

# Daily Bible Thoughts Oct. 23 to Nov. 22, 2009

Oct 23, 2009

**Rom.3:27 Where then is the boasting? It is excluded. By what manner of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith.**

Where is the proud boasting as a Christian? Well if you boast in what you do as a Christians you are under Law according the Holy Spirit working through the Apostle Paul when he penned at Rom 3:27. Why? Well all prideful boasting is gone in the "Law of Faith" there cannot be boasting in nothing, what? You are nothing in Christ Jesus you have given up everything in Christ Jesus and God will and personality works through you. You have accepted a gift of grace and salvation through Christ Jesus.

You have disowned yourself, you have died in Christ Jesus, and been raised for the will of God. There is nothing to boast in, or about yourself, you don't exist outside of Christ Jesus. You are bought and paid for, and a part of the body of Christ Jesus. It not about you, and your wonderful personality, it is about Christ Jesus wonderful personality and being a slave in the body of the Lord. Christ Jesus personality was not about pleasing men, or flattering them to make himself look better.

Where are you? Where is the boasting - in what does not exist? We all boast, and this is the painful experience of walking according too our flesh under Law, but it does make it right with God or does He condone our boasting in, and of our selves. All of our loving kindness is but green grass the sun heat hits us and it is gone like a mist in the morning. In others words, our personal love for the human race would last but a second when the pressure of the Law is applied too us.

Now if you want to boast in Christ Jesus love as part of his body then give glory to God. For his loving kindness last forever and He will be glorified by all the nations of this every to exist.

Oct 24, 2009

**Rom.3:28 We maintain therefore that a man is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.**

What is faith according to God? Heb.11:1 says "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, and the sign that the things not seen are true." These inspired words can only be understood in God's love not Law, - how so? Consider Abraham who is called the Father of our faith. Nothing within the Old Law would have allowed him to offer up his son Isaac on the altar to God. What allowed Abraham to go beyond the Law was his faith, but without love his type of faith does not exist.

Abraham had to know God personally so that he loved him more than his life and the of his son's life. Abraham did not offer up Isaac by the Old Law (the Old Law had not been given until Moses) for it would have condemned him in doing so. There are many of brave men and woman that have given up their lives for love of their country. There is no law that can make such a sacrifice for others it is a love based on principle for something so wonderful that a person is willing to lay their life down for it.

Adam and Eve did not posses is this type of love for God. God promises to restore to all creation this type of love for Him; like the faith of Abraham. Because law cannot legislate love it has be taught us through experiences. Our society has lost what other generations knew, and that is going through good times, and bad times creates love for a person if they stick it out. Today people demand love by what they learn through society TV, movies, books, and people they believe this knowledge is love, but it does not and will not become love until experienced through good and bad times.

Abraham walked with God many years and experiences both the good and the bad of severing God; it was in his very old age after many years of such experiences that God called upon him to offer His son Isaac. Most often it takes years of trials for us to understand that Christ Jesus is our justification, and God gives us His Son Justification by grace, love and mercy.

Oct 25, 2009

**Rom.3:29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Isn't he the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also?**

The law of our flesh is to take too gain, the law of the Spirit is to give up too the flesh to gain. These two natures are so contrary to each other it creates a hate within us and for others. The Jews experienced this war within and without after the killing of the Son of God. In their fleshly power they wanted to contain, control, and maintain God exclusively through the Old Law. Those Jews accepting Christ Jesus had a real battle going on within and without their flesh.

Trying as they were to explain and control Christ again through the Old Law so as not to lose control of God as His chosen people was impossible. The Apostle Paul being a chosen vessel to the nations was just the man for the job. He was highly educated in the Old Law, and had killed Jesus Christ disciples because of his zeal for that Old Law.

Many today in their Christians organization find themselves in the same battle with their flesh and the flesh of others trying to control God through their doctrine. God cannot be control by any man made thought or idea even though interpret from the bible because God is love and there is no law against love: Gal 5:15 But if you bite and devour one another, be careful that you don't consume one another. 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you won't fulfill the lust of the flesh. 5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, that you may not do the things that you desire. 5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

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Paul learned through a painful humiliating experience on the road to Damascus that he needed God grace not Law. His profound experience changed his life forever so that he understood the power of God's love through Christ Jesus. Many Christians have not learned that lesson and find themselves devouring, and being devoured by using the Old Law in demanding judgment, while claiming Christ Jesus, for punishing others that violate areas of their lives. But we must remember as the Jews were forced to know God does not belong to anyone; He is not exclusive to one group or person; he cannot be owned by personal rules or the laws. He is the owner of us and we are to worship Him in Spirit and Truth, not flesh and Law.

Oct 26, 2009

**Rom.3:30 since indeed there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith, and the uncircumcised through faith.**

When we try to capture the wind in our hands and show someone else what we've captured we appear foolish and child-like its not something grown ups do unless they are joking. When we try to capture God through a religious teaching we will be made to look foolish:

John3:8 The wind{The same Greek word (pneuma) means wind, breath, and spirit.} blows where it wants to, and you hear its sound, but don't know where it comes from and where it is going. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

3:9 Nicodemus answered him, "How can these things be?"

The Jews had been under the law of circumcision for thousands of years it was a death penalty if they did not circumcise their children and themselves and now Paul was telling them it did not matter! The Jews loved the circumcision more than they loved God; their hands were full of the wind and once forced open by the Son of God they looked foolish and child-like, which made them very angry, because they were the teachers of the Law.

Many Christian religions have experience the same foolishness, claiming to be teachers of Christ Jesus through the Law they stand reproved when forced to open their hands and realize their doctrine was not only foolishness that hurt millions of lives who were entrusted too them for eternal life. God cannot be capture by law He is not material but Spirit and Truth, we are capture by Him when we understand His love for us. Moreover, when we gladly server Him without Law, but in love.

Oct 27, 2009

**Rom 3:31 Do we then nullify the law through faith? May it never be! No, we establish the law.**

The Old Law could not be nullified through faith, why? Faith is the fulfillment of the Old Law, faith not only meets the requirements of the Law, but goes beyond it into our motives, that is, rather than a perfunctory performance of Law; faith fulfill it through love for God. Without law a person of faith will do the right thing beyond what the law requires such as treating others as you want to be treated. Real faith gives up life for the life of another when called upon to do so.

Abraham is called the father of our faith, long before Law was given too Moses ; Abraham went beyond the requirements of Law in offering up his son Isaac on altar at God's command. Nothing within the Old allowed Abraham to kill his son for God, where would Abraham go to get permission to kill his son for God? No where within the physical realm of mankind. Abraham had to have great love and trust in God to follow His command. Abraham had been in the spiritual association with God for many years to build the type of faith that he demonstrated in offering up his son Isaac.

In other words, the law of love Christ Jesus established after fulfilling the Old Law did not lower God's standards as some think; it raised the standards higher, it did not nullify the Old Law it established a greater more affective Law of love based on the Old Law. We are not to committed adultery under the Old Law, but under the New Law of love if we look at the opposite sex with lust we have committed adultery in our heart.

A person of faith would not need to be told by either Law adultery or looking at the opposite sex with lust was a violation of God's Law of love,- no! Love for God's "person" would not allow us to do this type of unholy conduct, and this is why love is the fulfillment of the Old Law. Christ was the only person to truly love His Father perfectly, thus, his love for His Father fulfilled the Law for us.

Oct 28, 2009

**Rom.4:1 What then will we say that Abraham, our forefather, has found according to the flesh? 4:2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not toward God.**

What does it mean when the Apostle Paul ask the question was Abraham found according to the flesh? Well if Abraham was proved righteous by works of law then he is found according to the flesh, but why? Well the law is for the flesh not the Spirit, the Spirit needs no law it is governed by love.

So if Abraham was justified though his own works under the law then he could boast in himself. Yes, we also can boast about our good works for other in the name of Christ if we are proved righteous by Law. But as stated the law is for the flesh, why? To control it and exposes it as sinful, not to exalt it.

We are all given a measure of faith as God see fit, and faith is a gift of the Holy Spirit, so it seem we have nothing that is truly our own accept what we have receive from God's love. In other words, it cannot be any other way, if so we would remain in sin justifying our actions where we meet the law and covering up our sinful actions where we do not. But it goes beyond our evaluation of ourselves under Law or Holy Spirit; it is God who is the judge of us not ourselves.

God created the Old Law to shut everyone mouth, in that, none of us are righteous according to God, and the Old Law. Abraham faith went beyond the law he put all his trust in Jehovah his God, he understood that God would not ask him to do an injustice in offering up his son on the altar. He knew his God was Love and had proven His love over years of intimate association with him. We human can love someone and they too may ask us to do something that seems so contrary to their character, but out of love, and trust we do what they request anyway; Abraham could not boast in his faith or his love for God, because love does not boast.

Oct 29, 2009

**Rom.4:3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."{Genesis 15:6}**

Abraham believed God and it was accounted by God as righteous. That is the power of faith; nothing pleases God more than putting trust in Him. All of us humans want the same from those that love us, we want them to trust us even when they don't understand us. We want them to remember the good things about us not the one misunderstanding. Long before Christ Jesus came in the flesh, Abraham walked by faith pleasing God enough that He accounted righteous to Abraham.

We must remember Abraham's righteousness was pleasing to God, but it was not enough to redeem the human race as Christ Jesus did when offering up his life. In other words Abraham's faith did not remove the curse of the Old Law for the human race. Christ Jesus meant all the requirements of Old Law perfectly, no other human did or could meet them perfectly. By Abraham's act of faith in offering up his son on the altar to God; was so great that God could account righteousness to Abraham for his one act of faith. Abraham became God's friend not his son, so although his act of faith was great it was still limited until Christ Jesus came to die for the world.

Because Christ Jesus died for us our putting faith in him as God said we must is accounted to us a greater more powerful righteousness than Abraham's how? Well, it is not our righteousness, but Christ Jesus righteousness given to us for putting faith in Christ Jesus atoning blood. Yes, his righteousness is given us there no other way why? Because we become part of his spiritual body a member of his body. So the finger receives the blood of all the body not just the head. In this manner we receive Christ Jesus righteous and his faith and all the other good things God has stored in the body of Christ Jesus. We become more than friends, we become Son's of the Living God.

How grand is that? Grand enough to allow those that are consider nothing in this world as greater than Abraham in the kingdom of God. Grand enough that all the prophets longed to behold and see what we have been given Christ Jesus righteousness not by works but by faith.

Oct 30, 2009

**Rom.4:4 Now, the reward is credited to him who does works, not as of grace but as a debt.**

Do you think you can say things in a certain way or act according to "Christian Conduct" and obligate God to reward you in some material way? Do you think you can perform certain works in the ministry and obligate God to reward you? Do you think you can go to certain amount of Christian's meetings a week and obligate God to reward you? Well those under law feels God owes them a debt because of their good works, but does He?

**Romans 13:8 Be in debt for nothing, but to have love for one another: for he who has love for his neighbour has kept all the law.**

Does God owe us anything? Well if you serve a God of Law you might think so, but if you serve a God of Love then He cannot owe us anything, but love. The question is, is love, love, if it becomes a debt? No its not love, love does not owe a debt that must to be repaid for our good works:

Many Christians have fallen into this trap getting bitterly angry when their Christian works do not get the reward from God they thought they deserved. The problem is our rewards do not necessarily happen in this world; the Apostles all fell into this trap:

Matt.19:27 Then Peter said to him, See, we have given up everything and have come after you; what then will we have?

19:28 And Jesus said to them, Truly I say to you that in the time when all things are "made new", and the Son of man is seated in his glory, you who have come after me will be seated on twelve seats, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

19:29 And everyone who has given up houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or child, or land, for my name, will be given a hundred times as much, and have eternal life.

God did not first say to Abraham that if you kill your son I will resurrect him in two days. No, not at all! Abraham could have lost his son until he entered into the kingdom of God to receive him back as a reward. He could have suffered bitterly at the hands of his wife and relatives for following God's command in killing his son. We know God loves us in sending his Son Christ Jesus that is the greatest love ever offered to the human race, - He owe us nothing. He has freed us from the impossible debt of death through the Law, but is that enough for you to serve God out of His love for us?

Oct 31, 2009

**Rom.4:5 But to him who doesn't work, but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness.**

Have you ever had someone love you because you are you? Will not many of us have had that experience in this life consequently we look at God's love as something we must earn. We just can't imagine in our wildest dreams that God can just love us and all we have to do is believe that, and this is the whole perplexing puzzle to life and God; it is just that simple.

But we can't so we spend hours worrying if were doing this right or that wrong so we are acceptable to God. The hard truth is it not about us, - really, it is about Christ Jesus; our love from God, our justification, our righteousness, our faith, and all the good works are gifts that come to us through Jesus Christ because we are a part of the true vine.

John 15:1 I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener. John 15:4 Be in me at all times as I am in you. As the branch is not able to give fruit of itself, if it is not still on the vine, so you are not able to do so if you are not in me.

We can try as hard as we want to be perfect with the perfect personality and wear ourselves out through good works and none of it matters unless Christ Jesus is bearing fruit through us, as the head of his Body. You see if its about our personality, our good works, then each person would have to meet our standards too get life, and that exactly why churches and Christians groups are full of people judging one another according to personality. But Apostle Paul said this:

1Cor.4:5 For this reason let there be no judging before the time, till the Lord comes, who will make clear the secret things of the dark, and the designs of the heart: and then will every man have his praise from God.

Nov 01, 2009

**Rom.4:6 Even as David also pronounces blessing on the man to whom God counts righteousness apart from works, 4:7 "Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, whose sins are covered. 4:8 Blessed is the man whom the Lord will by no means charge with sin." {Psalm 32:1-2}**

It seems many Christians take for granted what God's real blessings are for them. Most are concern with living a prosperous life right now and material blessings, but King David understood God's blessings better than most of us do in forgiveness. Not having his sins charged against him, having his sins covered with atonement through God's mercy.

In a world that encourages people to worship themselves through positive thinking it is most difficult to remember that we are deserving of nothing but death because of our sins. So God's real blessings are made to look foolish and dull by comparison to the riches of world through a blessed life in Christ Jesus. No! We can never become salespersons of God precious forgiveness covered by the blood of His Son Christ Jesus. Our reward awaits us when all things are "made new", in the new heavens and new earth, right now we have been blessed by God through His Son Christ Jesus.

Heb.11:8 By faith, Abraham, when he was called, obeyed to go out to the place which he was to receive for an inheritance. He went out, not knowing where he went. 11:9 By faith, he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a land not his own, dwelling in tents, with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise. 11:10 For he looked for the "city which has the foundations", whose builder and maker is God.

Heb.12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion, and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable multitudes of angels.

May we count our blessings each day that our Heavenly Father forgives us our daily sins through His gift of love too us in Christ Jesus. Although Satan the Devil has the power to offer us the kingdoms of the world in trading the blessings of God, may we never let our eyes become dull by showy display of worlds means of life.

Nov 02, 2009

**Rom.4:9 Is this blessing then pronounced on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? For we say that faith was accounted to Abraham for righteousness. 4:10 How then was it counted? When he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision.**

The Jews got things backwards as do many modern day Christians, they believed that getting circumcised proved they had faith in God. Circumcision was given to Abraham after he showed faith in God by offering up his son Isaac on the altar too God. God made a covenant with Abraham and sealed the covenant with the signs of circumcision of the flesh.

The Jews after thousands years had made this sign of Abraham's faith (circumcision) into an outward appearance of righteous. This outward appearance of righteousness in the flesh became greater than love for God. The flesh loves law, law requires outward signs to prove its righteousness, the Spirit on the other hand, see the inward person; the secret person of the heart and rejects the show of ones faith in the flesh. God is not a showman, he does not worry that people will come to know Him. He does not exploit every trickery of the flesh to gain spiritual lives. On the contrary, quietly and modestly He searches ours hearts and sees if we might come to know Him. He gently knocks on door of our heart, through the love of creation, our children, friends, and in our peaceful times of mediation.

Deut.10:14 Behold, to Yahweh your God belongs heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth, with all that is therein. 10:15 Only Yahweh had a delight in your fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all peoples, as at this day. 10:16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff-necked. 10:17 For Yahweh your God, he is God of gods, and Lord of lords, the great God, the mighty, and the awesome, who doesn't regard persons, nor takes reward. 10:18 He does execute justice for the fatherless and widow, and loves the foreigner, in giving him food and clothing.

When any outward appears becomes more important than serving our God from the heart we have become hypocrites loving the show of the flesh over severing the God of love. No matter how big the show; in mega churches, or media blitz, or the huge influxes of people, the placement of billions up on billions of books. One mans faith in the secret place where nobody saw, but His God and angles; Abraham pleased God, and his faith changed this world, and the new heavens and earth to come.

Nov 03, 2009

**Rom.4:11 He received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while he was in uncircumcision, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they be in uncircumcision, that righteousness might also be accounted to them.**

The father of all those who believe, how backwards have Christians become whereby the greater the numbers, the greater the material blessings, the more we have the greater the love of God for us! Abraham gave up the most precious things in his life in loving God, and never looked back with regret, he was never guilty of dishonest gain, and he never honors himself over God. And all those people of faith God was disposed to record in his Holy book the bible did the same, following in Abraham's example.

Not once recounting in those many names inscribed in heavens are the words of what they possessed upon earth found, these are only mention because of their faith in God. Nothing of personal self-exhortation is mention, or the type of work they did while here recorded.

Nothing about how good they looked in their flesh is mention. Nothing about their great talent is mentions only their love of God in faith. What message is God sending us with these words:

Eccl.9:4 For to him who is joined with all the living there is hope; for a living dog is better than a dead lion. 9:5 For the living know that they will die, but the dead don't know anything, neither do they have any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. 9:6 Also their love, their hatred, and their envy has perished long ago; neither have they any more a portion forever in anything that is done under the sun.

The human flesh has a short memory although it boasts of never forgetting dead love ones sooner or later over the generation they are forgotten. But love through faith can never be forgotten by the God of Abraham. That love and faith in part of our great God Almighty, part of His personality not what we own, or what we put on, or how nice we are. He alone is love and love never forgets. Where indeed are our treasures stored?

Nov 4, 2009

**Rom.4:13 For the promise to Abraham and to his seed that he should be heir of the world wasn't through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.**

The righteousness of faith, what is it? The righteousness of faith is love for God, when we love someone their sins our covered, our love overlooks their imperfection that other might see as offensives. Parents experience this type of love for their children, some adults do in marriage, but God always does when put our faith in Him.

So many Christians find themselves bitterly disappointed by "law Christians", law does not cover or overlook sin it exposes sins demanding judgment for the transgression. Law Christians put faith in personality that appears to obey certain doctrine or laws better than themselves. Sooner or later they are devastated in disappointment by the person or person(s). Unable to separate the law from the persons serving God through works of law so they blame God. The Law demands perfection that no human being can meet so there can only be disappointment in personality. Whereby, love does not demand perfection, but compassion and forgiveness.

Christians that want to appear "righteous" by rules, doctrine, and law are always hypocrites they are living a lie by meeting the law in some areas of their lives elevating themselves above others and at the same time missing the mark of perfection the law demands. Because God is love when a person that is imperfect acts out of faith towards him God can account that person act as righteous. Any other righteousness is not acceptable to God; any other righteousness is self-righteousness which leads to sin, hypocrisy, and can and often does lead to sinning against the Holy Spirit.

Since Christ Jesus die and was raised by His Father and given power over heaven and earth we must put our faith in him, when we do his righteous blood is accounted too us and we are no longer judged under law, but loved by God.

Nov 05, 2009

**Rom 4:14 For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void, and the promise is made of no effect.**

Have you ever thought what law is? Law can be any law it does not have to be the Old Law. Law is a marker that is used to measure human conduct against; it can reward conduct or punish it. The human race cannot survive without law, it is powerful in building and controlling societies from business to religion. It is the fiber that keeps the whole world together. Many Christians understands this, but unfortunately they equated it into the worship of God in Truth and Spirit.

The fiber that keeps Christians together is not the Old Law or the law of this world, if so we are all in trouble, - it is love: John 13:34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, just like I have loved you; that you also love one another. John 13:35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Colossians 3:14 Above all these things, walk in love, which is the bond of perfection.

Law is not compassionate it renders judgment equally for the innocent and guilty, it marks performance and judges it good or bad, it is a protection and a control for society, nothing more. Love is just the opposite: 1Cor.13:4 Love is patient and is kind; love doesn't envy. Love doesn't brag, is not proud. 13:5 doesn't behave itself inappropriately, doesn't seek its own way, is not provoked, takes no account of evil; 13:6 doesn't rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; 13:7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Each Christian daily has to decide which God they serve a God love or Law. Where we render judgment by law and then ask God to judge us according to love we become hypocrites. Where we receive God's love in Jesus Christ and then condemn others for lack of faith we are judging according to law not love.

Nov 06, 2009

**Rom. 4:15 For the law works wrath, for where there is no law, neither is there disobedience.**

The law works wrath how? Well society does exist without law, but when people are judged against law they become wrathful, in other words, their imperfection and failures are exposed. And to compound the matter when public official and religious leader judge but do not live up too the law wrath is increased exponentially.

Many people of this world reject God because they feel judged by Him through religion claiming to represent Him, when in truth the religion practice law in the name of Christ Jesus. However, there is no law against love, Moreover, there is no law against the fruitage of God's Spirit: Gal.5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith (or, faithfulness) 5:23 gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

When Christians and their religions use law to produce performance in their members they get results and judgment. That type of judgment is not the persecution Christ Jesus spoke of as the identifying mark of Christians, which is love. It is the judgment that is measure out for judging other against law instead of fulfilling the law through love:

Matt.7:1 "Don't judge, so that you won't be judged. 7:2 For with whatever judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with whatever measure you measure, it will be measured to you.

And this is why Christians must remember Law does not make them righteous, it is Christ Jesus righteousness that fulfilled the Law and God imputes it to us so we can be loved not condemned

Nov 07, 2009

**Rom. 4:16 For this cause it is of faith, that it may be according to grace, to the end that the promise may 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.**

Have you ever wonder how it all works? How can God deal with all these different types of people and still love them? Well it is because He is Love; He does not dwell through law that exposes weakness in us. He see the human race in love the potential of people coming to know love for themselves.

Although it is much more complex than that it is essentially that simple. When God released the nation of Israel from Egypt through Moses he told them that they had to kill the Passover lamb and sprinkle its blood on their door post and the angle of death would "Passover" their home. The angle of death would see the blood of the Passover lamb and Passover their home. The angle did not judge the persons in the home as to worthiness, but by the blood of the lamb.

Christians cannot stop judging one another by law until they see the blood of the Passover Lamb Jesus Christ sprinkled on their hearts. Until then they remind in judgment think God see the people they are judging like they see them, when in fact God is looking at the blood of Christ Jesus instead of judgment.

Nov 08, 2009

**Rom.4:18 Who in hope believed against hope, to the end that he might become a father of many nations, according to that which had been spoken, "So will your seed be."{Genesis 15:5}  
4:19 Without being weakened in faith, he didn't consider his own body, already having been worn out, (he being about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.**

Abraham was given a promise by God that his seed would bless the nations of our earth. Abraham and Sarah was very old at the time of this promise far past the age to conceive children, yet he did not waver God would supply him with a son to bless his seed.

Remarkable the power of hope, beyond on all hope for physical reasons Abraham faith in his God moved him not to doubt.

James1:5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach; and it will be given to him.

1:6 But let him ask in faith, without any doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven by the wind and tossed.

1:7 For let that man not think that he will receive anything from the Lord.

1:8 He is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Now days many see the above example of Abraham and think we are talking about material blessings, but we are not, nor is God. We are asking God for wisdom, in so many areas of our lives we may lack wisdom to understand God and serve Him, when we ask God for wisdom we are guarantee if we do not doubt it will be given us. No doubt Abraham often prayed to God for such wisdom to endure years of living in the wilderness waiting the promises God had made him. Here though we must remember that the apostle Paul was convincing the Romans brothers and sisters that they could not be acceptable to God through law they must trust God promises too them beyond all doubt as Christ Jesus did. When we understand faith is trust that God has forgiveness us, and we are no longer earning salvation, it is a freedom so great that we openly approach our Heavenly Father without judgment,- nothing can be greater than this?

Nov 09, 2009

**Rom.4:21 and being fully assured that what he had promised, he was able also to perform. 4:22 Therefore it also was "reckoned to him for righteousness."{Genesis 15:6}**

Abraham was fully assured in what God had promised him and because of this he did not wavier in his faith. We are not talking here that it was through self-will that Abraham made himself have not doubt, no! If you try that you will soon find out in trials of your flesh, doubt, much doubt.

Abraham loved God through trials of good and bad, and yes doubts he overcame them all. In the end results Abraham love for God endured so that he could completely trust his heavenly Fathers every word promised too him. Once again this is the reason law fails if you judge your faith by law then you are condemned, completely as a failure with much doubt.

But if you judge against love, which there is no judgment, then it is your love for God that counts and your faith will be made perfect. There is no advantage for a Christians to try and be declared righteous by precepts of a Church, or Christian group it just will not benefit them in any manner.

Love is so powerful it endures beyond death, when viewed in the big pictures of trials and endurance in relationships it is unbreakable and that is the reason Abraham's faith was accounted to him as righteousness. Yes, that is what our Heavenly Father sees in us not judgment by law, which condemns us each time we pray to Him. He sees the years of love for Him, He sees in loyal love, unbreakable love that cannot be turned aside for a bad day, or many bad days, Our God sees good in us not the bad He has forgiven. He is positive and longs for the day of complete association with His beloved Children.

Nov 10, 2009

**Rom 4:23 Now it was not written that it was accounted to him for his sake alone, 4:24 but for our sake also, to whom it will be accounted, who believe in him who raised Jesus, our Lord, from the dead, 4:25 who was delivered up for our trespasses, and was raised for our justification.**

What a wonderful summation of Paul's thoughts in Chapter four of Romans. Abraham's faith affects us all; his love for God endures forever right into our time some four thousand years later. His faith of offering up his son Isaac showed exactly what God did for us through His Son Christ Jesus. God had so much faith in doing so that one day the earth and the heavens would be full of people praising Him in faith.

Not one word Abraham put his faith into from God has failed; it has endured for every one into the incorruptible light of Jesus Christ. God is true to His ever word raised our justification. Yes! God found a way to deal with us sinful humans in a positive life-giving manner. He raised the person of Jesus Christ to justify us, to become our justification. No longer would the Law condemn us in wrath, but God's love would heal us in compassion and mercy.

Nothing in this world or in the next can go beyond God's wisdom in providing a justification for us in love through Jesus Christ. For God to give Jesus Christ as our justification no matter our condition or who we are from small to great is so powerful only God's love can explain it. To abolish that which could not be changed, not one jot or serif in (the Old Law) is an act of love no nation on earth has or could ever imagine. Removing the foundation of all support in favor of love is beyond human understanding. And that is a trust given us by God through love. Moreover, that is why we must love each other the same and above all put our complete faith in God's love.

Nov 11, 2009

**Rom.5:1 Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Peace with God in a world of no peace, where wrath and violence is common place, what a contrast. Some time God started thousands of years ago long before we were born to create peace between us and God, do you know what that is? When Adam and Eve both sinned the human race lost their peaceful relationship with God. No longer could they or the human race directly communicate with the source of their life without atonement, (the word meaning at-one-ment, with God).

Compounding the problem greatly was the Law given to Moses, now not only were people sinners, but the Law exposed, judged, and condemned them as such. This too increased wrath and a loss of peace with God. But God was preparing a way to create peace again with Himself and sinners, how? First was the "at-one-ment" with God, Jesus Christ, by his righteous blood he becomes our justification so we can stand without judgment before God as sinless.

Next was the fulfillment and removal of the Old Law causing wrath. Then God through Jesus Christ provided us an overseer which is "peace" through the Holy Spirit. All this happened thousands of years ago and any that come without this message is a thief stealing and destroying our peace with God. This is the simple message given by Christ Jesus himself in saying we must worship our Heavenly Father in Truth and Spirit. Christ Jesus is our Truth, our Peace, our Justification, and our Righteousness.

Nov 12, 2009

**Rom.5:2 through whom we also have our access by faith into this grace in which we stand. We rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**

We rejoice in the glory of God! Who is the glory of God, yes, Christ Jesus? By Christ Jesus' faith we have access to God's grace/undeserved kindness, what is God's grace, yes, Jesus Christ? In all things and in every way Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of God's plan for salvation.

We have such great hope not because of ourselves, or our accomplishments, but in Christ Jesus and the profound wisdom and love God placed in him, and is demonstrating through him to us. We are simply asked to believe, put our faith in Christ Jesus, we then have access to the glory of God and his free gift of grace. No small challenge in a world that lacks trust; in a world where law has been interwoven into the fabric of society and religion; where we are required to earn love.

God asks us to completely believe in His Son and believe that He, God, is accounted all that His Son did perfectly to us as a gift, and not accounting our sin at all against us. That we must trust Jesus Christ our head that he will perfect us through the power of God's Holy Spirit. And that we must rest in this belief to enter into God's greater Sabbath daily like a lily of the field, and the birds of the heavens.

And may we always remember nothing of our sinful nature will allow us to trust or rest in God's love, no! It is by God's Holy Spirit that we are able to conquer this world through our faith, rest, and trust in God's power alone.

Nov 13, 2009

**Rom.5:3 Not only this, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering works perseverance; 5:4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope:**

Rejoice in suffering? None of us rejoice in suffering without a miracle, many Christians feel like constant failure because they do not or can't rejoice in suffering.

When Christians understand that God gives them many gifts when they become His Children, one of which is the Holy Spirit that help us rejoice in suffering, they are comforted. Furthermore, when they understand it is not in their personal power they are able to overcome problems in this world, but with the power of God through the Holy Spirit, and they cannot be condemned in Christ Jesus, the burden become much lighter and the yoke kindly.

In other words, our fleshly thoughts, the rules we set up as to the conditions we must meet to pass a test our removed as we wait patiently on God's well in all matters. This takes perseverance and this is the type of godly perseverance that builds character. We do not know the mind of God, we have Christ Jesus as our wisdom if ask in trials. God is teaching us not law, but love, love is not learned in success, but in failure and disappointment so we may be merciful, kind, and compassionate when dealing with failures others.

God does not fear failure because He is love and does not base His love on performance by law. Law must always succeed or it is failure producing guilt and unworthiness. Love build up and rejoices in suffering it concerns itself with humility in and love in building the character of God and His love in us. We are not of this world nor are the rule of suffering of this world ours, we suffer according to God's well, not self-will by law.

Nov 14, 2009

**Rom,5:5 and hope doesn't disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.**

Hope does not disappoint unless it is based on a false hope, which may be material success according to law. Our hopes as Christians are renewed in the Holy Spirit filling our hearts with love, why? Because it is proof positive our Heavenly Father is with us and we are approved in suffering. This creates hope beyond all hope, not the hopes that disappoint that the world knows through the fleshly pursuits.

Flesh is control by law and law creates guilt when it does not perform perfectly, if worldly success allude us, or we fail, the guilt is over whelming; blame must be allocated for not building according to our perception of the law perfectly.

But God does not base His love on worldly success He concern Himself with building vessels of mercy, which may cost us everything in this world. Our hope does not belong to disappointment because God though His Holy Spirit fills our hearts with love. That love is given even in our worst sins, which confuses the fleshly mind trying to condemn God for loving us in sin.

However God is greater than our hearts although they condemn us, He is teaching us love in sin, we then are at the start of real understanding of God's grace/underserved kindness that excel all thoughts of failure according to law.

Nov 15, 2009

**Rom.5:6 For while we were yet weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.**

Christ Jesus was powerful in teaching and understanding of God, that which made him powerful was the Holy Spirit that richly dwelt in him. He was full of grace and mercy making him the light of the world. Anything less than this is weak in God's eyes, yes! All the Apostles were weak while under law, however, once the powerful Holy Spirit was poured upon them they became mighty in love, grace and mercy.

So what is powerful to most Christians today is it the power of material blessings or the power of God Holy Spirit dwelling in them in love? You see, love conquers the world; love shows compassion and is ready to forgive. Nothing in our world compares with God's love in us, nothing! Without this powerful force there is no hope for our dead love ones, without this hope justice can never be known among the human race, without this hope there will be no new heavens and new earth where righteousness will dwell; where we find no tears, sorrow, death, pain, or sickness.

Yes, if you believe material things are powerful than you have missed the underserved kindness of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, and you are still weak in God's eyes. But if you pray for the real blessings, which bring eternal life, God will fill you with love, full of good gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Nov 16, 2009

**Rom. 5:7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man. Yet perhaps for a righteous person someone would even dare to die.**

Abraham the father of our faith was a righteous man not by law, but according to his faith. The world accords righteousness by meeting certain standards of law an outward appearance of practicing law. But Abraham's righteousness was from God the secret person of his heart. Perhaps someone knowing Abrahams love for God would die for him?

Yes, if Abraham righteousness was from God, most living with him could not physical see it or understand God had declared him righteous by his faith. One would have had to of known Abraham personally, that is, take the time to know and see he was a righteous man loving God. God's righteous does not come from teaching, or preaching, or good works, it comes from God by our faith.

This is why Christ Jesus dying for us is beyond human love, it is a divine love that comes from the God of Love. Hardly will a person give up their life for a righteous person let alone a sinner. Why would any sane person give up their life for someone condemned to death by the law? Only love can give you that answer, and that is why it requires God love working in us and through us so we can love our enemies.

Nothing in this world can compare to God's love, nothing we do can earns His love, but trusting in Him like Abraham did, remembering what we judge will come back to us, shall we judge God as love or judgment?

Nov 17, 2009

**Rom.5:8 But God commends his own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

Why does it say while we were yet sinner; when we can never stop sinning? Both statements are true in our case, God has not taken us out of our sinful flesh or desires when we are declared righteous in Christ Jesus blood. We are not declared righteous by our works, but by the works of Christ Jesus, which God accounts his righteous blood to us.

In other words, Jesus blood is righteous because he lived perfectly under the Old Law, God imputes his righteous blood too us, when we by our little faith accept him. Yes, God gives us the merit of Christ Jesus faithful walk while on earth. That is love beyond human understanding; we are not required to walk perfectly by law as Christ Jesus was, why? It is not possible then nor is it possible now, we are sinners; again reinforcing the importance of not walking by law.

Christ Jesus is righteous so when we are put in his body by his blood we are righteous also, the whole body receives the merit of the blood, which feeds and nourishes each member. Yet, we are left in our corrupt sinful bodies, but our sins under the Old Law are not account against us any longer. Christ Jesus fulfilled and removed the curse of the Law for us.

So while we were weak under the Old Law Christ Jesus died for us sinner, yes! Under the Law makes us weak because the Law is a curse and exposes sin, although fleshly people see it as strong it is weak because God is love and love forgives the sins of the Old Law.

Nov 18, 2009

**Rom.5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's wrath through him.**

What is God's wrath? Well it is the Old Law, yes! We have a choice to choose God's love or the wrath produce by the Law. The Law brought God wrath, nothing in the Old Law brought peace with God accept the blood of animal sacrificed for sin (before Christ Jesus). The Law exposed us as sinner in turn created division with God causing punishment or wrath and to appease our failures God allowed animal sacrifices for of some sins.

But still all these measure were temporary pointing to the "reality" Christ Jesus the Passover Lamb of God. Yes, Abraham offer of Isaac to God pictured the greater offering of the Son God for our sins. Until Christ Jesus gave up his perfect life as the Lamb of God we could find no lasting peace with God. The wrath was removed that which caused wrath was removed in favor of love, forgiveness, and mercy.

The sinful flesh find power in enforcing the Law, it is a fearful power when wheeled by nations, but it also a fearful power when used by religion or in families. Most of us see God as a fearful person using His power to control our lives through punishment. This would be a correct understanding under Law, but incorrect under the New Covenant of Love.

Nov 19, 2009

**Rom.5:10 For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we will be saved by his life.**

Most Christians think about Christ death the power of his blood redeeming us. But life is great than death God's power is expressed in life not death. Death is an enemy that God will bring to nothing.

Matthew 22:32 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?'(Exodus 3:6) God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."

How is Jesus life more powerful than his death? Well we have been reconciled in Christ Jesus death too God. But through his life we will be saved, that is, Christ Jesus raised seated at the right hand of God is a life giving Spirit person in the exact representation of His Father with power over life and death.

Heb.1:3 His Son is the radiance of his glory, the very image of his substance, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself made purification for our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Christ Jesus is the head of his body he serves as the High Priest in sanctifying and purifying his own body; he is the savior of his body. Through his incorruptible life he brings life to all that accept him. All that touches God must become life, Christ Jesus life allows us to touch God in peace, and thus, we have life in Christ Jesus. Moreover, Jesus Christ will perfect our faith, when this is accomplished we too become life.

Nov 21, 2009

**Rom.5:11 Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.**

One cannot rejoice unless they love something, we do not rejoice if were made to through a law that punishes us for not rejoicing, or makes us look bad. When we are made too be happy because we have to in order to please someone it make us a hypocrite. We put on a mask for the occasion, but inside we are a much different person.

God hates hypocrisy; it does not fool Him because He does not see the outward appearance but the person of our hearts. For us to rejoice in our reconciliation it has to come from a heart full of love acceptable to God. The problem with people under obligation through law is they believe everyone else is putting on an act like they are.

Rather than judge each other we should honestly served God from our heart, we all know if we are acting. Lack of truth and spirit can keep us in ignorance; we might become jealous of other that seems to truly love God with rejoicing more than us. Simply put, if this is our case we do not know the God of love. All our problems can be resolved in understanding the greatness of our reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God has removed our judgment He is not looking at our weakness any longer He is looking at our hope of being perfect and living with Him forever, He see the good in us, and not the bad. We have no need in defending ourselves to justify our actions in every small issue, God has done that for us in Jesus Christ, thus, we can rest in peace, and rejoice in God's love.

Nov, 22, 2009

**Rom.5:13 For until the law, sin was in the world; but sin is not charged when there is no law.**

Adam sin was past on to many generations before God gave His Law through Moses to the nations of Israel. Sin was in the world because all were dying in Adam sin, although Moses was given the law he too died in Adam's sin and all have since. So why the Law? Too hold people accountable for their sins?

The Law is a marker of our conduct to measure us against God standards for perfect human life, yes, the perfect life given to Adam and Eve. We are convicted of sin by the Law and condemned by the Law and receiving the penalty for violating the Law, death, the wages of sin. So the argument is conclusive, we are dying so it is proof positive we are sinners, much more so breaking God's laws daily.

Death is our ruler because we are sinners; no one on earth can claim they are not a sinner because they are dying from the moment of birth. For those Christians wanting to go back under the Old Law they remain in death, not the life of Christ Jesus that releases us from the judgment of the Old Law.

There is no other hope or way out of the sin charged against by the Law, but the life of Christ Jesus. Without putting faith in Jesus Christ being raised from the dead and seated at the right hand of God we have no hope.

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