

# GALATIANS

The Gospel & True Freedom

Study 5 Growing through the Gospel  
Gal 3:1-5



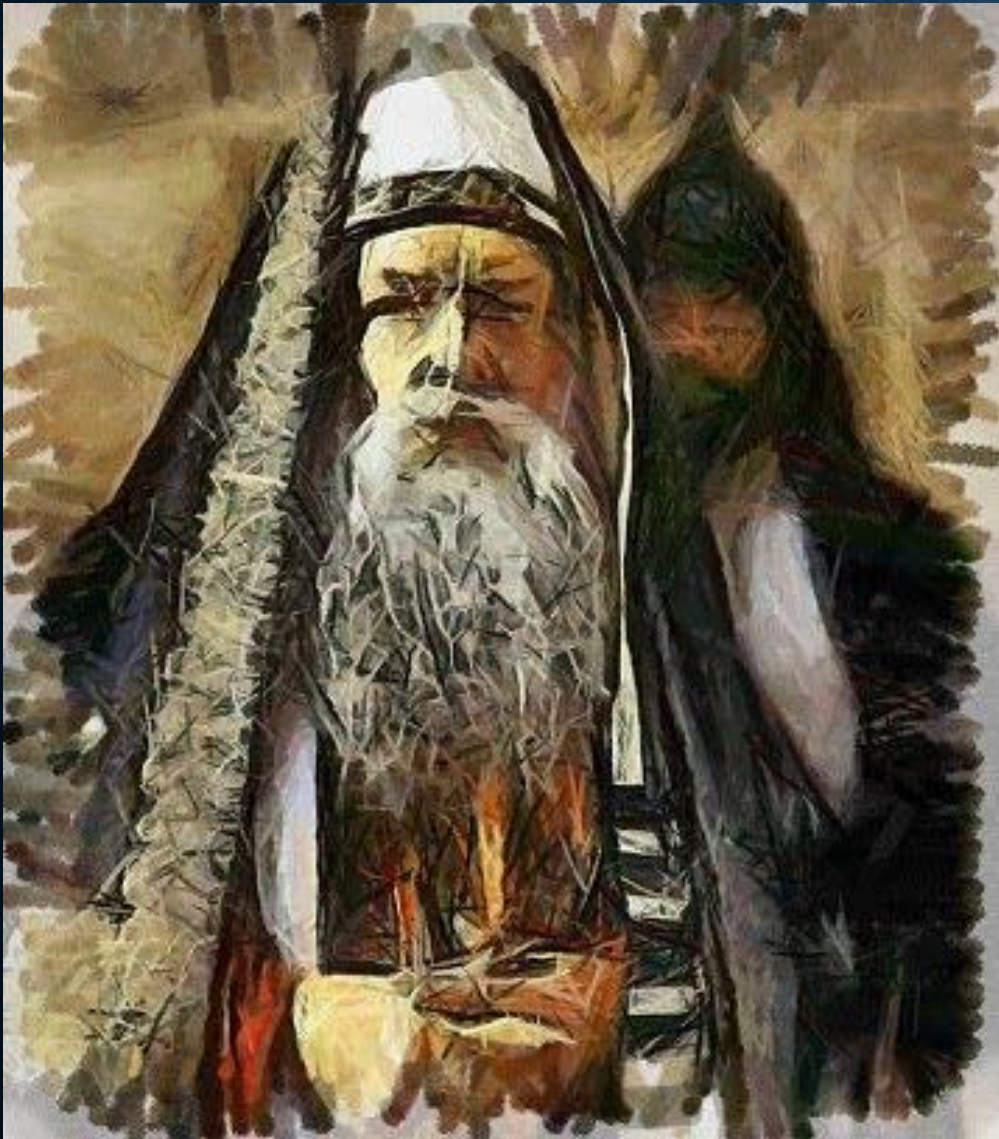


# STRUCTURE

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



# COUNTERING THE JUDAISERS





# THE STRUCTURE

Gal 3:1-5      Gospel growth through faith

Gal 3:6-18      Abraham : The Covenant and Faith

Gal 3:19-29      The Law and Faith

Gal 4: 1-7      Adoption privilege of sonship

# GROWING IN CHRISTIAN LIFE





# GROW BY FAITH



Galatian conversion  
experience of the gospel-faith in  
Crucified Christ

If conversion was by faith in Christ so  
is spiritual growth

Galatian experience of spiritual growth

Abraham's blessing by faith

The curse of the law makes growth  
by works impossible

Jesus took our curse  
making growth by faith possible

A golden crucifix of Jesus Christ is shown against a cloudy sky. The figure of Christ is in the foreground, with arms outstretched on the cross. The cross itself is dark and ornate. The background is a dramatic, cloudy sky.

# CENTER OF THE GOSPEL

Galatians 3:1 Oh foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified.



# Crucified Christ



Hear and  
believe



# Levitical Laws

Food laws  
Sacrifices



Work

Circumcision





Galatians 3:2-3 (ESV) 2 Let me ask you only this:  
Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or  
by hearing with faith? 3 Are you so foolish?  
Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being  
perfected by the flesh?

Athletic metaphor ....started out well and promising





Faith –Spirit empowered transformation



Going back to Works and human effort



# **ISRAEL'S REPEATED FAILURE WITH THE LAW**





# THE NEW COVENANT

Ezekiel 36:26-27 (ESV) 26 And I will give you a new

**NO GOING BACK**

a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you,  
and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to  
obey my rules



## THE GOSPEL IS COSTLY

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Tavium ●

BITHYNIA

MYSIA

Gordion ●

● Ancyra

Pessinus ●

GALATIA

CAPPADOCIA

ASIA

PHRYGIA

● Pisidian Antioch

● Ephesus

Apollonia ●

● Iconium

PISIDIA

● Lystra

CARIA

● Derbe

LYCIA

Attalia ●

PAMPHYLIA

● Perga

CILICIA

● Tarsus

● Patara

Antioch ●

MEDITERRANEAN SEA



# First Missionary Journey

Acts 13 Antioch in  
Psidia...Gentiles  
respond, Jews  
persecute

Acts 14 Rest of  
journey





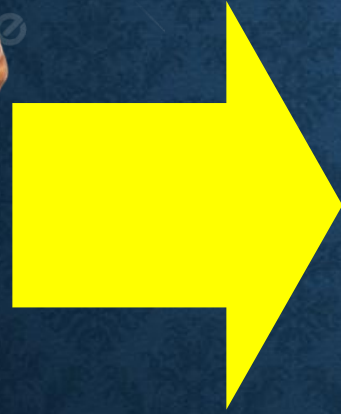
# **THE SPIRIT WORKS THROUGH FAITH THEIR EXPERIENCE CONFIRMS IT**

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# WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



Moral life  
Good works

Motive

Because he loves Him  
for what he has done

Because he wants to  
make it to heaven



**FROM INFANCY**





Medals  
Achievements  
Money  
Property



Bravery  
Kindness  
Intelligence  
Integrity  
Loyalty



John 5: 44 How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?



# FALSE GOSPELS OFTEN PLEASE PEOPLE

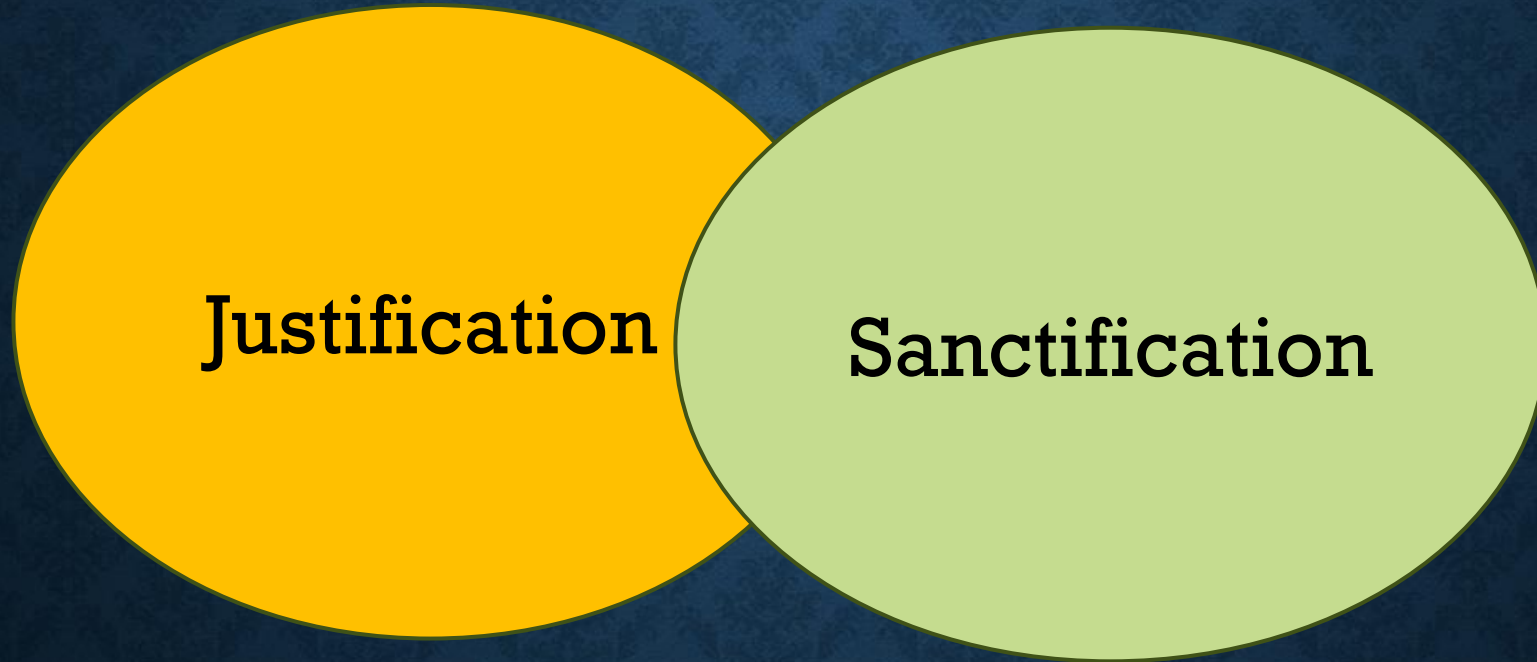
Galatians 1:10 ESV For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ



"I believe part of the problem is our tendency to give an unbeliever just enough of the gospel to get him or her to pray a prayer to accept Christ. Then we immediately put the gospel on the shelf so to speak, and go on to the duties of discipleship"

The Discipline of Grace  
Jeff Bridges p 46

# LEGALISM



God accepts me because I believe in Jesus but also because  
I work hard to be like Jesus





# INSECURITY

- *Spiritual Pride*
- *Defensiveness of their righteousness*
- *Unable to take criticism*
- *Look down on others*
- *Look for their faults to bolster own righteousness*
- *Gossip*
- *Hate other cultural styles and other races in order to bolster their own security*

Christ  
Righteousness



My obedience



# PRIMARY MOTIVATION FOR OBEDIENCE



Fear of  
punishment

Spiritual pride

Moralistic Behaviour change

Will...Ego

Self centeredness

Christ  
Righteousness



My obedience



# ATONEMENT AND INSIDE OUT NATURE







Moralistic Behaviour change



## SELF-FAVORING

Behaviour is modified by self interest  
Morality change to win salvation or self respect  
Using God for blessing or to feel virtuous  
Doing good for self not God's sake

Restrain certain behaviours but does not change heart



*Moralistic behavior change simply manipulates and leverages radical selfishness without challenging it. It tries to use that selfishness against itself by appealing to fear and pride. But while this may have some success in restraining the heart's self-centeredness, it does absolutely nothing to change it. Indeed, it only confirms its power.*

*Tim Keller Center Church p 65*



A person wearing a black tank top is bending a large, dark metal pipe. The background is a workshop or industrial setting.

Relapsing sin

Give up

Moralistic  
Behaviour change

A close-up of molten metal being poured from a ladle into a heart-shaped mold. The metal is bright yellow and glowing. The mold is a dark, rectangular block. In the foreground, there is a finished, polished heart-shaped metal piece and a chain.

Gospel change



A man with reddish-brown hair, wearing a white dress shirt and a dark tie, is shown from the chest up. He is looking upwards with his mouth open, and his right hand is holding his chin. The background is a textured, light brown wall.

**OUTWARD  
UNSELFISH**

**INWARD  
SELFISH**

- Gossip
- Fighting
- Spite
- Sanctimonious  
judgementalism

# SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION



Grace

Love

Hope

*Permanent  
behavioural  
Change*

Christ Righteousness



# GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION

new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness



# WE KEEP HEARING AND BELIEVING




Hearing with faith



Hearing with faith

Hearing with faith



A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer, resting on an open Bible. The person is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt. The Bible is open to a page with text, and the hands are positioned over the center of the open book. The background is a wooden surface.

Gospel vivid re-depiction of  
Christ saving work  
Our hearts are more gripped  
with the reality of what he did  
and who we are in Him  
Abandonment of self work..







A person wearing blue pants and red and white sneakers is standing on a large, weathered tree stump. The stump is surrounded by dry, yellowish-brown grass. The person's legs and feet are visible, and they are standing with their feet apart on the flat top of the stump. The background is a vast field of similar dry grass, extending to the horizon.

Hopes  
Dreams  
Ambitions  
Emotions  
Value  
Priorities

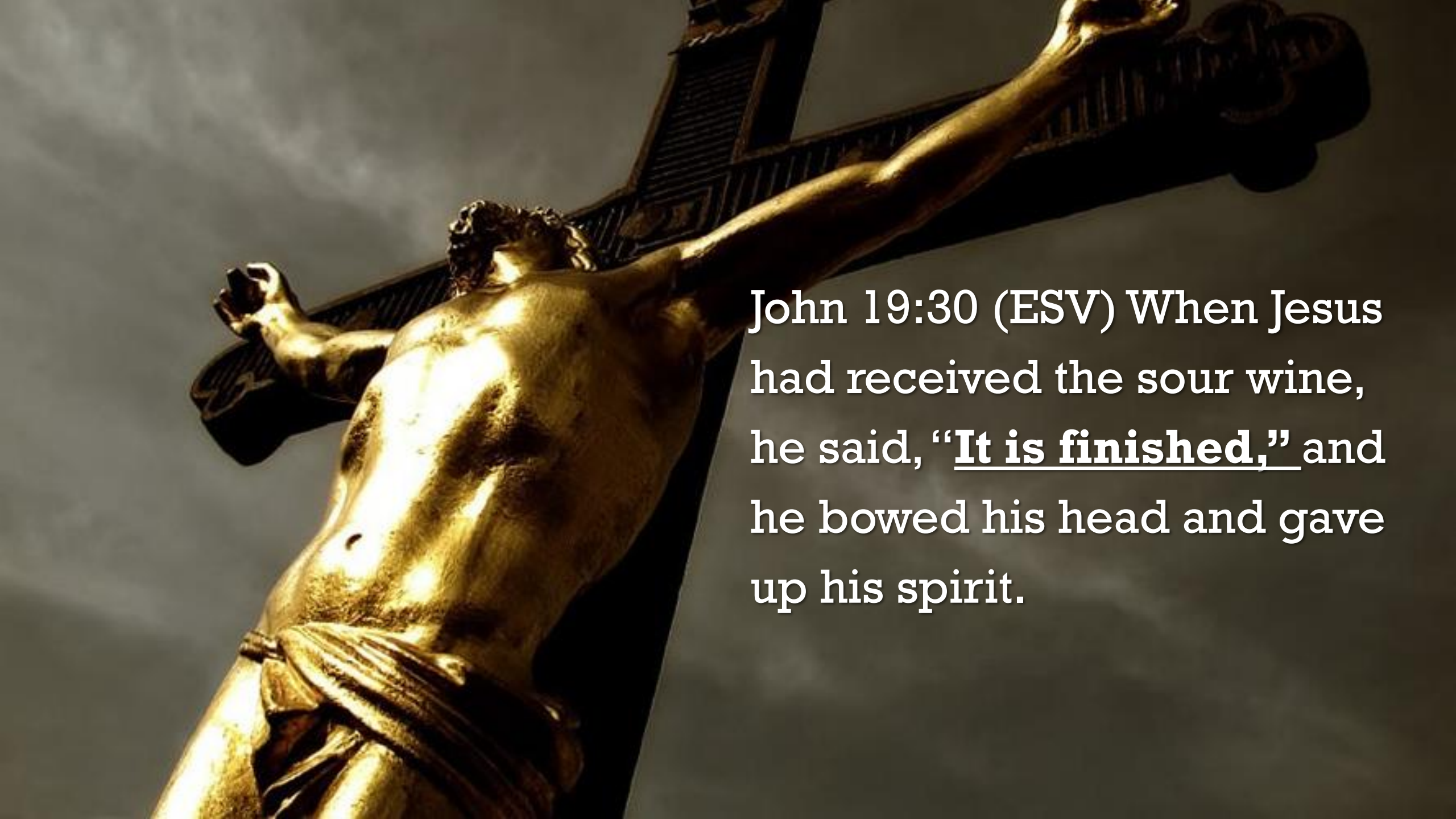




**GOSPEL**

**THEOLOGY- GRACE**

**ETHIC - GRATITUDE**

A golden statue of Jesus on the cross, set against a dramatic, cloudy sky. The statue is highly detailed, showing the texture of the metal and the contours of the body. The cross is dark and ornate. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows.

John 19:30 (ESV) When Jesus  
had received the sour wine,  
he said, “**It is finished,**” and  
he bowed his head and gave  
up his spirit.



# HEBREW ROOTS







Sabbath rest

Celebrate the festivals  
described in Leviticus 23.

Foods “biblically clean,”  
similar to a kosher diet.

Wear tzitzit, the tassels  
described in Numbers 15:37–  
41 and Deuteronomy 22:12.



**IT IS NOT FINISHED**

**Purgatory**





