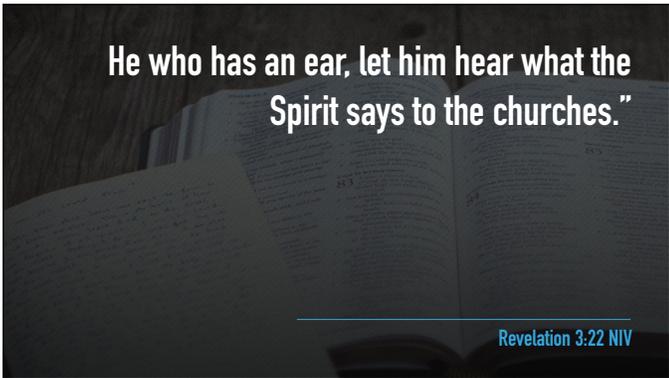
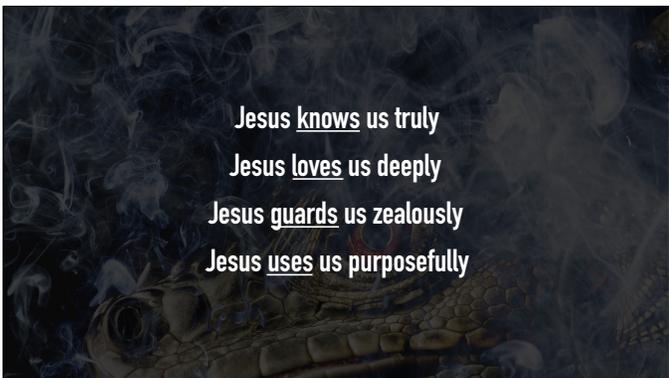


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JESUS COMMENDS HIS CHURCH

► For faithful perseverance in the Word of Christ.

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I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. I know you are enduring patiently . . .

Revelation 2:2-3 NIV

6

I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance . . .

Revelation 2:19 NIV

7

Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world . . .

Revelation 3:10 NIV

8

JESUS COMMENDS HIS CHURCH

- ▶ For faithful perseverance in the Word of Christ.
 - ▶ Guarding the church internally.
 - ▶ Advancing the church externally.
- ▶ For faithful proclamation of the name of Christ.
 - ▶ In light of opportunity.
 - ▶ In the midst of opposition.

9

JESUS COMMENDS HIS CHURCH

- ▶ For trusting God amidst testing in the world.

10

Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Revelation 2:10 NIV

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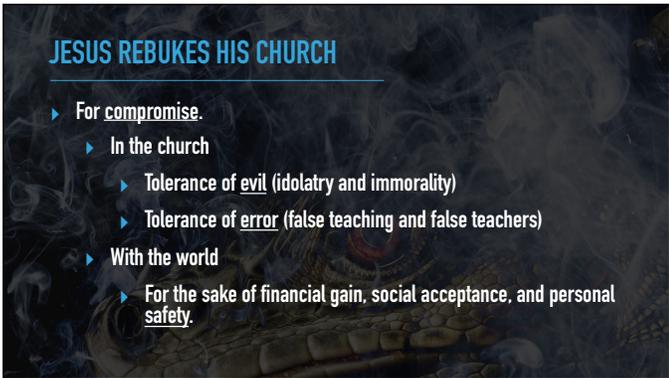
JESUS COMMENDS HIS CHURCH

- ▶ For trusting God amidst testing in the world.
 - ▶ Satan is subordinate, and he intends suffering to sabotage us.
 - ▶ God is sovereign, and He uses suffering to sanctify us.
- ▶ For loving God amidst temptation from the world.

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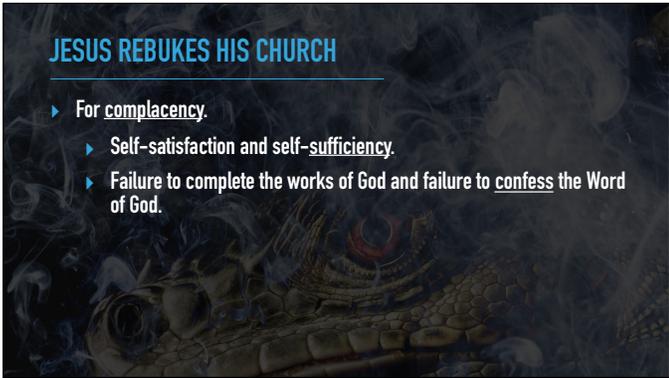
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JESUS REBUKES HIS CHURCH

- ▶ For compromise.
 - ▶ In the church
 - ▶ Tolerance of evil (idolatry and immorality)
 - ▶ Tolerance of error (false teaching and false teachers)
 - ▶ With the world
 - ▶ For the sake of financial gain, social acceptance, and personal safety.



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JESUS REBUKES HIS CHURCH

- ▶ For complacency.
 - ▶ Self-satisfaction and self-sufficiency.
 - ▶ Failure to complete the works of God and failure to confess the Word of God.



16

JESUS COMMANDS HIS CHURCH

- ▶ **Remember** who you are and what Jesus says.
- ▶ **Repent**: Turn from sin and trust in Jesus.
- ▶ **Receive**: Find your treasure in Jesus, clothe your life in Jesus, and fix your eyes on Jesus.

17

JESUS WARNS HIS CHURCH

18

Unless you repent, I will come to you and
remove your lamp stand from its place.

Revelation 2:5 NIV

19

I will spit you out of my mouth.

Revelation 3:16 NIV

20

JESUS WARNS HIS CHURCH

- ▶ God gives warnings about Christians falling away to keep Christians from falling away.

21

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today", that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

Hebrews 3:11-14 NIV

22

JESUS WARNS HIS CHURCH

- ▶ God gives warnings about Christians falling away to keep Christians from falling away.
- ▶ By grace, through faith, true followers of Christ will persevere to the end.

23

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 NIV

24

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

John 10:27-29 NIV

25

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:13-14 NIV

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JESUS WARNS HIS CHURCH

- ▶ God gives warnings about Christians falling away to keep Christians from falling away.
- ▶ By grace, through faith, true followers of Christ will persevere to the end.
- ▶ By grace, through faith, true followers of Christ work to persevere to the end.

27

JESUS REWARDS HIS CHURCH

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JESUS REWARDS HIS CHURCH

- ▶ Total vindication of Christ's ways in this world.
- ▶ Triumphant victory over Satan's powers in this world.
- ▶ Secure protection from the horror of hell.
- ▶ Shared participation in the reign of Christ.
- ▶ Permanent citizenship in the city of God.
- ▶ Perpetual celebration in the presence of God.

29

THE PORTRAIT OF GOD THE FATHER

30

GOD THE FATHER...

- ▶ sits at the center of the universe.
- ▶ dwells in unapproachable light.
- ▶ is surrounded by unending praise.
- ▶ is the Judge of every man.
- ▶ tempers wrath and judgment with mercy.
- ▶ is holy above all.

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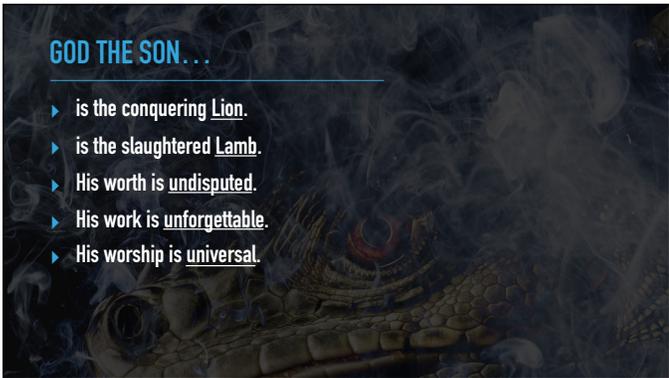
GOD THE FATHER...

- ▶ has power over all.
- ▶ is infinitely timeless.
- ▶ is infinitely glorious.
- ▶ is supreme above all things.
- ▶ is the sustainer of all things.
- ▶ is sovereign over all things.

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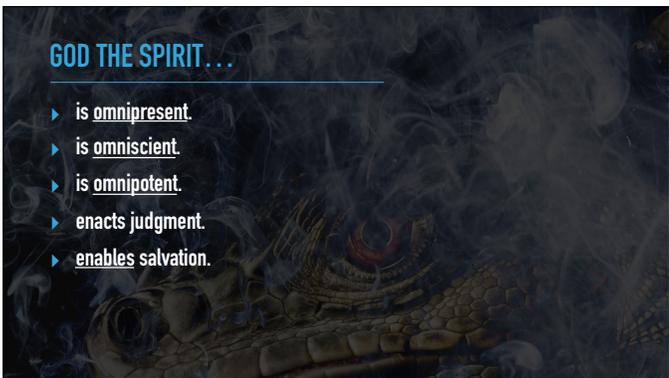
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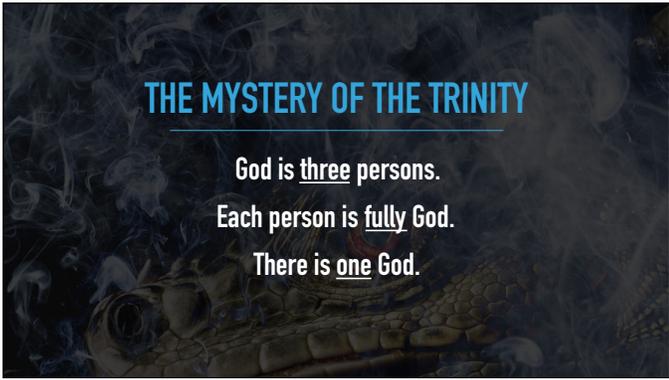
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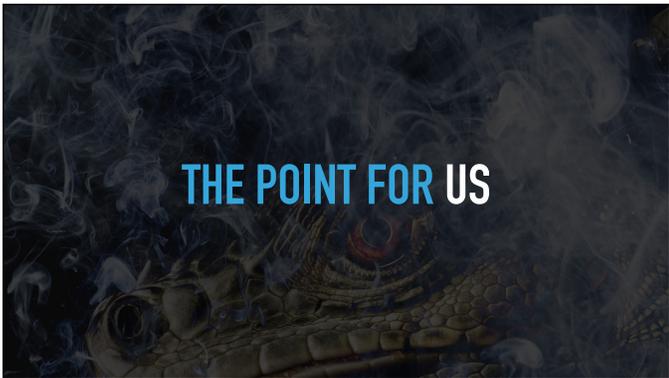
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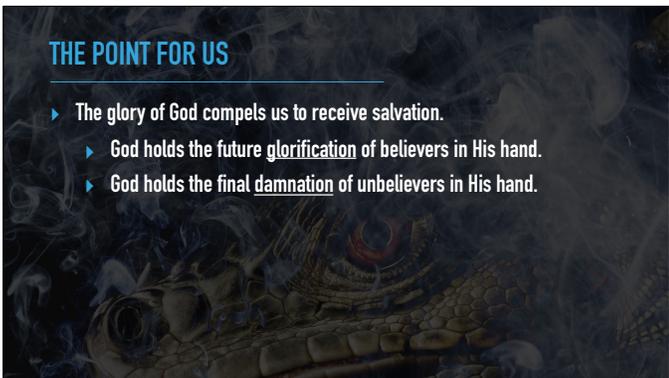
God is three persons.
Each person is fully God.
There is one God.

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THE POINT FOR US

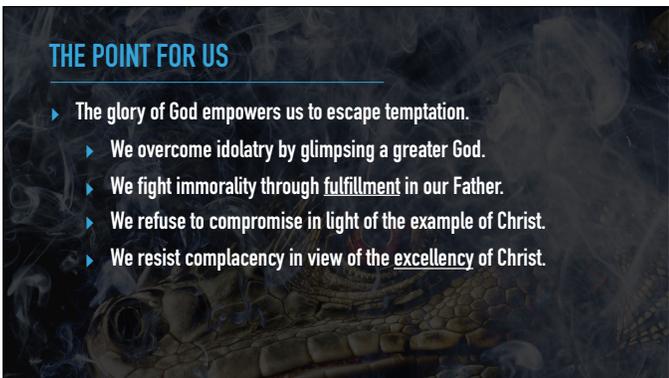
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THE POINT FOR US

- ▶ The glory of God compels us to receive salvation.
 - ▶ God holds the future glorification of believers in His hand.
 - ▶ God holds the final damnation of unbelievers in His hand.

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THE POINT FOR US

- ▶ The glory of God empowers us to escape temptation.
 - ▶ We overcome idolatry by glimpsing a greater God.
 - ▶ We fight immorality through fulfillment in our Father.
 - ▶ We refuse to compromise in light of the example of Christ.
 - ▶ We resist complacency in view of the excellency of Christ.

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THE POINT FOR US

- ▶ The glory of God motivates us to accomplish mission.
 - ▶ Let's pray passionately.
 - ▶ Let's give sacrificially.
 - ▶ Let's go confidently.

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HOW TO DODGE A DRAGON

A STUDY ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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