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⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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The Freeing Love of Jesus

**Who
God Is**



**What
God Does**



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Matthew 16:13-16

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

The Freeing **LOVE** of Jesus

Who
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What
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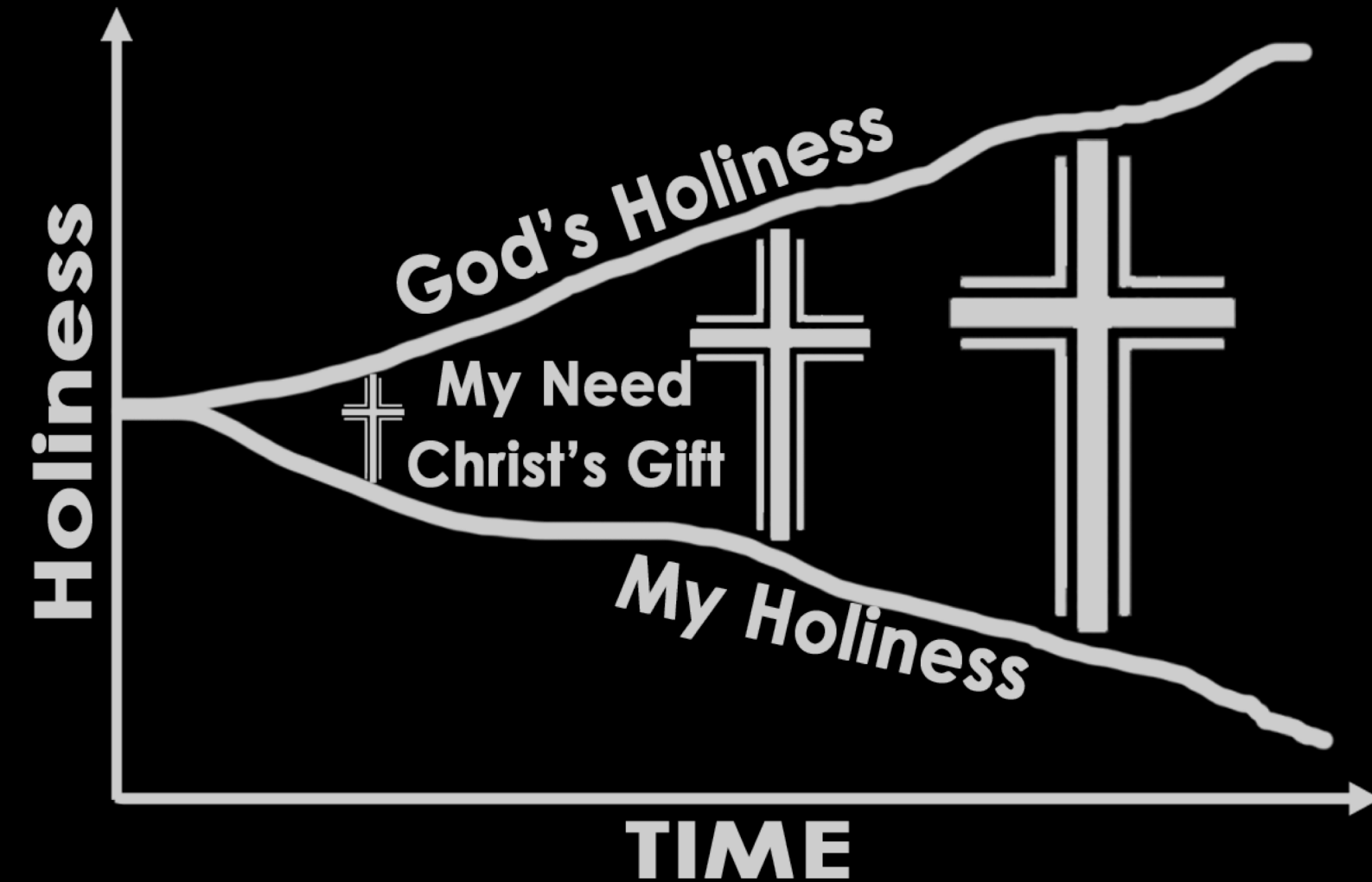
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The Cross Chart



As I grow, I realize:

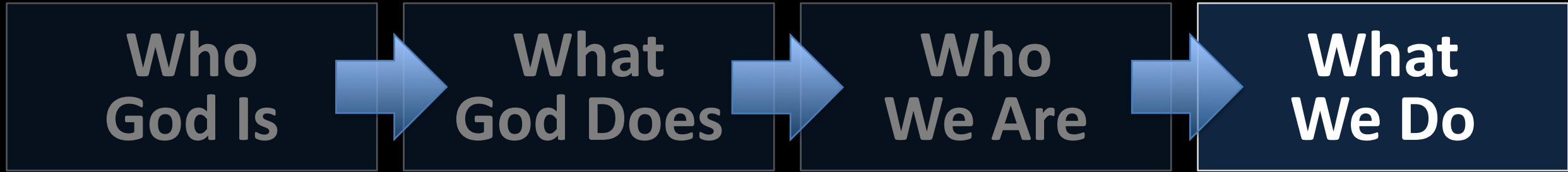
- 1) How much more Holy God is than I thought;
- 2) How much less holy (in myself) I am;
- 3) How much more amazing Jesus' sacrifice and gift are.

Jesus Plus Nothing

In Essentials, Unity
In Non-Essentials, Liberty
In All Things, Charity

What is the point of it all?

1. Get me to heaven
2. Give us rules to live by
3. Shame me into being good
4. Create an insider/outsider club
5. Give me metrics to judge others



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Enjoy

Westminster Confession of Faith (1647)

Q1: What is the chief end of man?

A: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever.

Enjoy

"God is most glorified in us
when we are most satisfied in Him."

John Piper, *Desiring God*

Luke 2:10

And the angel said to them,
“Fear not, for behold, I bring
you good news of great joy
that will be for all the people.

Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, rejoice.

How Joy is EXPRESSED



Up in Worship

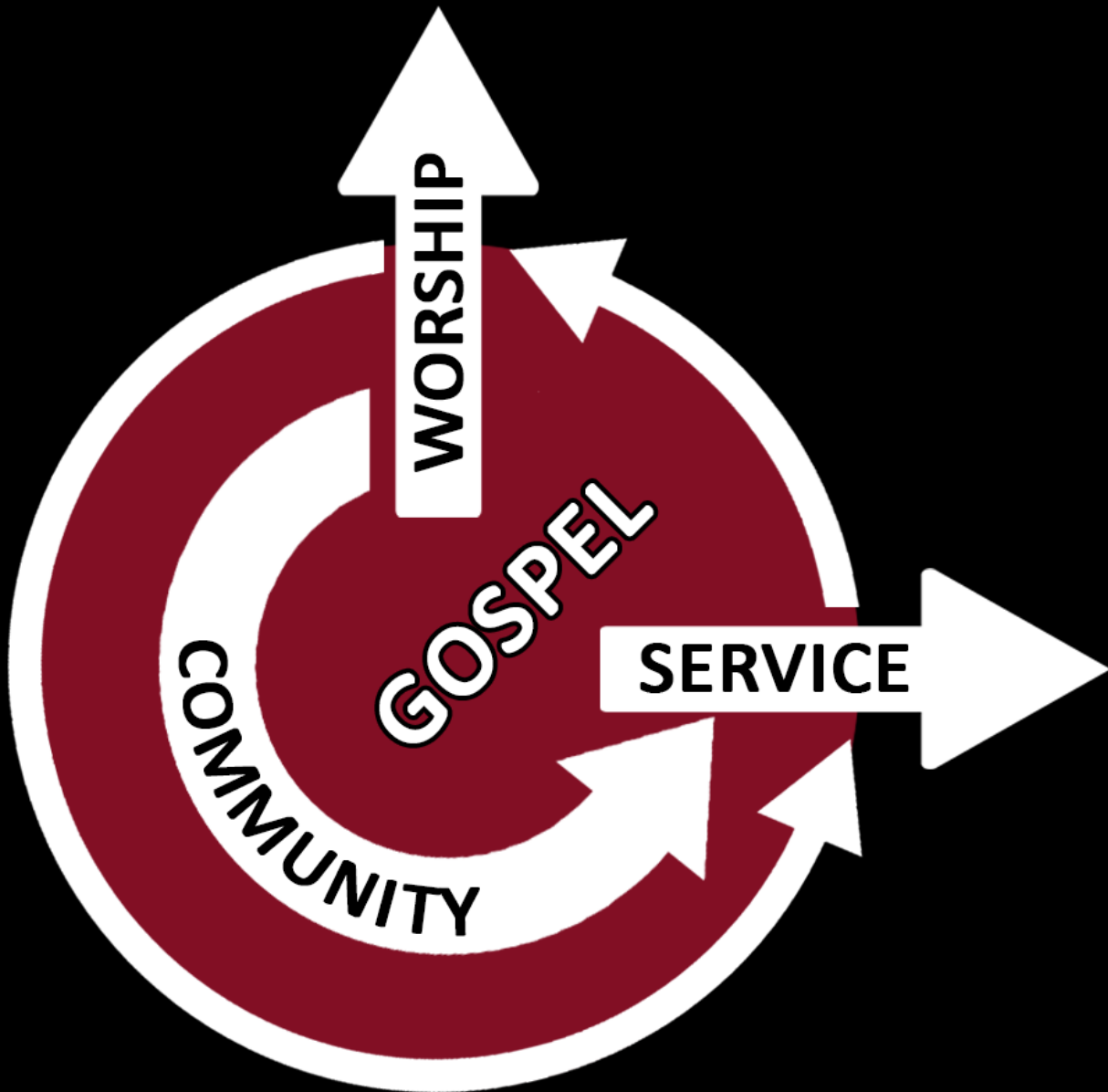
How Joy is EXPRESSED



Up in Worship

Around in Community

How Joy is EXPRESSED



Up in Worship

Around in Community

Out in Service

Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, ***who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.***