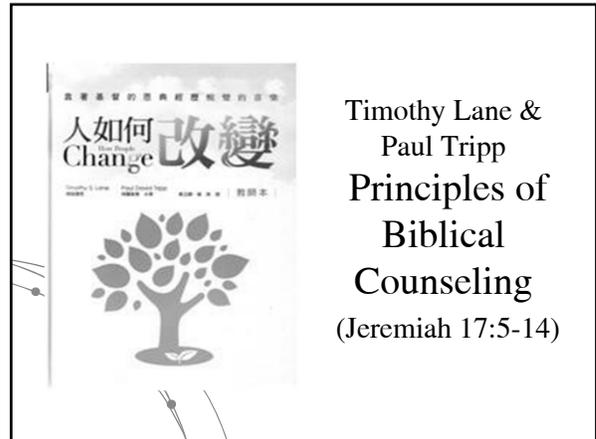


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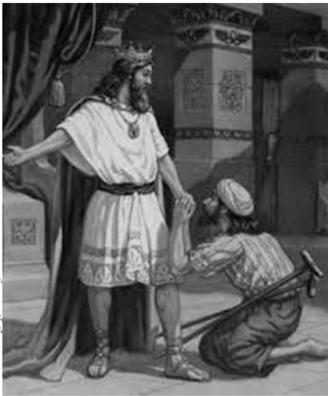


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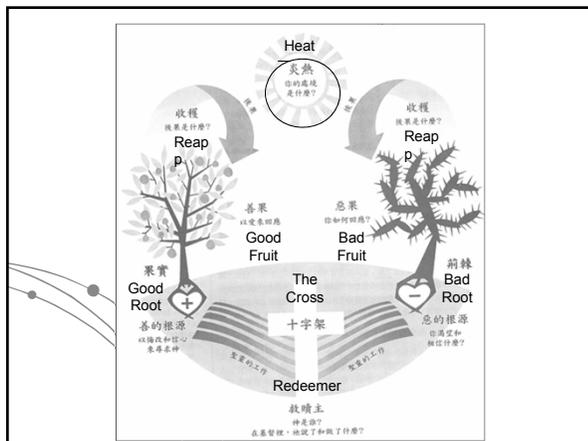
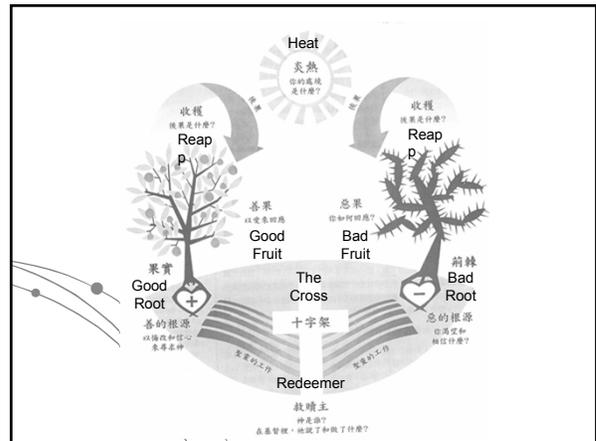
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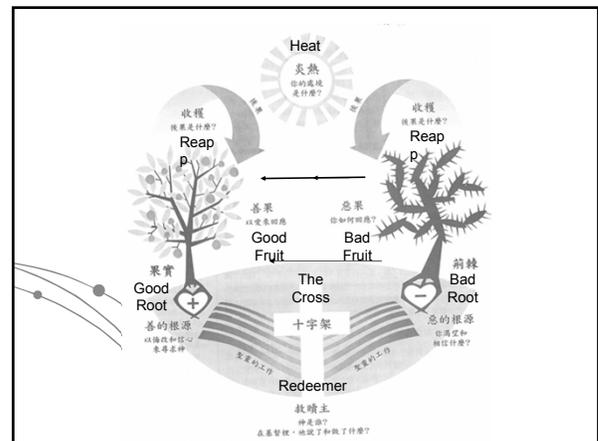
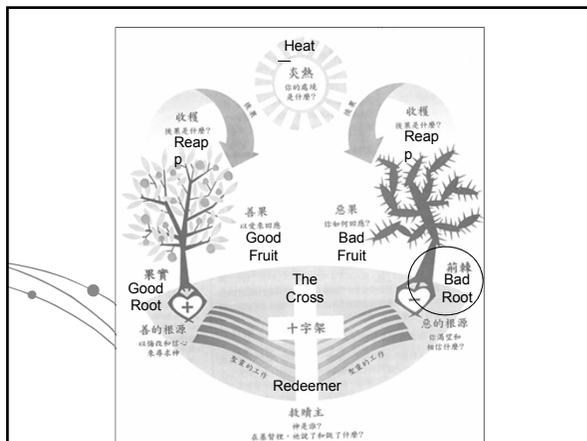


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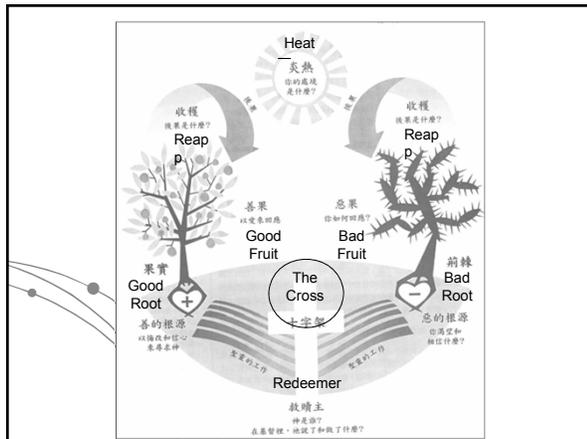


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- Trapped in sinful body
- Jesus died for our sins
- Rise again with Jesus
- Bad tree turns good tree

Baptism

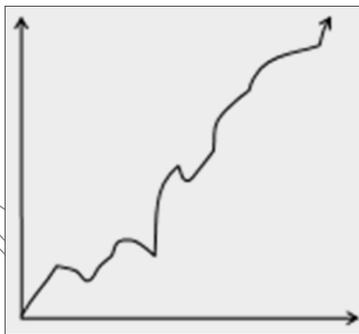


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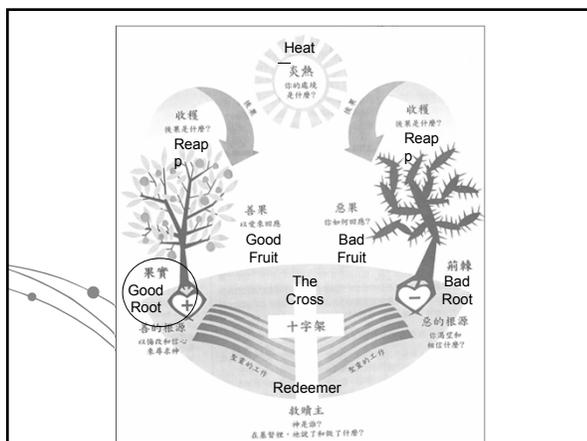
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Road of Sanctification



Daily Spiritual Exercise

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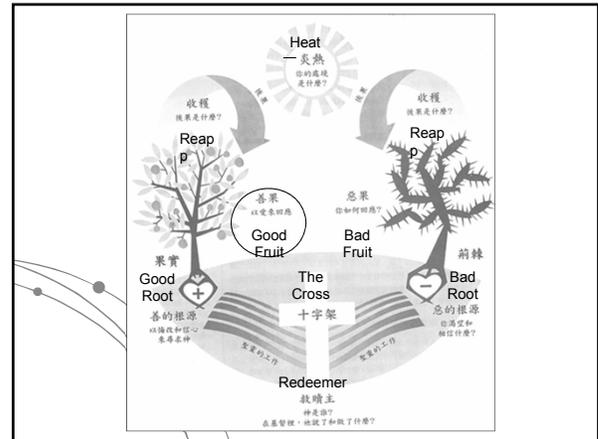
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Two Kinds of Christians

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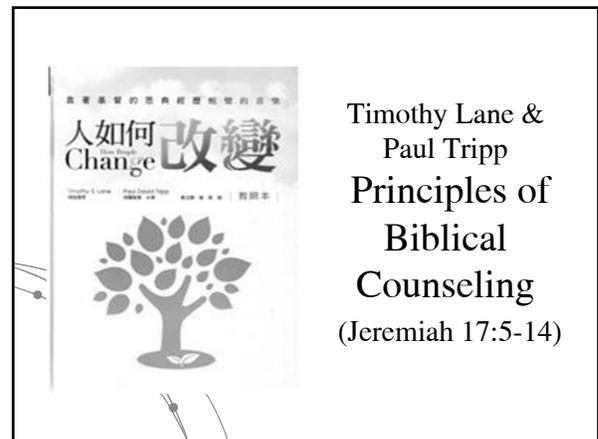


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2017 New Year Resolution

