

Overview

1-V1 There is an advantage in being a Jew but it is not _____. It was not an advantage in the new covenant of grace. In fact, it had become a huge problem. The Jewish Christians who were legalistic kept saying---“ you are not really fully right with God unless you are circumcised.” Circumcision is not a problem in Christian churches today, but *legalism* is—It continually makes people feel disqualified because they not doing things exactly right.

2-V2-4 The Jews did have a great advantage—they were entrusted with the whole _____ of God. They had knowledge about God that no other people in the world had—They could draw near to God easier. They also had the honor for eternity of being born of a people chosen by God and of their blood Christ, the world’s savior was born.

3-V3 What happened was that Israel as a whole was no better than pagans. They had their circumcision and their traditions but as Jesus said, “ You try to look like upright people outwardly but inside your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness.” Matthew 23:28

They had the _____ of God to them and there was the other side of the covenant—their promises to the Lord but they were _____ and broke their promises.

4-V5-9 Some of these people offered some pretty twisted logic to excuse their lawlessness. They said,“our sins serve a _____ purpose, for people will see God’s goodness when he declares us sinners to be innocent. Isn’t it _____, then, for God to punish us?”

Making God look good by being bad and taking His grace does not justify sin. Paul says that they are (V8) _____ God by saying that he is into this twisted cheap grace.

5-V9 It just doesn’t matter who we are. The fact is that nothing undoes the damning fact that _____ people are under the _____ of sin” and have to face the consequences.

6-V11-18 Paul quotes from the Psalms and Isaiah to show the self righteous Jews that even their scriptures call them sinners who must turn from their evil ways and seek grace and then obey God.” _____ has understanding—no one is

_____ God. All have _____ away—_____ have done wrong. No one does _____ not even_____

Their talk is _____ and full of _____. Their mouths are full of _____ and _____. They are quick to commit

_____ --Destruction and _____ follow them—They do not know true _____ --They have _____ fear of God to _____ them.”

7-V19-20 A great purpose of the Law was to take away people’s _____ by clearing pointing out what evil is talk and actions. The law brings the _____ world under _____ and shows its need for Christ. Because we just can’t keep it .

8-V21-24 Paul has brought us now to the point of proving each one of us equally guilty and desperately needing a different way ---which is !--- Trusting _____ to take away our _____. All have sinned and fall _____ of God’s glorious standard.

Yet now God in His gracious _____ us not _____

9V24-25 Jesus has _____ us from worrying about “what is going to happen to me?” because Jesus took the _____ for our sins and _____ God’s _____ against us. We are made

_____ with God when we believe that Jesus shed His life’s _____, sacrificing his life to save ours.”

10V25-28 So Father God put on hold the punishment of the sins of people before Jesus. In the present and into the future He _____ sinners to be _____ in sight because they _____ (trust in, yield to, connect to, love) in Jesus – Our acquittal is based on this _____ not by _____ the Law.

11 V29-31 When all is said and done --- all people are God’s people –He is the God and Father of every person ever born on earth—All people are the same—struggling with sin and having a hunger for God—so all people are made right with him the same way by _____ “Only when we have _____ do we truly _____ the Law.

Word Study

- SINS • BLOOD * REVELATION • PROMISES
- FREED • TAKE PUNISHMENT • FAITH

1.V1 _____ (1) **God as Creator** is revealed in His creation. There has to be *Someone* behind the INTELLIGENT DESIGN. (2) **God as personal**—as thinking, feeling, moral- creative – relational ---is revealed in the CONSCIENCE of every person whose soul is made in the image of God. God’s purposes, intentions and working in history **have to be revealed to us**. No person could come up with “ Christ crucified” – That is, God becoming a man to save a rebellious and doomed humanity from present misery and future disaster –and hopelessness. This would be done by God’s personal sacrifice---the sacrifice of His life through the Son. Israel was given REVELATION of spiritual laws. Their failure to keep these laws brought a revelation about a REDEEMER who was save them by grace.

2.V3 _____ A good father promises TO GIVE to his children the things they are powerless to possess or acquire themselves. The father’s purpose in the giving the promises is to enable the children to mature---to grow up. The foundational promise was-- “ I will declare you righteous on the basis of what I will do through the Messiah in the future-- - I will overlook and suspend (for the time being) the terrible judgment you have earned. You part is to hold me to my promise and let me transform you back to my likeness..

Therefore, it is offensive to God to say, “Our sins serve a good purpose by showing God’s goodness when He declares us innocent.” The proper response is to try and please God.

3.V9 _____ The word is AMARTIA meaning” to miss the mark” – The power of sin causes us to fail in our efforts to be a straight shooter –To be a poor shot--- To fail to be good from the heart and be good in spite of great effort. “When I want to good, I don’t. And when I try not to do wrong, I do it anyway. But if I am doing what I don’t want to do, I am not really the one doing it, the (power of) sin (an alien dominating power) within me is doing it.” Romans 7:19-20

4. V22 _____ The Greek word is PISTIS which speaks of a confidence that something is true. The concept is exploded in the Scripture to mean not only believing in God but putting our lives in His hands. The Amplified Bible amplifies *faith* in John 1: 7 “ Believe in, adhere to it—trust in and rely upon Him “

5.V24 _____ Sometimes translated redeemed. The Greek word means the release of a captive or slave -- or a pardon from a criminal act secured by the payment of a ransom or fine. For the prisoner of sin and the devil --- the ransom payment was the life of Christ which He paid it because He loves us.

6.V25 _____ (propitiation). It means the appeasement of divine wrath by a sacrificial offering. The philosophy of UNIVERSALISM says that God’s

goodness means every one gets saved. But the Scripture says that God's goodness causes Him to be angry with those who hurt, destroy, deny, who look the other way, who harden themselves to the suffering of people and the planet—who will not love Him. Ephesians 2:1-5

7. V25 _____ Scripture says that a creature's life is in its blood. Capital crimes require the taking of a life—or to speak of it in Old Testament sacrificial language and practice—"the shedding of life's blood." The shed blood is a "proof of death."

Hebrews 9:18 Sin is a capital crime. Anyone who sins must die. "The wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23. Someone has to die for sin. The life of Son of the Living God was able to be the death of all men "Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins Once for all time .. Christ took His own blood (into the Most Holy Place- God's presence) and with it He secured our salvation forever." Hebrews 9:22.12

What does this Scripture say to you?
