

Five Means of Grace

Experience
God's Love
the Wesleyan Way

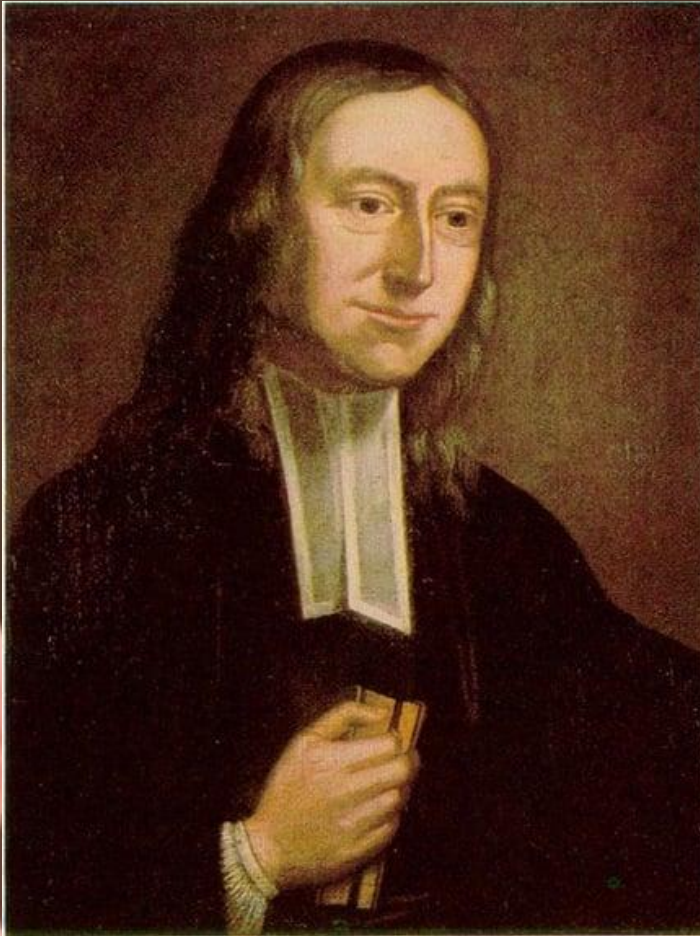
Leader Guide

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**"Ever since the time of
your forefathers you
have turned away from
my decrees and have not
kept them. Return to me,
and I will return to you,"
says the LORD Almighty.**

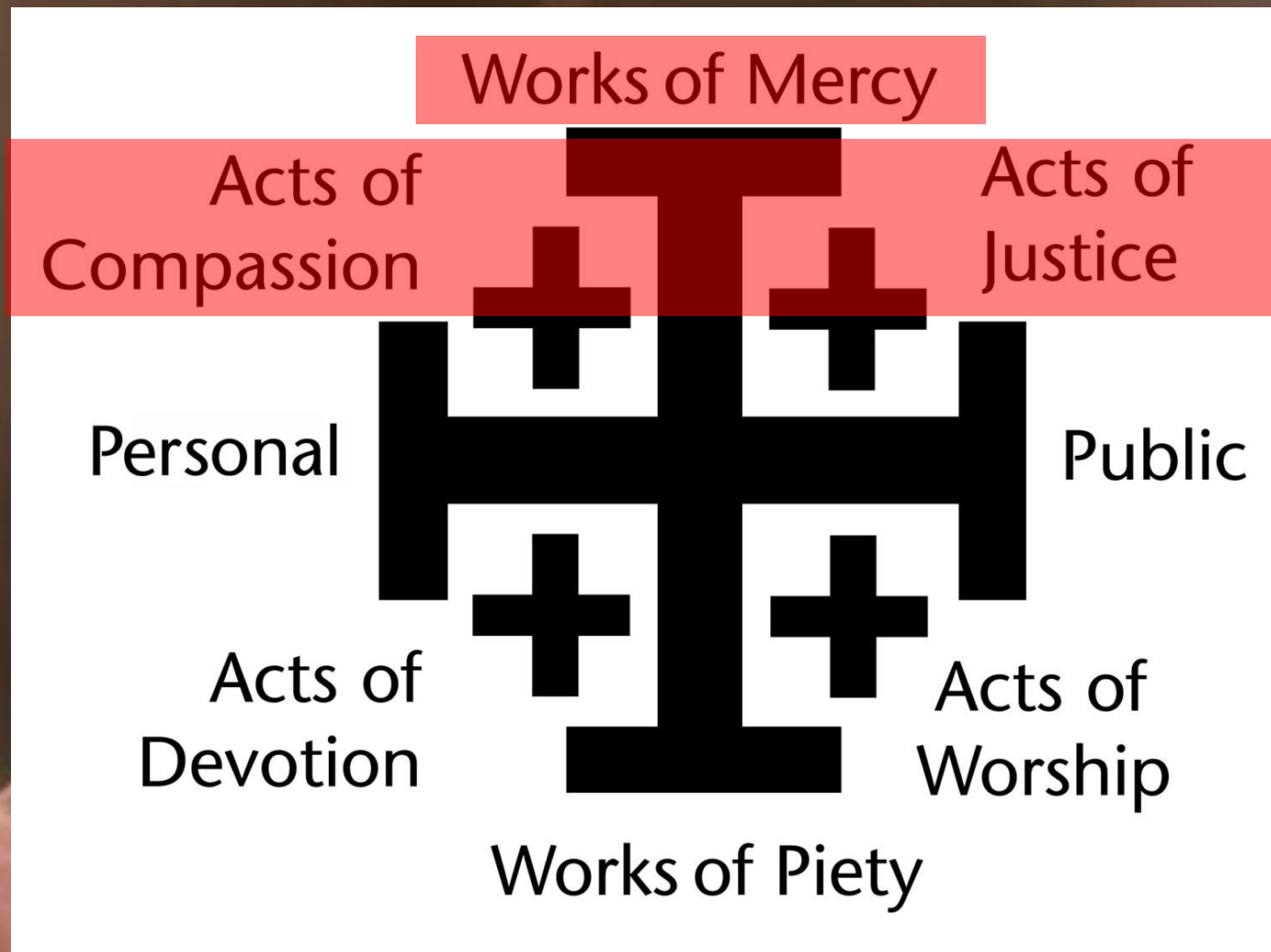
- Malachi 3:7 -

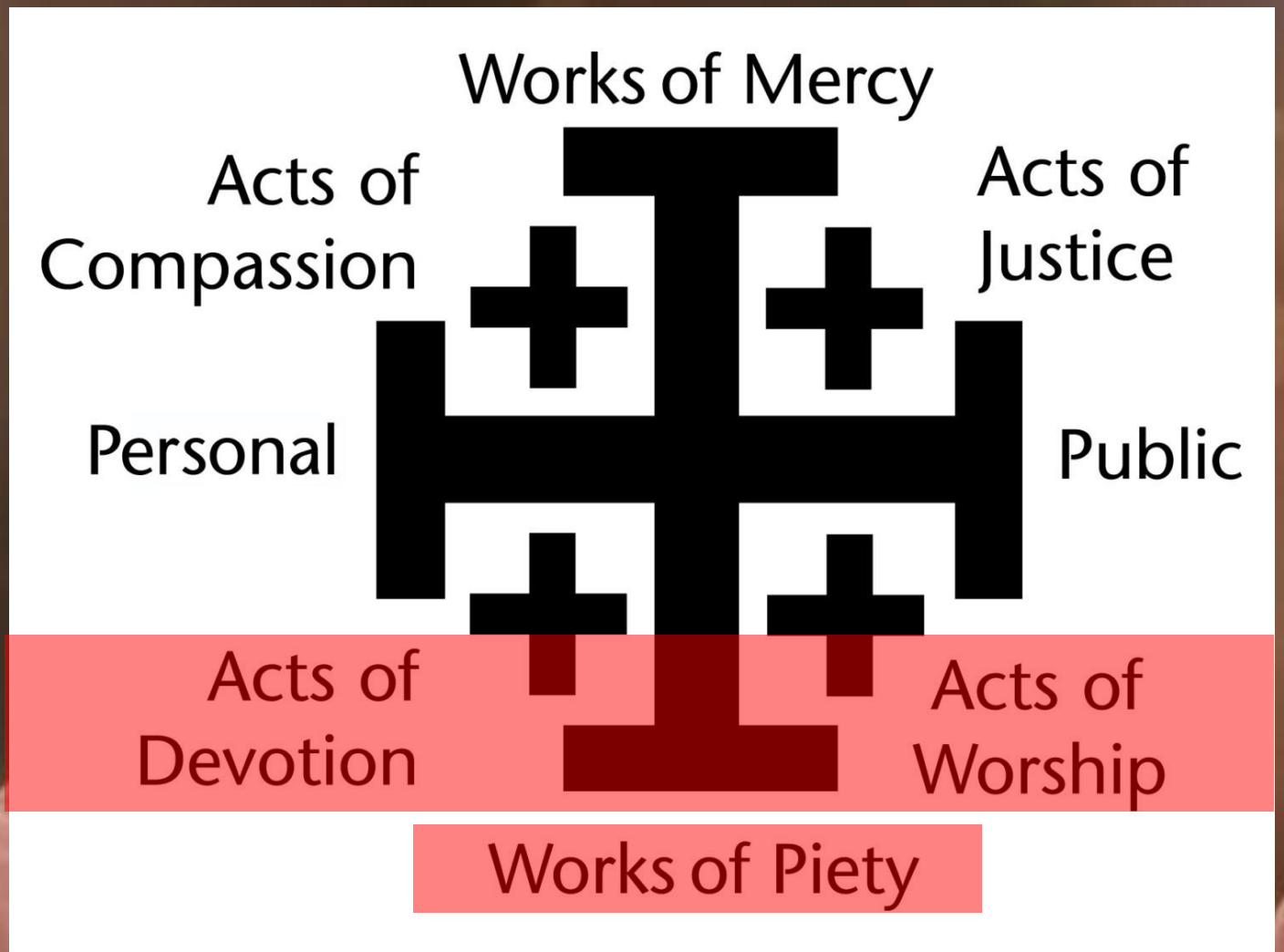


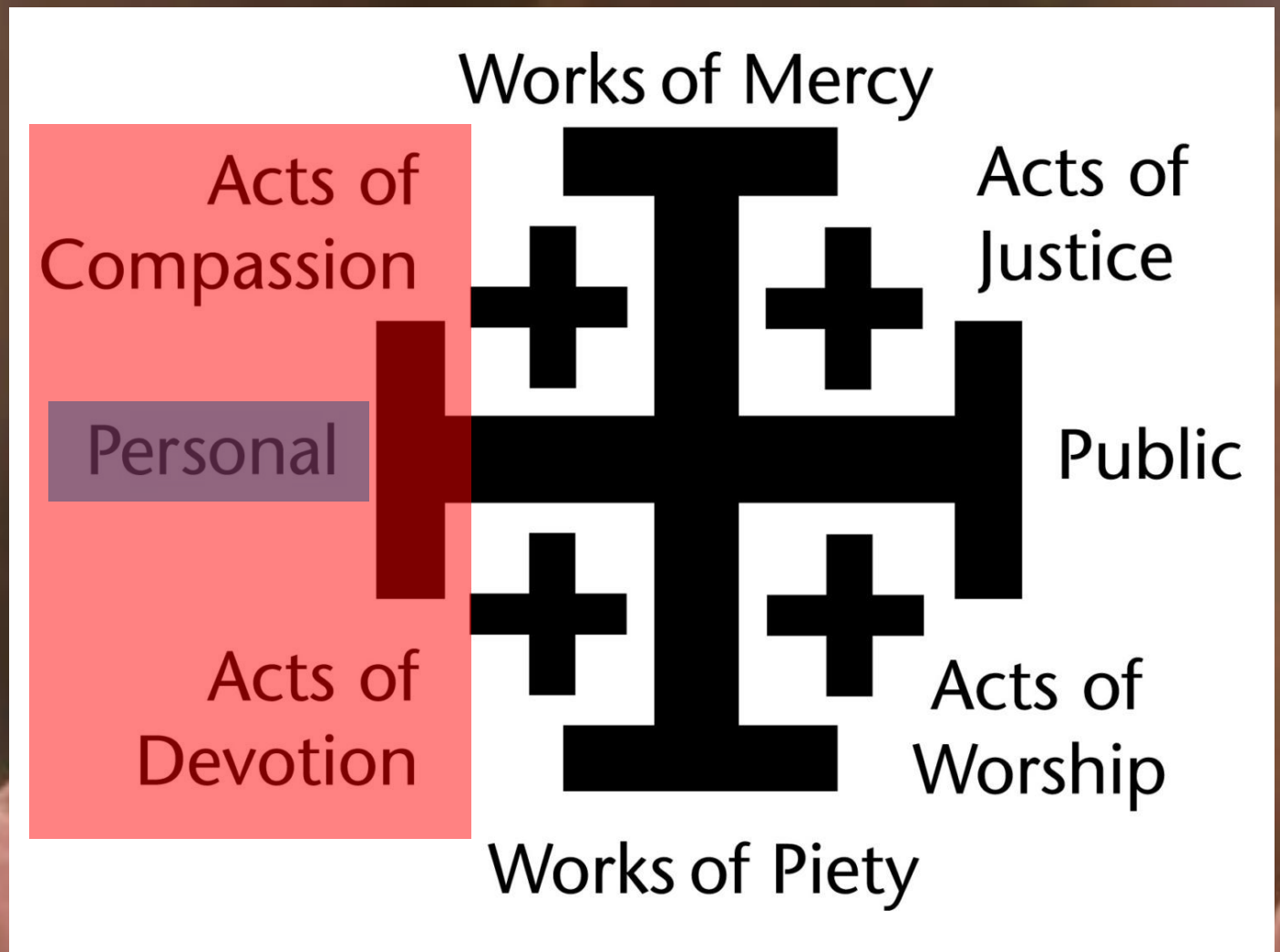
“Means of God”
generally used in the Christian
churches for many ages ...,
which directs us to bless God
both for **the means of grace** and
for **hope of glory**.

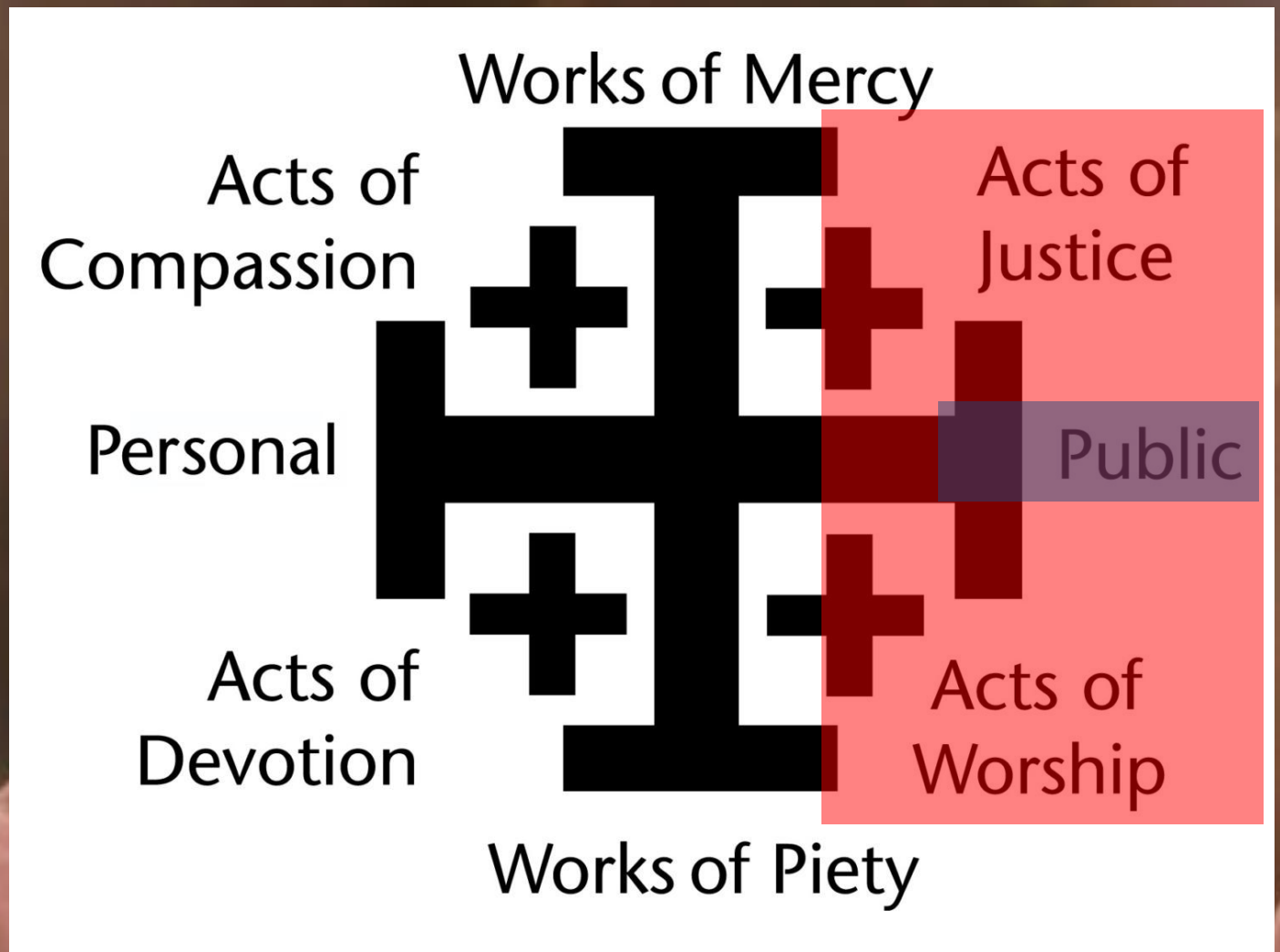
Wesley’s Sermon 16: Means of Grace
Malachi 3:7

+ Prayer
+ Searching the Scriptures
+ Receiving the Lord’s Supper
as Ordinary Channels of Conveying God’s Grace to the Souls of Men

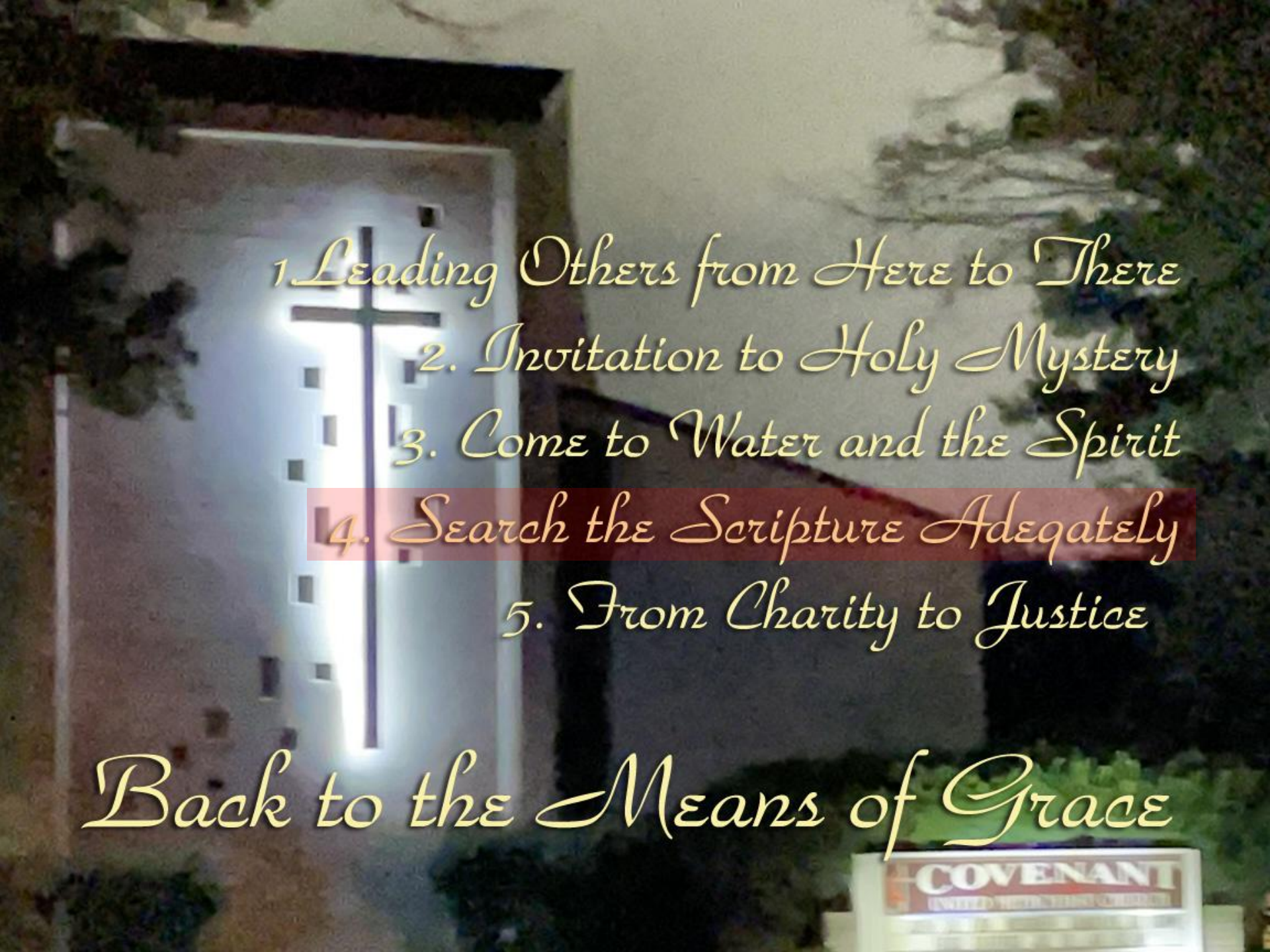








Institutionalized Means of Grace

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1. *Leading Others from Here to There*
 2. *Invitation to Holy Mystery*
 3. *Come to Water and the Spirit*
 4. *Search the Scripture Adequately*
 5. *From Charity to Justice*

Back to the Means of Grace



Acts 18:18-28

Paul's Journey from Corinth to Antioch



- + Haircut at Cenchrea
- + Ephesus
 - to teach the Jews
 - Priscilla & Aquila stay
- + Caesarea
 - to greet the church
- + Antioch
- + Galatia & Phrygia
 - to strengthen disciples

Acts 18:18-28

Priscilla and Aquila of Rome in Ephesus

ἐξέθεντο τὴν ὁδὸν [τοῦ θεοῦ].



Acts 18:18-28
Apollos of Alexandria Came to Ephesus



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ἄκριβως

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Acts 18:18-28 Strengthening Disciples



After spending some time in Antioch, Paul set out from there and traveled from place to place throughout the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

ACTS 18:23



1. Let us reason with one another to search the scriptural discipleship.

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Part 4. Search the Scripture Adequately

1. *Let us reason with one another to search the scriptural discipleship.*

“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

– 2 Timothy 3:14-15



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Part 4. Search the Scripture Adequately

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SCRIPTURE

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV

Increase
BIBLICAL
LITERACY
in Your Church

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**Four Aspects of
Quest for “Truth”**

“Their preaching and teaching were grounded in Scripture, informed by Christian tradition, enlivened in experience, and tested by reason.”

*“Our Doctrinal Heritage”
BOD paragraph 102*



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Part 4. Search the Scripture Adequately

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2. Priscilla and Aquila heard Apollos, invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.

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Part 4. Search the Scripture Adequately

2. *Priscilla and Aquila heard Apollos, invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.*

You will
know the truth,
and the truth
will make you free.

- John 8:32

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Part 4. *Search the Scripture Adequately*


2. *Priscilla and Aquila heard Apollos, invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.*

Matthew 5:21 - 22

"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca, ' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.



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Part 4. Search the Scripture Adequately

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1. *Let us reason with one another to search the scriptural discipleship.*
 2. *Priscilla and Aquila heard Apollos, invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.*
 3. *The bible is sufficient for our salvation.*

*A brand pluck from the fire
Zechariah 3:2b*

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Part 4. Search the Scripture Adequately

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Bible Study Mistakes

1. Proof-Texting



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The Word of God Stages of Scripture



Breadcrumbs

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“Providential”

Overcoming “A Almost Christian”



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