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TH545 Theology of Grace





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Luke 15

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

Then Jesus told them this parable... [Parable of the Lost Sheep and Parable of the Lost Coin]

¹¹ Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.

Luke 15

So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!

I will set out and go back to my father and say to him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ So he got up and went to his father.

Luke 15

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’”

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

So they began to celebrate.



Luke 15

“Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

Luke 15

“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”



The bad
son

The good
son

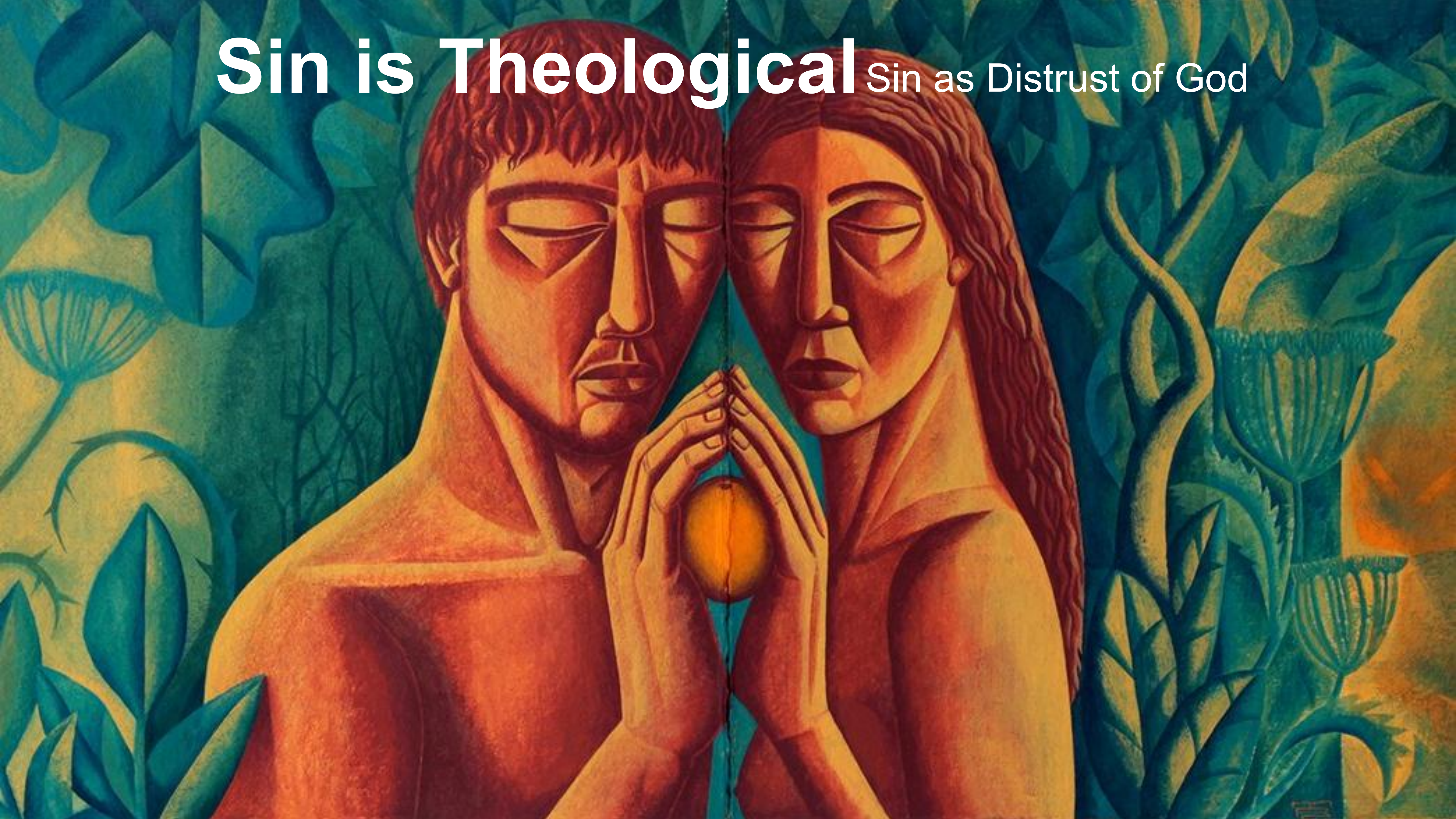


The lost
son

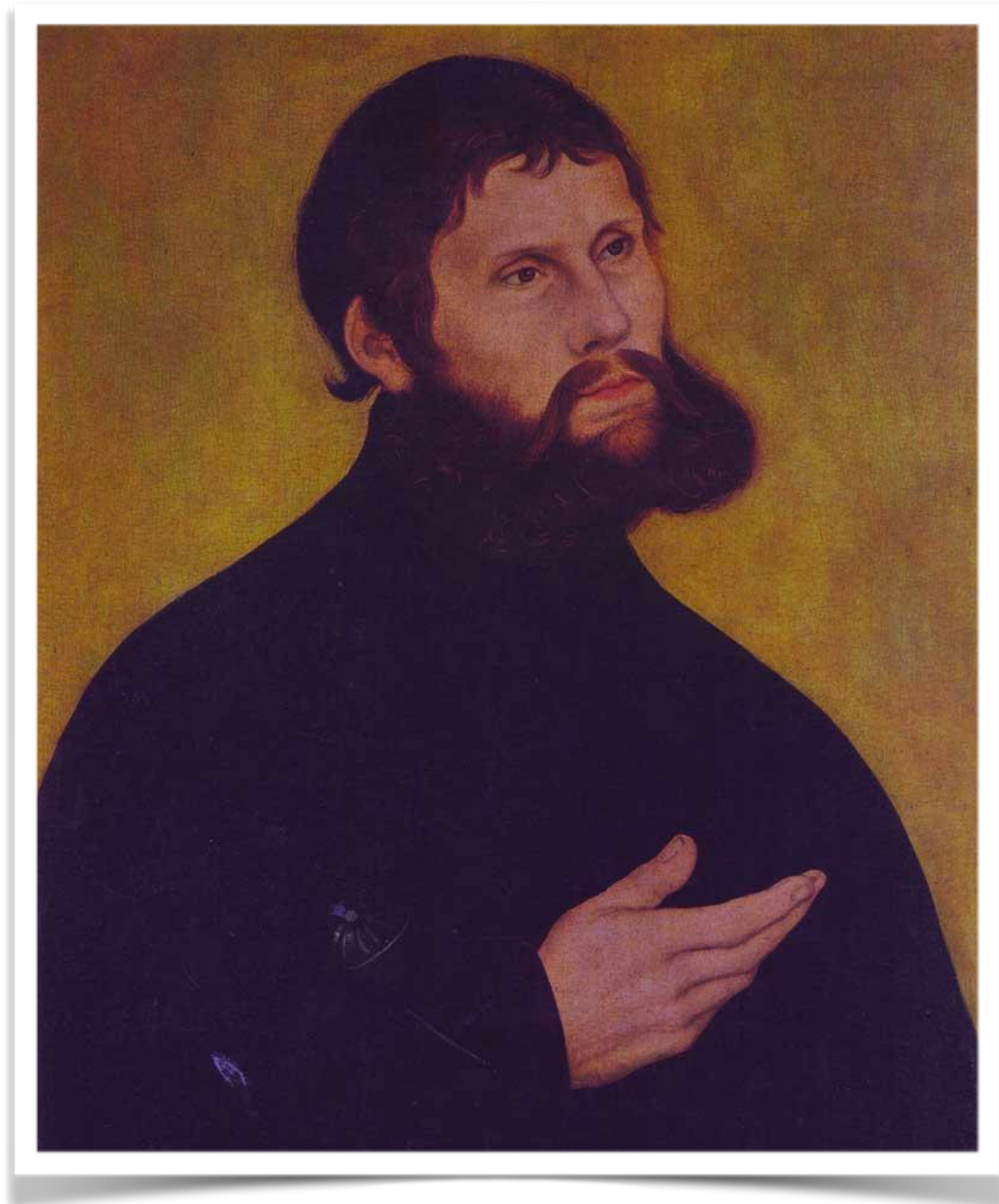
The other
lost son

Sin is Theological

Sin as Distrust of God



Making God a Devil



"The result of unbelief is that we do not know God and therefore fear him, and when we fear him we hate him, and blaspheme him, and commit all kinds of sin ... and do not keep any of his commandments.... We cannot do any greater despite to our Lord God than by unbelief, **for by it we make God a devil.**"

Martin Luther



The Good News
becomes **BAD** when

it becomes
all about
obedience.



**Distrustful
Obedience**

**Distrustful
Disobedience**



Hating the father in
two different ways.

**Which way is
more dangerous?**

Godward Sinners

“Prostitutes and Tax Collectors”



Prostitutes by Sandi Hester

**If they are
desperate, hungry, thirsty,
poor, they might be
godward.**

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

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Matthew 5:3-6 (NRSV)

Wayward Saints

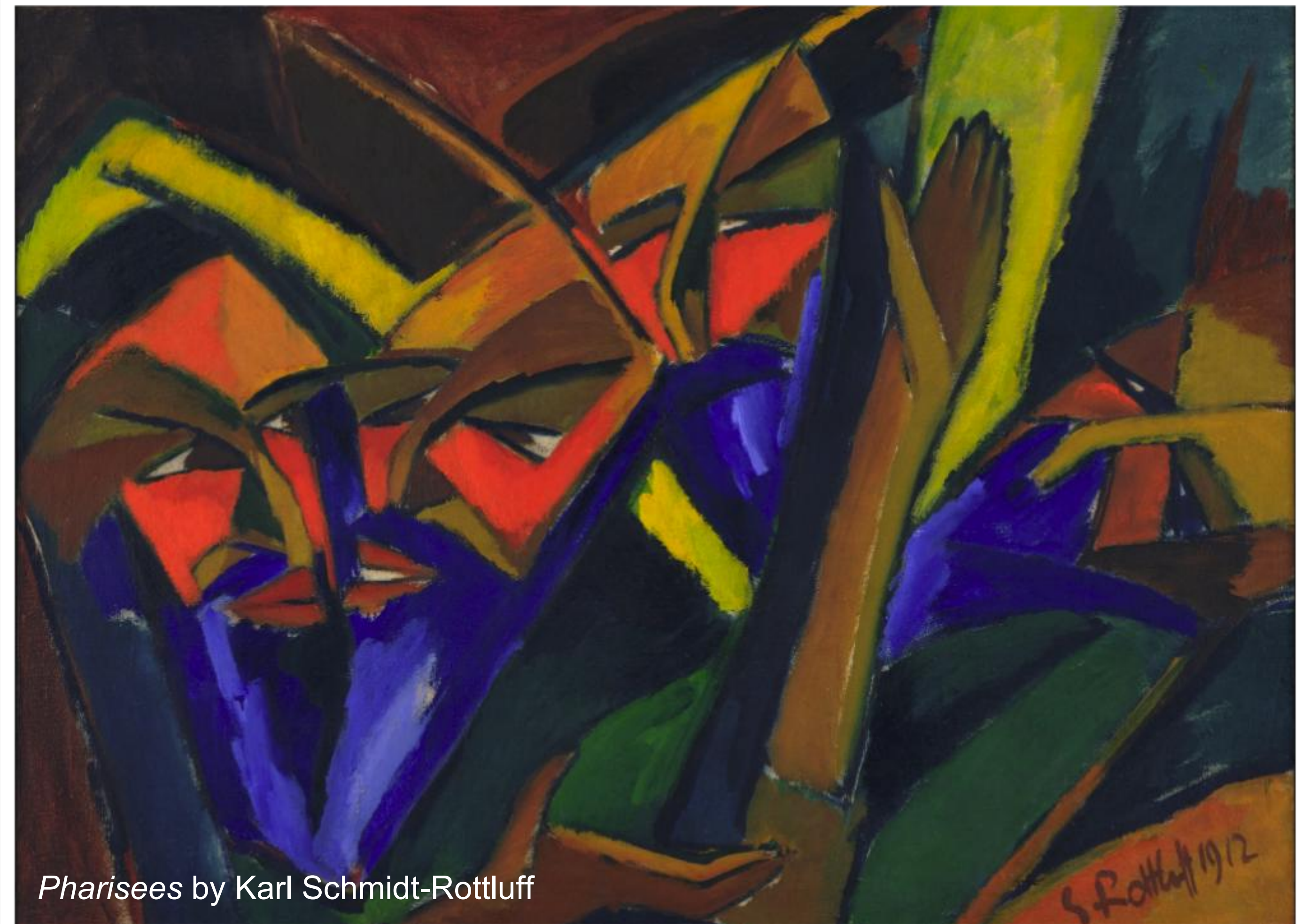
Pastors and Obedient Servants

**If they are
satisfied, full, rich,
they might be missing God.**

“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your
consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing
now,
for you will mourn and weep.”
Luke 6:24-25 (NRSV)



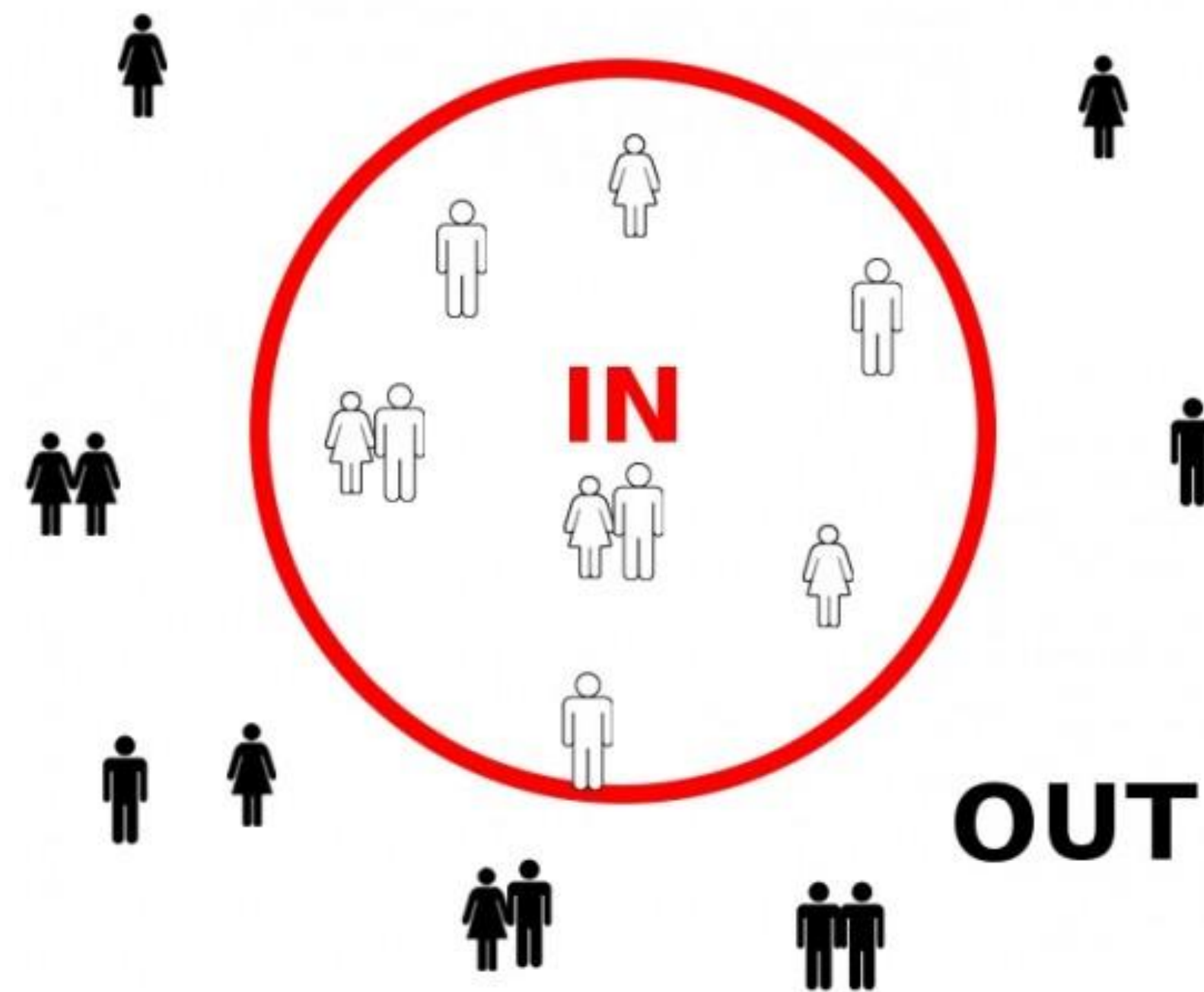
Pharisees by Karl Schmidt-Rottluff



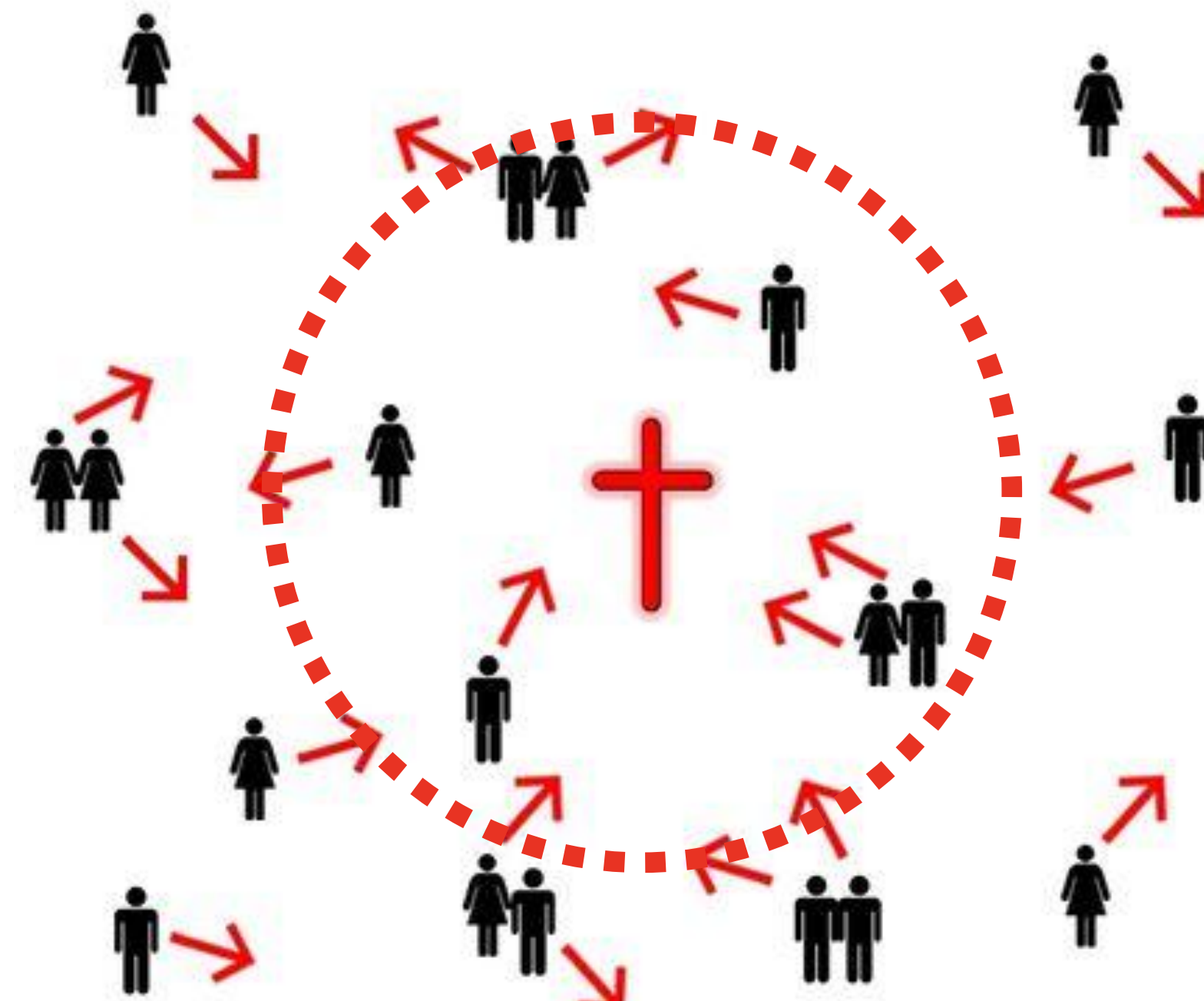
The Good News
becomes **BAD** when
it becomes
all about
who belongs.

Who is Moving towards God?

“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.” Matthew 20:16



Bounded Set



Centered Set



The Good News
becomes **BAD** when

its god is
right but **not**
very good.



Salvation is knowing the heart of the Abba God.

Now this is eternal life: that they **know** you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

John 17:3 (NIV)



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