

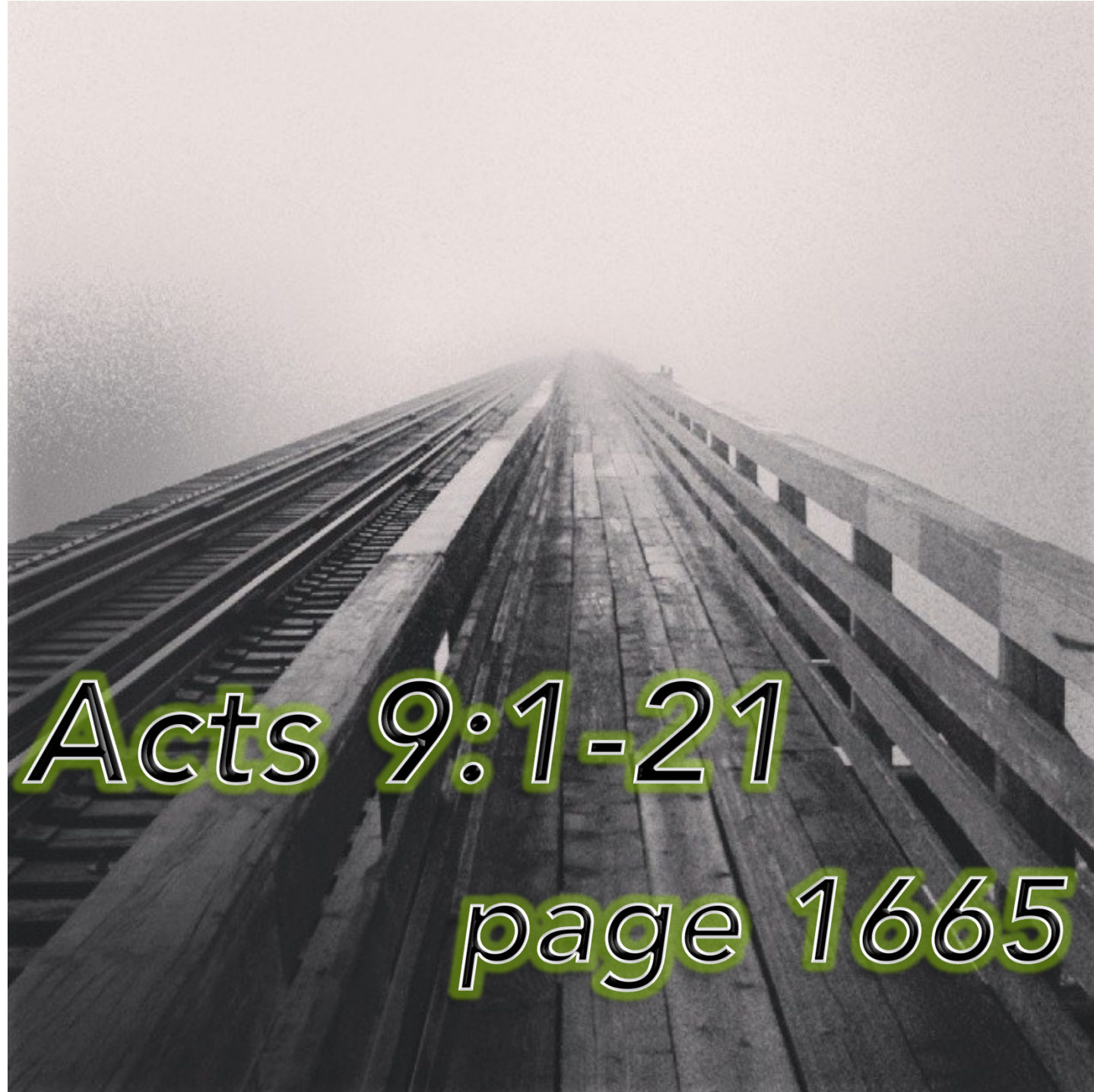


making sense of ...

Paul...

Paul's conversion...

(whatever we mean by conversion...)



Acts 9:1-21

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who was Paul?

Markers of Second Temple Judaism

- monotheism

 - (one God)

- land

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- election

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 - * circumcision, purity

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Pharisees...

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When Paul sees Jesus...

(and then can't see anything, because he was blinded)

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Markers of Paul's Worldview

- monotheism

(one God revealed in Jesus the Christ)

- land

(cosmos - promised by God to forefathers)

- election

(chosen by God, all who are in Christ)

- covenant

(guidelines for relationship with God, as it points to its fulfillment in Christ)

* circumcision, purity – no longer are they the outward markers, replaced by 'in Christ' markers - e.g. fruits of the spirit

When Paul sees Jesus...

(and then couldn't see anything else)

seeing differently...

or seeing how you have been
seeing and now seeing again...

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The West: Unique, Not Universal

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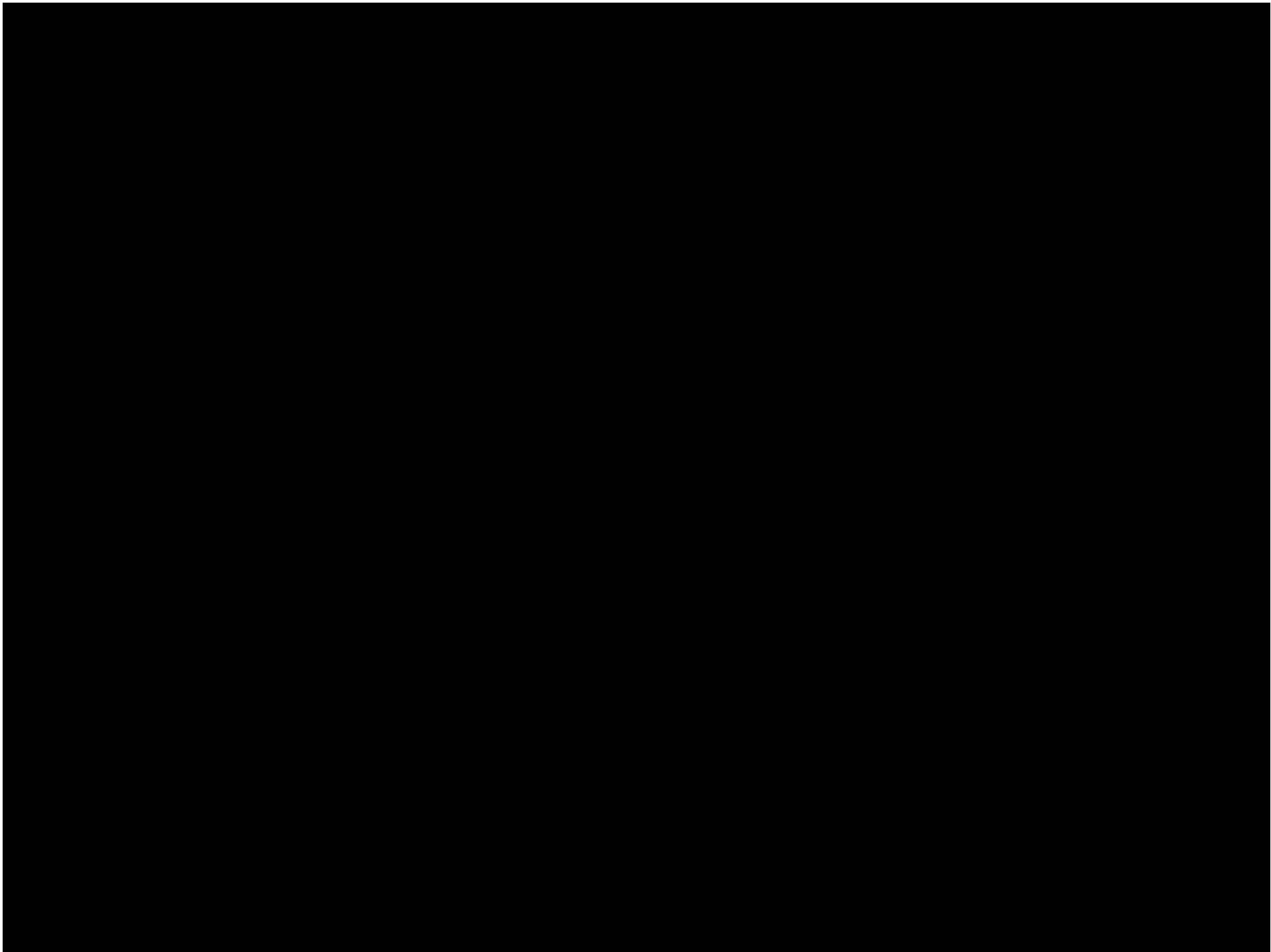


share your glasses and also try
on the glasses of others...

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see Jesus

¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.



Saint Augustine

*“Behold what you are;
become what you receive”*



the communion table...