“Christ Redeemed Us”

Intro: In study of Paul’s Apostolic Letter to the Galatian church we’ve found that false teachers had deceptively entered the church teaching a ________________ ________________: that one is saved by faith in Christ as well as by obedience to the Mosaic Law.

A. To prove that the ________________ of God’s people always came to them by means of faith, the Apostle Paul turned to the Scripture to show that even Abraham, the father of the Jewish nation, was justified not by works but __ ________________.

1. Paul shut the door on the Judaizers’ position showing ______ that obedience to the ______ no longer justified the sinner, but that it ________________ _____. Faith was always the means of justification. By the grace of God alone we are justified by faith alone in Christ Jesus alone!

B. Having proved that righteousness is imputed the believer by way of faith alone and it has been that way from the beginning, Paul, in the verses we study this morning presents the same truth negatively: that it is ________________ ________________ justification by works of the Law.

I. Under the inspiration of the ___________ ___________, the Apostle Paul _____________ that justification before God cannot be obtained by obedience to the Law, but by faith alone.

A. Everyone who _________________ in their ______ ability to keep the Law that they might merit salvation are accountable to God and they are _______________ a ________________: this dreadful curse whereby they will be judged by God without mercy!

1. To prove the point Paul referenced Deuteronomy 27:26 which says, “__________________ __ ___________ who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them.”

B. ______ _______ _______ keep the law perfectly therefore no one can be justified by the law. The Scripture declares, “There are none righteous, not even one” (Rom 3:10); “For ____ have _______________ and fallen short of the glory of God” (3:23); and, “For the wages of sin is death ...” (6:23).

1. Leon Morris writes, “Those who see salvation as ‘living the good life’ overlook the fact that from time to time they do things that are not good. No-one can keep the whole law of God.” James 2:10, “For whoever keeps the whole law and yet _______________ in one point, he has become _______________ of all.”

C. ______ _______ is justified ____ the _______ before God – and that is plainly evident!

1. To prove the point Paul referenced Habakkuk 2:4 which says, “Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; But the _________________ will live by his ________.”

2. MacArthur writes, “To live by law is to live by __________-effort and leads inevitably to failure, condemnation, and _______________. To live by faith is to respond to __________ grace and leads to justification and eternal __________.”

D. Employing a phrase from Leviticus 18:5 Paul demonstrated that Law and faith are mutually exclusive. These two: law and faith _____ _____ co-exist as a mutual means of salvation. While the righteous man lives by faith alone, the man of the Law lives by the Law alone. What the Judaizers asserted simply ________________ be: one ________________ be justified by both faith and works!
E. Paul proclaimed that Christ ______________ us, the church, each and every person of faith __________ the __________ of the Law of which all were born under.

1. The word “redeemed” means to buy out or buy back. The word was used to describe a slave whose __________ ____________________________ was ________________.

2. Beloved, we are not our own for we have been ________________ with a price (cf. 1 Cor., 6:20 & 7:23). And with what price were we redeemed from the curse of the Law? 1 Peter 1:18-19, “... you were not ________________ with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but _______ precious ________________, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood ______________.”

3. To prove his point Paul again quoted from the last of the Book of the Law. Deuteronomy 21:23 says, “______________ is everyone who hangs ______ ______.”

a. When God inspired Moses in the writing of Deuteronomy, declaring that those who hang on a tree are accursed, well did He know His own plan whereby His only begotten ________ would ______ ______ a ______________ cross.

4. MacArthur writes, “Jesus did not become a ________________ because He was crucified (on a wooden cross) but ________________ He was cursed in taking the full sin of the world upon Himself. ‘____ HImself __________ ___ ______ in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you are healed’ (I Pet. 2:24; cf. Acts 5:30).”

5. Church, _____________ became a curse for us! ________ ! Could money by such love as this? What friend do you have who would become cursed of God for you? Rom 5:6-9, “For while we were still helpless, at the right time __________ ______ for the ungodly. 7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died ____________. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be ______________ from the wrath of God through Him.”

6. ____________ did not become a curse _______ ____ so that we would live under the curse of the Law but that we would fully realize the promise of the Spirit through faith: that we would be adopted into the household of God, grafted into the vine of life, made spiritual daughters and sons of our father Abraham, whereby we would _________________ in the LORD and He would credit our faith to us as righteousness.

Conclusion: Dear family, one cannot be made right before God by their adherence to the works of the Law but they can only _____________ ______ ______ on the basis of faith in His Son, Christ Jesus, whereby God declares them right, holy and blameless in His sight.

For those who believe in Christ and all the Scripture says of Him, who do not believe some things about Him but who believe in Him, for them Christ bore the curse pronounced by the Law and on the cross the fires of God’s wrath were fully spent and justice was satisfied.

I ask again: Shall we now insult and mock this Holy and all-merciful God by rejecting His Son claiming that Christ died needlessly, thinking we can earn our own way to God by obeying His holy Law perfectly? Or shall we glorify Him by _________________ in ________________, His Son?

Take care for your soul, dear one, for there is a curse to shun and life to gain. Today, ________________ who you will serve.

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