

What is The Gospel?

Part I – Fifty Shades of Grace

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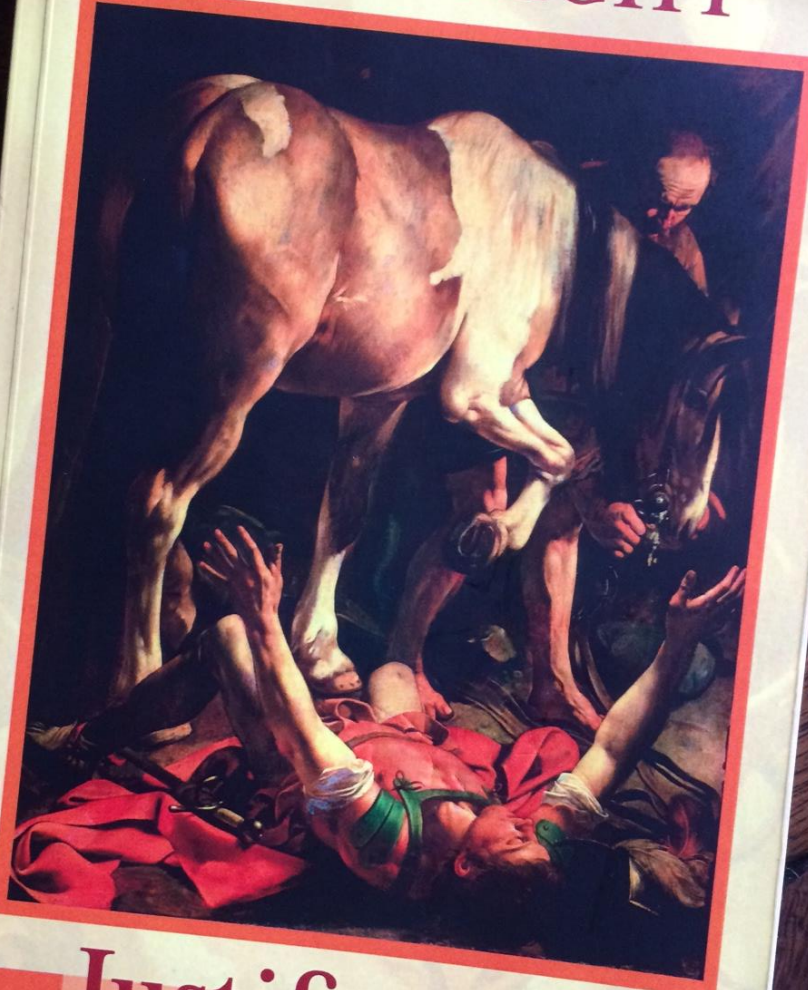


Our Goal...



- ◆ Avoid clumsy communication
- ◆ Give us a good understanding
- ◆ Build our confidence
- ◆ Send us out with the best news!

TOM WRIGHT



Justification
God's Plan and Paul's Vision

N T Wright is helpful though academic!

VS "Justification" by John Piper

A New Reformation!

Based around

- ◆ Father heart of God
- ◆ Holy Spirit's power
- ◆ Unity
- ◆ Sons & daughters who walk like Jesus





The Gospel is ancient!

- ◆ Yes it is “Repent...”
Matthew 3:2, 4:17
- ◆ But it’s much older -
Galatians 3:8
- ◆ And it is good news!

CAUTION

**Stumbling
Blocks**



Inadequate summary...

Four Spiritual Laws



1) GOD LOVES YOU



2) We are SINFUL and SEPARATED from God.



3) ONLY through Jesus Christ can you know and experience God's love and salvation.



4) We must RECEIVE Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

- ◆ “Repent or perish!”
- ◆ “Are you going to Heaven or Hell?”
- ◆ The Reformation
- ◆ Not rich enough!
- ◆ Has problems...

Shades and Shadows

- ◆ God seems angry and distant
- ◆ Too black & white
- ◆ Focussed on afterlife
- ◆ No place for the Spirit
- ◆ Only part of the story



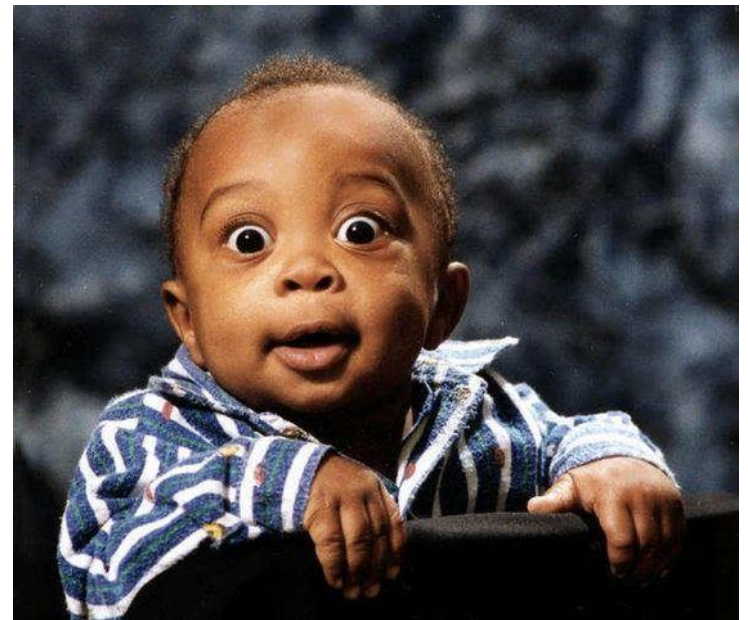
The good news is...

- ◆ God never distanced Himself – Genesis 3:8, 4:16
- ◆ Judgement is not black & white – James 3:1, Matthew 11:20-24, John 9:41, 15:22-24



The good news is...

- ◆ The story is about a Father wanting sons
Ephesians 1:4-5
- ◆ You were created for glory! Romans 3:23
- ◆ All through Jesus!



So the good news is...

- ◆ God is near
- ◆ You can trust Him, His judgements are fair
- ◆ He wants you
- ◆ You are destined for glory!
- ◆ Jesus is the way

