

Galatians Handout

Week Fifteen

Big picture/Small examples.

We took care of Abraham, now on to Moses.

Is Jesus saying toss it out?

Mat. 5:18 “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

Is Paul saying toss it?

2 Tim. 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

Gal.3:6 Even so Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness. 7 Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham. 8 The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the nations will be blessed in you.” 9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.

10 For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, to perform them.” 11 Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, “The righteous man shall live by faith.” 12 However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, “He who practices them shall live by them.”

-Loading up on scripture.

Acts 26:22 So, having obtained help from God, I stand to this day testifying both to small and great, stating nothing but what the Prophets and Moses said was going to take place, as to whether the Christ was to suffer, and whether, as first from the resurrection of the dead, He would proclaim light both to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles.”

Works of the law?

Why is this *my* problem?

Rom. 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Rom. 2:12 For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law; for it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God, but the *doers* of the Law will be justified.

What is the standard for “doers” according to Gal. 3:10

Cursed?!! Eternally--

Daily—

Can anyone get it right?

Rom. 3:10 “There is none righteous, not even one; there is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God; All have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is none who does good, there is not even one.”

Is there a way?

Hab. 2:4 Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; but the righteous (the one who is in accord with what God requires) will live (supernaturally/ spiritually) by (out of/ from a place of) his faith.

Hab. 1:2 How long, O Lord, will I call for help, and You will not hear? I cry out to You, “Violence!” Yet You do not save.

Hab. 3:17 Though the fig tree should not blossom and there be no fruit on the vines,
Though the yield of the olive should fail and the fields produce no food, though the flock should be cut off from the fold and there be no cattle in the stalls, Yet I will exult in the Lord, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength, and He has made my feet like hinds’ feet, and makes me walk on my high places.

Why not faith *and* works (especially if they are done for Jesus)?

The law is (absolutely) not of faith.

Get the math right. Faith in Christ + _____ = The whole ball game.
What can we put in there?

What is ironic about the underlined portion of v. 12?

12. However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, “He who practices them shall live by them.”

An obvious long running contrast-- “of faith” vs. “of works of the law”

How do we know whether we are “of faith” or “of works of the law”? What does it mean to be “of” something?

Of/ Ek:

What characterizes your life?

Why don’t we all die? Did God decide to drop the charges?

Gal. 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”— 14 in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

-Redeemed: What from?

No right-

No power-

Free-

-A curse for us:

-For those who place their faith in Christ’s death for them, there is no...

1 Jn. 3:20 that if our heart condemns us, that God is greater than our heart, and He knows all things.

Rom. 3:21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—

3:22 Even the righteousness of God through *faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe*. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation (turning away of God's wrath) by His blood, to be *received by faith*...Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded.

Nothing in my hands I bring

-Jesus died to take the curse from us but also to give us something in its place.

14 In Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham (justification by faith) might come to the gentiles so that (here is the second purpose) we would receive the promise of the Holy Spirit through faith.

Where is the promised Spirit promised?

Joel 2:28 It will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind;
And your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.
“Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

Lk. 24:44 Now He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Jn. 14:15 I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

*Note: So much attention to the grizzly hanging on a tree thing.

1 Cor. 12:3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus is accursed”; and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

1 Cor 1:25 In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Universal blessing? What is the qualifier in v. 9 and v.14?

Did the Mosaic covenant change the promise?

Gal. 3:15 Brethren, I speak in terms of human relations: even though it is only a man's covenant, yet when it has been ratified, no one sets it aside or adds conditions to it.

16 Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ.

Is Paul still on track with Jesus?

Jn.8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." So the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am."

17 What I am saying is this: the Law (The Mosaic Covenant), which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not invalidate a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. 18 For if the inheritance is based on law, it is no longer based on a promise; but God has granted (charizomai, graced) it to Abraham by means of a promise.

The Abrahamic covenant has never been annulled or rescinded.

19 Why the Law then?

Discussion

Is there anything from your past that tries to rise up and threaten you with lies of the curse? How do you battle it specifically?

Like Habakkuk, are you on the wall looking at the coming storm, or in the fields staring at the dry fig trees or are you walking on your high places?