



No Other Gospel

Galatians 1:1-10



FREEDOM!



The Purpose of the Book of Galatians

It was not written to free non-Christians from their slavery to sin.

It was written to free Christians from their slavery to legalistic Christianity.



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Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man,
but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who
raised him from the dead— and all the brothers
who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our
sins to deliver us from the present evil age,
according to the will of our God and Father, to
whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.



I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.



For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.



2 Corinthians 12:12

The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works.



2 Peter 1:4

[God] has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.



Stages of Salvation

God HAS delivered us from the Penalty of sin. (Past)

God IS delivering us from the Power of sin. (Present)

God WILL deliver us from the Presence of sin. (Future)



Galatians 1:6

“I am *astonished*...”







Galatians 1:3-4

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins...



Matthew 7:13-14

Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.



George Whitefield



Works? Works? A man get to heaven by works? I would as soon think of climbing to the moon on a rope of sand!

AZ QUOTES

False Gospels

Christian Science - Humanity is already eternally saved. Sin, evil, sickness and death are not real. The “gospel” or good news consists of right thinking which produces healing. It is not the shed blood of Christ on the cross.



False Gospels

Islam - There is no good news message in Islam. Salvation consists of doing good and hoping that Allah will grant the Muslim salvation. It is works-based righteousness.



False Gospels

Hinduism - Through yoga, meditation, and self-improvement, through multiple reincarnated lives, one can find salvation through union with Brahman (god).



False Gospels

Jehovah's Witnesses - The Gospel that leads to forgiveness of sins consists of taking in knowledge of God, obeying God's laws, being associated with God's organization, and loyally advocating his Kingdom rule to others.



False Gospels

Latter Day Saints - Mormons are saved by works, including faithfulness to church leaders, Mormon baptism, tithing, ordination, marriage & sacred temple rituals.



False Gospels

Roman Catholicism - Initial justification is by means of baptism [1262-1274]. Salvation is attained by cooperating with grace through faith, good works, and participation in the 7 sacraments. Grace is merited by good works [2010, 2027].



Roman Catholic View of Salvation

Through its seven sacraments, grace is imparted to people, transforming their character so they may work to merit eternal life. The Church affirms that for believers, the sacraments are necessary for salvation. (CCC Para1129)

(Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance and Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony)



Roman Catholic View of Salvation

Justification is by faith (or Latin: *fide*).

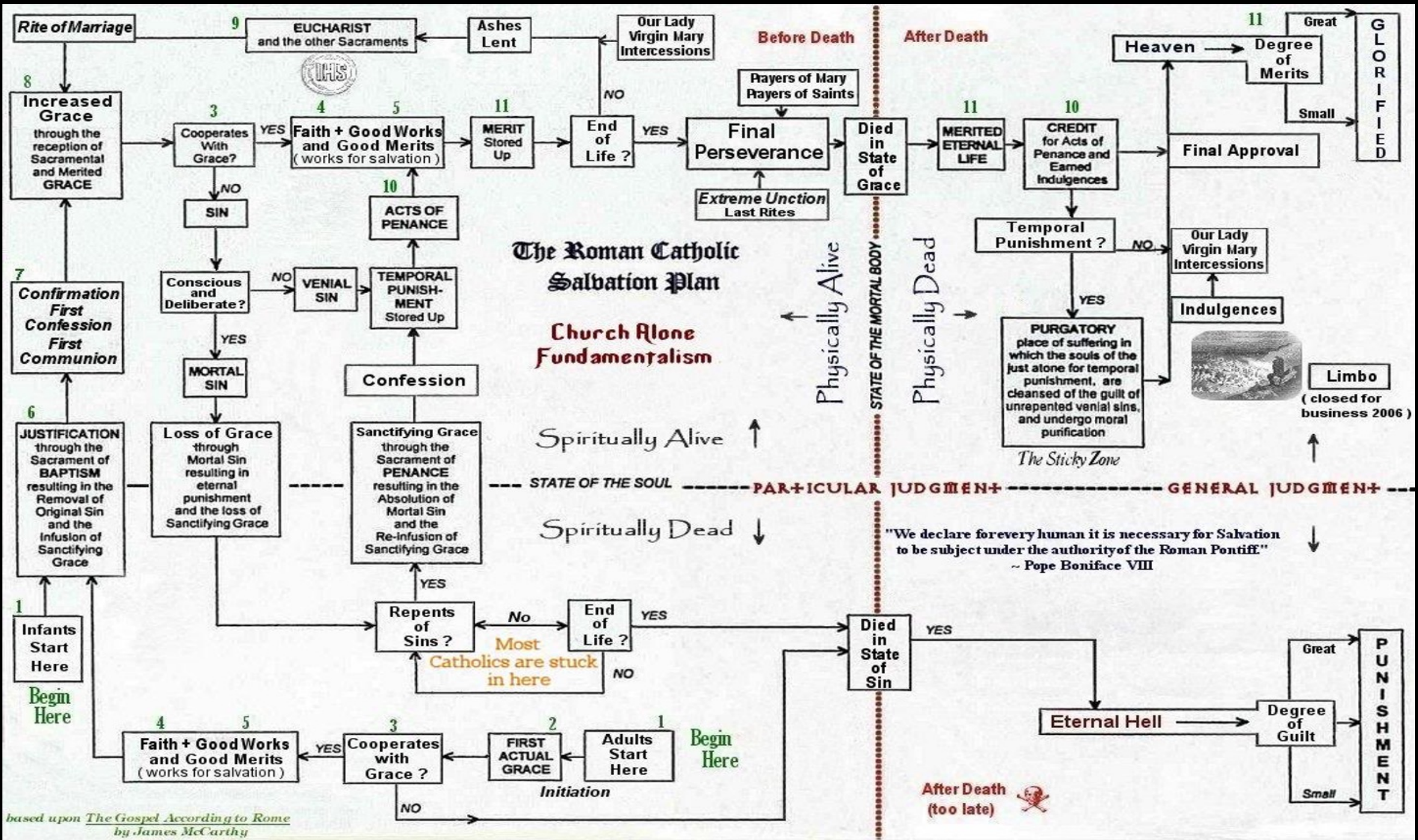


Roman Catholic View of Salvation

Justification is by faith (or Latin: *fide*).

But it is not by faith alone (*sola fide*).





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Acts 16:31

They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”



John 10:9

I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved...



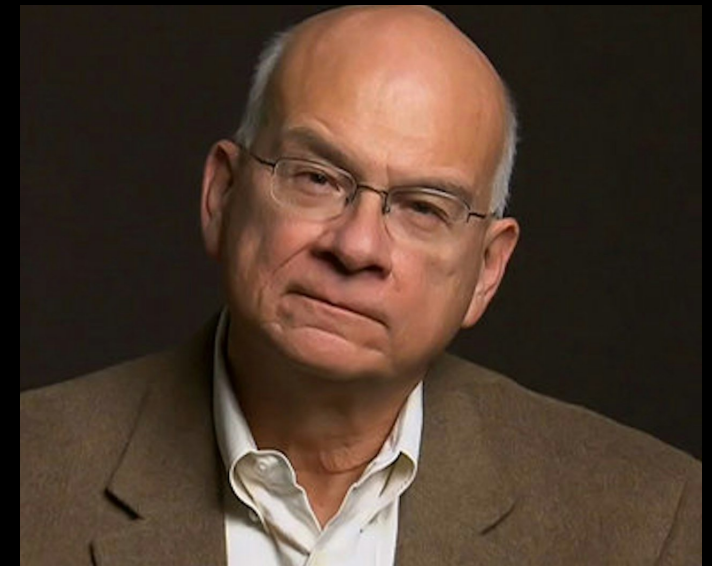
“There is no middle ground between Christian righteousness and works-righteousness. There is no alternative to Christian righteousness, but works righteousness. If you do not build your confidence on the work of Christ, you must build your confidence on your own work.”



Martin Luther

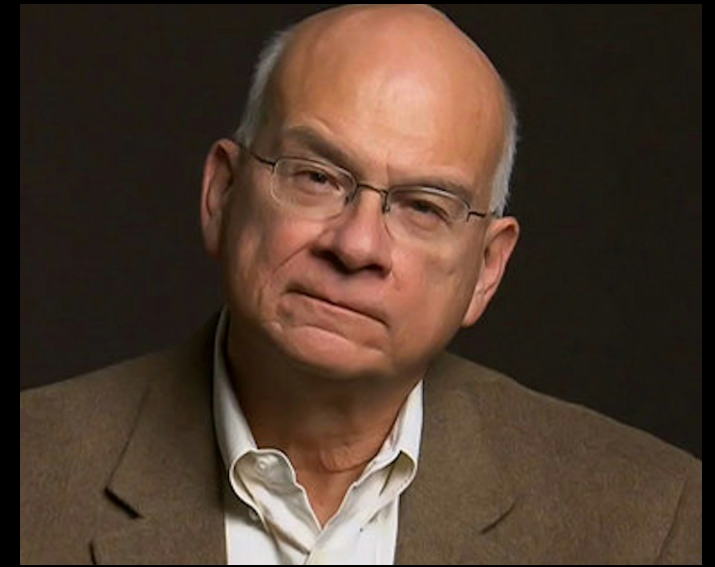


“Since the one true gospel is so crucial, and so often and easily reversed, this awakens in us a troubling question: how can we ensure the gospel we believe is actually true? How do we know it is not merely a gospel that we feel is true, or are told is true, or think is true, or sounds to us as true—but a gospel that is true, objectively, and therefore can save, really and eternally?”



Timothy Keller

Paul lays down, in the strongest possible language - a plumb line for judging all truth claims, whether external (from teachers, writers, thinkers, preachers) or internal (feelings, sensations, experience). That standard is the gospel that he (and all the other capital-A Apostles) received from Christ and taught, and which is found in this letter, and throughout the rest of the Bible.”



Timothy Keller

Galatians 1:8-9

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As we have said before, so now I say again:
If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.



2 Corinthians 11:13-15

For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.







2 Peter 2:1

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.



“Satan is the counterfeiter. He has a false gospel (Gal. 1:6-9), preached by false ministers (2 Cor. 11:13-12), producing false Christians (2 Cor. 11:26). Satan plants his counterfeits wherever God plants true believers (Matt. 13:38).”



Warren Wiersbe

“To tamper with the gospel is to trouble the Church. Indeed, the Church’s greatest troublemakers (now as then) are not those outside who oppose, ridicule & persecute it, but those inside who try to change the gospel. Conversely, the only way to be a good churchman is to be a good gospel-man. The best way to serve the church is to believe and to preach the gospel.”



John Stott

Q&A #75: The Heidelberg Catechism

“As surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup shared with me, so surely his body was offered and broken for me and his blood poured out for me on the cross.”



