



WE ARE FREE!

**SET FREE
BY GRACE**

Galatians 1:1-10

Who is Paul?

- Former Pharisee
- Persecutor of Christianity and Jesus' followers
(*Acts 7:57-60; 8:1-3*)
- Radical conversion (*Acts 9*)



Who are the Galatians?



PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Acts 13 & 14

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches" - Rev. 2-3
- ← Paul's Route →

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**What was happening in
the Galatian church?**



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JESUS HAS
SET US FREE

Galatians 1:4



Free from sin, guilt, and shame

Forgiveness through Christ (*Romans 8:1*)

Identity in Christ (*1 John 3:1*)

Approach God without fear (*Hebrews 4:16*)



Free from sin, guilt, and shame

Free from sinful patterns of behavior

New creation in Christ *(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

Empowered to will and act to fulfil God's purpose
(Philippians 2:13)

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Free from sin, guilt, and shame

Free from sinful patterns of behavior

Free from enemy's schemes

Victory through Christ (*James 4:7*)

Spiritual armour against enemy attacks

(*Ephesians 6: 10-18*)

Power of Prayer (*Ephesians 6:18*)



Free from sin, guilt, and shame

Free from sinful patterns of behavior

Free from enemy's schemes

Free from death

Faith in Christ's Resurrection (*Romans 6:8-11*)

Promise of eternal life (*John 3:16*)

Jesus overcame death (*1 Corinthians 15:54-57*)

2 JESUS HAS
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BY GRACE

Galatians 1:6



What is "Grace"?

- Grace is the unmerited favor of God towards all mankind
- God's love and acceptance are given freely, not based on our actions or worthiness (*Ephesians 2:8-9*)
- God's grace was extended even while we were yet sinners (*Romans 5:8*)

Total Depravity of Man

- Every aspect of Man (mind, will, emotions and flesh) is affected by sin
- Sin separates us from God; we reject God and choose idolatry (*Isaiah 59:2; Romans 1:25*)
- Without God's initiation, no man can or will turn to God (*John 6:44*)

Total Depravity of Man

Enabling Grace

- Grace that goes before, preparing and enabling individuals to respond to God (*John 12:32*)
- Conviction by the Holy Spirit about sin (*John 16:8*)
- Without God's initiation, no man can or will turn to God (*John 6:4*)

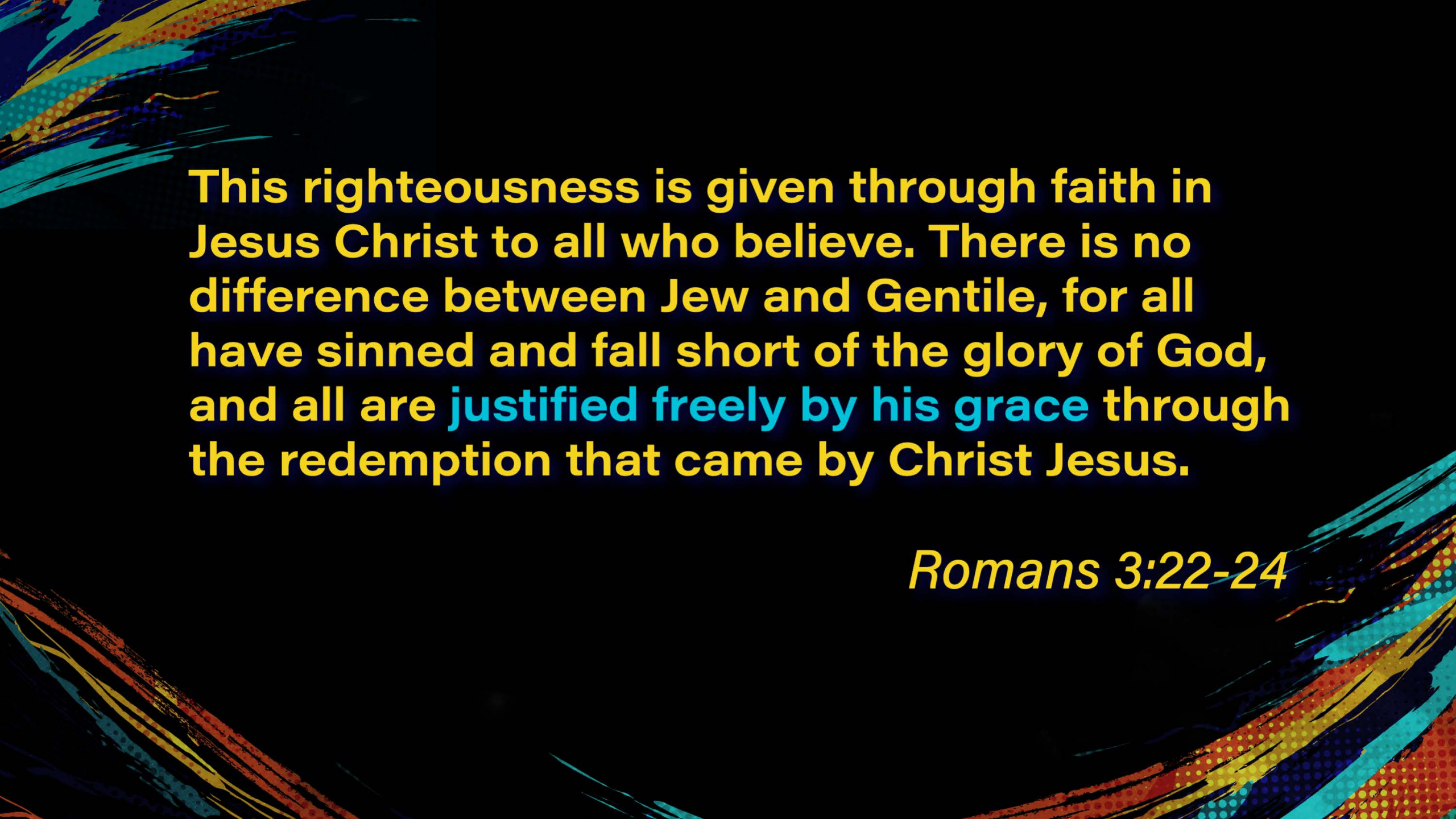


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Enabling Grace

Justifying Grace

- By the grace of God, based on faith in Jesus Christ, God declares sinners righteous
- Discharge from sin; wholly acceptable to God



This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:22-24

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JESUS HAS
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BY GRACE
ALONE



What was the problem?

PAUL

Salvation by grace
through faith in
Jesus alone

**JUDAIZERS
(JEWISH CHRISTIANS)**

Salvation through
faith in Jesus

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Circumcision (*Galatians 5:2-4*)

Mosaic Law (*Galatians 3:1-6*)

Also see Acts 15

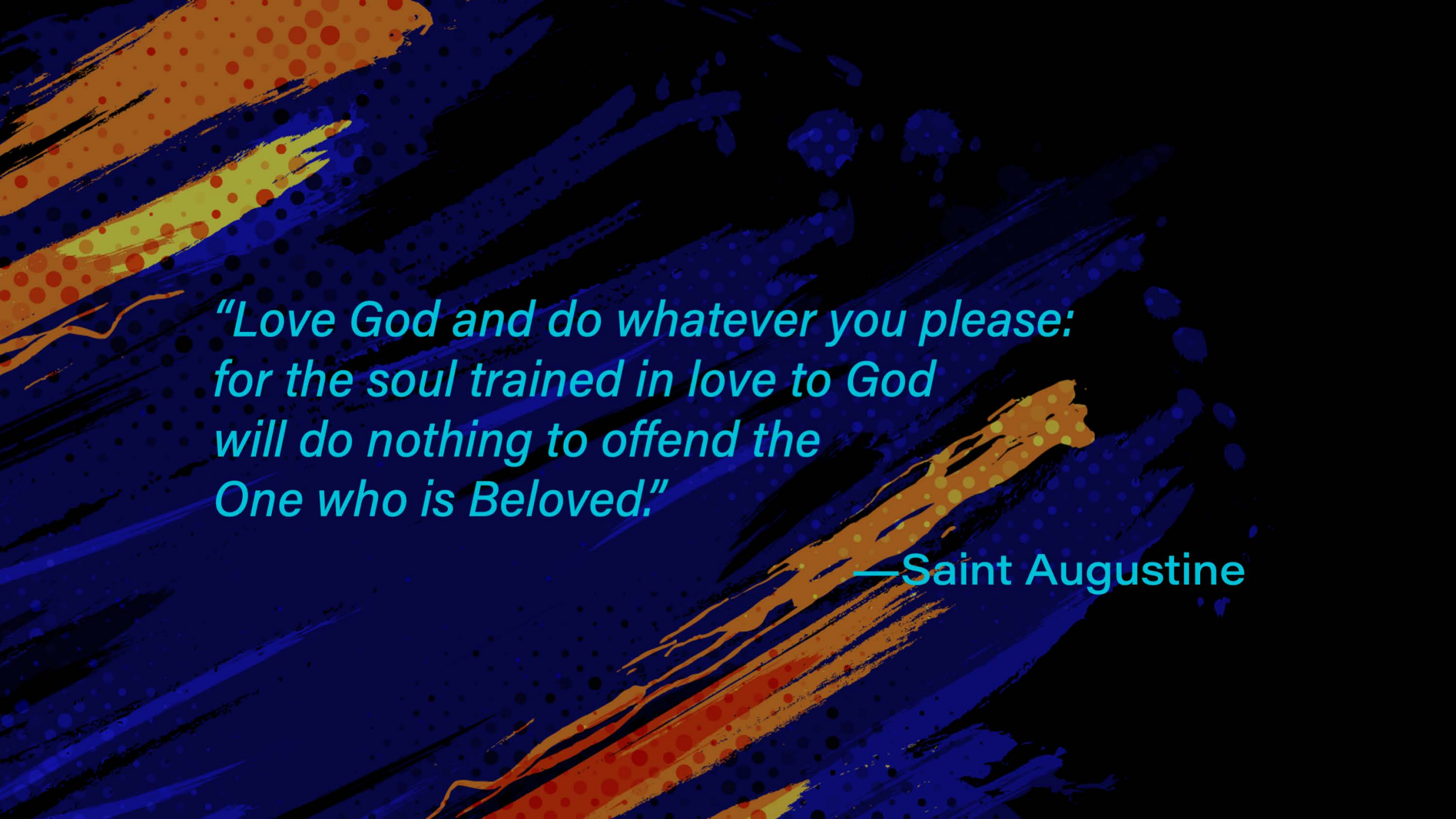


What was the problem?

Distorted gospel undermines grace

Distorted gospel confuses believers

Distorted gospel divides the church

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*“Love God and do whatever you please:
for the soul trained in love to God
will do nothing to offend the
One who is Beloved.”*

—Saint Augustine



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