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# THE REVELATION

of Jesus Christ

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# THE SEASONS OF THE CHRISTIAN CALENDAR

## CYCLE OF LIGHT

*GOD with us*

Advent: Anticipation  
Christmas: Incarnation  
Epiphany: Revelation

## CYCLE OF LIFE

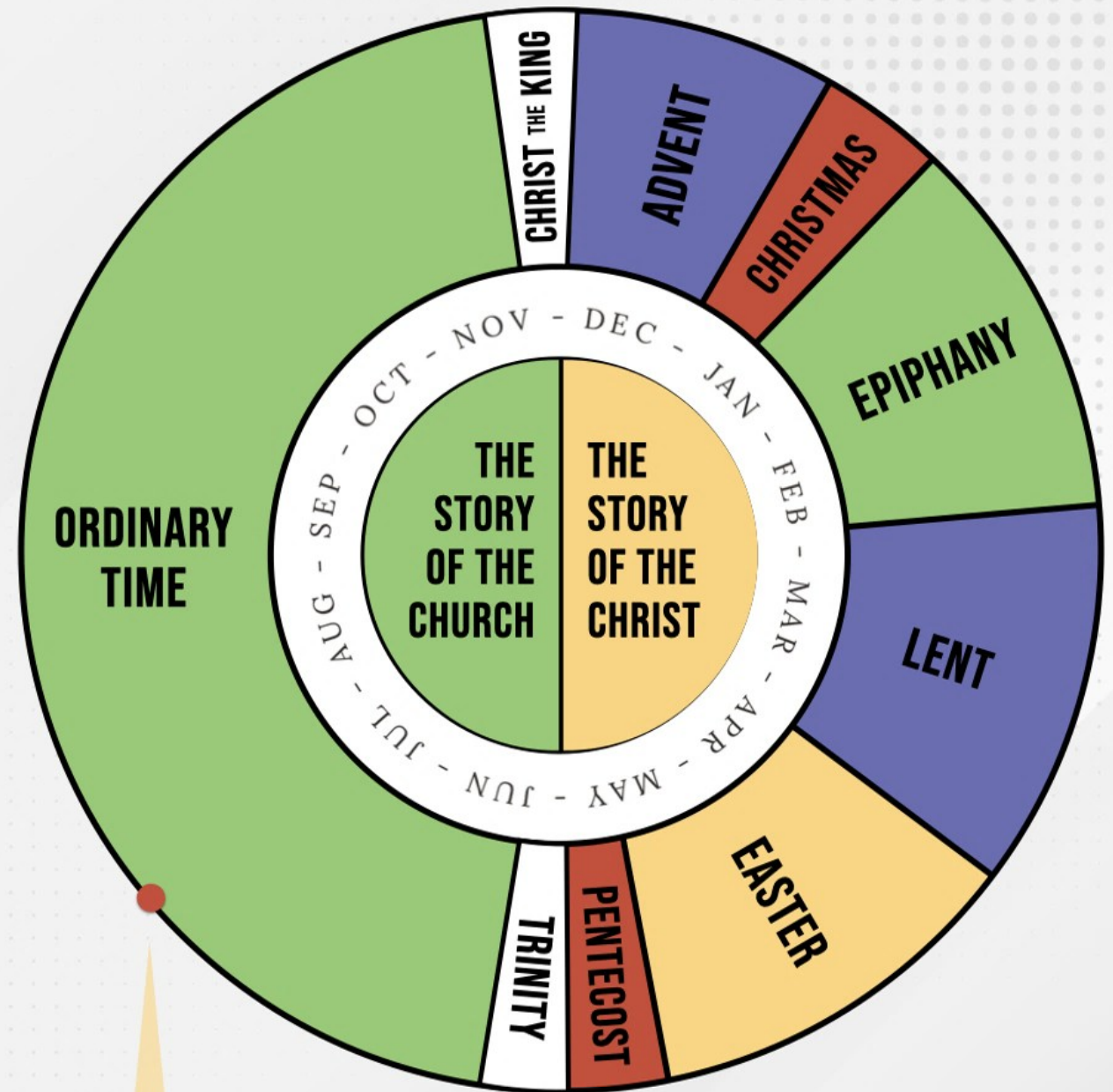
*GOD for us*

Lent: Crucifixion  
Easter: Resurrection  
Pentecost: Ascension

## CYCLE OF LOVE

*GOD in us*

Trinity: Magnification  
**Ordinary Time: Mission**  
Christ the King: Conclusion



**WE ARE HERE**





# *The Song of Solomon*



This five-week sermon series will explore **mature themes** with reverence and care, focusing not on explicit explanations but on the theological importance of embodiment, God's design, and faithful stewardship of the good gifts He has entrusted to us.





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# REVELATION 21:1-5

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<sup>1</sup> Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, ***prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.*** <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them.”



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“They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”





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# EPHESIANS 5:25-32

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<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup> and to present her to Himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup> In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.



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<sup>29</sup> After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— <sup>30</sup> for we are members of His body. <sup>31</sup> “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup> This is a profound mystery —*but I am talking about Christ and the church.*





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The Church is *rebuked* whenever it adopts the practices and perspectives of this dehumanizing Empire.



# JAMES 4:4

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<sup>4</sup> ***You adulterous people!*** Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.



*New Amsterdam – 1687*







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Anytime the Church chooses to see immigrants, minorities, and political opponents as anything less than holy icons reflecting God's image in the world, they are embracing the way of the Dragon and abandoning the invitation of the Lamb.



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<sup>6</sup> He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup> Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children. <sup>8</sup> But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”





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