

Galatians 2:20-21

## Love Destroys Legalism

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The **ultimate victory** in the war on legalism is in this verse. **It's love.**

Grace --G. R. A. C. E. (unmerited undeserved unearned favor)

God just wants to bless. I don't want to frustrate that. Like paying a bill. When someone won't let you pay their bill its frustrating.

- God wants to **bless you by paying the bill.** But we can refuse that. by pride.
- **LET GOD BLESS YOU!** *Without you giving him a reason that he should!*
- Then we worship and give thanks in response. If you say I'm going to worship the lord to get his grace, you are frustrating the grace of God.

**Q:** But isn't there examples of people praying and worshiping and then something great happens?

Paul and Barney in jail... They worship just because they **loved** God. Not to get out!

2 Samuel 9. David and Mephibosheth

- Custom was to kill all relatives of the previous reign.

- David wants to show kindness because of a “son”
- Lo Debar means “nothingness” or “no pasture”.
- Mephibosheth was lame. From running from the King.
- He was afraid of The King.
- He gets to eat BREAD continually at the Kings Table.
- He did continue to eat at the Kings table even though he was lame.
- Just hobble to the table in your lame condition instead of trying to seek God’s blessings by your performance.

**John 6** I am the Bread of Life. v.30-40

- Relating to Jesus as Bread works!
- Jesus claims to be worthy of our trust. That we can have confidence in him.
- “gives **life** to the world” Life is the result of being **crucified with Christ!** Life is the result of relating to God as the Bread of Life.
- We think that we will somehow lose out if we give everything up for Jesus. But we get “life”
- But we are taught here that we give it all up to Jesus **BY FAITH.** “**and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God**”
- Here Jesus gives is 5 reasons why we can trust in Him. And by trusting in Him, receive all the life we could ever dream of.
  - - He perfectly satisfies our spiritual hunger (**He who comes to Me shall never hunger**)
  - - He receives all who come to Him (**All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out**)

- - He isn't interested in His own agenda, but His Father's  
(**not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me**)
- - He will keep those who come to Him safe (**all He has given Me I should lose nothing**)
- - The destiny of those who believe in Him is eternal life  
(**everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life**)
- **He loves us.**

John 21 “come and dine” → **I just want to bless you Peter.** Yet we have learned through Galatians that Peter forgot about this a little bit. So what do we do if we forget?

1. **Repent** from trying to earn God's blessing.
2. **Request.** Ask for God's Blessings. Go to HIM. It's about relationship. “*you have not because you ask not*”
3. **Relax.** In what He decides to do. Maybe you need a diet? Trust Him. Live by faith in what God is going to give you at the table. His Table. His Bread.

**Bread = Crucifixion. “this is my Body Broken for you!**

- Always be coming to the CROSS!
- The **LOVE shone and proved on the Cross is the victory over legalism and all sin whatsoever.**

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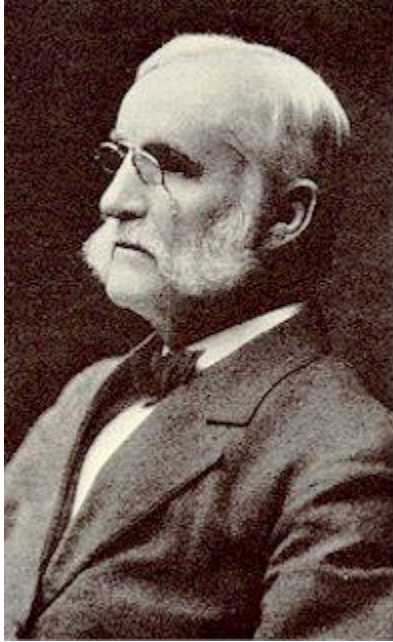
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## LOVE FOR GOD

My God. I love Thee: not because  
I hope for heaven thereby.  
Nor yet because who love Thee not  
Are lost eternally.  
Thou. O my Jesus. Thou didst me  
Upon the cross embrace:  
For me didst bear the nails, and spear,  
And manifold disgrace.  
And griefs and torments numberless,  
And sweat of agony:  
Yea. death itself: and all for me  
Who was thine enemy.  
Then why. O blessed Jesus Christ,  
Should I not love Thee well?  
Not for the sake of winning heaven,  
Nor of escaping hell:  
Not from the hope of gaining aught,  
Not seeking a reward:  
But as Thyself hast loved me,  
O ever-loving Lord.  
So would I love Thee. dearest Lord,  
And in Thy praise will sing:  
Solely because Thou art my God,  
And my most loving King.

Francis Xavier. 1506-1552  
Translated by Edward Caswall, 1814-1878.



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Music: William Gustavus Fischer (1835-1912)



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I am coming to the cross;  
I am poor and weak and blind;  
I am counting all but dross;  
I shall full salvation find.

Refrain

I am trusting, Lord, in Thee.  
Blessed Lamb of Calvary;  
Humbly at Thy cross I bow.

Save me, Jesus, save me now.

Long my heart has sighed for Thee;

Long has evil reigned within;

Jesus sweetly speaks to me:

"I will cleanse you from all sin."

Refrain

Here I give my all to Thee:

Friends and time and earthly store;

Soul and body Thine to be,

Wholly Thine forevermore.

Refrain

In the promises I trust;

Now I feel the blood applied;

I am prostrate in the dust;

I with Christ am crucified.

Refrain

Jesus comes! He fills my soul!

Perfect in Him I am;

I am every whit made whole:

Glory, glory to the Lamb!

Refrain