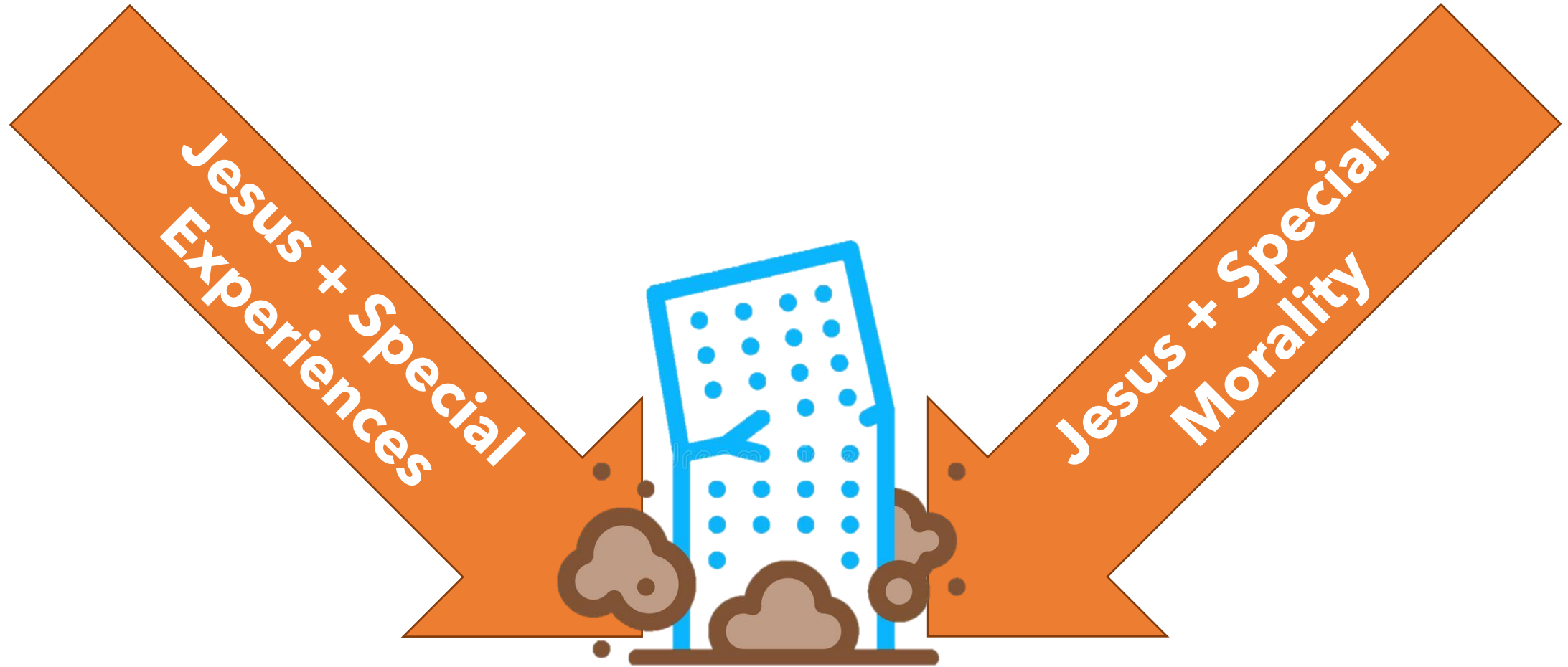




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# THE COLOSSIAN HERESY







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COLOSSIANS 1:3-8



# Outline:

*Be thankful for...*

- The God of the Gospel (3)
  - The Gifts of the Gospel (4-5a)
  - The Growth of the Gospel (5b-6)
  - The Givers of the Gospel (7-8)
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- Mark 16:15; John 8:12; Romans 1:16; Acts 15:7; Rev. 5:9; Acts 17:6.

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A landscape photograph of a mountain range at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with soft, warm light, and the mountains are silhouetted against the bright sky. In the foreground, a calm body of water reflects the sky and mountains. The text is overlaid on the image.

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