



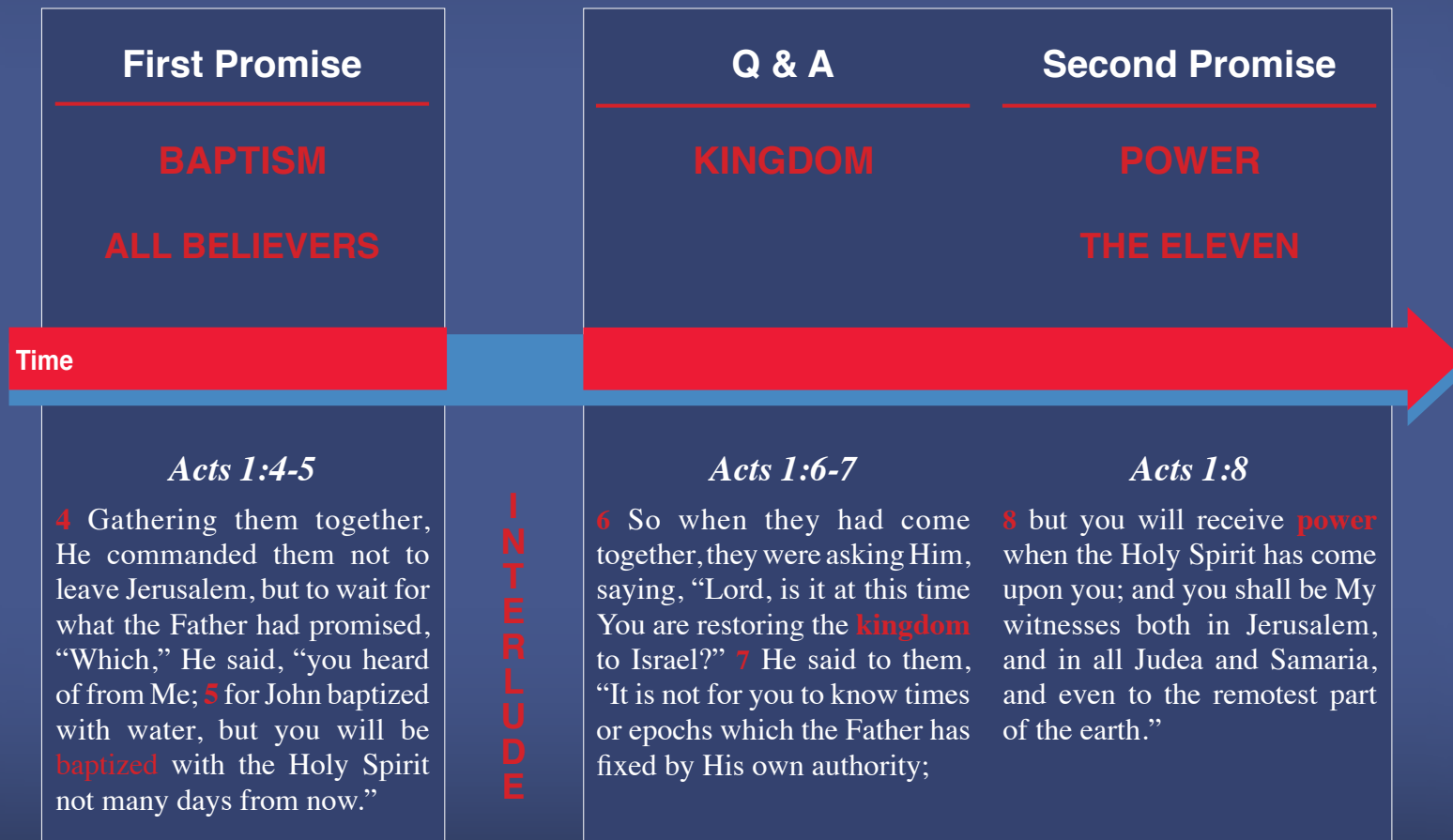
Critical Concepts in Christian Living

Introduction



CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING

Visual Perspective (Acts 1:4-8)



CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING
SIN CAUSES BEHAVIOR or INCITES DESIRES
(1 Corinthians 15:56)

The Law gives sin its power (NLT)

First Option

**Power
to cause
sinful behavior**

Second Option

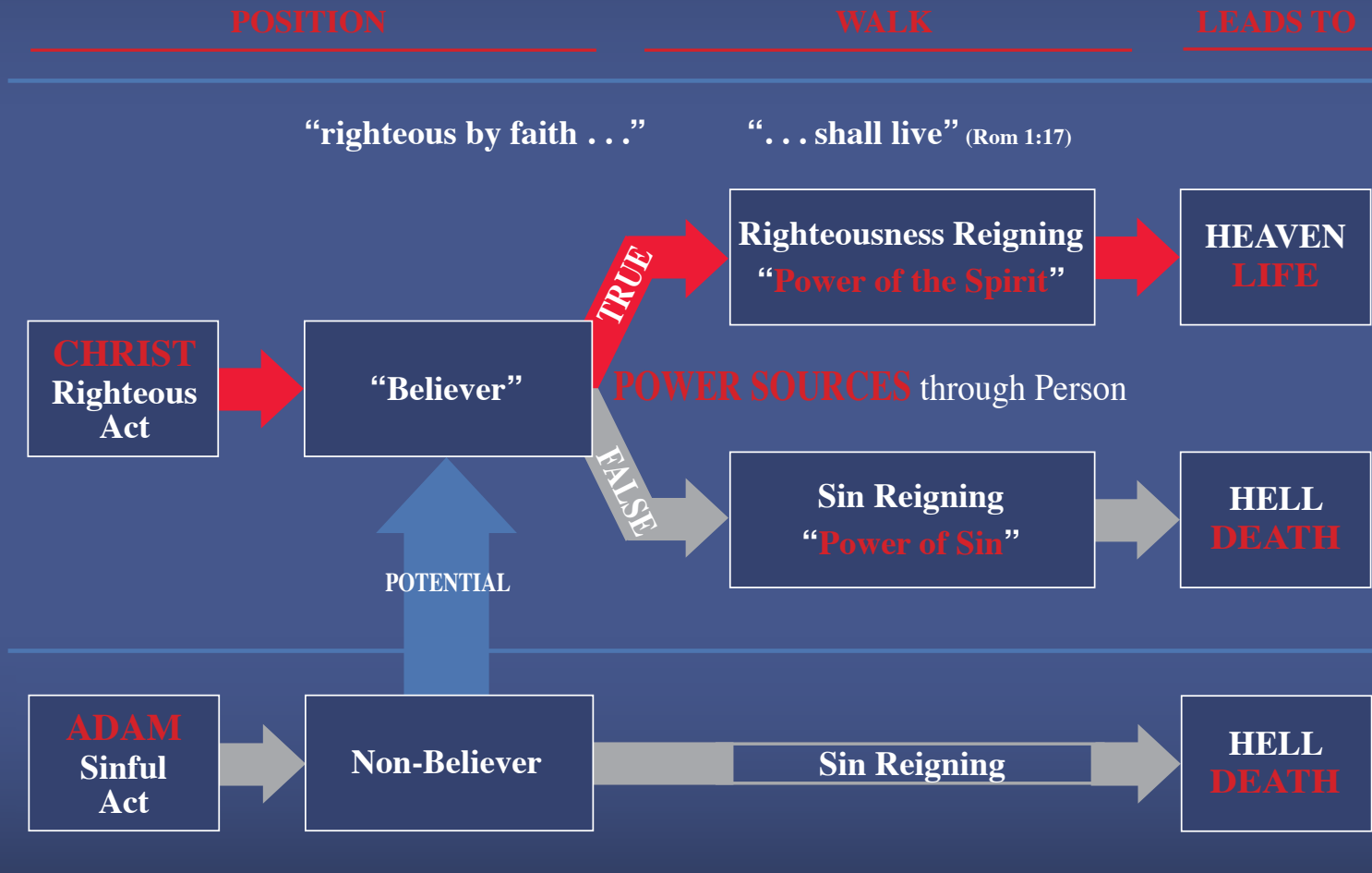
**Capability
to incite
sinful desires**

**CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING
PREDOMINATE TRANSLATION
(Romans 5:16b-18, 21)**

16b On the one hand [from Adam's offense] the **judgment** (*krima*) arose from one *transgression* resulting in **condemnation** (*katakrima*), but on the other hand [from Christ's sacrifice] the free gift *arose* from many transgressions resulting in **justification** (*dikaioma*). 17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one [Adam], much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of **righteousness** (*dikaiousune*) will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. 18 So then as through one transgression there resulted **condemnation** (*katakrima*) to all men, even so through one **act of righteousness** (*dikaioma*) there resulted **justification** (*dikaiosis*) of life to all men.... 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through **righteousness** (*dikaiousune*) to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING
EMPOWERED by the SPIRIT or by SIN
(Romans 5:12-21)**



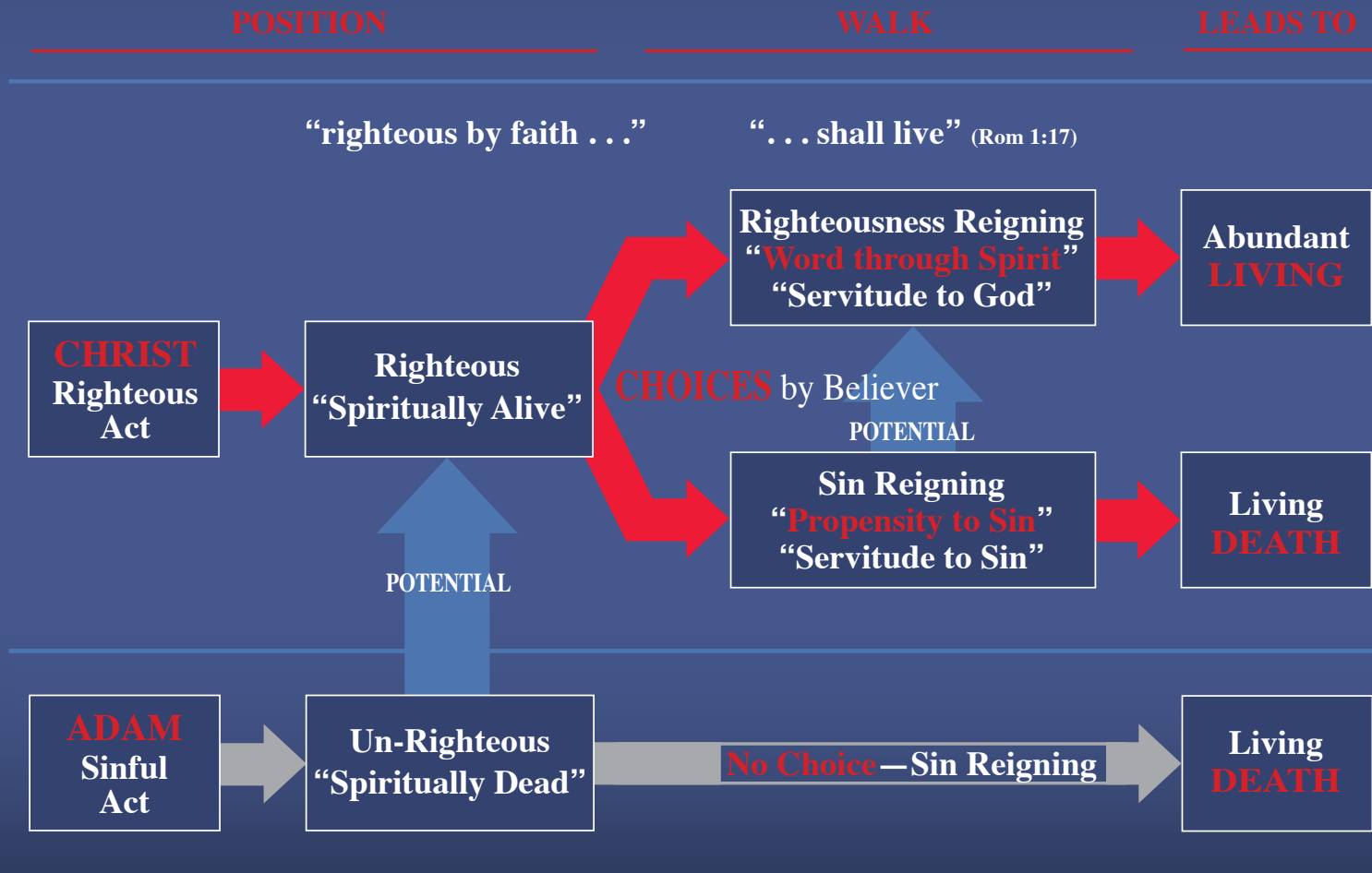
CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING
ALTERNATIVE TRANSLATION
(Romans 5:16b-18, 21)

16b For the **judgment** (*krima*) came for one *offense* to produce **servitude** (*katakrima*) *to sin*. But the free gift *brings release* from many offenses to produce **righteous action** (*dikaioma*). 17 For if by means of the offense of the one *man*, death has reigned through the one *man* [Adam], much more those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of **righteousness** (*dikaiose*) [the gracious gift of righteousness] shall reign in life through the one *Man*, Jesus Christ. 18 Therefore, as through one offense *judgment came* to all men to produce **servitude** (*katakrima*) *to sin*, so also through one **righteous action** (*dikaioma*) grace came for all men to produce [**righteous living** (*dikaiosis*)] *sourced in* [Christ's] life.... 21 in order that just as sin had reigned in *the sphere of* death, so also grace might reign through **righteousness** (*dikaiose*) unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING
KEY WORD COMPARISON
 (Romans 5:16b-18, 21)

Verse	Greek Word	Predominate Translation	Alternative Translation
16	<i>krima</i> <i>katakrima</i> <i>dikaioma</i>	judgment condemnation justification	judgment servitude to sin righteous action
17	<i>dikaiousune</i>	righteousness	righteousness
18	<i>katakrima</i> <i>dikaioma</i> <i>dikaiosis</i>	condemnation act of righteousness justification	servitude to sin righteous action righteous living
21	<i>dikaiousune</i>	righteousness	righteousness

CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING INFLUENCED by the SPIRIT or by SIN (Romans 5:12-21)



CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING
Pump-Causes-Irrigation Example

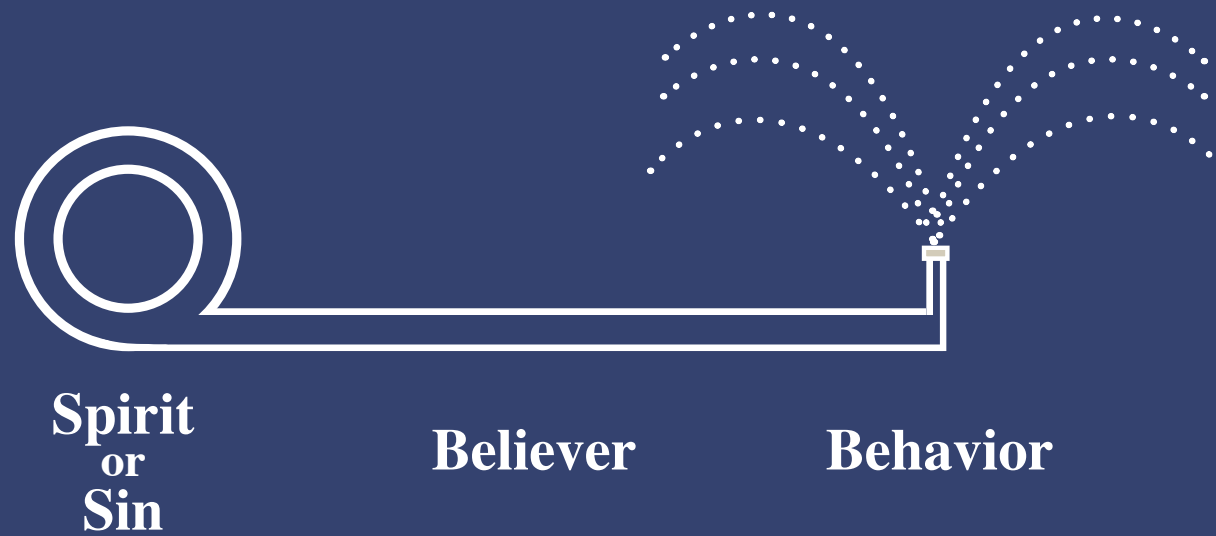


Pump

Pipe

Irrigation

CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING
Power-Causes-Behavior Position



CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING
“IN-and-THROUGH” PERSPECTIVE

	<i>In</i>	<i>Through</i>
Ministry	God <i>in</i> Believer (Giftedness)	God <i>through</i> Believer (Service)
Living	God <i>in</i> Believer (Character)	Believer <i>through</i> Christ (Conduct)



CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING “BELIEVER-THROUGH-CHRIST” PERSPECTIVE

For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in *life through the One, Jesus Christ* (Romans 5:17).

So that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal *life through Jesus Christ* our Lord (Romans 5:21).

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me (Phil 4:13).

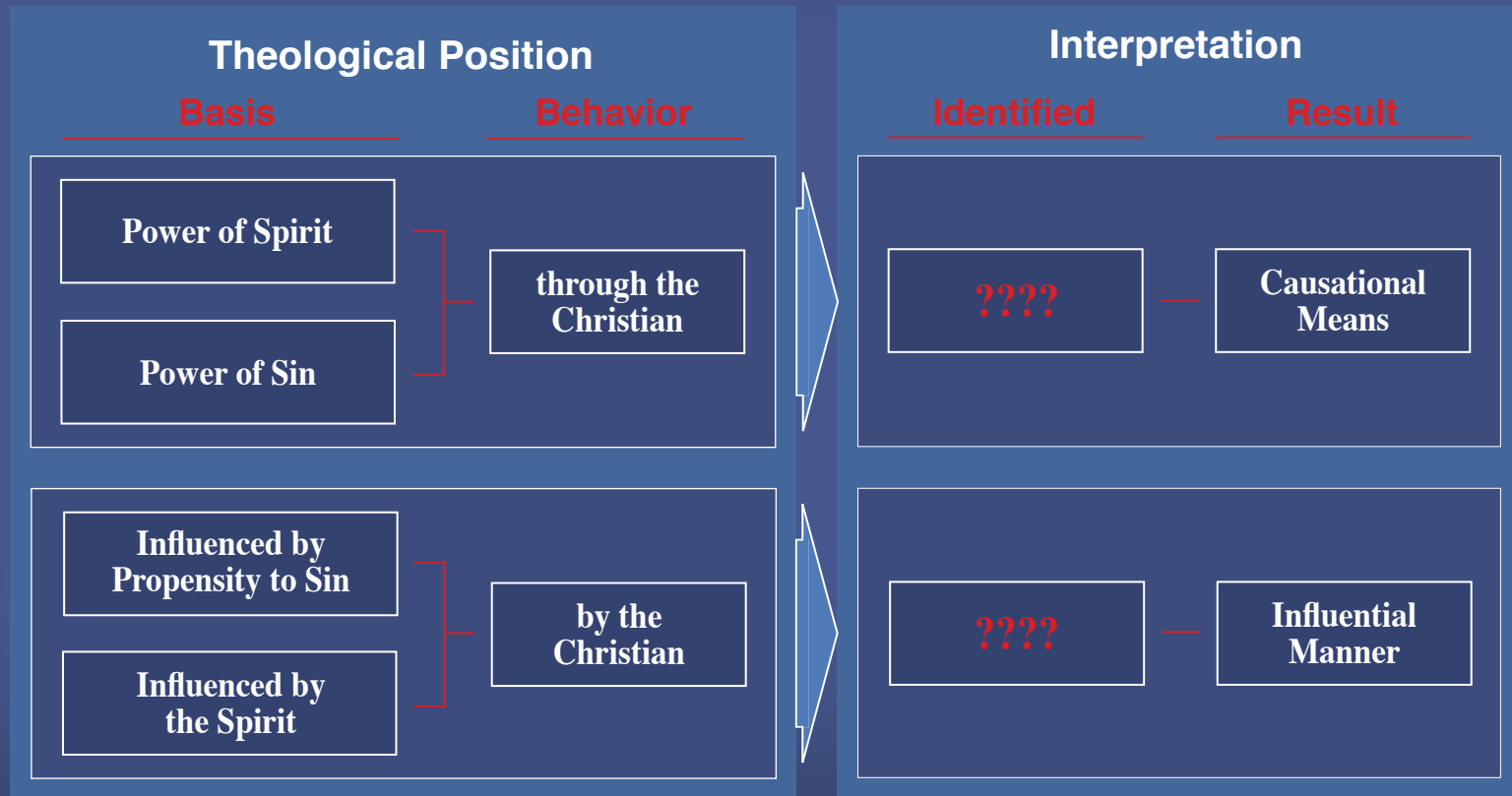
Equip you in every good thing [work] *to do His will*, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, *through Jesus Christ*, to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen (Heb 13:21).

By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we *might live through Him* (1 John 4:9).



CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING

Theological Approach Determines Interpretations



CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING
“by the Spirit” Texts
(Rom 8:14; Gal 5:18; Eph 5:18)

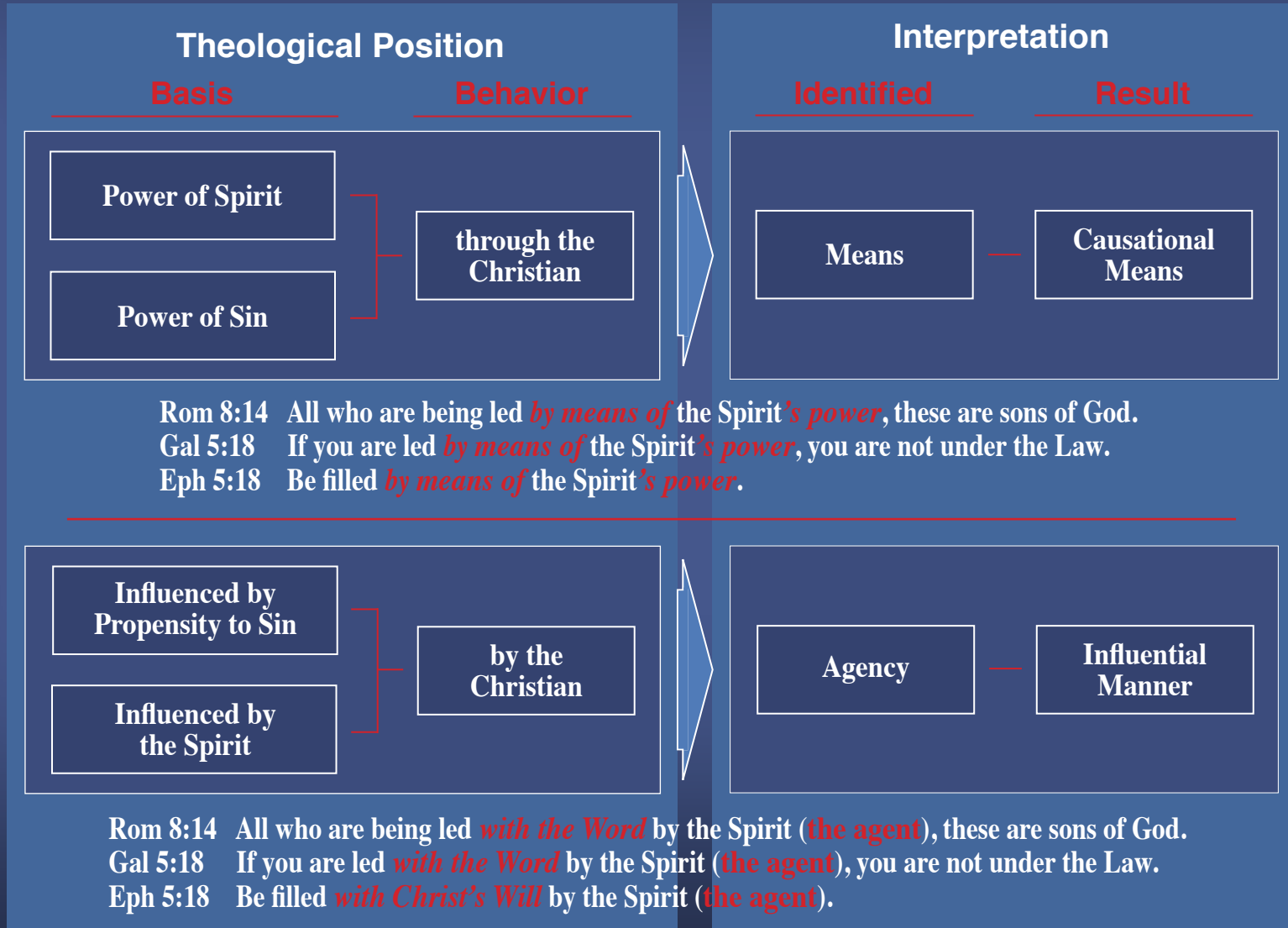
All who are being led *by the Spirit* of God, these are sons of God
(Rom 8:14).

If you are led *by the Spirit*, you are not under the Law
(Gal 5:18).

Be filled *by the Spirit*
(Eph 5:18).



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 (Rom 8:14; Gal 5:18; Eph 5:18)



CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING
“in relation to the Spirit” Texts
(Rom 8:4, 12, 13)

Who do not walk *according to the flesh* but *according to the Spirit*
(Rom 8:4).

We are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live *according to the flesh*
(Rom 8:12).

Living *according to the flesh*, you must die; but if by the Spirit,
you will live (Rom 8:13).

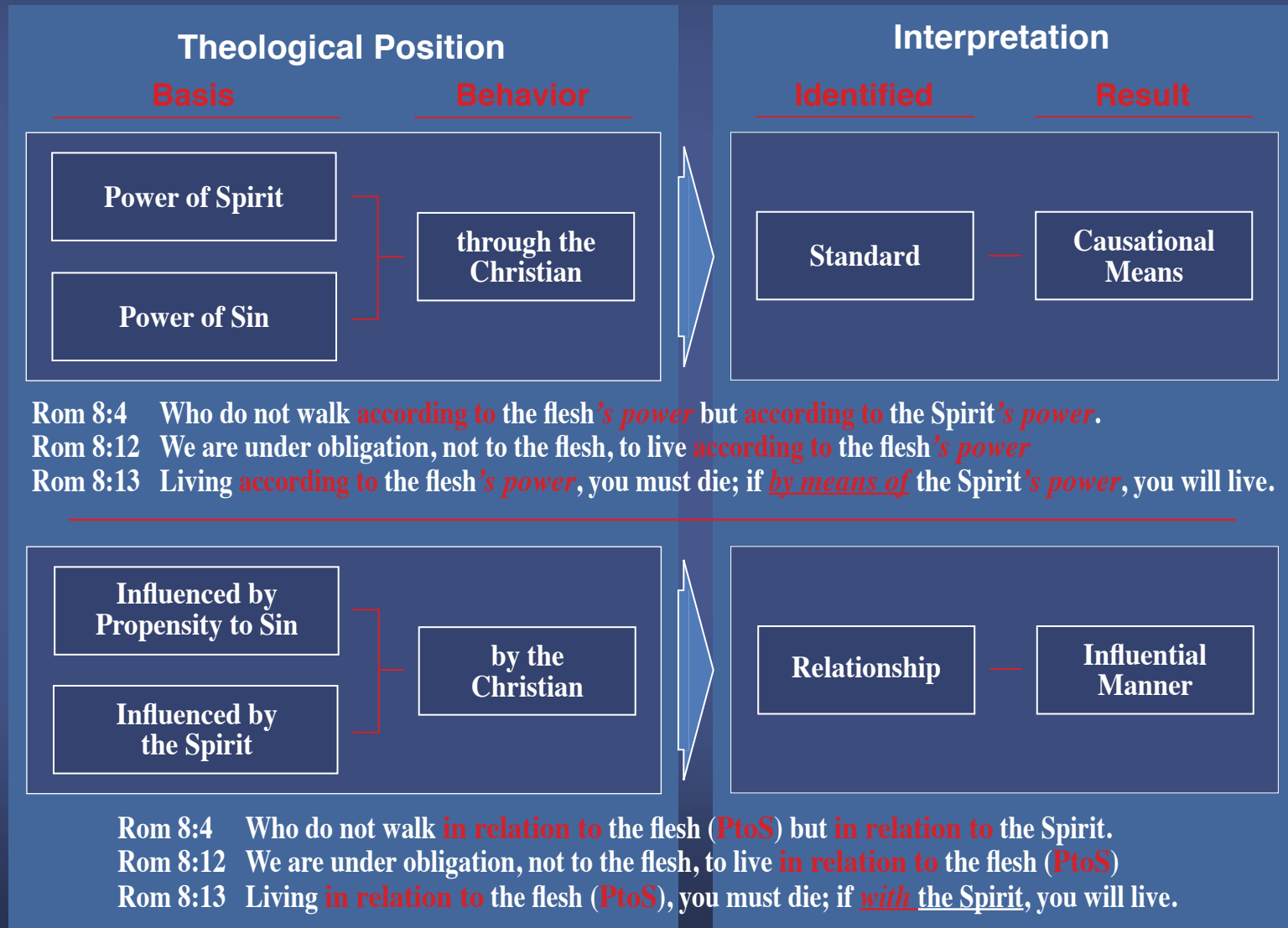


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“in relation to the Spirit”

(Rom 8:4, 12, 13)



PtoS = propensity to sin

CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING
"with the Spirit" Texts
(Rom 8:13; Gal 5:16, 25)

Living according to the flesh, you must die; but if *by the Spirit*,
you will live (Rom 8:13).

Walk *by the Spirit*, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh
(Gal 5:16).

If we live *by the Spirit*, let us also walk (together) *by the Spirit*
(Gal 5:25).

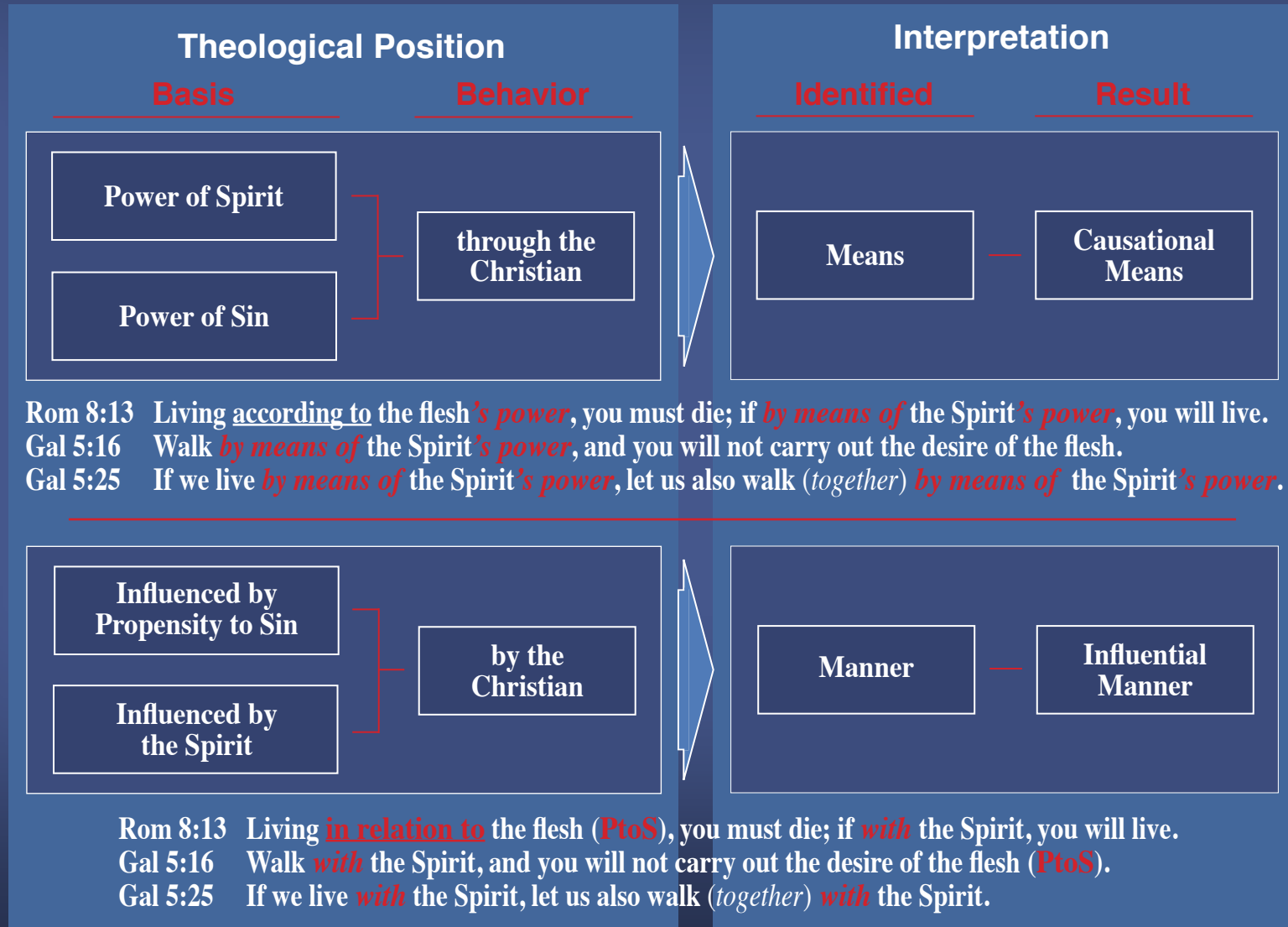


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“with the Spirit”

(Rom 8:13; Gal 5:16, 25)



PtoS = propensity to sin



CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING
Causational Means vs Influential Manner

Causational Means

**Power of Sin
causes
unrighteous behavior**

**Holy Spirit
causes
righteous behavior**

Influential Manner

**Propensity to Sin
utilizes
world's system
to influence
unrighteous behavior**

**Holy Spirit
utilizes
God's Word
to influence
righteous behavior**

CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING

**Critical
Concept
#1**

**Walking in relation to the Spirit
Being Led by the Spirit
Insight to Romans 8:1-14**

**Critical
Concept
#2**

**Walking with the Spirit
Being Led by the Spirit
Insight to Galatians 5:16-25**

**Critical
Concept
#3**

**Walking Wisely
Being Filled by the Spirit
Insight to Ephesians 5:1-21**

**Critical
Concept
#4**

**Walking in the Light
Insight to 1 John 1:3–2:2**