

# PARTICIPATION

*One with Jesus*

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Ephesians 2:1–10 NIV

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# One with Jesus - Four Elements:

1	Union	Eph 1:1-14	I am 'In Christ'
2	Participation	Eph 2:1-10	I am 'Raised with Christ'
3	Identification	Eph 2:11-22	I am 'Joined together in Christ'
4	Incorporation	Eph 4:1-16	I am in the 'Body of Christ'

# Johann Tetzel

selling  
forgiveness





**Martin Luther – 95 Theses (1517)**



**Diet of Worms (1521)**

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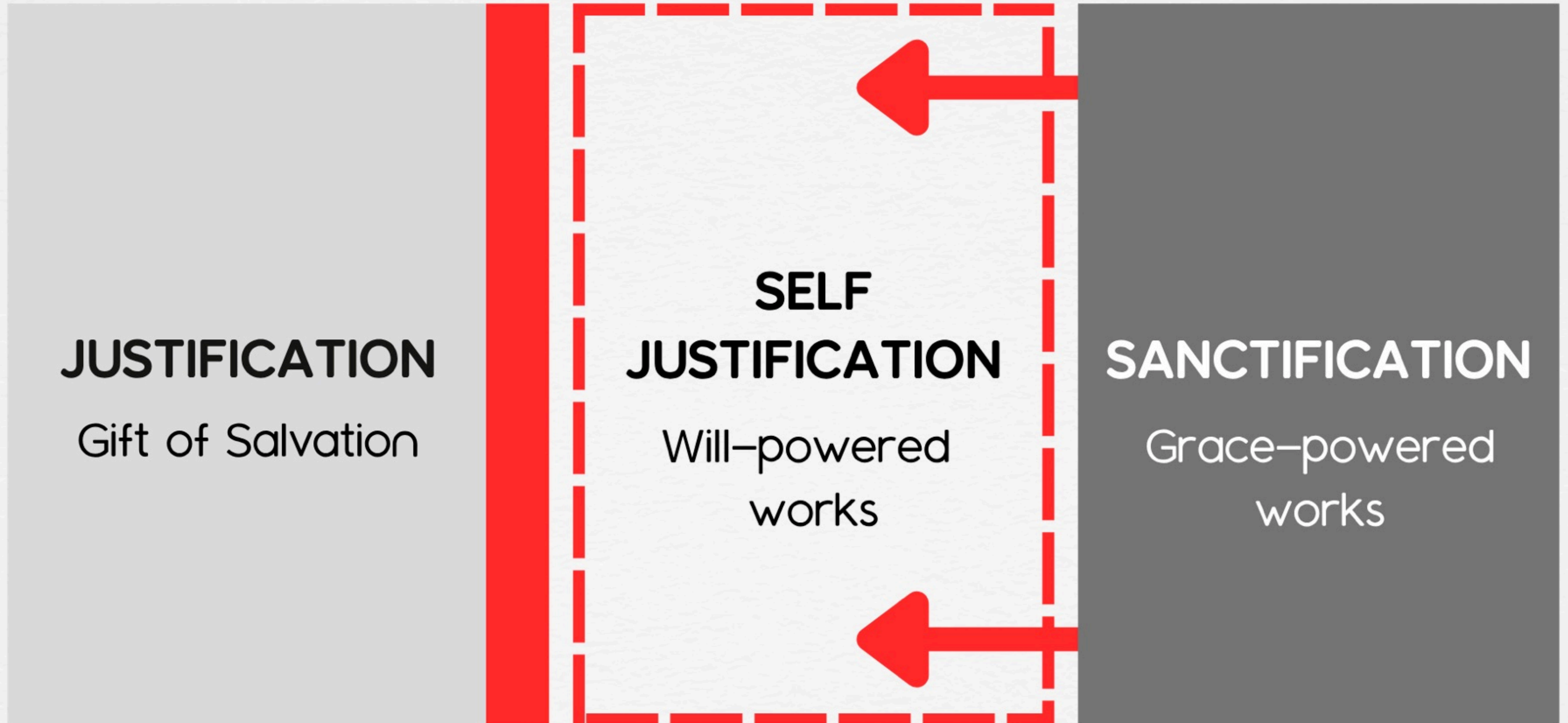
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# Salvation & Works (Eph 2:8-10)



# **Two Christian errors:**

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**2) Works as self-salvation**



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DISCUSSION  
QUESTIONS

- 1. Read Ephesians 2:1-10. The sermon centered on being made alive with Christ. What key words does Paul use to explain this in v1-7?**
- 2. Explain in your own words what it means to be saved by grace and not works? (v8-10)**
- 3. If we are will-powered rather than grace-powered, what are common problems tend to arise?**