

By Faith We Are Justified!

Part 3

Galatians 3:15-22

Introduction

1. This entire section is dealing with Justification comes by Faith in Jesus Christ.
2. Two theological truths we have expounded on.
 - ***Biblical Truth #1 – Personal Experience***
 - ***Biblical Truth #2 – Scripture***
3. We will look at two biblical truths today
 - A. ***Biblical Truth #3 – God’s Covenant & Promise – Vs. 15-18***
 - B. ***Biblical Truth #4 – The Law Has No Power – Vs. 19-22.***

Legalism – is a system in which a person seeks to gain God’s acceptance by what they do.

Biblical Truth #3 – God’s Covenant & Promise – Vs. 15-18

Justification comes by God’s Eternal Promise (Covenant).

1. What is a covenant?
 - A. An agreement between two parties.
- ***God’s eternal covenant – Vs. 15***
- ***God’s covenant was made with Abraham’s seed – Vs. 16.***
- ***God gave His covenant of faith before He gave the law – Vs. 17.***
- ***Our eternal promise inheritance was by promise, not by law – Vs. 18.***

Biblical Truth #4 – The Law Has No Power – Vs. 19-22.

The purpose of the law – Vs. 19.

1. ***To reveal sin!***

Principle – Awareness of sin can awaken its power, but knowledge alone will never bring victor over it.

A focus on rules will never lead to obedience, it will stimulate disobedience.

Paul raises a question and then gives the answer

Is the Law Bad? – Vs. 21

1. God forbid.

Primary purpose of the law

Three categories

1. ***Ceremonial laws***
2. ***Civil laws.***
3. ***Moral laws***

These are not path to salvation, but guidance for living in a way that honors God.

Set Free from the Law. – Vs. 22

Conclusion

Principle – Grace triumphs over sin, through faith in Jesus, victory is won.