

What's The Difference...?
(3) Catholicism

*The **Primary Theme** of the **Book of Galatians**...*

JESUS PLUS NOTHING!

~ GRACE ~

GALATIANS 2:15-21...

*"We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles 16 know that a person is not **JUSTIFIED** by the **works of the law**... buuuuut by **FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST!**
So we too... have **put our faith in Christ Jesus** that we may be **JUSTIFIED** by **FAITH IN CHRIST...** and **not by the works of the law**... because by the works of the law... no one will be **JUSTIFIED**."*

~ JUSTIFIED ~

RELIGION is all about ADVICE...

THE GOSPEL is all about GOOD NEWS...

RELIGION = WORK YOUR WAY TO GOD!

THE GOSPEL = GOD HAS WORKED HIS WAY TO YOU!

~ SIN ~

JUSTIFIED...

JUST... AS... IF... I'D... NEVER... SINNED!

Verse 17...

*"But if... in seeking to be **JUSTIFIED** in Christ... We Jews **find ourselves also among the sinners**... **Doesn't that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely Not!**"*

“WORKS” ARE NOT ABOUT EARNING...

“WORKS” ARE ABOUT LEARNING!

Verses 18-19...

*If I **rebuild what I destroyed**... then I really would be a lawbreaker.
19 “For through the law I **died to the law** so that I might **live for God**.*

Verses 20-21...

*I have been crucified with Christ... and I no longer live... but **Christ lives in me!***

*The life I now live in the body... I live **BY FAITH... IN the Son of God**... who loved me and gave himself for me. 21 **I do not set aside the grace of God**... for if righteousness could be gained through the law... **Christ Died For Nothing!***

GRACE actually **EMPOWERS US** to **LIVE THE RIGHT KIND OF LIFE!**

WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE...

*Between **New Testament Christianity** and **Catholicism**?*

1. DIFFERENT PRACTICES!

CATHOLICISM...

- Prayers to the Saints...
 - Confession to Priests...
 - The Sacraments...
 - The Papacy...
 - The Bible...
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1 John 1:9...

*If we **confess our sins**... **HE** is **faithful** and **just** and will **forgive us our sins** and **purify us from all unrighteousness**.*

James 5:16...

*Therefore **confess your sins** to **each other** and **pray** for **each other** so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*

Hebrews 4:14-16...

Therefore, since we have a **great high priest** who has ascended into heaven, **Jesus the Son of God**... let us **hold firmly to the faith** we profess. 15 For we do not have a **high priest** who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way... just as we are - yet he did not sin. 16 **Let us then approach God's throne of grace with CONFIDENCE (BOLDLY)** so that we may receive **mercy** and find **grace** to help us in our time of need.

1 Corinthians 1:2...

To the church of God in Corinth, to those **sanctified in Christ Jesus** and called to be **his holy people (SAINTS)** together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ - their Lord and ours:

Matthew 13:55-56a...

"Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name **Mary**, and aren't his **brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas**? 56 Aren't **all his sisters** with us?"

Hebrews 10:11-14...

Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, **which can NEVER take away sins**. 12 But when **this priest** had offered for **all time... ONE SACRIFICE for sins... HE** sat down at the right hand of God, 13 and since that time He waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. 14 For by **ONE SACRIFICE... He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy**.

~ JUSTIFIED ~

JUST... AS... IF... I'D... NEVER... SINNED!

The **ACCOUNT'S** been **COVERED!**

It's no longer about **EARNING**... It's now about **LEARNING!**

2. DIFFERENT GOSPEL!

CATHOLICISM...

The **CHURCH**... is the one who imparts **GRACE!**

NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY...

The **ONLY PERSON** you can receive **GRACE** from... **JESUS!**

The **CHURCH** is made up of individuals who have **TRUSTED IN** the **SAVIOR...**
Who now **SHARE** the **MESSAGE OF** the **SAVIOR...**

Buuuuut...

ONLY THE SAVIOR CAN SAVE!

*It's no longer about **EARNING...** It's now about **LEARNING!***
