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Rom 6: <sup>4</sup> We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may **live** a new life.

Col 1: <sup>9</sup>...We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,<sup>10</sup> so that you may **live a life** worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

Mat 7: <sup>13</sup> 'Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. <sup>14</sup> But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

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Ps 25: <sup>4</sup> Show me your ways, LORD,  
teach me your paths.

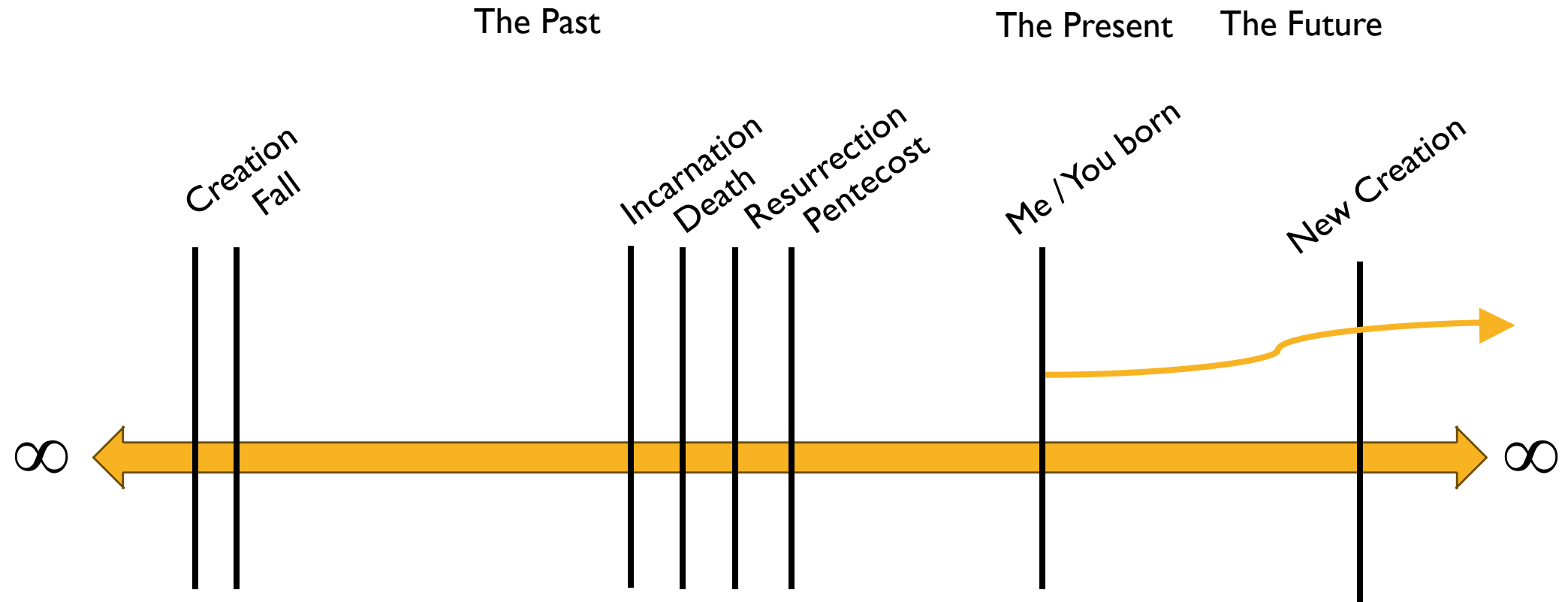
<sup>5</sup> Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my Saviour,  
and my hope is in you all day long.

John 16: <sup>13</sup> But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes,  
**he will guide you** into all the truth.  
He will not speak on his own;  
he will speak only what he hears,  
and he will tell you what is yet to come.



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- God's nature & name :
  - Ex 3: <sup>14</sup> "I AM WHO I AM."
  - Jn 8: <sup>58</sup> 'Very truly I tell you,' Jesus answered, 'before Abraham was born, I am!'
  - Heb 13: <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.
  - Rev 1: <sup>8</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God,  
'who is, and who was, and who is to come,  
the Almighty.'
  - Rev 22: <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the First and the Last,  
the Beginning and the End.

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- God's eternal perspective:
  - Isa 46: <sup>9</sup> Remember the former things, those of long ago;  
I am God, and there is no other;  
I am God, and there is none like me.  
<sup>10</sup> I make known the end from the beginning,  
from ancient times, what is still to come.  
I say, "My purpose will stand,  
and I will do all that I please."
  - Ps 139: <sup>4</sup> Before a word is on my tongue  
you, LORD, know it completely.  
<sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed body;  
all the days ordained for me were written in your book  
before one of them came to be.

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- God's eternal actions:
  - 1 Pe 1: <sup>20</sup> He was chosen before the creation of the world,  
but was revealed in these last times for your sake.
  - Jer 1: <sup>5</sup> 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
before you were born I set you apart;  
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.'
  - Eph 1: <sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world  
to be holy and blameless in his sight.
  - Rev 13: <sup>8</sup> .....The Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.

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- Jesus' eternal perspective:
  - Heb 12: <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus,  
the pioneer and perfecter of faith.  
For the joy that was set before him  
he endured the cross,  
scorning its shame,  
and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- Mt 5: <sup>4f.f.</sup> Blessed are those who ....., for they will.....
- Mk 10: <sup>29</sup> 'Truly I tell you,' Jesus replied, 'no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel <sup>30</sup> will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields – along with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life.



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- Jesus' eternal perspective:
  - Mk10: <sup>33</sup> 'We are going up to Jerusalem,' he said, 'and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, <sup>34</sup> who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.'

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- The Gospel's eternal perspective:
  - Ac 2: <sup>29</sup> 'Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. <sup>30</sup> But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay.
  - Ac 3: <sup>20</sup> and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you – even Jesus. <sup>21</sup> Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

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- Our eternal perspective:
  - Rm 8: <sup>18</sup> I consider that our **present** sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that **will be** revealed in us.

<sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved.  
But hope that is seen is no hope at all.  
Who hopes for what they already have?

<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life,  
neither angels nor demons,  
neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,  
<sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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- Our eternal perspective:
  - Lk 10: <sup>20</sup> However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you,  
but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'
  - 1 Tim 6: <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.  
Some people, eager for money,  
have wandered from the faith  
and pierced themselves with many griefs.
  - Lk 15: <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father.  
'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 round him  
and kissed him.



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## APPLICATION



- Stop
- Look up to the destination
- See where you are
- Listen to the Guide
- Reorientate
- Move forward