

**Luke 6:38 - Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure - pressed down, shaken together and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.**

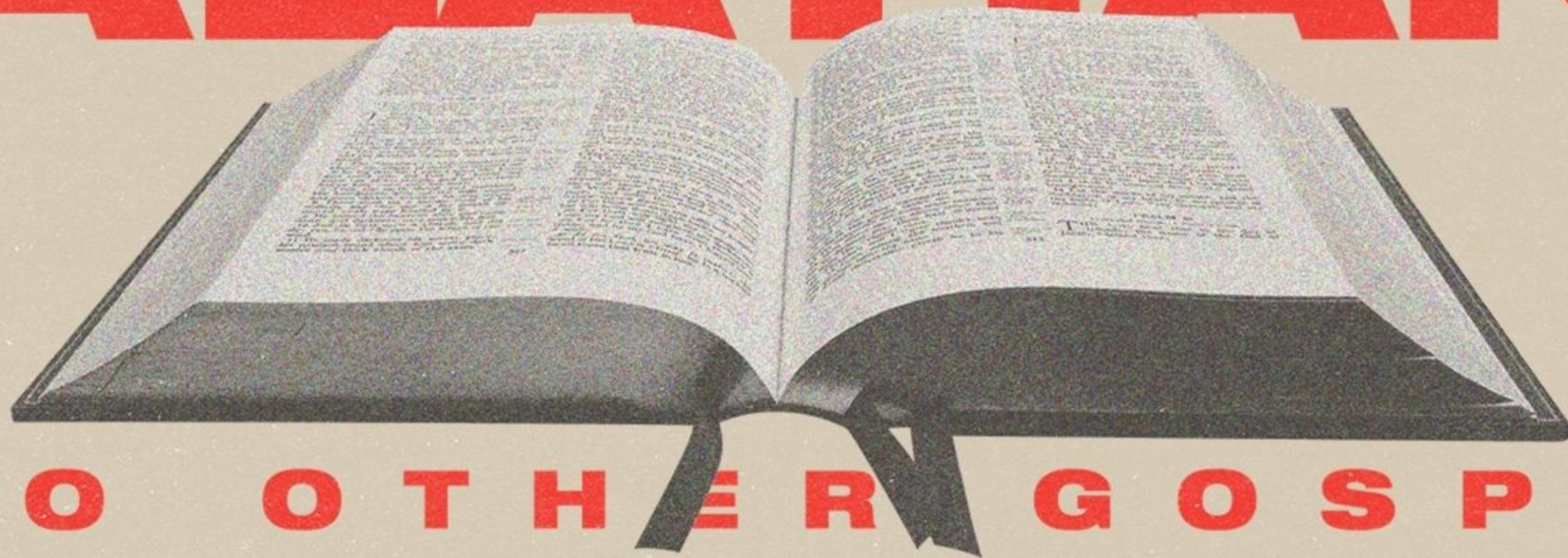
**The context is not solely money but many things and areas.**



**Lord, thank you that as I sacrificially give, it will be given back to me. My generosity will set in motion a blessing that will be pressed down, shaken together and running over into my life. I believe that this principle of generosity and sowing and reaping will bring abundance to many areas of life - especially for my time, my talent and my treasure.**



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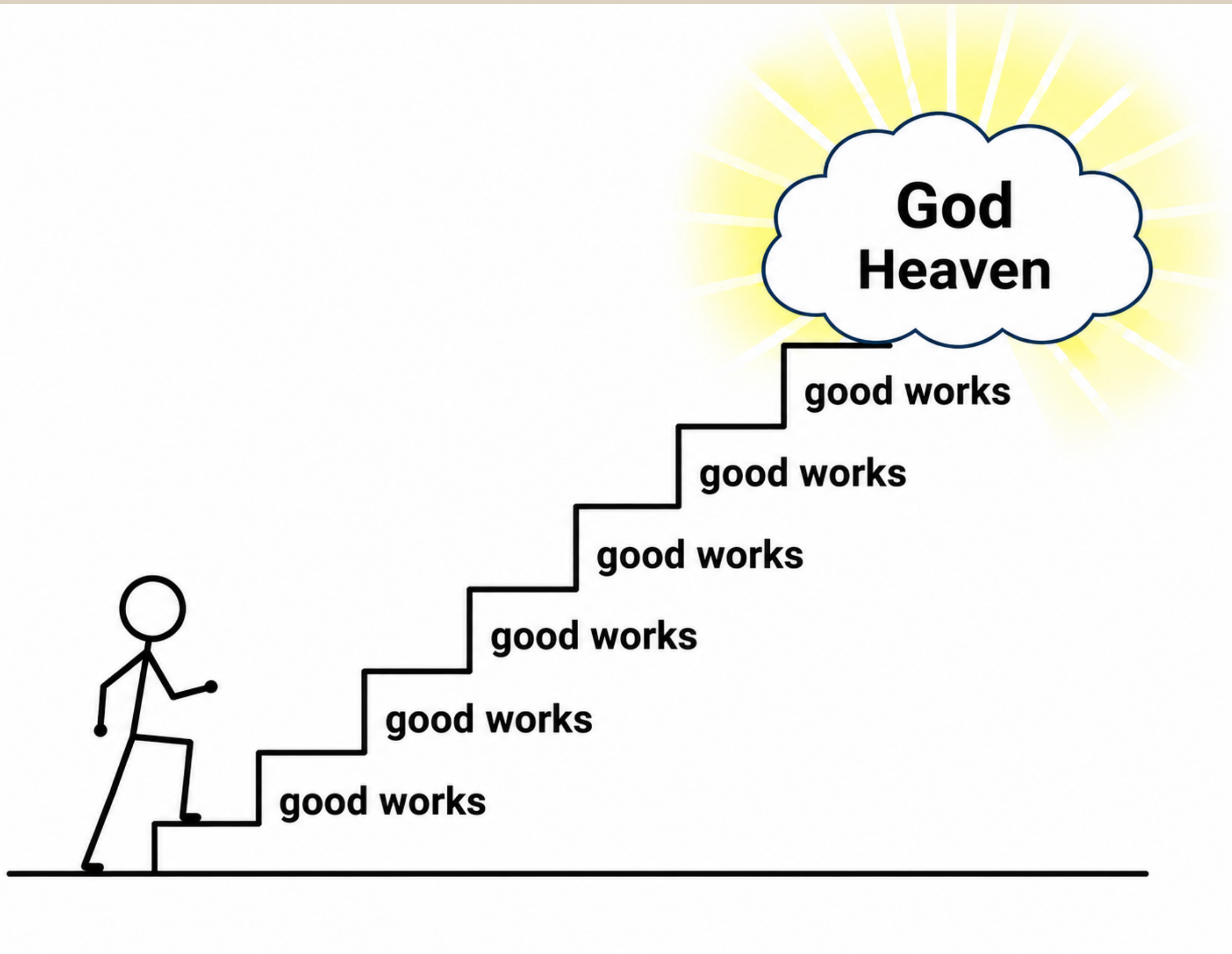
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# Marks of a Grace Filled Church

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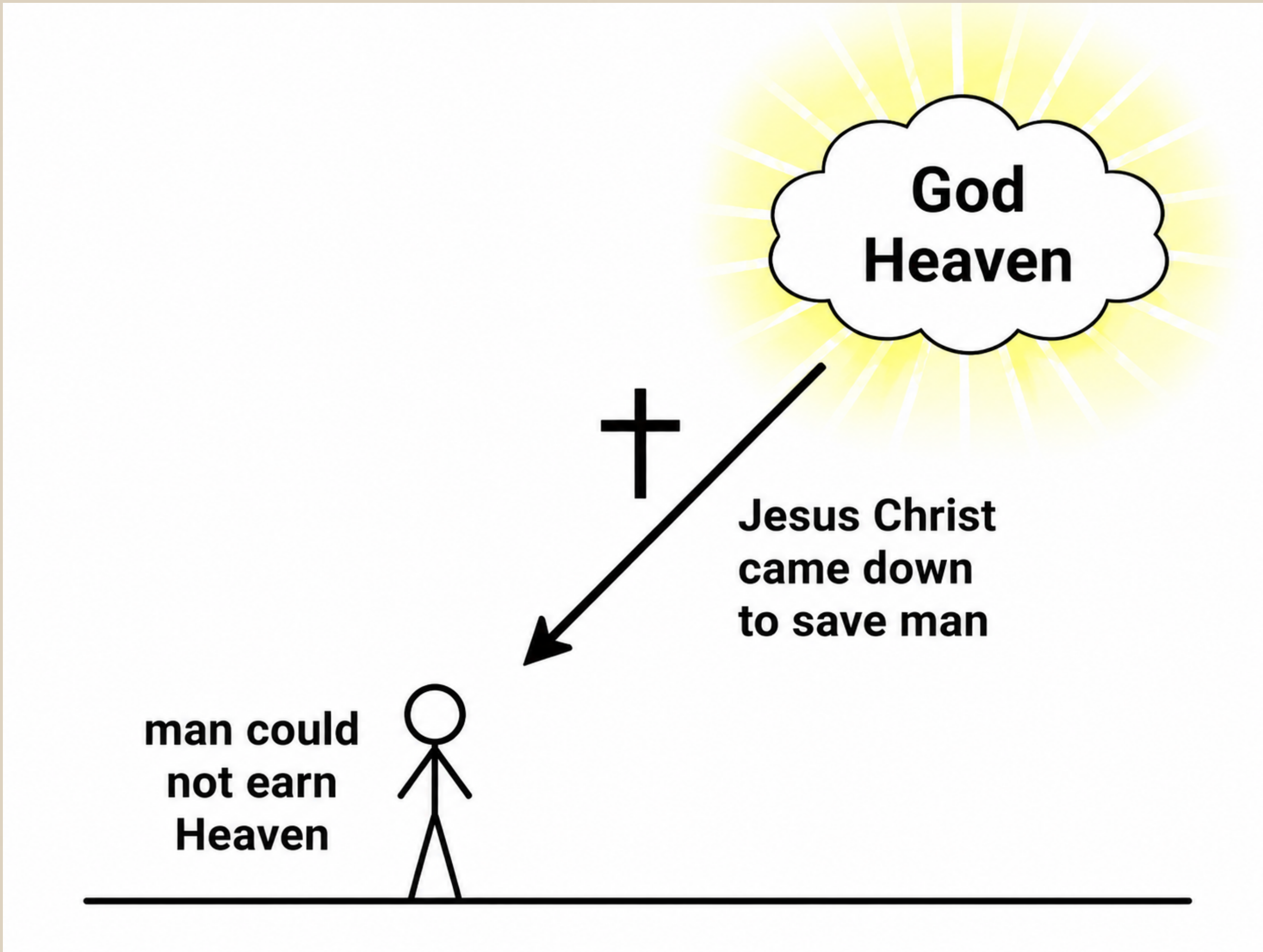
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- There is a cross reference with Acts 15 which is of primary importance.

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- Paul submits his revelation of the Gospel to the elders.

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- The first Christians were Jews.
- There was no division because everyone was Jewish and Christian. They followed the Law and were Christians
- When the Gentiles began to come to Christ there arose a fierce controversy. “Should they follow “all” the Jewish Law to be saved?”
- The Elders, all Jewish, agreed that they should not. Salvation was by grace and not by works.

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- Acts 15 is the official church ruling on what Gentiles need to do.
- Acts 15:1 - Some men came down from Judea and began teaching the brethren, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”
- Acts 15:5 - But some of the sect of the Pharisees who had believed stood up, saying, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses.”

# I. Standing Firm for the Truth

- The things a Gentile should do ...
- Acts 15:19–20 - “Therefore it is my judgment that we do not trouble those who are turning to God from among the Gentiles, 20 but that we write to them that they
  1. abstain from things contaminated by idols (false religion)
  2. and from fornication (Unholiness)
  3. and from what is strangled (dangerous dietary issues)
  4. and from blood. (Life is in the blood. Medical and spiritual issues

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The result is that Titus was not circumcised at this time because rather than a cultural issue it was a matter of refusing to return to the bondage of following the Law.

They refused the formula of Grace + Works for salvation

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# II. United in Mission

- Paul confirms the truth of the Gospel that He preached with the Elders in Jerusalem.
- Paul is entrusted with the Gospel to the Gentiles
- Peter is entrusted with the Gospel to the Jews
- God worked effectually in both Paul and Peter.
- The Elders gave Paul the “right hand of fellowship

# III. A Health Church Expresses Love

- 10 They only asked us to remember the poor—the very thing I also was eager to do. He does not say merely “to me”, he says “in me”.
  - The text gives every indication that this is “poor” in regard to the basic needs in life.
  - Life was simpler. Food and covering was enough.
  - Now we need the latest iPhone, food, expensive rent, medical insurance, a car, and the list goes on.

# III. A Healthy Church Expresses Love

- We do our best within our budget to give to the poor of 2RC and to a select few who are not regular attenders.
- There are many needs which are not monetary which are a type of “poor”.
- There are many ministries which reach into peoples lives to correct a poverty mindset in an area and bring abundance.

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A healthy church is anchored in grace, united in mission, and expressed through love.

- **Let's grow in grace and not add anything to the Gospel.**
- **Let's love and respect God's servants, ministry leaders, and churches and do our best to work in unity**
- **Let's remember the poor and meet needs as we are able.**



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# Galatians 1:11-24

Galatians 1:13–17 - For you have heard of my former manner of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it; I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions.

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## Galatians 1:22-24

22 I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea which were in Christ; 23 but only, they kept hearing, “He who once persecuted us is now preaching the faith which he once tried to destroy.” 24 And they were glorifying God because of me.

# Summary

- **Paul's story teaches that the gospel is not self improvement.**
- **It is divine transformation.**
- **A persecutor becomes a preacher**
- **God took an enemy and made him a son.**
- **He takes a life headed in one direction and completely redirects it for His glory.**

# The Lesson

When God reveals his Son in a person, their past no longer defines them, they're calling begins to unfold, and their life becomes a testimony that causes others to glorify God.

**Man**

**God**



**Jesus**

**Sin  
Death  
Judgment**

**Eternal Life  
No Judgment**

