

Faith Alone

16th C Catholicism

- The Bible PLUS lives of the saints
- Christ PLUS worship of angels, saints, altar pieces
- Faith PLUS religious duties
 - pilgrimages, worship of relics (Cologne), fasting, candles

1st C Judaism

- Faith PLUS 'works of the law'
 - circumcision, calendar, dietary rules

Luther's 1520 tract: *The Liberty of the Christian*

The Attack on Liberty: Galatians

- 2:11 *But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.*
- 12 *For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party.*
- 13 *And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.*
- 14 *But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, 'If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?' "*
- 15 *We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners;*
- 16 *yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.*
- 20 *I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*
- 21 *I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.*
- 3:1 *O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified.*
- 2 *Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by (ek) works of the law or by (ek) hearing with faith?*
- 3 *Are you so foolish?*

- Having begun by the Spirit,
are you now being perfected by the flesh?*
- 4 *Did you suffer so many things in vain – if indeed it was in vain?*
- 5 *Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you
do so by (ek) works of the law, or by (ek) hearing with faith?*
- 7 *Know then that it is those of (ek) faith who are the sons of Abraham.*
- 8 *And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith,
preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham,
saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.”*
- 9 *So then, those who are of (ek) faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man
of faith.*
- 3:13 *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—
for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—*
- 14 *so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles,
so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.*
- 5:1 *For freedom Christ has set us free;
stand firm therefore and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.*