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**FOR YE ARE ALL THE CHILDREN OF GOD BY FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS.**

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SCRIPTURE READING: **GALATIANS 3:26-29, 4:1-5**

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## 1. BACKGROUND

Refer to the evening message April 11, 2021

## 2. INTRODUCTION

- a. In the book of **Revelation**, as we explore the church of Philadelphia, we found out that there were three distinctive that stood out in this church.
- b. As a result of these distinctive it drew no condemnation from our Lord Jesus Christ.
  1. The Preserved Word of God was the central focus.
  2. The Deity of Christ was believed and acted upon.
  3. Justification by faith was a principle doctrine that was practiced and believed.
- c. Today we want to explore the all-important subject of justification by faith.
- d. The question arises from time to time, as men tamper with the Preserved Word of God, are we saved by grace plus nothing minus nothing, or are we being saved which indicates that our works are a part of the salvation process? Let us analyze two of the new versions of the Bible and compare it to the Preserved Word of God. KJB - **1 Corinthians 1:18, For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.** NKJV – 1 Corinthians 1:18, **For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.** NIV – 1 Corinthians 1:18, **For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. **One must conclude there is a serious doctrinal error with respect to salvation.**** Is it of God or does it depend on the actions of man? **Acts 4:12, Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**
- e. As we explore the book of **Galatians**, we will find that it was written for the specific purpose to avoid confusion. To establish the fact that by grace we are saved through faith and not of ourselves. **Ephesians 2:8-9, For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9, Not of works, lest any man should boast.**
- f. The apostle Paul is very dogmatic about that. He is going to expose his heart and mind to us about this issue.
- g. As we know, his revelation was given to him directly from the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Galatians 1:12, For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

- h. He did not learn this doctrine from men, neither was it given by men, but directly from the Saviour of the universe.
- i. As we come to **chapter 4**, we continue to see justification by faith in action.
- j. It is very necessary we understand that when we come to know Christ as Saviour, He brings us into the family of God and gives us a position of a full-grown son.
- k. It is true that we are babes in Christ, but our position is of a full-grown son and because of that we can understand spiritual truths. **John 1:12, But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Ephesians 1:18, The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,**
- l. If we were to look at the early church at Jerusalem, we would find that it was largely made up of Jews, who in some way, believed that the Mosaic Law should be a part of the salvation process.
- m. As we analyze this, I would ask those of you who know Christ as Saviour, to make sure that your faith is not misplaced. **2 Corinthians 13:5, Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?**
- n. Our faith is to be only in the Lord Jesus and His shed blood.
- o. We cannot do anything to improve upon the salvation process; it is how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures. **1 Corinthians 15:3-4, For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4, And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:**
- p. This is the most important element for us to see and embrace.
- q. When we add anything to the salvation process, it is an abomination to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He plainly tells us that we are saved by grace through faith. **Ephesians 2:8-9, For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9, Not of works, lest any man should boast.**
- r. With that introduction, let us see what we can glean from His precious Word today.

### **3. NINE POINTS TO THE MESSAGE**

#### **a. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.**

- 1. **Galatians 3:26, For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.**
- 2. Paul reminds us of some benefits that come by trusting in Christ.
- 3. Salvation is not an ongoing process it is instantaneous; however, we must understand that the law could never give us a new nature.
- 4. **2 Peter 1:4, Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**
- 5. That divine nature comes because of accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. At that very moment, the soul that was dead comes alive and now we are in Christ. We must remember that Adam disobedience plunge the whole human race into sin the Bible clearly teaches **the soul that sinneth it shall die**, therefore this divine nature has reference to the soul of man which Jesus came to save the first time at his second coming he will redeem

the body. I offer the scriptures to support this doctrine. **Ezekiel 18:20**, The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. **1 Corinthians 15:22** For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. **John 1:12**, But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: **1 John 3:9**, Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. **Romans 8:23**, And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

6. Only faith in Christ can make us sons of God. **Romans 6:3**, Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? **Mark 16:16**, He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
7. We will find out as we explore **chapter 4** that we come into the faith as a full-grown son.
8. We might be a babe in Christ, we might need to be fed milk, but we have the capacity to understand spiritual truths and because of that there are no super-duper saints, those who think they are spiritually above anyone else. **Hebrews 5:13**, For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. **1 Peter 2:2**, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:
9. We must emphasize that this is faith plus nothing; faith in Christ minus nothing, makes us a son of God.
10. **For ye are all the children of God** – how? **by faith in Christ Jesus.**
11. In the Old Testament, God does refer to Israel as a son, but He is speaking of the corporate nation of Israel. In this case He is not speaking of individuals.
12. **Exodus 4:22**, And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn:
13. When we look at **Joshua 1:2**, the Lord called Moses a servant. **Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.**
14. In **1 Kings 11:38**, David was referred to as a servant. And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.
15. In **chapter 4** God compares a servant to sonship.
16. We are going deep today so let us allow the Holy Spirit to interpret the Preserved Word of God for us.
17. There is no righteousness that comes by the law. **Galatians 2:21**, I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain. **Romans 3:22**, Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:
18. We know that Jesus Christ did not die in vain.

19. To become a son of God is nothing more than trusting Christ as Saviour, believing who He says He is, and embracing His promises. He gives us righteousness for our belief.
  20. Jesus said to Nicodemus ye must be born again. **John 3:7, Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.**
  21. We must be dogmatic about this. This is justification by faith, and we must hold it uppermost in our church if we want to be without condemnation from the Lord Jesus Christ just as the church of Philadelphia was.
  22. There is no such thing as the universal fatherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of man. We are not all going to be saved; it is only those who receive the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. **John 3:18, He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Romans 8:1, There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**
  23. We also must be careful about easy believes. Where is your love for the Lord Jesus? Even though we are not under the law there should be some fruit in our lives.
- b. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ...**
1. **Galatians 3:27, For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**
  2. This is not a super-duper process. The Preserved Word of God says in **1 Corinthians 12:13, For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.**
  3. This has nothing to do with water baptism.
  4. It has to do with the fact that we are made sons of God. **John 1:12, But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:**
  5. This is our identification. We are identified with Christ. **Romans 6:4, Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.**
  6. God sees us **in** Christ Jesus. When we are in Christ Jesus, we take on His righteousness and we take on His perfection and as a result of His blood covering our sin we are in Christ and we can be viewed by God the Father as having a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. **Romans 5:1, Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:** This verse has reference to the soul of man which Jesus came to save at his first coming. **1 John 5:18, We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.**
  7. God the Father and the Holy Spirit guides us into all truth. **John 16:13, Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.**
  8. Water baptism is by immersion and pictures the death burial and resurrection



of the Lord Jesus Christ. It speaks of identification with Christ. **There is no saving grace in the waters of baptism.** There is no such thing as baptismal regeneration. **Acts 8:36-38, And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? 37: And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. 38, And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.**

9. You do not have to be baptized to go to Heaven. But I must remind you that it is the first act of obedience after salvation. **Luke 23:43, And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.**
10. Water baptism gives us a testimony. It is a picture of the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. **For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.** This baptism refers to the baptism of the Holy Spirit which we receive the moment of salvation. The Bible does not teach that baptism of the Holy Spirit is a second blessing.

**c. There is neither Jew nor Greek,...**

1. **Galatians 3:28, There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.**
2. Now that we have been baptized into the body of Christ there is no distinction between **“Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female:** We must be careful to note that this speaks of the church.
3. God is careful to tell us that we should have no racial barriers.
4. Any man or woman who comes to Jesus Christ asks Him to come into their heart gets saved. **Romans 10:9, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.**
5. This is the church age from Pentecost to the Rapture. This is the first time God has put both Jew and Gentile in the same body.
6. The apostles were told earlier not to go in the way of the Gentiles but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
7. Now we have Jew and Gentile being placed in the same body.
8. This is God's way of salvation. It is the same salvation that saved Abraham, the same salvation that saves you and I. **Matthew 11:28, Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**

**d. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed,...**

1. **Galatians 3:29, And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**
2. How in the world can we be descendants of Abraham? Because Abraham was saved by faith, we are also saved by faith.
3. Even though Abraham did sacrifice, he was looking forward to the time that Christ would come and pay the supreme sacrifice on the cross. **Galatians 4:4, But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,**
4. Now that this has already been done, we look back to the cross. We were not there to see the empty tomb, but by faith we believe that Jesus Christ died for our sins, He was bodily resurrected the third day and went and placed His

blood at the Mercy Seat at the Throne of God.

5. We have the same privileges as anyone in the family of God to include Abraham.
  6. If we are in Christ, we all belong to Abraham's seed. We are heirs of the new covenant to which Christ testified according to the promise. **Romans 8:17, And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.**
  7. We must make a distinction between Israel and the church; if we do not, we have chaos in the Scriptures.
- e. Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child,...**
1. **Galatians 4:1, Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;**
  2. As indicated, there is a difference between a son and a servant.
  3. Israel was called a son; the corporate nation, but individually they were servants.
  4. **"though he be lord of all;** - we need to look back at the Roman custom for a moment.
  5. There were servants in the Roman custom that served in the master's home. Some oversaw one thing, and some oversaw other items. Some were even in charge of the children.
  6. I met a lady in Wal-Mart that said she had raised six children. She did not have children of her own, but they take care of her like she is their mother.
  7. These servants in the home were responsible for raising the children.
  8. This verse says that if he was a child, he differed nothing from a servant.
  9. **"though he be lord of all;** - The decision-making process was for the servant and not the child. The child was not in charge of anything.
  10. Later, as the child grows up the father would decide as to when he became grown as reflected in the next point.
- f. But is under tutors and governors...**
1. **Galatians 4:2, But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.**
  2. The Roman system is not like our system today where a child becomes grown at a certain age. We used to say 21 years old; now we say 18 years old. I can tell you that there are some who are 35, 55, and 65 years old that are not mature.
  3. Here there is something quite different. The father was the one who determined when the son reached the age of maturity. It was not an arbitrary thing.
  4. The father would give a ceremony, send out invitations and put a robe on the boy and at that time he became a full-grown son.
  5. Remember the prodigal son that was a wanderer? He squandered his savings on riotous living but when he returned his father put a robe on him. **Luke 15:22, But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:**
  6. That robe indicated that he had reached the full area of sonship.
  7. When we become members of the family of God, we are placed in the family of God as full-grown sons although we might have just come to Christ yesterday.
  8. This gives us the capacity to live for God, take in spiritual truths and the

capacity to do things like a saint that has been in Christ for the past 50 years.

**g. Even so we, when we were children,...**

1. **Galatians 4:3, Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:**
2. A child takes orders from the servant in the home. They are under rules and regulations.
3. **“under the elements of the world:** - means under the law.
4. Paul is saying that the childhood of the nation Israel was under rules and regulations; however, things are fixing to change.
5. Rules and regulations and laws, good works and doing the best you can has never brought salvation.
6. The salvation plan is plus nothing minus nothing.

**h. But when the fulness of the time was come,...**

1. **Galatians 4:4, But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,**
2. God the Father sends His son, born of a woman, born under the law.
3. Mary was a Jewish woman. There is no question that Jesus was a Jew; He will sit on the Throne of David and rule and reign for a thousand years.
4. The woman at the well had it right when she identified Him as being a Jew.
5. **The historical Jesus that we trust as our Saviour that went to the cross and died for our sins is a fact of history and He was fully human and fully Divine.**
6. To sit on the Throne of David you must have the credentials to do so.

**i. To redeem them that were under the law,...**

1. **Galatians 4:5, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.**
2. If the law could save why did Jesus need to come?
3. As a matter of fact, the Bible says if we are saved by the law then Christ is dead in vain. **Galatians 2:21, I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.**
4. **1 Corinthians 2:9-10, But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10, But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.**
5. The deep thing of God is salvation by grace. It sets up a relationship. It gives us peace with God that can never be broken. **Romans 5:1, Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:**
6. There is a two-fold purpose in this verse: **“To redeem them that were under the law,”** - if the law could save why was it necessary for Christ to come? One must conclude based on facts of Scripture that He certainly did not die in vain.
7. Secondly, **that we might receive the adoption of sons.** – We are adopted into the family of God. **Ephesians 1:5, Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,**
8. We are placed in the family of God as a son; a believer is in the family of God and is fully grown. This is the only way one can be placed in the family of God.
9. **Isaiah 64:4, For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.**

10. God has devised a plan of salvation that will save mankind, but we do not enter that plan. It is only a transaction between the Father and the Son.
11. Although we might be babes in Christ, we have the capacity to understand. **1 Corinthians 2:14, But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.**
12. Some do not understand why we would bring a four-year-old to listen to the preached Word.
13. These four-year-old can grasp spiritual truths; can come to know Jesus as Saviour once they understand why they need a Saviour.
14. Salvation is not difficult, salvation is easy.
15. The third thing is when we come to Christ Jesus, we are not saved by the law but by the grace of God, then we can experience sonship.
16. Those who say they are ignorant of the Bible is because they have not availed themselves to study the Preserved Word of God, rightly divided.
17. We must rightly divide God's Word. **2 Timothy 2:15, Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**

#### 4. CONCLUSION

- a. Do you know the Saviour?
- b. If you do not know Him as personal Saviour today needs to be your day of salvation.
- c. **Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;** When we are placed in the family of God we are placed as full-grown sons.
- d. **God will save any individual. Revelation 22:17, And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.**
- d. **Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Romans 3:10, As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: Romans 6:23, For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
- e. **Romans 10:9-10, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10, For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**
- f. Please stand.

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