

GOSPEL THEOLOGY

Gospel as Third Way


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**"JUST AS CHRIST WAS CRUCIFIED BETWEEN TWO THIEVES, SO
THIS DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION IS EVER CRUCIFIED
BETWEEN TWO OPPOSITE ERRORS."**

Tertullian

THE MORALISM THIEF

RELIGION

LEGALISM

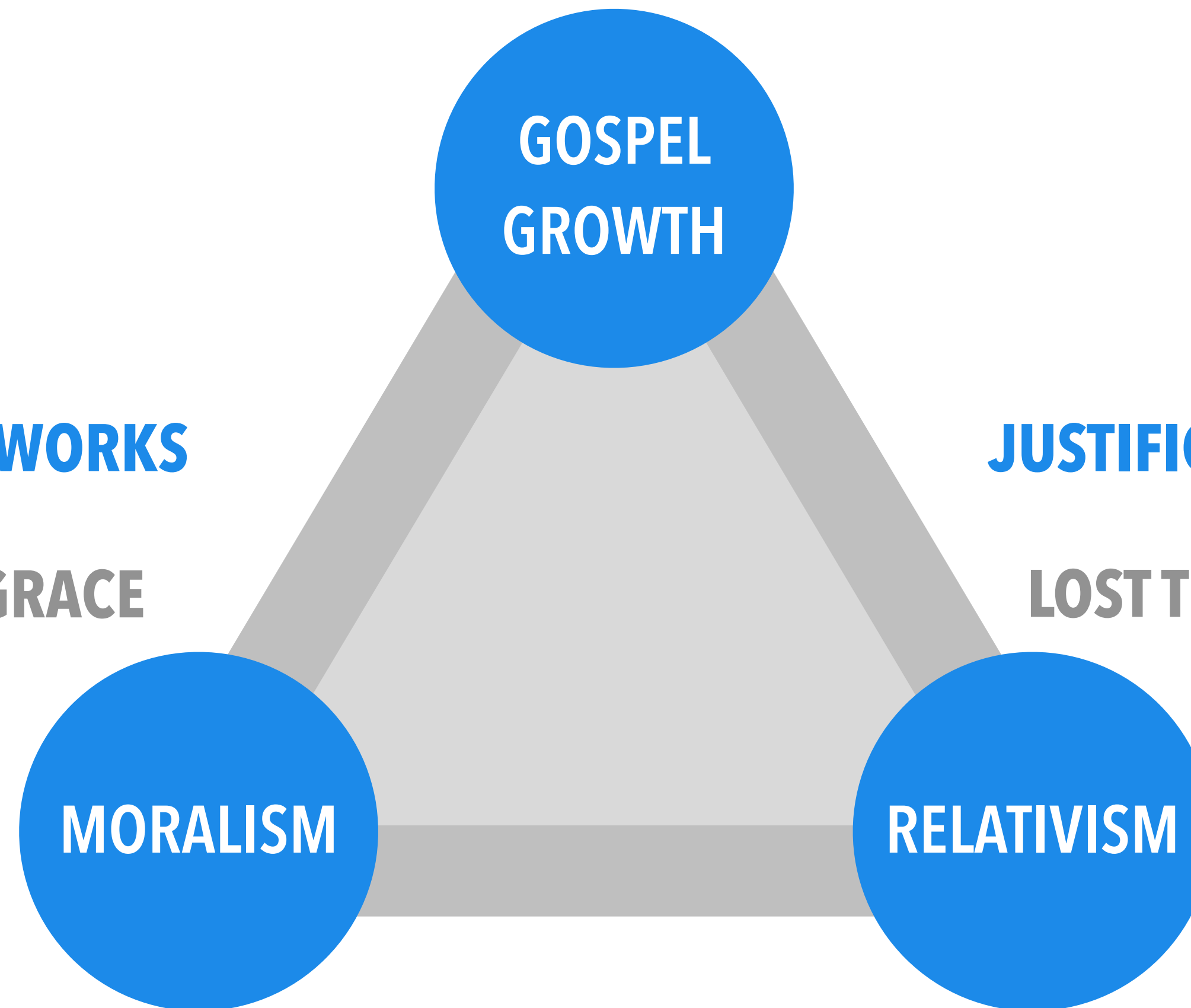
TRUTH WITHOUT GRACE

JUSTIFICATION = FAITH PLUS WORKS

LOST THE FREENESS OF GOD'S GRACE

CONFUSES SANCTIFICATION

FORGETS THE LOVE OF GOD



THE RELATIVISM THIEF

IRRELIGION

ANTINOMIANISM

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HOW DOES THE MORALISM-RELIGION THIEF STEAL POWER AND JOY?

HOW DOES THE RELATIVISM-IRRELIGION THIEF STEAL POWER AND JOY?

WHAT DO THE RELIGIOUS THEIR AND IRRELIGIOUS THEIR HAVE IN COMMON?

"A KEY FOR THINKING OUT THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE GOSPEL IS TO CONSIDER THE GOSPEL A THIRD WAY BETWEEN TWO MISTAKEN OPPOSITES. HOWEVER, WE MUST REALIZE THAT THE GOSPEL IS NOT A HALFWAY COMPROMISE BETWEEN THESE TWO POLES—IT PRODUCES NOT SOMETHING IN THE MIDDLE BUT SOMETHING DIFFERENT FROM BOTH."

Tim Keller

**WHICH THIEF DOES YOUR HEART
STRUGGLE WITH?**

"HE ALSO TOLD THIS PARABLE TO SOME WHO TRUSTED IN THEMSELVES THAT THEY WERE RIGHTEOUS, AND TREATED OTHERS WITH CONTEMPT: "TWO MEN WENT UP INTO THE TEMPLE TO PRAY, ONE A PHARISEE AND THE OTHER A TAX COLLECTOR. THE PHARISEE, STANDING BY HIMSELF, PRAYED THUS: 'GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I AM NOT LIKE OTHER MEN, EXTORTIONERS, UNJUST, ADULTERERS, OR EVEN LIKE THIS TAX COLLECTOR. I FAST TWICE A WEEK; I GIVE TITHES OF ALL THAT I GET.' BUT THE TAX COLLECTOR, STANDING FAR OFF, WOULD NOT EVEN LIFT UP HIS EYES TO HEAVEN, BUT BEAT HIS BREAST, SAYING, 'GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME, A SINNER!' I TELL YOU, THIS MAN WENT DOWN TO HIS HOUSE JUSTIFIED, RATHER THAN THE OTHER. FOR EVERYONE WHO EXALTS HIMSELF WILL BE HUMBLLED, BUT THE ONE WHO HUMBLLES HIMSELF WILL BE EXALTED."

Luke 18:9-14

THE GOSPEL VS ITS THIEVES

GROWING IN GOD'S GRACE



How does this passage deconstruct religion?

What is the picture of growing in grace?

How does this passage deconstruct irreligion?

TOOL # 01

DISCERN THE THIRD WAY

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GROWING IN GOD'S GRACE

Name the Situation

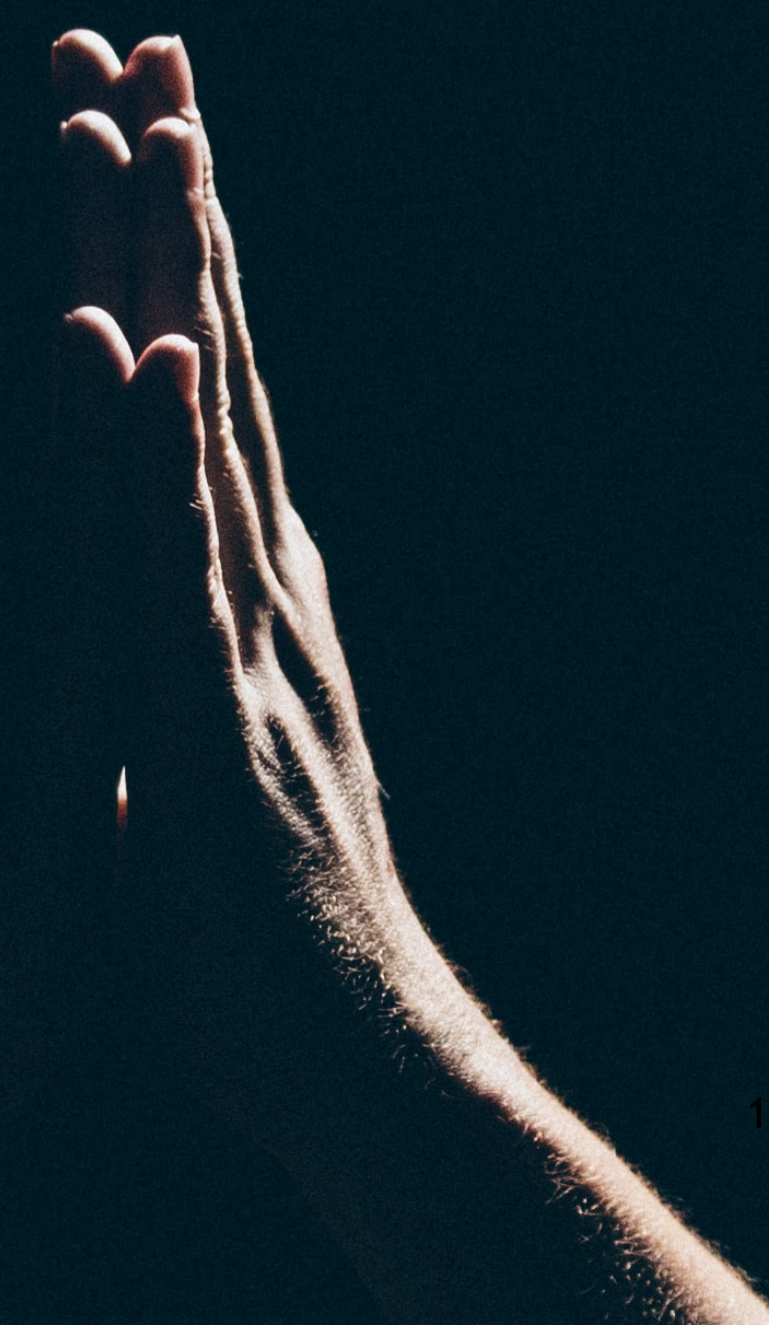


What is the religious response to this situation?

What is the gospel response to this situation? How can I be both free and obedient in responding to God?

What is the irreligious response to this situation?

GOSPEL IS A THIRD WAY: EXAMPLES



APPLYING THE GOSPEL TO DISCOURAGEMENT

APPLYING THE GOSPEL TO LOVE AND RELATIONSHIPS

APPLYING THE GOSPEL TO SUFFERING

**REFLECT ON OTHER ISSUES
IN YOUR OWN LIFE.**

**HOW DOES THE GOSPEL CHANGE THE
WAY YOU APPROACH THOSE ISSUES?**
