



PURSUIT 24

God's Pursuit of Man

Php 3:12-14 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. (13) Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, (14) I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

What does it mean to Pursue?

- “Follow After...”
 - Διώκω (diōkō) to make to run or flee, put to flight, drive away, to run swiftly in order to catch a person or thing, to run after.
- Christ as a person and an ideal. Apprehended on the road to Damascus (Acts 9)
- Today
- God’s Pursuit of Man throughout history.





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- Is the story of redemption.
- And it starts in the Garden of Eden.

Gen 1:27-28 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (28) And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

- Special Creation
- Enter Chaos (Genesis 3:1)

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Continuing Through History

The Ark that Noah built.

People obsess over the how and historicity, dimensions and process. And miss what is important about the story itself.

It is the story of being saved by Grace in spite of ourselves and those around us.

Gen 7:16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.

A type of Baptism, an ordinance created by God that demonstrated an identification with God's grace, followed in obedience.

Much like baptism today, an ordinance of God that demonstrates an identification with God's Grace through Christ, followed in obedience.



Baptism Like the Ark and its relevance.

- 1Pe 3:20-21 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. (21) The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:
- 1Co 12:12-13 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also *is* Christ. (13) For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.
- Rom 6:3-5 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? (4) Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (5) For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

The Passover Lamb

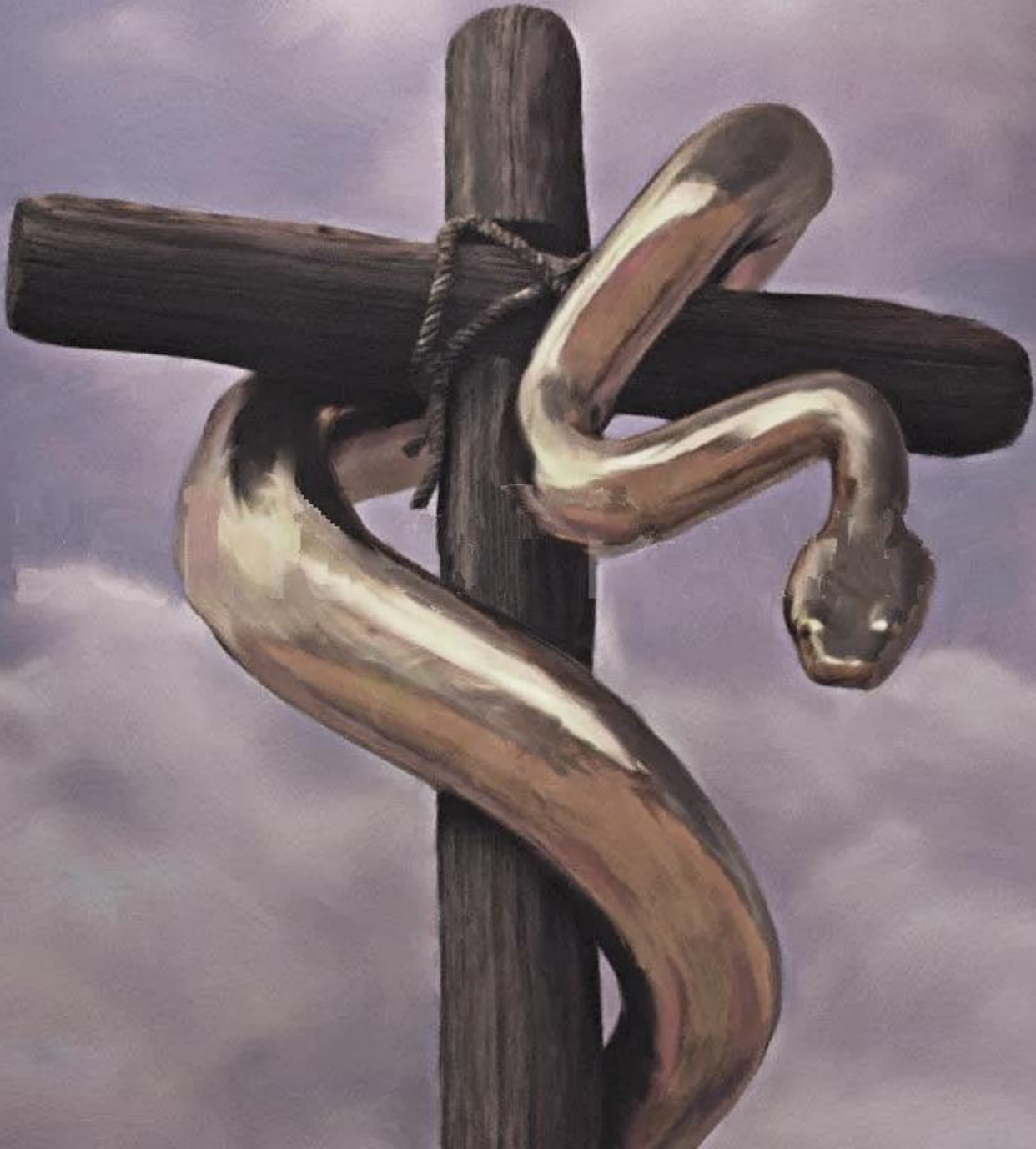
Exodus 12:3-14

- Slavery
- God's Deliverance by Blood
- Freedom = Adversity

1Co 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

- Slavery to Sin
- God's Deliverance by Blood
- Freedom =Adversity





The Brazen Serpent

Num 21:9 And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

- Disobedience because of adversity or because of lack of faith.
- Redemption by looking, by observing.

Joh 3:14-15 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: (15) That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

- Disobedience because of adversity or because of Lack of faith either in part or in whole.
- Look to Christ (Not the Cross), The Gospel and it's proliferation.
- Only those who look upon Christ can be saved. And all those who look upon Him and believe will be saved.

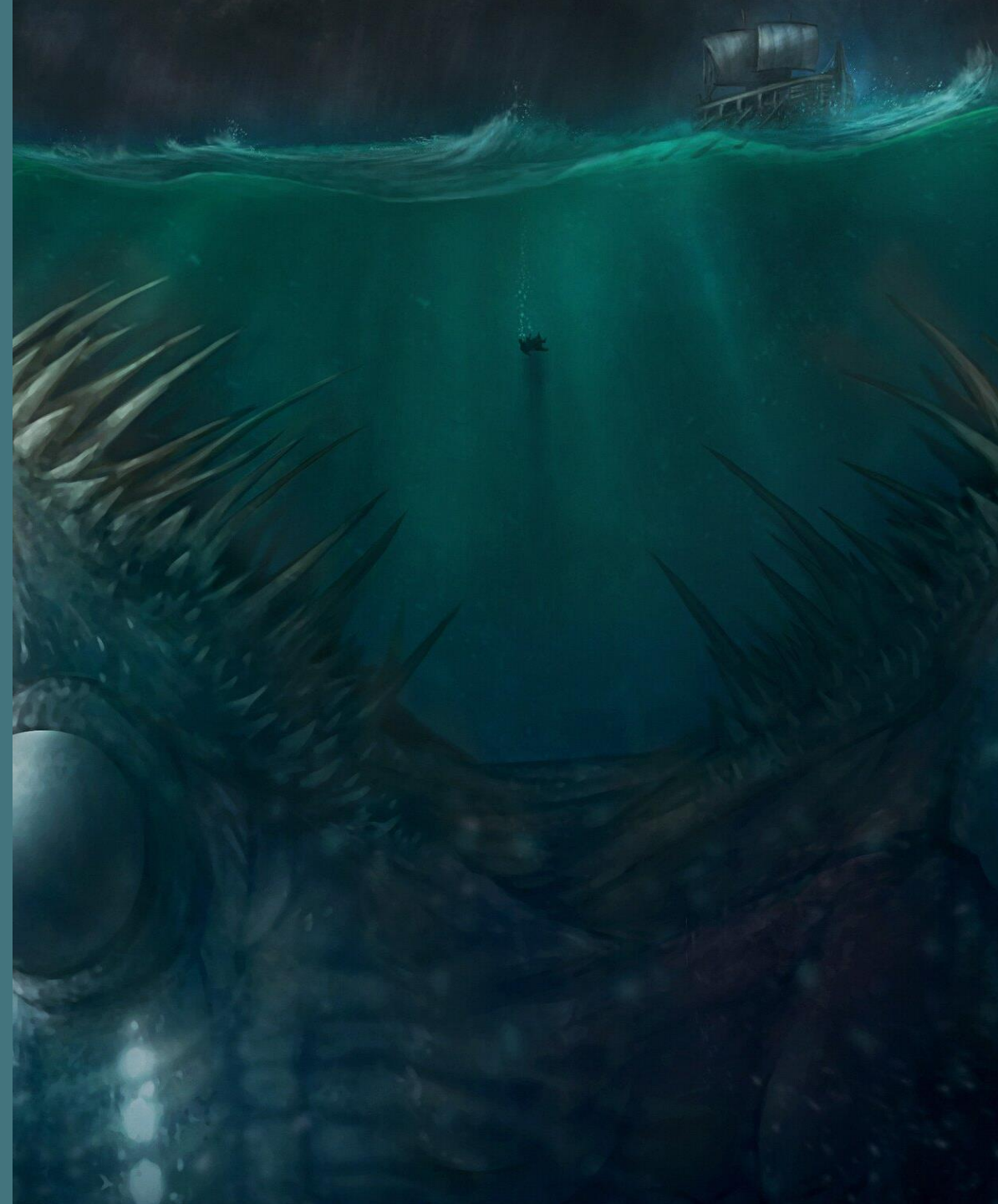
Many others...

The Tabernacle and the Veil

- Joh 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
 - Dwelt, resided, Tebernacled
 - Christ the Veil has always been our access.

Jonah

- Mat 12:40-41 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. (41) The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.



Also the story of Preservation

Joseph's Lineage

- Line to Davidic Throne
- Son of David
- Son of Abraham
- Odd Appearances
 - Rahab the Harlot
 - Ruth

Mary's Lineage

- Tribe of Judah
- Back to Adam
 - *Luk 3:38 Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.*
- Luk 3:23 And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli,

From Adam to Adam

1Co 15:45-49 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit. (46) Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. (47) The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven. (48) As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly. (49) And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Creation



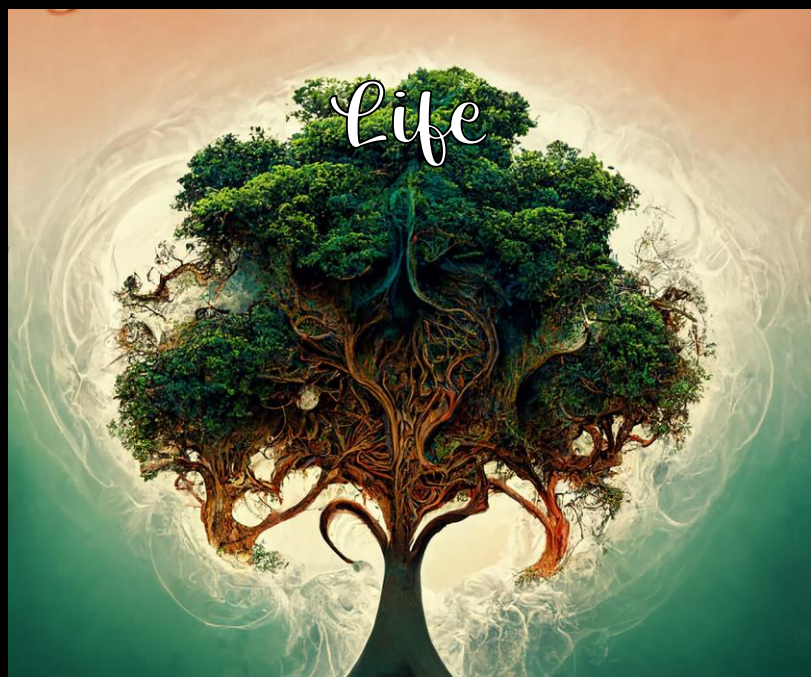
Death



Redemption



Life







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