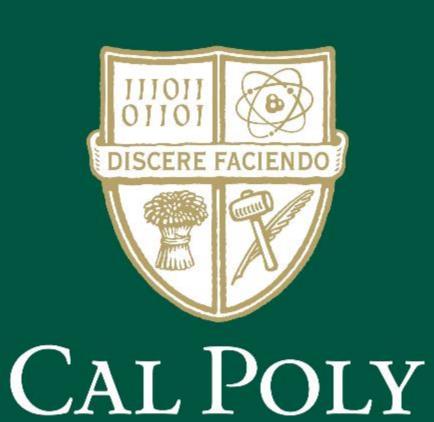
1st Principles are Still 1st Principles – But are we Listening?















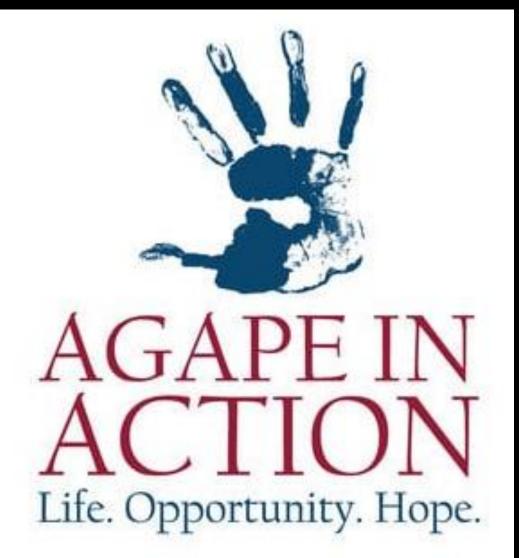






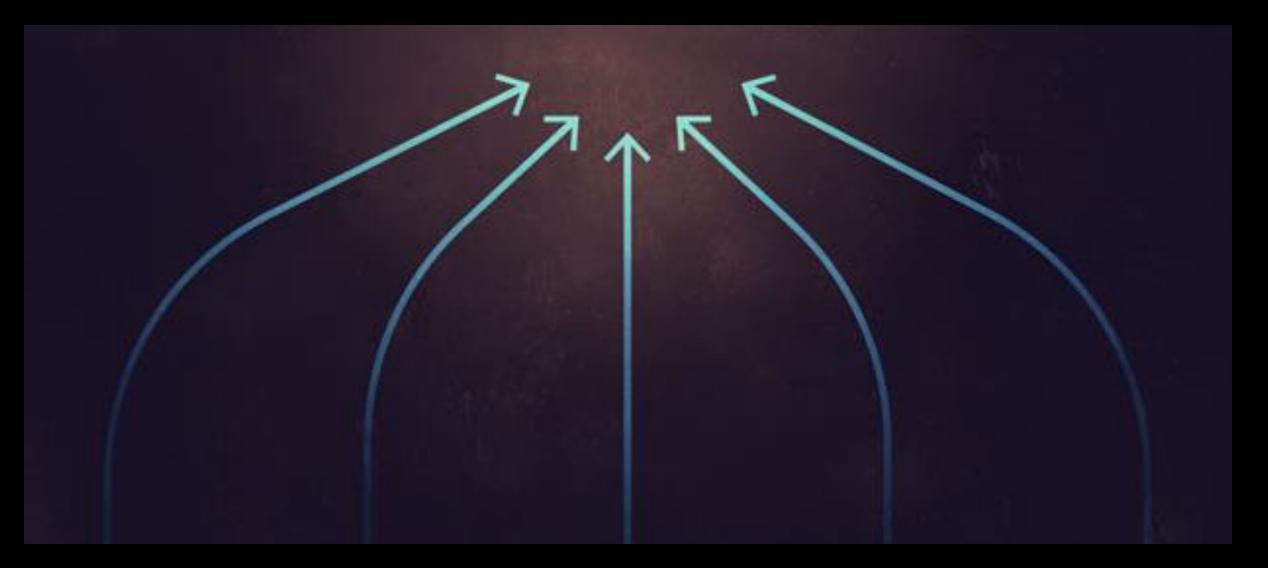


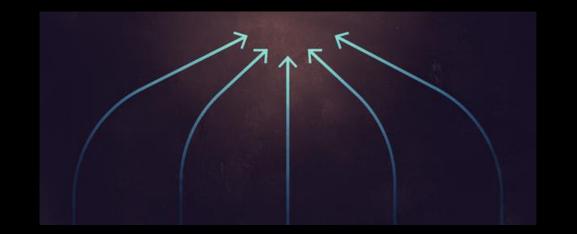
































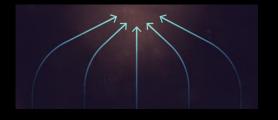
1 Cor 10:31-33

Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God; just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit but the profit of the many, so that they may be saved.



"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" Hab 2:14

"The Lord says to my Lord: Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet. The Lord will stretch forth your strong scepter from Zion, saying, rule in the midst of your enemies." Ps 110:1,2



"Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord while I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. Do not trust in princes, In mortal man, in whom there is no salvation. His spirit departs, he returns to the earth; In that very day his thoughts perish." Ps 146:1-4



"He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned." Mark 16:16



"This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." John 17:3

"That they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me." John 17:21

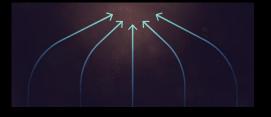


But are we listening....



Negative thought, word, saying, action....

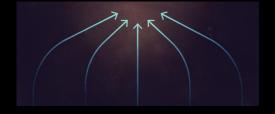
Reaction is nearly.... instantaneous



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15 seconds before you mind registers a positive experience



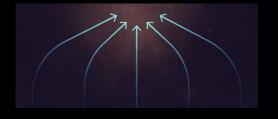
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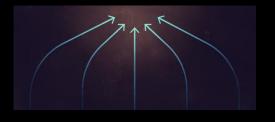
God the Son.....

Hell Fire....



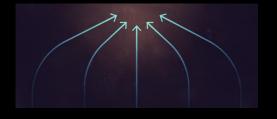
The Trinity....

"The Mystery of God as Trinity invites us into a dynamism, a flow, a relationship, a waterwheel of love. The Mystery says God is a **verb** much more than a noun. God as Trinity invites us into a participatory experience. Some of our Christian mystics went so far as to say that all of creation is being taken back into this flow of eternal life, almost as if we are a "Fourth Person" of the Eternal Flow of God or, as Jesus put it, "so that where I am you also may be" (John 14:3)." The Shape of God: Deepening the Mystery of the Trinity – "Water wheel of love" – Richard Rhor (Interview with Rob Bell)



Once Saved, Always Saved....

Critics of the "once saved, always saved" doctrine claim that it gives Christians a license to sin. They presume that those who believe in eternal security intend to accept salvation, and then continue to willingly sin. This is inaccurate, because anyone who has been truly saved is a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17), has the conviction of the Holy Spirit (John 14:26; 1 Thessalonians 4:8), and now wants to live for Christ. Someone who continues to willingly and blatantly live in sin has not truly accepted Christ (1 John 2:19; 1 John 3:6; James 1:26).



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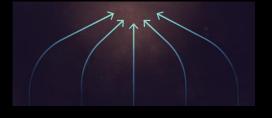
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How do you define "The Truth"?

Correct set of beliefs....

Then what....



Baptism of John – Preparing the way of the Lord Matt 3:3, Mark 1:3

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me'" (John 14:6).

"Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matthew 7:14).

"Saul asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem" (Acts 9:2) (First reference of Christian name is in Acts 11)



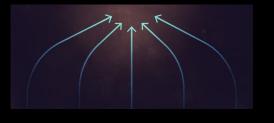
Way of Thinking

Way of Feeling

(Set aside humiliation, strive to the end, Disciples example)

Way of Living

(1st Century Church looking out for the less fortunate)



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