

① [Gal 2: 16, 21, 3:1-3, 11, 24]

Gal. 5:1-18

Paul wrote the whole book of Galatians in defense of Grace because of the legalists who were following him around insisting that the new converts should not only accept Christ ^② but they should also be circumcised.

Paul taught that Christ plus anything else is heresy - and ^{this} undermines the A grace of God and the B righteousness of God.

What is Grace? - God's Riches ^A at Christ's ^B Expense.

Def. Grace is that attractive principle which releases ^{the} God's unconditional, unlimited love ^{of GOD} upon one who does not deserve it.

Here in Gal. 5 Paul is applying grace to their personal life styles and he argues that Grace produces FREEDOM.

② Let's examine what Paul means by FREEDOM - freedom to what and freedom from what

Let's read 5:1-~~10~~^{and 4}, v. 13-14

~~Here~~ Grace means freedom from the law

"keep standing firm" "yoke of slavery"

Before these Gentiles became believers they were in bondage to their pagan idols - then Paul says "you came to be known by God" - 4:8-11 - & yet now you are returning to a system of 'law' - the Jewish law.

- that is bondage, Paul says

We still do this today - we religious people - & most of us here are! Religion, in the Biblical sense of the word, is a "system of self-improvement to attain the favor of our God"

awhile Even in a group of believers-in-Christ, 1 after we come to know Him, one of the strongest temptations is to revert to a religious mentality - a "work-for-acceptance" attitude in our heart

(Gal. 3:1-3) I was there for years

③ In (v.2-4) basically Paul says we have to choose between law & grace. These ② views of life are mutually exclusive - they don't mix.

If you try to combine law & grace by saying, "I'm saved by grace, but I walk with a little law & a lot of grace" you will always short-circuit grace & walk under the Law. Law & grace are like oil & water ^{remembering} oil rises to the top like the law.

What does Paul mean that Christ will be of no benefit to them? The reason is very plain:

Christ is the Enemy of human works. Christ's death on the cross stands as the ultimate condemnation of ① human works and of ② religious observance.

If you can add one good work to what Christ did on the cross then He died in vain & His death was God's greatest mistake.

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(4) Christ can only be of benefit to one who ~~is~~ knows ⁶ he's a sinner & ⁷ throws himself on the mercy of God

Jesus is our Savior and can only be of benefit when we have despaired of helping ourselves, not as long as we thinks we can help ourselves.

This is why we need to keep teaching

GRACE ~~is~~ After we have accepted Christ

→ Remember, we don't relate to God on the basis of performance

→ God has no penal system

→ No protectionary system for Christians

→ When you sin, not if you sin, but when you sin God does not try to get even with you.

→ He cannot punish you for sin, he has already punished Christ for all your sins. "Propitiation" is

the word for this fact. It means "God is Satisfied" - if he were to punish you, the Bible says, it would be

double jeopardy - punishing twice for the same sin. God is just

5] → Nor does God demand that we "pay Him back" for our sins
→ Nor that we go through a period of restriction before we can go on and prosper in our relationship with Him.

If you believe that there is something you can do to pay God back for a sin - maybe by working harder for Him then you are back "under the law" & you are actually denying that Christ perfectly paid for all your sins.

God's Grace teaches the opposite of this.

Actually, the walk of the Christian who lives in God's Grace is described as Rest - God's Rest where we cease from our labors. - cease striving allowing God the U.S. to work in us.

Jo. 15 In the metaphor of the "vine & the branches" the fruit is for the Vine-dresser, it is His business. Our business is to "abide in the vine" - depending on Christ.

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How much we christians need to learn this lesson of Grace!

"Trying" to live the Christian life comes so natural to us - we try so hard! Soon it brings us to the place of taking the burden on ourselves losing the enjoyment of our relationship with Christ & no longer able to relax + letting God change us in His own time and own way. (I've done this whole route - I know!)

V.13-14 The other aspect of God's Grace - is freedom to serve

A common problem which some people are guilty of - is to pervert the teaching of God's acceptance into doing what I want to do -

This is license. License teaches that grace is my excuse to do what I want to do rather than understanding that God's Grace gives the Power + Freedom + desire to do the WILL of God

How much is the most you can do for the Lord in this life?

What is the best time to do it?

What is the best place to do it?

What is the best way to do it?

What is the best time to do it?

What is the best place to do it?

What is the best way to do it?



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