

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for July 21-22, 2001

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"Good Results from Bad Circumstances"

Philippians 1:15-18

We are to rejoice any time that Christ and His work are proclaimed correctly.

The Work of Christ

The work of Christ that fully satisfied the debt that we owed to God because of our sin was His death. This work was so perfect that He opened the only door to heaven. If anyone chooses by faith to enter through that door they will be saved. Salvation is fully and totally by grace. It is God's riches at Christ's expense. It is not God's riches by our works.

Do you want to be set free from your sins? All you have to do is to transfer your trust from yourself and your good works to Jesus Christ alone for your salvation (Acts 16:31).

Everything that needed to be done to satisfy the debt that was owed to God because of sin has been done by Christ (Hebrews 10:12).

If anyone teaches we have to do anything in addition to what Christ has already done in order to enter heaven they have rejected the work of Christ as it has been revealed in the Scriptures and they have rejected the gospel (Galatians 1:6-9).

The Jehovah Witnesses have rejected the work of Christ as it is revealed in the Scriptures. They teach that in order to enjoy a future earthly paradise they have to meet the requirements of both the Old and New Testaments.

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Mormonism has rejected the work of Christ as it is revealed in the Scriptures. It teaches that in order to someday enjoy the highest level of the celestial kingdom that good works have to be done by yourself and others to get yourself there.

Catholicism has rejected the work of Christ as it is revealed in the Scriptures. It teaches that though Christ's death atoned for sin, the benefit of that atonement is mediated through the sacraments and that apart from the sacraments we cannot be the recipients of God's saving grace.

The only way for people to be saved no matter what group or movement they belong to is the same. They must believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as He is revealed in the Scriptures. If they do this they will be saved.