

## By Faith not Law

When we feel condemned because we fall short of Gods standard of righteousness

Rom 8:1 There *is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

- The righteous live by faith, not works. We don't trust in our works but we are to trust in Gods works which have already been sacrificed for us.

Gal 3:11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is* evident: for, the just (holy, righteous) shall live by faith. 12 And the law is not of faith: but, the man that doeth them shall live in them. 13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:

Phi 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Heb 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

- We need knowledge to bear fruit in this faith walk.

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

- Sin is imputed when there is knowledge, when God writes the law on our heart. God is very merciful with our ignorance. With knowledge comes more responsibility.

Jam 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin.

- Instead of using our faith to call those things that be not as though they were (Rom 4:17) the devil uses the knowledge to condemn us. If you are condemned you are not operating by faith.

## Reconciled by Faith

- Faith is a gift from God, one of the precious promises of God. It comes with the grace of our salvation.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

- We don't need more faith, our part is to believe with the faith we are already given.

Mat 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

- In the reconciliation, the exchange at the cross, we became Jesus Christ. At salvation, His life is given to us and our life is put on the cross. It is no longer us that lives but Christ that lives in us (Gal 2:20)

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new. 18 And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord. **Jam 1:23** For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24 for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Col 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven. 21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: 23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and *be* not moved

away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

- **Faith is accounted as righteousness (Gal 3:6, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.)**

#### Romans 3:1- 4: (Whole passage)

**Rom 11:6** And if by grace, then *is it* no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. **7** What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded

### The Law

**Lev 5:17** And if a soul sin, and commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD; though he knew it not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity. **18** And he shall bring a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trespass offering, unto the priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his ignorance wherein he erred and knew *it not*, and it shall be forgiven him (not cleansed like the new testament).

- You're a sinner whether you have knowledge of sin or not. You were held accountable to the law written on tablets.

**Rom 9:31** But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.

**Gal 5:4** Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

**Gal 4:8** Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods. **9** But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements (**the law**), whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage (**legalism**)?

**Gal 2:16** Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. **17** But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, *is* therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. **18** For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. **19** For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. **20** I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. **21** I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness *come* by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

**Jam 2:10** For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all.

- We have a trespass offering that is continuous so that we have gods forgiveness AND cleansing because we have the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29)
- Now we are held accountable to the law written on our hearts by knowledge of the truth.

**Jer 31:31** Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel (**Christians - Rom 9:6-8**), and with the house of Judah: **32** Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: **33** But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

**Psa 45:1** My heart is indicting a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. **2** Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.