



Scripture

Galatians 3:10-29

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I. The Law Condemns Us All - 3:10-12

James 2:10 -

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

Isaiah 53:6 -

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way.

I. The Law Condemns Us All - 3:10-12

Romans 3:20 -

By works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Romans 6:23 -

the wages of sin is death.

II. Christ Redeemed Us from the Curse of the Law - 3:13

I Peter 1:18-19 -

You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

II Corinthians 5:21 -

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

III. Christ is the Fulfillment of the Promises to Abraham - 3:14-20

Genesis 3:15 -

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall crush your head, and you shall bruise his heel.

III. Christ is the Fulfillment of the Promises to Abraham - 3:14-20

Genesis 13:14-16 -

The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, “Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your seed forever. I will make your seed as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your seed also can be counted.

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II Corinthians 1:20 -

All the promises of God find their “yes” in Him!

IV. We are All Justified Through Faith in Christ - 3:21-26

“Though I lived as a monk without reproach, I felt that I was a sinner before God with an extremely disturbed conscience. I could not believe that he was placated by my satisfaction. I did not love, yes, I hated the righteous God who punishes sinners, and secretly, if not blasphemously, certainly murmuring greatly, I was angry with God, and said, "As if, indeed, it is not enough, that miserable sinners, eternally lost through original sin, are crushed by every kind of calamity by the law of the decalogue, without having God add pain to pain by the gospel and also by the gospel threatening us with his righteousness and wrath!" Thus I raged with a fierce and troubled conscience. Nevertheless, I beat importunately upon Paul at that place, most ardently desiring to know what St. Paul wanted.

At last, by the mercy of God, meditating day and night, I gave heed to the context of the words, namely, "In it the righteousness of God is revealed, as it is written, 'He who through faith is righteous shall live.'" There I began to understand that the righteousness of God is that by which the righteous lives by a gift of God, namely by faith. And this is the meaning: the righteousness of God is revealed by the gospel, namely, the passive righteousness with which merciful God justifies us by faith, as it is written, 'He who through faith is righteous shall live.' Here I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates...

I extolled my sweetest word with a love as great as the hatred with which I had before hated the word ‘righteousness of God.’ Thus that place in Paul was for me truly the gate to paradise.”

~Martin Luther, Works, 34:336-337

V. Those Justified are One Community in Christ - 3:26-29

Romans 8:17 -

We are “heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.”