

Saving Grace

In 3:16, Titus 3:4-5

- a quality in God

- His love and compassion for men which moved Him

Merit of Christ's Righteousness

- Perfect Life

- Innocent suffering and death

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God's Word



10 Commandments - show sin



Believe in Jesus and you will be saved.

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Faith



A. Promise ... mercy

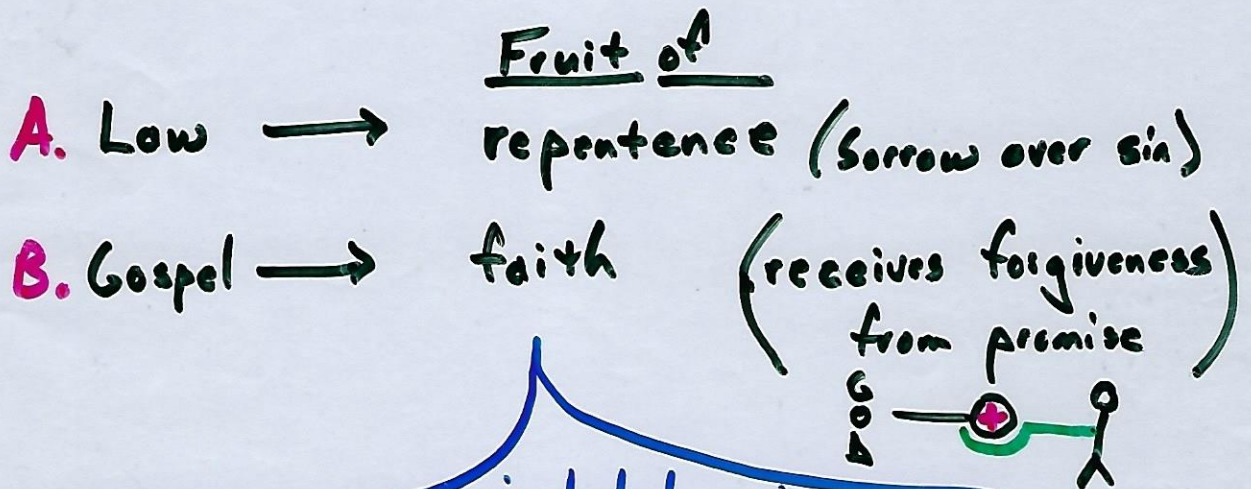
B. Merit ... price

C. Faith ... receives

Saving Faith - receives the merit of Christ
in the promise of the Gospel

§62 The Gospel (In the wide sense = Word)

- A. Law - convicts of sin terrifies consciences
- B. Gospel - offers Christ receives consolation



-Not just idle knowledge

- A. New Birth - Forgives & Justifies §63
liberates from death §64
receives Holy Spirit §99



- B. New Life §63 Sanctifies
produces new life in hearts §64
the Holy Spirit changes hearts §99



Rome: "without a good emotion"
Strong powerful work of Holy Spirit changes hearts §99

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Law - convicts all men to be under sin
- subject to eternal wrath
and death.

- terrifies the conscience, which feels
its misery and sin, and wrath of God

Gospel - offers forgiveness of sins
for Christ's sake through faith.

- encourages and consoles the heart in
these fears

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When by faith we receive the mercy
promised in Christ...

Faith sets the merit of Christ
against the wrath and judgment of God

Justified - Spoken of Two ways §72

B. Pronounced or Accounted Righteous
being accounted righteous

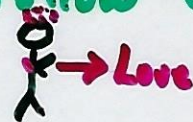


A. Just men are made (out of unjust men)
being converted, or regenerated



By Faith alone we are justified. §78

Then love and works must follow faith. §74
-they are not excluded



But confidence in the merit of love or of works
is excluded.

As long as faith is present, it produces good fruit
§64-65

Fruits of faith

§86 Why Saving Faith Justifies -

Why we are accounted righteous by faith

Not because it is a work in itself

Because it receives the promise