



# *Welcome To Open Bible Hour*

*Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!*

*Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the first 2 chapters of Acts.*

*If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.*

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# “HOW TO PRESENT THE GOSPEL”

October 9, 2011

# Topics

1. Witnessing and the Holy Spirit.
2. What do Paul, Lydia, the 600,000 in Nineveh, and every converted unbeliever have in common?
3. Witnessing and the Word of God.
4. Why the negative first and not the positive?
5. Weak/shallow gospel.
6. Justification vs. sanctification.
7. Lordship salvation.
8. Religious people.
9. Witnessing to people at different relationship levels.
10. Terminology.
11. How to handle objections.
12. Witnessing to Jews.
13. Transitions.
14. The importance of pre-witnessing training.
15. Observer/Presenter.
16. Memorization

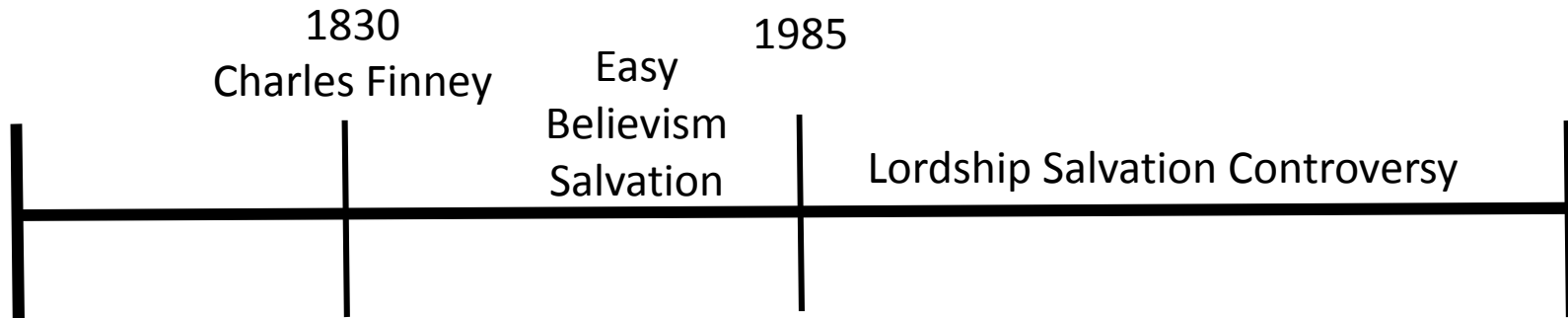
# Lordship Salvation Controversy

- **Definitions:**

**Lordship Salvation** believes you receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord at the time of salvation. Lordship therefore will necessarily show evidence in a person's life. This evidence of sanctification must be seen before one can say that someone is truly a believer.

**Free Grace** believes you can receive Christ as Savior at the time of salvation and at a later time in your Christian experience you can make Him Lord of your life. There is not necessarily any evidence that needs to be shown that one is a believer.

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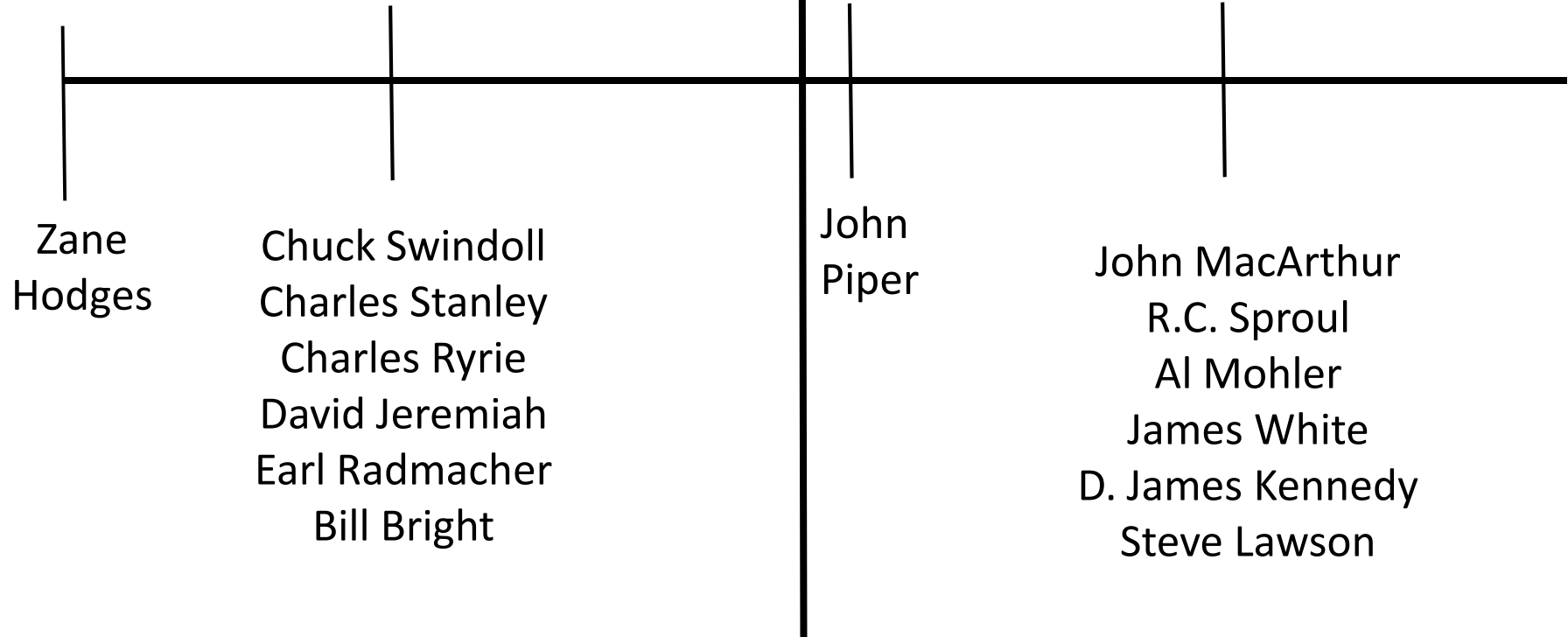


Free Grace

Lordship Salvation

Antinomianism

Legalism



Zane  
Hodges

Chuck Swindoll  
Charles Stanley  
Charles Ryrie  
David Jeremiah  
Earl Radmacher  
Bill Bright

John  
Piper

John MacArthur  
R.C. Sproul  
Al Mohler  
James White  
D. James Kennedy  
Steve Lawson

Salvation w/no  
works that  
follow.

Salvation  
followed by  
works.

Salvation on  
the basis of  
works.

## **Examples of Believers in Sin**

- Noah got drunk and lay naked in his tent.
- Lot sought the friendship of the evil Sodomites.
- Abraham lied and called Sarah his sister.
- Moses murdered an Egyptian.
- David committed adultery with Bathsheba and then had her husband Uriah slain to hide his sin.
- Samson kept company with harlots.
- Peter denied Christ 3 times.
- The Disciples abandoned Christ at His death..
- The Corinthian Church was filled with carnality.
- 5 of the 7 churches in Revelation were harboring sin and were admonished to repent.



## **Paul**

### **Rom 7:15-25**

- 15 For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate.
- 16 But if I do the very thing I do not want to do, I agree with the Law, confessing that the Law is good.
- 17 So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.
- 18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.
- 19 For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.
- 20 But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.
- 21 I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.
- 22 For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man,
- 23 but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.
- 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?
- 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

## **Church at Laodicea**

### **Rev 3:14-22**

14 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this:

15 'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot.

16 'So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.

17 'Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,

18 I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you Church at Laodicea may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see.

19 'Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.

20 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

21 'He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

22 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'"

# **Church at Corinth**

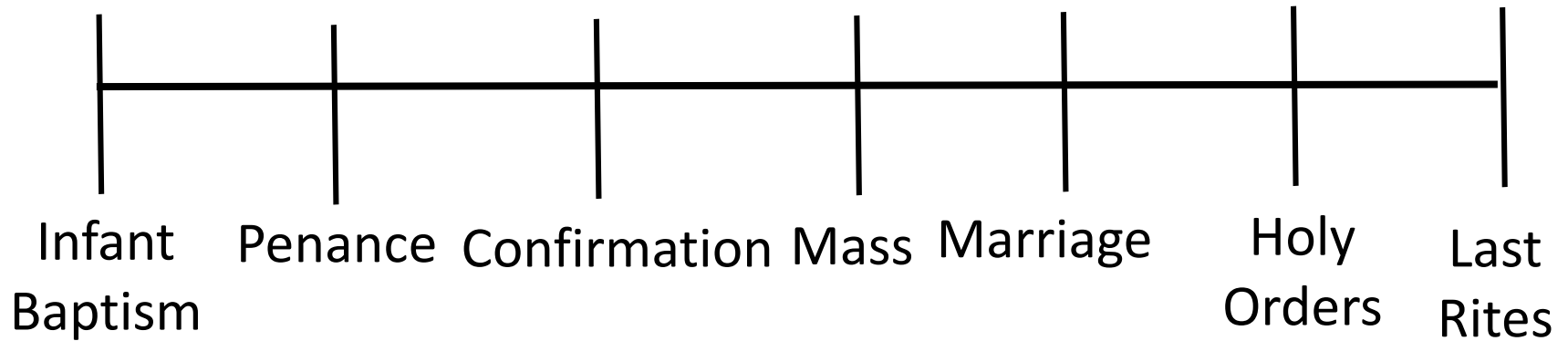
## **1 Cor 6:9-11**

9 Or 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 effeminate, nor homosexuals,

10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

11 Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

# Roman Catholic System of Works-Righteousness



Perform the Sacraments  
which infuses  
sanctifying grace into  
you and by cooperating  
with them you obtain  
an inherent  
righteousness.

Death

God declares you  
justified based  
on your inherent  
righteousness.

Purgatory

By grace and through faith, at salvation, God imputes the righteousness of Christ to the sinner and declares that sinner justified.

Dies and goes immediately to heaven.



## **2 Cor 5:21**

21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

FAITH  
REPENTANCE  
BELIEVE  
REGENERATION  
JUSTIFICATION  
IMPUTATION

## **Believe and Faith**

There are close to 200 New Testament passages which singularly condition a lost person's salvation upon belief alone in Christ (John 3:16; 6:28-29; Acts 16:31; Rom 1:16, etc...).



# **Repentance**

## **Acts 26:20**

20 . . . even to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds appropriate to repentance.

## **2 Tim 2:25-26**

25 with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth,

# Obedience

## **2 Thess 1:7-8**

7 when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire,  
8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

## **1 Peter 4:17**

17 For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

## **Rom 5:19**

19 For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

## **Faith Without Works Is Dead**

### **James 2:14-25**

14 What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him?

15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food,

16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?

17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.

18 But someone may well say, "You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works."

19 You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.

20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?

22 You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected;

23 and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS," and he was called the friend of God.

24 You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.

## What are we saved by?

### **Eph 2:8-10**

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

9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

### **Rom 5:1**

5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

***Saved & justified by what? By obedience? By surrender?  
By commitment? By making Jesus Lord of your life?***

***No. "Justified by FAITH."***

# **What's Missing in the "Golden Chain"?**

## **Rom 8:29-30**

29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

***A person making it to heaven some day in a glorified state is dependant on all of the above (instantaneous, objective), and not on sanctification (process, subjective) which has been left out of the chain.***