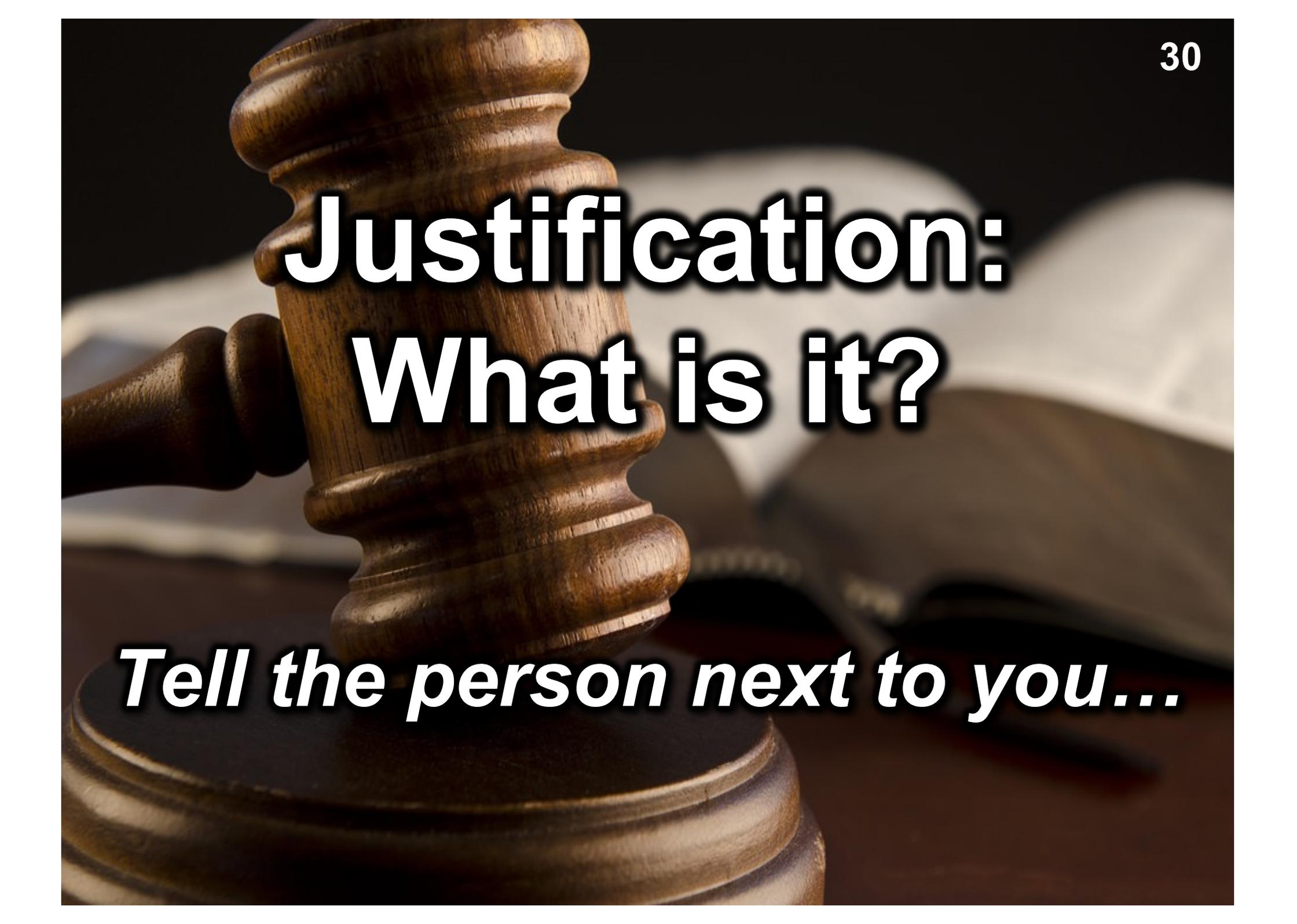


# Some Results of Salvation: Justification

*Soteriology: God's Rescue Program*



# **Justification: What is it?**

***Tell the person next to you...***



**Justification  
is...**

***God declaring us “not guilty”***

# Justification:

The instantaneous legal act of God when he declares a sinner **“not guilty”** due to Christ’s righteousness being applied to this person, which makes him/her righteous in God’s sight

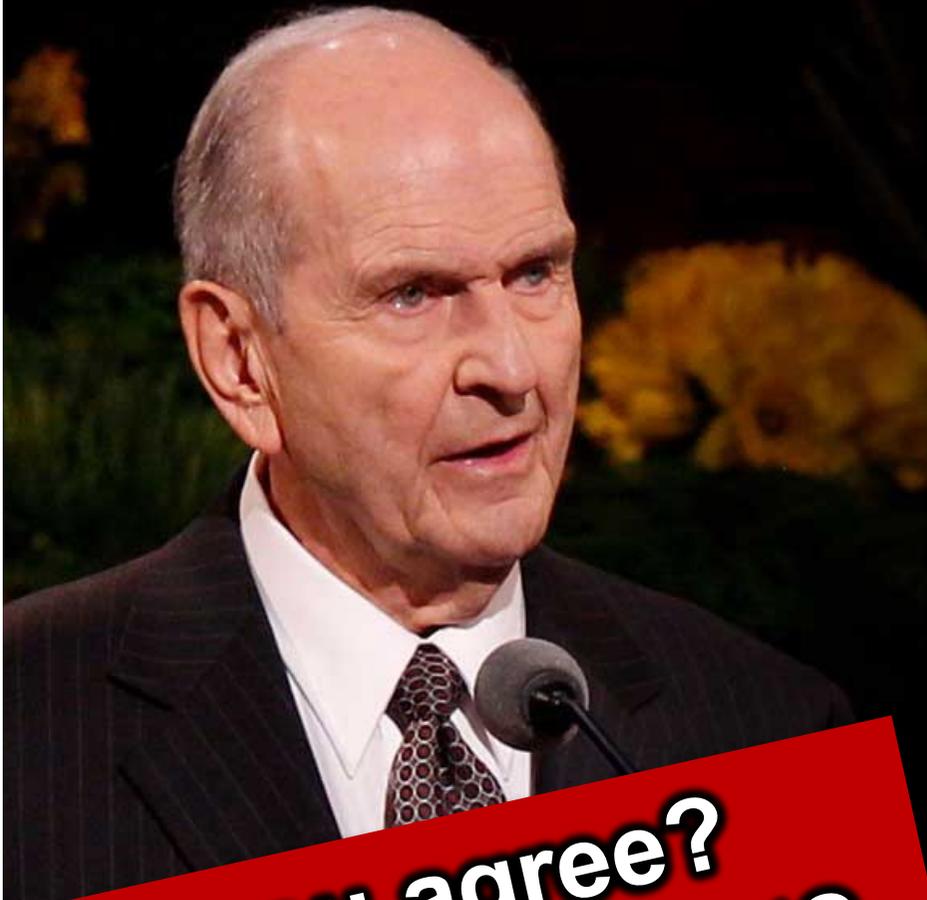
# Romans 3:21-31

***God's righteousness is provided  
through justification by faith***

# RIGHTEOUSNESS IN ROMANS

Theme	Needed	Provided	Imparted	Proved	Applied	Disseminated
Intro 1:1-17	Condemnation 1:18– 3:20	Justification 3:21– 5:21	Sanctification 6–8	Election 9–11	Transformation 12:1– 15:13	Propagation 15:14– 16:27
Start	Sin	Salvation	Set Apart	Sovereignty	Service	Send

# Justification to Mormons

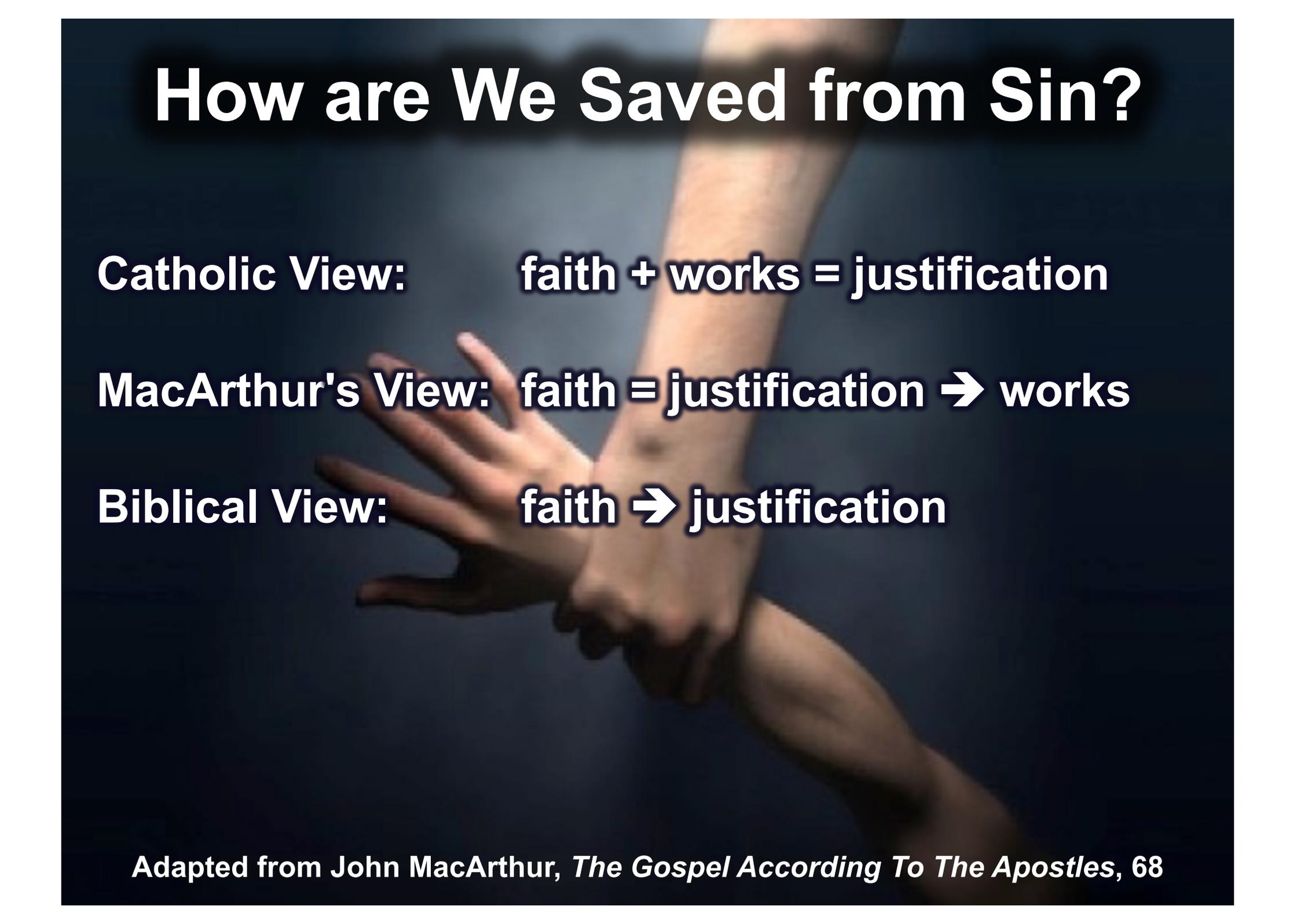


**“As Latter-day Saints, we refer to His mission as the *Atonement of Jesus Christ*, which made resurrection a reality for all and made eternal life possible for those who repent of their sins and receive and keep essential ordinances and covenants.”**

**Do you agree?  
Why or why not?**

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Drawing the Power of Jesus Christ into Our Lives  
April 2017 General Conference

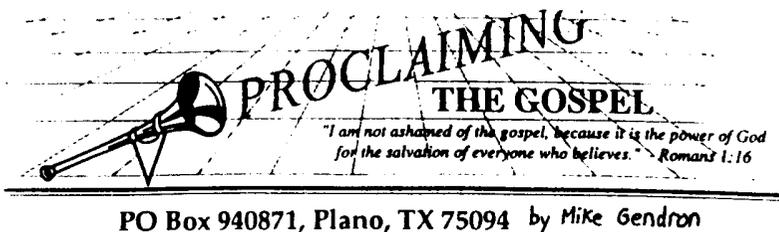
# How are We Saved from Sin?



**Catholic View:**      **faith + works = justification**

**MacArthur's View:** **faith = justification → works**

**Biblical View:**      **faith → justification**

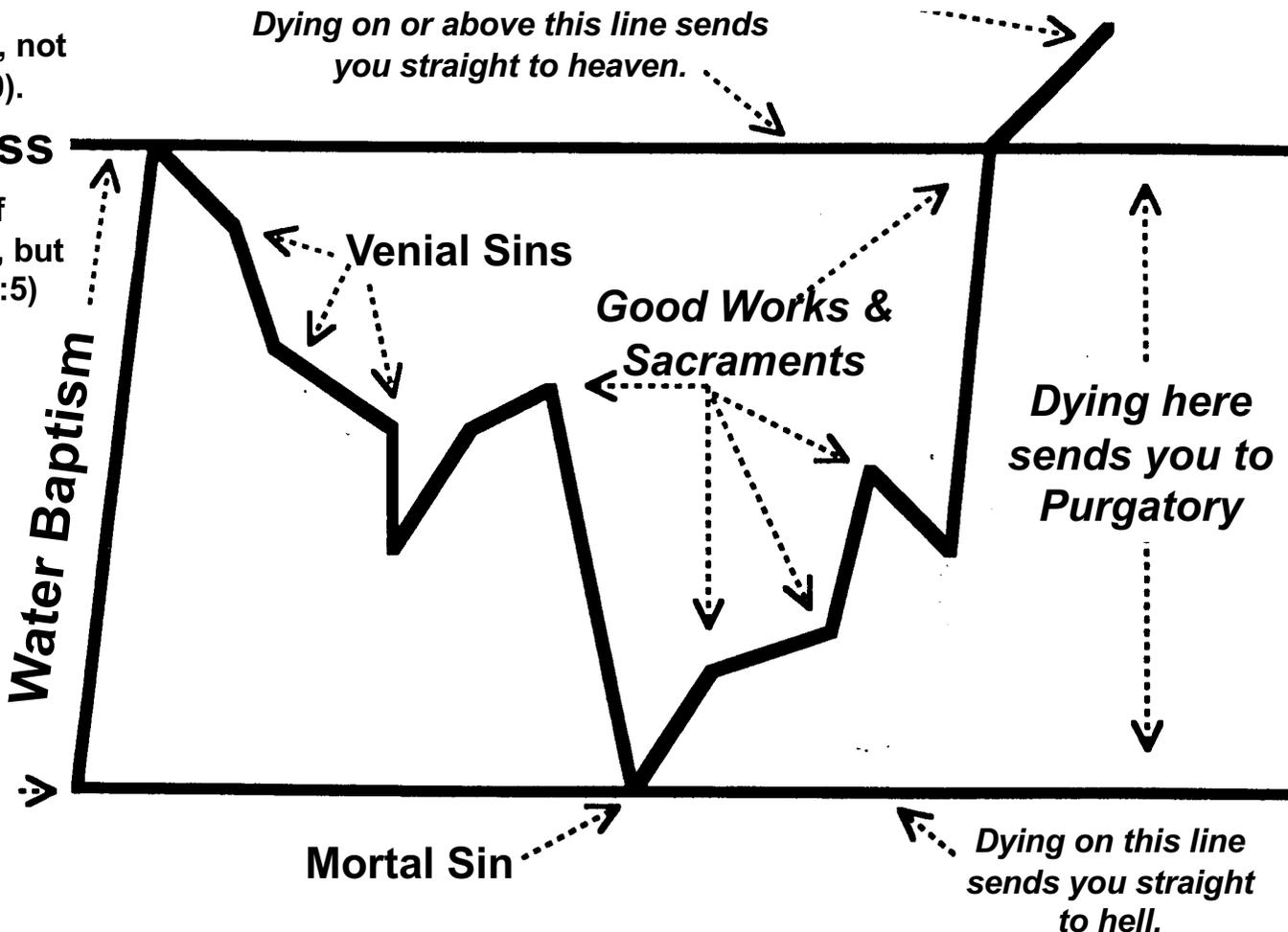


*Those that die with more merit than is necessary for heaven have their extra merit credited to the Vatican treasury. This extra merit is then dispensed through indulgences and Masses to those suffering in Purgatory.*

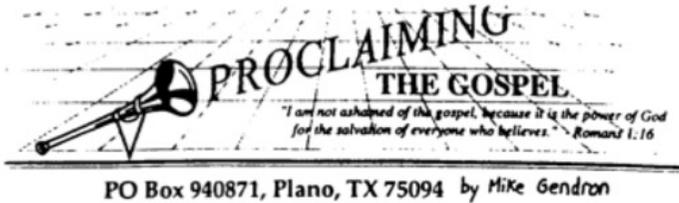
There is no one righteous, not even one (Romans 3:10).

## Self Righteousness

He saved us not because of righteous things we have done, but because of his mercy (Titus 3:5)



**A Graphic View of Justification in the Roman Catholic Church**



*Dying with God's righteousness qualifies you for heaven (John 5:24)*

**Glorification**

## Sanctification

## Righteousness of God

Philippians 3:9  
Romans 5:17  
2 Corinthians 5:21

## Justified

*Justification is a permanent verdict by God that declares a sinner righteous because of his faith in Christ. It enables God to continue to see the sinner as if he were righteous even if he continues to sin. The ground of justification is the righteousness of Christ and therefore sin or good works has no effect on it. A person either has the righteousness of God and is destined for heaven, or he is condemned and is destined to hell. The righteousness of God is given as a gift to those who trust in God's one and only provision for their sin: that Jesus paid the full and complete punishment by dying in their place. See Romans 3:21-26; 4:2-9 and Ephesians 2:1-10.*

*Faith in Christ*

**Destined for Hell Spiritually Dead**

*Dying without trusting Christ sends you to hell (John 12:48)*

**A Graphic View of Justification According to Scripture**

# Contrasts Between Justification and Sanctification

## JUSTIFICATION

1. "Not guilty"
2. Legal Standing
3. Once for all time
4. Entirely God's work
5. Perfect in this life
6. Same in all Christians

## SANCTIFICATION

1. "Set apart"
2. Internal condition
3. Continuous throughout life
4. We cooperate with God
5. Not perfect in this life
6. Different levels

Now for Some  
Theological Words in Romans



**Righteousness  
(3:21)**

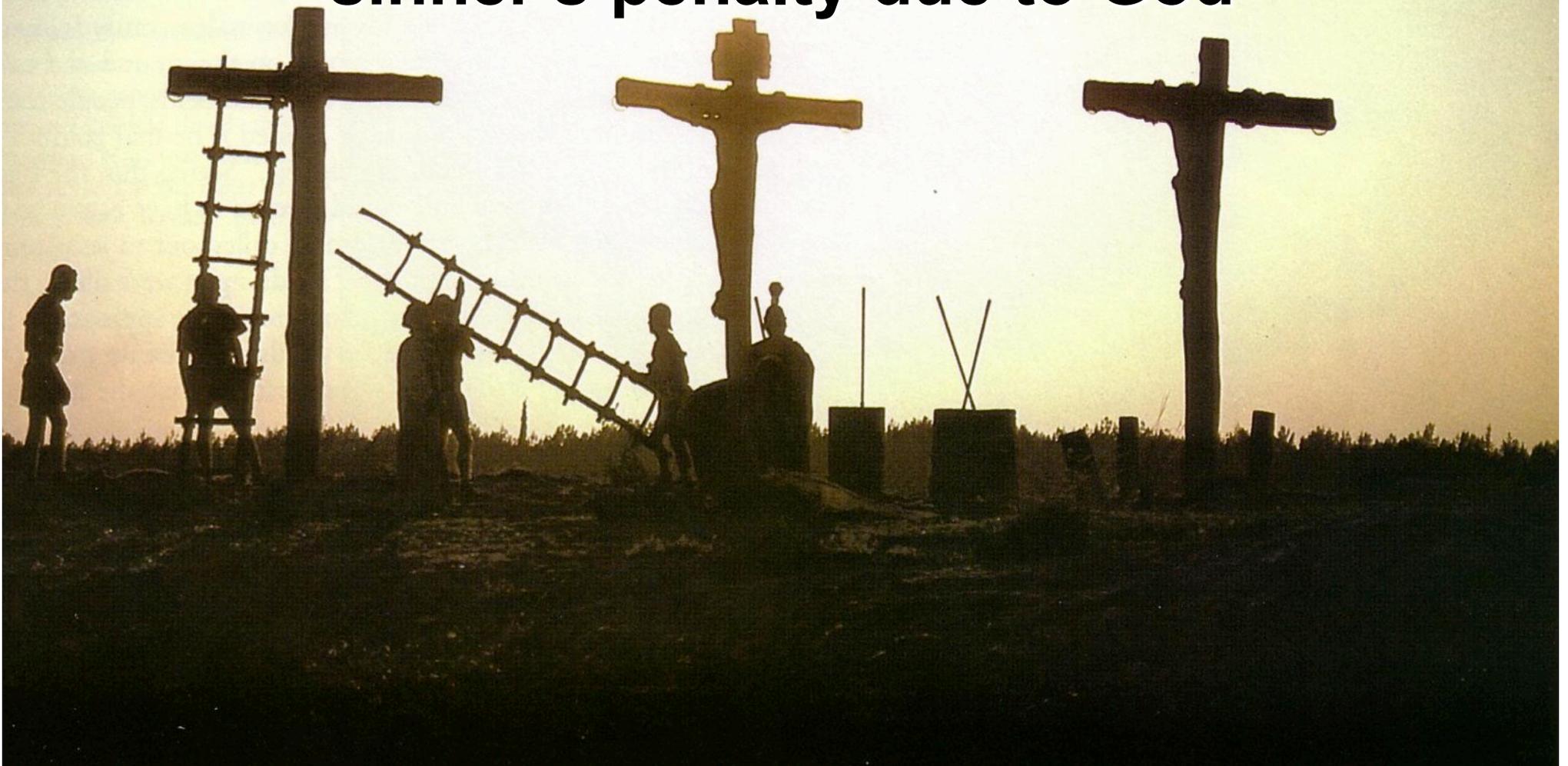
**Holiness or perfection inherent  
for God yet imputed (applied)  
to us in Christ**

**Jesus' death paid for our sin**



# Faith (3:22)

**Trust or reliance on Christ's atonement on the cross as the sinless substitute to pay the sinner's penalty due to God**



30, 55

**"It is finished"**



Justification (3:24)

God's act of declaring us "not guilty" for our sins, making us right with him

Justice (3:25-26)

The fairness of God where He punishes sin in an individual himself or in a Sinless Substitute (Jesus Christ)



**G**od's  
**R**iches  
**A**t  
**C**hrist's  
**E**xpense

**Romans 3:24**

# Redemption (3:24): "to pay a ransom" (Greek)

Christ's blood paid our ransom  
(1 Pet. 1:18)



**Slave  
Market  
of Sin**



**Propitiation (3:25)**  
**"sacrifice of atonement"**

**Satisfaction of God's  
righteous anger through  
shedding of blood**

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# Christ Bridges the Gap



# The Apparent Contradiction Between Paul and James on Faith and Works

"For we maintain that a man is **justified by faith** apart from observing the law"  
(Romans 3:28)



"In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not **accompanied by action**, is dead"  
(James 2:17)

"...a man is not justified by observing the law **but by faith** in Jesus Christ..."  
(Galatians 2:16)



"You see that a person is justified by what he does and **not by faith alone**"  
(James 2:24)

# Martin Luther and James



**James "contradicted" Paul**  
**James is "a right strawy epistle"**  
**James shouldn't be in the Bible**

# Two Proposed Ways to Reconcile Romans 3 and James 2

1. James wrote this to criticize Paul's teaching on faith
2. James wrote before Paul began his writing career.

\* Some scholars (Davids, Adamson, Hiebert, and Kristemaker) say James is an early book. James probably draws more from oral tradition than other NT books, so he reflects early church beliefs which accounts for the ethical, rather than theological focus. Still, other scholars suggest a later date and others even claim a two-stage development.

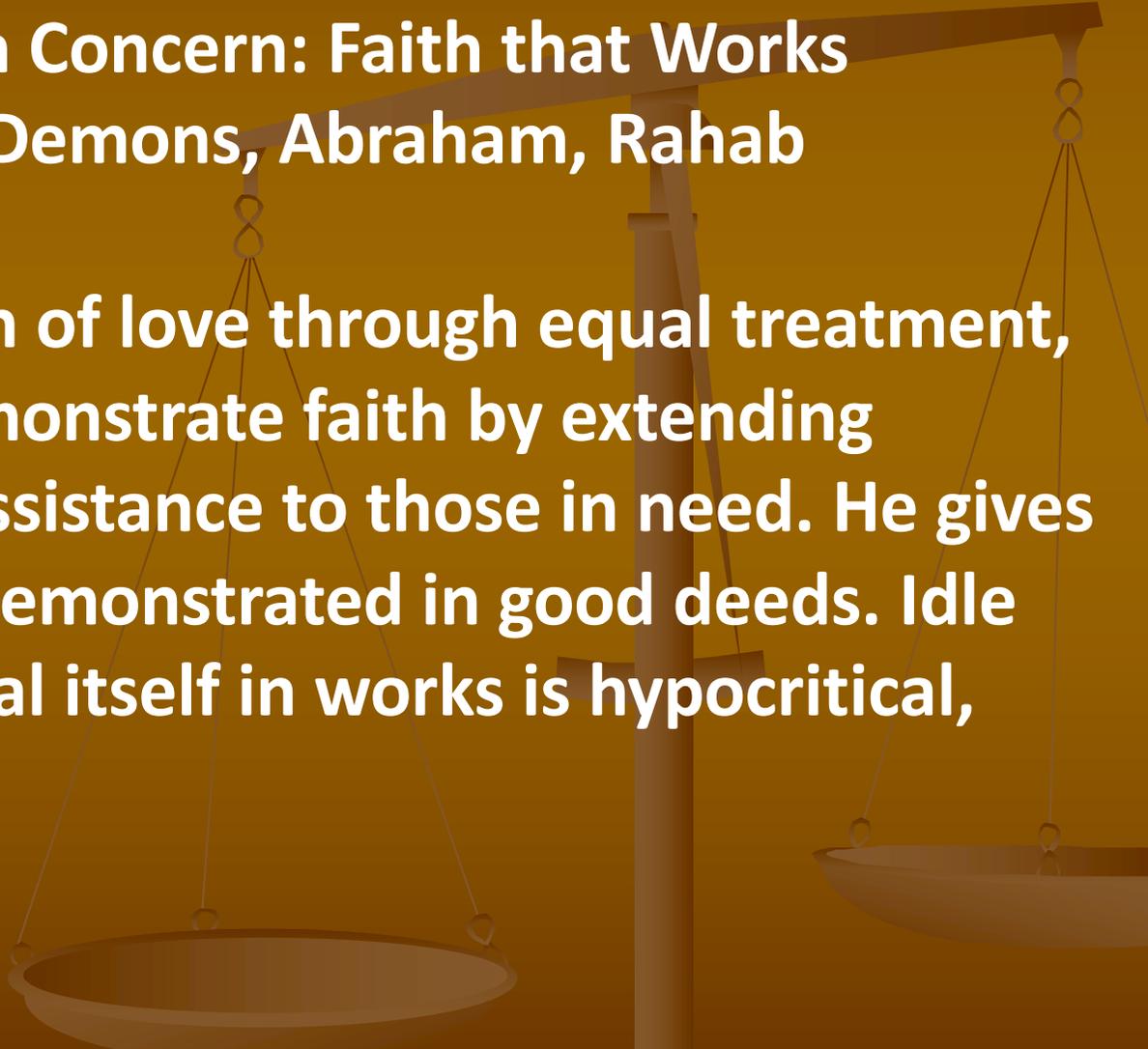
# Overview of 2:14-26

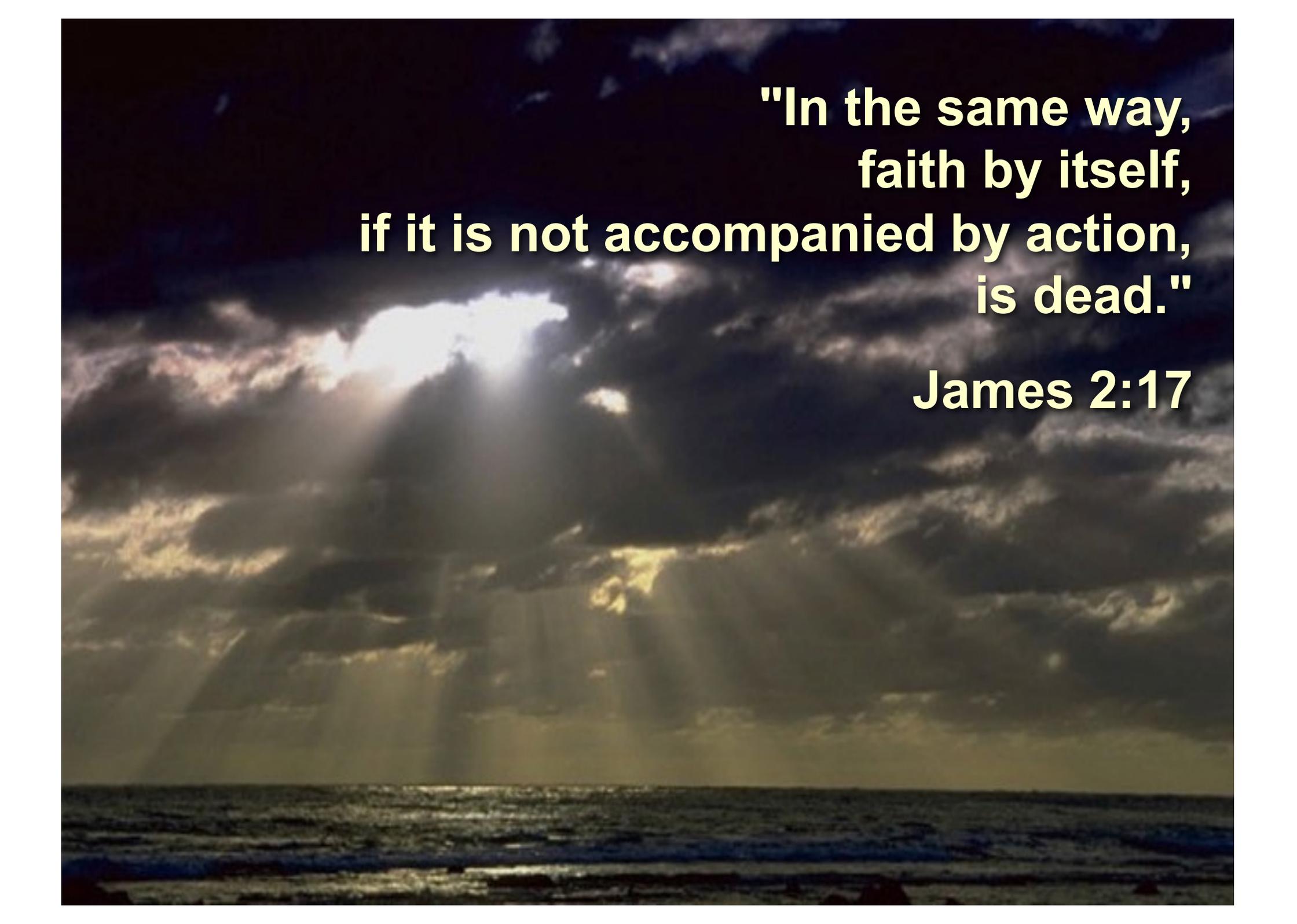
## 2:14-26 Faith and Deeds: Theological Unity

2:14-18 James's Main Concern: Faith that Works

2:19-26 3 Examples: Demons, Abraham, Rahab

From the demonstration of love through equal treatment, James calls them to demonstrate faith by extending practical and tangible assistance to those in need. He gives examples of true faith demonstrated in good deeds. Idle faith that does not reveal itself in works is hypocritical, unproductive and dead.





**"In the same way,  
faith by itself,  
if it is not accompanied by action,  
is dead."**

**James 2:17**

# The Lordship Salvation Debate

Accept Christ as...

Savior & Lord

Savior then Lord

Savior alone

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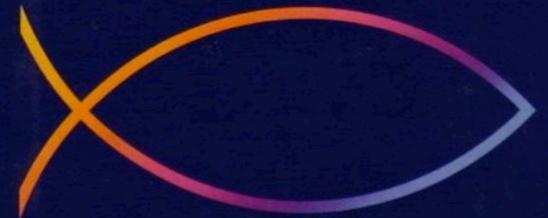
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# If we are justified by faith alone, then what is the role of works?

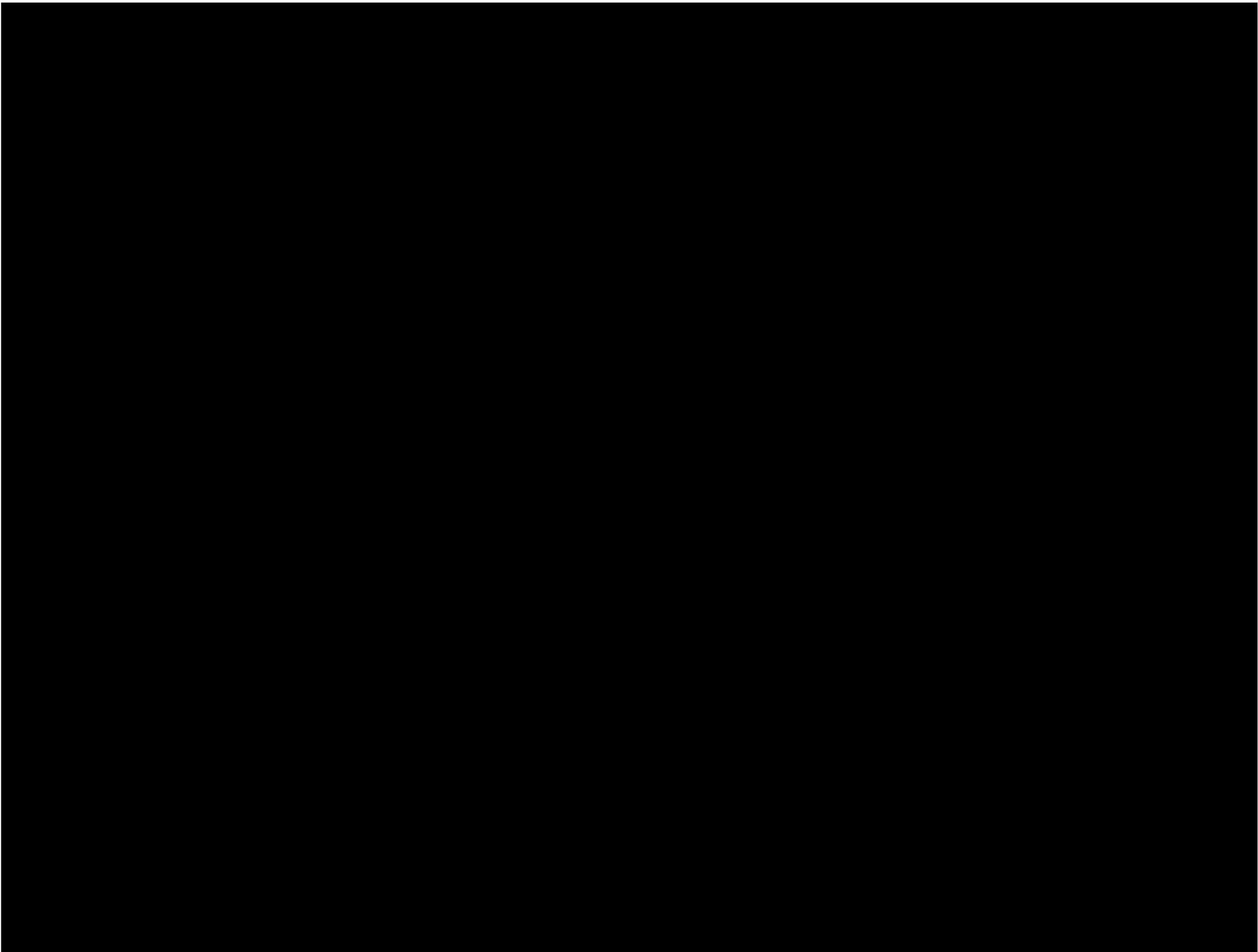
- Paul addresses one question: How is salvation experienced?
- James answers a different question: How is true and saving faith recognized?
- By faith alone (Romans 3:28)
- *By faith's fruits (James 2:14-26)*
- simple belief
- *Belief simply shown through works*

# Romans Versus James

<b>Book</b>	<b>Romans</b>	<b>James</b>
<b>Author</b>	<b>Paul</b>	<b>James</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>A.D. 56</b>	<b>A.D. 44-48</b>
<b>Justification is a</b>	<b>technical term</b>	<b>non-technical term</b>
<b>Justification is before</b>	<b>God (vertical)</b>	<b>Man (horizontal)</b>
<b>The faith is</b>	<b>at beginning of salvation</b>	<b>after salvation</b>
<b>Emphasis is upon</b>	<b>faith</b>	<b>works</b>

# The Main Idea of James 2:14-26

**Others see  
genuine faith in  
works!**



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