



HOPE
LOWERTOWN

ST. PAUL

Hope Community Church
& First Baptist

Christmas Eve
Candlelight
Service



Timothy	Fisher	3/5/2017
Sophie	Brandt	3/5/2017
Joe	Weich	3/5/2017
Stefanie	Kraeger	3/5/2017
Aly	O'Connor	3/5/2017
Katie	Repha	3/5/2017
Connor	Doyle	3/5/2017
Laera	Failing	3/5/2017
MaggieW	Walsh	3/5/2017
Amy	Olsen	3/5/2017
John	Geray	3/5/2017
Stephen	Tetcliff	3/5/2017
Andrew	Blaufuss	3/5/2017
Jacob	Fenske	3/5/2017
Megan	Holm	3/5/2017
Nic	Bauer	3/5/2017
Jylla	Madigan	6/4/2017
Melora	Walt	6/4/2017
Abigail	Sarborn	6/4/2017
Emma	Hirtz	6/4/2017
Kay	Madigan	6/4/2017
Marco	Samperio	8/27/2017
Lauren	Johnson	8/27/2017
Evan	Keil	8/27/2017
Taylor	Dieringer	12/3/2017
Colin	Carr	12/3/2017
Haley	Treswin	12/3/2017
Nathaniel	Elison	12/3/2017
Jon	Oltmann	12/3/2017
Guern	Freeman	12/3/2017
Alyssa	Ostodahl	12/3/2017
Katherine	Lehn	12/3/2017







Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

Words: John Bunyan, 1633-1688; Tune: "Dear Refuge" (Public Domain)

Dear refuge of my weary soul,
On Thee, when sorrows vie;
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,
My sinking hope relies.





Financial Update

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Budget need - \$475,000

Need to make 2017 expenses - \$375,000

Amount from Dec 3rd, 2017 offering - \$52,000

Need still - \$323,000



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2017

AMAZING GRACE

The Reformation to the Glory of God



SEVEN GOSPEL

FLAMES REKINDLED

AMAZING GRACE

The Reformation to the Glory of God

Previous Week's Messages:

Creation:

Created the way God wanted it to be

Total Depravity:

Tainted Sinners in need of a Savior

Unconditional Election:

The Necessary First Work of God

Limited Atonement:

*Sufficient for all, Efficient for those
who believe*

Irresistible Grace:

Freely Choosing the Beauty of Christ

Preservation of the Saints:

God's Promise to Uphold us to the End

Today's Sermon:

Glorification: The joy of being in Christ, forever!

“Ordo Salutis”

Order of Salvation

1. Election (God’s choosing)
2. The Gospel Call (Hearing the gospel)
3. Regeneration (being born again)
4. Conversion (faith and repentance)
5. Justification (right legal standing)
6. Adoption (membership in God’s family)

“Ordo Salutis”

Order of Salvation

7. Sanctification (right conduct in life)
8. Perseverance (remaining a Christian)
9. Death (going to be with the Lord)
10. Glorification (resurrected body)

I. What was it like in the beginning?

Genesis 2:23-25

²³ The man said,

“This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called ‘woman,’
for she was taken out of man.”

²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is
united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no
shame.

I. What was it like in the beginning?

A. Harmony



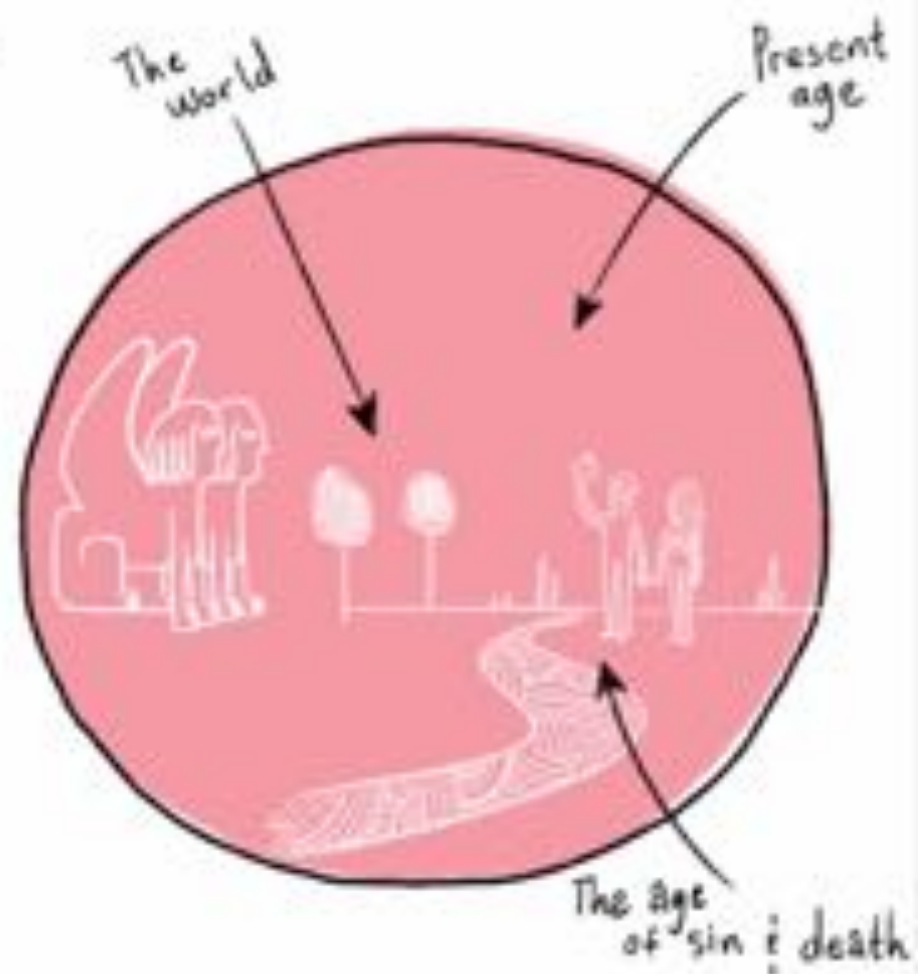
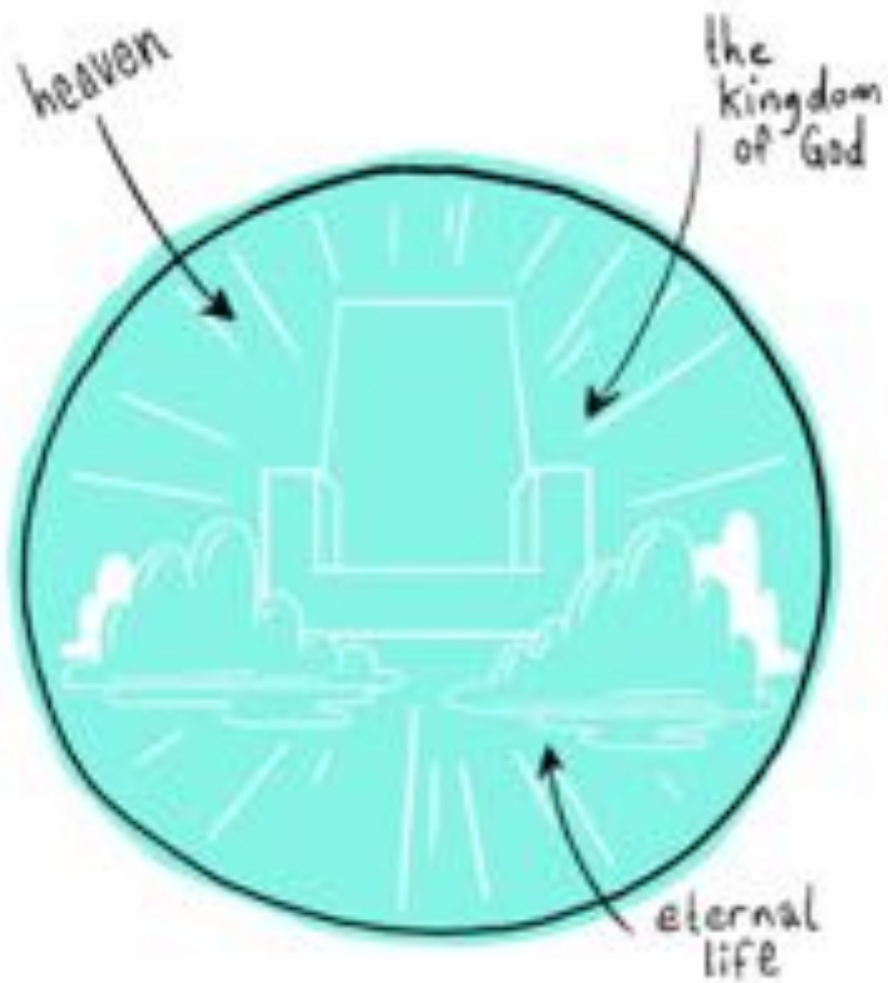




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BIBLE

PROJECT



I. What was it like in the beginning?

A. Harmony

II. What will it be like?

Revelation 21:1-5

¹Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

Revelation 21:1-5

⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ ^u or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

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II. What will it be like?

A. Harmony

Revelation 22:1-5

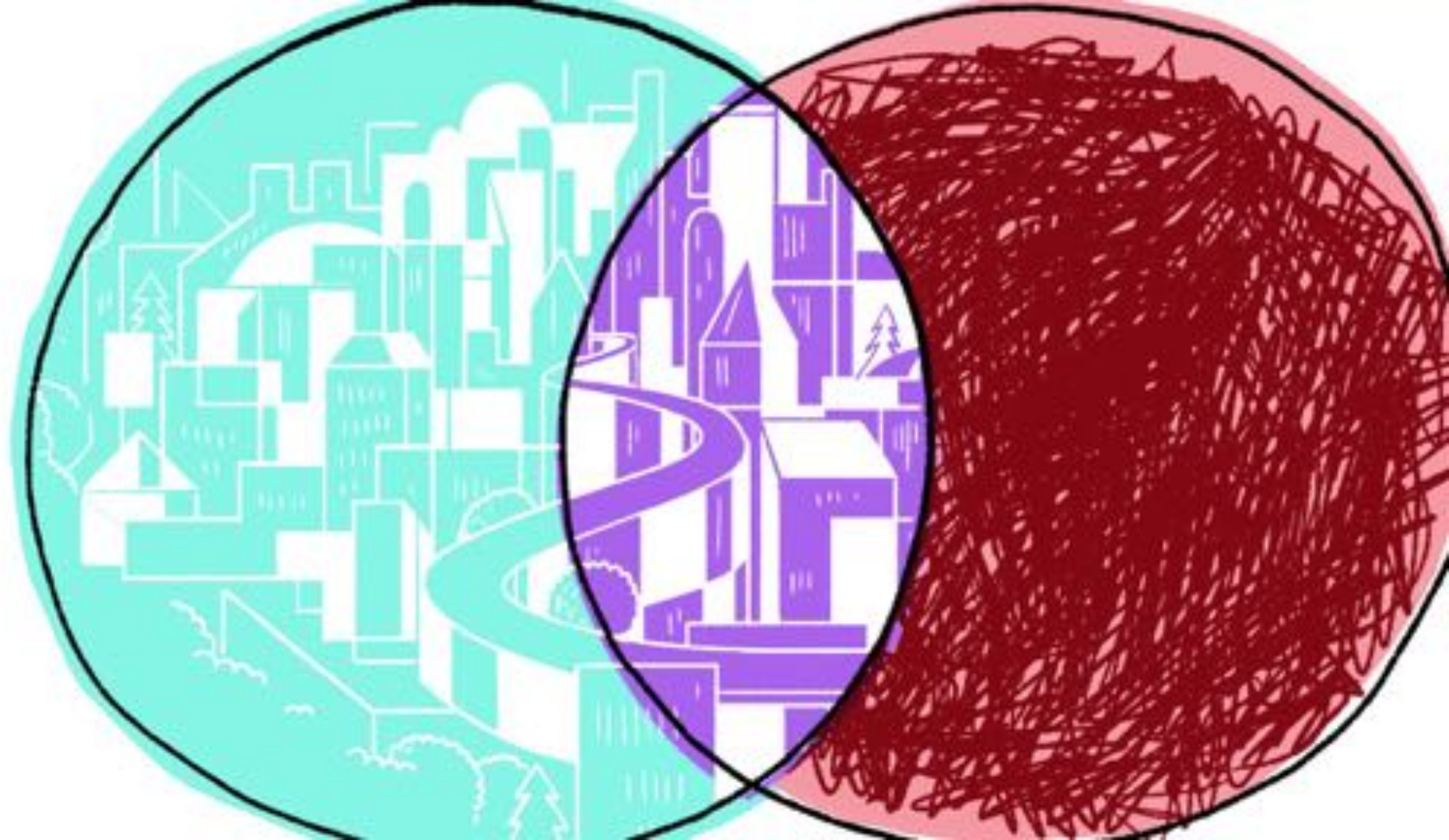
Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.

Revelation 22:1-5

⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.







I. What was it like in the beginning?

A. Harmony

II. What will it be like?

A. Harmony

III. What is our current condition?

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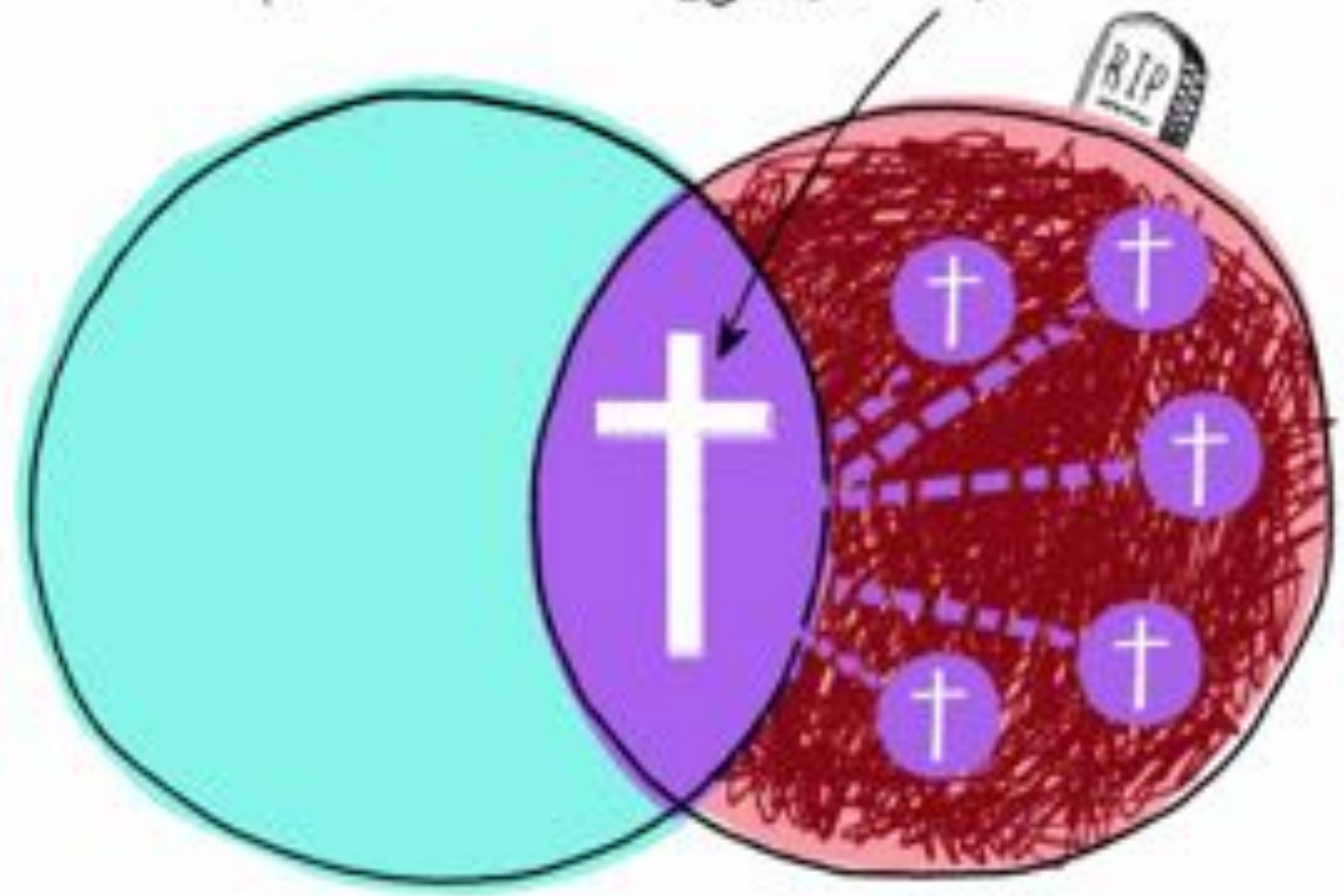
A. Already-Not Yet

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If we find ourselves
with a desire that
nothing in this world
can satisfy, the most
probable explanation
is that we were made
for another world.

~C. S. Lewis



NOT THIS →  THIS IS THE FOCUS



I. What was it like in the beginning?

A. Harmony

II. What will it be like?

A. Harmony

III. What is our current condition?

A. Already-Not Yet

B. Harmony

The early Christians did not believe in progress. They did not think the world was getting better and better under its own steam – or even under the steady influence of God.

They knew God had to do something fresh to put it into rights.



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(Harper One: NY, NY), 2008, 93.

But neither did they believe that the world was getting worse and worse and that their task was to escape it altogether. They were not dualists.



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It comes as something of a surprise to discover that the early Christians held a quite different view. They believed that God was going to do for the whole cosmos what he had done for Jesus at Easter.



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Matthew 5:43-47

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?

III. What is our current condition?

A. Already-Not Yet

B. Harmony

i. Between God and Mankind



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Paul Edge
July 10
1950

THE
GREEN MILE

From the Director of "The Shawshank Redemption"

With Tom Hanks, Michael Clarke Duncan, James Cromwell, David Morse, Sam Rockwell, and Patric Schumatter
A FILM BY FRANK DARABONT
DECEMBER 17

Gospel Application:

Do you look forward to being free from....

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What steps are you taking to fight sin now?