

GALATIANS

The Gospel & True Freedom

Study 2 The Gospel from God
Gal 1:6 – 24



STRUCTURE

1. The True Gospel (Gal 1-2)
2. The Inclusive Gospel (Gal 3-4)
3. The Liberating Gospel (Gal 5-6)

1. THE TRUE GOSPEL (GAL 1-2)

Gal 1:1-5 The Gospel of Grace and Peace

Gal 1:6 – 24 The Gospel from God

Gal 2:1-14 The Gospel and Freedom

Gal 2: 15- 21 The Heart of the Gospel: Our Identity in Christ

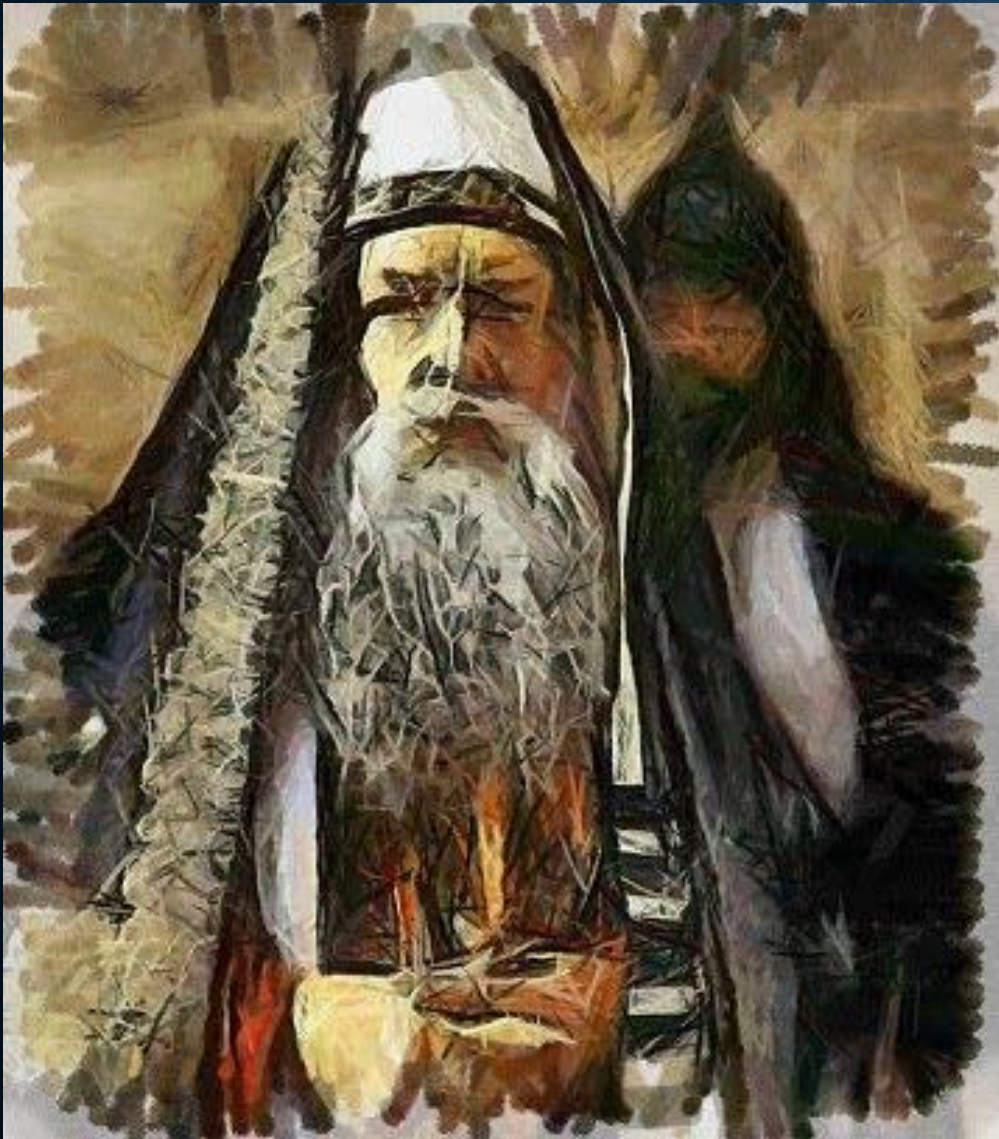
RECAP GAL 1:1-10

Paul apostle of Jesus

What the gospel is

Danger and nature of distortion

COUNTERING THE JUDAISERS




THE CURRENT THREAT

Galatians 1:6 (ESV) 6 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—

WHAT PAUL IS BEING ACCUSED OF

Gal 1: 10 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. 11 For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. 12 For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.



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Levitical Laws

Food laws
Sacrifices

Circumcision

NATURE OF THE GOSPEL




Man Made



God Made

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EVIDENCE

**A. PAUL COULD NOT HAVE NATURALLY
COME UP WITH THE GOSPEL HE WAS
PREVIOUSLY HOSTILE TO IT**

13 For you have heard of my former life in
Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God
violently and tried to destroy it.

B. PAUL WAS TOTALLY STEEPED IN JUDAISM

Would have gone against his natural inclination up bringing and culture

14 And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers.

15 But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, 16 was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles,

CREDENTIALS

Philippians 3:4-6 (ESV) If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

C. HE HAD A DIVINE ENCOUNTER

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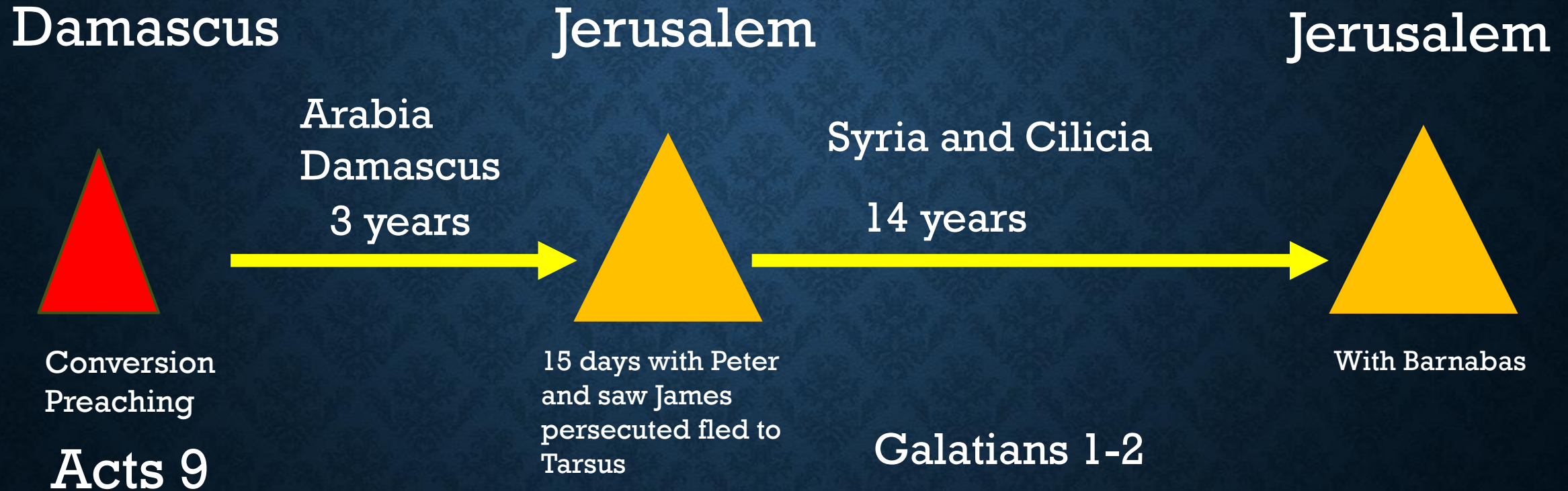
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E. HIS GOSPEL BELIEVED BY CHURCHES

Galatians 1:21-24 (ESV) Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. 22 And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. 23 They only were hearing it said, “He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.”

24 And they glorified God because of me.

F. HE SPENT MINIMAL TIME IN JERUSALEM



His gospel was not validated nor originated from other apostles

G. JERUSALEM APOSTLES AFFIRMED HIS GOSPEL

Galatians 2:1-2 (ESV) 1 Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. 2 I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain.

G. JERUSALEM APOSTLES AFFIRMED HIS GOSPEL

Galatians 2:6-7 (ESV) And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me.

H. JERUSALEM APOSTLES AFFIRMED HIS MINISTRY

Galatians 2:9 and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. 10 Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

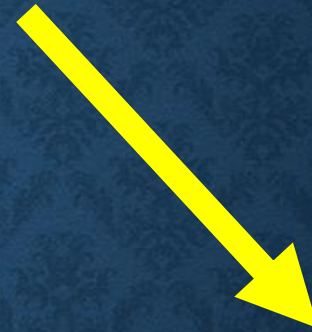
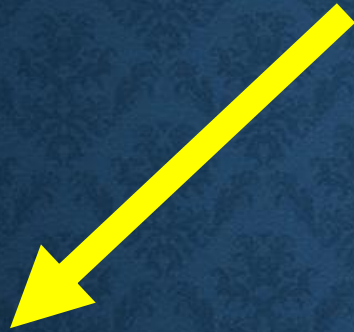
SPIRITUAL APPLICATIONS

What aspects of the gospel do we learn from Paul's life?

GOSPEL 2.0 TO PLEASE MAN

Galatians 1:10 (ESV) 10 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.

NATURE OF THE GOSPEL



**GOSPEL 2.0 TO
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God Made

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PETERS HYPOCRISY..MEN PLEASER

Gal 2: 12 For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party.

GOSPEL OF FELT NEEDS

Low self esteem

You matter to God

Crave Thrills

Thrills that fulfill

Unhappy/unfulfilled

Fulfilment through Jesus

Loneliness

Jesus your friend

THE FOCUS OF THE GOSPEL OF FELT NEEDS

Us

God

Needs

Sin

Fulfilment

Righteousness

Attractive

Foolishness

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*God will give you your heart's
desires: money in the bank, a
healthy body, a thriving family, and
boundless happiness*



PROSPERITY GOSPEL

RELIEF

- Poverty,
- Failing health
- Relief from wounded hearts
- Past hurts
- Cancers
- Broken marriages
- Broken families



REASSURANCE

If they prayed, and believed, and lived righteously
Rewards with some comfort



A woman with long dark hair is shown from the chest up, screaming with her mouth wide open and her hands pressed against her cheeks. A large, billowing white cloud is positioned directly above her head, partially obscuring her face. The background is a dark, stormy sky with heavy, grey clouds. The overall mood is one of intense emotional distress or mental anguish.

**HELPS US DEAL WITH THE
PAIN OF LIFE AND THE
UNCERTAINTY**

TO WARD OFF EVIL



THE REAL GOSPEL DEALS WITH THE REAL EVIL

Galatians 1:3-5 (ESV) Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.



LIGHT

Isaiah 42 : 6 I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations 7 to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

DARKNESS

John 3:19 (ESV) And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

2. PREDESTINED FOR A PURPOSE

Galatians 1:15-16 (ESV) But when he who had set me apart **before I was born**, and who called me by his grace, 16 was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles,

PAUL



Taught by Gamaliel

Brilliant

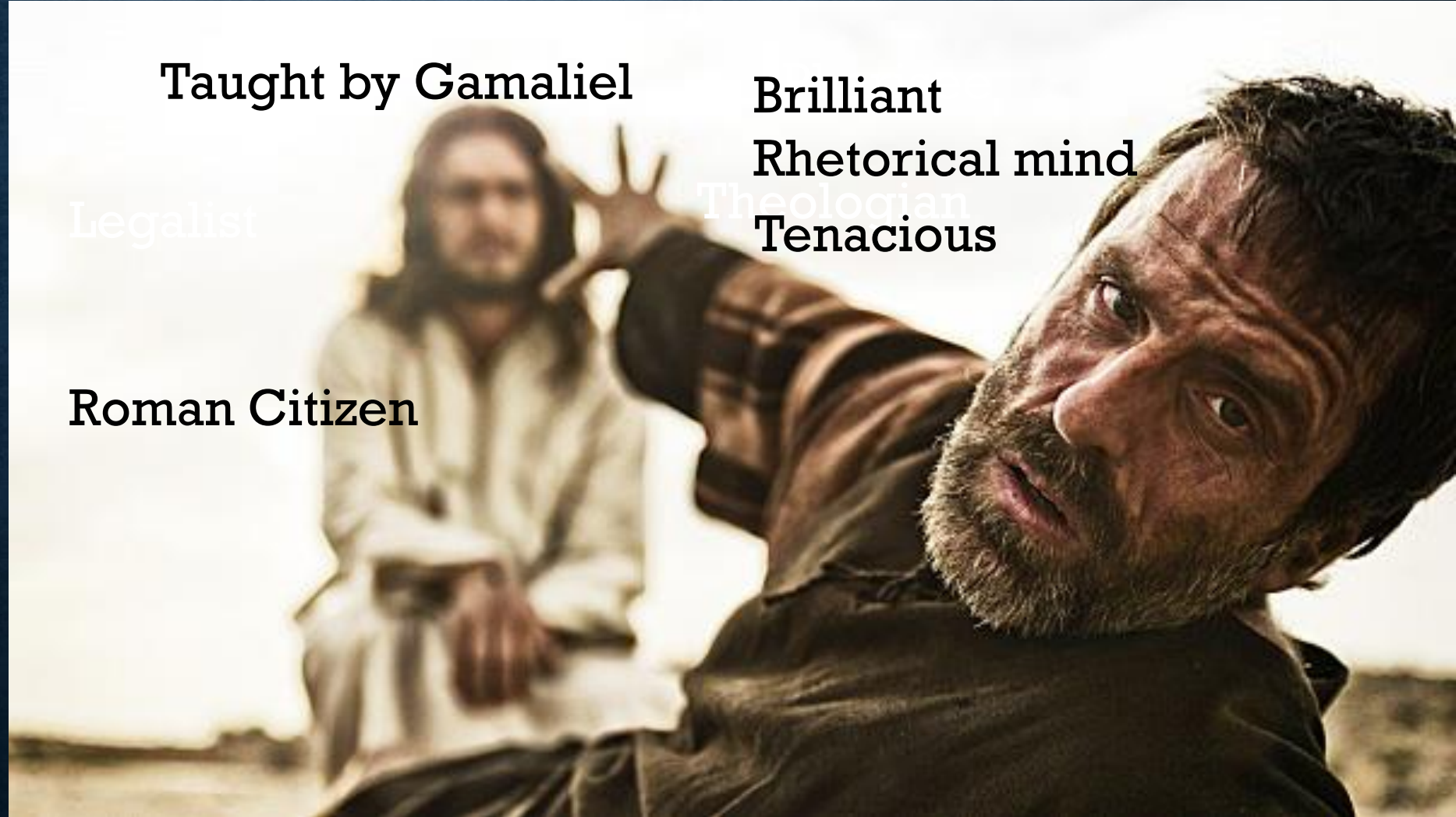
Rhetorical mind

Legalist

Theologian

Tenacious

Roman Citizen



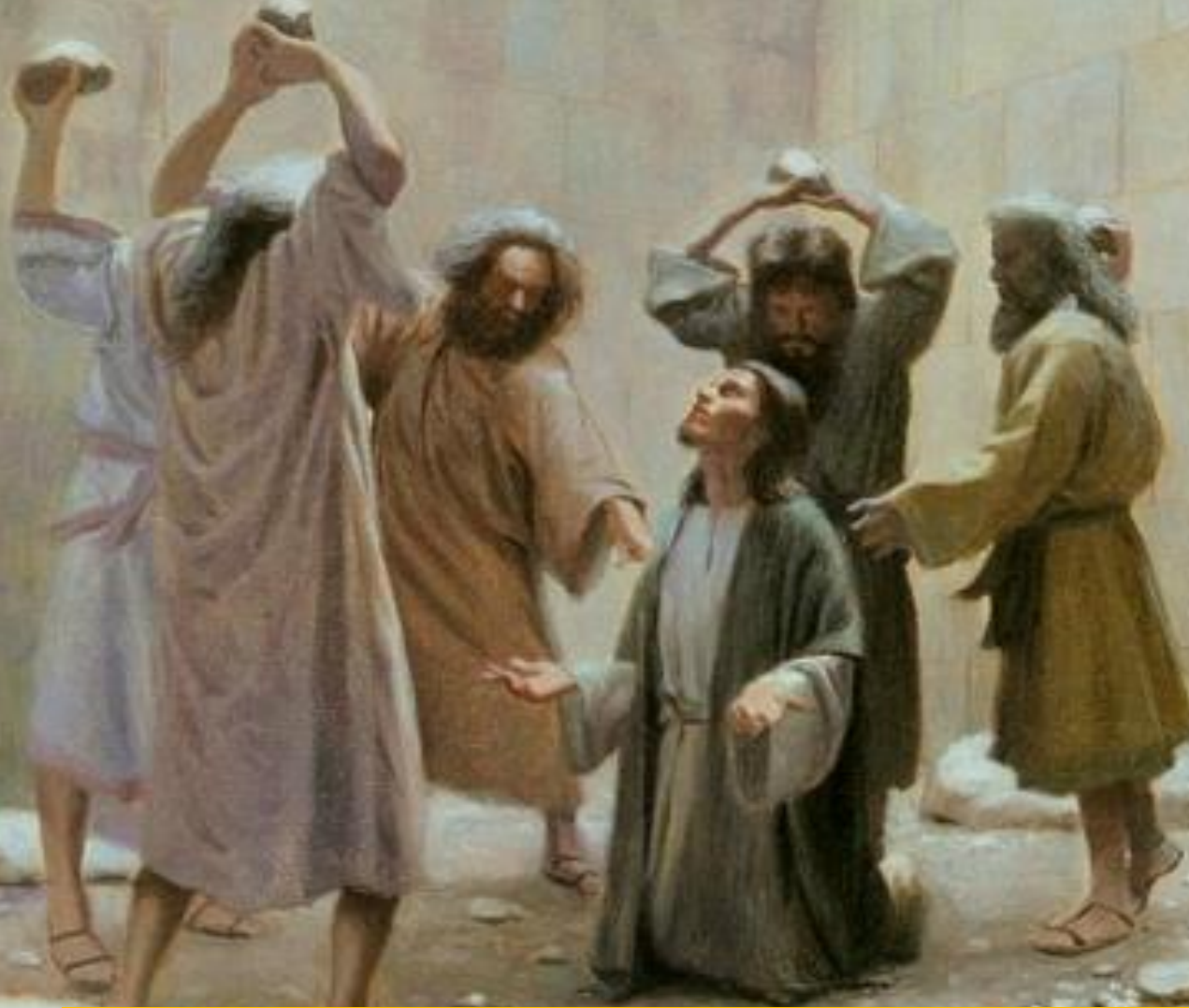
PAUL'S TESTIMONY

2 Timothy 2:8-11 (ESV) Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, 9 for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! 10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. 1



TAPESTRY OF LIFE

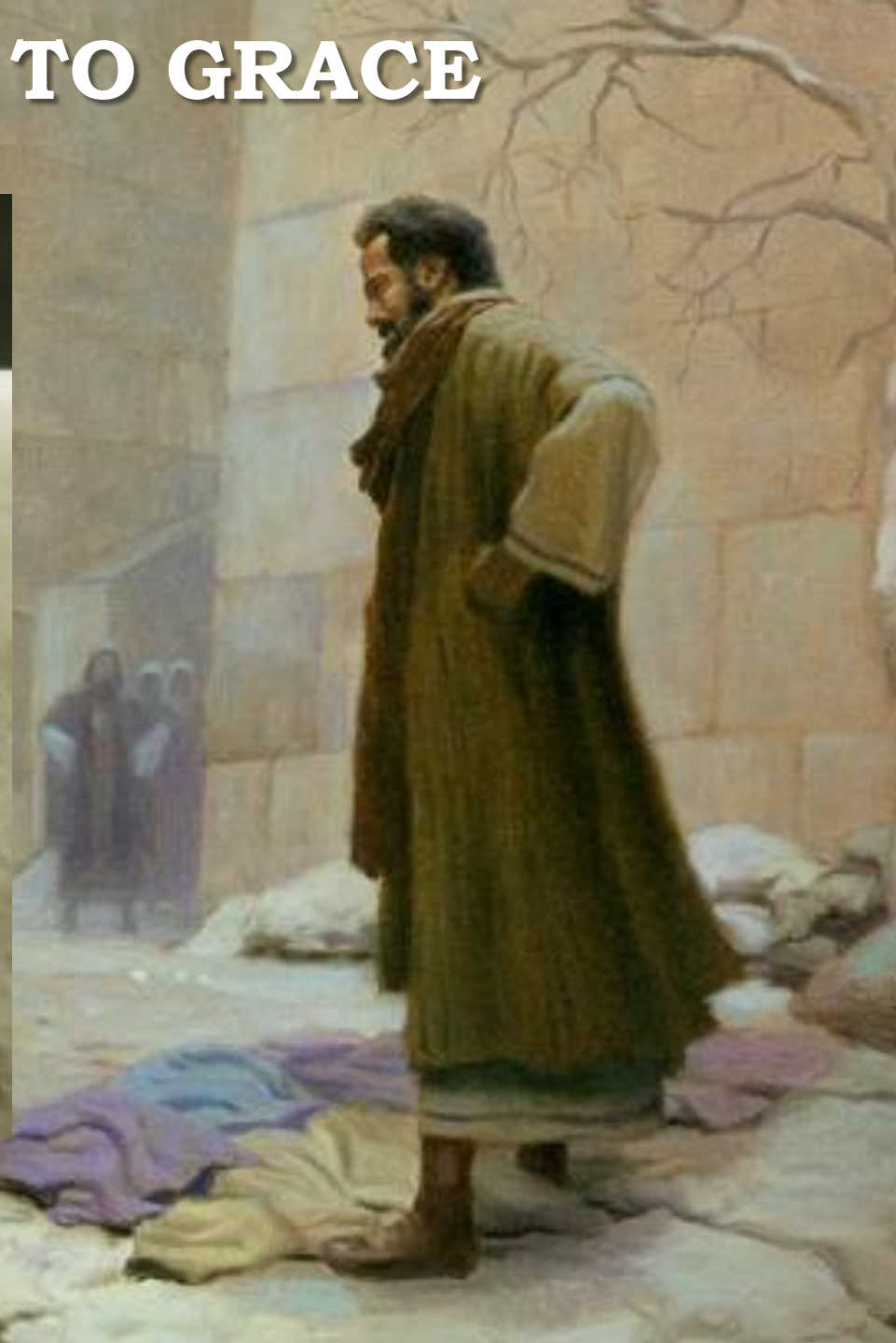
3 NOBODY IS BEYOND THE GRACE OF GOD



Increasing the magnitude of His grace



4. THERE IS A RESPONSE TO GRACE



THE TRUE GOSPEL BRINGS BOLDNESS AND CONVICTION

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THE GOSPEL CHANGES PURPOSE-AMBITION

Acts 20:24 (ESV) But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND UNITY



IMPACT OF PAUL'S LIFE

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Imperfect tense is past continued action ..habitual