

Jesus' Teaching on Adultery
Cut it out – Press On
Matthew 5: 27-32

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What is Bible exposition?

*Exposing the true meaning
of the text*



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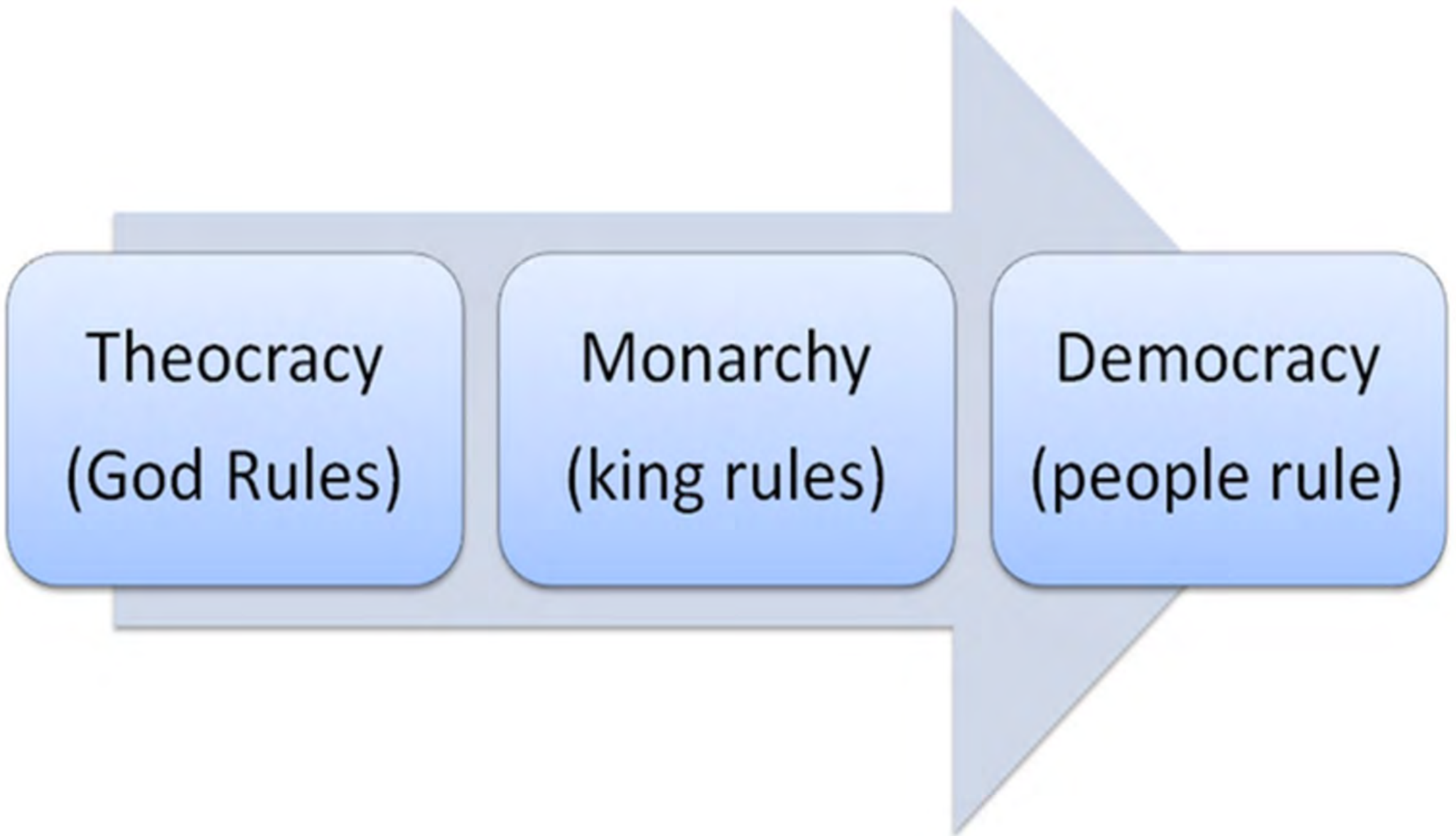
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MAKES THE
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WHAT HE **WANTS IT**
TO SAY.**



EXEGESIS

**THE INTERPRETER
MAKES THE
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WHAT GOD
HAS TO SAY.**

Mankind was to be a theocratic administrator of earth



Theocracy
(God Rules)

Monarchy
(king rules)

Democracy
(people rule)

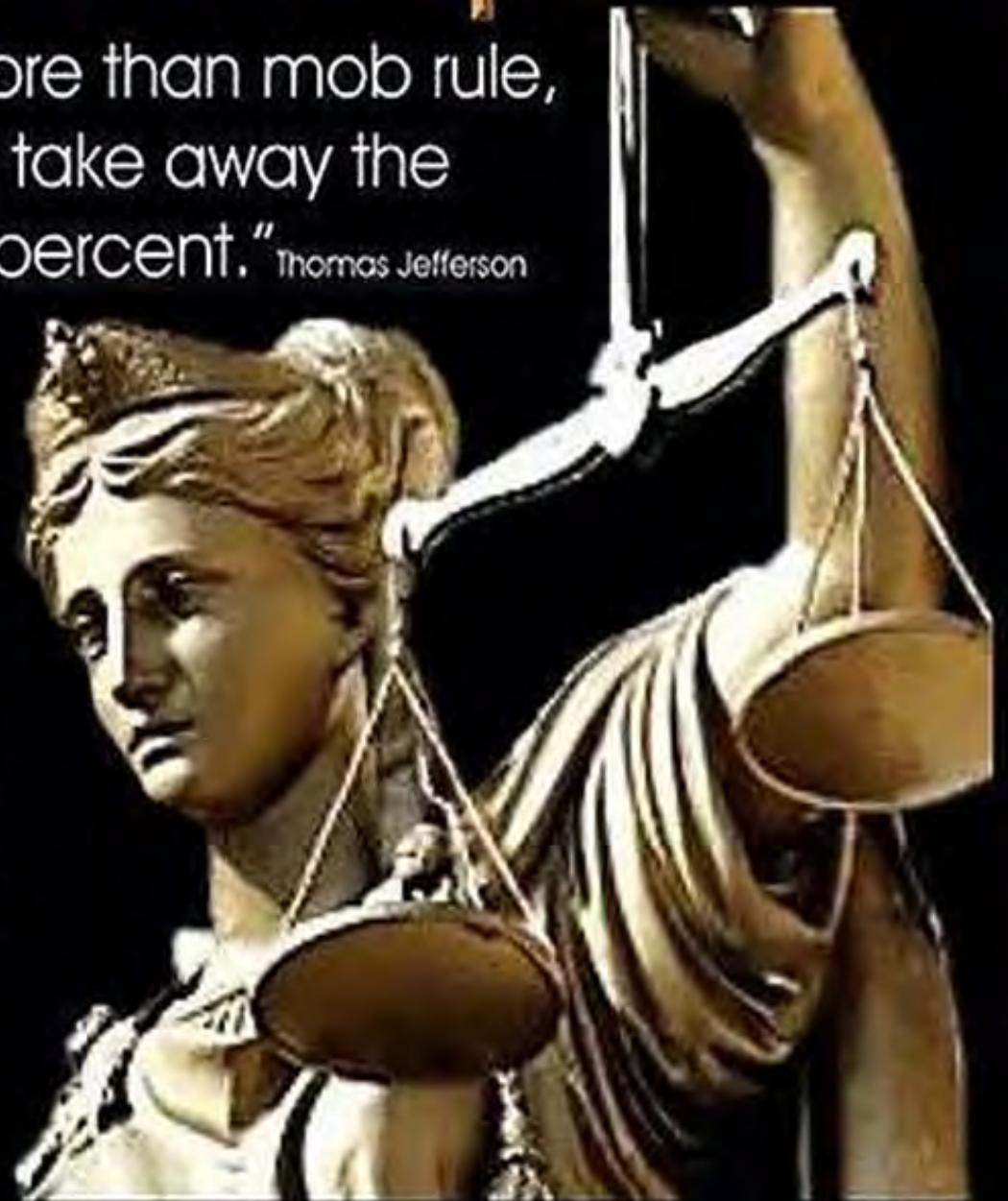
Democracy vs Republic

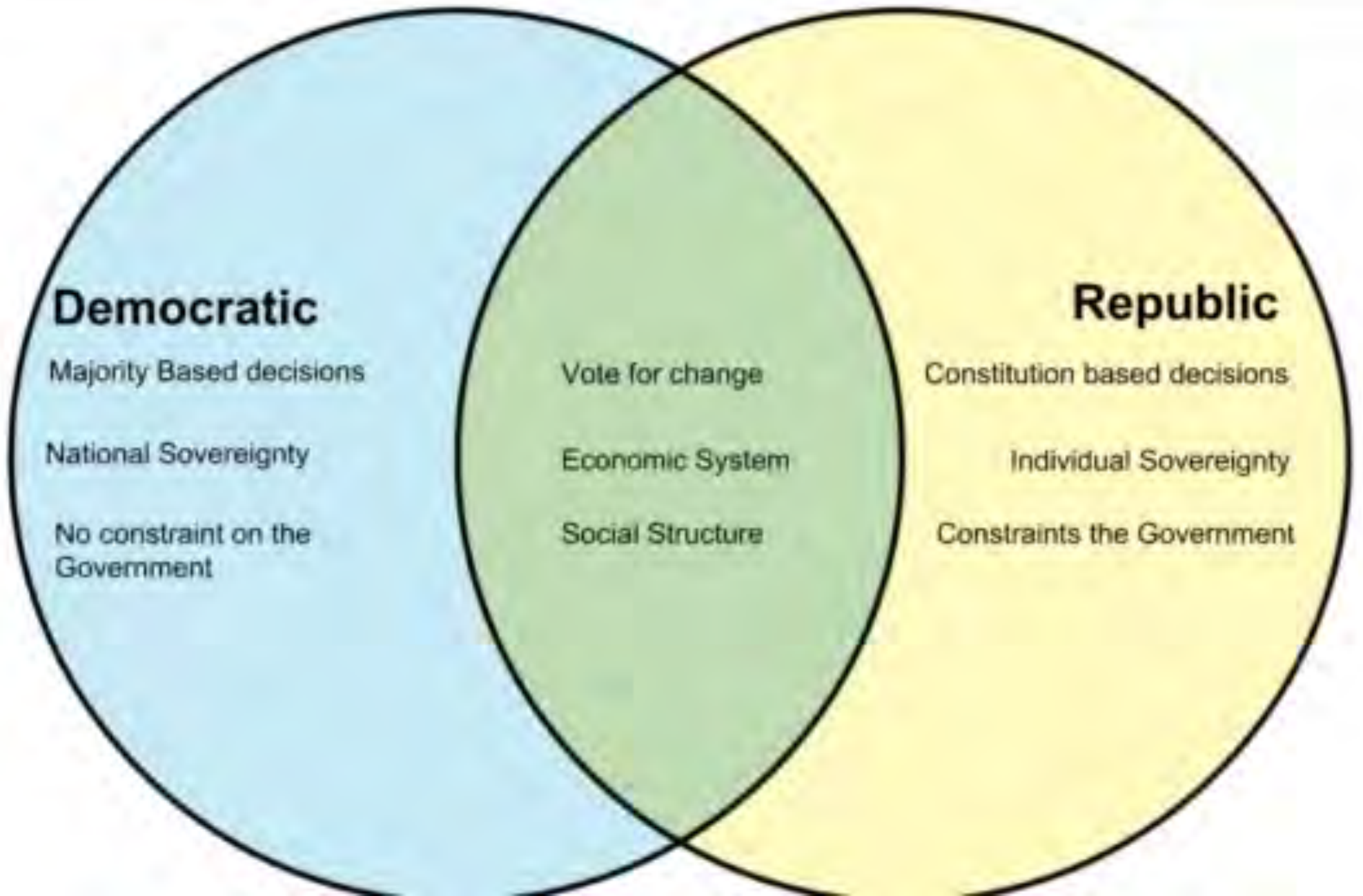
"A Democracy is nothing more than mob rule, where fifty-one percent can take away the rights of the other forty-nine percent." Thomas Jefferson

"Whereas, a Republic is a government of Laws." John Adams

"A Democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes itself, exhausts, and murders itself, because there never was a Democracy that didn't commit suicide." John Adams

The very word Democracy is repugnant to those who were born free in a Constitutional Republic!





Satan's hierarchy of ruling on earth:

Ephesians 6: 12

Colossians 2: 14

The Spiritual Mafia Hierarchy

Eph 6:12-13

12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood,

but against the rulers,

pale, "wrestling,

against the powers,

hand to hand

against the world forces

arche, "first person

of this darkness,

exousia, "authority,

against the spiritual forces

kosmokrator,

"cosmic power,

world ruler"

Paul was called to "open their eyes and turn them from

There is no formula nor method for exorcisms—Christians have authority and power to overcome Satan. James gives only instruction to resist Satan and he will flee (Jas 4:7). Where sin is confessed and repented, Satan is defeated.

THE ANGELIC REALM

THRONE OF GOD		
<i>HIERARCHIES</i>	<i>CHOIRS</i>	<i>KEY WORDS</i>
Supreme Hierarchy	<i>Seraphim</i> <i>Cherubim</i> <i>Thrones</i>	<i>Pure Love and Light</i> <i>Wisdom/Knowledge</i> <i>Justice/Fairness</i>
Middle Hierarchy	<i>Dominions</i> <i>Virtues</i> <i>Powers</i>	<i>Administrator's of God's Will</i> <i>Courage/Miracles</i> <i>Heavenly Order/Protectors</i>
Lower Hierarchy	<i>Principalities</i> <i>*Archangels</i> <i>*Angels</i>	<i>Religions, Nations, Leaders</i> <i>God's Emissaries</i> <i>Guardianship/Service</i>
HUMANKIND		



Nip It In The Bud!

Verse 27

The Command:

Do not commit adultery!

God says (6th commandment):

“You shall not commit adultery”

**This commandment protects the
sacredness of marriage ordained
by God - Genesis 2: 24-25**

PRIORITY: A man shall leave his
father and mother

PERMANENCE: Joined to his wife

ONENESS: They shall become one
flesh

OPENNESS: They were both naked
and not ashamed

ADULTERY = to have sex with
someone that is not your husband
or wife

**God's laws always provide for and
protect His people**

**God's laws are an expression of His
love**

Adultery involves sexual immorality

1 Thessalonians 4: 3-6

Sexual immorality = “*porneia*” = any sexual act outside the marriage covenant

“Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.”

1 Corinthians 6: 18

Verse 28

Jesus: *Adultery starts
in the heart*

**Sin starts in the heart, the mind,
the inner man**

GUARD YOUR HEART!

GUARD YOUR MIND!

Above All Else Guard Your Heart

Proverbs 4:23

What
You See



What
You Say



What
You Do



What
You hear



Everything
you do
flows from
your heart

The moral law focus = the act
“You shall not commit adultery”

Jesus’ focus is on the thought that precedes the action:

“This I say to you, whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart”

Look = *present tense* = continues to
look

**You are not powerless in this battle,
you are, in fact, *victors!***

“IF” – Galatians 5: 16

**If you “*walk in the Spirit, you will not
fulfill the lust of the flesh*”**

**Seeing something enticing is not the
sin; the continual look leading to lust is
the sin!**

**Lust = “*epithumeo*” = upon the mind;
to desire long after**

CAREFUL:

Sow a thought – *reap an action*

Sow an action – *reap a character*

Sow a character – *reap a destiny*

Verse 29

**Cut out anything that leads
to sin**

Eye and touch go hand in hand –

CAREFUL!

**Continual unrepentant sin in a life
is an indication they are in danger
of HELL**

CUT IT OUT!

All believers are viewed as overcomers
in Scripture

All have the **Holy Spirit's "kratos"** power;
the power to say **NO** to our flesh and
YES to the **Spirit!**

All believers can **"CUT IT OUT"**, because
they can

All believers can **"PRESS ON"**, because
they can

**ALL THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT'S
POWER!**

Problem:

We all sin and we all sin a lot

For believers, all sin is under the blood of Christ

For believers, your conscience and Holy Spirit conviction will keep you on track

For believers, examine *yourself* to see if you are in the faith
2 Corinthians 13: 5-6

Examine = to try or prove whether evil
or good

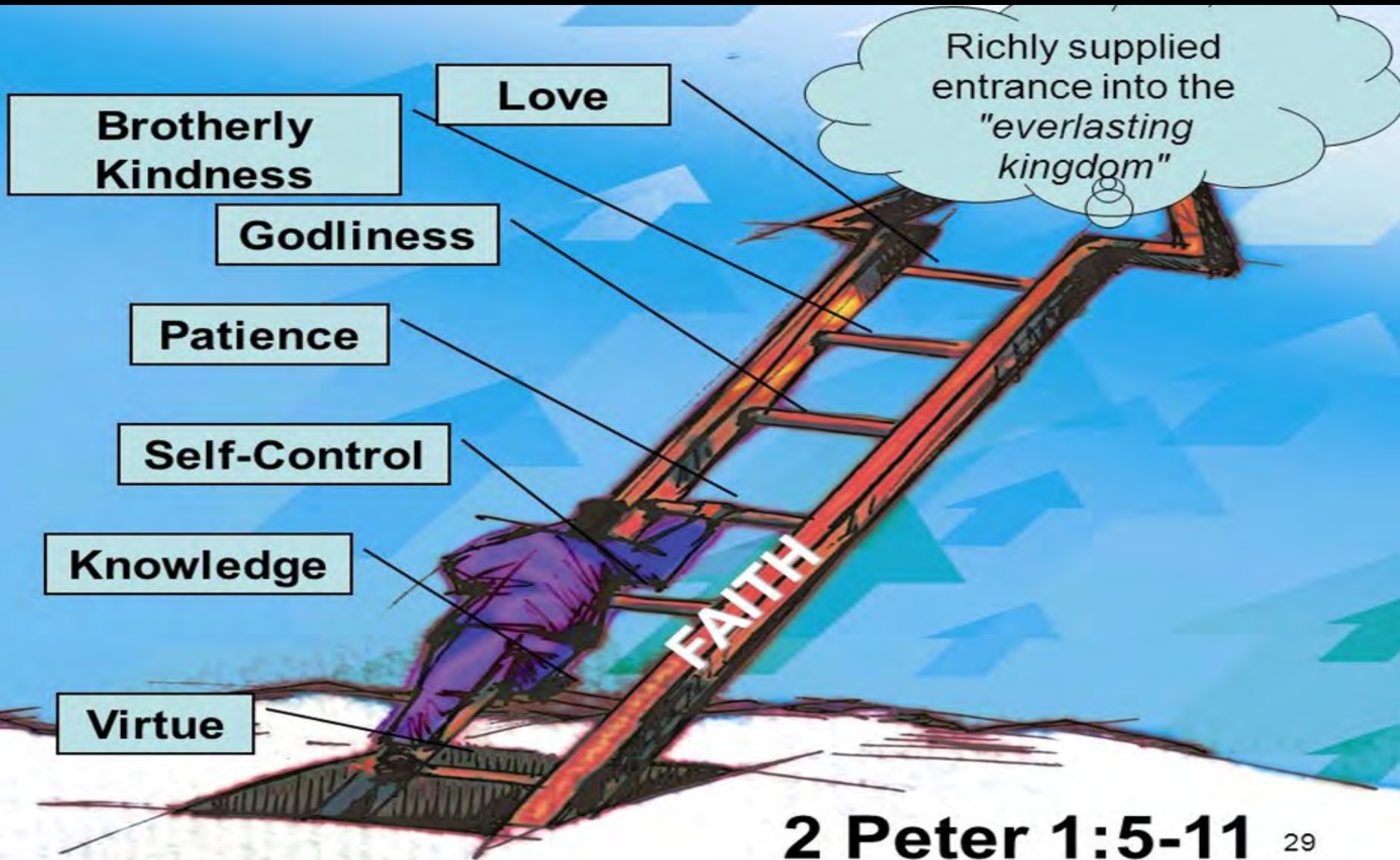
Test = “*dokimazo*” = to try or prove
whether worthy or not

**Look deep inside your soul and be
honest!**

Disqualified = “*adokimos*” = not
genuine

Test your life - how?

The faith ladder



It seems that *“growin’ gives assurance you’re goin’!”*

Some people never grow, but stay babies all their lives

They may be *goin’*, but don’t know for sure their *“goin’ because they’re not growin’!”*

Obedience to Jesus’ commands, indicates, you are *“growin’ and goin’!”*

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

All sin starts in the heart, with a thought!

We *must* control what we allow to remain in our minds

Guard your heart

Guard your mind

Guard your thoughts

Guard making excuses!

*Rationalizing is the enemy of
righteousness!*

Jesus lays it on the line:

***“If anyone loves Me, he will
keep My Word”***

John 14: 23

Fight on, soldier!

Fight on!

Galatians 6: 9

THE CHRISTIANS BATTLE CRY:

CUT IT OUT

&

PRESS ON!