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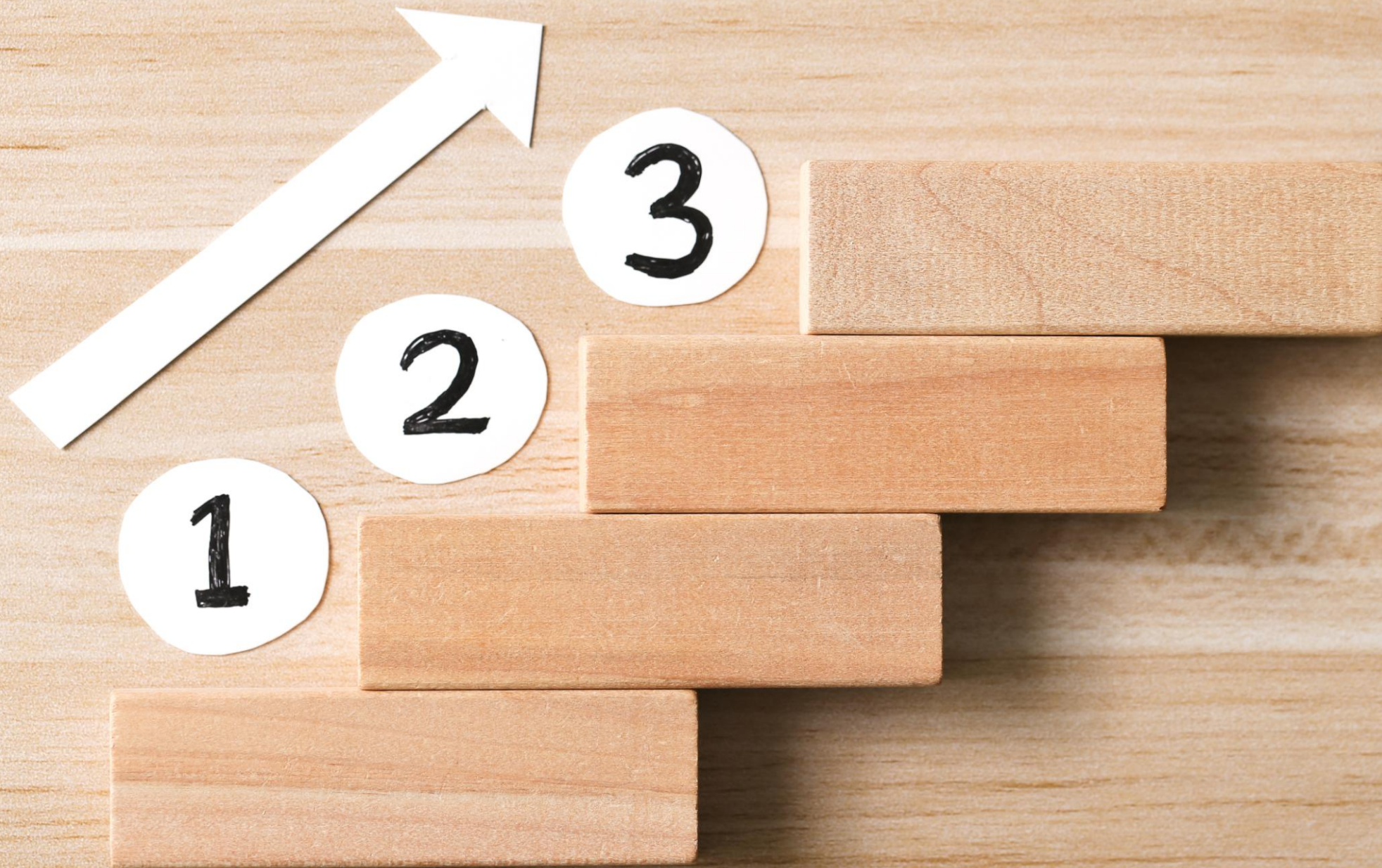
Power
Priority
Practice
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The Gospel or Foolishness
(3:1-9)







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Four Question Quiz

A Short Review



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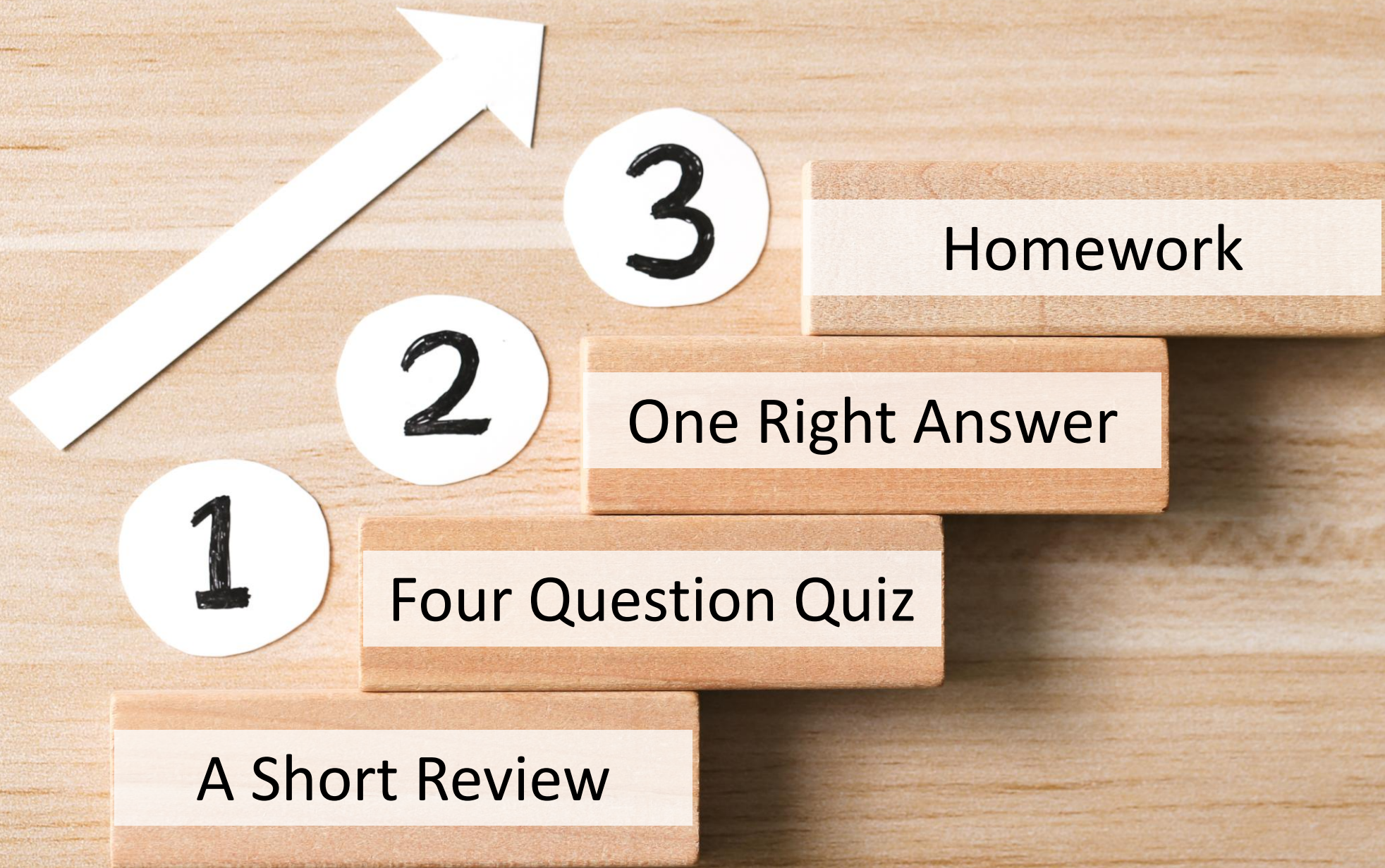
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One Right Answer





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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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Really?

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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?

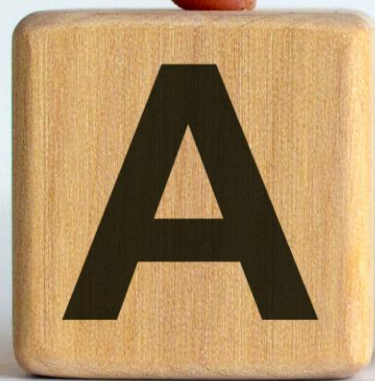


QUIZ TIME!



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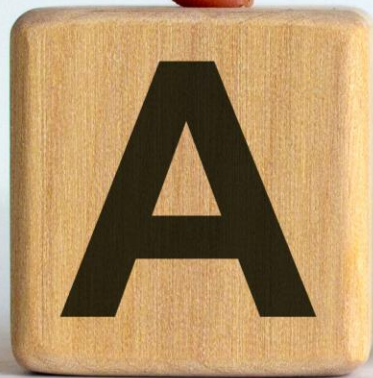
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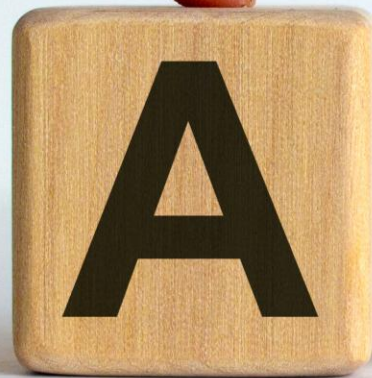
“to receive or accept an object or benefit for which the initiative rests with the giver...”

The Spirit?



I do -or- He did

The Spirit?



I do -or- He did

I Achieve -or- I Receive

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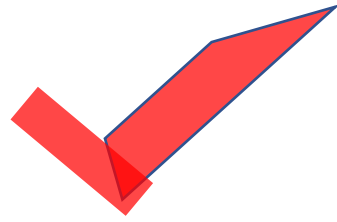
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Pay for it?

Pay it back?

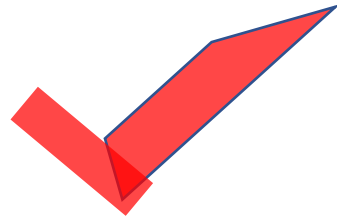
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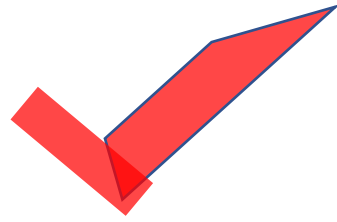
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Romans 3: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,²⁴ and are justified **by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be **received** by faith.**



Romans 6: ²³ 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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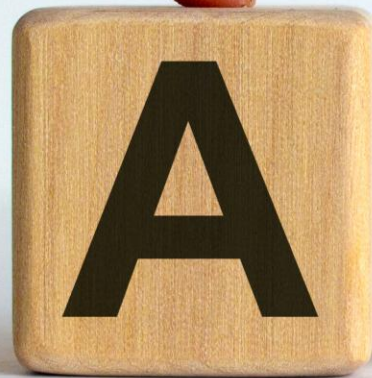
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Question #2 . . . WHO finishes this and HOW?

Who Finishes it?



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Spirit –or– Flesh?



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



Philippians 1: ⁶ 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.

Sanctification?



I Achieve -or- I Receive
by works by faith

Galatians 3:4 Did you suffer
so many things in vain—if
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Saved by his divine grace,
but sanctified and sustained
by our human works?

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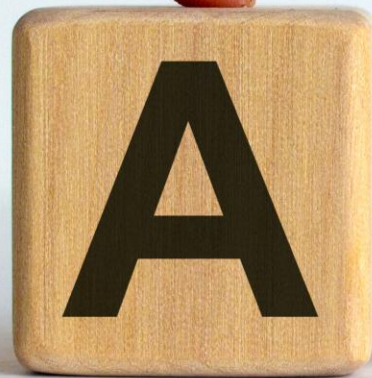
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Question #3 . . . WHO sustains you and HOW?

Who Supplies & Sustains Us?



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“...to make available whatever is necessary to help or supply the needs of someone”
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Powerful Work ... abundantly!’

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Present, Active Participle: ‘keeps on supplying!’

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amen.

Ephesians 1: ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us **who believe**, according to the working of his great might²⁰ 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

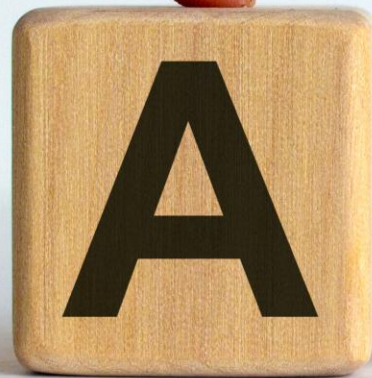


Supplied & Sustained?



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



I do -or- He did

I Achieve -or- I Receive

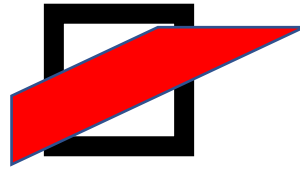
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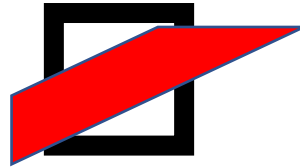
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Judaizers:



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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BEFORE circumcision or the Law of Moses

To be Right with God?



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The Right Answer?



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Children of God are Children of Faith!

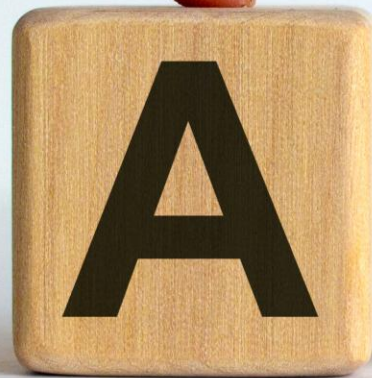
Galatians 3:8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.”

Galatians 3:8 προϊδοῦσα δὲ ἡ γραφή ὅτι ἐκ πίστεως δικαιοῖ τὰ ἔθνη ὁ θεός, προεηγγελίσατο 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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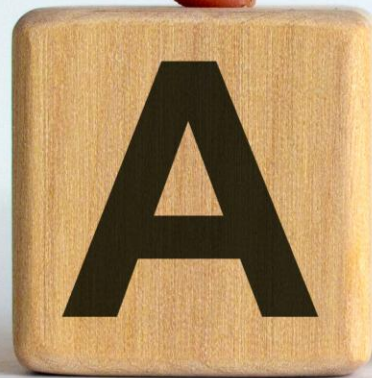
Know then...



He did	-or-	I do
I <u>Receive</u>	-or-	I <u>Achieve</u>

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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2. Doubt / Lack of Faith

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3. Pride & Ego

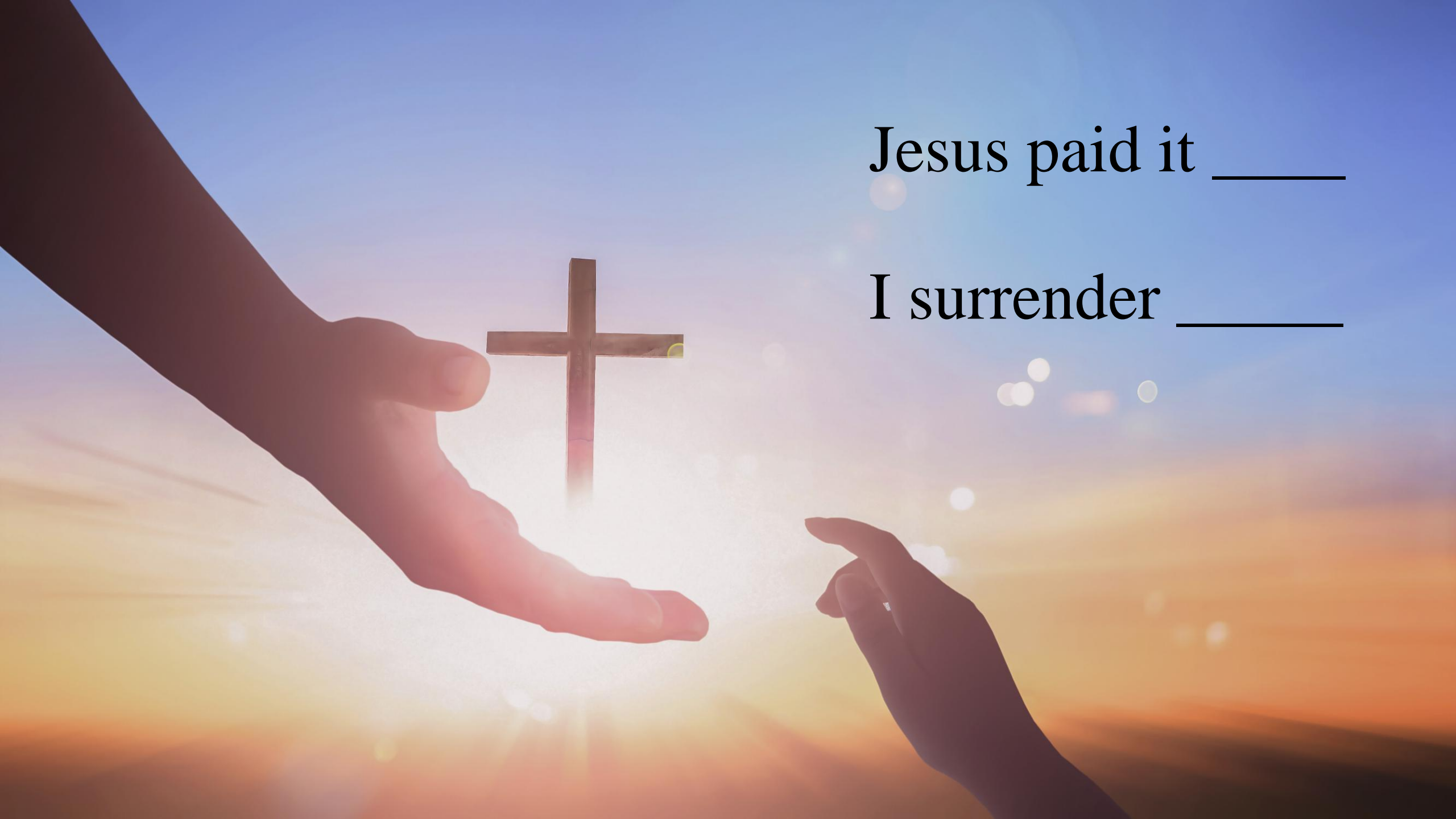


Jesus paid it _____



Jesus paid it _____

I surrender _____



Let's go to church!



