



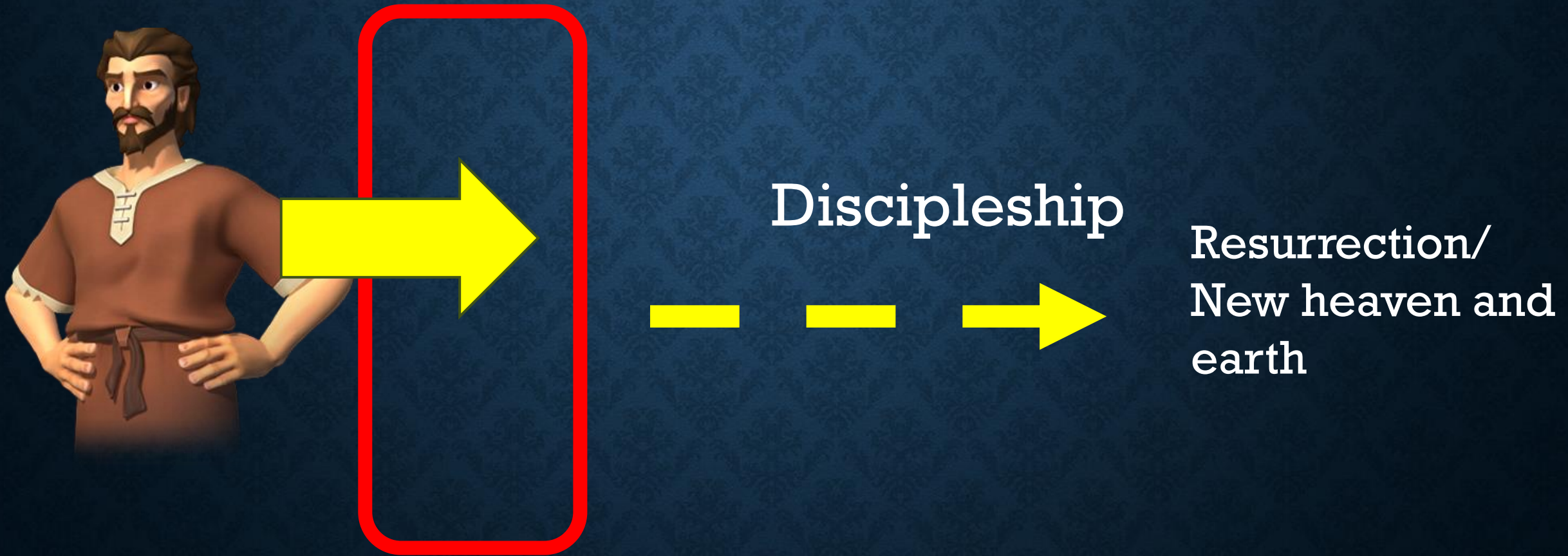
The Gospel

In All of Life

Study 4: Distortions of the Gospel

GOSPEL AS ENTRY POINT

Gospel as ABC



GOSPEL IS LOVE



**Gospel-love God whole heart and
soul and mind and love
neighbour**



GOSPEL IS ETHICAL LIVING



Ethical teachings of the Gospels

Highest motives for obedience to mere duty



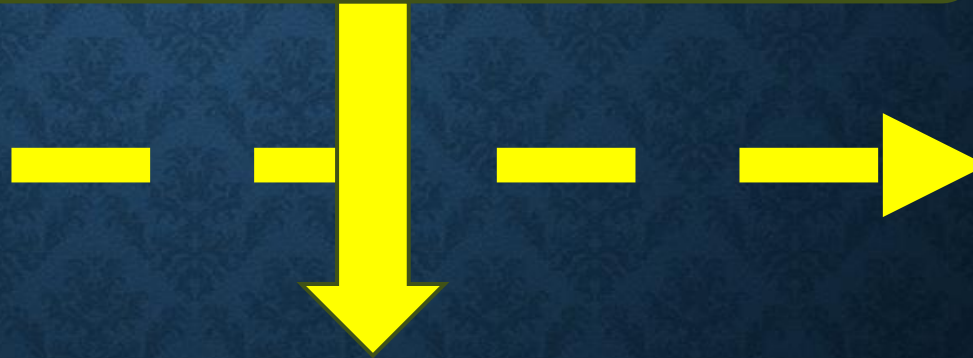
**Divorced from death and
resurrection of Jesus**

GOSPEL IS ETHICAL LIVING



Meaningless

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Death and resurrection of Jesus

GOSPEL IS FORMALISM



Formal rituals

Attendance or ministries.basis

Diminishes grace..encounter



**Divorced from death and
resurrection of Jesus**

GOSPEL IS INTELLECTUALISM



**Gospel is mastery of biblical
knowledge and theology**



Forget living with grace and in
submission to Christ.

GOSPEL IS MYSTICISM

The gospel is Dynamic
emotional and spiritual
experience...gifts , tongues
proxy for spirituality



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GOSPEL IS PSYCHOLOGISM



**The gospel is healing of
emotional needs and hurts
Pursuit of healing instead of
godliness**



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The Gospel

Jesus substitutionary death for us



Effects

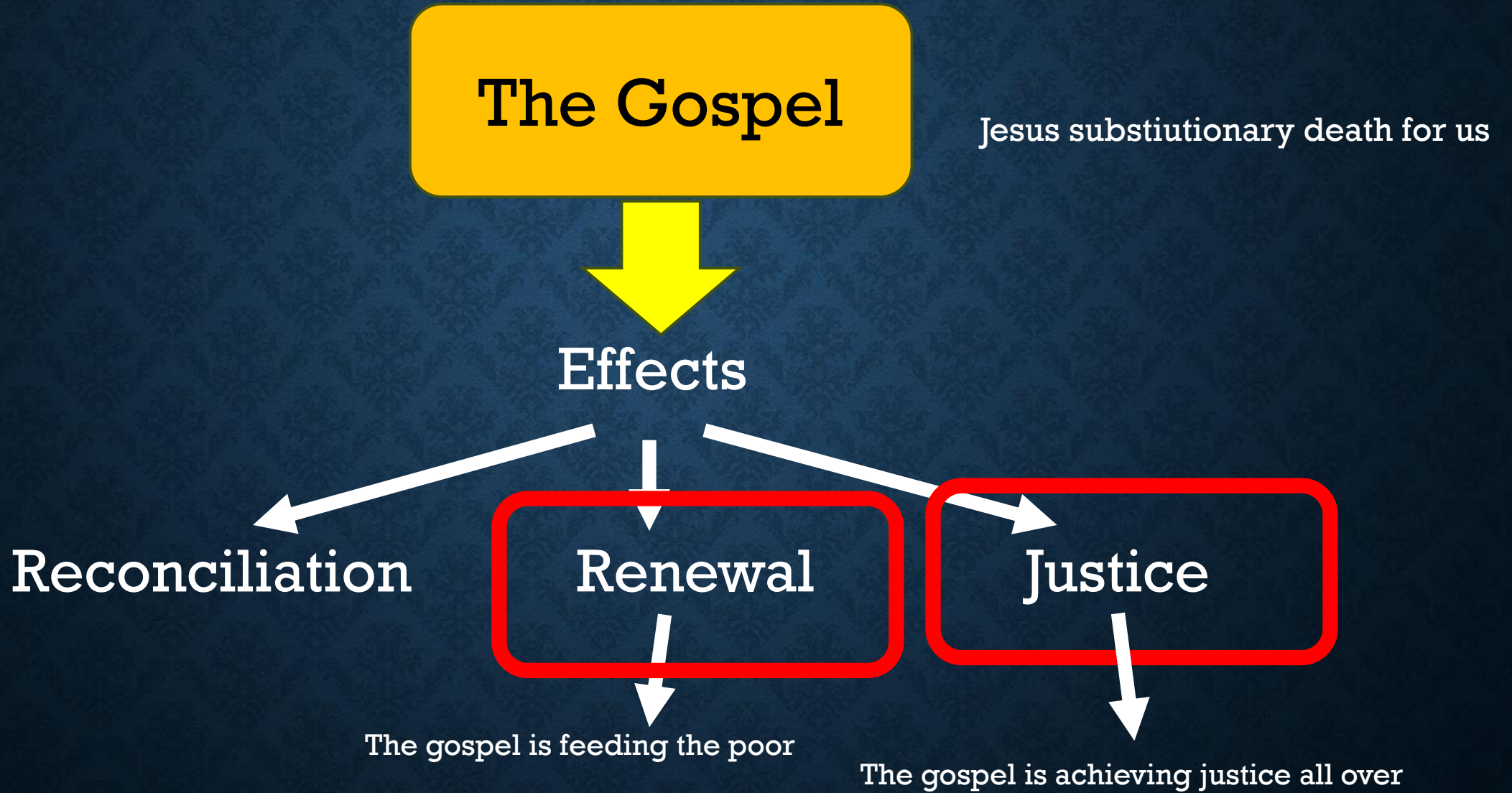
Reconciliation

Renewal

Justice

The gospel is feeding the poor

The gospel is achieving justice all over



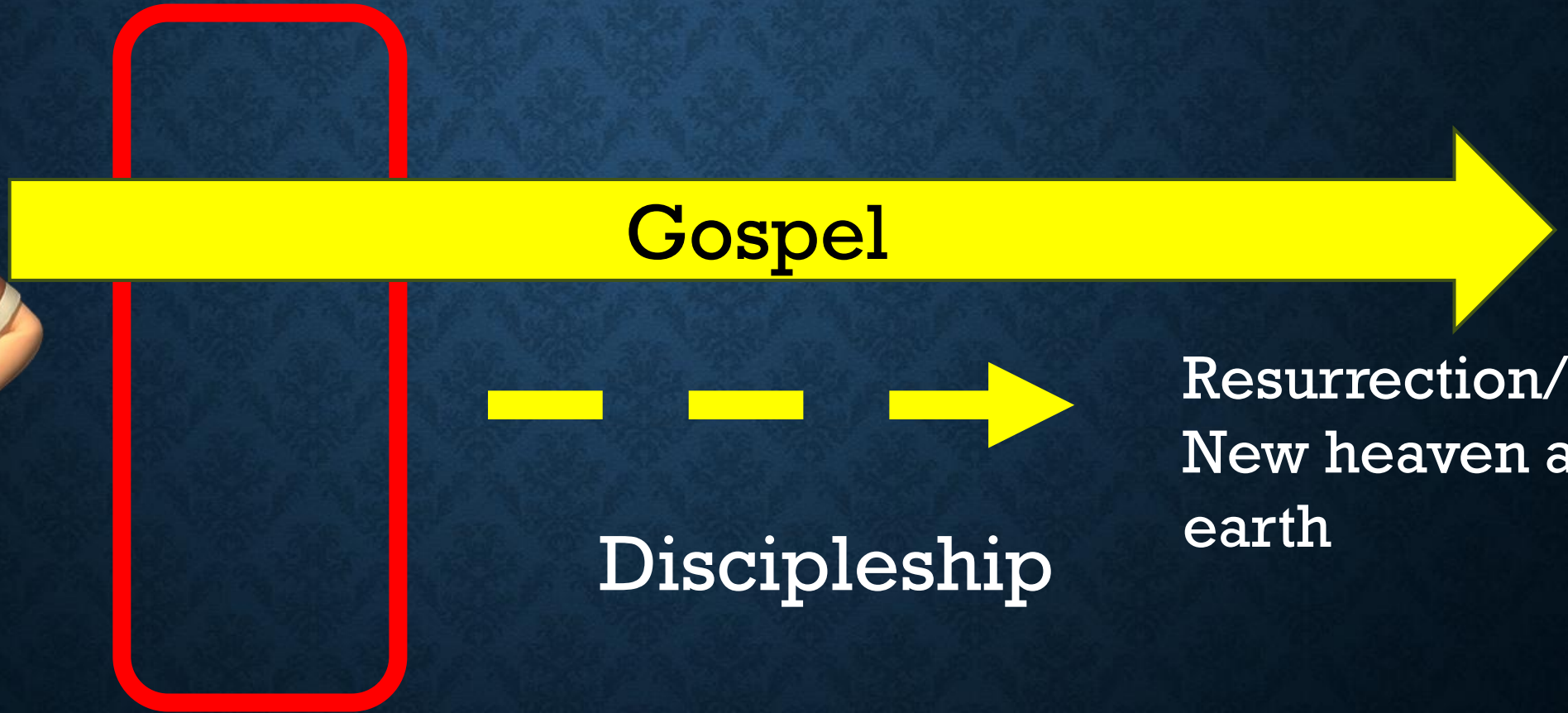


The gospel is news that creates a life of love, but the life of love is not itself the gospel.

THE AIM OF THE GOSPEL

The greatest good of the gospel is not forgiveness, justification, or eternal life — as good as these are. The highest, fullest, deepest, sweetest good of the gospel is God himself, enjoyed by his redeemed people. The gospel is the good news that God bought for us the everlasting enjoyment of God.

GOSPEL IN ALL OF LIFE



Gospel

Discipleship

Resurrection/
New heaven and
earth

Colossians 1:3-7 (ESV) We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, 6 which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth,

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The gospel is a living thing—seed bearing fruit growing

The gospel is implanted..bears fruit when we understand its greatness and implications deeply..God's grace in truth



Of this you have heard before in the word of the **truth, the gospel**, 6 which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is **bearing fruit and increasing**



THE GOSPEL EFFECT

John 15:8 (ESV) By this my Father is glorified, that **you bear much fruit** and so prove to be my disciples.

John 15:16-17 (ESV) You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should **go and bear fruit** and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. 17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

HEARING AND UNDERSTANDING



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THE GOSPEL

**THE GRACE OF GOD
THE TRUTH**

HEARING AND UNDERSTANDING

Grace of God

Undeserving-Sinners
totally lost, No merit

Totally precious-Jesus died

Truth

The death and resurrection
provides a way back to
Him





**MOTIVATION TO RESPOND TO GOD IN
LOVE—PRODUCE FRUIT**

THE GOSPEL

**THE MORE WE MEDITATE AND
UNDERSTAND WHAT HE DID WILL
PRODUCE A RESPONSE OF BEARING
FRUIT**



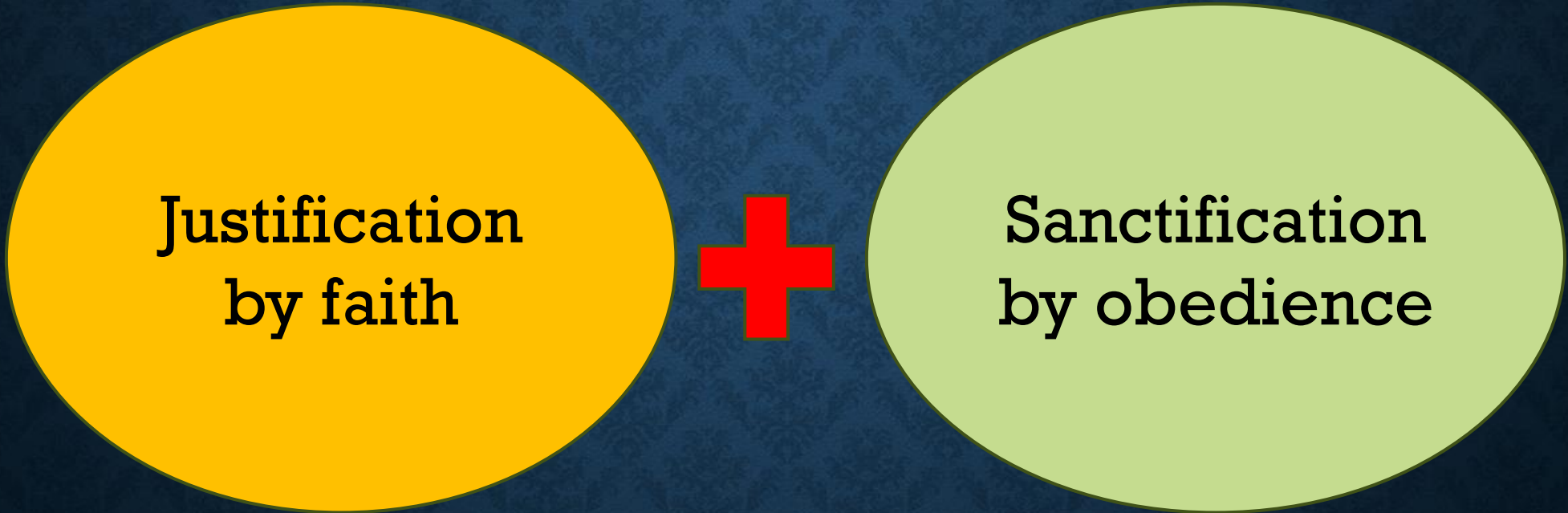
HOW THE GOSPEL PRODUCES FRUIT

- We See God Differently
- We See Ourselves Differently
- We See Others Differently
- We See the Whole World Differently!

DISTORTION OF THE GOSPEL

Galatians 3:1-6 (ESV) O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. 2 Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? 4 Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? 5 Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— 6 just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

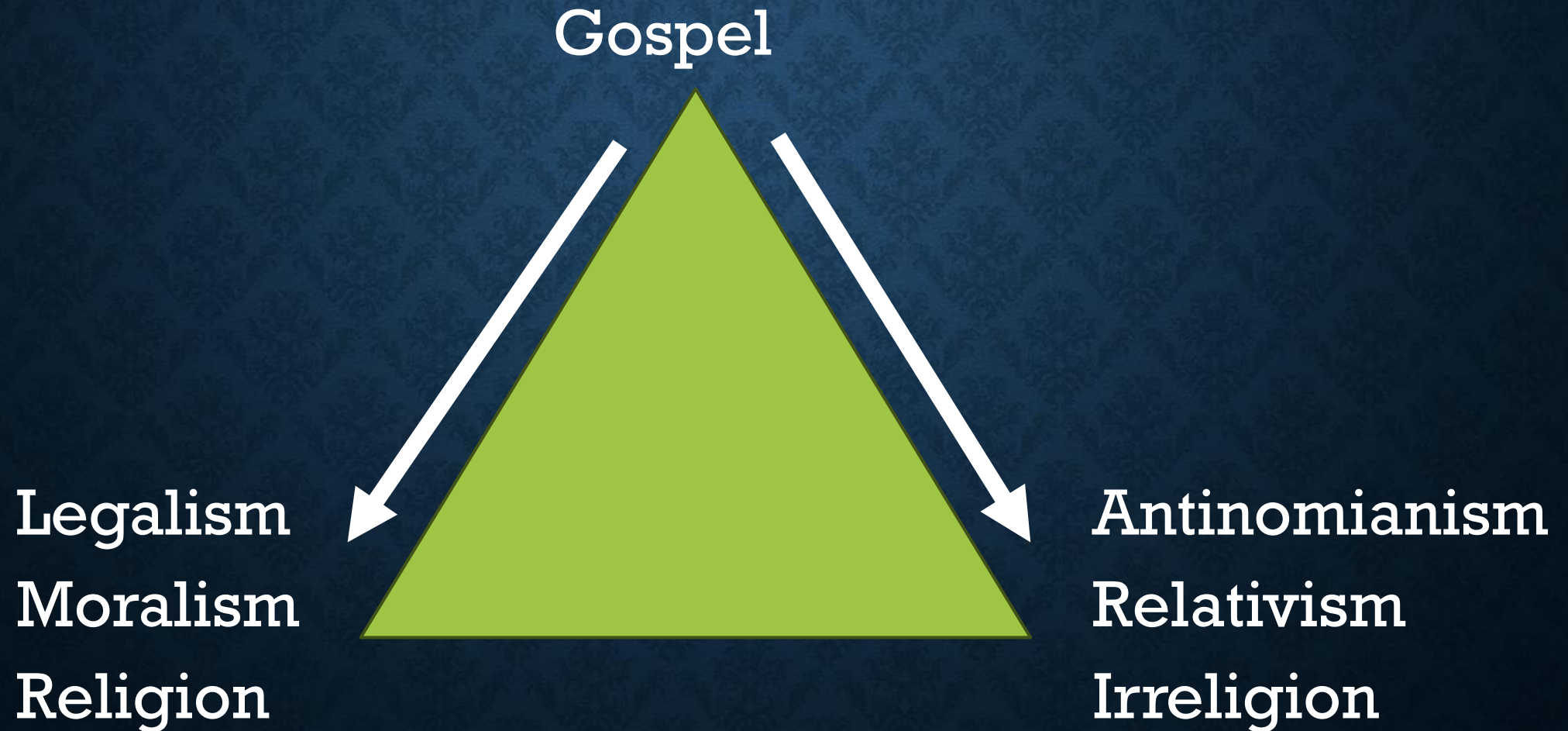
SALVATION

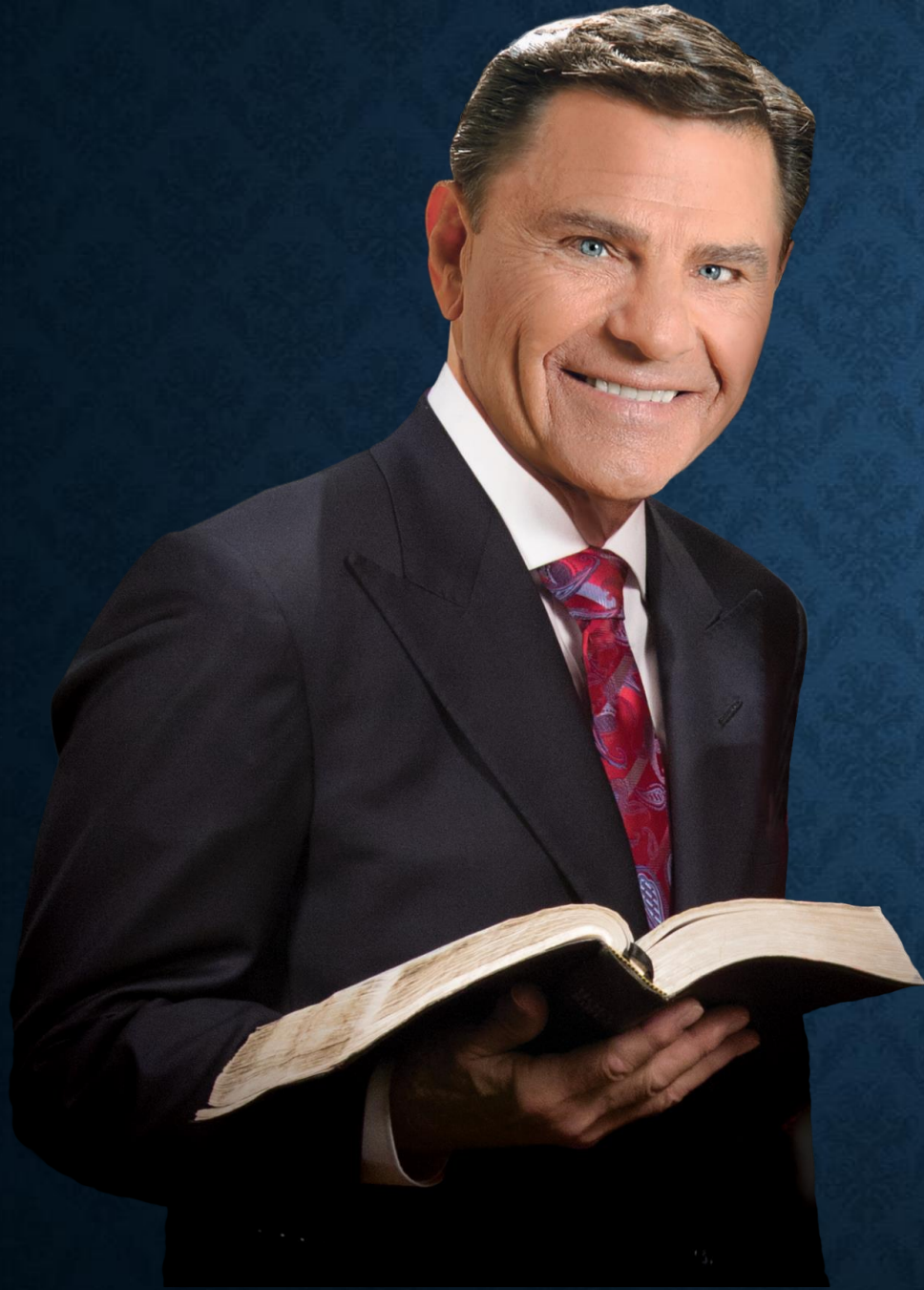


We are not saved because we change but salvation always changes us

Romans 1:16-17 (ESV) For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

GOSPEL OF GRACE





LEGALISM MORALISM RELIGION

Conservative

Rules driven

Holy just God

High self esteem..judge others

Low self esteem ..cannot live up to rules

No transforming joy or power



ANTINOMIANISM RELATIVISM IRRELIGION

Liberal religion

Tolerant

Everyone to his own beliefs

God loves everyone

Minimize sin

ANTINOMIANISM



Justification

Sanctification

We are saved by grace: God loves us no matter what.
Change is optional..we are just broken

MOTIVES FOR DISTORTION

1. Avoid Jesus as Lord to
keep control of their lives..

religious pride and worldly
pride

2. Distorted view of God

Irreligious loose sight of the law
and holiness of God

The religious person loose sight
of love and grace of God



MOTIVES FOR DISTORTION

3. They both deny our sin—and therefore lose the joy and power of grace.

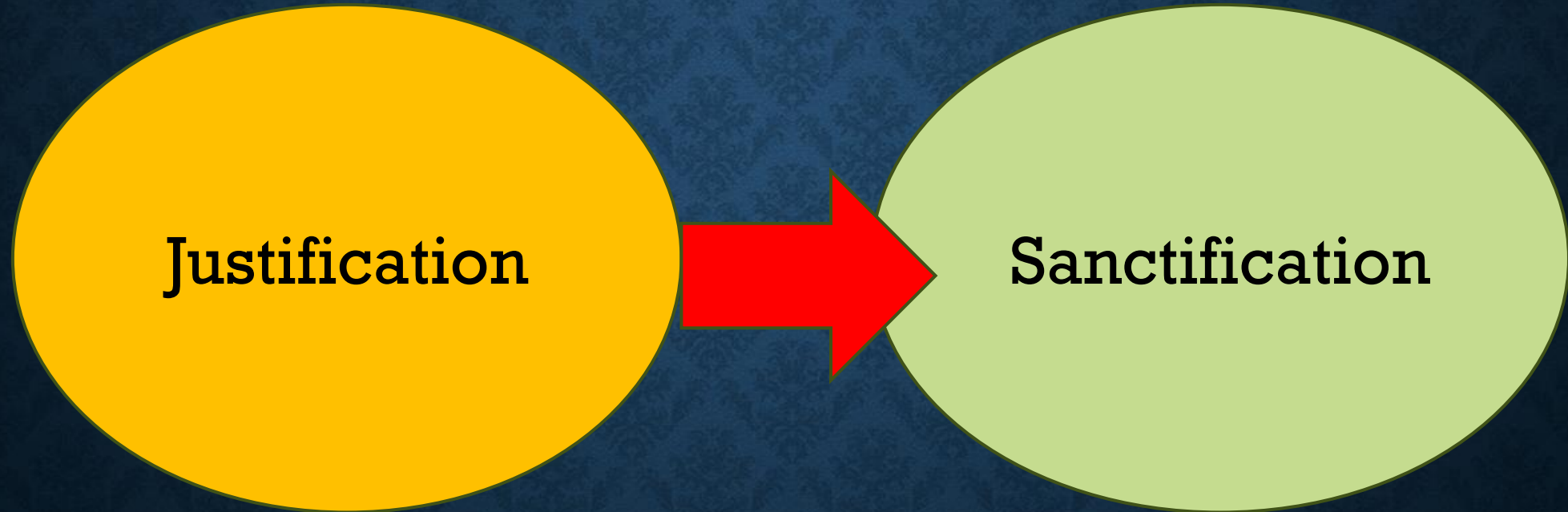
Irreligious deny depth of their sin..message of God's love no impact on them

Religious people sorry for sins but cannot live up to standards..go to Jesus to cover the gaps cannot see true self righteousness living independent of God, others see rule-breaking, not as rebellion and self-salvation.



GOSPEL FAITH

JUSTIFICATION IS BY FAITH ALONE BUT ALWAYS LEAD TO CHANGE



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