

Galatians Handout

Week Twelve

Ephesians teaches us we are _____ Galatians teaches that _____

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.

Review: Union with Christ

Christ infused

Body.

Rom. 6:13 and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

2 Cor. 4:10 [We are] always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

Mind

Rom. 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a *living* and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your *mind*

Whole image bearing person

2 Cor.3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being *transformed into the same image* from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

So the old me is dead and the new Christ in me person is living. But v. 30 says I still live in the “flesh”.

Is this the way it's going to be until we die? Do we settle for getting by and getting in or are we really a new creation, a vessel for God?

Our two planes of existence.

2 Cor. 4:18 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Two realities we live in at the same time.

Unseen/Eternal

Spiritual world

Seen/Temporal

Physical world

Heb. 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow (body), and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart (soul).

1 Thes. 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

Body:

Soul:

Spirit:

Jn. 4:24 God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

Job 32:8 But it is the spirit in a person, the breath of the Almighty, that gives them understanding.

Ezek. 43:5 And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house.

Eph. 2:1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience

Elijah—

Rom. 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, **“But the righteous man shall live by faith.”**

The righteous (which is what you are) shall live by_____.

Habakkuk—

We live by faith in _____ righteousness.

How do we “do” faith? That’s the tricky part.

In the spiritual realm...

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In the everyday realm...

Why:

How:

The theological outline 1-2 Gospel defended. 2-4 Gospel explained. 5-6 Gospel applied.

3:1 O foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified?

What’s up with Paul?

1:6 I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ

1:9 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!

1:20 (Now in what I am writing to you, I assure you before God that I am not lying.)

2:11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.

4:12 I beg of you, brethren, become as I am,

5:12 I wish that those who are troubling you would even mutilate themselves.

O:

Foolish: anoetos

Bewitched:

Who: singular

Make the argument

2 Tim. 2:24 The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

Before whose eyes:

Publicly portrayed (prographo) crucified:

Crucified:

1Cor 2:2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

In fact, the crucifixion story itself is what works the miracle of salvation.

1Cor.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*.

The message of the cross=the power of God.

Crucified: Perfect tense-

He asks questions. Why is this good?

Paul appeals to personal experience and scripture.

Personal Experience

Question #1

3:2 This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?

What is Paul assuming and why is it important?

Rom. 8:9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him... 14-16 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God

Eph. 1:13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, Who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

What's the obvious answer?

The law makes demands and says "obey." The gospel makes promises and bids us to believe.

2 Cor. 1:20 For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us. Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

God_____ God _____ God_____ God_____ God _____ God_____

What part do we play?

Does believing mean merely agreeing these statements things are true?

Straighten up and fly right?

Question #2

3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected (epiteleo-completed) by the flesh?

Jn. 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives (present tense) life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

Col. 2:6 Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith

All passive verb!

Phil. 1:6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect (epiteleo-complete) it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Discussion

Why is living by faith both easy and hard to do? How bout you? Do you find it easy or hard?

Think of a sin you regularly battle. If you are not living by faith in that area, what then has become your "functional" savior? What are you looking for that you think Jesus isn't providing? Comfort, approval, control, joy....