

GALATIANS

THE GOSPEL OF GRACE



Galatians 1&2

2 Challenges from Judaizers.

1. Paul not authentic apostle.
2. Paul's message is watered down.

2 Times Contends For The Gospel

1. Paul Confirms His Gospel In Jerusalem
2. Paul confront Peter's error in Antioch

Galatians 2:20

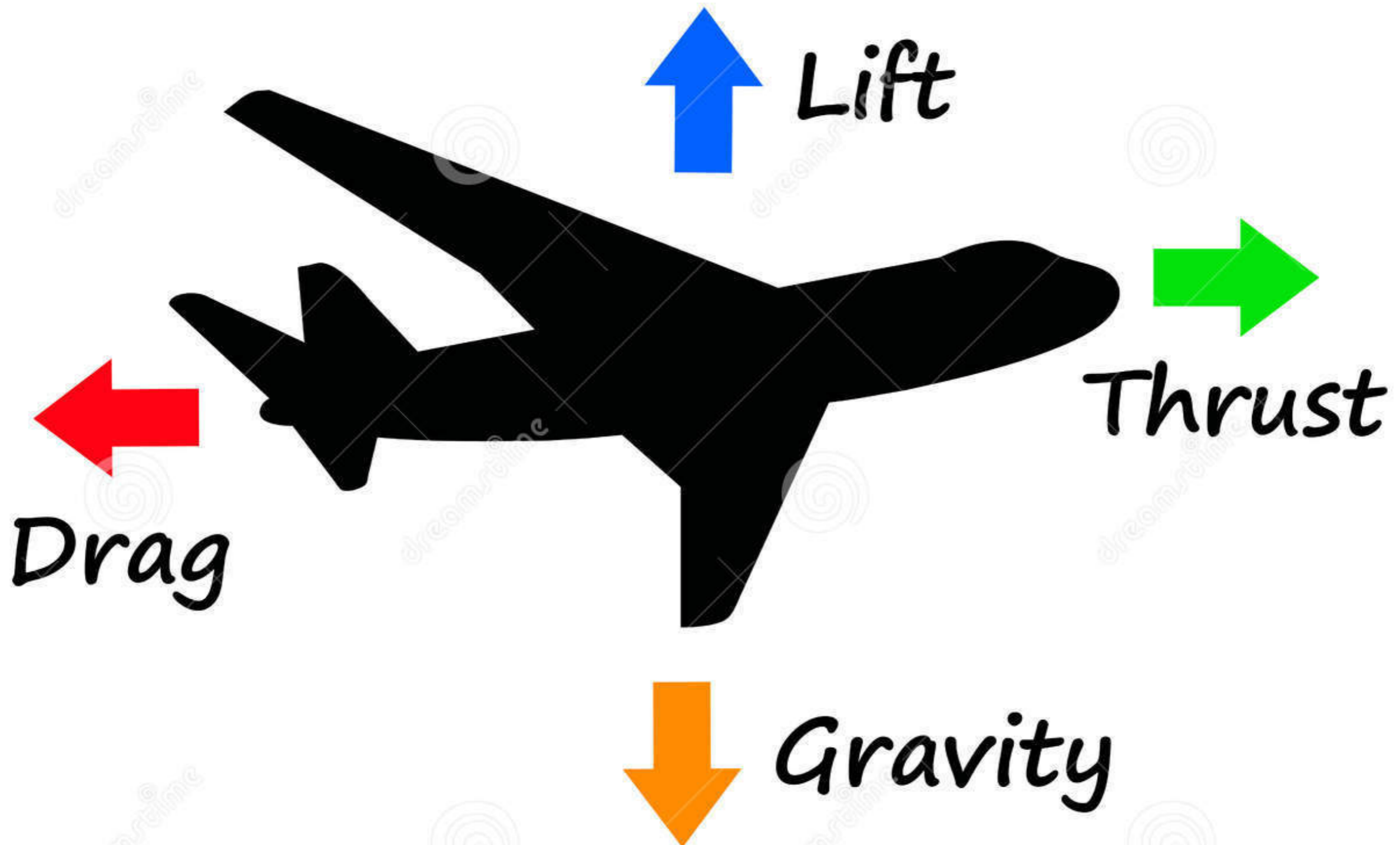
“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live IN the faith OF the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”

Colossians 3:3

“For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”

Gravity — Law Perfect

You Are In Christ!



Adding anything to Jesus in order to be accepted by God threatens the very freedom of the church.

Galatians 2:21 *“I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.”*

Galatians 5:4 *“...you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.”*

Galatians 3:1

“Oh, foolish Galatians! Who has cast an evil spell on you?”

Have you folks lost your minds!

Did someone perform witchcraft on you or give you the evil eye!

Baskaino:— bewitch, cast a spell, the evil eye.

vs. 3-4 *“How foolish can you be? After starting your new lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort? Have you experienced so much for nothing? Surely it was not in vain, was it?”*

Enarchoma:— *In the beginning.*

Epiteleio:— *To finish, perfect.*

John 19:30 *“It is finished.”*



John Piper

“Faith is the only response to God's Word which makes room for the Spirit to work in us and through us. Flesh, on the other hand, is the insubordinate, self-determining ego
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“...which in religious people responds to God's Word not with reliance on the Spirit but with reliance on self. It can produce a very rigorous morality, but it nullifies grace and removes the stumbling block of the cross.

John Bunyan (Pilgrims Progress)

“One day, as I was passing into a field, this sentence fell upon my soul, ‘Your righteousness is in Heaven.’ And I thought with all I saw, with the eyes of my soul, Jesus Christ at God’s right hand. ‘There,’ I say, ‘was my righteousness,’ so that wherever I was, or whatever I was doing, God could not say of me, ‘He lacks righteousness,’ for that was just before Him.

“I also saw moreover that it was not my good frame of heart that made my righteousness better, nor yet my bad frame that made my righteousness worse. For my righteousness was Jesus Christ, Himself. “Now did my chains fall off my legs indeed. I was loosed from my afflictions and irons, my temptations fled away, and I went home rejoicing for the grace and love of God.”

Galatians 3:7

“Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.” NKJV

“The real children of Abraham, then, are those who put their faith in God.” NLT

“Know and understand that it is [really] the people [who live] by faith who are [the true] sons of Abraham.” AMP

“...so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham.” NRSV

Galatians 3:10-29

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law,...”

“Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made.”

“... the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.”

“For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.”

Romans 8:3 “For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,…”

Romans 10:4 “For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.”

AMPLIFIED verse 20

“Now a go-between (intermediary) has to do with and implies more than one party [there can be no mediator with just one person]. Yet God is [only] one Person [and He was the sole party in giving that promise to Abraham. But the Law was a contract between two, God and Israel; its validity was dependent on both].”

The law says:

Do this.

The gospel says:

Accept this.

This is not a systematic way to make your life better.

This is not how to be more moral, more good program.

The point of Christianity is you can't do that, and your need is not for a better life; **your need is for a new life.**

PROMISE — The Holy Spirit

Not only is His righteousness our basis for right standing with God — the Spirit of Christ is actually put in our heart to radically change our life now — not from the outside in, but from the inside out.

At the New Covenant Meal Jesus gave a New Commandment.

John 13:34

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you,....”

Miracle Of Grace :— When what you ought to do becomes what you want to do!