

Are You Cut Off From Christ?

Galatians 5:4-6

What would a \$20,000 baseball with Lou Gehrig's autograph be worth if you highlighted it with a sharpie? Even if your intent was just to help?

Jesus + anything = _____

Jesus + nothing = _____

I. The _____ of Works

If you substitute any self-effort for the finished work of Jesus, you are in great peril. Why? Philip Ryken offered three points.....

A. _____ can no longer do us any good.

Look in verse 2 of our chapter. I, Paul, say to you, if you accept circumcision, _____ will be of no advantage to you. Gal 2:21 offers a similar thought: if _____ were through the law, then _____ died for _____. Attempting to get right with God by our works, makes _____. Justification is a long word that means getting right with God. This getting right with God comes

completely by _____ or by _____, by _____ or by _____.

This first fatality leads to another:

B. We become _____ to the whole _____.

Attempting to do a work of justification obligates us to complete the law in its _____. Agreeing to circumcision identified a person with the Old Covenant and that Old Covenant required _____ obedience to God's _____. In reality, the law is a yoke that is _____ and that law has us in its _____ debt.

This 2nd fatality leads us to the third.

C. We are cut off from the _____ of _____

We are severed from Christ. Attempting to justify yourself by works is taking a scalpel and cutting yourself off from Christ. It's a play on words, just like circumcision is a cutting, your works don't get you closer to Christ, they actually completely sever you from Him.

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Paul's point here is not regarding a loss of eternal security. No one truly redeemed, united to Christ, can ever be cut away from Him. (Rom 8:28-30, John 10:28-30). Paul speaks here of the _____ of Grace. Anyone who substitutes a fleshly work, attempting to get in right standing with God, really has no standing in the _____. They go back under the _____ of the law, because they _____.

They are outside the realm of grace.

II. The _____ that _____. Vs 5-6

These verses reveal what redeemed people understand and embody: _____ is the root, it always leads to _____, the shoot, that invariably leads to the fruit, _____. These 3 graces are _____ in the life of _____. These indicators reveal that the Spirit of God is _____ and at _____.

Do you see the three graces in your life? Do you long for the day when not only have you been _____ righteous but you will _____ as _____? We have this _____ of righteousness. This hope

of righteousness is understanding that we are _____, immersed in Him.

Are you so desperate to be dogmatically _____ that you really are dogmatically so _____ you turn unredeemed people into the _____ instead of the _____?

_____ is the outworking of _____.