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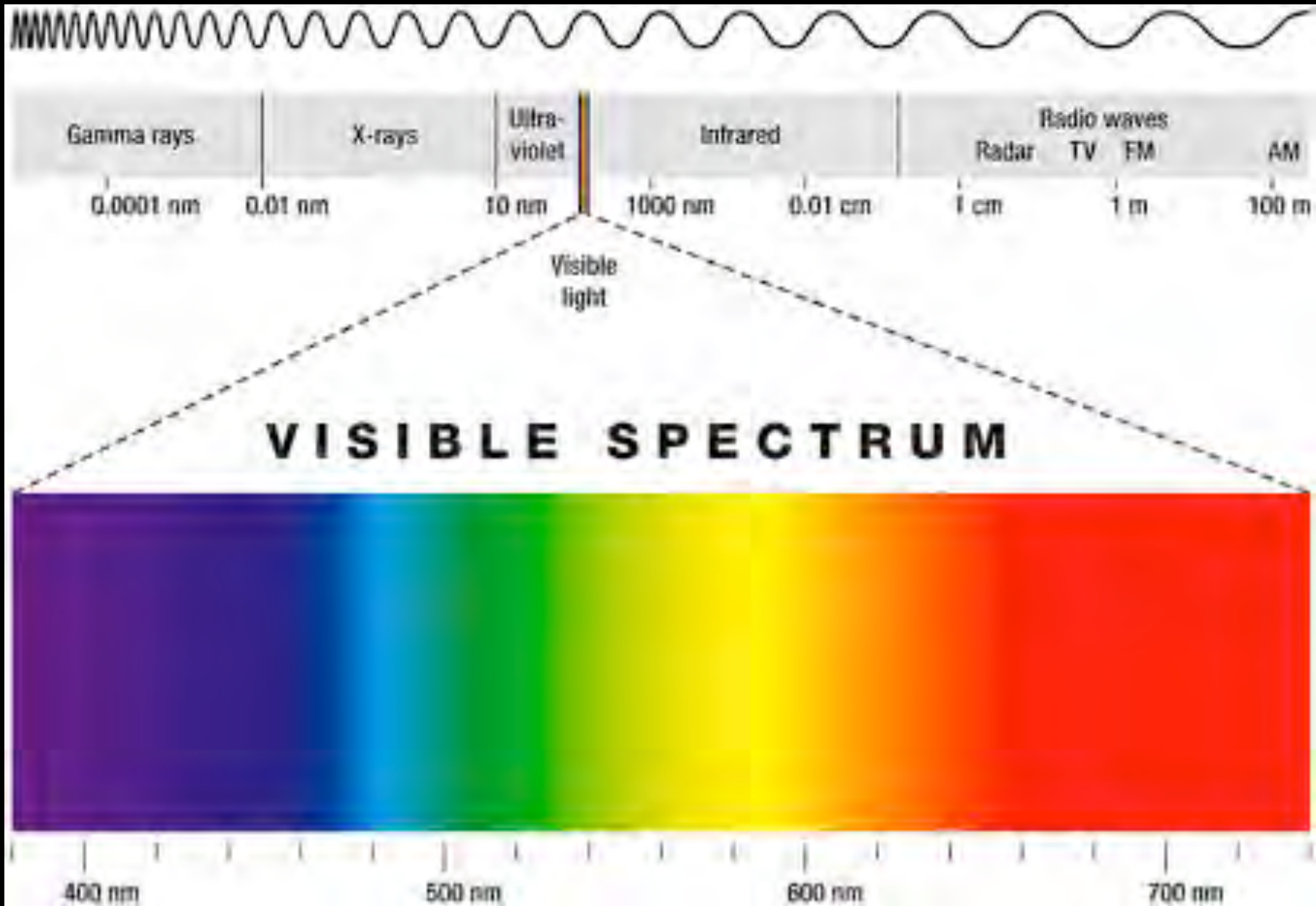


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FALL



REDEMPTION



RESTORATION

Mission exists because sin exists

The Mission of God in the Face of Sin

The First Sin Genesis 3:6-13

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. ⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." ¹¹ And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" ¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me – she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

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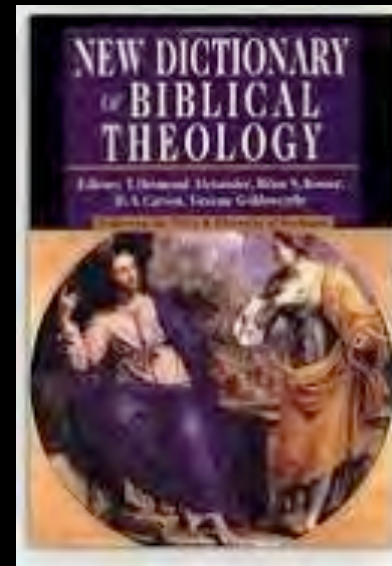
The First Gospel Allusion (aka The Proto Evangelion)

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The escalating spread of sin is depicted in the narratives following that of the Fall: Cain and Abel (4:1–16), the sons of God and the daughters of humans (6:1–4), the flood (6:5–9:19), and the tower of Babel (11:1–9)... Yet God remains faithful to his creation, entering into covenants with Noah (9:9–13) and Abra(ha)m (12:1–3; cf. 15:1–18; ch. 17). The latter is summoned to leave his native country on the basis of God's promise of a land, seed, and blessing. Ultimately, this blessing extends not merely to Abraham's physical descendants but to all who are 'children of Abraham' through faith (Gal. 3:6–9, 26–29; Rom. 4:16–17). The Abrahamic covenant provides the framework for God's dealings with humanity in the rest of biblical history, which culminates in the new covenant instituted by Abraham's 'seed', Jesus Christ (Gal. 3:16).

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Revelation 21:1-5

¹ Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”



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I've been fascinated by the fact that a lot of Christians don't seem to like non-Christians — otherwise known as “the lost,” “the unchurched” or whatever other term you may want to use. They want to keep away from the messy people — perhaps missing the obvious, that we are messy as well. It is kind of interesting that after coming to Christ and growing in knowledge, we often end up distancing ourselves from some of our former friends. And then, as we begin to grow in spiritual maturity, we find that we have less and less time for the hurting and struggling. We have found the one thing that meets the need in our lives, but we keep our distance from those who need the very thing we've found. I don't think this separation is intentional, but it does happen, and in the end, our intentions don't matter. Our needs get met and we move on, oblivious to a world that is falling apart all around us.

That is not the way of Christ.

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Jesus lived differently. One of the common criticisms Jesus faced was that He spent too much time with sinners. He associated with the unwelcomed and unappreciated of society. How many of us could be accused of spending too much time with the “riff raff”?

A church without the broken is a broken church.

The Christian life is not about finding safety and comfort; it's about finding yourself in a dangerous place of vulnerable compassion... Sometimes we can easily forget there's a hurting world out there. We drive through it on the way to church, or on the way to work. But at the end of the day, we don't come to terms with the vast brokenness that surrounds us.

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Are you willing for God to make his appeal through you?

St. Paul Fellowship

2002

hiawatha church

2006



PROVIDENCE

2006

Antioch COMMUNITY CHURCH

2008



trinity
city church

2010



REVOLUTION
C H U R C H

2013

GRAFTED Community Church

2014



2019



Possible responses to the LORD

Remember and celebrate Jesus in his death through communion

Respond with giving (hopecc.com/give or boxes in the back)

Take time for individual prayer or

be prayed for by a member of the prayer team (1 in front and back)

Worship the LORD through song