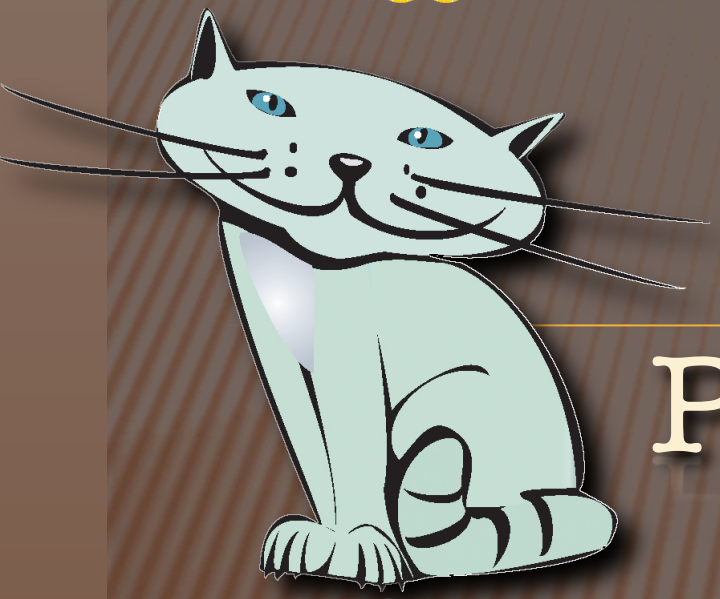
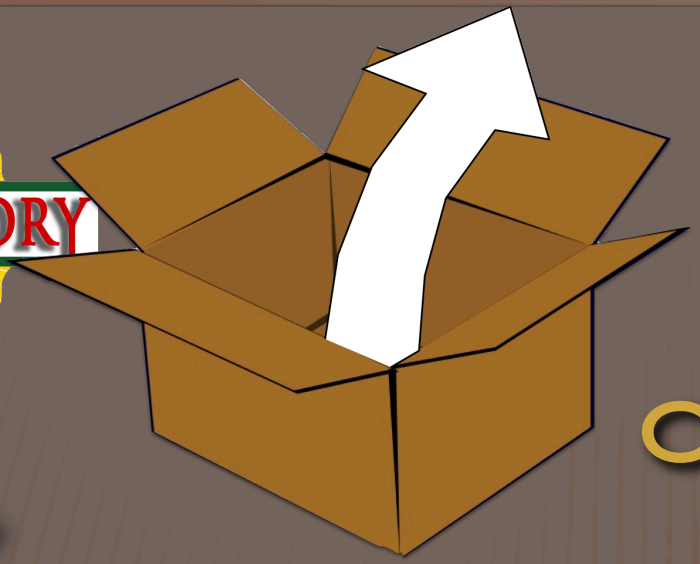




Thinking Outside of the Box

PART 1 OF 4

Theology

“ONE STRAIGHT LINE”

$$5 + 5 + 5 = 550$$

5 + 5 + 5 = 550

SINGLE LINE

IX

SINGLE LINE

SIX

Cancer

CAT THEOLOGY

GENESIS

EVERYONE STARTS ASKING...

Why?

WHY ARE MOST EVANGELICALS *Bored* With Genesis Chapter 1?

MANY ANSWERS ARE COMMONLY GIVEN…

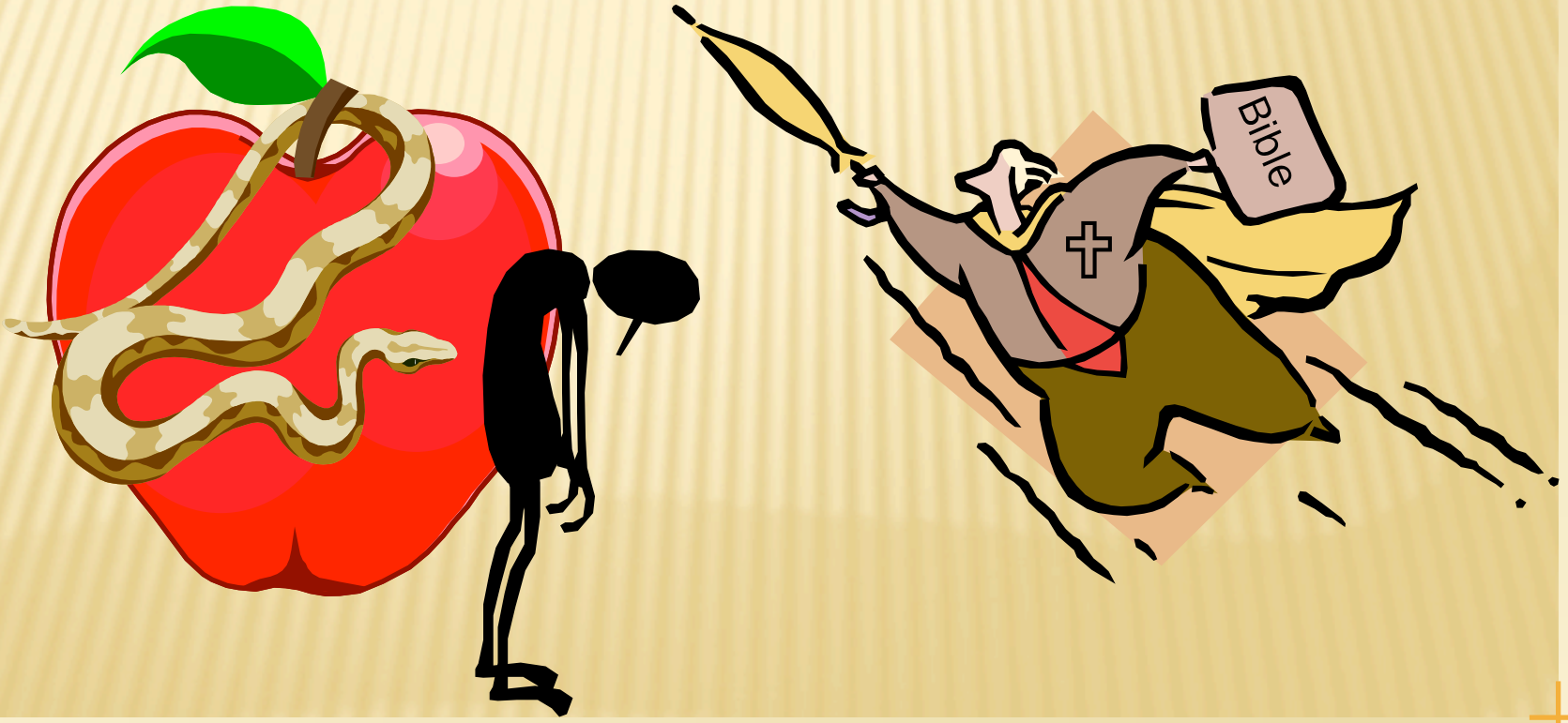
- Well, We've Heard It Before…
- We're Very Familiar With It…
- We're Not Really Sure If Its Completely True…

THE REASON MOST BELIEVERS ARE BORED WITH GENESIS 1 IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT

People Aren't Even There!

MOST EVANGELICALS DON'T GET EXCITED UNTIL GENESIS CHAPTER 3…

- Then People Sin And We At Least Have Something To Live For!



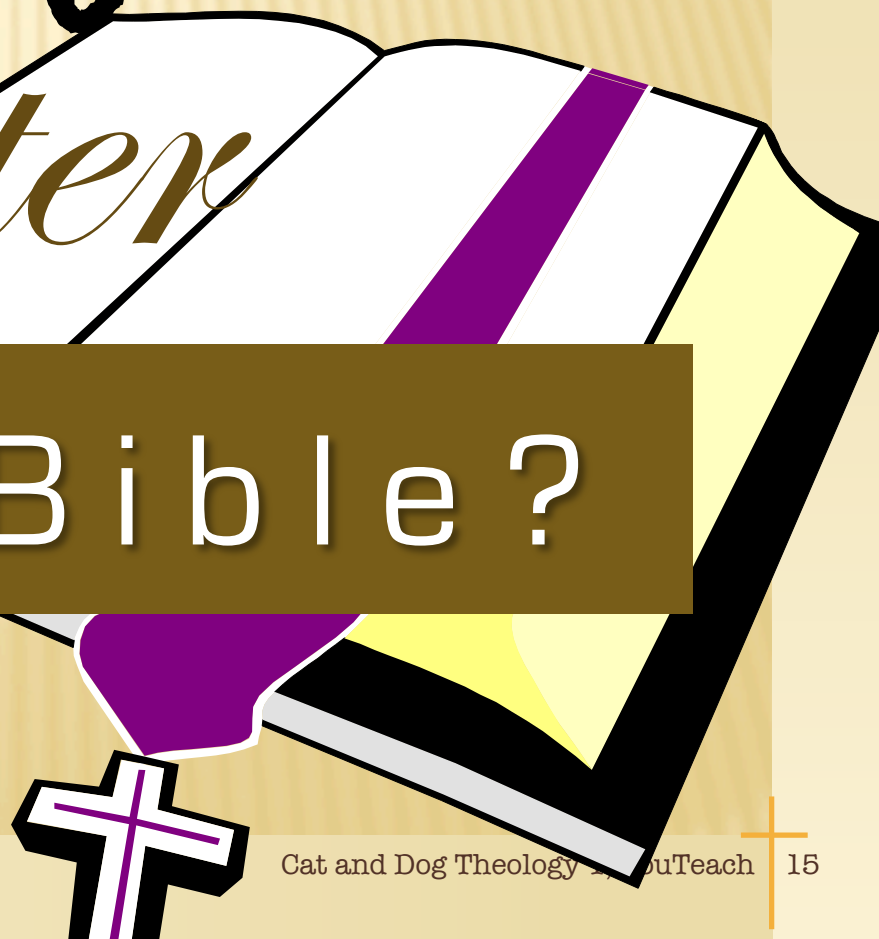
NON VERBALLY

We Communicate To God and Ourselves

The Bible
Is Really
All About

Us!

Who Is THE Main Character Of The Bible?



THERE ARE TWO POSSIBLE MAIN CHARACTERS...

God

Us...Humanity...People

I WANT TO MAKE

2 Bold Statements

STATEMENT #1:

God Is The

Main Character

Of The Bible

And Lives To Radiate His Glory

STATEMENT #2:

- The Average Christian Today **Says** God Is The Main Character, But they **Live and Act** As If **Humanity Is The Main Character** …

Humanity Often Replaces God on the Throne.

EXAMPLES

FIRST GRAPHIC EXAMPLE

- Why Did Jesus Christ Come To The Earth?

Instant *Filter*

"WDIG"

"WDPG"

Me

Us

WHAT DID GOD GET OUT OF JESUS' DEATH ?

Us!

We Go Straight To Our Instant *Filter*

GOD GOT

- Glory
- Honor
- Praise
- Worship
- Obedience

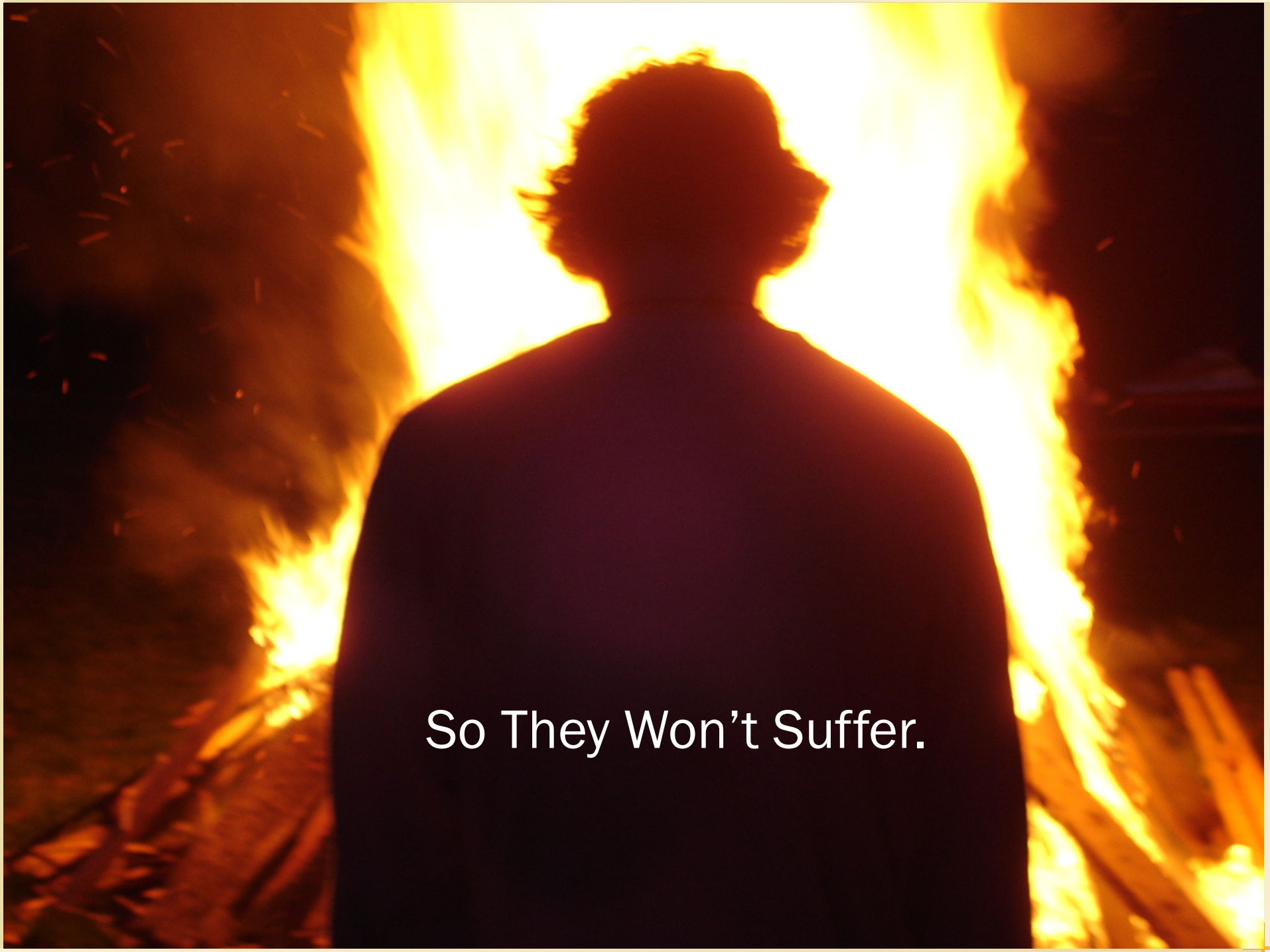
SECOND GRAPHIC EXAMPLE...

What

IS OUR PRIMARY REASON

For Not Wanting People To Go To

Hell?


So They Won’t Suffer.

PSALM 30:9

- "What gain is there in my destruction, in my going down into the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?"

DAVID IS FAR MORE
CONCERNED ABOUT
GOD NOT BEING PRAISED
THAN HE IS WORRIED ABOUT
DYING.

PAUL TELLS WHY CHRIST CAME…

- Romans 15:8,9 For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs so that

PAUL TELLS WHY CHRIST CAME…

- Romans 15:8,9 For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs so that the Gentiles *might not go to hell.*

PAUL TELLS WHY CHRIST CAME...

- Romans 15:8,9 For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs so that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy!

DID *Jesus* Focus Primarily On Us Or His Father?

JESUS ENDURED THE CROSS FOR THE GLORY OF THE FATHER

- John 12:27,28 "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.

JESUS ENDURED THE CROSS FOR THE GLORY OF THE FATHER

- John 12:27,28 "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ***Father***

JESUS ENDURED THE CROSS FOR THE GLORY OF THE FATHER

- John 12:27,28 "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ***Father***

Save These Kind, Wonderful, Worthy People From Hell,

They Don't Deserve It.

JESUS ENDURED THE CROSS FOR THE GLORY OF THE FATHER

- John 12:27,28 "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ***Father, glorify thy name!***

FOLD WITNESS!

Jesus

Paul

David

DOESN'T GOD LOVE US?

ROMANS 11:36

- For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

DEPENDING UPON WHO IS THE MAIN CHARACTER OF THE BIBLE, YOU WILL HAVE **TWO DIFFERENT** TYPES OF THEOLOGY...

Cat & Dog Theology!

“I LOVE MY DOG AND CAT…”

CATS AND DOGS

...Are Quite A Bit

Different!

THERE IS A JOKE ABOUT THEIR TWO DIFFERENT MINDSETS!

A DOG SAYS:
You Pet Me
You Feed Me
You Shelter Me
You Love Me

You Must Be God

A CAT SAYS:
You Pet Me
You Feed Me
You Shelter Me
You Love Me

I Must Be *God*

THIS JOKE CHARACTERIZES

Christian *Theology* TODAY

THERE ARE THOSE WHO SAY,

You Must Be *God*

AND THERE ARE THOSE WHO SAY,

I Must Be *God*

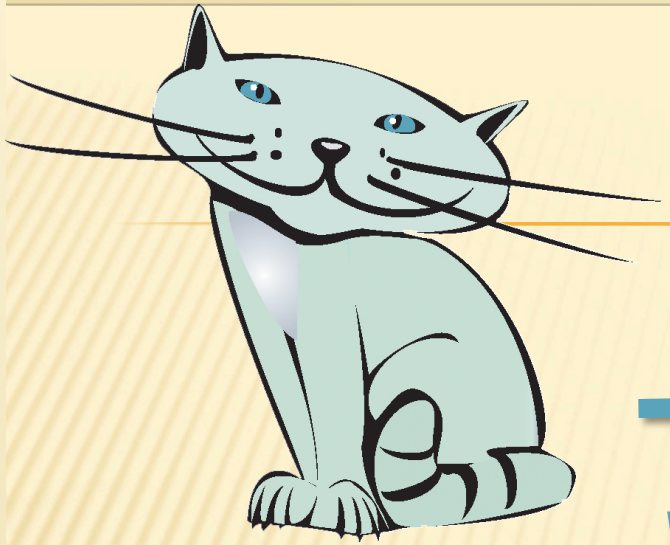
"CATS" REALLY DON'T SAY

What They Do Say Is:

It's All About Us!

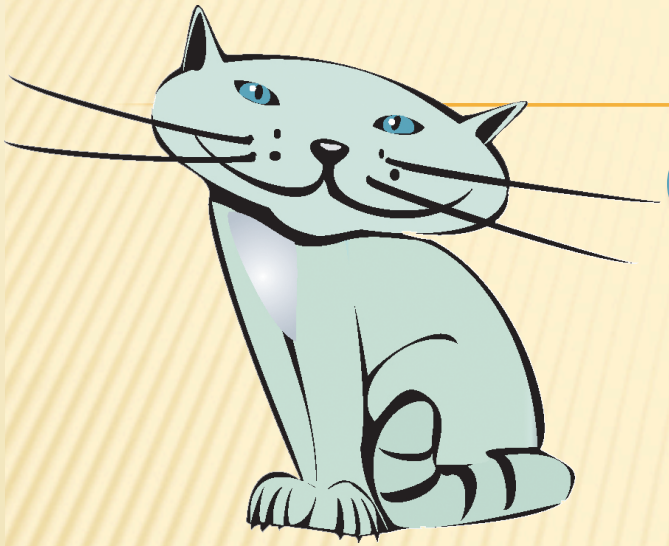
Two Different Mindsets

Are Created In Believers



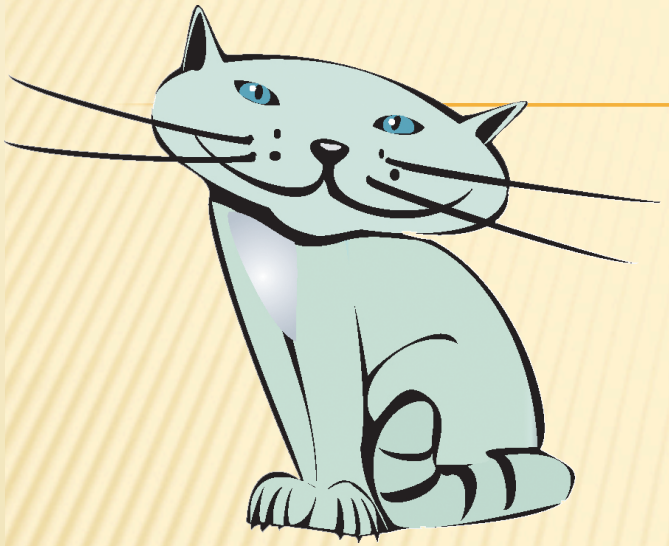
God Wants To Bless Me!

I Want To Bless God!



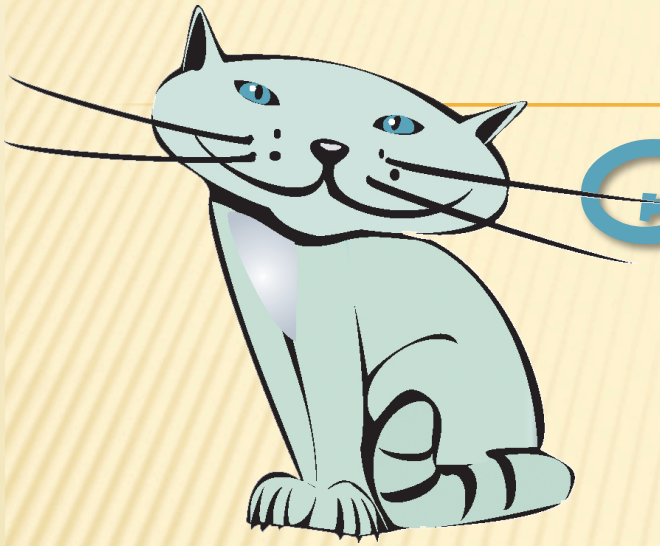
God serves Me!

I serve God!



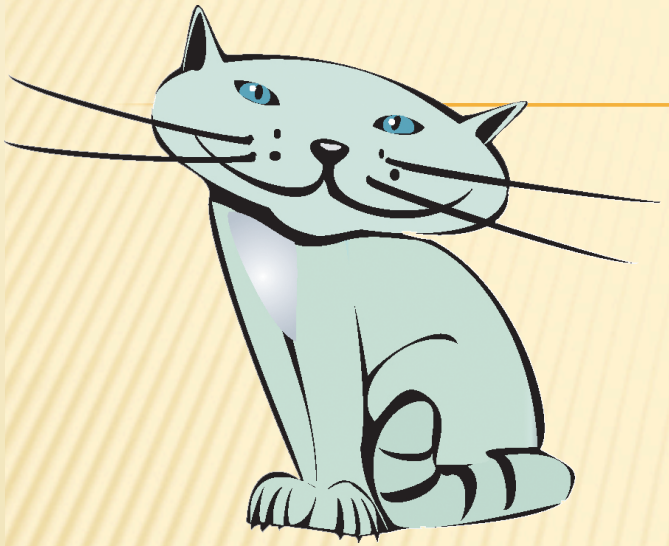
God Advances My Kingdom!

I Advance God's Kingdom!



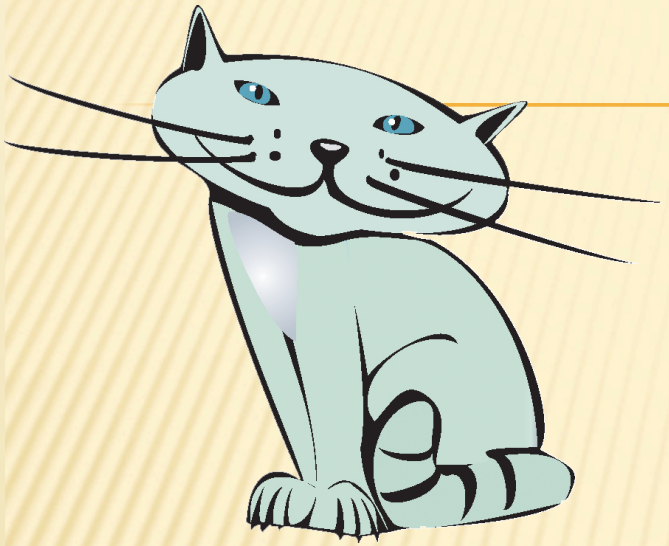
God Thinks The World of Me!

I Think The World of God!



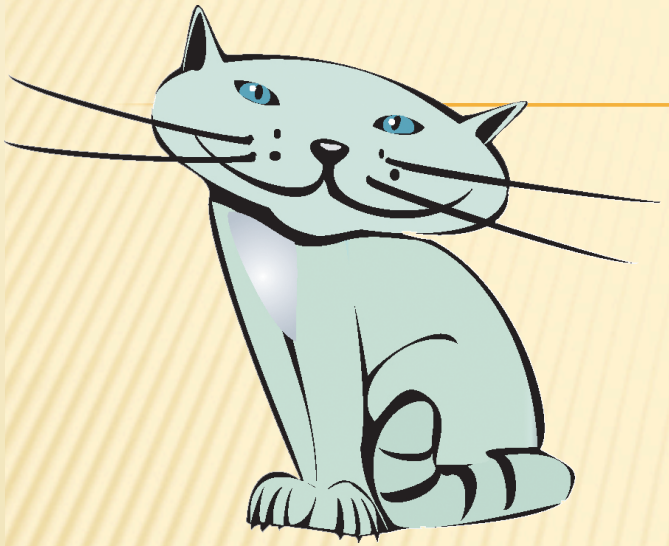
God Lives To Make Me Famous!

I Live To Make God Famous!



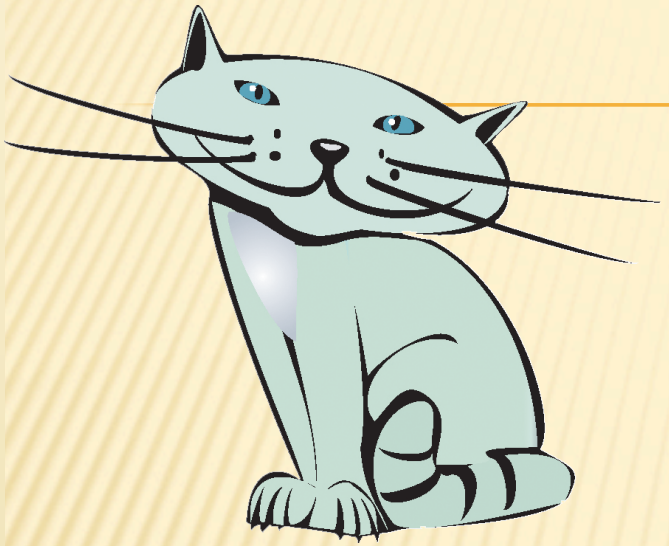
"God Bless America"

"America Bless God"



God Is A Means To An End!

God Is The End.



What Do I Get?

What Does God Get?

GENESIS

The Creation of the World

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens
and the earth. 2 The earth was without
form and void, and darkness was over the face
of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hover-
ing over the face of the waters.

3 And God said, "Let there be light," and
there was light. 4 And God saw that the light
was good. And God separated the light from
the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and
the darkness he called Night. And there was
evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse[1]
in the midst of the waters, and let it separate
the waters from the waters." 7 And God made[2]
the expanse and separated the waters that
were under the expanse from the waters
that were above the expanse. And it was so.
8 And God called the expanse Heaven.[3] And
there was evening and there was morning,
the second day.

day and over the night, and to separate the
light from the darkness. And God saw that it
was good. 19 And there was evening and there
was morning, the fourth day.

20 And God said, "Let the waters swarm
with swarms of living creatures, and let birds[7]
fly above the ea across the expanse of the
heavens." 21 S ated the great sea crea-
tures and reature that moves,
with which t s swarm, according to
their kinds, a winged bird according
to its kind. A saw that it was good.
22 And God bl em, saying, "Be fruitful
and multiply the waters in the seas,
and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 And
there was evening and there was morning, the
fifth day.

24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth
living creatures according to their kinds—live-
stock and creeping things and beasts of the
earth according to their kinds." And it was so.

Photo by Johathan Zander

The Male Carry The Babies!

The Angels Gave God A Symphony Of Praise For His Creativity…

Seeing The Excitement God Said,

"Quick, Write This All Down So We Can Share Our Joy With Others...!"

And We Were Bored.

Cancer

LIFE.

It's not about us.

It is About, God!

Wow! I had no idea I was living in a box. I now want to live to glorify God!