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THE CORE OF THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION

- **Galatians 2:16:** we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

God entrusted Paul to proclaim to the Gentiles the Gospel that leads to salvation, which at its core states, by works of the law no one will be justified, for justification only comes through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, naturally there is more to the Gospel that Jesus gave to Paul, but these statements underpin the Gospel message of salvation the apostles, Paul and all their new converts believed to be justified and saved to eternal life.

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IS CHRIST MADE A SERVANT OF SIN?

- **Galatians 2:17:** But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not!

To comprehend what Paul is saying, these words, it needs to be understood, 'Christ lives in the redeemed.' (Gal 2:20). Paul is raising the question, "if we sin, does that mean we make Christ a sinner, since he lives within us?" Paul's answer is; "of course not," our sin does not make Christ a servant (i.e., partaker) of our sin, but it does prove we are sinners. Before we can fully comprehend what Paul is saying, it must be understood all in Christ have the following two natures dwelling within:

- **The flesh:** sexual immorality, adultery, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, hatred, dissensions (i.e., disagreements and conflicts), heresies, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. (Gal. 5:19-20). (Taken from ESV and KJV).
- **Romans 7:20-23:** Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.
- **The Spirit:** which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, faith, humbleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Gal. 5:22-23). (Taken from ESV and KJV).

Paul clearly warns, all who do the things listed in the works of the flesh will not inherit the Kingdom of God (Gal. 5:21), since not one of us is fully

free of the flesh, and it is certain faithful Christians do not indulge in some of the fleshy practices listed, it does not mean we are free of them all, for there are certain moments some do manifest their sinful nature, which raises another question, what do the words, 'all who do the things listed in the works of the flesh will not inherit the kingdom of God,' mean, since not one of us is fully free of the flesh.

To answer this, it must first be highlighted, the words, "all who do the things listed in the works of the flesh will not inherit the Kingdom of God," do not apply to Christians who long to free of the flesh, and to be fully righteous, and are endeavouring to attain to righteousness, but find sin in their flesh prevents them from attaining to it perfectly, because they have been set free from the law of sin and death.

- **Romans 8:1-4:** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk (i.e., live a lifestyle) not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

REBUILDING WHAT WE TORE DOWN

- **Galatians 2:18:** For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor.

What Paul tore down was trusting the law to be counted righteous, if he rebuilt this (meaning, began to trust in the law to save him again), the law would then prove (i.e., condemn him as a sinner), whereas in Christ he has been set free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2).

CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST

- **Galatians 2:19-20:** For through the law, I died to the law, so that I might live to God.²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

All repentant sinners died to the law as a means to save them, and have by faith been crucified with Christ, meaning, it is no longer their old nature (the flesh) that lives within them, but Christ, and from this point on they endeavor (I say endeavor because not one of us achieve this perfectly, if we could Christ died for no reason), to live a life that honors God, and brings a good testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Christian faith.

DO NOT NULLIFY THE GRACE OF GOD

- **Galatians 2:21:** I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Since the flesh is still alive, not one of us is totally free of sin, Paul fully understanding this reality, teaches the faithful, that the life they now live in the flesh (i.e., when it does manifest itself), they are to live by faith in the Son of God, who loved them and gave his life for them, meaning, they are to hold fast to the truth, they are saved by grace, and are not to nullify the grace of God, which carries the idea, they are not to condemn themselves and think that their faith counts for nothing, for if righteousness (i.e., attaining to a sin free life) could be attained to, or earned through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

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