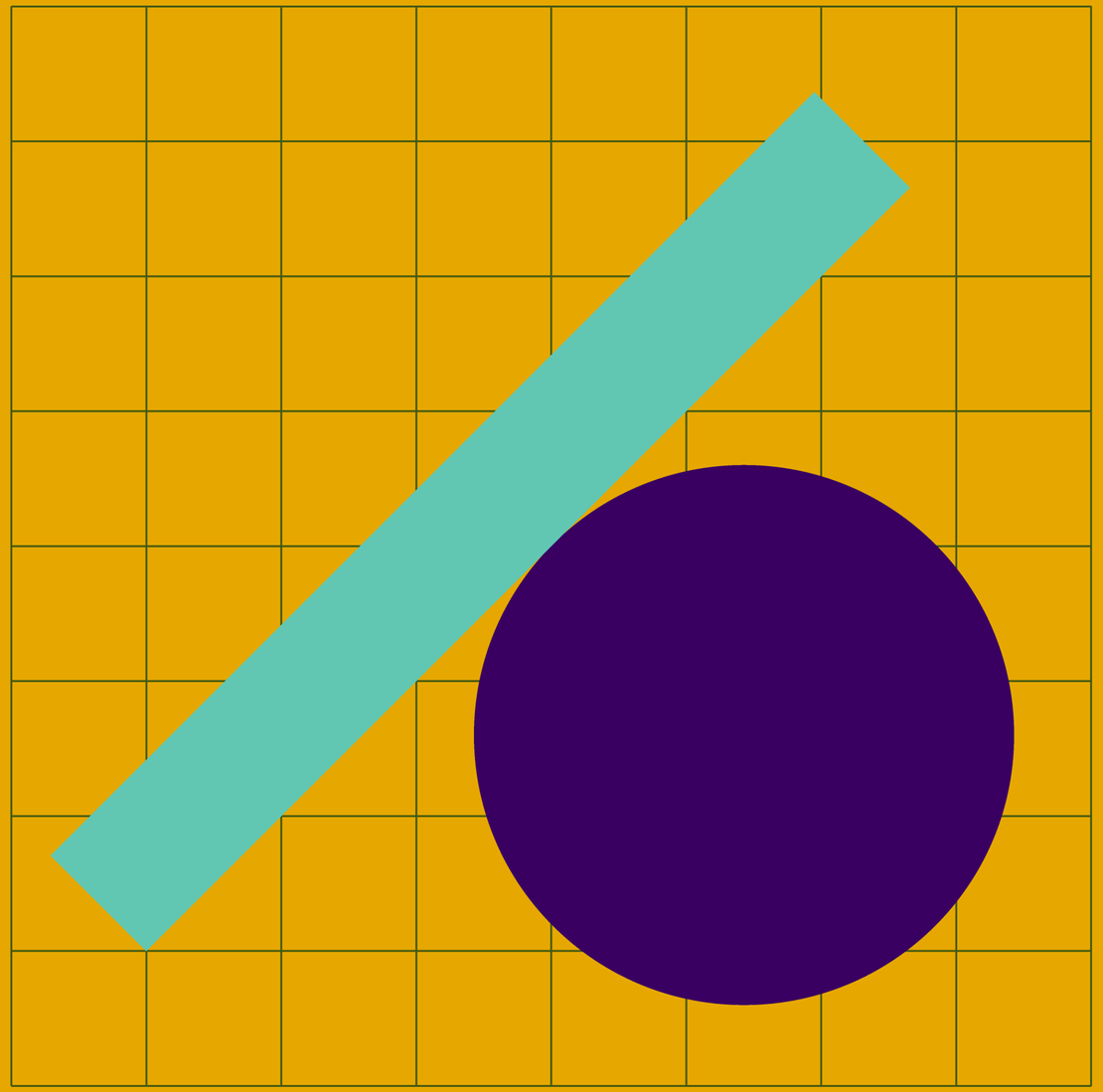
Sermon Series

Basic: The Apostles' Creed



“Christianity is a confession, not an explanation. We will confess what we can, but we will always confess more than we can explain.”

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Brian Zahnd

1. Jesus is Judge (and I’m not, you’re not, they’re not, the church is not)

2. Only Jesus holds justice and love together in perfect symmetry (*full* of grace and truth)

3. God’s Judgement looks like Jesus (the cross is once again our definition)

1 Corinthians 4:3-5

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Genesis 3:1-6

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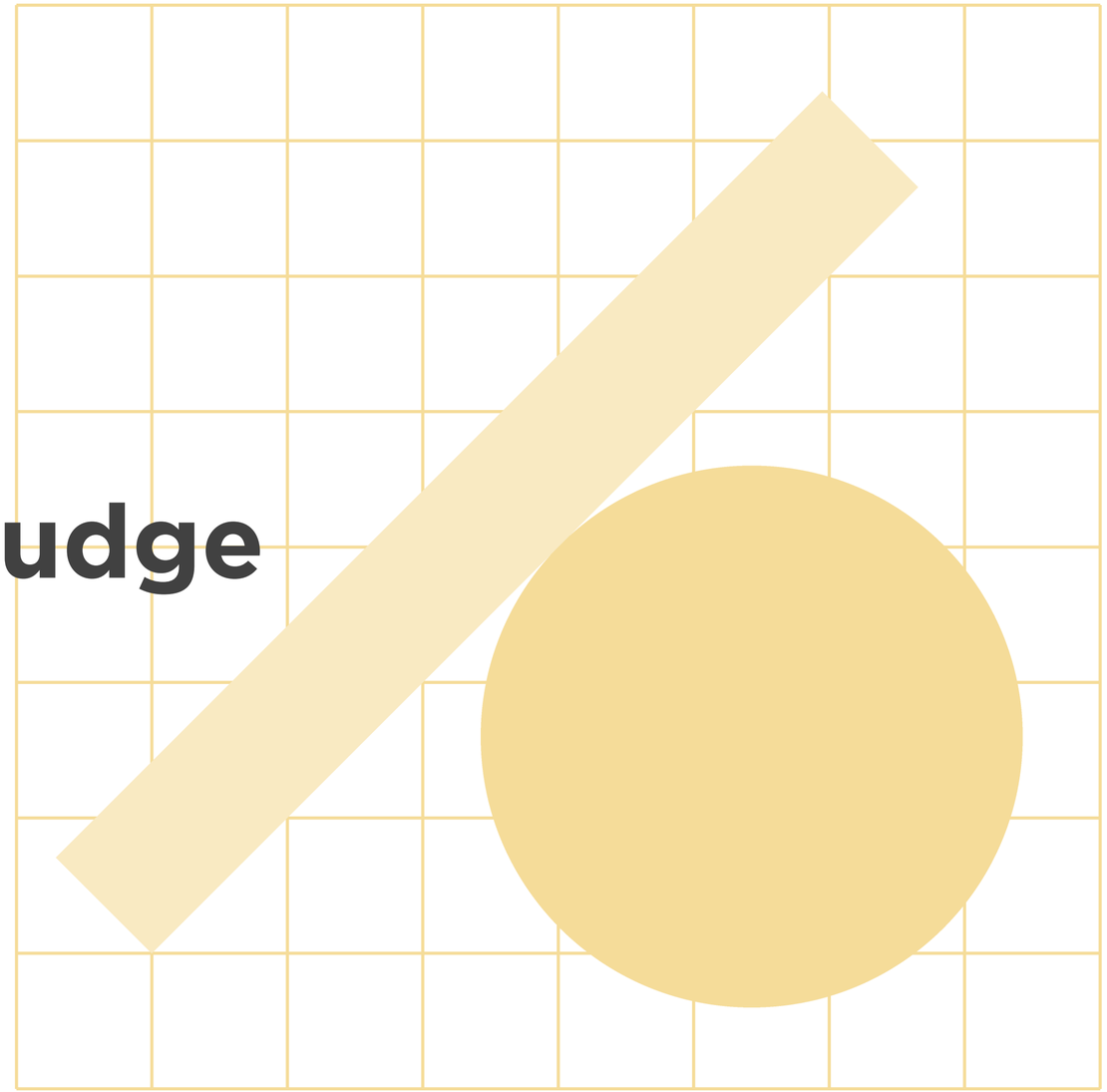
do not judge



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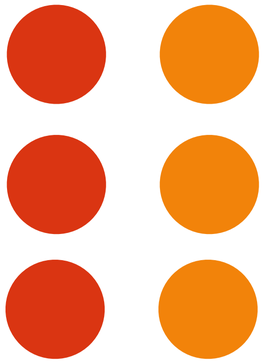

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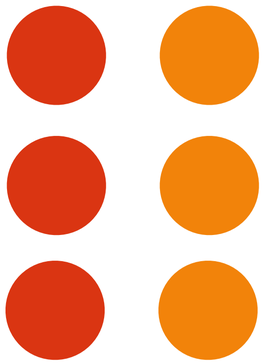

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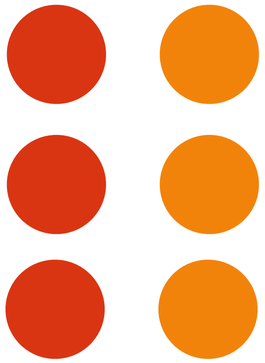

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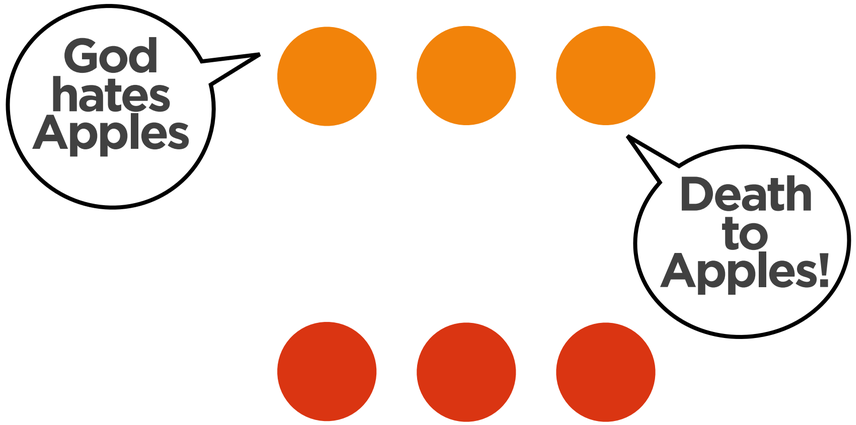

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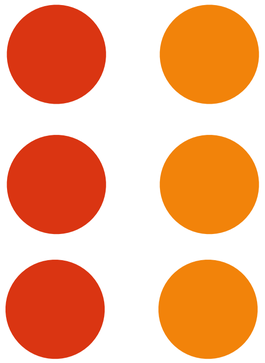

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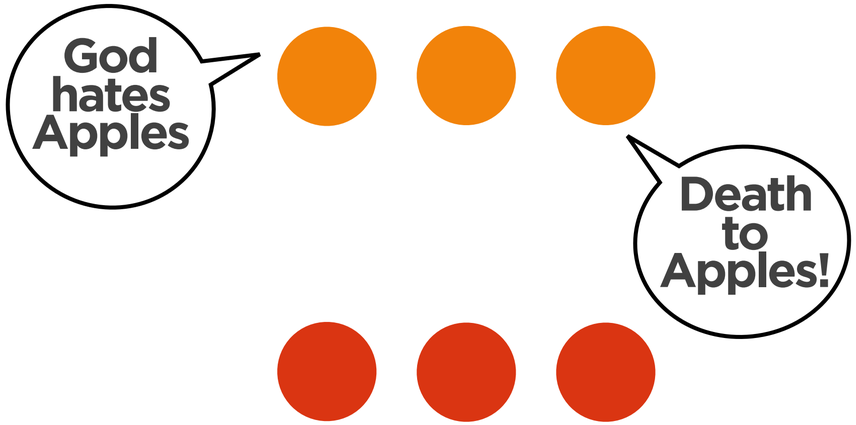

Apples are
Less than Oranges!

deciding
discerning
perceiving
distinguishing
noticing

condemning
criticizing
shaming
ignoring
controlling

This is not about deciding and discerning,
but rather controlling and condemning

It’s about raising yourself by lowering another

It’s about assuming divine responsibility for evaluating the worth and value of another

“Brothers and Sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you – who are you do judge your neighbour?”

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James 4:11-12

Romans 14:1-15:7

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—Accept (14:1)

—Stop passing judgment on one another (instead no stumbling blocks!) (14:13)

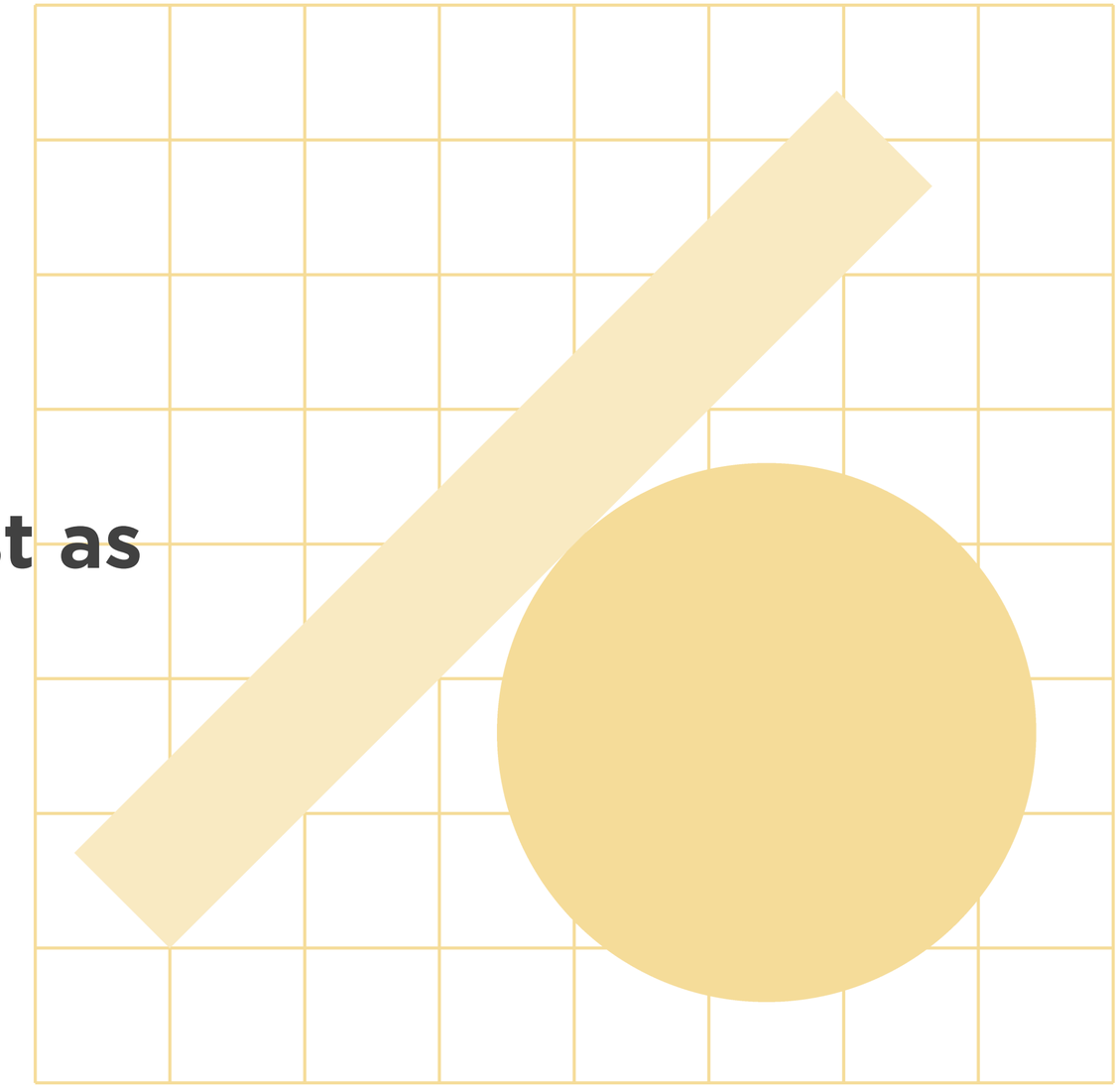
—Do not destroy someone for whom Christ died (14:15)

—Make every effort for peace and mutual edification (14:19)

—Do not destroy the work of God (14:20)

—Bear with the failings of the weak (knowing that others are bearing with the failings of your weakness) (15:1)

—Seek to please your neighbours for their good (15:2)

—Accept one another just as Christ accepted you (15:7)

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