



FUNDAMENTAL BIBLE STUDY

Chart Lesson: Cursed or Redeemed?

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A Progressive Look at Righteousness in the Bible

“For as many as are of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith...Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us” – Galatians 3:10,11,13

1. Objectives

- a. To define Biblical righteousness and it's connection to life
- b. Survey both Old & New Testament figures and references to righteousness and life
- c. Recognize the progressive revelation the Bible shows regarding righteousness
- d. Conclude understanding how Christ's righteousness is imputed to the believer by faith alone

2. Framing the Discussion

- a. *Righteousness* def. – the perfection or holiness of God's nature; sinless; just
- b. Righteousness and life are connected
- c. Men die & are judged...Jesus has authority to judge and grant life – Heb9:27; Ps98:9; Jn5:26-30
 - i. True righteousness merits eternal life
 - ii. True unrighteousness merits everlasting punishment
 - iii. A just judge will reward accordingly
- d. Because men are sinful, God can only count righteousness by grace through faith – Gal3:11
- e. God's instructions change, and the man of faith will always do what God instructs

3. Righteousness Before Circumcision & Law

- a. Adam – created in God's righteous image – Gen1:26-31...disobeyed bring in sin – Rom5:12
- b. Cain & Abel – righteousness found by doing well – Gen4:1-7
- c. Noah – one man found grace despite a present evil world – Gen6:5-8; 7:1
- d. Abram – called out and given promises...counted righteous by belief alone – Gen15:6

4. Righteousness After Circumcision & Law: Faith and Works

- a. Abraham – circumcision added and, by faith, required to continue in good standing – Gen17:7-10
- b. Moses – law added...by faith, required...life and righteousness in law obedience – Deu6:25; 32:47
- c. David – rewarded according to his law righteousness – 2Sam22:21-25
- d. Jesus – confirmed & taught the law to Israel – Mt5:17-20; 10:5,6; 19:17-23; 23:1-3; 28:19,20
- e. Peter – continues law pattern and performance instituted by Christ – Ac2:36-47; Ac10:9-35
- f. James – instructs law obedience and faith + works for justification – Jas 2:8-26; 21:18-20

5. But Now! Righteousness of God Without the Law: Faith Alone

- a. Paul last to see the Lord, first as a pattern of faith without works – 1Cor15:8; 1Ti1:16
- b. Christ's righteousness is accounted to the sinner by faith in his finished cross work – Rom3:19-26
- c. Faith alone, not works, justifies a man today...works are excluded – Rom4:4,4; 23-25; 5:1
- d. Paul was given the mystery of Christ and the dispensation of God's grace – Eph3:1-12; 1Cor14:37



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“But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe... - Romans 3:21,22

...if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification... - Romans 4:24,25

...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. – 2 Corinthians 5:21

...For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” – Ephesians 2:8,9