

## Main points to be comprehended

- We ought not take the gospel of granted, it is a revolutionary and incomprehensible treasure that has been gifted to us.
    - The people who were first to hear the gospel of Jesus were initially and rightfully overwhelmed and confused by the totality of love and forgiveness that Christ was offering.
  - We need to have true faith that the life, death, and resurrection of Christ alone is sufficient for our salvation, and we don't have to add to it.
    - There is a tendency to make Christianity more religious by adding to or restricting works or actions. This comes out of the same urges and tension that the Jewish believes in the first century church had with the finality and completeness of Christ work of salvation.
    - We should not look to works, whether we do certain things or abstain from them, for confidence in our justification before God.
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## Possible Discussion questions

- What was the motivation for Paul's suffering?
- What are some things that you see that impact the global church today? Or how does Paul help further the understanding that the church is a global movement made up of different peoples and nations?
- How does it feel that we don't have to worry about continually performing works to make sure we remain saved or justified before God?