

Lesson 76 Answers and Comments

Blessedness	children	world	abominable
Imputeth	faith	weak	flesh
Righteousness	baptized	beggarly	mouth
Works	Christ	elements	debtor
Blessed	on	desire	whole
Iniquities	Christ	bondage	law
Forgiven	liberty	days	keep
Blessed	creature	months	whole
Not	angel	times	offend
Sin	God	years	one
Glad	Christ	believed	guilty
Rejoice	Jesus	faith	all
Righteous	pluck	righteousness	confirmeth
Shout	eyes	meat	all
Joy	love	drink	words
Rejoice	saints	holyday	law
Praise	doubt	new	do
Harp	afraid	moon	no
Sing	fulfil	Sabbath	effect
Song	lusts	days	justified
Grace	flesh	Israel	law
Christ	liberty	beasts	fallen
Gospel	in	eat	grace
Christ	Christ	soul	truth
Justified	Jesus	polluted	godliness
Faith	bondage	youth	doctrine
Spirit	bondage	not	godliness
Faith	elements	eaten	

Isn't it grand that it's God's glorious grace that produces blessedness (overflowing joy) in our lives? We need not rely on positive circumstances, good medical reports, financial success, or anything else in order to have blessedness abounding in us.

I think of Paul and Silas after having been stripped of their clothes and beaten severely then cast into that dirty prison with their feet shackled singing praises unto God, Acts 16:22-25.

What but the grace of God could produce this super human attitude of joy this blessedness that could not be contained no matter their circumstances?

Lesson 77 Beware

Phil. 3:2 “Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.”

Before we leave our “pitfall” of legalism, let’s look at a few more verses.

How many times does Paul use the word beware in our verse? _____ Wow! In one small verse he uses, “Beware” 3 times. I think it would behoove us to examine just what it is we need to beware of.

First of all what does beware mean? Mark 8:15 “And he charged them, saying, Take heed, _____ of the _____ of the _____...” Mark 12:38, And he said unto them in his doctrine, _____ of the _____, which love to go in _____, and _____ salutations in the marketplaces,”

Beware – take heed – be alert to - Just what are the 3 things in our verse that we should “beware” of?

“Beware of dogs” – I know we see this sign on many gates, fences and doors. That is not the kind of dogs that are being referred to. I wonder if people know that their sign has a “biblical origin”. Anyway, what or who are the dogs in our verse? I believe Paul is referring to the legalists that kept “hounding” him. In Phil. 1:28 Paul refers to them as, “And in nothing terrified by your _____...” In Phil. 3:18 they are called: “(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the _____ of the _____ of _____: vs. 19 ...whose God is their _____, and whose glory is in their shame, who _____.)”

God does not “sugar coat” his definition of those who mix law performance with His grace. They are dogs! Gal. 2:21, “I do not frustrate the _____ of _____: for it _____ come by the _____, then _____ is _____ in _____.” Legalists attack the cross of Christ! The cross is the place where the justice of God and the love of God kissed! Thus allowing the grace of God to be justly extended to sinners like you and me. The cross was absolutely essential in securing our righteous standing before God. I love Ps. 85:10 “_____ and _____ are met _____; _____ and _____ have _____ each other.” At the cross, all was accomplished by Christ in satisfying the justice and love of God! Christ said triumphantly, “It is finished.” John 19:30.

II Cor. 5:21, “For he hath made him to be _____ for _____, who knew no sin; that _____ might be made the _____ of God _____.” Sin’s payment and righteousness were secured for the sinner at the cross! To add any human merit as a ground for a righteous standing before a holy God is to deny what took place at the cross! To bring in any other element to salvation is to be in concert with Satan. Read II Cor. 11:13-15, vs. 13 “...transforming themselves into the _____ of _____. Vs. 14 ...for _____ himself is transformed into an _____ of _____ vs. 15... if his _____ also be transformed as the _____ of _____...”

This “gospel” preached by many has a form of _____, but denies the _____ thereof...” II Tim. 3:5. There is no saving power in this gospel, thus keeping the minds of the lost blinded. II Cor. 4:3, 4 “But if our _____ be _____, it is _____ to them that are _____: vs. 4 In whom the _____ of this _____ hath _____ the _____ of them which believe _____, lest the _____ of the glorious _____ of Christ, who is the image of God, should _____ unto them.” Paul goes on to say now in vs. 5 “For we preach _____...”

The gospel has absolutely nothing to do with ourselves. Paul says we don't preach ourselves. "Ourselves", does not play any part in the gospel. Paul goes on to say in vs. 5 "...but _____ the _____..." The gospel that has the power to save is all about Christ and His work on the cross.

Lesson 77 Continued

Satan's activity to accomplish his purpose of keeping the gospel hid to the lost is abounding in the pulpits with the inclusion of human merit or work! Are we keeping the gospel pure? Are we guilty of "adding" things like: give your heart to Jesus, make Jesus Lord of your life, be water baptized, pray this prayer, repent of all your sins; to the gospel?

A good description of some activity of dogs is found in Gal. 5:15 "But if ye _____ and _____ one another, take heed that ye be not _____ one of another." Paul is referring to those who preach _____ Gal. 5:11.

Legalism will bring calamity to our spiritual life. Don't put a "nice face" on those who would bring us into the bondage of the law. They are the enemies of the cross.

Beware of evil workers – Matt. 7: 22, 23 "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not _____ in thy name? And in _____ have _____ out _____? And in _____ done many _____? Vs. 23 And then will I profess unto them, I _____: depart from me, ye that _____ iniquity."

Legalists are "evil workers". They are not innocent, naïve and harmless to the cause of Christ. They are workers of evil. There is a great emphasis today in many churches to preach a "social gospel". An acquaintance recently returned from Ecuador from a "missionary" project. He helped in the building of some houses. This person has no interest in knowing Christ. He has a zeal to "do" good in the name of Christ in order that he might parade "his works" before God to gain acceptance. Does this sound like someone we read about in Matt.??

Rom. 10:2, "For I bear them record that they have a _____ for God, but not according to _____." And how do they attain righteousness? Vs. 3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their _____, have _____ submitted themselves unto the _____ of _____."

Eph. 2:10 "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto _____, which God hath before ordained that we _____ walk in _____."

Good works as opposed to evil works are those things only a believer can participate in. When a believer is filled with the knowledge of God's will, he can do the good works that are pleasing to God.

Col. 1:9, 10 "...that ye might be _____ with the _____ of his _____ in all _____ and _____ understanding; vs. 10 That ye might _____ worthy of the Lord unto all _____, being _____ in _____, and increasing in the knowledge of God;" Our good works are not to "gain" acceptance but come because we are accepted.

Next week we will study what it means to "beware of the concision."

I pray that we will be vigilant in our lives to be on guard and on the watch to stay clear of the dogs and the evil workers. They are the enemies of the cross!