

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

What separates the true Gospel from today's false gospel of works and self reliance?

FALSE GOSPEL	TRUE GOSPEL
<p><u>self-righteous</u> <i>It's your job to keep yourself saved by: doing good works, trying your best to keep the Ten Commandments, and or your ability to "hang in there." Your salvation depends on your obedience and your faithfulness. Your salvation depends and rests on you!</i></p>	<p><u>TOTALLY HELPLESS</u> Your good works can't help you. Your good works can't save you. Your good works can't keep you. Even your "best works" are totally worthless in salvation. You can't do anything to help save yourself. You are totally guilty and totally helpless. (Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:10-12, 23; 5:6; James 2:10)</p>
<p><u>partial sacrifice</u> <i>Jesus didn't completely or finally save you. He didn't pay the full and final price for your sins, Jesus' sacrifice is only part of the puzzle. Your salvation isn't paid in full, it's on layaway. You have to finish and complete your salvation. Jesus' sacrifice didn't secure your salvation, His sacrifice just made your salvation a possibility. Jesus' sacrifice is: 1. Conditional: because it depends on you to keep it. 2. Frail: because it can fade and fall off. 3. Insufficient: because your works make it complete.</i></p>	<p><u>PERFECT SACRIFICE</u> Jesus' sacrifice is: 1. Unconditional: because it doesn't depend on you or works. 2. Eternal: because it's final and never fading. 3. Complete & Final: because Jesus paid it all. Jesus' sacrifice is perfect and final. Because of what He has done, your sins are no longer an issue in salvation. Jesus paid the full penalty and final price for all your sins. Jesus saved you perfectly, completely, and forever! (Colossians 2:13-14; Hebrews 10:10-14; Romans 8:1-3)</p>
<p><u>teamwork</u> <i>Your salvation is a teamwork effort with Christ. You're saved by believing in Jesus and by trying your best to keep it by doing your part. Jesus only started your salvation; and it's up to you to finish it.</i></p>	<p><u>FAITH ALONE</u> Your salvation has nothing to do with your efforts. Jesus saved you all by Himself, You have nothing to do with it. You don't have a part. The only thing you contributed to your salvation was sin. You're saved only by turning to Jesus and trusting in Him as your Lord, your God and your Savior. His sacrifice alone saved you completely and forever. Jesus paid it all, put your full trust and confidence in Him. Nothing else is needed! (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 3:19-28; Galatians 2:16)</p>
<p><u>not promised</u> <i>Your salvation isn't promised, your salvation isn't certain. You can lose it! You can give it away! Jesus doesn't keep you, It's up to you to keep yourself. Your salvation is in your hands. Jesus didn't pay it all; it's your job to finish it. If you don't do your part, you will lose your salvation. Nothing is promised Nothing is certain.</i></p>	<p><u>ETERNAL LIFE</u> Jesus' sacrifice is perfect, complete, and final. Therefore, we are kept forever, sealed forever, loved forever, and saved forever. Jesus paid it all, He gave us eternal life! For those who have placed their hope and trust in Christ, their salvation is an eternal promise from God. (1st John 2:25; 1st Peter 1:3-5; Ephesians 1:13-14; Romans 8:31-39; Hebrews 7:25; John 6:35-40, 47; 10:27-29)</p>

We can't work for our salvation, think that it's our job to keep it, fear losing it, and then call it "faith." Jesus either paid some, or He paid it all. Either He alone saves us, or He merely helps us save ourselves. Either our salvation is eternal, or God is a liar. Putting faith in Christ means: trusting, relying, depending, and having full confidence that Jesus completely saves you; and that He paid it all. Our good works don't help save or keep us in any way. Our good works and our changed lives are merely the results of our faith; and not payments for our salvation. Our salvation isn't earned or kept by us; it's a promise from God; not to the one who works, but to the one who "believes in Him [\(Romans 4:4-5\)](#)." Anything else is not the faith, it's not the Gospel, and therefore it can't save [\(Galatians 1:6-9\)](#). If you believe that salvation can be lost, then what are you saying about Jesus and His sacrifice, and what "gospel" do you believe in? If the success of your salvation is in your hands, have faith, give it to Christ, and rest your soul [\(Matt 11:28; 2 Tim 1:12\)](#).