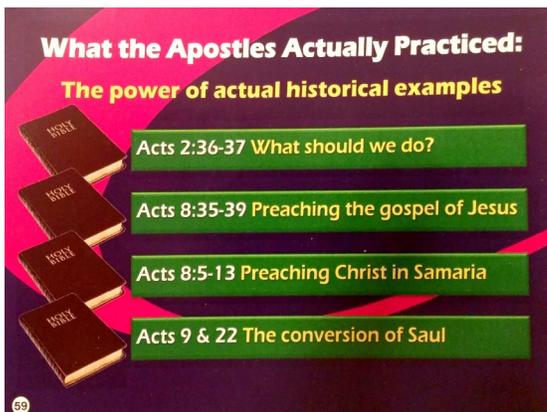
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