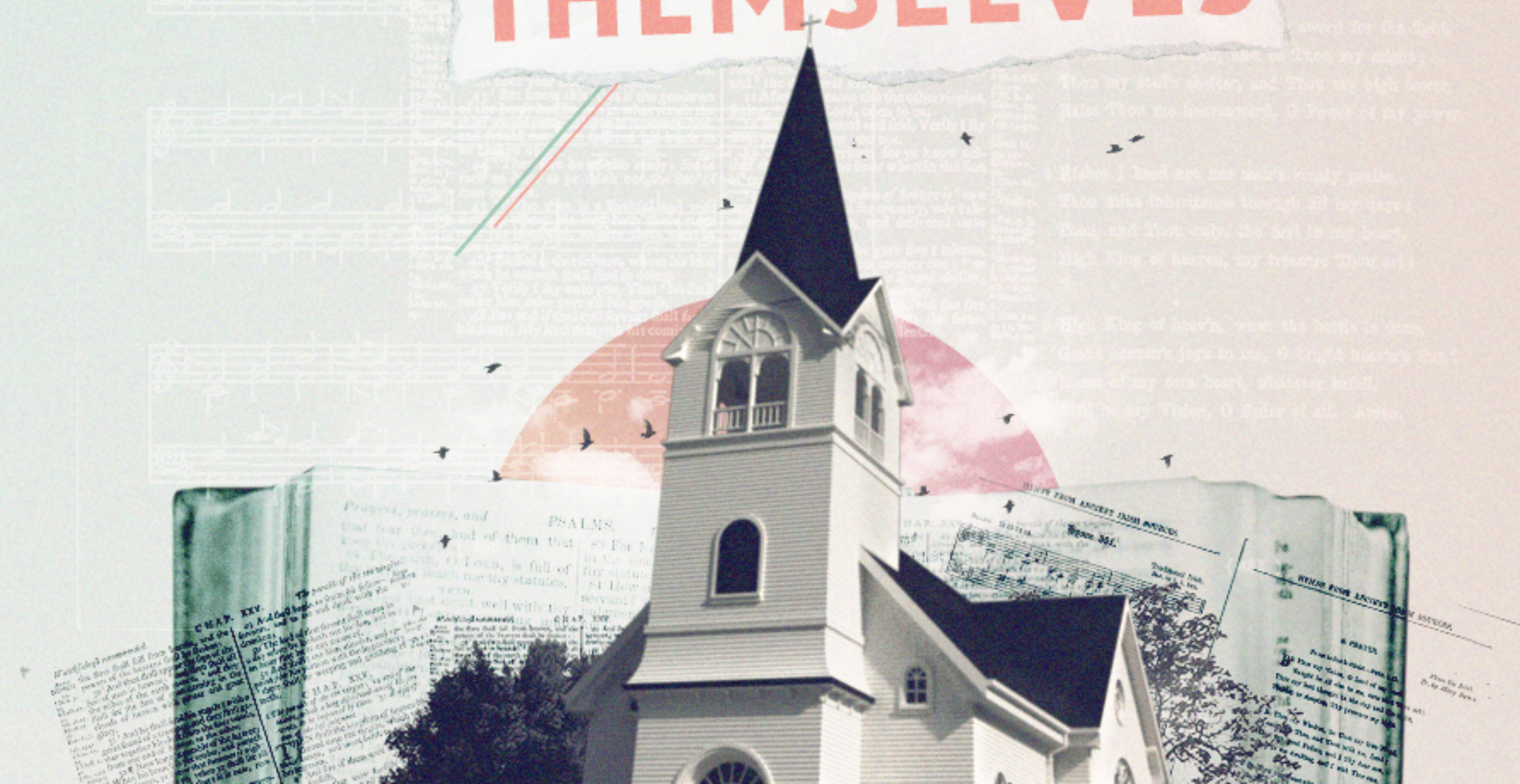


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[54] When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. [55] But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. [56] "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." [57] At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him,

- Acts 7:54-60

[58] dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. [59] While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." [60] Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

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[1] And Saul approved of their killing him. On that day a great **persecution broke out** against the church in Jerusalem, and **all** except the apostles **were scattered** throughout Judea and Samaria. [2] Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. [3] But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison. [4] **Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.**

- Acts 8:1-4

THE WORD OF GOD TAUGHT BY APOSTLES

1. Spiritual Nourishment

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2. An Offensive Weapon

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3. A Powerful Motivator

16 Let the word of Christ live in you richly, flooding you with all wisdom. Apply the Scriptures as you teach and instruct one another with the Psalms, and with festive praises, and with prophetic songs given to you spontaneously by the Spirit, so sing to God with all your hearts!

- Colossians 3:16 TPT

Jesus is

the Chief, Precious, foundation, Corner Stone

11 Jesus is "'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' 12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

- Acts 4:11-12

Jesus is

Creator of all things

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

16 For **in him all things were created**: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

- **Colossians 1:15-17**

Jesus is

The Redeemer of all

4 But when the set time had fully come, **God sent his Son**, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 **to redeem those under the law**, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

- **Galatians 4:4-5**

Jesus is

the Lord of all

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- **Philippians 2:7-11**

Jesus is

God's eternally appointed High Priest

21 but he became a priest with an oath when God said to him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: 'You are a priest forever.'"

22 Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant.

23 Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office;

24 but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.

- Hebrews 7:20-24

Jesus is

our Atoning Sacrifice

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 **He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins**, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

- 1 John 2:1-2

Jesus is

our Great Shepherd

25 For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

- 1 Peter 2:25

Jesus is

our eternal Bridegroom

2 I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.

3 But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

- 2 Corinthians 11:2-3

1 You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. NIV

Didn't God open your eyes to see the meaning of Jesus' crucifixion?

Wasn't he revealed to you as the crucified one? TPT

- Galatians 3:1

What Jesus accomplished on the cross

Expiation - Jesus removed my sin from me **so that now**

I am forgiven and made righteous

and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin (expiation)

- 1 John 1:7

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,

- Revelation 1:5-6

What Jesus accomplished on the cross

Propitiation - Jesus absorbed God's wrath against me **so that now**
I am favored

God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement (propitiation),
through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.

- Romans 3:25

What Jesus accomplished on the cross

Redemption - Jesus bought me back from bondage **so that now**

I am free

18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed (redemption) from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect

- 1 Peter 1:18-19

What Jesus accomplished on the cross

Justification - Jesus declared me eternally guilt-free so that now

I am acquitted

9 Since we have now been justified by his blood (justification), how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

- Romans 5:9

What Jesus accomplished on the cross

Sanctification - Jesus set me aside for sacred use **so that now**

I am holy

12 And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate **to make the people holy** through his own blood.

- Hebrews 13:12

29 treated as an unholy thing **the blood** of the covenant **that sanctified them** (sanctification)

- Hebrews 10:29

What Jesus accomplished on the cross

Reconciliation - Jesus restored me to full relationship with God **so that now**

I am close to God

19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things (reconciliation), whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

- Colossians 1:19-20

What Jesus accomplished on the cross

Regeneration - Jesus gave me new life so that now

I'm born again (dead to sin but alive to God)

For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.(regeneration)

- **Leviticus 17:11, also Ephesians 2:1,13**