

The Historical Context of John 3:16

16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

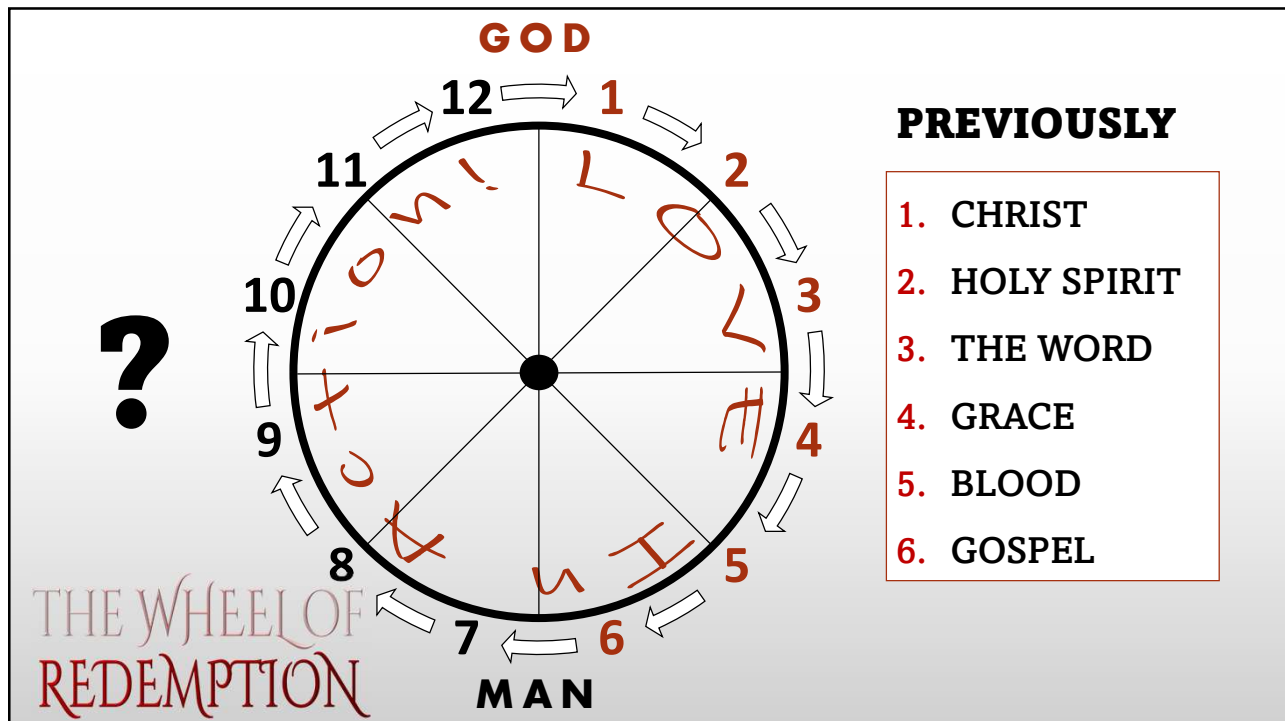
17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

THE WHEEL OF REDEMPTION

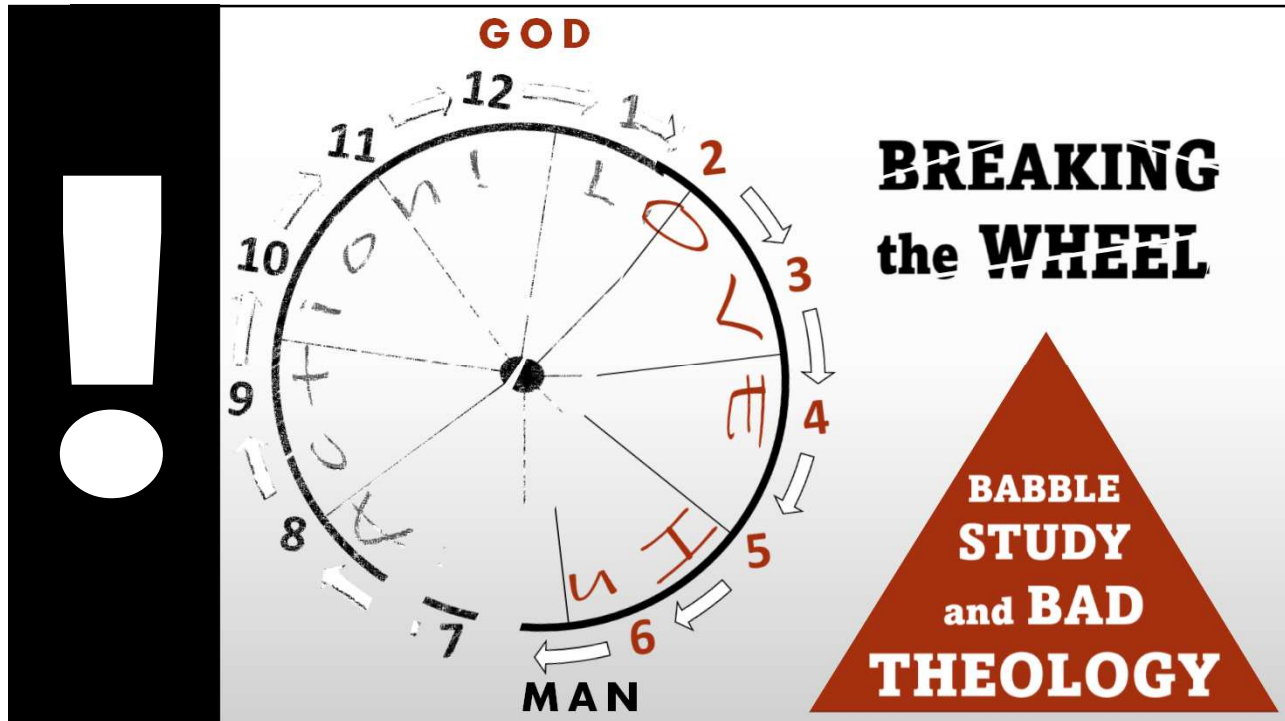
Part 2

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A Recipe for Babble Study

- **Make up your mind about what you believe before you study**
 - Rom. 10:1-3; 2 Tim. 2:15, 16; Psa. 139:23, 24
- **Bring a carnal approach to religion**
 - Food and games, Exod. 32:6
 - Exalt men over the truth, 1 Cor. 3:1-4
- **Become convinced the Bible is impossible to understand**
 - Eph. 5:17; 3:3-5; Acts 17:11, 12; Prov. 14:29
- **“Proof-text” beliefs**
 - Torture a text to promote opinion, 2 Pet. 3:15ff

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Examples of BAD Theology

➤ **Read Psalm 22:1 & Matthew 27:46**
→ **Preach: “God abandoned Jesus on the cross.”**

▪ What about Psalm 22:21-24?

➤ **Read 2 Peter 3:9** → **Preach: “God will not let anyone perish.”**

▪ What about 2 Peter 3:7, 16?



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➤ **Read 1 Corinthians 1:17** → **Preach: “Baptism is not required to be saved.”**

▪ What about 1 Corinthians 1:11-16?

➤ **Read John 3:16** → **Preach: “We are saved by faith alone.”**



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- What about John 3:3, 5, 14, 21?



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- 1. Rejected God & Moses**
– Num. 21:5
- 2. Fiery serpents bite, unbelief**
– Num. 21:6
- 3. Many perished**
– Num. 21:6

- 1. Rejected Jesus**
– Jn. 1:10, 11; 2:23-25
- 2. “Believers” of the serpent of lies**
– Jn. 8:31, 44, 45
- 3. Many will perish unless they truly believe**
– Jn. 3:16

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- 4. A bronze serpent lifted – Num. 21:8f
- 5. Israelite proved faith → look on the bronze serpent on pole (image of punishment) – Num. 21:7, 8
- 6. Obedience permitted them to live – Num. 21:9

- 4. Jesus lifted – Jn. 3:14; 12:32
- 5. Sinner proves faith → come to the crucified Savior
 - To learn, Jn. 3:21; 5:39, 40; 6:45; Baptized into His death, Rom. 6:3
- 6. Obedience permits us to live – Jn. 3:16; Rom. 6:4, 8, 23

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1 Pet. 4:17, “For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?”



2 Thess. 1:8, “in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Obey the Gospel Today!

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