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THE PEN OF A READY WRITER

...I SPEAK OF THE THINGS WHICH I HAVE MADE TOUCHING THE KING:
MY TONGUE IS THE PEN OF A READY WRITER (PSALM 45:1).

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Are We Frustrating the Grace of God?

Galatians 2:20-21 are probably the most familiar verses in Galatians. Some would consider them the key verses. Here's what Paul declares in Galatians 2:18-21 – *For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.*

When we speak of frustrating the grace of God, I hope we all understand that *grace* in this context refers to a person. We cannot frustrate an inanimate object, nor a concept, such as, “God’s unmerited favor.” Christ, the Son of God, and his Spirit, is God’s gift of grace. Doubting the faith of the Son of God frustrates the Grace of God.

The promise was given to Abraham through the righteousness of faith (Romans 4:13). It is of faith *that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all* (Romans 4:16).

Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord (Genesis 6:8). He was a preacher of righteousness (2 Peter 2:5). The Lord GOD himself testifies twice of Noah’s righteousness, both times in Ezekiel 14. The Lord’s second mention is as follows: *Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it (that is, Jerusalem), as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness* (Ezekiel 14:20).

The next mention of Noah is Hebrews 11:7 – *By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.*

Noah’s righteousness is the righteousness which is by faith. He is an heir to it by faith, and God accredited it to him by that faith. This is God’s faith: *Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith* (Habakkuk 2:4).

Our righteousness is also by that faith: *Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference...* (Romans 3:22). Jesus loved me and gave himself for me. My righteousness is in Him!



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O, What a Wonderful, Wonderful Day!

When you wake up in the morning and someone sends you something by text that brings a smile to your face, that is refreshing. This morning was one of those mornings for me. My son sent me a song that we used to sing in the car together. It was, *Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul*. I still love to sing this song when I am riding down the road. What a happy song.

When I look back on my life, I remember the days of raising my two boys. The trips riding to school or just being alone with them in the car. Those were special times, and they were learning times. Songs are a great way of teaching our children (and grandchildren) about life and about the Lord.

The Psalmist said, *He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD (Psalm 40:3). O, what a wonderful, wonderful day, day I shall never forget. After I wandered in darkness, away, Jesus my Saviour I met. O, what a tender, compassionate Friend. He met the needs of my heart. Shadows dispelling, with joy I am telling: He made all the darkness depart!*

GALATIAN'S KEY

The Scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe (Galatians 3:22).

What must we believe? Righteousness is imputed unto us if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was delivered for our offences and was raised again for our justification!

REVIVAL

Sunday, September 17th

Revival services begin at Community Bible Church, Camden, SC, Sunday morning. Nightly services continue Sunday through Wednesday evenings, starting at 7 p.m.

I look forward to being with Pastor Jerry Peacock and his Church Family.

On a Personal note:

Thank you for praying for me. The incisions from the heart by-pass surgery have all closed and are healing.

The Lord has been very gracious in extending my days of service.

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