



GALATIANS

A Letter of Grace





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class and catchup

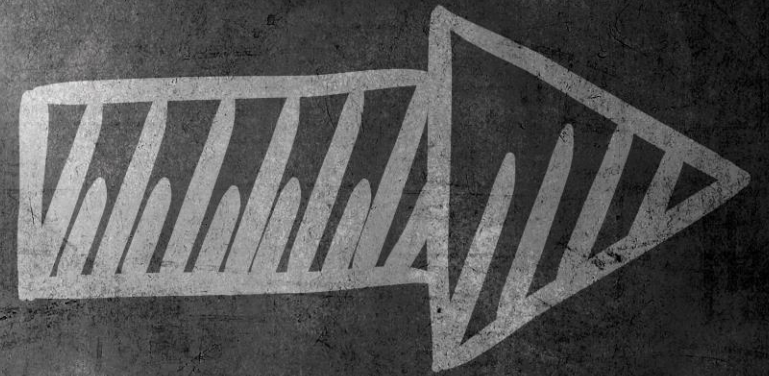
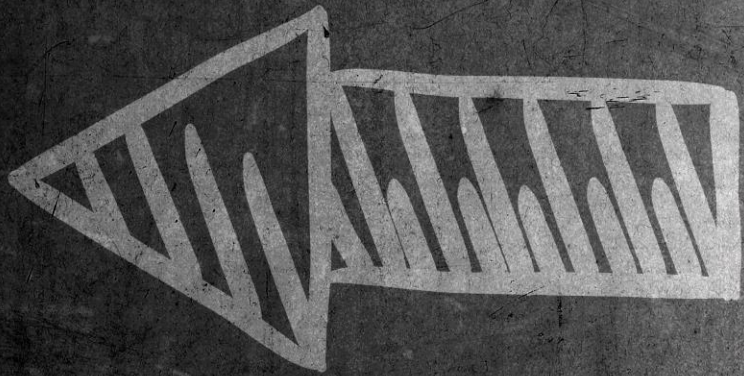
We've studied some
trees in amazing detail



But we miss a lot if we
don't also see the forest



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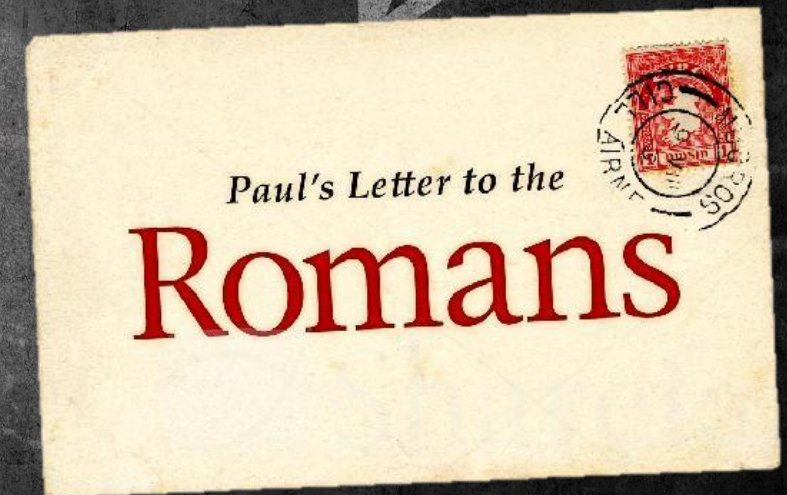


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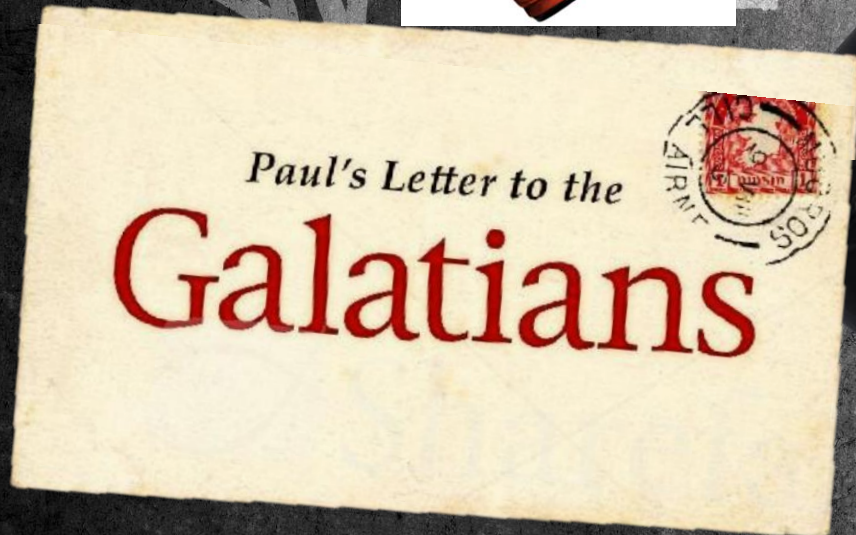


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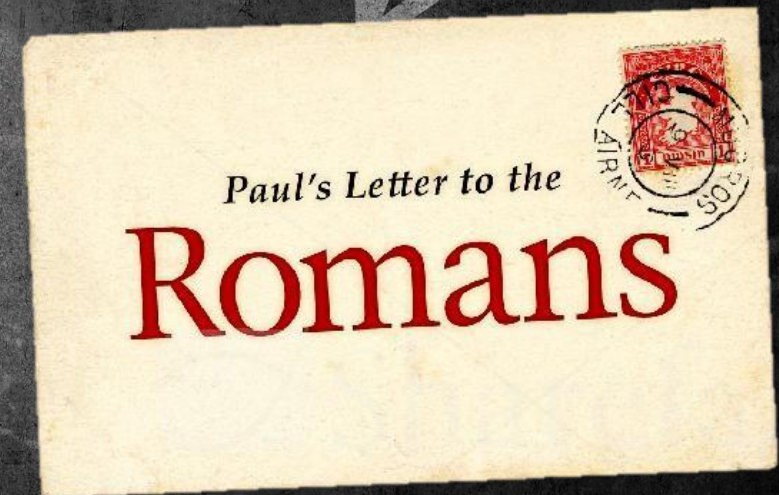


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Galatian
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A satellite map of the Anatolian peninsula (modern-day Turkey) showing its rugged terrain, major cities, and surrounding bodies of water. A red oval highlights a region in the central-northern part of the peninsula, corresponding to the historical Galatian area. The text 'Written anytime from 49-53 AD' is overlaid in the upper left, and 'Galatian churches' is overlaid within the red oval.

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The theme:
How does one stand before God?

HOW

Two points



Authority

Doctrine

Two points

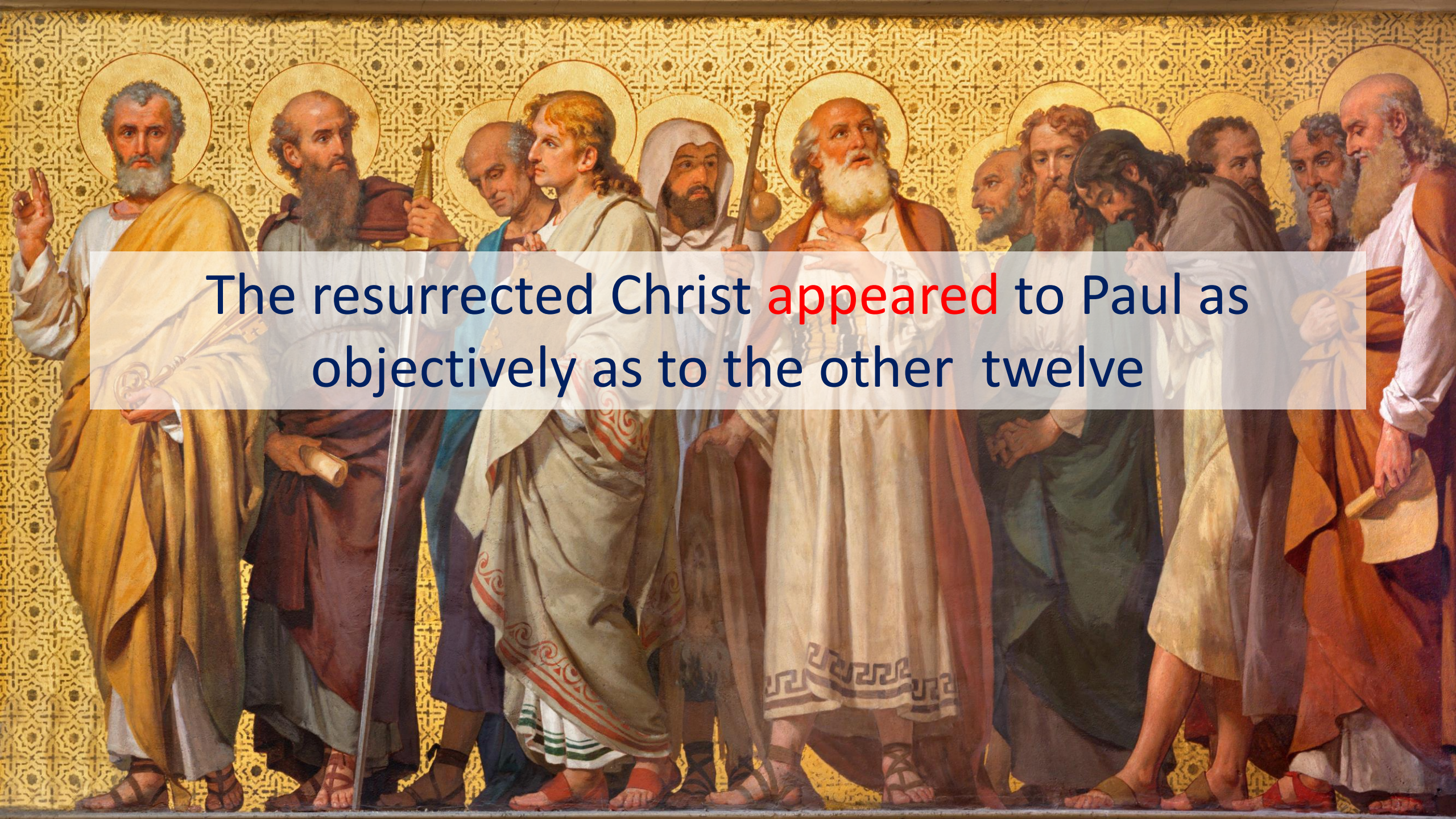


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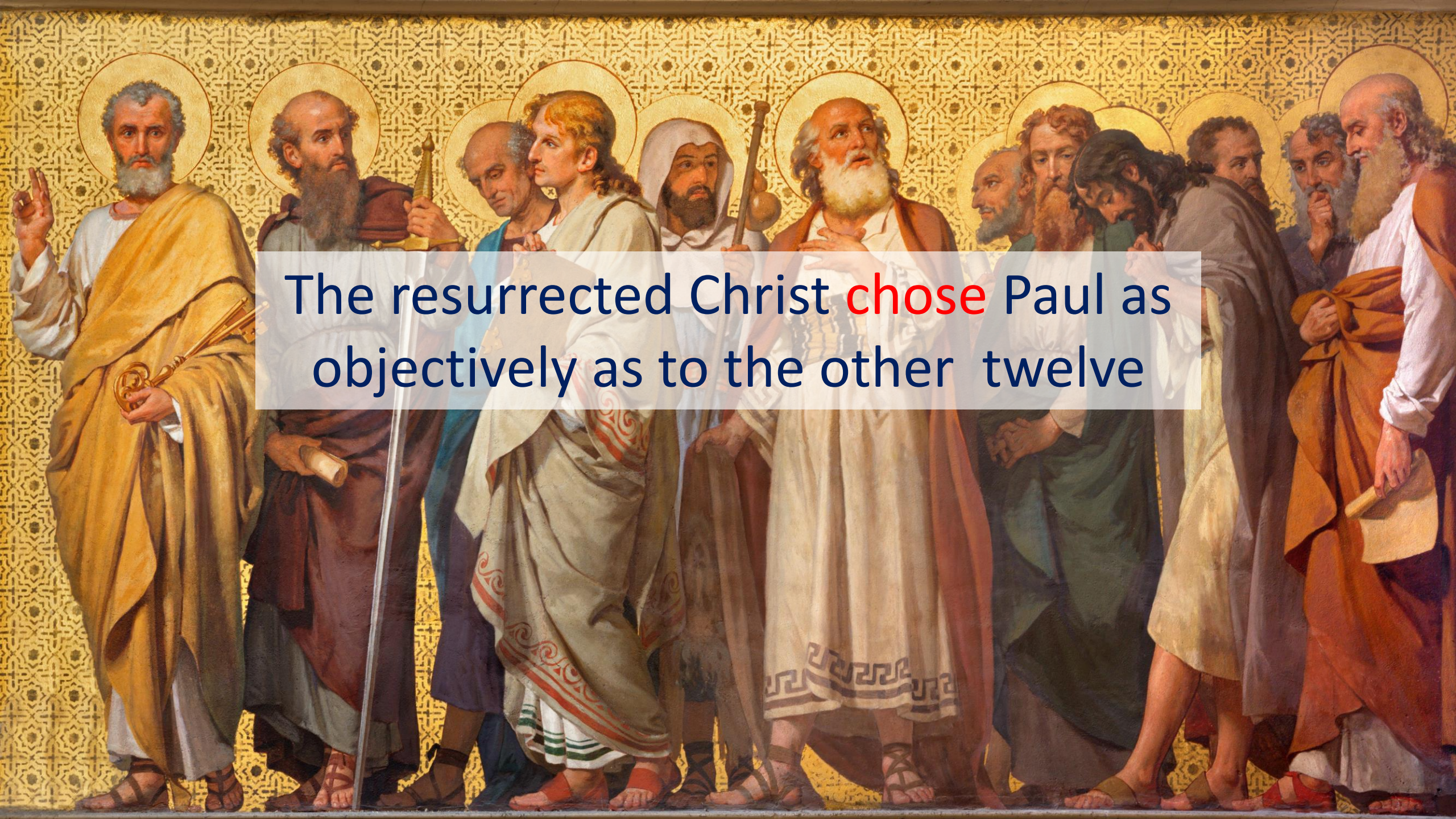
Doctrine

Paul's authority came from the revelation of Jesus





The resurrected Christ appeared to Paul as objectively as to the other twelve



The resurrected Christ chose Paul as objectively as to the other twelve

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How does a person stand before God?
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This is
Paul's
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“That is a perverted gospel! Curse anyone who teaches it!”

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My duty

The gospel

The heresy confused
human duty with the gospel



Paul even opposed Peter



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If one had to
become a Jew
after becoming
a Christian,
then it's not
enough to be a
Christian?



Reach a
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Gen. 20:2 still lies about Sarah...

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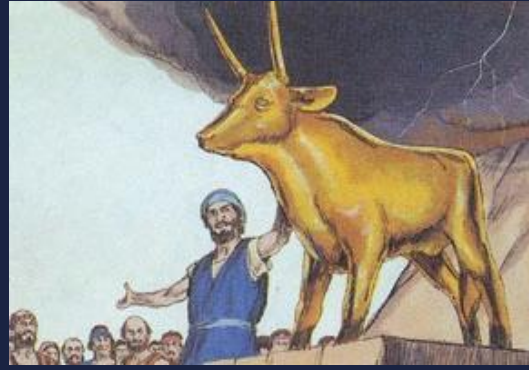
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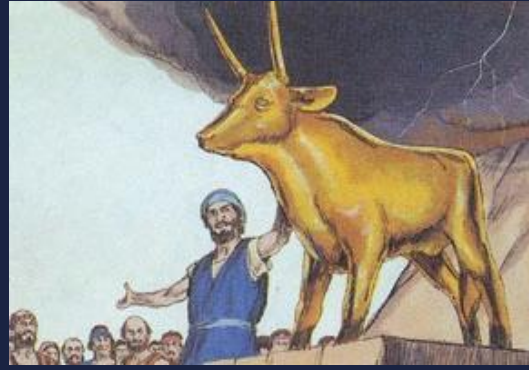
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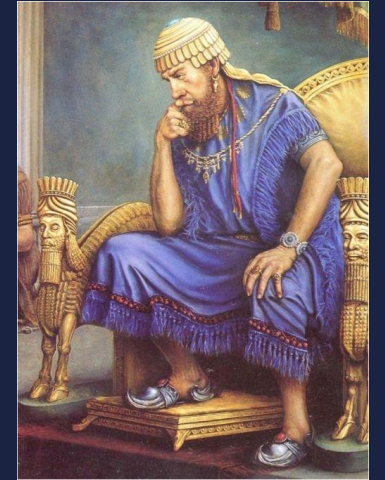
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1 Kgs 8:46 "there is no one who
does not sin"



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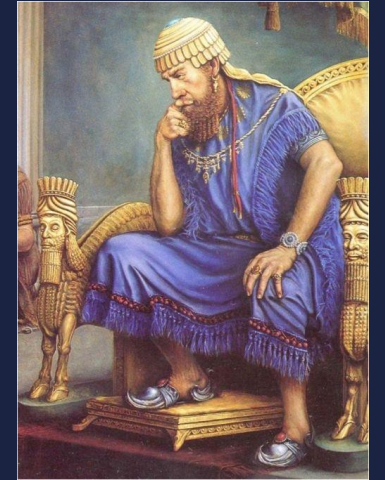


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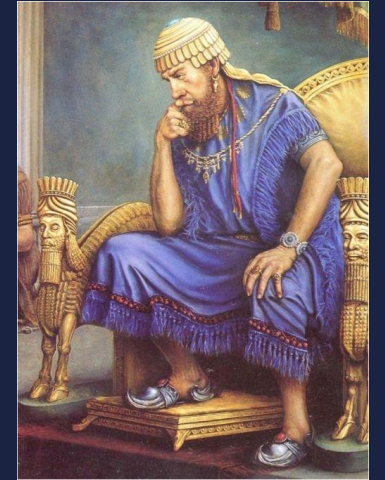
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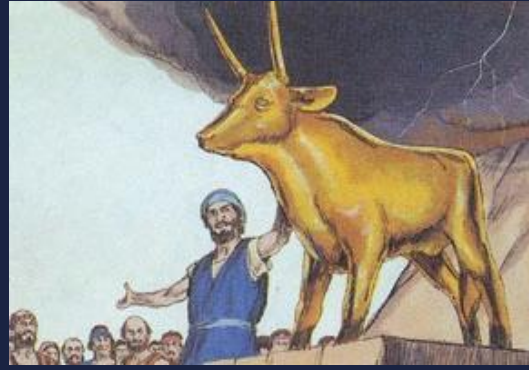
Ps. 14:3 "there is none who does
good, not even one."



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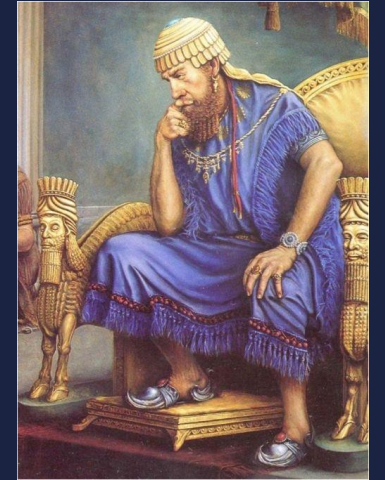


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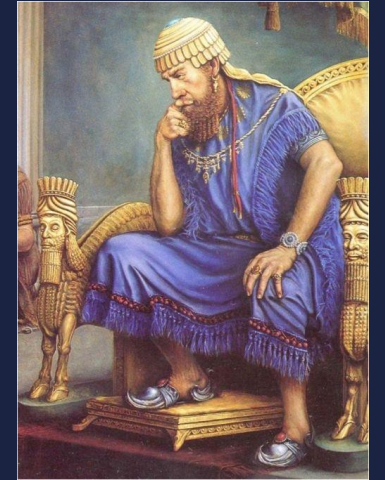


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"Woe is me for I am lost; for I am
a man of unclean lips



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1 Tim 1:15 "Christ Jesus came
into the world to save sinners, of
whom I am the foremost. "



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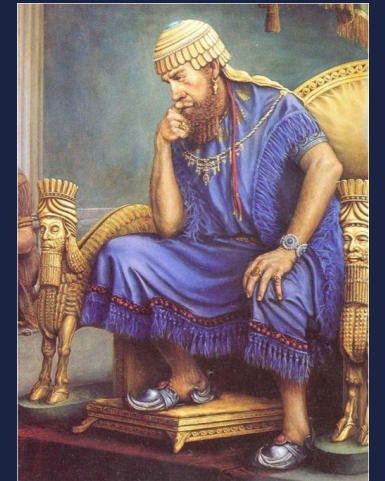
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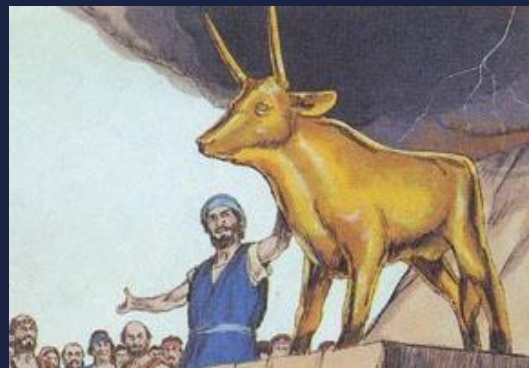


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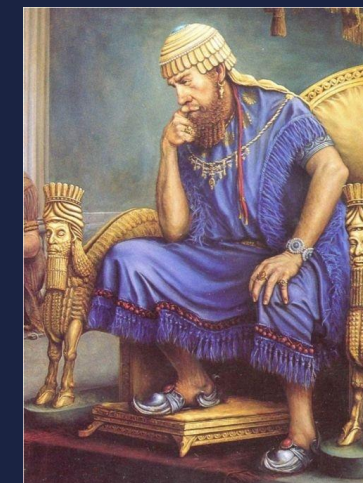


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Every person stands in need of God's grace



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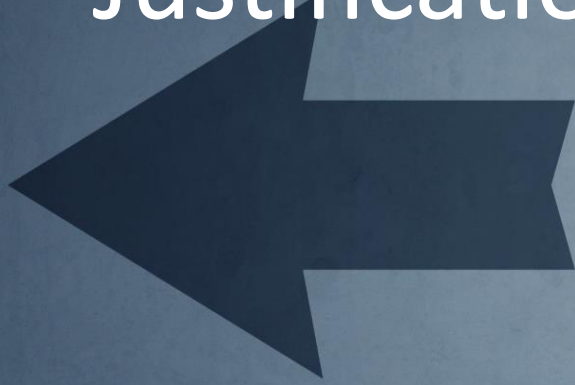


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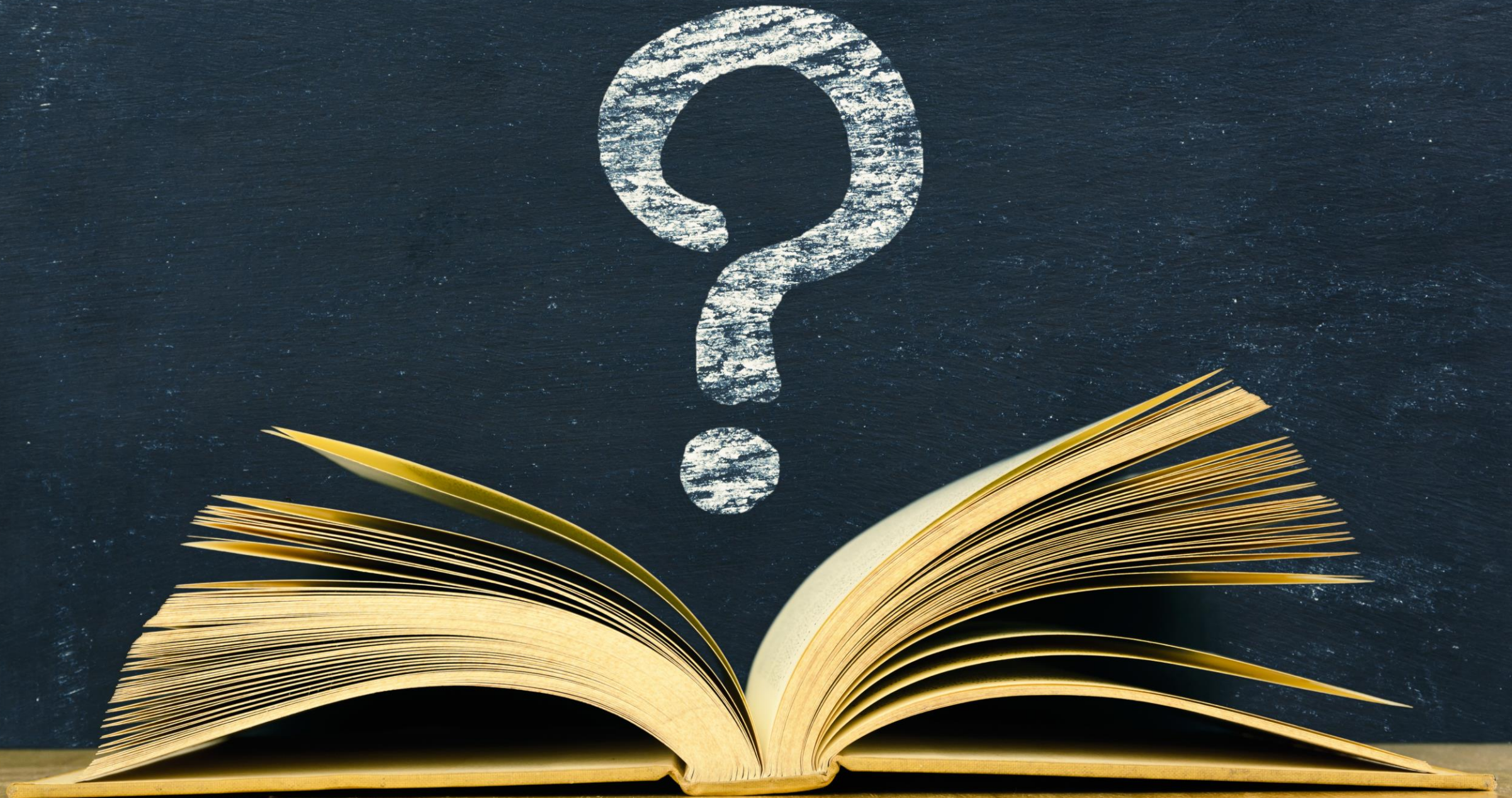



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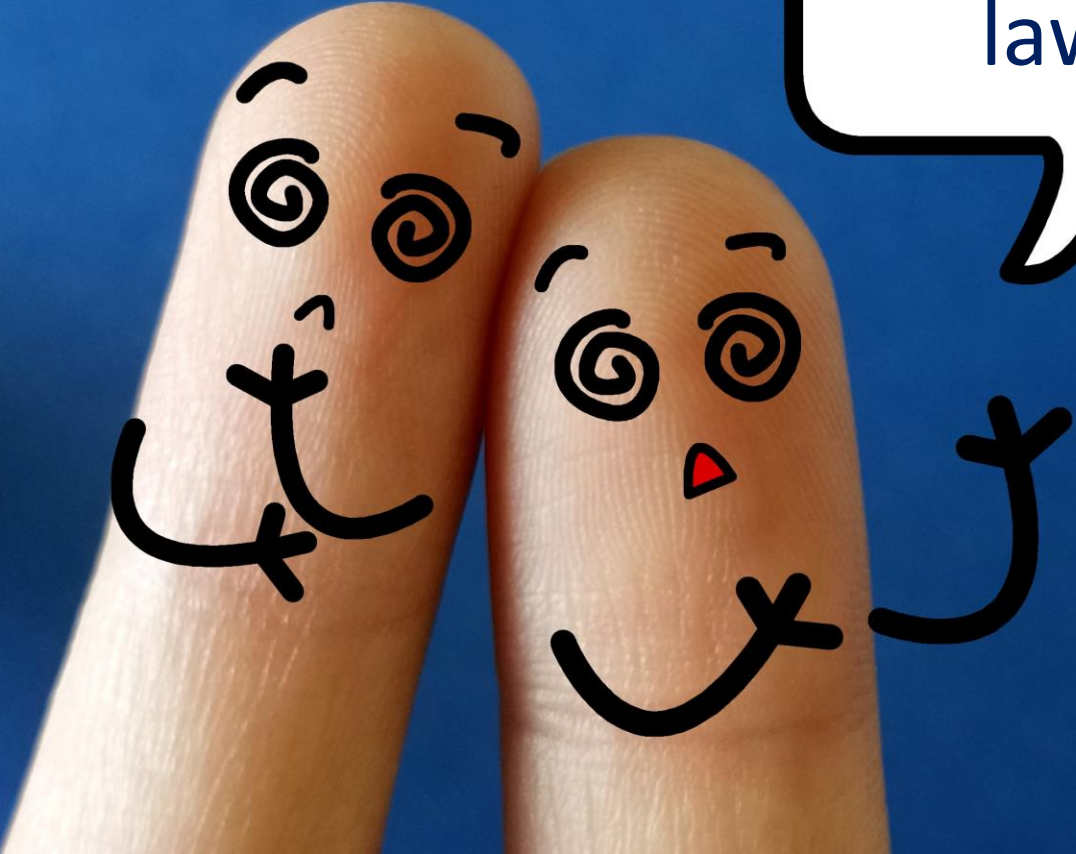
THEREFORE: salvation by faith in a
crushed Christ is the only salvation

So, what of the law? What of moral goodness?



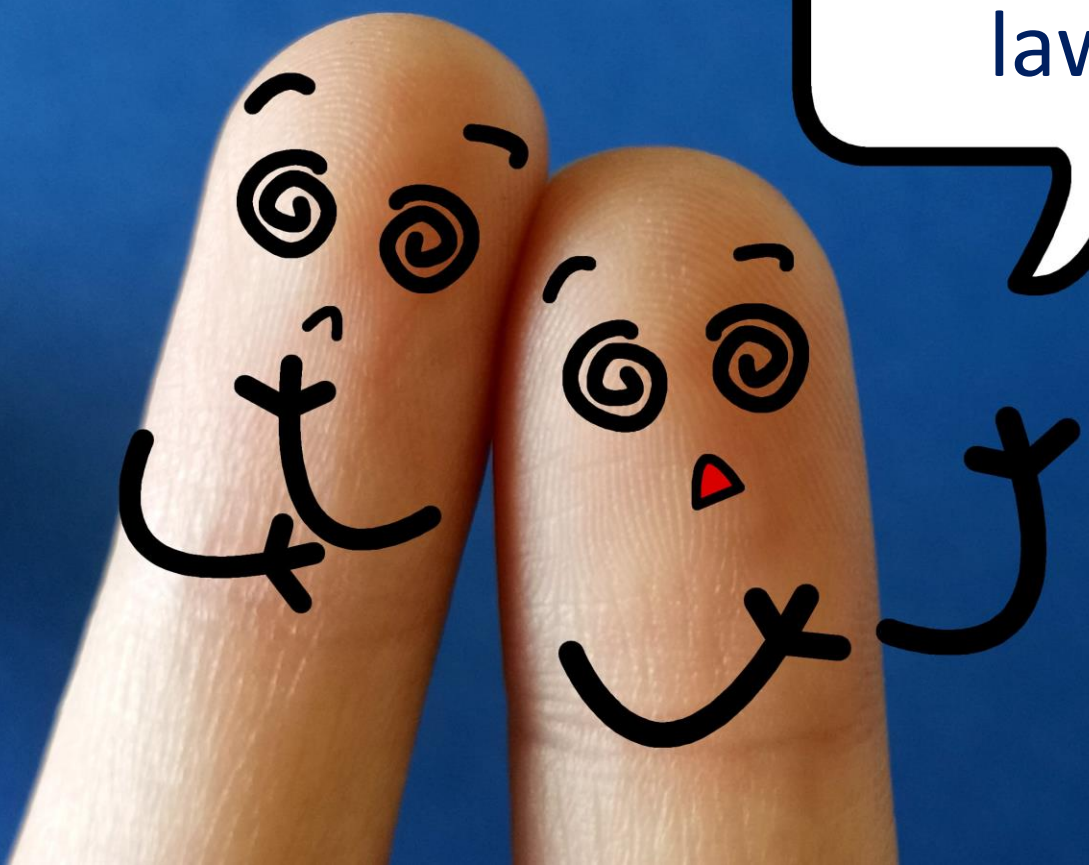
Two cartoon fingers with faces are shown against a blue background. The finger on the left has a wide, toothy grin and its eyes are squeezed shut. The finger on the right has a more neutral expression with a small red triangle for a mouth and its eyes are wide open. A speech bubble originates from the right finger, containing the text: "Does grace make one indifferent to God's will and law? Is moral law irrelevant?".

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Christ didn't tear down
the law, he tore down
salvation by the law!

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In baptism I “put on” Christ



POP QUIZ

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The penalty of the broken law that
should have crushed me, crushed Christ
(Isa. 53:5)

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The sovereignty of God did not
destroy Paul as a person

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Faith in itself as a
psychological force isn't NT faith!

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The person justified by faith cannot go on wanting to disappoint and shame God, the God who paid the awful price to save me.

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A wide-angle photograph of a large church service. The sanctuary is filled with a diverse congregation seated in tiered pews. At the front, a stage is illuminated with blue and white lights. A large wooden cross is mounted on the wall behind the stage. A person is visible on the stage, and a large screen on the right displays a close-up of the service. The overall atmosphere is one of a significant religious gathering.

Let's go to church!