

Scripture: Galatians 2:11-21

LD. 16:43

Singing: 172:1-4 – 416:1, 2, 3 – 82:1-3 – 30:1-3

Three Gospel Gems of Salvation

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom. 5:1)

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us:

For it is written, Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree (Gal. 3:13)

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus,
Who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit (Romans 8:1)

A. Four reasons why this Gospel message always meets with resistance

1. Because knows the *power* of this Gospel message

2. Because our proud hearts resists grace

3. Because it feels wrong to think such great salvation in so simple a way

4. Because we suspect God as we don't know Him (read: *are prejudiced*)

B. Though believers in Jesus have peace with God, they are spiritually at war!

C. What will make us victors in this battle against sin? Gal. 2:20; LD 16.

The Benefits of Jesus' Cross Death (4)

I. He took our curse to the cross II. He takes our old man to the cross

II. He takes our old man to cross: the benefit of the cross for our sanctification

A. Paul faced strong opposition to the teaching on justification (Gal. 2:16-17)

1. Their argument: *Your teaching promotes sinners to sin more boldly!* (vs. 17)

B. His first answer is vs.18-19

1. vs. 18: *if I teach what the "Christ-plus" preachers proclaim, I destroy Gospel*

2. vs. 19: *Don't give up your new life under Christ to go back to slavery and bondage under a broken law*
a. "I am dead to the law" means *I insensible to law in its demand & curse*

b. how did Paul get 'dead to the law?' (Romans 7:7)

3. Are you (believer) thinking and living as 'dead to the law?' (Rom. 6:11)

C. His second answer is vs. 19b-20: *I died to the law so I may live unto God!*

1. Our new life begins with *born again – united to Christ* (2 Cor. 5:17)

2. Yet born again or united with Christ and justified is not yet *glorified*

a. while legally free from guilt, we are not free from sin (Rom. 7:18ff)

b. yet by *virtue of our union with Christ, Christ lives within us 'so the corrupt inclinations of the flesh may no more reign in us' (Cat. Q. 43)*

● the **life** which I now **live** in the flesh ... is Christ living in me.

D. His third answer: *I live this new life by the faith of Him who loved me and gave Himself for me.* (Conclude this next week, DV in reflection sermon)

Living the Truth:

A. Right thinking about the Gospel produces right living in the Gospel (Barrett)

1. Challenge your thinking about God

2. Challenge your thinking about sin

3. Challenge your thinking about salvation

4. Challenge your thinking about life of a saved sinner