
Secrets

in the

Rainbow

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Introduction

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When God in Heaven created all we can and cannot see, 7 was central to His design. Not only is it the number of days in the week and tones of the scale, scientists now admit that the number pattern 7 exists in every field they study. First, it is a component of who we are.

Not only do humans experience 7 seasons of life,

Infant – Child – Adolescent – Youth – Young Adult – Mature Adult – Senior Citizen

but also they exhibit 7 categories of facial expressions.

Anger – Happiness – Fear – Surprise – Disgust – Sadness – Contempt

Second, the more we investigate nature, the more evidence we find that 7 is a building block.

GEOGRAPHY:	<i>There are 7 continents - and 7 seas - that form the Earth.</i>
GEOLOGY:	<i>There are 7 major types of geologic materials on Earth.</i>
METEOROLOGY:	<i>There are 7 types of ice crystals that create snowflakes.</i>
ASTRONOMY:	<i>There are 7 categories of stars that are in the universe.</i>
BIOLOGY:	<i>There are 7 cervical vertebrae in all mammals ' necks.</i>
CHEMISTRY:	<i>There are 7 periods in the Periodic Table of Elements.</i>
PHYSICS:	<i>There are 7 shells of electrons around nuclei of atoms.</i>
NUTRITION:	<i>There are 7 basic minerals a human cell needs for life.</i>
PSYCHOLOGY:	<i>There are 7 bits of data short-term memory can juggle.</i>
ANATOMY:	<i>There are 7 years required for the body to renew itself.</i>

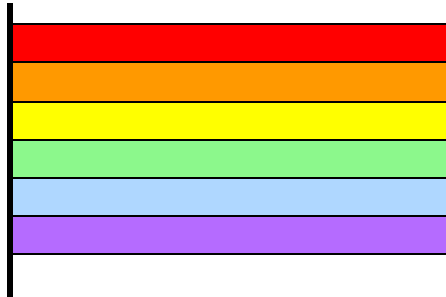
Before mankind ever penned “Once upon a time” or “It was a dark and stormy night” there was God – the “Sees All... Knows All... Can Do All...” Creator of Heaven and Earth. Everything He designs isn’t just pleasing, but it is saturated with purpose. In other words... there is a wide and a deep to His words and His ways. From the furnishings in the tabernacle to the parables of Jesus, there is the lesson – and then there is the lesson within the lesson. His thoughts form the shape of a cross – *life* (horizontal) – *life more abundant* (vertical).

If you are walking through a forest and come upon a clearing with 7 rows of 7 fruits – apples, oranges, lemons, limes, blueberries, plums, and grapes – the only conclusion possible is that intelligence has been here, creating order out of disorder. Design implies a Designer. Nebuchadnezzar was desperate for someone to tell him his dream and give the interpretation. When Daniel did it, he said (in Daniel 2:47), “*Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, a Lord of kings, a revealer of secrets.*” Now it is time to reveal secrets in His rainbow.

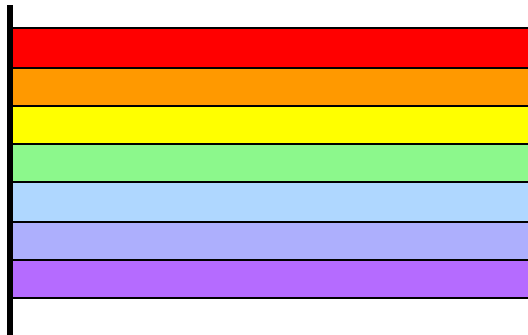
Isaiah 59:19 declares:

*“When the enemy shall come in like a flood,
the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.”*

In recent years the enemy has come in like a flood with a standard of 6 colors.



Now is the time for the Spirit of the Lord to lift up God’s standard of 7 colors.



Why did God insert a color blend – INDIGO – for the 6th color of the rainbow?

In Matthew 24:37 Jesus likens the Last Days to Noah’s Flood:

“As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.”

Could it be that the seven colors of the rainbow reveal God’s timepiece for mankind?

	Red		The Old Covenant		Blood	
	Orange		Prophets / Silence		Fire	
	Yellow		The New Covenant		Light	
	Green		God’s Tree of Life		Cross	
	Blue		Power of Pentecost		Wind	
	Indigo		The Bride of Christ		Church	
	Violet		The Return of Christ		Royalty	

In Isaiah 66:8 God speaks prophecy in the form of a question:

“Can a country be born in a day or a nation brought forth in a moment?”

Could it be that when Israel was reborn on May 15, 1948 we entered the violet band?

Clock of Many Colors

When a rainbow appears in the sky, and people stop what they are doing to gaze at it, most have no idea that the arch they see is actually the top half of a circle. You have to get high above the horizon (in a plane or on a mountain peak) to see the rainbow in its entirety.

When the early NASA astronauts were first launched into space, they reported with child-like fascination that the circle rainbows below looked like halos hovering over Earth. Surely, as the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat, this was rainbow that Noah saw.

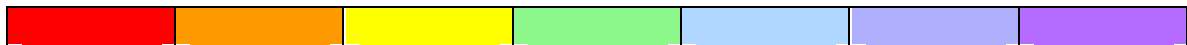
This ring of 7 colors was God's covenant symbol that never again would He destroy the Earth with a flood. His choice of a circle to cement His promise is seen in the template He used for creation. Isaiah 40:22 says, "*He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth.*"

Later, God told the prophet to write – "*For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts*" – Isaiah 55:9. While man thinks of colors as primary and secondary, God thinks in terms of the spectrum.

HUMAN ARTISTS work from A "PAINT" PALETTE of 6 COLORS.



HEAVEN'S ARTIST works from A "PRISM" PALETTE of 7 COLORS.



Paul wrote in Philippians 3:10 – "*That I may know Him...*" and part of knowing Him isn't just standing in awe at the appearance of a rainbow, but also it is pursuing His thoughts concerning the significance of its colors. The sequence is sometimes taught as Roy G. Biv.



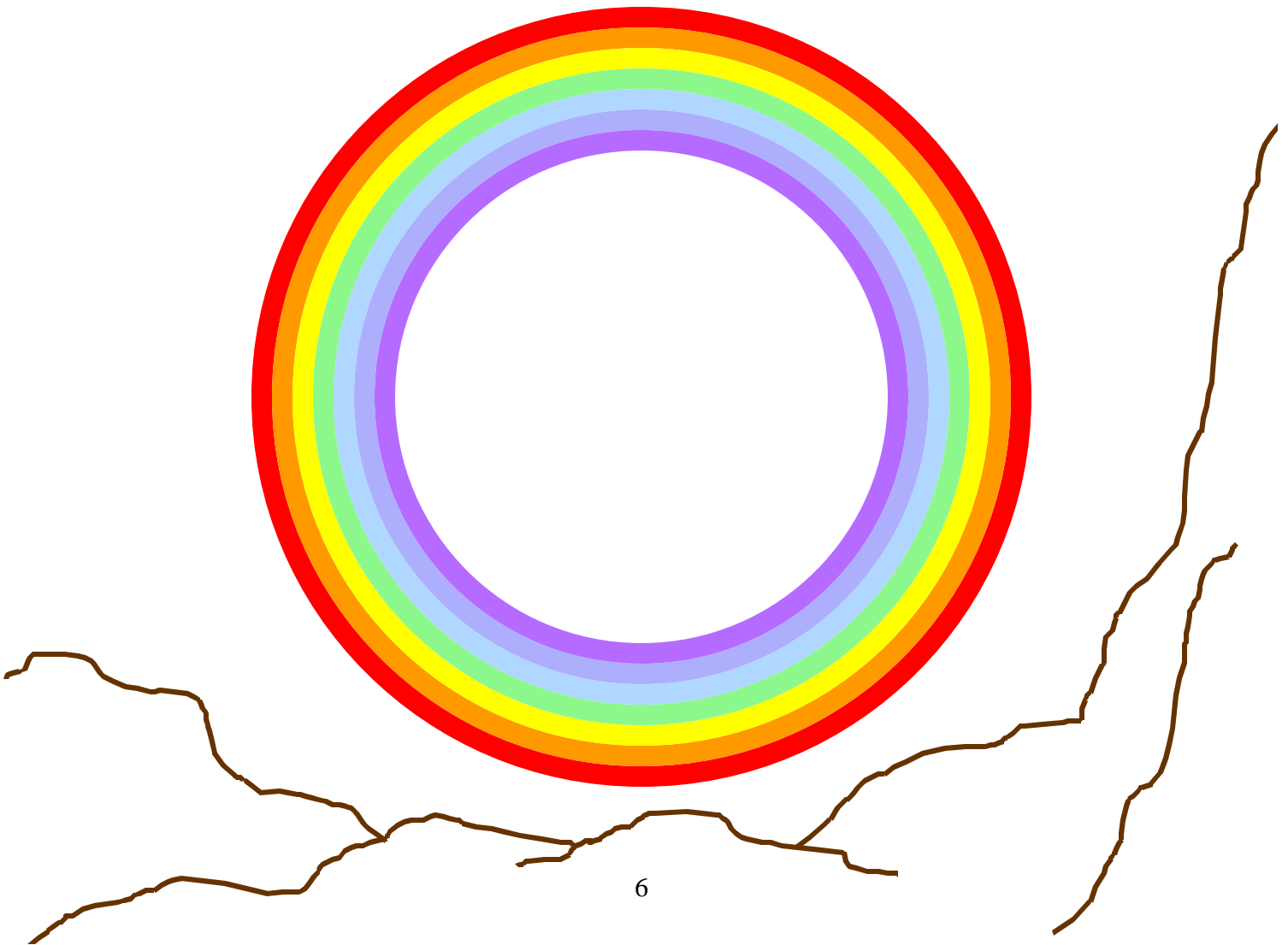
RED ORANGE YELLOW GREEN BLUE INDIGO VIOLET

And the biggest question... why does God include INDIGO in the rainbow's design? What is there about this hue that gives it valued placement in the Creator's prism palette? Like Ezekiel's "wheel in the middle of a wheel" so INDIGO is the lesson inside the lesson.

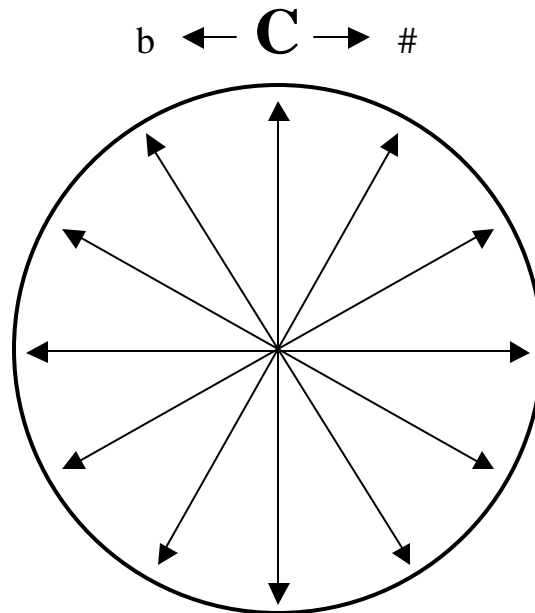
Jesus answered the disciples' question about His Coming and the End of the Age this way:

“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.” Matthew 24:32-42

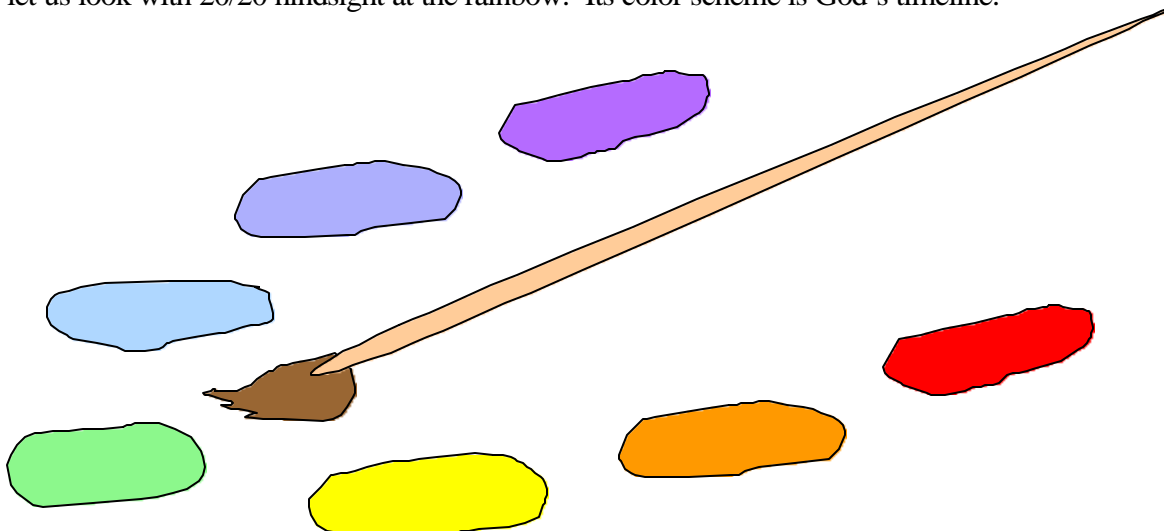
Noah and his family were not told the day and the hour that the flood would come, but they did know the timeframe. It would be their generation, their lifespan, and each sunset brought them closer to the countdown moment. Because they believed what God had said, they kept working – watching – wondering. After the ark was finished and sealed with pitch, God shut them in. They had no idea this awaited them when the flood's fury was over.



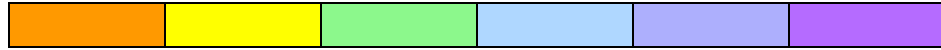
Because the circle is symmetrical and unending, it is an exact image for God's nature. It embodies His covenant with man. From "*Great is Thy faithfulness*" in Lamentations 3:23 to "*If we believe not, yet He abideth faithful*" in II Timothy 2:13, His vows are pure and sure. In addition to our seeing it in the rainbow, we hear it in music's Circle of Sharps and Flats. The melodies and harmonies of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs generate from its design. The circle shows all **12** of the scale's white and black keys, so it resembles a clock.



Could it be that the Creator chose a circle rainbow when He began life on Earth again because He wanted believers, living in the Israel restored generation, to see it as a timepiece? Following God's covenant with Noah came God's covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Once again the number **12** appears – Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel – had **12** sons. God inspired special favor for the 11th son, Joseph, by gifting him with a coat of many colors. Ecclesiastes 1:9 says, "*What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again.*" Based on the authority of God's Word, then, we can view His dealings in the past as a pattern for His dealings now. As the 11th hour before Christ's midnight call to His Bride ticks away, let us look with 20/20 hindsight at the rainbow. Its color scheme is God's timeline.



Red



“For the life of the flesh is in the blood. It makes atonement for the soul.” Leviticus 17:11

The outer ring of the rainbow that holds all else in place is RED – the color of blood. From the beginning God ordained that both earthly life and eternal life was dependent on it. Genesis 3:21 tells us that God Himself put the shedding of blood into motion when He made garments of skin to cover the consequence of sin – the nakedness of Adam and Eve. Then, we find God’s approving of Abel’s sacrifice – the firstborn of his flock – but disapproving of Cain’s sacrifice – some fruits from the soil. The first involved the shedding of animal blood, while the second involved something grown from the ground, which God had cursed.

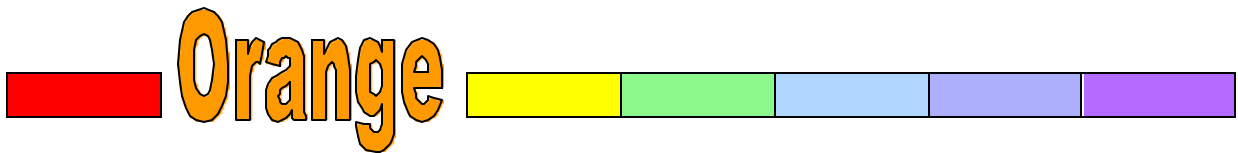
God is serious about blood. In fact, the word is used 162 times just in the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible. First, God said to Noah, *“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man”* – Genesis 9:6. Next, God said to Abraham, *“Every male among you shall be circumcised”* – Genesis 17:10. Then, He tested Abraham by asking him to sacrifice his son of promise, Isaac (Genesis 22). In the following generation Isaac’s son, Jacob, wept for his son, Joseph, after jealous brothers faked his death by dipping Joseph’s coat of many colors in goat’s blood (Genesis 37).

But, it was through Moses that God used blood to prove His “Alpha-Omega” power. The first plague turned the water of the Nile to blood (Exodus 7). The last plague called for the death of the firstborn son of each household (Exodus 12). God protected the Israelites by having them sprinkle the blood of an unblemished lamb on their doorposts. At midnight God passed over the homes where the blood was applied. In the Sinai, God gave Moses the Law (Exodus 20) and a system of sacrifices for atonement of sin. All foreshadowed the words of Jesus in John 3:16, *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.”*

Eve’s involvement with the forbidden fruit was influenced by the serpent’s deception, but Adam’s decision to taste it was deliberate. In that rebellious moment a sin virus invaded his blood that infected every generation he fathered. The beginning of I Corinthians 15:21 makes this clear. It says, *“For as in Adam all die.”* When the Creator of Heaven and Earth established the rule that blood must be shed to pay for sin, He meant it. Malachi 3:6 states: *“I am the Lord... I change not”* – so it shouldn’t come as a surprise to us when the writer of Hebrews 9:22 says it again – *“Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.”*

***Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.***

The unmistakable message of God’s Law in the Old Testament – in the Old Covenant – is that life is in the blood. If, in truth, the rainbow silently speaks of God and His ways, then it makes sense that He would begin the colors of His promise symbol with crimson.



“But who can endure the day of His coming? He will be like a refiner’s fire.” Malachi 3:2

The second ring of the rainbow is the color of fire. An indisputable law of physics is “Two things cannot occupy the same place at the same time.” In order for the new to come, there has to be a burning away of the old, seen in nature with the turning of leaves in autumn. In summer droughts we actually experience this phenomenon with the coming of forest fires. What fuels the inferno is dry conditions. What causes the dry conditions is not enough rain. This is the history of Israel. With the pillar of fire God led them... and with burnt sacrifices God taught them... and with the blazing messages of the prophets God warned them.

Fire get man’s attention. First comes flame, then embers, then ashes, then desolation. Only after that – in time – comes new life. This “in time” was experienced by the Israelites during the 400 years between the Old and New Testaments. These are sometimes referred to as “the silent years” – but that doesn’t mean God wasn’t busy – accomplishing His purposes. This time-parenthesis can be compared to “the silent months” between conception and birth. Just as much has to come together in the womb before the fullness of time, so also much had to come together in the world before the words, “*And it came to pass...*” in Luke 2:1.

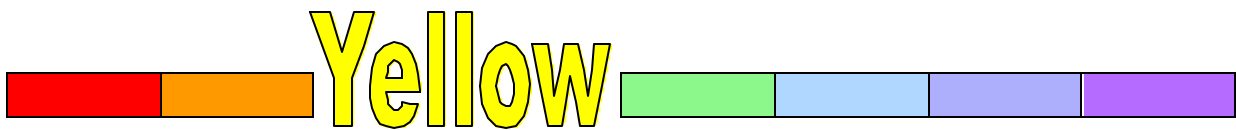
Most consider the book of Job to be the oldest in the Bible. If so, it is significant that Job 41:21 declares of God – “*His breath sets coals ablaze, and flames dart from His mouth.*” The prophets reiterated this truth. Isaiah 30:27 proclaims: “*His tongue is a consuming fire.*” That’s why the answer of John the Baptist to the Pharisees in John 1:23 was so noteworthy. “*John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, I am the voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Make straight the way for the Lord.’*” In Luke 3:16-17 he preached: “*He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire – He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.*”

If the voice of the prophets was a drum roll, then the season of silence was a fermata in anticipation of “*Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world*” – John 1:29. Waiting in the wings from eternity past was the Messiah – Jesus, Son of God / Son of Man. Some call His appearance on Planet Earth the hinge of history. Nothing was the same again. Just as a forest fire alters a physical landscape, so His coming altered the spiritual landscape: “*For the Law was given by Moses, but Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ*” – John 1:17. Twice daily, sunrise and sunset, God tells us that ORANGE is the color of transition.

***Set my soul afire, Lord, for Thy Holy Word;
Burn it deep within me; let Thy voice be heard.***

The second circle not only represents the burning of the old to make room for the new, it’s the color of harvest, symbolizing “the fullness of time” when days are accomplished. That’s why John the Baptist said in John 3:30 – “*He must increase and I must decrease.*”

Yellow



“Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.” – Isaiah 60:1

First, God spoke to His people through the Law that required blood sacrifices – RED. Second, He spoke to their wayward leaders through warnings from the prophets – ORANGE. Third, God spoke to all through His only begotten Son – the Light of the World – YELLOW. Hebrews 1:1-2 is powerful: *“In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son... through whom He made the universe.”* In Genesis 1:3, Jesus declared: *“Let there be light.”* Hebrews 1:3 reveals why He had the authority: *“The Son is the radiance of God’s glory.”*

It doesn’t stretch things at all to say, *“Let there be light”* equals *“Let there be Jesus.”* John 8:12 – *“I AM the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness.”* These words were prophesied in Isaiah 49:6 – *“I will also make You a light for the Gentiles, that You may bring My salvation to the ends of the Earth.”* How fitting that God used a star to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. Surely the wise men remembered Numbers 24:17 – *“There shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel.”* On the last page of the Bible Jesus says, *“I AM... the Bright and Morning Star”* – Revelation 22:16.

Malachi 4:2 says, *“But unto you that fear My Name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings.”* Dawn is perfect imagery for Christ’s birth because the sun, literally and figuratively, ushers in a new morning. The higher it rises, the brighter it shines. At “noon” in His ministry He was transfigured. Matthew 17:2 – *“His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.”* The next thing Jesus did, Mathew 17:14-18, was to heal the demon-possessed boy, whose seizures often made him fall into fire and water. These events led to a teachable moment to talk to the disciples about mustard-seed faith.

Psalms 119:105 states: *“Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”* When the Word was made flesh in Jesus, John 1:14, He told listeners: *“Believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light”* – John 12:36. There’s a reason kids cry for a nightlight. Fear of the unknown and unseen is gripping. That’s why Jesus opened the eyes of the blind. His underlying message then and now – *“You don’t have to be afraid of the dark any more.”* Whether it is the glow of a lighthouse or the glow a candle, illumination makes the way sure. Jesus not only said *“I AM the Light of the World”* but also *“I AM the Way”* – John 14:6.

***Once I was blind, but now I can see:
The Light of the world is Jesus.***

The third circle represents the life and ministry of Jesus. From prison John the Baptist inquired of Him: *“Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?”* Jesus said, *“Go back and report to John – the blind receive their sight”* – Matthew 11:2-5.



“The rod not only sprouted but budded, blossomed, and yielded almonds.” – Numbers 17:8

It’s no coincidence that God chose GREEN as the centerpiece of the promise symbol. According to Revelation 4:3, it’s the color that surrounds Him. When John viewed Heaven, this is what he recorded about it: *“A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne.”* God does nothing by mistake. All His handiwork is purposeful – saturated with significance. That’s why every human – whether young or old, healthy or sick, born or unborn – has value. Ephesians 2:10 declares, *“For we are His workmanship...”* – a word from the original Greek that carries with it the connotation of a “work of art” – deliberately prepared in advance.

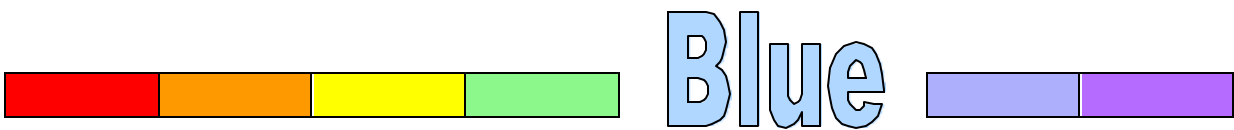
After God made Adam and Eve, He told them, *“I give you every seed-bearing plant... and every tree that has fruit with seed”* – Genesis 1:29. The green in the leaves that makes possible the fruit is chlorophyll, the molecule that absorbs sunlight through photosynthesis. The One who tells the Church to do everything “decently and in order” – I Corinthians 14:40, is One Himself who does everything decently and in order. First came the yellow of the sun, then the green of vegetation. Not only is God the Giver of Life, He is the Sustainer of Life. That’s why David could sing in Psalm 23:2 – *“He makes me lie down in green pastures.”*

God is the same yesterday, today, and forever – from the *Tree of Life* in Genesis 2:9 to the *Tree of Life* in Revelation 22:2. Just as Aaron was high priest of God’s Old Covenant, so Jesus is High Priest of God’s New Covenant. Just as God made Aaron’s staff to blossom, so He made Christ’s staff to blossom. In John 10:11, Jesus said, *“I AM the Good Shepherd.”* His staff wasn’t the usual crook we see in pictures, however. His was in the shape of a cross. Jesus said, *“I AM the Vine”* – John 15:5. When His Body touched the timber, it lived again, changing the hill’s name from *Golgotha* (man at his worst) to *Calvary* (God at His best).

II Corinthians 5:19 states: *“God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself.”* What began with *“I AM”* – the Name given to Moses from the burning bush in Exodus 3:14, was fully revealed in Jesus. In a frenzy of love, the Creator Himself willingly put on flesh to come fill in the blanks. When He said, *“I AM the Resurrection”* – John 11:25, it became the “Amen of the Ages.” With crucifixion, Satan thought that he had had the last word. Not so. Having spent time in God’s presence as praise leader of Heaven, he should have asked about the encircling emerald rainbow. Then he would have known – GREEN equals GRACE.

***When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.***

The fourth circle, literally central to the rainbow spectrum, is the color of resurrection. Without it grace would only be a concept. It’s the rise of sap from the dead of winter. It’s the Law of Lift, laughing at the Law of Gravity. It’s God, turning death to shadow.



“God remembered Noah and all with him in the ark – and He sent a wind.” – Genesis 8:1

The fifth color of the rainbow is so positioned because it represents the Holy Spirit’s five-fold ministry – the empowering of apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, and evangelists. But long before the Church was birthed from Jesus’ side and commissioned at His ascension, the Spirit brooded like a bird over Earth – Genesis 1:2 (Message). That’s why the blue of the sky is His color. What’s so magnificent about the rainbow is that the primary colors line up with the members of the Godhead: **Red** - *the Father*, **Yellow** - *the Son*, **Blue** - *the Holy Spirit*. When the “1 - 3 - 5” tones of the musical scale are sung together, they create harmony.

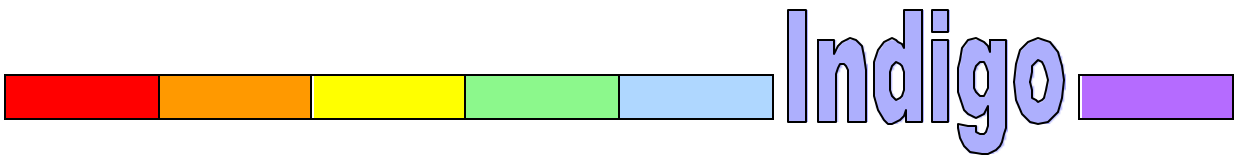
The first time man ever felt the Holy Spirit’s presence was in the Garden of Eden... when God blew into Adam’s nostrils the breath of life, and he became *a living being* (NIV) – *a living soul* (KJV) – Genesis 2:7. Absence of breath means death because the spirit is gone. Luke 23:46 – “*Jesus cried with a loud voice, ‘Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.’ When He had said this, He breathed His last.*” Luke was a physician, so this verse is telling. Clearly, God’s first purpose in creating man was to give him life in ever-increasing quality. John 10:10 says, “*I AM come that they might have life – and have it more abundantly.*”

God’s second purpose in creating man was to give him dominion. Genesis 1:26 says, “*Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness: and let them have dominion over every thing upon the Earth.*” God’s plan is fixed. We are here because God wanted to give us life and with that life – authority. Sadly, the first Adam sinned and, as a consequence, lost both. It took Jesus – the second Adam – to regain them. In John 20:21-22, Jesus told the disciples: “*As the Father has sent Me, I AM sending you. And with that He breathed on them and said, Receive ye the Holy Spirit.*” Like a mighty rushing wind, authority came at Pentecost.

The sky’s air currents embody life and authority: breezes refresh – tornados rip apart. There’s no better way to convey the Holy Spirit’s paradox role: He comforts – He convicts. Another important feature of the prevailing winds is that they gather moisture to form clouds. From them, God – in His timing – waters the Earth with rain and snow. Isaiah 55:10-11 says, “*As the rain and the snow come down... watering the Earth and making it bud and flourish... so is My Word that goes out from My mouth. It will achieve the purpose for which I sent it.*” Empowered by the Spirit, the Early Church turned the world upside down – Acts 17:6.

***Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.***

“The person who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him” – I Corinthians 6:17.
This means the Power that said, “Let there be ” becomes fused with the believer’s spirit.
No wonder Paul could declare, “I can do all things through Christ...” – Philipians 4:13.



Indigo

“The Spirit and the Bride say, Come! Let him who hears say, Come!” – Revelation 22:17

Six is the number of man. Not only did God make him on the sixth day, He told him in the Ten Commandments – *“Six days you shall labor and do all your work”* – Exodus 20:9. It is profoundly significant that the sixth circle is a color-blend. When the Creator declared, *“Let us make man in Our image,”* He split His attributes into two parts – male and female – for the express purpose of bringing them back together in a beautiful procreative relationship. *“And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made He a woman”* – Genesis 2:22. From Adam came Eve, and from the second Adam came a second Eve – the Church.

The BLUE-VIOLET blend also pictures God’s dual plan for man – life and dominion. The role of the Holy Spirit is that of Matchmaker. He acquaints the Beloved with Her Lover, wooing Her to intimacy with Him – growing Her from the “milk” to the “meat” of the Word. Once believers begin to understand who they are in Christ, the more authority He gives them. II Chronicles 16:9 declares: *“The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth that He may show Himself strong in behalf of those whose hearts are perfect toward Him.”* The word *“perfect”* describes hearts that are fully His – mature – totally committed.

In Numbers 15:37-39, God told Moses to speak to the Israelites *“...and say to them that they shall make themselves **tsitsit** (tassels) on the corners of their garments throughout their generations...and place upon the **tsitsit** (tassel) a thread of **tekhelet** (the color indigo). And you shall see it and remember all of the commandments of God and you shall do them.”* While INDIGO in the Old Covenant was external, INDIGO in the New Covenant is internal. When we accept Jesus as Savior, the Spirit writes God’s Laws in our heart (Hebrews 10:16). This enables believers to worship the Father *“in spirit and in truth”* – John 4:23-24.

II Corinthians 7:17 tells Christians, *“Come out from among them and be ye separate.”* That’s why the sixth circle, which represents the betrothal of Jesus to the Church, is set apart. INDIGO is the fused BLUE of born-again believers to the VIOLET of the Majesty on High. We are BLUE, His breathing Body, and VIOLET, His blushing Bride – confirmation that the Holy Spirit has sealed us until that day we are wed to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. If ever there was a love story that has a right to end with *“And they lived happily ever after,”* it is History, *“the mystery of godliness”* – I Timothy 3:16 – lesson within the lesson.

***The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by Spirit and the Word.***

“This cup is the new covenant, ratified in My blood, which is shed for you” – Luke 22:20.
When the wine’s VIOLET touches the indwelling Spirit’s BLUE, the result is INDIGO.
I Peter 2:9 calls us “chosen – royal – holy – peculiar.” No wonder this circle is different.



Violet

“Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe.” – John 19:5

If the Holy Spirit did a special work in the Early Church – BLUE – it follows that He will do a special work in the Late Church – VIOLET – the looking-up “Rapture” generation. Even the musical scale expresses this. The seventh pitch, formally called the Leading Tone, is what drives the melody upward. In Luke 12:37, Jesus said: *“Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching.”* With the rebirth of Israel in one day, foretold in Isaiah 66:8, we entered the last circle of the rainbow. The day was May 15, 1948. *“When you see all these things, know that it is near, even at the door.”* – Matthew 24:33.

No one knows how wide the seventh circle of the rainbow is – how much time is left before the catching away of the Church – but each tick of the clock brings the moment closer. I Thessalonians 4:16-17 – *“For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. After that, we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.”* The next event – scheduled from the foundation of the world – is the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, where once again He will drink the fruit of the vine.

The book of Esther describes a time of personal preparation before meeting the king. Half of the purification involved *“oil of myrrh”* – the other half *“sweet odors”* – Esther 2:12. The VIOLET circle of the rainbow is the Church’s season of preparation to meet Her King. Myrrh, a balm that heals and preserves, was present both at the birth and the death of Jesus – Matthew 2:11, John 19:39. Also, pure myrrh is the first ingredient in the holy anointing oil – Exodus 30:23. In the believer it is the Oil of the Holy Spirit that heals, preserves, sanctifies. Interestingly, myrrh is found most, 7 verses, in God’s romance book – Song of Solomon.

“Odors” are the prayers of the saints, Revelation 5:8, and what makes them *“sweet”* – a pleasing fragrance to God – is faith. *“But without faith it is impossible to please Him”* – Hebrews 11:6. We need to let the Oil of the Holy Spirit keep us supple as new wineskins and let *“Essence of Faith”* rise as perfume in our *“Abide in Me”* prayer conversation (John 15:4). John 6:28-29 says, *“Then they asked Him, ‘What must we do to do the works God requires?’ Jesus answered, ‘The work of God is this: to believe in the one He has sent.’”* Colossians 2:6 says, *“As you received Christ, so walk in Him.”* What begins with faith ends with faith.

***When we all get to Heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, we’ll sing and shout the victory.***

The reason the seventh circle is VIOLET is because our wedding wine is being poured. The King of Kings and Lord of Lords is anxiously peering over the banister of Heaven, heart beating with anticipation to hear the Father say: *“Now, Son. Go call Your Bride.”*

REFLECTIONS

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“For by grace are ye saved through faith.” – Ephesians 2:8

When you opened your heart to receive Jesus as Savior, you released some of the faith He deposited in you from conception. In that moment His Spirit quickened your spirit, and you became a child of the King. Describe the when and where of your salvation.

*Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

When Moses asked God what His Name was, He told him to tell the Israelite nation: *“I AM hath sent me unto you”* – Exodus 3:14. Those people who are genuinely born of God share His Name. When we come to Him for salvation, we say: *“I AM sinner – I AM sorry.”* After we are washed pure through the blood of Jesus, we say: *“I AM saved by His grace.”* God’s Name is *“I AM”* – not *“I DO.”* That’s why He doesn’t recognize the names of those who stand before Him on judgment day and protest... *“But, I DID this – I DID that.”*

Matthew 7:22 / Luke 13:26

But, Lord, in Your Name...

1. *We prophesied,*
2. *And cast out demons,*
3. *And did wonderful works.*
4. *We ate and drank with You,*
5. *And You taught in our streets.*

Some 21st Century Examples

But, Lord, in Your Name...

The very idea that humans can present a résumé to the God of the Universe is absurd. His standard is perfection, and only Jesus, His Begotten Son, measures up. The question is: Are you still counting on Christ's "*It is finished! – Paid in full!*" for salvation? Or, have you let Satan confuse you with "Maybe grace got you saved, but it's grind that keeps you saved!" Not so. Otherwise, God would be bound to give us partial credit, and He said in Isaiah 42:8, "*I AM the Lord; that is My Name! I will not give My glory to another or My praise to idols.*"

The Creator doesn't change His mind midstream. What starts as a gift stays as a gift. He could have used any configuration to express to Noah the trustworthiness of His Word. It's no accident that He chose the unending circle. Of the twelve apostles, none experienced God's immeasurable grace more than Peter. Even when his water-walking faith disintegrated into courtyard-cursing failure, God totally forgave and restored him. At Pentecost, Peter was Exhibit A of Psalm 23:6, "*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.*"

II Timothy 2:13 (*in the Amplified*) fills hearts, saved by grace, with assurance.

*"If we are faithless, [do not believe and are untrue to Him],
He remains true (faithful to His Word and His righteous character),
for He cannot deny Himself."*

Insight

***"With the Lord a day is as a thousand years, a thousand years is as a day."* – II Peter 3:8**

The season of preparation in Esther's life before meeting her king was an actual year. While that same timeframe can be yours, keep this in mind: Our King lives outside of time. Thinking as He thinks – if a thousand years are as a day, a few moments are as an hour.

In the same way God measures time, He also measures behavior. James 2:10 tells us: "*For whosoever shall keep the whole Law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.*" Human logic resists the "*guilty of all*" principle, but all that matters is what God thinks.

One reason Heaven is going to be glorious is because everyone who enters will do so on equal footing. Not only will every believer have broken every law, Jesus will be honored for having done every good work. The pride that comes from comparison will be gone.

As the trumpet call to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb nears, children of the King need to become lovers of the King. That happens when we look full into His wonderful face. Hebrews 12:2 says, "*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.*"

Christ longs for a Bride who will stroll with Him, not just make an appointment.

***When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way!***

Violet



Jude 24-25 settles the issue of “salvation by grace – and grace alone” once and for all. *“Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!”* This is thrilling, but God does not stop there. He punctuates it with “Amen.” – “So be it.”

***Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.***

Just as, in the natural realm, oil and water don’t mix – so also, in the spiritual realm, the work of God (represented by oil) and the work of man (represented by water) don’t mix. The fruit of the indwelling Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22) is supposed to bubble up in believers, but it can’t manifest if they are double-minded about the “*It is finished!*” work of the cross. Either Jesus paid it all or He didn’t. Either His blood washes white as snow or it doesn’t.

After Adam and Eve were banished from the Garden of Eden, they had two sons – Cain and Abel. Genesis 4 tells the story of Cain’s anger that led to the murder of his brother and God’s banishing him from His presence. Genesis 5 tells us that then Adam and Eve had a third son, named Seth. Through his line came Enosh, Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, and Enoch. Genesis 5:24 declares: “*And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.*”

Hebrews 11:5 tells us: “*By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death.*” In other words, God treated this seventh generation differently from those that came before. The verse finishes: “*For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.*” If the circle rainbow is imagery of God’s timeline and we are the “seventh circle” generation, then we ought to take a second look at Enoch. What does “walking” with God look like?

All we have to do is look at the numerous ministry opportunities in Sunday bulletins to see what the Church thinks “working” for God is. And, with all the different praise styles we can observe at the click of a TV remote, we think we know what “worshipping” God is. But, “walking” with God is another matter. There are workers and worshippers everywhere who still do not know that there is another, deeper dimension to being a believer in Jesus.

His Thoughts: *Work* - John 6:28-29 *Worship* - John 4:23-24 *Walk* - John 12:35-36

Indigo

It has been said that the only thing that breaks the heart of God is doubt. Jesus said in His Sermon on the Mount, in Matthew 6:27 (Amplified), “*And who of you by worrying and being anxious can add one unit of measure (cubit) to his stature or to the span of his life?*” If we can’t add anything to the vertical of our height – or to the horizontal of our birthdays – why do we think we can add anything to the vertical or horizontal of redemption’s plan?

***I need no other argument; I need no other plea.
It is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.***

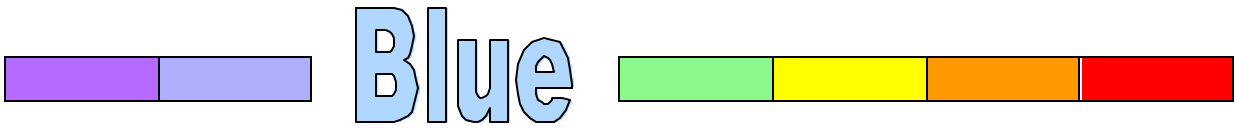
Our natural bent to add to what God says is as old as the Garden of Eden. God told Adam in Genesis 2:16, “*You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.*” Evidentially, Eve knew this rule of God, because she quoted it to the serpent in Genesis 3:2. Then she added, “*and you must not touch it*” – and mankind has been adding ever since.

Understanding this weakness in man is what prompted Jesus to say in Matthew 5:37, “*Let your Yes be Yes and your No be No. Anything more than that comes from the evil one.*” Adding a “To Do” list to the truth of God’s Word not only smacks of pride, but it opens the door of our mind to the Deceiver’s lie that child-like trust in the blood of Jesus isn’t enough. We think “staying saved” is an equation: His past work + my present work = salvation.

Jesus warns us – in John 10:10 – “*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.*” While Satan cannot touch our regenerated souls, he can sabotage peace, joy, hope, and faith. That’s why Paul tells us in II Corinthians 10:5 to “*demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God.*” Salvation isn’t a joint venture. It’s a gift – “*lest any man should boast*” – Ephesians 2:9. God doesn’t allow sweat (Ezekiel 44:18).

Because of our “past-present-future” timeframe, it’s easy to lose sight of the fact that, from the vantage point of the cross, every sin in our life was a future event. It’s the Deceiver, working overtime in our minds, that convinces us otherwise. We are the INDIGO Church – forever fixed as the Body and Bride of Christ – a blend of living BLUE and loving VIOLET. It’s not who we hope to be. It’s who we are now. What a reason to give thanks always!

His Thoughts: *Irrevocable Gift* - Romans 11:29 *One Spirit with Him* - I Corinthians 6:17



In the Amplified Bible, Hebrews 11:5 says, *“Because of faith Enoch was caught up.”* Jesus wonders, in Luke 18:8, *“When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the Earth?”* It is the byproduct of those who walk with Him. As His presence is inhaled, faith is exhaled. “Walking” with God cannot be imitated in the same way “worshipping” God can be imitated. Singing with the lips and “making music in the heart” (Ephesians 5:19) aren’t the same

Have faith in God; He’s on His throne. Have faith in God; He watches o’er His own. He cannot fail; He must prevail. Have faith in God; have faith in God.

We tend to be comfortable with sound, but not that uncomfortable with silence. Yet, this is necessary in walking with God. David was a man after God’s own heart (Acts 13:22). His **work** in slaying the giant is celebrated even today, and his **worship** is a model for us all, but the secret of his **walk** is spelled out in Psalm 46:10 – *“Be still, and know that I AM God.”* “Work / Worship / Walk” correspond to the “Outer Court / Holy Place / Holy of Holies.”

John 17:3 states: *“Now this is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.”* It’s time for the “Enoch” generation to clean house, to discard any thinking clutter that complicates the simplicity of this truth. We need to learn what it means to walk with God, to keep our faces turned toward His in sweet communion. We must cease making the Christian life a performance and start making it a friendship.

The BLUE in the INDIGO is proof-positive of the indwelling Helper, the Holy Spirit. *“He will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have said to you”* – John 14:26. Just as God fashioned the DNA of our physical form in a secret place (Psalm 139:15), so also He fashions the DNA of our spiritual form in a secret place – that inner chamber of the mind where *“Deep calls to deep”* – Psalm 42:7, where the Lover and His Beloved commune.

Just as time after conception prepares us for Earth, so time after salvation prepares us for Eternity. John 3:6 says, *“Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.”* What’s important to remember is that God is a “designer” God. Never were we meant to be “McChristians” – clones. The Bible doesn’t give us a one-size-fits-all formula for interacting with the Savior of our souls, but it does tell us that it comes with trust and transparency.

His Thoughts:

Trust - Proverbs 3:5-6

Transparency - Psalm 51:6-7



If there is any image that needs to stay etched in our minds, it's the glory of the Cross. This is what separates Christianity from every other belief system. Followers of other faiths achieve godly favor via their own merits. God favored us before the foundation of the world (Matthew 25:34). Satan cannot deny this Scripture, but he can constantly torment believers with the notion that if they don't DO Christianity right, they will fall out of God's favor.

***On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.***

Jude 21 gives a directive: "Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life." Thankfully, this Scripture doesn't say: "as you accumulate enough good works" - or - "as you make a valiant effort to be perfect." Hallelujah! It's *mercy* that brings us to eternal life. We need to believe God's Word about it or else tear that page out of the Bible. Adding to the *mercy* of Calvary borders on insult.

It's "Christ living in you" (Colossians 1:27) that keeps the believer's heart full of joy, and it's "the joy of the Lord" that keeps him strong (Nehemiah 8:10). Habakkuk 3:18 states: "*Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.*" When Paul neared the end of his life, he said the same thing - "*that I might finish my course with joy*" - Acts 20:24. The "Enoch" generation should be known for its unbridled joy. It's the mark of a Bride.

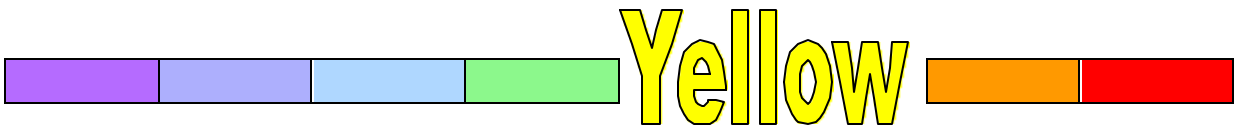
Wisdom says: "What a person thinks about" becomes what he says and what he does. God inspired Solomon to write - in Proverbs 23:7 - "*For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.*" Unfortunately, the Deceiver's primary weapon is thought. That's why Paul tells the Church: "*Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true - honest - just - pure - lovely - of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things*" - Philippians 4:8.

The One that gave us life gave us liberty. If we can choose Jesus, we can choose joy. Some are so sensitive that they never stop feeling guilty - even though Isaiah 53:6 declares, "*The Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all*" and even though Paul says in Romans 8:1, "*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*" Conviction is different from condemnation. The first leads toward light - the second toward darkness.

His Thoughts:

Condemnation - John 3:17-18

Conviction - John 16:7-11



Yellow

Paul tells us in I Timothy 6:12 to “*Fight the good fight of faith.*” God knows that trusting Him isn’t easy. The reason? We “see through a glass darkly” - and - “know in part” (I Corinthians 13:12). Faith, by its very nature, requires mystery. Things must stay hidden. How can one be both at rest and at war in this environment? – by standing on God’s Word – by claiming Romans 8:37 – “*We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.*”

***And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there none other has ever known.***

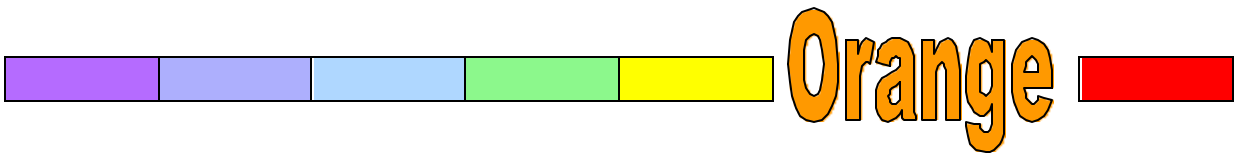
This means we’re not only secure “in” Him, but we’re also victorious “through” Him. This isn’t about how long we’ve been a believer – or even about how much Bible we know – [II Timothy 3:7 says, “*Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth*”] but this is about walking and talking with Jesus. As Henry Blackaby so beautifully puts it in *Experiencing God* – “Truth is a Person.” What the believer needs is to learn His voice.

Proverbs 16:3 (Amplified) says: “*Roll your works upon the Lord [commit and trust them wholly to Him; He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and] so shall your plans be established and succeed.*” What a promise! If we go through the day with Jesus on our minds, He will intervene in our thoughts to accomplish His purposes for us. And remember, His highest purpose for us has more to do with Eternity than with Time.

We don’t know “the day or the hour” of Christ’s return, but we do know we’re closer today than yesterday. Therefore, it’s possible – even probable – that many God-given calls won’t be fulfilled until after the Rapture. If you’ve believed for a very long time, take heart. Hebrews 11:39 – “*These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised.*” Some calls are so eternally valuable – a lifetime of faith is needed.

Paul writes – in I Corinthians 2:9 – “*Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.*” This is true both in this life and the life to come. If Jesus would not waste the bits and pieces left over from a little boy’s lunch, He’s not going to waste what He’s done in us during Time. If the wedding at Cana is a model (John 2:10), rest assured, He’s saving the best for last.

His Thoughts: Past - Philippians 3:13-14 **Present** - Hebrews 12:1-2 **Future** - Jeremiah 29:11



Nothing is more exciting than witnessing a move of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:2-3 says: *“Suddenly there came a sound from Heaven as of a rushing might wind...And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire.”* This fulfilled Acts 1:8 – *“You will receive power”* and set in motion – *“You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth”* – God’s evangelism plan in “rainbow” concentric circles.

***Lord, as of old at Pentecost Thou didst Thy pow’r display,
With cleansing, purifying flame, descend on us today.***

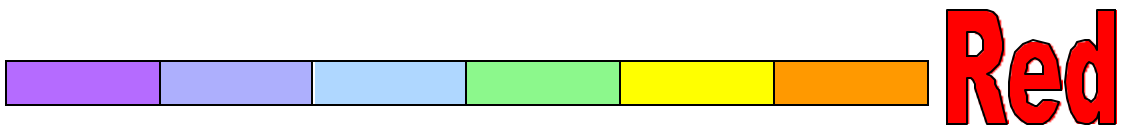
This New Testament event is reminiscent of the Old Testament competition between the one prophet of God and the 450 prophets of Baal. In I Kings 18:21 and 24, Elijah said: *“How long will you waver between two opinions? The god who answers by fire – He is God.”* Elijah’s trust was rewarded. Flames fell, consuming the sacrifice, the wood, and the water. God hasn’t changed. He is still looking for faith that’s not double-minded (James 1:8).

James 1:2 tells us: *“Consider it pure joy... whenever you face trials of many kinds, because the testing of your faith develops perseverance.”* The act of “considering” happens in the mind – not the emotions. This is critical because faith and feelings are often at odds. Without Gethsemane’s *“nevertheless”* there wouldn’t have been Golgotha’s *“It is finished!”* Jesus had to be a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1-2) before He could be a dying sacrifice.

The longer we walk with God, the harder our tests become. This was so of Abraham, who – in his old age – was asked to sacrifice Isaac. Emotions must have overwhelmed him, yet Hebrews 11:19 tells us, *“Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead.”* Because he kept confidence in the promise of a nation through Isaac, God called him friend (James 2:23). It takes abiding intimacy to change from being a child of God to being a friend of God.

Faith asks us to sacrifice not only our feelings, but also our timeframe for fulfillment. In Mark 10:31, Jesus said to Peter – *“But many that are first shall be last, and the last first.”* This promise is pure gold to those to whom God has given the life-assignment of believing. James 1:17 says, *“Every good and perfect gift is from above.”* If God has chosen you to be rich in faith, rather than the fortunes of this world, count it as a high honor (James 2:5).

His Thoughts: *Growing Faith* – II Thessalonians 1:3-7 *Overcoming Faith* – I John 5:4-5



Ephesians 1:7 states: *“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.”* Hallelujah – What a Savior! Throughout all eternity we will celebrate the purifying blood of the Lamb of God. Forever and ever we will honor the Name of Jesus, our Husband-Redeemer. It’s the role – and the privilege – of the Bride (Ephesians 5:22).

***Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.***

From Exodus 12:13, *“When I see the blood, I will pass over you”* to Leviticus 16:14, *“Before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle the blood with his finger seven times”* God taught that the shedding of blood is how He expresses His love. In Acts 20:28, Paul tells pastors, *“Be shepherds of the church of God, which He bought with His own blood.”* The Scripture’s *“agape”* red thread must be foundational to every sermon preached and every text sung.

Of all the anonymous lyrics ever set to a melody these have to be the most poignant – *“O the blood of Jesus, O the blood of Jesus, O the blood of Jesus, It washes white as snow.”* Romans 3:25 – *“God presented Him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in His blood.”* Zechariah 13:1 tells of another day is coming – *“On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity.”*

At pivotal times in God’s plan for Earth He has asked some to believe for a lifetime. This was true at the start of the Old Covenant (Abraham was 100 when Isaac was born) and the New Covenant (Simeon and Anna were old when they recognized Jesus as the Messiah). As His second coming nears, God – who works in patterns – could be asking the same of you so faith in this generation is also *“spoken of throughout the whole world”* – Romans 1:8.

In the Song of Solomon the lover often hides himself to see what his beloved will do. The same is true of God. It gives Him pleasure when we seek Him and search out His ways. Deuteronomy 29:29 – *“The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever.”* Walking with the Savior is a process of unveiling. Soon... the wedding veil will be lifted from our eyes... and we will see Him face to face.

His Thoughts: ***Innocent Blood*** – Proverbs 6:16-19 ***Precious Blood*** – I Peter 1:18-21

Conclusion

A final “lesson inside the lesson” regarding the Church’s set-apart color of INDIGO – the BLUE-VIOLET blend also represents the Earth-Heaven dual citizenship of the believer. It crisscrosses “*Occupy till I come*” – Luke 19:13 with “*Be ye thankful*” – Colossians 3:15. The first deals with the role of the Body. The second deals with the role of the Bride.

Scripture often follows the shape of the Cross. Luke 12:48 embodies the horizontal – “*For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required*” – while Luke 17:16 embodies the vertical – “*He [the one leper] threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him.*” II Corinthians 9:15 – “*Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable – indescribable – gift.*”

Quoting one verse for the horizontal and two verses for the vertical was intentional. The Cross is proportioned that way. God knows we need a double dose of concentrating on Him to fulfill our assignment. Most times it will be shared, but other times it will be solitary. Either way, misunderstanding will come. They are God’s opportunities to die to self.

I Corinthians 12:4 tells believers, “*There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.*” Diversity causes tension. We see it first in the disciples – the frustration of Peter with John – and then in the missionaries – the frustration of Barnabas with Paul. As the saying goes... “Times change but people don’t.” People in motion often step on other people’s toes.

Over and over the Bible tells us to love one another. If we rely on feelings, we’ll fail. Thankfully, Paul said: “*So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God*” – Romans 7:25. In the mind His commandment to love shifts from “something I feel” to “something I value.” God so loved = God so valued. Because “*the same Spirit*” lives in us, we can value.

Hebrews 10:25 (NIV) especially speaks to the Last Days generation: “*Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*” Every End Time indicator in Scripture shouts that we are indeed living in the generation that will “*see the Day approaching.*”

Paul declares, in Romans 8:38-39, “*For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*” Take heart, believer – there’s nothing but good news here.

And he says, in Galatians 5:25, “*If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*” Just as God designed humans to walk physically, so also He designed us to walk spiritually. In learning the first, we fix our eyes. In learning the second, we fix our heart (Psalm 108:1). Isaiah 26:3 says, “*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.*”

Until God reveals it, we don’t know the plan He has for us. Sometimes the revelation comes through the question of another. Mordecai stirred Esther’s heart when he asked her, “*Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?*” – Esther 4:14. Today, may our response be equally courageous: “*If I perish, I perish*” – Esther 4:16.

And finally...

After God told Abram that He would make of him a great nation (Genesis 12:2), He stated:
“*I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curse thee*” – Genesis 12:3.

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“In 2 hours you can see rain forests, Heavenly Hana, spectacular beaches including black sand beaches, scenic coastline views, dramatic cliffs, cascading waterfalls, the world's largest dormant volcano (Haleakala) on Maui and lava flows in an active volcano area on the Big Island of Hawaii. During whale season you may spot whales, **and, if you are really lucky, you might find a full circle rainbow** while flying around a little rain shower. Each tour is a unique adventure with different sights to see, so remember to take your cameras and lots of extra film and wear dark shirts to reduce glare for photos.”

End Notes

Humans experience 7 seasons of life.

[observable]

Infant / Child / Adolescent / Youth / Young Adult / Mature Adult / Senior Citizen

Humans exhibit 7 categories of facial expressions.

<http://www.bobbrooke.com/bookreview32.htm>

Anger / Happiness / Fear / Surprise / Disgust / Sadness / Contempt

GEOGRAPHY: *There are 7 continents - and 7 seas - that form the Earth.*

<http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0001745.html>

North America / South America / Europe / Asia / Africa / Australia / Antarctica

<http://geography.about.com/library/faq/blkzsevenseas.htm>

North Atlantic / South Atlantic / North Pacific / South Pacific / Indian / Antarctic / Arctic

GEOLOGY: *There are 7 major types of geologic materials on Earth.*

<http://www.und.nodak.edu/instruct/eng/fkarner/pages/faq.htm>

Minerals / Sediments / Igneous Rock / Sedimentary Rock / Metamorphic Rock / Fluids / Gases

METEOROLOGY: *There are 7 types of ice crystals that create snowflakes.*

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/ce/eeek/nature/snow.htm>

Stellar / Plates / Columns / Capped Columns / Needle / Spatial Dendrite / Irregular Crystal

ASTRONOMY: *There are 7 categories of stars that are in the universe.*

<http://astro.unl.edu/naap/ebs/spectraltype.html>

Type O / Type B / Type A / Type F / Type G / Type K / Type M

BIOLOGY: *There are 7 cervical vertebrae in all mammals' necks.*

http://www.thephysiotherapysite.co.uk/back/back_bone.html

There are seven cervical vertebrae in the necks of all mammals from bats to whales to giraffes to us.

CHEMISTRY: *There are 7 periods in the Periodic Table of Elements.*

<http://www.edu.pe.ca/montaguehigh/grass/chem/notes/ptable.html>

Today's periodic is arranged in seven horizontal rows called periods (arranged in increasing atomic number).

PHYSICS: *There are 7 shells of electrons around nuclei of atoms.*

<http://www.chanceandchoice.com/ChanceandChoice/chapter7.html>

Each atom consists of a nucleus (composed of protons and neutrons) and seven shells for electrons.

NUTRITION: *There are 7 basic minerals a human cell needs for life.*

<http://www.rd.com/content/openContent.do?contentId=1700>

Calcium / Chloride / Magnesium / Phosphorus / Potassium / Sodium / Sulfur

PSYCHOLOGY: *There are 7 bits of data short-term memory can juggle.*

<http://www.edheritage.org/tools/fieldnotes.htm>

Seven appears frequently in the literature of psychology as the limit of what we can store in short-term memory.

ANATOMY: *There are 7 years required for the body to renew itself.*

<http://www.dailyom.com/articles/2005/416.html>

Our bodies actually have the capacity to remake themselves at a cellular level every seven years.

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8	<i>Set My Soul Afire, Lord</i>	Gene Bartlett (1918-1988)
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10	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
11	<i>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i>	Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)
12	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	Samuel J. Stone (1839-1900)
13	<i>When We All Get to Heaven</i>	Eliza E. Hewitt (1851-1920)
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17	<i>My Faith Has Found a Resting Place</i>	Lidie H. Edmunds (1851-1920)
18	<i>Have Faith in God</i>	B. B. McKinney (1886-1952)
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20	<i>In the Garden</i>	C. Austin Miles (1868-1946)
21	<i>Pentecostal Power</i>	Charles H. Gabriel (1856-1932)
22	<i>Grace Greater than Our Sin</i>	Julia H. Johnston (1849-1919)

For those involved with praise and worship, check out these websites:

www.FreeChurchMusic.com – Arrangements for Choir / Songs for Congregation

www.EasySightSinging.com – “THE SONG *inside* THE SONG” (Free Download)

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