

Sunday, 10-22-2023

2023-2024 Fall Quarter
Unit II: Faith Triumphs, Law Fails

The Superiority of the Gospel
Bible Background: Galatians 3:1-18
Printed Text: Galatians 3:1-14 KJV/NIV
Devotional Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, we come before You today acknowledging that sometimes we try to establish our own righteousness. Help us not lean not on our own understanding but to depend wholly on You. Thank You for the grace and mercy extended to us through Your sacrifice of love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen*

Unifying Lesson Principle:

1. Whenever we try to make positive changes in our lives there is a tendency for us to be pulled back into old habits. **How can we embrace change when it is in our best interests?** With faith in Jesus Christ, we are strengthened in our resolve to embrace new and better possibilities and promises.
 - a. Remember what we were delivered from by Jesus' death on the cross. Jesus Christ died for our best interest, not for us to get comfortable going through religious practices ver
 - b. sus growing in faith. – **Psalm 1**
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Lesson Objectives:

1. Understand that we are not justified by following the Law.
 2. Acknowledge that spiritual growth relies more on faith than works.
 3. Convey to others the message that Christianity is about more than following rules.
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Devotional Reading: Thursday: Blessed with Every Spiritual Blessing – **Ephesians 1:3-14**

- Salvation totally depends on God. We don't deserve it, but He gives us His grace and mercy. Christ' death on the cross revealed God's redemption (**Leviticus 25:47-54**) and His forgiveness (**Leviticus 17:11**). No Law, religious act, or moral effort can earn God's grace (**Philippians 2:6-11**). Has your Spiritual seal been broken (**Ephesians 4:29-32**)?
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Exposition and Application of the Scripture: – The Superiority of the Gospel - Galatians 3:1-14

A. The Connection to Christ (vv. 1-5) – Romans 8:5-8, 10:17; Galatians 4:4-9; James 2:17-24

- Am I easily fooled by what sounds doctrinal but too lazy to confirm/challenge it? Evidence of your relationship with Jesus Christ will be reflective in the growth of faith and grace. Must keep doing right even if no one else is doing it.

B. A Noble Example (vv. 6-10) – Deuteronomy 27:26; Jeremiah 11:3

- Did the Law save Abraham (**Genesis 15:1-6**)? From the beginning, God's plan of salvation was by faith (**Romans 3:28-30**). Without faith in Jesus Christ, there's no Christianity. Trying to live by the Law is a precursor for death (**James 2:8-10**)

C. Redemption from the Curse (vv. 11-14) – Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17; Hebrews 10:38-11:1

- God has shown us His faith by sending Jesus Christ to redeem us from the curses of the Law. Christ died so we might be saved. Eternal life comes from faith in Jesus Christ and not observance to the Law. Does obeying the Law require faith?