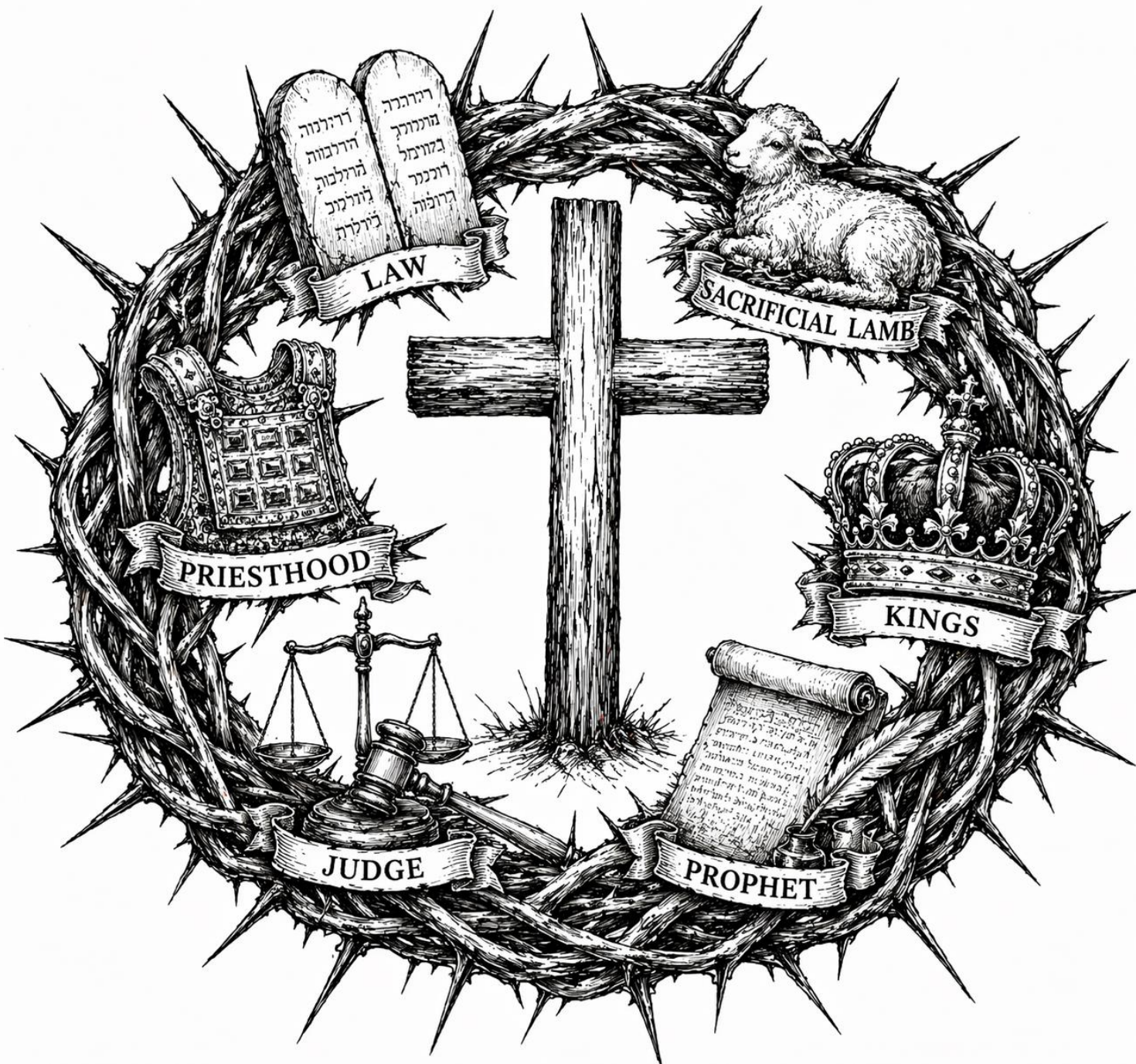




# ***FOUNDATIONS***

***WE ARE BUILT ON HIS NAME***

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed,  
“**The Lord, the Lord**, a God merciful and  
gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in  
steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping  
steadfast love for thousands, forgiving  
iniquity and transgression and sin, but who  
will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the  
iniquity of the fathers on the children and  
the children's children, to the third and the  
fourth generation.” - **Exodus 34:6-7**



**Law – Broken**  
**Sacrifice - Temporary**  
**Priest – Self-Centered**  
**Judge – “Do What’s Right  
in Your Own Eyes”**  
**Prophet - Ignores Them**

**WE NEED A BETTER ...**  
**LAW-KEEPER, SACRIFICE, PRIEST,**  
**JUDGE, KING, PROPHET**

**Jesus is the Perfect  
Prophet, Priest, &  
King**

“WITNESS”

## WHAT IT IS NOT...

- Dependent on Clever Arguments or Debate
- Promoting Agenda or Personality
- Occasional or Part-Time
- A Script or List of Theological Facts

## WHAT IT IS...

- μαρτυς (martus) *Witness*
- Living Testimony of Jesus Christ—His Life, Death, & Resurrection
- Someone Who Has Firsthand Experience of God's Work & Shares it - Often in Everyday Conversations & Example - & Sometimes With Great Cost

# μάρτυς (Martus) - Witness

**BOTH a Noun (Person) and a Verb (Action)**

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**Person: Someone who has seen, experienced, or knows something to be true & can testify about it.**

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” – Acts 1:8*

**Action: To bear witness, to testify, to speak, to live in a way that points to truth.**

*“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.” – Romans 8:16*

# You are the Witness - μάρτυς (Martus)

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**His people are meant to be the evidence of who He is:**

*“Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, ‘This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer & rise from the dead on the third day, & repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.’”*

*– Luke 24:45-48*

*“...You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem & in all Judea & Samaria, & to the end of the earth.”*

*– Acts 1:8*

**You are the Witness - μάρτυς (Martus)**

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**Witness Rooted in Personal Encounter:**

*“What we have seen and heard we proclaim...”*

*– 1 John 1:1–3*

*He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!”*

*– John 9:25*

**Witness with a Life That Testifies:**

*“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” - Matthew 5:16*

**Speaking  
the  
Truth:**

## **You Bear the Witness - μάρτυς (Martus)**

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***“Then they called them in again & commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter & John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to Him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen & heard.” – Acts 4:18-20***

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***“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” – Romans 10:14-15***

**Living  
the  
Truth:**

## **You Bear the Witness - μάρτυς (Martus)**

**“In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.” – Titus 2:7-8**

**“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” – John 13:34-35**

**Jesus is the Perfect Witness for Us:  
Jesus isn't just giving the model —  
He is the model.**

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**“...Jesus Christ the Faithful Witness, the  
Firstborn of the Dead, and the Ruler of Kings  
on Earth...” – Revelation 1:5**

**“Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?”  
Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king.  
For this purpose I was born and for this  
purpose I have come into the world—to bear  
witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the  
truth listens to my voice.” – John 18:37**

**You are a witness (identity)  
You bear witness (action)**

**Scripture keeps pressing one idea:  
You don't just share the message —  
your life becomes the evidence of it.**

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***“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”***

***– Hebrews 12:2***