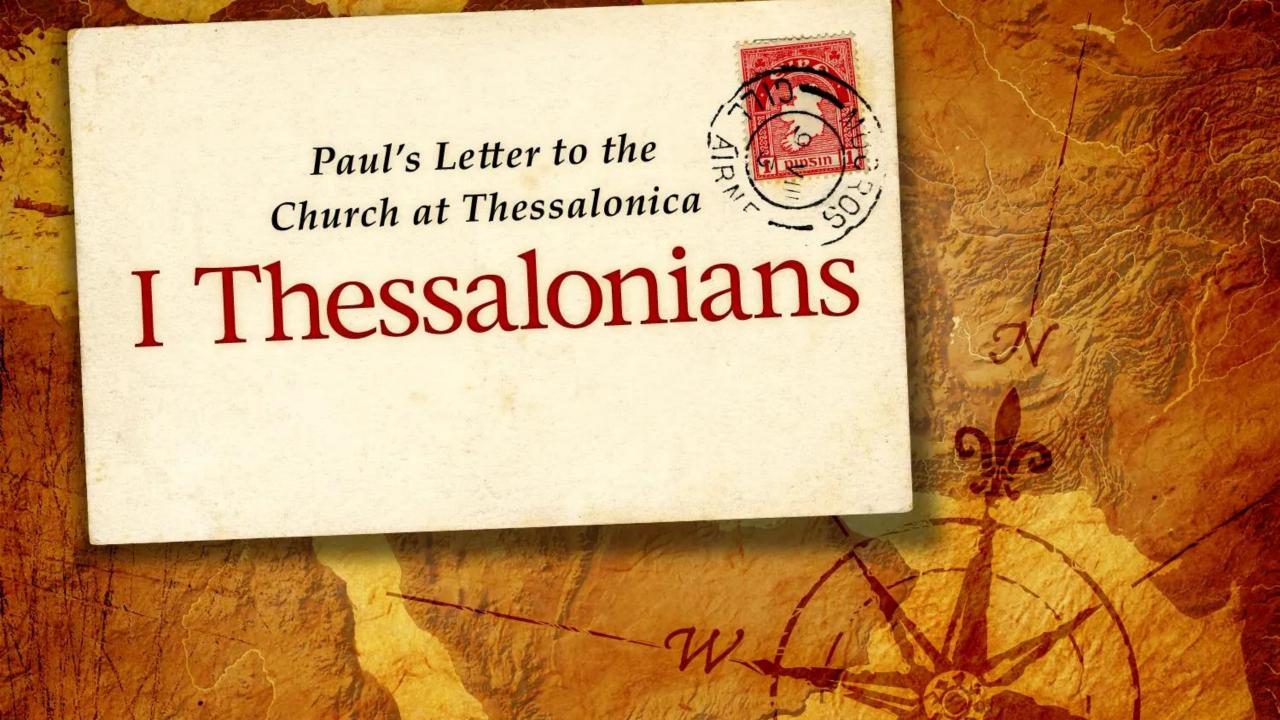
# The Gospel in ALL of Life

- Power
- Preaching
- Prayer
- Practice





#### PAUL'S COMMENDATION OF THE CHURCH

But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought *good news about your* faith and love.

(1 Thess 3:6)

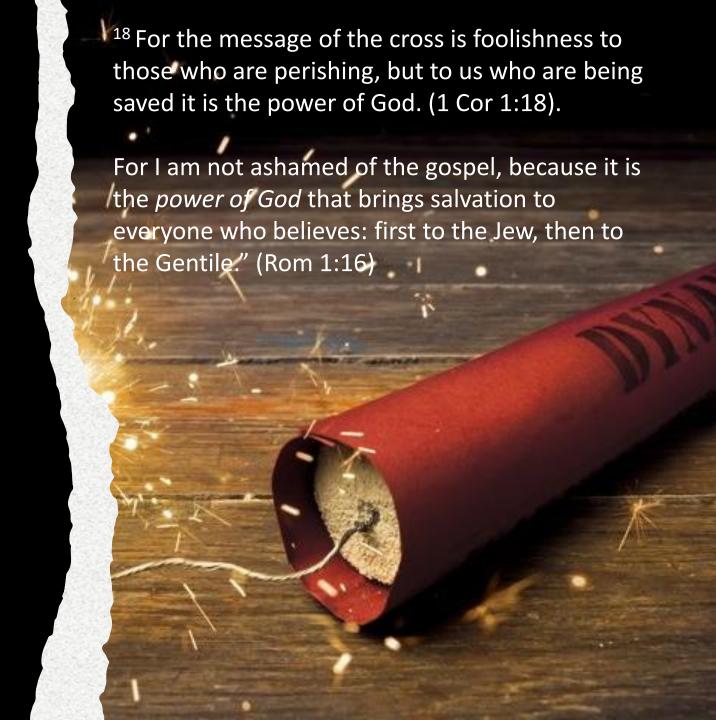
And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere.

(1 Thess 1:7-8)

### The Gospel is POWER (Dunamis)

<sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our gospel came to you not simply with *words* but also with *power (dunamis)*, with the *Holy Spirit* and *deep conviction*. You know how we lived among you for your sake.

1 Thess 1:4-5



### WHEN THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL IS UNLEASHED..

9 For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and <u>how</u> <u>you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God</u>, 10 and <u>to wait for his Son from</u> <u>heaven</u>, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

1 Thess 1:9-10

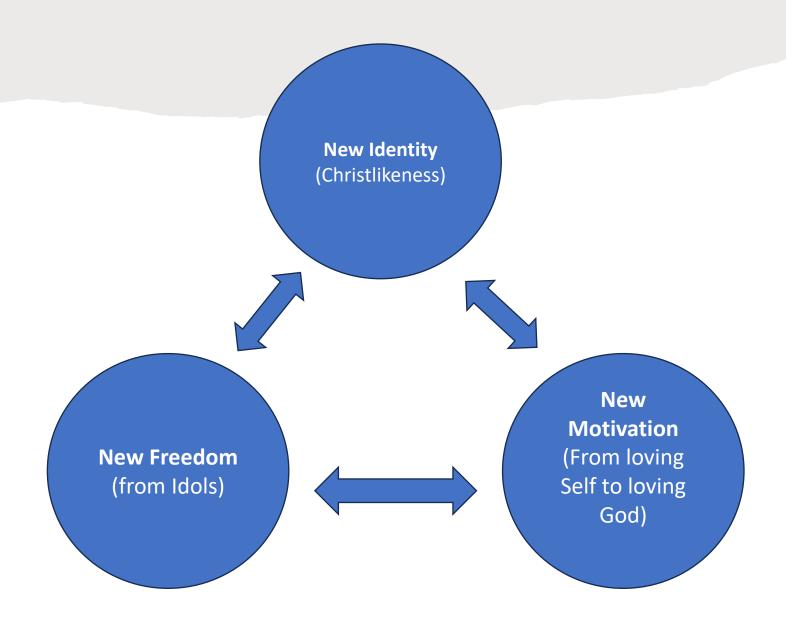
<sup>6</sup> And you became <u>imitators</u> of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with <u>the joy of the Holy Spirit</u>,

1 Thess 1:6

We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ

(1 Thess 1:2)

#### All things have become New (2 Cor 5:17)



#### THE GOSPEL AND THE CHURCH

<sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our gospel came to you not only in *word*, but also in *power* and in the *Holy Spirit* and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

#### Agency of Word and Spirit

Eph 5:18-21

<sup>18</sup> And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the *Spirit*, <sup>19</sup> <u>addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs</u>, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, <sup>20</sup> <u>giving thanks always</u> and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> <u>submitting to one another</u> out of reverence for Christ.

Col 3:16-18

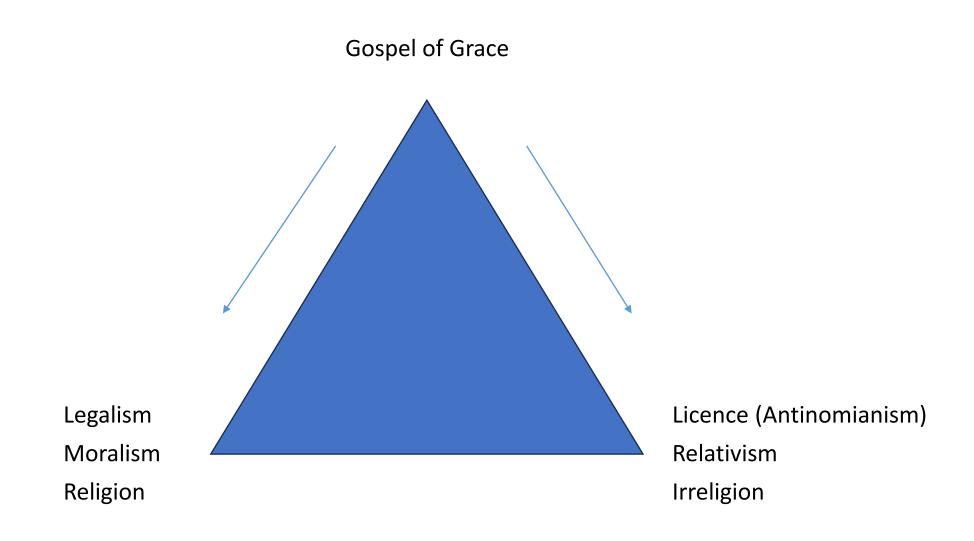
16 Let the **word of Christ** dwell in you richly, teaching and <u>admonishing one another in</u> <u>all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs</u>, with <u>thankfulness in your hearts to God</u>. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, <u>giving thanks to God</u> the Father through him. Wives, <u>submit yourselves</u> to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

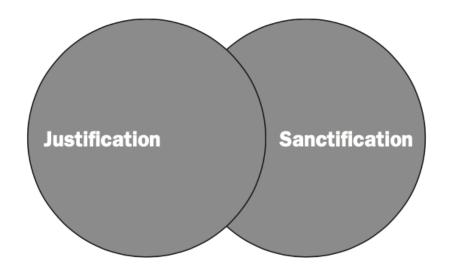
- Power
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#### Gospel of Grace Vs Legalism and Antinomianism





**Legalism:** Justification and Sanctification Merged

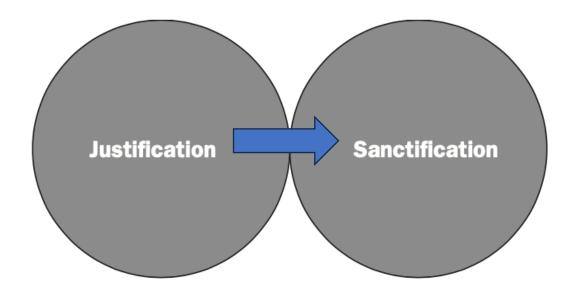
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"God accepts me because I am forgiven but also because I work hard to live like Jesus."



Antinomianism: Justification and Sanctification Separated

"We are saved by grace; God loves us no matter what. Change is optional—we're just broken."



**The Gospel:** Justification is by Faith Alone but Always Leads to Change

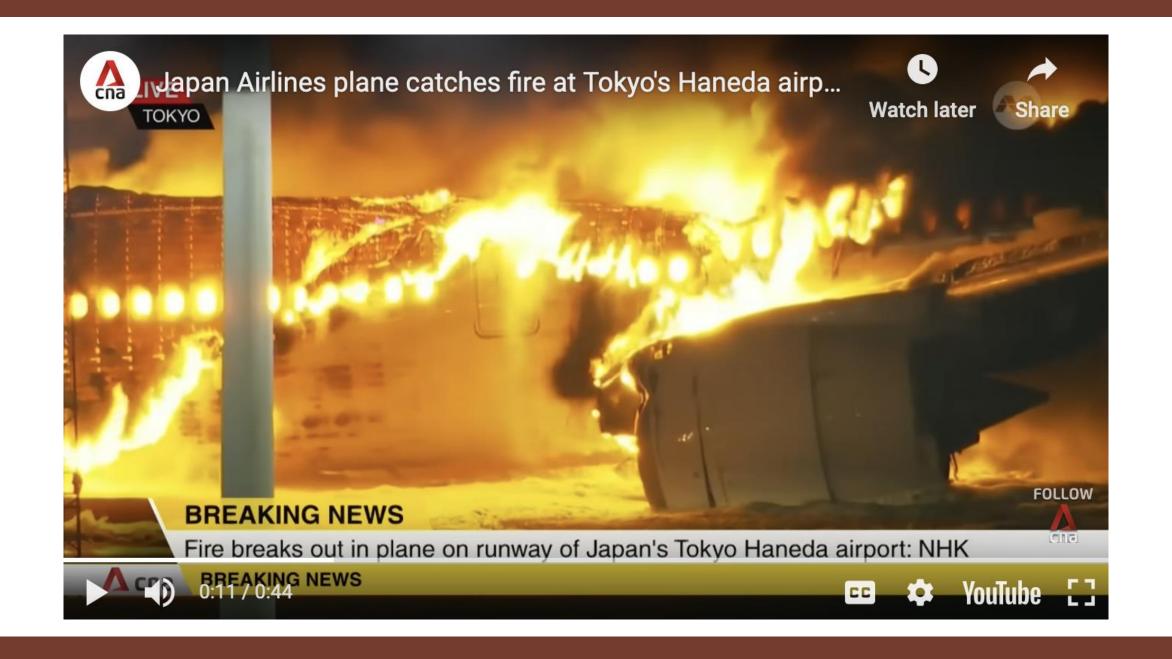
"We are not saved because we change, but salvation always changes us."

- Power
- Preaching
  - Person of the Gospel
  - Provisions of the Gospel (GRACE)





For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.







- Power
- Preaching
  - Person
  - Provision (GRACE)
- Prayer



<sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup> *I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened* in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, .

Eph 1:17-21

<sup>16</sup> I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. *And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,* <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Eph 3:16-19



The Gospel to the degree that it is grasped, believed and lived out results how we think and relate to others! How?

- We See God Differently
- We See Ourselves Differently
- We See Others Differently
- We See the Whole World Differently!

- Power
- Preaching
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Christ's love for the church (Ephesians 5:25).

#### Generosity

• 2 Corinthians 8:9 (ESV) For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.



#### Death & Sickness

• 20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. (1 Cor 15:20-21)





The aim of the gospel

The greatest good of the gospel is not forgiveness, justification, or eternal life — as good as these are. The highest, fullest, deepest, sweetest good of the gospel is God himself, enjoyed by his redeemed people. The gospel is the good news that God bought for us the everlasting enjoyment of God.

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH VISION

Our purpose is to see the gospel of Jesus Christ as a heartfelt and transformative presence in all areas of life driving all our ministries, messages and missions.



#### Lord's Supper

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1Cor 11:23-26