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Unit III: Liberating Letters

Subject: Freed to Love

Text: Galatians 5: 1 - 15

Key Verse: “All the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself (Galatians 5: 14, KJV).”

Lesson Pointers:

- 1) Righteous by Faith (Galatians 5: 1 - 5)
- 2) Reap by Faith (Galatians 5: 6 – 10)
- 3) Renounce by Faith (Galatians 5: 11 – 15)

Introduction

The freedom that we receive when we accept Jesus Christ as our personal LORD and Savior saves us from our sin of iniquities and allows us to love one another as ourselves. Yes, do know that not all will accept HIM (Jesus Christ) as their personal LORD and Savior. But to those that will, they will be, saved. Despite the different opinions or resistance, Jesus Christ is there to help us do what is right. We only need to obey and have faith in HIM (Jesus Christ). If one can obey the law and wear seatbelts for their protection and for the protection of their passenger surely, one can accept the saving, grace of Jesus Christ.

Lesson Pointers

Lesson Pointer # 1

- Righteous by Faith (Galatians 5: 1 – 5)

The Bible tells us through Paul that, we are, made free through Jesus Christ our LORD and Savior (Read Galatians 4: 31), therefore, we are to stand steadfastly and refuse the bondage of the Law (Galatians 5: 1). Now, the covenant relationship made with man by GOD no longer requires and outward rituals such as circumcision or the expectation of perfectly keeping to the whole Law of Moses. You, see the Law was a burden to the people because no one was able to live up to its expectations (Read Acts 15: 10). Now, Paul taught that those who sought circumcision as a means for righteousness with GOD were rejecting GOD’S gift of grace and would bring no profit to Jesus Christ (Galatians 5: 2). Do know that Christians are, made righteous only through the gift of grace afforded by Jesus Christ’s sacrifice at Calvary’s hill. It is, grace, not human merit, which is the believer’s only hope. Because in our own strength, we can not seek to please GOD without falling short, in other words, we would mess up every time (Galatians 5: 3). Let us be clear, the LORD GOD calls every believer to holiness and purity, but know that salvation is not, earned by what you do or do not do; rather, you are, saved because of what the LORD GOD has done for you through Jesus Christ. You either accept the whole of the Law or receive the grace of the LORD GOD. Everyone that choose the Law forfeit GOD’S gift of grace, alienating or isolating themselves of Jesus Christ and HIS offer of salvation (Galatians 5: 4). Knowing that the Law is a heavy yoke, believers eagerly except the Holy Spirit’s help in faith in, order to walk by faith in the righteousness of the LORD GOD (Galatians 5: 5). This sure hope that the believers have gives us power against sin, and

freedom from guilt, and the wonderful assurance that the LORD GOD'S grace keeps us in a righteous standing with HIM.

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Lesson Pointer # 2

- Reap by Faith (Galatians 5: 6 – 10)

Now, Paul stated that whether you are, circumcised or uncircumcised, both processes are worthless, because in and of themselves they produce nothing. Salvation is only, made by faith expressed through Christian love that replaces the love of the LORD GOD (Galatians 5: 6). Now, whether you are, circumcised or uncircumcised you have no cause to think yourselves to be better or more saved than the other. You see, the Christian life is an ongoing process or labor of love toward humanity. By thinking that we are better and more saved than the other, we are running (serving each other) in the LORD GOD'S truth but we have somehow become hindered (Galatians 5: 7). This hindrance they we encountered, is not from the LORD GOD who called us to service (Galatians 5: 8). That is why Paul used his famous analogies, Paul reminded the Galatians Christian that a little leaven can infect or spread throughout the whole lump of dough (Galatians 5: 9). Even though, there were trouble within the church, Paul remained faithful that believers would hold firm and reap the blessings and benefits of the LORD GOD through Jesus Christ. Paul also warned those that had sown discord and doubt in the body of the church would not go unpunished (Galatians 5: 10). Do know, that both the just and the unjust shall reap their just rewards.

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Lesson Pointer # 3

- Renounce by Faith (Galatians 5: 11 – 15)

Now, because Paul had allowed Timothy to be, circumcised (Read Acts 16: 3), some argued that Paul was inconsistency in his message of circumcision and uncircumcision. But no principle was, violated, because Timothy was half-Jewish; his mother was a Jew, and his earthly father was Greek. Paul being a circumcised Jew himself did not preach circumcision as a means for Christian salvation. For this, Paul endured persecution from other Jewish believers. Paul preached to both Jews and Gentiles the doctrine of grace rather than circumcision so that the message of salvation by grace might abound (Galatians 5: 11). Paul wished that all the troublemakers would be cut-off, and removed from the faithful, so that, they could no longer sow seeds of discouragement among the faithful believers (Galatians 5: 12). In, order to, handle those who choose discord is to remind them of the liberty of Jesus Christ, the One whom we seek to serve one another in love as Jesus Christ chose to love (Galatians 5: 13). Now, when we practice godly love for one another we should renounce selfish desires, and embrace Jesus Christ, and by so doing we fulfill the entirety of the law (Galatians 5: 14). Therefore, we warn those who sow seeds of division and conflict among believers because this only results in hurting and destroying one another (Galatians 5: 15).

Nuggets of the lesson

- 1) We should as Christian eagerly await the Holy Spirit's help in faith by righteousness of GOD (Galatians 5: 5; Romans 8: 24; Romans 5: 5).
- 2) Know that those who sow seeds of discord against you will be, punished (Galatians 5: 10; Galatians 1: 7).