

What Part Do My Works Play in My Christian Life? **Galatians 5:2-6**

Of Chief Importance-Your works (obedience to the Law of God) _____, in any way, add to or play a part in your justification before God

Any plan or scheme of _____ that seeks to add works to Christ or instead of Christ leads to:

- 1. Christ being of no _____ to you**

- 2. Bringing you under bondage to obey the _____ Law**

- 3. Being _____ from Christ**

- 4. A _____ from grace**

Those who truly have the Spirit of God have faith in Christ alone for _____ and eagerly await His coming

Good works, while not adding to our salvation, are to flow from us as _____ of our faith in Christ

Sermon quotes:

“Paul does not condemn circumcision in itself. Circumcision is not injurious to the person who does not ascribe any particular importance to it. Neither are works injurious provided a person does not attach any saving value to them. The Apostle does not say that works are objectionable, but to build one’s hope for righteousness on works is disastrous, for that makes Christ good for nothing.”-Luther

“It is impossible we should ever love God, till by faith we know ourselves loved by God.”-Fisher

BONUS-Additional quotes not in the sermon for your spiritual enjoyment:

“I do not want to withhold from good works their due praise, nor do I wish to encourage evil works. But when it comes to justification, I say, we must concentrate upon Christ alone, or else we make Him non-effective. You must choose between Christ and the righteousness of the Law. If you choose Christ you are righteous before God. If you stick to the Law, Christ is of no use to you.”-Luther

“A believer should live a devout life and always do what is right. But the first dimension of the Christian life-faith-is more essential. The second dimension-good works-is never as valuable as faith. People of the world, however, adore good works. They regard them to be far higher than faith...If we esteem them (good works) too highly, good works can become the greatest idolatry. This has occurred both inside and outside of Christianity. Some people value good works so much that they overlook faith in Christ. They preach about and praise their own works instead of God’s works. Faith should be first. After faith is preached, then we should teach good works. It is faith-without good works and prior to good works-that takes us to heaven. We come to God through faith alone.”-Luther