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The Blessing of Bedrock

Romans 3:19-25

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[19]Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. [20]For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin… [23]for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. —Romans 3:19-20, 23

1. _____ is the only remedy for the guilt of our sin.

[21]But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— [22]the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: [23]for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24]and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, [25]whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins. [26]It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. —Romans 3:21-26

[10]For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." [11]Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." [12]But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." [13]Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"—[14]so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith… [21]Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. [22]But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

—Galatians 3:10-14, 21-22

2. _____ is the new motivation of all Christian living.

[1]There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. [2]For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. [3]For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, [4]in order that the righteous

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requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.
—Romans 8:1-4

3. Grace and gratitude _____ our way of life.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. —2 Cor. 5:17

- **We _____ to declare God's _____ and seek His _____.**

So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please Him. —2 Corinthians 5:9

- **We _____ in _____ and _____ for God's kingdom.**

[14]For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that One has died for all, therefore all have died; [15]and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised.
—2 Corinthians 5:14-15

- **We _____ to extend the _____ of grace to those without Christ.**

[18]All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; [19]that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. [20]Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. [21]For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. —2 Cor. 5:18-21

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

—Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

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