

“The Righteous Shall Live by His Faith”

Galatians 3:10-14 August 2, 2020

Galatians Series- Living the Gospel in the Power of the Spirit

Big Idea- The gospel that Paul preached was received directly from Jesus. Anyone, including an angel from heaven, that contradicted the gospel of grace through faith in Jesus was to be eternally condemned. The Galatians, by their own personal experience, had come to faith and received the Holy Spirit without following the Mosaic law first.

Therefore, the rest of their spiritual life should be lived by faith and the Holy Spirit and not be rooted in OT law keeping. Paul now moves beyond Abraham to show that the Law itself produced a curse for those that couldn't obey it.

Background Texts- Rom 7:12-14; Hebrews 8:6-9; 10:1-18; Habakkuk 2:4; Deut 27-28

Salvation in the OT was always by faith, grace, and sacrifice:

“The basis of salvation in every age is the death of Christ; the requirement for salvation in every age is faith; the object of faith in every age is God; the content of faith changes in the various dispensations.” Charles Ryrie

LESSON 1- The Biblical gospel shows us to live by faith and not LAW

- A. Those who rely on the law are CURSED
(Gal 3:10-12; perfection required; justification is by faith, not law)

The Law of Moses has no regulative function over the believer. It does not regulate the Christian life. However, it still serves a revelatory function in that it will always reveal God's righteousness as opposed to our failure to live up to it and are sinners.

- B. Those who rely on the cross of Christ by faith are BLESSED
(Gal 3:13-14; Christ redeemed us from curse; we have Abe's blessing)

Going Deeper God wants us to live by faith in Jesus' accomplishment on the Cross!

Theological Application:

1. The gospel of faith is the answer to how to gain perfect righteousness (Heb 10:14)
2. The gospel of faith should humble us because self-righteousness has no place in the Christian experience. There is not perfect righteousness on our own!
3. Awareness of our continued imperfection and sins should not overwhelm us. We cling to the cross of Christ and its rich grace and forgiveness!

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples