

Blood Picture

The Bible begins with blood (Gen. 3:21) and ends with blood (John 19:30). Bridging these two bookends is a stream of blood through sacrifice. Jesus completes the blood picture.

Grace

God designed us to know and experience the joy He has within Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. His will to share this with us is gracious in so far that we could never do for ourselves what can only be done by Him.

Hero

The Bible tells a single *Story* and at the center of this *Story* is Jesus. Jesus is God's Hero who saves His people from sin and death and for joy and glory. This joy and glory is the joy spoken of in our defining of GRACE.

Reigning

Romans 5:12-21 speaks of two realms. Sin and death mark one realm and the other is marked by light and life. Sin exists in Satan's realm. Life in that of Jesus. When one accepts God's rule, they dwell in a kingdom marked by life and light.

Seed Promise

When Adam and Eve fell, they were unable to save themselves. God gave them a promise in Genesis 3:15 telling them a "seed" from Eve would rise up and crush the serpent's head and his seed would bruise the heel of the woman's seed. Jesus is the fulfillment of the Seed Promise and the completion of the Blood Picture. This battle between the two "seeds" is traceable through the entire *Story* whose HERO is JESUS.

Story

Although there are sixty-six books in the biblical canon [Genesis – Revelation], they all tell a single *Story* and at the center of this *Story* is JESUS. See further HERO.