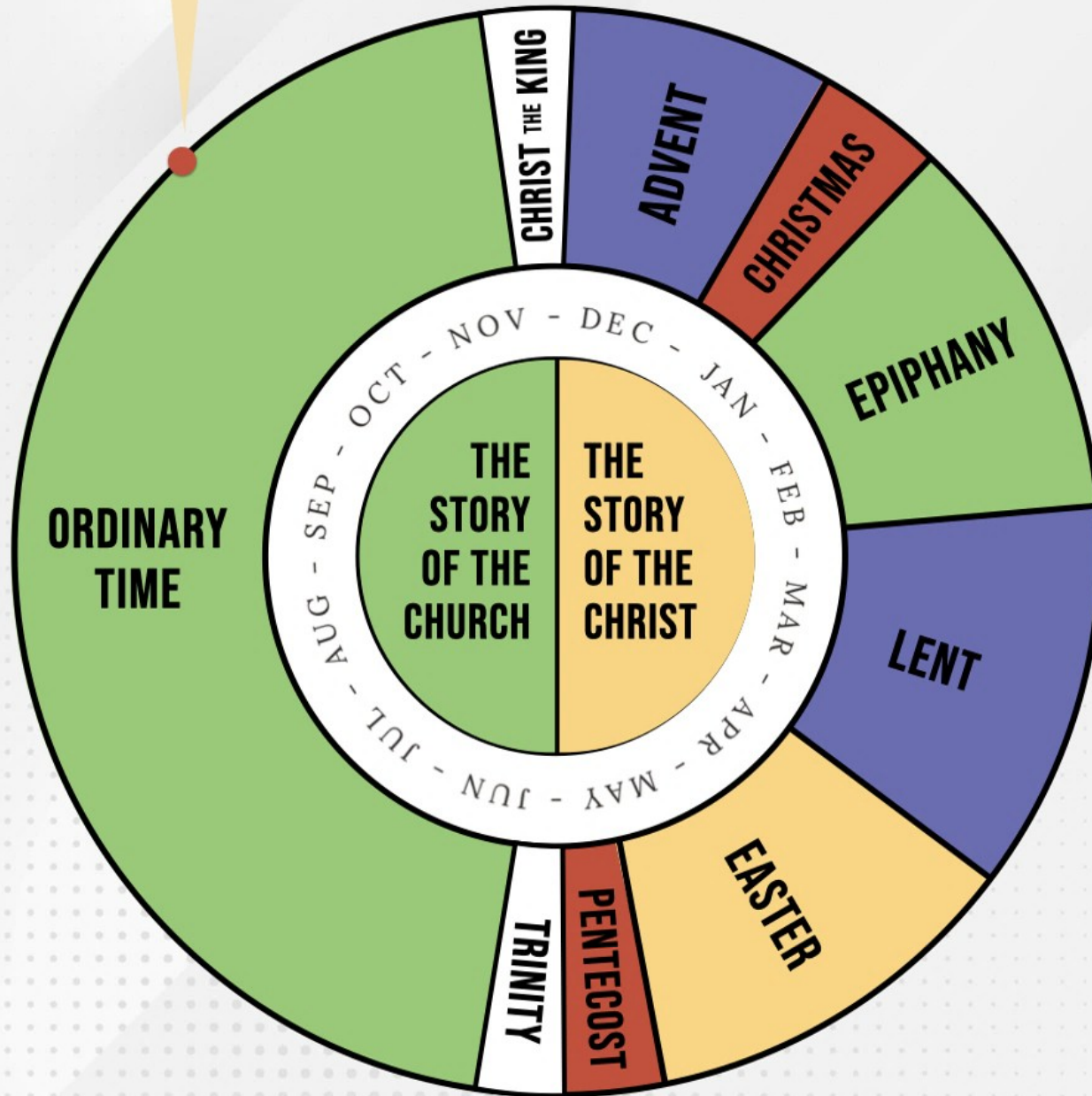


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# THE SEASONS OF THE CHRISTIAN CALENDAR

## 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



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# HEBREWS 5:11-6:12

We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand. In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!

# HEBREWS 5:11-6:12

Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

# HEBREWS 5:11-6:12

Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about cleansing rites, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, eternal judgment. And God permitting, we will do so.

# HEBREWS 5:11-6:12

It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age and who have fallen away, to be brought back to repentance. To their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.

# HEBREWS 5:11-6:12

Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it  
and that produces a crop useful to those for  
whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God.

But land that produces thorns and thistles is  
worthless and is in danger of being cursed.

In the end it will be burned.

# HEBREWS 5:11-6:12

Even though we speak like this, dear friends,  
we are convinced of better things in your case  
—the things that have to do with salvation.  
God is not unjust; He will not forget your work  
and the love you have shown Him as you have  
helped His people and continue to help them.

# HEBREWS 5:11-6:12

We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

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AMONG OTHER THINGS,  
SERMONS CAN CONTAIN

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**INVITING** THE AUDIENCE TO DRAW NEARER TO  
THE LORD (4:16; 10:19-22; 12:22-24; 13:15)

## **HEBREWS 4:16**

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

## **HEBREWS 10:19-22**

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

## HEBREWS 12:22-24

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

## HEBREWS 13:15

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.

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# INFORMATION

## HEBREWS 5:11

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## HEBREWS 6:12

We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

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# PERSUASION

## HEBREWS 5:12b-14

You need **milk**, not **solid food**! Anyone who lives on **milk**, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But **solid food** is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

# PERSUASION

## HEBREWS 6:4-6a

It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have **tasted** the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have **tasted** the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age and who have fallen away, to be brought back to repentance.

# PERSUASION

## HEBREWS 6:7

Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God.

## ISAIAH 55:10

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and **bread for the eater...**

# PERSUASION

## HEBREWS 6:8

But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned.

## ISAIAH 55:13

Instead of the thornbush the juniper will grow, and instead of briers the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord's renown, an everlasting sign, that will endure forever.

# PERSUASION

## ISAIAH 55:1-2

Come, all you who are **thirsty**, come to the **waters**; and you who have no money, come, buy and **eat**! Come, buy **wine** and **milk** without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not **bread**, and your labor on what does not **satisfy**? Listen, listen to me, and **eat** what is **good**, and you will **delight** in the richest of **fare**.

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# PROCLAMATION

## HEBREWS 6:9-10

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# INVITATION

## **DRAW CLOSE TO JESUS**

SILENCE - through prayer and meditation

SCRIPTURE - hide the Word in your heart

SERVICE - care for the hurting and broken



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