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Kingdom Design



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‘Kingdom Design’ for community...



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‘Kingdom Design’ for community...
in the nuclear family.

Kingdom design for marriage and family...

“The family is the first essential cell
of human society.”

– Pope John XXIII

“The good Pope”

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“What can you do to promote world peace?
Go home and love your family.”

— Mother Teresa

Kingdom design for marriage and family...

"My mother used to tell me that when push comes to shove, you always know who to turn to, and that is being a family which isn't a social construct but an instinct."

— Jodi Picoult
American author

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"The world, I discovered,
doesn't love you like your family loves you."

— Louis Zamperini
'Unbroken'

Kingdom design for marriage and family...

“The homemaker has the ultimate career.
All other careers exist for one purpose only -
and that is to support the ultimate career.”

— C.S. Lewis

*British professor of
Ancient Literature and
Christian Apologist*

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“There is no doubt that it is around the family and the home that all the greatest virtues are created, strengthened, and maintained.”

–Winston Churchill
British Prime Minister

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“Home is where you are loved the most
and act the worst.”

— Marjorie Pay Hinckley
American author

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“All happy families are alike;
each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.”

– Leo Tolstoy
*Russian author
and activist*

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“We all come from dysfunctional families,
and these days I guess that’s pretty normal.”

- **Carnie Wilson**

*TV personality and
daughter of Brian Wilson,
co-founder of the Beach Boys*

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“Family is supposed to be our safe haven.
Very often, it’s the place where we find the
deepest heartache.”

– Iyanla Vanzant

American TV personality and activist

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“Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city.”

- George Burns
Comedian and actor

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“What counts in making a happy marriage is not so much how compatible you are but how you deal with incompatibility.”

–Leo Tolstoy

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“We simply can't abandon ship every time we encounter a storm in our marriage. Real love is about weathering the storms of life together.”

-Seth Adam Smith
American blogger



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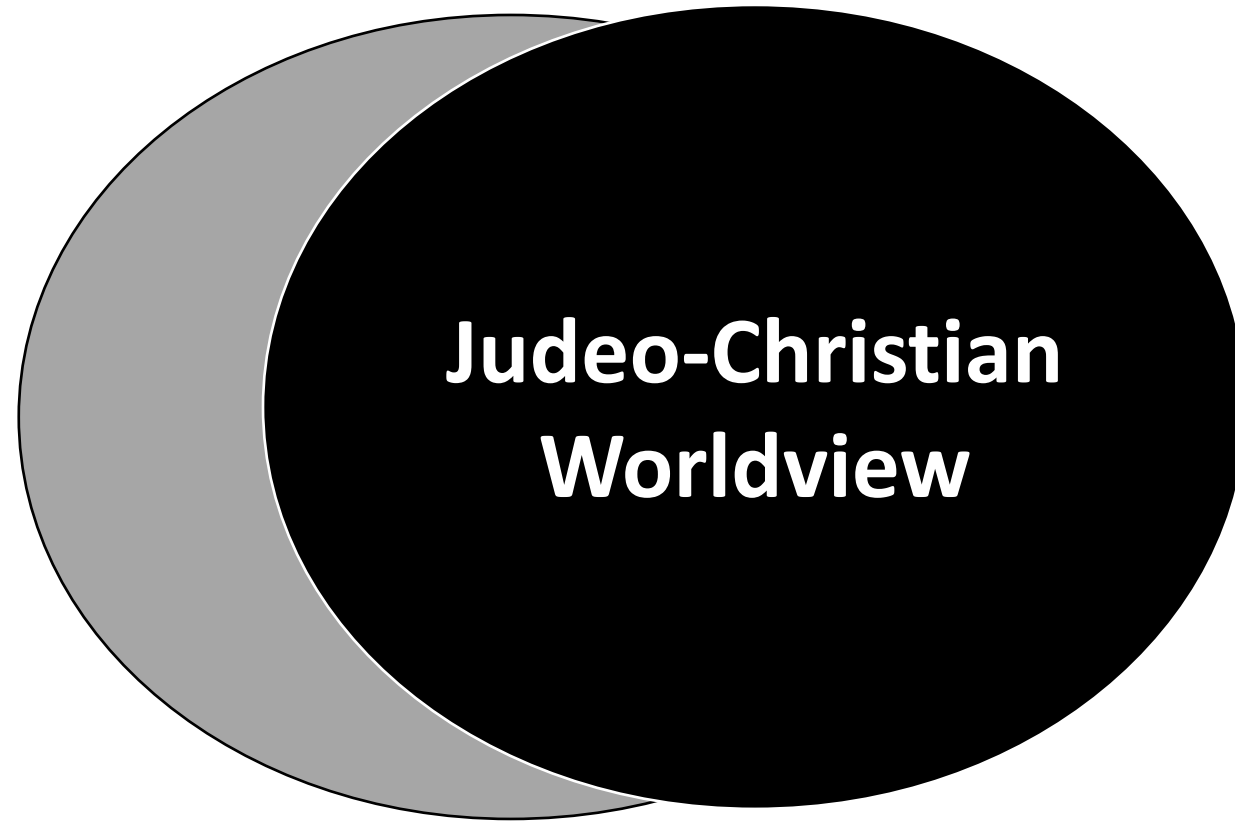


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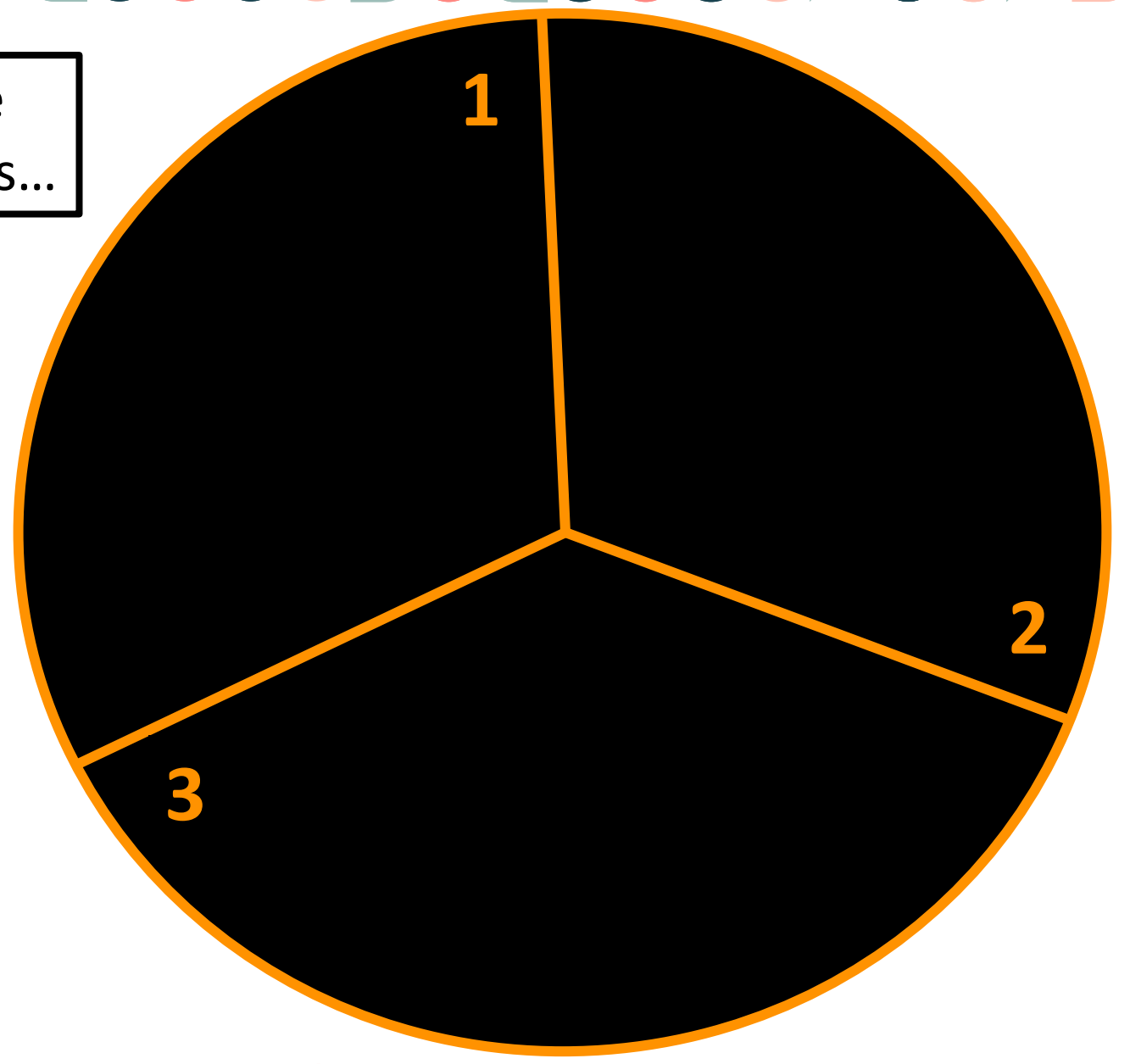


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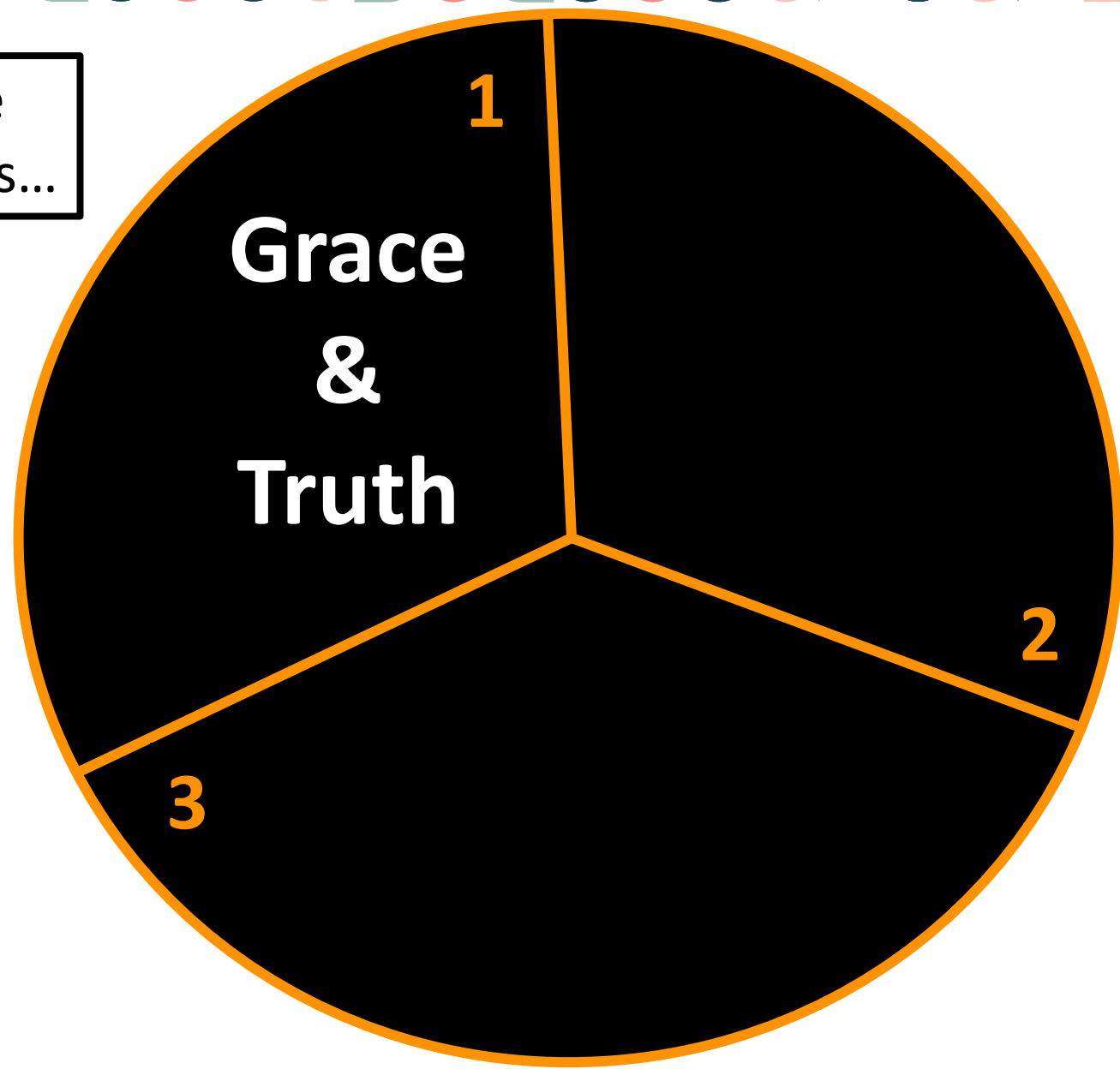
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John 1:1-18

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

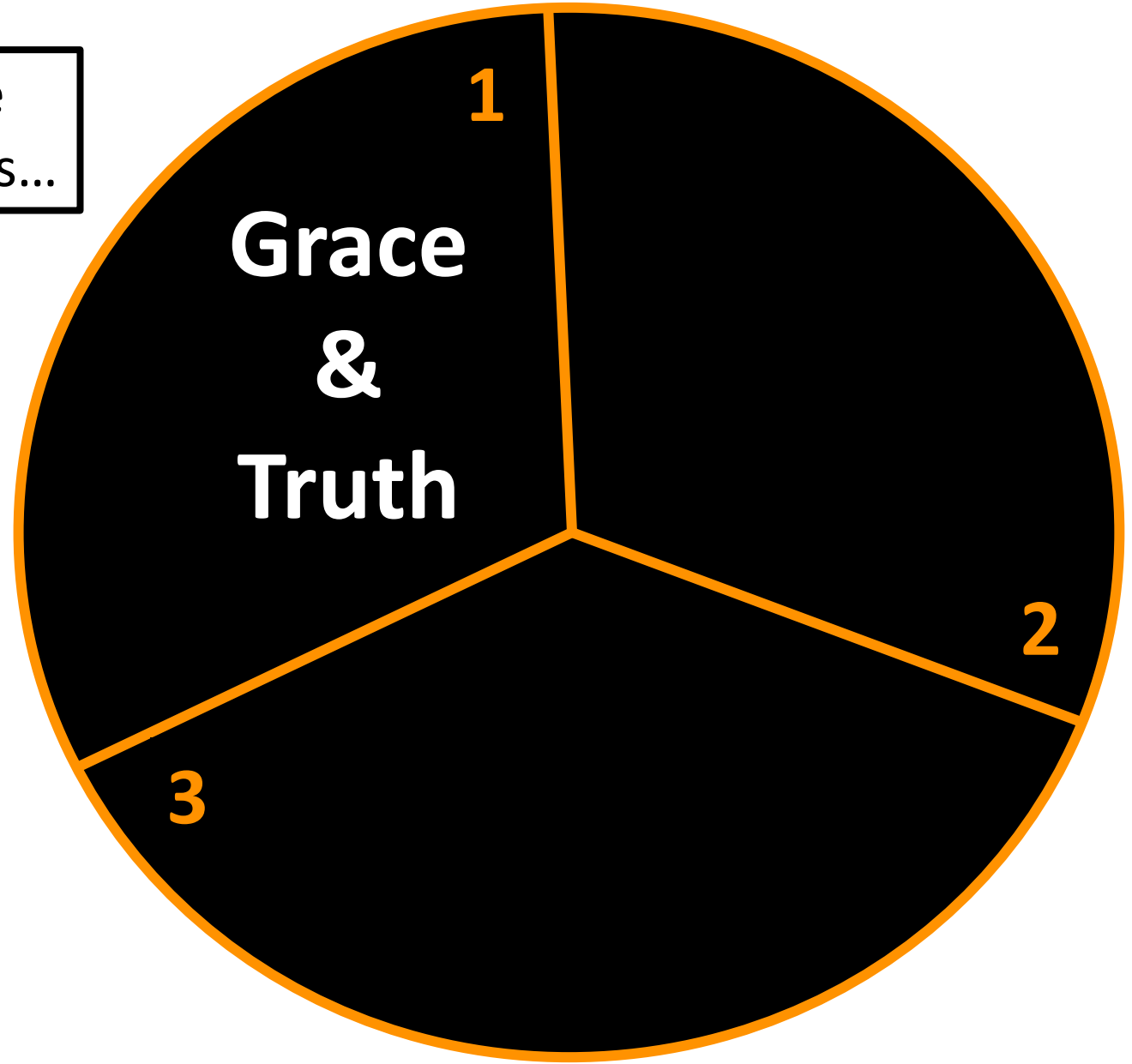
² He was in the beginning with God.

³ All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 -8 John the Baptist is a forerunner and witness to the light.



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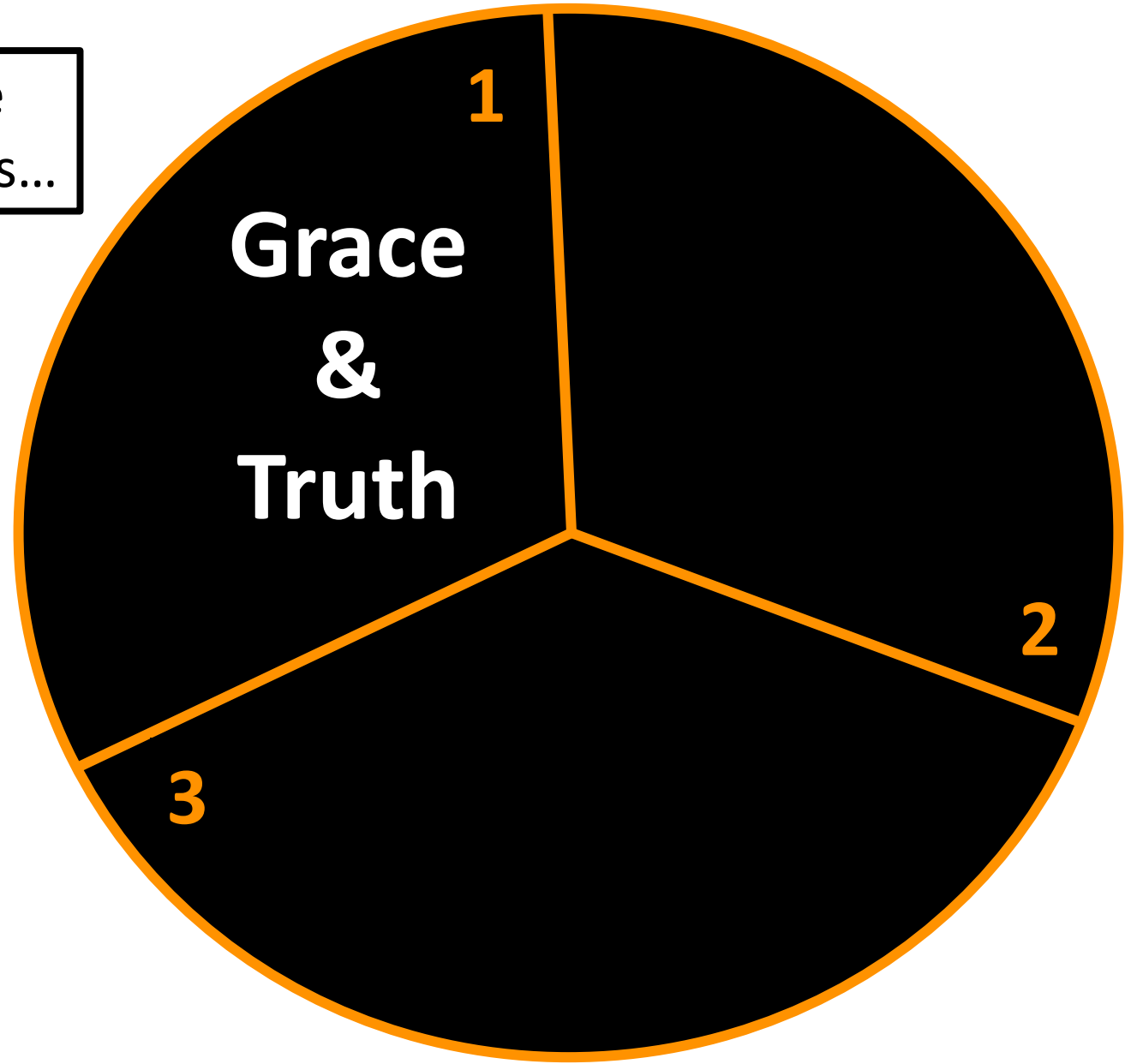
⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him.

¹¹ He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.

¹² But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God,

¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.



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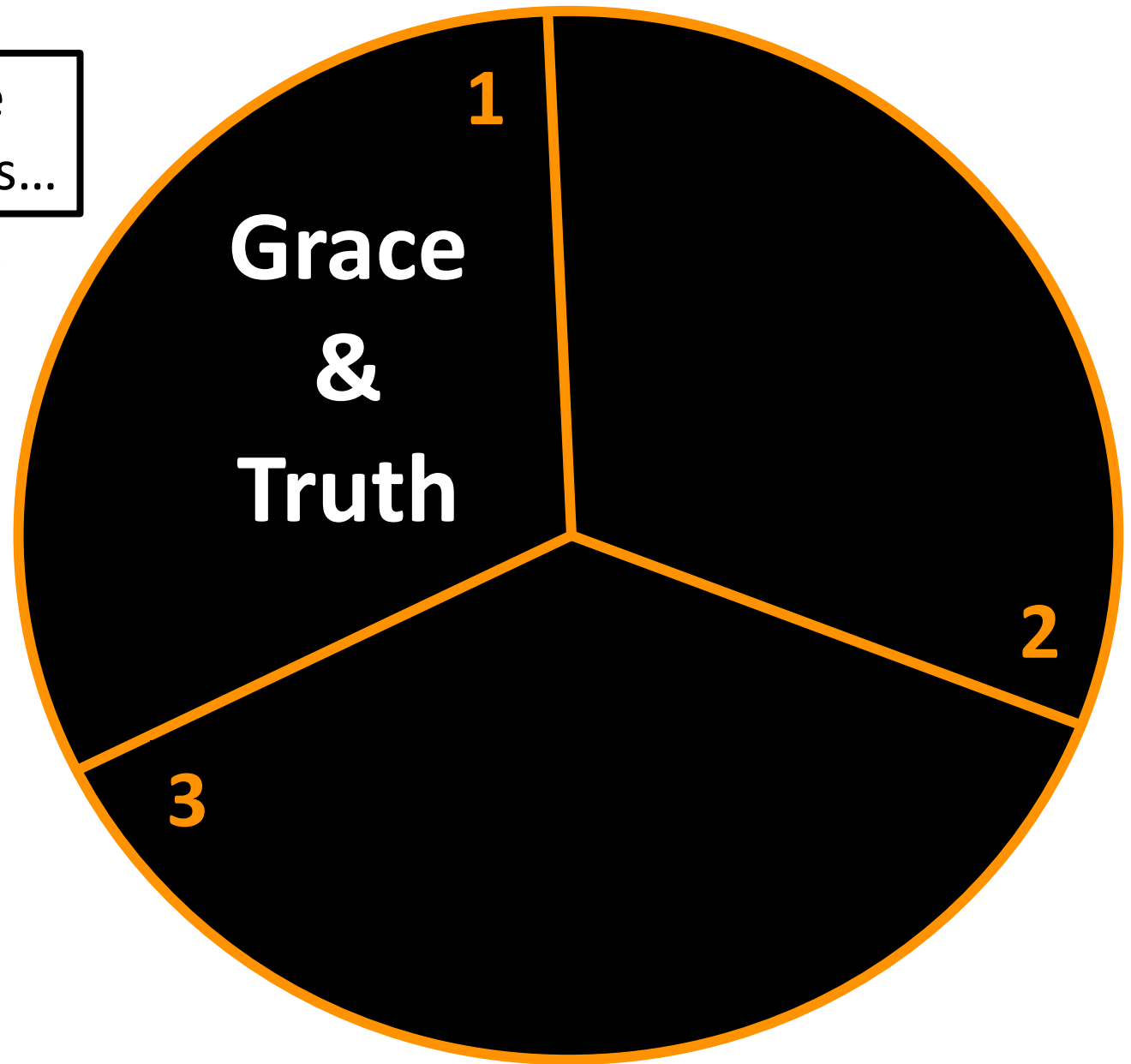
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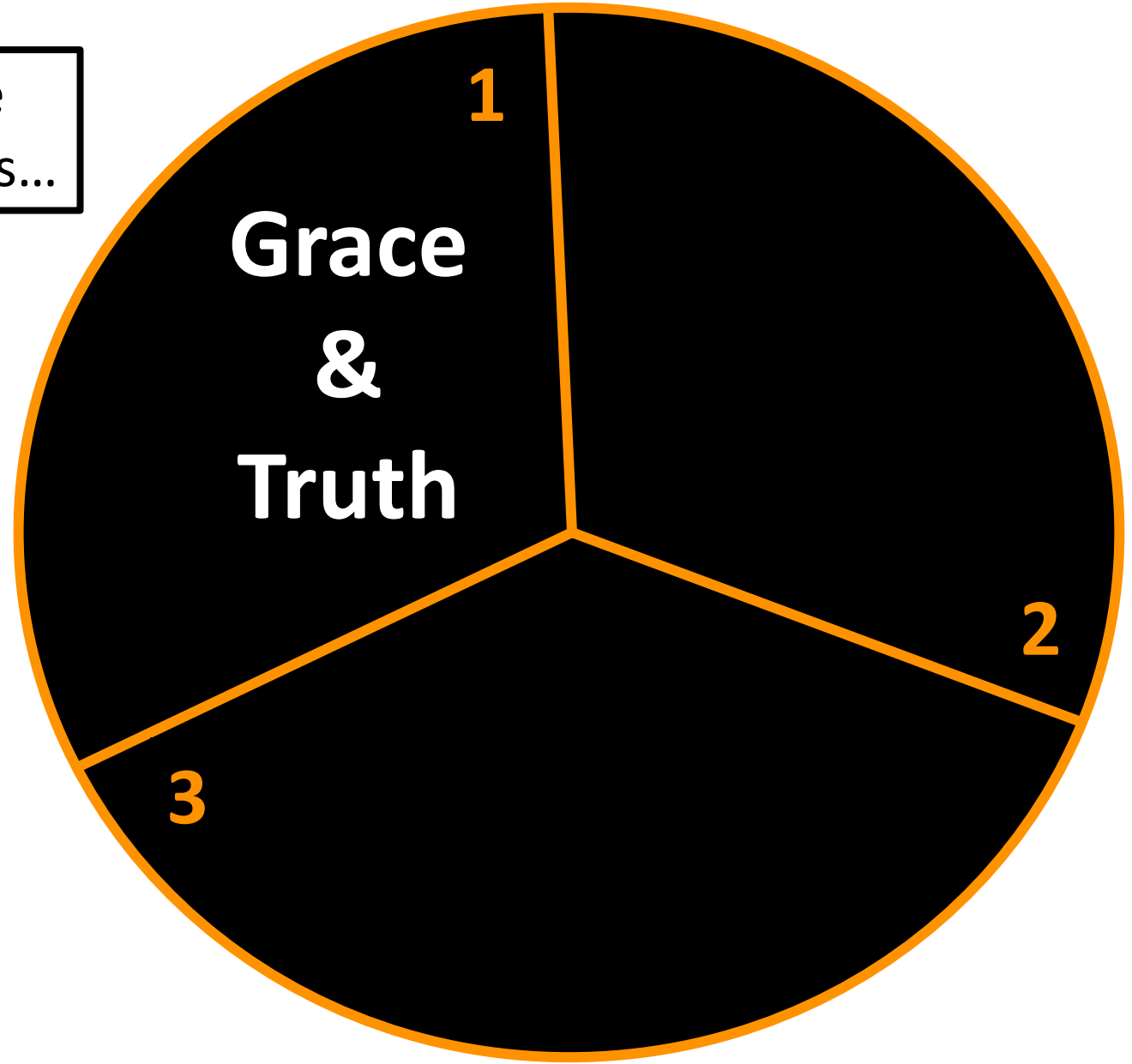
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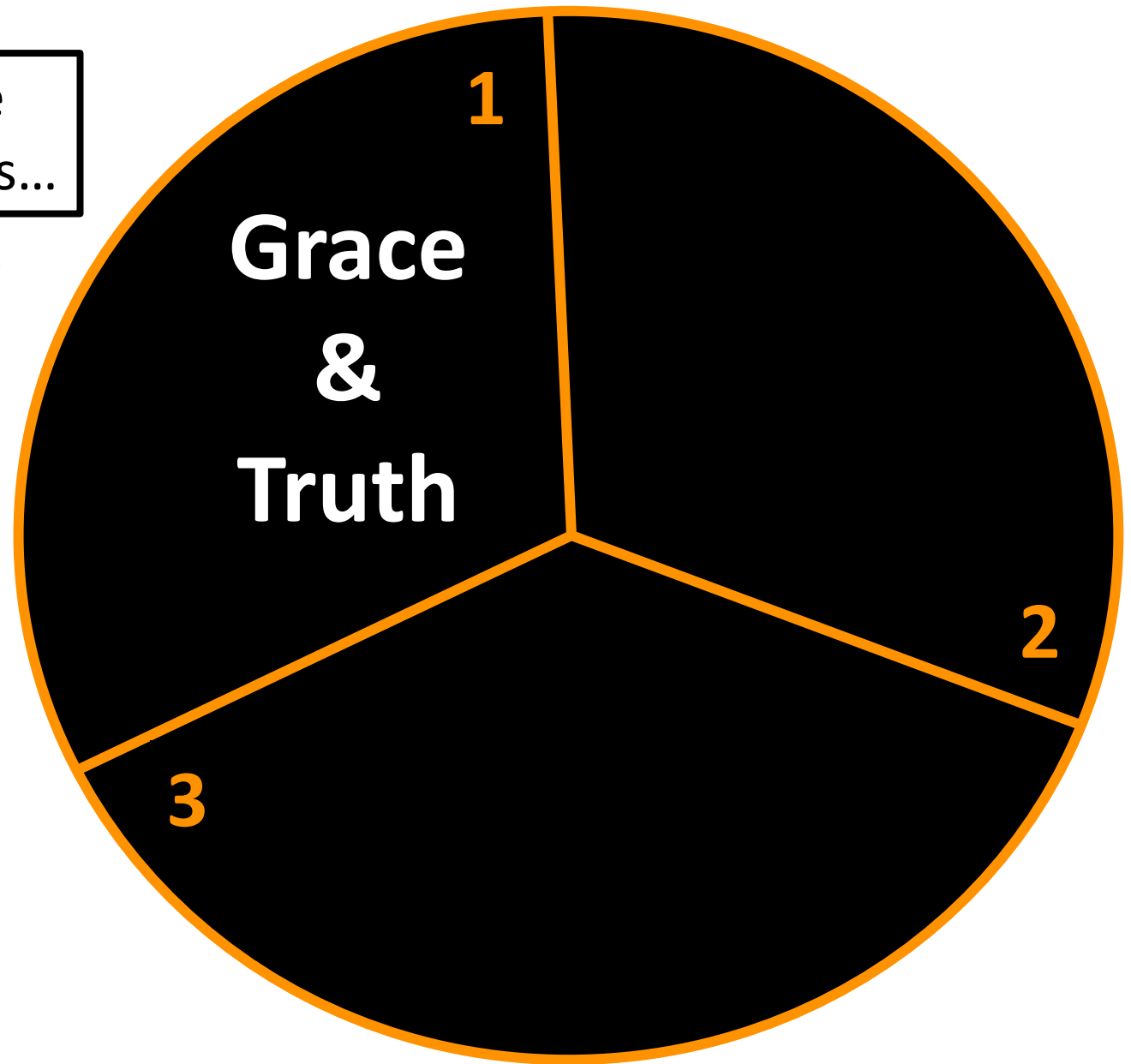
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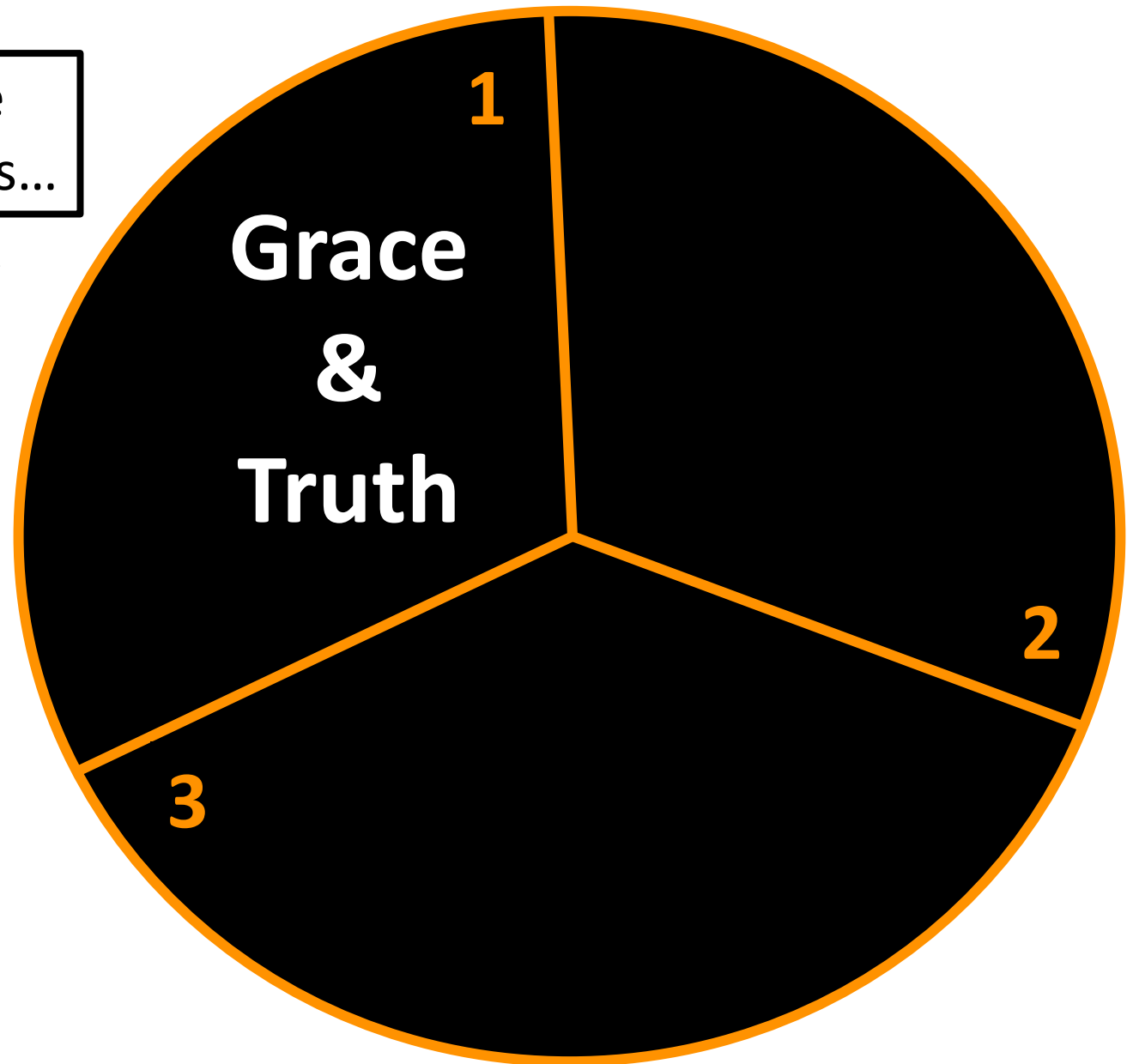
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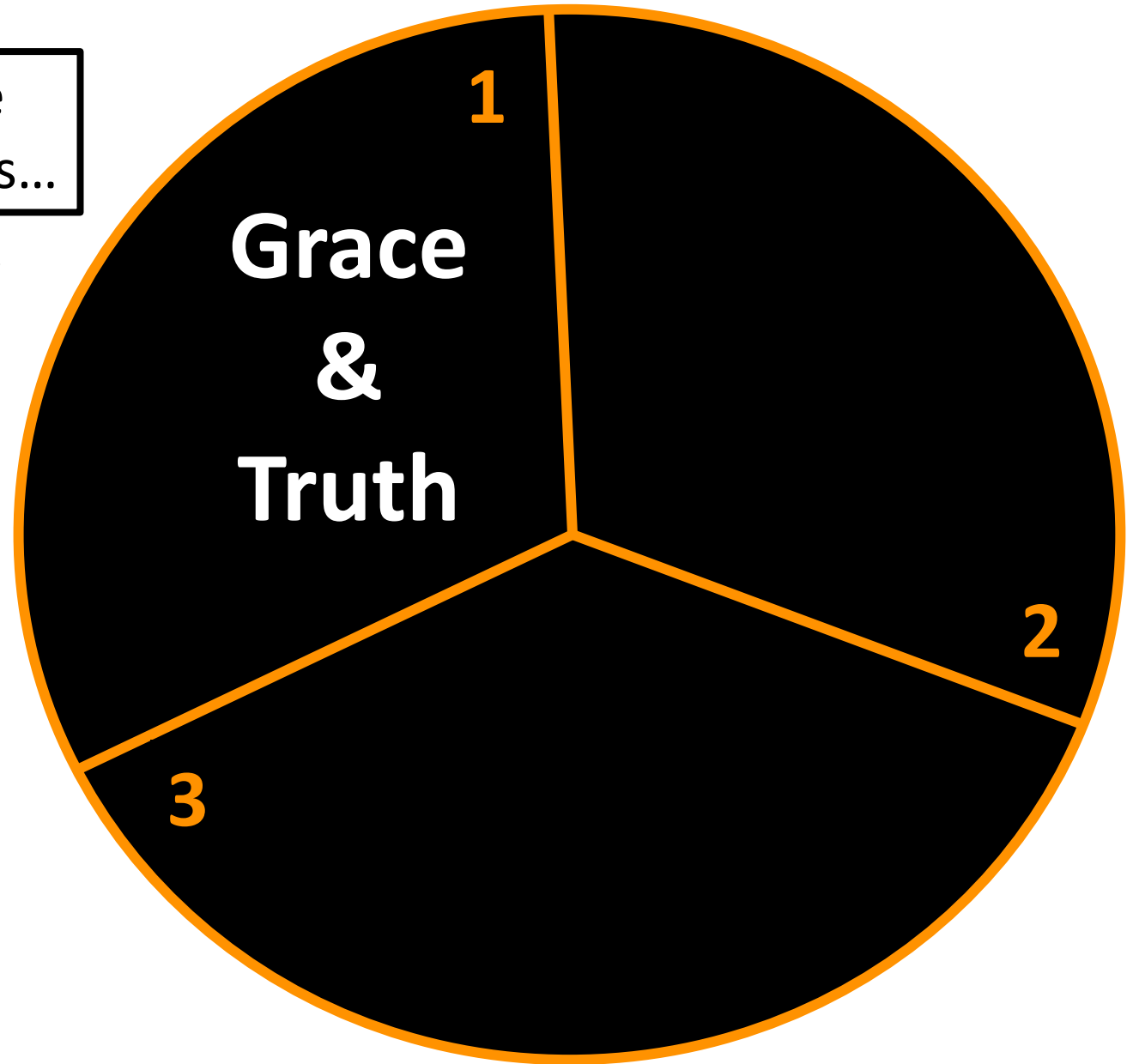
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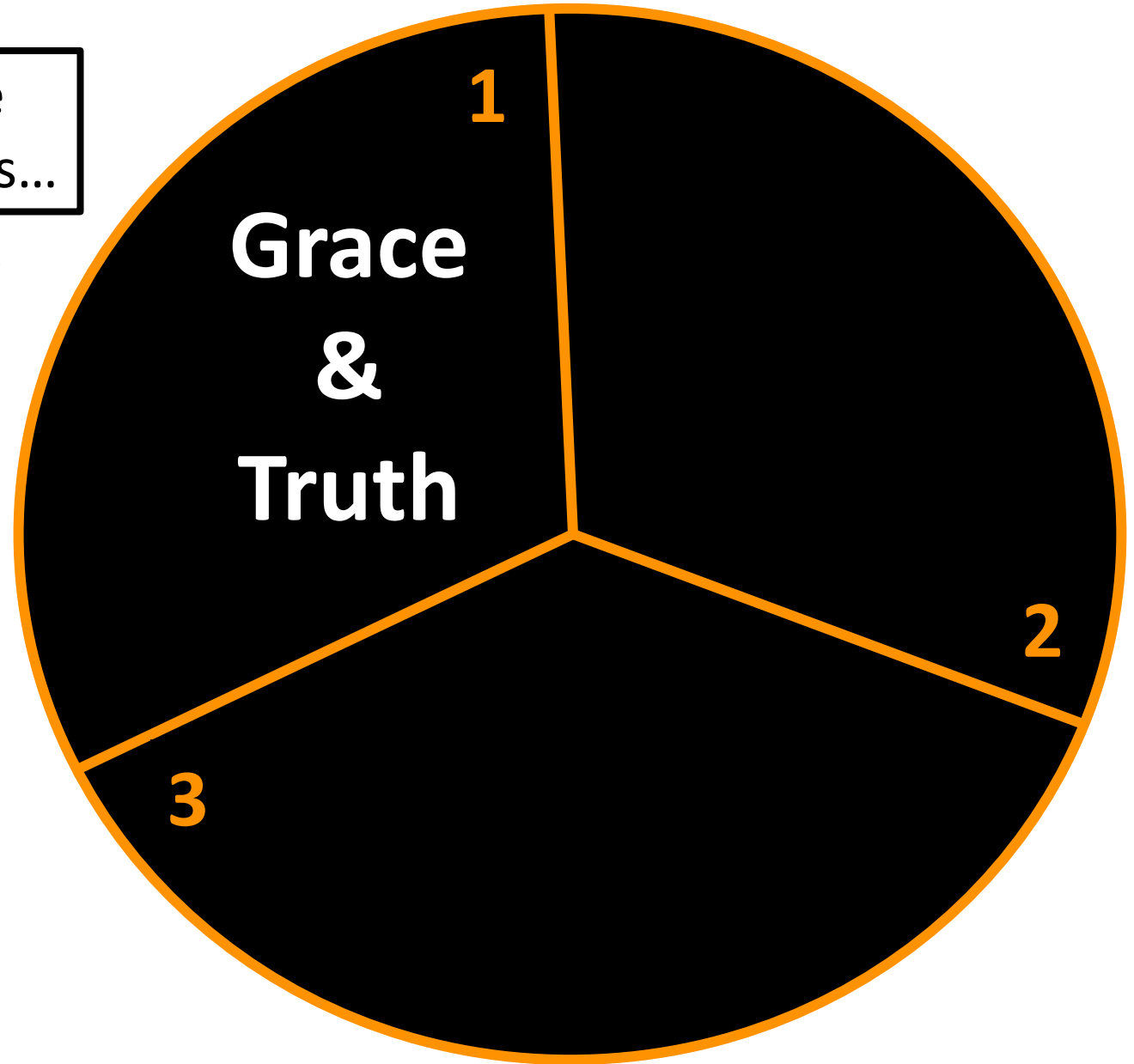
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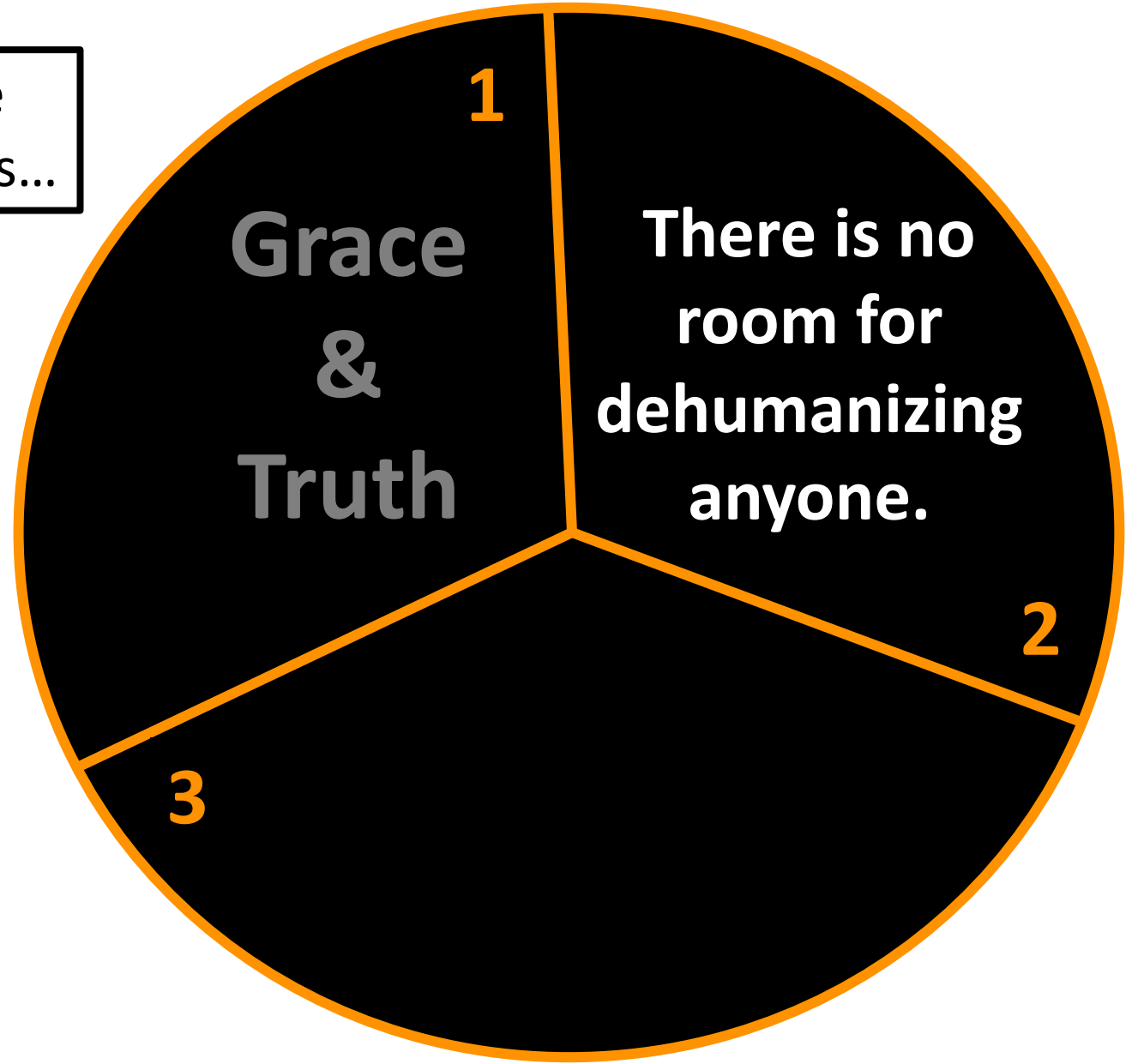
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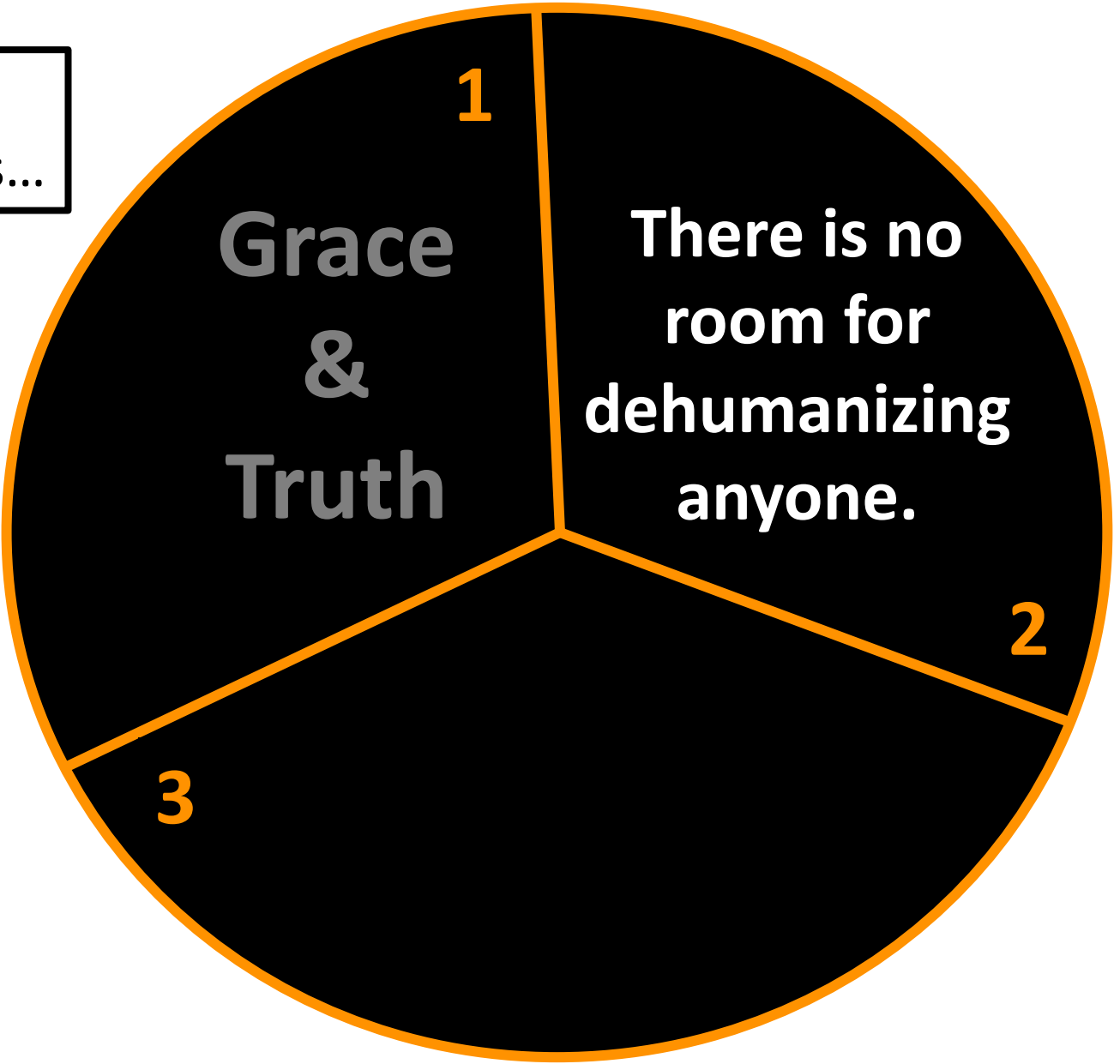


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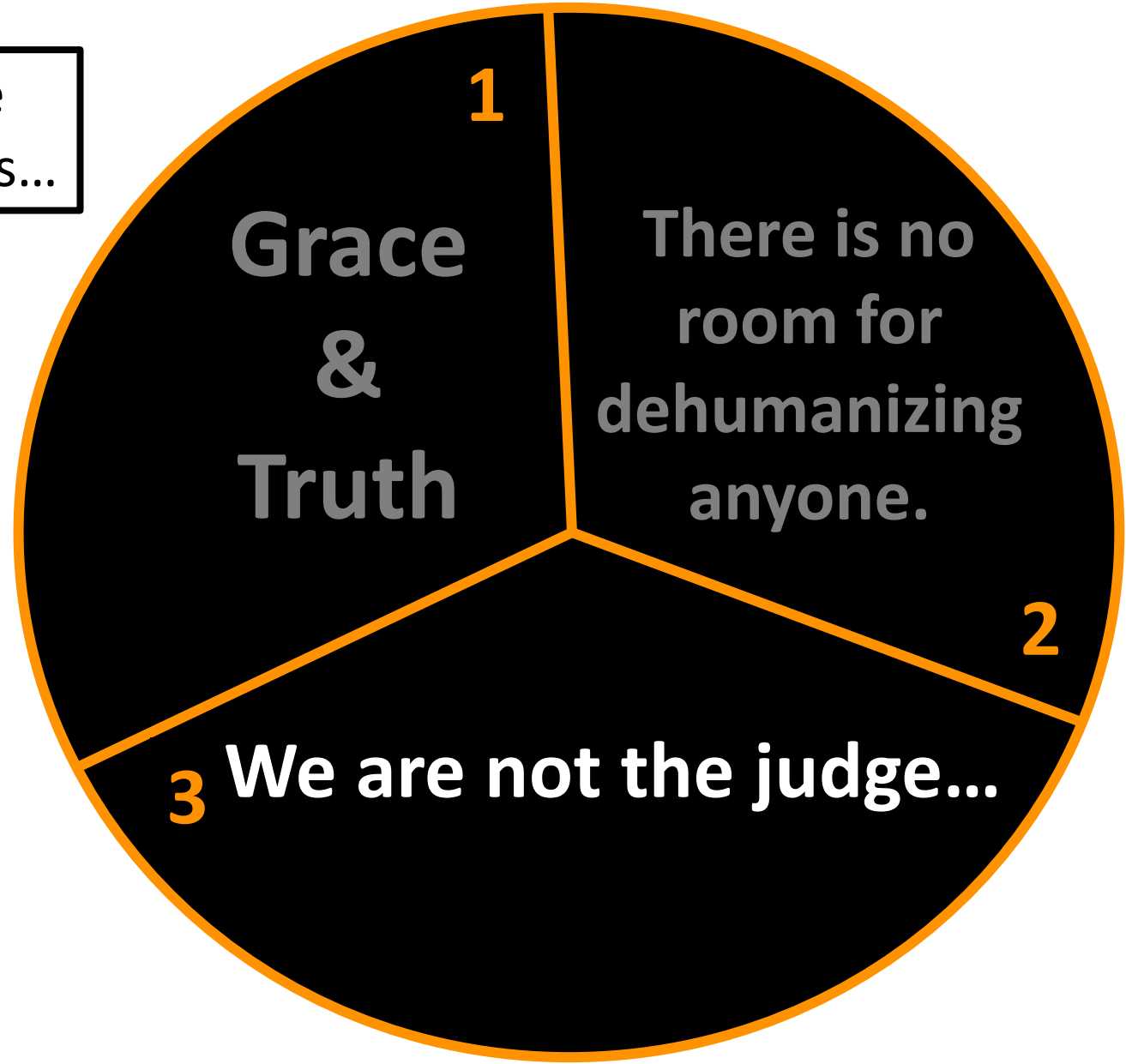
Matthew 5:21-22

²¹ “You have heard that it was said to those of old,
‘You shall not murder;
and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’

²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.



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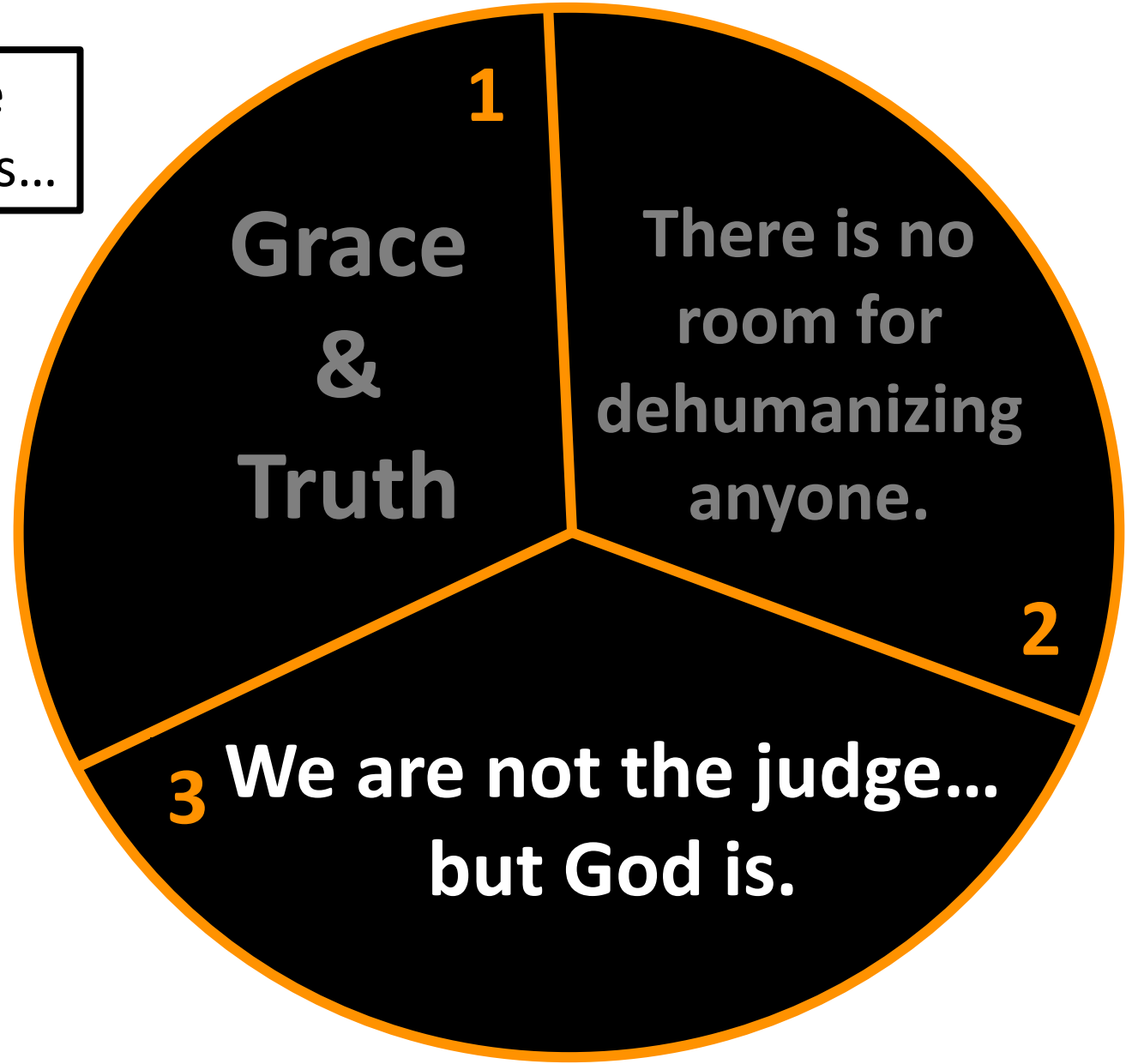


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3 We are not the judge...

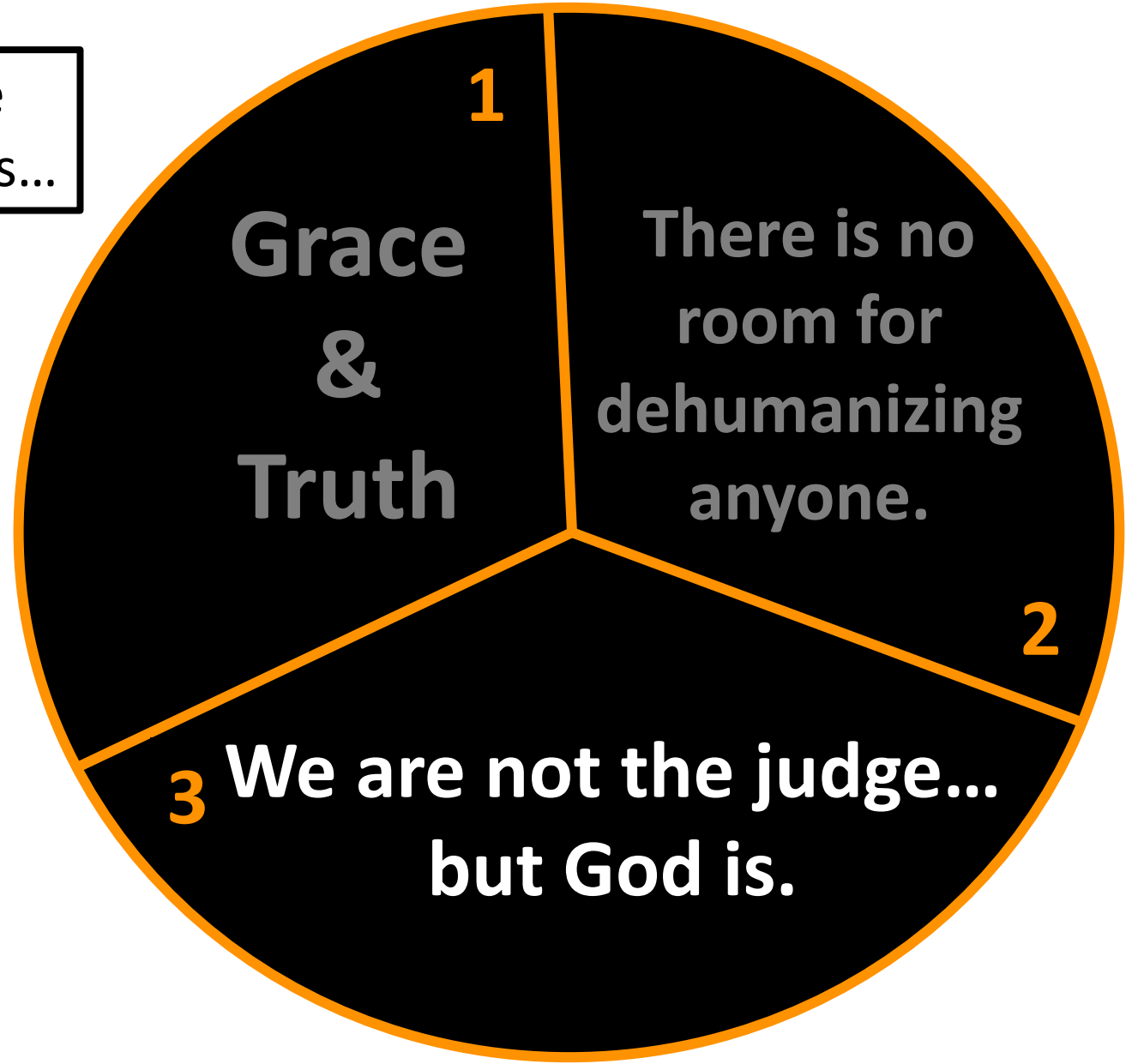
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Romans 14:10-12

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother?
Or you, why do you despise your brother?
For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God;
¹¹ for it is written,
“As I live, says the Lord,
every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”
¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.



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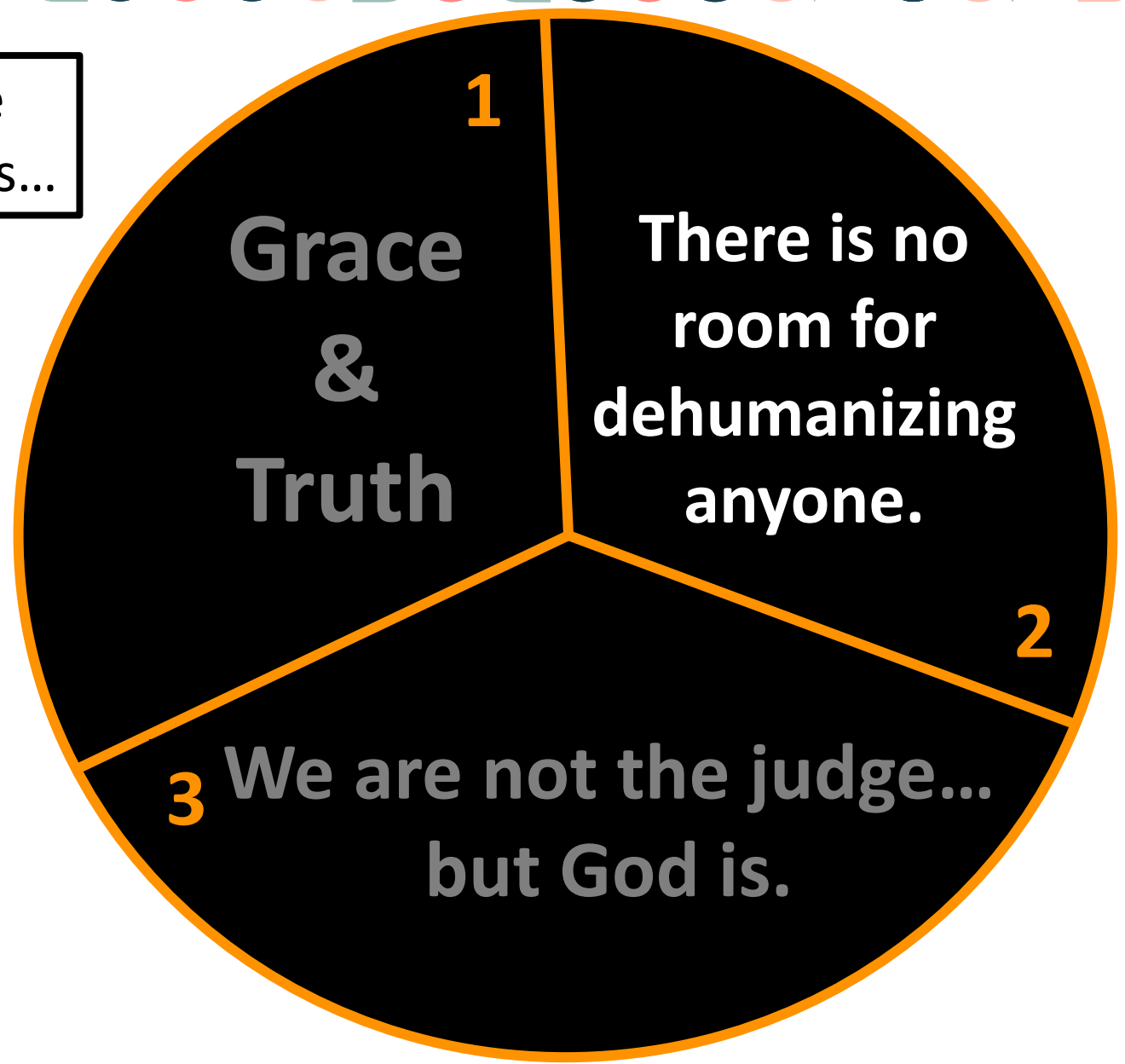
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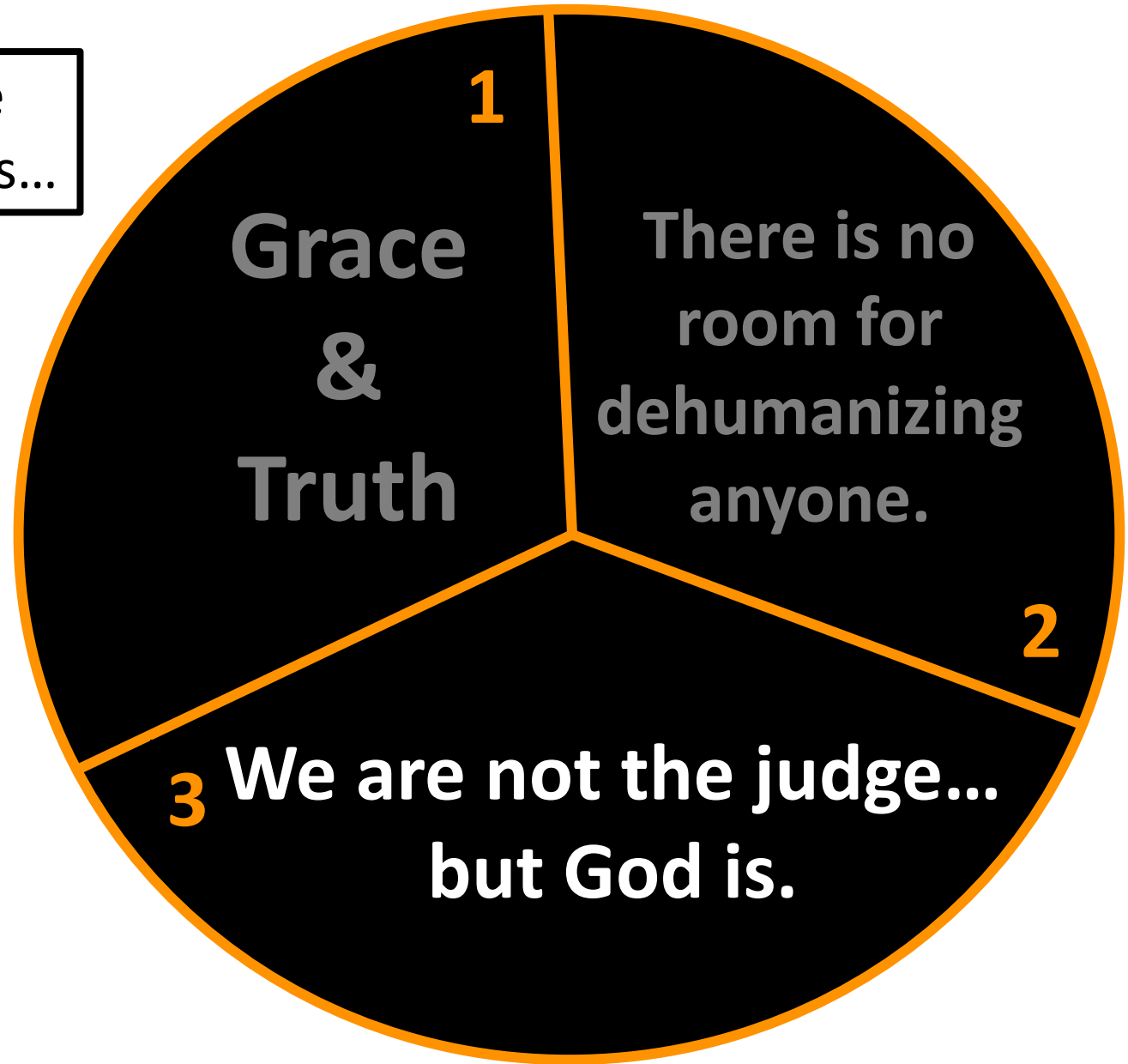
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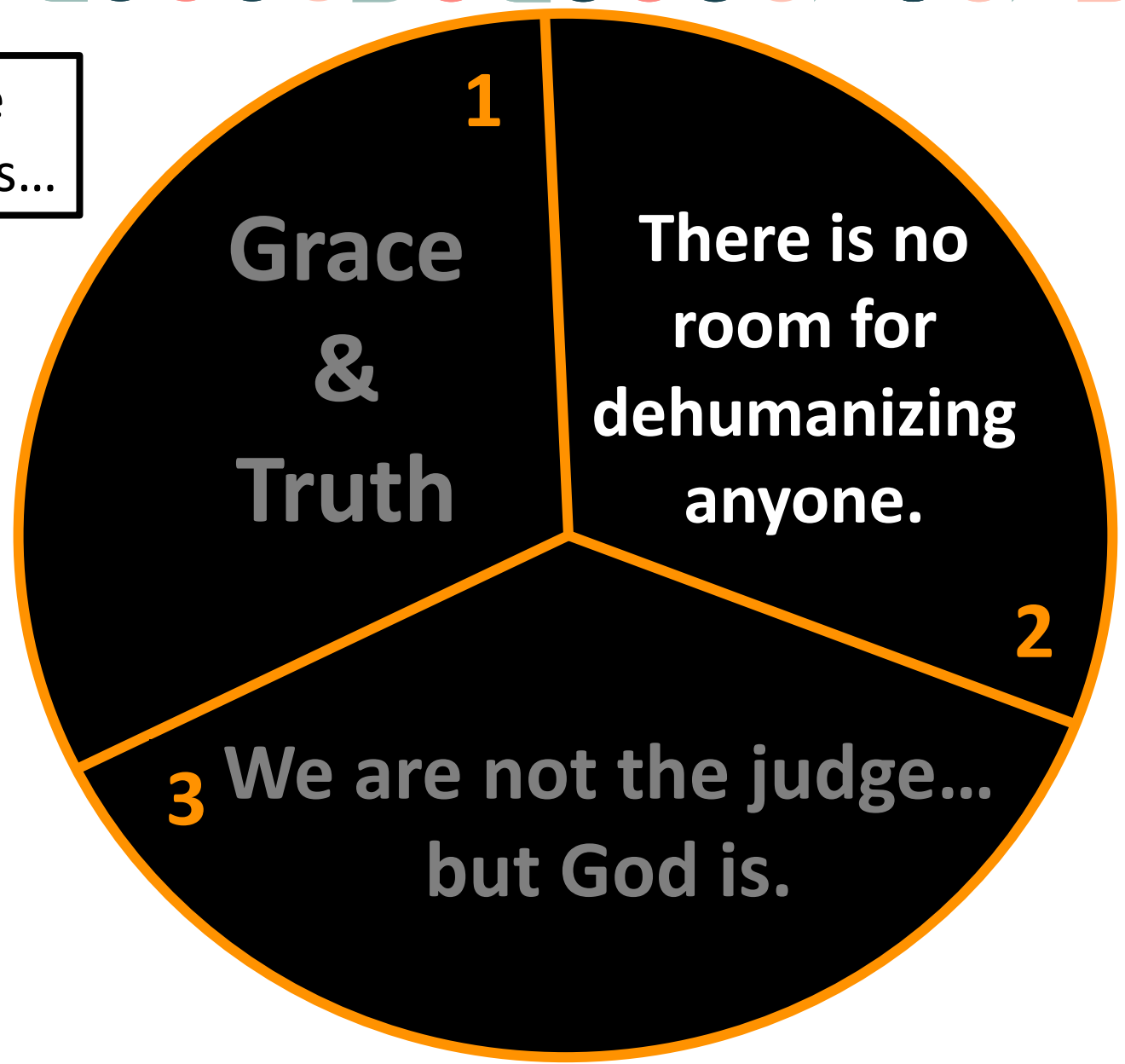
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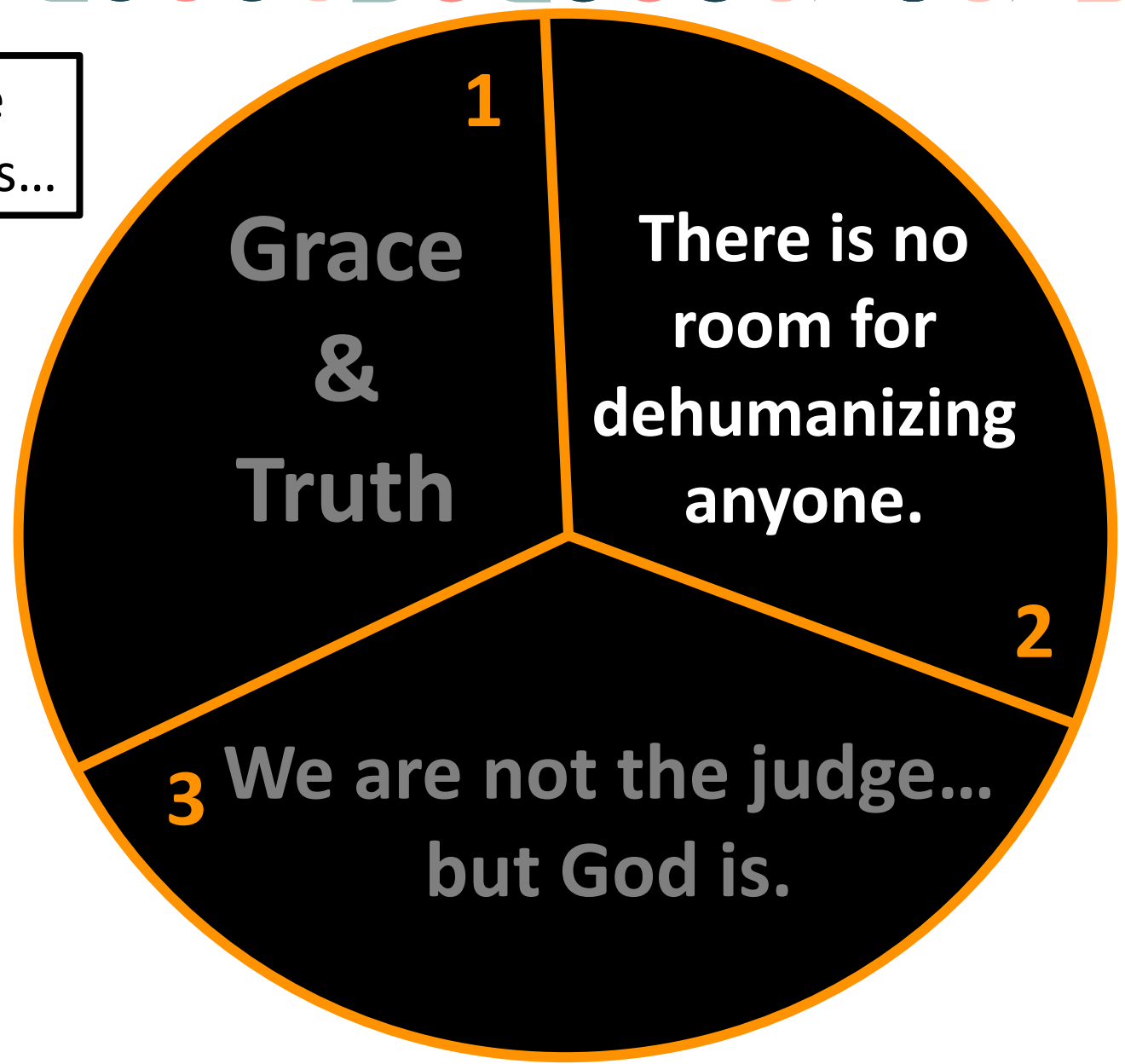
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