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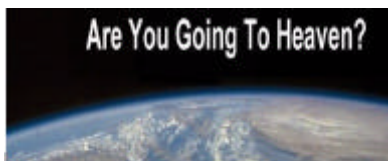
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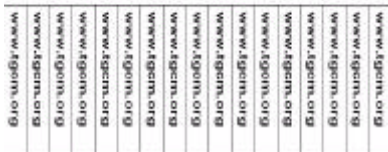


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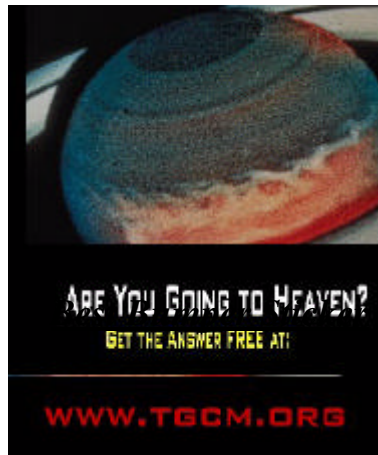


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### Best Bumper Sticker:

**got jesus?  
it's Hell without Him**

### Humor of the Week:

**where is the first car mentioned  
in the Bible?**

**Genesis - God drove Adam and Eve  
out of the garden in His FURY**

## Why Do Churches Reject or Diminish the Apostle Paul's Doctrine of Grace

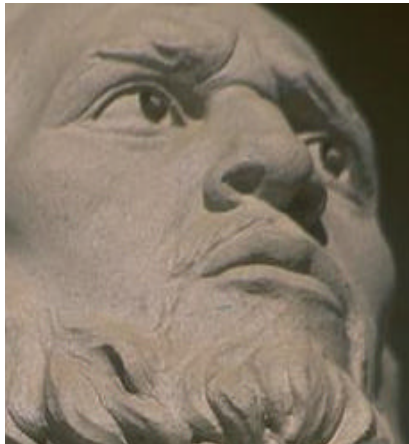
One of the biggest mysteries to me is the fact that so many churches are quick to dismiss the doctrine of grace, justification by faith, that was expounded in Paul's writings to the early Christians.

Martin Luther, the Roman Catholic priest who tried to reform the Catholic church by proclaiming "THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH" was eventually excommunicated from the church for teaching Paul's gospel. Then, in the 1500's, the Council of Trent ended any hope of the doctrine of Justification by Faith being accepted in the Catholic church when they ruled against it being taught as the way to salvation. That also ended any re-unification efforts between Protestants and Catholics.

The problem however is not due to modern times or great revelations, it was present at the time Paul began to preach the Gospel.

Just as a reminder, Paul whose name was Saul, was a chief persecutor of Christians. He had been involved in the stoning of Stephen, and was on his way to Jerusalem to gather more Christians to take back for trail and execution. On the road to Damascus, Saul was converted when Jesus spoke to him. (Acts 9:1-19). Later, he would change his name to Paul to ease the Christian's fear of him.

The conversion of Paul was one of the most important events in the New Testament. Paul's letters comprise the majority of New Testament writings and his writings reveal the Doctrine of Grace and the dispensation of the Church.



The book of Acts reveals that Peter made the case for Christian liberty for the Gentiles early in his ministry as well before being swayed back by James.

However, Paul and the Apostle Peter, along with James (who wrote the book of James) and the elders, were not in one accord over the doctrine of grace. Acts 15 describes the encounter and the argument for Christian liberty. Finally, James and Peter agree that the Gentiles will be under grace and that they should abstain from practices that would offend their Jewish brothers, such as eating meats offered to idols. (see also Acts 21:25).

Anyone who has ever read and study the books of Romans, Ephesians, and Galatians should have a clear understanding that Paul definitely believed in grace. He constantly places the believers in Christ in the liberty that justification by faith brings. Paul saw that the Law of Moses had no impact on followers of Christ because their lives were hid in Christ. Salvation is the result of the sacrificed Blood of the Lamb and has nothing to do with keeping commandments or following traditions. The Galatians had started their faith under the doctrine of Grace but had polluted it with the law and traditions so much that Paul declared they had fallen from Grace (meaning they had left the doctrine of Grace for the doctrine of bondage). So, why is the doctrine of Grace such a problem?

One of the main reasons for the problem is that Churches did not want to teach new Jewish Christians that they were no longer under the law of Moses but were under Grace. They believed that they would lose control of their members. After all, without the man made rules, the law, and the traditions of the church, what stronghold would they have on believers. What they failed to realize is that when one is born into God's family through Christ, they are a new creation. It is God that creates the good works in them after their rebirth (Ephesians 2:10).

In conclusion, you owe it to yourself to read and study the books of Romans, Ephesians, and Galatians for yourself.

**During the saddest and most troublesome times in our lives, it is then that God carries us in His arms**

*A New Member's Testimony - My Story of faith, rebellion, miracles, betrayal, answered prayers and God's never ending love!* by Leah D.

I have found through my life's experiences that God really does care about each one of us and He never leaves us. Please read my entire testimony of healing and grace on-line at:

[http://tgcm.org/Leahs\\_story.html](http://tgcm.org/Leahs_story.html)

Thank you! Below is a brief exert:

I was saved and baptized at 9 years old, and attended church every time the door was opened, due to my troubled abusive childhood. After high school I drifted from church to church, and then turned my back on God, and stopped going to church altogether. I even was engaged to an atheist. My daughter was born with problems and I was betrayed by my second husband.

But God intervened through it all. First, my engagement to the atheist was broken. God healed my daughter.

God saw me through the hurt and pain of my husband horrible betrayal. He delivered me completely and now I am so happy with God back in my life.

Then, there was the painting. It helped to change my complete outlook.

*Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God and in the mountain of His Holiness Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth*

*Psalm 48:1-2*

It was January 2006, that I decided to go back to church for the first time in decades, and then my life turned around. I am now a member of a local Church here in Texas.

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Again, Leah's complete testimony can be viewed on the TGCM website at:

<http://www.tgcm.org/sermons.html>  
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### ***A song to Remember - Under the Blood***

The song, **Under the Blood**, words and music by Martin J. Nystrom and Ronda Gunter Scelsi, is by far one of the most powerful Christian songs ever written. I have often thought that it could very well be considered as the Christian National Anthem. Here are the words:

O the blood of the Passover Lamb  
is applied to the door of my life  
No power of darkness could  
ever withstand  
the force of the blood sacrifice

Though Satan will bring accusations  
I let him know right where I stand  
For now there is no condemnation  
I'm under the blood of the lamb

I'm under the blood of the lamb  
That covers the guilt of my past  
By the mercy of God  
Holy and righteous I stand

I'm under the blood of the lamb  
I'm safe and secure from  
the enemy's plan  
No weapons formed  
against me will stand

I'm under the blood of the lamb!



### ***Questions of the Quarter from our Members:***

Robert S. in Arkansas asks: **When will the online Sunday School be online my little girl is very excited.**

Thank you for the question Robert. We are working on the page at this time. The page link has been activated but more items need to be added to the page. There will be a section of Meeting *Jesus, Birthday Notices, Sunday School stories, Movies, Coloring Activities, and Health tips for kids.* Again, we hope to have this site fully operational by the end of July 2008. Be sure your daughter registers so that she will get her birthday and Christmas gifts from TGCM.

Susan B. in Kansas asks: **Can a Christian lose their salvation by not going to church or by not following the rules of a particular church?**

Thanks Susan for this important question. The answer is NO! Salvation is a FREE gift. It is not earned. It is given to those who believe on the Name of the Son of God. Salvation is by faith. It is not by works of righteousness that one does. If you had to go to church, follow man made rules, or keep the commandments, then salvation would not be by grace but by merit. Paul says in Ephesians 2:8-9 *“For by grace are you saved through faith, that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast.”*

Please e-mail your questions to:

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and specify if we can use them in our Newsletter. Thank you!

***“Casting all your cares upon  
Him for He cares for you!”***

I Peter 5:7

## ***Signing the Guestbook, and Registering as a member of TGCM.org & Church***

When you visit our website, please sign the guestbook so that we will know that you stopped by. It is accessed from the Main page.

We would also like to invite you to sign up as a member of the TGCM church. Membership is a \$25.00 donation to our missions program. Note that Membership is required for those wanting to be ordained as a TGCM Minister.

Both the Guestbook and Membership are accessed from the Main page.

## ***From the Bible, the Story of Jonah***

The servant Jonah, hated the people of Nineveh. God wants him to go to warn them of His coming wrath. Jonah knows God is merciful and says to God you are going to spare them, so spare them without me having to go to Nineveh.

And so, here's the story ...

### Chapter 1:

1.Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying ,

2.Arise , go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

3.But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish.

4.But the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken .

11.Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea wrought , and was tempestuous .

12.And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea;

17.Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

### Chapter 3:

1.And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying ,

2.Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.

3. So Jonah arose , and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the

LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days journey.

4.And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried , and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown .

5.So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

10.And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

### Chapter 4:

1.But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry .

2.And he prayed unto the LORD, and said , I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: **for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness,** and repentest thee of the evil.

11.(God answers) And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; ...

