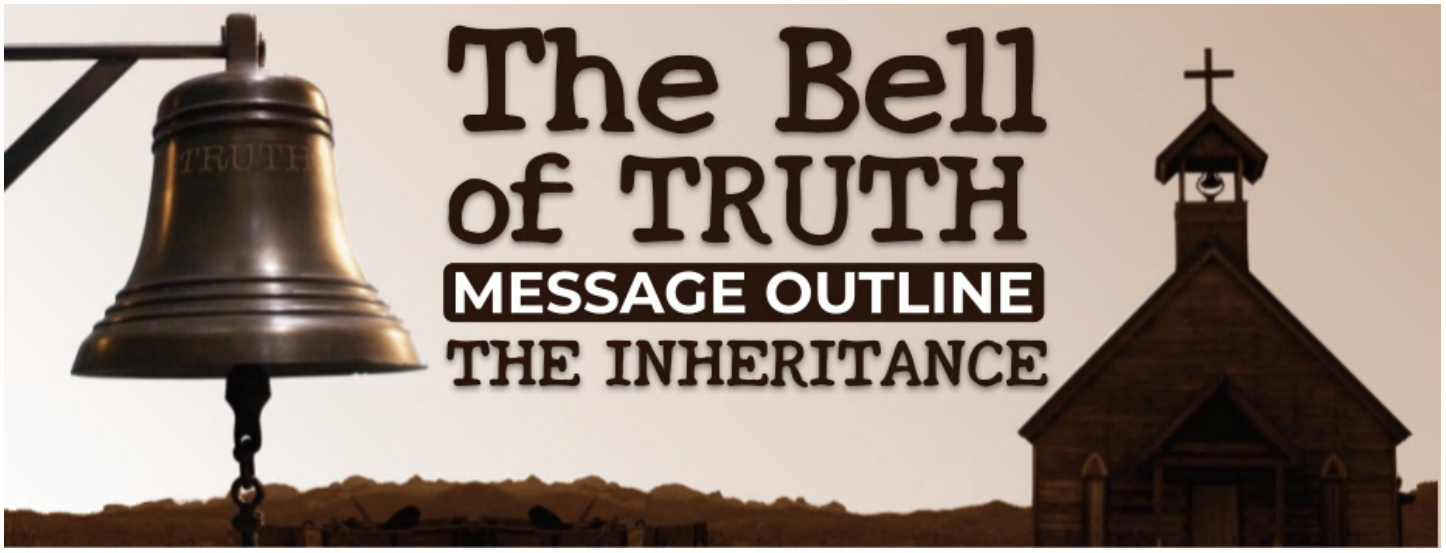


DON'T BE FOOLED - GALATIANS 3:1-5

1 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? this only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? 4 Have you suffered so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? 5 Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Question: What error do I also need to avoid? "Lord, am I led by teachers of a false gospel?

Application: Don't be fooled by a false gospel, and don't follow anyone who teaches one.

How can we be sure that what a person is teaching is the *True Gospel*?

Does the Bible say someone can be in serious sin is OK with God and is it OK to follow such people?

Listen carefully to what Jesus says about the gifts: *Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'* **Matthew 7:22-23**

Check the fruit. Miracles and gifts do not prove that anyone is a teacher of the truth.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control... **Galatians 5:22-23**

We need to produce fruit. How? - By crucifying the lust of the flesh.

STAY ALIVE by continuing in the SPIRIT and by staying DEAD in your flesh. It is not I who lives, but the Spirit of Christ - who lives in me.

The Bible says all have sinned, and all will be judged. Life is vanity, this is our curse.

SKIP THE LEGAL FEES - GALATIANS 3:8-10

8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed." 9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham. 10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them."

Paul is is saying that God made a promise to Abraham that his people will be blessed.

"Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." **Genesis 12:1-3**

Abraham entered this covenant promise through faith, his Seed, that is Christ.

How can one person make this payment for billions of sinners!?!

It is because of the inheritance, its magnitude.

Jesus is King, the King of Kings who has a Kingdom of Kingdoms—His Kingdom has no end!

We all are inheriting part of the King's eternal inheritance. It breaks the curse.

His inheritance is more than sufficient for us all.

The question is, will you receive this great inheritance? Will you make Jesus your King?

YOU CAN'T HANDLE THE TRUTH - GALATIANS 3:11-14

11 But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith." 12 Yet the law is not of faith, but "the man who does them shall live by them." 13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

The Galatian church can't accept the magnitude of the promise

But, if you live in the "do this to get this" way, you lose—you are cursed by such a system.

It's not just you who are cursed, you are also part of the cursing.

Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, 45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. **Acts 2:44-45**

They lived the exact opposite way that the law of this world teaches us to live, in the promise.

Application: Gospel centered love—ministry—begins with blessing the people around you.

This is the NEW law—Christ died for me; I'll do whatever it takes to love you and minister to you.

You become, not a curse to those around you, but a blessing.

It looks like you, on a cross, when you love people this way.

WILL THE REAL QUESTION PLEASE STAND UP? - GALATIANS 3:26-29

What is the ultimate question of acceptance we are really asking??

It is this: ***Does God love me? Does my Father in heaven really love me and like who I am?***

For those blessed by Him shall inherit the earth, But those cursed by Him shall be cut off.
Psalms 37:22

We see evil, cursed. And we don't like ourselves.

And we have great fear, especially as we know that not only does God love, *but* He also *pours out His wrath on unrighteousness of men.* **Romans 1:18**

This is the curse, but not only that, it is a curse from God!

God will not accept an unrighteous person into the Kingdom of Heaven. *But Jesus does.*

Jesus loves you and accepts you just the way you are. There is no boundary at the cross! Faith is all that is needed, and then there is no requirement to stay at the cross.

Galatians 3:26-29
26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

This is what we have and notice it is the exact opposite of the law of the world:
Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. **John 6:35**

Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. **Isaiah 55:1**

Jesus says come! Come to Him, who broke the curse!

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:9**

That is the promise. No more curse!

We love, because He first loved us. **1 John 4:19**

Let Christ be portrayed alive in you! Show the curse has been defeated!

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.
16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. **Romans 8:14, 16**

If you are willing to receive Jesus as your King and everlasting inheritance, - come and talk to one of the pastors about your decision to make Jesus your Lord and Savior.

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