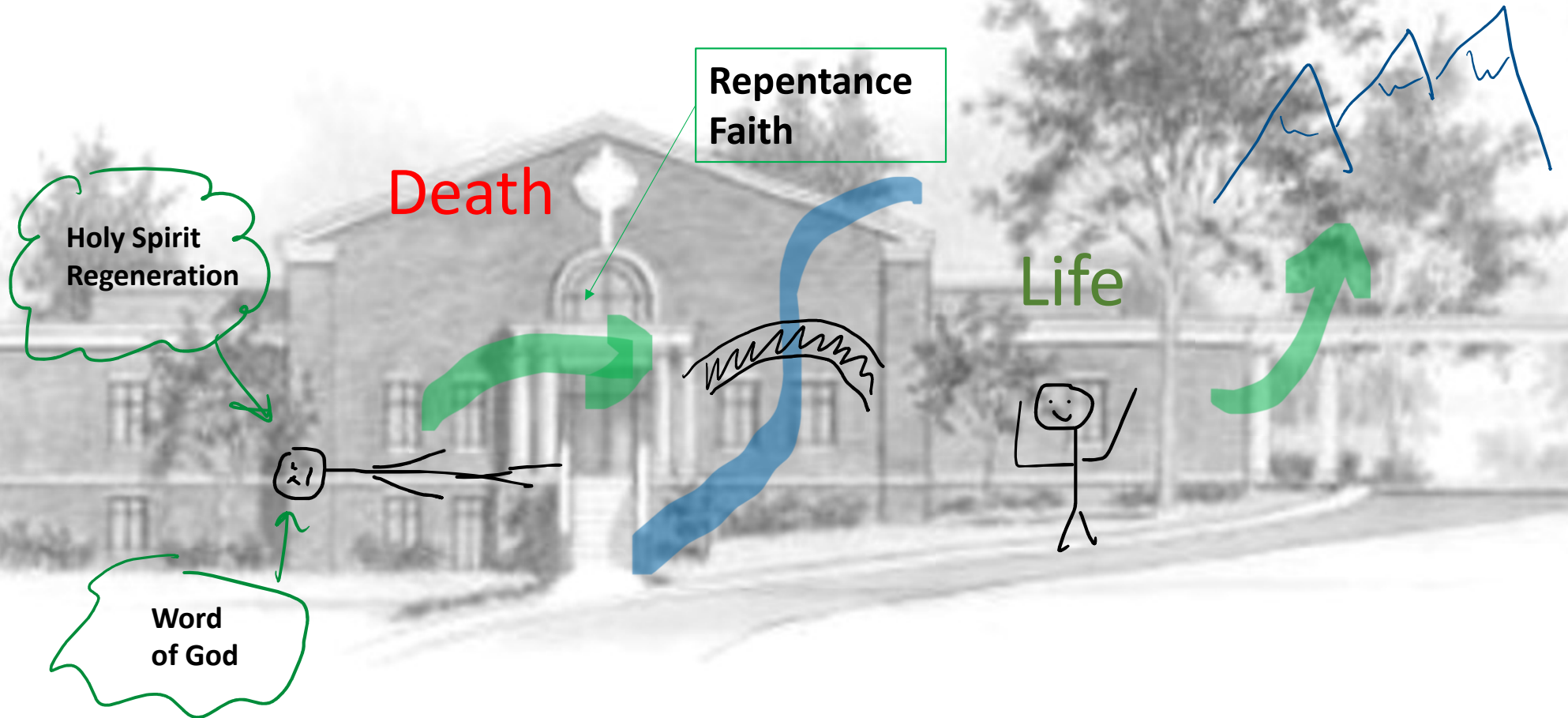




# God Centered Evangelism

**Message of Evangelism**

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# Gospel of Repentance

1. John the Baptist and Jesus came preaching repentance
  - A. John the Baptist Mark 1:4
  - B. Jesus Mark 1:15
2. The call to repentance comes first in evangelism
  - A. Only he who is oppressed by sin will realize his need for a Savior.
  - B. Only those who know they are guilty and foul will run to Calvary for pardon and cleansing
3. God's Law
  - A. Must be preached for the sinner to come to a knowledge of sin Rom 3:20
  - B. 2 Cor 7:10 Two kinds of sorrow – Godly leading to life, Worldly leading to death
  - C. Examples of Judas and Peter
4. Repentance does not merit salvation – repentance is a gift from God – Acts 11:18

# Gospel of Atonement

1. The evangel is not at its essence a command but news, good news.
2. It is the glad tidings of what God in Christ has done for the salvation of sinners.
3. Prisoner example: “Be Good!”
4. God’s provision for our release from sin and hell.
  - A. Isa 53:5-6
  - B. 2 Cor 5:21
  - C. Gal 3:10, 13
  - D. Matt 27:46
5. By His death on the cross, the Son of God fully satisfied for sinners the divine penal justice.
6. But wait...there’s more! More than forgiveness. Rom 5:18, 19

# Gospel of Grace



1. The Bible is known as the book of salvation.
2. General revelation (creation) says nothing about salvation from sin and spiritual death.
3. The Bible tells man what he needs to know about this momentous subject.
4. Bible message can be summed up as “salvation by grace”
5. The evangel teaches that salvation is 100% by the Triune God.

# Salvation by the Triune God

## 1. God the Father Saves

- A. Chosen from the foundation of the world – Eph 1:4
- B. Chosen in sovereign love, not merit - Eph 1:5, Rom 8;29
- C. He gave them to the Son - John 17:6
- D. No man can pluck them from His hand – John 10;28, 29
- E. He loved them from eternity unto glory – Rom 8:30

## 2. God the Son Saves

- A. He merited salvation, both its positive and negative aspects
  - 1) He paid the debt for sinners completely
  - 2) He merited for sinners righteousness, everlasting life and glory
- B. He bestows salvation
  - 1) We are not just potentially saved
  - 2) We are particularly saved by God's design
    - a. All whom the Father has given Him – John 17:9
    - b. His people – Matt 1:21
    - c. His sheep – John 10:11
    - d. His church – Acts 20:28
    - e. God's Elect – Rom 8:32, 33

# Salvation by the Triune God

## 3. God the Holy Spirit Saves

### A. He applies salvation to sinners

- 1) He gives them hearts of flesh for hearts of stone – Ezk 11:19
- 2) He gives us second birth, born again – John 3:5,6
- 3) Saving faith is the fruit of regeneration

### B. Faith is an act of man

- 1) God does not do the believing for us
- 2) Our faith is a gift from God through our regeneration – John 6:35, 6:44
- 3) Lydia – Acts 16:14
- 4) Faith A gift from God – Eph 2:8, 1 Cor 12:3

## 4. Should we tell the unbeliever that faith is a gift from God?

### A. Yes!!!

### B. To do otherwise is to encourage them to believe THEY are the masters of their destiny

### C. By being made aware of his inability to chose God and being made aware of the Holy Spirit's work, he will look away from himself for salvation and cast himself upon the grace of God.

### D. This is precisely the act of saving faith.

### E. By faith the paraplegic was made whole. John 5:1-9

# Gospel of the New Birth

## 1. Jesus discussion with Nicodemus John 3:7

- A. Indicative not imperative (condition not a command)
- B. No where does the bible command the unregenerate to bring themselves to life
- C. We are spiritually dead – Eph 2:1
- D. It is God's divine prerogative to bring them to life and God Almighty exercises that prerogative, the spiritually dead are completely passive.
- E. But at every succeeding step in salvation, the regenerate becomes active.
- F. Lazarus example John 11:43
  - 1) Jesus didn't command Lazarus to restore himself to life
  - 2) By the word of His power, Christ did that for him
  - 3) And the living Lazarus came forth from the tomb.
- G. Nicodemus as well as ourselves need to be told that for entrance into the kingdom of God nothing less would suffice than a radical renewal of the heart.



# Gospel of the Kingdom

1. Christ is both Savior of men and Lord over all things.
2. His Lordship presupposes His saviorhood.
3. BECAUSE He became obedient unto death of the cross God put all things under His feet and gave Him to be “head over all things to the church” Eph 1:22
4. Many evangelists stress one part of the gospel over the other
  - A. Salvation of the individual at the sake of the Kingdom. (fundamentalism)
  - B. Saving society in the hopes a better society will result in better men. (liberalism) – Spurgeon quote
5. In Christian evangelism, the cross and the crown belong together. (Don't ever forget the “double cure” in Rock of Ages)

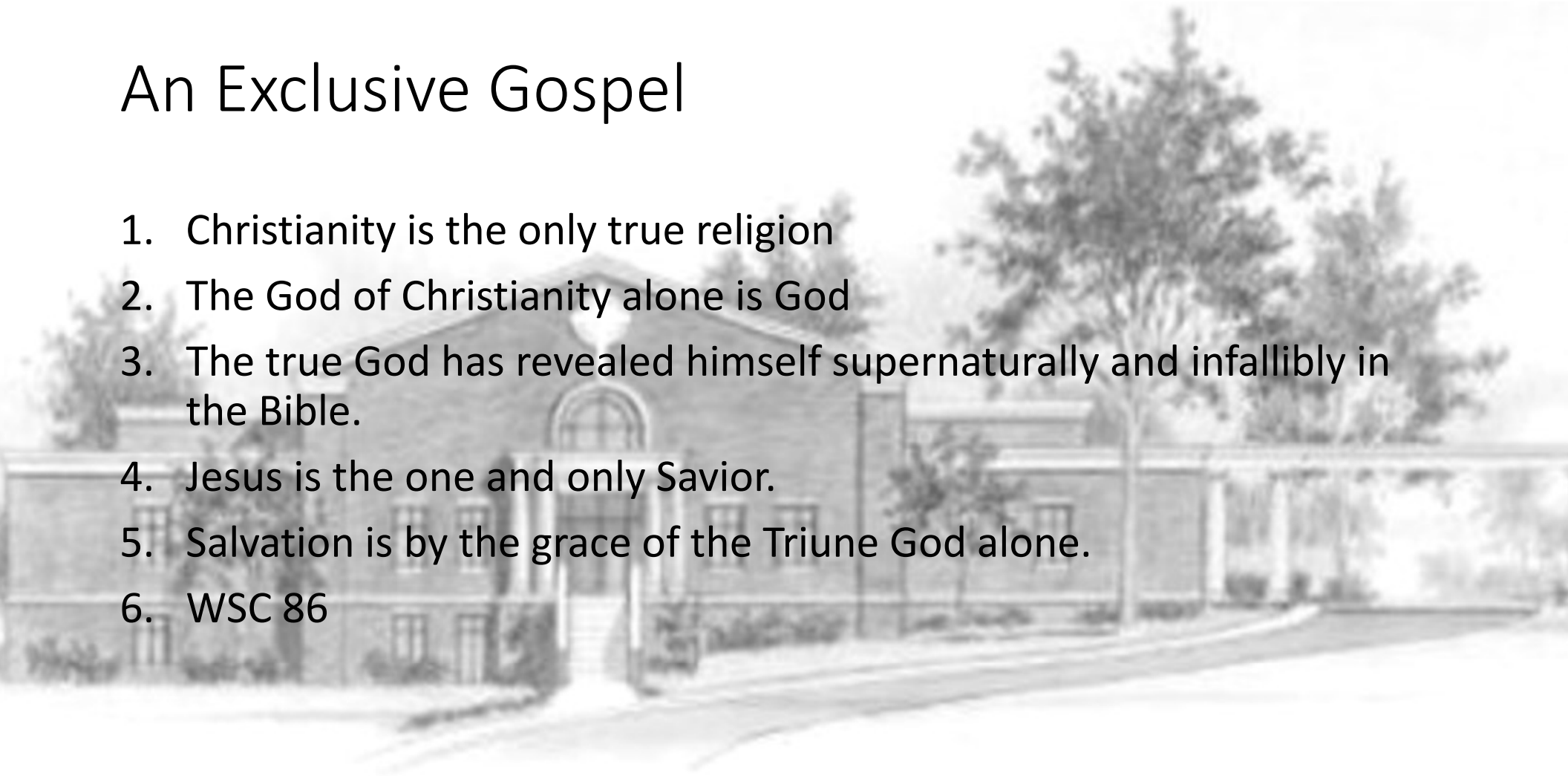
# A Comprehensive Gospel

1. It is a story
2. It is a doctrine
3. It is an appeal
4. It is an invitation
5. It is a promise
6. It is an appeal
7. It is a demand
8. It is a command
9. Luke 14:33



# An Exclusive Gospel

1. Christianity is the only true religion
2. The God of Christianity alone is God
3. The true God has revealed himself supernaturally and infallibly in the Bible.
4. Jesus is the one and only Savior.
5. Salvation is by the grace of the Triune God alone.
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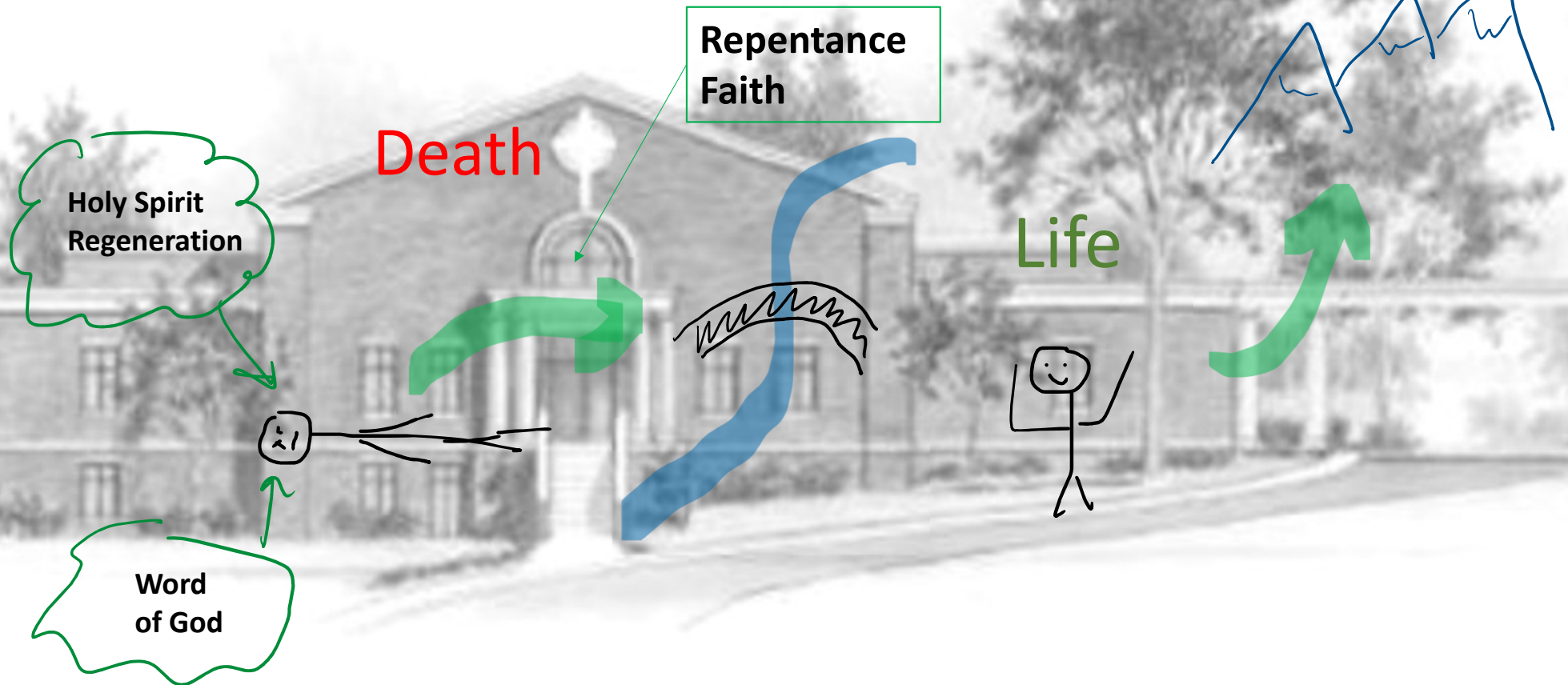


# An Offensive Gospel



1. Uncompromising teaching of salvation by the grace of God and by that grace alone.
2. The Christian evangel is exclusive.
3. We must proclaim an offensive gospel without the slightest compromise, for compromise is adulteration.
4. Speak the truth in love.
5. 1 Cor 1:23, 24

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# Discussion/Questions

