

Guarding the Gospel of Grace

Preserving Liberty in Christ



The Book of Galatians

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The **first two commands** in the whole book!

- **Positive:** Stand fast in liberty
 - **Christ** has made you **free!**
- **Negative:** Don't be caught (again) in bondage
 - **Legalism** will make you **bound!**

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Paul finally **mentions** the **Problem!**

- The Legalists are pushing **Circumcision!**
- **Verse 2** - if you are **circumcised**
- **Verse 3** - anyone who is **circumcised**
- **Verse 6** - **circumcision** is not **grace!**

B. The **Danger** of Not Standing Fast

The **Danger** is **Serious!**

1. Christ will **profit** you **nothing!**
2. You will be **in debt** to obey the **whole law!**
3. Christ will be of **no effect** for you!
4. You will **fall** from **grace!**

B. The **Danger** of Not Standing Fast

You **Cannot** have it **Both Ways!**

- If you seek to be **justified** by **works**
- You cannot **be justified** by **grace**

It gets **Worse!**

- If you seek to be **justified** by **works**
- **Grace** no longer **benefits** you

B. The **Danger** of Not Standing Fast

The **Gospel of Christ** is **Clear!**

- **Circumcision** has no **power** for justification
- **Uncircumcision** has no **power** for justification
- **Faith (by love)** has great **power** for justification

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Paul believes they will **listen** and **repent!**

- They **were** doing **well**
- Someone had **hindered** them
- They had been **called** by **God**
- Paul has **confidence** in their **repentance**
- Paul pronounces **judgment** on the **troubler**

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D. The **Cost** of Standing Fast

Paul preaches **grace** at great **cost**

- He suffers **persecution**
 - Preaching **the cross offends** legalists
 - Because the cross represents **grace**
 - Preaching **circumcision** does not **offend** legalists
 - Because circumcision represents **works**
- Legalists **trouble (disorient)** believers

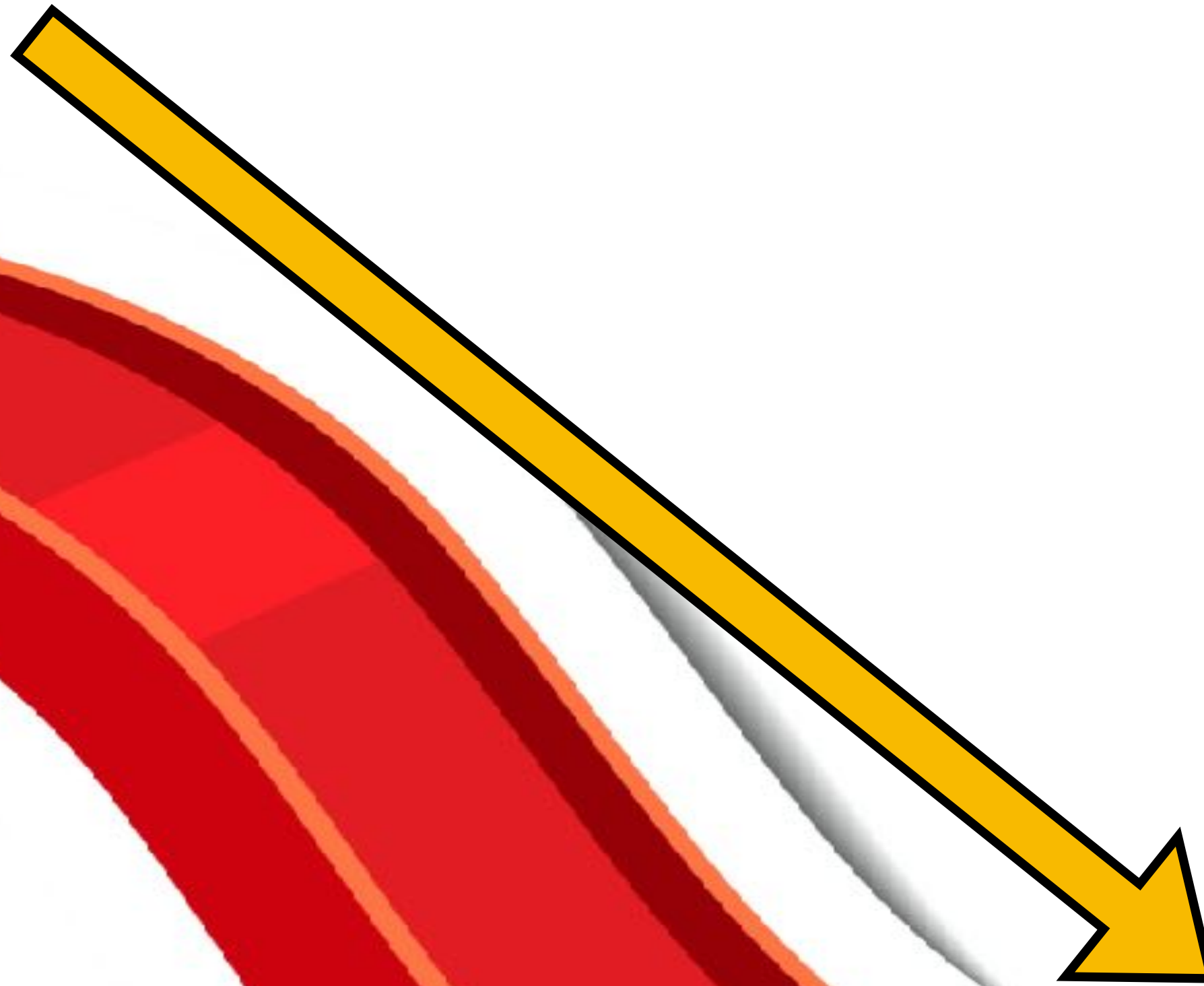
How does all of this **work out**?

- Paul is speaking to **believers**
- These are not **salvation issues**
- We must **watch out for** what amounts to **law (works)** in our own lives

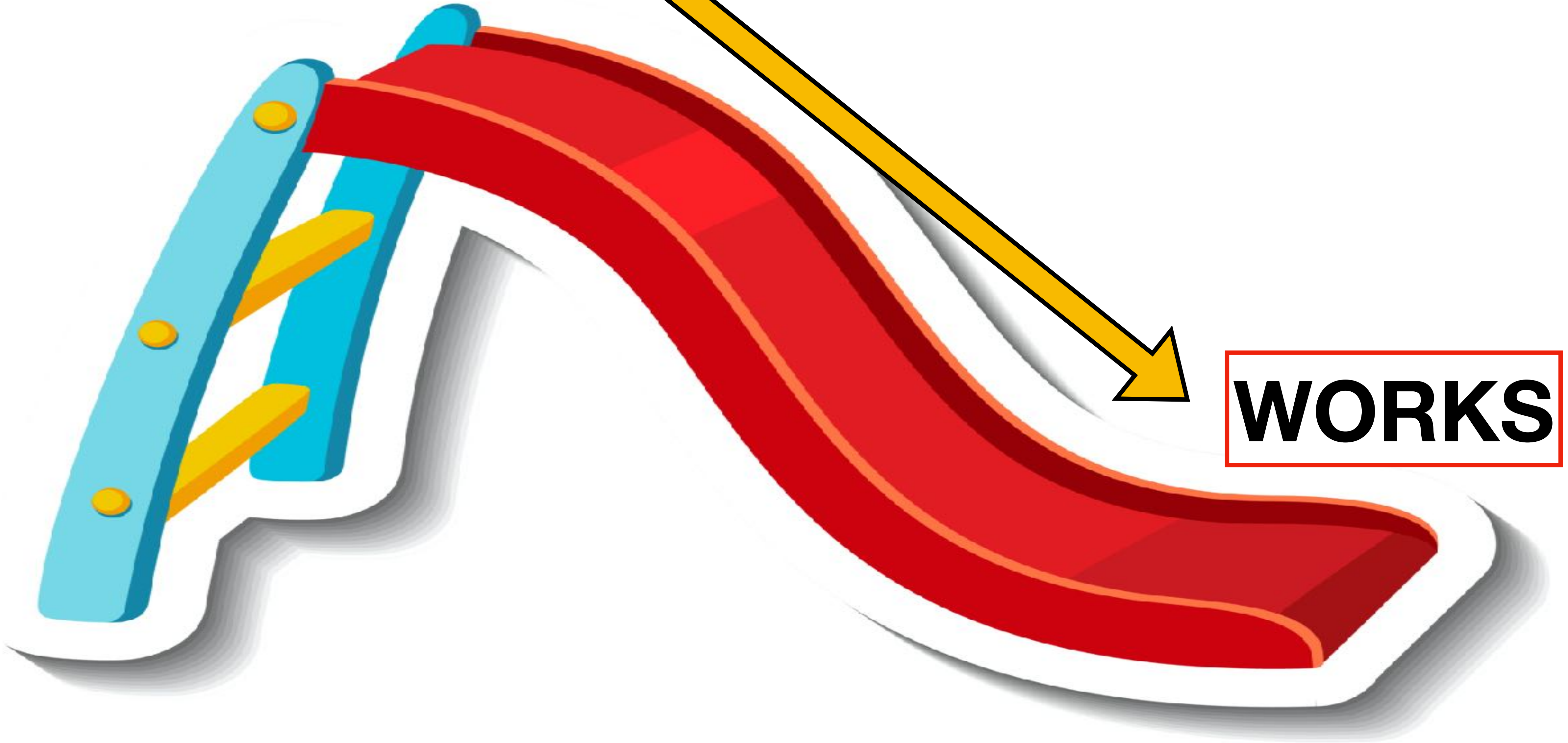
How does all of this **work out**?

- Staying in **grace** requires **diligence** and **alertness**
 - **Our Flesh** loves **works**
 - **Our Pride** loves **works**
 - **Our Fear** loves **works**

GRACE



WORKS



How does all of this **work out**?

- Staying in **grace** requires **diligence** and **alertness**
 - In **your own** life
 - In **your ministry** to **others**

Hymn #395

“Standing on the Promises”

...that ev
...an tri-um
...ow Ho
...weet-est that ev - er was heard,
...us, Sang as they welcomed His birth,
...bor, Tell of the sor - row He bore,
...er, Clear - er than ev - er I see;
D. C. for Chorus
...to earth,
...door,

...the like
...else could

Psalm 130:3-4

If thou, Lord, shouldest mark **iniquities,**

O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is **forgiveness with thee
that thou mayest be feared.**