



CHRIST'S CHURCH
OF THE CANYON

Week of May 10, 2020

Mid-week devotion

We'll continue in our study of Titus this week and especially in Titus 1. The Apostle Paul raises the issue with Titus of one of most pastors' worst fears, people who come into the church and spread lies about salvation. In Titus those people are called Judaizers.

According to "Wikipedia", Judaizers are Christians who teach that it is necessary to adopt Jewish customs and practices, especially those found in the laws of Moses, to be saved. There is an interesting confrontation between the Apostle Peter and the Apostle Paul in Galatians 2 regarding Judaizers and their destructive influence on the Gospel. Are there Judaizers operating today within the Christian church? Of course, there are. Some even espouse the importance of the Mosaic Law and how adhering to the law is a prerequisite or an enhancement to salvation (see Hebrew Roots Movement).

The Apostle Paul adamantly confirms in Galatians 2:15-16 that salvation is only through faith in Christ not through the law. "...a man is not justified by the works of the law but through faith in Christ Jesus..." Salvation is by grace alone through faith alone. "Sola Fide" is a Latin term which means, "Justification is by faith alone." The merit of Christ imputed to us by faith is the sole ground of our acceptance by God by which our sins are remitted and imputed to Christ. How do we know this? "Sola Scriptura" means scripture alone. Sola Scriptura asserts that the Bible alone can and is to be interpreted through itself with one area of scripture being useful for interpreting others. Sola Scriptura, not church tradition, or extra-Biblical sources nor one church's thoughts over and above another's when it comes to determining salvation...*sola scriptura!*

Reminders

- Pray for those in our church family who are struggling physically
- Some in our church have family deployed to help in the pandemic, pray for them
- Pray for wisdom for our political leaders
- Pray for our upcoming youth tour (*virus permitting*) specifically that our youth will be open to hearing God
- Don't forget to read Psalm 118 each day

I can't tell you how blessed I am to be your Pastor!!!

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