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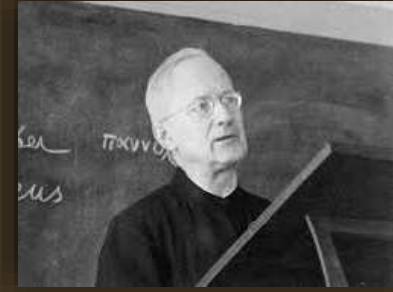
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The New Testament writers draw a clear distinction between preaching and teaching.

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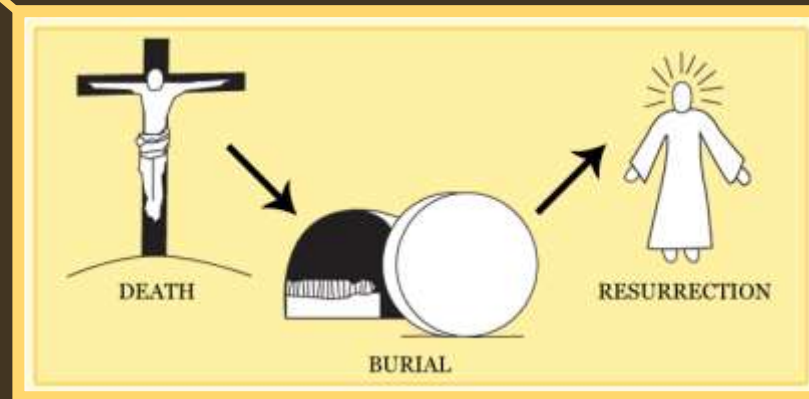


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It was by **kerygma** ... not by *didache* ... that it pleased God to save me.



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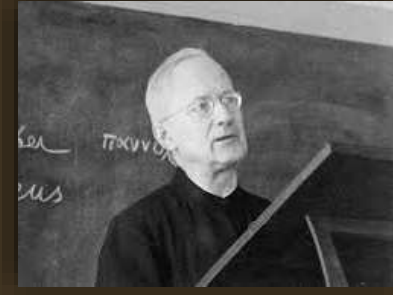
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The kerygma is neither a vehicle for timeless ideas nor the mediator of historical information.

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Not long after the deaths of these men, certain individuals in churches of Christ (e.g., Carl Ketcherside, Leroy Garret, Rubel Shelly, Edward Fudge) adopted elements of kerygmatic theology to extend the borders of fellowship.

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“What are the constituent factors of the gospel? There were seven of these as follows: the life, death, burial, resurrection, ascension, coronation, and glorification of Jesus of Nazareth. All of these are facts centered around the person of Jesus. ... It was by this message God chose to save those who believe and those who believe these facts and demonstrate the lordship of Jesus over their lives by obedience in baptism are saved. The gospel is epitomized in the three saving facts—the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus” (Karl Ketcherside).

“Oh, how we tend to cluster. ... There are believers in many different heritages who cast their hope in God’s firstborn Son and put their faith in the cross of Christ. If they, like you, are trusting him to carry them to the father’s castle, don’t you share a common Savior? If their trust, like yours, is in the all-sufficient sacrifice of Christ, aren’t you covered with the same grace? ... God’s ship is a grand vessel. Just as a ship has many rooms, so God’s kingdom has room for many opinions. But just as a ship has one deck, God’s kingdom has a common ground: the all-sufficient sacrifice of Jesus Christ” (Max Lucado).



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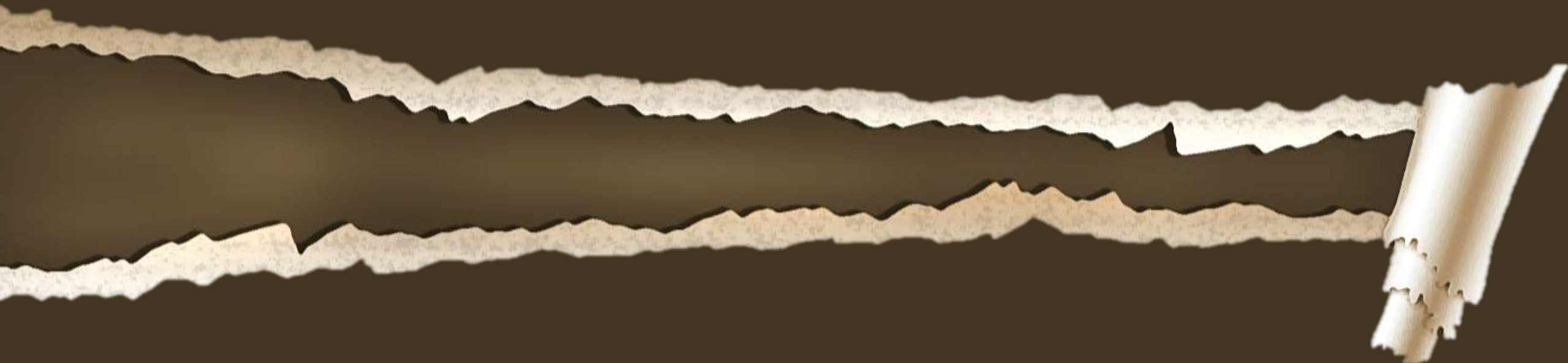
A series of studies on authority is not what I think needs to be studied in the adult class. That is not really a test of faith or fellowship. There are much more important issues at hand (e.g., helping the poor). Christianity is so much broader than "Churches of Christ." If someone puts their trust in Jesus, that is enough.

THE NEXT GENERATION

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kerygma (“message”) – 1 Corinthians 15:14; cf. vv. 1–8; Jonah 3:2 (LXX)
evangelion (“good news”) – Romans 16:25; Galatians 1:6–9; cf. 1 Timothy 1:8–11
didache (“teaching”) – Acts 2:42; Romans 6:17; 16:17; 2 John 9–11; cf. Matthew 7:28



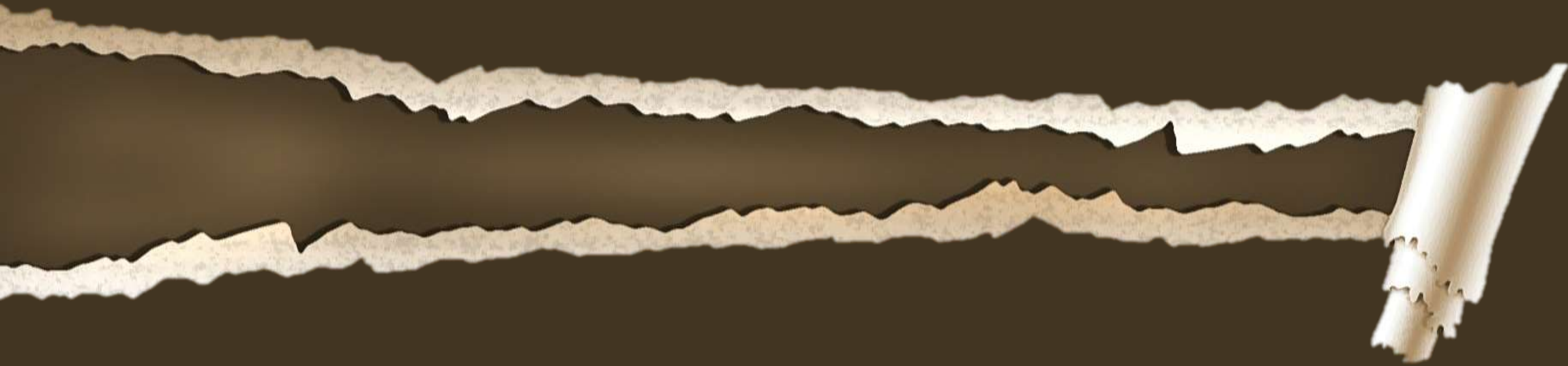
GOSPEL AND DOCTRINE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT (AND BEYOND)

Gospel *and* doctrine bring us into a relationship with God,
and gospel *and* doctrine keep us in a relationship with God (and his people).

1 Corinthians 15:1–8; 1 Timothy 4:11–16; 2 Timothy 4:1–5;
John 12:43–50; Galatians 1:6–9; 5:19–21; cf. 1 Corinthians 6:9–11

OVERLAP IN REFERENCE
AND RAMIFICATION

For a more extensive treatment of this subject, see the article
“Is It a Salvation Issue?” by Trevor Bowen. It can be accessed at
http://www.insearchoftruth.org/articles/is_it_a_salvation_issue.html.





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