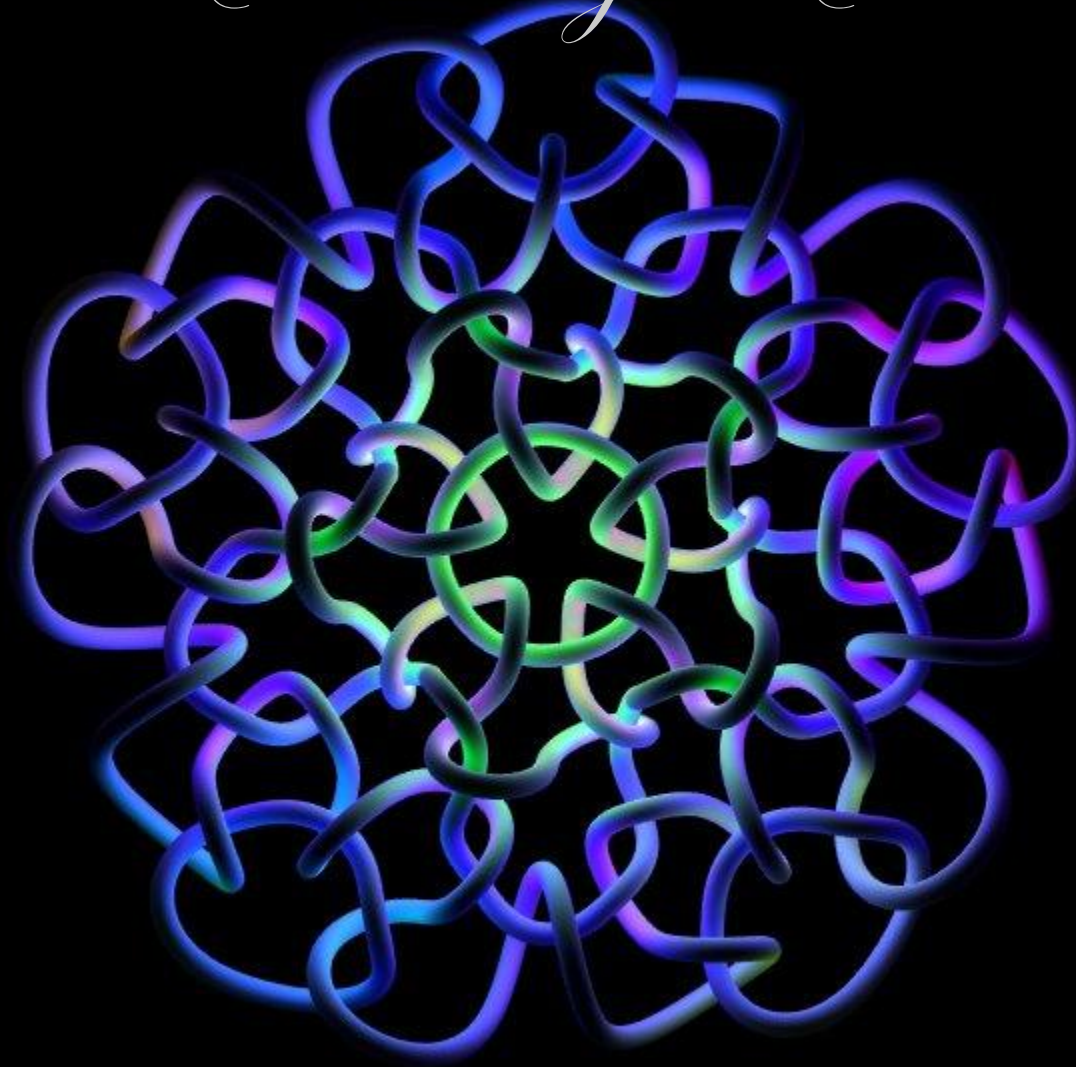


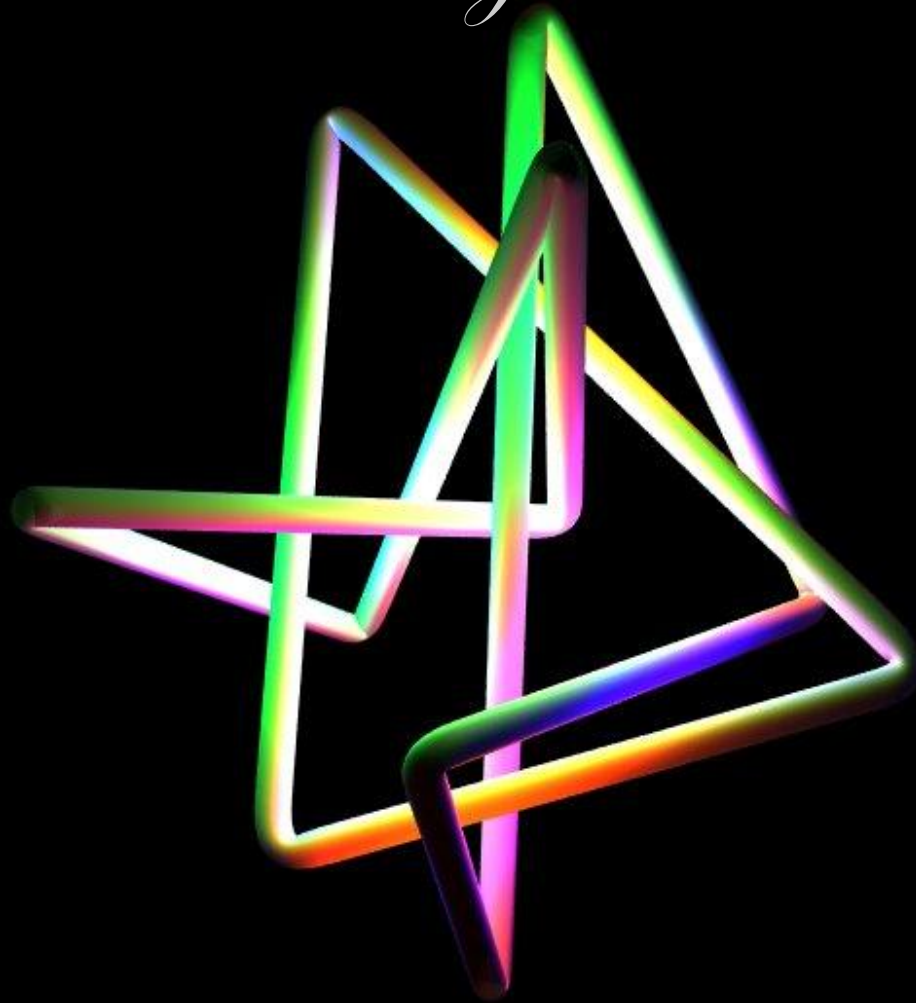
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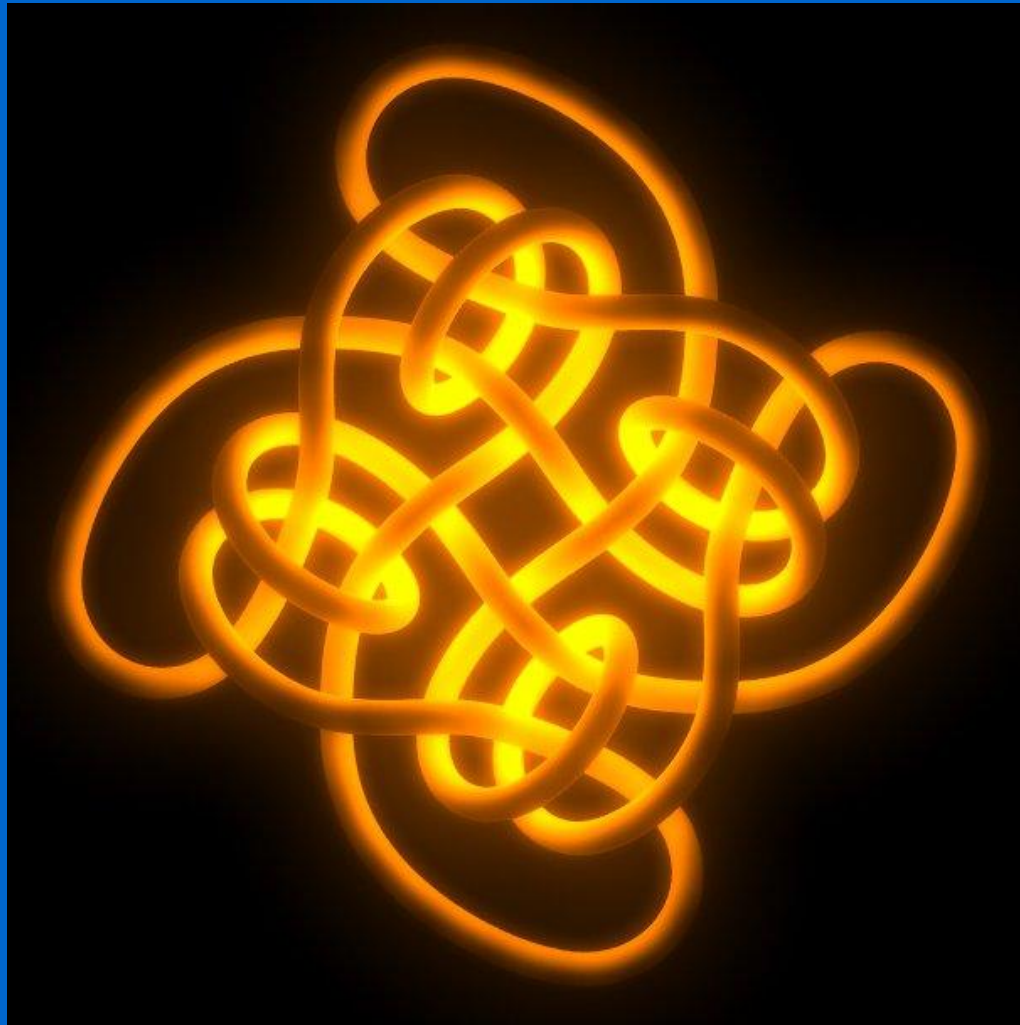


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Ephesians 1: 3-6 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, ⁴just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

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- What will you do in response to these doctrines?

BELIEVE THEM!

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- **WHO GOD IS**

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- Deut 32:4 – The Rock! His work is perfect, for all His ways are just; a God of faithfulness and without injustice, righteous and upright is He.

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• WHO GOD IS

- Ps 89: Who in the skies is comparable to the Lord? Who among the sons of the mighty is like the Lord, a God greatly feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all those who are around Him?O Lord God of hosts, who is like You, O mighty Lord? Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Lovingkindness and truth go before you.

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- **WHO GOD IS**

- Jeremiah 10:10-11 – The Lord is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King.

The judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether.

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- Jeremiah 32:17 - Ah Lord God: Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for you.
- Job 42:2 – I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.

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- **WHO GOD IS**

- Psalm 147:5 - Great is our Lord and abundant in strength: His understanding is infinite.

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- Exodus 33:19 – I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the Lord before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion.

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Isaiah 6:1-3 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple. ² Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts; The whole earth *is* full of His glory!"

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- **WHO GOD IS**

- **HOLY** **RIGHTEOUS**
SOVEREIGN **POWERFUL**
LOVING **JUST**
WISE **GRACIOUS**

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- **WHO MAN IS**

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- Psalm 143:2: in Your sight no man living is righteous
- Proverbs 20:9: who can say, “I have cleansed my heart, I am pure from my sin?”
- Ecclesiastes 7:20: Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.

- **Not righteous / a sinner / does not do good**

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• WHO MAN IS

- Romans 3:10: There is none righteous, no, not one; there is none who understands; there is none who seeks for God. All have all turned aside; together they have become useless; there is none who does good, there is not even one.
 - **No one understands / none seek God / useless**
 - **Mind / will / actions / words all affected**

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• WHO MAN IS

- **NKJ Ephesians 2:1-3** who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

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- **WHO MAN IS**

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- **WHO MAN IS**

2 QUESTIONS:

- Can man do anything good for himself to get himself out of his desperate situation?
- Does man even have a desire to get himself out of his situation?

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- **WHO MAN IS**

- Romans 1:21: for even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

- **Heart and mind affected by sin**

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• WHO MAN IS

- **Ephesians 4:17-19:** so this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer as the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; and they having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.

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- “because of their inability to do good and to escape from their fundamental rebellion against God and their fundamental preference for sin, unbelievers do not have the freedom in the most important sense of freedom - that is, the freedom to do right, and to do what is pleasing to God.”
 - Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine

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• WHO MAN IS

- **Romans 5:12** Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned.
- **Romans 6:16** Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

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• WHO MAN IS

- dead
- slave to sin
- not righteous does nothing good
- does not seek God
- TOTAL DEPRAVITY: sin affects every aspect of man - mind / will / emotions / heart / actions

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- **Ephesians 1:4:** God chose us before the foundation of the world
- **Ephesians 2:4:** God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved.

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- The answer to this question is beyond our comprehension, but not beyond our belief.
- We can accept this concept by faith, by trusting in the very being of God.

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- The truth of election, and the truth of salvation as a free gift for “whosoever believes in the Son of God” are incompatible to our finite minds.
- Both are presented as truth throughout the whole Bible.

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4. Exalts the mercy and grace that believers receive from God.

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