

Center Point of all Eternity

"On the third day
the friends of Christ

coming at daybreak to the place
found the grave empty and the
stone rolled away.

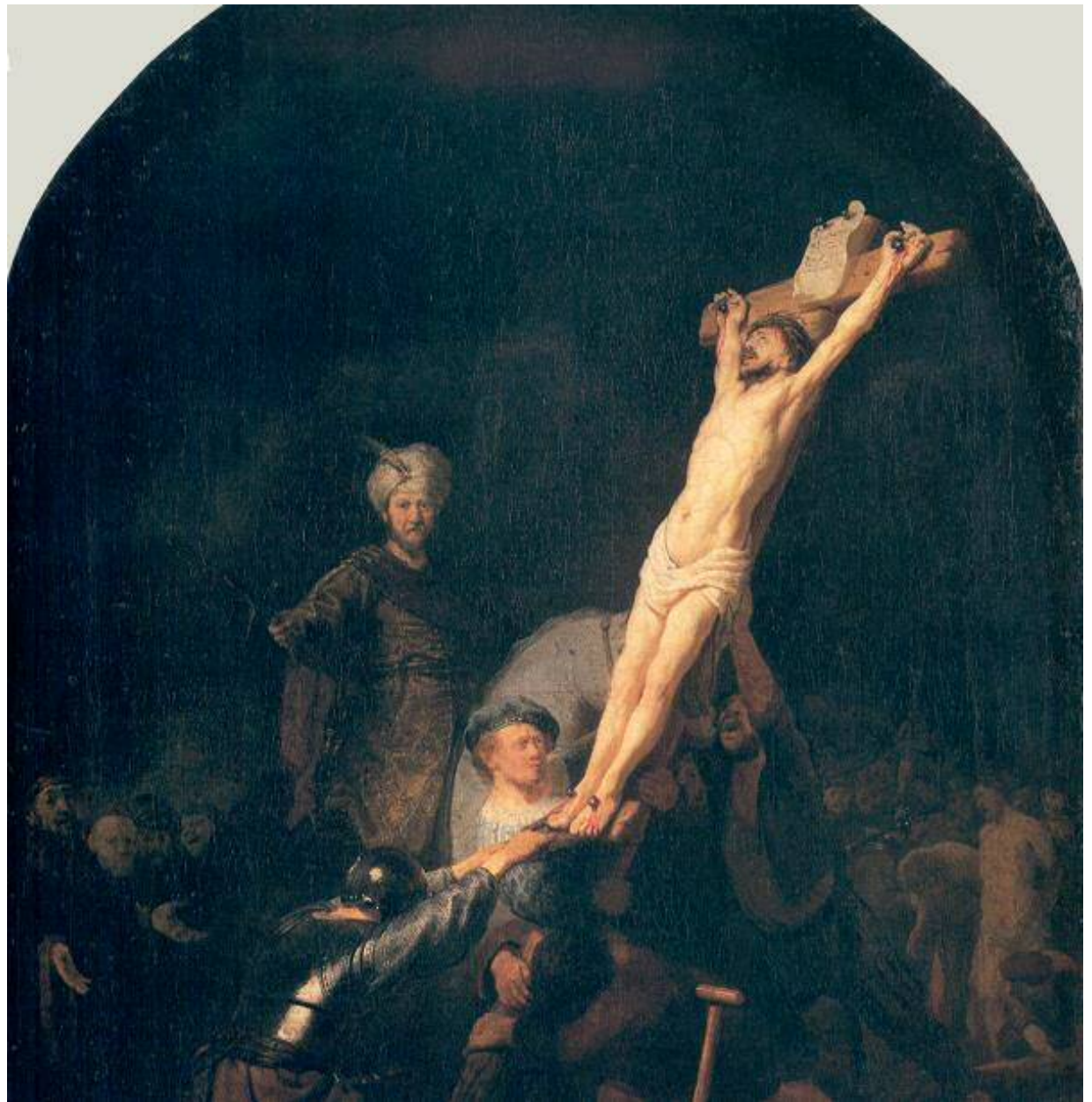
In varying ways
they realized the new wonder;

but even they hardly realized
that the world had died in the
night.

What they were looking at was
the first day of a new creation,
with a new heaven and a new
earth;

and in a semblance of the
gardener God walked again in
the garden,
in the cool not of the evening
but the dawn."

G. K. Chesterton – Everlasting
Man



Raising the Cross by Rembrandt 1603

Wheels within Wheels

Roman Catholic

Nature-Grace Interdependence

Christ-Church Interconnection

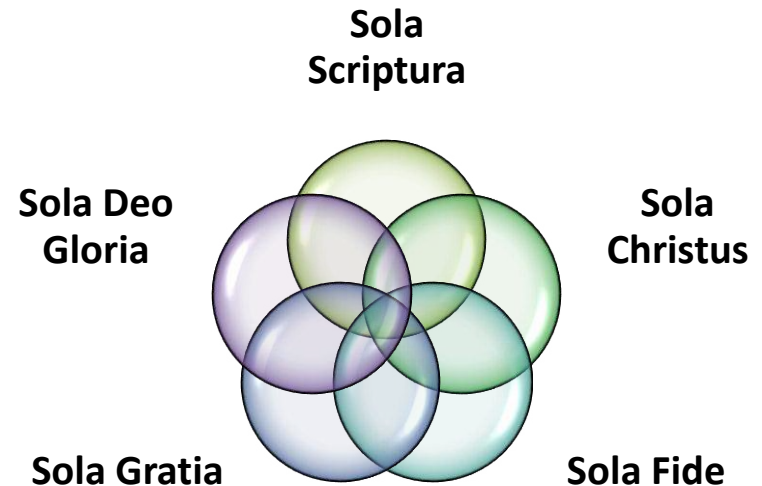
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The Vision of Ezekiel
Bury Bible, c. 1135

Evangelical Protestantism

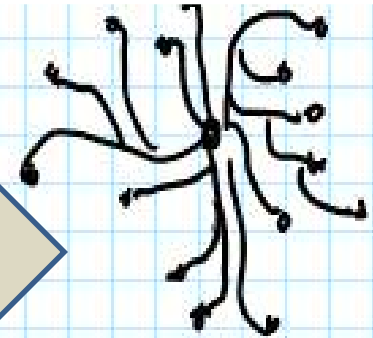
Five Solas



Are you the man from Krumme?



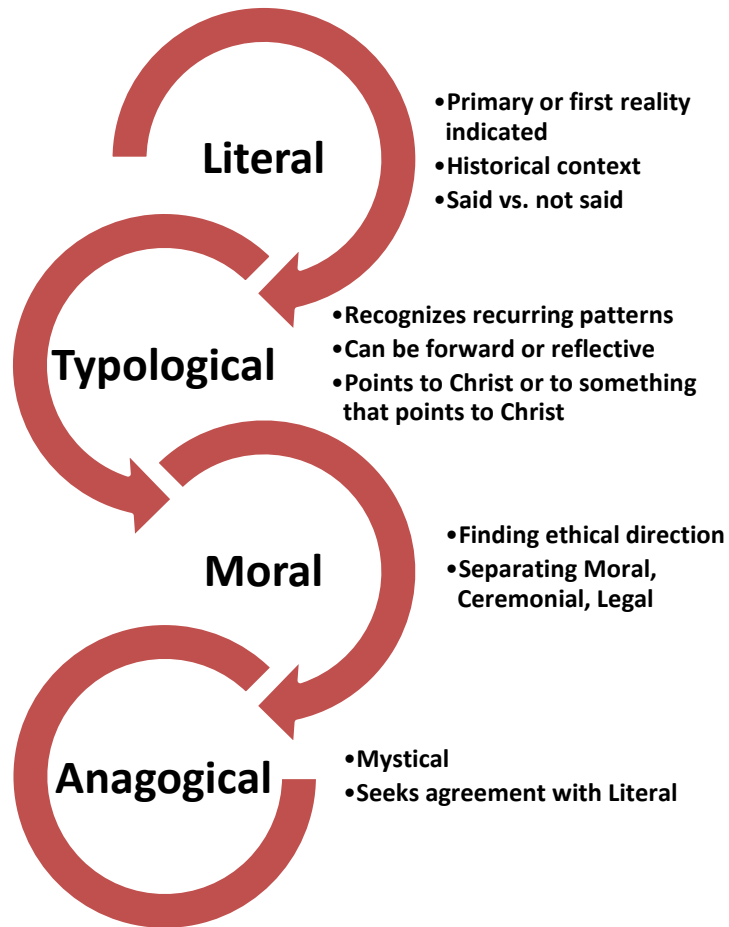
And
where on
the map
would
you place
Krumme?



i.e, the hinterland, of the hinterland, of the hinterland,
of the hinterland . . .

. . . And that qualifies you to make your own creeds
and truth claims ???

Methods of Scriptural Interpretation



Examples for discussion

- **Scott Hahn**
 - Hebrews 9:15-22
 - “Covenant, Cult, and the Curse of Death” 2004
 - Focus: Challenges the use of the word Testament in the clearly Hebrew cultic passage
- **NT Wright**
 - Galatians
 - “Messiahship in Galatians? 2014
 - “Paul and the Faithfulness of God” 2013
 - Focus: New Perspectives on Paul NPP; asks for recognition of Paul's use of Christos and Messiah
- **Notes**
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Even the very wise cannot see all ends

J.R.R. Tolkien Lord of the Rings, Bk1, chap2, pg58

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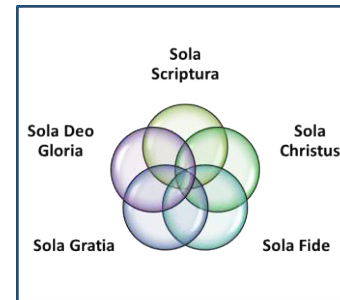
- Nature created by God as interdependent
- Capable of receiving Grace
- Capable of transmitting Grace
- Consecrated, confers healing, wholeness, regeneration
- Jesus Christ mediates Grace to Nature
- The Church is the incarnate Christ
- Scripture/Tradition tightly interwoven
- Interpretation must conform to Magisterium



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Evangelical Protestant Five Solas

- Sola Scriptura – only Holy Scripture as the inspired word of God is the inerrant, sufficient, and final authority for the church.
- Sola Christus – only Christ is the full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for sin.
- Sola Fide – believer receives right standing with God only through faith.
- Sola Gratia – salvation is through grace alone.
- Sola Deo Gloria – as author & finisher of salvation God alone receives glory.



Eucharist

**And does Faith see the coming unity
of believers in answer to the high
priestly prayer of the risen Son to the
Father?**

**Indeed, this must be so.
Perhaps another gift though the Jews.**

References:

- History of the Great Reformation, J.H. Merle d'Aubigne 1846
- Summa Theologica, St Thomas Aquinas
- Richard Hooker, Theologian of the English Reformation, Christianity Today 1966
- Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, Brant Pitre 2011 Doubleday

Transubstantiation "This is my body"

- Aquinas
- The Sacrament is fully established in the consecration.
- Elements of bread & wine cease to exist

Consubstantiation "This is my body"

- Luther
- Christ physically present
- Elements remain under & joined with Christ ('sword in scabbard')
- Rejects arguments from Reason or mathematics. Faith determines Truth.

Wm. of Occam

- Accepts Church position on Transubstantiation
- Argues in support of Luther's Consubstantiation
- Asks, when do the elements become Body & Blood?

Symbol "The body availeth nothing"

- Zwingli
- Argues using Reason & Scripture to refute Luther; desperate to hold Protestantism together but neither yield that Christ can be physically present..
- Rejects Popery of presiding priests. Reconciliation with Luther fails.

Real Presence in body of believer

- Hooker
- Oral manducation is nowhere taught but affirms spiritual manducation worship.
- The Celebration is an event connecting worshippers with Jesus.

Face of God, Bread of the Presence

- Brant Pitre
- Recent scholarly analysis of historical Hebrew documents. Show Bread annually paraded in front of gathered men of Israel.
- Quoting Jewish scholars of tradition but needs concurrence and validation.