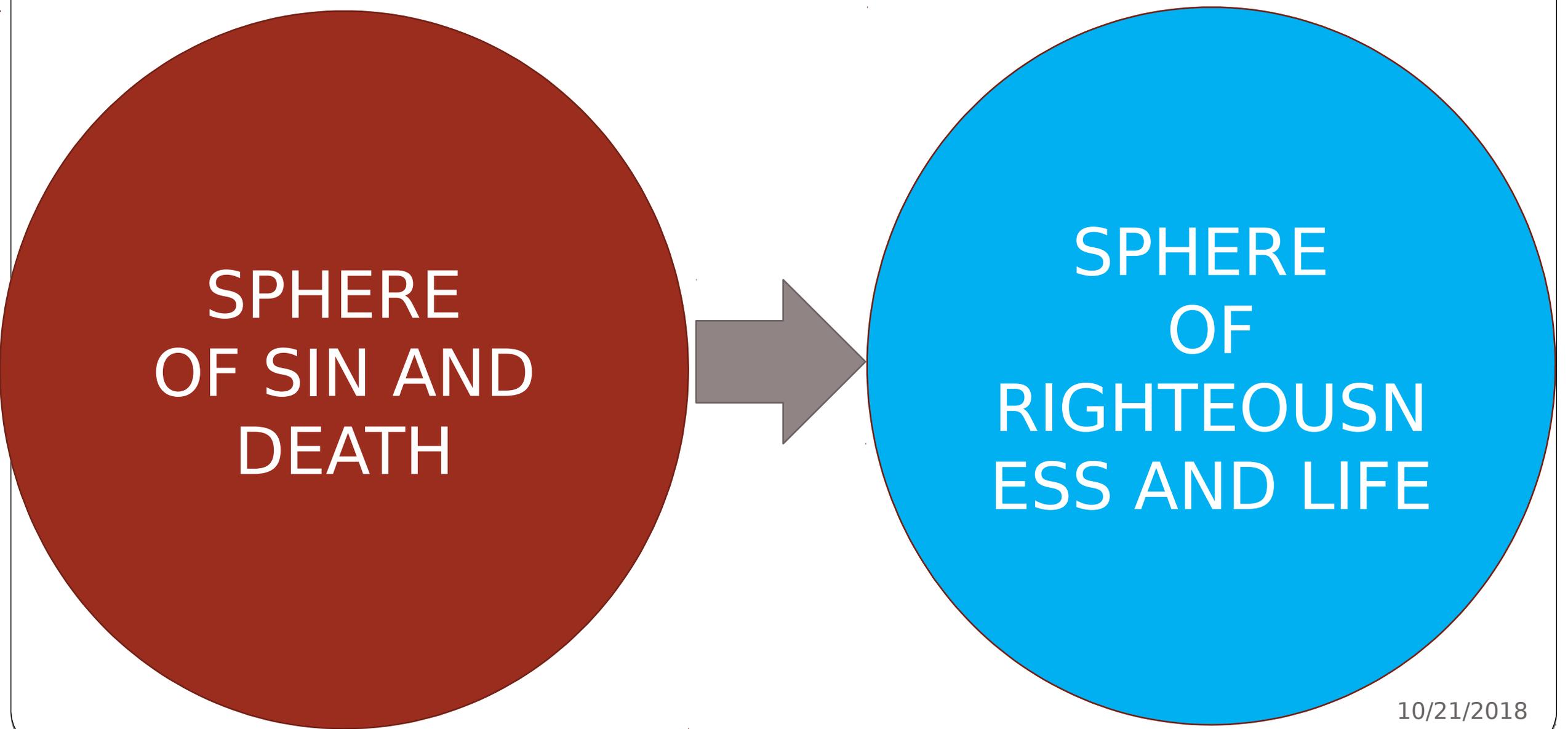


THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK IN THE WORLD!

ROMANS

1 THESSALONIANS 1: Paul's Coming and the Thessalonian's State

SPHERE
OF SIN AND
DEATH



SPHERE
OF
RIGHTEOUSN
ESS AND LIFE

1 THESSALONIANS 2: Paul's Coming and the Past

- 1. Paul's Ministry came in Agape Love. (2:2, et. al.)**
- 2. Paul's Ministry did not come associated with the things of sin and death/fallen humanity. (2:3,5-6a)**
- 3. Paul's Ministry came associated with the things of God, Righteousness and Life. (2:4, 6, 10)**
- 4. Paul's Ministry came in Grace. (2:6,9)**
- 5. Paul's Ministry was received in Faith. (2:13)**
- 6. Paul's Ministry came Apart From Israel and through Her FALL. (2:14-16)**
- 7. Paul's Ministry leads to Hope in the future. (2:19)**

1 THESSALONIANS 3: Paul's Coming and the Present

- 1. During the time when Paul is hindered from returning in person, he is sending Timothy—a brethren, God's Minister, Paul's Co-Worker to establish and comfort the Thessalonians in their mutual faith. (3:1-2, 13; Rom. 1:9-12, 16:25)**
- 2. Paul sends Timothy to strengthen and encourage their standing fast in the faith, esp. in the midst of persecution. (3:2)**
- 3. Timothy will do this by reminding them of what Paul had taught them about persecution when he was there. (3:3-6)**
- 4. Today, God empowers believers to rejoice in tribulations because:**
 - a. Tribulations (pressures) squeeze out of our blessings in Christ patient endurance (the fruit of the Holy Spirit) which validates the effectiveness of our standing in grace in our experience which further supports our hope that it will be more than enough for the next trial, which makes brighter our the confident expectation of being full participants in God's Glory. (Rom. 5:3-4)**
 - b. Because the love of God that overflows our hearts by the indwelling Holy Spirit is not shown in our circumstances but in the Crosswork of Christ. (Rom. 5:5-8)**
 - c. And the simple logic that if Christ died for us when we were ungodly and His enemies, how much more will He do for us now that we are justified and His friends!**

1 THESSALONIANS 3: Paul's Coming and the Present

- 5. The thing that brings Paul the most joy is the good news about their Faith and Love, thereby showing that they were remembering Paul and his ministry. (3:6)**
- 6. They had not turned away from what Paul had told them because of persecution. They remained steadfast in spite of persecution. (3:7-8)**
- 7. Just as following Paul meant they were following the Lord (1 Thess. 1:6), likewise their standing fast in Paul's ministry meant they were standing fast in the Lord. (3:8)**
- 8. Remembering Paul's ministry brings us into thankful communion with God. (3:9)**
- 9. But all of this doesn't mean that they had been fully and completely established in God's Truth for today. (3:10)**
- 10. Therefore, Paul prayed continually that he might go again to them so that he could:**
 - a. Impart what is lacking in their faith so that...**
 - b. Their love could super-abound...**
 - c. This Faith working through Love will fully establish them blameless (before men) and holy (before God) at the Coming of the Lord with His "holy ones." (3:10-13)**