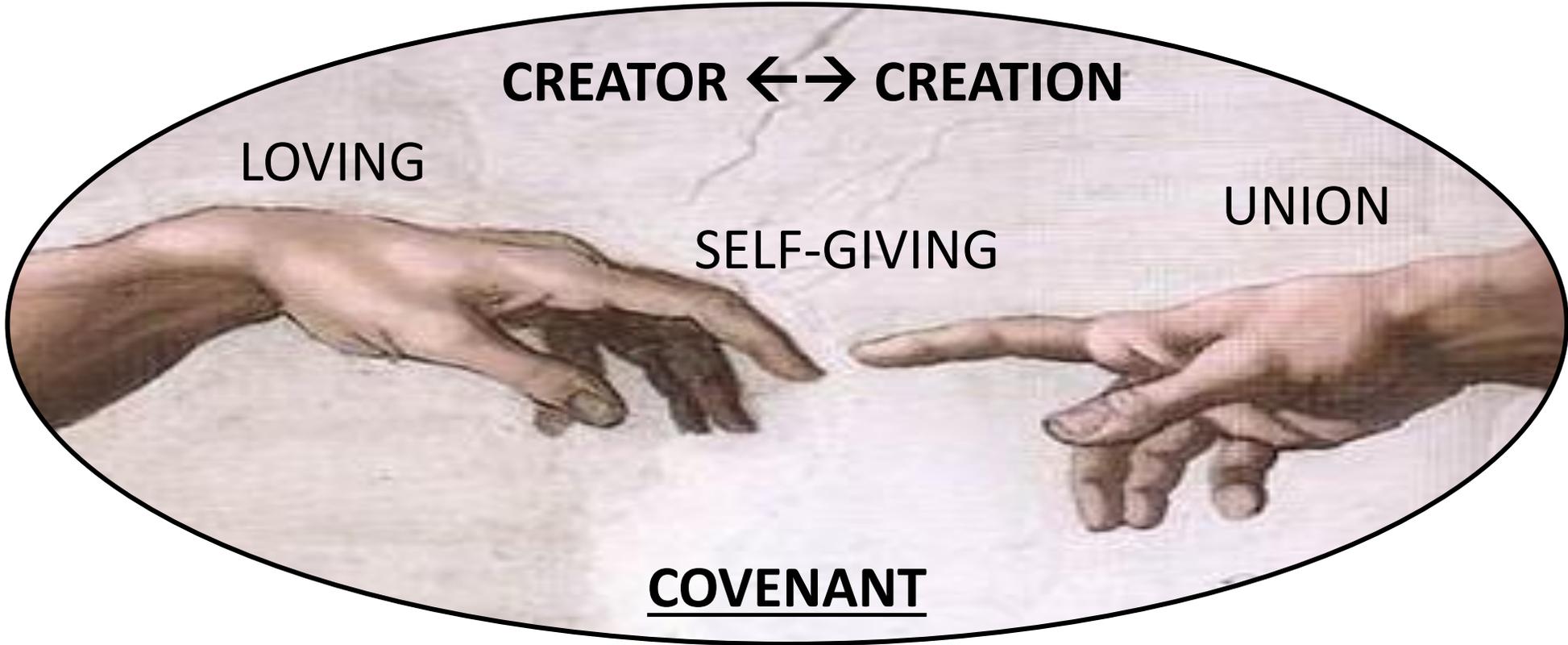


Roaming through ROMANS

Devotions and Studies for
Lent 2021





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Romans 3:25-26





GRACE



Blessing



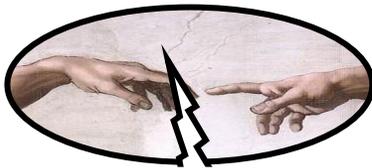
THE “FIRST” ADAM

WHAT REIGNS?

SIN AND DEATH

CONDEMNATION

THE MANY ARE “SINNERS”



THE “SECOND” ADAM

WHAT REIGNS?

GRACE AND ETERNAL LIFE NOW

JUSTIFICATION

THE MANY ARE “RIGHTEOUS”



YOU WERE ONCE

Under law (v15)

Slaves to sin / obedient to sin
→ death (v16)

Slaves to sin (v17)

Body offered to impurity / wickedness (v19)

Free from righteousness /
bound to shame/death (v20-21)

Wages of sin = Death (v23)

BUT NOW YOU ARE

Under grace (v15)

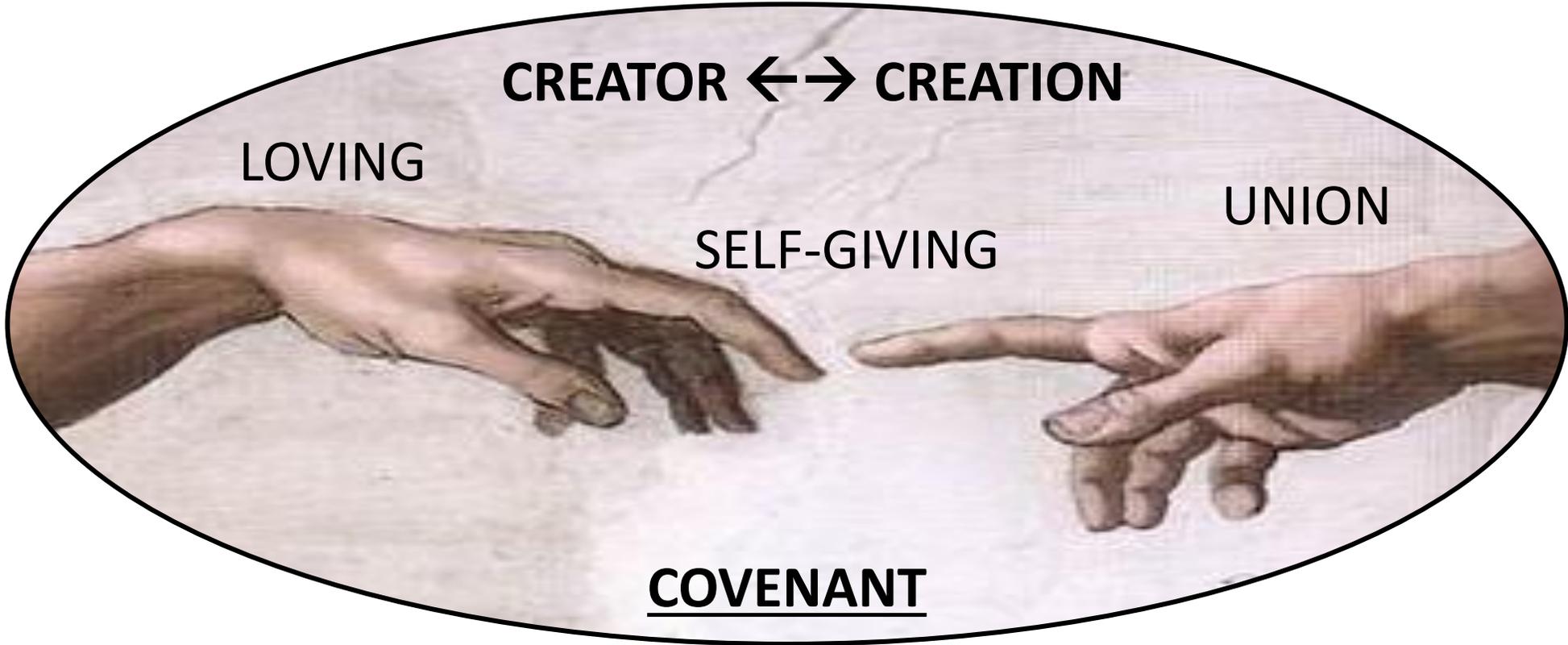
Slaves to (gracious) obedience
→ righteousness (v16)

Slaves to righteousness (v18)

Body offered to righteousness / holiness (v19)

Free from sin,
and bound to God/holiness/eternal life (v22)

Gift of God = eternal life (v23)



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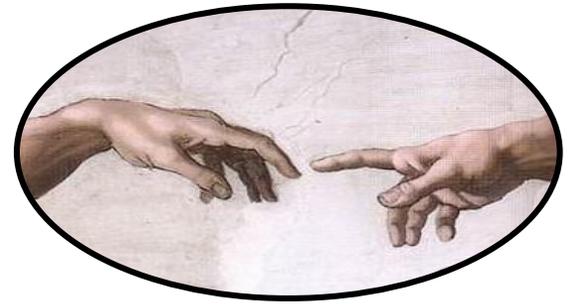
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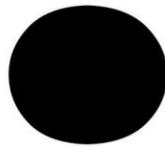
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What's your experience of the gospel?



What aspect of the gospel most *moved* you when you heard it?

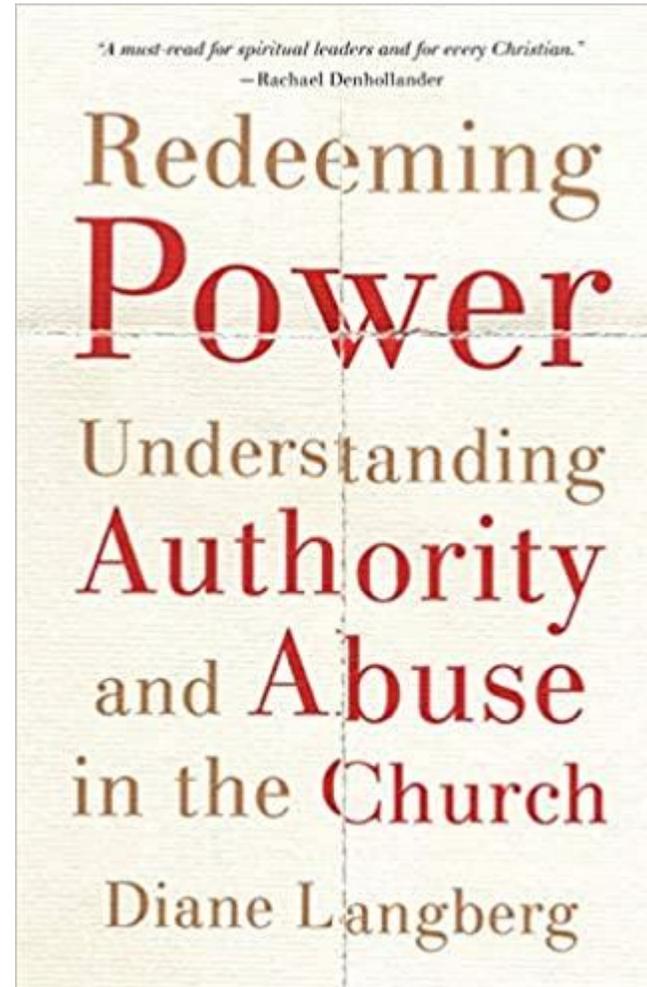
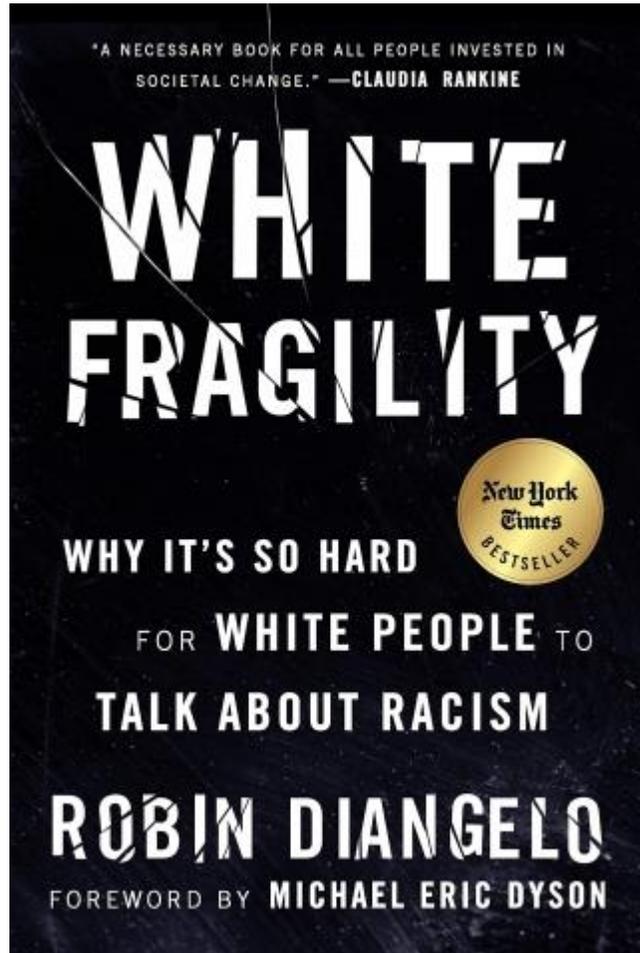
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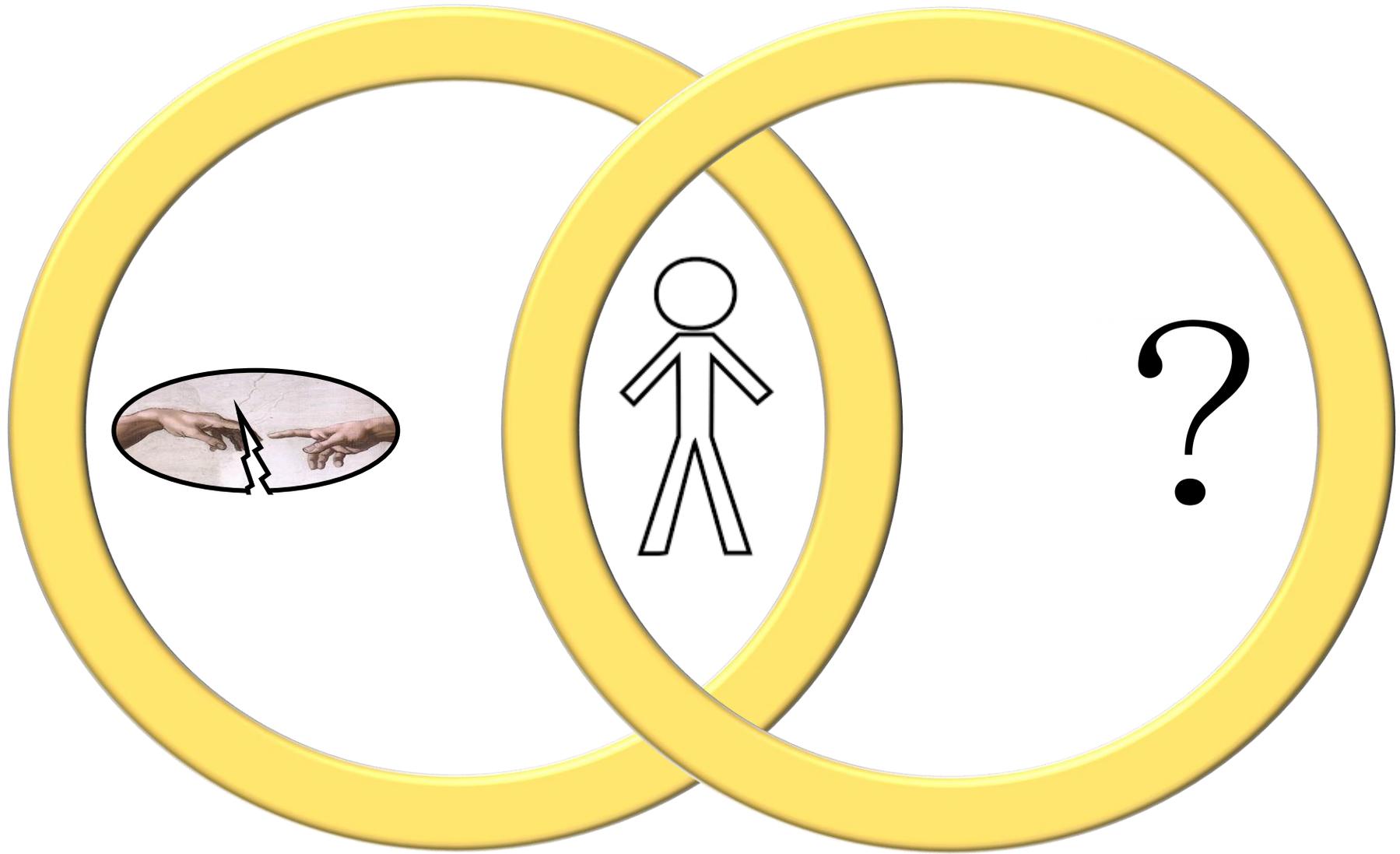


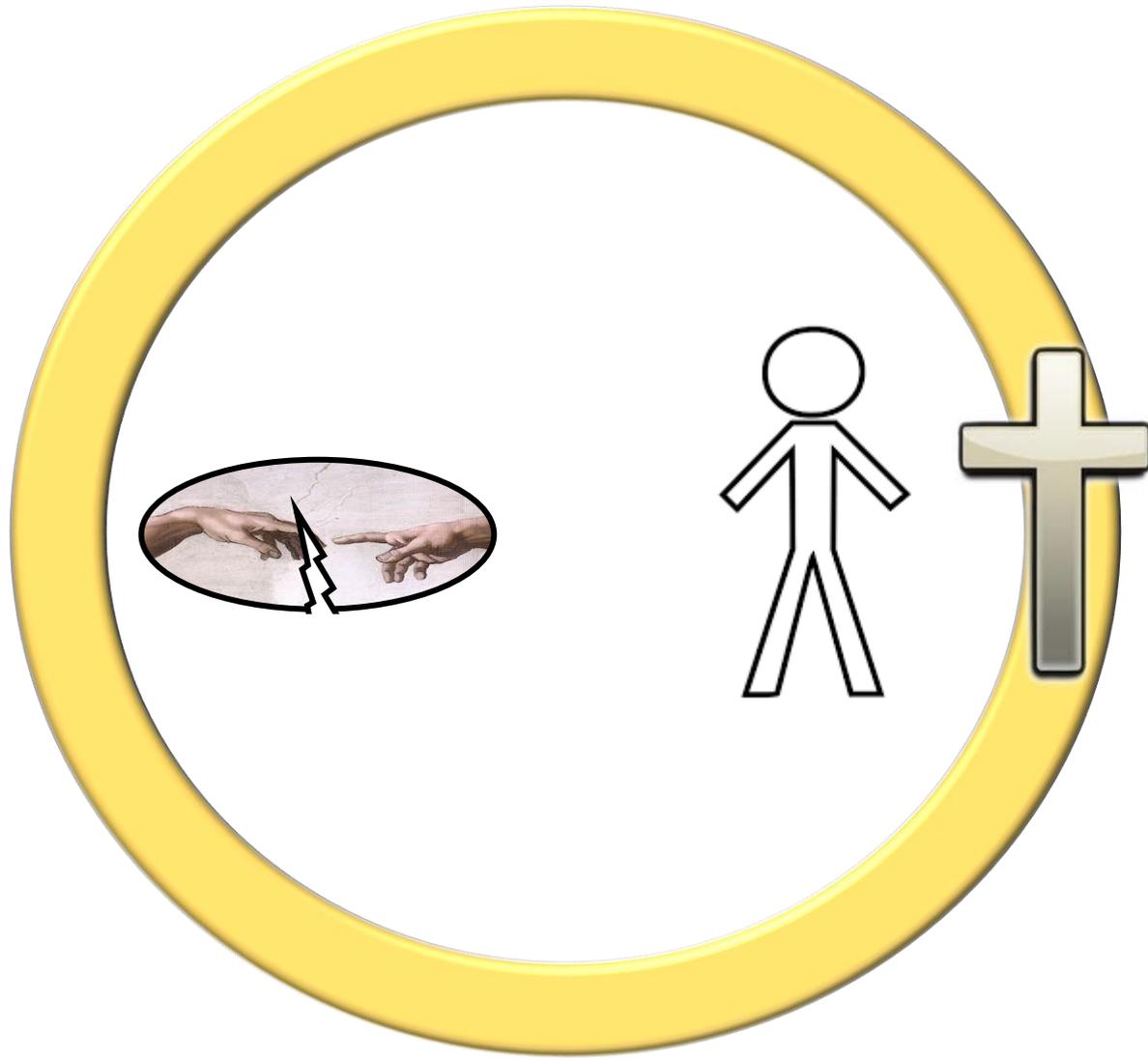
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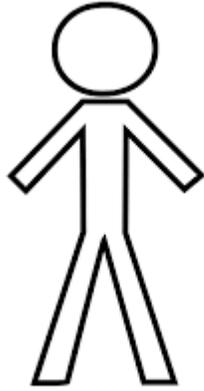
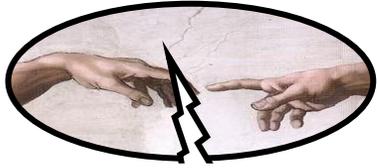


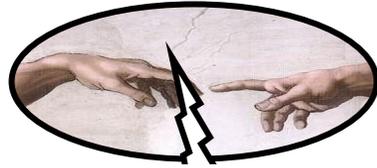
What is sin?

- **Evil**
- **Cruel Intentions**
- **Deliberate Rebellion / Hard Heartedness**
- **Sensual Passions**
- **Bondage**
- **Negligence**
- **Mistakes**
- **Brokenness / Weakness**



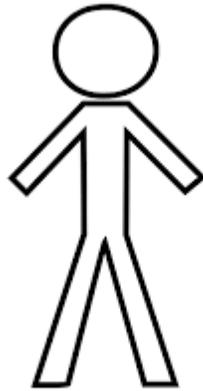
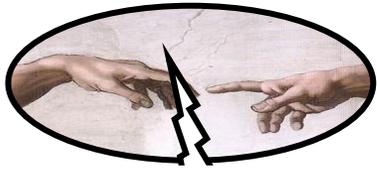




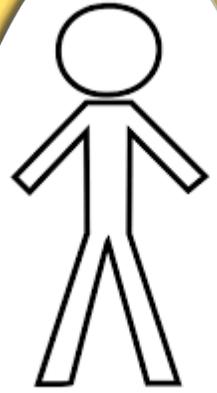
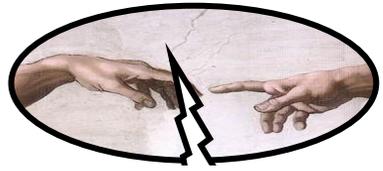


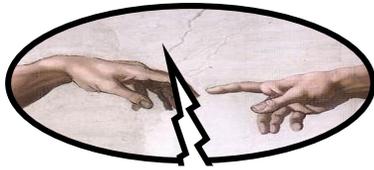
“You *died* to the law through the body of Christ, **SO THAT YOU MIGHT** belong to another, to *him* who was raised from the dead in order that we might bear fruit to God.”

“The Law”



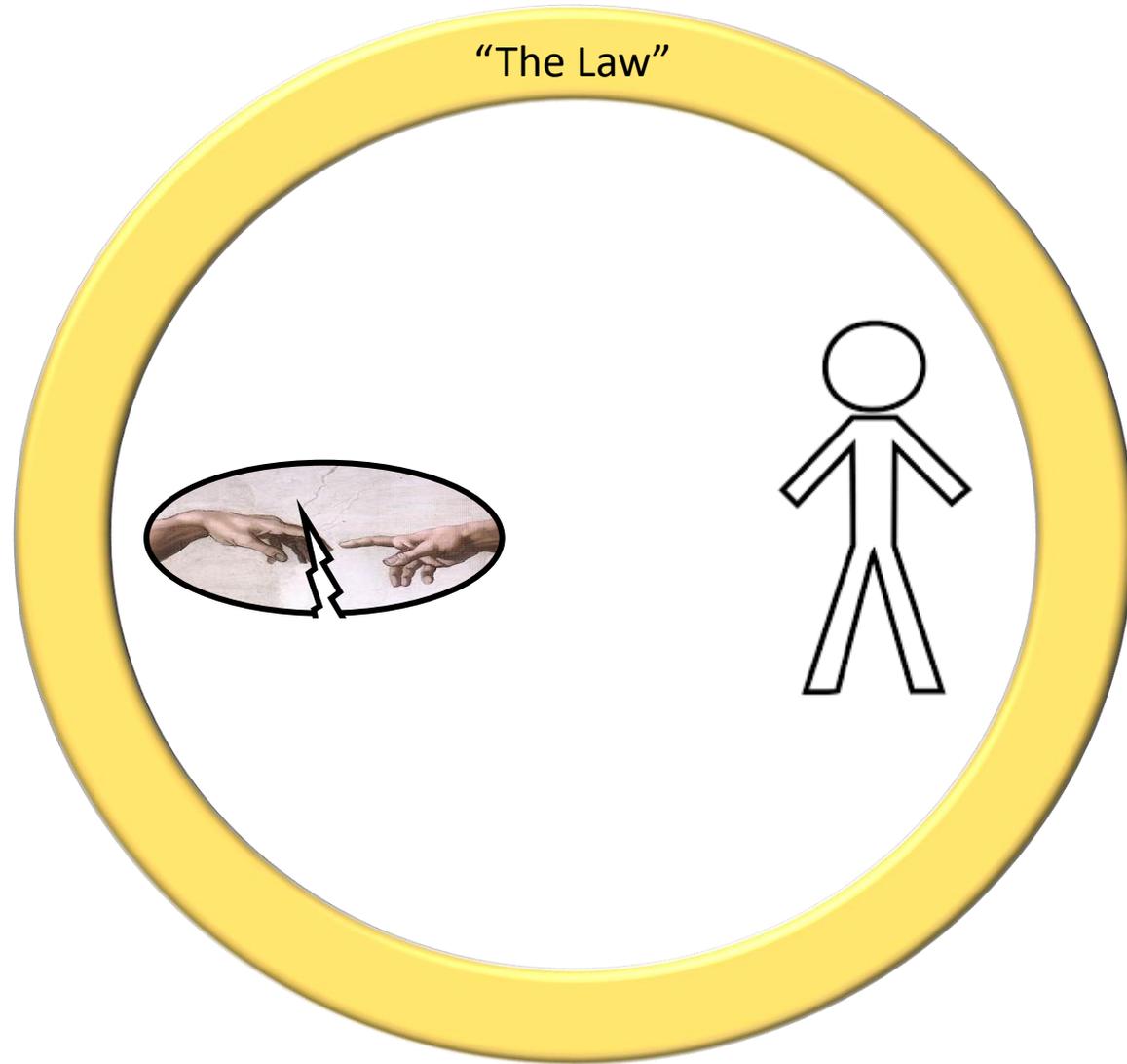
"The Law"





“Law of the Spirit”





What shall we
say, then?
Is the law sin?
No!

GOOD LAW

7:7 – I wouldn't know what sin was!

7:12 – The law is holy, righteous, good...

7:13 – Did the good become death? No!

7:14 – The Law is spiritual

7:15 – **I hate what I do** – the law is good!

7:21-22 – Evil is right there, but **I delight in the law.**

POWER OF SIN

7:8 – Seizing the opportunity... sin...

7:9 – sin sprang to life, and I died.

7:11 – Seizing the opportunity... sin...

7:13 – Sin shown to be sin = death.

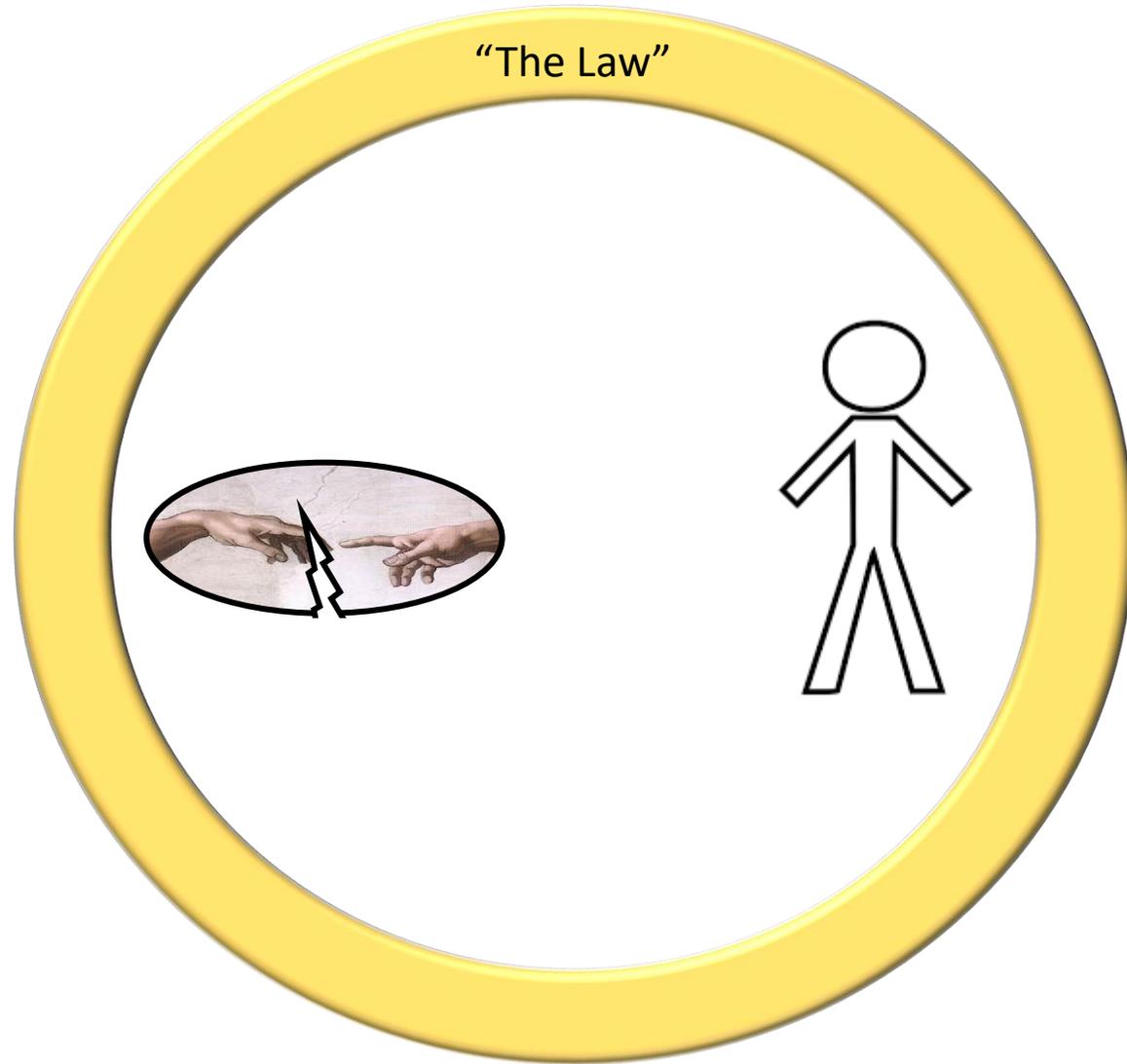
7:14 – I am **unspiritual.**

I am **sold as a slave** to sin.

7:17 – It is no long I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me...

7:20 – It is no long I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me...

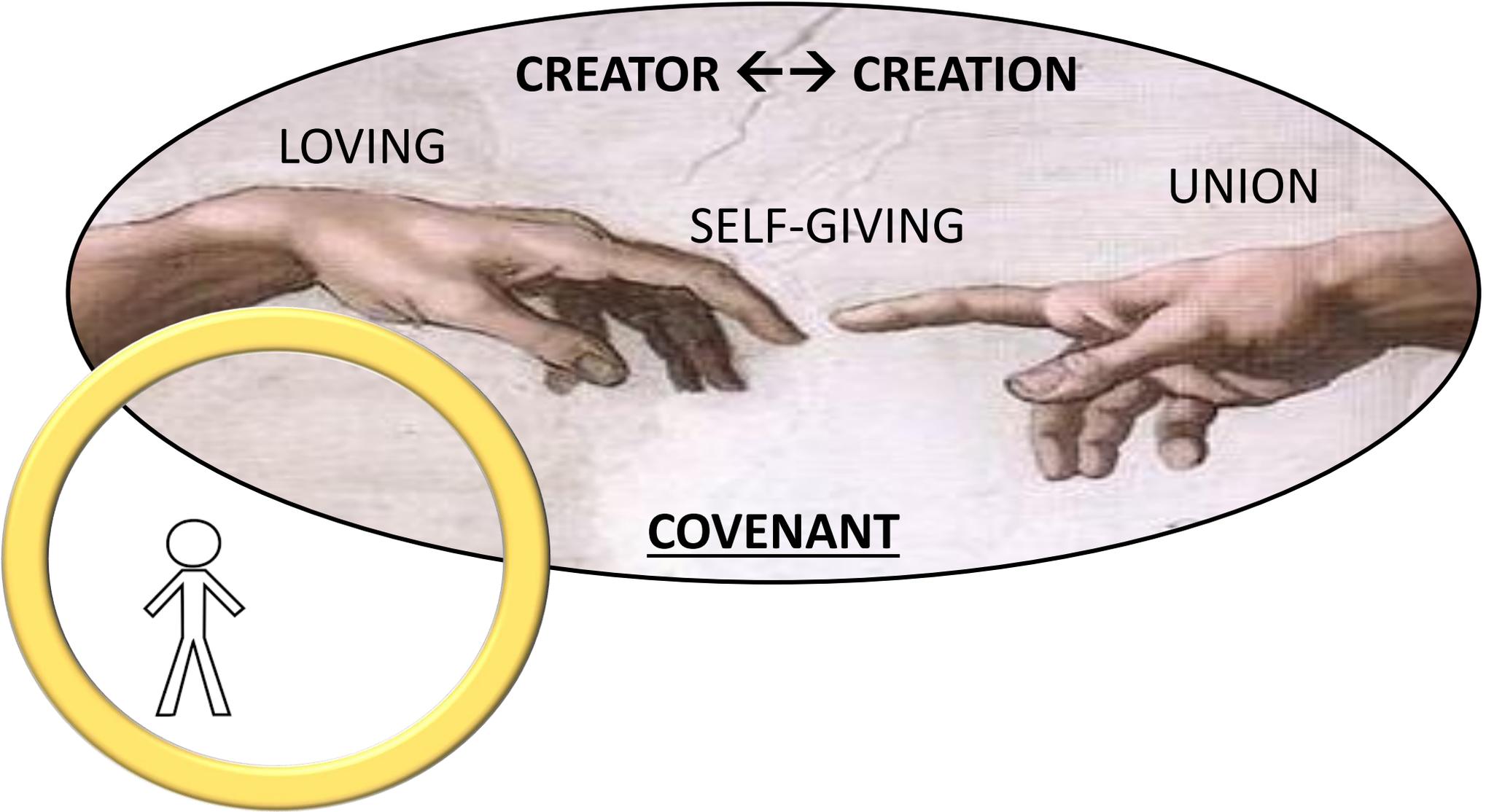
7:23 – “Another law” at work in my **flesh.**
Making me a **prisoner**



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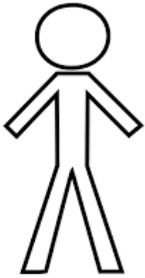
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DISCUSSION TIME TWO:

1) We don't like to talk about "sin". But in a world of systemic racism, and where men commit violence against, there has been lots of conversations about sin. How does Paul, in Romans 7, help us to talk about sin? Are there other parts of the Bible that help the conversation?

2) There's a caricature of the Christian gospel that says that law is "bad" and grace is "good". Paul affirms God's way of love and grace, and at the same time trusts that God's law is truthful and good. Does that change your perception of the Old Testament? Does this help us understand God's grace?

3) Paul asks "Who will save us from this body of death?" Jesus Christ our Lord! We are saved because, in him, we died to the power of sin and are free to live for him and bear fruit. How does this inform who we are as Christians, Christian families, and a Church? If someone were to ask you "What does it mean for you to be a Christian?" how does this help our answer?

How might you pray for each other in the light of this grace?