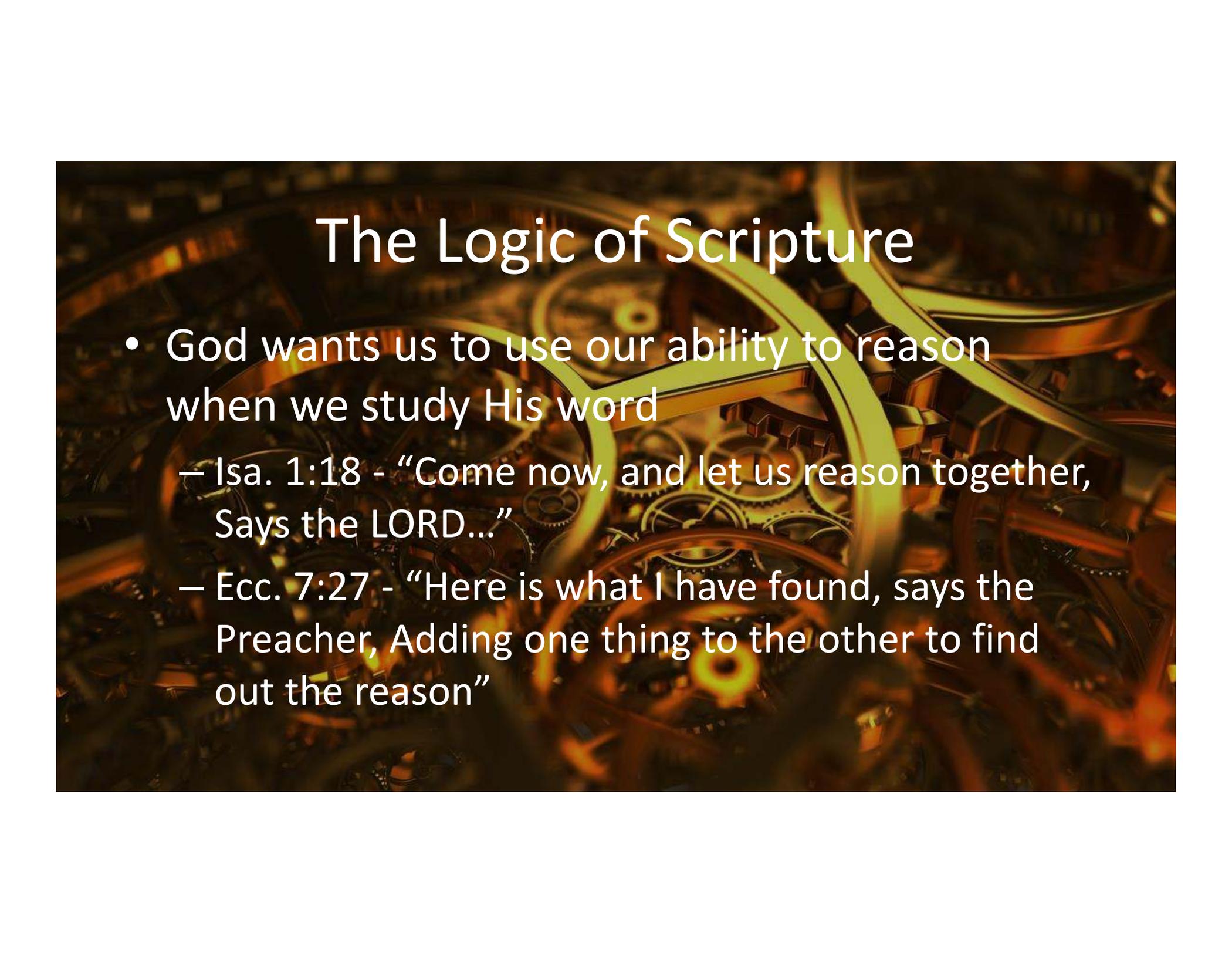


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- “A syllogism is a formal argument in logic that is formed by two statements and a conclusion which must be true if the two statements are true; a deductive formal argument consisting of a major and a minor premise and a conclusion” (Merriam-Webster Dictionary)
- A simple example of a syllogism: “Every virtue is commendable; kindness is a virtue; therefore, kindness is commendable.”



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- God wants us to use our ability to reason when we study His word
  - Isa. 1:18 - “Come now, and let us reason together, Says the LORD...”
  - Ecc. 7:27 - “Here is what I have found, says the Preacher, Adding one thing to the other to find out the reason”

## Mark 8:14-21

- “Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, and they did not have more than one loaf with them in the boat. 15 Then He charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod. 16 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have no bread. 17 But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, Why do you reason because you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Is your heart still hardened? 18 Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember? 19 When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up? They said to Him, Twelve. 20 Also, when I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of fragments did you take up? And they said, Seven. 21 So He said to them, How is it you do not understand?”



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- A properly formed Bible syllogism is unanswerable; when the major and minor premises are true, the conclusion is absolute.
- Consider seven Bible syllogisms

# Believers And Salvation

- Christ alone can promise salvation
  - Acts 4:12 - “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”
- He promised salvation to believers who are baptized
  - Mark 16:16 - “He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”
- Therefore, only baptized believers can be saved.

# Baptism And Salvation

- Those only are saved who put on Christ
  - Rom. 13:11-14 - “And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.”
- Believers put on Christ in baptism
  - Gal. 3:27 - “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”
- Therefore, only those who have been baptized are saved.

# Salvation In The Church

- The saved have been purchased with Christ's blood
  - 1Peter 1:18-19 - “knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”
- Christ's blood purchased the church
  - Acts 20:28 - “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.”
  - Eph. 5:25 - “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her”
- Therefore, only those in the church have been saved.

# Baptism Into The Lord's Church

- We are all baptized into one body
  - 1Cor. 12:13 - “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.”
- The one body is the church
  - Col. 1:18, 24 - “And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence... 24 I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church”
- Therefore, the baptized have been baptized into the one church

# Salvation And The Lord's Church

- God chose a head for the one church
  - Matt. 15:13 - “Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.”
  - Eph. 1:22-23 - “And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”
- Salvation is in the one church where God appointed Jesus as Head
  - Eph. 5:23 - “For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.”
- Therefore, one cannot be saved out of the one church.

# God's Children And The Lord's Church

- All God's children are in His house
  - Eph. 2:19 - “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God”
- The church is God's house
  - 1Tim. 3:15 - “I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.”
- Therefore, all of God's children are in the church.

# Baptism And Blessings

- Every spiritual blessing is in Christ Jesus
  - Eph. 1:3 - “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ”
- We are baptized into Christ Jesus
  - Rom. 6:3 - “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?”
  - Gal. 3:27 - “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”
- Therefore, we are baptized into every spiritual blessing
  - Rom. 6:5 - “Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”
  - Eph. 2:13 - “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”

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- “Wisdom is the power to see, and the inclination to choose, the best and highest goal, together with the surest means of attaining it. Wisdom is, in fact, the practical side of moral goodness. As such, it is found in its fulness only in God. He alone is naturally and entirely and invariable wise. God’s wisdom is seen in his works of creation, preservation and redemption: it is his choice of his own glory as his goal (Psalm 46:10; Isa. 42:8; 48:11), and his decision to achieve it first by creating a marvelous variety of things and people (Psalm 104:24; Prov. 3:19-20), second by kindly providences of all sorts (Psalm 145:13-16; Acts 14:17), and third by the redemptive “wisdom” of “Christ crucified” (1Cor. 1:18–2:16) and the resultant world church (Eph. 3:10).” (J.I. Packer, Knowing God)

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- “In the Holy Scriptures wisdom, when used of God and good men, always carries a strong moral connotation. It is conceived as being pure, loving, and good... Wisdom, among other things, is the ability to devise perfect ends and to achieve those ends by the most perfect means. It sees the end from the beginning, so there can be no need to guess or conjecture. Wisdom sees everything in focus, each in proper relation to all, and is thus able to work toward predestined goals with flawless precision.” (A. W. Tozer)
- No man will ever reason successfully against the wisdom and reasoning of God. He is a fool who tries; he is arrogant who believes he can improve on it.