

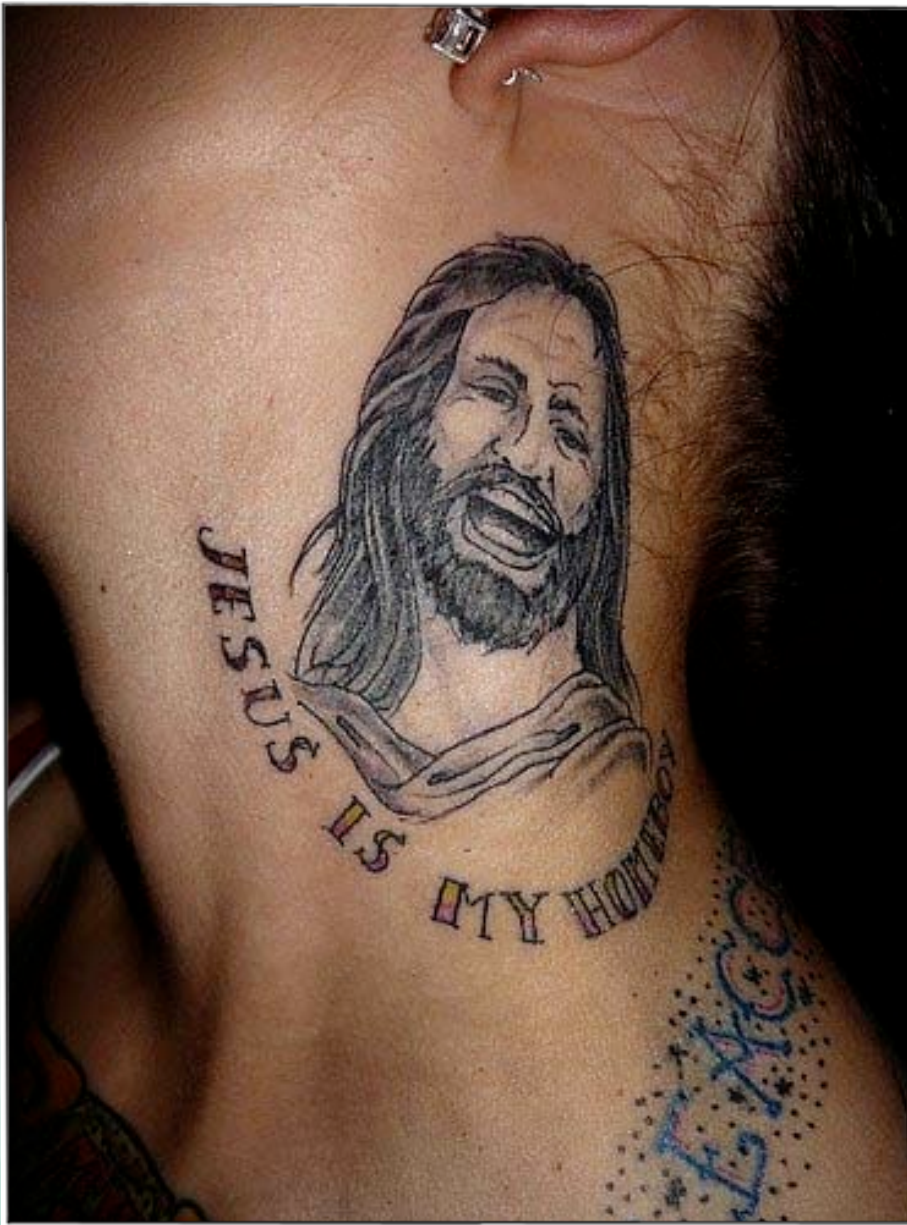
***The story, power and  
purpose of the Church.***

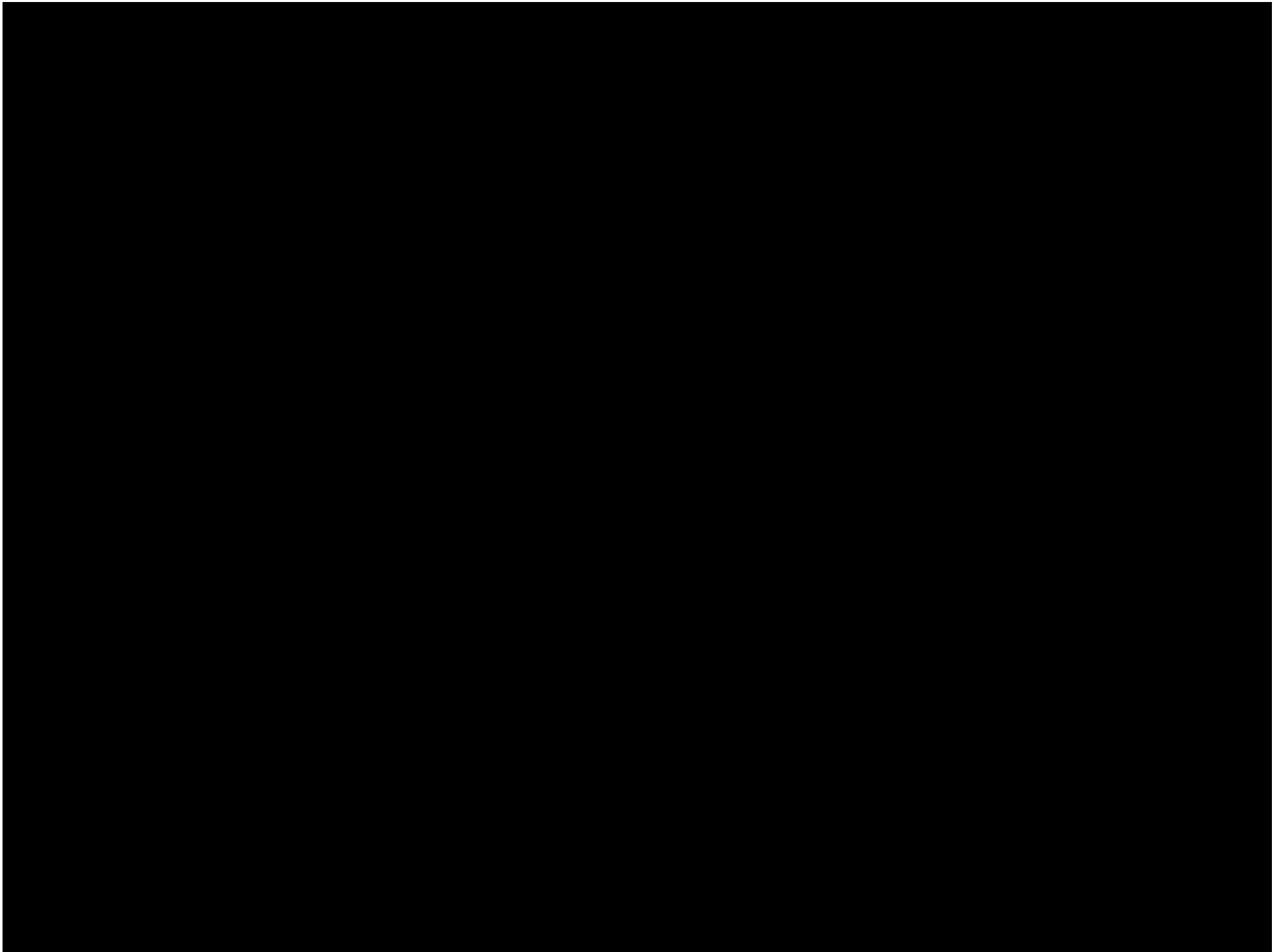


***...FROM EVERY TRIBE AND LANGUAGE  
AND PEOPLE AND NATION. -REV. 5:9***

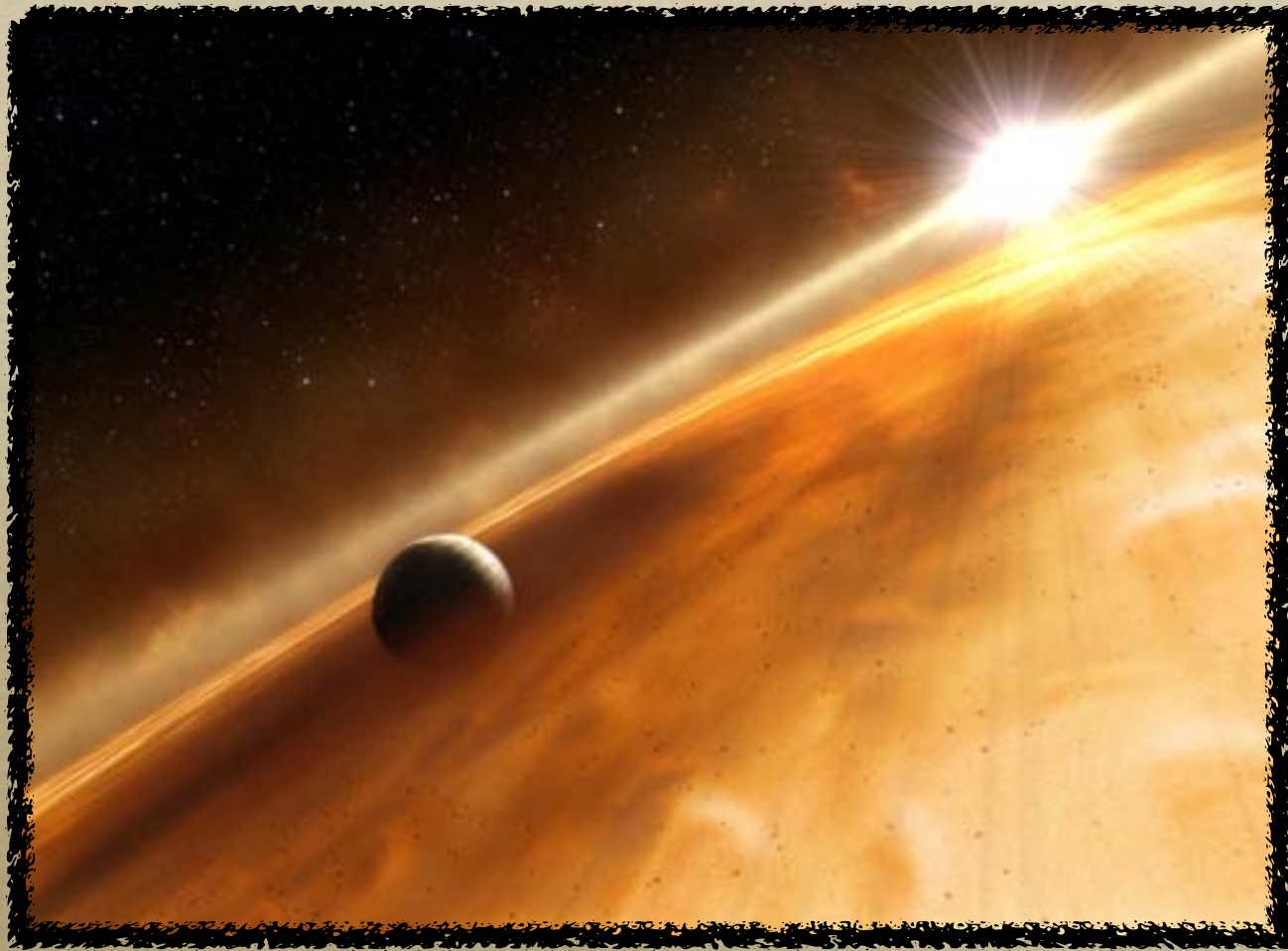
Part 7

# Baptism & our New Identity



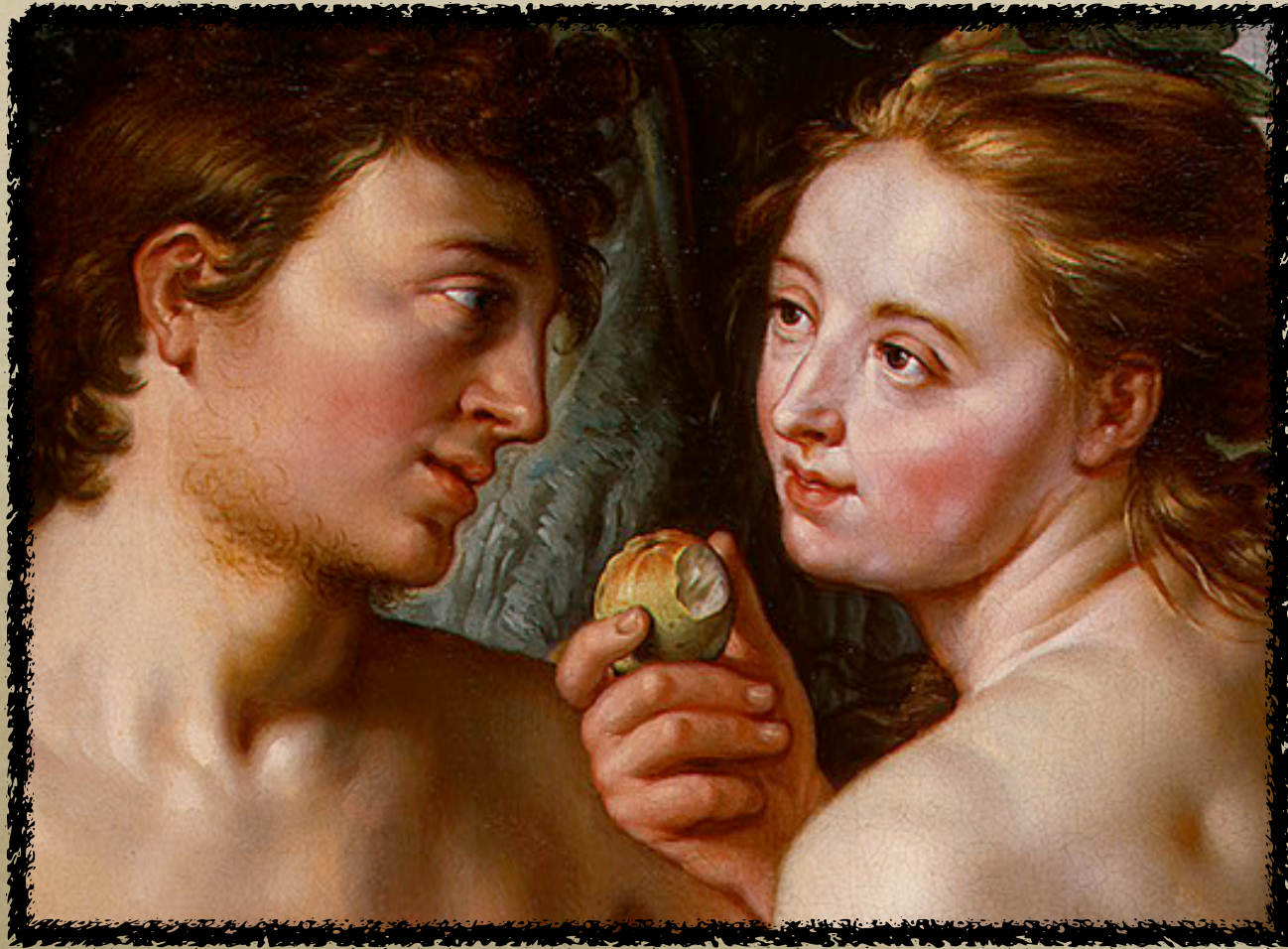






Creation





The Fall of Man





# The Promise

Who are we?

What went wrong?

What's the solution?







Abraham: “...in you all the nations  
will be blessed”





*New Identity &  
New Mission*

*Symbol of their  
identity = circumcision*

Mt. Sinai





The Promised One

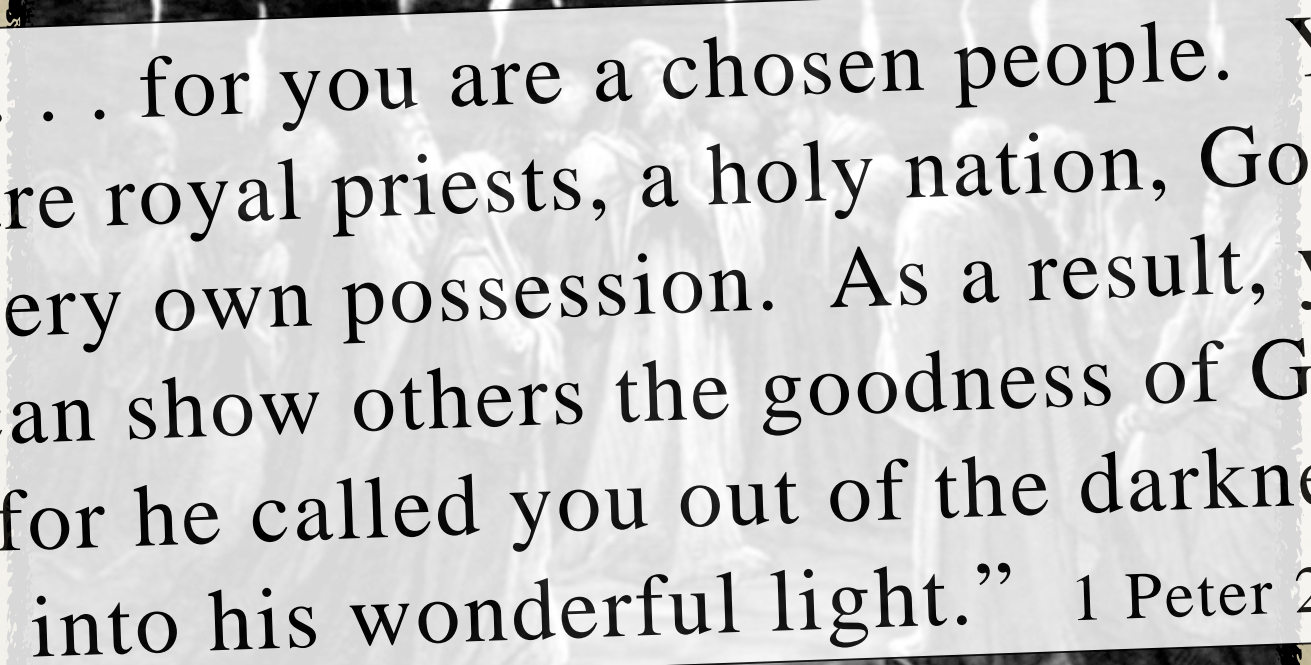




*New people*  
*New identity*  
*New mission*

Pentecost





“... for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.” 1 Peter 2:9

# Pentecost





*New identity*  
*New mission*

Pentecost



3000 - Acts 2:41

5000 men - Acts 4:4

large number - Acts 6:7

threatened - Acts 4:21

arrested & jailed - Acts 5:17

interrogated, threatened, & flogged - Acts 5:27 & 40

first martyr - Acts 7:58

persecution of whole church - Acts 8:1 - 3







Acts 9:1 & 2

<sup>1</sup> Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.









Baptism

# What is the meaning of baptism?

✓ *SYMBOLIC*

✓ *INITIATION*

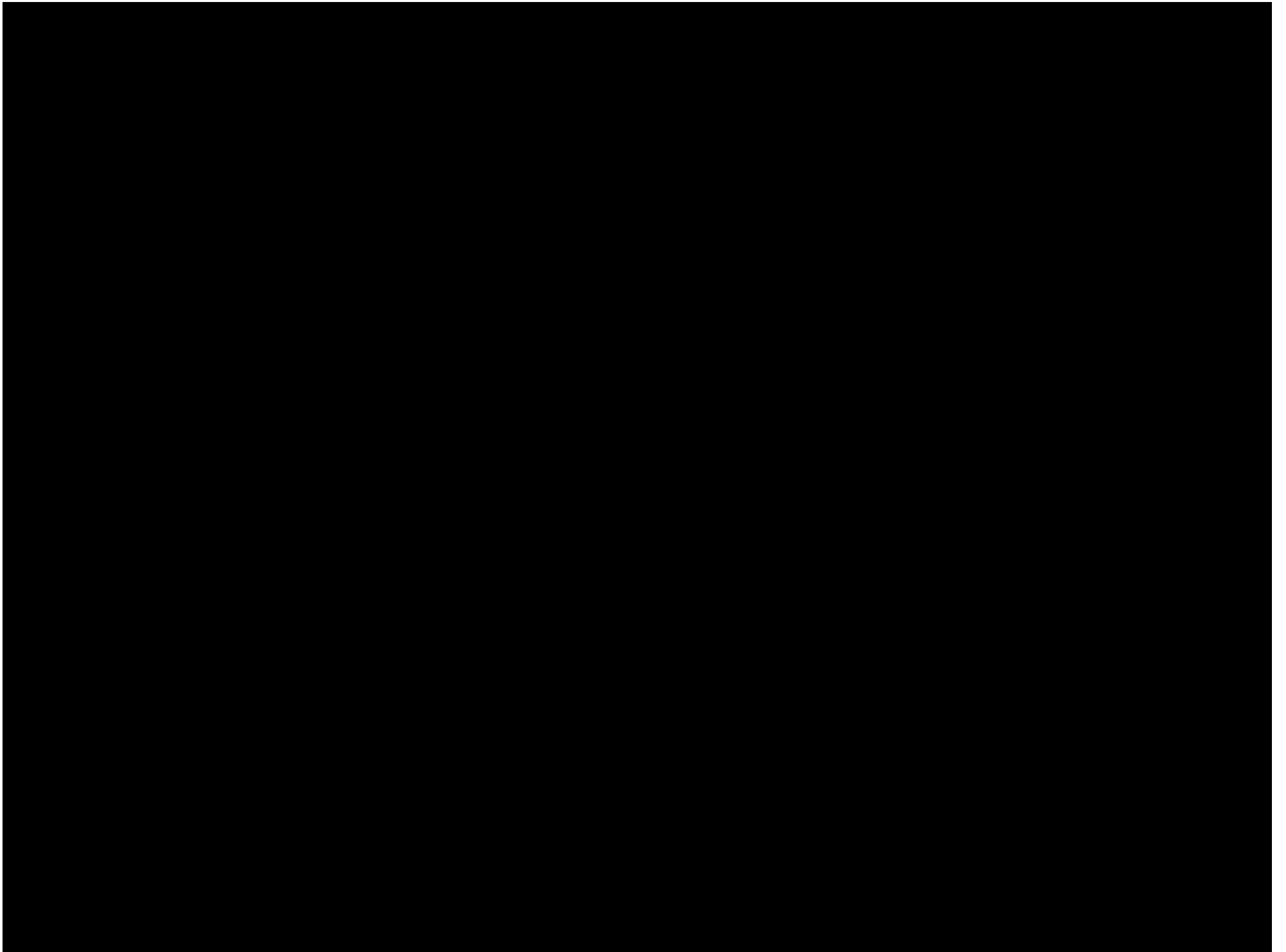
✓ *IDENTIFICATION*

✓ *COMMITMENT*

✓ *LOYALTY*







Acts 4:32

All the believers were of one heart and mind, *they belonged to one another*, and no one claimed his possessions as his own, but they shared everything they had.





CREATION

FALL

REDEMPTION

*BAPTISM*

RESTORATION

AN UPDATED AND EXPANDED EDITION of the LANDMARK BOOK *The Body*

CHARLES  
COLSON  
& ELLEN VAUGHN

BEING  
THE  
BODY

A NEW CALL for the CHURCH TO BE  
LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS





