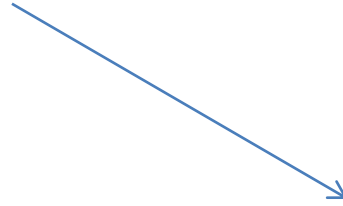
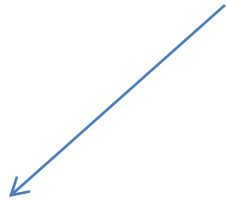


Christianity is a **Relationship** with God



#1:Salvation

#2:Fellowship/SL

#3:Growth -SG life

Gal 1:8-10

Gal 3:1-5

Gal 4:19

Gal 5:16-17, 22-23

2 Cor 10:3-5

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#1: Salvation

Galatians 1:8-10 But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel ~~contrary to that~~ (παρ' ὃ = alongside that) which we have preached to you, let him be accursed (ἀνάθεμα). ⁹ As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel ~~contrary to that~~ (παρ' ὃ = alongside that) which you received, let him be accursed (ἀνάθεμα). ¹⁰ For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.

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#2: The Spiritual Life

Galatians 3:1 You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed *as* crucified? ² This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? ³ Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being ~~perfected~~ (ἐπιτελεῖσθε = matured) by the flesh? ⁴ Did you ~~suffer~~ (ἐπάθετε = experience) so many [wonderful/powerful] things in vain-- if indeed it was in vain? ⁵ Does He then, who provides you with the Spirit and works ~~miracles~~ (δυνάμεις = power) among/in you, do it by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?

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#3, Spiritual Maturity

Galatians 4:19 My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed (μορφωθῆναι = essential form rather than outward shape) in you—

2 Corinthians 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, ⁴ for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. ⁵ *We are* destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

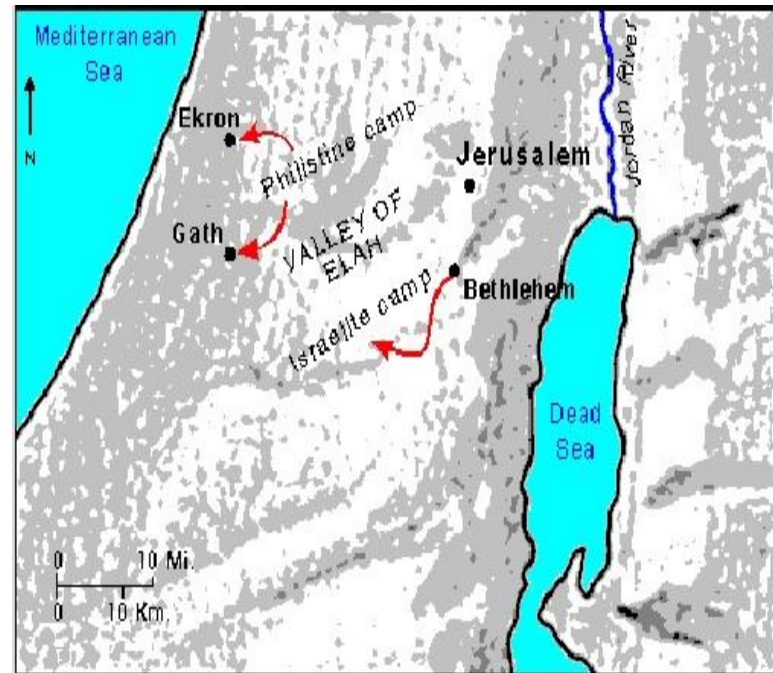
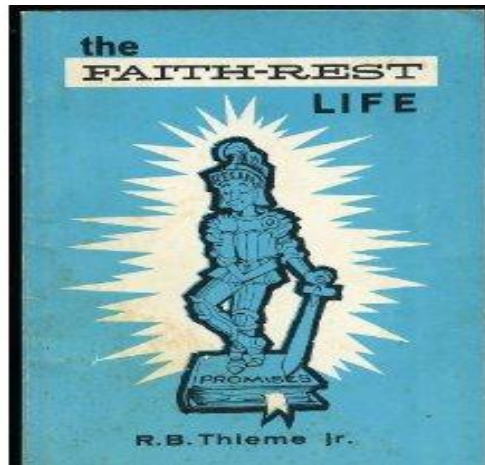
LIFE OF DAVID (60)

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REVERSIONISM & FRIENDSHIPS

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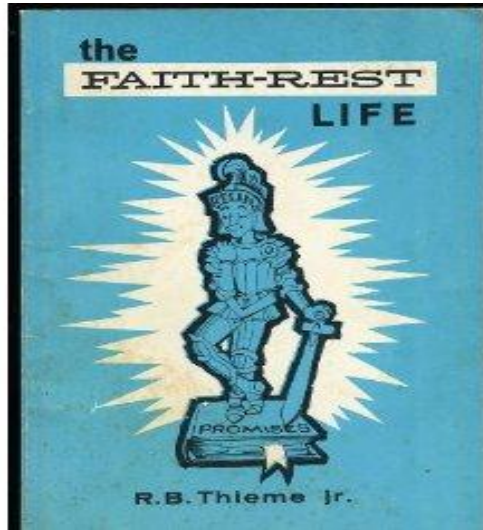
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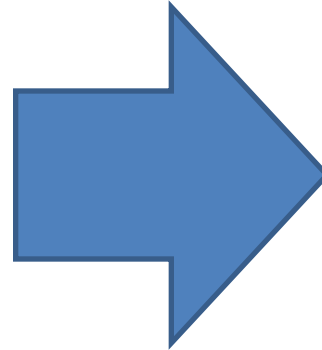
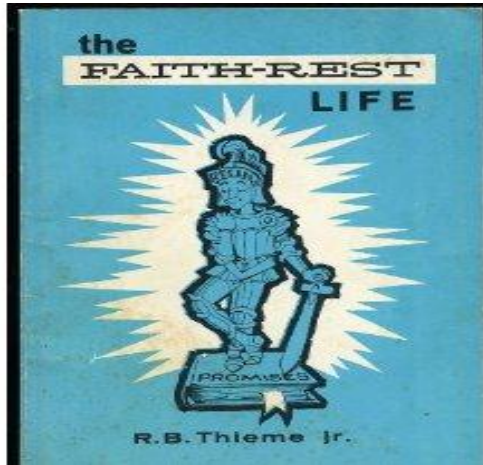
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David and Goliath, 1 SAM 17:41-52



DAVID & PHILISTINES – 1 SM 18:25-30



Reversionism vs. Supergrace

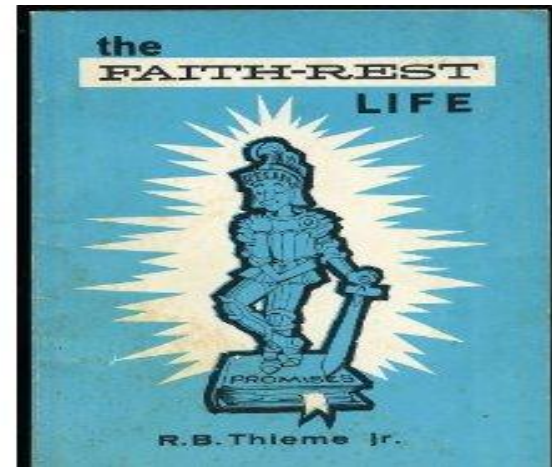
David and Jonathan in 1 Sam 20:3-17

David's Dip into Reversionism



- * Fear of death → reversionism
- * Doubted friend's integrity
- * Projection of MAS → Jonat.
- * Asked Jonathan to deceive
- * Will recover by BD
- * David's recovery in Psalms

Supergrace Jonathan



- * Put POG B4 self
- * Man of BD/Integrity
- * Patient w/David
- * Will → Rev (no rec.)

Doctrinal Friendship/Love Between David and Jonathan – Cat. 3 Love



Reciprocal Soul love based on BD/POG

1 Samuel 20:17 And Jonathan made David vow again because of his love for him, because he loved him as he loved his own life.

2 Samuel 1:26 "I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; You have been very pleasant to me. Your love to me was more wonderful Than the love of women.

Doctrinal Friendship/Love Between David and Jonathan – C3 Love - φιλία



Rapport giving love based on BD/POG

1 Samuel 18:1-4 Now it came about when he had finished speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself. ² And Saul took him that day and did not let him return to his father's house. ³ Then Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. ⁴ And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, including his sword and his bow and his belt.

5 WORDS FOR “LOVE”



AGAPE

ἀγάπη

PHILIA

φιλία

STORGE

στοργή

EROS

ἔρως

EPITHUMIA

ἐπιθυμία

4 CATEGORIES OF LOVE

#1: TO GOD- Matthew 22:37 And He said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

#2: RM/RW - Genesis 2:24 For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

4 CATEGORIES OF LOVE

#3: FRIENDSHIP - John 15:15 "No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

#4: SPIRITUAL/AGAPE- Matthew 5:44
"But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you

4 Levels of Friends & the POG

- 1. Acquaintances:** plumber, mechanic, etc.
- 2. Casual Friends:** common interests
- 3. Close Friends:** common goals
- 4. Intimate Friends:** based on virtue, the ultimate goal in marriage

Pseudo-Friends vs. True Friends



Pseudo

- based on pleasure
- A to B for pleasure
- Pleasure for self



Pseudo

- based on utility
- A to B for utility
- Utility for self



True (τελεία φιλία) - Rare!

- grounded in ἀρετή
- A to B for B's ἀρετή
- ἀρετή for friend

Neither **Heedless**
nor **Heartless**

Just not true friends (cat 3 love)

Biblical Principles on Friendship

- 1. Reversionism destroys true friendship as the virtue is destroyed---the only one who can remain a true friend is the one who retains the virtue.**
- 2. The friendship between Jonathan and David was a fantastic blessing until each one moved into reversionism.**
- 3. The believer is warned about trusting too many people as friends,**

*Prov 18:24: A man of many friends comes to ruin,
But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.*

Biblical Principles on Friendship

4. A true friend loves at all times,

Proverbs 17:17: A friend (הַרֵעַ) loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.

5. A true friend is honest with you,

Proverbs 27:6: Faithful (אֱמֻנָה) are the wounds of a friend (אֹהֶב)
But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.

6. Never forsake a friend of a faithful friend of the family,

Proverbs 27:9: Oil and perfume make the heart glad, So a man's counsel is sweet to his friend. ¹⁰ Do not forsake your own friend or your father's friend, And do not go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity; . . .

Biblical Principles on Friendship

7. A true friend brings many blessings,

Proverbs 27:17 Iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another.

Also see **Ecc 4:9-12; Gal 6:2.**

8. **MAS AND SOT can destroy friendships.**

- **Job 19:19** "All my associates (מְיֻדָּי) abhor me, And those I love (אֲהַבְתִּי) have turned against me.
- **Proverbs 16:28** A perverse man spreads strife, And a slanderer separates intimate friends (אֶל־אֲוֵיבָיו).
- **Proverbs 17:9** He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates intimate friends (אֶל־אֲוֵיבָיו).

Biblical Principles on Friendship

9. **Loss of friendship can be part of divine discipline.**
- **Psalm 38:11** My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague; And my kinsmen stand afar off.
 - **Psalm 88:18** Thou hast removed lover and friend far from me; My acquaintances are *in* darkness.

Biblical Principles on Friendship

**10. True friends do not condemn you,
Job 19:1-22.**



Biblical Principles on Friendship

11. Believers should develop friendships with those who are positive to Bible Doctrine,

- **2 Corinthians 6:14** Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?
- **Psalm 119:63** I am a companion of all those who fear Thee, And of those who keep Thy precepts.
- **Js 4:4**, *"You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."*
- **Psalm 41:9** Even my close friend, in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me.
- **Job 19:19** All my inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved are turned against me.
- **1 Jn 5:19**, *"We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one."*