



## Is Something Missing? Do All The Pieces Fit? Part 2

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Welcome to our second part of our study: Puzzled? Do all the pieces fit?

If you have not done so, please go back and read part 1, as it provides much of the ground work for part two. A continuation, and in-depth look at the false doctrine of “Once Saved Always Saved”, and the half truth of “Security of the Believer”.

Before we begin, I would like to add that much has transpired in the short time period between the first part of the study and this one. Read all of this carefully... for it has actually happened and is “True to Life”. And learn.

Originally written by request of another ministry, for an internet web broadcast; of Prince of Peace Radio, from the Prince of Peace Teaching Center in Foreman Arkansas, This study has so grown, and yes in part due to the urgent need to counter heretical teaching, that

you are now reading this part 2 of this study. Read carefully dear reader, for this is TRUE TO LIFE.

I would like to begin with an email that I received from Bennie Blount, pastor of Prince of Peace in Foreman Arkansas. This email is in response to an email I sent pastor Blount on the below scripture:

**Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. - Galatians 5:2-4**

Attempting without much success to bring forth the point to Pastor Blount that yes indeed, you can loose your salvation in Christ, he countered with the following email:

*Jeff, Jeff, Jeff*

*Please take your Strong's concordance and look up "fallen from" as in Fallen*

*> From Grace. It means that the Grace that God bestows becomes "inefficient"*

*when the Galatians wanted to live under the law.*

*It does NOT say the Galatian Christians are no longer Christians and are on their way to hell. It simply says that God's Grace CAN NOT work in their lives as long as they try to be justified by works of the law.*

I immediately countered with the following email:

*Bennie Bennie Bennie... take a look at the whole....*

*1601 ekpipto ek-pip'-to from 1537 and 4098; to drop away; specially, be driven out of one's course; figuratively, to lose, become inefficient:--be cast, fail, fall (away, off), take none effect. see GREEK for 1537 see GREEK for 4098*

*taken from Strong's Exhaustive Concordance Lexicon by James Strong, S.T.D., LL.D. 1890*

*and the old books are the best...*

*Paul goes on to say that whosoever is justified by the law has fallen... the Gospel says by faith we are justified not by the law... so if by grace we are saved through FAITH.... those from galatians 5 being justified by the law... where no longer justified by faith.....*

*you have to look at the whole picture.... let go of those baptist prejudices and lett all of scripture speak it's truth to you...*

I then countered with another email, forgive the spelling, as I was quite excited at the moment, and did not spell check:

*Bennie, listen to your self just one momoent... stop and listen to what you are saying... if you say that God's grace had been insufficient for them... not sufficent... grace his unmerited favor... if his favor is insufficient...what actually do you think that means?*

*you fall out of favor? and no longer seeking to be justified solely by faith, embracing the law as well... what do you think that means? take a good look at it my friend...and actually what you are teaching...what do you think it means to lose God's favor? Do you really wish to put it to the test and try? I don't....*

*Paul goes on to say in the next verse:*

**5For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.** - Galatians 5:5

*doesn't say anything about the law there does it?*

*And by grace you are saved through faith... remove grace and you lose part of the salvational equation...*

**7Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth? 8This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you.** - Galatians 5:7-8 ... *who did hinder them that they did not run well?... not Christ... but Satan...* what do you think that he wants to do to your soul Bennie?

**9A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.** - Galatians 5:9 ... *a little bit of false teaching infects the whole..*

*This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.*

*What does this say then...he goes on to tell them the difference between the walk in the spirit and the flesh..*

And I then countered with this last email:

*Bennie, it also says that when grace becomes "inefficient" Christ becomes of no effect to them. Read all of Galatians. especially these:*

**2Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. 3For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. 4Christ is**

*become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.*

*... His atoning work... I will admit you threw a teaching that I had not heard before... that Grace can become inefficient" and you still be a Christian... I thank you...for the readers at Phoenix Seven will find it quite amusing as well...*

*No Bennie if your justified by law your not Christian..*

And then pastor Blount countered with this last and final email:

*Quick question Jeff,*

*Is your salvation based on the Blood of Jesus alone OR the Blood of Jesus plus Jeff?*

Let me add quickly, and admit, I took quite an offense to this last email, from pastor Blount. Especially in light of the previous emails, and my stance on Grace vs works. He like all that cannot truly defend their position, attack me, attempting to state that I hold that salvation is by works. And that is what pastor Blount implied. And yes, I take offense to that.

What he fails to see, what all that embrace "once saved always saved" and "security of the believer" fail to see is that "faith is not a work". It is part of the salvation equation. By Grace we are saved through faith. FAITH is not a work. Nor is what you place your faith in.. The Holy Word of God, or a quite different Gospel. For by faith we are justified before God. Remove faith.. THE True FAITH, and you are no longer justified.

In answer to pastor Blount's question, in his last email, is my salvation based upon the blood of Jesus and Jeff?

Yes Bennie, it is. And by Jeff, I mean, it is by FAITH. My Faith. That should be simple enough even for a Babe in Christ to understand.

You see Bennie, unlike yourself and many that I have run into in the past, I do know what saving faith is. And by it I am justified before God. And that is not a work.

A couple of years ago, I had a pastor admit to his Sunday school class that he did not know what saving faith was... he could not define it. How sad.. A pastor attempting to lead his flock to a saving faith, and he cannot define it himself. But I can... I do know what saving faith is, just as I do know what true love is. I know both. For both are of "heart".

And I praise and thank God for both. As I thank and praise Him for Grace. For Grace bestowed upon me, and for the opportunity to defend His Grace. For that is what I stand in and stand for God's Grace, and the true Gospel, the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. And that is what Phoenix Seven White Dove Ministries is all about.

I countered Pastor Blount's email with this last one:

*Paul began Galatians with these verses from Chapter 1:*

***6I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.***

*The whole theme of Galatians... is salvation by grace... and by "your" "inefficient" grace you are embracing another Gospel... salvation achieved through "inefficient", when "Christ has become of no effect"... what a different Gospel indeed...*

*salvation without grace...or an "inefficient" grace..*

*Thanks again, you have added a crowning touch in the heresy chapters of all time..*

Dear reader if one looks up “inefficient” in Webster’s Dictionary, you will find this definition:

**in[ef][fi]cient**

**adj.**

not efficient; specif., a) not producing the desired effect with a minimum use of energy, time, etc.; ineffective b) lacking the necessary ability; unskilled; incapable

You see dear reader, dear beloved, God’s Grace only becomes incapable of “saving” you, or salvation to you, is when you embrace a different Gospel. Either totally different or a perversion of the Gospel as in Galatians 5. And that places it upon you. Your Faith. For please trust, there is nothing ineffective or incapable about God’s Grace at all... only when you remove “the faith” to access it. And that dear reader is something within yourself, and not a deficiency of God or of His Grace.

I have been trying to get away from using other commentaries. But in this case due to the importance of this teaching, I will make an exception. God has always provided me the tools that I have needed in ministry, as He has done so now.. I quote from a commentary that I recently purchased from a thrift store for a dime. It was part of a lot of books, I purchased, for the grand total of three dollars, what can I say but, “GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME” and He supplies our every need. And He knew I would be needing it.

I quote from The New International Commentary on the New Testament: The Epistle to the Galatians; ISBN 0-8028-2509-5, page 221, and is a quote from the New England Bible. For it appears many of you have trouble comprehending the true Gospel of Jesus Christ, and with the King’s English. The underlining is mine. And I would like to add fro those that which to purchase this outstanding commentary, it would be well worth it’s \$30.00 price tag. And may I add, a “Godsend” at a dime.

2Mark my words: I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision Christ will do you no good at all. 3Once again, you can take it from me that every man who receives circumcision is under obligation to

keep the entire law. 4When you seek to be justified by the law, your relation with Christ is completely severed: you have fallen out of the domain of God's grace. 5 For to us, our hope of attaining that righteousness which we eagerly await is the work of the Spirit through faith. 6 If we are in union with Christ Jesus, circumcision makes no difference at all, nor does the want of it; the only thing that counts is faith active in love.

Completely severed from Christ. Dear beloved what does that mean to you? You rely upon your faith in Him for salvation and yes His atoning work upon the Cross. Let it no longer be "a great mystery" to the babes in Christ, yes you can fall from God's grace, and be completely severed from Christ.

Recall the scripture in part one of this study on the scripture from John 15. Abide in the vine, and how if you do not produce fruit you will be removed.

Now just briefly, I would like to state: I was told once by a Missionary Baptist preacher that attending church was a "fruit" of the spirit. No where in scripture does it say that attending church is a "fruit". A requirement and instruction to assemble ourselves yes, but not a fruit. In fact if you look at many of our assemblies, many within them are "lost" due to complacency, and yes... false teaching.

Embrace a different or perverted Gospel like the Galatians assembly and no there is no security in Christ, for you are no longer in Christ.

And yes there is security in Christ, as long as you abide in Him, and upon the vine.

As to those of you that embrace "Once Saved Always Saved", and the "half truth" of "Security of the Believer", you embrace a different Gospel, or as to "Security of the Believer" a perversion of it. By half truth, you are placing your faith in the "security", and totally ignoring the believing part... what you place your faith in. You are justified before God by true faith... not a false one.

By ignoring or saying that God's grace can be "inefficient" and the Galatians where still saved and going to Heaven, you are saying that

it can be both of Law and Grace. That it does not matter... those that teach "Once Saved Always Saved", and "Security of the Believer," had better listen closely as to what they are saying. And that is a total contradiction to God's perfect word, and Paul's words from the Book of Romans:

**And if by grace, then *is it* no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.** - Romans 11:6

Do not attempt to change the meaning of the Holy Word of God, to "make the piece fit"; that is to fit your denominational prejudice. And you are totally ignoring God's word, in the fact that the Galatians embraced this AFTER they embraced the "true" doctrine of Christ. And thus then "Christ had become of no effect to them" .. And they where severed from Him. His atonement for them on the Cross had become of no effect.

And once again pastor Blount and all of you out there that support this heretical teaching... you have become "Enemies of Grace"... think about it.. And a enemy of the "True Gospel" as well... and God's perfect word.

**<sup>6</sup>I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: <sup>7</sup>Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.** - Galatians 1:6-7

It cannot be by both Law and Grace... and you go to Heaven, that is the truth beloved. And faith is not a work. As these false teachers attempt to teach, so to justify there beliefs and teachings. For by faith beloved, you are justified before God... and by His Grace you are saved through faith.

This is the true justification... and not the justification "to justify" they attempt to make it to be.

And there is a difference. And that is the difference. One, as scripture states, "By faith you are justified". And the other... well let's say that really isn't justification at all....

Additional truth: You cannot take advantage of God's Grace, and still go to Heaven. PERIOD.

**<sup>15</sup>What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. <sup>16</sup>Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? - Romans 6:15-16**

I have some earth shattering breaking news for you pastor Blount:

Obedience to Christ is not a work either. It is a requirement, and a key element to "The True Faith". True saving faith that is... "He became the author of salvation to all that obey Him. if your still confused, I will be happy to sit down and explain to you that you are in danger of judgment. And just what it means to be blot out... smeared out... and erased from the "Book of Life"...

Just like the church at Sardis. All the appearance on the outside as being a thriving assembly, and "had a name that they lived", yet was spiritually dead. You draw your own conclusion on how that pertains to you... and all others that support this doctrine of yours.

Not everyone that cries "Lord Lord"... and what it means to "Be Accursed". Whew, makes me shudder... hope it wakes you up and makes you shudder as well.

It cant be both and still go to Heaven Bennie.. Both Law and Grace... maybe you will and all others that read this, will finally get the "point". And you cannot remove God's Grace from the salvation equation.. That is why it is removed, through embracing a different Gospel, and a forfeit of your eternal inheritance. Shrug off "your mindset" and what "you have learned".. And embrace the Word of God. Perfect Truth.

Actually in your version you state that Grace can be inefficient in your life, you have the wrong kind of faith and still get to Heaven. Sounds like a lie straight from a Devil's Hell to me...of course "Once Saved Always Saved" is just that.

And woe to them that love the lie more than truth.

In answer to your question you emailed to me on this scripture:

*What does "everlasting" as in John 2:26 mean?*

First of all... there is no John 2:26. But let us say that perhaps this is a typo and your "everlasting" is in reference to eternal life in Christ. If you continue to abide in Him... oh... looks like I all ready answered it.

Dear reader, always interpret scripture in light of other scripture.

I am sorry if I have made you sorry... for Godly sorrow leads to repentance. And if you are not... that I worry not, for you embrace a different Gospel indeed.

Dear reader... having a "working faith" a saving faith, is not a faith by works. Yet it still requires us to do something. And that is not "works" as pastor Bennie Blount and many others see it..

**But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.** -1 John 2:5

One cannot fail to abide in Christ and still get into Heaven. And that is part of the "Full Gospel" of our Lord.

Now quickly a short recap, of what we have covered here:

Pastor Blount, and all others that adhere to this heresy, are denying the word of God. And Christ.

In stating that the Galatians for embracing a different Gospel yet where still "saved" after completely being severed from Jesus Christ and from God's Grace, is heresy as well. The Galatians had embraced a perverted Gospel.. Just as the "Once Saved Always Saved" perverts the truth and Holy Word of God.

"Inefficient" Grace, which is another term for.. Salvation without grace. And without faith. For they attempt to make that "a Work". That is a new one on me. But then again, that is what pastor Blount and

many of the Baptists teach... the shed blood of Christ only. This is a half truth, for it takes faith to be justified before God.

No small wonder that the love of many will wax cold. For they love the lie, or "half truth", more than they love the truth.

And they miss entirely this:

**so faith come by hearing, and hearing by the word of God-**  
Romans 10:17

**For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.** - Ephesians 2:8-9

And that does not make "faith" a work. But part of the "whole".  
Something you have to have besides the shed blood of Jesus Christ.  
Faith.

Twist the meaning of Holy Scripture and you don't have saving faith people. For it no longer is the word of God. And that twisting and ignoring of God's word, is a matter of your deception, (being deceived) and yes often a matter of your own "free will".

This once and for all proves that you can loose your salvation or forfeit it. For anyone to deny that the Galatians assembly fell from Grace, in doing so they would have to admit that it makes no difference if salvation, is by grace or by the law. And in the case with the Galatians.. Both.

A combination of Law & Grace. And that is a different Gospel indeed.

Enough said. Dear reader, I grow weary of covering the same ground and sure foundation that I have covered over and over and over again.. When all should have moved on to the deep things of God.

This study will be continued in The Word "Do all the Pieces Fit?" part 3.



***Offer them Christ***

The Real Jesus Christ  
For there is salvation in no other