

By Faith We Are Justified!

Part 2

Galatians 3:6-14

Introduction

1. Paul teaches a foundational truth that echoes throughout all scripture.
 - A. Justification is by faith not by work.
2. All humanity longs for acceptance, belonging and eternal hope.
 - A. Faith in Jesus brings answers to humanities longings.
3. Paul is painting this picture of – ***God's Holiness vs. Man's Efforts***.
4. Here was the question that brings us to these theological truths.
 - A. "How can we help a searching world see that faith in Jesus is the answer they've been longing for?"
5. These scripture gives us biblical truths to answer this question.

Last week – *Biblical Truth #1 – Personal Experience*

1. Our personal experience begins with faith.
 - A. Works left us empty.
 - B. Works never satisfied that inner desire.
2. Faith filled that emptiness within our heart and soul.
 - A. Faith in what?
 - B. Jesus
3. Conclusion
 - A. If faith in Jesus is the beginning of the journey.
 - B. Then faith is the path to spiritual growth.

Biblical Truth #2 – Scripture

Four scriptural truths that man is justified by faith not by works of the law.

1. *Scripture uses Abraham to illustrate the truth – Vs. 6-7.*
2. *Scripture promised the gospel to Abraham long ago – Vs. 8-9.*
3. *Scripture says the law puts a man under a curse – Vs. 10-12.*
4. *Scripture says Christ has redeemed us from the curse – Vs. 13-14.*

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1. Abraham set the standard for faith.
2. Biblical truth – Abraham believed God.

- Note – Vs. 7

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1. Curse – Means to be condemned & doomed to punishment by the righteous judgement of God.
 - A. How do we know the law carries a curse?
 - 1) Vs. 13.
 - B. Christ bore the curse the law carries.
2. Why does the law put a curse upon men?
 - A. Two reasons
 - 1) We don't keep the whole law. (Vs. 10)
 - 2) God's chosen way for approaching Him is to "live by faith". (Vs. 11)

Scripture says Christ has redeemed us from the curse – Vs. 13-14.

That's the grace of God in our lives. Jesus took our sin upon himself and did what we couldn't do. We stand forgiven and bask sheepishly triumphant in Jesus' glory.