

# GALATIANS

The Gospel & True Freedom

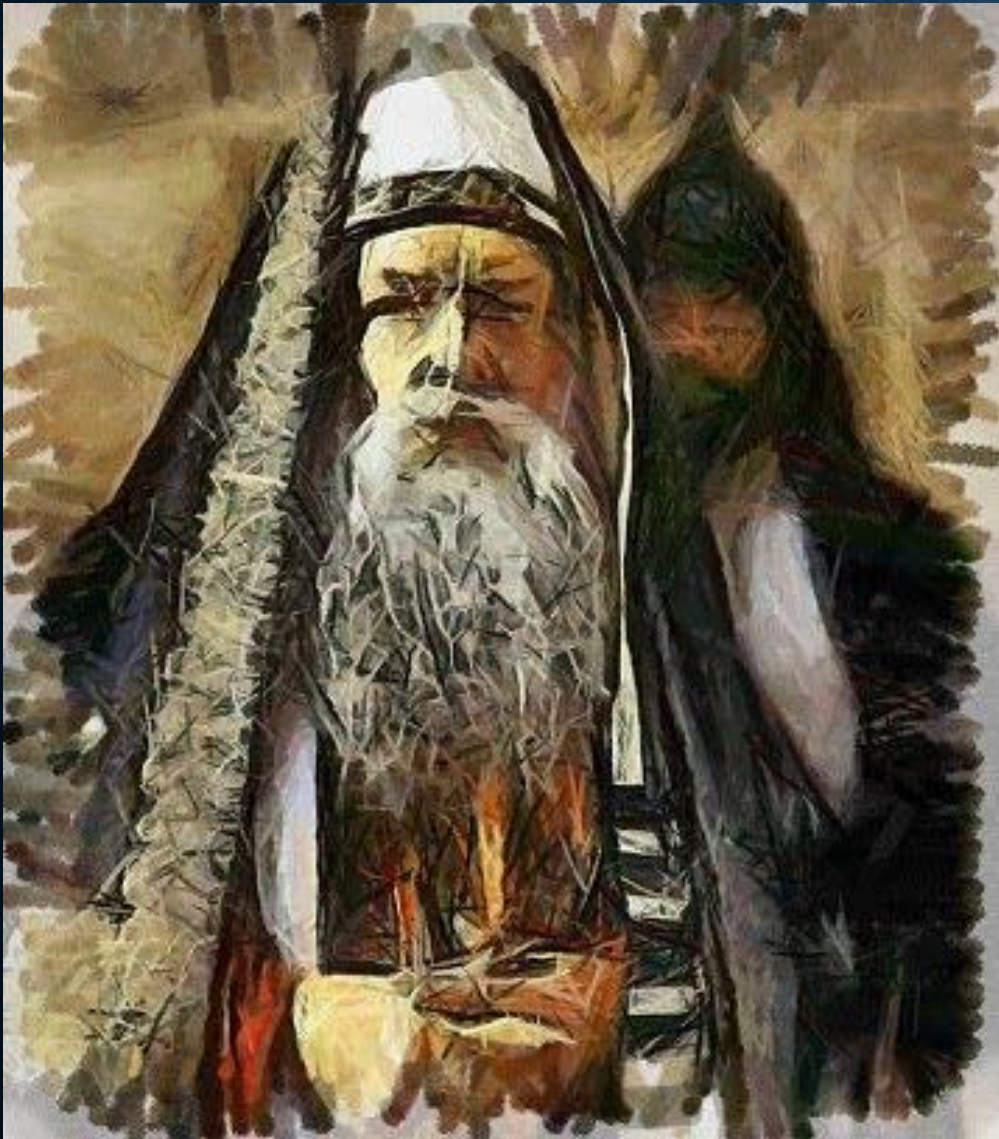
Study 7 The Law and Faith

Gal 3:19-29





# COUNTERING THE JUDAISERS





# STRUCTURE

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

# THE STRUCTURE

Study 5 Gal 3:1-5

We are not only saved by gospel  
but we grow through it too

Study 6 Gal 3:6-18

Abraham : The Covenant and Faith

Study 7 Gal 3:19-29

The Law and Faith

Study 8 Gal 4: 1-7

Adoption privilege of sonship





**Given God's Spirit**

**Children of  
Abraham**

**God's people**



# WE KEEP HEARING AND BELIEVING




Hearing with faith



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A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped together in a prayerful gesture, 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 centrally over the pages. 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..









How is that possible?



# 1. ABRAHAM DID IT

Galatians 3:6-7 (ESV) 6 just as Abraham

“believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

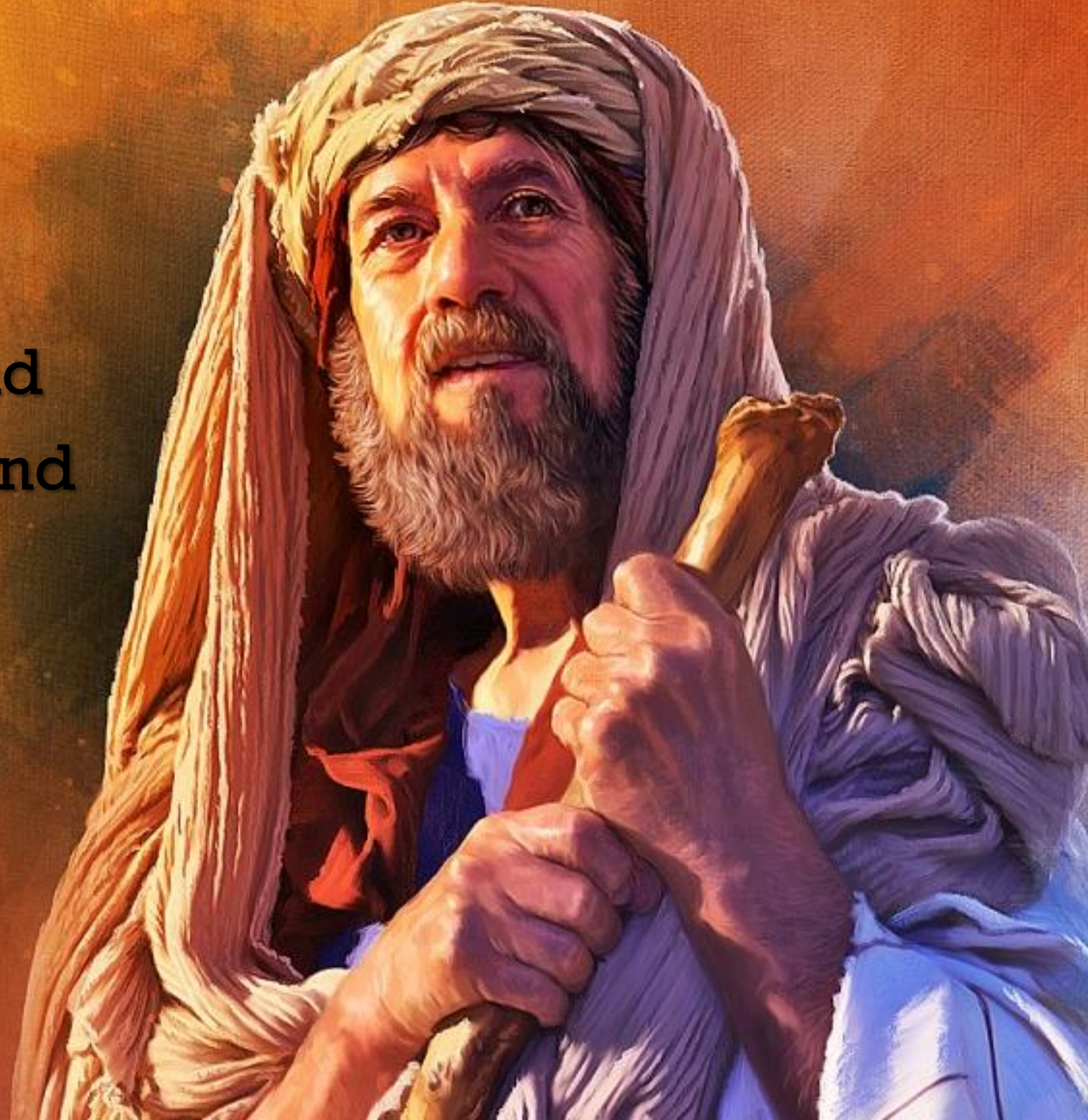
7 Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.

**CONSISTENT PARADIGM**



# **APPEAL TO FATHER JEWISH RELIGION**

**Genesis 15:6 (ESV) 6 And  
he believed the LORD, and  
he counted it to him as  
righteousness.**





CASH (asset)		EQUIPMENT (asset)	
Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit
	Righteousness		



## 2. CHRIST PAID THE PRICE

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by **becoming a curse for us**—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— 14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.





**Covenant  
promises**

**All who are united with Christ**

**Received by faith in Christ**





# THE BOOK OF THE COVENANT

Non conditional

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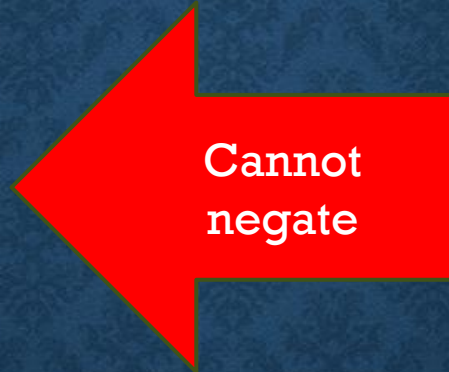
Conditional

Commands in the  
Mosaic law were just  
as valid as any other  
part of the scriptural  
narrative.





# Covenantal promises cannot be negated later on



430 years

Galatians 3:17 (ESV) This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void.



Abrahamic covenant, for it takes precedence as the fundamental covenant with Israel. Therefore, any other covenant that follows is subordinate to the covenant with Abraham





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until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made,

and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary.

20 Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.



# POSSIBLE INTERPRETATIONS

It was added for  
the sake of  
Transgressions

## 1. Defines sin

Romans 4:15 (ESV) For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression  
Not logical to see law defined sin till Christ came and not beyond

## 2. Restrain sin

Romans 5:20 (ESV) Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased,  
Galatians 3:10 (ESV) 10 For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse;

## 3. Deal with sin

Sacrifices were provided in the OT cultus to atone for sin before the coming of Christ  
Then Christ died for nothing??

## 4. Increase sin

Increase sin..  
Awareness of slavery to it  
and need for a Saviour

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They thought the  
law would last  
forever



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# THE LAW

It 'was negotiated not directly between the principals but through deputies



Intermediary

Angel of  
Presence





# ABRAHAMIC COVENANT..GOD DIRECTLY

God



.....but God is one.





God of Jews and Gentiles

Gospel unites them Law Divides them



Levitical Laws

Food laws  
Sacrifices

Circumcision



# ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

God



SUPERIOR



Moses



LAW COVENANT

# THE LOGIC

If the Law was given to increase Sin and was inferior to

It was not given as an alternative pathway to righteousness and life

Galatians 3:21 (ESV) Is the law then contrary to the

The role of the law was not to give life or enable us to earn eternal life

Galatians 3:21 ... Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law



# ROLE OF THE LAW IN TWO METAPHORS

Prison



Guardian




Temporary and looks forward

# THE REAL ROLE OF THE LAW

Galatians 3:22-24 (ESV)

But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin,




so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

23 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned



until the coming faith would be revealed.



A photograph of Nelson Mandela, an elderly Black man, looking out from behind vertical metal prison bars. He is wearing a yellow shirt and has his right hand gripping one of the bars. The background is dark and out of focus.

Makes you look out





Temporary  
Purpose  
To facilitate faith

## HOW?

Galatians 3:24-26 (ESV)  
So then, the law was our  
guardian until Christ  
came, in order that we  
might be justified by  
faith.



# ILLUSTRATION

Galatians 3:25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.





# FUTILITY

Galatians 3:10 (ESV) For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.

**CONFESSION**  
**6 HOURS/DAY 4 TIMES**









# ARCHBASILICA OF SAINT JOHN LATERAN

Who knows if it is really true?”,

“The just shall live by his faith” (Habakkuk 2:4)





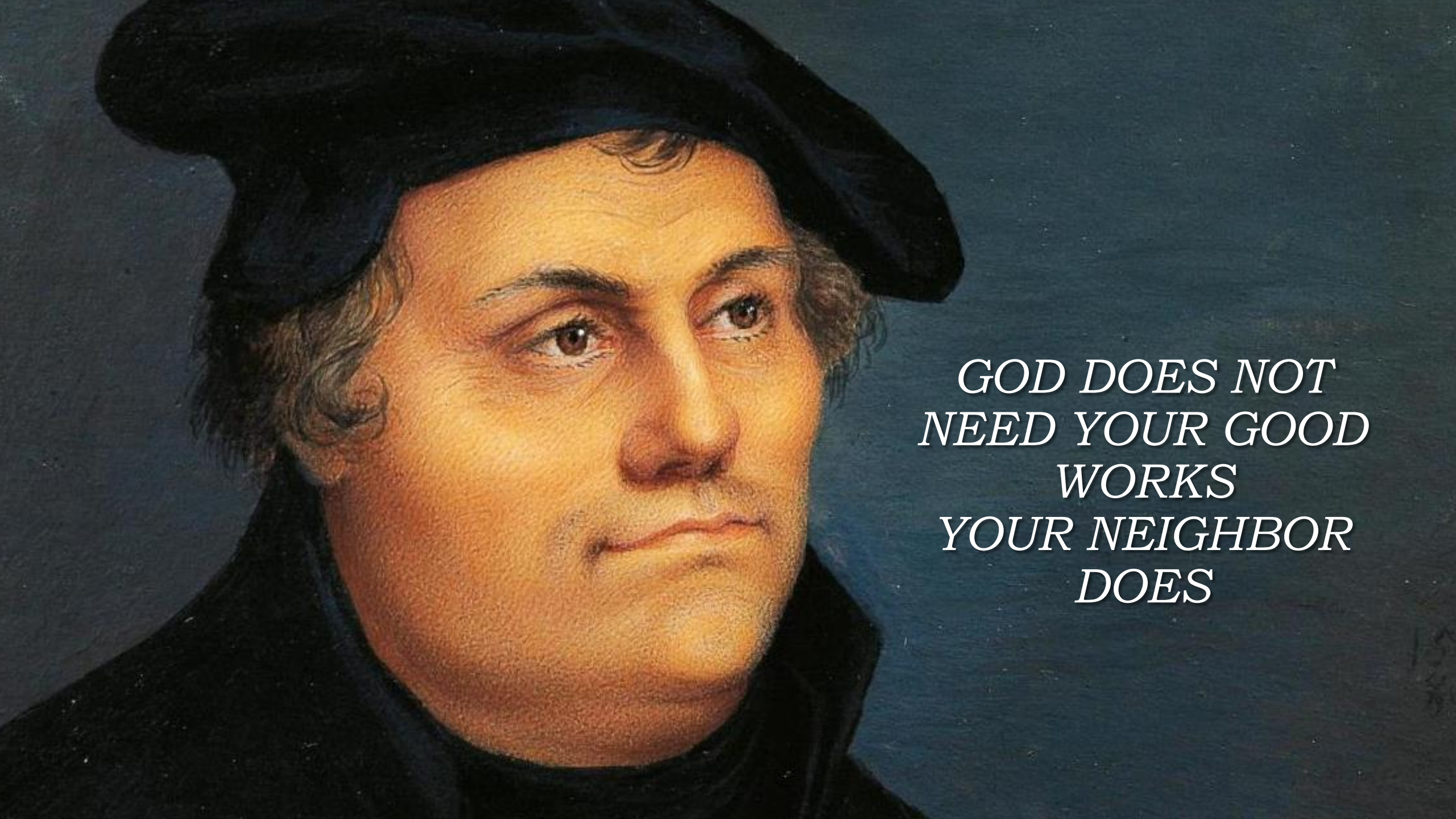
There must be a better way

Galatians 3: 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.



Romans 1:16-17 (ESV) For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”



A portrait of Martin Luther, a German theologian and reformer. He is depicted from the chest up, wearing a black cap and a black garment. His face is fair with some redness, and he has a serious expression, looking slightly to the right. The background is a dark, textured blue.

*GOD DOES NOT  
NEED YOUR GOOD  
WORKS  
YOUR NEIGHBOR  
DOES*





**TIRED**

Matthew 11:28-30 (ESV) 28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”





**An appreciation of grace**



Galatians 3:28-29 (ESV) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.









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



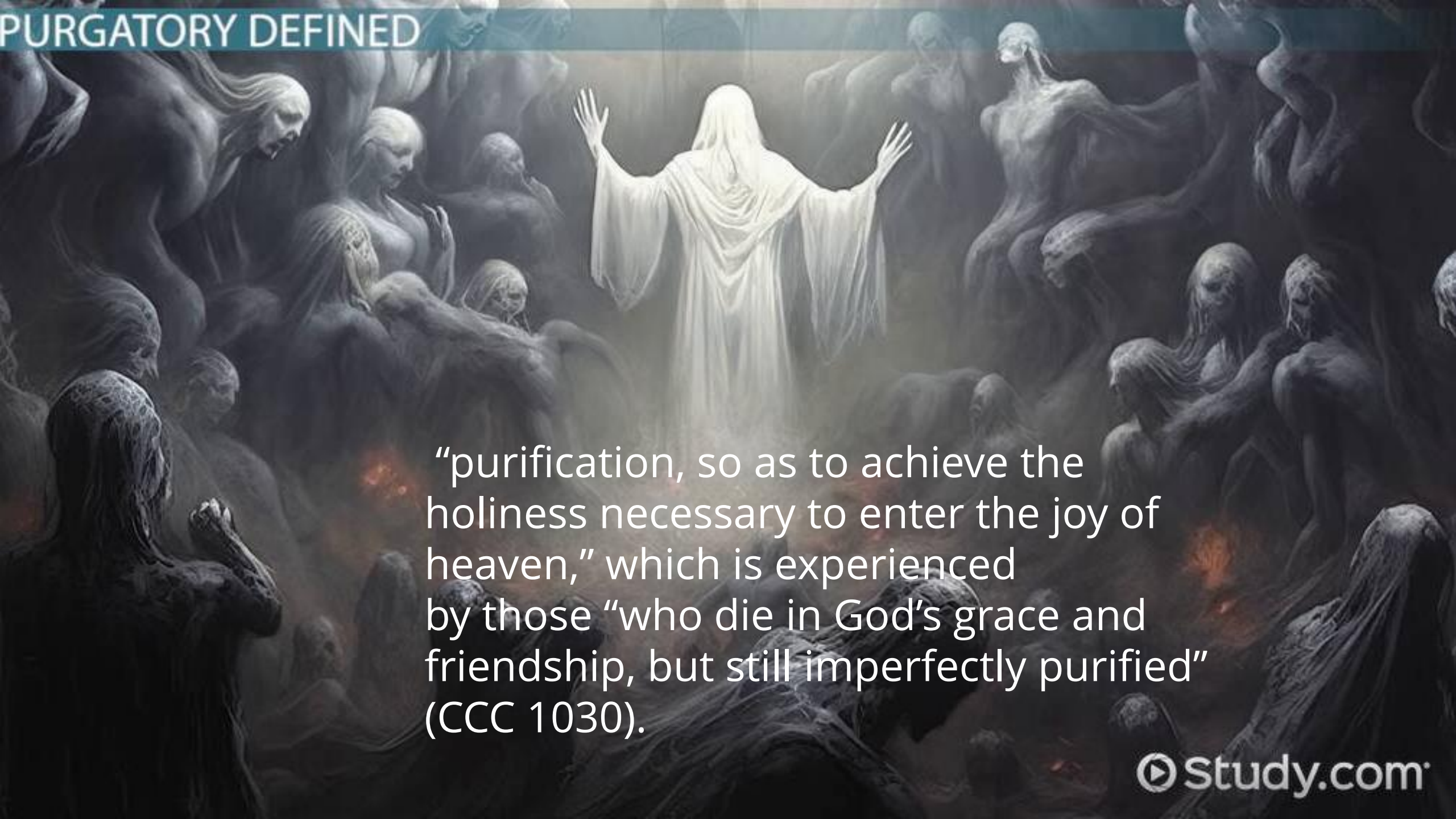
# JOY



Faith –Spirit empowered transformation







“purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven,” which is experienced by those “who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified” (CCC 1030).

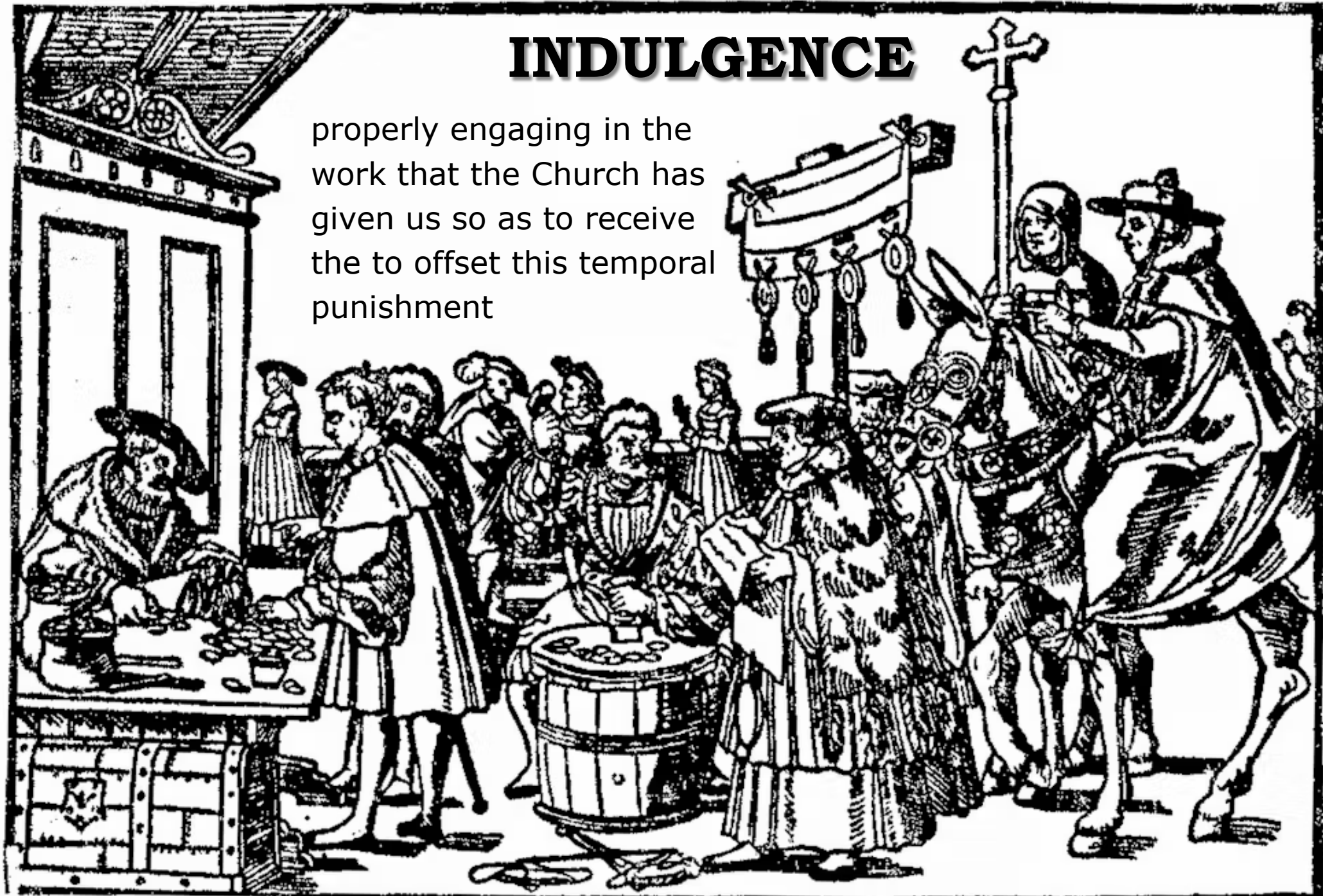


# **TEMPORAL PUNISHMENT DUE TO SIN**

Even after our sins have been forgiven, the justice owed to God – meaning what recompense we may still owe to God for the sins we have committed – is still very much a part of our life

# INDULGENCE

properly engaging in the  
work that the Church has  
given us so as to receive  
the to offset this temporal  
punishment







## Merits

## BASIS

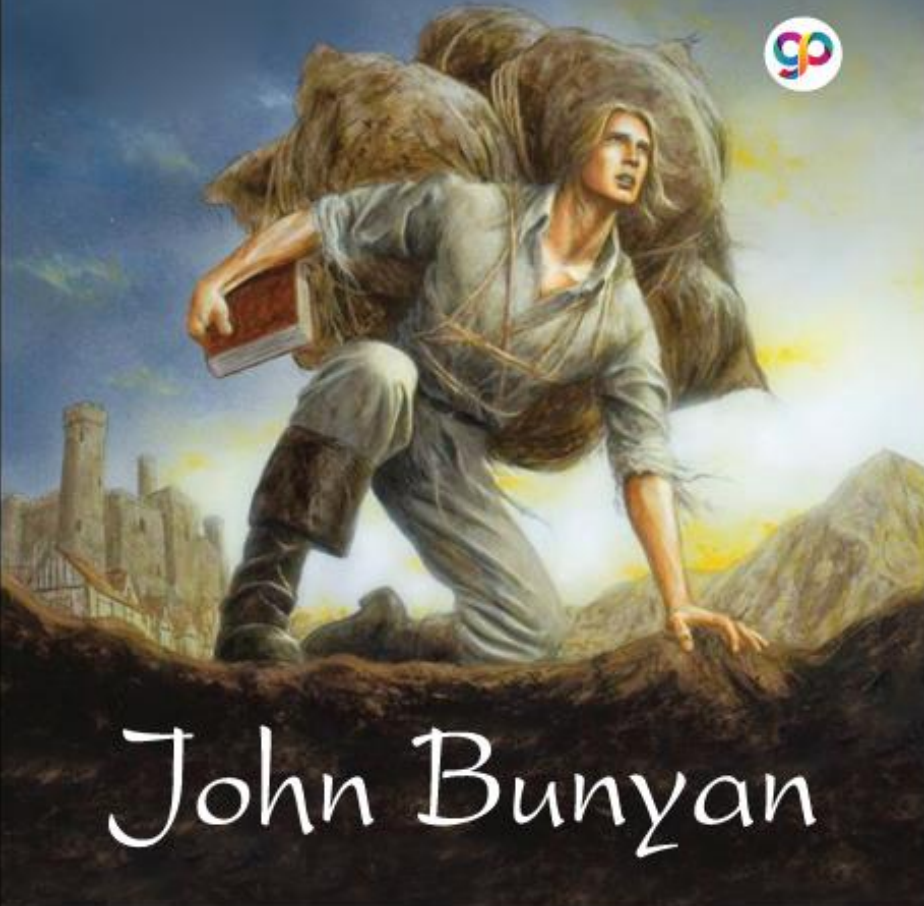
1. Christ through his redemptive work on the cross merits
2. Virgin Mary
3. Saints.







# *The* PILGRIM'S PROGRESS



**JOHN BUNYAN**

Run, John, run, the law commands  
But gives us neither feet nor hands,  
Far better news the gospel brings:  
It bids us fly and gives us wings.



# The center of the Gospel

## Grace

How God deals with us

## Gratitude

How we respond to God



# God

God loves us  
Saves us by Grace  
through Christ

Grace



Obedience

Expression of who He is



Obedience is a reflection  
of the relationship