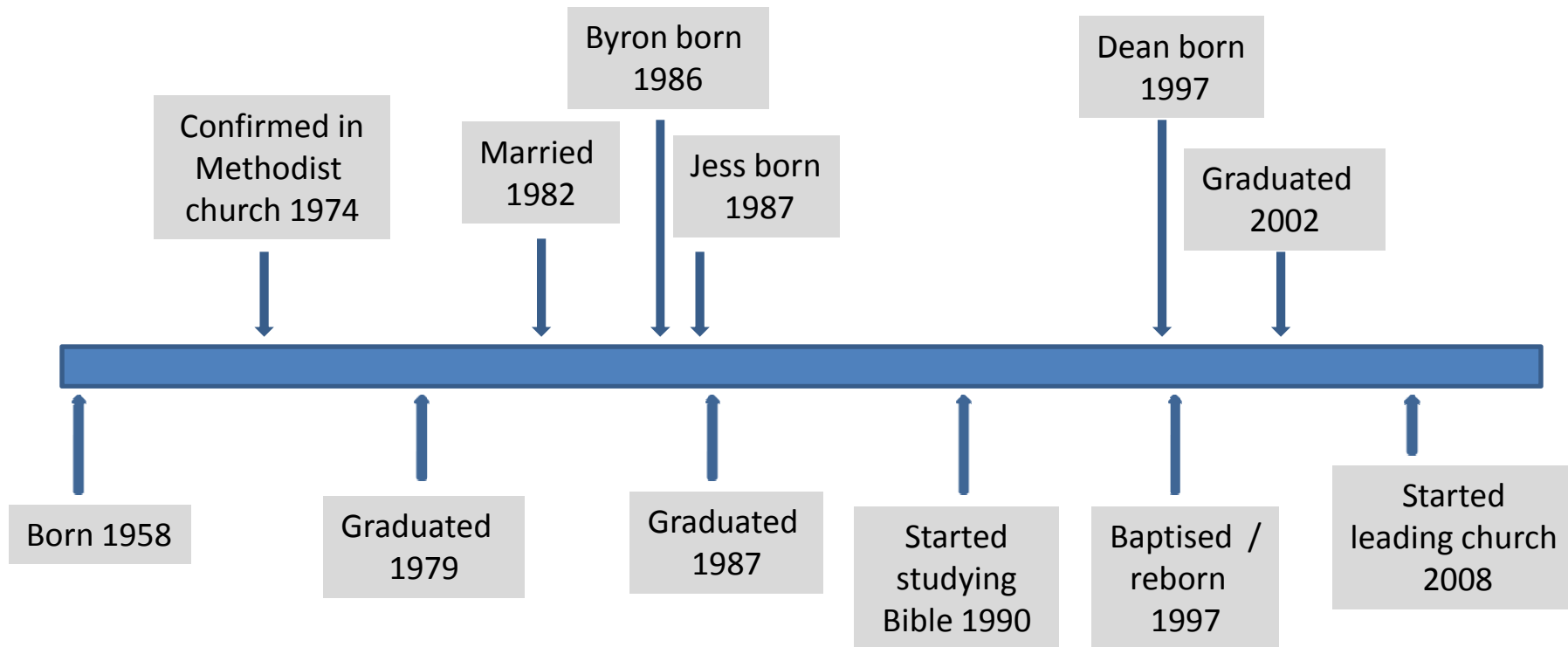


# Light and Darkness



# Neil's timeline of important events



## 1 Peter 2 : 9-10

Darkness	Light
Not a people of God Have not received mercy	Are people of God Have received mercy Royal priesthood Holy nation



## John 3 : 1-7

- To be part of God's Kingdom we must be born again / born from above
- Rebirth through water and the Spirit



## **Romans 5 : 6-11**

- God loved us enough to die for us, even though we did not deserve it
- We are justified (“made right”) before God and saved from His wrath through the blood (death) of Christ

## **Romans 6 : 1-8**

- We participate in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus at baptism
- We bury our life of darkness (our old self) in the waters of baptism and are raised to new life in Christ
- Through baptism we receive forgiveness, step from darkness into light and become new creations in Christ



## **Acts 2 : 36-38**

- How do we make Jesus the Lord of our lives?
- We need to repent (change the course of our lives and turn back to God) and be baptized into the name of Jesus

## **1 Peter 3 : 20-21**

- The waters of the Flood destroyed sin and saved Noah and his family from it
- The waters of baptism similarly destroy the sin in our lives and save us from it
- The water of the Flood were a symbol (or foreshadowing) of what happens to believers at baptism
- Baptism is an act of faith, just as entering the Ark was for Noah's family



## **Galatians 3 : 26-29**

- Is it possible to be baptised into Christ without faith in his life?
- This passage is filled with family language (sons, seed, heirs) since baptism is entry into God's family
- We are "clothed with Christ" at baptism meaning that when God looks at us he sees Christ

## **Titus 3 : 3-7**

- We are saved by God's mercy through baptism
- We are justified through baptism and become heirs/children of God with the hope of eternal life



## **Acts 8 : 12, 36-38; 9 : 17-19**

- The proper response to hearing the Gospel is to
  1. believe/have faith in the life of Christ
  2. repent of your sins
  3. confess Jesus is Lord, and
  4. be baptized into the life of Christ

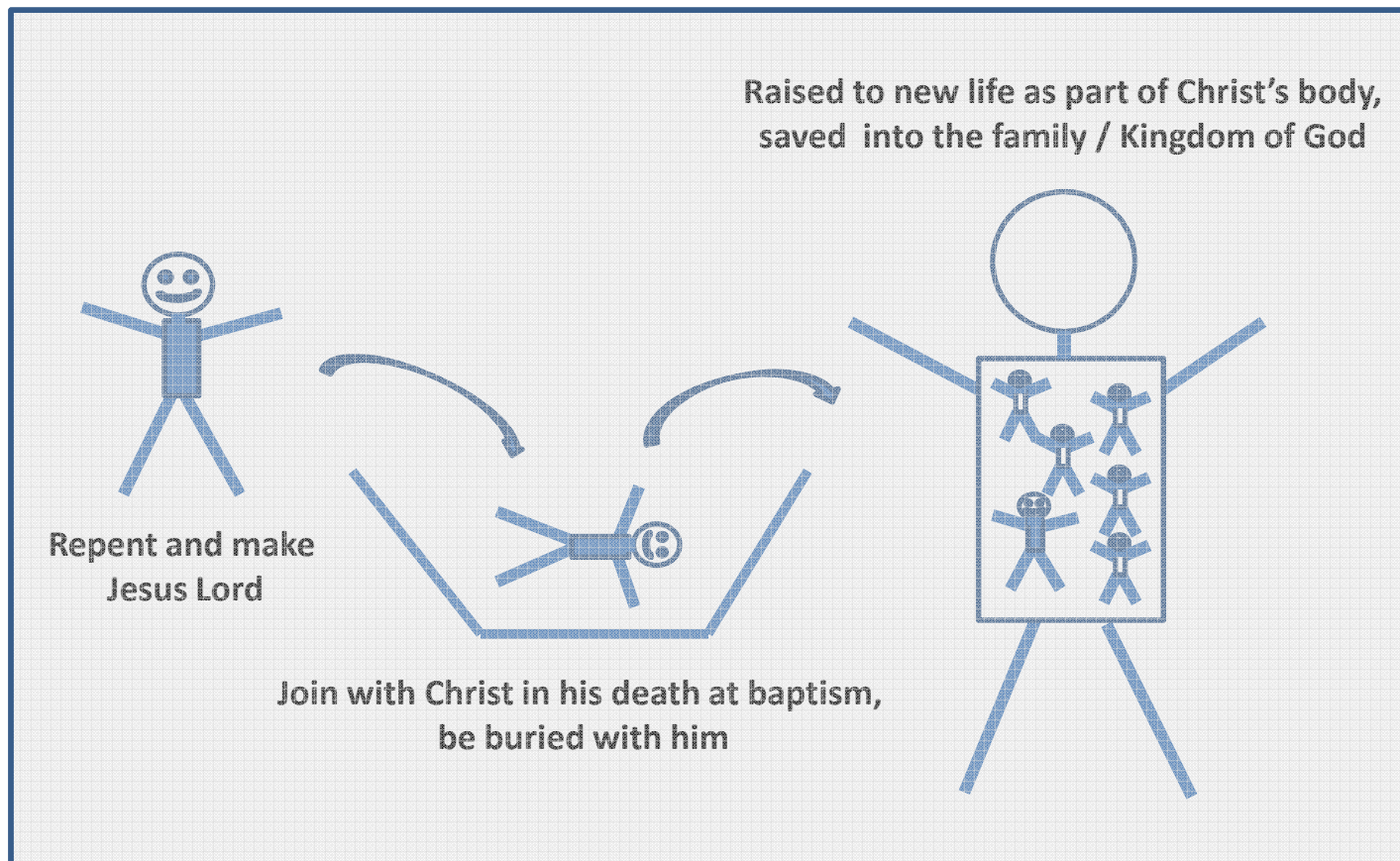


## **1 Corinthians 12 : 12-14**

- Salvation is not an individual event between God and us - we are baptized into a body, God's Christ shaped family
- Baptism is therefore a community creating event



# Baptism into body of Christ = God's family



## **Psalm 107 : 10-16**

- We are responsible for being in the darkness (our sin and rebellion)
- God rescues us from the darkness when we turn to Him because of his love for us

## **Ephesians 5 : 8-11**

- When we are in Christ, we are in the light and should live as children of light
- Living in the light involves bringing into the open deeds associated with the darkness of sin



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