

My commands on the heart result is Life, Peace, Prosperity

Love and faithfulness worn as a necklace, and written on your heart results in favor and a good name

Trust the Lord, not yourself, submitting to him results in straight paths

Not wise in your own eyes

Reverence for the Lord results in shunning evil and spiritual health

Honor the Lord with your wealth results in providence

Don't despise the Lord's discipline - It results in your good

Blessings of Wisdom: Providence is her reward

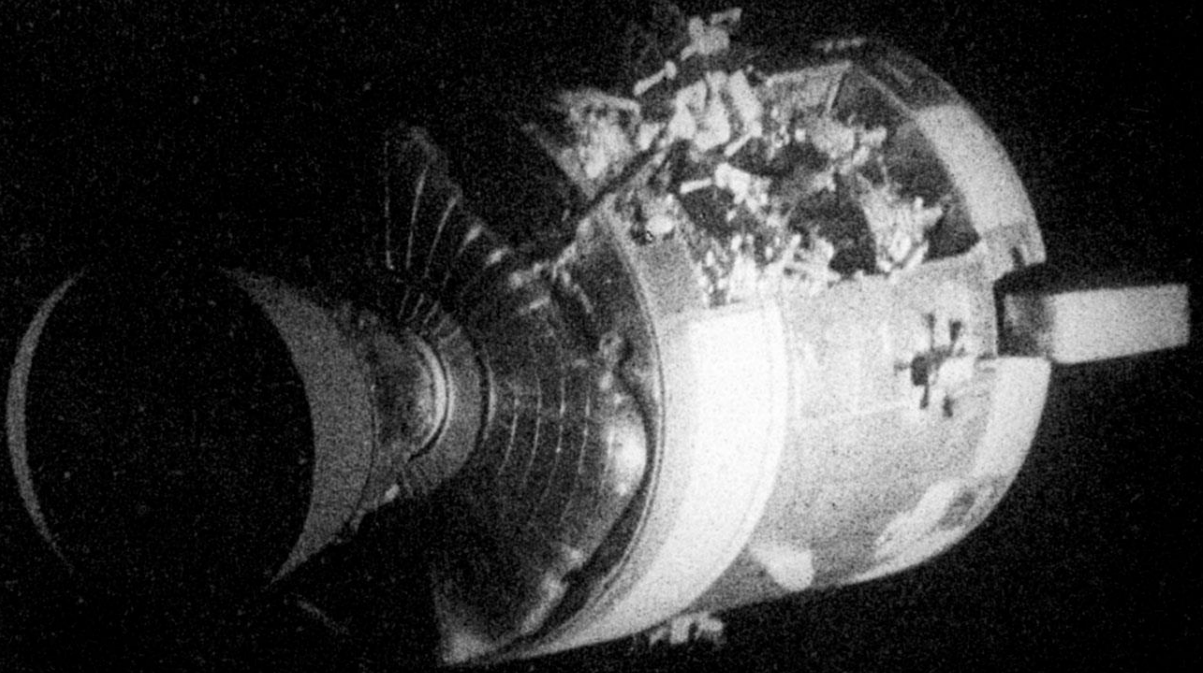
Wisdom is like an ornament around your neck: it will keep you from the snare



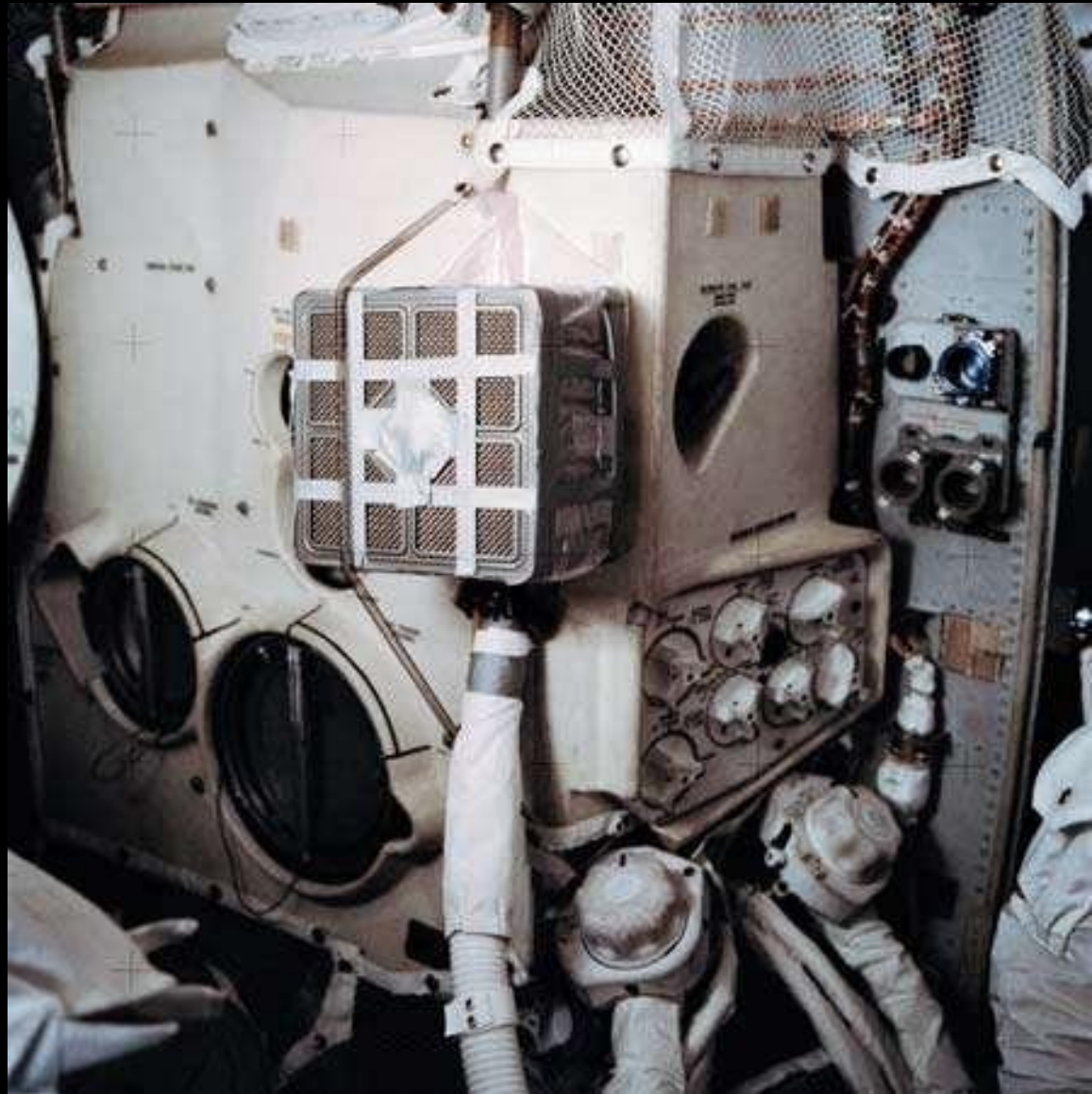
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# Meaningful Symbols

Rainbow

Sacrifices

Circumcision

Blood on a Door Post

Dirty Jordan Water

Nehushtan

Mercy Seat

Temple

Baptism

Communion

The acts of commitment the church practices are called ordinances.

The Holy Spirit uses these rites to facilitate our participation in the reality the acts symbolize.

They are channels for the Holy Spirit at work in our lives.

The Baptist scholar Wayne Ward capsulized that outlook: “In biblical thought, Old Testament and New, a symbol actually participated in the reality which it signified.” We continue to observe these acts because Christ ordained their use.

Acts through which we celebrate salvation, declare our allegiance to Christ,  
and affirm our presence in his church.

Acts the church participates in obedience to the command of Christ.

Grenz, *Theology for the Community of God*, 666-67



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Community Acts of Commitment Connected to:

The Flood (1 Peter 3:19-21)

Circumcision (Colossians 2:11-12)

Exodus (1 Corinthians 10:1-2)

Jesus' Death, Burial and Resurrection (Roman 6:3-5)

New Birth: A New Creature within an old shell – A mystery



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The divinely given means by which we make our initial public confession of faith in Christ.

We declare our intention to set out on the road to discipleship.

## God responds by

Forgiving

(Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21)

Circumcising

(Colossians 2:11-12)

Clothing and Sealing

(Galatians 3:27)

# Lord's Supper: Reaffirming our identity from our baptism

A memorial meal regarding how Christ fulfills our need

(Luke 22:19)

It remembers how Jesus died and proclaims why he died a sacrifice

(1 Corinthians 11:26)

Eating and drinking is our enactment of our participation in Christ

(1 Corinthians 10:16)

We publically confess our loyalty to Christ to serve him only

(1 Corinthians 18:22)

We are a community of memory and hope.

We keep the memory of the past alive through the biblical drama of salvation.

The acts transport us to the past.

We are a community of hope, lifting our gaze from the past to the future.

We participate in the death, burial and resurrection which constitutes the foundation for our own future triumph over sin and death.

We live as symbols for the kingdom for others to see