

Teaching for 7/3/2022

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Summary of Galatians: Dan spoke to Paul's desire on affirming and upholding the authenticity of the gospl..

Romans - you can think of Romans as going on the offensive.

Galatians - defensive against false gospels.

Luther said, "The Epistle to the Galatians is my own epistle. I have betrothed myself to it. It is my Katie von Bora." (wife of martin luther)

Reading through this book can be challenging at first glance.... This is a letter. This is a response to individuals and their teachings/ arguments.

Two arguments were circulating in the day:

1. The first argument was that justification was through Christ alone. Many were arguing that the law was holy and therefore the work of Jesus plus law practically circumcision in this argument created a scenario where we are justified.
2. The second predominant argument of the day was that if we were justified by Christ alone, and the law is nullified, then people will give themselves over to licentiousness.

Galation sermon:

- Gal 2:1 Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me.

Gal 2:2 I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain.

What love and sensitivity on Paul's part! It would have been easy for him to say, "I'm right and anyone who disagrees with me is wrong, and I can't wait to get in their face publicly." But he didn't. He knew that being right didn't give you the privilege of being rude.

- Gal 2:3 But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek.

Paul's point is that the leadership in Jerusalem accepted Titus, a Gentile convert, even though he was not circumcised in accord with the Mosaic law. This shows that the Jerusalem leadership accepted Paul's gospel of grace.

The law taught that a gentile man who becomes a Jew, must submit to the act of circumcision. Hell of circumcision, I don't know, tough decision.

"Of course, if any man was going to live a life in obedience to the law he must start by being circumcised." (Morris)

"Paul did not condemn circumcision as if it were a sin to receive it. But he insisted, and the conference upheld him, that circumcision had no bearing upon salvation and was therefore not to be forced upon the Gentiles." (Luther)

- Gal 2:4 Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—

Gal 2:5 to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.

"If they had asked for it on the plea of brotherly love, Paul would not have denied them. But because they demanded it on the ground that it was necessary for salvation, Paul defied them, and prevailed. Titus was not circumcised." (Luther)

69 verses in the New Testament that talk about submission to others.

PAUSE:

Romans 14: 13 Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. 14 I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. 15 For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ

died. 16 So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. 17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. 18 Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. 19 So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

20 Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats. 21 It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble.[a] 22 The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves. 23 But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.[b]

- Gal 2:6 And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me.
Gal 2:7 On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised

The importance of who are you called the minister to for the sake of the gospel?

- Gal 2:8 (for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles),
Gal 2:9 and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

Paul was still building trust among the jew of that day. Paul builds his case for his apostleship.

- Gal 2:10 Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

Gal 2:11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.

Gal 2:12 For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party.

Gal 2:13 And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.

Gal 2:14 But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

Peter had known that God did not require Gentiles to come under the Law of Moses for salvation. He learned this from the vision God gave him in Act_10:23. He learned this from the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Gentiles who believed (apart from being circumcised!) in Act_10:44-48. He learned this by the agreement of the other leaders of the church in Act_11:1-18. Now, Peter turns back on all that he had known about the place of Gentiles in the church, and he treats uncircumcised Gentiles as if they are not saved at all.

Peter was crucified upside down because he felt unworthy to die in the same manner as Jesus Christ.

Notable Works: letters of Peter. Died: c.64 Rome Italy

-Succumb to the fear of man.

- Gal 2:15 We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners;
Gal 2:16 yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

TWO points : First 15 we are in need of a justifier. Some rebel against God through drugs, alcohol, promiscuity, greed, but some rebel against God with external religion but internal corruption. Jesus used the term

The law is diagnostic. This is best articulated by Paul in 1 cor: For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

2Co 3:7 Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end,

2Co 3:8 will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory?

THOUGH SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE AND THERE A GOLDEN CALF THAT THE ISRAELITES ARE TRYING TO HIDE IN THE BACKGROUND.

- Gal 2:17 But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not!
Gal 2:18 For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor.
Gal 2:19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God.

I REALIZE THIS IS BAD EXAMPLE, BUT THIS IS BEST THE I COULD THINK OF LAST NIGHT AT 9PM FINISHING THOUGHTS, BUT YOU GUYS EVER SAT DOWN TO PLAY BOARD GAMES. JOHN. EXPLAINING THE RULES.

- Gal 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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- Gal 2:21 I do not nullify the grace of God (REMEMBER BACK TO MY EARLIER DISCUSSION), for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Eph 2:1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins

Eph 2:2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience.