

1 Thessalonians 1:5

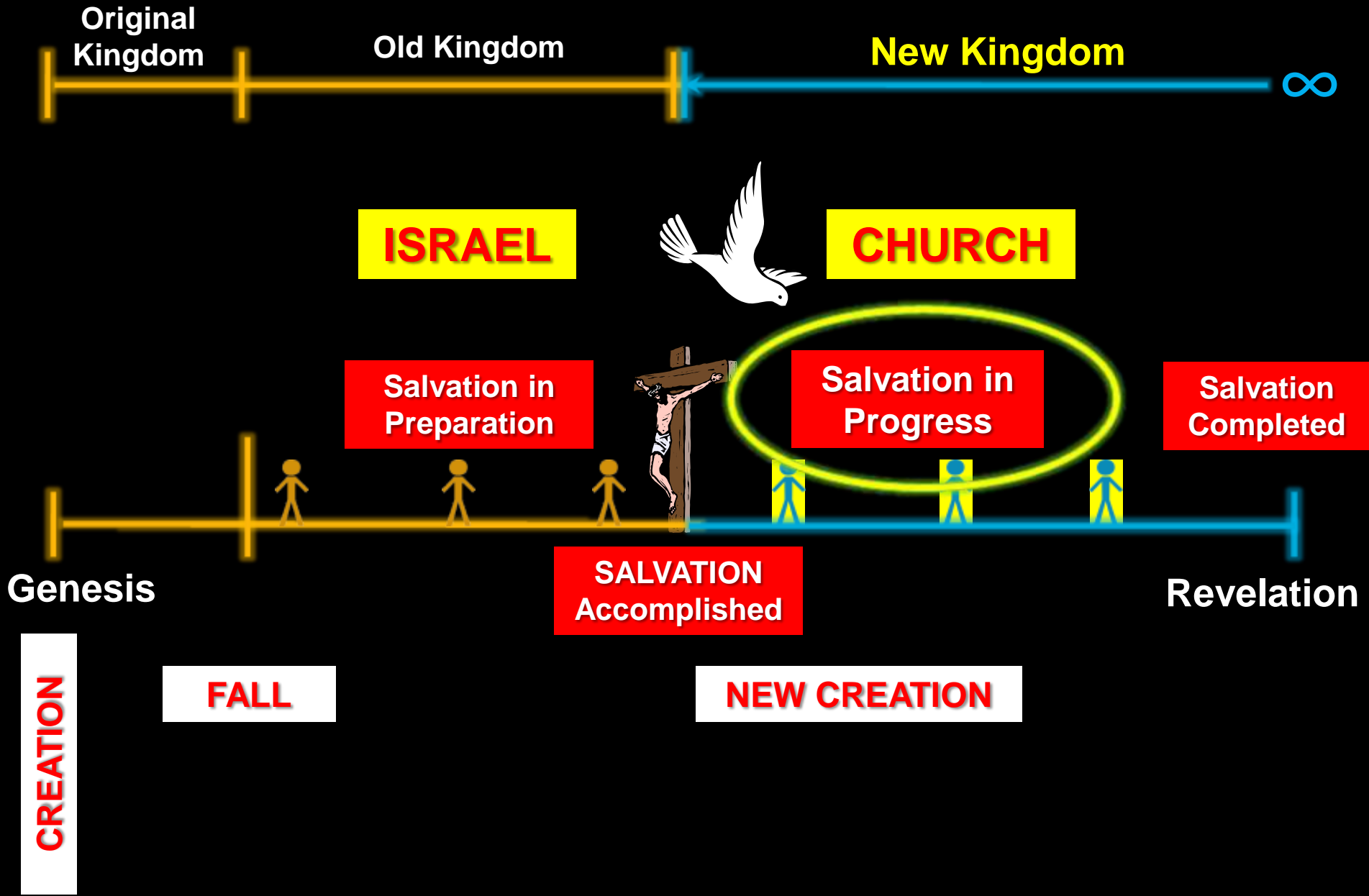
The Word and The Spirit

NCL 5



The Christian Worldview – *His* Story

(KINGDOM OF GOD)



“... Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the **good news** of God ... “**The kingdom of God** is near. Repent and believe the good news!” (Mark 1:14-15)



READ THE BACK FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Matthew 10:7-8

“Go ... preach: The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons.”



**Do what Jesus did,
with the power that Jesus gave.**

What is Faith?

- ⦿ Faith **sees** the invisible kingdom of God.
- ⦿ Faith **in action** makes visible the invisible kingdom of God.

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Evangelical
or
Pentecostal
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Pentecost Methodist Church



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Focus : “Gospel”

Issue : “Not in word only”

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**“The longest journey that a man
must take is the 18 inches
between his head to his heart”.**



*“But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. **You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.**”*

John 5:38-40



“ Having a form of godliness
but denying its power”

2 Tim 3:5



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“In Power” – CHANGE

“In Spirit” – ?



“In Power” – **CHANGE**

“In Spirit” – **SOVEREIGNTY**



“Jesus answered, Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit ...

The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

John 3:5-8



What it is NOT:

- **neatly packaged** into a formula for heaven
- **exclusive** and **judgmental**
- **fully explained**, leaving no room for mystery



When it is shared:

- in a spirit of **Grace** (2 Pet 3:15)
- with **Humility**
- with **Complete Trust** in the Spirit to touch hearts & minds

“In Spirit” – SOVEREIGNTY



“In Power” – **CHANGE**

“In Spirit” – **SOVEREIGNTY**

“In Full Conviction” – **?**



Focus : **“Gospel”**

Issue : **“Not in word only”**

“In Power” : **Change (A)**

“In Holy Spirit” : **Sovereignty (B)**



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“In Power” : Change (A)

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“In Full Conviction” : A + B

“Complete assurance, certainty, confidence”



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“We must never divorce what God has married, namely His Word and His Spirit. The Word of God is the Spirit’s sword. □ The Spirit without the Word is weaponless; the Word without the Spirit is powerless.”

John Stott



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- ✧ Raw material & Fire
- ✧ CPU & Electricity
- ✧ Character & Influence

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*Listen to what He says,
then go do it.*

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