

Galatians Handout

Week Ten

Review:

14 But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, “If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how is it that you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?

15 “We are Jews by nature and not gentile (ex ethno) sinners; nevertheless...

16 nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed (had faith in) in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified. 17 But if, while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have also been found sinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? May it never be! 18 For if I rebuild what I have once destroyed, I prove myself to be a transgressor. 19 For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live to God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. 21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness (justification) comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.”

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-The universal human need:

-The universal human condition:

-The universal human problem:

-The universal *human* fix:

Isa. 64: For all of us have become like one who is unclean, and *all* our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment;

Ps. 130:3 If You, Lord, should mark iniquities (perversion, evil, crookedness),

O Lord, who could stand (abide)?

Gal. 2:16b by works of the Law no flesh (universal, without exception) will be justified.

Ps. 143 Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications! Answer me in Your faithfulness, in *Your righteousness*! And do not enter into judgment with Your servant,

For in Your sight no man living is righteous.

Job 25: How then can a man be just with God? Or how can he be clean who is born of woman?

-A modest counter offer:

Justification. The process by which sinful human beings are made acceptable *by* and *to* a holy God.

Necessary elements...

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Heb. 2:17 Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

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Heb. 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

1 Pt. 2:22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.

1 Pt. 1:19 [we are redeemed] with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the *blood of Christ*.

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Rom. 3:24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed *publicly* as a propitiation (offering) in His blood through faith. This was to *demonstrate* His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; for the *demonstration*, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

The results of justification...

-A legal declaration

-It has nothing to do with us in any way.

Titus 3:5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being *justified by His grace* we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

-Justification is a wonderful two-part declaration.

Part one:

Part two:

2 Cor. 5:21 He made Him *who knew no sin* to be sin on our behalf, so that *we might become the righteousness of God* in Him.

Righteousness of God-

Rom. 5:17 For if by the transgression of the one (Adam), death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

Gen. 3:21 The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.

Isa. 61:10 I will rejoice greatly in the Lord, my soul will exult in my God; for He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness,

Rev. 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

Mat. 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they *shall be satisfied*.

*An important distinction. Justification is *not* saying we have a changed *nature*. It is saying we have a changed *status*. So...

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Practical applications

Eph. 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God... 14 Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness

How do we access this, too good to be true, truth?

Gal. 2:16 nevertheless, knowing that a person is not justified by works of the Law but through faith (pisteos) in Christ Jesus, even we have believed (episteus) in (into) Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith (pisteos) in Christ and not by works of the Law; since by works of the Law no flesh will be justified.

Not	Faith in
Not just acknowledging	but
Saved through faith, not on account of it.	

Rom. 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as *a gift by His grace* through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation (sacrifice) in His blood to be *received by faith*.

Phil. 3:9b so that I may gain Christ and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,

Mere pardon says, _____ Justification says, _____

Rom. 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2. through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast/rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

3. And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; 4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;

5:5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

5:9. much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation (katallagay' (kata word of magnification- llagay, exchange).

Mat. 11:28 Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Isa. 53:5-6 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed.

Isa. 54:17 No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; and every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their vindication is from Me," declares the Lord.

Rom. 8:33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ?... 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Isa. 45:24 They will say of Me, 'Only in the Lord are righteousness and strength.'

Men will come to Him, and all who were angry at Him will be put to shame. “In the Lord all the offspring of Israel will be justified and will glory.”

1 Cor. 1:30 But by His doing you are *in Christ Jesus*, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, so that, just as it is written,
“Let him who boasts, *boast in the Lord*.”

Gal. 2:16 *Even we* have believed:

The objections to this radical claim of justification by faith.

1. Regarding the gentiles

2. Regarding the Jews

17 But if, while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have also been found sinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? Far from it!

Answering the lawless concern:

Answering the Jewish separation concern:

18 For if I rebuild what I have once destroyed, I prove myself to be a wrongdoer.
What did Paul destroy? What is it he could rebuild that would be terribly wrong?

19 For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live for God.

What does it mean to be dead to the law? Does it mean we don't need to obey the law or try to follow it?

Ps. 19:7-9 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether

Gal. 5:19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: sexual immorality, impurity, indecent behavior, idolatry, witchcraft, hostilities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

What does it mean then?! Paul goes personal. Refer to Romans 7 for the detailed story.

Paul died to the law _____

Let's make it personal. How do we rephrase Paul's statement.

The implications from both ends of the spectrum.

What happens when you think God feels differently toward you when you are screwing up?

What happens when you think God feels differently toward you when you are doing great?

We are not striving for the middle ground!!

Dying to our performance as anything that damns or saves us or alters the manner in which God sees us, changes *everything* about how we live. Only in dying to self entirely, good or bad, are we able to **live for God**.

20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;

Rom. 6:3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His *death*?

Lk. 9:23 Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will *lose it*, but whoever *loses his life* for My sake will save it.

Col. 3:3 For you have *died* and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

U.S. STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

LOCAL FILE NO.

STATE FILE NO.

NAME OF DECEDENT
For use by physician or institution
To Be Completed/ Verified By:
FUNERAL DIRECTOR

1. DECEDENT'S LEGAL NAME (Include AKA's if any) (First, Middle, Last)				2. SEX		3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	
4a. AGE-Last Birthday (Years)	4b. UNDER 1 YEAR		4c. UNDER 1 DAY		5. DATE OF BIRTH (Mo/Day/Yr)		6. BIRTHPLACE (City and State or Foreign Country)
	Months	Days	Hours	Minutes			
7a. RESIDENCE-STATE			7b. COUNTY			7c. CITY OR TOWN	
7d. STREET AND NUMBER			7e. APT. NO.	7f. ZIP CODE			7g. INSIDE CITY LIMITS? ☐ Yes ☐ No
8. EVER IN US ARMED FORCES? ☐ Yes ☐ No		9. MARITAL STATUS AT TIME OF DEATH ☐ Married ☐ Married, but separated ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐ Never Married ☐ Unknown			10. SURVIVING SPOUSE'S NAME (If wife, give name prior to first marriage)		
11. FATHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Last)					12. MOTHER'S NAME PRIOR TO FIRST MARRIAGE (First, Middle, Last)		
13a. INFORMANT'S NAME		13b. RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT			13c. MAILING ADDRESS (Street and Number, City, State, Zip Code)		
14. PLACE OF DEATH (Check only one: see instructions)							
IF DEATH OCCURRED IN A HOSPITAL: ☐ Inpatient ☐ Emergency Room/Outpatient ☐ Dead on Arrival				IF DEATH OCCURRED SOMEWHERE OTHER THAN A HOSPITAL: ☐ Hospice facility ☐ Nursing home/Long term care facility ☐ Decedent's home ☐ Other (Specify):			
15. FACILITY NAME (If not institution, give street & number)				16. CITY OR TOWN, STATE, AND ZIP CODE			17. COUNTY OF DEATH
18. METHOD OF DISPOSITION: ☐ Burial ☐ Cremation ☐ Donation ☐ Entombment ☐ Removal from State ☐ Other (Specify):				19. PLACE OF DISPOSITION (Name of cemetery, crematory, other place)			
20. LOCATION-CITY, TOWN, AND STATE				21. NAME AND COMPLETE ADDRESS OF FUNERAL FACILITY			
22. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL SERVICE LICENSEE OR OTHER AGENT						23. LICENSE NUMBER (Of Licensee)	

Discussion

What is your reaction to this truth, this exercise? Is it over the top?

Do you have a harder time letting go of the bad parts of your old self or the good parts?