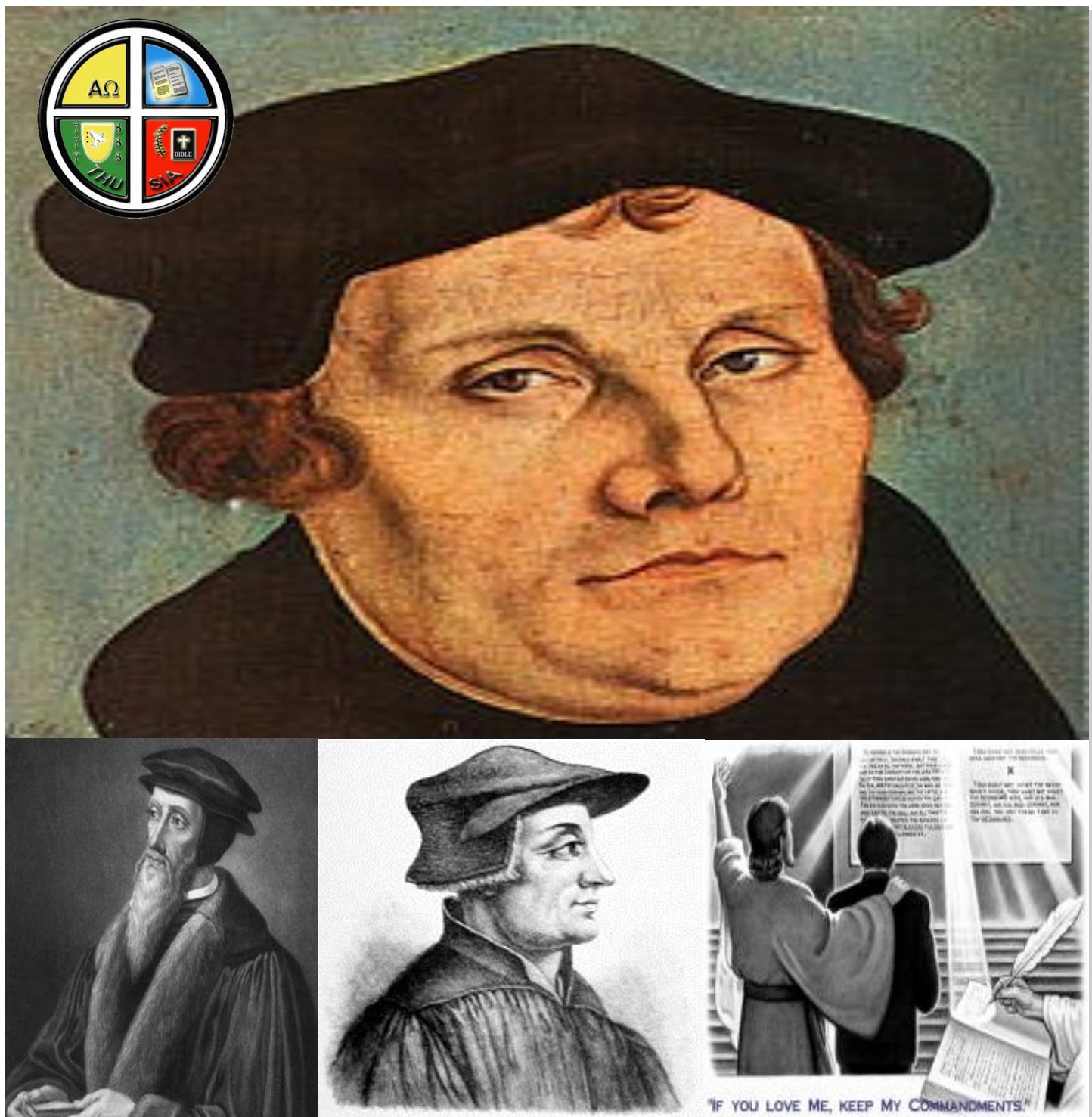


THE PATTERN OF THE TRUE GOSPEL

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Many people are ignorant of the real **core center** of the Gospel, they do not know in a nutshell what is the summary **science** at the heart of the Gospel that makes the Gospel what it **really is**, and what gives it the ability to save people **away from sin**. But Paul tells us that he was "... not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth ..." **Romans 1:16**; and what gives it this "power"(Greek "**dunamis**", meaning "**dynamics**") to save people? He tells us that the "Righteousness of God" in the Gospel "out of Faith" is what makes the Gospel **work** to save sinners (**Romans 1:17**).

However many people think that the “righteousness of God” is simply only the law of the **Ten Commandments**. It is true that the righteousness of God is the Commandments of God, because we are told “all thy Commandments are righteousness” **Psalms 119:172**, and Paul tells us that “... the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us ...” **Romans 8:4**. But we are also told of another **Righteousness of God** that is **without** the law of God, or “apart from” the works of the law. “... for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God without [apart from] the law is manifested being witnessed by the law [the five books Moses wrote] and the prophets.” **Romans 3:20,21**.

What is explained in these verses to us by Paul is that, while the **Law of the Ten Commandments** gives us a knowledge of what is sin, there is a **Righteousness of God** that is different to the law of God, or different to the **deeds** of the Ten Commandments.

This **Righteousness of God** is **testified** of and **found** in the writings of Moses (the law) and in the writings of the prophets. Here is the clearest presentation of this particular “**Righteousness of God**”. “Behold the days come, saith the LORD that I will raise unto David a righteous branch, and a King shall reign and prosper ... In his days Judah shall be saved ... and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.” **Jeremiah 23:5,6**. This Scripture clearly tells us that the LORD, YHWH in the original, (spelt Yahweh), is our **Righteousness**. God is not His Law of works, thus the only Righteousness of God that is **different** to the works of the law, is **God Himself**, so that YHWH our Righteousness is **YHWH Himself**. (See: **Psalms 7:17; Psalms 143:11**).

Now concerning this **Righteousness of God** which is **God Himself**, we are further told regarding how the **plan of salvation** works: “Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto [the Greek text says “eis” which means “into”] all and upon all them that believe for there is no difference.” **Romans 3:22**. This Scripture therefore tells us that the **Righteousness of God, God Himself**, comes to dwell **into** us by Faith of Jesus Christ. The **Righteousness of God, God Himself**, comes to dwell in our **hearts** according to **Psalms 40:10**. This is the same as saying **God dwells in us** through the **Holy Spirit**. **1 John 4:12,13**. It is only when **God**, as the **Righteousness of God** comes to dwell in us by Faith when we are **justified**, that we are **then made to do** the law of God, or the **righteousness of the law** is established in us according to **Romans 3:28,30,31** and **Romans 8:4**.

This then is the real **core** or **heart** of the Gospel in a nutshell that makes it the real Gospel that saves: The Righteousness of God, **God Himself**, must come to dwell in the heart by Faith, so that this **Faith of Jesus** and **God Himself** will **motivate** us to do the **works** or righteousness of the Law. This is the message of **1 John 3:24**, and this is only what can **give** real glory to God. When our deeds of the law are done from the **motivation of God Himself (the Righteousness of God)** dwelling in us, **only God** will then be glorified in us. This then is the **real core of the Gospel**, which, when a person has in his philosophy, he has the **real Gospel**. Amen.