

## Lesson 74 Answers and Comments

This	envy	destruction	devil
To	murder	presence	present
Come	debate	devil	bodies
Heavenly	deceit	lake	mercies
Kingdom	malignity	fire	him
Ages	backbiters	brimstone	died
Come	God	deliver	rose
Kingdom	despiteful	present	deliver
Son	proud	evil	present
Coming	boasters	world	evil
With	disobedient	whole	world
All	parents	armour	cross
Saints	understanding	withstand	world
Heaven	covenant	stand	crucified
Look	natural	truth	me
We	affection	righteousness	I
With	implacable	gospel	world
Absent	unmerciful	faith	
Body	crooked	fiery	
Present	perverse	darts	
Lord	rulers	wicked	
Not	darkness	helmet	
Obey	world	salvation	
Unrighteousness	prince	sword	
Fornication	world	word	
Wickedness	fire	God	
Covetousness	vengeance	stand	
Maliciousness	punished	wiles	

This present evil world is a system that Satan has organized to promote his purposes. His purpose is clearly seen with Adam and Eve in the garden. In Gen. 3:5, Satan is speaking and says; “For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.” Satan’s plan is to have a world system that functions in independence from God. Governments, religions, cultures, entertainment, education, etc. all operating without regard to the God of the Bible. It is out from this satanic system that we were delivered by the power of the gospel, Rom. 1:16.

Demas set his affection back to this satanic system and so have countless other saints. It should be our constant prayer that our hearts would be continually occupied with the “love of Christ for us,” that we would not fall into the same pitfall.

## Lesson 75 Pitfall of Legalism

Gal. 3:3, "Are ye so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?"

Please read the six chapters of Galatians. Here we find Paul addressing the conflict of law verses grace.

The believers at Galatia had been wonderfully saved by Paul's gospel.

Gal. 1:6, "I marvel that ye are so soon \_\_\_\_\_ from him that \_\_\_\_\_ you into the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_."

The grace of Christ was what Paul preached. The unmerited, underserved kindness of Christ is what saved these believers. Their salvation was all of Christ!

Gal. 2:16, "Knowing that a man is \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, but by the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ, even we have \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ, that we might be \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ Christ, and \_\_\_\_\_ by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall \_\_\_\_\_ flesh be \_\_\_\_\_."

Is it possible for a saved person to turn from a Christ alone salvation to a works salvation and still be saved? The Galatian believers had done exactly that! In Gal. 1:6 Paul marveled not that they removed themselves from grace but at how quickly they did it. Were they still saved?

Gal. 4:19, "My little \_\_\_\_\_," Paul refers to them as his children. They certainly weren't his physical offspring, but his spiritual offspring. Much the same way he referred to Titus.

Titus 1:4 "To Titus, mine \_\_\_\_\_."

II Tim. 1:2, "To Timothy, my dearly beloved \_\_\_\_\_."

Philemon 1:10, "I beseech thee for my \_\_\_\_\_ Onesimus, whom I have \_\_\_\_\_ in my bonds."

Paul described these Galatian believers as his little children. People he had begotten. Paul was the human instrument that preached the gospel to them by which they received spiritual life.

These believers at Galatia had moved from grace to works. How did this happen? The first step:

### I. False teachers came in.

Gal. 1:7 "...but there be some that \_\_\_\_\_, and would \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel of Christ."

Gal. 4:17, "\_\_\_\_\_ zealously affect you, but \_\_\_\_\_, yea, they would \_\_\_\_\_ you, that ye might affect them."

Gal. 5:10, "...but \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be."

Gal. 5:12, "I would they were even cut off which \_\_\_\_\_."

Gal. 6:12, 13, "As \_\_\_\_\_ as desire to make a \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, they constrain you to be \_\_\_\_\_ ... vs. 13. For neither they themselves who are \_\_\_\_\_ keep the \_\_\_\_\_; but desire to have you \_\_\_\_\_, that they may glory in your flesh."

## Lesson 75 Continued

Acts 20:29, "For I know this, that after my \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ enter in among you, not sparing the flock."

Col. 2:8, "Beware lest any man \_\_\_\_\_ you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

Read Acts 21:18-22. Do you see what great conflict there was over Paul's message?

Acts 15:24, "Forasmuch as ye have heard, that certain which went out from us have \_\_\_\_\_ you with \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_, saying ye must be \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_: to whom we gave no such commandment:"

These false teachers came in with a false message. A message of law keeping. A performance based acceptance program. This is a common occurrence in the church today. Those who preach "Lordship Salvation" are preaching legalism. Making Jesus "Lord of your life" as a condition for one's salvation is no different than insisting one be circumcised, baptized, etc. for salvation.

Adding works to salvation was only one area where the Galatians had made a grace error. In our vs. in Gal. 3:3 Paul writes, "Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye \_\_\_\_\_ made \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_?" Not only did the Galatians add works to the gospel of salvation but they added works to bring them to perfection.

Another step into the pitfall of legalism is:

### II. Depart from Paul

Immediately after Paul charges the Galatians with removing themselves from the grace of Christ he spends a chapter and a half defending his apostleship.

Gal. 1:11, "But I certify you, brethren, that the \_\_\_\_\_ which was preached of \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ after man. Vs. 12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

These believers at Galatia had been persuaded by others that Paul was teaching lies.

Gal. 1:20, "Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I \_\_\_\_\_,"

We find Paul over and over again using the phrase "I lie not".

Rom. 9:1, "I say the truth in Christ, I \_\_\_\_\_..."

II Cor. 11:31, "...knoweth that I \_\_\_\_\_."

I Tim. 2:7, "... (I speak the \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, and \_\_\_\_\_..."

Paul's apostleship and authority were constantly challenged. His message was denied and ridiculed.

Any believer who departs from Paul will fall prey to legalism.

## Lesson 75 Continued

Deut. 28 sums up legalism. Vs. 1 "... \_\_\_\_\_ thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ ... to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ all his \_\_\_\_\_ ... vs. 2 And \_\_\_\_\_ these \_\_\_\_\_ shall come... vs. 15 \_\_\_\_\_ it shall come to pass, \_\_\_\_\_ thou wilt \_\_\_\_\_ hearken... that \_\_\_\_\_ these \_\_\_\_\_ shall come upon thee."

Whenever our obligation is presented first with God's blessing following our faithful obedience, we have legalism.

Under grace we always have God's blessing first with our response following.

The Galatian believers had gone back to a system in the Bible that God had set aside with Paul's revelation of grace.

Is this a common occurrence in the church today?? Listening to a well-known pastor on the radio, he said, "the reason you're not experiencing angelic activity in your life today is because you have not submitted yourself to God's chain of command." Of course he used Israel's angelic provision and Israel's conditional blessing program and made a direct application to saints living in the dispensation of the grace of God. This is the law principle of you do something and then you get something. These false teachers abound in our churches.

You and I need to be careful concerning:

II Tim. 3:13 "But \_\_\_\_\_ men and \_\_\_\_\_ shall wax \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and being \_\_\_\_\_."

The message of legalism permeates the pulpits. It appeals to our flesh. God's grace provides a perfect salvation and perfect instruction for our walk.

The Galatian believers fell into the pitfall of legalism and it cost them the \_\_\_\_\_ Gal. 4:15 that they had once enjoyed in grace!