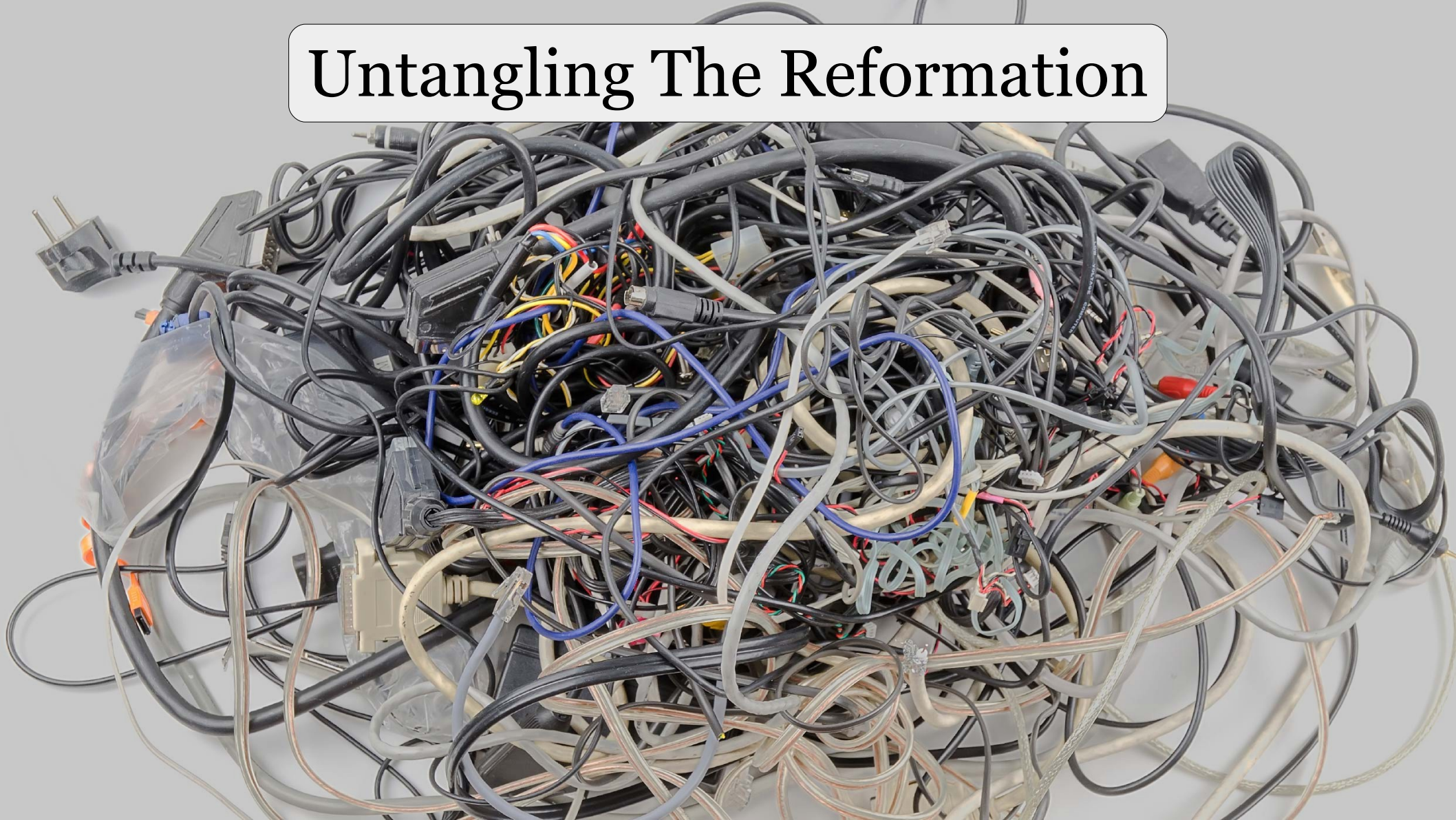


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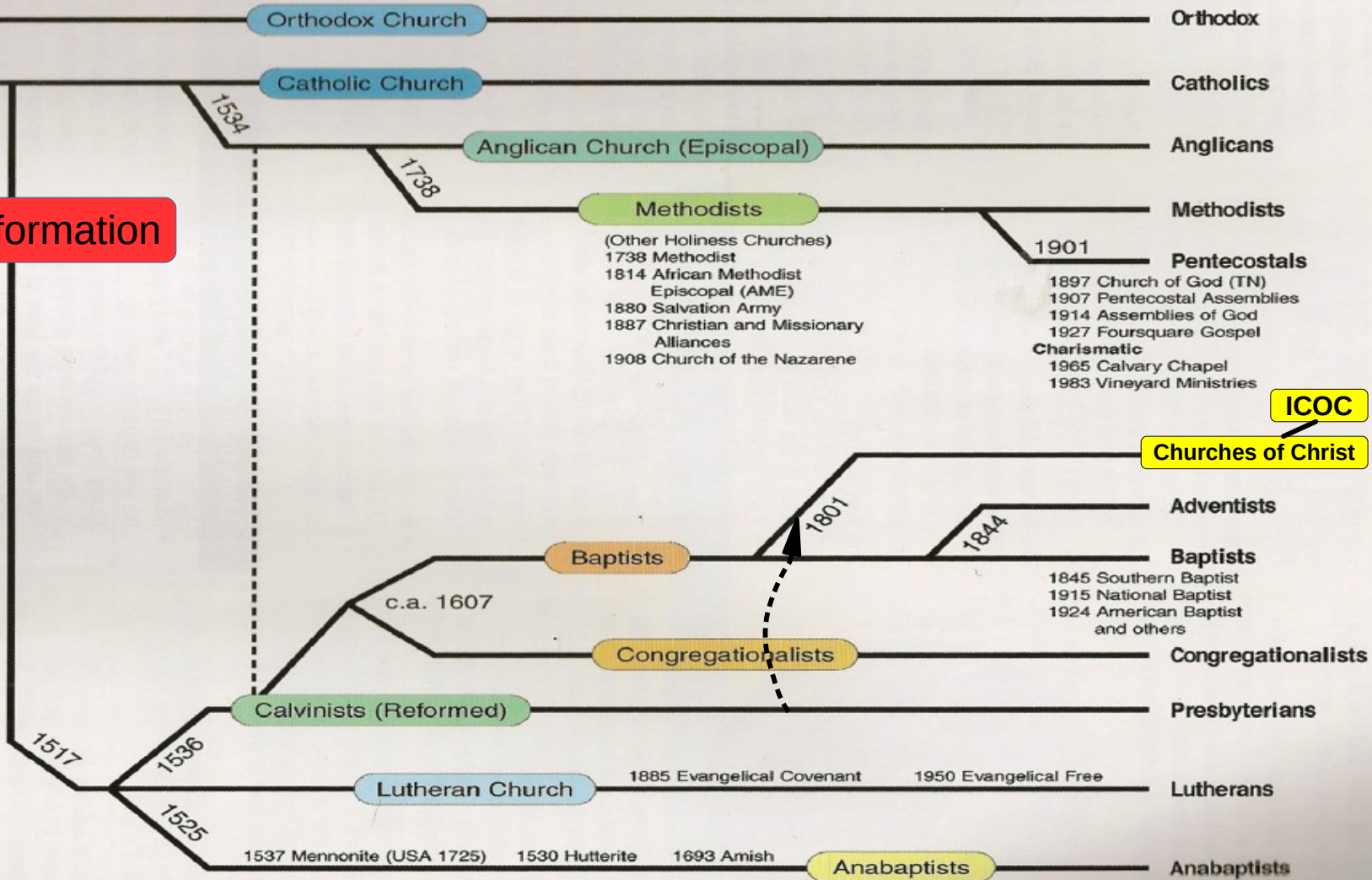


Family Tree of Denominations

The Undivided Church
Great Schism occurs
between East (Orthodox)
and West (Catholic)

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Due to space limitations,
this chart shows only a
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offshoots.



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Pendulum!

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Life in Christ

How does salvation really work?

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Justification
and
Sanctification

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Justification

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Justify

δικαιόω

dikaioō

Thayer Definition:

- 1) to render righteous or such he ought to be
- 2) to show, exhibit, evince, one to be righteous, such as he is and wishes himself to be considered
- 3) to declare, pronounce, one to be just, righteous, or such as he ought to be

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Rom 5:1 Therefore, since we have been **justified** by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

How does that happen?

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How does this apply to us?



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Rom 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

You heard the message and put your faith in it

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But we must remain in Christ

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Sanctification

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The word “sanctify” has two meanings.

1. It signifies to consecrate, to separate from earth and common use, and to devote or dedicate to God and his service.

2. It signifies to make holy or pure.

- Dr Adam Clarke, “Entire Sanctification”

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1Th 5:23 Now may the God of peace himself **sanctify** you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sanctification: an ongoing process

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As God continues to work on our sanctification

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“Completing our sanctification” (HCSB)

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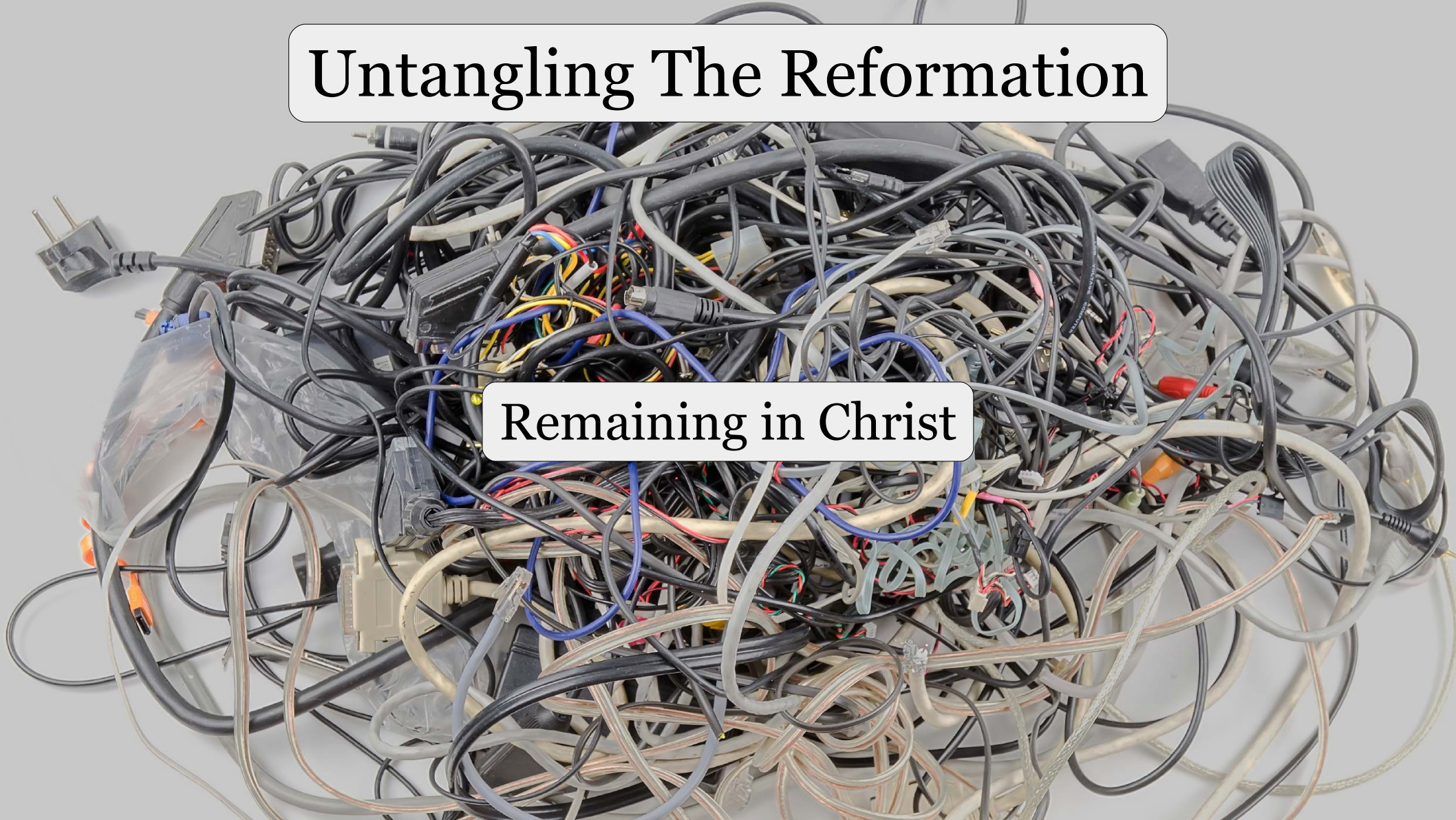


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NASB “sanctification”

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Remaining in Christ



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The Holy Spirit's part in sanctification

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2 Peter 1

Goodness
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Self control
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Our effort + the Holy Spirit's power

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Luk 17:10 So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'

We will always be unworthy. It's by grace.

Our salvation is not based upon our merit!

But we have a duty to perform.

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