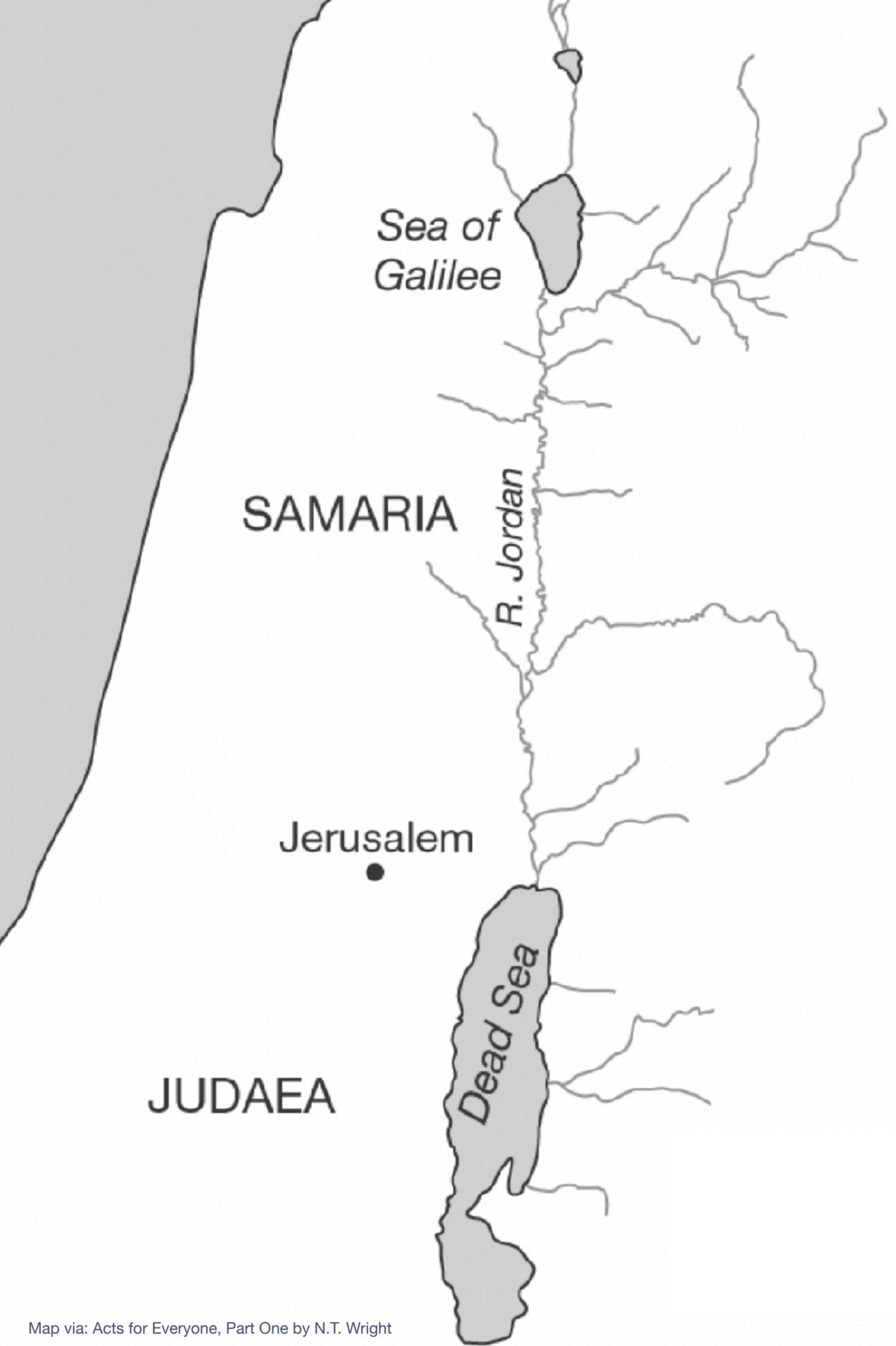


Outward Church: The Battle of the Believers

Acts 15:1-21



Acts 1:8 (ESV)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

The Battle of the Believers

Corner #1: Believing Pharisees - To be a Christian you have to become Jewish and obey the law.

The Battle of the Believers

Corner #1: Believing Pharisees - To be a Christian you have to become Jewish and obey the law.

Corner #2: Paul & Peter - Cultural identity and law-keeping won't save you. We're saved by grace.

The Battle of the Believers

Round 1) You have to become cultural Jewish and obey the law to be saved. (v1-5)

The Battle of the Believers

Galatians 2:4-5 (ESV)

4 Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery— 5 to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.

The Battle of the Believers

Galatians 2:11-12 (ESV)

11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.

12 For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party.

The Battle of the Believers

Acts 15:5 (ESV)

But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses.”

Gatekeeping is when someone takes it upon themselves to decide who does or does not have access or rights to a community or identity. - reddit

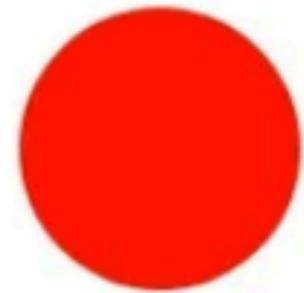


382



 **r/gatekeeping** · Posted by u/PRIC3L3SS1 3 days ago

Sorry, only doctors and surgeons can save lives...

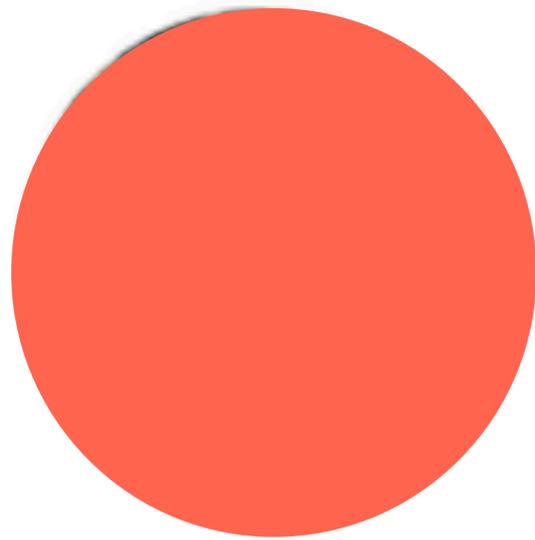



 saving lives? What kind of nurse are you. Are you a surgeons assistant? Not quite sure how YOU save lives.

52



Gatekeeping coffee temperatures



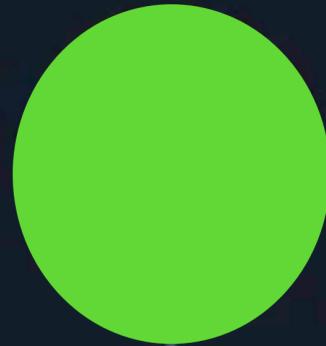
[Redacted name] ✓

@ [Redacted handle]

Hot Coffee is the only way to drink Coffee, not warm, not cold and definitely NOT iced.



Tweet



[Redacted]

15h

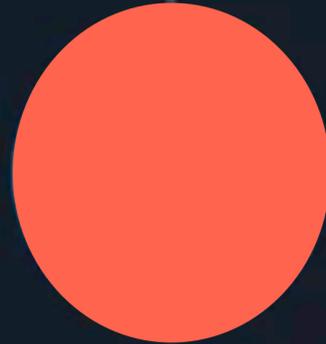


Congratulations to anyone who read a book this year

530

4,311

58.9K



[Redacted]; @ [Redacted] · 10h



How about 29 ? And not two dozen 200-300 pp large font flavor of the month feel-good quickies. I'm talking about Robert Caro Lyndon Johnson deep dive biography, "A Promised Land" Obama Vol 1, Robert Dallek's Kennedy An Unfinished Life ...But of course I encourage any reading.

↑
75
↓

 **r/gatekeeping** · Posted by u/Pac_attacc 1 day ago

The OGs



 6 Comments  Share  Save  Hide  Report

97% Upvoted

Do we ever “gatekeep” Christianity?

The Battle of the Believers

Round 1) You have to become cultural Jewish and obey the law to be saved. (v1-5)

Round 2) We are not saved by cultural identity or by works but by God's grace. (v6-11)

The Battle of the Believers

Acts 10:11 (ESV)

11 But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

The Battle of the Believers

Galatians 2:16 (ESV)

yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

The Battle of the Believers

Round 1) You have to become cultural Jewish and obey the law to be saved. (v1-5)

Round 2) We are not saved by cultural identity or by works but by God's grace. (v6-11)

Round 3) God always planned to save the Gentiles by faith. (v12-21)

The Battle of the Believers

Acts 15:13b-15 (ESV)

“Brothers, listen to me. 14 Simeon (Peter’s Jewish name) has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. 15 And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written, ...

The Battle of the Believers

Acts 15:16-17 (ESV)

16 “After this I will return,
and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen;
I will rebuild its ruins,
and I will restore it,
17 that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord,
and all the Gentiles who are called by my name,
says the Lord, who makes these things known from
of old.’

Grace Wins