

“Christ Will Do Everything for You, or Nothing!”

Galatians 2:21

The conclusion of Paul’s argument concerning justification through Christ alone.

1. Jesus Must Do Everything for Me!

*“I do not nullify the grace of God,
for if justification were through the law,
then Christ died for no purpose.”*

(1) Because I can do nothing for myself!

- Justification can *never* come through my law-keeping! It is an *impossible* endeavor!

- Paul had tried it!

- He did his “best,” then discovered that his “best” was riddled with sin!

- **I must abandon all hope in my performance!**

(2) Because Jesus is God’s *perfect* and *only* provision for fallen man.

- This is God’s saving plan; there is no other!

- Jesus is the Savior; there is none other.

- Jesus’ death alone can atone for sin.

(3) If justification can be achieved *in any measure* through my works, then Christ died *for no purpose!*

- *“If...then”* “Condition of first class” – assumed as true

- *“for no purpose”* Gk: DOREAN “without cost” “for nothing” “needlessly”

“gratuitously” – not necessary given the circumstances

A great price paid...needlessly!

A great sacrifice made...needlessly!

- *Nothing can be added to the perfections of Jesus death.*

(4) It is either/or!

- Either earn your salvation if your obedience to the law is perfect (!)

- Or trust wholly in Jesus’ completed work

2. God’s Saving Work in Jesus Must be All of Grace!

(1) Since Jesus did everything for me!

“I do not nullify the grace of God...”

- I cannot contribute in the least to what He has done.

(2) Since *nothing* can possibly be added to the perfections of Jesus’ work!

- You cannot combine merit and grace!

- If I introduce any measure of work, grace is no longer grace!

(3) Since God provides this salvation entirely as a gift.

- I did nothing to earn it or merit it.

- I have only demerit!

- I have only merited judgment.

Further Application