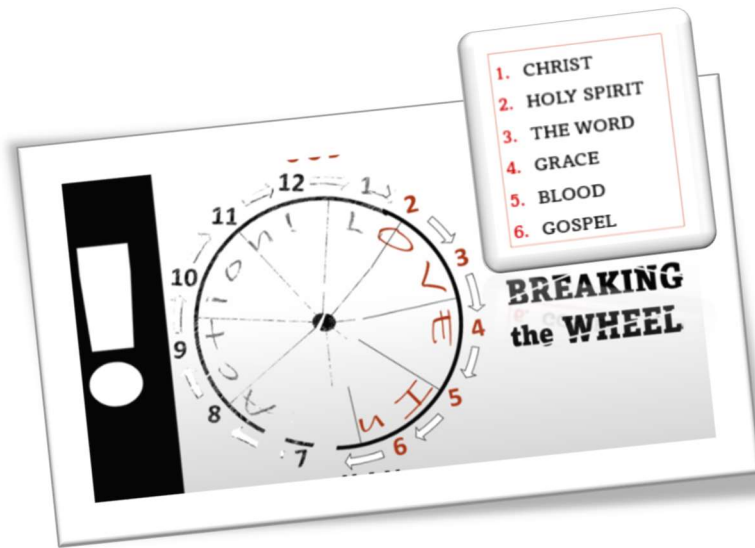


The Wheel of Redemption and the Historical Context of John 3:16



In our previous lesson, we visited areas where God worked for our salvation. Next week we plan to look at the desired response from man. Today we are going to look at how to guard against bad theology that could *break* the wheel of redemption.

Identifying some BAD Bible study approaches while discovering GOOD solutions

- A. *Have your mind made up before you study* (Rom. 10:1-3; 2 Tim. 2:15, 16).

- B. *Bring a carnal approach to religion.*
- Turning religion into food and games (Exo. 32:6). From Romans 14:17, what is the kingdom of God? _____
What is it not? _____
 - Determine what is true based on your favorite personality (1 Cor. 3:1-5). Why did Paul say Corinth was "carnal"? _____
- C. *Become convinced that the Bible is impossible to understand.*
- What does the Lord require of us in Ephesians 5:17, and how can we attain that according to Ephesians 3:3-5? _____
 - What did the Bereans do with Paul's preaching in Acts 17:11? _____
- D. *"Proof-text" beliefs.* (This is not to be confused with giving proof for our beliefs. Proof-texting is a "decontextualized quotation." It is a popular and bad habit that searches the Scriptures to find out *what I want* rather than searching the Scriptures to find out *what God wants for me.*)
- E. Some popular examples where some "proof-text" their theology:
- Matthew 27:46 - _____
 - 2 Peter 3:9 - _____
 - 1 Corinthians 1:17 - _____
 - John 3:16 - _____

THOUGHT QUESTION: What historical text is John 3:16 based on, and how does this relate to Jesus?