





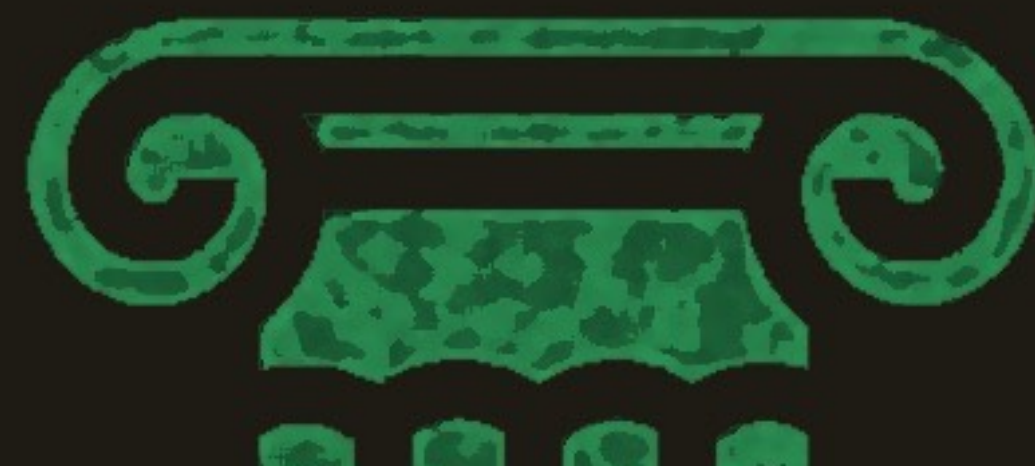
# Wittenberg Castle

**Romans 1:17** *“For in it [the gospel] the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith’.”*





*“Though I lived as a monk without reproach, I felt that I was a sinner before God with an extremely disturbed conscience...I was angry with God, and said, '**As if, indeed, it is not enough, that miserable sinners, eternally lost through original sin, are crushed by every kind of calamity by the law of the decalogue, without having God add pain to pain by the gospel and also by the gospel threatening us with His righteousness and wrath!**' Thus I raged with a fierce and troubled conscience...”*



*“There I began to understand that the righteousness of God is that by which the righteous lives by a gift of God, namely by faith.”*





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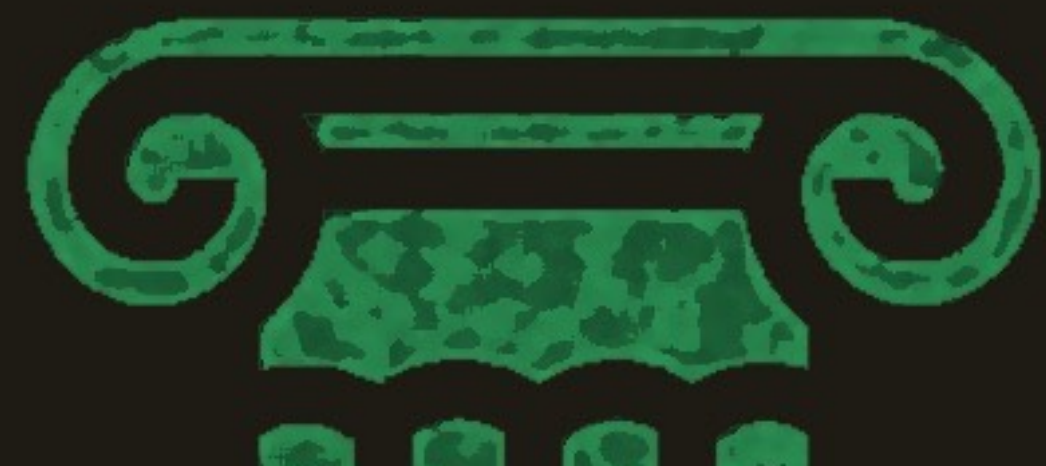
“Righteousness of God” = **Attribute**

**-OR-**

“Righteousness from God” = **Gift**



*“Here I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates!”*



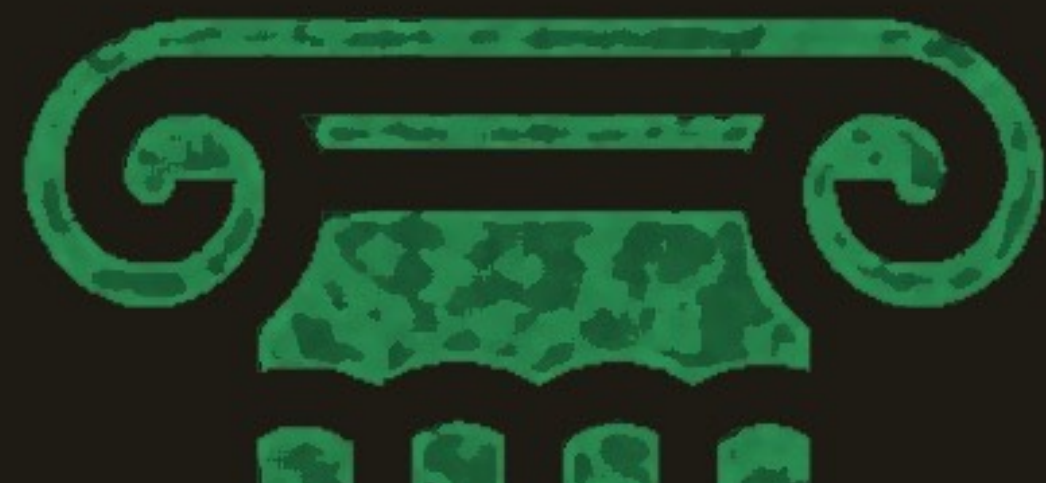


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**Romans 3:10-18** *As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; 11 There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. 12 They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.” 13 “Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit”; “The poison of asps is under their lips”; 14 “Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.” 15 “Their feet are swift to shed blood; 16 Destruction and misery are in their ways; 17 And the way of peace they have not known.” 18 “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”*

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***Romans 3:19*** Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.





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***Romans 3:20*** *Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*





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***Romans 3:21-26*** But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the **redemption** that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a **propitiation** by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, **that He might be just and the justifier** of the one who has faith in Jesus.



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- ***Redemption*** — *the price paid to free a slave.*
- ***Propitiation*** — *a sacrifice that satisfies the wrath of God for sin.*



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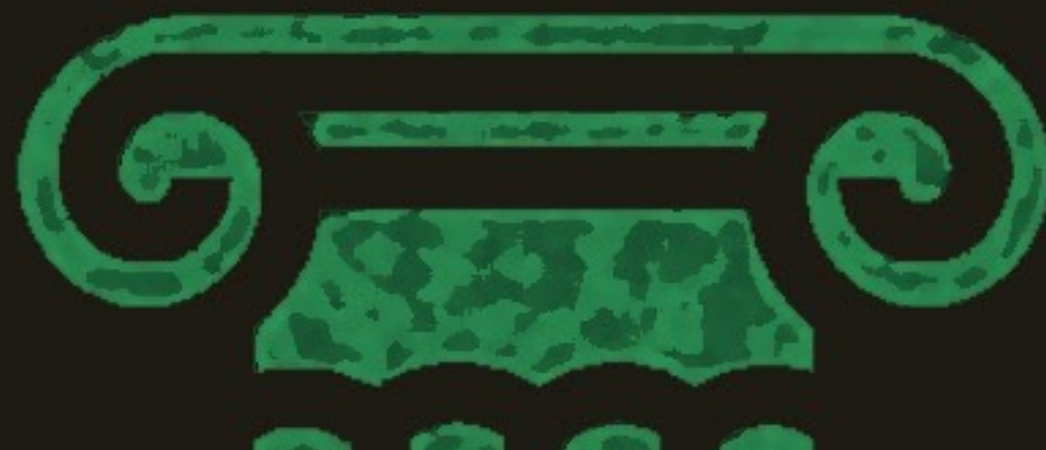
***Romans 4:4-5*** Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. 5 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness.





# James 2:24?

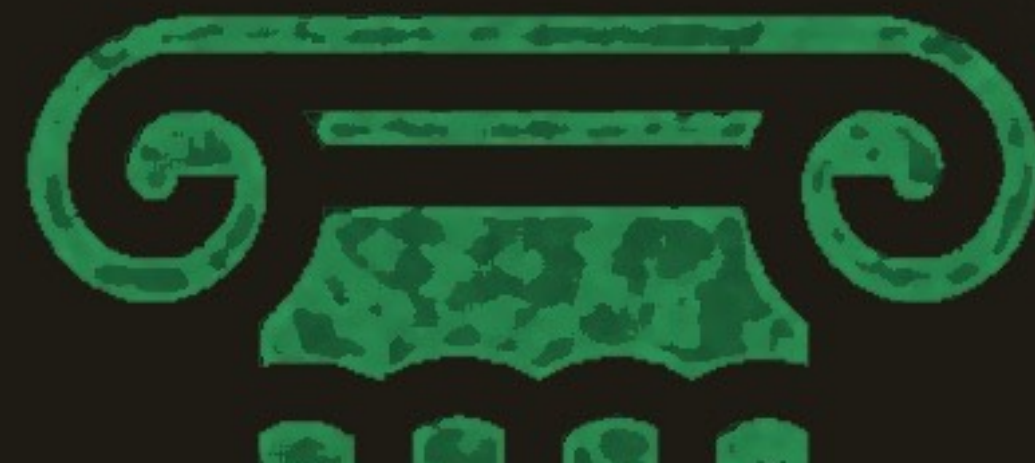
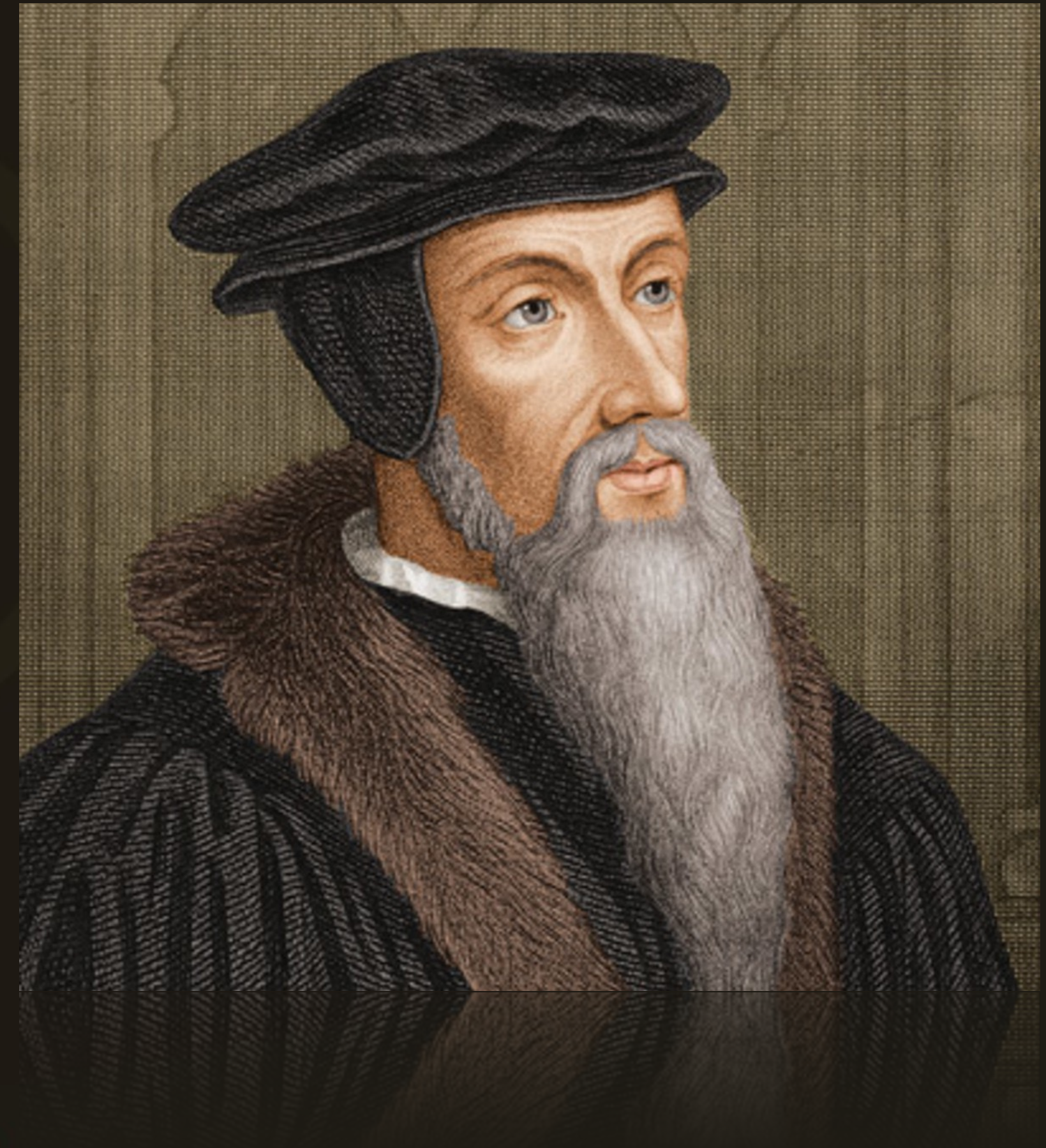
*'You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only?'*





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***“It is therefore faith alone which justifies, and yet the faith which justifies is not alone: just as it is the heat alone of the sun which warms the earth, and yet in the sun it is not alone, because it is constantly conjoined with light.”***





## 2. The faith that justifies us is never alone.

***James 2:14*** *What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?*



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**James 2:15** *If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?*





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**1 John 3:17** *“But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?”*



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***James 2:18*** But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.





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**James 2:21-24** Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? 22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? 23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. 24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

# Justification — 2 Senses

***Romans 5:1*** “Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God.”

***(Legal Standing)***





# Justification — 2 Senses

***Romans 3:4*** *Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: “That You may be justified in Your words, And may overcome when You are judged.”*

***Luke 7:35*** *“...But wisdom is justified by all her children.”*

***(Vindication / Demonstration of Rightness)***



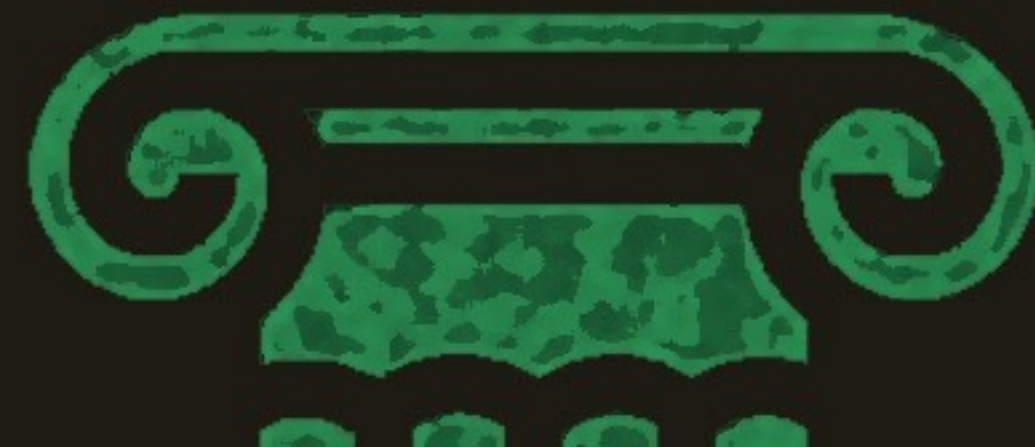
# Harmony of Paul and James

*We are declared righteous through faith alone, but the faith that justifies us does not remain alone; rather it brings forth fruit, or it is shown to be dead.*



# Lakewood Lessons: What Kind of Faith Do You Have?

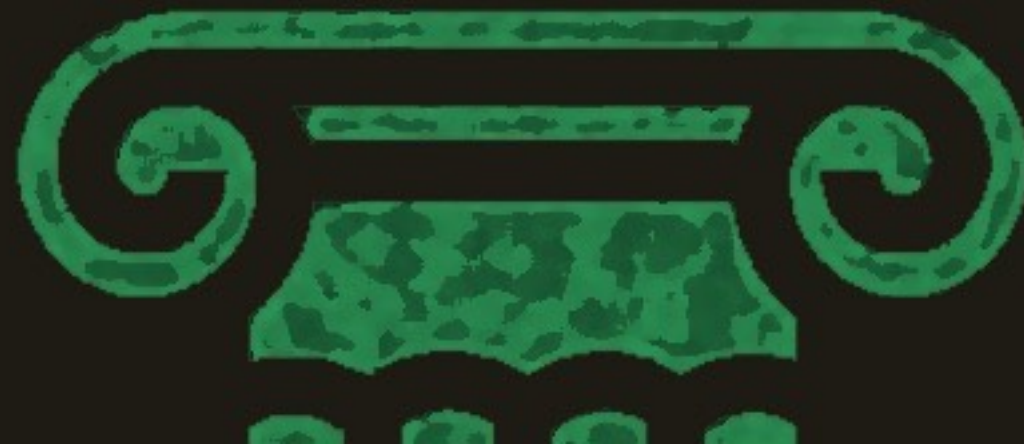
*1. Saving faith leads to good works, but is distinct from them still.*





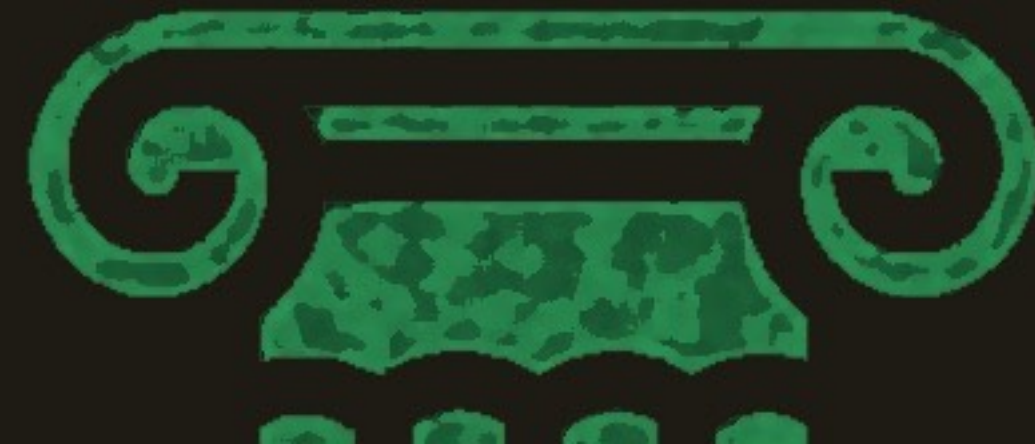
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*2. Saving faith is not mere intellectual assent to the gospel, but it's certainly not less than that.*



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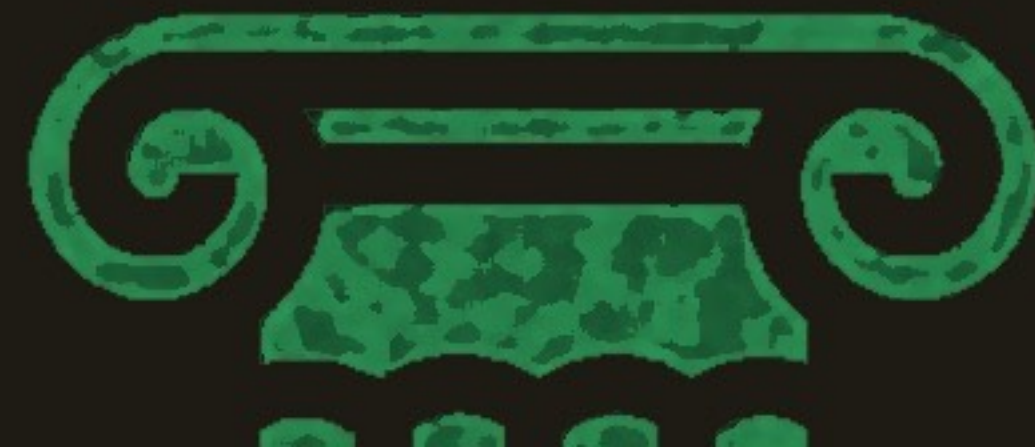
*3. Saving faith is not mere agreement  
with “Sola Fide.”*





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*4. Saving faith is an empty hand that  
lays ahold of Christ.*



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*5. Saving faith is repentant in nature  
(but this is very different than doing  
penance).*

