

## The Gospel ~~plus~~ Life

1. Beware of Gospel ~~plus~~ Promoters

2. Avoid Gospel ~~plus~~ Pitfalls

- a. Gospel ~~plus~~ \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Gospel ~~plus~~ \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Gospel ~~plus~~ \_\_\_\_\_

3. Live a Gospel ~~plus~~ Life

- a. Worship by the \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.
- c. Put no \_\_\_\_\_ in your self.

An open, aged book with a dark, torn-edged circular frame overlaid on top. The book's pages are yellowed and show signs of wear. The text 'The Gospel plus Life' is centered across the middle of the image.

**The Gospel** *plus* **Life**

### **Philippians 3:2-6**

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although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh.

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# Big Idea

The great temptation of Christianity is to embrace a Gospel *plus* Life, whereby we believe that we need something more than faith if we are to have hope for salvation.



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Beware of Gospel *plus* Promoters

# The threat is real!

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Paul's ministry was dogged by  
zealous, pseudo-Christian teachers  
who convincingly taught that  
the gospel **must** include  
works of the Law.

### Galatians 3:1-3

You foolish Galatians, **who has bewitched you**, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified?

This is the only thing I want to find out from you:  
did you receive the Spirit by the **works of the Law**,  
or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun  
by the Spirit, are you now being **perfected by the flesh**?

The threat to you is still real,  
so be on the alert for Gospel *plus*  
promoters who teach that you  
must **work** for God's approval.

# The Gospel *plus* Life

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## Avoid Gospel *plus* Pitfalls

Gospel *plus* Pitfalls

Gospel *plus* Pedigree

# The false teachers

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To them, circumcision most clearly  
communicated their identity as  
God's covenant people.

**What is the pedigree you look to?**

**Family heritage**

**Baptism**

**Confirmation**

**Membership**

# Paul's Pedigree

## Philippians 3:4-6

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None of these things gain any favor with God, and they provide no foundation for hope.

# Avoid Gospel *plus* Pitfalls

Gospel *plus* Pedigrees

## Gospel *plus* Penance

The Law exposes the need for  
atonement for sin.

# The need for atonement.

Exodus 30:10

And Aaron shall make **atonement** on its horns once a year; he shall make **atonement** on it with the blood of the sin offering of **atonement** once a year throughout your generations. It is most holy to the LORD.

Penance is doing *something* to make atonement for your sin, even if it is simply anguishing over it.

# God's provision for atonement?

Hebrews 10:11-12

And every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; **but He**, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God.

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## Gospel *plus* Performance

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Gospel *plus* performance is  
the belief that faith saves but  
obedience preserves and perfects.

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Your obedience doesn't preserve  
or perfect you.

**God does!**

Obedience demonstrates  
**God's work** in you.

# Paul's **Gospel** Perspective

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Are you in your works,  
or are you in Christ?

# The Gospel *plus* Life

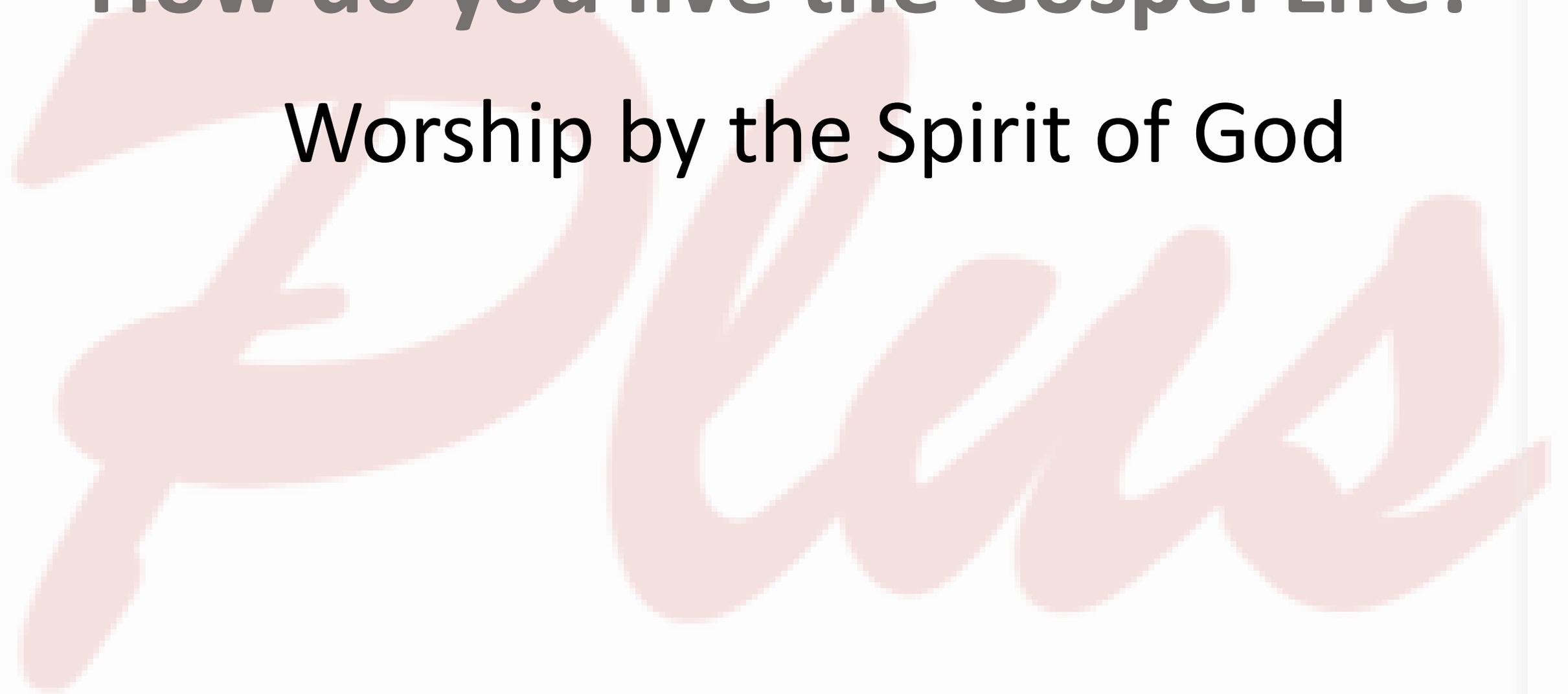
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**How do you live the Gospel Life?**

**Worship by the Spirit of God**



# Worship Supernaturally

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# **What is supernatural worship?**

**Worship made possible by the Holy Spirit.**

# Worship made possible by the Spirit

**John 3:3**

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

**John 3:5**

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born of water and the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”

**John 4:24**

God is spirit, and those who worship Him **must worship in spirit** and truth.

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Worship **empowered** by the Holy Spirit.

# Worship empowered by the Spirit

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# Glory in Christ

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To glory in Christ is to pin  
all of your hopes upon Him,  
to dwell intently upon Him,  
to delight in Him as the most precious  
treasure you could possibly possess.

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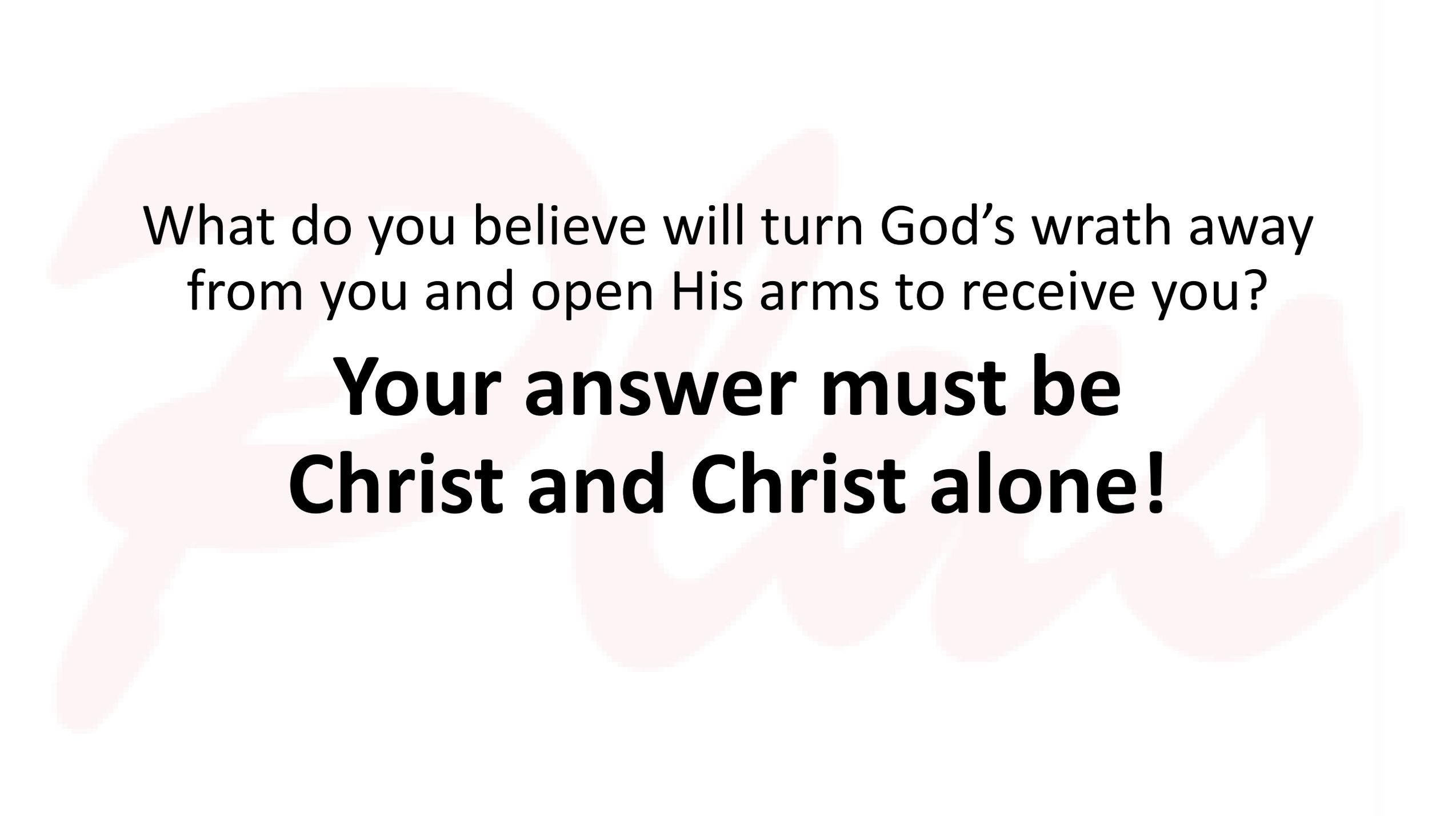
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Your heart longs to lay claim to something you've done or some goodness in yourself that gains you some favor from God.

But that is the  
Gospel *plus* Life



What do you believe will turn God's wrath away from you and open His arms to receive you?

**Your answer must be  
Christ and Christ alone!**