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Paul, The Mind

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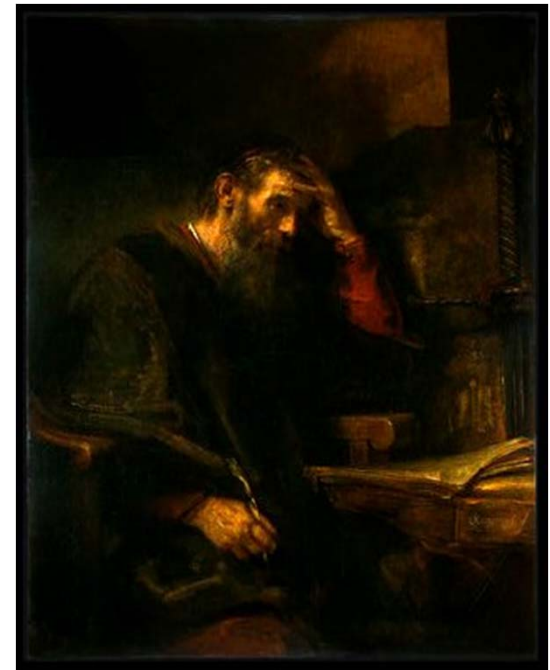
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Our Latest Addition



This Week

- ▶ Once again, we're throwing the whole Project 4:4 schedule out the window ...
- ▶ And focusing on Paul the Mind
- ▶ ... or ...
- ▶ The Gospel According to Paul



Paul the Apostle

- ▶ **Goals for this week:**
 - ▶ To take a look at the Gospel as preached by Paul
 - ▶ To identify the tenants of that Gospel



Paul's Writings

▶ 2 Peter 3:14-16

- ▶ ¹⁴So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. ¹⁵Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. ¹⁶He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.



Major Points of Paul's Gospel

- ▶ Christ Crucified
- ▶ Freedom from the Law
- ▶ Justification by Faith
- ▶ Salvation by Grace
- ▶ Life in the Spirit



CHRIST CRUCIFIED



The Core of Paul's Gospel

- ▶ I Corinthians 15:1-2

- ▶ ¹Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

- ▶ Stay tuned and Paul is going to tell us the very essence of the Gospel that he preaches



Here It Is ...

▶ I Corinthians 15:3-8

- ▶ ³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.



Paul's Interaction with Corinth

▶ I Corinthians 2:1-5

- ▶ ¹When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ²For **I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.** ³I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. ⁴My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a **demonstration of the Spirit's power,** ⁵so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.



A Stumbling Block

▶ I Corinthians 1:18-25

- ▶ ¹⁸For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”[£] ²⁰Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²²Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified: **a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,** ²⁴but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than man’s wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man’s strength.



FREEDOM FROM THE LAW



Prisoners to the Law

▶ Galatians 3:21-24

- ▶ ²¹Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law. ²²But the Scripture declares that **the whole world is a prisoner of sin**, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe. ²³Before this faith came, **we were held prisoners by the law**, locked up until faith should be revealed. ²⁴So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith.



No Righteousness by Law

- ▶ Romans 3:21

- ▶ ¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰**Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.**

- ▶ The Law can't bring righteousness, only condemnation
- ▶ What, then, is our hope?



Burden of the Law

▶ 2 Corinthians 3:7-11

- ▶ ⁷Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? ⁹If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! ¹⁰For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. ¹¹And if what was fading away came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!



Freedom from the Law

▶ Galatians 3:25-29

- ▶ ²⁵Now that faith has come, **we are no longer under the supervision of the law.** ²⁶You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, ²⁷for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.



Cancellation of the Law

▶ Colossians 2:13-15

- ▶ ¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having **canceled the written code**, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.



Fulfillment of the Law

▶ Matthew 5:17-19

- ▶ ¹⁷“**Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets;** I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.



**JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH;
SALVATION BY GRACE**



Justification by Faith

▶ Romans 3:21-26

- ▶ ²¹But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²²**This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.** There is no difference, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and **are justified freely by his grace** through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.



Peace Through Justification

▶ Romans 5:1-5

- ▶ ¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.



God's Gift of Justification

▶ Romans 5:15-17

- ▶ ¹⁵But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.



Salvation by Grace

▶ Ephesians 2:1-5

- ▶ ¹As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ²in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. ⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.



God's Grace at Work

▶ I Corinthians 15:9-11

- ▶ ⁹For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰**But by the grace of God I am what I am**, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.



Act vs. Act

▶ Romans 5:18-19

- ▶ ¹⁸Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. ¹⁹For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT



The Sinful Nature

▶ Galatians 5:19-21

- ▶ ¹⁹The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.



Life and Peace in the Spirit

▶ Romans 8:5-8

- ▶ ⁵Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶The mind of sinful man is death, **but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;** ⁷the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.



Fruit of the Spirit

▶ Galatians 5:22-26

- ▶ ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. ²⁵Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.



Life in the Spirit

▶ Philippians 4:8-9

- ▶ **8Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.** ⁹Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.



Next Week

- ▶ **No Classes – Combined Service**

QUESTIONS

