



# GOOD MORNING!

Men's Bible Study  
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**FIRST,  
A FEW THINGS  
TO CATCH US UP**



**Celebrate  
Salvation!**

Writing: *Festivals +*  
**D. Awakening**  
I AM ROCHESTER

Time and our aging  
**E. Kingdom**  
PINK FLOYD

The other place  
**F. Heaven**  
COURSE 2

GETTING  
DEAD  
SERIOUS

*or*

KEYS TO  
THE KINGDOM

*“**Blessed** be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be **born again** to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the **dead**,*

*to an inheritance that is **imperishable**, undefiled, and unfading, kept in **heaven** for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the **last time.**”*

1 Peter 1:3-5

## **es·cha·tol·o·gy**

*The part of theology concerned with death, judgment, and the final destiny of the soul and of humankind.*

Eschatology is a critical part of our worldview and doctrine that deception and heresy attack.

*“Christian hope is concerned with eschatology, or the science of last things.”*

Oxford Dictionary

***The question:***  
What happens after we die?

**A brief  
detour to  
my Mazda...**

**It's grey in many ways...**





# Ahura Mazda...

...and Frashokereti

**Ahura Mazda** (meaning *Lord of Wisdom*) is the Creator and God of the universe in the ancient belief system of Zoroastrianism, the official religion of the Babylonian (Persian) Empire under Cyrus.

**Zoroastrian Fate:** “Salvation for the individual depends on the sum of that person’s thoughts, words and deeds, and **there is no intervention, whether compassionate or capricious, by any divine being that can alter it.**”

**Frashokereti** in Zoroastrian eschatology is the final renovation of the universe when evil will be destroyed and everything else will be in perfect unity with Ahura Mazda.

**1.**

**LET'S GET BACK TO  
BLACK AND WHITE**

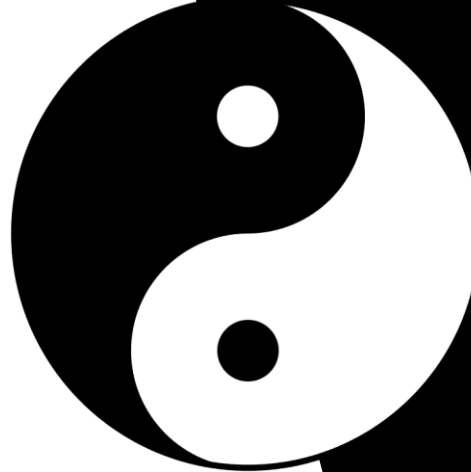




# What do we make of the two sides?

## White

Is the color of milk and fresh snow, the color produced by the combination of all the colors of the visible spectrum.



## Black

Is the color of ebony and of outer space. It has been the symbolic color of elegance, solemnity and authority.

How about another take?

What's on each side of the line?

**TIME**

**SPACE**

**EARTHLY**

**THIS SIDE**

**MORTALITY**

**DECEPTION**

**WORLD + FLESH**

**DEATH + TAXES**

**ETERNITY**

**INFINITY**

**HEAVENLY**

**OTHER SIDE**

**IMMORTALITY**

**GOD'S KINGDOM**

**JUSTICE/PEACE**

**WIN or LOSE?**

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GRACE

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## The Bridge over troubled water

*“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name.  
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us  
our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Do not lead us into  
temptation, but deliver us from the evil one, for Yours is  
the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.”*

How do we get from here to the hereafter?

**IT'S SIMPLE**

**WE ALL DIE**

*“It is appointed to man once to die and then the judgment.”*

**But what about before then?**

# Which side is the light really on?

“

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him.

**I HEAR YOU  
KNOCKING...**



**Before:**

Adam & Eve, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Deborah, Rahab, Samuel, David, prophets, cloud of witnesses...

**During:**

Mary, Joseph, John the Baptist, Zacchaeus, Mary Magdalene, 12 Disciples, woman at well, Mary, Martha, Lazarus, Nicodemus...

**After:**

Men on road to Emmaus, John, Paul, Augustine, Francis, Savonarola, Patrick, Luther, Wesley, Finney, Corrie ten Boom, countless martyrs and saints...

I AM



# 2.

## **BAD NEWS** and **GOOD NEWS**

We can't have one  
without the other



**PLAIN  
TRUTH:  
HEAVEN  
ISN'T THE  
DEFAULT**

*Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.* Matthew 7:13-14

*I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?* John 11:25

*Jesus did many signs in the presence of the disciples which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.* John 20:30-31

*I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.* Matthew 5:20

**GOD'S  
LIGHT  
SHINES  
IN THE  
DARKNESS**

Come to Me.

I am the **Door**.

I am the **Way**, the **Truth**,  
and the **Life**.

No one comes to the  
**Father** but through **Me**. \*

*\* the hitch...*

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so...

***What? Who says God said that?***


*... the Bible was written by fallible  
human beings you know...*

**BUT  
HOW  
DO WE  
KNOW?**

The One who created the universe and  
all of us has certainly been able to  
preserve His perfect Word for us.

THE **BAD NEWS** IS  
THAT WE'RE GUILTY  
AND NEED TO ASK FOR  
FORGIVENESS TO BE  
RECONCILED TO GOD  
THROUGH CHRIST.


THE **GOOD NEWS** IS  
THAT GOD IN CHRIST  
WILL FREELY FORGIVE,  
OPEN THE DOORS OF  
HEAVEN, AND SAVE US!

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a blue marker, writing on a green chalkboard. The hand is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the frame. The chalkboard has some faint, white, handwritten text visible in the background, including the word 'Korn'. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the hand and the surface of the chalkboard.

the  
handwriting  
is on the  
wall...

In other words, the **BAD NEWS** is that we're all headed for perdition unless we accept God's way out...

but the **GOOD NEWS** is that God will save us for eternity if we will only put our trust in His provision, Jesus!

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# HOW DOES THIS HAPPEN?

Jesus knocks, and we  
invite Him into our hearts.

We get to know **Him** and  
yield to His convicting love.

**He** brings us home and  
reconciles us to our **Father**.

We stay eternally with **them**  
while living here in time.\*

*\* hitched to the Kingdom!*



# 3.

## LIVING IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

**WARNING!** Don't fall for counterfeits or you won't be able to see, enter, or stay in God's Kingdom.

*Many false prophets will arise and lead many astray...*

Matthew 24

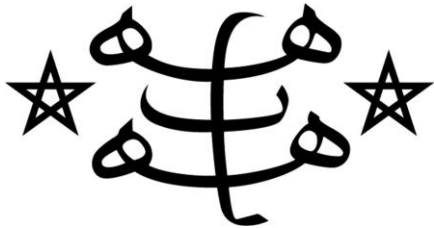
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***Animism Taoism***

***Hinduism Buddhism***

***Unitarian Universalism***

***Spiritualism***

***Mormonism***



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**Marxism** – An angry 19<sup>th</sup> Century secular atheistic political movement based on class grievance that promotes violent revolution and led to Communism in Russia, China, and elsewhere.



**Nazism** – A fascist form of National Socialism that incorporated fervent antisemitism, anti-communism, scientific racism, world dominion, and eugenics into its creed.



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***+ Marxism***

***+ Progressivism***

***= “Woke”***

and educational efforts under CRT banner.

***Is Putin the next Hitler?***

THEY  
LOOK  
PRETTY  
REAL,  
DON'T  
THEY?

just ask George Floyd...







# PROPERTIES OF KINGDOMS

## Essentials:

Dream or Vision  
Realm and Mission  
Workable Ideology  
Authority structure  
Leadership and Personnel  
Benefits and Recruitment  
Purpose, Product, Projects  
Teaching and Lessons  
Outlets or Embassies  
Marketing Plans



# COMPARING KINGDOM CHARACTERISTICS

## Man's kingdoms

- ▶ Temporal, many
- ▶ Limited realms
- ▶ Worldly ideologies
- ▶ Positional authority
- ▶ Top down
- ▶ Competition
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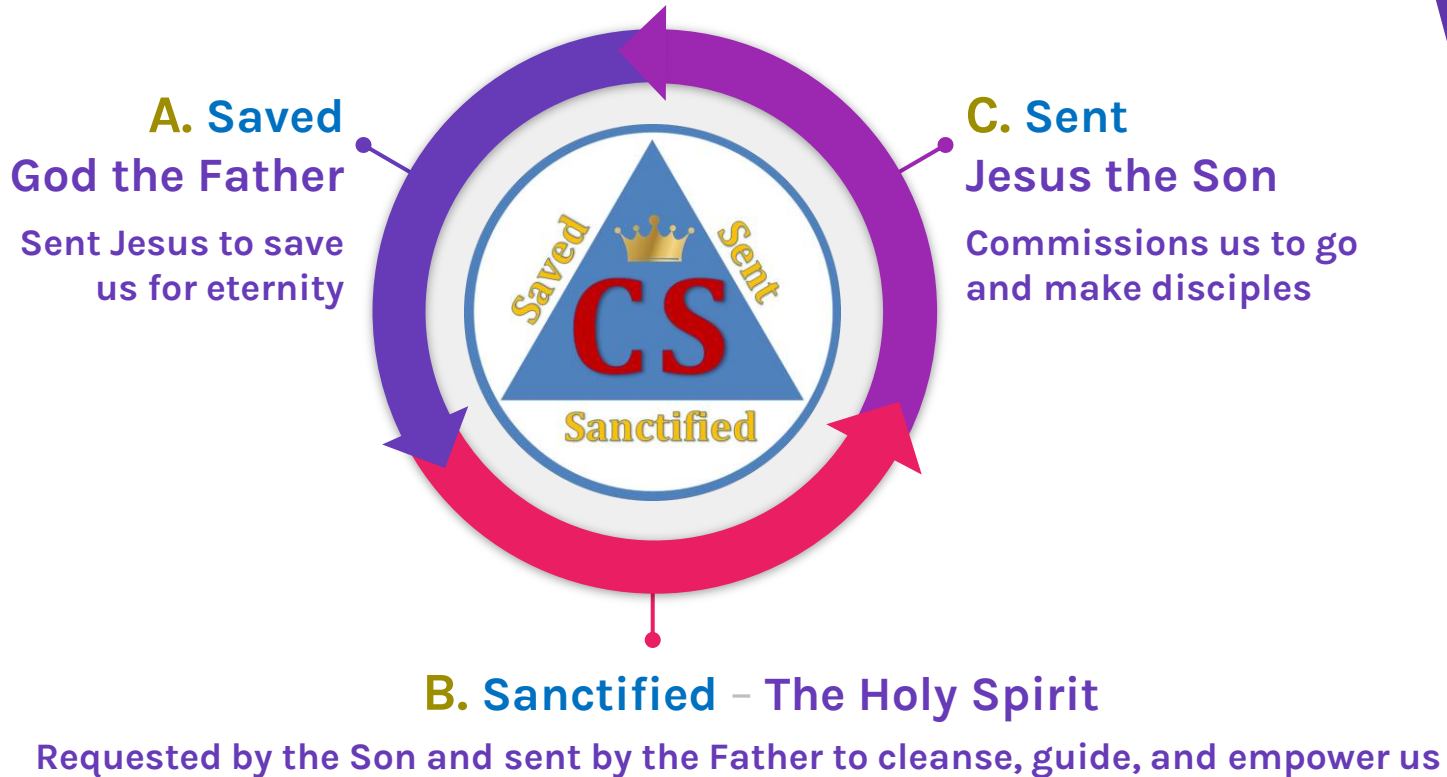
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# COURSE 1 – God’s Salvation Cycle



# COURSE 2 – God's Joyful Journey

## D. Awakening Truth Triumphs

Waking up into  
the Light of God



## F. Heaven Ultimate Destiny

Living faithful lives  
into eternity

## E. Kingdom – God's Reign

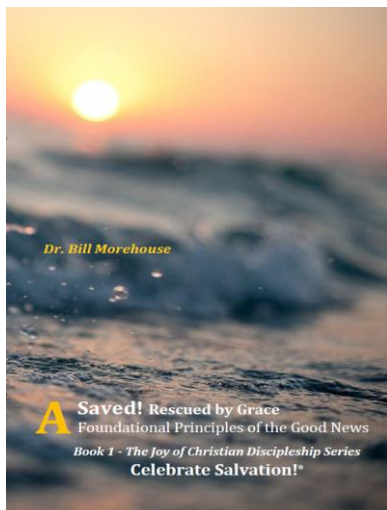
His Kingdom – Here now, at His Second Coming, and forever



# COURSE 1 – FOUNDATIONS

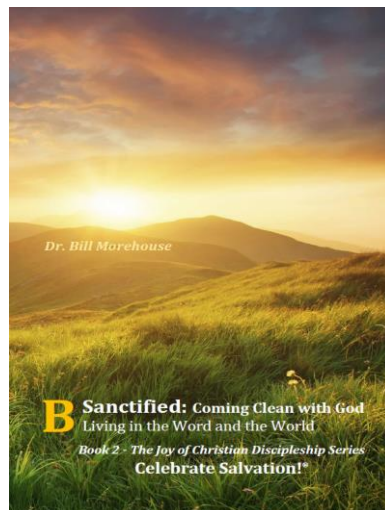
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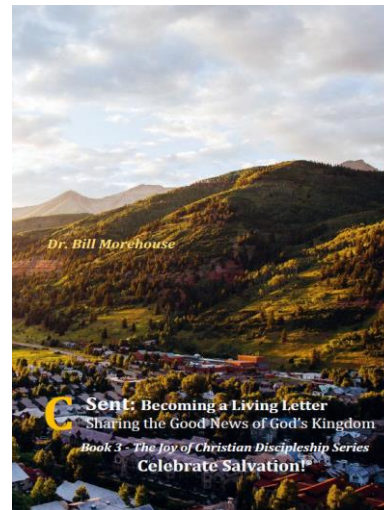
Rescued by Grace

## B. SANCTIFIED



Coming Clean with God

## C. SENT



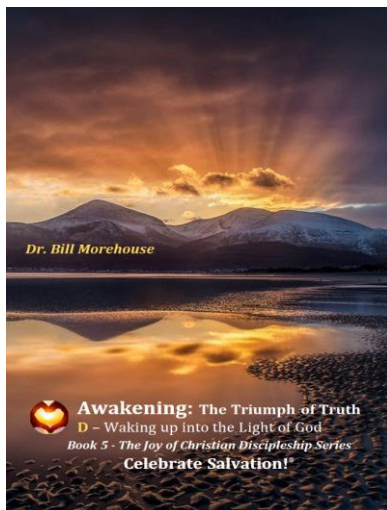
Becoming a Living Letter



# COURSE 2 – UNDERSTANDINGS

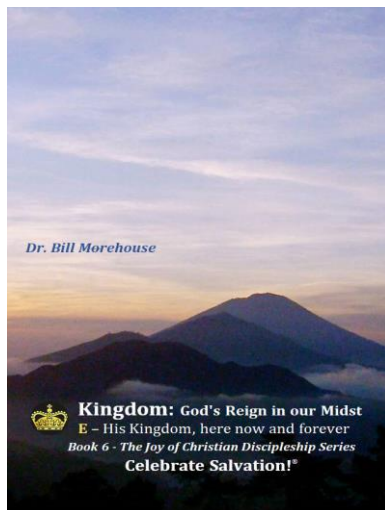
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## D. AWAKENING



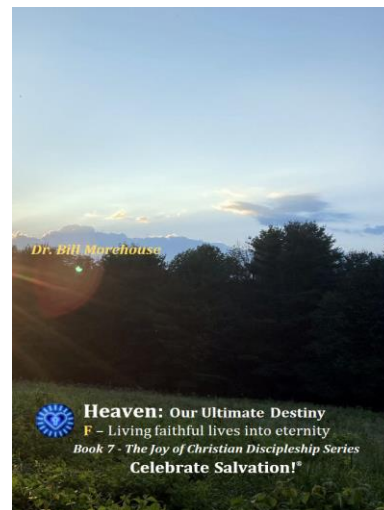
The Triumph of Truth

## E. KINGDOM

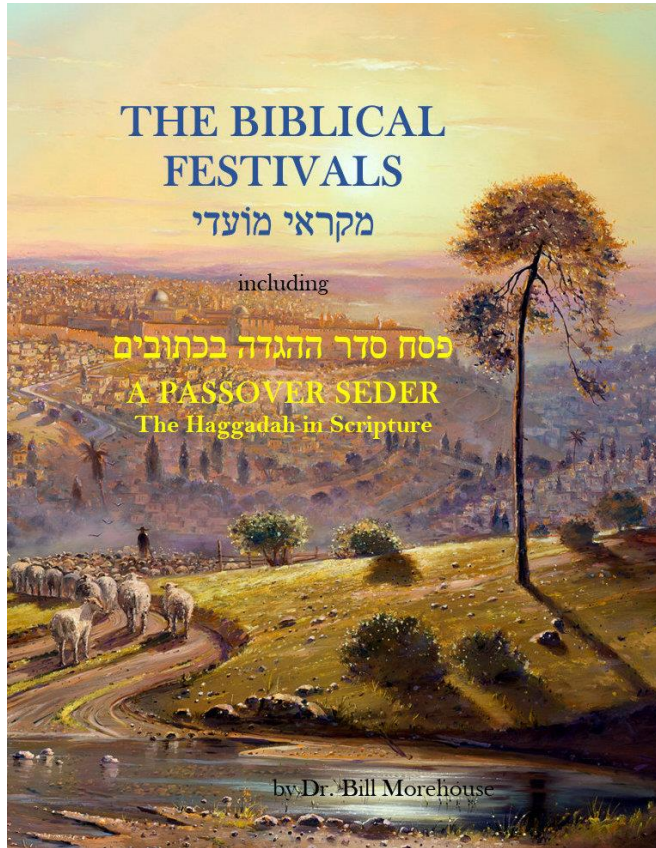


God's Reign in our Midst

## F. HEAVEN



Our Ultimate Destiny



Preparing for the Lord's  
Second Coming (return)  
by honoring His Word to  
His First Covenant people  
and learning to observe  
His Appointed Times

2022

Passover April 15

Easter April 17





# MY WRITING CONTENT AND STYLE

## Inspiration – Jesus the Christ

*“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”*

## Execution – John Wesley

*“I dare no more write in a fine style than wear a fine coat. A man with one foot in the grave must waste no time on ornament.”*



## SUGGESTED RESOURCES

### **Celebrate Salvation Course 1 and 2 with Handouts**

- ▶ <https://celebratesalvation.org>

### **Foundations – Derek Prince**

*... laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.*

Hebrews 6:1-2



# MISSION IN MEXICO

## Roca Blanca update 2/19/22

*Quite a week it was! The great news is that we were able as a team to minister to about 250 patients and just over a hundred made a decision to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.*

*Bendiciones!!* Mary Kay and Dave Ness

**THANKS!**

**QUESTIONS  
and  
DISCUSSION**

Find out more at <https://celebratesalvation.org>