

# GALATIANS

A Letter of Grace



From:  
Paul the  
Apostle

To:  
The Churches  
of Galatia

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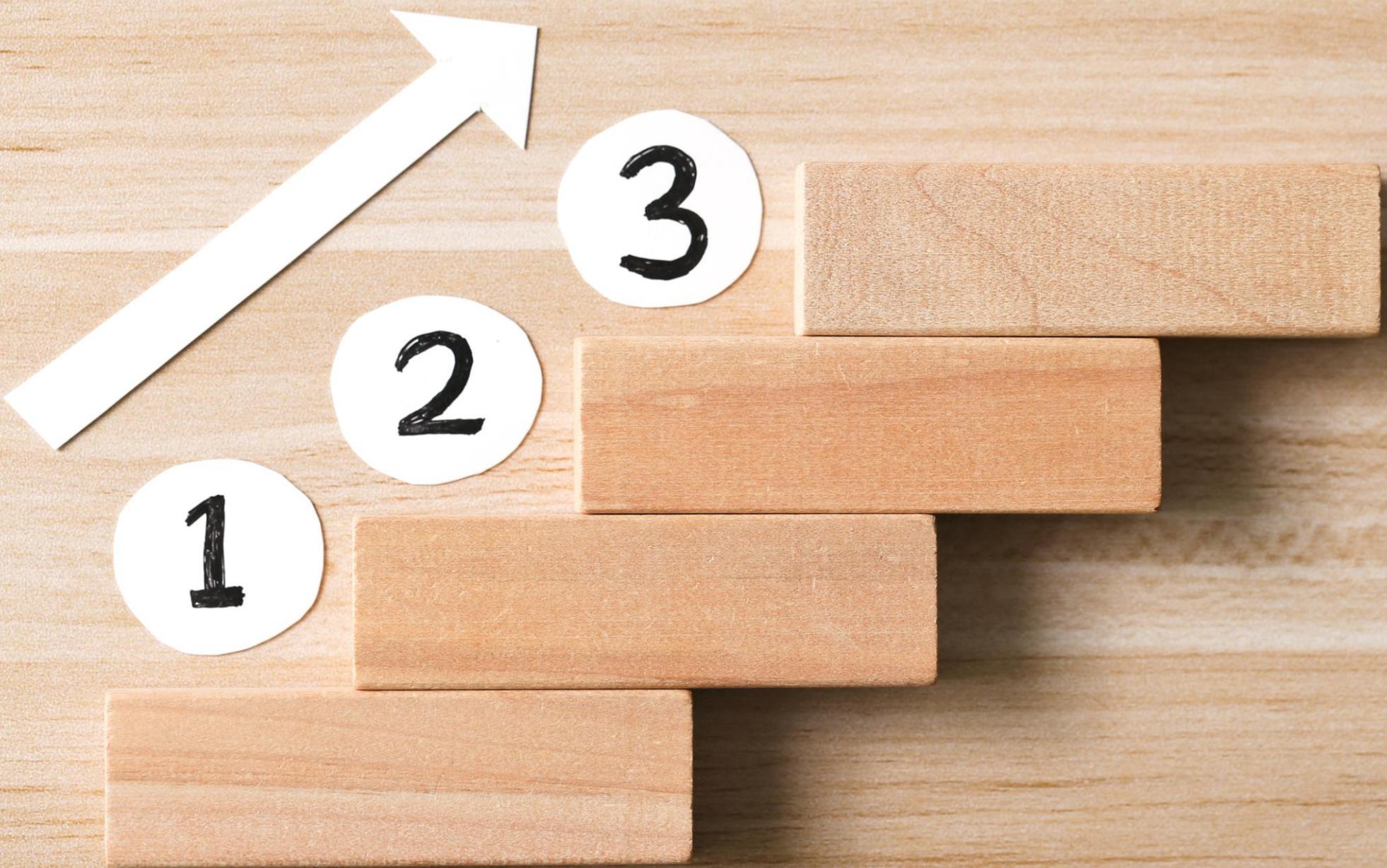
Power  
Priority  
Practice  
Personal

An aerial satellite-style view of the Mediterranean region, showing the sea, coastlines, and inland terrain. In the upper left, there is a graphic of a postage stamp with a red, white, and blue striped border. The stamp features a small image of a man in a classical style. Below the image, the text 'From: Paul the' and 'To: the Churches' is visible, with 'tia' partially obscured. The main title 'GALATIANS' is written in large white letters on the right side of the image, with the subtitle 'A Letter of Grace' below it. A large blue rounded rectangle is positioned in the lower half of the image, containing the text 'The Gospel or Foolishness (3:1-9)' in white.

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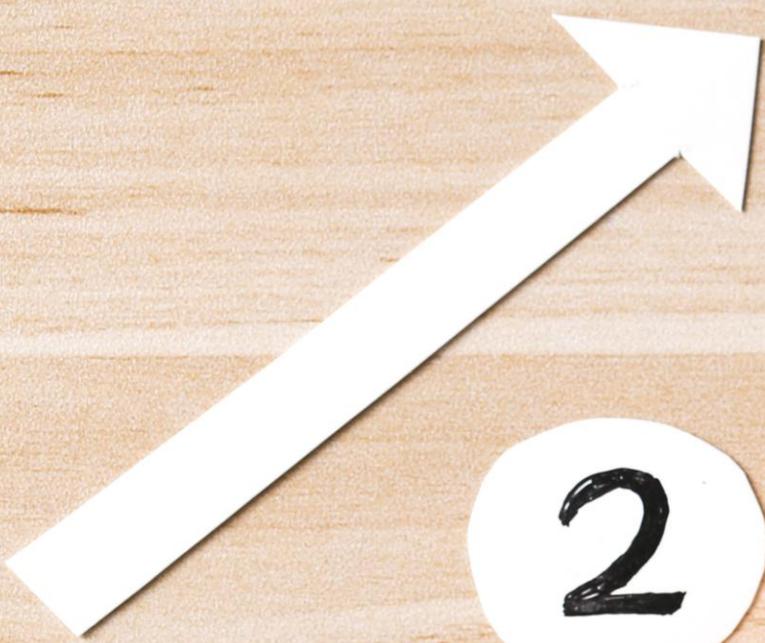
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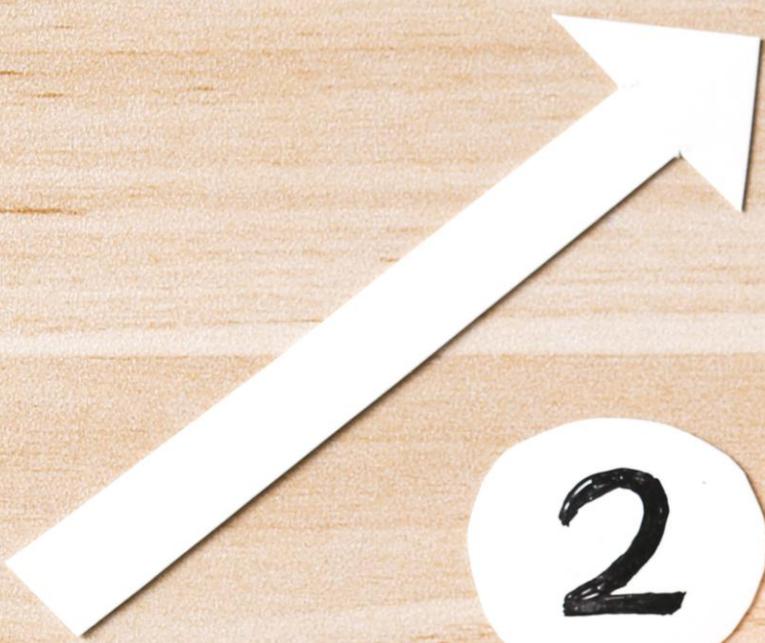
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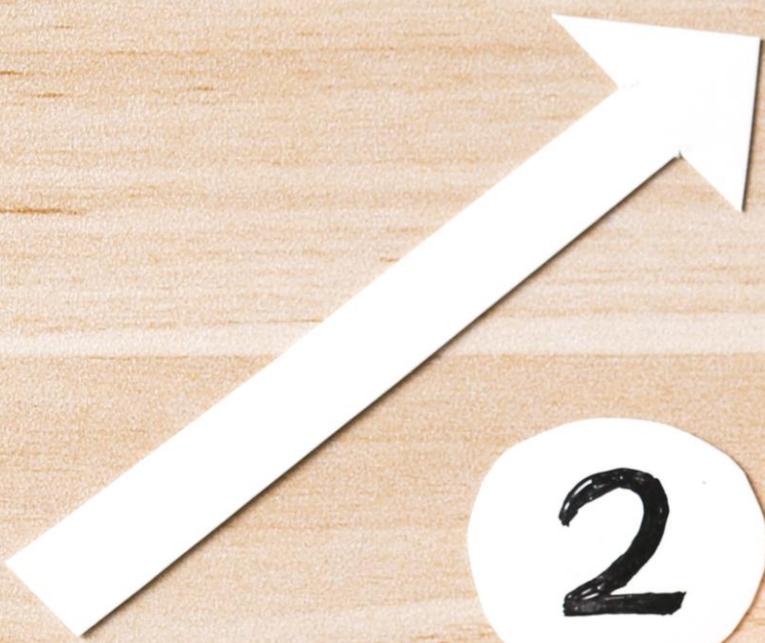
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One Right Answer





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Brothers . . . My little children . . . Foolish?

**Really?**



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unwillingness to use one's mental faculties in order to understand

**Really?**



Really?

WORKS



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Judaizers?  
Troublemakers  
Distorting the Gospel  
Cursed!!!

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...to deceive a person by devious and crafty means

$$A + B \neq A$$



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The Gospel plus  
ANYTHING  
is not the Gospel!

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A vivid, very public, post or proclamation . . .

Placard!



**Jesus Christ, died for our sin,  
was buried & resurrected,  
as we will be in him!**



**WHO...**  
**is in**  
**YOUR ear?**



QUIZ TIME!



**A**

**B**



Works of the Law -or- Faith by Hearing



Works of the Law    -or-    Faith by Hearing  
I do                    -or-    He did

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Question #1 . . . WHO started this and HOW?

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“to receive or accept an object or benefit for which the initiative rests with the giver...”

# The Spirit?



I do -or- He did

# The Spirit?



I do

-or-

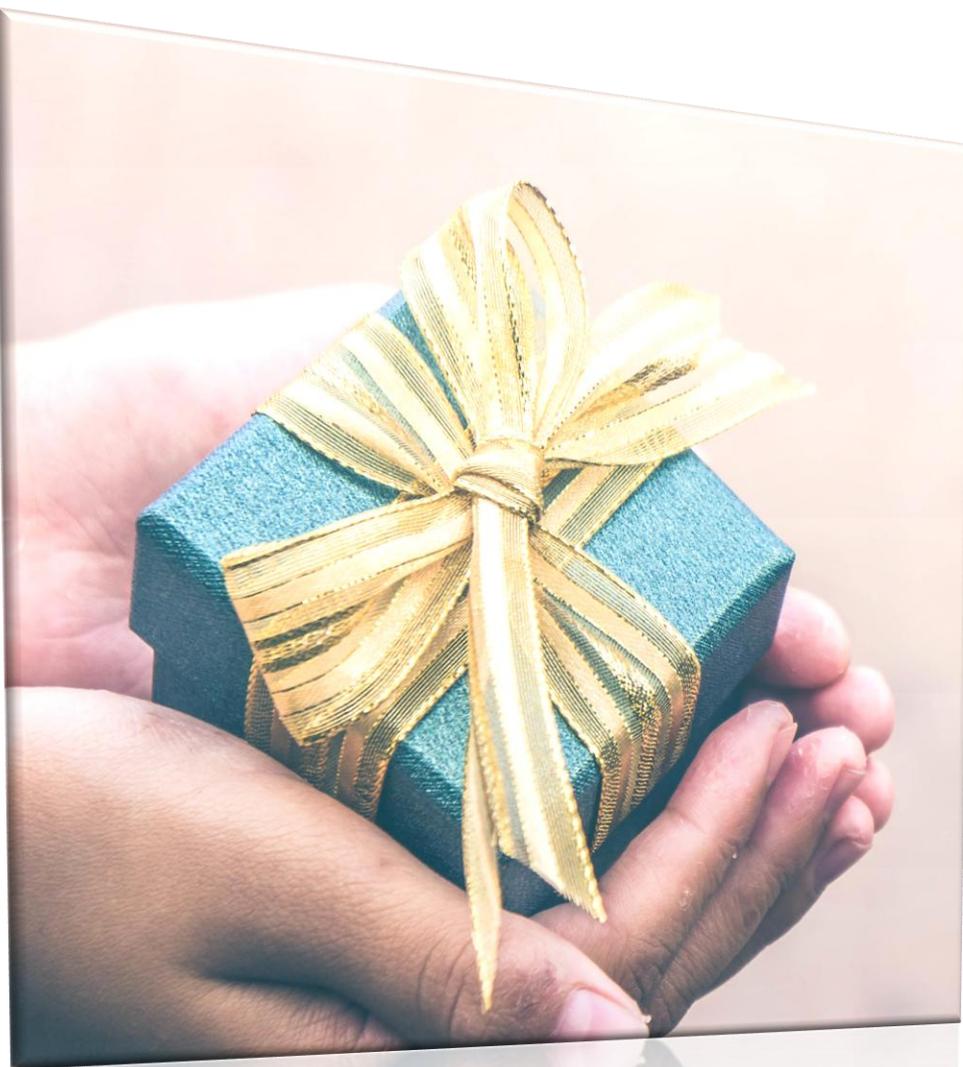
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I Achieve

-or-

I Receive

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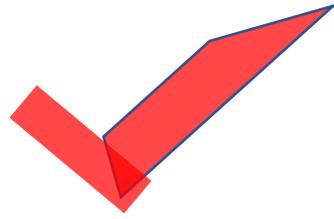
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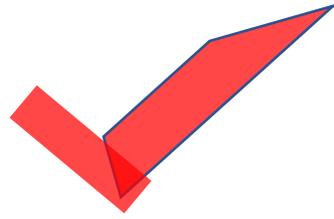
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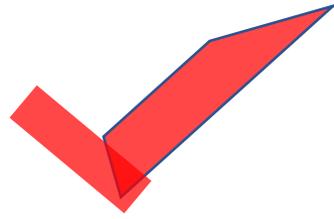
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**A Gift . . .**



**Pay ~~X~~ for it?**

**Pay ~~X~~ it back?**



**Romans 3:** <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,<sup>24</sup> and are justified **by his grace** as **a gift**, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be **received** **by faith**.



**Romans 6: <sup>23</sup>** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# Salvation?



I achieve   -or-   I receive  
by works                      by faith

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Question #2 . . . WHO finishes this and HOW?

**Who Finishes it?**



I do

-or-

He did

I Achieve

-or-

I Receive

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Spirit –or– Flesh?



**Colossians 2:** <sup>6</sup> Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.



**Philippians 1: <sup>6</sup>** And I am sure of this, that **he** who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.



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Saved by his divine grace,  
but sanctified and sustained  
by our human works?

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Question #3 . . . WHO sustains you and HOW?



# Who Supplies & Sustains Us?

A

B

I do

-or-

He did

I Achieve

-or-

I Receive

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“...to make available whatever is necessary to help or supply the needs of someone”  
“...to supply abundantly or bountifully.”

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**Powerful Work ... abundantly!**

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**Present, Active Participle: ‘keeps on supplying!’**

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**Ephesians 1:** <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might<sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,



Resurrection  
Power!

# The Power of the Cross



# Supplied & Sustained?



I Achieve   -or-   I Receive  
by works                      by faith

**4. What does it take to  
be Right with God?**



A

B

I do

-or-

He did

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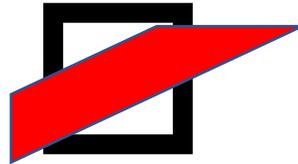
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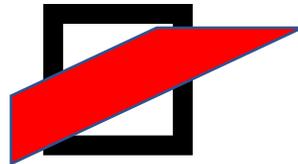
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Judaizers:



Circumcision



Law of Moses

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**Πιστεύω...to believe to the extent of  
complete trust and reliance**

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**Δικαιοσύνη** ... the act of doing what  
God requires, being right with God

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Genesis 15:6

**BEFORE circumcision or the Law of Moses**



# The Right Answer?



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**Children of God are Children of Faith!**

Galatians 3:8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.”

Galatians 3:8 προϊδοῦσα δὲ ἡ γραφὴ ὅτι ἐκ πίστεως δικαιοῖ τὰ ἔθνη ὁ θεός, προεσηγγερίσατο τῷ Ἀβραὰμ ὅτι Ἐνευλογηθήσονται ἐν σοὶ πάντα τὰ ἔθνη.

Galatians 3:9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

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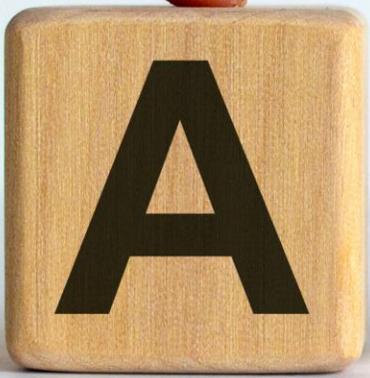
**Know then...**



He did      -or-      I do  
I Receive      -or-      I Achieve

**Know then...**

**FAITH**



**WORKS**

He did

-or-

I do

I Receive

-or-

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TODAY

HOMEWORK

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Still unsettled?

Still unsettled?

1. Misinformation

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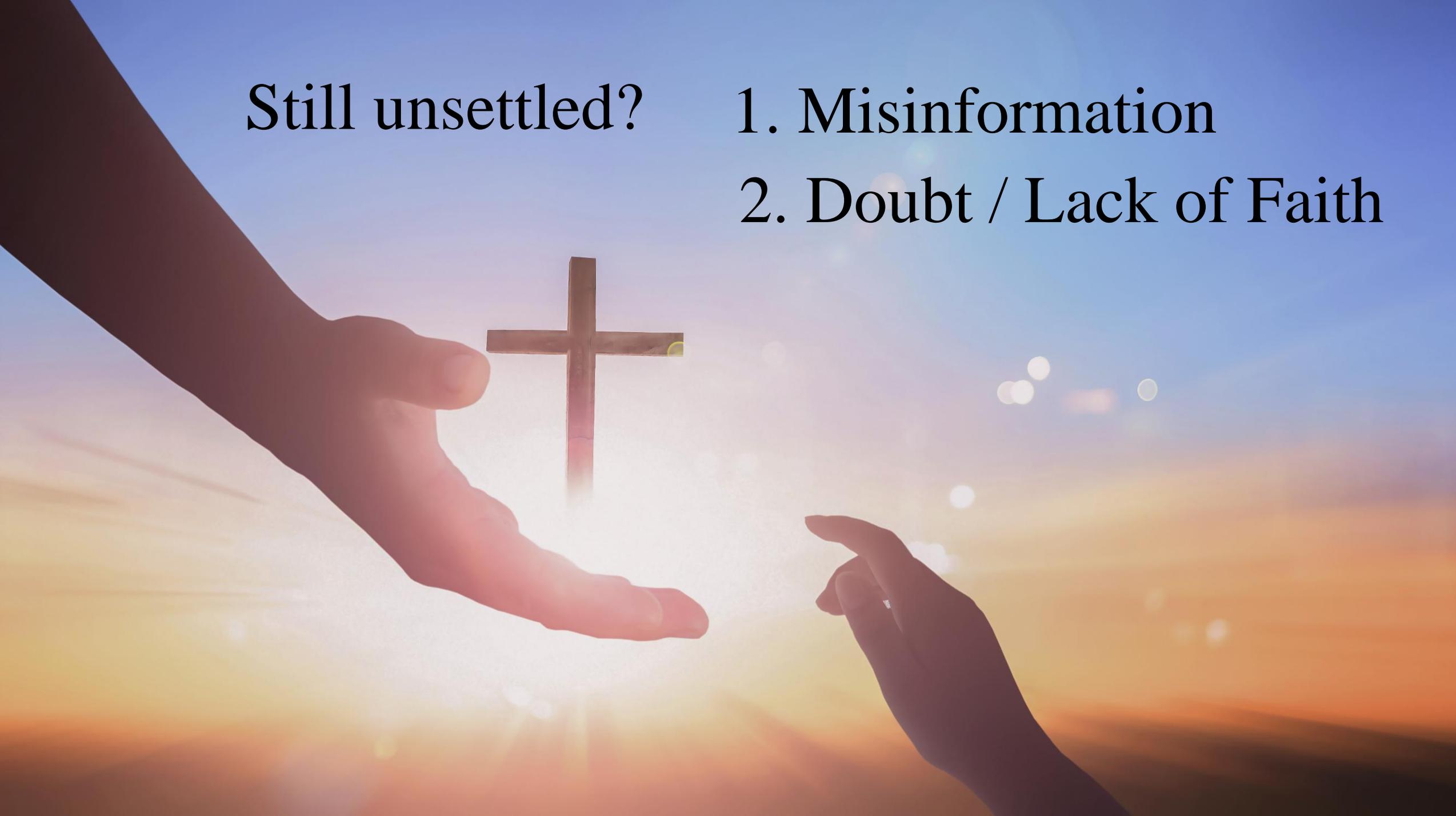
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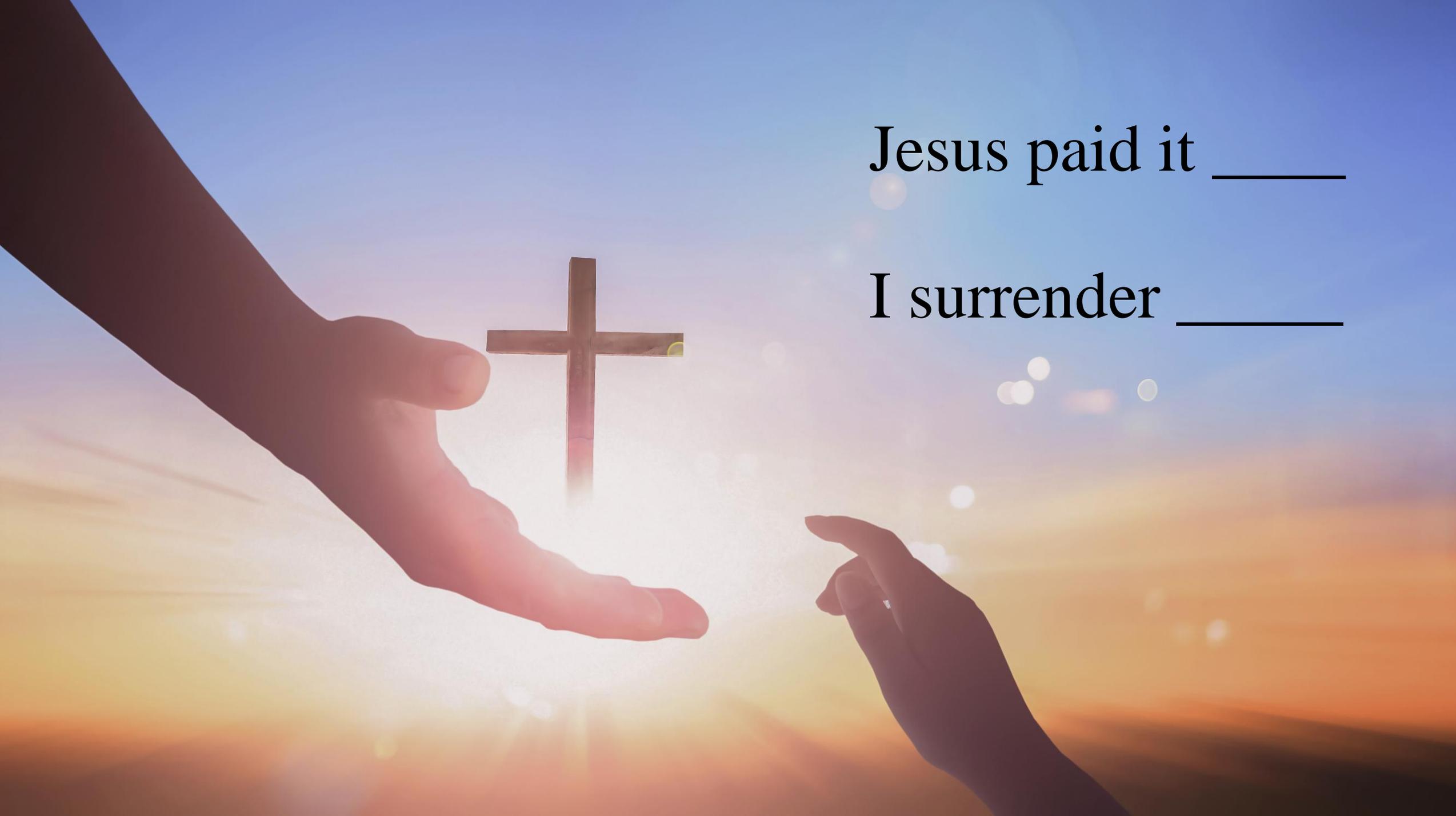
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3. Pride & Ego



Jesus paid it \_\_\_\_\_





Jesus paid it \_\_\_\_\_

I surrender \_\_\_\_\_

A wide-angle photograph of a large church service. The sanctuary is filled with a diverse crowd of people seated in pews. The stage is illuminated with blue light and features a large wooden cross on the back wall. A person is visible on the stage, and a large screen is on the right. The text "Let's go to church!" is overlaid in a white box with blue text.

Let's go to church!

