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*Jeremy & Carri  
Mikkelsen*



*Autumn,  
Elliot, &  
Savannah*

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**San Francisco 1890**

Pacific Saloon

Free Lunch 11-2



**There ain't  
no such  
thing as a  
free lunch**





## **San Francisco Municipal Record, February 28, 1918**

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of selling spiritous, malt or fermented liquors or wines or any admixture thereof in less quantities than one quart or to whom has been issued a Retail Liquor Dealer's License by the Tax Collector of the City and County of San Francisco, to set up, maintain, conduct or carry any lunch counter, table, sideboard, buffet or other device whereon are kept, served, furnished, distributed or consumed any meals, parts of meals or articles of food for the free use of or gratuitous distribution to patrons of any such business."

*American Wisdom vs. Bible*

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## *John 6:5-6*

So Jesus, after raising His eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming to Him, said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread so that these people may eat?"

But He was saying this only to test him, for He Himself knew what He intended to do.

*John 6:7*

**Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not enough for them, for each to receive just a little!"**

## *John 6:8-9*

One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what are these for so many people?"

## *John 6:10*

Jesus said, "Have the people recline to eat."  
Now there was plenty of grass in the place.  
So the men reclined, about five thousand  
in number.

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*Free lunches get attention*

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**Wait... is that actually true?!**

**When we apply principles of human economy to God we can end up in a twisted place.**

**For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
So are My ways higher than your ways,  
And My thoughts than your thoughts.**

**Isaiah 55:9**

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**Bible: Believe the gospel!**

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# *American Syncretism*

The background features a dark blue field with scattered red and yellow speckles. On the right side, there are large, expressive brushstrokes in red and yellow, creating a sense of movement and depth.

**Syncretism is the practice  
of combining different  
beliefs and various schools  
of thought.**



*Mixing two systems of thinking.*



**Mixing two systems of thinking.**




**Works**



**Faith**

*How does someone receive eternal life?*

**Mixing two systems of thinking.**



**Faith  
+ Works**

*How does someone receive eternal life?*

# Mixing two systems of thinking.

It is not enough  
to believe in  
Jesus, you've  
got to commit  
to make Jesus  
Lord and...



Not only do  
you have to  
believe, you  
need to be  
baptized  
or...

# Mixing two systems of thinking.

If you don't  
persevere in  
good works  
you cannot  
be saved.



If you don't  
have good  
works then  
obviously you  
don't actually  
have saving  
faith.

Mixing two systems of thinking.

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# What are the implications?



**Works**



**Faith  
+ Works**



**Faith**




# Is Jesus sufficient?



Works

No.



Faith  
+ Works

Yes,  
uh.. sort of.



Faith


Yes.

# Did Jesus pay it all?



Works

No.



Faith  
+ Works

Yes, but you  
need to pay too.




Faith

Yes.



**Works**

**Earn**



**Faith  
+ Works**

**Keep  
Prove**



**Faith**

**Received  
Secured  
Assured**

**Now to the one who works, the wages are not credited as a favor, but as what is due. But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness**

**Romans 4:4-5**

**But if it is by grace, it is no longer  
on the basis of works, since  
otherwise grace is no longer grace.**

**Romans 11:6**

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*So what?*

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*To the skeptic & searching:*

*Accept the gift!*



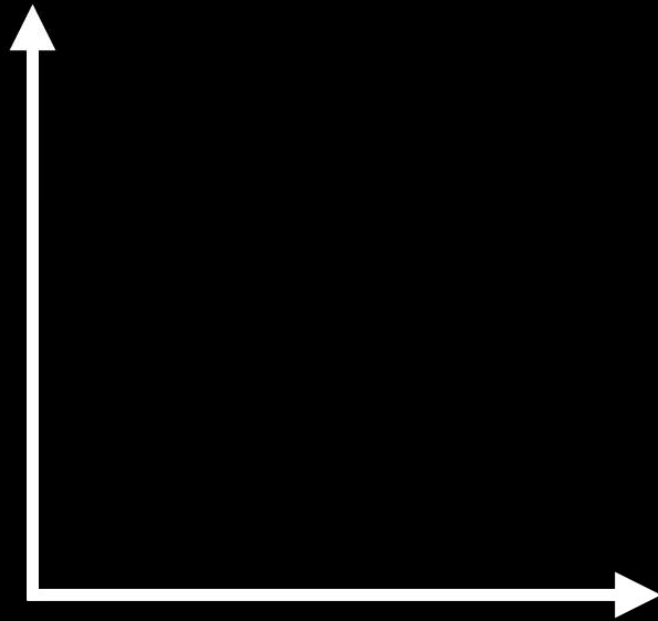


*To the believer:*

*Rest in knowing that  
Jesus is enough!*



*God*  
Requires faith



**People**  
Require works

**For if Abraham was justified by works,  
he has something to boast about,  
but not before God.**

**Romans 4:2**

Recognize different  
economies don't mix.

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**And He said to them, “When I sent you out without money belt and bag and sandals, you did not lack anything, did you?” They said, “No, nothing.” And He said to them, “But now, whoever has a money belt is to take it along, likewise also a bag, and whoever has no sword is to sell his cloak and buy one.**

**Luke 22:35-36**

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