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When there is confusion about the Word of God in the people of God, it causes doubt in the promises of God.

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Dispelling 10 Common Myths About the Gospel

Lie Number One

To be justified before God, I must obey God's moral laws and do good works.

Romans 3:21-24

21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,
22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;
23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

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Galatians 3:11

11 But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "**the just shall live by faith.**"

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Ephesians 2:8-9

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

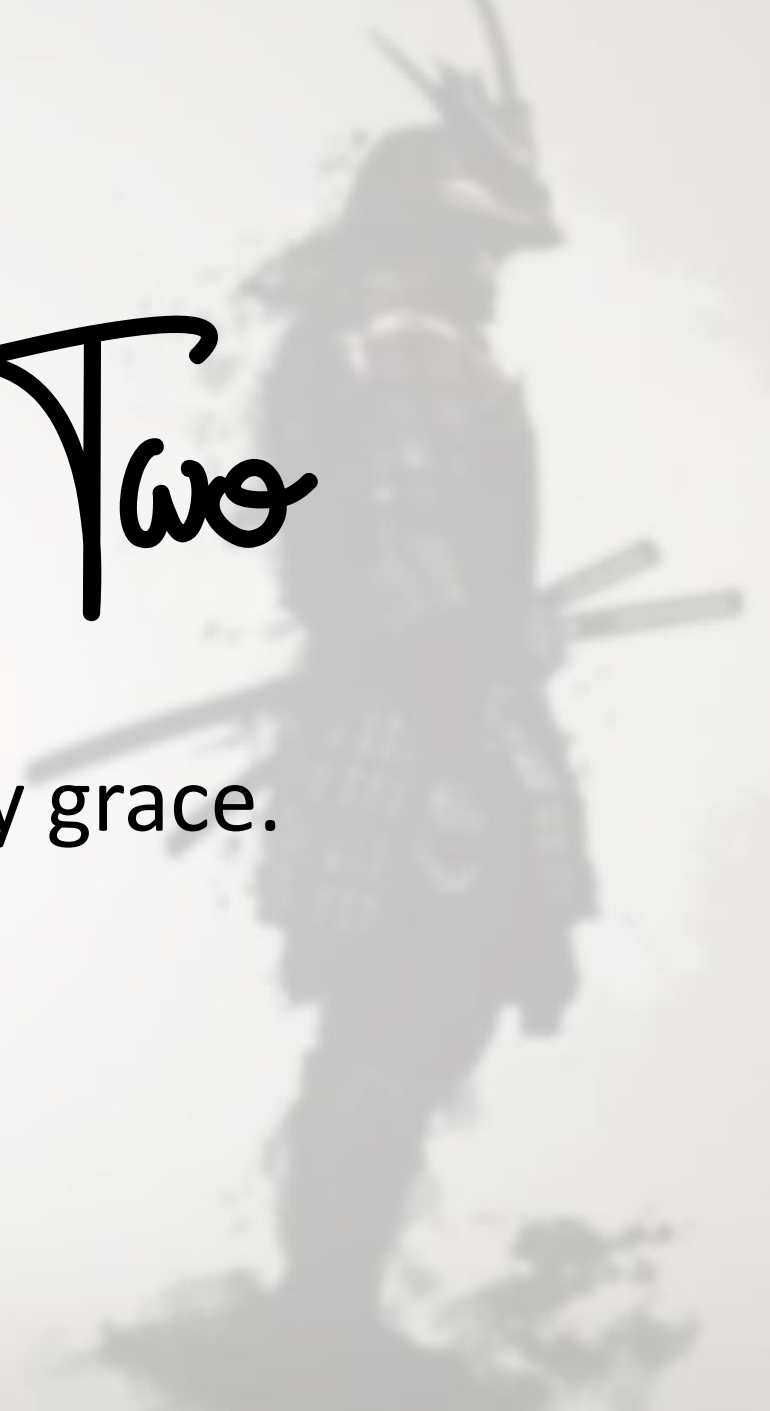
9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

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Lie Number Two

I am just a sinner saved by grace.



2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

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Lie Number Three

I will always be a slave to sin until I die.

Romans 6:1-2

1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

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Romans 8:2

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

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Galatians 5:1

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

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Lie Number Four

I have a sinful nature.



Ephesians 2:1-3

1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,
2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,
3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

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2 Peter 1:2-4

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,

3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

11 **And such were some of you.** But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Lie Number Five

I have a sinful nature and a righteous nature
that are at war with one another.

Matthew 26:41

41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. **The spirit** indeed is willing, but **the flesh** is weak."

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John 6:63

3 It is **the Spirit** who gives life; **the flesh** profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

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Galatians 5:16-17

16 I say then: **Walk in the Spirit**, and you shall not fulfill **the lust of the flesh**.

17 For **the flesh** lusts against the Spirit, and **the Spirit** against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

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2 Corinthians 5:16-17

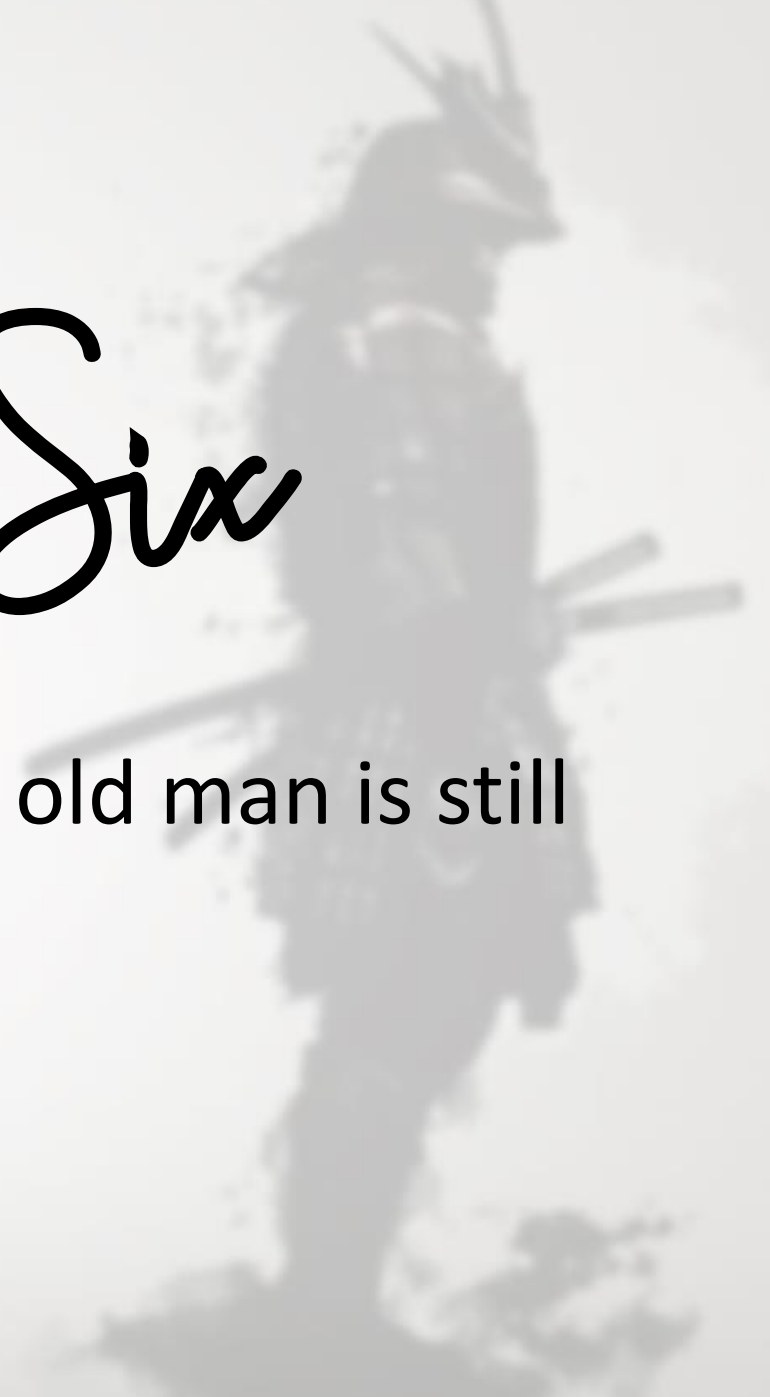
16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

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Lie Number Six

I am a new man in Christ, but my old man is still
alive.



Romans 6:3-7

3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,

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Romans 6:3-7

6 knowing this, **that our old man was crucified with Him**, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

7 For he who has died has been freed from sin.

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Galatians 2:20

20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

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Colossians 3:1-4

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

3 **For you died,** and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

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Lie Number Seven

I can defeat sin just by doing the good works of...

1. Going To Church
2. Reading My Bible
3. Prayer
4. Serving Others
5. Avoiding Temptation

Galatians 3:2-3

2 This only I want to learn from you: **Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?** 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

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Romans 6:8-11

8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

11 Likewise you also, **reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Romans 8:12-14

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors — not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; **but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.**

14 For as many as are **led by the Spirit of God,**
these are sons of God.

Galatians 5:16

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Galatians 5:24-25

24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 If we live in the Spirit,
let us also walk in the Spirit.

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Colossians 2:6-10

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, **so walk in Him**, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

8 **Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.**

9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

10 and **you are complete in Him**, who is the head of all principality and power.

1 Corinthians 6:17

But he who is joined to the Lord is *one spirit with Him*.

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Lie Number Eight

To overcome the temptation to sin we must
deny our self.

Matthew 16:24

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."

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1 Corinthians 6:18-20

18 **Flee** sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 10:14

4 Therefore, my beloved, **flee** from idolatry.

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1 Timothy 6:10-11

10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

11 But you, O man of God, **flee** these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

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2 Timothy 2:22

22 **Flee** also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

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1 Corinthians 10:13

13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make **the way of escape**, that you may be able to bear it.

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1 Peter 2:1

2 Therefore, **laying aside** all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking,

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Gospel Views of the Apostles

- Born again of the Spirit of God
- Temples of the Holy Spirit
- Partakers of God's divine nature
- New creations in Christ



Colossians 1:24-29

24 I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church,

25 of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God,

26 the *mystery* which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.

Colossians 1:24-29

27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.**

28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may **present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.**

29 To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.

Lie Number Nine

To receive the Holy Spirit, Christians must believe upon Jesus for the forgiveness of sin and then make a second decision to receive the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:37-39

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

38 Then Peter said to them, “**Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**”

39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

Ephesians 1:13-14

3 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,
14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

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Titus 3:4-7

4 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,

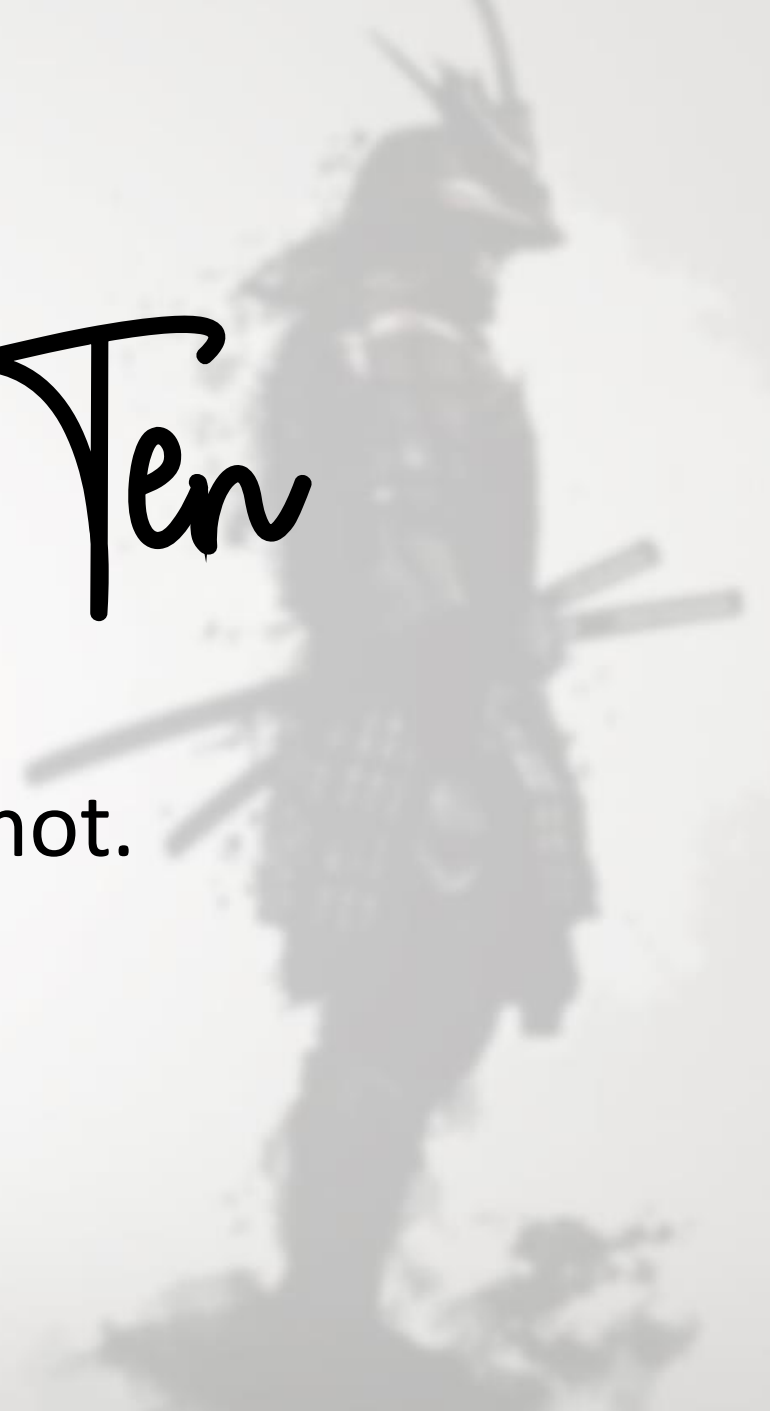
5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy **He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,**

6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

7 that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Lie Number Ten

God is holy, and I am not.



Revelation 4:8-11

8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!**"

9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever,

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Revelation 4:8-11

10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

11 **"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."**

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1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, **a holy nation**, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

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2 Corinthians 5:21

21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

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Colossians 1:27-29

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