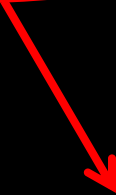


The most important issue in religion is how to come into a right relationship with God.



*Being justified (v8, 11)
Having life (v11-12)*

Two contrasting approaches to becoming right with God:

1-Human effort

“Works of the Law”

2-Divine gift

“Faith in Jesus”

Why is it that law-keeping fails to make us right with God,
but faith succeeds?

1-Why the Law is Inadequate—CURSE (10-12)

- The Law brings a curse—Deut 27:26
- The Law cannot justify
 - *It is faith that justifies—Hab 2:4*
 - *Law is not in the category of 'faith'—Lev 18:5*

2-Why Faith is Adequate—CHRIST (13-14)

- The work of Christ (13)
 - [What] Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law
 - [How] Christ became a curse for us—Deut 21:22-23
- The purpose of Christ (14)
 - So Gentiles might receive the blessing of Abraham in Christ
 - So we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith
- Our connection to Christ—through faith (14c)