

Foundations for Grace

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Law – Sin – Salvation – Righteousness – Grace

Introduction:

Different Kind of Message Today!

- . Interactive
- . I want and need your input
- . Let's have some fun
- . Some doctrines/teachings are critical while others matters are simply a matter of conviction
- . All my doctrine is not correct, neither is yours, neither is Gordy's.
- . May you be challenged/ encouraged/ enlightened – I have definitely learned from this study!!!

Luke 8:16-18 - A Challenge for us all!!!!

Talk about at least 5 topics maybe more:

1. Law
2. Sin
3. Salvation (The Gospel)
4. Righteousness
5. Grace

We are compelled to have a Biblical/Godly understanding - Let's look at the Scriptures

1. LAW

- . Is the Law Sinful or Evil? Romans 7:7,12
- . Scripture says the law was weak and unprofitable. How is it Weak and unprofitable? Hebrews 7:18-19
- . Under the Law how obedient must you be to be righteous? Galatians 3:10 Be Ye Holy As I Am Holy
Be Perfect As I Am Perfect
- . Has or can anyone ever be saved by obeying the Law? Romans 3:20 Galatians 2:16
- . What does Paul say is/was the purpose of the law? Romans 3:19-20 Galatians 3:23-25
- . How did Jesus Himself make righteousness through the Law more difficult? Matthew 5:20-22,27-28
- . What does it mean "Jesus did not come to destroy/Abolish the law but to fulfill/Complete it? Matthew 5:17
- . The scripture describes our relationship to the law as a marriage. What ended this relationship? Romans 7:1-6
- . The scripture describes our relationship to the law as Isaac & Ishmael. Ishmael being the law.
What does scripture tell us to do? Galatians 4:29-30
- . What time span was the Law given for? Galatians 3:19
- . The Law was really not the problem but sinful man and his inability to fulfill it.

- . The law if not being properly understood (which it generally was not) leads to multiple problems. Can you think of any?
- . Scripture says the Law is not of faith. Galatians 3:12 Well what is the opposite of Faith? Sin?? Unbelief?? Self Effort!!!!
- . The Law leads to Legalism – Performance based life – Self Effort – Wrong self-evaluation (Either pride or Guilt & Condemnation)
- . By God's Grace people would see it is impossible to fully obey the Law and cry out to God for His help & salvation
- . The law is based on God's justice – The soul that sinneth, it shall die – wages of sin is death
- . WARNINGS ABOUT THE LAW! Law brings about Wrath Romans 4:15
 - It is called “another gospel” or “perverted gospel” by Paul Galatians 1:9
 - Puts a person under a Curse Galatians 3:10
 - Galatians were bewitched by it!!! Galatians 3:1
 - Paul Warns it could cause you to fall from Grace Galatians 5:4
 - A little leaven (Law) leavens the whole lump Galatians 5:7-9
 - Stand Fast in your FREEDOM!!!! Galatians 5:1

2. SIN

- . What kind of people go to Heaven? John 3:16
- . What kind of people go to Hell? Mark 16:16
- . How many sins do you have to commit to be a sinner?
- . If a non-Christian stopped sinning today and for the rest of his life would he go to heaven?
- . Sin puts all men on the same level James 2:10 Romans 3:3,19
- . How does God/Scripture see the condition of the non-Christian? Ephesians 2:1 Romans 5:8 John 5:29 Colossians 1:21
- . For an unbeliever (Sinner) sin is not just what they do but who they are!!!
- . Are some sins worse than others before God?
 - would stretching the truth not send you to hell but getting drunk would?
 - sins of different kinds have different consequences here on earth but before God a sin is a sin is a sin
- . There is only one sin that will keep you out of Heaven. What is that?
- . There is a greater problem for the sinner than his sin. What am I talking about?
- . There is a greater solution for the sinner than just confessing his sin. What am I talking about?
- . Under the covenant of law sacrifice was made regularly for sins to be forgiven. Pay as you go.
- . Under the New Covenant Jesus died “ONCE FOR ALL”. It Is Finished – PAID IN FULL!!! Hebrews 9:12
- . Forgiveness & cleansing from sin are part of being saved!!! 1 John 1:7

- . David saw the blessedness of sins no longer imputed!!!! Romans 4:8
- . Jesus “BECAME SIN” for us that we might be forgiven 2 Corinthians 5:21

3. SALVATION

- . How did people in the Old Testament become saints? Romans 4:1-11
- . There has only ever been 1 way to be Children of God. How ?
- . Thought: If there are no amount of good deeds we can do to make ourselves righteous then how many sinful deeds would it take to make a new creation an old creation? Or an adopted son a rejected son?
- . What is the Gospel message? Salvation comes by trusting Jesus’ sacrifice for us!!!
- . Salvation is not just forgiveness of sins or repentance (although they are certainly part of it). It is being BORN AGAIN – Becoming God’s Child
- . Some teach we fall in and out of salvation when we sin and others teach we can never lose our salvation
I have definitely changed from thinking it is me holding unto Jesus to now knowing He is the One holding me
I do have security!!!
- . We must be careful that we do not add to or dilute the Gospel message! No change of life must be required to come to Jesus. He is the Savior and the only one that can transform a life!!!
- . Salvation transfers us from sinners to saints
- . There are 2 blood lines of people on this planet. A person is either “In Christ” or “In Adam.” That will determine their eternal home

4. RIGHTEOUSNESS

- . How righteous do I have to be to go to Heaven?
- . How is a person made righteous under the NEW Covenant? 2 Corinthians 5:21
- . The sinless life that Jesus lived is just as important for my salvation as His death and resurrection!!!
- . Does this Righteousness change when we sin?
- . This Righteousness that we wear as His Children!!! It is a glorious WHITE ROBE!!!!!!
- . We are Justified by Jesus (Just as if we had never sinned)
- . This has been called “The Exchanged Life” or “Imputed Righteousness”
- . RIGHTEOUSNESS does not originate from us but is a fruit of Christ’s life in us
- . We are a Lamp and unless we are plugged into the Electricity (JESUS) we are nothing. No self- produced good works here!!!

5. GRACE

- . We must quit thinking with human thought – BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND!!!!
- . Grace is a radical, unfair, glorious thing!!!!
- . What is Justice? It is seen in the Law - We get just what we deserve
- . What is Mercy? It is much much better - We don't get the punishment we deserve
- . What is Grace? We are co-heirs with Jesus – we get what He deserves!!!!
- . Grace puts everyone on the same level – think about the workers in the vineyard – what about the Prodigal Son (that's not popular with everyone)
- . Jesus was punished with the Justice we deserved and we get the Grace He deserved!!!
- . We had been in a prison with chains – Jesus broke the chains and opened wide the prison gates. Grace says you must make this jail break but you hesitate. It's not fair – I don't deserve to be free – I'm just a filthy sinner – I'm ok where I'm at – It scares me – what if I go out of this prison and get all caught up in sin?
Read Luke 5:37-38
- . Are you living this exciting Grace based life or are you looking at your performance?
- . Are you afraid of Freedom?
- . Are you still living in guilt & condemnation?
- . Stop trying to please Him by producing your own righteousness.
- . Learn Of His Grace – Come unto Jesus and Find Rest in His RIGHTEOUSNESS & GRACE.