

# Letters of Paul

No Other Way!

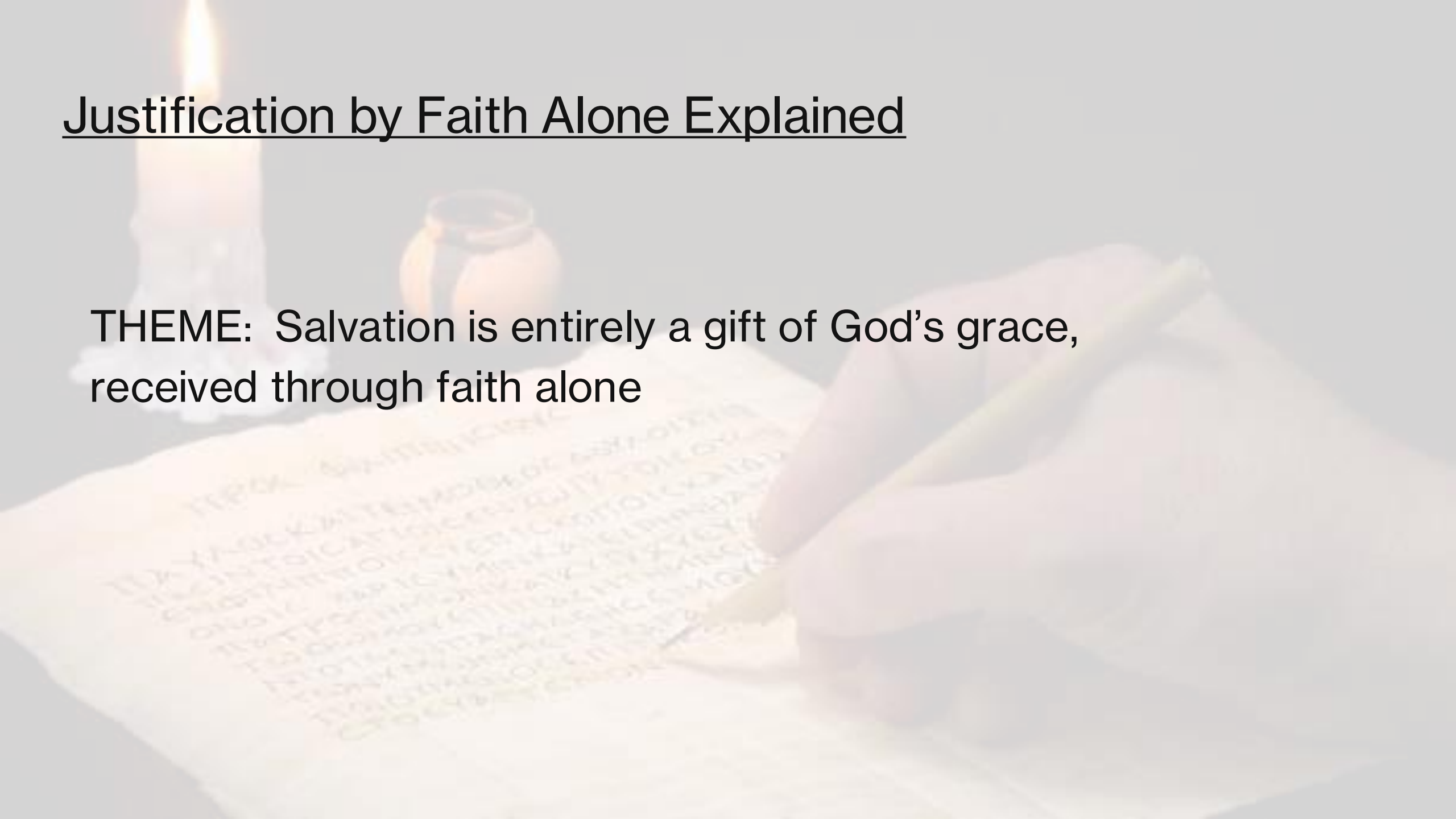
Galatians 3:1-14

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# Justification by Faith Alone Explained

THEME: Salvation is entirely a gift of God's grace,  
received through faith alone



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## I. The Galatians' Own Experience (1-5)

- A. Paul's shock at their change of direction (1)
- B. They received the Holy Spirit the moment they trusted Christ (2)
- C. Their ongoing spiritual growth was also entirely a work of the Spirit (3)
- D. They had suffered persecution because of their faith in the gospel (4)
- E. God gave them the Spirit and God worked miracles among them because of faith (5)



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- I. The Galatians' Own Experience (1-5)
- II. Abraham and the Biblical Foundation of Justification by Faith (6-9)
  - A. The basis of Abraham's salvation (6)
  - B. Abraham's spiritual descendants are also saved by faith (7-9)



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- II. Abraham and the Biblical Foundation of Justification by Faith (6-9)
- III. The Law does not save; it only condemns (10-14)
  - A. The Law brings God's curse to the disobedient (10)
  - B. The Law and faith are opposed to each other (11-12)
  - C. Jesus bore the curse of the Law for all who have faith (13-14)

# Implications & Applications

1. Praise God that our salvation does not depend on us and what we do, but on what God has done through "*Christ crucified*" – a message we must proclaim to those we know who think they can contribute to their eternal destiny through their own efforts.
2. Praise God that just as with the Galatians, our justification, sanctification and even our ability to withstand persecution for our faith are all gifts of God's grace received through faith in Christ alone.
3. Praise God that from the beginning His promise of blessing to Abraham's descendants was not just to the Jews but to all nations, to all who by faith are spiritual sons of Abraham.
4. Praise God that Jesus was willing to take upon Himself the curse we earned by our disobedience. "*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe!*"