

Receiving  
**God's**  
Abundant  
**Gifts**



## LESSON 19: THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



*Don't Forget To Check the*



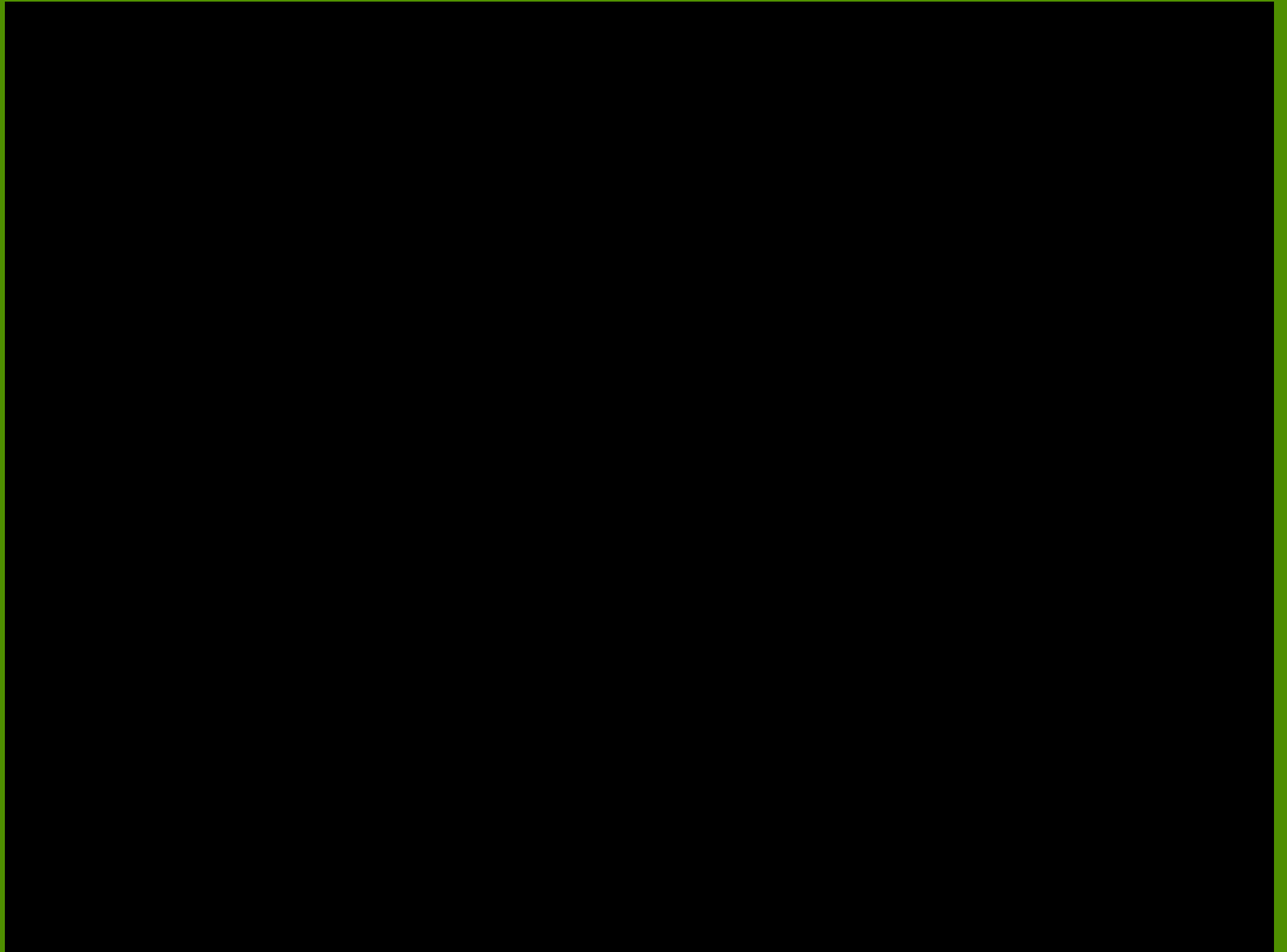
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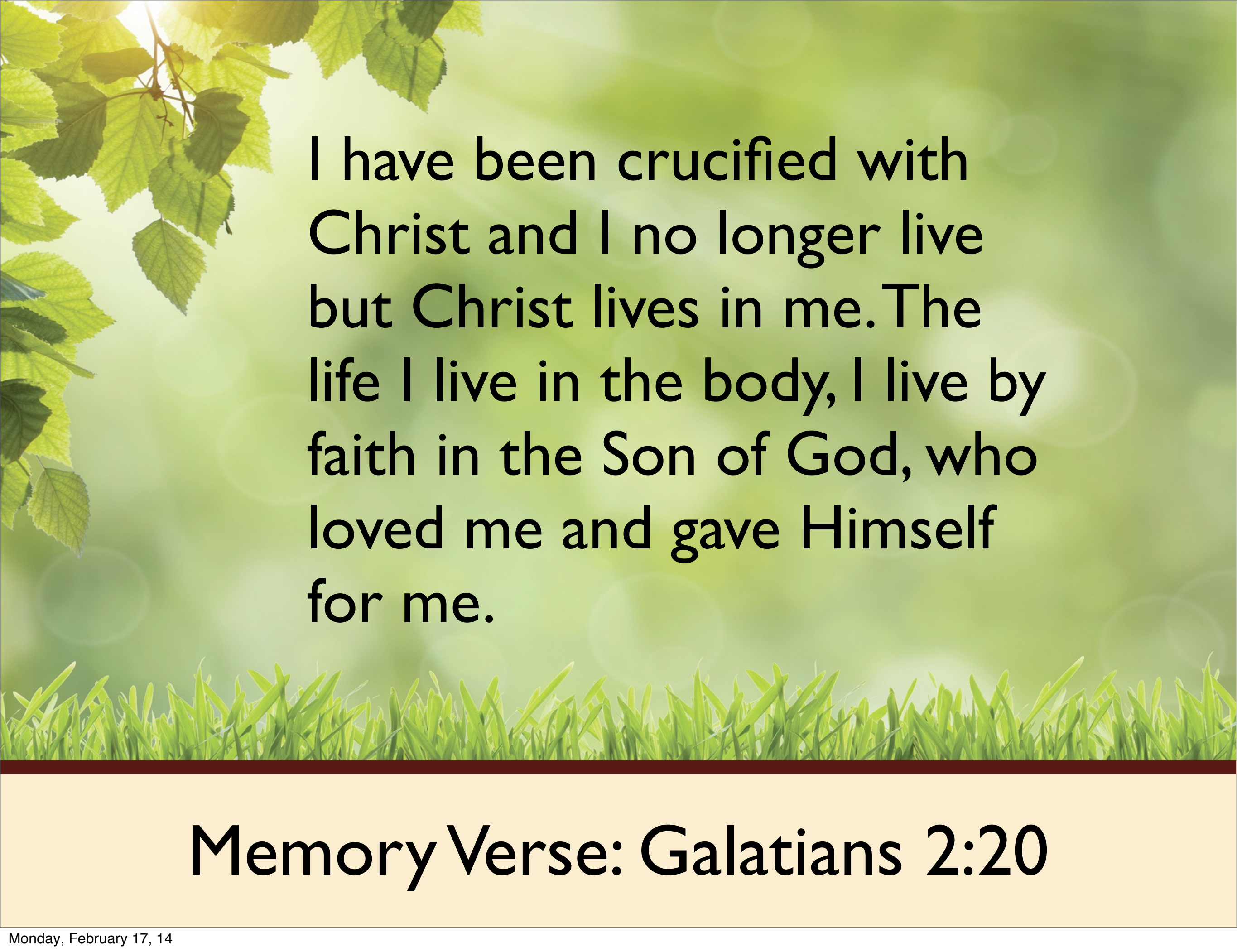
- Extras from the Teaching Leaders
- Interaction with BSD friends
- Reminders and encouragement

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# A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD







I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

**Memory Verse: Galatians 2:20**





# JUSTIFICATION



To position text so that the edges form a straight line.

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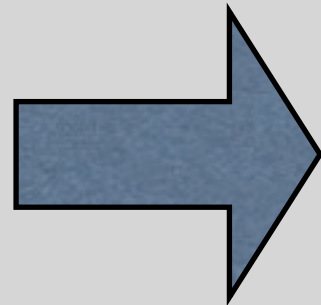
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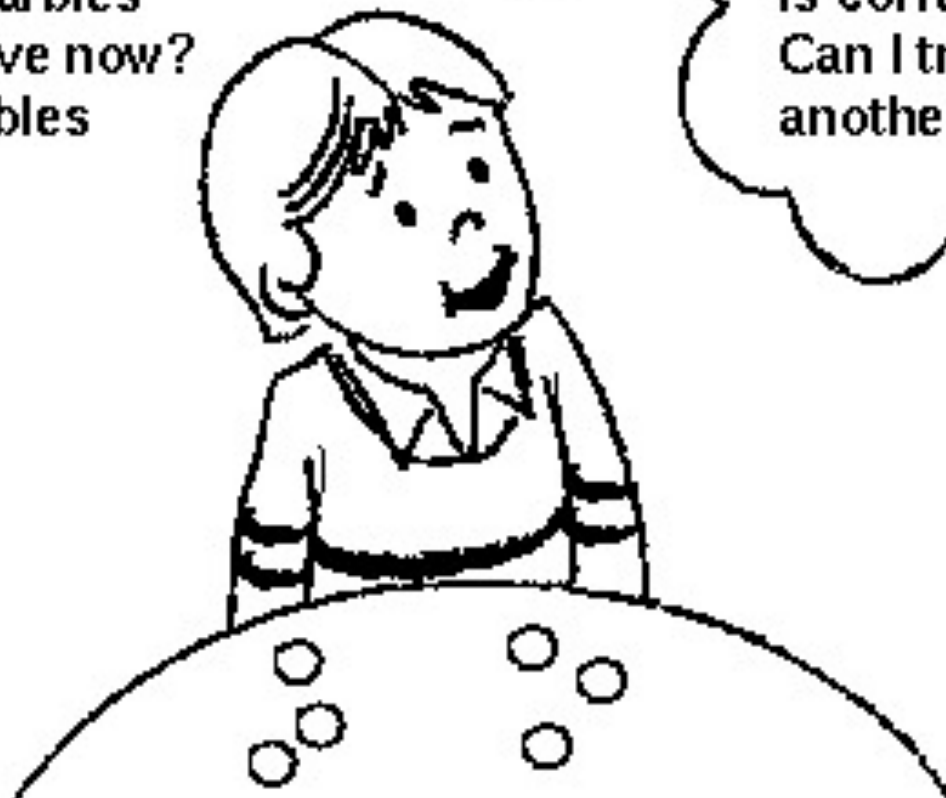
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# To prove to be right

Justify the  
Equation



Sam has 3 marbles.  
He finds 3 more marbles.  
How many marbles  
does Sam have now?  
 $3 + 3 = 6$  marbles



How can I make  
sure my answer  
is correct?  
Can I try it  
another way?

# To provide a good reason for your actions

You don't have to justify yourself to your family. They know who, how, and why already.



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To show a sufficient lawful  
reason for an action



“Justifying is the act of a judge pronouncing the opposite sentence to condemnation--that of acquittal and legal immunity.” J. I. Packer

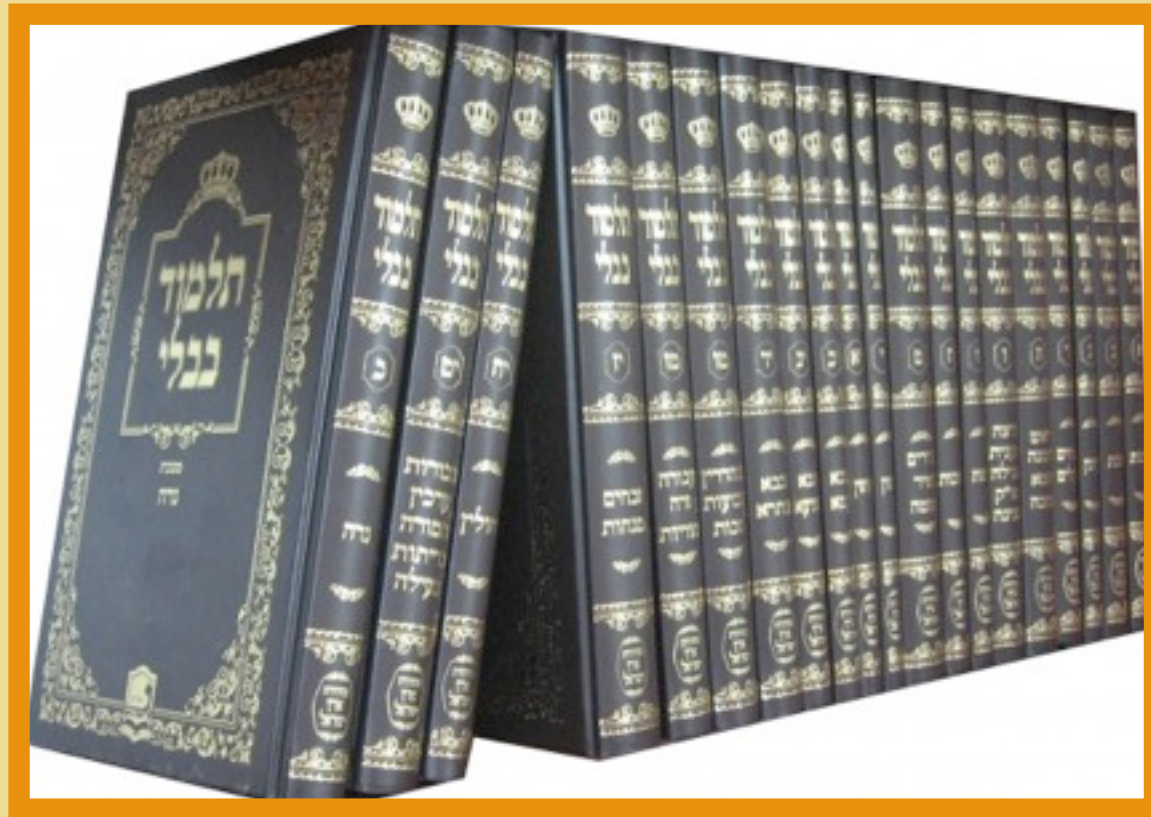




“Justification means that in Christ, though we are actually sinners, we are not under condemnation. God accepts us despite our sin. We are not acceptable to God because we actually become righteous; we become righteous because we are acceptable to God.”

Tim Keller

Paul died to the law *as a means of being saved.*



Books of the Talmud

The law reveals what sin is. The law reveals how unable we are to keep the law and avoid sin.



*Sola fide*

*Faith Alone*

*Justification is by faith alone*





Paul was concerned about preserving the integrity of the gospel. In Galatians 2:2 he writes that he went to the Jerusalem Council to set before them “the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain”.



1500 years after Paul, the gospel was being compromised by:

- the sale of relics of the saints
- indulgences (certificates signed by the pope pardoning sins)
- pilgrimages to sites associated with the saints.

People believed that these things would assure their salvation.

The one man who re-enacted the experience of Paul  
was the great reformer, Martin Luther.  
~William Barclay



Martin Luther  
1483- 1546



# Spiritual Experience



## **Both sought salvation through works**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews: as to the law a Pharisee,; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Phil. 3: 4b-6

**“If ever a man could have gained heaven by being a monk it was I.”  
Martin Luther**



*Man should do good works, but not trust in them.*  
*- Martin Luther*



Perfectionism is the voice of the oppressor,  
the enemy of the people.  
It will keep you cramped and  
insane your whole life.

--Anne Lamott





## **Applying the Lesson In Your Life**

**Do you or someone you know struggle with perfectionism?**

**How can the message of justification by faith alone help in that struggle?**