

L8: Galatians 2:17-3:5: O Foolish Galatians

Sermon Intro: Review/Summarize

- The Jews religion
 - Natural Righteousness
 - Eating Issue - Matthew 15:10-20
 - ◻ Lev. 11 (1 Tim. 4:4-5)
 - ◻ 1 Cor. 8:1ff, 10:25ff
 - ◻ Galatians 4:3 - elements of the world
 - ◻ Colossians 2:20-23
 - ◻ Hebrews 9:10
- Paul and Peter the truth of the gospel
 - Jews by nature
 - Sinners of the Gentiles
 - We are found sinners

Sermon Preview:

- Christ a Minister of Sin
- Dead to the Law & Live by the Faith of the Son of God
- Righteousness come by Christ
- O Foolish Galatians
 - Received the Spirit?
 - Works of the Law
 - Hearing of Faith

Sermon:

Christ the Minister of Sin

Galatians 2:17 "But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore, Christ the minister of sin? God forbid."

- Peter and Paul were seeking to be justified by Christ, then they were found sinners.
 - This is wrapped up in Christ's teaching
 - Matt. 3:1ff
 - Luk. 7:29-30
 - John 8:20
 - Leviticus 11 wasn't to teach them of their holiness, but God's holiness.
 - Matthew 20:28

- 1 Timothy 2:5 - ransom (the price)
- Romans 5:18 - eternal condemnation

- Matthew 9:10-13 - call sinners to repentance
 - Hosea 6:1-7 (Hosea 5:15)
- Luke 7:37-50 - woman that wipes His feet
- Luke 15:1-2, 3-10 - parables of sinners and Pharisees
- Luke 18:9-14 - the publican and the Pharisee
- John 9:1-41 - blind man, how can a sinner do the miracles

Galatians 2:18 "For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor."

- **"the things"** - natural righteousness and everyone else are sinners, a pride
 - Php. 3:6 - righteousness which is in the law, blameless."
 - Romans 9:31, 10:2-3
 - Heb. 8:6-8

- **"build again"** - begin to minister the leaven of the Pharisees, the doctrine of the Pharisees
 - Matt. 16:12 - "of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees."
 - Matt. 15:6 - "Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition."
 - Isa. 65:1ff

- **"which I destroyed"**
 - Acts 9:20-22, 23

- **"I make myself a transgressor."**
 1. To eat with sinners I transgress
 2. To operate in the Jews religion is transgression of the commandments of God

Galatians 2:19 "For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God."

- **"for"** - further explanation and amplification

- **"I through the law am dead to the law"** - the law itself wasn't to make one righteous nor could the Jews religion show one righteous
 - It was to give you the knowledge of sin
 - Also, the law itself provided for freedom from it - upon death

- **"that I might live unto God."**
 - Paul has become dead to the law, that he might live unto God

Galatians 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me."

- The provision for justification and sanctification
- **"I am crucified with Christ"** - The means by which one is dead to the law
- **"nevertheless I live"** - "that I might live unto God."
 - Dead to sin, but alive unto God (Rom. 6)
 - Dead to the law, to serve in newness of spirit (Rom. 7)
- **"yet not I, but Christ liveth in me"**
 - "the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God" - doctrine, not of the Pharisees, but the doctrine of the faith of the Son of God
 - **"who loved me, and gave Himself for me"**
 - Galatians 5:13

Galatians 2:21 "I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."

- Romans 4:16 - "Therefore it is of faith (no works), that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed (through the generations); not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,"
- **"frustrate"** - to balk, to disappoint, to make null, to render of no effect
 - **"for if righteousness come by the law"** - if it isn't of faith alone, even faith and works it frustrates the grace of God
 - If they were justified by the law or faith plus law, then Christ is dead in vain.
 - Two people in the Old Testament
 - Those justified by faith alone
 - Those that sought justification before God by the law (there was no justification by faith plus the works of the law)
 - In the context of justification unto eternal life it is either faith or works/law, or grace or works/law

- Justification by faith plus works (James 2) was something only those justified by faith alone could do
 - Heb. 11
 - When Israel realized they could not keep the law they comprised the Jews religion
- **"then Christ is dead in vain."**
 - If righteousness come by the law more or less the Jews religion then Christ is dead in vain.

Galatians 3:1 "O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?"

- Paul is going to now deal not so much with the Jews religion, but the law itself, that which the Galatians are seeking.
- In view of the doctrine of Roman 1-8 how could they not obey the truth?
 - Predicament of many Christians
- Foolishness by bewitching
 - The gospel of Christ is in view of the failure of the law to justify and Israel's failure to justify themselves by it, as well as, be what God has planned and purposed her to be.
 - To fascinate; to gain an ascendancy over by charms or incantation
 - Galatians 3:5 - worketh miracles
 - Those under the law could work miracles, but still not be of God
 - Deut. 13:1ff
 - Taking you away from the redemption in Christ

Galatians 3:2 "This only would I learn of you, received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?"

- When did the Spirit come historically in view of the law or post redemption in Christ
- When did they individually receive the Spirit by the works of the law or when they believed in Christ.

Galatians 3:3 "Are ye so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?"

- Perfection - spiritual growth and maturity into the image of Christ doesn't take place "by the flesh".
 - Therefore, the law, post receiving the Spirit does not "perfect" you

- 2 Cor. 3:4ff

Galatians 3:4 "Have ye suffered so many things in vain? If it be yet in vain."

- They had suffered for believing the message - was that in vain, all for nothing

Galatians 3:5 "He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?"

- Examine the one ministering the Spirit and validating by miracles - is he doing it by the works of the law or by the hearing of faith

Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize