

Set Free
Galatians



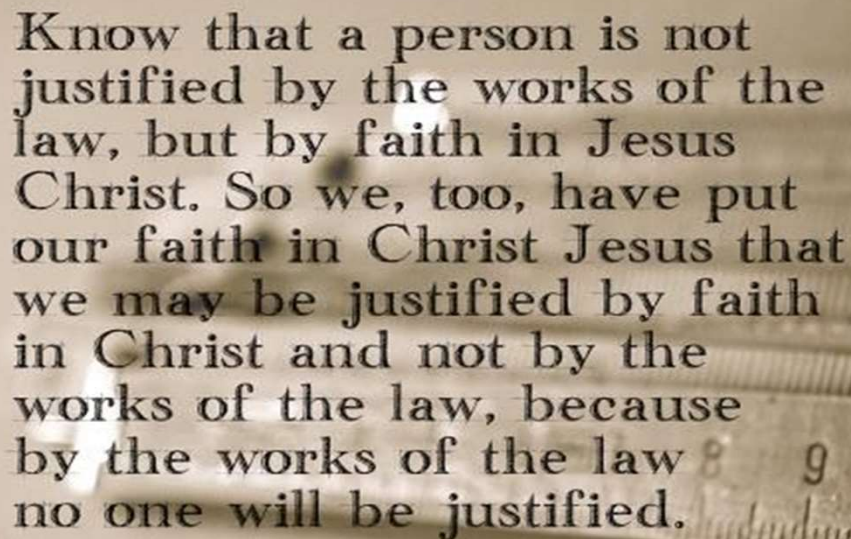


"Works! Our default mentality"

Set Free from a nagging need to earn my salvation! Old religion haunts me!

We studied James in the fall, the emphasis was on the gospel Working in and through us! The **Gospel Works!!**

Now we're in Galatians, Justification by faith alone! The hallmark tenant of the reformation!



Know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

Galatians 2:16 (NIV)

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Notice the measuring stick! A ruler

The key verse of our text today!

I've had R.C. grade school students tell me how the Nuns used to whack their knuckles with rulers to teach them to Learn! Is this a picture of legalism? Do it b/c you HAVE to! OR be punished!. Doesn't appeal to the heart!

[Rom 3:23 NASB20] 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

[Gal 2:16 NASB20] 16 nevertheless, knowing that a person is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the Law; since by works of the Law no flesh will be justified.

You may not be as sinful as others BUT You're NoWhere near the Goodness and glory of God!

[Dan 5:5-6, 24-27 NIV] 5 Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote. 6 His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his legs became weak and his knees were knocking. ... 24 Therefore he sent the hand that wrote the inscription. 25 "This is the inscription that was written: mene, mene, tekel, parsin 26 "Here is what these words mean: Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end. 27 Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.

“I opposed him to his face”

- God designed us for relationships, close proximity!
- Genesis 2
- God called ALL Israel to gather 3 times a year & weekly
- Synagogue
- Exodus 33:11 – So the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend.
- Deuteronomy 5:4, 34:10

Opposed, not just gently questioned or reminded or privately argued, he opposed! Peter of all the apostles, older, part of Jesus' inner 3, Preacher of Pentecost. The Truth and the gospel is more important than the apostles
The empty counterfeit of “Social” media, ghosting...! ALSO the cancel culture and loss of Classic Liberalism, true tolerance and civility!

[Gen 2:18 NASB20] 18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

There's a reason its called Fellowship! Koinonia!

[Gen 32:30 NASB20] 30 So **Jacob** named the place Peniel, for [he said,] "**I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been spared.**"

[Exo 33:11 NASB20] 11 So **the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend.** When Moses returned to the camp, his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

[Exo 33:9 NASB20] 9 Whenever Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent; and the LORD would speak with Moses.

[Num 12:8 NASB20] 8 **With him I speak mouth to mouth,** That is, openly, and not using mysterious language, And he beholds the form of the LORD. So why were you not afraid To speak against My servant, against Moses?"

[Deu 5:4 NASB20] 4 "**The LORD spoke with you face to face at the mountain from the midst of the fire,**

[Deu 34:10 NASB20] 10 **Since that time no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,**

[Jdg 6:22 NASB20] 22 When **Gideon** perceived that he was the angel of the LORD, he said, "Oh, Lord

GOD! For **I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face!**"

1. **Jacob,**
2. **Moses,**
3. **All Israel,**
4. **Gideon**

Abraham, a friend of God, also talked f2f with God even though not explicitly stated [Jas 2:23 NASB20] 23 and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "AND **ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS,**" and he was **called a friend of God.**

[Isa 41:8 NASB20] 8 "But you, Israel, My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, Descendant of **Abraham My friend,**

[Jhn 15:13-15 NASB20] 13 "Greater love has no one than this, that a person will lay down his life for his friends. 14 "**You are My friends if you do what I command you.** 15 "No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, because all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

[Act 25:16 NASB20] 16 "I replied to them that it is not the custom of the Romans to hand over any person before **the accused meets his accusers face to face,** and has an opportunity to make his defense against the charges.

[1Co 13:12 NASB20] 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, **but then face to face;** now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I also have been fully known.

[2Co 10:1 NASB20] 1 Now I, Paul, myself urge you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ--**I who am meek when face to face with you, but bold toward you when absent!** 2Cor.12:20, 13:2-3, 10, 1Cor.4:17-21

[2Jo 1:12 NASB20] 12 Though I have many things to write to you, **I do not want to [do so] with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, so that your joy may be made complete.**

[3Jo 1:14 NASB20] 14 but I hope to see you shortly, and **we will speak face to face.**

[Deu 17:4 NASB20] 4 and if it is reported to you and you have heard [about it,] then you shall investigate thoroughly. And if it is true and the report is trustworthy that this detestable thing has been done in Israel,

[**Deu 19:15-20** NASB20] 15 "**A single witness shall not rise up against a person regarding any wrongdoing or any sin that he commits; on the testimony of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed.** 16 "If a malicious witness rises up against a person to testify against him of wrongdoing, 17 then both people who have the dispute shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges who will be [in office] in those days. 18 "And the judges shall investigate thoroughly, and if the witness is a false witness [and] he has testified against his brother falsely, 19 then you shall do to him just as he had planned to do to his brother. So you shall eliminate the evil from among you. 20 "And the rest [of the people] will hear and be afraid, and will never again do such an evil thing among you.

[Pro 18:17 NASB20] 17 The first to plead his case [seems] right,[Until] another comes and examines him.

[Jhn 7:51 NASB20] 51 "Our Law does not judge the person unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing, does it?"

[Mat 6:22-24 NASB20] 22 **"The eye is the lamp of the body; so then, if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.** 23 "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. So if the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. Lk.11:34-36

[Act 2:46 NASB20] 46 **Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,**

[2Co 11:3 NASB20] 3 But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his trickery, your minds will be led astray from sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

[Eph 6:5 NASB20] 5 Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ;

[Col 3:22 NASB20] 22 Slaves, obey those who are your human masters in everything, not with eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.

[Mat 5:23-24 NASB20] 23 "Therefore, if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there you remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

[Mat 18:15-17, 20-22 NASB20] 15 "Now if your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 "But if he does not listen [to you,] take one or two more with you, so that ON THE TESTIMONY OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY MATTER MAY BE CONFIRMED. 17 "And if he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, he is to be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ... 20 "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst." 21 Then Peter came up and said to Him, "Lord, how many times shall my brother sin against me and I [still] forgive him? Up to seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy-seven times.

The Gathering of the Church! Waiting after the Ascension, Together on Pentecost, Devoted to 1 another in breaking bread house to house, For Communion and discipline and worship!

[Act 1:4, 15 NASB20] 4 Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," [He said,] "you heard of from Me; ... 15 At this time Peter stood up among the brothers [and sisters] (a group of about 120 people was there together), and said,

[Act 2:1, 44 NASB20] 1 When **the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.** ... 44 And all the believers were together and had all things in common; [Act 2:42-44 NASB20] 42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. 44 **And all the believers were together and had all things in common;** [Act 4:32 NASB20] 32 And **the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul;** and not one [of them] claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them.

[Heb 10:25 NASB20] 25 **not abandoning our own meeting together, as is the habit of some people, but encouraging [one another;] and all the more as you see the day drawing near.**

[Mat 18:20 NASB20] 20 "**For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.**"

[Jhn 20:19 Now when it was evening on that day, the first [day] of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were [together] due to fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst, and said to them, "Peace [be] to you."

[1Co 11:17-18, 20 NASB20] 17 Now in giving this [next] instruction I do not praise you, because **you come together not for the better, but for the worse.** 18 For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that divisions exist among you; and in part I believe it. ... 20 Therefore when you come together it is not to eat the Lord's Supper,

[1Co 14:23 NASB20] 23 Therefore if the whole church gathers together and all [the people] speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are insane?

[Psa 31:16 NASB20] 16 Make Your face shine upon Your servant; Save me in Your faithfulness.

[Psa 80:3, 7, 19 NASB20] 3 God, restore us And make Your face shine [upon us,] and we will be saved. ... 7 God of armies, restore us And make Your face shine [upon us,] and we will be saved. ... 19 LORD God of armies, restore us; Make Your face shine [upon us,] and we will be saved.

[Psa 119:135 NASB20] 135 Make Your face shine upon Your servant, And teach me Your statutes.

[Dan 9:17 NASB20] 17 "So now, our God, listen to the prayer of Your servant and to his pleas, and for Your sake, Lord, let Your face shine on Your desolate sanctuary.

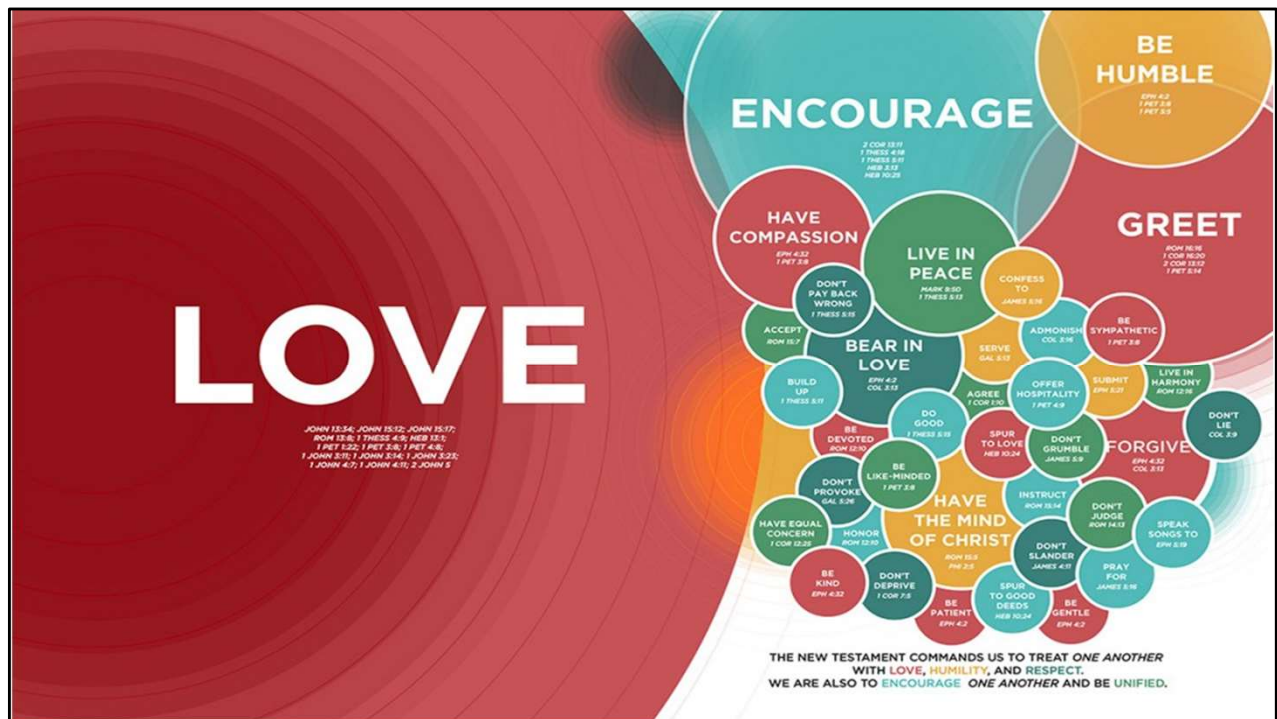
[**Num 6:22-27** NASB20] 22 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 23 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'In this way you shall bless the sons of Israel. You are to say to them: 24 **The LORD bless you, and keep you; 25 The LORD cause His face to shine on you, And be gracious to you; 26 The LORD lift up His face to you, And give you peace.**' 27 "So they shall invoke My name on the sons of Israel, and [then] I will bless them."

what is justification quote all the one another's

“I opposed him to his face”

- Face-to-face is essential for all offenses!
- Matthew 5:23-24, 18
- The empty counterfeit of “Social” media, ghosting...!





59 One another's! (more than 1 for every week of the year) Made to be together! We are parts of the body with complementarian gifts so that we are missing something when we don't have each other

The 59 "One Anothers" of the New Testament*

1. "...Be at peace with each other." ([Mark 9:50](#))
2. "...Wash one another's feet." ([John 13:14](#))
3. "...Love one another..." ([John 13:34](#))
4. "...Love one another..." ([John 13:34](#))
5. "...Love one another..." ([John 13:35](#))
6. "...Love one another..." ([John 15:12](#))
7. "...Love one another" ([John 15:17](#))
8. "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love..." ([Romans 12:10](#))
9. "...Honor one another above yourselves. ([Romans 12:10](#))
10. "Live in harmony with one another..." ([Romans 12:16](#))
11. "...Love one another..." ([Romans 13:8](#))
12. "...Stop passing judgment on one another." ([Romans 14:13](#))

13. "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you..." ([Romans 15:7](#))
14. "...Instruct one another." ([Romans 15:14](#))
15. "Greet one another with a holy kiss..." ([Romans 16:16](#))
16. "...When you come together to eat, wait for each other." ([I Cor. 11:33](#))
17. "...Have equal concern for each other." ([I Corinthians 12:25](#))
18. "...Greet one another with a holy kiss." ([I Corinthians 16:20](#))
19. "Greet one another with a holy kiss." ([II Corinthians 13:12](#))
20. "...Serve one another in love." ([Galatians 5:13](#))
21. "If you keep on biting and devouring each other...you will be destroyed by each other."
ISEP ([Galatians 5:15](#))
22. "Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other." ([Galatians 5:26](#))
23. "Carry each other's burdens..." ([Galatians 6:2](#))
24. "...Be patient, bearing with one another in love." ([Ephesians 4:2](#))
25. "Be kind and compassionate to one another..." ([Ephesians 4:32](#))
26. "...Forgiving each other..." ([Ephesians 4:32](#))
27. "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs." ([Ephesians 5:19](#))
28. "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." ([Ephesians 5:21](#))
29. "...In humility consider others better than yourselves." ([Philippians 2:3](#))
30. "Do not lie to each other..." ([Colossians 3:9](#))
31. "Bear with each other..." ([Colossians 3:13](#))
32. "...Forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another." ([Colossians 3:13](#))
33. "Teach...[one another]" ([Colossians 3:16](#))
34. "...Admonish one another ([Colossians 3:16](#))
35. "...Make your love increase and overflow for each other." ([I Thessalonians 3:12](#))
36. "...Love each other." ([I Thessalonians 4:9](#))
37. "...Encourage each other..." ([I Thessalonians 4:18](#))
38. "...Encourage each other..." ([I Thessalonians 5:11](#))

39. "...Build each other up..." ([I Thessalonians 5:11](#))
40. "Encourage one another daily..." ([Hebrews 3:13](#))
41. "...Spur one another on toward love and good deeds." ([Hebrews 10:24](#))
42. "...Encourage one another." ([Hebrews 10:25](#))
43. "...Do not slander one another." ([James 4:11](#))
44. "Don't grumble against each other..." ([James 5:9](#))
45. "Confess your sins to each other..." ([James 5:16](#))
46. "...Pray for each other." ([James 5:16](#))
47. "...Love one another deeply, from the heart." ([I Peter 3:8](#))
48. "...Live in harmony with one another..." ([I Peter 3:8](#))
49. "...Love each other deeply..." ([I Peter 4:8](#))
50. "Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling." ([I Peter 4:9](#))
51. "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others..." ([I Peter 4:10](#))
52. "...Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another..." ([I Peter 5:5](#))
53. "Greet one another with a kiss of love." ([I Peter 5:14](#))
54. "...Love one another." ([I John 3:11](#))
55. "...Love one another." ([I John 3:23](#))
56. "...Love one another." ([I John 4:7](#))
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58. "...Love one another." ([I John 4:12](#))
59. "...Love one another." ([II John 5](#))

<https://www.smallgroupchurches.com/the-59-one-anothers-of-the-bible/>

Cephas/Peter

- “Peter”, he used to eat with the Gentiles
- but when they came, he began to withdraw and separate himself
- “fearing” those from the circumcision - Galatians 1:10
- even Barnabas was carried away
- not straightforward about the truth of the gospel,

Pastor Jason showed us last week Paul rebuking Peter, lets look a little closer

Is Peter the head of the Church? The Rock?! The Roman Catholic POPE?!!

He Called Jesus the Christ, son of the living God! Mt.16

He was called Satan by Jesus!

He bragged he would die for Jesus

He denied Jesus 3x!

He compromised the gospel here in Gal.2

[Jhn 1:42 NASB20] 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter). "stone"

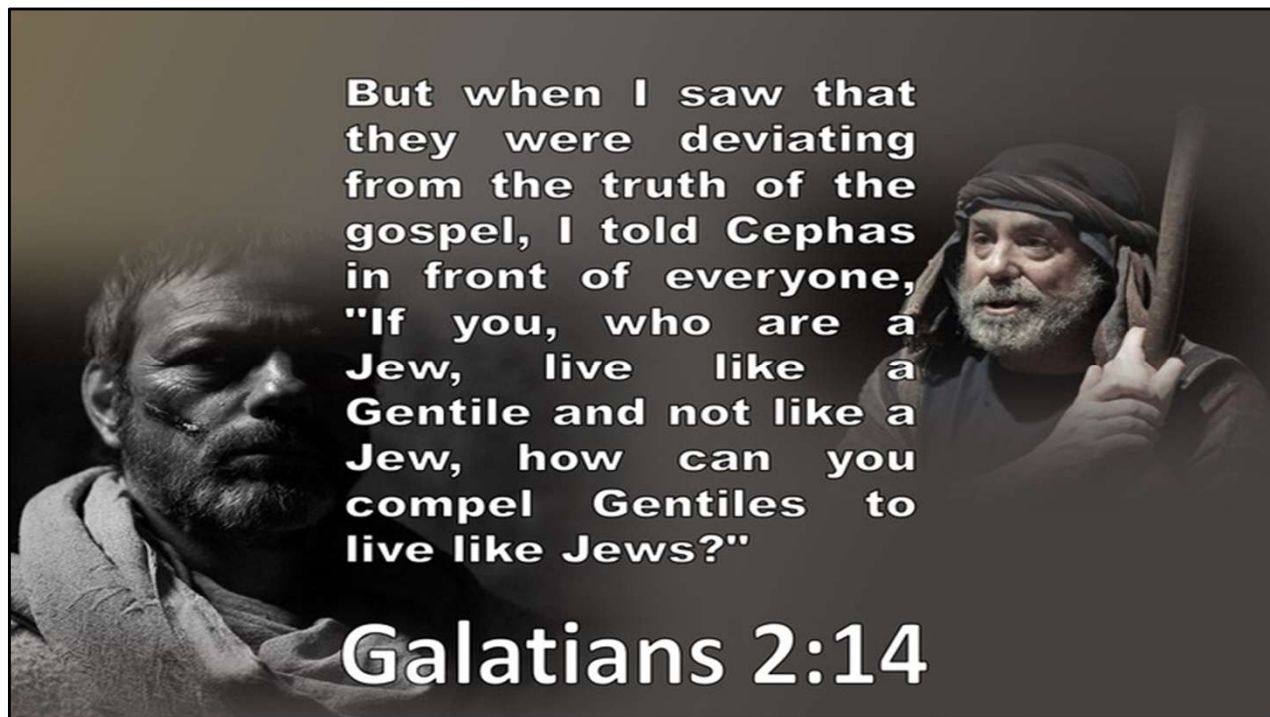
[Gal 1:6-9 NASB20] 6 I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel, 7 which is not [just] another [account;] but there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! 9 As we have said before, even now I say again: if anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!

[Gal 1:10 NASB20] 10 For am I now seeking the favor of people, or of God? Or am I striving to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.

[Gal 2:11 NASB20] 11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.

[Gal 2:12-14 NASB20] 12 For prior to the coming of some men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he [began] to withdraw and separate himself, fearing those from the circumcision. 13 The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was

carried away by their hypocrisy. 14 **But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel**, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, "If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how [is it that] you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?"



[Gal 2:14 NASB20] 14 But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, "If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how [is it that] you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

Deviating from, the truth of the gospel!

In front of everyone??

So that the same people ended up hearing the clear truth!

The truth is more important than any mans pride or respect earned

When we confess sin, it should be as wide a circle as the sin affects

Unless you are circumcised...you cannot be saved

- Genesis 17:14 - "But [as for] an uncircumcised male, one who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant."
- Acts 15:1 – Some men came down from Judea and [began] teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."

Here is the mindset of the Judaizers!

[Act 15:1 NASB20] 1 Some men came down from Judea and [began] teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."

Unless... You cannot be saved!

[Gen 17:14 NASB20] 14 "But [as for] an uncircumcised male, one who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant."

Abraham was uncircumcised on this day, until he circumcised himself.

Could a Jew go to heaven w/o circumcision? Heb.2-3 UNBELIEF! Was the problem, not uncircumcision

[Rom 10:1-4 NASB20] 1 Brothers [and sisters,] my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for [their] salvation. 2 **For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge.** 3 **For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.** 4 **For Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness to everyone who believes.**

[Luk 18:14 NASB20] 14 "I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other one; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

[Rom 3:20, 24, 28 NASB20] 20 because by the works of the Law none of mankind will be justified in His sight; for through the Law [comes] knowledge of sin. ... 24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, ... 28 For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

[Rom 5:1, 9 NASB20] 1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ... 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath [of God] through Him.

[Rom 8:30 NASB20] 30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

[1Co 6:11 NASB20] 11 Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

[Tit 3:7 NASB20] 7 so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to [the] hope of eternal life.



Pharisees! Keep the Law? They broke it in so many ways to eliminate Jesus from their presence

How good must you be to go to heaven?

[Mat 5:18-20, 22, 28, 48 NASB20] 18 "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke of a letter shall pass from the Law, until all is accomplished! 19 "Therefore, whoever nullifies one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others [to do] the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches [them,] he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 "For I say to you that unless your righteousness far surpasses [that] of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. ... 22 "But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be answerable to the court; and whoever says to his brother, 'You good-for-nothing,' shall be answerable to the supreme court; and whoever says, 'You fool,' shall be guilty [enough to go] into the fiery hell. ... 28 but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ... 48 "Therefore you shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

How Do You Obtain Salvation?

Not By Peter
Not By Mary
Not By Works
Not By Mass
Not By Sprinkling
Not By Church Attendance
Not By Tithing
Not By Sabbath
Not By Penance
Not By Confession
Not By Last Rites



Not By Purgatory
Not By A Rosary
Not By Pilgrimages
Not By Law
Not By Poverty
Not By Meditation
Not By Catechisms
Not By Candles
Not By Holy Water
Not By Incense
Not By Water Baptism
Not By Devotion To Icons

Not By Repentance Of Sins

**"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?
And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and thou shalt be saved..." Acts 16:30-31 KJV**


Ever notice how much Roman Catholicism mirrors Pharisaisms?

Priests and a High Priest/Pope
Mass is a "Live Sacrifice" every day
Religious monopoly
Observe feasts/holy days

The Law
The many duties of man

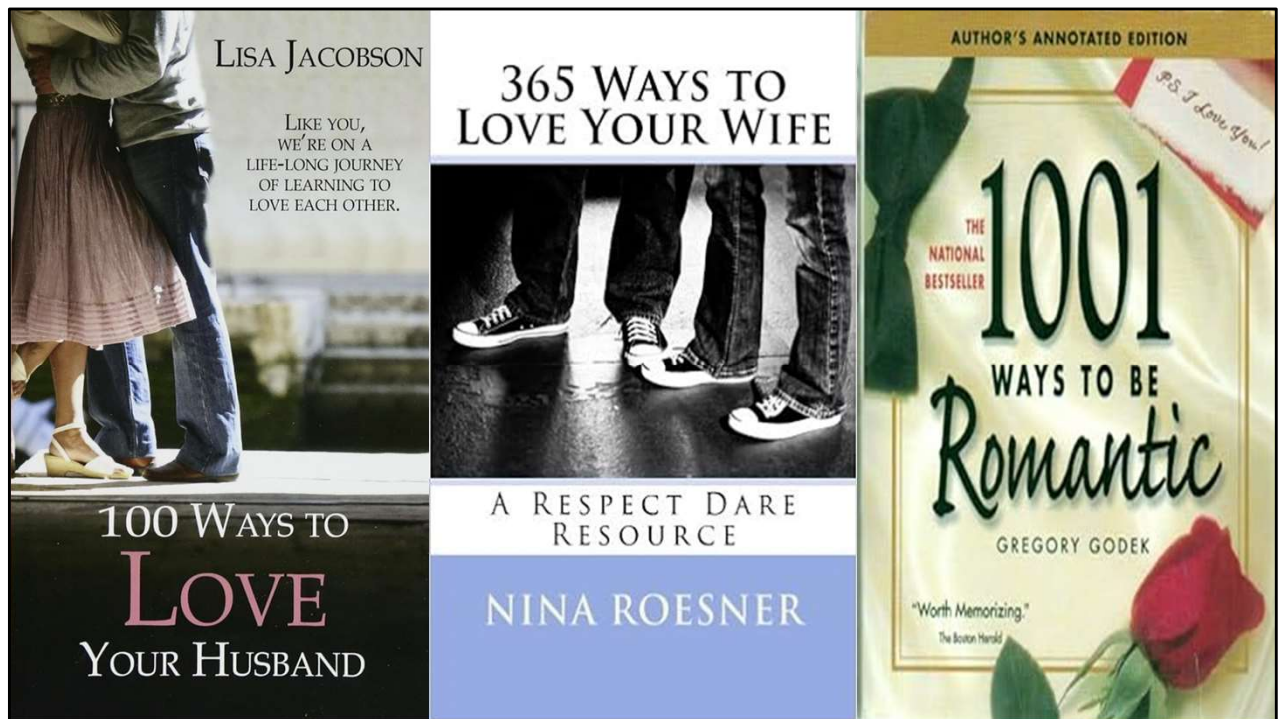
Baptism and R.C. membership?
Purgatory? & Prayers for the dead
Good deeds/works plus faith!?
Penance?
Mass?

Essentials for salvation?

- Circumcision, Keep Sabbath, sacrifices, keep feasts...?
 - Baptism? Which kind?
 - Keeping the 10 commandments?
 - Speaking in tongues?
 - Joining church? Attending church?
 - Lighting candles, Indulgences, penance, mass, rosaries? ...
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Messianic Judaism? 7th Day Adventists?
Legalists?

This can seem so confusing to the world and the unreligious so lets consider **an illustration, Love and marriage**, see next slide



Can you set this up so one picture at a time, left to right?

SO, here are some of those “Ways” to Love your wife!: Can you do any/all of them and still NOT Love your wife?

Is it about ALL that you Do or don't do?

Motives & Measures & Ministries

- The secret to Marriage is... “don’t tell me...show me”
- 100 ways to love your husband
- 101 ways to love your wife
- 365 ways to love your wife, 1001 ways
- List of “to do’s” or “I just want you to Love me”

How can we illustrate this? How can the world understand that mere lists of duties or works are a very different thing than living by faith/Love?

Motives (heart) & **Measures** (all your heart, die for her) & **Movements** (Actions)

The Bible depicts our relationship to Christ like a Marriage! Jesus is the groom, the church is His bride! Eph.5

Are people married because they live together, have children, share bank accounts and bills, have monogamous sex together....Or because of a covenant of faith and the unifying mystery of god making them one??!

The secret to Marriage is.....”don’t tell me...just show me!” OR I just want you to love me! The Husband says I Work hard, Provide you a home, Don’t complain about your bad cooking, Come home every night, never get drunk....What do you want from me? Buy you flowers and jewelry and give you a better life than most...

[Rom 2:29 NASB20] 29 But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from people, but from God.

[Deu 10:16 NASB20] 16 "So circumcise your heart, and do not stiffen your neck any longer.

[Deu 30:6 NASB20] 6 "Moreover, the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the hearts of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and all your soul, so that you may live.

[Jer 4:4 "Circumcise yourselves to the LORD And remove the foreskins of your hearts, Men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, Or else My wrath will spread like fire And burn with no one to quench it, Because of the evil of your deeds."

[Col 2:11-12 NASB20] 11 and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision performed

without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ, 12 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

[Rom 2:27 NASB20] 27 And he who is physically uncircumcised, if he keeps the Law, will he not judge you who though having the letter [of the Law] and circumcision are a violator of the Law?

101 ways!

Take your forefinger and brush her hair out of her eyes behind her ear when listening to her.

Gently rub the back of her neck or shoulders when seated next to her, unless she does not like that.

Pay her a compliment daily

Send a text message

Pick up after yourself

Clean out her car for her.

Lock up the house at night so she does not have to do it

Hold her hand in public

Make time on a regular basis to be with just her

Hug her for no reason

Take her on a moon light walk

take care of dinner once a week

Open doors for her

Put your phone down

Smile at her.

...

[Rom 13:8, 10 NASB20] 8 Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for the one who loves his neighbor has fulfilled [the] Law. ... 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of [the] Law.

[Deu 6:5 NASB20] 5 "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

[Deu 10:12 NASB20] 12 "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

[Deu 11:13 NASB20] 13 "And it shall come about, if you listen obediently to my commandments which I am commanding you today, to love the LORD your God and to serve Him with all your heart and all your soul,

[Deu 13:3 NASB20] 3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or dreamer of dreams; for the LORD your God is testing you to find out whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

[Deu 30:6 NASB20] 6 "Moreover, the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the hearts of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and all your soul, so that you may live.

[Jos 22:5 NASB20] 5 "Only be very careful to follow the commandment and the Law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God and walk in all His ways, and keep His commandments and cling to Him, and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul."

[Mat 22:37 NASB20] 37 And He said to him, "'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.'

[Mar 12:30, 33 NASB20] 30 AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.' ... 33 and to love Him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices."

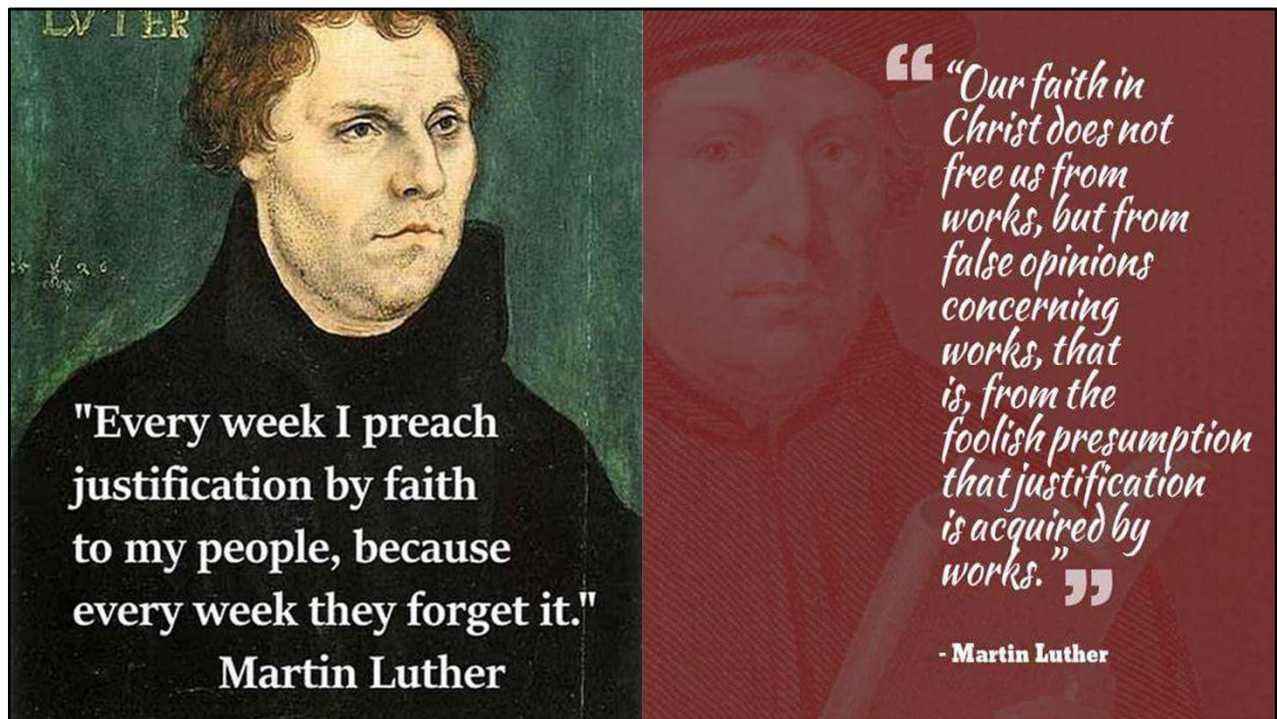
[Luk 10:27 NASB20] 27 And he answered, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."



They both went to the Temple, they both prayed! They both were hopeful to be accepted, only one was justified

[Luk 18:9-14 NASB20] 9 Now He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: 10 **"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 "The Pharisee stood and [began] praying this in regard to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, crooked, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 'I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.' 13 "But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to raise his eyes toward heaven, but was beating his chest, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!' 14 "I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other one; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."**

**You can tithe and give lots of money
You can attend church every day
You can do penance over and over**



“Every week I preach Justification (by faith alone in Christ alone) by faith to my people, because every week they forget it”

Martin Luther

Ever hear someone say:

But I thought God would bless me, I'm not breaking any of the 10 commandments

The Dr. just told me I have terminal cancer, God is finally getting me back for all my past sins

I just can't forgive myself! This guilt and shame will never leave me!

“Our faith in Christ does not free us from works, but from false opinions concerning works, that is, from the foolish presumption that justification is acquired by works.”

Martin Luther

the circumcision

- Covenant symbol of God with Israel! – Genesis 17:10-11
- After Ishmael, before Isaac! Not flesh, all supernatural!
- God almost killed Moses over it! – Exodus 4:24-26
- Joshua circumcised all Israel before Jericho – Joshua 5:1-9
- Why circumcision? Moral sacredness, Symbolic - flesh

[Gen 17:1, 4-5 NASB20] 1 Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; Walk before Me, and be blameless. ... 4 "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, And you will be the father of a multitude of nations. 5 "No longer shall you be named Abram, But your name shall be Abraham; For I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.

[Gen 17:10-11 NASB20] 10 "This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 "And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be the sign of the covenant between Me and you.

[Gen 17:12-14 NASB20] 12 "And every male among you who is eight days old shall be circumcised throughout your generations, [including] a slave who is born in the house or who is bought with money from any foreigner, who is not of your descendants. 13 "A slave who is born in your house or who is bought with your money shall certainly be circumcised; so My covenant shall be in your flesh as an everlasting covenant. 14 "But [as for] an uncircumcised male, one who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant."

[Gen 17:17-18 NASB20] 17 Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Will a child be born to a man a hundred years old? And will Sarah, who is ninety years old, give birth [to a child?]" 18 And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before You!"

Symbolically, it was a "dying" — a being "cut away"/separated from the world — that allowed them to enter into the household of Abraham. Also, in a symbolic way, a circumcised male (adult or child) would be standing "bare" before God, separated from the world to be prepared for His service.

Health reasons also!

Our Lord was circumcised, for it "became him to fulfil all righteousness," as of the seed of Abraham,

according to the flesh; and

Paul "took and circumcised" Timothy (Act 16:3), to avoid giving offence to the Jews. It would render Timothy's labours more acceptable to the Jews.

But Paul would by no means consent to the demand that Titus should be circumcised (Gal 2:3-5). The great point for which he contended was the free admission of uncircumcised Gentiles into the church. He contended successfully in behalf of Titus, even in Jerusalem.

According to [Ex 12:48](#) (also P) no stranger could take part in the celebration of the Passover unless he had been circumcised. In the Book of Jos ([Jos 5:2-9](#)) we read that the Israelites were circumcised at Gilgal ("Rolling"), and thus the "reproach of Egypt" was "rolled away." Apparently circumcision in the case of the Hebrews was prohibited during the Egyptian period-circumcision being a distinctive mark of the ruling race. It is noticeable that flint knives were used for the purpose.

[Deu 30:6 NASB20] 6 "Moreover, the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the hearts of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and all your soul, so that you may live.

[Gal 6:15 NASB20] 15 For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

[Col 3:11 NASB20] 11 [a renewal] in which there is no [distinction between] Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, [and] free, but Christ is all, and in all.

[Deu 10:16 NASB20] 16 "So circumcise your heart, and do not stiffen your neck any longer.

[Jer 4:4 "Circumcise yourselves to the LORD And remove the foreskins of your hearts, Men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, Or else My wrath will spread like fire And burn with no one to quench it, Because of the evil of your deeds."

[Jer 9:26 NASB20] 26 Egypt, Judah, Edom, the sons of Ammon, Moab, and all those inhabiting the desert who trim the hair on their temples; for all the nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised of heart."

[Eze 11:19 NASB20] 19 "And I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them. And I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh,

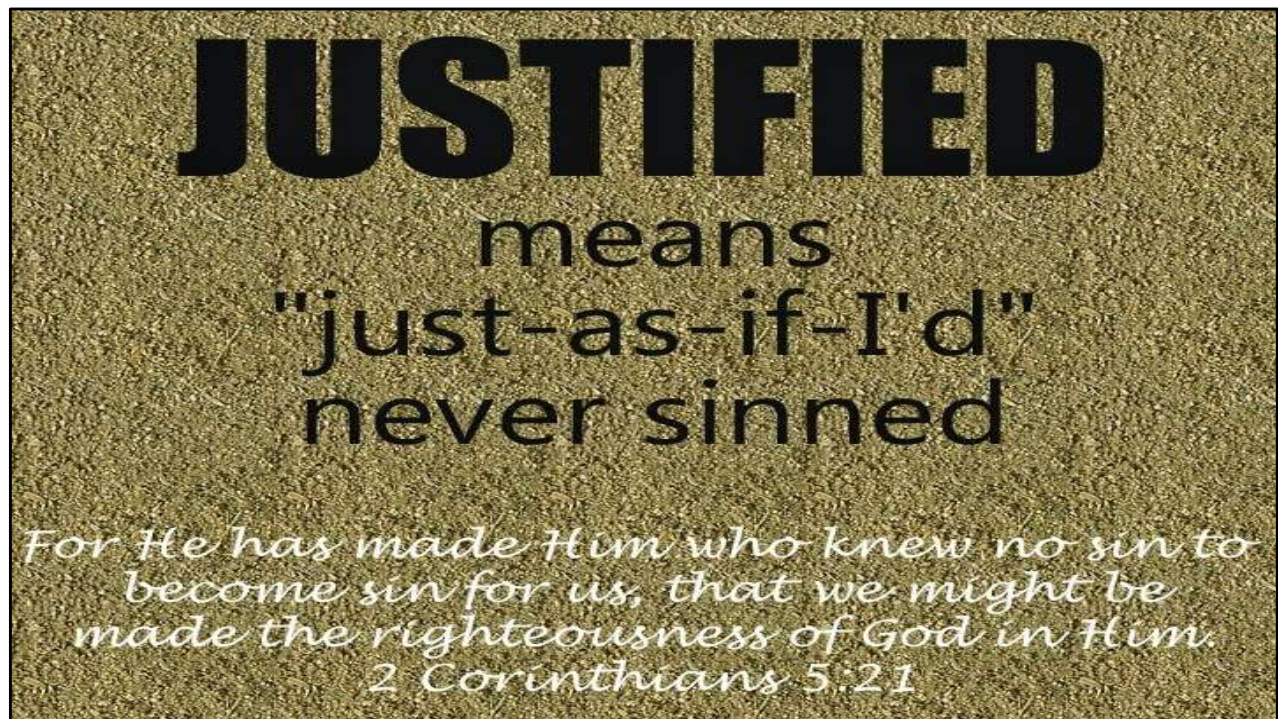
[Rom 2:28-29 NASB20] 28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh. 29 But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from people, but from God.

[2Co 5:17 NASB20] 17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, [this person is] a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

[Col 2:11 NASB20] 11 and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision performed without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ,

[Phl 3:2 NASB20] 2 Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, **beware of the false**

circumcision:



[2Co 5:21 NASB20] 21 He made Him who knew no sin [to be] sin in our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Properly understood, justification has to do with God's declaration about the sinner, not any change within the sinner. That is, justification, per se, does not make anyone holy; **it simply declares him to be not guilty before God and therefore treated as holy.** The actual change toward holiness in the sinner occurs with sanctification, which is related to justification but, for definition's sake, distinct from it.

A key passage describing justification in relation to believers is

Romans 3:21–26: “But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, . . . so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.” Several important facts about justification are to be noted:

- Justification comes apart from the law; that is, we cannot earn justification through rule-keeping or our own good works.
- Justification is made possible in the sacrificial death of Christ; it is based on the shed blood of Christ.
- Justification is the free and gracious gift of God bestowed on those who receive by faith the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
- Justification demonstrates the righteousness of God.

Related to God's justification of the sinner are several things:

1) The remission of the penalty of sin, which was death (Romans 3:23; 8:1; 1 Peter 2:24).

2) The restoration to God's favor, which had been lost due to our sin (John 3:36). So, justification is more than an acquittal; it is full acceptance. We are now friends of God (James 2:23) and co-heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17).

3) The imputation of righteousness, which is the reckoning of Christ's righteousness to our account (Romans 4:5-8). We are declared to be righteous forensically (legally) because "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

(The preceding three points are adapted from Henry Thiessen's Lectures in Systematic Theology, revised by Vernon Doerksen, Eerdmans, 1979, pp. 275-277).

We are justified, declared righteous, at the moment of our salvation. Jesus Christ finished the work required for our justification on the cross. "Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!" (Romans 5:9). He was then "raised to life for our justification" (Romans 4:25).

The question arises, "Is justification just? If He is holy, how can God forgive a guilty sinner?" The answer is that justification does not excuse our sin, ignore our sin, or endorse our sin. Rather, our sin is fully punished, Christ having taken our penalty for us. He was our substitute (1 Peter 3:18). Because the wrath of God is satisfied in Christ (Isaiah 53:4-6), we are free from condemnation (Romans 8:1), and God remains both "fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus" (Romans 3:26, NLT).

Because God justifies us by grace through faith in Christ, we now have peace with God (Romans 5:1). Like Joshua the priest, we have been stripped of our "filthy clothes" (Zechariah 3:4), and, like the prodigal son in the parable, we are now clothed with "the best robe" (Luke 15:22). God the Father sees us as perfect and unblemished, and we are to be devoted "to doing what is good" (Titus 3:14).

Romans 5:18-19 in the Amplified Bible sums up the basis and result of justification: "So then as through one trespass [Adam's sin] there resulted condemnation for all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. For just as through one man's disobedience [his failure to hear, his carelessness] the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of the one Man the many will be made righteous and acceptable to God and brought into right standing with Him."

<https://www.gotquestions.org/justification.html>

Justification is needed by the unjust!

- Romans 3:20 - because by the words of the Law none of mankind will be justified in His sight; for through the Law [comes] knowledge of sin.
- Romans 3:28 - For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

Justification for the unjust!

[Luk 18:14 NASB20] 14 "I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other one; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

[Rom 3:20, 24, 28 NASB20] 20 because by the works of the Law none of mankind will be justified in His sight; for through the Law [comes] knowledge of sin. ... 24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, ... 28 For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

[Rom 5:1, 9 NASB20] 1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ... 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath [of God] through Him.

[Rom 8:30 NASB20] 30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

[1Co 6:11 NASB20] 11 Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

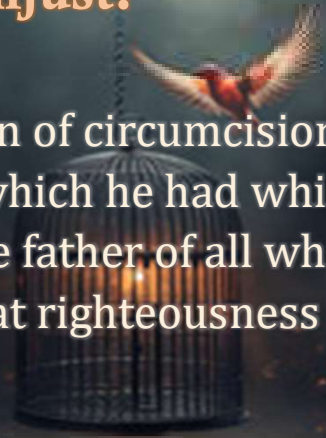
[Tit 3:7 NASB20] 7 so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to [the] hope of eternal life.


[Rom 4:1-5, 9-16 NASB20] 1 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about; but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS." 4 Now to the one who works, the wages are not credited as a favor, but as what is due. 5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness, ... 9 Is this blessing then on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? For we say, "FAITH WAS CREDITED TO ABRAHAM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS." 10 How then was it

credited? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised; 11 and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, so that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be credited to them, 12 and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham which he had while uncircumcised. 13 For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if those who are of the Law are heirs, then faith is made void and the promise is nullified; 15 for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, there also is no violation. 16 For this reason [it is] by faith, in order that [it may be] in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,

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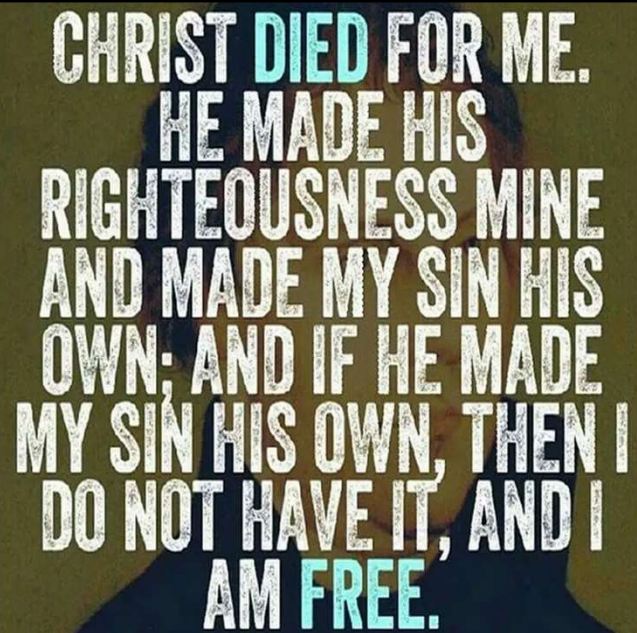




I cannot endure
the sight of
God until I see
him **in Christ**;
and God cannot
bear the sight
of me till he
sees me **in
Christ**.

Charles Spurgeon

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**CHRIST DIED FOR ME.
HE MADE HIS
RIGHTEOUSNESS MINE
AND MADE MY SIN HIS
OWN; AND IF HE MADE
MY SIN HIS OWN, THEN I
DO NOT HAVE IT, AND I
AM FREE.**

MARTIN LUTHER

by works of the Law no flesh will be justified

- both Jews and Greeks are all under sin - Romans 3:9
- We can Only be justified through Jesus! Not our deeds!
- Jesus paid for all our sins! Gave us His righteousness!
- We can never impress God by what we do! We stand amazed at What He's done and offers us as a gift!
- We serve, not to earn heaven but in love & gratitude

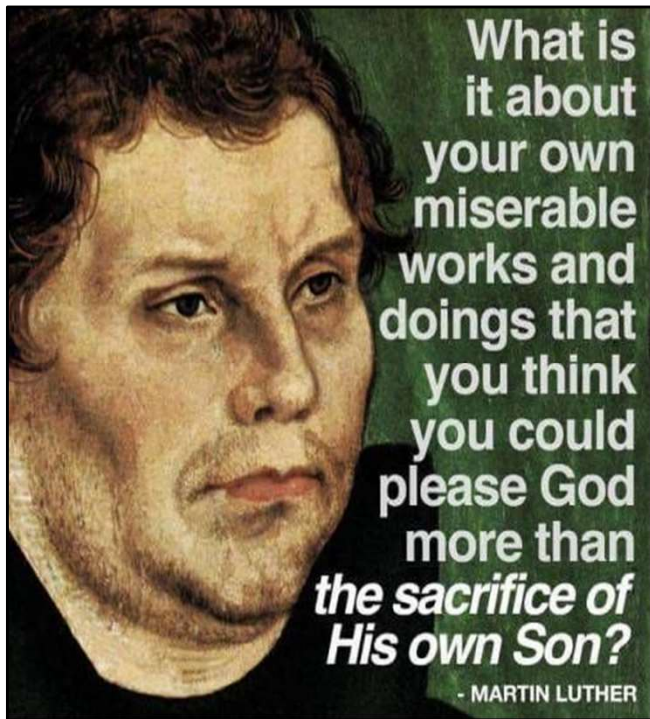
[Rom 3:9-10, 19-20, 26-31 NASB20] 9 What then? Are we better [than they?] Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin; 10 as it is written:"THERE IS NO RIGHTEOUS PERSON, NOT EVEN ONE; ... 19 Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God; 20 because by the works of the Law none of mankind will be justified in His sight; for through the Law [comes] knowledge of sin. ... 26 for the demonstration, [that is,] of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. 27 Where then is boasting? It has been excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith. 28 For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from works of the Law. 29 Or is God [the God] of Jews only? Is He not [the God] of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, 30 since indeed God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one. 31 Do we then nullify the Law through faith? Far from it! On the contrary, we establish the Law.



"The justification
which comes from
God himself must
be beyond question.
If the Judge acquits
me, who can
condemn me? If
the highest court
in the universe has
pronounced me
just, who shall lay
anything to my
charge?"
- C.H. Spurgeon

What then shall we say to these things? If God [is] for us, who [is] against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? Who will bring charges against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;

- Romans 8:31-33 -



What is
it about
your own
miserable
works and
doings that
you think
you could
please God
more than
*the sacrifice of
His own Son?*

- MARTIN LUTHER

**"THE ONLY SIN JESUS
EVER HAD WAS OURS.
AND THE ONLY
RIGHTEOUSNESS WE CAN
EVER HAVE IS HIS."**

**A.W. TOZER
A MAN OF GOD**

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH ROMANS 3:21-26

GOD & HIS GRACE

THE SOURCE OF OUR JUSTIFICATION

We are justified by *God's grace*, his unmerited favour toward us (3:24).



CHRIST & HIS CROSS

THE BASIS OF OUR JUSTIFICATION

We are justified through *the cross of Christ* by the grace of God (3:24-25).



FAITH NOT WORKS

THE MEANS OF OUR JUSTIFICATION

We are justified by *faith* in the cross of Christ by the grace of God (3:22, 25-26).



JUSTIFICATION = being legally declared right before God

GOD'S REDEMPTION = slavery language

Jesus has bought us out of slavery to sin and death with the ransom-price of his own blood (3:24).



GOD'S PROPITIATION = temple language

Jesus is the perfect sacrifice who turns away the righteous wrath of God from us and our sin (3:25).



GOD'S DEMONSTRATION = law-court language

Jesus' death demonstrates the justice of God in passing over sins (3:25).



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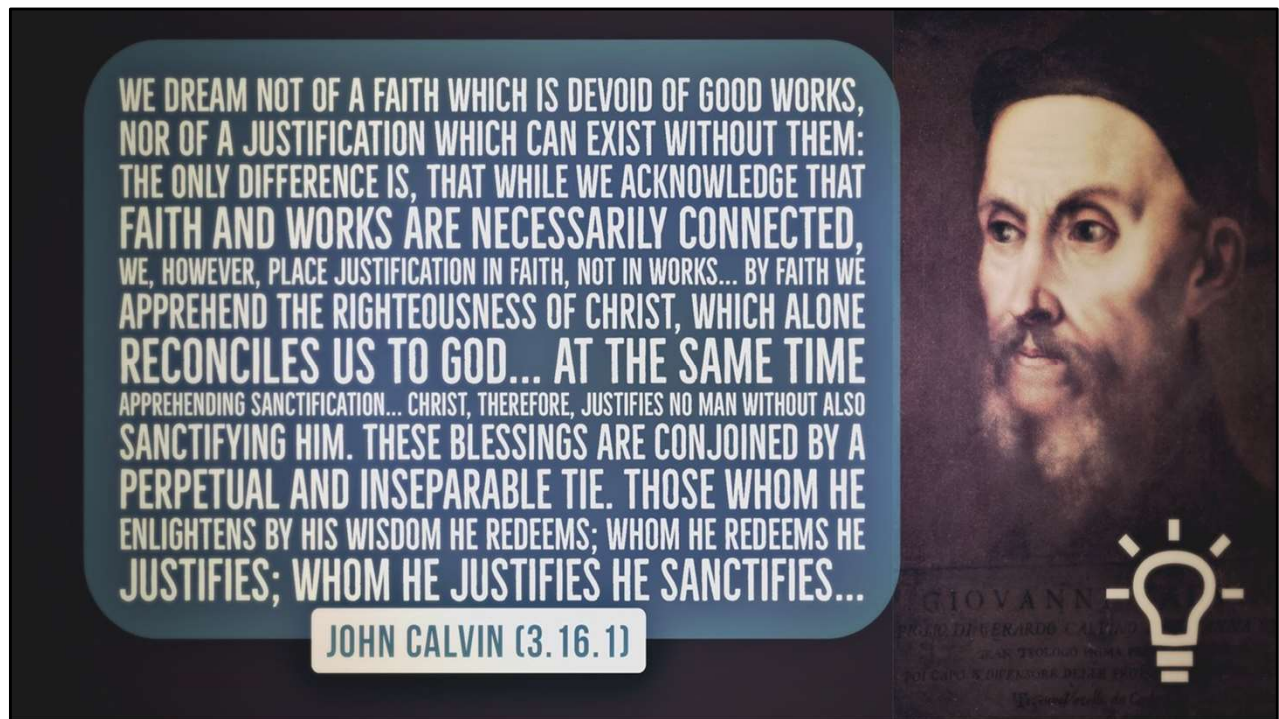
**“May the LORD
Bless You, and
Keep You”
(Numbers 6-7)**

The Lord bless you, and keep you; The Lord cause His face to shine on you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift us His face to you, and give you peace.



[Num 6:22-27 NASB20] 22 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 23 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'In this way you shall bless the sons of Israel. You are to say to them:
24 The LORD bless you, and keep you; 25 The LORD cause His face to shine on you, And be gracious to you; 26 The LORD lift up His face to you, And give you peace.' 27 "So they shall invoke My name on the sons of Israel, and [then] I will bless them."

In other words, May God look you in the eyes, as a friend, and smile upon you

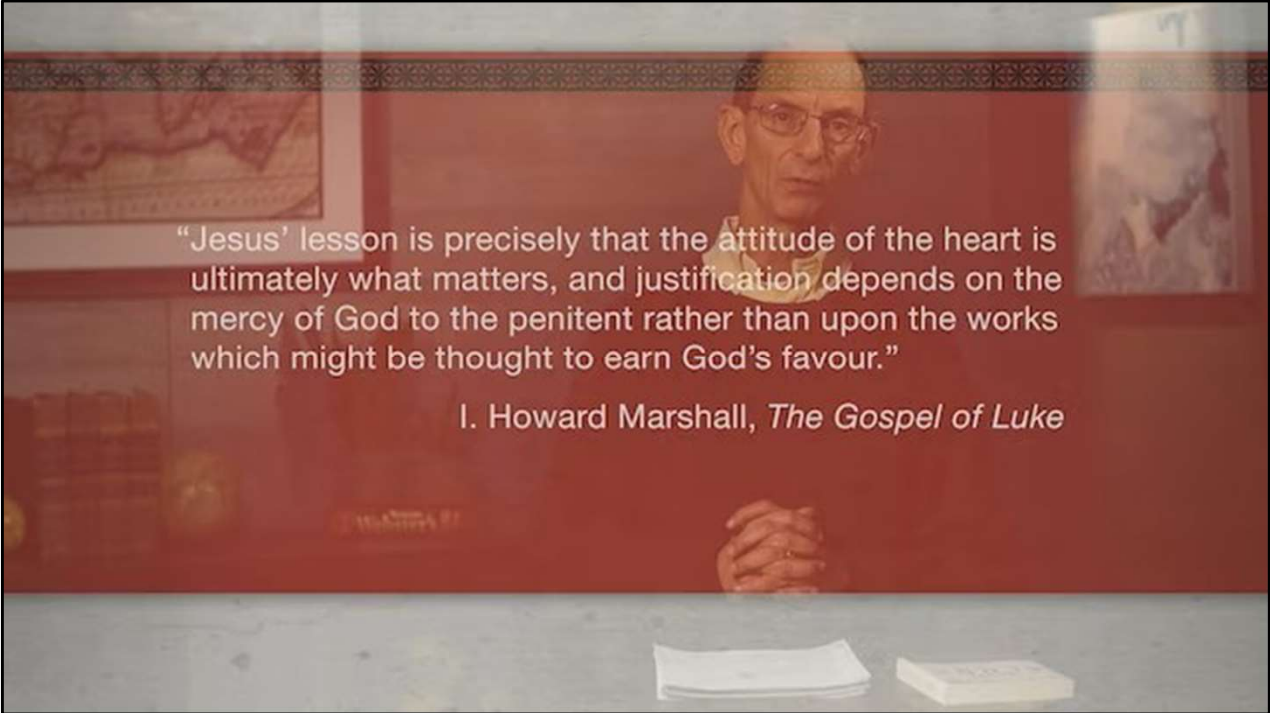


We dream not of a faith which is devoid of good works, nor of a justification which can exist without them: the only difference is, that while we acknowledge that faith and works are necessarily connected, we, however, place justification in faith, not in works...By faith we apprehend the righteousness of Christ, which alone reconciles us to God...at the same time apprehending sanctification...Christ, therefore, justifies no man without also sanctifying him. These blessings are conjoined by a perpetual and inseparable tie. Those whom He enlightens by his wisdom he redeems; whom he redeems he justifies; Whom He justifies He sanctifies.
<https://kirkmillerblog.com/2014/03/04/calvin-on-the-relationship-between-works-and-justification-by-faith/>

Calvin's response to this concern is that *"For we dream neither of a faith devoid of good works, nor a justification that stands without them. This alone is of importance: having admitted that faith and good works must cleave together..."* (pg. 798).

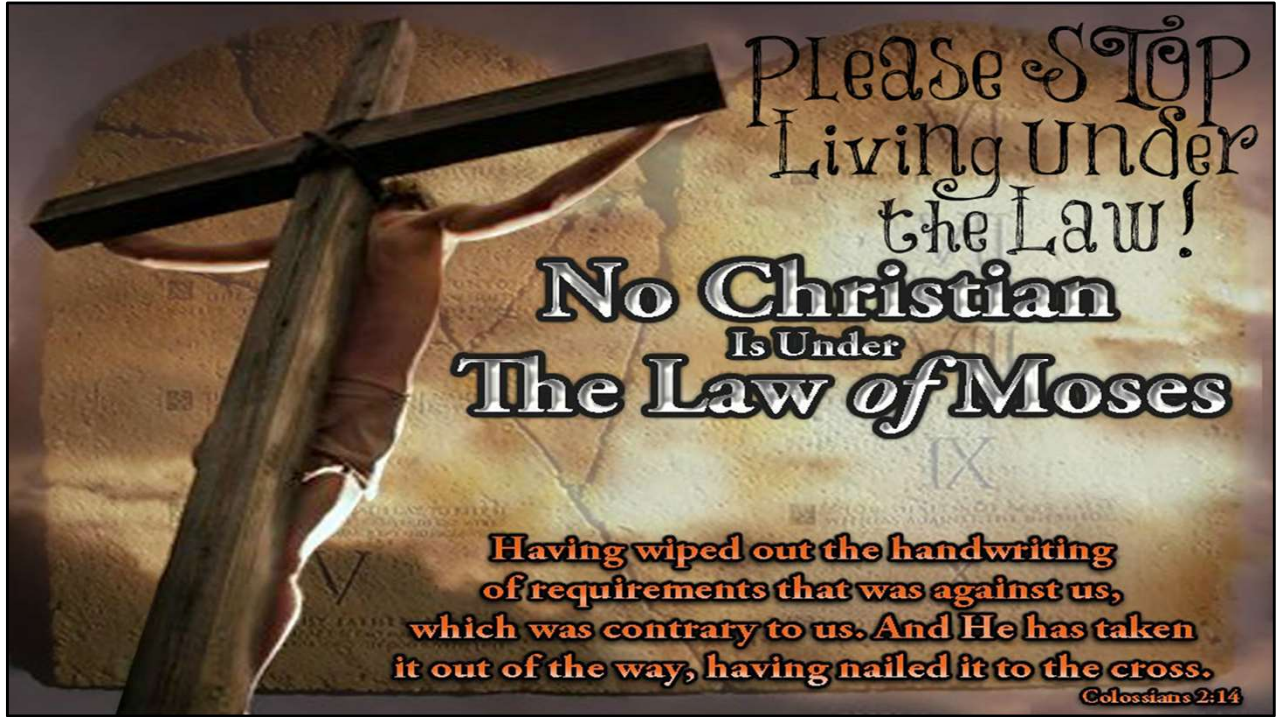
“The Scripture doctrine of justification by faith alone . . . does in no wise diminish, either the necessity, or benefit of a sincere evangelical universal obedience: in that man’s salvation is not only indissolubly connected with it, and damnation with the want of it, in those that have opportunity for it, but that it depends upon it in many respects . . . even in accepting of us as entitled to life in our justification, God has respect to this, as that on which the fitness of such an act of justification depends: so that our salvation does truly depend upon it, as if we were justified for the moral excellency of it.”

Jonathan Edwards, “Justification by Faith”

A man with glasses is seated at a desk, looking directly at the camera. The background is a deep red wall. To the left, a map of the Middle East is visible. To the right, a framed portrait of a man is hanging. The man's hands are clasped on the desk in front of him. On the desk, there are two stacks of papers. The text is overlaid on the red background.

“Jesus’ lesson is precisely that the attitude of the heart is ultimately what matters, and justification depends on the mercy of God to the penitent rather than upon the works which might be thought to earn God’s favour.”

I. Howard Marshall, *The Gospel of Luke*



PLEASE STOP
Living Under
the Law!

**No Christian
Is Under
The Law of Moses**

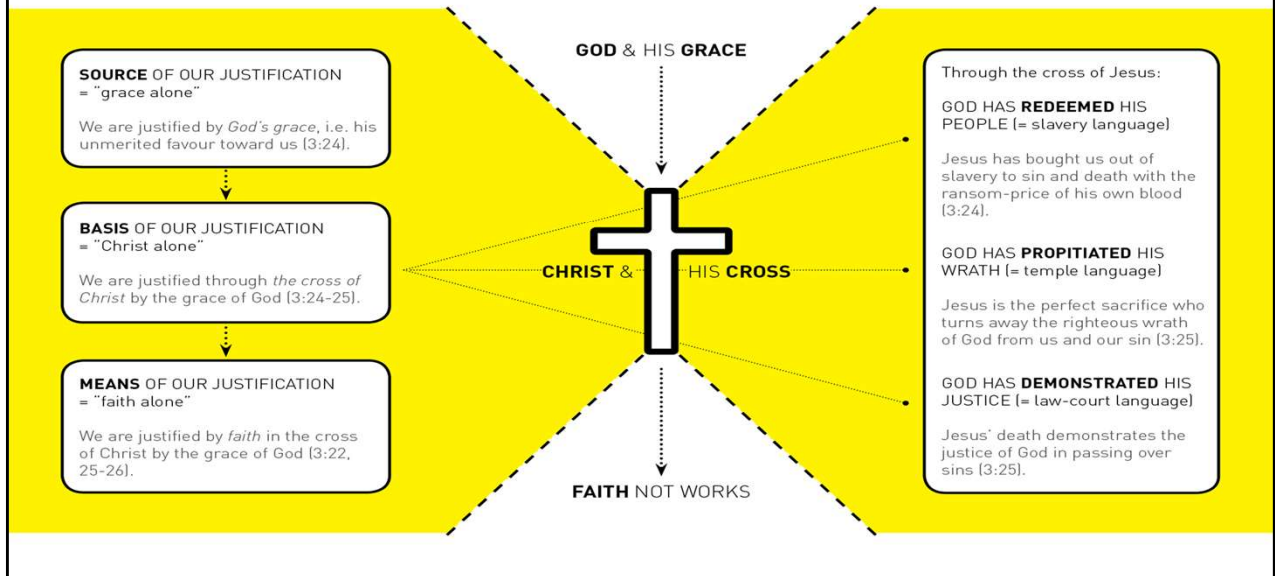
**Having wiped out the handwriting
of requirements that was against us,
which was contrary to us. And He has taken
it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.**

Colossians 2:14

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH ROMANS 3:21-26

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Martin Luther



This doctrine (justification) is the head and the cornerstone. It alone begets, nourishes, builds, preserves, and defends the church of God and without it the church of God cannot exist for one hour.

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