

Grace Ambassadors Bible Fellowship

2016 Ambassadors' Seminar: Christian Fundamentals

Session 5: *The Work of Christ: Salvation*

1. Introduction

- a. When I think of the fundamentals, sports come to mind – Coaches go back to the drawing board
- b. Athletes never stray from the fundamentals, they undergird performance --- same for Christians
- c. Athletes & soldiers drill...*shouldn't Christians??*

*"Excellence is achieved by the mastery of the fundamentals." – Vince Lombardi
"every man that striveth for mastery is temperate in all things...I therefore so run..." – 1Cor9:25,26
"...if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned except he strive lawfully." – 2Tim2:5*

2. The sufficient & complete work of Christ is a central doctrine to Christianity

WORLD'S WISDOM – Amer. Humanist Assoc: *Good w/out a God*

PROFESSING CHRISTIANS - Barna 2016 *State of the Church* Poll: ~72% believe that good works result in heaven

- a. **Where do we find the clear message?** A: Our Apostle – 1Tim1:16; 2Tim2:7
- b. Understand that the fundamental of salvation by grace through faith not of works is Pauline
- c. **The Simple Gospel:** the death, blood, burial & resurrection of God manifest as sole payment for sin and justification of eternal life

3. What do we need salvation from & how is it possible?

A: God's wrath...

- a. First Adam: Draw red arrow: Sin + death = condemnation Rom5:12+18 (draw wrath revealed)
- b. Sin (1Jn5:17) = death = judgment = God won't acquit wickedness (Nah1:2,3)
- c. Understand: flesh can't please God (Rom8:7,8) – Christ is the only acceptable one
- d. Last Adam (red) "*Christ crucified*": 1Cor1:18,21-24 --> 2:2 --> 15:1-4,17
- e. Imputation of sin to Christ: Gal3:13 --> 2Cor5:19,21
- f. Imputation of righteousness to the believer: Rom4:4,5 + 23-25
- g. Extent of the atonement is to ALL – blood, all trespasses – 1Tim2:4-6; Col1:14; Col1:20,21; 2:13
- h. Justification by faith = peace w/ God – Rom5:1
- i. Grace reigns by Christ's righteousness; accessed by faith – Rom5:21 + 2
- j. Salvation by grace through faith, not of works – Eph2:8,9

4. Understand: God is only justified in saving sinners by grace because of Christ's complete & sufficient blood shed on Calvary's cross (Rom3:21-30) & resurrection from the dead

- a. God justifies circumcision by faith, uncircumcision through faith – Rom3:30
- b. God gave promises, a law & required that it be followed – Deu6:25
- c. But their works could never justify them for the just live by faith – Hab2:4
- d. The blood of bulls & goats could never take away sin – Heb10:4

5. Modern day "Christianity" misses the clear teaching of the gospel because they fail to rightly divide what Christ revealed to Paul (Rom16:25) – they believe that works of righteousness factor in...

- a. **Promises** to Abram – Gen12:1-3 (Draw "promises")
- b. Covenant of **Circumcision** to Abraham (Condition) – Gen17:10,14 (Draw "circumcision")
- c. Moses: **Law** Covenant + kingdom (condition) – Deu6:25; 32:46,47
- d. David: Everlasting throne + kingdom – Ps18:20,22
- e. Jesus: Fulfills law + commands its adherence – Mt5:18-20; 19:16,17; 23
- f. Peter: Repentance + Baptism + future blotting + Ac2:38 + 3:19-21 + 10:34,35 (Eph1:6; Ti3:5)
- g. John: Abide + confess – 15:10,14 + 1Jn1:9
- h. James: Faith + works – 2:8-11,14+24
- i. These are all examples of "Faith + Works" – Why? A: Faith in covenant promises of King(dom)

6. Remove Paul's epistles and all you have is a teaching of Judaism – His epistles teach how we understand the righteousness of God from faith to faith – He is the due time testifier

- a. Paul's gospel of Christ reveals God's righteousness from faith to faith – Rom1:16,17
- 7. "Christians" make the cross of none effect when they...**
- a. Preach the gospel of the kingdom or His name for salvation
 - a. Law following – Gal2:21; 5:2-6,11
 - b. Mans' wisdom and philosophy – 1Cor1:17; Col2:8,18
 - c. Mind earthly things – Phil3:19
 - d. Confession – Rom10:9,10
- 8. MAD holds the key to upholding & maintaining true Biblical Christianity's gospel**
- a. We are able to maintain the purity of the preaching of the cross
 - b. We stand in the position to clear up the error and see people saved