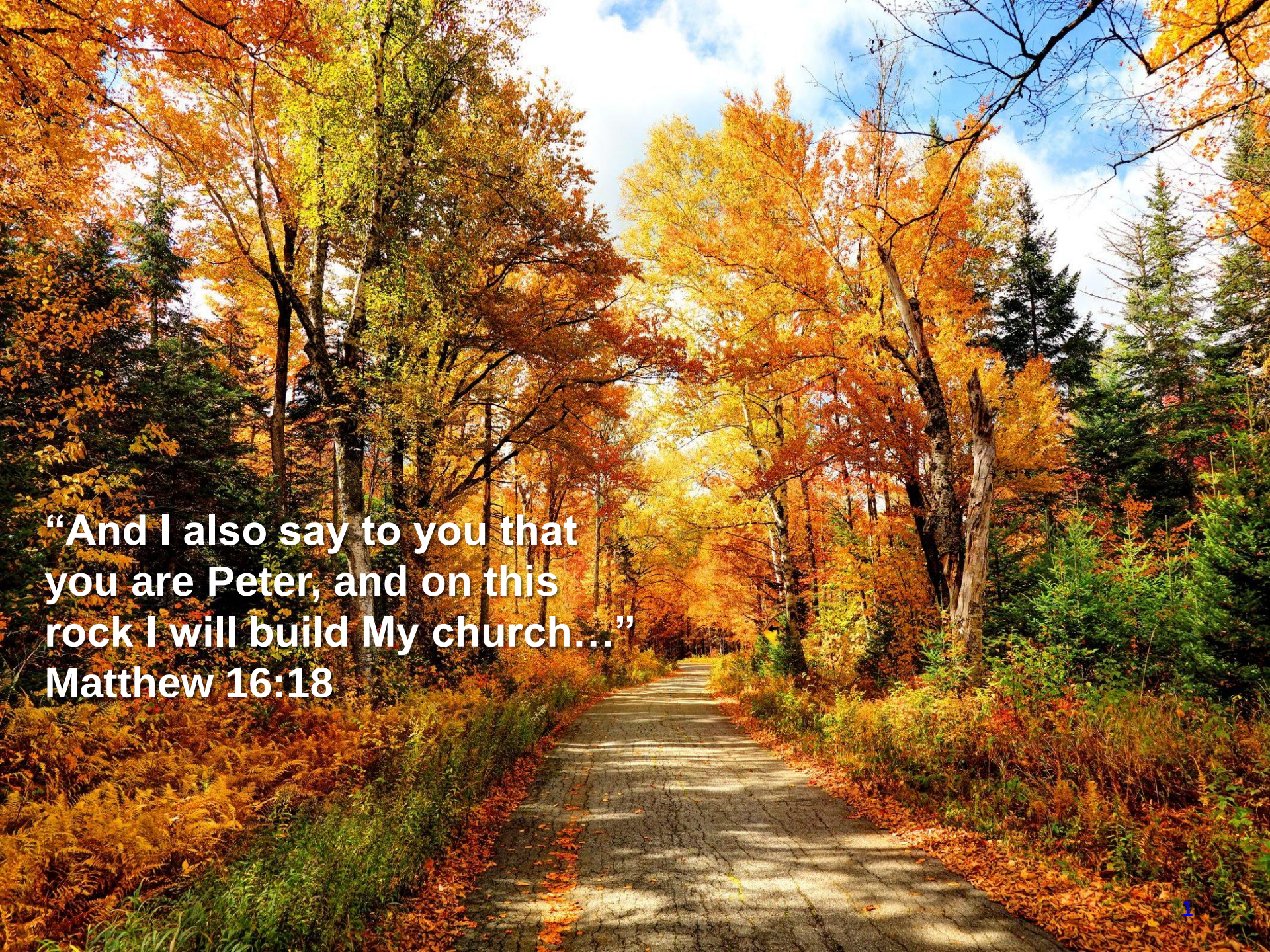

“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church…”
Matthew 16:18

BC and AD Or BCE and CE

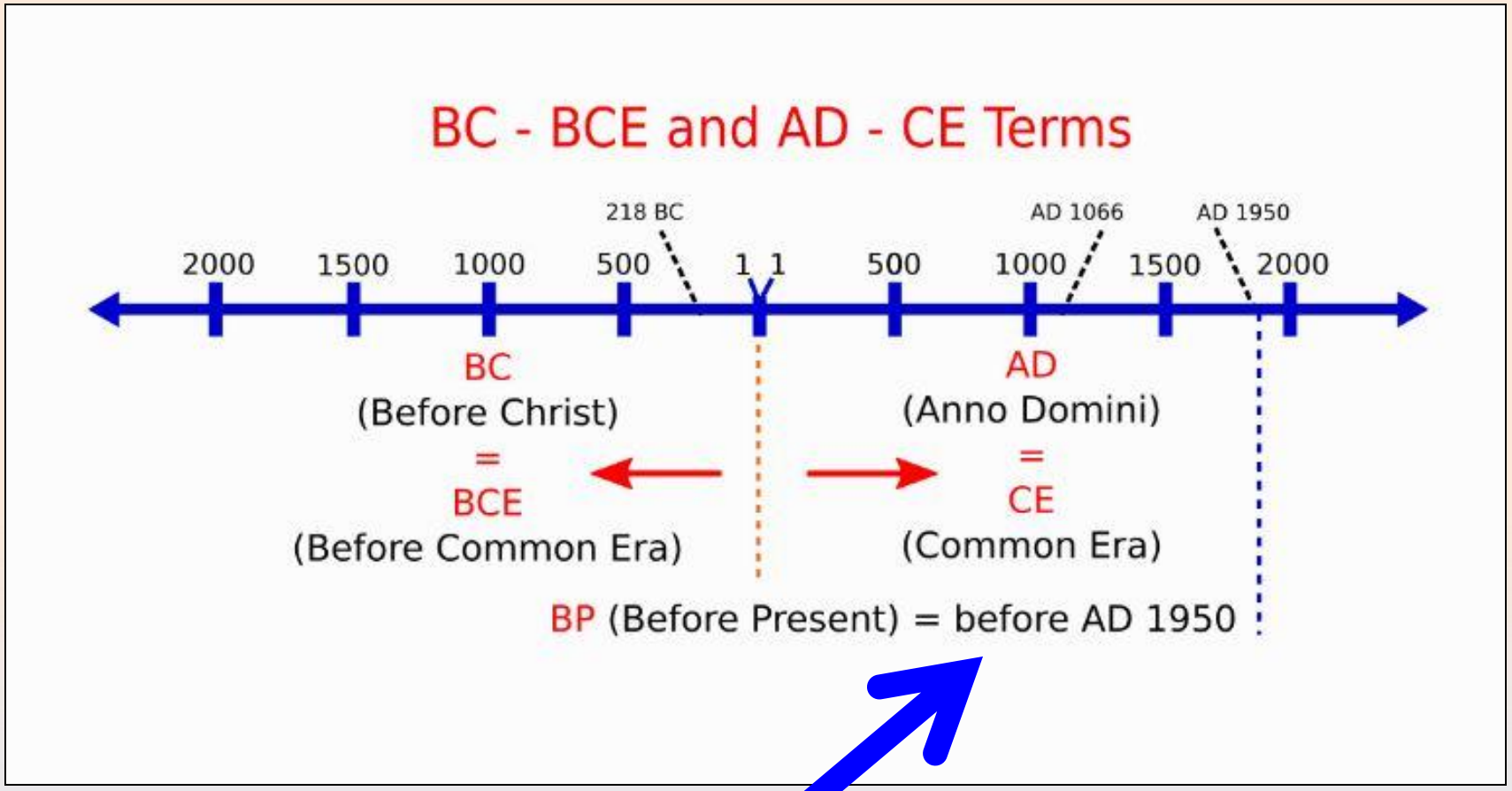
Which is correct?

Neither matter – Neither are by God

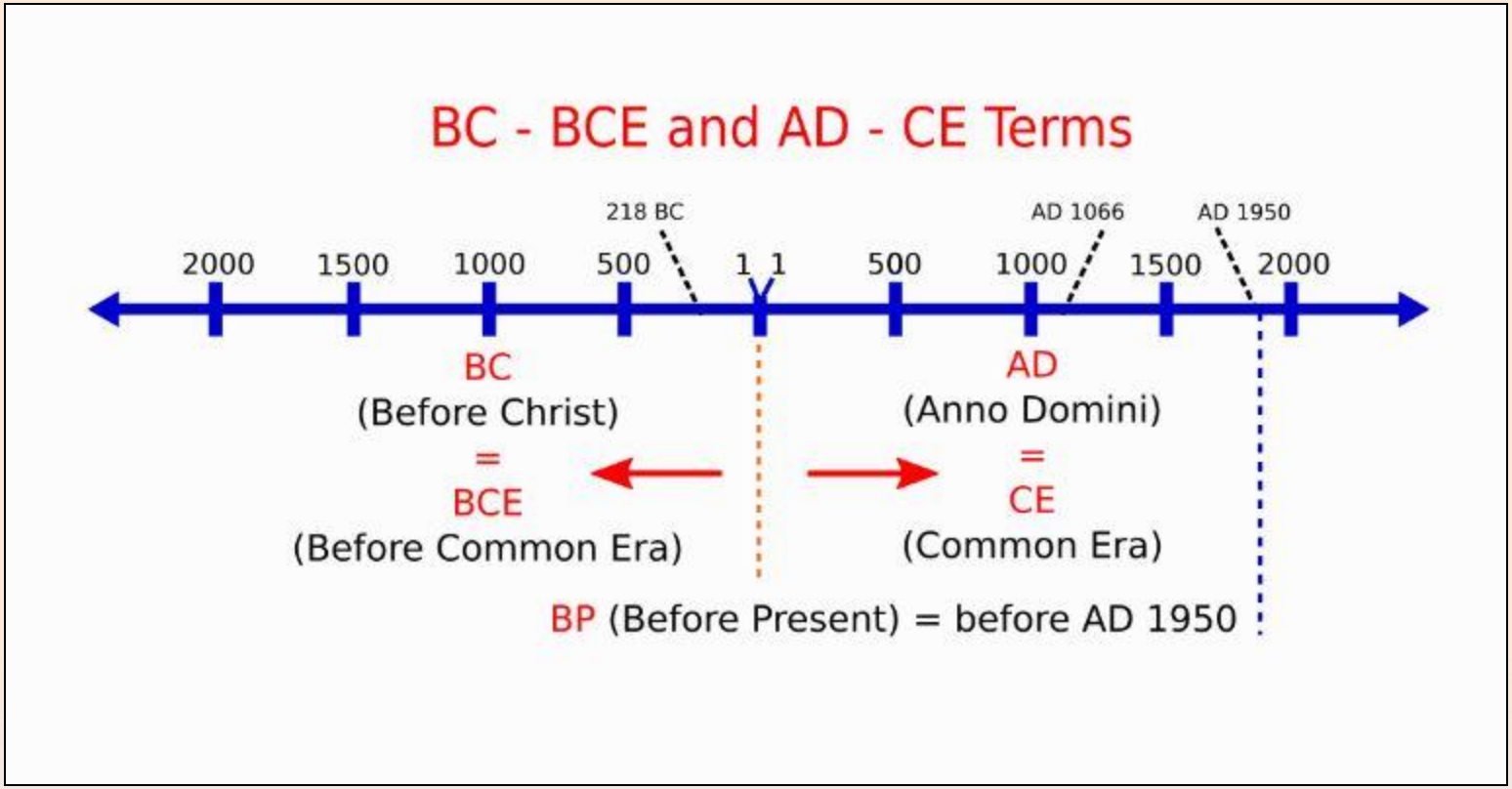
The year of Jesus' birth and death are not relevant for salvation.

What He accomplished when He died IS what is important.

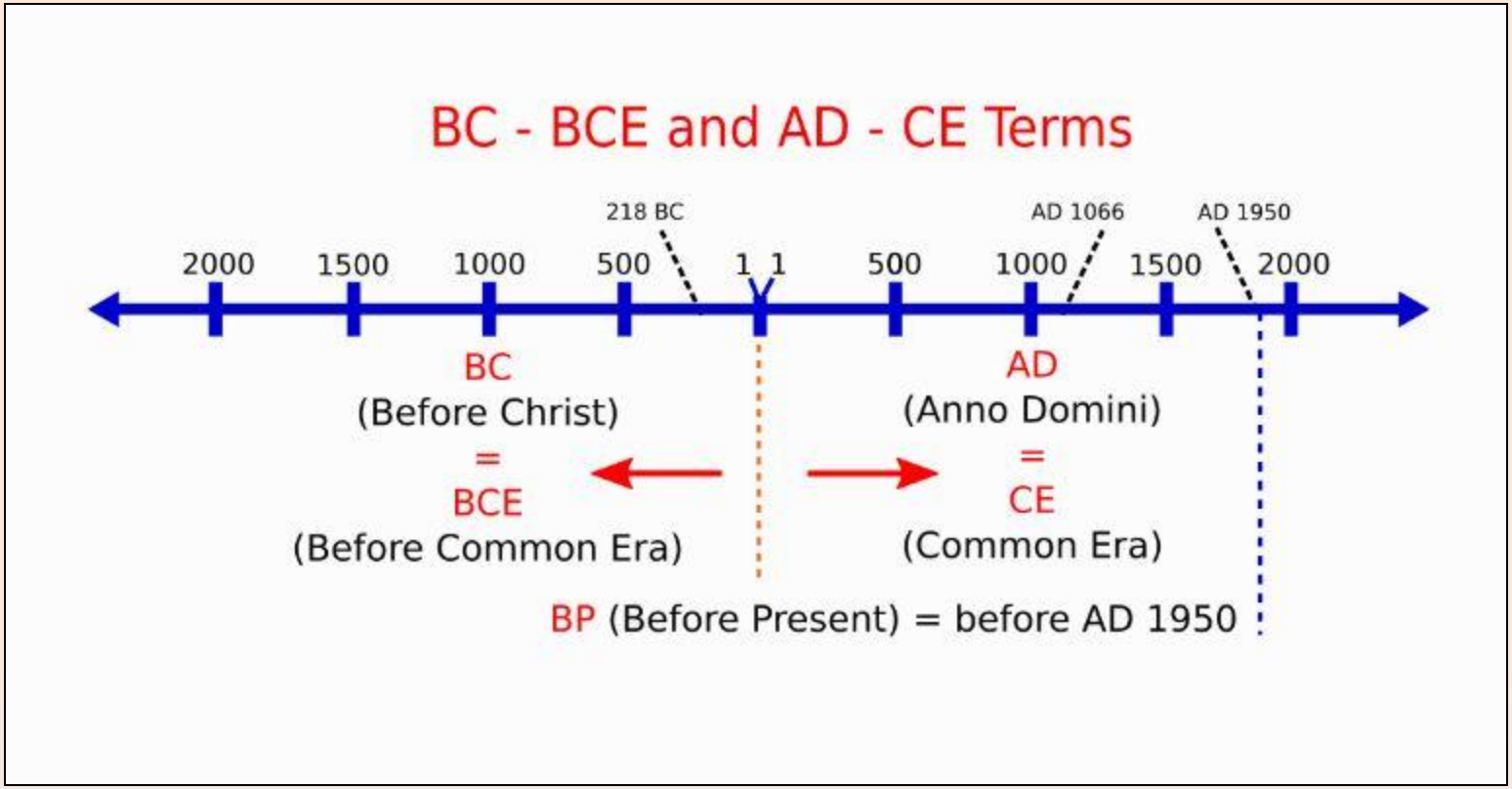
- BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini, "in the year of the Lord") are based on the Gregorian calendar, which is the global standard for measuring dates and has its epoch set around the traditional birth of Jesus Christ. (Google AI)
- The system was introduced by a monk named Dionysius Exiguus in the 6th century and has been adopted and refined over time, with the Gregorian calendar being a reform of the Julian calendar. (Google AI)
- This date system was developed by man, **NOT** put in place by God.



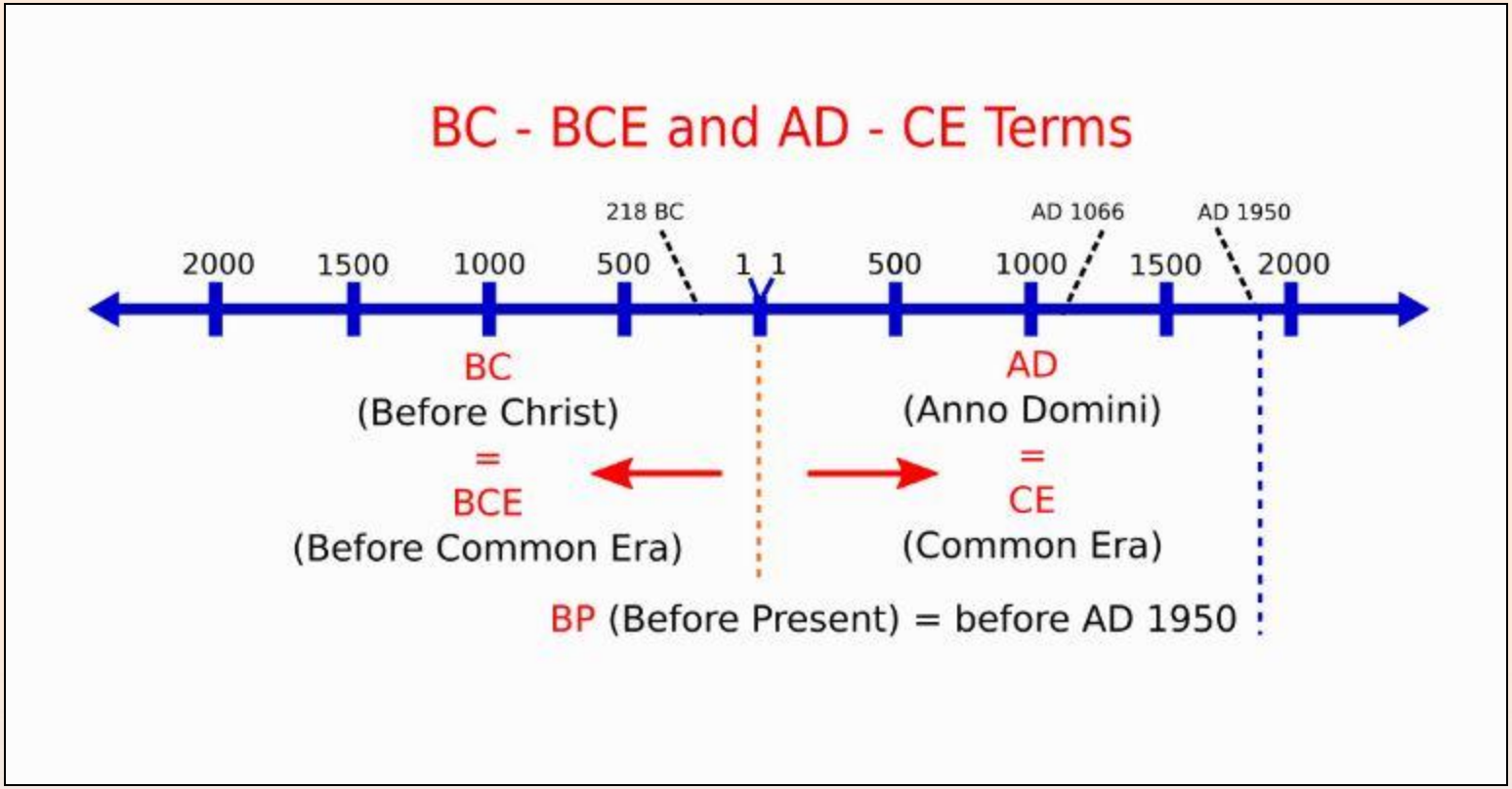
BCE and CE added to remove the religious aspect.



- Jesus was born during the days of Herod – Matt. 2:1
- Herod Died after the birth of Jesus – Matt. 2:19-20 (Historically believed to be around 4 B.C. (?))
- Jesus begins His ministry about 30 y.o. – Luke 3:23



- Jesus attended 3, possibly 4 Passovers before He was crucified – John 2:13, John 6:4, John 11:55-57, John 5:1 (?)
- The year of Jesus' birth **nor** the year of His death are not important, nor exact age at physical death



- The year of Jesus' birth nor the year of His death are not important, nor exact age at physical death.
- What He established when He died is **important**.

Jesus and His church

- Jesus declares the coming kingdom/church Matthew 16:18-19
  Mark 9:1
  Luke 24:46-49
- The power Luke speaks of is the Holy Spirit – Acts 2:1-4

- Jesus had declared that the Holy Spirit would be coming – John 16:13, Acts 1:8
- The Apostles were shown to be agents of God – Acts 2:5-13
- They could perform wonders/deeds - Mark 16:20, Heb. 2:4

Jesus and His church

- Prophecy was fulfilled – Acts 2:14-21
  - Jesus had already taught about the fulfilling of prophecies - Matthew 5:17, Luke 24:44
- Gospel preached for the first time – Acts 2:22-36
  - Jesus had instructed this – Luke 24:47
- Peter proclaims the resurrection of Jesus had fulfilled prophecy – Acts 2:25-28 (Psa. 16:8-11)
- Repentant believers obeyed – Acts 2:37-39

Jesus and His church

- Repentant believers obeyed – Acts 2:37-39
- The church began to grow – Acts 2:40-41, 47
- His church will continue to grow, as the seed is planted and watered by us, God will give the increase - Luke 8:11, 1 Corinthians 3:6

What must I do to be saved? *Acts 16:30*

- **Believe in Jesus –**
  John 8:24/3:16
- **Repent of Sins –**
  Luke 13:3-5; Acts 2:38/7:30-31
- **Confess your Faith in Jesus –**
  Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9
- **Baptism for the Remission Of Sins –**
  Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38/22:16
- **Live Faithfully for the Remainder of Life –**
  Revelation 2:10; James 2:10
- **Remember Matthew 7:21-23** *(not everyone, but…)*