

Have you put on Christ? Are you redeemed from the curse of the Law? Galatians 3:10-29

In this scripture reading in Galatians, Paul an apostle of Christ explains the difference between [the law] and faith. Paul tells us how Abraham was justified by faith alone, and not the works of the law, which was written 430 years after the time of Abraham. In fact, Paul states this several times in the scriptures. In Galatians 3:11, **“the just shall live by faith,”** [KJV], and in Romans 1:17, **“the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, the just shall live by faith,”** [KJV]. Paul was speaking about our Salvation through the power of God. God’s power becomes active when we believe what we have heard, for **“faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”** [Romans 10:17, KJV]. Paul comments in Romans 10:8, that **“the word is near you even in your own mouth,”** for the word that Paul preached is the word of faith. Think about what Paul is saying here. The word is active, alive, and will come to pass when you believe and confess it with your mouth. God’s word is a living testament, thus it is not dead, but very much alive. Why did Jesus say in Matthew 24:35, “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away” [KJV]? We should consider the story about the two builders and two foundations in Matthew 7:24-27. Jesus explains how hearing his word and doing his word is like a wise man who built his house upon a rock verses a man who is foolish who listens and does nothing. If the word says, “herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins,” [1John 4:10, KJV], how should we then respond?

Do we believe and have faith to trust that Christ took upon himself our sins in order to give us life. We are given a choice to choose life or death. In Deuteronomy 30:15 it states, “see, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil” [KJV], and in verse 19 of the same chapter, it has the added words of “blessing and cursing; therefore choose life.” In Deuteronomy chapter 28 there is a list of all the curses that can come upon a person who does not choose life. Take the time to read it for yourself, and remember that if you are not in the will of God, you will not be blessed with God’s protection and provision. Jesus said, **“I am the way, the truth and the life”** [John 14:6, KJV]. The law was put into place because of mans sin and it showed us how sinful man is. The law was to bring us to Christ. God so love the world that He sent His Son to die for our sins and give us eternal life. When we believe through faith, God must fulfill the promise he gave to Abraham, which is the blessing of righteousness through faith in Christ. Faith in Christ allows His love to move in and through us, for “the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who is given unto us,” [Romans 5:5, KJV]. This is something wonderful to behold, for now He is ever present within us by the Holy Spirit’s power living through us as we are changed from glory to glory into the likeness of Christ. We need to understand our position in Christ. After we have believed and accepted that Christ died for our sins, His love becomes real, and His light of knowledge shines within our hearts. Listen to what Paul says in 2 Corinthians chapter 4, verses 6-7, “for God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the Excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us” [KJV]. Praise God, for the light of knowledge that changes us by having faith just like Abraham. Abraham believed and it was accounted to him for righteousness. [See Galatians 3:6], so when we believe we enter into the same blessing that Abraham had and that is not only righteousness, but adoption into the family of God.

When Paul tells us to put on Christ, he is speaking of putting on clothes or garments. We put on Christ clothing and become righteousness, love, gentleness, etc. In Romans 13:14 Paul states, **“put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts,”** [KJV]. Paul also states that we are to walk honestly and not to be drunk and talk angrily [see Romans 13:13]. In other words, we are now walking the life of Christ. Christ

becomes our lifestyle. Let's look again at Galatians chapter 3 verse 26-27, "**for ye are all the [sons/children] of God by faith in Christ Jesus.** For as **many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ,**" [KJV]. This scripture tells us that if one trusts in Christ's provision for our sins, then a person is changed to a new person through Christ. Baptism deals with a state or condition of a person at a particular time. To be baptized is **to be something new.** In essence, you are clothed with Christ righteousness and sin will not reign in your body anymore. You now have eternal life living through you by faith. A child of God **will not make or cause themselves to fulfill fleshly desires, for fleshly desires are contrary to the will of God.** That is why Paul tells us to put on Christ, to keep our position in Christ in all that we do. **We are no longer under the curse of the law, but we are now under the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus.** Paul tells us in Romans 8:2, "**For the law of the Spirit [Holy Spirit] of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death,**" [KJV]. My friend we are free from the curse of the law, which brings death. The Holy Spirit is our helper and comforter to work God's power of redemption in and through us. In Hebrews chapter 10, verse 23, it states, "**Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering** (for he is faithful that promised)," [KJV]. Don't be swayed by what others say that is contrary to the word of God. Don't allow reason, or rationalize your way out of the freedom you have in Christ. You are no longer a servant under the law, but you are a child of God and an heir of God through Christ. It is very important for you to understand your position in Christ, for Christ came to destroy him who hath the power of death, which is the devil. In Hebrews chapter 2, verse 14, it explains how Jesus "through death might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil, and not only that but he took on him the seed of Abraham [see verse 16]. Praise God, Christ fulfilled the promise made to Abraham in regard to his seed, and we are included in that promise. Christ was made like us so he could identify with all our human weaknesses, and He is merciful and faithful. Keep your profession of faith and confess your faults through prayer knowing that you have the assurance of your faith that God can change your heart and mind from evil to a clear conscience. Remember that His word is alive and active and will not return void. We have a sure foundation, which is the Word of God, and His word is active and living. Don't become foolish and listen to God's word and do nothing. Believe and have faith like Father Abraham, and receive the blessings and promises of God through Christ. Your profession of faith in Christ makes you a child of God and an heir with Christ in that you will no longer be a slave to sin. This should bring joy and gladness, for many are in bondage today to drugs, alcohol, and other abuses that brings one down into condemnation. "There is, therefore, now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit," [Romans 8:1, KJV]. Put on Christ and keep your profession of Christ and you will be free indeed from the law of sin and death.

Remember God Loves You!

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I am His, and He Is Mine

Written in 1876 by G. Wade Robinson

**Loved with everlasting love, led by grace that love to know;
Gracious Spirit from above, Thou hast taught me it is so!
O this full and perfect peace! O this transport all divine!
In a love which cannot cease, I am His, and He is mine.
In a love which cannot cease, I am His, and He is mine.**