



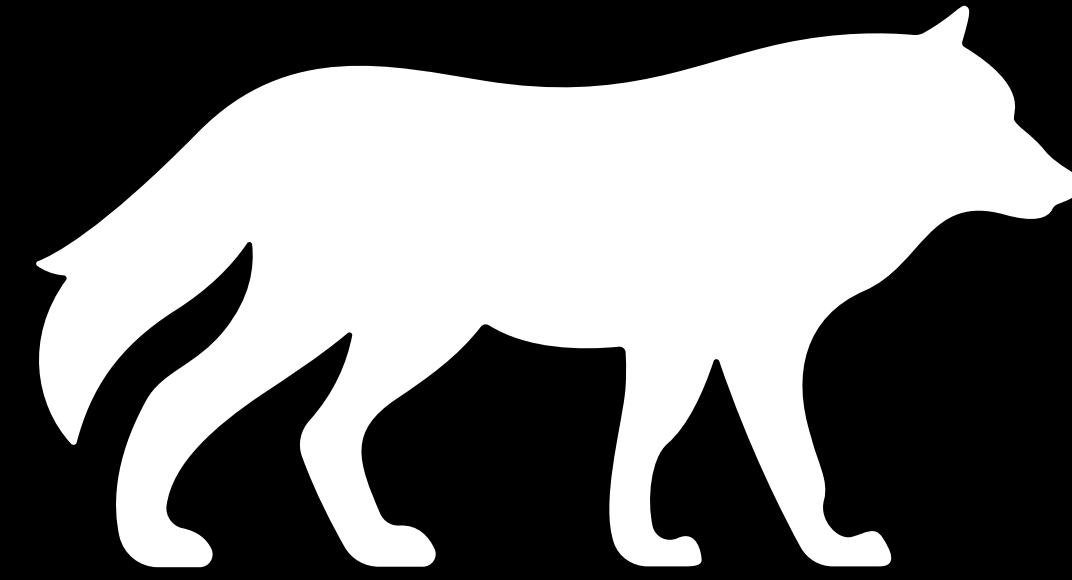
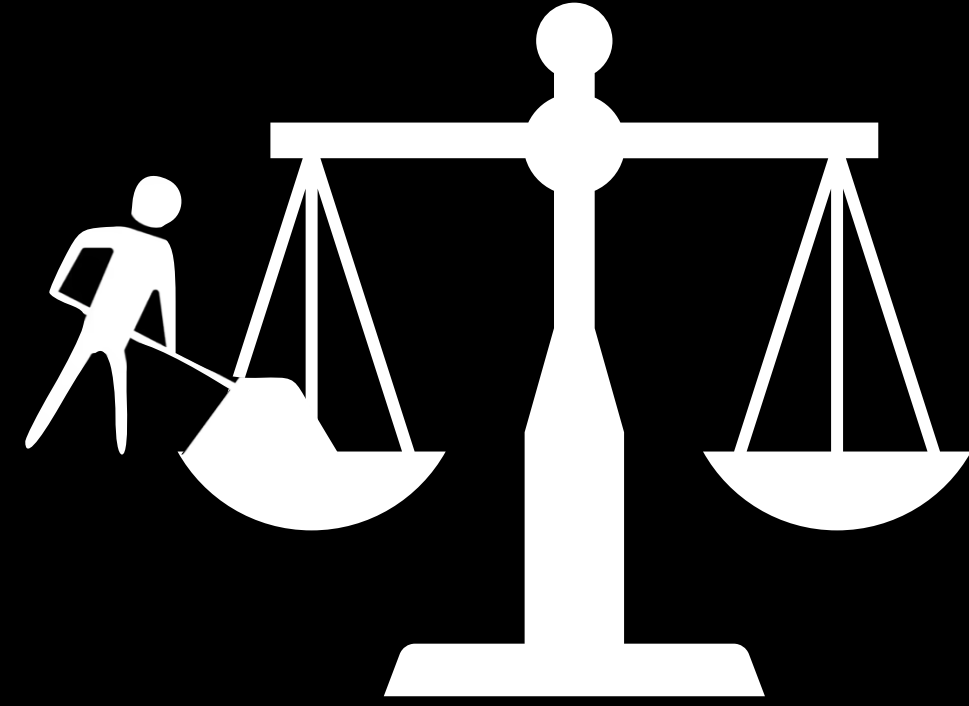
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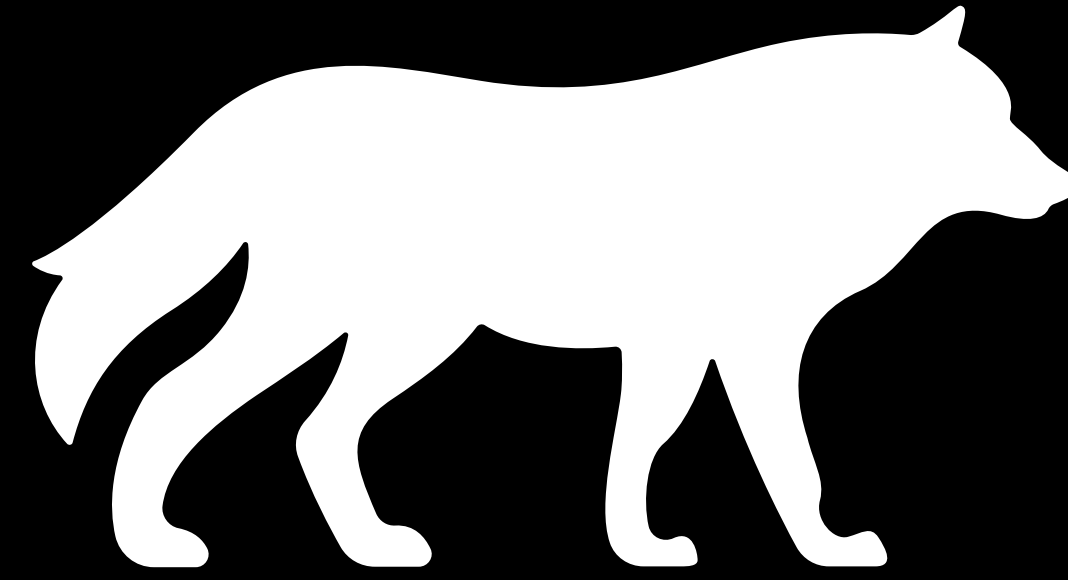
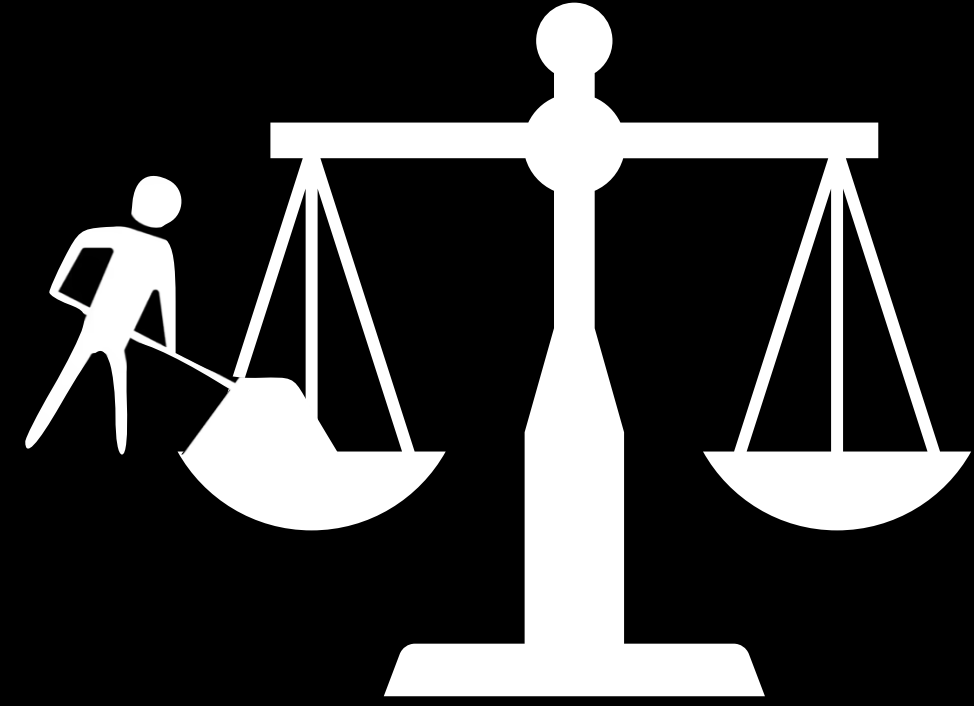
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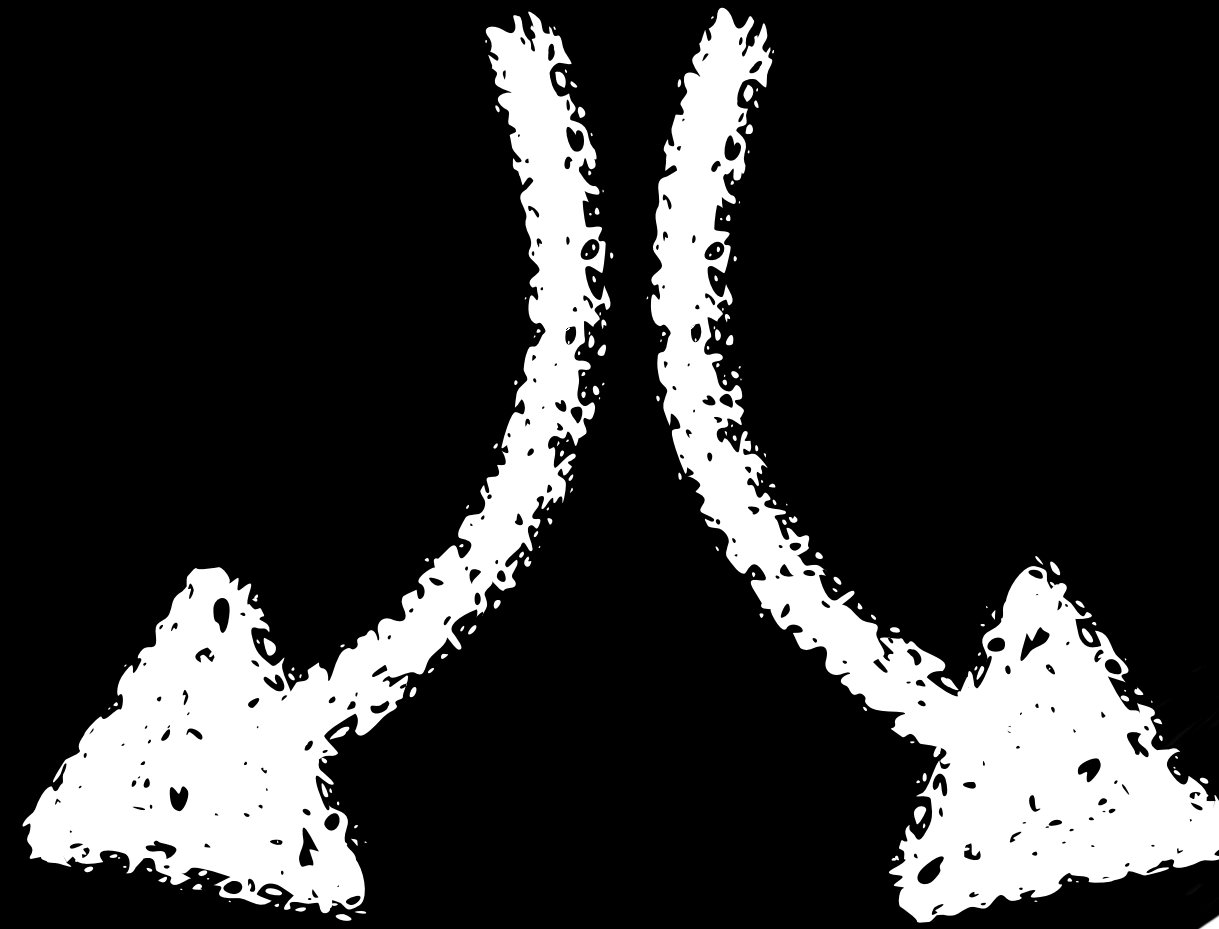


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## Historical Context

- ▶ Letter was written before the Jerusalem Council
- ▶ Jerusalem Council: Requested to resolve a rising issue in regards to circumcision, the law and salvation

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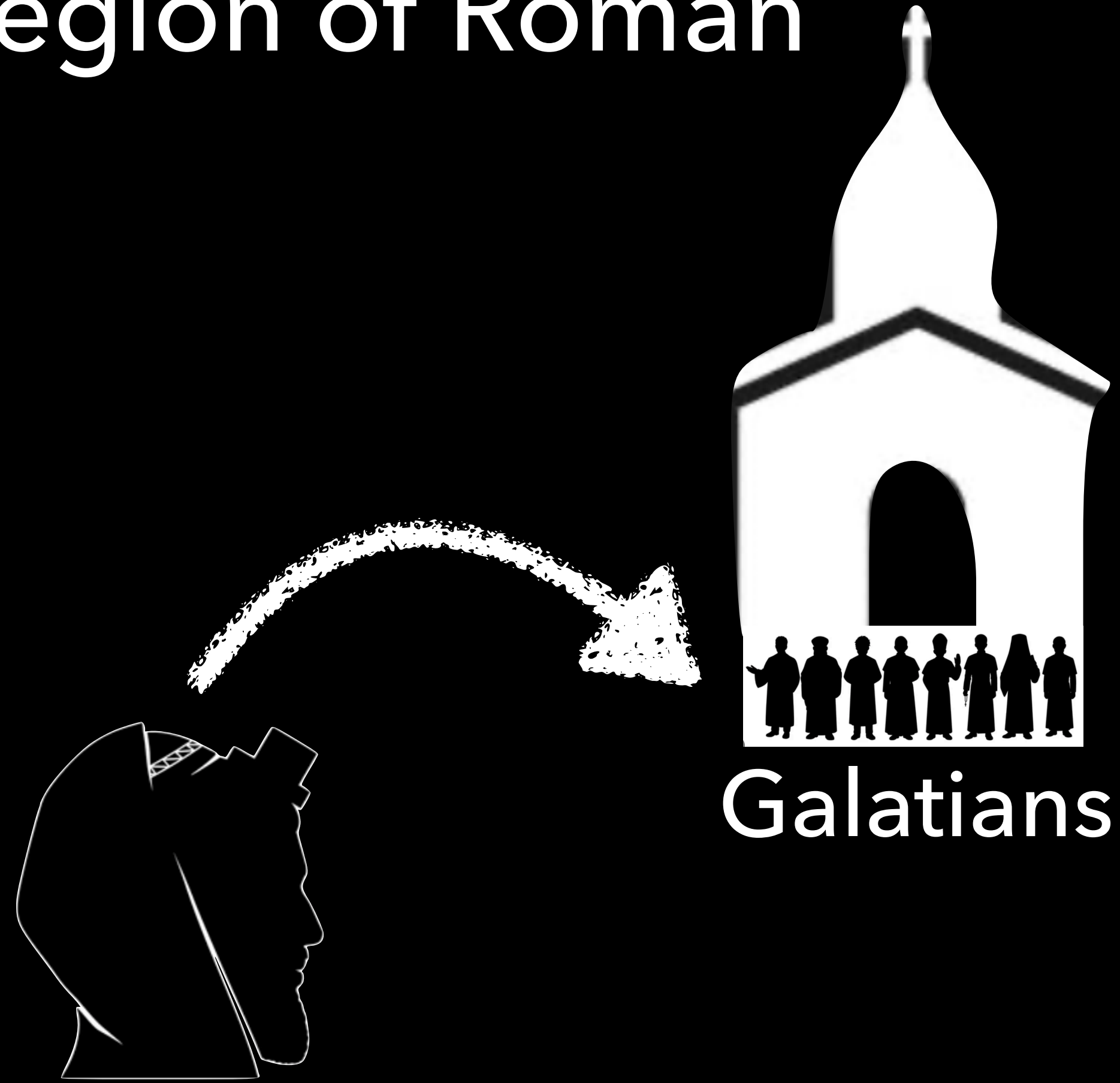


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  - ▶ Pre-requisite
  - ▶ Undermined Paul



# BACKGROUND TO GALATIANS

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- ▶ Galatians to return to the truth of the gospel
- ▶ Galatians to be warned of false teachers/deceivers amongst them

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11 But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offence of the cross has been removed.

12 I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!



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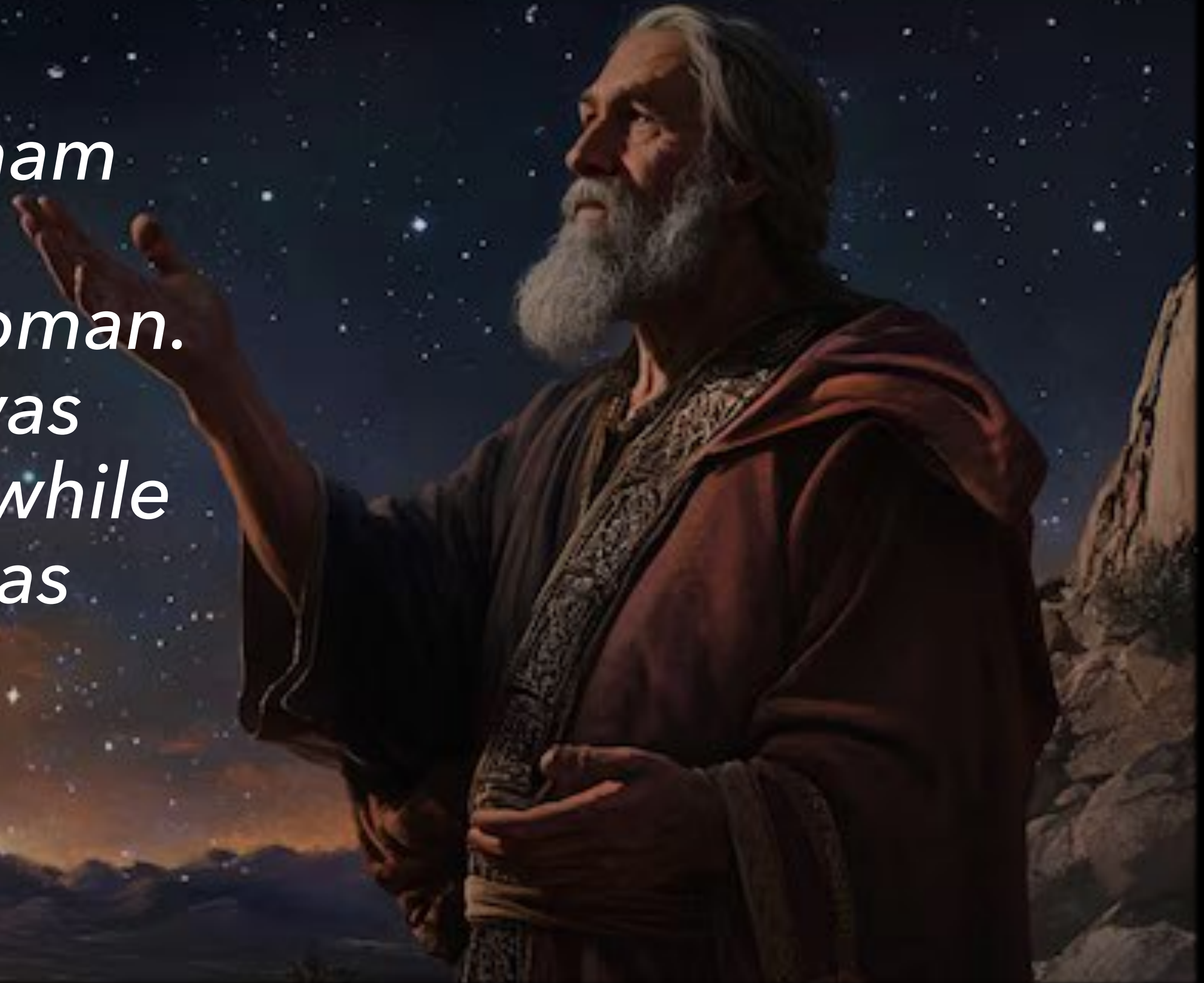
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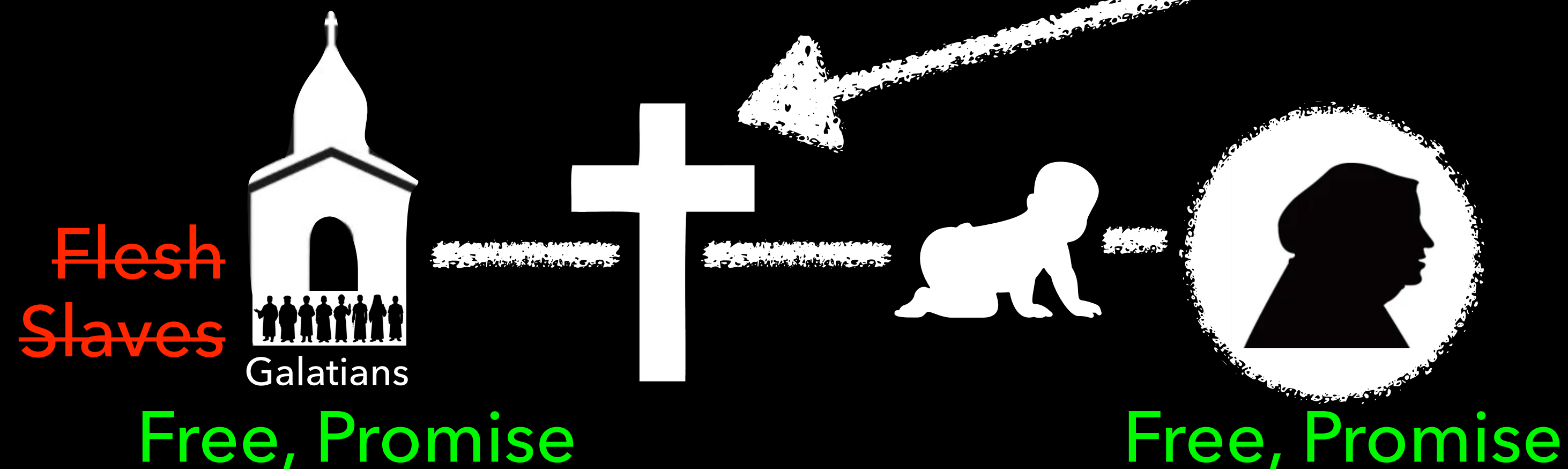
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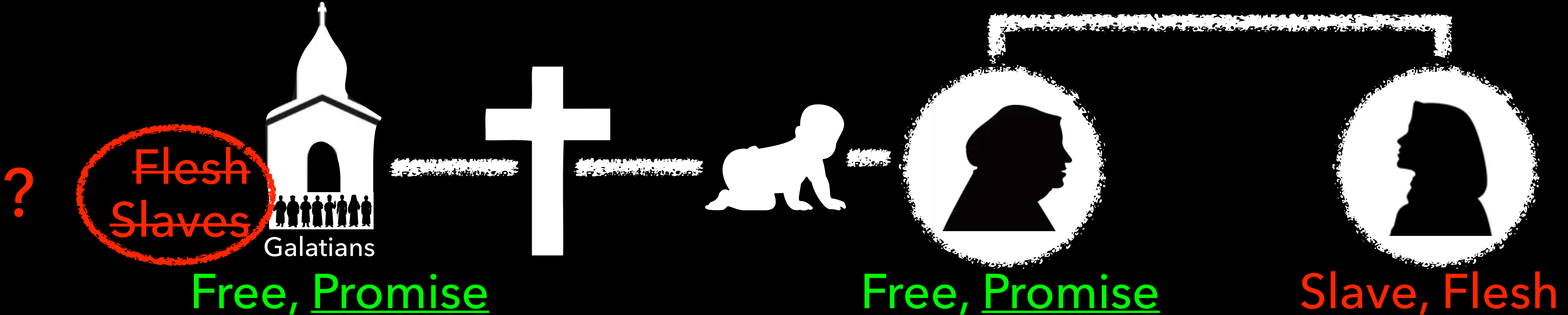


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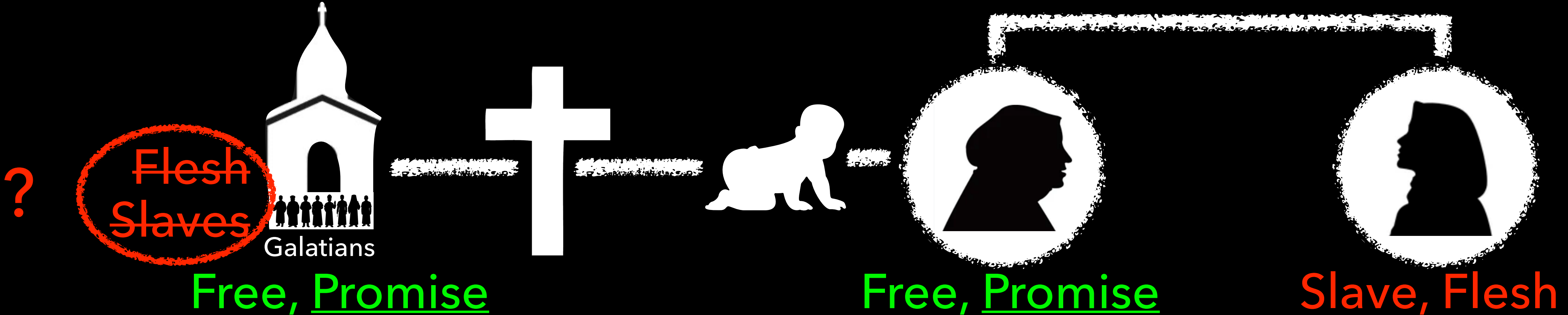


## Circumcision:

- ▶ Physical ritual of cutting of the male foreskin.
- ▶ All males in Abraham's household of 8 days old
- ▶ Sign of covenant between Abraham and God



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Flesh Slaves

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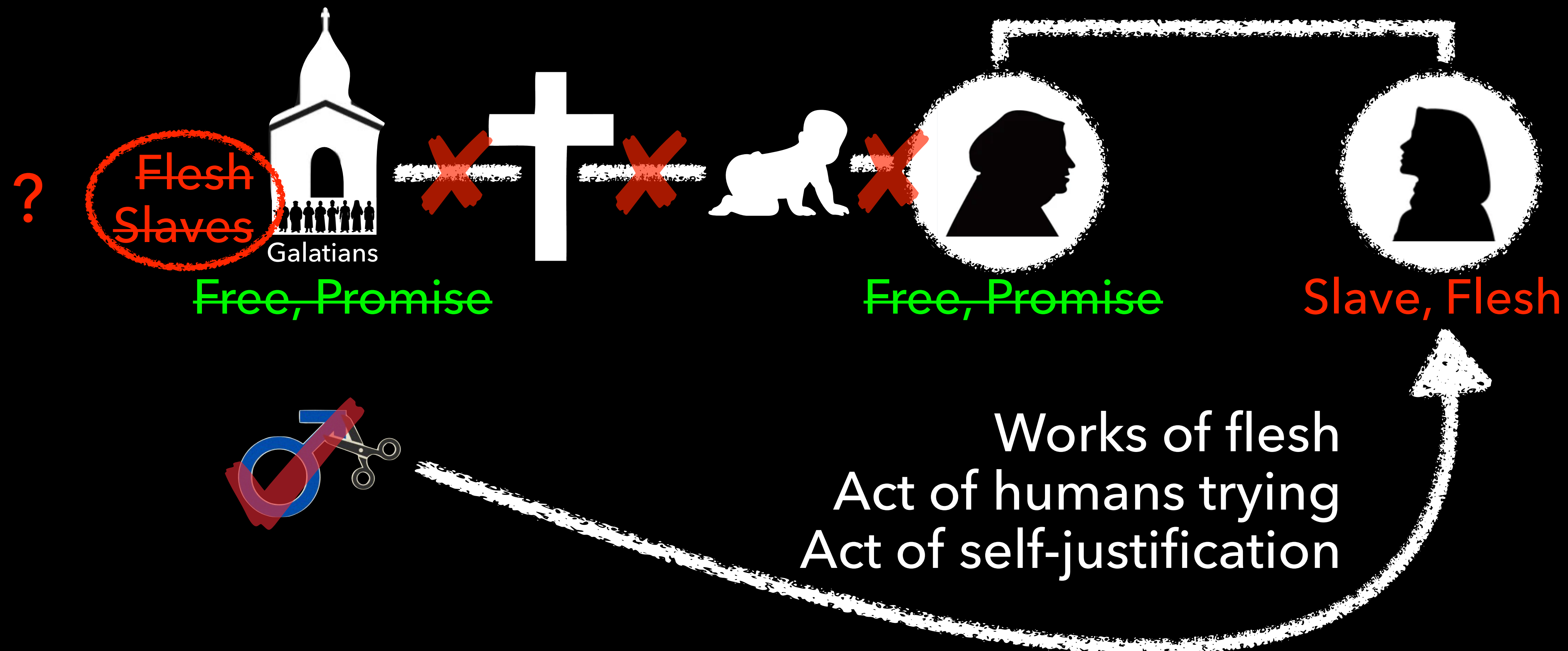


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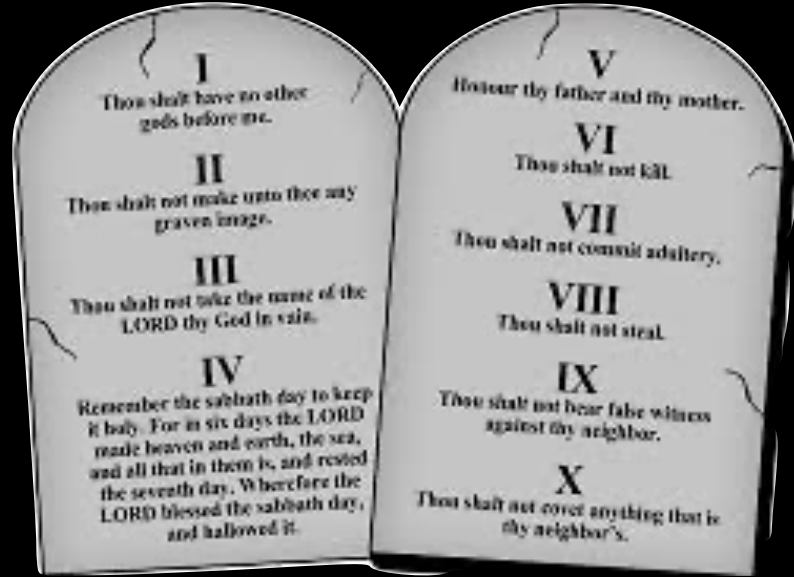
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- ▶ Law or grace (Christ). Cannot have both!

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- ▶ Strictly followed by Galatians- Jews
- ▶ Galatians-Gentiles will be forced to adopt it

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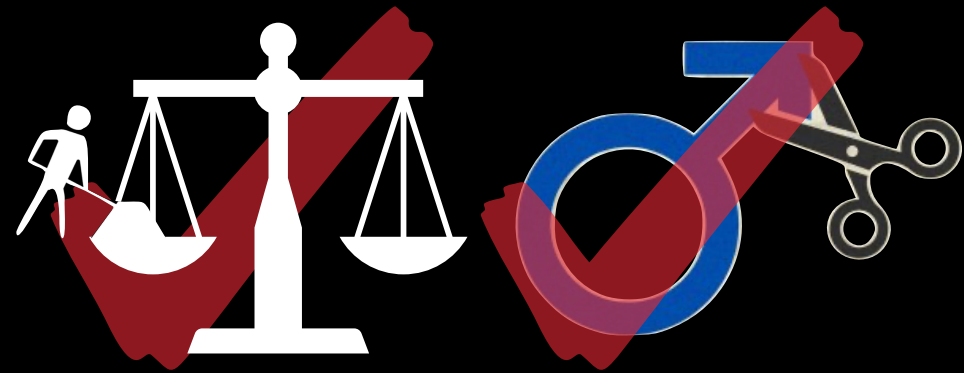
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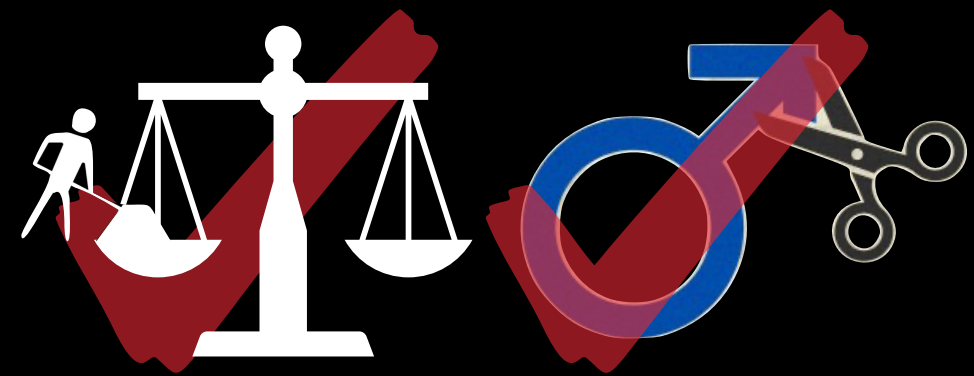
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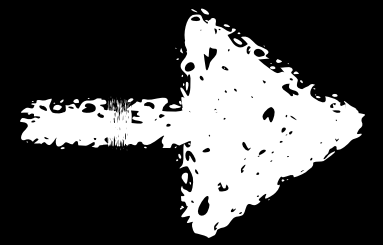
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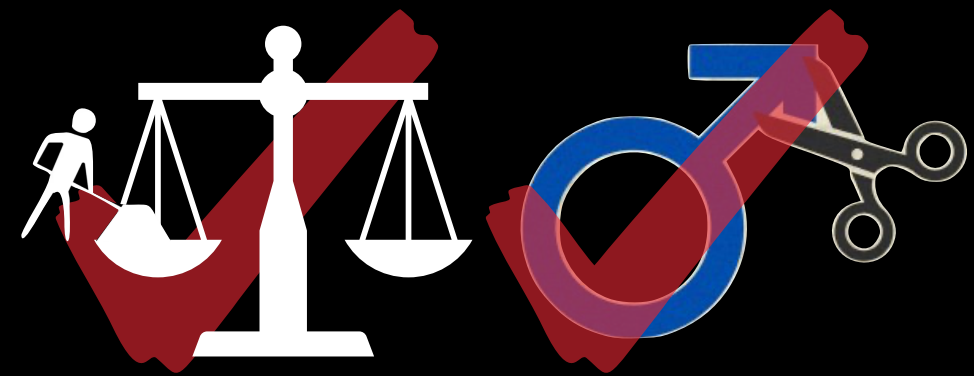
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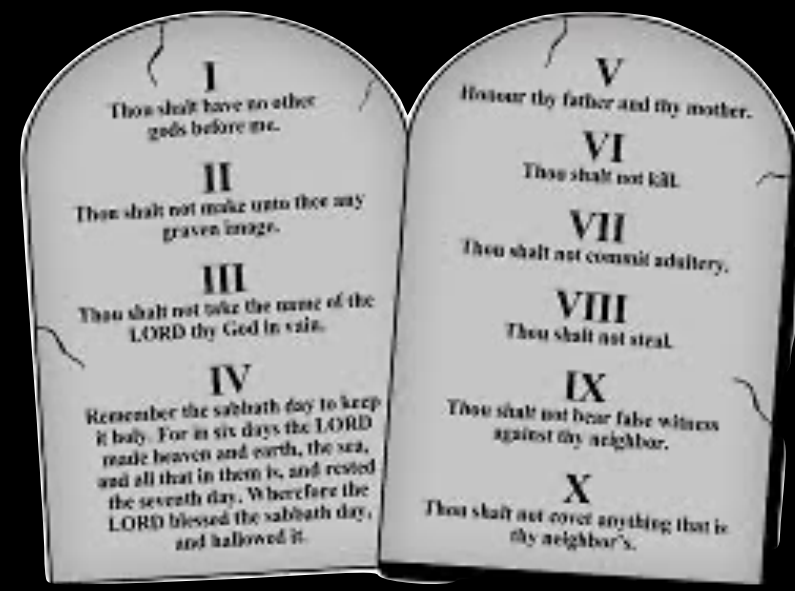
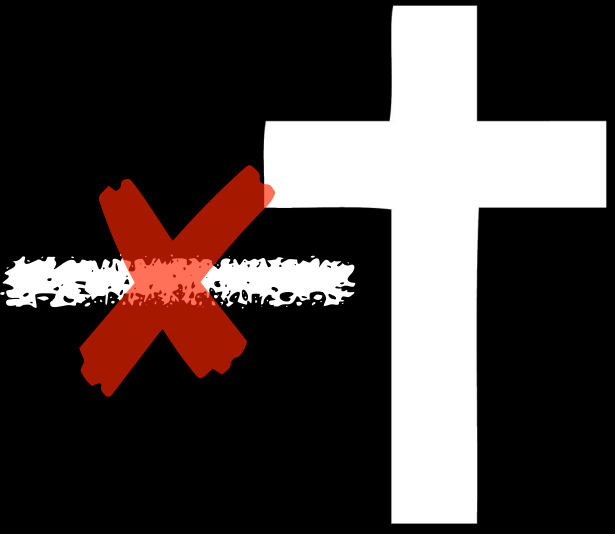
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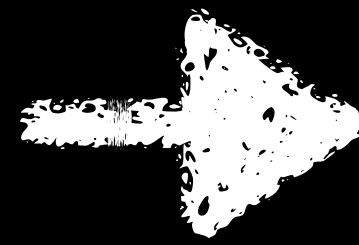
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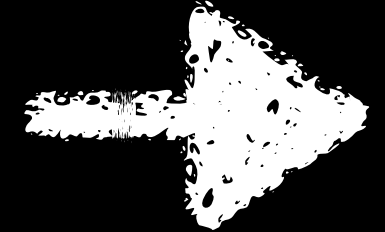
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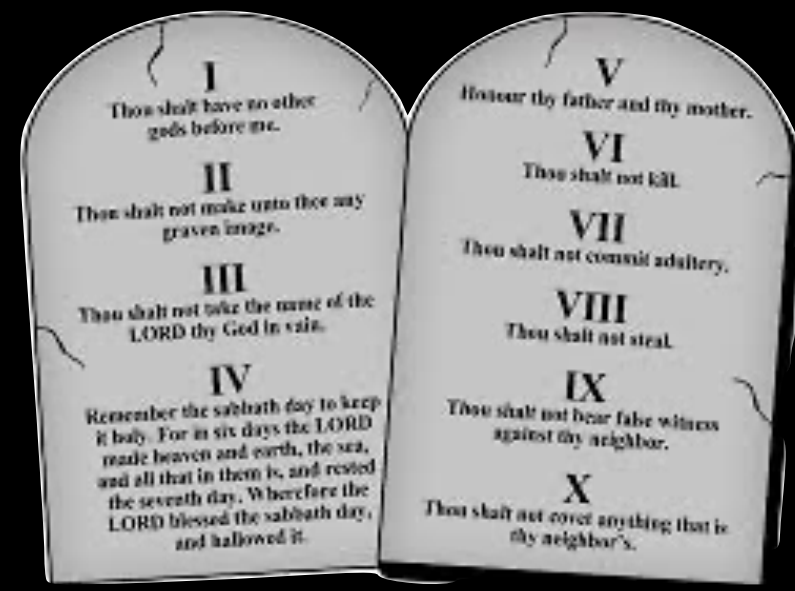
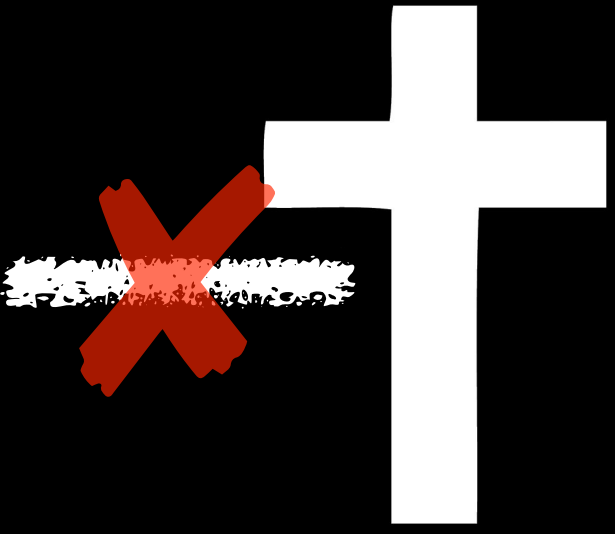
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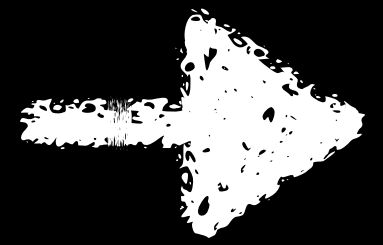
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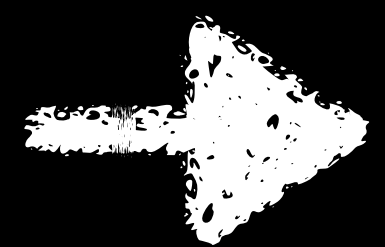
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# POINT #2 - EMBRACE The New Identity

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*salvation by grace alone*  
(5:5-6)

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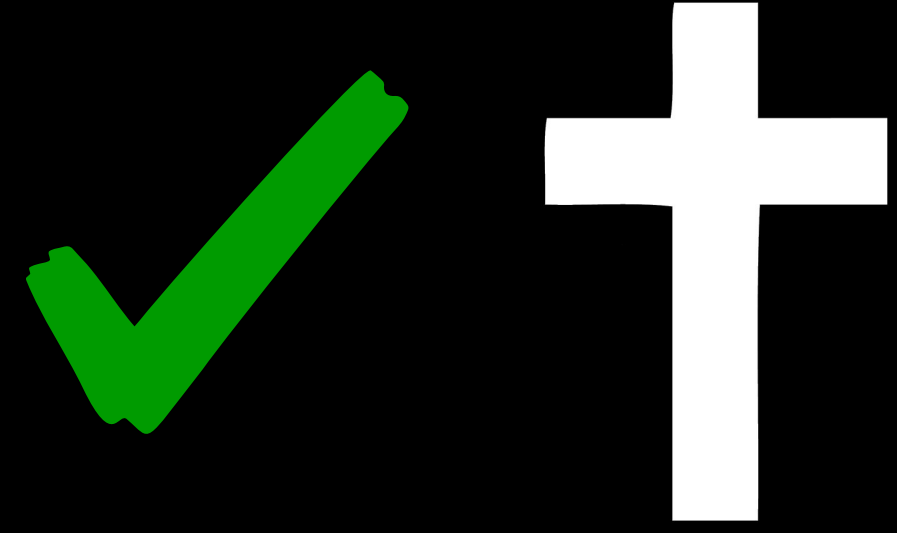
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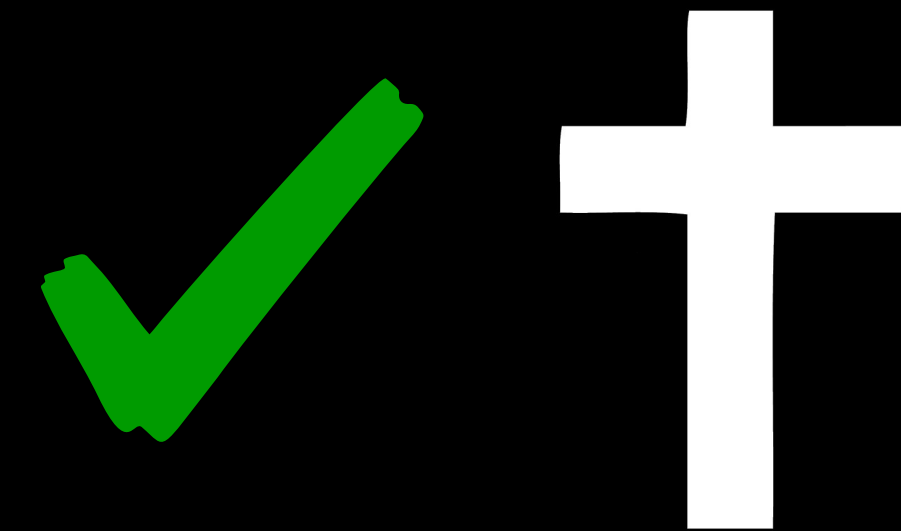
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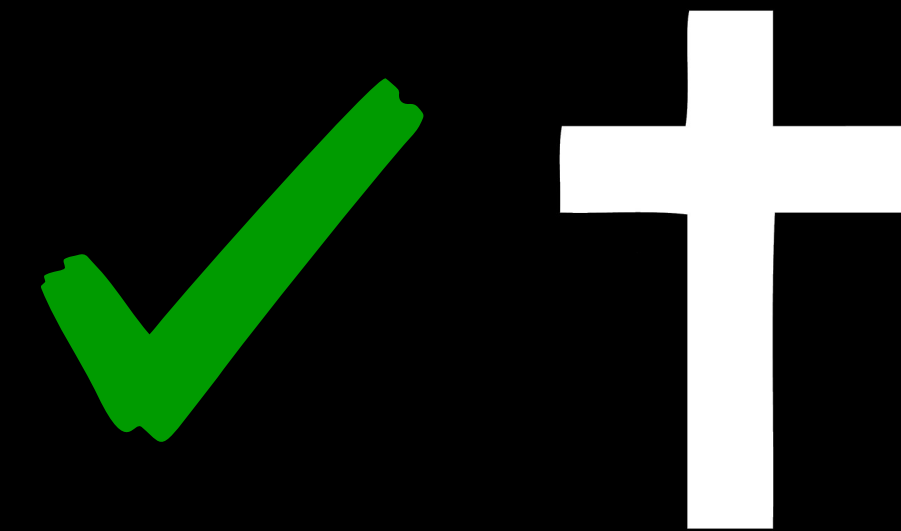


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# POINT #3 - DISCERN

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# POINT #3 - DISCERN Fallacy

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**Discern** Fallacy from teachings  
*by deceivers*  
(5:7-12)

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- ▶ Who is this? - As though they didn't know
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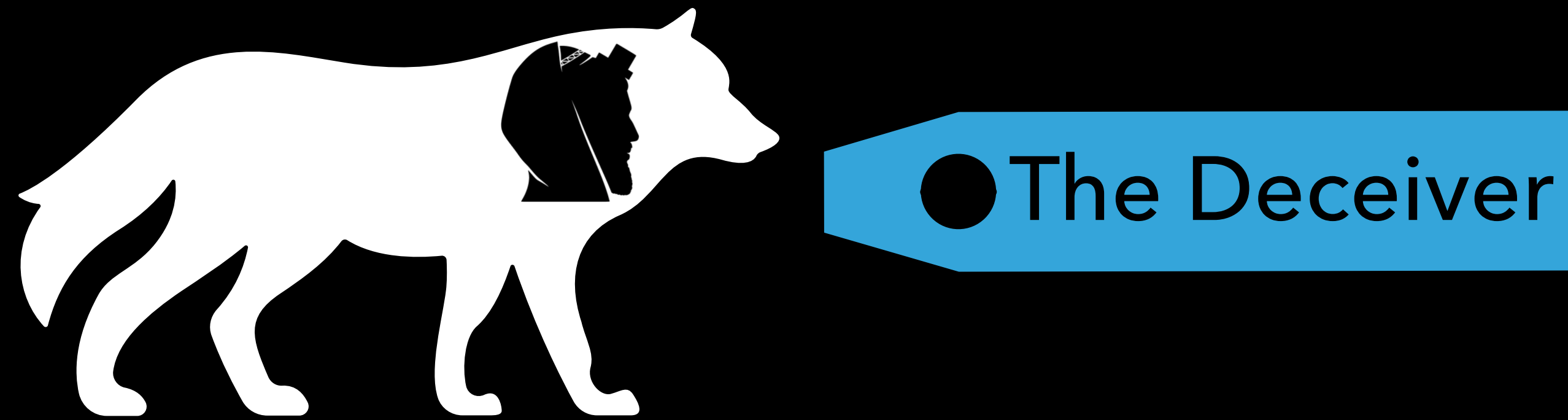
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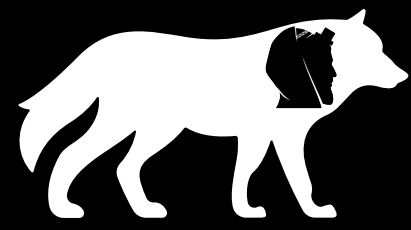
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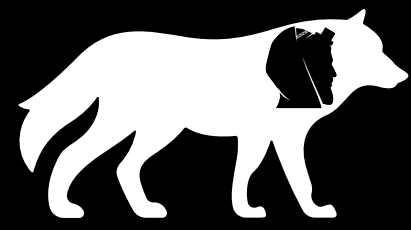


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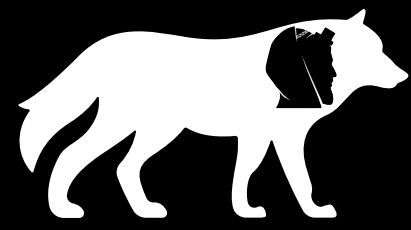


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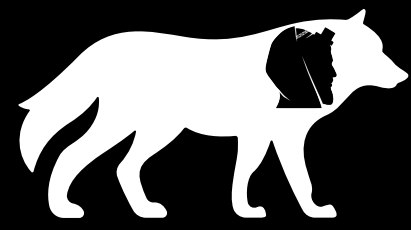


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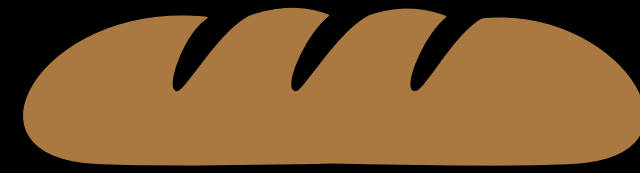
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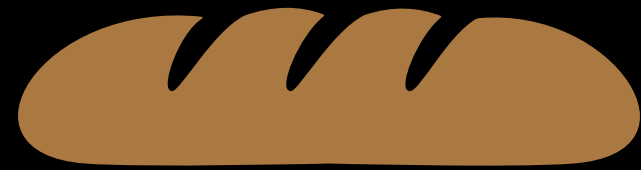


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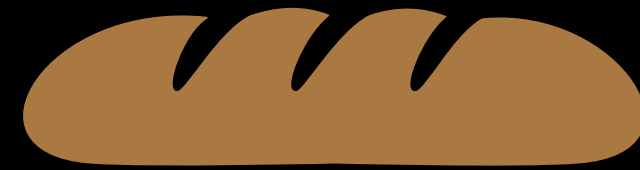


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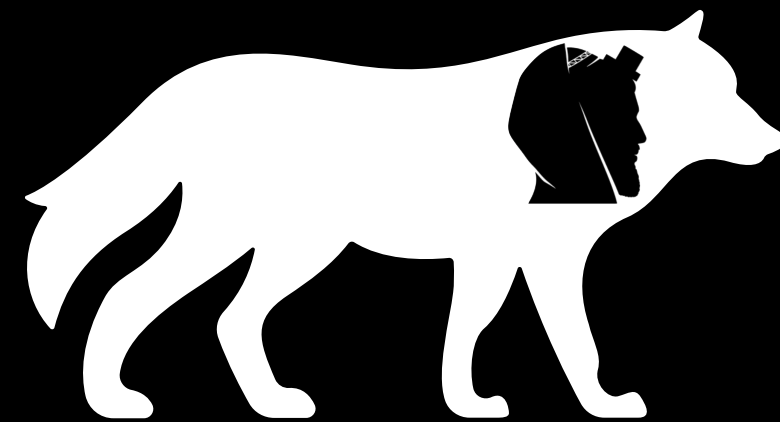
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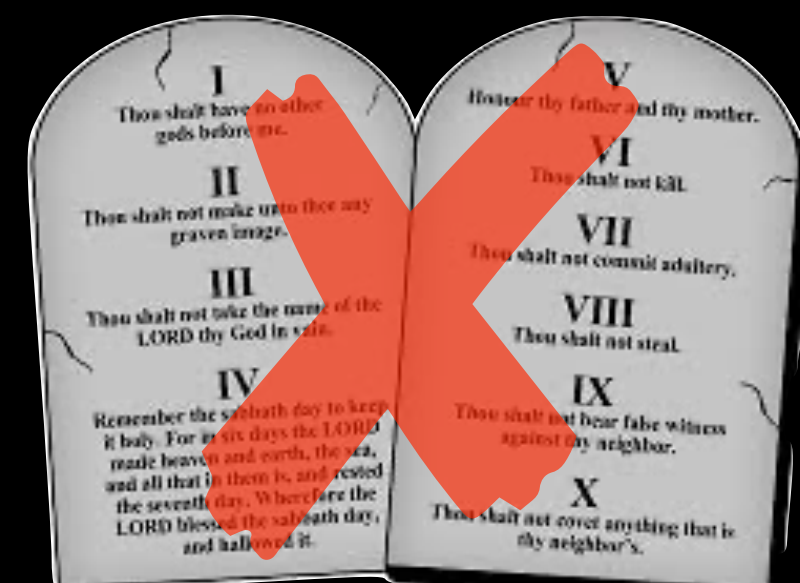
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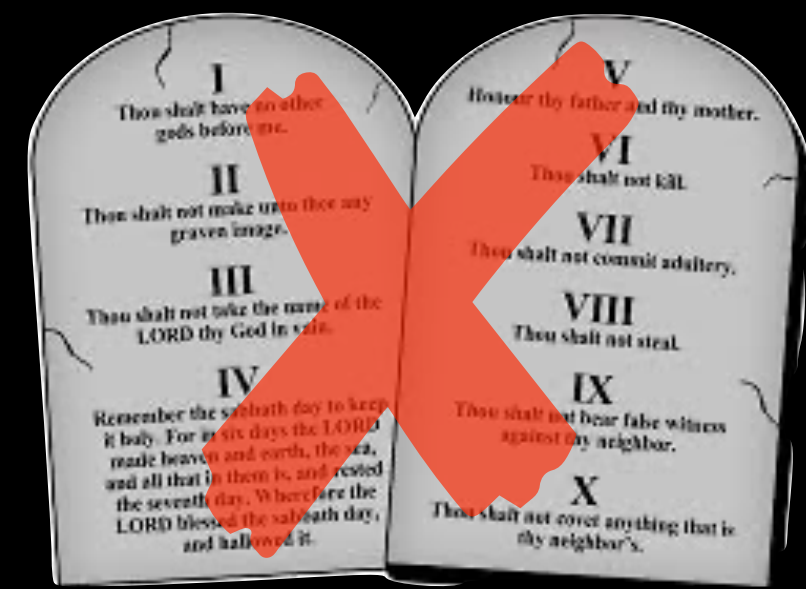
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"Why am I **being targeted** if I still believe in circumcision? This is false. My belief is in Christ and His sacrifice saved me! Not by works of men to obey the law of circumcision. The offence of the cross is still there! And this is my new identity and as expected, we are being **persecuted** by it"

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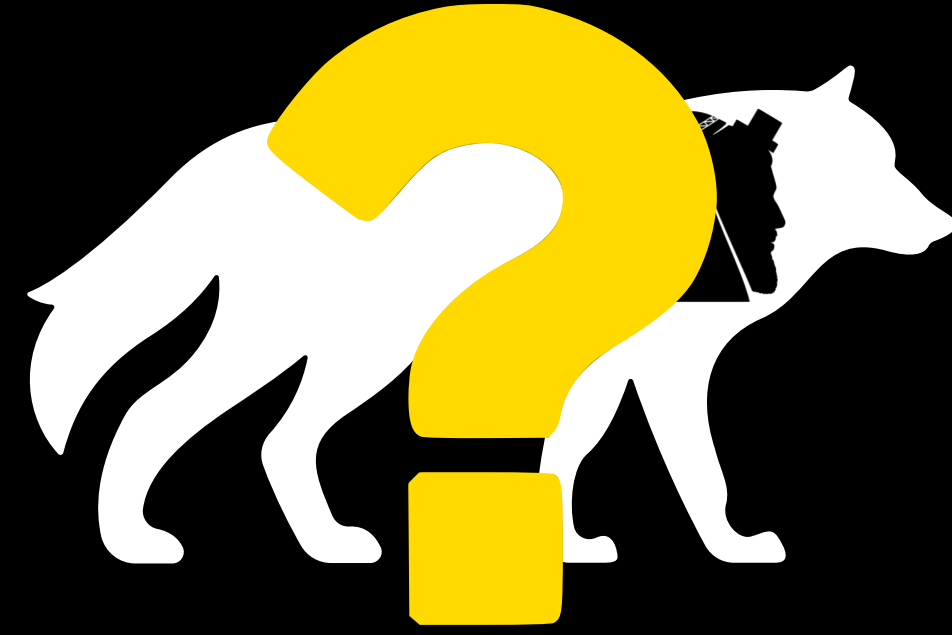
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▶ Live by faith, out to total surrender

Father	For His Grace	Nothing I can do to earn righteousness
Son	For His Sacrifice	One thing I can do and that is to preach Christ
Spirit	For His Guidance	More things to be done with the Spirit's help

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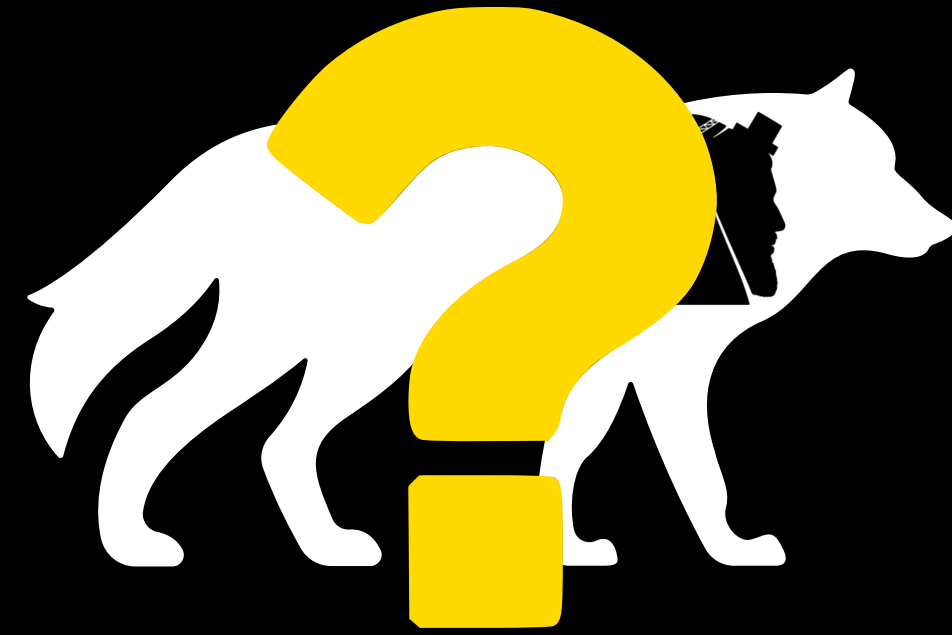
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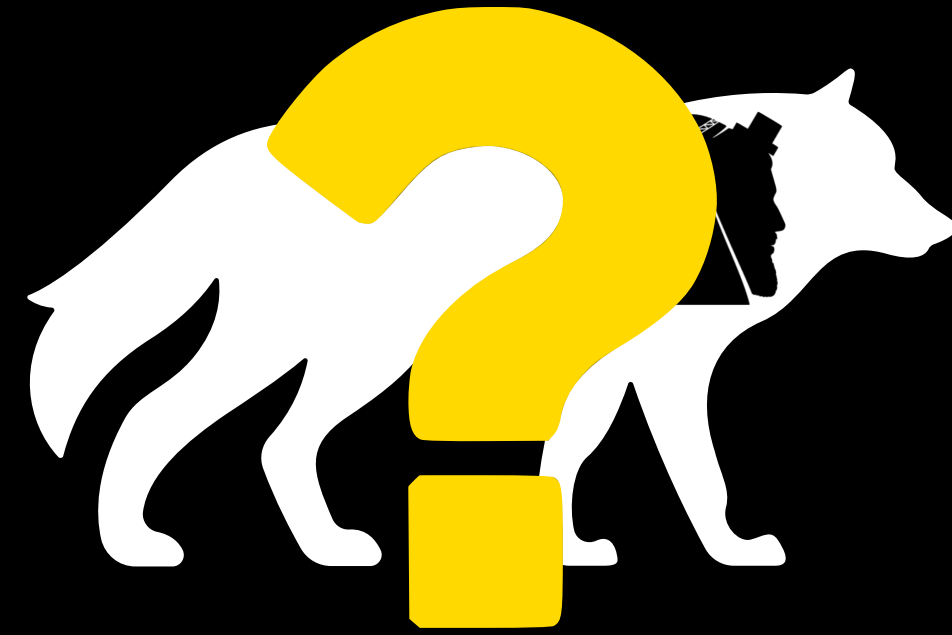


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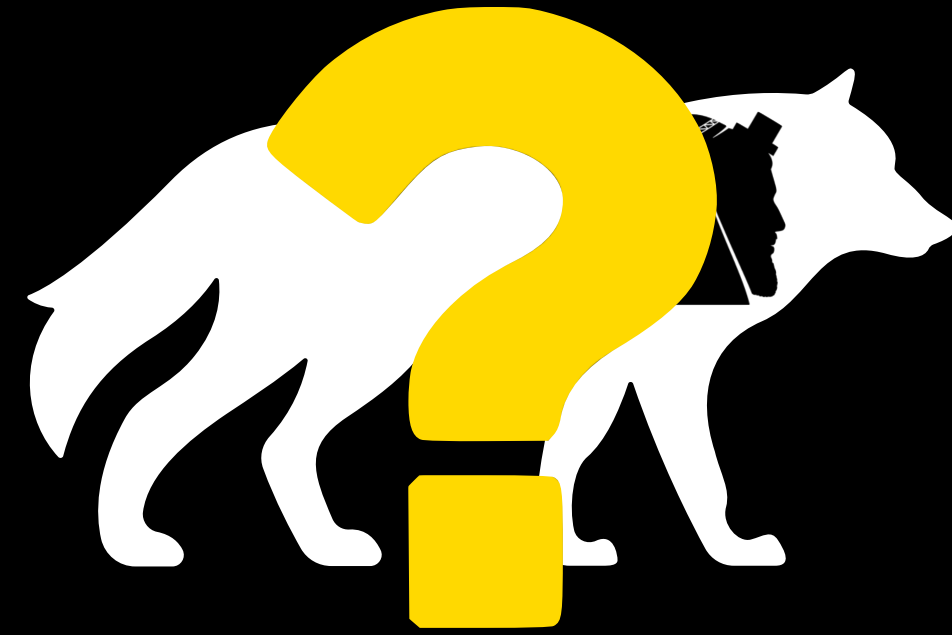


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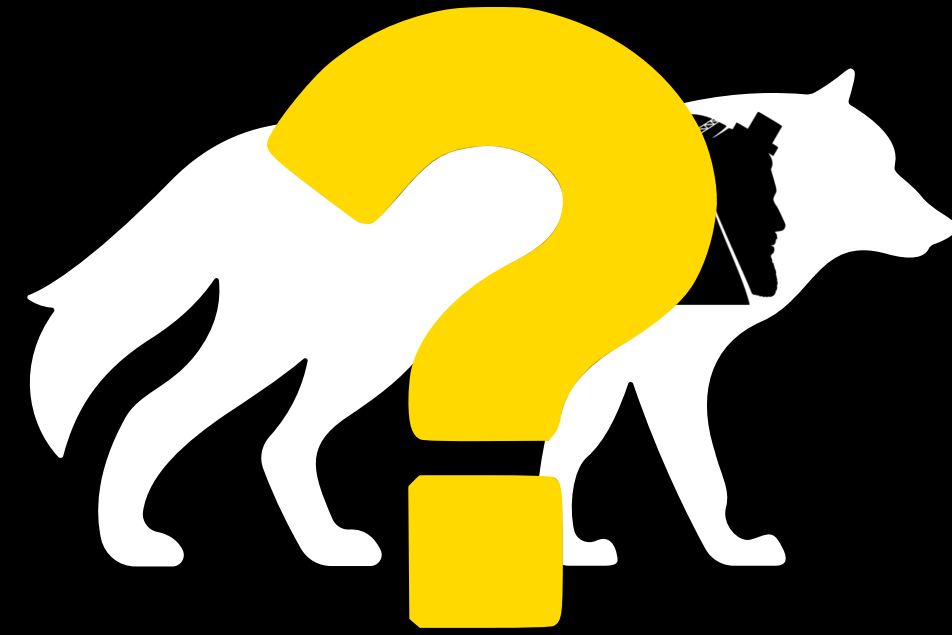


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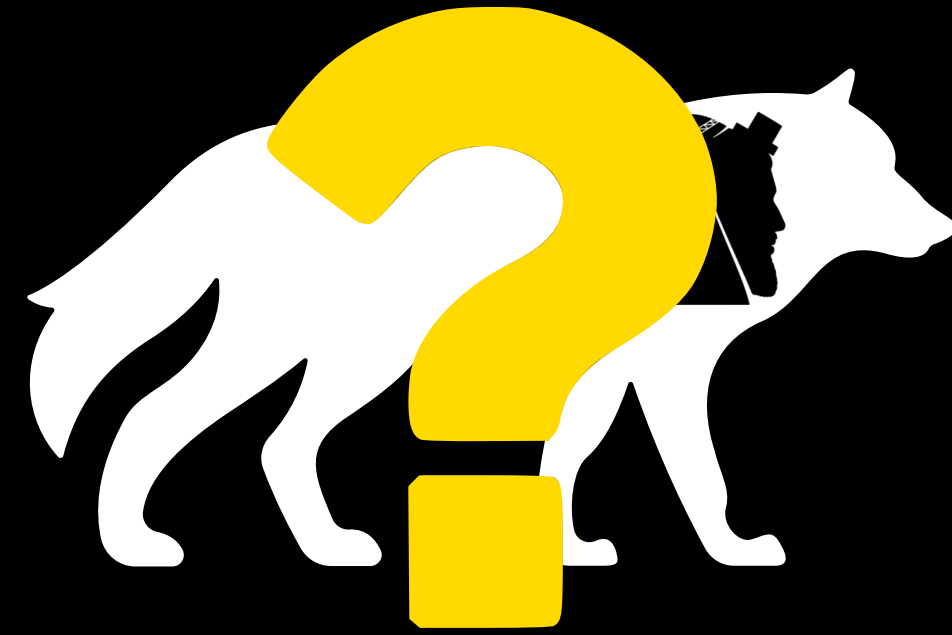


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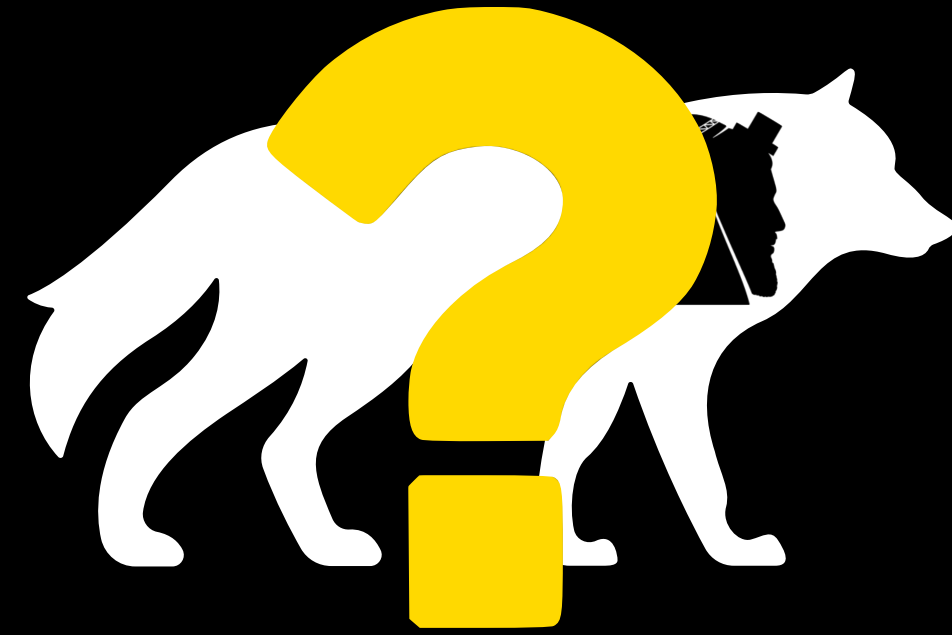


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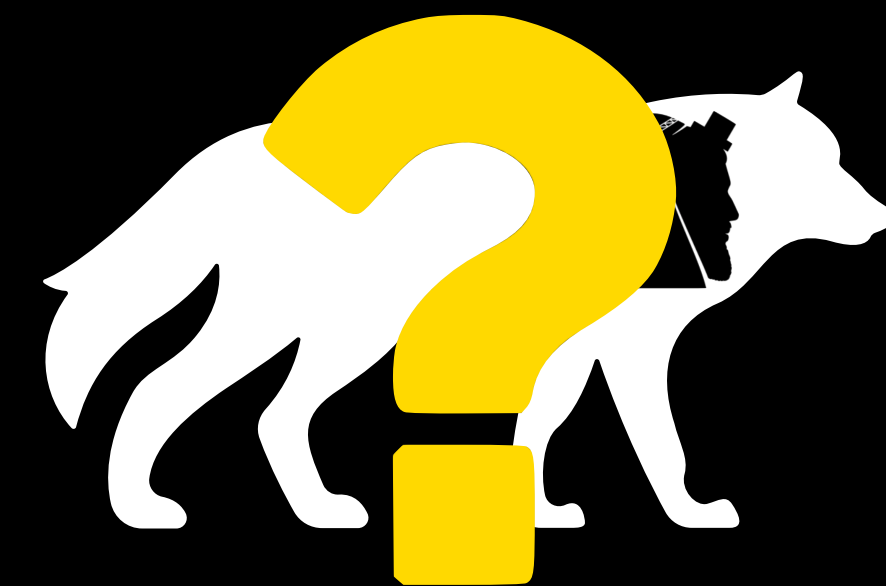
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