



WELCOME

Lesson 3

Credible Messenger, Credible Message

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GOSPEL OF GRACE

The letter of Galatians in its structure as well as its content, shows us that the gospel of grace underpins every single step of the Christians life.

Saul of Tarsus: Religious Bigot



- ▶ Saul is present at Stephens stoning in Acts 7
- ▶ Saul begins to ravage and destroy churches and imprison Christians. Acts 8:3
- ▶ Saul still unsatisfied attains papers from the high priest to extend his borders in to Syria.
- ▶ Saul sets out on the road to Damascus. Acts 9

“...a man in that mental and emotional state is in no mood to change his mind, or to have it changed for him by men. No conditioned reflex or other psychological device could convert a man in that state. Only God could reach him, and God did.”

John Stott – The Message of Galatians

“Conversion is the act in which our stories receive the holy conjunction, “but”.



David Platt –
Exalting Jesus
in Galatians



GRACE

“For it is by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast.”

Ephesians 2:8-9



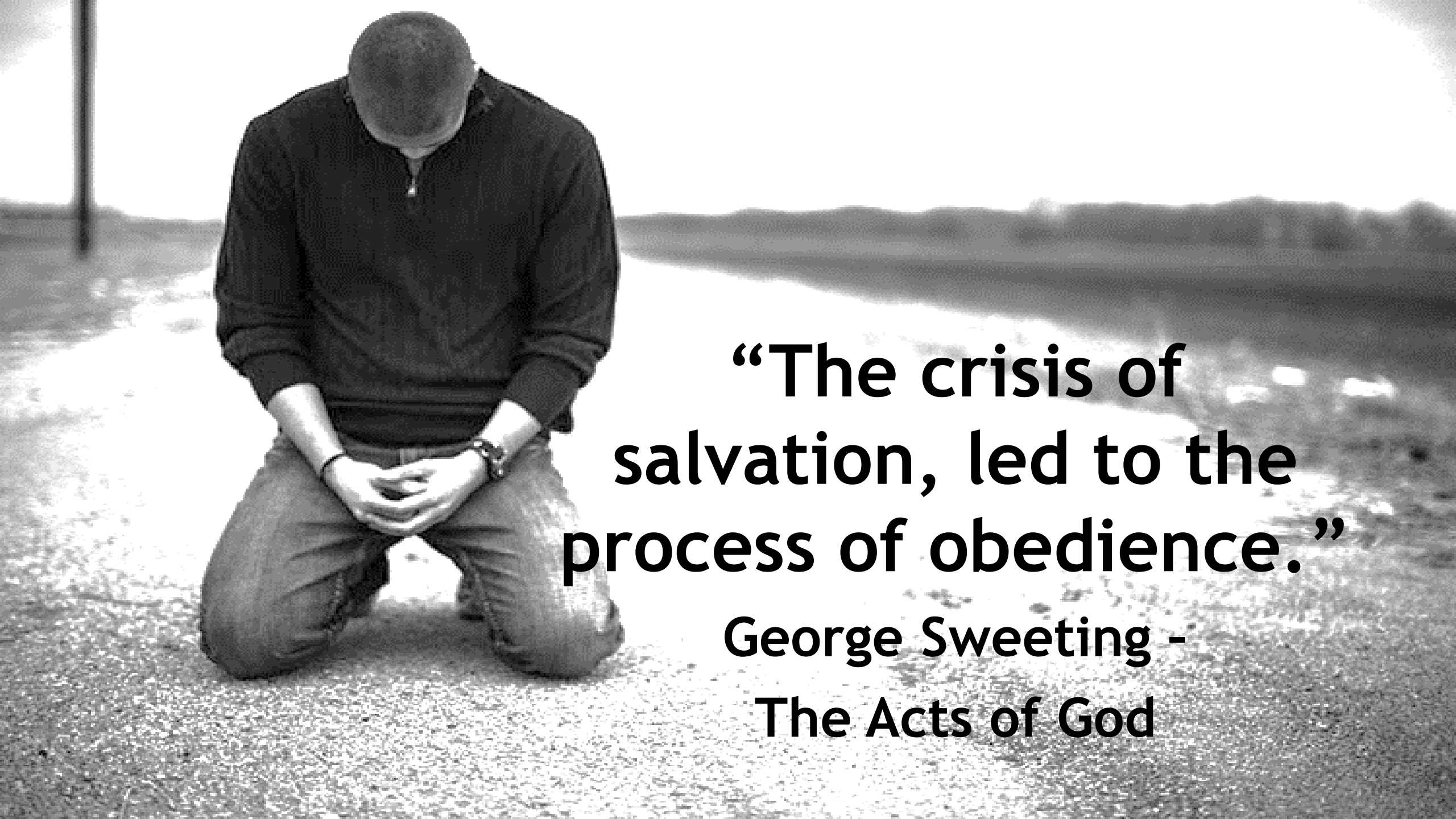
Grace is not simply leniency when we have sinned. Grace is the enabling gift and power of God not to sin. Grace is power not just pardon.

John Piper

“BUT God had mercy on me so that Christ could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst of sinners.”

1 Timothy 1:16, NLT





**“The crisis of
salvation, led to the
process of obedience.”**

**George Sweeting -
The Acts of God**

JESUS + SOMETHING = NOTHING



JESUS + NOTHING = EVERYTHING

“For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But, by the grace of God, I am what I am, and his grace towards me was not in vain.”

1 Corinthians 15:9-10



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