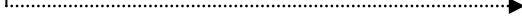


The problem 1.6-9
What is the true gospel?



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1.10-2.14 Paul establishes his independence from the Jerusalem church – they have no authority whatsoever over him to tell him what to do or to preach

2.18 Paul's Gospel: **We are justified by faith in Christ as a free gift**

and so

We cannot be justified by doing things

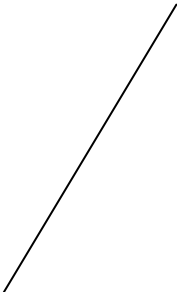


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2.17 But if salvation is a free gift, surely this is actually **encouraging people to sin !!**

2.18 If I use the free gift of salvation as an excuse for sin that demonstrates that my repentance was not real



I do not nullify the grace of God – for if justification comes through the Law, then Christ died for nothing!

2.19

- When Christ died, I died with him
- When I came to Christ I became in some supernatural sense a part of his death – the old life is dead and buried
- Likewise I became a part of his resurrection – I am raised to newness of life, dead to all that old stuff!