



Trials

Peter and His Epistles

WITHOUT WITHIN

Class 1: 'Anastrophe'

Be Holy in All Your Conduct (1Pe 1:15)

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1Pe 5:1; 2Pe 1:16
(cmp. Mat 16:16; Joh 6:8)

Luk 22:31-32



'Strangers scattered throughout'

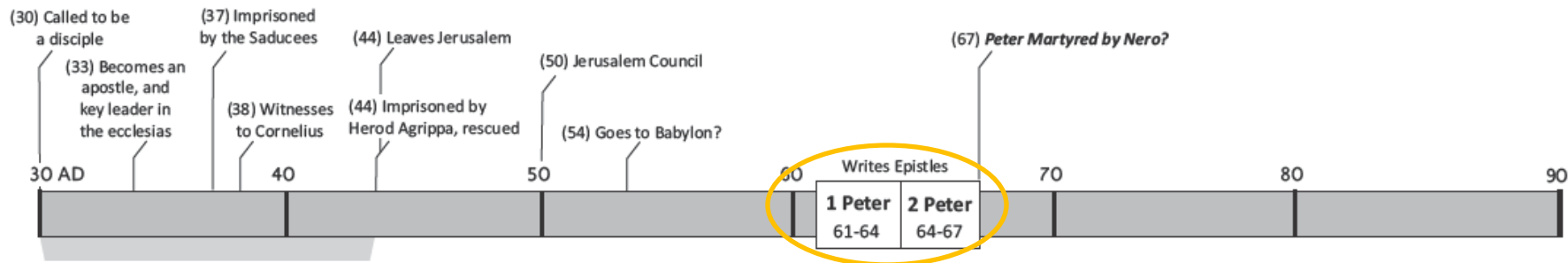


'She who is in Babylon'

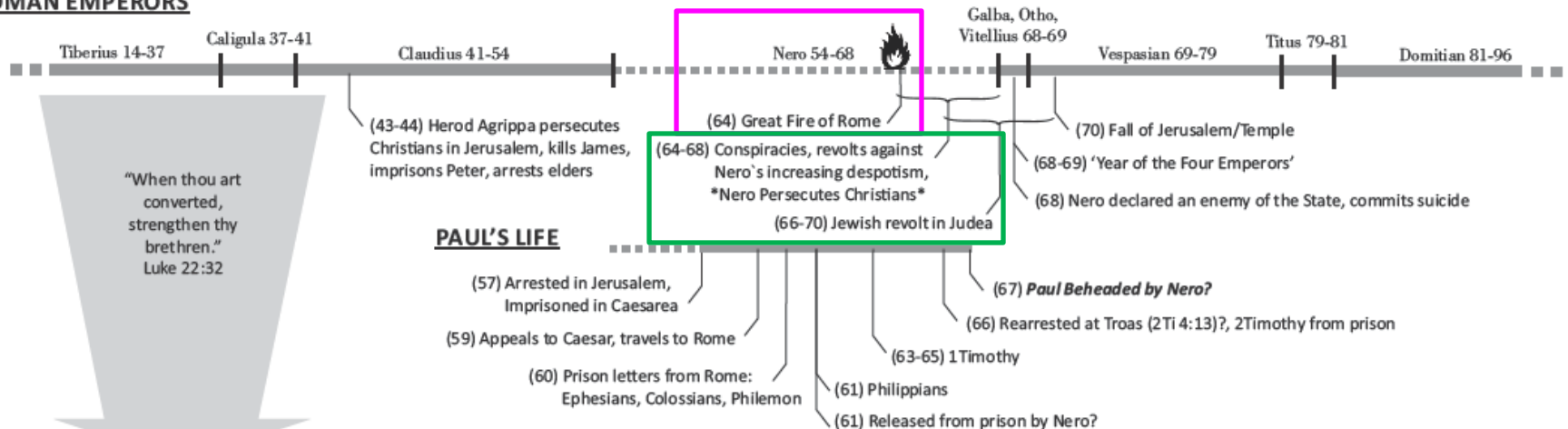


Timeline of Peter and His Epistles

PETER'S LIFE



ROMAN EMPERORS



PAUL'S LIFE

GOSPELS

Peter's Calling - Joh 1:40-42
Name change from Simon to Peter by Jesus - Joh 1:41-42
Found fishing by Jesus at Sea of Galilee - Mat 4:18-22
Rebuked by Jesus - Mat 16:21-23; Mar 8:31-33
Present at the healing of Jairus' daughter - Mar 5:37; Luk 8:51
Transfiguration, wants to build 3 tabernacles - Mat 17:1-9
Coin in the fish's mouth for taxes - Mat 17:24-27
Walks on the water with Jesus - Mat 14:28-31
Sent with John to prepare the Passover - Luk 22:8
Shares Passover meal with Jesus - Luk 22:14-38
Professes he would go with Jesus to death - Luk 22:31-34
Refuses to have his feet washed - Joh 13; Joh 13:4-10
Found sleeping in Gethsemane - Mar 14:37
Cuts off ear of Malchus - Joh 18:10
Denys Jesus 3 times - Joh 18:15-27 cmp. Joh 13:36-38
After Resurrection sees linen clothes - Joh 20:1-10; Luk 24:9-12
Breakfast on the beach with Jesus, Agape/Feed My Sheep - Joh 21



ACTS

Present at Ascension of Christ - Acts 1:15-26
Pentecost - Acts 2:14-40
Heals cripple at temple gate - Acts 3
Imprisoned, scouraged; defense before Council - Acts 4:19-20
Foretells death of Ananias, Sapphira - Acts 5:1-11
Prays for the Holy Spirit - Acts 8:15-18
Rebukes Simon the sorcerer - Acts 8:18-24
Receives Paul - Gal 1:18; 2:9
Visits Lydda; heals Aeneas - Acts 9:32-34
Raises Dorcas from the dead - Acts 9:36-43
Has a vision about the Gentiles at Joppa - Acts 10:9-16
Preaches to, baptizes Cornelius at Caesarea - Acts 10
Withstood by Paul over the Gentile issue - Gal 2:11-14
Imprisoned by Herod Agrippa, delivered by angel - Acts 12:3-19
Participates in Jerusalem Council - Acts 15:1-31; Gal 2:1-10
Travels to Babylon ...? - 1Pe 5:13

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1 PETER



2 PETER

- 1) 'Anastrophe' – Be Holy in all your conduct**
- 2) 'Hupotasso' – Submit yourselves**
- 3) 'Pascho' – Suffer for righteousness' sake**
- 4) 'Epignosis' – Grow in knowledge**
- 5) 'Doxa' – You will receive the unfading
crown of glory**



Goal of Peter's Epistles:

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- v14 – be obedient children
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- Exo 12:11
- Exo 24:7
- Lev 11:44
- Exo 22:21



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- v18 – redeemed
- v19 – the precious blood of Christ
 - as a lamb without blemish or spot
- v14 – lusts (6x 1&2 Peter)
- v22 – purify yourselves
- **2Pe 2:15-20** – Balaam, escape, bondage, darkness

Exodus

- Exo 12:11
- Exo 24:7
- Lev 11:44
- Exo 22:21
- Exo 15:13
- Exo 24; 12:22
- Exo 12:5
- Psa 106:14
- Num 19, 31
- Num 22-24; Exo 13:3; 10:22; 14:20

'Anastrophe' 1:15

- 'Anastrophe' (391); Gk. 'anastrepho' (390)
 - manner of life, conduct, behaviour

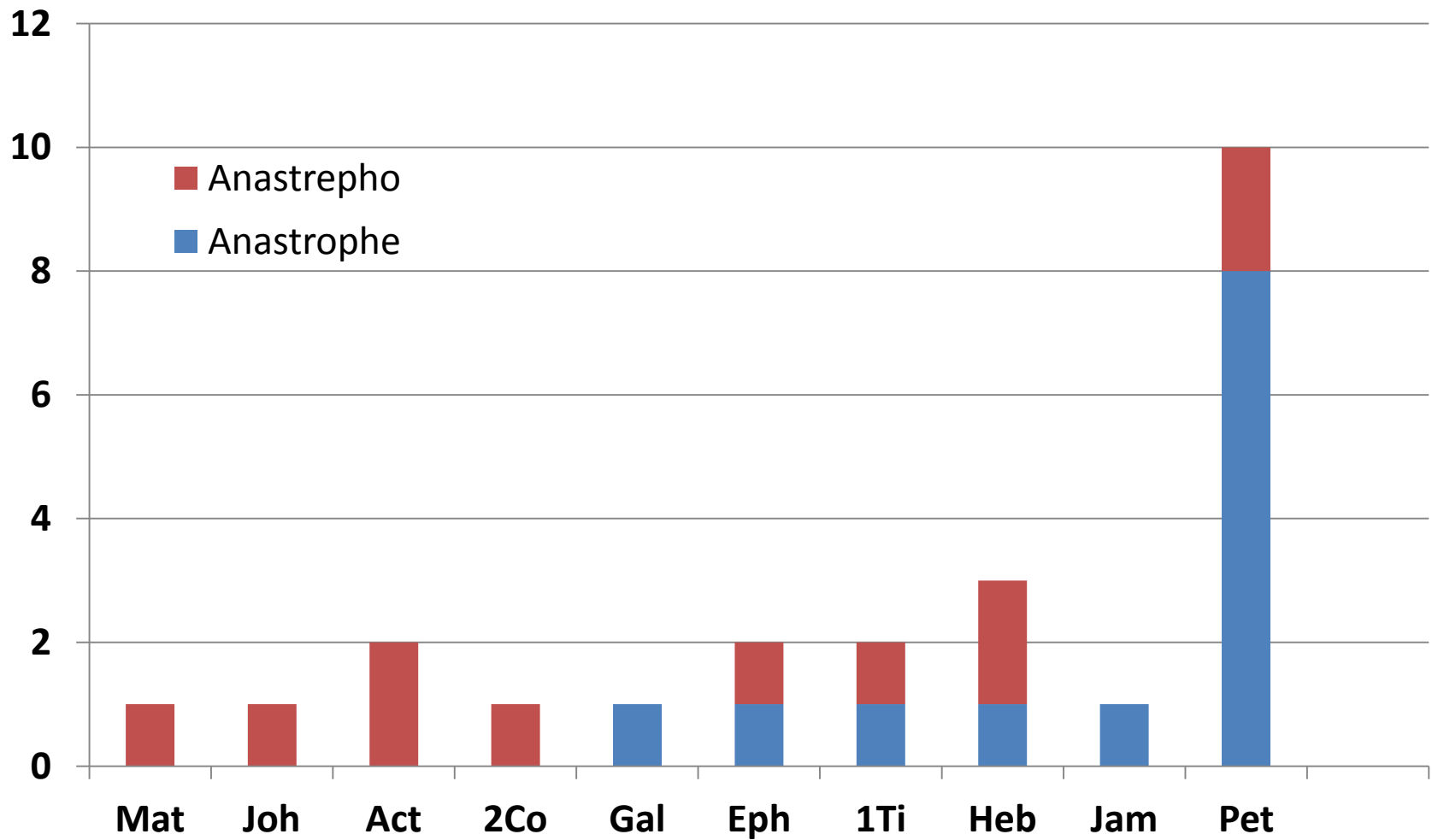
1Peter

- 1:17 – conduct/pass the time of your sojourning here in fear
- 1:18 – the vain conduct received by tradition from your forefathers
- 2:12 – having your conduct honourable among the Gentiles
- 3:1,2 – while they (husbands) behold your chaste conduct
- 3:16 – they that falsely accuse your good conduct in Christ

2Peter

- 2:7 – Lot, vexed with the filthy conduct of the wicked
- 2:18 – escaped from them who's conduct is in error
- 3:11 – what manner of persons ought ye to be in holy conduct?

'Anastrophe'



'Suschematizo'

- (4964) – to conform oneself - 1Pe 1:14, Rom 12:2



'Don't let the world squeeze you into it's mould'





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Class 2: 'Hupotasso'

Submit Yourself (1Pe 2:13)

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1Pe 2:5 - Peter's House

Bayith (H1004) – a house or family

‘a spiritual house’

Bath (H1323) – daughter



‘elected together with you’

‘she at Babylon’



Ben (H1121) – son



‘Marcus my son,
Silas your brother’

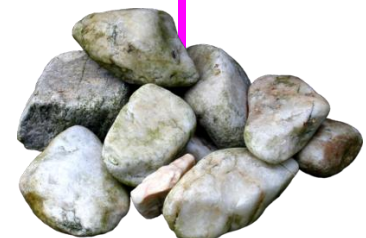
BANAH (H1129) – TO BUILD

‘being built up’



Eben (H68) – a stone

‘you also, as living stones’



The New Israel

1Pe 2:9 But ye are a **chosen generation**, a **royal priesthood**, an **holy nation**, a **peculiar people**; that **ye** should shew forth the **praises of Him** who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

1Pe 2:10 Which in time past **were not a people, but are now the people of God**: which **had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.**

Exodus 19:5-6

Isaiah 43:20-21

Hosea 2:23 (1:9-10)

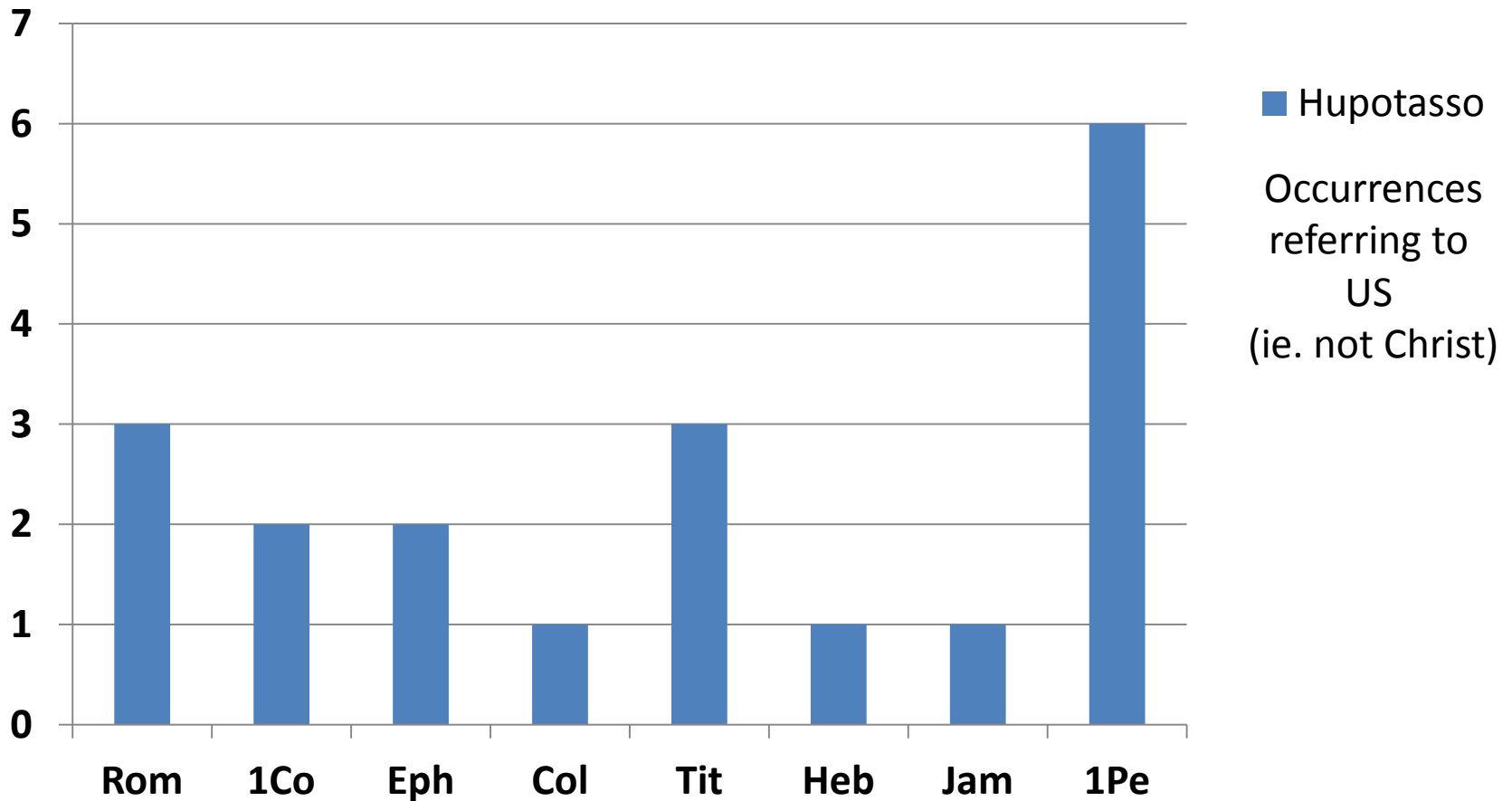
'Hupotasso' 2:11

- Hupotasso (5293)
 - to arrange under, to subordinate, submit, be subject to
 - from 'hupo' (5259) = under ; 'tasso' (5021) = to arrange
- **Wuest:** a Greek military term meaning 'to arrange in military fashion under the command of a leader'.
- **Thayers:** in non-military use, 'a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden'.



'Submit Yourself'

Hupotasso



'Hupo' (5259) – to be under

Hupotasso (5293)

- to be subject to

Hupakouo (5219)

- to hear under (listen to a command)

Hupokrisis (5272)

- acting under feigned identify (hypocrite)

Hupakoe (5218)

- obedience under (hearing)

**10 different words
25 occurrences**

Hupogrammos (5261)

- an underwriting (an example)

Hupophero (5297)

- to bear from underneath (hardship)

Hupolimpano (5277)

- to leave behind/under (an example)

Hupomeno (5278)

- to undergo, bear (grief)

Hupomone (5281)

- to endure under (not flee in trial)

Roman Slaves

- 1/5 population of Empire
 - warfare, sea piracy, booty
 - children sold by parents for \$
- You were owned, rented by master
- Often abusive, degrading to slaves
- Whipped, branded, cruelly mishandled
- Readily killed by masters
- Generally no rights, property
- Stigma attached to slaves in society



'Hupo' vs 'Huper'

1Pe 5:5 Yea, all of you be
subject one to another,
and be clothed with
humility: for God resisteth
the proud, and giveth
grace to the humble.

Hupotasso

- to be arranged under

Huperephanos (5244)

- appearing above others

- from Huper (5288) – to be over

1Pe 5:6 Humble yourselves
therefore under the
mighty hand of God, that
He may exalt you in due
time.

Hupo

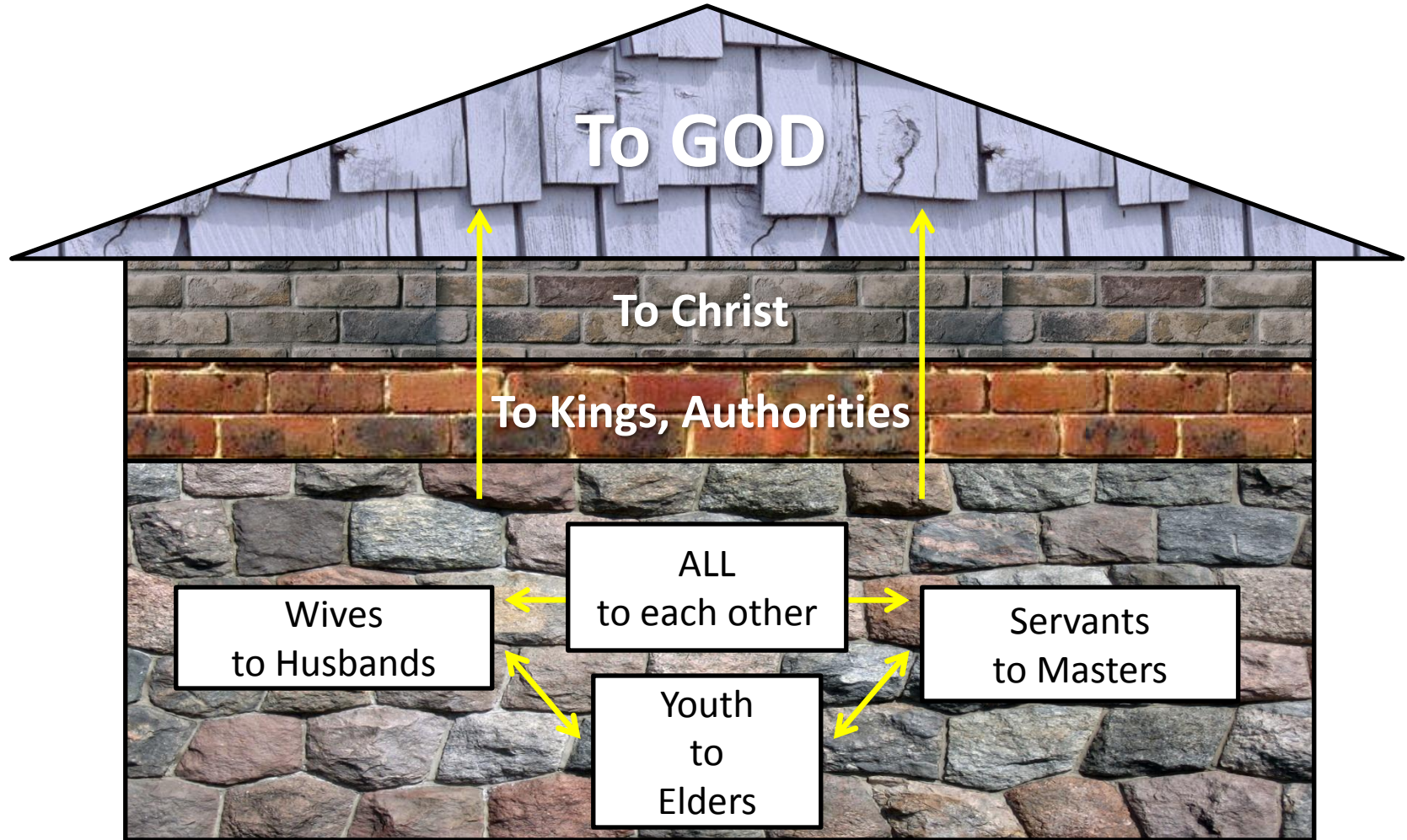
- to be under

Hupsoo (5312)

- to elevate

- from Huper (5288) – to be over

Submit Yourself



Love Respect (fear) Humility CHRIST Honor (to treat precious)



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Class 3: 'Pascho'

Suffer for Righteousness' Sake (1Pe 3:14)

'Hupomone'

- Hupomone (5281) – endurance, constancy (under trial)

“... is one of the noblest NT words. Normally, it is translated patience or endurance, but there is no single English word which transmits all the fullness of its meaning.

IT IS NOT the patience which can sit down and bow its head and let things descend upon it and passively endure it till the storm has passed.

IT IS the spirit which can bear things, not simply with resignation, but with *blazing hope*; it is not the spirit which sits statically enduring in the one place, but the spirit which *bears things* because it knows that these things are *leading to a goal of glory*; it is not the patience which grimly waits for the end, but the patience which *radiantly hopes* for the dawn.”

William Barclay, NT Words

Persecution under Nero

“No human effort, no princely largess nor offerings to the gods could make that infamous rumour disappear that Nero had somehow ordered the fire. Therefore, in order to abolish that rumour, Nero falsely accused and executed with the most *exquisite punishments* those people called Christians, who were infamous for their abominations.

The originator of the name, *Christ*, was executed as a criminal by the procurator Pontius Pilate during the reign of Tiberius; and though repressed, this destructive *superstition* erupted again, not only through Judea, which was the origin of this evil, but also through the city of Rome Therefore, first those were seized who admitted their faith, and then, using the information they provided, a *vast multitude were convicted*, not so much for the crime of burning the city, but for hatred of the human race.”

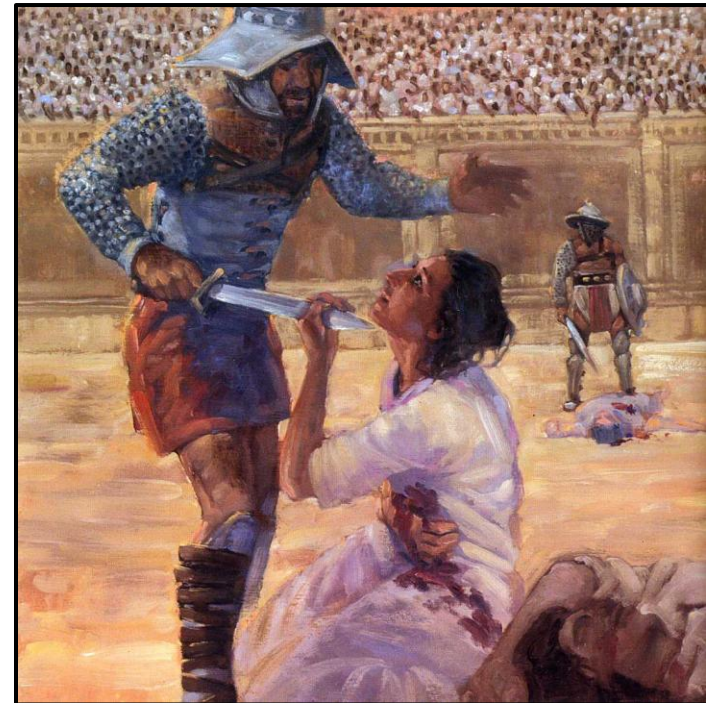


Persecution under Nero

“And perishing they were additionally *made into sports*: they were *killed by dogs* by having the hides of beasts attached to them, or they were *nailed to crosses* or *set aflame*, and, when the daylight passed away, they were used as *night-time lamps*. Nero gave his own gardens for this spectacle

Even though they were clearly guilty and merited being made the most recent example of the consequences of crime, people began to pity these sufferers, because they were consumed not for the public good but on account of *the fierceness of one man* [Nero].”

*Tacitus, Annals
(1st century Roman historian, senator)*





Jean-Léon Gerome, The Christian Martyr's Last Prayer

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The Trial of your Faith



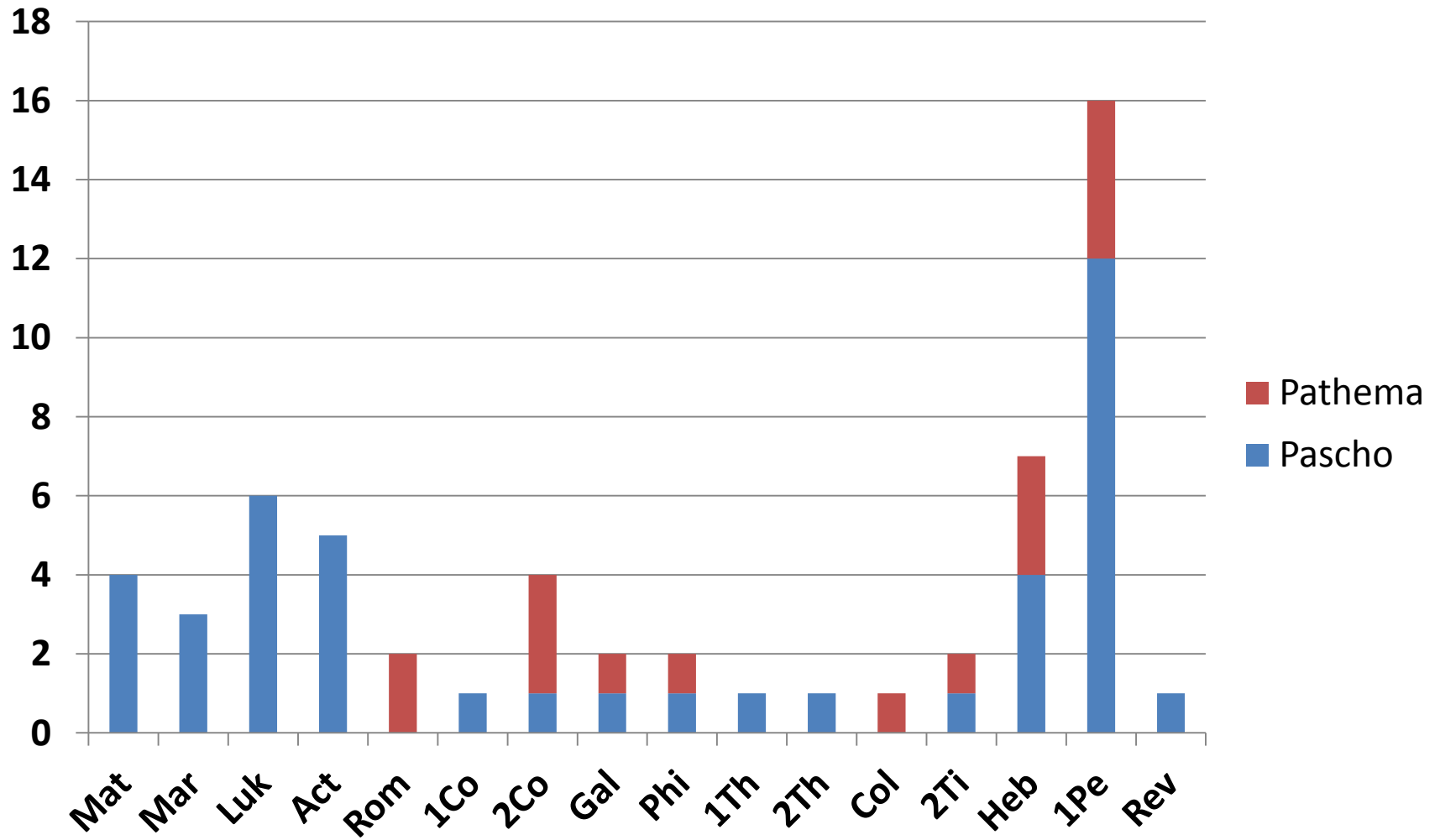
Gold smelting and bars in LaRonde Gold Mine, Quebec

'Pascho'

- **Pascho (3958)**
 - to suffer (be affected by, experience, undergo, feel)
 - be in a bad plight, be vexed
 - 11x in 1Peter
- **Pathema (3804)**
 - to suffer hardship, pain, affliction
 - 4x in 1Peter



Suffering



Peter's Principles of Suffering:

Suffering ...

1. is guaranteed for the elect
2. is not meant to be easy ... intense, heated
3. is for a reason and our benefit (test, enhance faith)
4. comes before glory
5. should be for righteousness' sake (right vs wrong)
6. is understood in the example of Christ







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study demonstrating the value of
masculine reference - comparing Scripture
with Scripture - led by our
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"their hearts burned
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Class 4: 'Epignosis'

Grow in Knowledge (2Pe 1:8)

Normalcy Bias

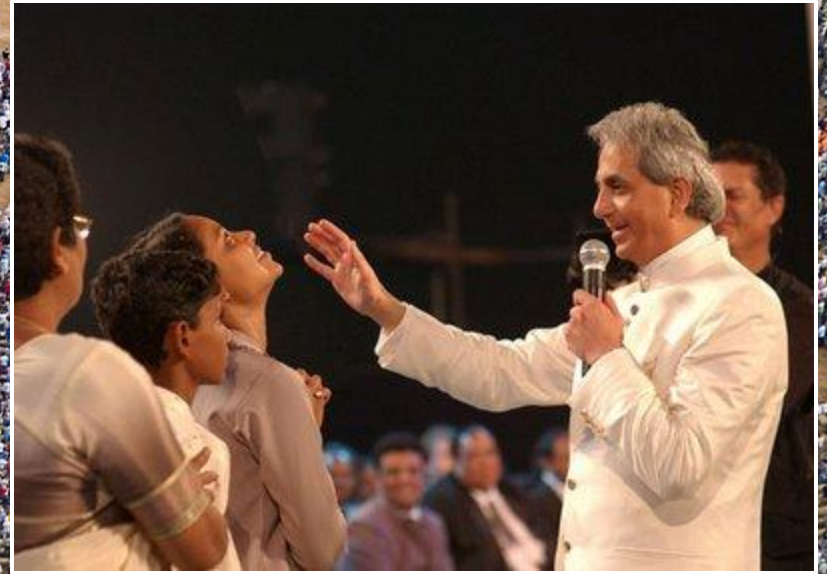
The **‘normalcy bias’**, or normality bias, refers to a **mental state people enter when facing a disaster**. It causes people to **underestimate** both the possibility of a disaster occurring and its possible effects. This often results in situations where people **fail to adequately prepare** for a disaster, and on a larger scale, the failure of governments to include the populace in its disaster preparations.

The **assumption** that is made in the case of the normalcy bias is that since a disaster **never has occurred then it never will occur**. It also results in the inability of people to **cope** with a disaster once it occurs. People with a normalcy bias have difficulties **reacting** to something they have not experienced before. People also tend to **interpret** warnings in the most optimistic way possible, seizing on any ambiguities to infer a less serious situation.

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False Teachers





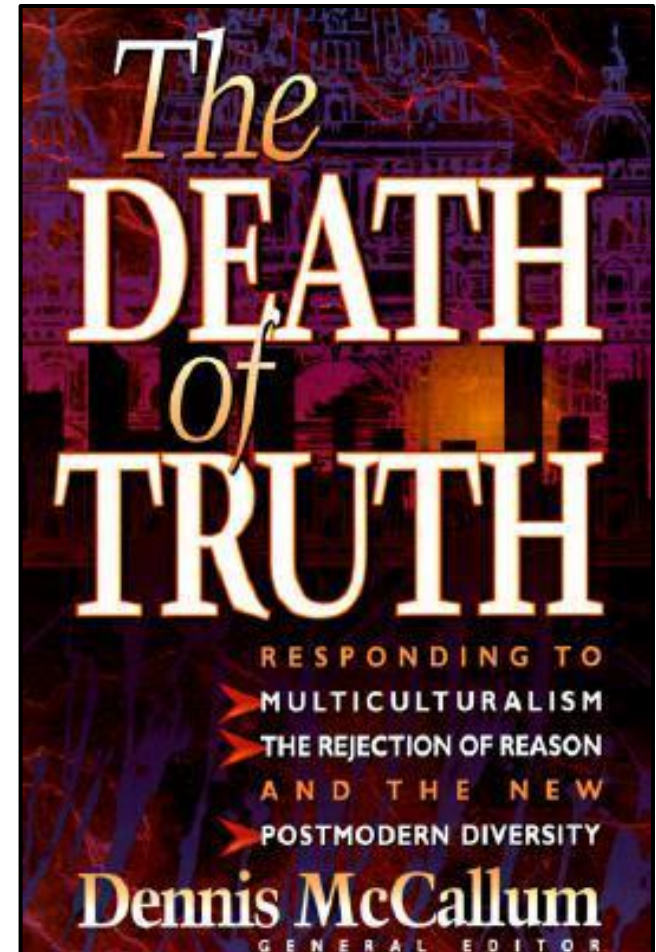
False Teaching

Normalcy



Postmodern Apostasy

- Reason and rationality are cultural biases, and truth, especially God's *truth, doesn't exist*.
- All lifestyles, religions, and worldviews are *equally valid*.
- The only *real sin* is criticizing someone else's views or moral choices.
- *Opinions* matter as much as evidence.
- *Reality* is in the mind of the beholder.



Atheism

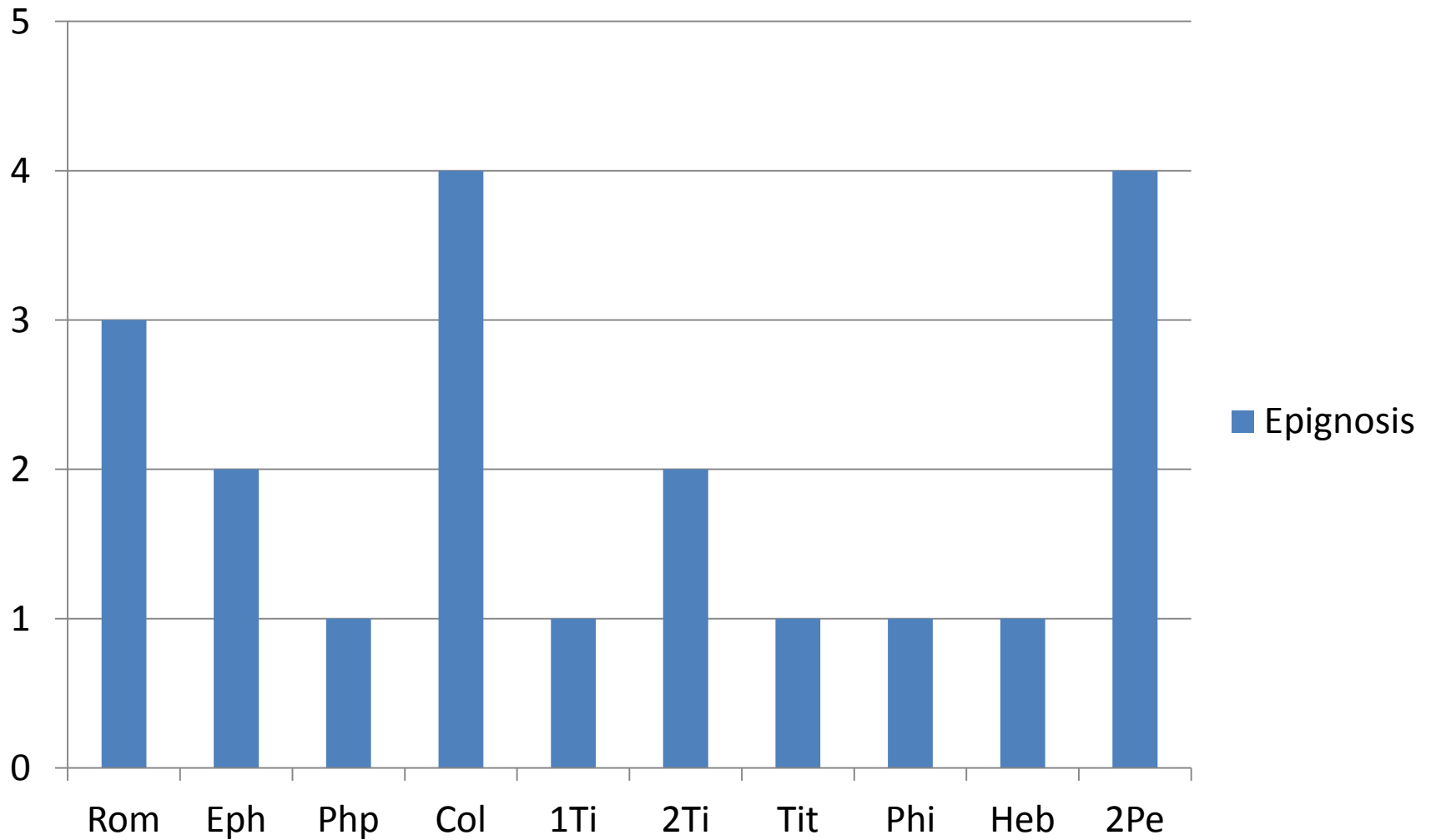


'Epignosis'

- Gnosis (1108), Ginosko (1097)
 - to know, to understand, be aware of (academic)
 - 3x 2Pe
- Epignosis (1922), Epiginosko (1921)
 - precise, correct, rich knowledge
 - implies practical application, experience
 - 6x 2Pe
- Eido (1492)
 - to know, see, behold
 - 8x 1&2Pe



'Epignosis'



Bible Study ...

“ ... is, of course, a basic necessity for the servant of the Lord. It is right that we should bring to it all the skills and aptitudes which any student would bring to an intellectual pursuit.

Even so, it is not just the depth of academic knowledge of the Word which counts ... It is the *quality of one's meditation* that produces spiritual insight and understanding, and this is not the province solely of the academic or the intellectual.”

BRO. ALFRED NICHOLLS, *Letters to Timothy and Titus*, p269





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ALWAYS WORKING

Our all-mobile world is killing the desktop — and our personal lives

7 in 10

U.S. workers say technology has allowed work to move into their personal life

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USA TODAY

We've all heard about them, perhaps received them: the work-related requests that arrive at 11 p.m. Or 5 a.m. Or during a Sunday afternoon at the beach.

Urgent e-mails demand an answer before 8 a.m. Financial budgets need a last-minute late-night review. Client proposals must be finished over the weekend.

The good news? You can do this work from afar. The bad news? You can do this work from afar.

The swelling number of workers

who tote smartphones and tablets can connect to work from the car, the kitchen table, a kid's baseball game, a remote island or 30,000 feet in the air.

The skyrocketing use of mobile devices is upending much of what we know and experience in our work lives. Just as the desktop computer made time sheets, purchase orders and other physical documents virtually obsolete, mobile-based programs and cloud computing will make working solely at one desktop computer seem as outdated as tapping away at a typewriter.

Indeed, while media, business and

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PCs go
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They're
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'Add to your Faith ...'



'Epichoregeo' (add)

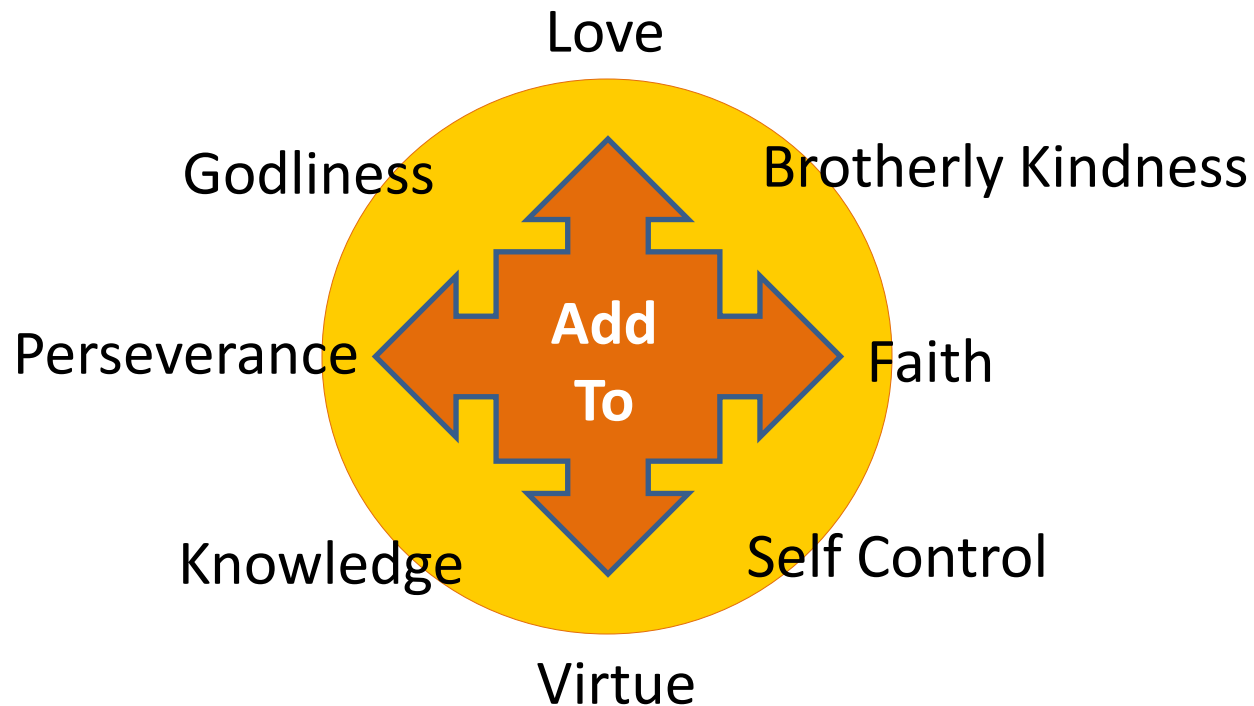
- Epi (upon, in addition to - cmp Epignosis)
- Choregeo (fully supply or furnish)
 - chorus or dance leader (eg. Greek tragedies)

The verb originally meant **'to bear the expense of a chorus,'** which was done by a person who volunteered to defray all expense of training and maintenance. It was a duty that prompted to lavishness in execution.

Hence chorēgeō came to mean **'supplying costs for any purpose,'** a public duty or religious service, with a tending, as here, towards the meaning, 'providing more than is demanded.' Thus, the word means *"to supply in copious measure, to provide beyond the need, to supply more than generously."* Wuest's Word Studies



'Epichoregeo' (add)



“The A.V. is entirely wrong. The A.V. exhorts to add one virtue to another; but the Greek, to develop one virtue in the exercise of another; each new grace springing out of, attempting and perfecting the other.”

Wuest's Word Studies

Therefore ...

- 3:11 – Therefore (Seeing then, Since)
 - be of holy conduct, godliness
 - look for 2x
- 3:14 – Therefore, beloved (Wherefore)
 - look for
 - consider ... longsuffering of God, Paul's epistles
 - be diligent ... without spot, blameless
- 3:17 – You therefore, beloved
 - beware (guard, watch)
 - grow ... in grace, knowledge



Be Diligent

- 'Be Diligent'

Gk. spoudazo 1:5,10; 14

- use speed, exert oneself,
hasten, intense effort

- 'Stir you up'

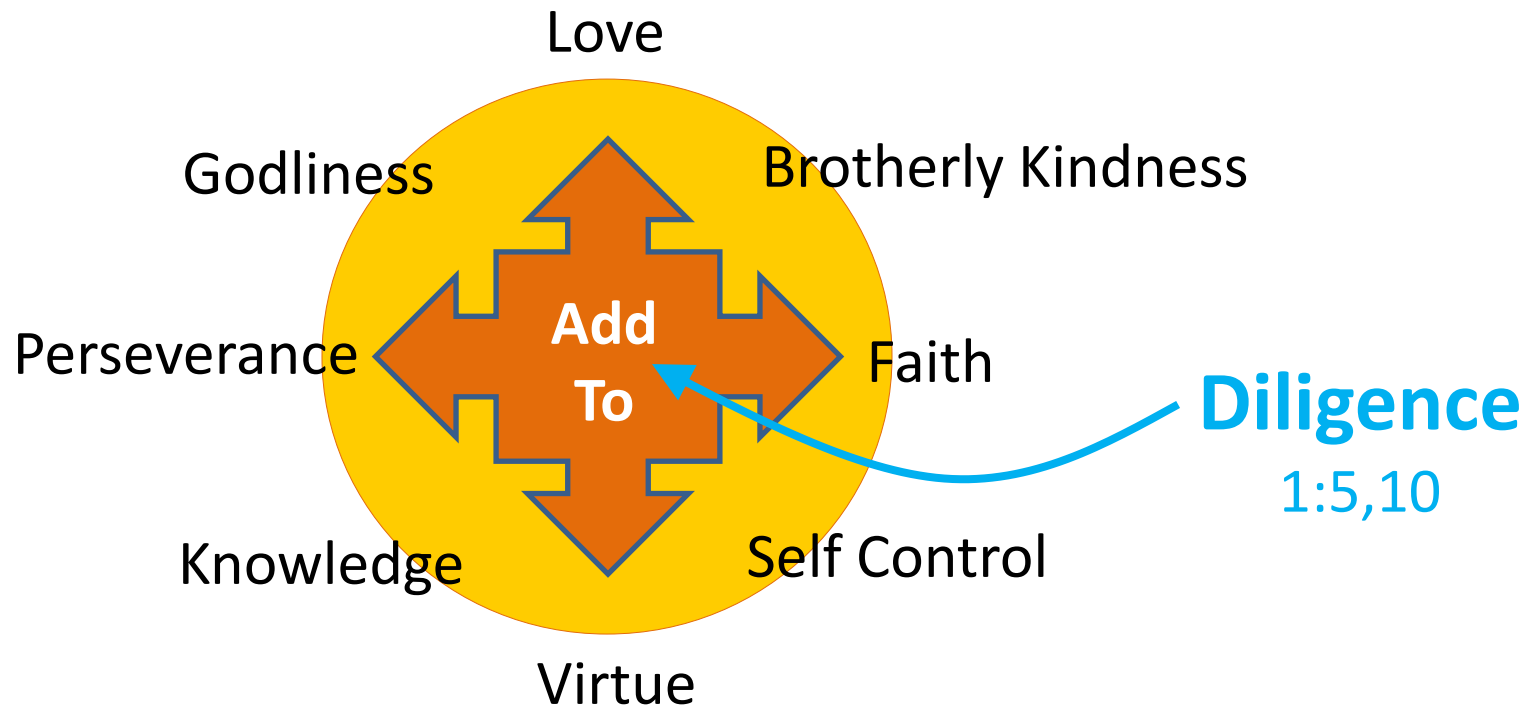
1:13, 3:1

- 'Remind you'

1:12,13,15; 3:1



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Class 5: 'Doxa'

You Will Receive the Unfading Crown of Glory (1Pe 5:4)

'Poikilos' - Manifold

- **Poikilos** (4164) - various or diverse colors, variegated
 - used in NT 10x for lusts, temptations, diseases ('divers')
 - cmp. 1Pe 1:6



'Poikilos' - Manifold

- **No** color in the human situation which God's grace cannot match ... joy, success, ... sorrow or pain.
- **No** possible problem can arise to which the grace of God cannot supply the solution.
- **No** possible task or challenge can be laid upon us which the grace of God cannot help us to deal with.
- **No** possible set of circumstances, no possible crisis, emergency, suffering or demand through which the grace of God cannot find a way, and which God cannot triumphantly deal with and overcome.
- **Nothing** in life with which the grace of God cannot cope.

Rejoice 'Jump for Joy' 1Pe 4:13



Fervent Love

- 1Pe 1:22 - Love one another with a pure heart fervently
- 1Pe 2:17 - Honour all men, love the brotherhood
- 1Pe 3:8 - Have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love ...
- 1Pe 4:8 – have fervent love for one another
- 1Pe 5:14 – Greet one another with the kiss of love
- 2Pe 1:7 – Supply ... brotherly affection with love

Gk. 'agape/agapao' – self-sacrificing love

Gk. 'philadelphia' – love of the brethren



Prayer

In times of adversity and trouble, it is not unusual to try all kinds of ‘solutions’ and ‘cures’, only to find that we have ignored the greatest cure of all time: **PRAYER**.



This is particularly true of the teenage years when we have plenty of energy, and pride ourselves in achievements, frequently taking matters into our own hands – only to find ourselves more deeply mired into the problem. Then, as a **last resort**, we turn to prayer!”

Bro. S. Kingsbury, Teenagers of the Bible

Shepherd the Flock



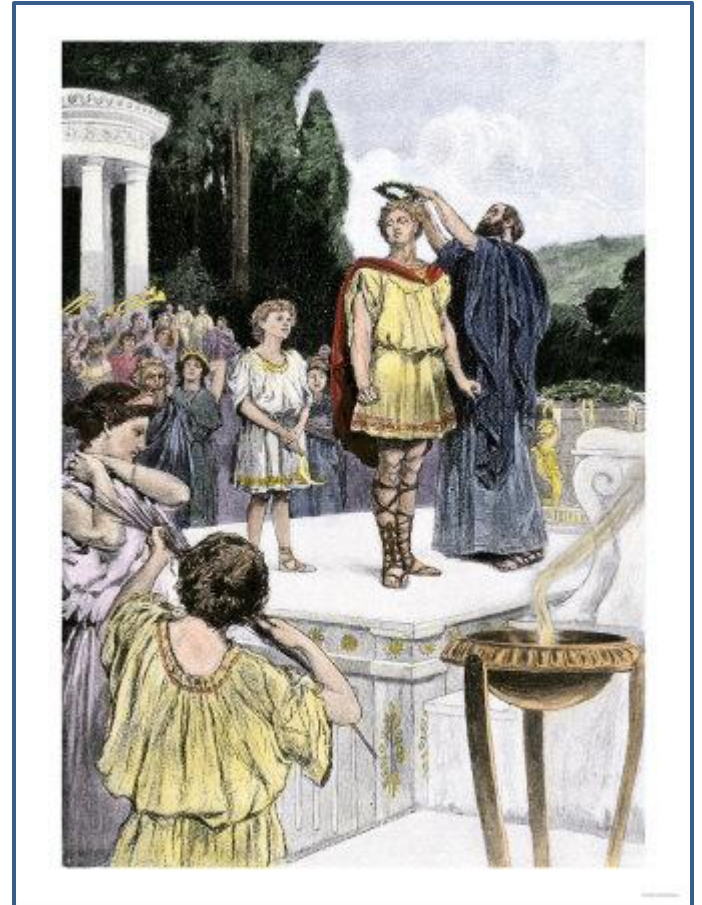
'Doxa' - Glory

- **Doxa (1391)** - noun
 - glory, honour, praise
 - an exalted condition, splendour, brightness, majesty
 - 16x 1&2Pe
- **Doxazo (1392)** - verb
 - to render/esteem/make glorious (ie. God, Jesus)
 - to honour, extol, praise
 - 5x 1&2Pe

* Note these new meanings were given in the Septuagint - formerly they meant 'common belief/opinion' (eg. 'orthodoxy' = right thinking)



'Stephanos' - crown



'Amarantinos' - Unfading

- 'Amarantinos' (262)
 - fadeless, 'fadeth not away', perpetual
 - **Wuest:** The word in its noun form was the name of a flower that did not wither or fade, and which when picked, revived in water. The crown given to victors in either athletics or war was made of oak or ivy leaves, the festal garlands of the marriage feast, of flowers. These would wither and fade. But the victor's crown which the Lord Jesus will give His faithful under-shepherds will never wither or fade.

