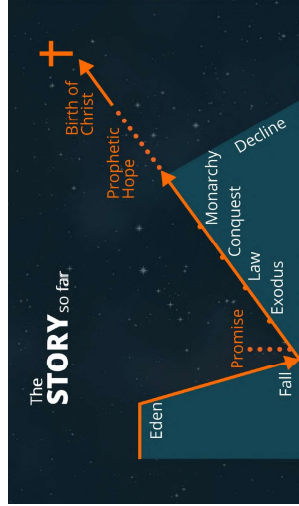
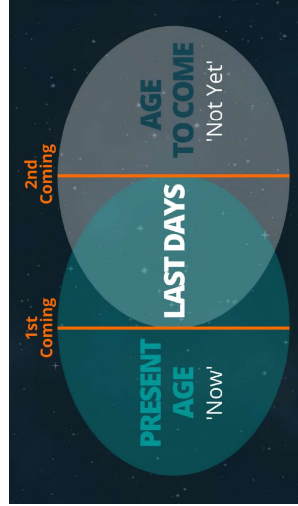


**THE STORY SO FAR**



**THE LAST DAYS**

Kingdom 'now' but 'not yet' **Matt 25: 34**



**THE REASON FOR THE DELAY**

- What seems like a long time to us isn't to God **2 Pet 3: 8**

- God wants more to hear and repent before it's too late **2 Pet 3: 9**

- Chronology of the last days **Acts 1: 8**  
 SENDING THE SPIRIT →  
 GOSPEL PROCLAIMED →  
 JESUS RETURNS

**THE SPIRIT AT PENTECOST**

- Preaching in other tongues/languages: a reversal of Babel
- A fulfillment of **Joel 2: 28-32**
- The age of the Spirit-  
**OT** - lived only in special individuals for certain tasks  
**Now** - fills all God's people for empowering witness
- The spread of the gospel in Acts:  
 Jerusalem → Judea → Ends of the World

**THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT**

**BRINGS NEW BIRTH**

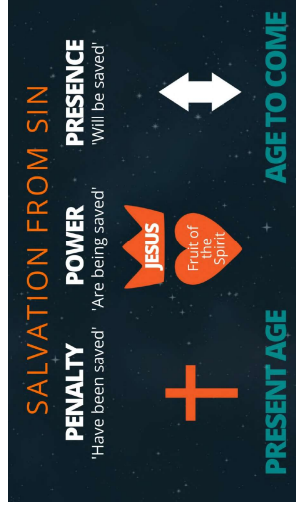
- 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.' **John 3: 3**
- We need to be 'born of the Spirit' **John 3: 5**
- The spirit opens our eyes to understand the gospel and moves us to repentance and faith
- All Christians have the Spirit living within them **Rom 8: 9**

**EQUIPS US TO SERVE CHRIST**

- Enables believers to witness to Christ
- Equips us for ministry - gifts to build the church **1 Cor 12: 7**

**PRODUCES HOLINESS**

- **Rom 8: 13**
- **Gal 3: 14**



**A KINGDOM 'NOW' BUT 'NOT YET'**

- **2 Cor 12: 9**
- **Rom 8: 23**

K I N G D O M of GOD		<b>PROCLAIMED</b> K I N G D O M
<b>GOD'S PEOPLE</b>		The Church: believers from all nations
<b>GOD'S PLACE</b>		The Church: God's temple
<b>GOD'S RULE &amp; BLESSING</b>		Relationship with God in the Spirit

Now do the bible study for Unit 8

Next study- THE PERFECTED KINGDOM



### Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

When are we tempted to use 'shameful ways' or 'distort the word of God' in evangelism?

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What can we learn from Paul's example?

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What response should we expect?

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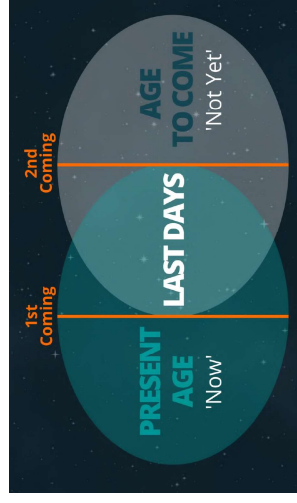
### Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

Explain verse 7 in your own words

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To what extent do v8-12 reflect your experience of evangelism?

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### Red 2 Corinthians 4:13-18

What do these verses tell us about what we can expect now, in this present age?

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What will we receive in the age to come?

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What difference should this hope make to us now?

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