



A SACRED SUMMARY

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**Paul gives us a summary → assuming you & I know
it's a summary of the book and the Gospel!**

Right key → right car!

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1. Salvation is not by circumcision

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We must be very careful here and not miss the point!

Paul is not discussing the OT saints / OT faith / OT salvation.

He uses shorthand – circumcision to describe in general a work-based religion!
Works + faith

- **613 commands**
- **Plus many traditions**
- **Plus our attempt to keep them & save ourselves**
- **Plus God...& grace...somewhere!**

Lost was the substitution of sacrifices pointing to Christ!

Lost was Christ → the Messiah!

Genesis 22:8 And Abraham said, My son, **God will provide himself a lamb** for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**

John 1:35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;

John 1:36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, **Behold the Lamb of God!**

The OT is full of Grace & Faith looking forward to the Messiah & the cross!

As John repeatedly shows!

John 8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.

John 8:57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

John 8:58 Jesus said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.**

John 1:40 One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

John 1:41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, **We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.**

John 1:45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, **We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write,** Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

Circumcision points to the tendency of religion to move to faith + works, legalism, works -based salvation, &/ saving yourself.

Romans 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

Romans 10:2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

Romans 10:3 **For** they being ignorant of God's righteousness, **and** going about to establish their own righteousness, **have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.**

Romans 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

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2. Salvation is not by uncircumcision!

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Galatians 4:8 Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods.

Galatians 4:9 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, **how turn ye again** to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

Galatians 4:10 Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.

Galatians 4:11 I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

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3. Salvation is through faith!

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A Sacred Summary:

- **By grace alone**
- **Through faith alone**
- **In Christ alone**

Galatians 1:3 Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ,

Galatians 1:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

Galatians 1:5 To whom be glory for ever and ever.
Amen.

Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, **even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.**

Galatians 3:6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

Galatians 3:11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, **it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.**

Galatians 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, **Galatians 4:5** To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

**Salvation begins with:
I'm at the wrong car
I have / am using the wrong key**

Salvation is Christ → He is the key & the car!

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4. Salvation is through faith alone **resulting in good works!**

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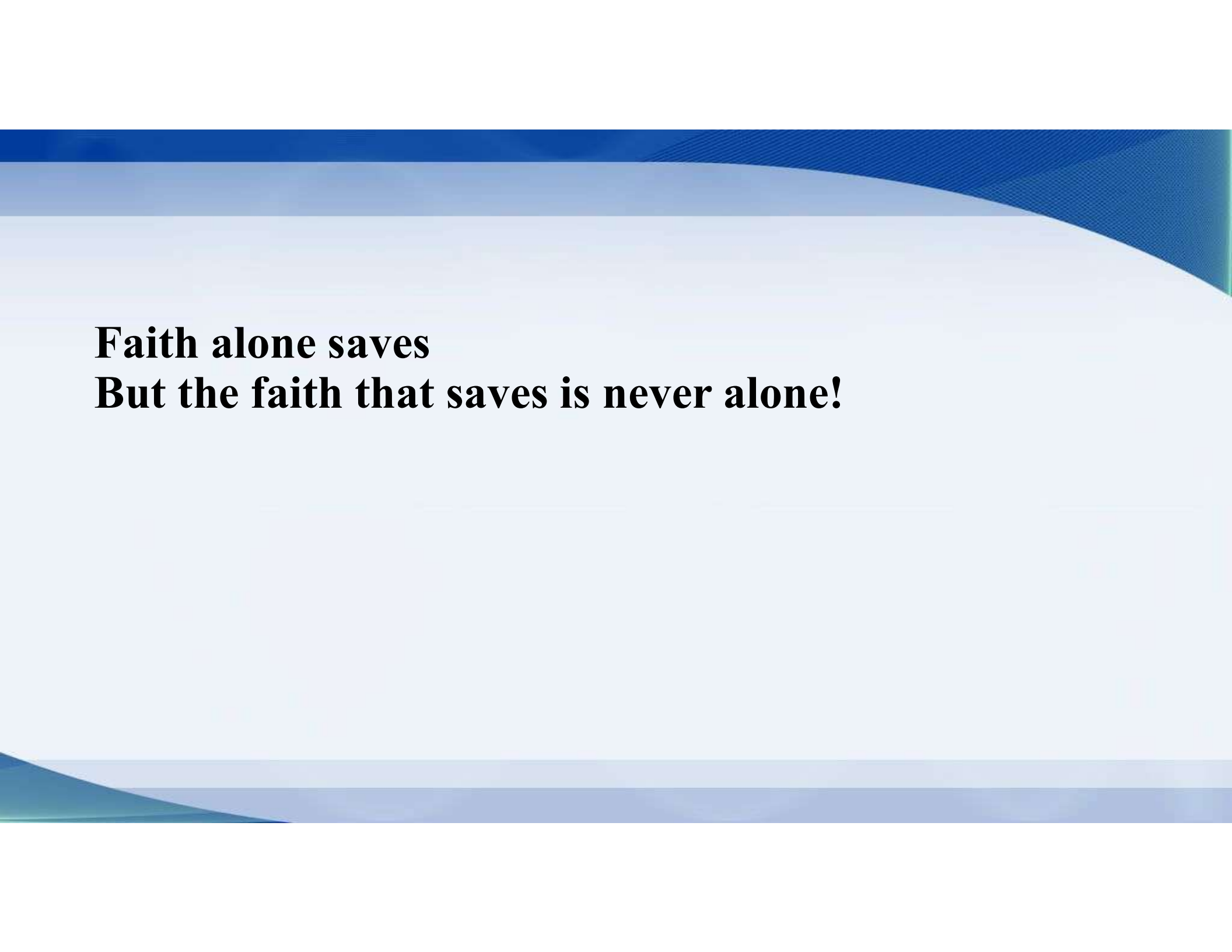
4 logical possibilities:

Works → salvation

Faith + works → salvation

Faith → salvation + no inevitable good works

Faith → salvation → good works



Faith alone saves
But the faith that saves is never alone!

**Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
Ephesians 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.**

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

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**5. Salvation begins with the love of God for us
& ends with our love for Him!**

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1 John 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.



