

TWO VITAL LESSONS FROM THE LETTER OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CHRISTIANS AT GALATIA.

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I, The Law of God Points Us to Faith in Him, His Promises, and His Redemptive Work..

Galatians 3:19-29, 4:4-7

A. Introduction:

1. The Galatian letter..a work of deep emotion and solid theology as Paul reaches out to meet the need of the fellowship and protect it from false teachers.

2. The text in view:

- a. The problem: some are leaving the faith teaching and returning to works for being right with God
- b. Both law and works are put into a proper perspective for the health and growth of believers.

B. Discussion: Three propositions help us to put the meaning of the text into perspective.

1. The law was given that we might understand our hopelessness:
 - a. Defining "law"..Historically the Mosaic covenant. Practically any declaration of the will of God.
 - b. given "until" 19
 - c. showing our sin 22
 - d. keeping us under judgment 23
 - e. but leading to a better way 24

that is less tangible.

3. The result is that some turn to a very fruitless life.

B. Discussion:

1. The Problem in detail: note the concepts in verses 1-12
 - a. The "flesh" does not profit
 - b. The truth must be followed or....
 - c. In modern terms: grace and faith are supreme. To turn from them is deadly
2. The Resolution: 13-14 Honor the purposes of God
 - a. Use your freedom well!
 - b. Do not take advantage of others
 - c. Serve others
 - d. Accept the assignment of love as an act of faith,
3. The Warning: 15
 - a. There is first a personal warning in verse 2 and following
 - b. And there is a group or assembly warning in v. 15. The sequence is one of "if"- "then"

C. Conclusion: As we look to God in faith let us continue to live before Him in love and we will discover this is the real fulfilling of the law..and the enjoyment of new life.

2. The Promise was given that we might have hope
 - a. Defining the promise: that one should come for the blessing of the world.
 - b. Note the certification 19-20
 - c. The promise of faith...22
 - d. The means of justification 24
 - e. The resultant fact 27-29
 - f. The completion of the promise 4:5
3. Faith is established as the principle by which we may live with the Lord
 - a. Defining faith: Belief in God that leads to obedience and commitment
 - b. By faith we are children of God 26
 - c. By faith we have received the fullness of the promised reward 4:4-7

C. Conclusion:

Works of the Law cannot make us right with God since our capacity to violate is greater than it is to obey. But faith brings us to the Lord Jesus and in Him we are declared to be right with God: forgiven and accepted.

II. In the New Life the Lord has Given Us Freedom to Love and to Prove the Reality of that Love by Obedience and Service.

Galatians 5:1-15

A. Introduction:

1. The Problem persists...works are offered as the means of salvation...people are attracted to them and are brought into a new bondage. 1
2. The Reality lies in the fact that people are more likely to follow a tangible thing than another

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Introduction

A. Greeting

B. Text

C. Nature of discussion

- Galatian problem
- Context: justification
- Attraction of works:
 - something concrete
 - develops self-esteem
 - controls others

D. But.

II Discussion

A. The law is given that we may know our own helplessness.

- 19
- 22
- 23
- 24

B. To give us hope the promise was given

- 19
- 22
- 24
- 27
- 4:5

c. That we might live with God the
principle of faith was given

For this
is stated 22
as law 24
as law 27
as law 29
4:5-6

III Conclusion

The law of God and our relationship