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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

BUT THAT NO MAN IS JUSTIFIED BY THE LAW IN THE SIGHT OF GOD,...

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SCRIPTURE READING: **GALATIANS 3: 6-12**

Galatians 3:11-12, But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. 12: And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

1. BACKGROUND

- a. We take our text from the **Book of Galatians**, which was written by the Apostle Paul between A.D. 49 and A.D. 57
- b. This Epistle was most likely written from Ephesus.
- c. In this setting we see the Jews greatly outnumber the Gentiles in the early church.
- d. Paul specifically refutes the statement that the Gentiles had to submit to Jewish customs and laws. **Romans 3:20-21, Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. 21: But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Acts 13:39, And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.**
- e. Paul uses this letter to remind Christians they are heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. **Romans 8:16-17, The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17: And if children, then heirs; Heirs of God, and joint - heirs with Christ; if so that we suffer with him, that we may be glorified together.**
- f. Paul, a Jew himself, refutes the false teaching that Gentile Christians must be converted to Judaism and follows some observance of the Mosaic Law.
- g. Paul shows in this book that Abraham was saved by faith 400 years before the law was revealed to Moses. **James 2:23, And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness; and he was called the Friend of God.**
- h. **The Book of Galatians is so important because of the kind and the types of people to whom it was addressed being much like the Americans today.**
- i. If we were to describe Americans today, we would say they were frank, impatient, impressive, intelligent, fond of entertainment, inconsistent and obsessed with material things.
- j. Americans today are temperamental and beset with every cult and "ism" on the face of the earth. There is a lot of error with respect to the Gospel message of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In many cases so called religious people make up their own doctrine. If what someone is preaching, teaching or telling you cannot be backed up with the Preserved Word of God, it needs to be received with extreme caution. **Colossians 2:8, Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.**
- k. Paul is God's spokesman for the church and the message he gives is from the heart, it goes right to the point and is clear, stern, severe, and solid.
- l. This Epistle contains no words of commendation, praise, or thanksgiving.
- m. **Paul is emphasizing he has no tolerance for legalism in any way, shape, or form. Romans 10:4, For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.**
- n. This Epistle was a favorite of men like Martin Luther and John Wesley during the reformation period.
- o. Galatians, from the hands of Paul, is the strongest declaration and defense of the doctrine of justification by faith taught anywhere in the Scriptures. **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.**

- p. The emphasis is a sinner is saved by grace through faith plus nothing. The saved sinner needs to continue to live by grace and not by the law!
- q. Grace brought us to Christ and we must continue in that grace.
- r. Let's look at some major themes in the **Book of Galatians**.
 1. The law was given to reveal man's sinfulness and guilt. **Galatians 3:24**, *Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*
 2. To try (or attempt) to live under the law is bondage. **Galatians 5:1**, *Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.*
 3. To live by faith is freedom for the Christian.
 4. Believers are not bound by the law. Christ has set us free. **John 8:36**, *If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*
 5. Liberty is certainly not a license to sin, but love is the ingredient that provides the restraints and makes one want to please God. **Romans 6:1-2**, *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2: God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?*
 6. Through the indwelling Holy Spirit, the Christian has the power to live a victorious life over sin. This is not to be mis understood that a believer does not sin. But when we hide the Word of God in our heart we sin less. **Psalm 119:11**, *Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.* **Psalm 119:9-11**, *Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.* **10:** *With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.* **11:** *Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.* **Romans 12:1-2**, *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2: And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*
- s. Paul concludes this book by talking about walking in the spirit. **Galatians 5:16**, *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.* He covers the fruit of the spirit. **Galatians 5:22-23**, *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23: Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*
- t. With that little bit of background, let's continue our study in the **Book of Galatians**.

2. INTRODUCTION

Please refer to the January 23, 2022 Evening Message for the Introduction.

3. SEVEN POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

- f. **Even as Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness.**
 1. **Galatians 3:6**, *Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*
 2. This is a direct quote from **Genesis 15:6**, *And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness.*
 3. This verse is also quoted in **Romans 4:3**, *For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.*
 4. This is a great illustration of Abraham being justified by faith.
 5. It is an example both to the Romans and the Galatians.
 6. It cannot be said that Abraham was justified by the law because the Mosaic Law was not given until 400 years after Abraham.
 7. The Mosaic Law was given to Moses to show the sinful condition of mankind, it was never given to save. **Romans 3:20**, *Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*
 8. Water baptism is nothing more than an outward manifestation of what has been done on the inside; it does not save. Baptism is an ordinance for the Church. It is by immersion only and is to be practiced. It typifies the death, burial and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 9. Circumcision that the Jews believed in so much never saved anyone; it sealed an important covenant between God and Abraham.
 10. God gave Abraham specific instructions concerning his son Isaac.
 11. God indicated Abraham was to sacrifice his son. Abraham believed God and placed his son on the altar for sacrifice.
 12. God showed Abraham it was not necessary to follow through with the actual sacrifice of his

son; remember a ram was provided by God. **Genesis 22:13, And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.**

13. God gave Abraham other instructions and He believed God so it was accounted unto him for righteousness.
14. We are to believe the record that God hath given of His Son and we will be declared righteous as a result. **1 John 5:11-12, And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12: He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.**
15. It **does not** depend on any of our efforts, frail attempts, any attempt to be legalistic or to be consistent in attending church or Bible study, however; God does expect us to assemble ourselves together. **Hebrews 10:25, Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.**
16. The idea is, if we believe God and what He has done on the cross; if we accept His plan of salvation we can be gloriously saved.
17. It is an indictment on the Lord Jesus and the plan of salvation when we say we can lose our salvation because it means that Christ was not sufficient. **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.** This verse speaks to the soul of man and not the flesh.
18. He was sufficient; the plan of salvation was completed and Jesus finished it.

g. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

1. **Galatians 3:7, Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.**
2. God did this for Abraham before the law was given.
3. God did not make the covenant with him because of Abraham's good deeds or good works.
4. He told Abraham I'll do this for you if you believe me, and Abraham believed God.
5. In order to place our faith on a solid foundation; do you believe God my friend, do you believe He has the ability to save, do you believe there was sufficient evidence on the cross that Jesus came to save?
6. The Bible indicates that the Lord will not force us to believe. **Revelation 3:20, Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. Acts 28:24, And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.**
7. The door can only be opened by faith. **Romans 14:23, And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.**
8. **If we trust Christ as our Saviour, we are saved the same way Abraham was saved; by faith.**

h. Foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith.

1. **Galatians 3:8, And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.**
2. **If faith without works was sufficient for Abraham, why should it not be sufficient for us?**
3. The blessings were not for Abraham's law work but for faith, the belief he had in God.
4. God preached the Gospel to Abraham.
5. This was before Jesus Christ went to the cross to die for our sins.
6. It was in the mind of God that He would justify the heathen, so Abraham believed God. We must remember that Abraham was called out of idolatry. **Genesis 12:1, Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:**
7. God graciously blessed Abraham for his belief. **Genesis 22:15-18, And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, 16: And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: 17: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; 18: And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.**
8. It is very important to understand that the voice of God was obeyed.

9. It is also interesting to draw a parallel between the offering of Isaac and the offering of Christ. God did not spare His Son; Abraham's son was spared by Almighty God. **Romans 8:32, He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?**
10. God was willing to allow the Lord Jesus Christ to go to the cross and bear the sins of mankind. **1 John 5:10, He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.**
11. Abraham believed God and it was accounted unto him for righteousness.
12. When we believe God, it is accounted unto us for righteousness.
13. Those of you who think there is a conflict between **James 2:20-21, But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? 21: Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?** What the Apostle Paul is saying here, I want to assure you there is no conflict, they both speak of the same thing.
14. **James 2:22**, goes on to say, **Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?**
15. When we come to know Christ as personal Saviour our faith will produce good works.
16. Abraham moved out and believed God and as a result he could have salvation.
17. **We must believe God and it will then be manifested in our works.**
18. James speaks not about the works of the law but he is speaking of the works of faith.
19. **Faith without works is dead.**
20. **As we look at faith on one end, the root of faith is salvation, on the other end, the fruit of faith is good works.**
21. **Faith alone saves us but saving faith will always produce good works.**

i. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

1. **Galatians 3:9, So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.**
2. We take the position alongside Abraham in believing.
3. The Preserved Word of God teaches that all nations will be blessed through faithful Abraham. **Genesis 26:4, And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;**
4. God saves the sinner today on the same basis He saved Abraham.
5. God asks faith of the sinner. God holds every unbeliever to the message of the cross.
6. God asked Abraham to believe, He asked him to do certain things and as a result Abraham was forgiven by Almighty God.

j. For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse.

1. **Galatians 3:10, For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.**
2. We find the word "continueth;" the Bible says emphatically that the Lord Jesus Christ fulfilled all the requirements of God.
3. Jesus Christ is the only one in Scripture who was said by God in **Matthew 17:5, While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.**
4. **The Lord Jesus Christ fulfilled every single jot and tittle that God required. Matthew 5:18, For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.**
5. He does not require us to continue to do certain things, Christ fulfilled it all.
6. Man is frail in his attempts, but God is faithful, and if we place ourselves under law we are under the curse. **Galatians 3:13, Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:**
7. Without the Lord Jesus Christ, we stand in the wrath of God.
8. There is no question; you do not want to enter eternity without Christ.
9. **We must be clothed in His righteousness and His righteousness alone. 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:**

k. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God,

1. **Galatians 3:11**, *But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.*
2. Nowhere, in either the Old or the New Testament was any one ever saved by keeping the law.
3. We must remember the law is a school master to bring us to Christ. **Galatians 3:24**, *Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*
4. The very heart of the Mosaic system were the sacrifices that God required.
5. Although the animal sacrifices demonstrate the fact that an individual believed God. The blood of bulls and goats could never take away sin. **Hebrews 10:4**, *For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. 1John 3:5*, *And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.*
6. We are indeed saved by faith and we are to live by faith. **Habakkuk 2:4**, *Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.*

I. The Law is not of faith

1. **Galatians 3:12**, *And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.*
2. A careful study of a Preserved Word of God indicates law and faith are diametrically opposite of each other.
3. If one is attempting to live by the law that makes faith void.
4. Faith and law are contrary to each other and cannot provide either salvation or serve as a principle for Christian living.
5. It is clearly stated in the aforementioned verse the law is not of faith.
6. Therefore, we conclude that it is the death the burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ that saves us and gives us the ability to live the abundant life. **1 Corinthians 15:1** *Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 1 Corinthians 15:2*, *By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 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: John 10:10*, *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

4. CONCLUSION

- a. Do you know Jesus as your personal Saviour, my friend?
- b. If you do not, today is your day of salvation.
- c. The Bible says in **Matthew 11:28-29**, *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29: Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*
- d. When we do what this verse says we find the plan of salvation is plain.
- e. **Romans 3:23**, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
- f. **Romans 3:10**, *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*
- g. **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.*
- h. Would you please stand?

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