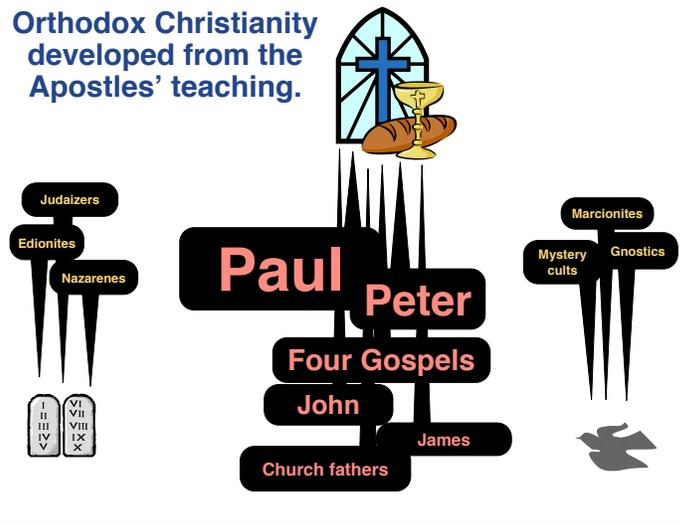


How are faith and good works related?

1	2	3	4
Faithfulness is the only thing that	Faithfulness is essential to true Faith	Faithfulness is a necessary indicator of	Faithfulness is distinct from true Faith
Judaism	Roman Catholicism	Reformed Protestantism	Radical Grace

What would Paul have said about these views?

Orthodox Christianity developed from the Apostles' teaching.



Paul's New Revelation

Ephesians 3:3-5

“that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, . . . which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit;”

“The Body of Christ”

New Covenant

Acts - Epistles

Old Covenant

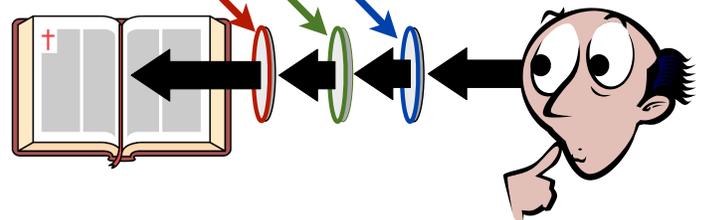
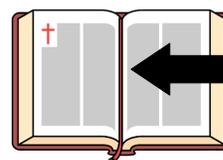
Old Testament - Gospels



Old Testament

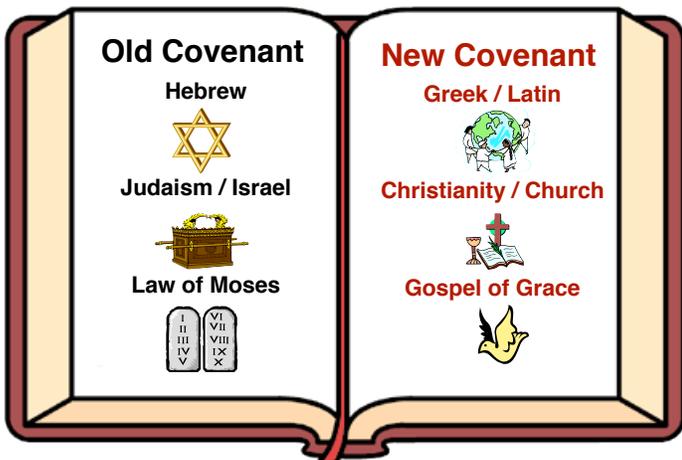
Gospels

Epistles



We interpret the Scriptures through lenses of Biblical theology.

At first Christianity was seen as a sect of Judaism



1:6-9

GALATIANS

THE GOSPEL OF CHRISTIAN FREEDOM

Backsliding



Galatians 1

“6 I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; 7 which is {really} not another; only there are some who are disturbing you, and want to distort the gospel of Christ. 8 But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to that which you received, let him be accursed.”

1.

The absence of encouragement

Galatians begins with no word of thankfulness as in 1 Corinthians.

2.

The importance of teaching

The Gospel is a message about a remote event that we accept by faith.

3.

The path to “backsliding”

Winsome teacher - altered message - confused audience - reverse repentance.

Paul’s letters address two major challenges



Unorthodox behavior

Corinthians



Unorthodox belief

Galatians

1 Corinthians 15:1-2

“1 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that **He was raised on the third day** according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; 7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; 8 and last of all, as it were to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.”

Ephesians 2:8-10

“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast. **For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before hand, that we should walk in them.**”

The radical grace of God must be taught.

When we displace it

We move away from God.

We make a very, very, serious error.

We remove the good news from the Gospel.