

# Roaming through ROMANS

Devotions and Studies for  
Lent 2021



# THE ROAD AHEAD

**1) ROMANS 6 – Rescue, new beginnings, new identity, covenant obligation.**



**2) ROMANS 7 – Wandering, stumbling, wilderness.**

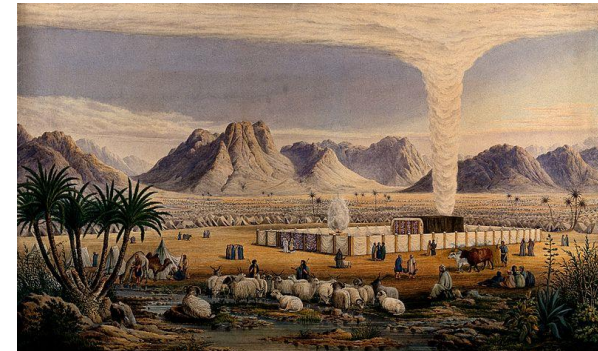


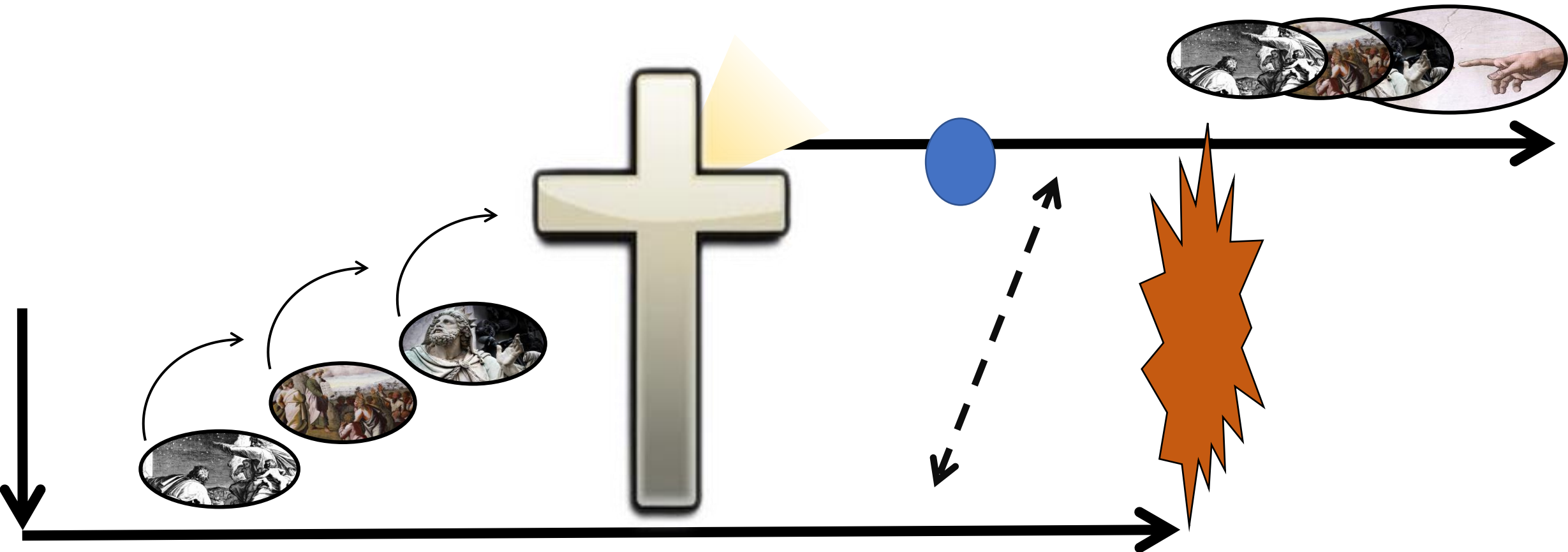
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**3) ROMANS 8 – Promised Land, New Life, Victory, Peace**



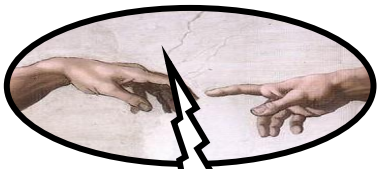
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**“ETERNAL LIFE”**



**“SIN REIGNING IN DEATH”**  
**“SLAVERY TO SIN”**

**TIME**



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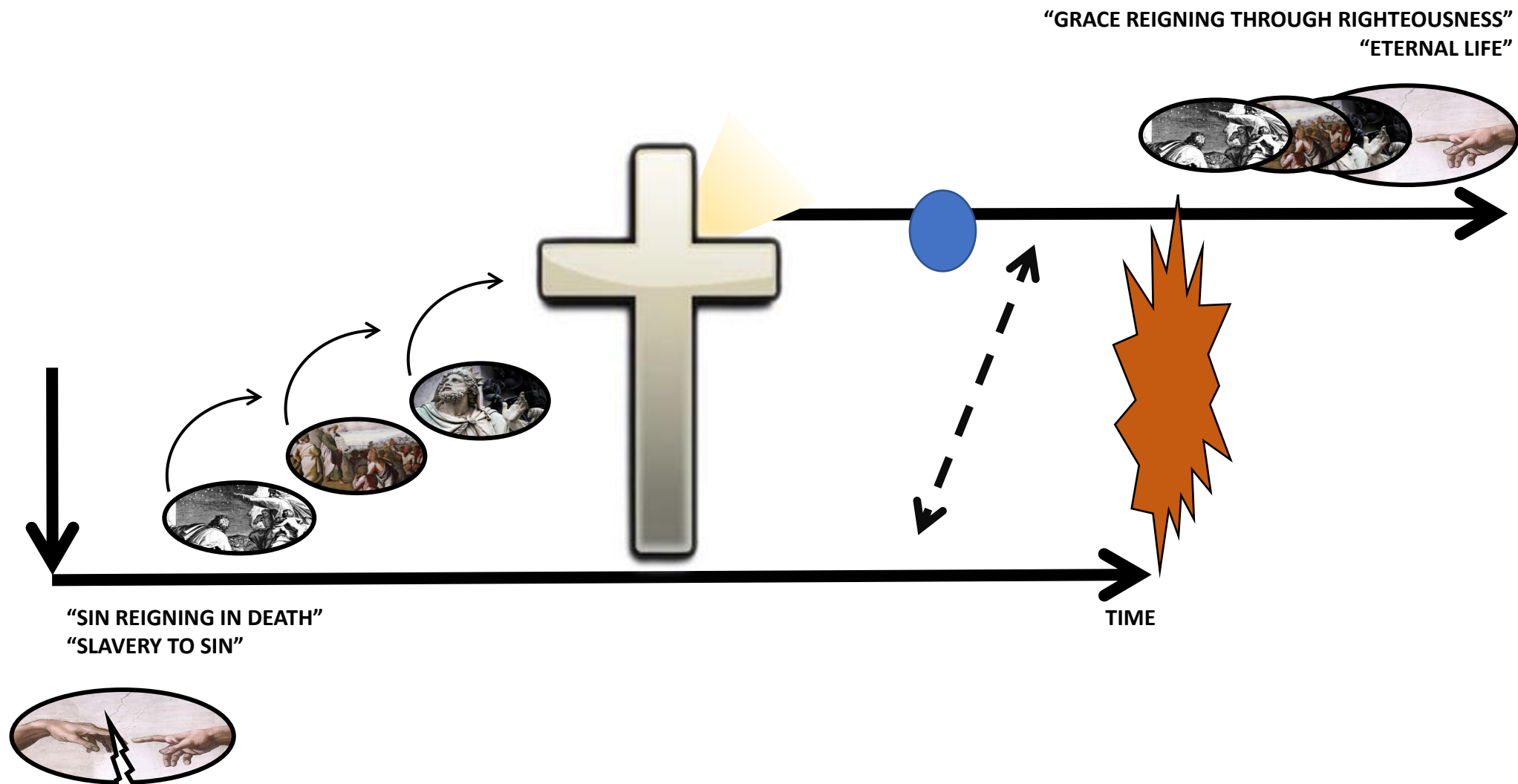


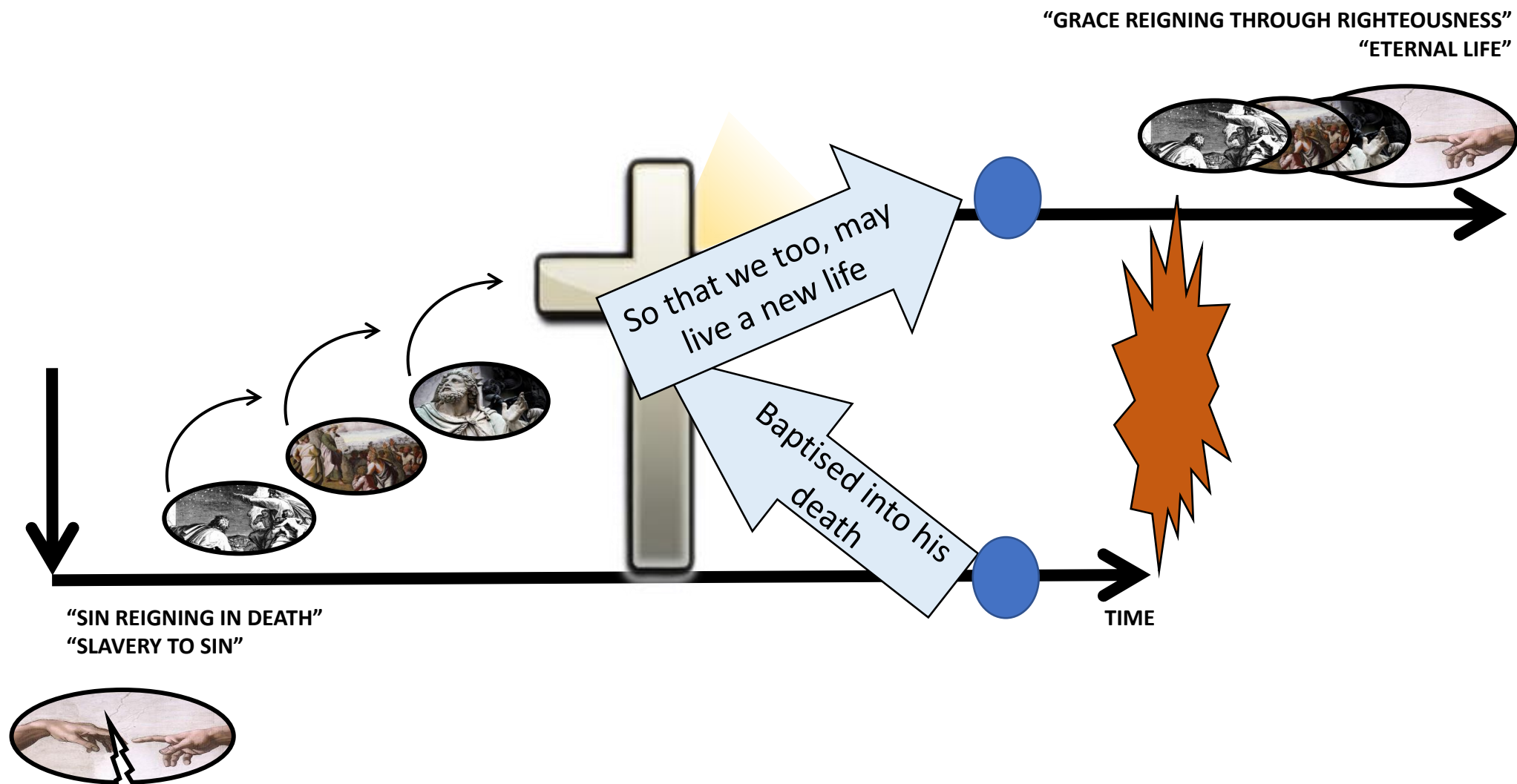




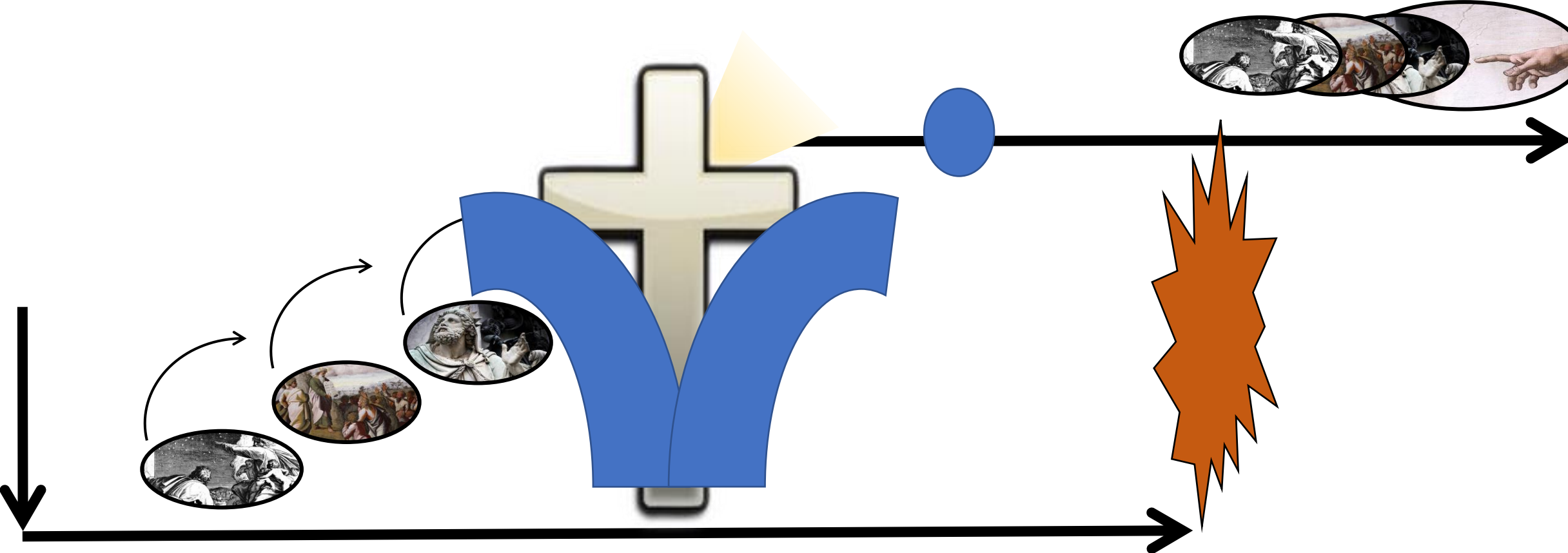
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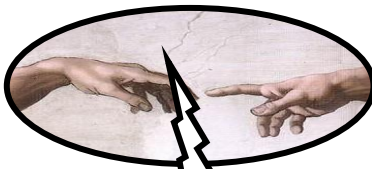
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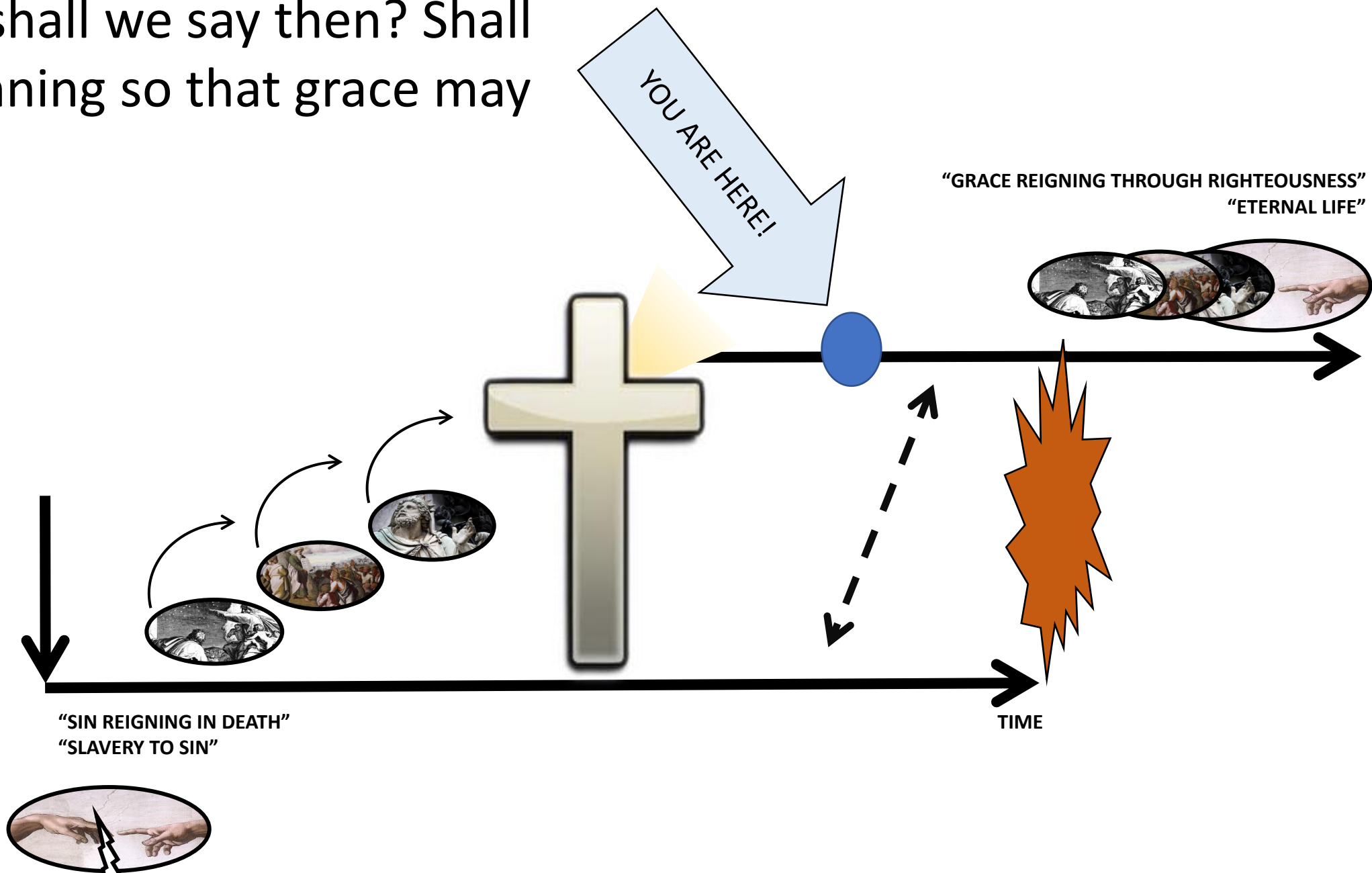
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## YOU WERE ONCE

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)

1) It's relational.

2) It's physical.

## **ROAMING THROUGH ROMANS - DISCUSSION TIME – WEEK 4**

From your discussion, please come back to the main group ready to share the answer to this question:

Which verse (or small part) of Romans 6 is the most constructively challenging to you? Why?

### **For your discussion:**

Revisit the question that Paul is asking and answering (6:1) – *What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?*

How have you been aware of how God’s grace and human sin have interacted?

Do you have an example of that being a healthy, life-giving, constructive moment?

Do you have an example of God’s grace being misused in response to sin?

Consider Paul’s thought (You might want to revisit 6:8-10): We are Christ’s people. This “new life” is eternal life, it looks ahead to the joys of a new heaven and a new earth and all that is good in union with God. This eternal perspective is also our identity in the here and now.

What aspect of eternal life do you particularly long for in this current moment? How do you express it in the here and now?

Paul encourages us to offer our bodies as “instruments of righteousness” (8:13). How does your identity as a follower of Jesus shape what you do with your time, voice, hands, feet, etc.?

This is a *shared* identity. We share in the salvation of God’s people, together. How is that expressed through the things we share together as a church?