



GRACE LIFE 101

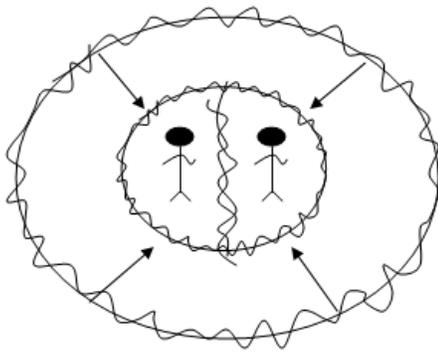
Participating with Christ in the Life of the Church

*...we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.
(Ephesians 4:15-16)*

WEEK THREE - WELCOME TO THE BFC

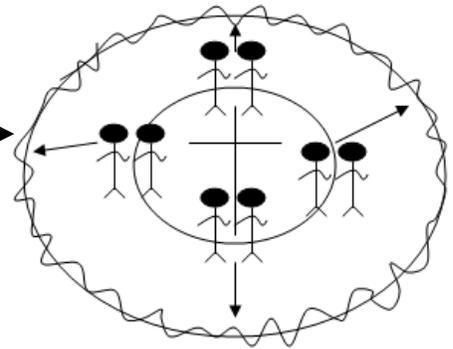
OUR REFORMED SIDE

damaged by evil



→ **GOSPEL** →

sent together to heal



How does this happen
in my life?



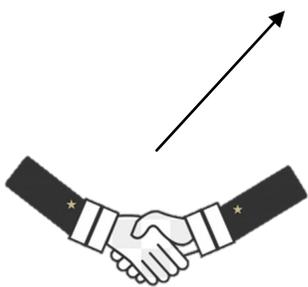
**UNIVERSAL
VIEW**

Salvation universally applied to all people in all times and places.



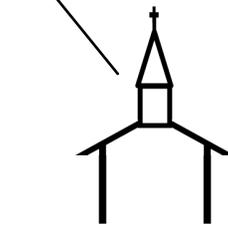
**UNMERITED
VIEW**

Salvation applied as individual is joined to Christ by the work of His Spirit. This leads to faith and good works.



**COOPERATION
VIEW**

Mix of human effort (faith/good deeds) and divine power (grace) leading to salvation



**AUTOMATIC
VIEW**

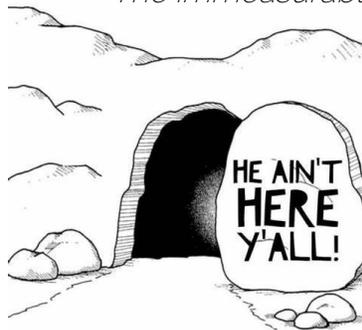
Salvation automatically applied through acts of faith in the Church



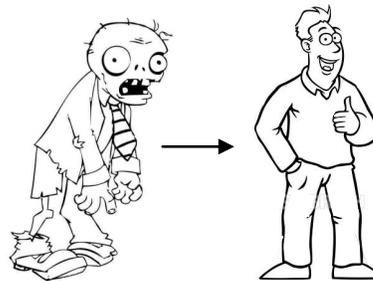
EPHESIANS 1 & 2

Participating in Christ's Resurrection

"The immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe..."



**WHAT HAPPENED
TO JESUS ...**



HAPPENS TO ME...



**WHEN I AM
JOINED TO HIM**



BY THE SPIRIT

BFC ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 8 - Man

8-2 Our first parents, through the subtlety and deception of the devil, disobeyed and transgressed the command of God the creator, incurring on themselves and their posterity the sentence of spiritual and physical death. The guilt and consequences of Adam's sin are imputed to the whole human race, so that all men are guilty, inherently corrupt, totally depraved, and subjects of the wrath of God.

Article 9 - Sin

9-1 Sin is any lack of conformity to the will of God¹ or any transgression of the law of God. Sin separates man from God, incurring His wrath and judgment, and is manifest in the selfishness, rebellion, unbelief and total depravity of man's being. Sin is the cause of the curse on and defilement of the created universe.

Article 10 - Human Ability and Responsibility

10-1 In his original creation man was endowed with the ability to will and do good or evil and was accountable for his willing and doing. But through the fall of Adam man lost his ability, apart from God's grace, to will and to do those things necessary for a right relationship with God; however, he is still accountable to God for obedience to all of His commands. Man has not

lost his ability to make decisions, but left to himself, he acts only in accordance with his fallen, sinful nature.

10-2 Only by God's infinite grace can man will or do anything necessary to his salvation. By that grace, God saves those men whom He causes to will and to do good; however, He does this without nullifying man's ability to act responsibly.

Article 11 - Election

11-1 Election is a free act of the sovereign God in which from eternity, for reasons known only to Himself, and apart from any foreseen faith and/or goodness found in man, He graciously chose from among the fallen mankind a people unto salvation, that they might be conformed to Christ's image. Those so chosen He redeemed by His Son and seals by His Spirit.

Article 12 - Salvation

12-1 Salvation is the work of God¹ in which He reconciles fallen men to Himself, ultimately removes the consequences of the curse, and bestows upon His redeemed Creation the riches of His grace, all to His glory.