

Romans

(20) The Truth of being In Christ

Corrupting salvation by grace...6:1

What is one fundamental corruption of the truth constantly faced by Paul? Acts.15:1-2, 5

Grace is just not enough. God's law must also be observed. Salvation is by Faith + works.

And how was that issue resolved at the Jerusalem Council? Acts 15:9-11

By re-affirming salvation by Grace +/- nothing! It's NEVER been anything else.

How was this doctrine, salvation by Grace alone, received by Jews? Acts 21:28, etc

Paul was severely persecuted for preaching against the law. Wanted to kill him.

What was another common corruption (both then and now)? Gal.3:1-3

Salvation by faith alone is Ok, but, observing the law is necessary to keep saved.

And what is Paul's commentary on this Satanic error? Gal.3:1, 3

How can you be so foolish! Begin by faith and then perfected by human works??

Do we see either of these errors in "Christendom" today? Comments?

Absolutely. Both of these, plus numerous derivatives are alive and well. Satanic lies.

What are some of the specific ways we see this?

At the other end of the spectrum, how were others corrupting what Paul taught in 5:20? 6:1

Grace glorifies God. More sin = more grace, therefore believers should sin...

So this error, instead of teaching legalism, teaches what? 6:1 Jude 4

Grace is good! Everyone should take advantage of Grace. Keep sinning like before...

What's another derivative "twist" on this corruption (antinomianism / Rasputin)?

We should repent, sin extraordinarily, repent (get saved again), repeatedly.

The believer is dead to sin...6:2-4

And what is Paul's emphatic reply to this antinomian view? vs.2

No way! We (believers) died (past tense) to sin. How can anyone think we should sin?

What, then, is his fundamental reason *why* believers can not continue sinning? vs.2a; Gal.2:20

Believers (those in Christ) died (with Him) to sin. We are dead to sin.

How does he restate that in verse 3? ICor.10:2; 6:17; Gal.3:27

Believers are baptized (placed into, by the Spirit) into Christ's death. This is positional.

And through this baptism we were also with Him in what? vs.4a

We were buried with Him. In Christ, we died and were buried with Him.

And also, through this baptism, what else happens for the believer? vs.4b

Like Christ, raised from the dead, we too may live a new life.

How is this fundamentally different from the resurrection of Lazarus? Jn.11 IICor.5:17

This is a new birth, eternal life begins. Lazarus would die again.