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Bible Study Series: Living by Faith – Galatians

Lesson 11. Dead to Law; Alive to God – Gal. 2:17-21

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- I. Is Christ a Minister of Sin? – vs. 17
 - A. If the Judaizers were Right
 1. Keeping the Law of Moses is necessary to be saved
 2. Keeping the Law of Moses is necessary to stay saved
 3. Those who ate with Gentiles (Peter, Barnabas, Paul, and others) had fallen back into being sinners
 - B. A Judaizers Accusation
 1. “Peter.....” – Quote #1
 2. God Forbid!
 3. Is Christ a Minister of Sin?
 - a. He ate with sinners – Luke 15:1-2
 - b. He said food does not contaminate – Mark 7:19
 - c. He sent Peter to Cornelius – Acts 10
 4. If Judaizers are right, Christ is wrong
 - C. Both Jews and Gentiles
 1. Are Sinners
 2. Are Helpless to effect their own redemption
 - D. Fellowship with Gentiles
 1. Does not make us sinners
 2. If avoided, does make us sinners
- II. Rebuilding Legalism – vs. 18
 - A. The Life Paul Destroyed – No longer a Pharisee
 - B. We Sin by Making a Legalistic System the Substitute for Grace
 1. Abandon grace for law? Hypocrite!
 2. Peter = ouch! – 1 Peter 1:13 – “rest your hope fully on grace”
- III. I Died to Live – vs. 19-20
 - A. Through the Law, I Died to Law
 1. We know sin by the law – Rom. 3:20; 7:7
 2. The wages of sin is death – Rom. 6:23
 3. Christ paid what we owed – tetelestai! – Col. 2:13-14
 - a. Free from the curse
 - b. Free from guilt
 - B. To Live for God – Rom. 7:1-2, 4
 1. It is not my relationship to law that saves me
 2. It is my relationship to God that saved me
 3. Our union with Christ alters our relationship to the Law – Quote #2
 - C. Our Position in Christ through Union with Him
 1. I have been crucified with Christ – a new identity – Rom. 6:1-6
 2. I no longer live, but Christ lives in me – Phil. 1:21; Gal. 4:6 – Quote #3
 - a. The old man is dead, the new man lives – Col. 3:9-10; Rom. 8:9
 - b. Live = perfect tense – a past completed action that has continuing results
 - c. Our new nature – Col. 2:9; 2 Peter 1:4
 3. The life I now live, I live by faith
 - a. While the Christian life takes place “in the flesh”, it is lived by faith – Col. 2:6-8
 - b. The object of our faith is Christ
 - 1) Who loved me – John 3:16; Rom. 5:8; Eph. 2:5

2) Who gave Himself for Me – John 10:17-18

IV. Nullifying Grace – vs. 21

A. Judaizers and their Allies

1. Deny Grace

2. Deny the need for Christ's death – Matt. 16:21-22

B. If Salvation is by Law Keeping

1. Christ Died in Vain

2. None will Saved – Gal. 2:16

Quotes

Quote #1 – “Peter, don't you realize that your open table fellowship with Gentiles is a repudiation of the Law of God? You are actually engaging in sin, my brother! Furthermore, when you try to justify this kind of behavior by appealing to our common faith in Christ, you are making our Lord an agent of sin!” – Timothy George, *The New American Commentary*

Quote #2 – “As long as Christ remains outside of us, and we are separated from Him, all that He has suffered and done for salvation of the human race remains useless and of no value to us.” – John Calvin

Quote #3 – “The ‘I’ who has died to the law no longer lives; Christ, in the person of the Holy Spirit, dwells within, sanctifying our bodies as temples of the Spirit and enabling us to approach the throne of grace.” - Timothy George, *The New American Commentary*

Cross References

Luke 15:1-2

15 Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. 2 And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, “This Man receives sinners and eats with them.”

Mark 7:19

19 because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods?”

1 Peter 1:13

13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

Romans 3:20

20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Romans 7:7

7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, “You shall not covet.”

Romans 6:23

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Colossians 2:13-14

13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

Romans 7:1-2

7 Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives? 2 For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband.

Romans 7:4

4 Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

Romans 6:1-6

6 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

Philippians 1:21

21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Galatians 4:6

6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

Colossians 3:9-10

9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

Romans 8:9

9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

Colossians 2:9

9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

2 Peter 1:4

4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Colossians 2:6-8

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. 8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

John 3:16

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Romans 5:8

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Ephesians 2:5

5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

John 10:17-18

17 “Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. 18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”

Matthew 16:21-22

21 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

22 Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!”

Galatians 2:16

16 knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

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