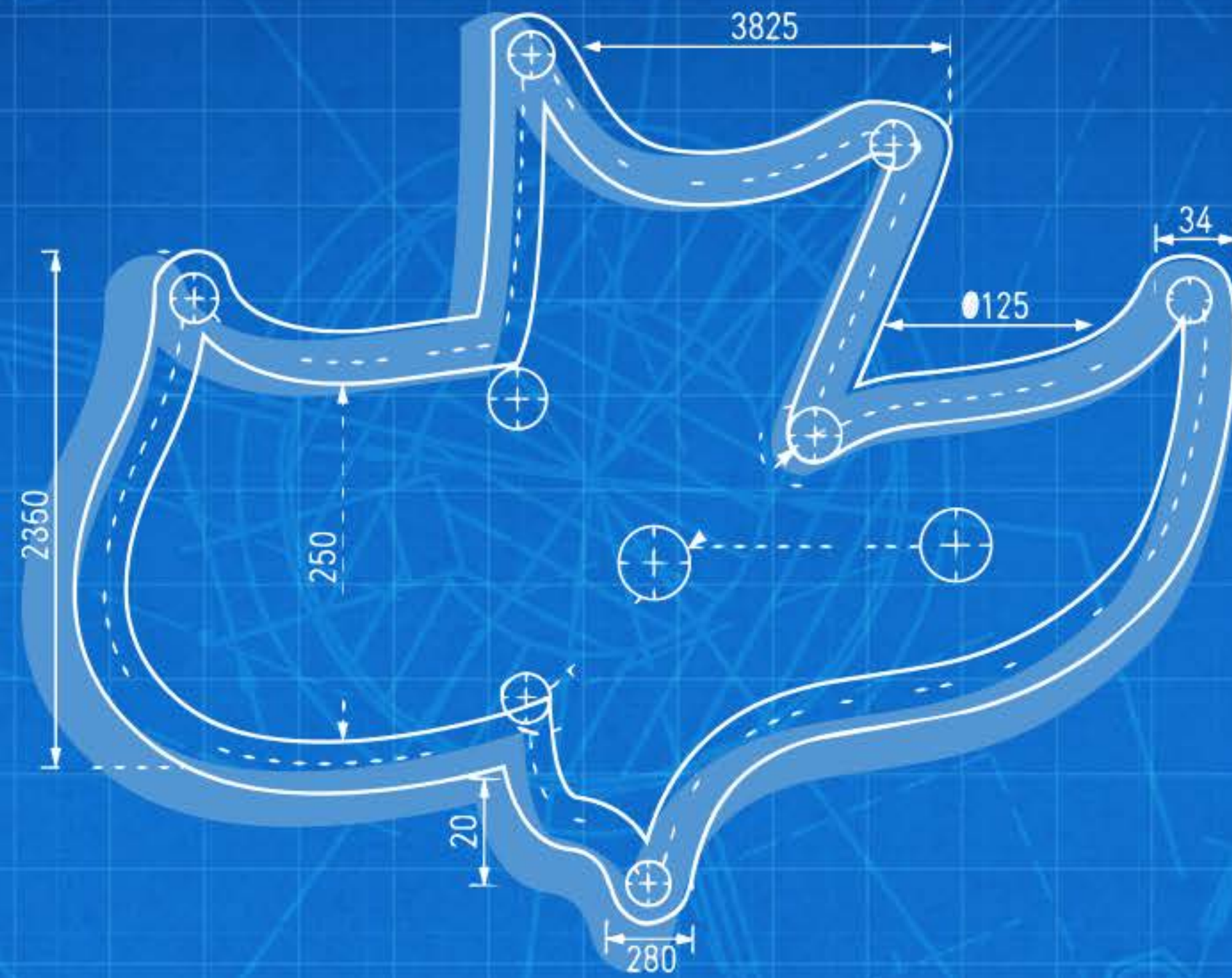




CALVARY**CHAPEL**DISTINCTIVES

- **Past** – what we were – idol worshippers
- **Present** – what we are to do now, serve the living and true God and to wait for His Son Jesus from heaven. We serve and wait
- **Future** – we as believers can be comforted that once Jesus comes from heaven we will be delivered from the wrath to come.

The English word **Imminent** means –
hanging over one's head, ready to befall or
overtake one; close at hand

Three facts are true about imminency:

1 – People cannot count on a certain amount of time occurring before an imminent event happens. Thus, they should constantly be prepared for it to happen at any moment.

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2 – People cannot legitimately set a date for an imminent event to occur. The setting of a date for an imminent event violates the concept and the very definition of imminency. Because what you are saying is that a certain amount of time must elapse before an event can happen and thus it then contradicts the very definition of imminency.

Three facts are true about imminency:

3 – People cannot legitimately say an imminent event will happen soon. The term soon implies it cannot happen now or at a time that is later than soon. Now the imminent event could happen soon, you may believe it will happen soon, however you also need to be open that it may not happen soon.

“to wait for” Greek word – **ἀναμένω**

anamenō - ä-nä-me'-nō – which consists of two parts.

1. The first part **aná**, an-ah' means upward or up according to Vines as well as Thayers Greek Lexicon
2. The second part – **menō** - me'-nō means in regards to people to wait for.

New Testament Greek Scholar and
Theologian Dr. Edmond Hiebert wrote,

“The Infinite rendered, ” to wait for,”
anameno means to await, expect, wait up
for, and pictures them as people who are
eagerly and expectantly looking forward
to the coming of the one whose arrival is
anticipated at any time; the present tense
gives this as their continuing attitude.
Clearly the Thessalonians held the hope of
the Imminent return of Christ.”

(The Thessalonian Epistles, pg 70)

Looking – Greek word – **προσδέχομαι** –
prosdechomai - **pros-de'-kho-mī** -means to
look with expectation

Hope – Greek word - **ἐλπίς** – **elpis** - means
for what is assured in the sense of a good
assurance

Blessed Greek word – **μακάριος** **makarios** -
mä-kä'-rē-os – means happy in the sense of
overwhelming happiness

²²If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come!

Maranatha
Mar – Lord
Ana – our
Tha – Come

And after you have been filled, give thanks as follows:

We give you thanks, holy Father, for your holy name, which you have made to dwell in our hearts, and for the knowledge and faith and immortality, which you have made known unto us through your Son Jesus. Yours is the glory unto ages of ages.

You, Almighty Master, created all things for your name's sake, and gave food and drink to men for their enjoyment, that they might give you thanks. And you have given us spiritual food and drink and eternal life through your Son. Most of all, we give you thanks that you are powerful. Yours is the glory unto ages of ages.

Remember, Lord, your Church, and deliver it from all evil and to perfect it in Thy love. Gather it—the sanctified one—together from the four winds into your kingdom which you have prepared for it. For yours is the power and the glory unto ages of ages.

May grace come and may this world pass away. Hosanna to the God of David. If any man is holy, let him come; if any man is not, let him repent. Maranatha.

Amen. (Didache Section 2)

“Watch over your life. Do not let your lamps burn out, nor your waist be ungirded, but be ready, for you do not know when our Lord is coming.”

(Didache section 3)

1Cor. 1:7 so that you come short in no gift,
eagerly waiting for the revelation of our
Lord Jesus Christ,

Phil. 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven,
from which we also eagerly wait for the
Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

Church Fathers believe in the Imminent return of Jesus:

Papias, Irenaeus, Justin Martyr, Tertullian, Hippolytus, Methodus, to name a few

Reformers who believed in the Imminent return of Jesus:

John Calvin, William Tyndale, the Puritans, George Whitfield, John Wesley and many others.