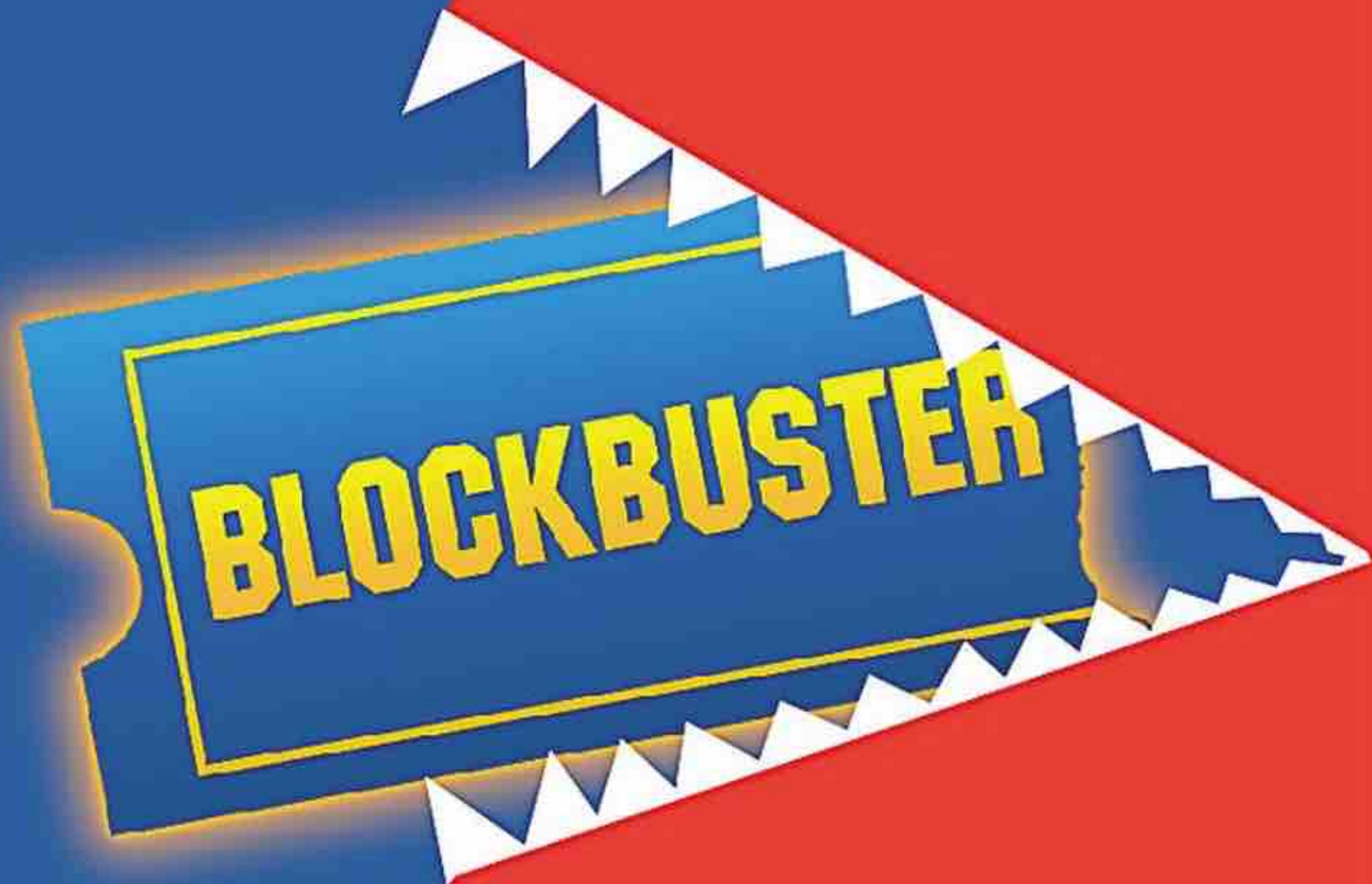


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The Gospel of **John**





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³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

John 8:31-33 ESV



³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

John 8:34-36 ESV



³⁷ I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. ³⁸ I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.”

John 8:37-38 ESV



⁴⁸ The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.”

John 8:48–51 ESV



⁵² The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?”

John 8:52–53 ESV



⁵⁴ Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.”

John 8:54-56 ESV



⁵⁷ So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

³⁰ As he was saying these things, **many believed in him.**

John 8:30 ESV



The Great I AM

I. True Discipleship



³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you **abide in my word**, you are **truly my disciples**,

John 8:31 ESV



²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

⁶⁶ After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.

John 6:66 ESV



I. True Discipleship

a. Abiding in the Word



“It’s not the profession that gets you into the kingdom. It’s the possession. We must possess what we profess.”

R.C. Sproul



What kind of belief do you have?

	Commitment			
Superficial	Surface level			
Abiding	Unwavering			

What kind of belief do you have?

	Commitment	Transformation		
Superficial	Surface level	Little		
Abiding	Unwavering	Evident		

What kind of belief do you have?

	Commitment	Transformation	Trust	
Superficial	Surface level	Little	Doubts	
Abiding	Unwavering	Evident	Believes	

What kind of belief do you have?

	Commitment	Transformation	Trust	Longevity
Superficial	Surface level	Little	Doubts	Temporary
Abiding	Unwavering	Evident	Believes	Steadfast

I. True Discipleship

- a. Abiding in the Word
- b. How to Abide



How to Abide:

1. Preach the Gospel to Yourself



¹ Now I would **remind you**, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are **being saved**, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:1-2 ESV



How to Abide:

1. Preach the Gospel to Yourself
2. Spend time with Jesus



⁴ **Abide in me**, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

John 15:4 ESV



How to Abide:

1. Preach the Gospel to Yourself
2. Spend time with Jesus
3. Know God's Word



¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, **rightly handling the word of truth.**

2 Timothy 2:15 ESV



How to Abide:

1. Preach the Gospel to Yourself
2. Spend time with Jesus
3. Know God's Word
4. Obey God's Word



²³ Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he **will keep my word**, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

John 14:23 ESV



¹⁰ "If you **keep my commandments**, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love."

John 15:10 ESV



The Great I AM

I. True Discipleship

II. True Freedom



II. True Freedom

a. Sin Enslaves



³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a **slave to sin.**”

John 8:34 ESV



³ For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, **slaves to various passions** and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

Titus 3:3 ESV



**Blood lineage does not guarantee
spiritual lineage.**



No Guarantee

1. Cultural Christianity

No Guarantee

1. Cultural Christianity
2. Moralism



No Guarantee

1. Cultural Christianity
2. Moralism
3. Religious Rituals



No Guarantee

1. Cultural Christianity
2. Moralism
3. Religious Rituals
4. Intellectual Beliefs



II. True Freedom

- a. Sin Enslaves
- b. Jesus Liberates



³⁶ So if **the Son sets you free**, you will be free indeed.

John 8:36 ESV



Jesus' Freedom

1. A gift, not earned

Jesus' Freedom

1. A gift, not earned
2. Eternal, not temporary



Jesus' Freedom

1. A gift, not earned
2. Eternal, not temporary
3. Transformative, not superficial



Jesus' Freedom

1. A gift, not earned
2. Eternal, not temporary
3. Transformative, not superficial
4. Hope-filled, not despairing



The Great I AM

I. True Discipleship

II. True Freedom

III. True Identity



⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **I am.**” ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

John 8:58–59 ESV



III. True Identity

a. Jesus, the Great I AM



¹³ Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

Exodus 3:13-14 ESV



III. True Identity

- a. Jesus, the Great I AM
- b. Responding to Jesus



³² So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 10:32–33 ESV



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