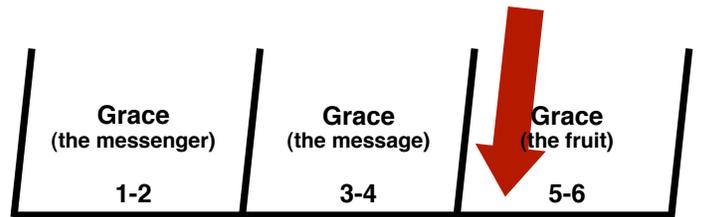


William Barclay  
Biblical Scholar

“Christianity does not think of man finally submitting to the power of God, it thinks of Him as finally surrendering to the love of God. It is not that man’s will is crushed, but that man’s heart is broken”

**A mature faith**  
is rooted in the Gospel,  
intellectually convincing,  
emotionally satisfying,  
culturally relevant, and  
morally transforming.

## The letter to the *Galatians*



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### Galatians 1:12

“For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.”

### Galatians 3:24-25

“Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.”

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Christ “fulfills the demands” of the law without the believer “doing the works” of the law.

When God reveals His grace to us, He takes a risk that we will just taste it and walk away to abuse the freedom it offers.

### *Romans 6:15*

“What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!”

### Galatians 5:1-5

**Falling away from the faith is about our relationship with grace more than the works of the law.**

### Galatians 5:6

**Saving faith produces an inner response of love more than outer works of the law.**

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“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.”

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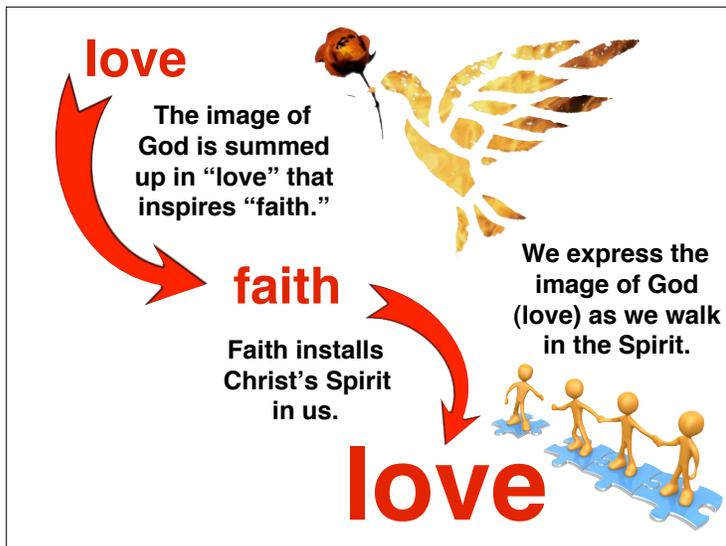
**love not law.**

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“faith working through love.”

*Two possible meanings*

- ✓ **Love** expresses itself in **faith**.
- ✓ **Faith** expresses itself in a life that **loves**.



Love for God will result in faith in Christ.

John 14:15

“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”

1 John 3:23

“This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us.”

John 6

“<sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves, and were filled. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man shall give to you, for on Him the Father, even God, has set His seal.” <sup>28</sup> They said therefore to Him, “What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.””

Faith working through love comes from love working through faith.

1 John 4

“<sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. <sup>19</sup> We love, because He first loved us.”

Saving faith is displayed in acts of love more than works of the law because it comes from a love for God more than from fear of the law.

Some outward behavior of those under law and under grace may look similar



but -

#1



Law motivates from the outside in.

Love motivates from the inside out.

### Jeremiah 31:33

“But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord, **I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it;**”

When a person gets a scholarship to play at N.C. it is not conditioned on performance but performance is expected.

Those who get a scholarship strive to be worthy of their high calling.

They don't see how little they can get by with.

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#2



Law produces pride, fear, & shame.

Love produces rest, peace, & joy.

“The only person able to hold Michael Jordan to under 20 points per game was Dean Smith.”

At UNC Michael learned how to play under the law of Dean Smith's system.

Smith's discipline helped Jordan excel in the NBA even though he was free from the rules.

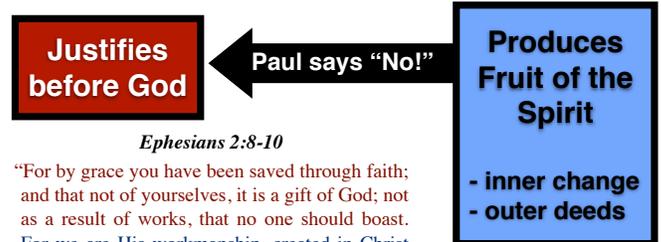
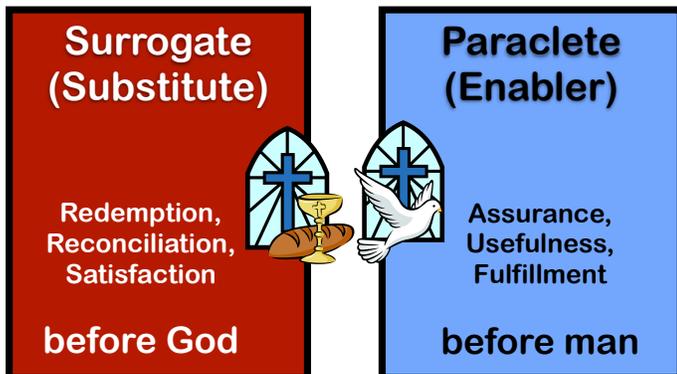
## Ephesians 4

“1 Therefore I , the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to **walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called**, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, 3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Most evangelical Christians agree there are two sides to the coin of saving faith.



### 1. Don't confuse the ministry of the Son with the ministry of the Spirit.



*Ephesians 2:8-10*

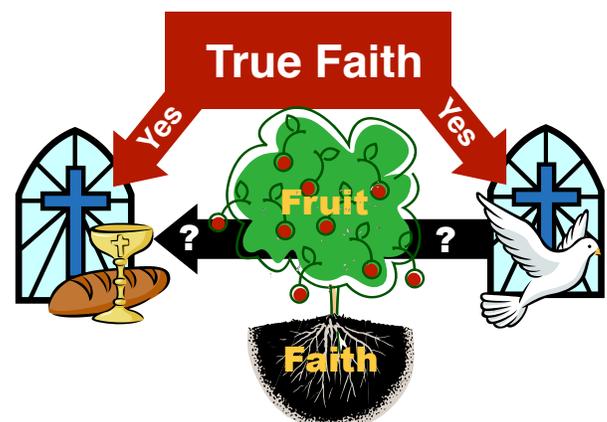
“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Evangelical Christians disagree as to what extent the 2nd point is essential to the 1st.



## Discipleship salvation

Does a person have to display the obedience of a disciple of Christ before their faith is genuine?



Are we saved by faith or by fruit?