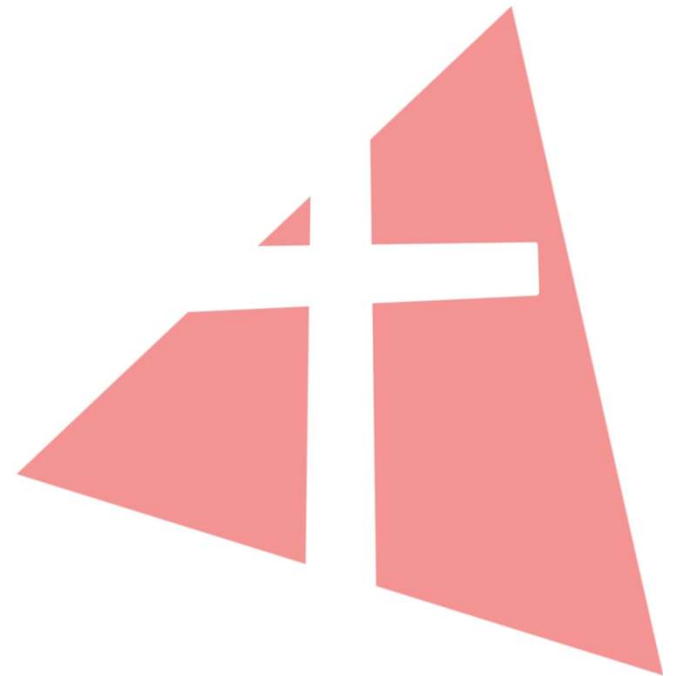


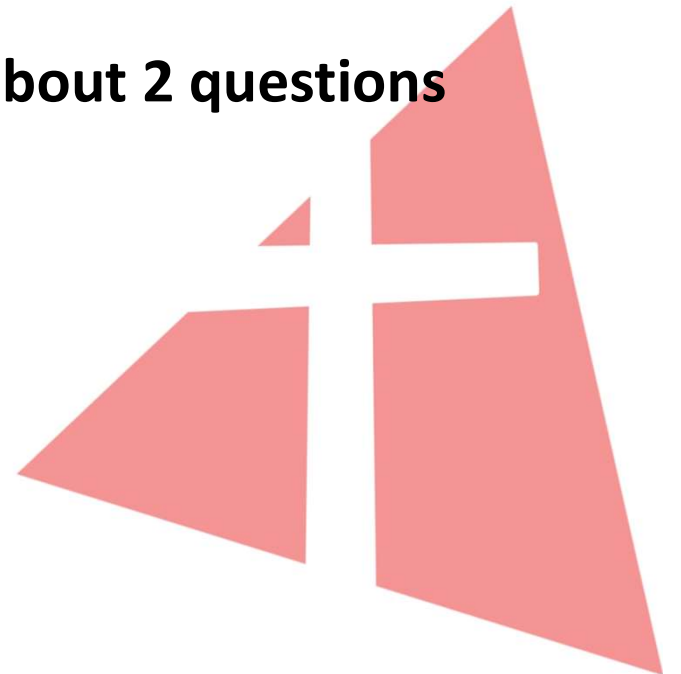
RENEWING OUR MINDS

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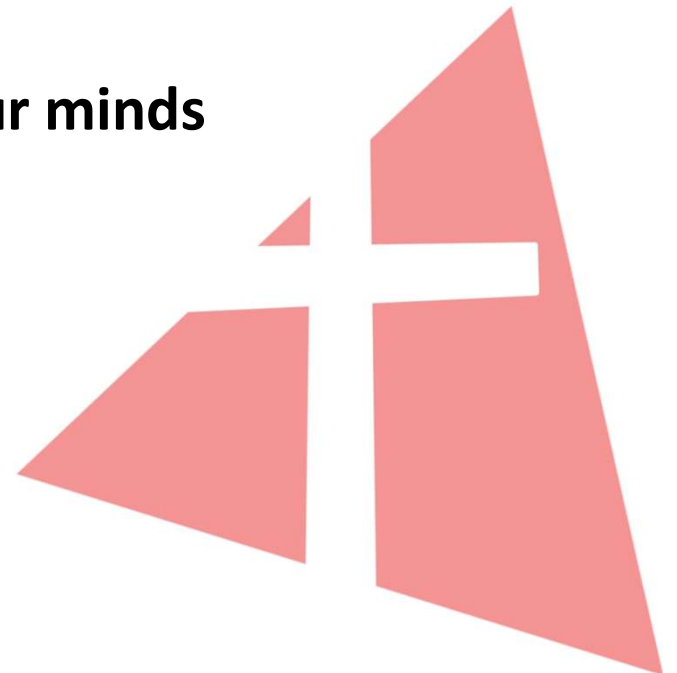
LAST SERMON

- **Who am I?**
- **We live all our lives out of what we believe about 2 questions**
 - Who is God?
 - Who am I?



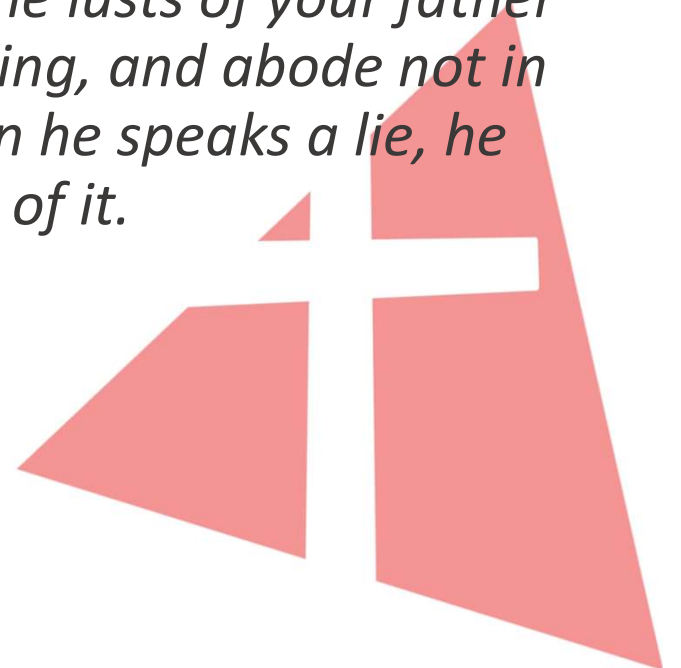
TOPIC TODAY

- **Another important foundation: Renewing our minds**



THE DEVIL

John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.



JESUS

John 14:6 ... I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father, but by me.



SOURCES

- **The devil tries to speak to us**

- Through our own thoughts
- Imagination
- Bad experiences around us
- ...

- **Jesus tries to speak to us**

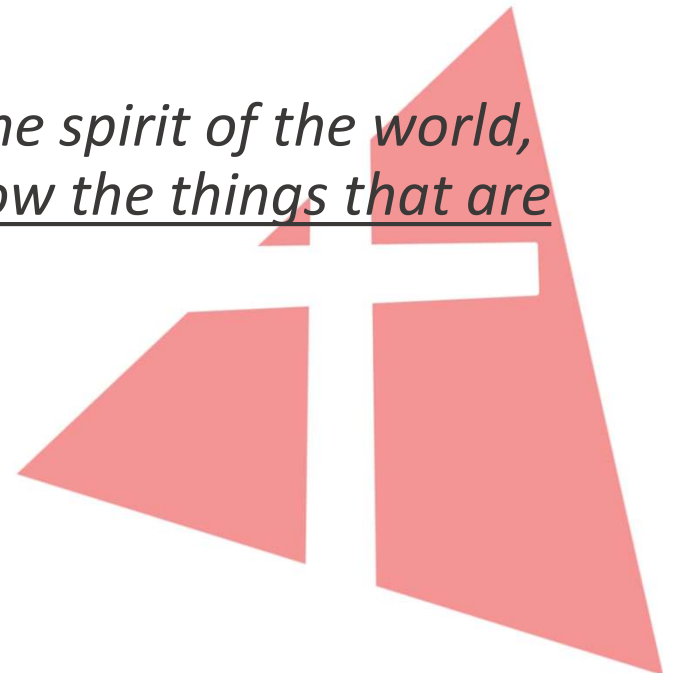
- Through the Bible
- Sometimes also through other ways (e.g. Holy Spirit, Prophecy,...)



HOW TO DISCERN?

- **We need the Holy Spirit**

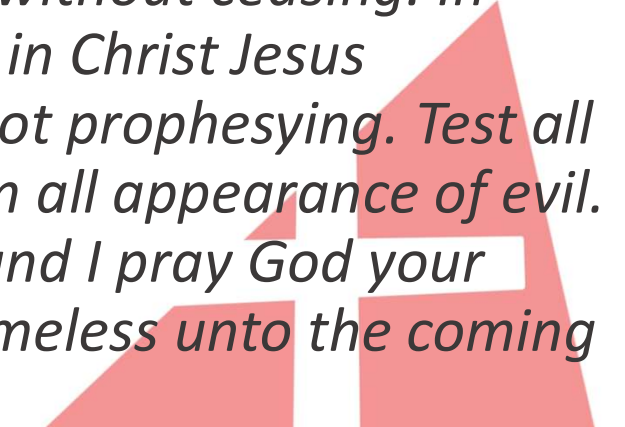
1 Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.



QUENCHING THE SPIRIT

- **Our sin can quench the Spirit**

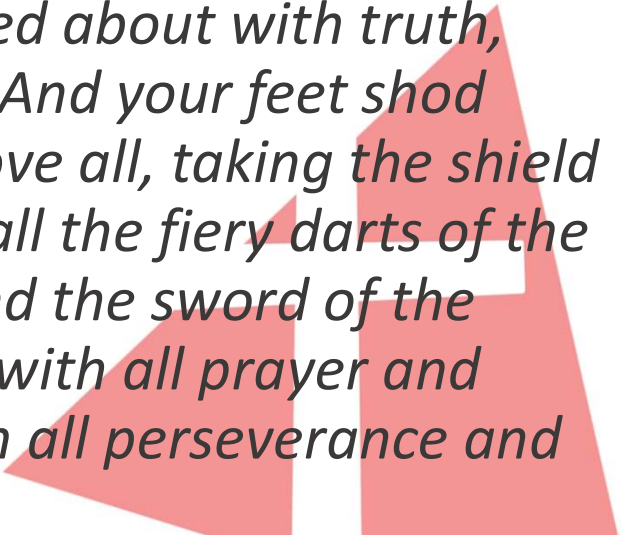
1 Thessalonians 5:16-23 Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesying. Test all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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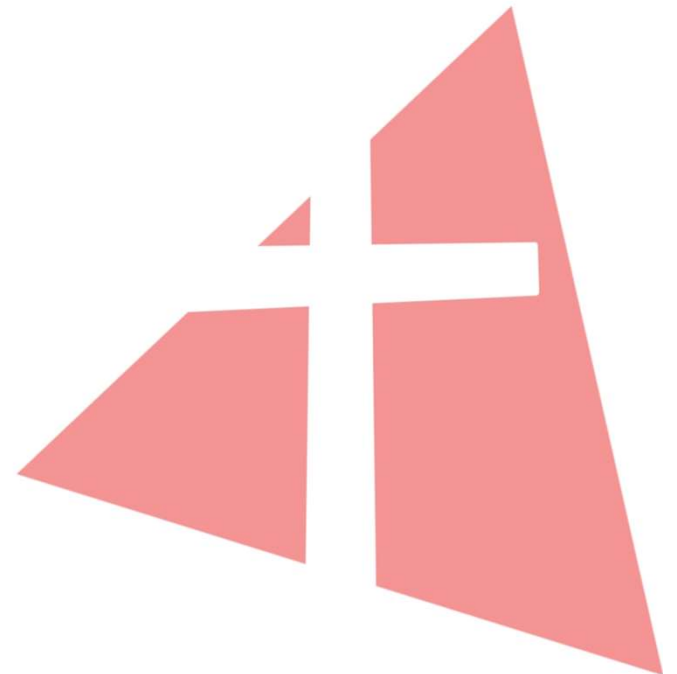
○ The armor of God

Ephesians 6:13-18 Therefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girded about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, with which you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thus with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;



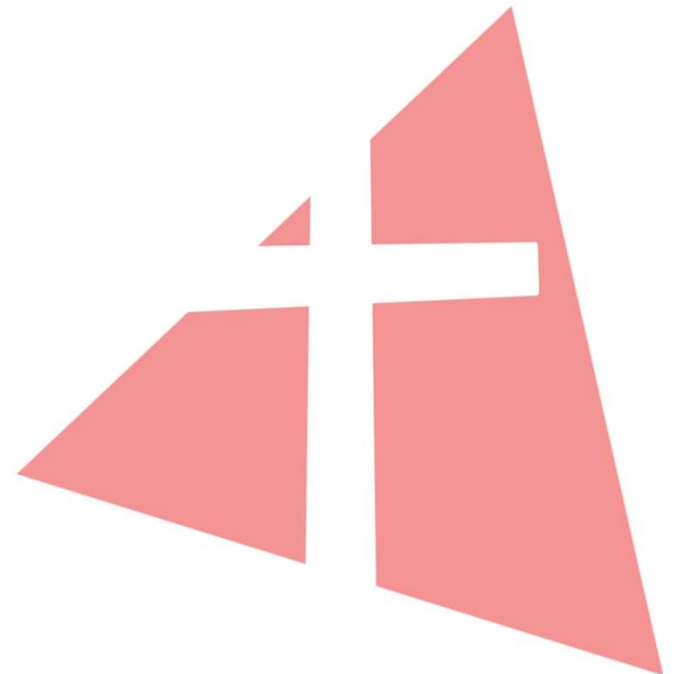
JESUS' TEMPTATION

- Jesus' response: "it is written"



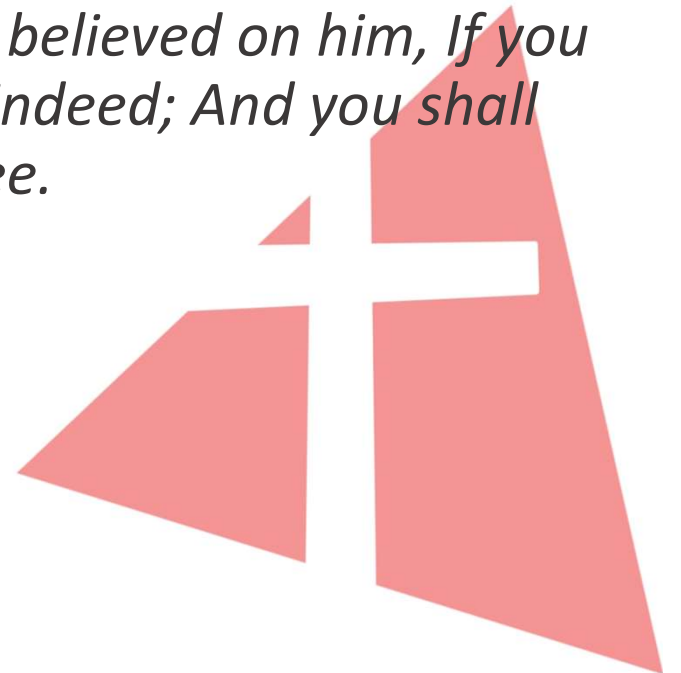
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- **We need the Holy Spirit**
 - Faith (incl. actions)
 - Filled with the Spirit
 - Know the Truth



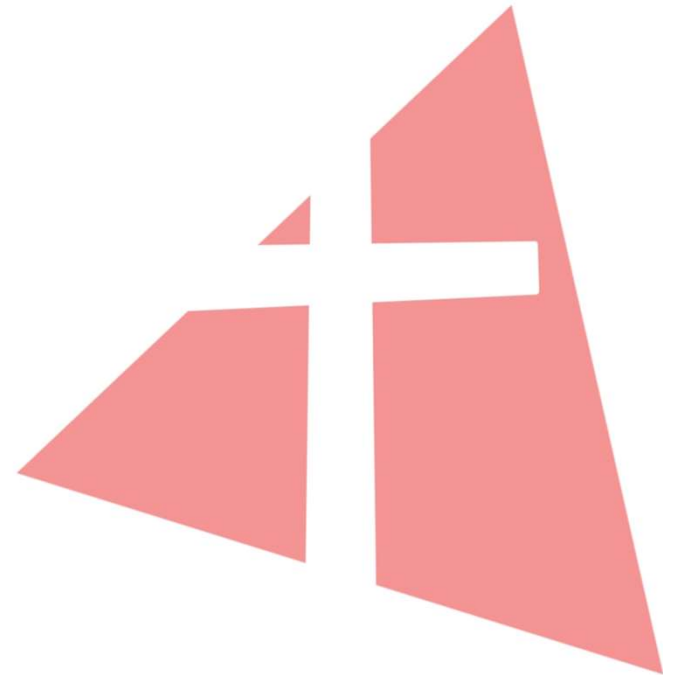
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John 8:31-32 Then said Jesus to those Jews who believed on him, If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed; And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.



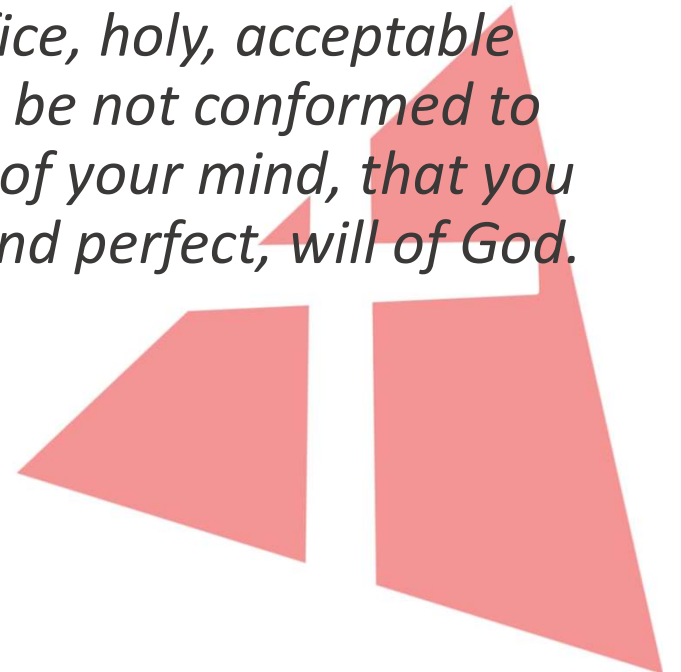
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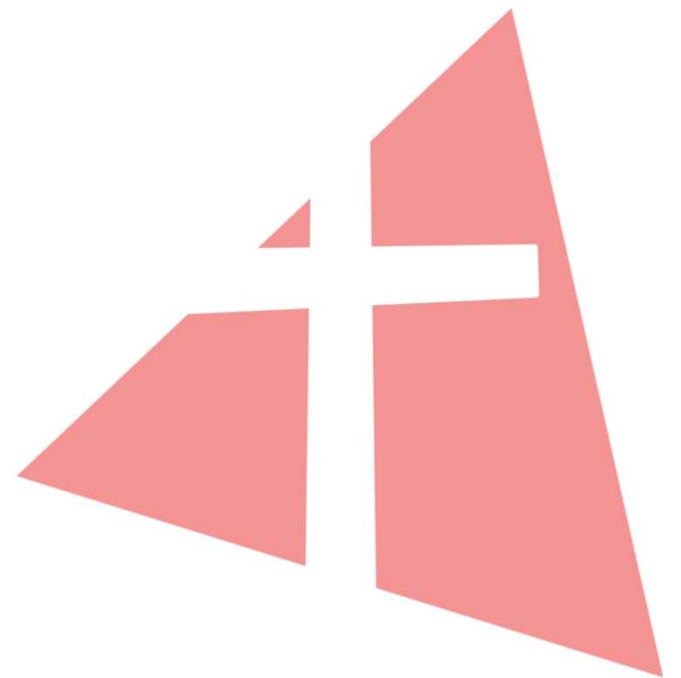
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Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.



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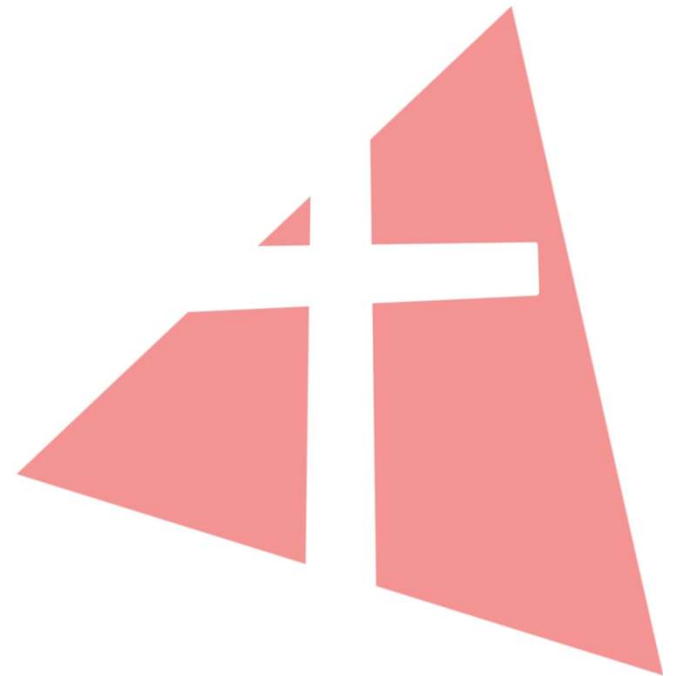
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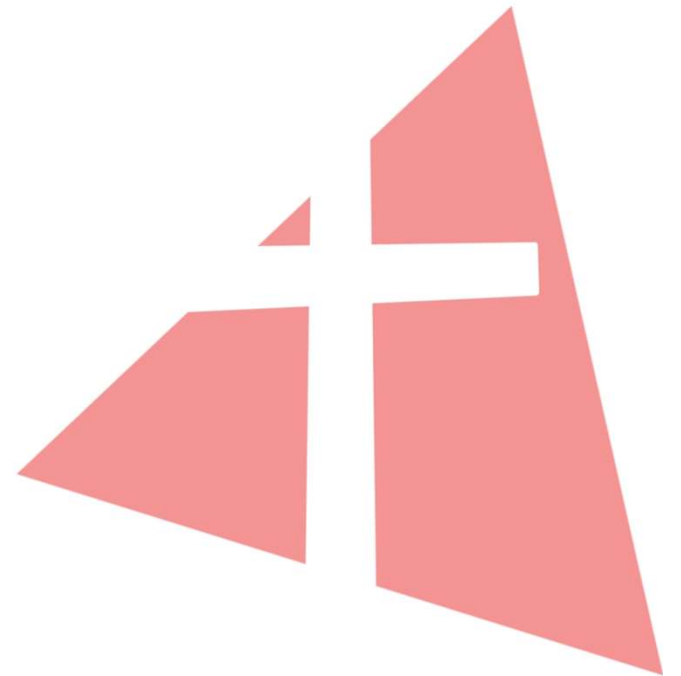
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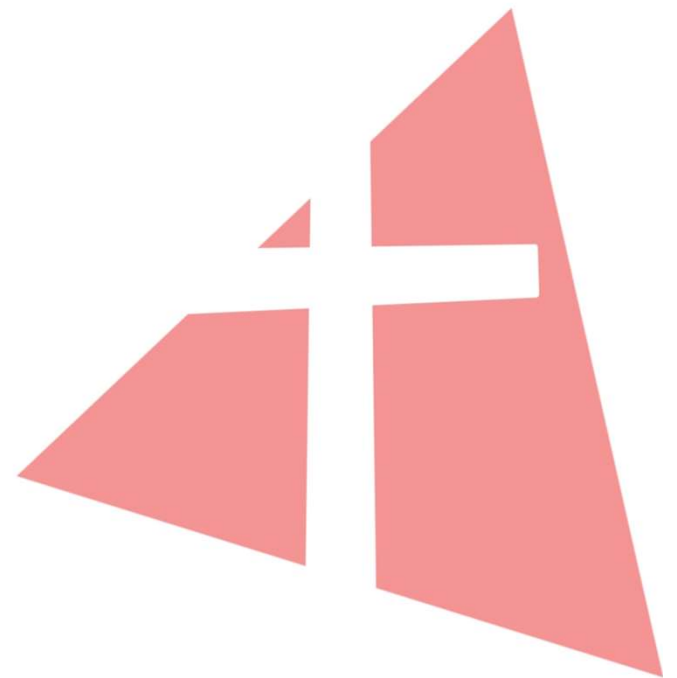
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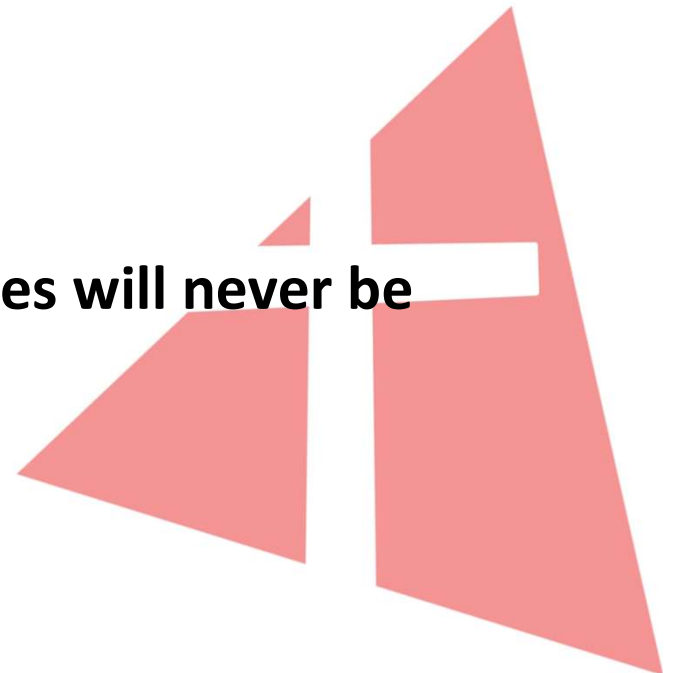
- **The key: We need to be proactive**



OUR STUDY

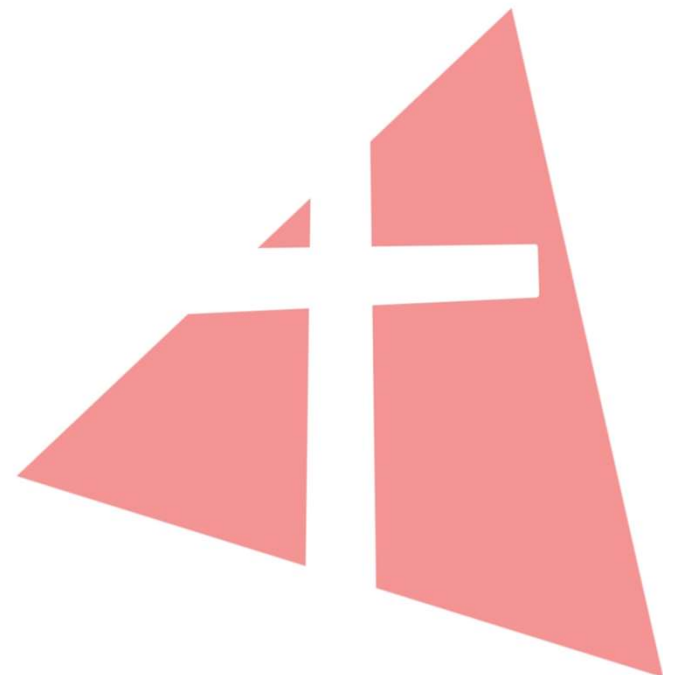
- **Who is God?**
- **Who are we?**

- **We need the Holy Spirit**
- **Without action and determination, our studies will never be effective**



THE CHALLENGE

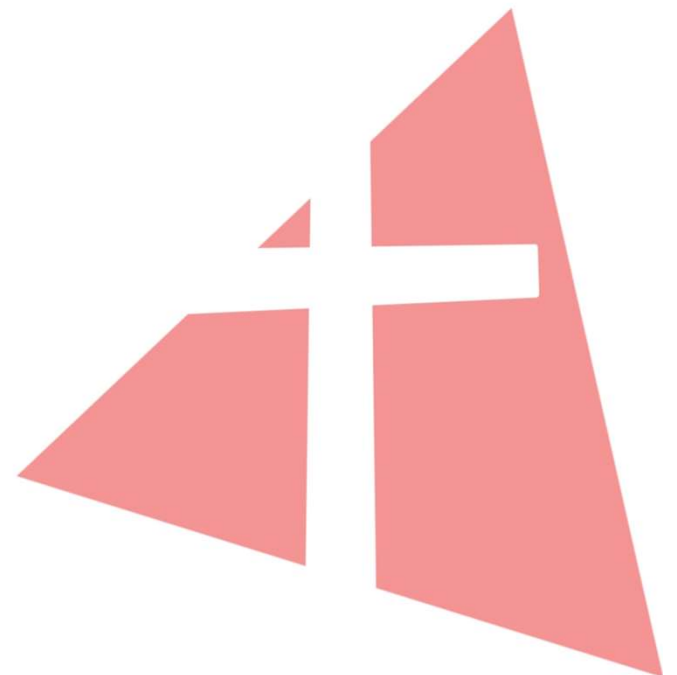
- **Let's give Jesus all areas of our lives**



OUR STUDY

○ Inviting Jesus

- In our family
- In our workplace/study
- Studying Bible/Prayer at home
- Living in community/Smallgroup



Communion

Remembering His sacrifice.

