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*Romans*

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“All will be judged by their actions. It is likely that Paul is arguing against the assumption that Jews will have some special benefit toward salvation. Rather, Gentiles will be judged on the revelation given them, as will the Jews. Because the Jews were given the law through Moses, they will be held to that standard. The Gentiles are accountable to the law of their conscience.”

Catherine Kroeger, Mary Evans, and Elizabeth Elliot, *The IVP Women's Bible Commentary: An Indispensable Resource for All Who Want to View Scripture through Different Eyes* (InterVarsity Press, 2002), 632.



# Romans 1:32

“God’s little ‘I’ law”

<sup>32</sup> Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.





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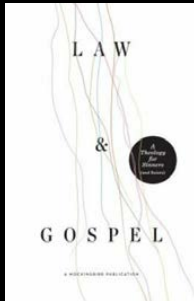
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Everyone is trying to earn their salvation.

“Works righteousness” – the attempt to justify yourself by works of the law (be their actions or attributes) – is the default mode of *human* operation, not just a select few who identify as religious. The law reigns over all creation; the question is not if but which form a person subscribes to. ‘Performancism’ is a helpful way to describe what it looks like to justify ourselves...

In a performance paradigm, there is no distinction between our résumé and our identity. Our performance – in whatever realm we value most – is not just descriptive of us, it *is* us. It might be a bank balance, or a weight scale, church attendance records or college admissions results, but if you are not doing (and doing well), your very life is at stake, to say nothing of your dignity or well-being.”





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Dietism	–	I am what I eat



Be Healthy. Be Happy. Be Whole.



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In the same way that your religion becomes your identity, your dietary practices and rituals and your beliefs about which food are clean and unclean become who you are... there's a poisonous kind of religious belief in which whenever you're failing or whenever you're unhappy it's because you're not being holy enough. And so you pray more, you sacrifice more, you self-flagellate more, and that can be an endless cycle where you feel worse and worse."

- Dr. Alan Levinovitz

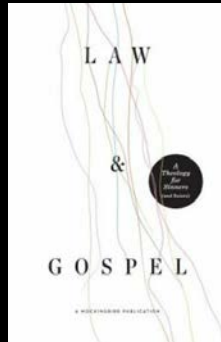


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“A performancist mindset is one ensconced in law and the dread and exhaustion it produces. Wherever you are most tired, look closely and you’ll likely find self-justification at work.”



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“When I was playing great, mentally I was in a great place. [But now] Jenna will be talking to me and I’ll be thinking about my golf swing...I can’t turn off, because like, it can consume you.”

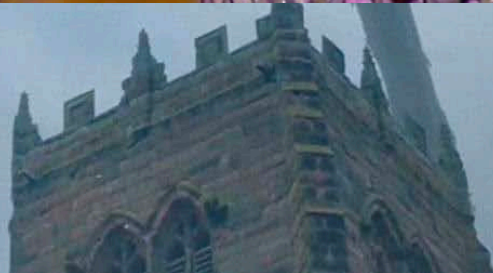






**YOU GET NOTHING! YOU LOSE!**

**GOOD DAY, SIR!**

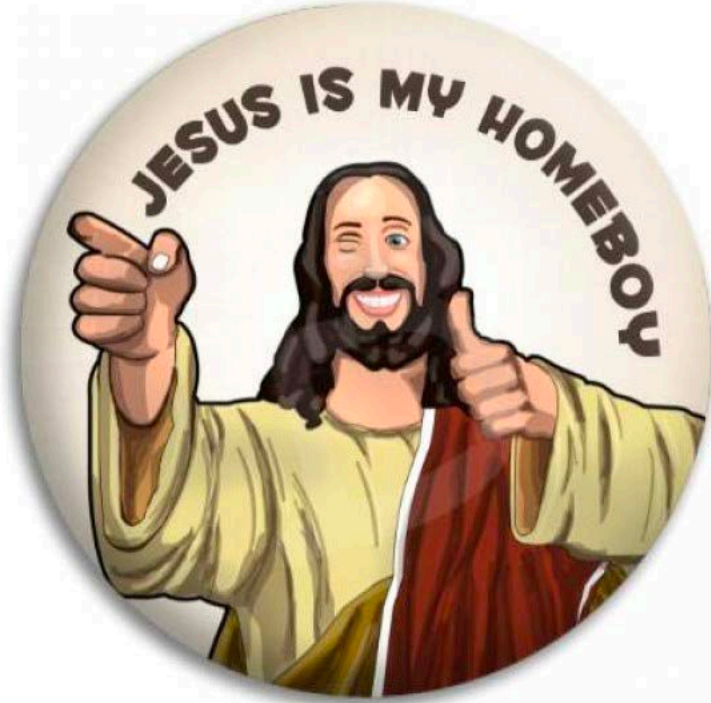


“You will be like God”



# Matthew 9:36

<sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.



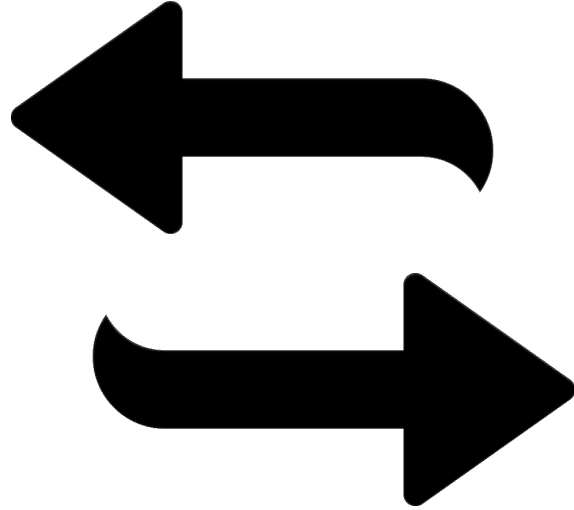




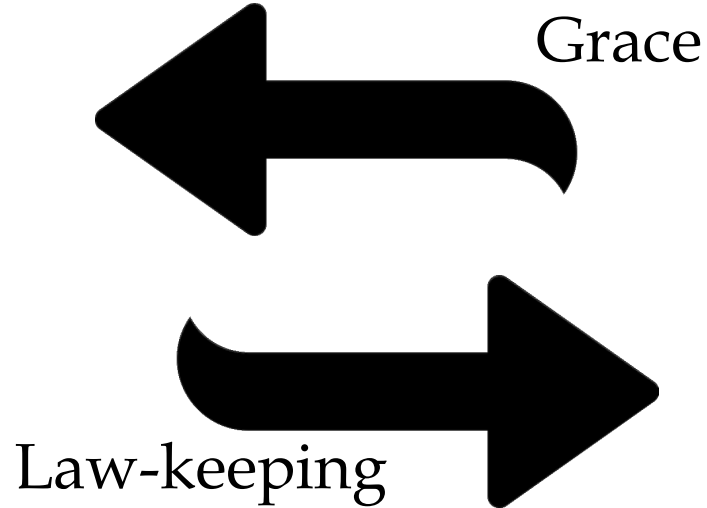
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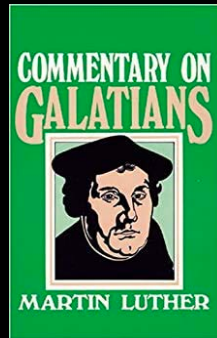


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Sin is not canceled by lawful living, for no person is able to live up to the Law. The Law reveals guilt, fills the conscience with terror, and drives people to despair. Much less is sin taken away by human-invented endeavors. The fact is, the more a person seeks credit for himself by his own efforts, the deeper he goes into debt. Nothing can take away sin except the grace of God.

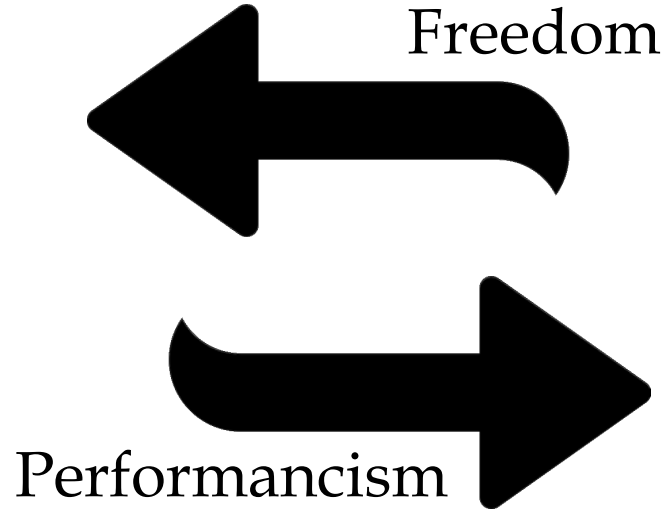
Martin Luther, Commentary On Galatians



# Matthew 11:28-30

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

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## 2 Corinthians 3:6, 17

<sup>6</sup> [Jesus] has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant — not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life... and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

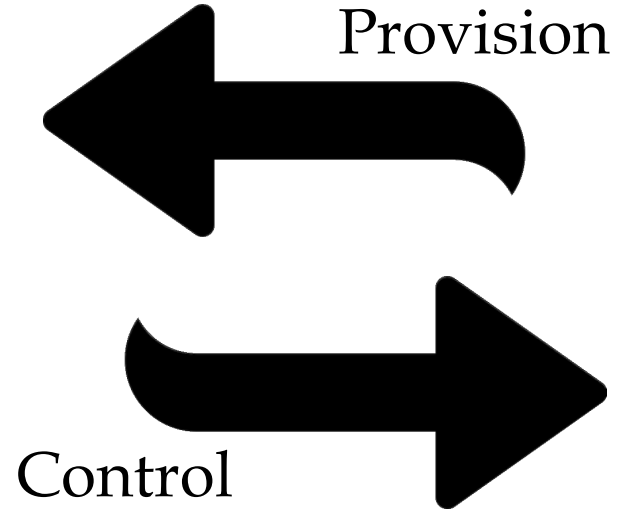


You see, the verdict is in. And now I perform on the basis of the verdict. Because He loves me and He accepts me, I do not have to do things just to build up my résumé. I do not have to do things to make me look good. I can do things for the joy of doing them. I can help people to help people – not so I can feel better about myself, not so I can fill up the emptiness.”

Tim Keller, *The Freedom of Self Forgetfulness*



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**Q: What is your only comfort  
in life and death?**



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**A: That I am not my own, but belong —  
body and soul, in life and in death — to my  
faithful Savior, Jesus Christ...He also  
watches over me in such a way that not a  
hair can fall from my head without the will  
of my Father in heaven”**

Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

# Colossians 3:3, 15

<sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God

<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.



# Gospel Application

Where do you feel most exhausted?

Will you let grace speak a better word?