

Paul's Letter to the

Romans

Chapter 4:9-17



BEWARE AND BE ON GUARD

Matt. 6:1 "Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them."

Matt 7:15 He says, "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves."

Matt 16:6 "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees"

Phil 3:2 "Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision."

2 Tim. 4:14 "Be on guard against him yourself, for he vigorously opposed our teaching."

2 Peter 3:15 "Be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness."

Acts 20:28ff "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers...I know that after my departure savage wolves will com in among you not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears."

1 Tim. 4:16 "Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things..."



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Galatians 1:6-9 "I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!"

Galatians 3:1-3 "You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?"



THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH

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For we say, "FAITH WAS CREDITED TO ABRAHAM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS."

10 How then was it credited? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised;

11 and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, so that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be credited to them,

12 and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham which he had while uncircumcised.

13 For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith.

14 For if those who are of the Law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise is nullified;

15 for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, there also is no violation.

16 For this reason it is by faith, in order that it may be in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,

17 (as it is written, "A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU") in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.



WHEN WAS ABRAHAM CIRCUMCISED?

- Abraham is saved in Gen. 15:6
 - ✓ Not circumcised
- God makes a covenant with Abraham in Gen. 15:18
 - ✓ Not circumcised.
- Abraham isn't circumcised until **Gen. 17:24**
 - ✓ Over 14 years later (some say more)



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THE LAW DOESN'T SAVE IT BRINGS WRATH

- Rom 4:15 "For the Law brings about wrath..."
- The Law reveals God's perfect standard but not one of can keep it.
- James 2:10 "For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all."



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THE LAW

- The Law was never meant to save.
- Why did God give it?
- Many reasons:
 - ❖ It was good because it reflected the holy character of God, it presented standards for mankind, what to do, what not to do, it revealed truth, good and bad, right and wrong.
- What was the point?
 - ✓ To bring about the humble recognition of humanity that we can't keep the law, that we are sinners in need of a Savior.
 - ✓ The Law was a mirror held up to the dirty face of humanity.



GALATIANS 3:10-14



For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM.” Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, “THE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.” However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, “HE WHO PRACTICES THEM SHALL LIVE BY THEM.” Christ 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”— in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

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ISAIAH 1:18



“Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the LORD,
‘Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as
snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like
wool.”



AVNERATVS EST
PROPTER INIQUITATES NOSTRAS
ATTRITVS EST PROPTER
SCETTERA NOBIS



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EPHESIANS 3:14-21

“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;

and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.



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