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EPHESIANS

TRANSFORMED BY GRACE, EMPOWERED BY PEACE

STUDY 7 THE GOSPEL OF GRACE THROUGH FAITH

Ephesians 2:4-10



THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

1. What we were vv 1-3

2. What God did for us vv 4-6

3. Why God did it vv 7-10

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TOTAL DEPRAVITY



- Sin corrupts the whole person
 - Emotions
 - Will
 - Intellect
- Extensively evil
 - Affects each in different ways
- Incapable of truly good acts
- Unable to turn to God

PELAGIUS

British Monk in 5th century



Sin of Adam was not
transmitted
We were born neutral
We have free will to
do right

Augustine of Hippo





Pelagianism

Salvation by
man alone
Not dead
view



SemiPelagianism

Salvation by God
and man together
Mostly dead view



Augustinianism

Salvation by
God alone
Completely
dead view

Pelagian view



Semi Pelagian view



Augustinian view



COMPARING THE
THREE VIEW OF
TOTAL DEPRAVITY



ARMINIANS-METHODISTS



All humans spiritually
dead



Prevenient grace



Respond in faith



Reject

BEFORE

V 1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins



Ephesians 2:2-3 following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind,

3b. and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.



AFTER

5b. made us alive together with Christ



6a. and raised us up with hi

6b. seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,



DIFFERENT

AUTHORS
PERSPECTIVES

PAUL DEATH-LIFE



NAME: MELANIE JONES
EXPIRED: 10/22/06
CAUSE OF DEATH: CONCUSSION

JOHN BORN AGAIN





Persons
total
helplessness

Radical
Change



Brought
about
outside a
person's
ability

Brought
about by God
through
Christ

✓ Compared to previous verse
God is sole subject, no one else

The enormity of the love

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even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive
together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—
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heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Spiritually alive now responsive to God and tied up to what Christ did

No contribution of man
-undeserved like the mercy

Passive voice - ALL GOD'S DOING. Perfect tense means completed action with ongoing results like pebble and wave

JOHN 5:24 IMMEDIATE ETERNAL LIFE

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

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and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,



NELSON MANDELA



2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV) For our sake he made him
to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we
might become the righteousness of God.

WHAT GOD DID FOR US

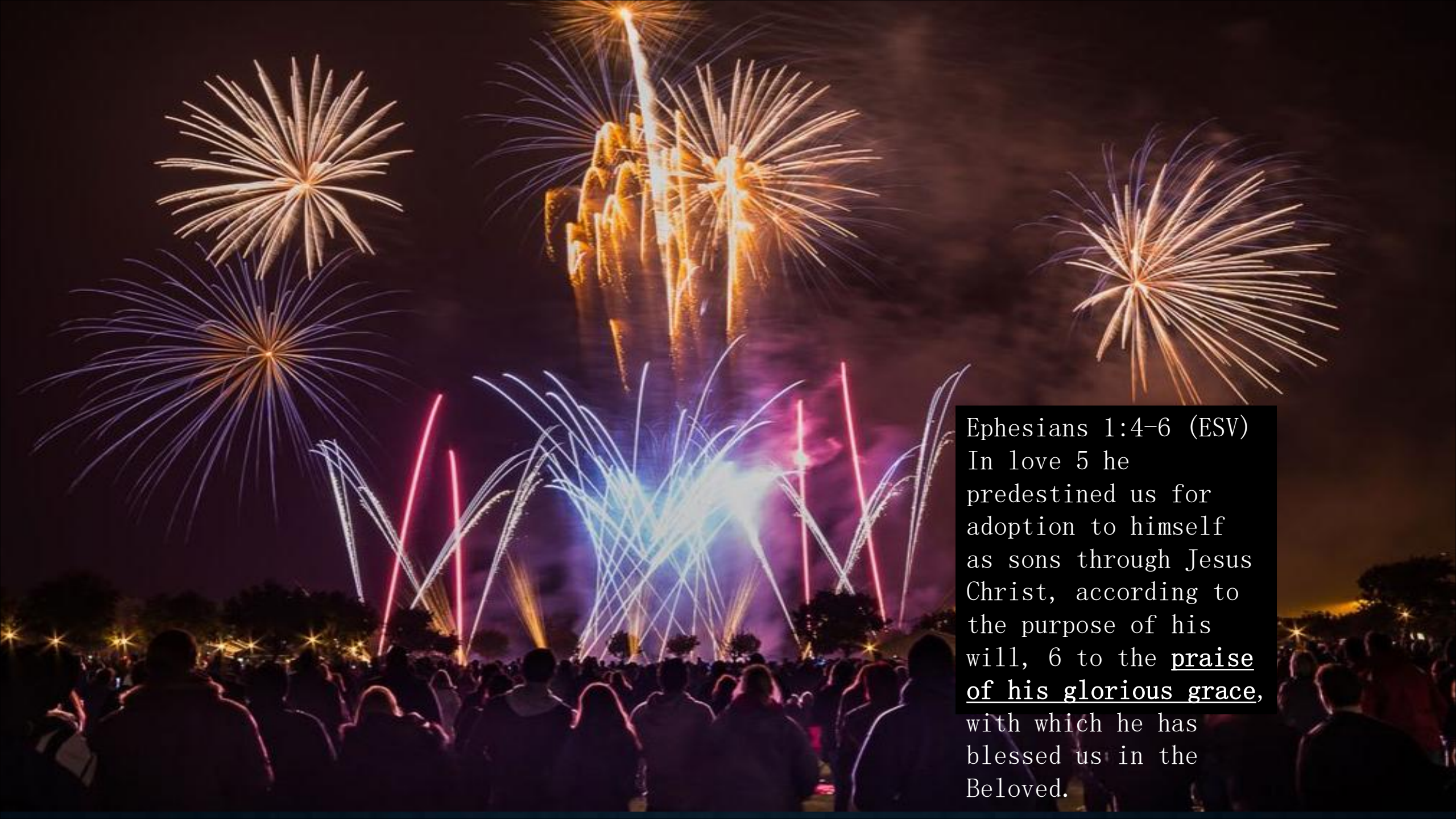
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THE PURPOSE OF HIS GRACE

The future starting from Paul's time forward

Ephesians 2:7 (ESV) so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ J

Display for future generations or heavenly audience , angels



Ephesians 1:4-6 (ESV)
In love 5 he
predestined us for
adoption to himself
as sons through Jesus
Christ, according to
the purpose of his
will, 6 to the praise
of his glorious grace,
with which he has
blessed us in the
Beloved.

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EPHESIANS 2:8-9 (ESV)

For by grace you have been saved through faith.

And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

THE MEANING OF GRACE

His Work

- For by grace
- it is the gift of God,

Not ours

- not your own doing
- not a result of works, so that no one may boast

1. HOW ARE WE SAVED?





BOASTING IS THE ANTITHESIS TO GRACE

Jeremiah 9:23–24 (ESV) 23 Thus says the Lord: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, 24 but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord. ”

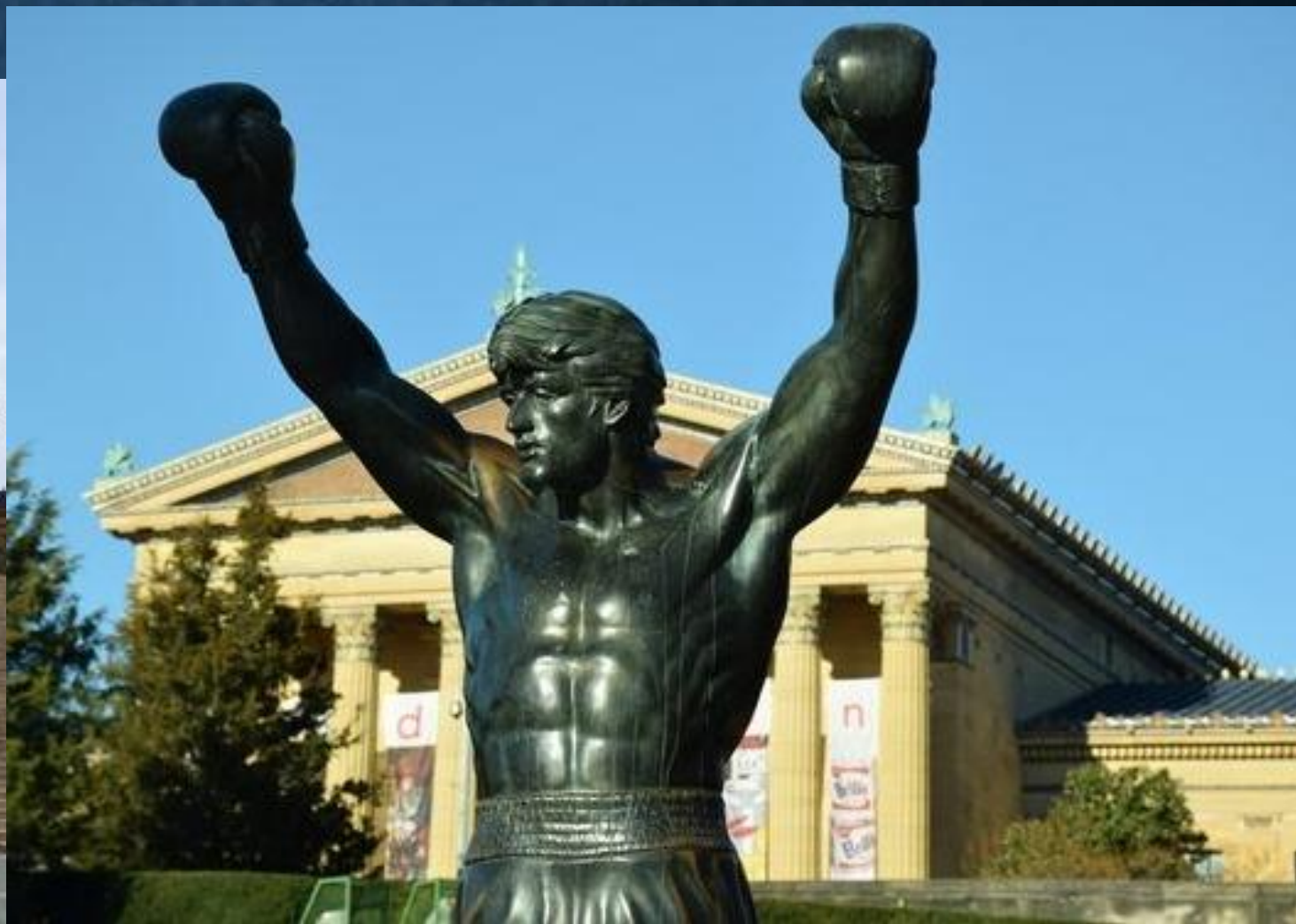
BOASTING HAS LETHAL CONSEQUENCES



**WHAT YOU
RELY ON**



STEPS OF THE PHILEDELPHIA ART MUSEUM



ROCKY



I can't do it. ... do is go the distance. Nobody's ever gone the distance with Creed, and if I can go that distance, you see, and that bell rings and I'm still standin', I'm gonna know for the first time in my life, see, that I weren't just another bum from the

- Grace is counterintuitive
- Grace offered is threatening—diminishes us
- Grace received is transforming





GRACE BRINGS CONTENTMENT

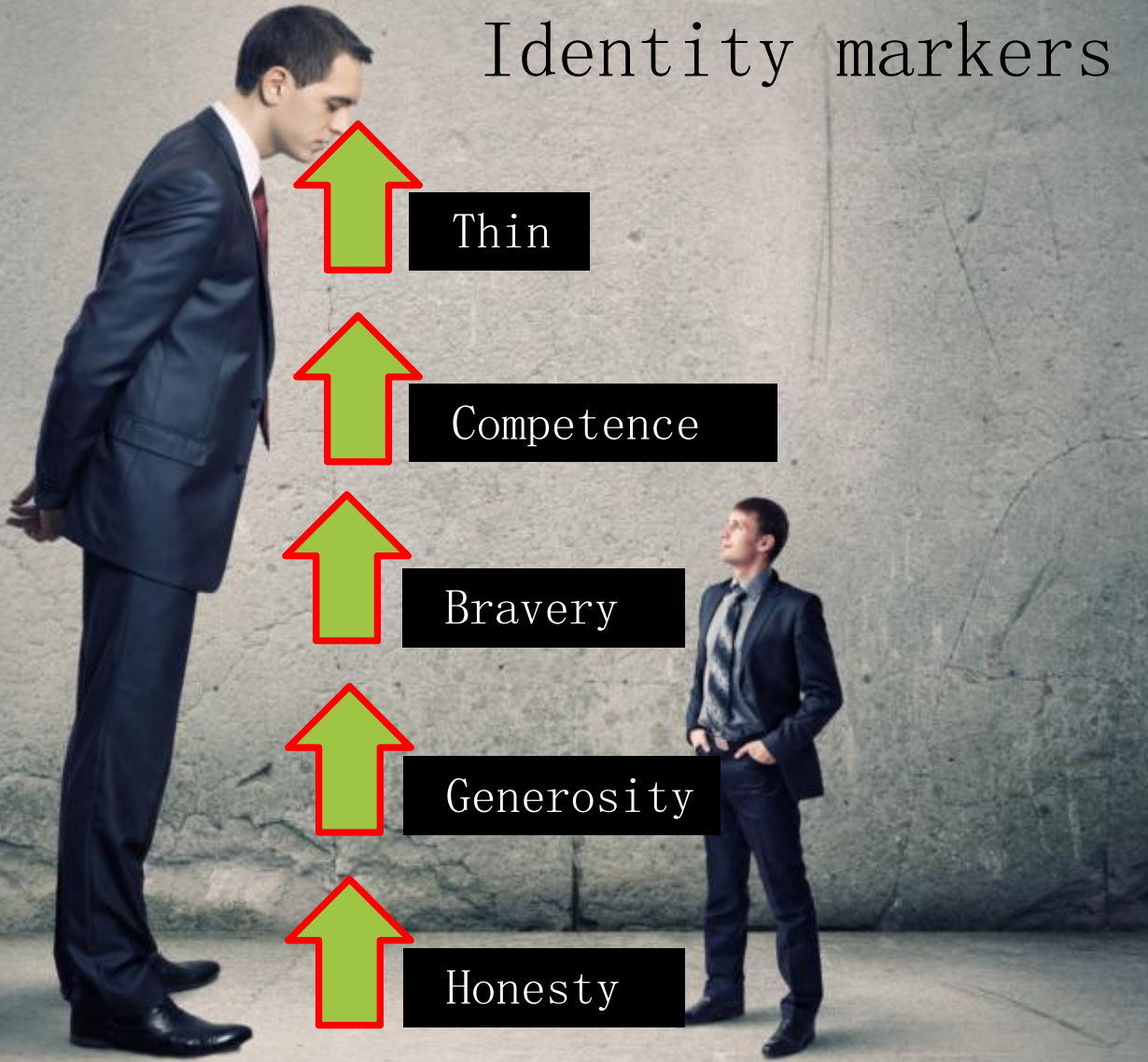
*Everything is a
gift and I got
more than I
deserve*

WORK BRINGS ANGER AND FRUSTRATION AS WE LIVE IN A BROKEN WORLD WE CANNOT CONTROL



- Life is unfair
- Looking for something to boast about
- I want what she has and I deserve
- Always working
- Things go wrong ...anger at God or at life...cynical
- Life has never treated you well. I deserve so much more

Identity markers



Thin

Competence

Bravery

Generosity

Honesty

**DISDAIN VS
ACCEPTANCE**

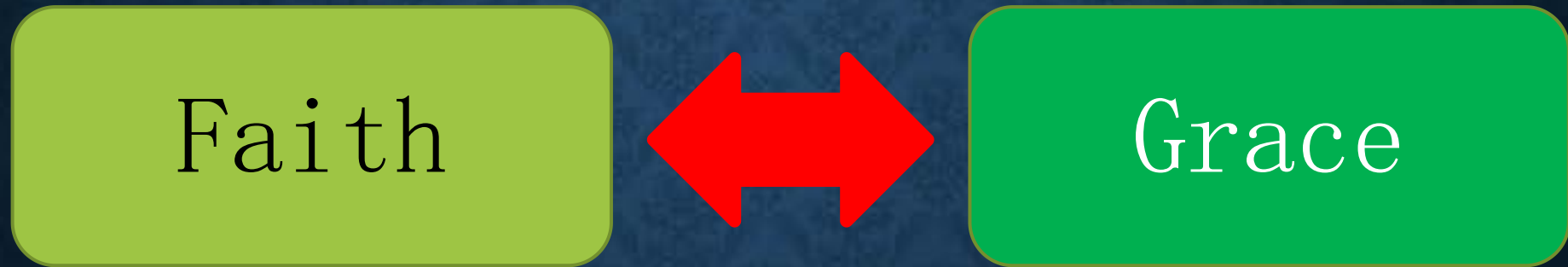
SAVED BY
GRACE
MEANS YOU
CAN FORGIVE

FORGIVE

2. WHICH COMES FIRST?



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Cause of grace is faith

God gives power and love
and gracious energy

FOLLOW PROPER SEQUENCE



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A man in a white t-shirt and dark shorts is riding a skateboard on a paved street. He is leaning forward and holding the handle of a car door with his right hand. A red circle highlights the handle. The background shows a residential street with houses and trees under a clear blue sky.

Your grip on the handle?

WHAT'S MOVING
YOU AT SPEED?

The car?

My faith how strongly it holds on

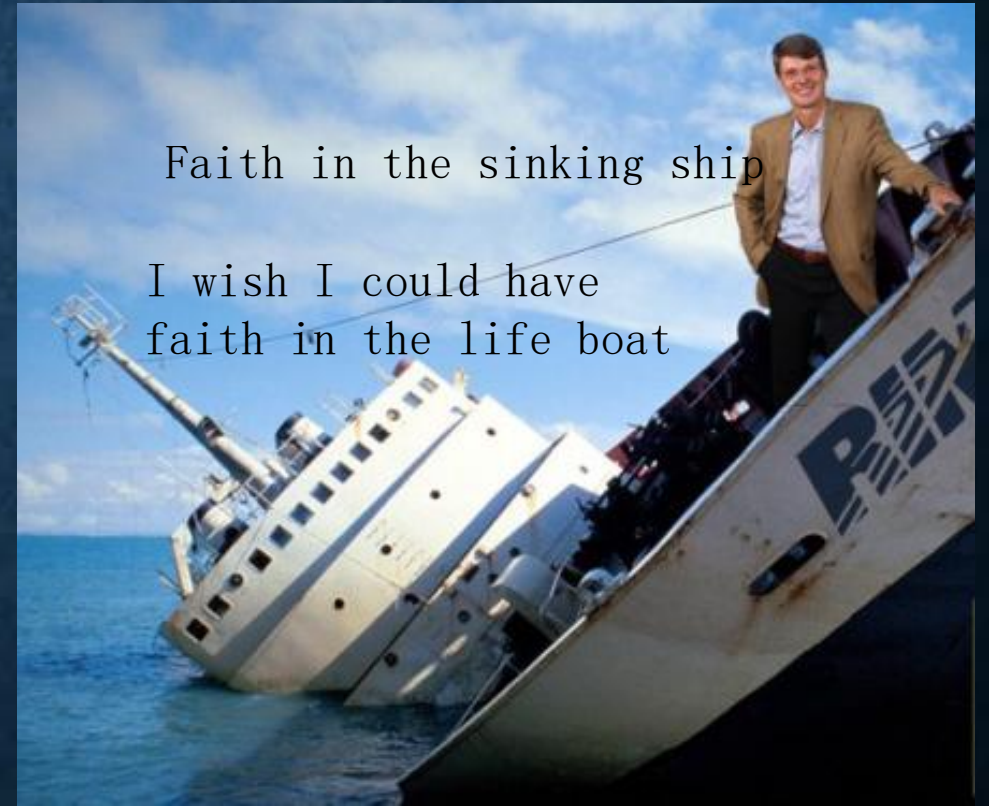
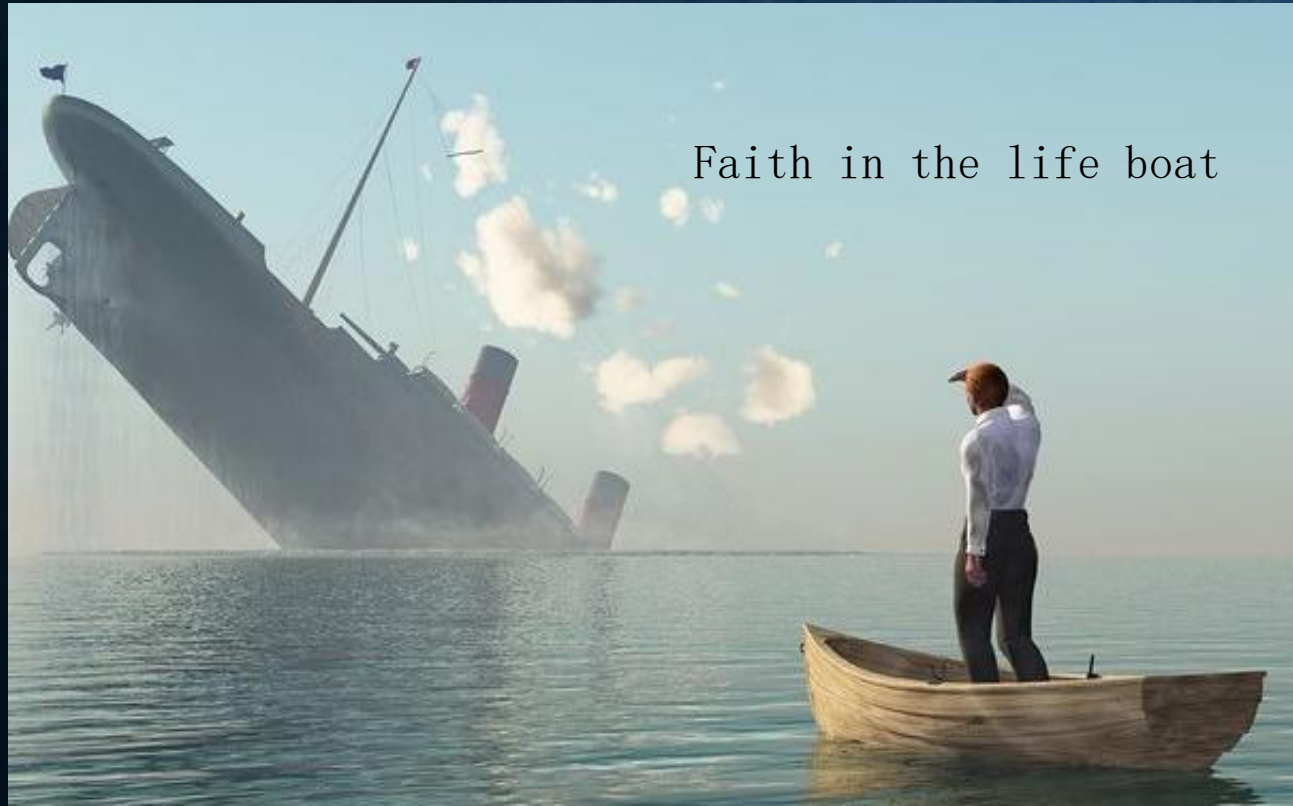


ACTS 16:14 (ESV)

One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.

The Lord opened her heart then she could believe

UNBELIEF IS NOT ABSENT OF FAITH IT IS PRESENCE OF SOME OTHER KIND OF FAITH





PEOPLE DON'T BELIEVE BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE

Matthew 11:16–17 (ESV) But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, 17
“ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

Despite fact
he
desperately
wants to go

Primordial
instinct for
control



Want to go to
the circus?

Want to go to
stay at home

Want to go
eat ice cream

3. IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FAITH AND FEELINGS ?

Faith

Feelings of Faith
assurance

Love

Feelings of
love



Object of faith

Assurance of faith

I am not sure if the
branch will save me
It looks pretty weak
I am worried

A man with dark hair and a beard is sitting on a light-colored floor against a dark grey wall. He is wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans. His hands are pressed against his forehead, and his head is bowed, conveying a sense of despair or deep thought. The lighting is dramatic, with strong shadows.

I HAVE SINNED

Spend next 3 days in depression

Cannot pray

Stay away from church

WHY IS HE IS FEELING GUILTY?

Godly guilt and remorse

Micah 7:8–10 (ESV) Rejoice not over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord will be a light to me. 9 I will bear the indignation of the Lord because I have sinned against him, until he pleads my cause and executes judgment for me. He will bring me out to the light; I shall look upon his vindication. 10 Then my enemy will see, and shame will cover her who said to me, “Where is the Lord your God?”

WHAT IS HE HANGING ON TO?

Grace of God in

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FAITH LEADS TO WORKS

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WHICH IS BIBLICAL VIEW POINT?

Who we are determines what we do



What we do determines who we are



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Doctor

Professor

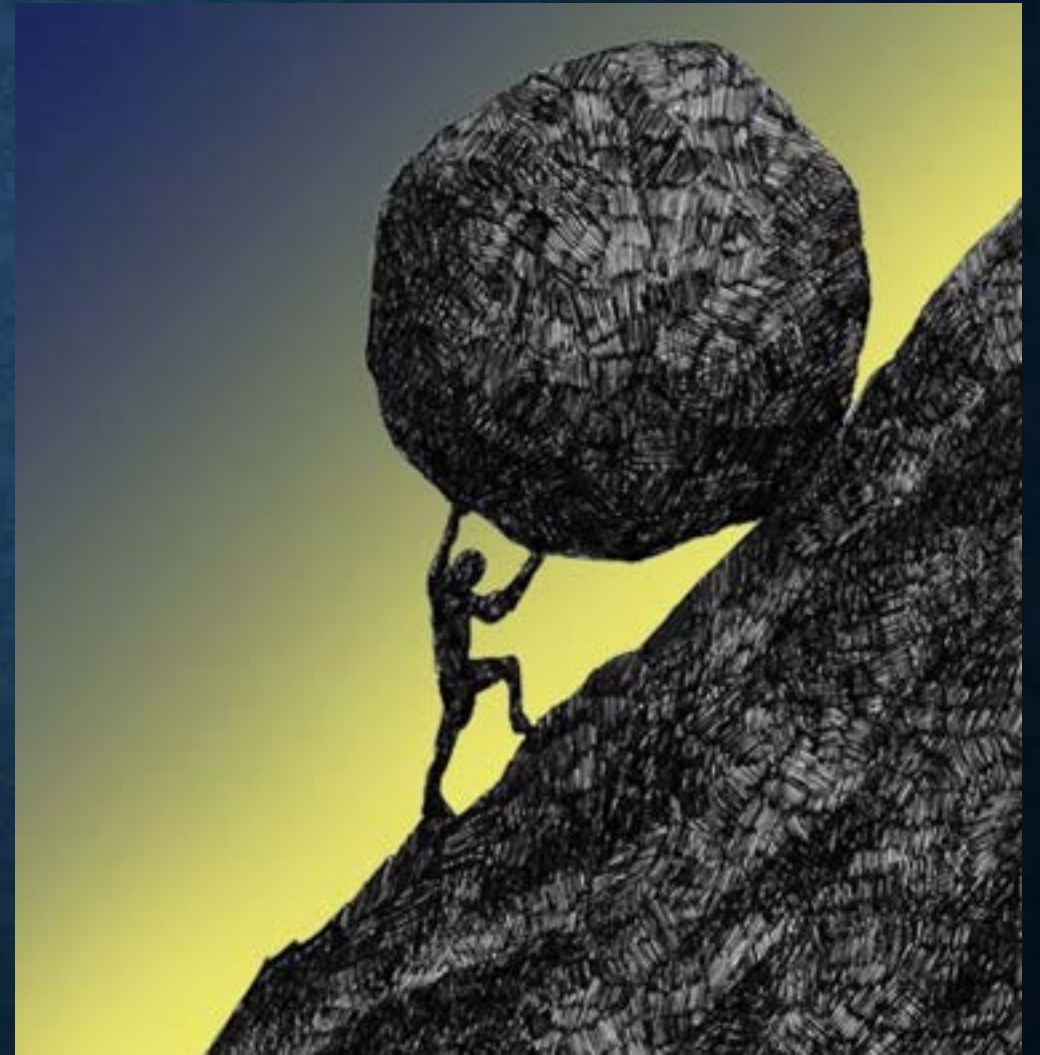
Contractor

ALBERT CAMUS



Must imagine
Sisyphus happy
Give meaning to our
own existence by
what we do

MYTH OF SISYPHUS



The reason it is not our work is because we are created in Christ, it was His work on the cross that produced us. The cross was entirely His doing

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Gods workmanship should result in good works
Good - morally and beneficially

GOOD WORKS OR GOOD CONDUCT?

Ephesians 1: 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him

Philippians 2:12–13 (ESV) Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

*God has prepared before hand the good works for
believers that He will perform in and through
them as they walk by faith in His power*

Harold Hoener

Both good works and salvation brought about by God's grace in us through faith