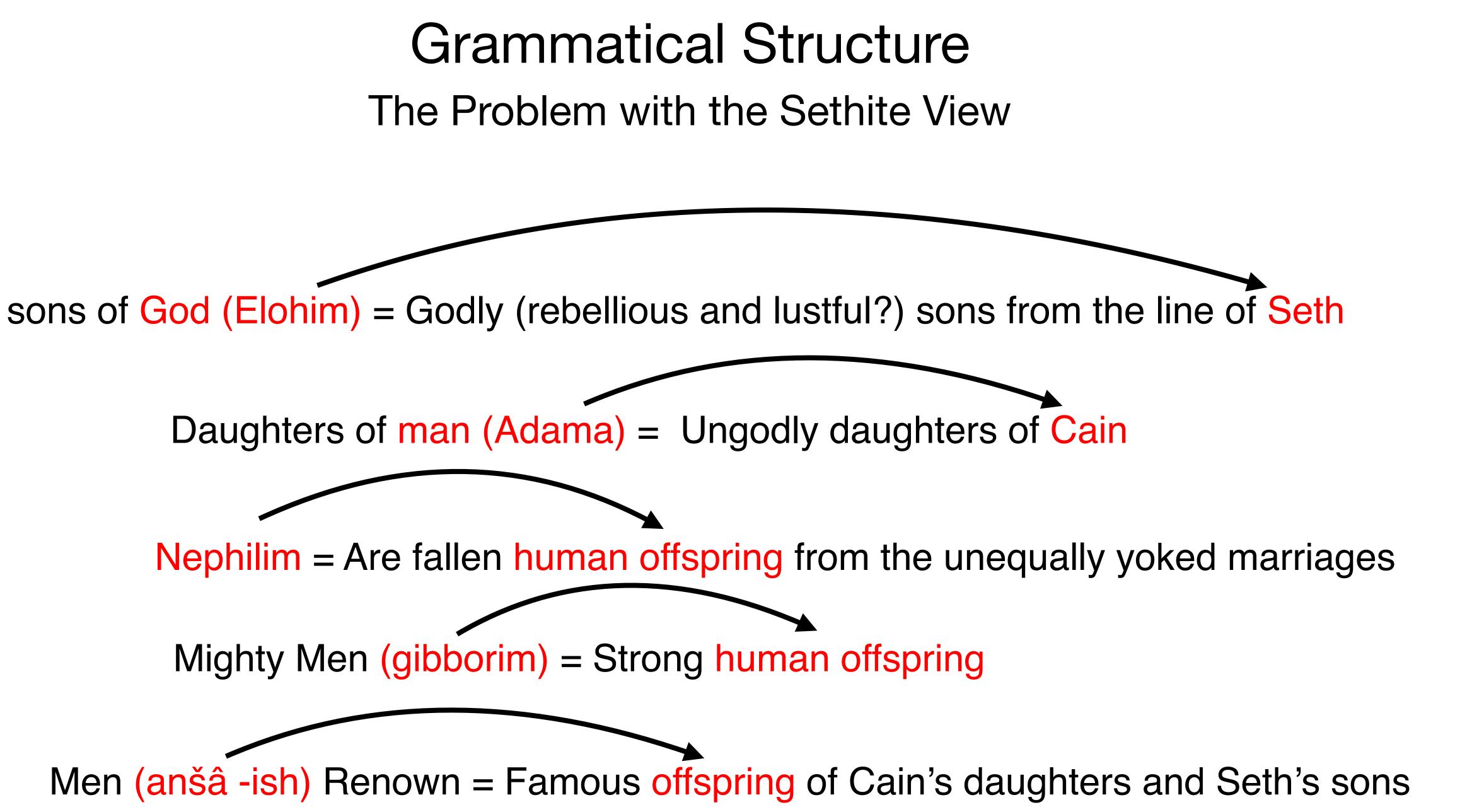
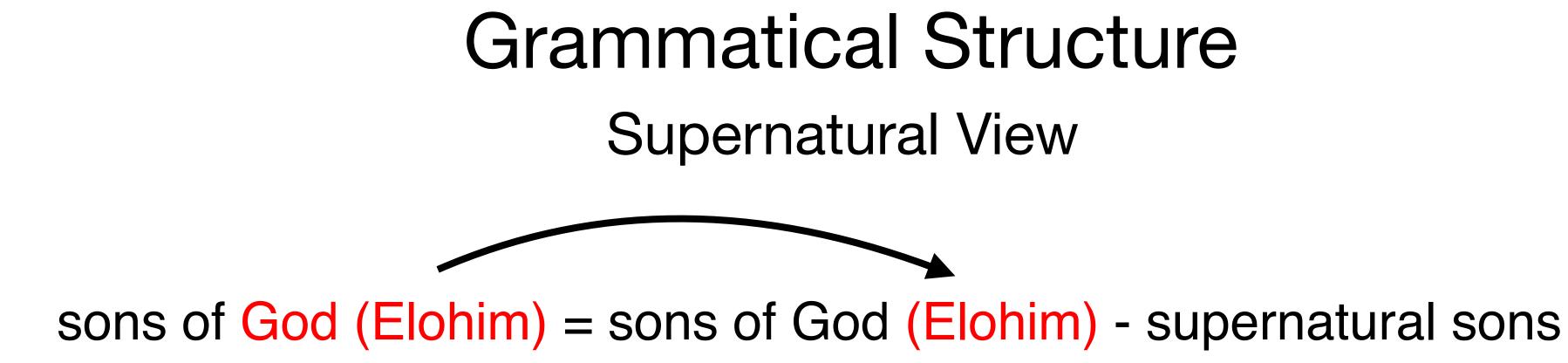
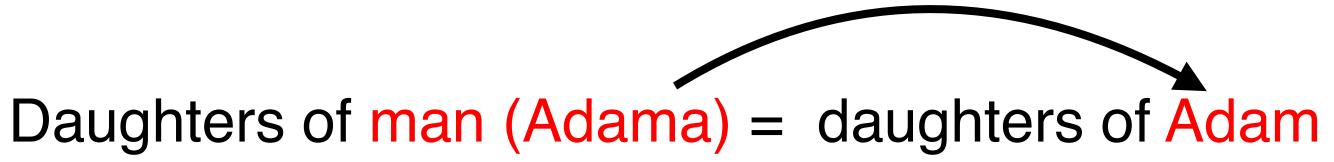
# **Kingdoms at War** Genesis 6:1-4

Supernatural or Natural (Sethite, Dynastic Rulers) interpretation?







- Nephilim (giant) = giants unclean offspring angels and human women
  - Mighty Men (gibborim) = strong giants
- Men (anšâ -ish) of Renown (Shem) = Famous giants seeking to making a name for themselves



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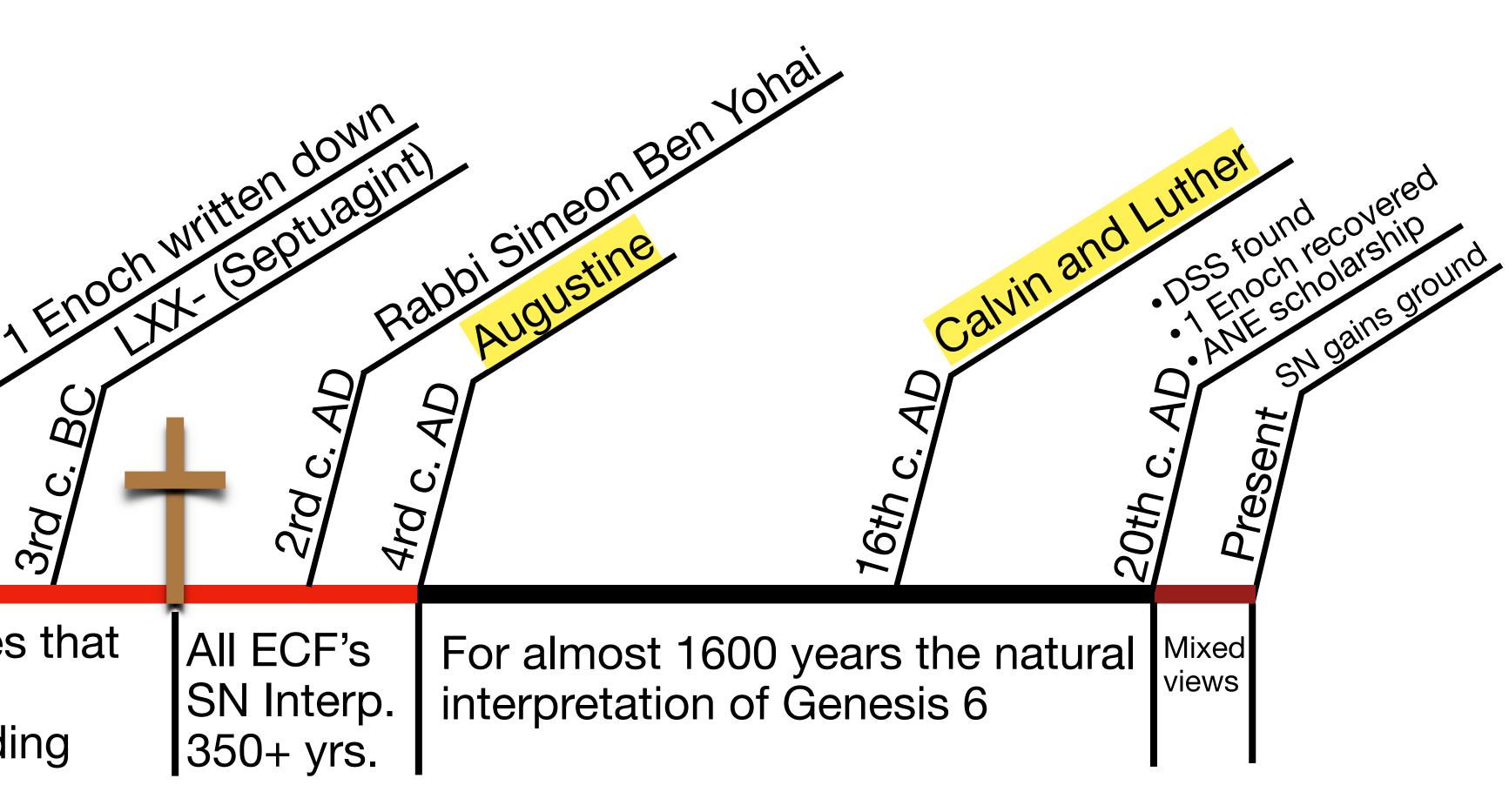
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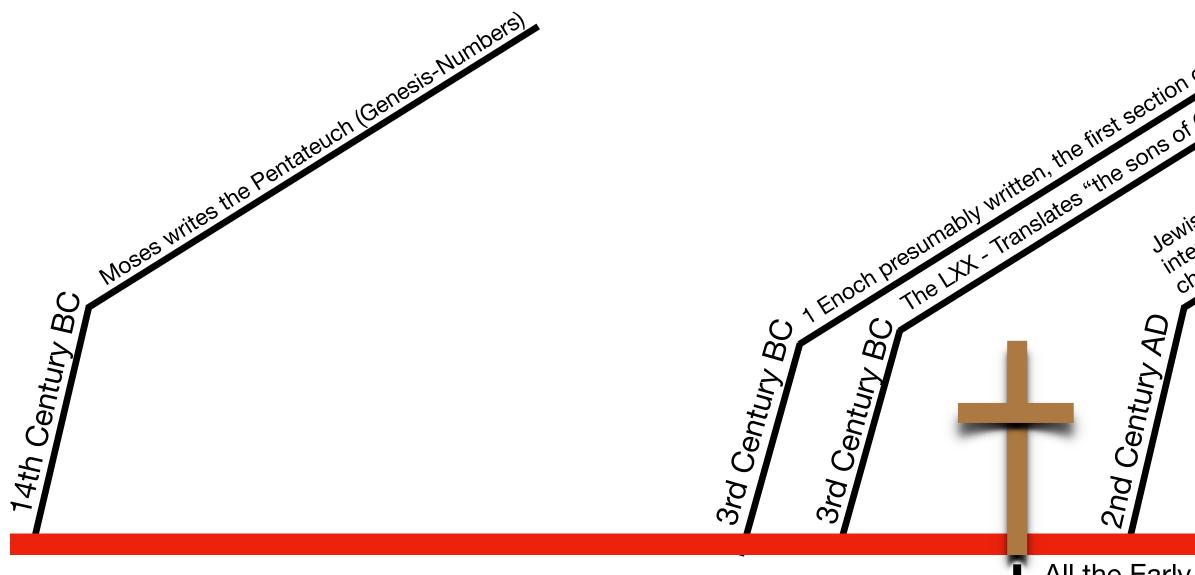
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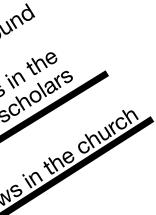
## The History of Interpretation of Genesis 6:1-4

### **Supernatural Interpretation vs Natural Interpretation**



Every Ancient Near Eastern and Jewish writings that refer to the Genesis 6 events demonstrate a supernatural worldview up until the 2nd Century AD

AD AD 20th Century Century Present 6th All the Early For almost 1600 years the natural interpretation of Genesis 6 seems Church Fathers to be the most commonly held view in the church. (Though much of hold the SN the church over this time held a much more supernatural worldview than the modern church. See the Eastern Orthodoxy and their Interpretation. 350+ years theology and liturgies, that are filled with references to angels and demons.)



Jude 5–9 (ESV) – 5 Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. 6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day – 7 just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire. 8 Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones. 9 But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you."

Jude 14–15 (ESV) – 14 It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, **15** to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

2 Peter 2:4–11 (ESV) – 4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; 5 if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; 6 if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; 7 and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked 8 (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard);9 then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, 10 and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority. Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones, 11 whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not pronounce a blasphemous judgment against them before the Lord.





- God Creates according to their kinds, and he separates things (makes boundaries), and says it is good!
- Satan and Adam and Eve transgress their proper boundaries
- Adam fails to earn righteousness by obeying the Covenant of Works
- God promises the seed war, where the serpent will be crushed by a son of Eve.
- Adam and Eve trust in God's promises and God clothes them by pure grace
- We see people who are spiritually dead and without faith in Cain's line
- We see people who call upon the name of the Lord in Seth's line but they still die
- Then suddenly God is destroying all flesh on the earth with a flood because all flesh has become corrupted ... What happened???

**Redemptive History Overview** 





But God shows righteous Noah favor (grace) and asks him to build and ark for he is blameless in his generations

God saves Noah and the animals according to their kinds and makes a covenant with him that he would never flood the whole earth again

Mankind rebells again at the tower of Babel and God gives the nations to be ruled by the sons of God b/c they keep worshiping them but he keeps Israel for himself

God Makes a covenant with Abraham to give him land, offspring, and blessing

God makes a Covenant with David that his kingdom would have no end

God's people fight against the seed of the serpent (often giants) throughout the entire bible to have the land, the seed, and the blessing



Jesus was born of a women (from the line of Eve), lived perfectly under the law, earning both righteousness and eternal life for all who are united to him by faith, for he was crucified for their sins, and rose again

God judges the fallen sons of God in Christ and gives the nations to Christ as his inheritance as he crushes the serpents head when dying on the cross

Now all authority in heaven and on earth is Christ's, the strong man is bound, so he has commissioned us to go to the nations and make disciples, promising that he would never leave us nor forsake us, for our battle is not against flesh and blood but against the spiritual powers of darkness.

The gospel is the power of God unto salvation (Justification-Sanctification-Glorification) and he has called his church to gather together and respond to his covenant he has made with us in Christ by worshiping him in faith.

