

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Study Questions*

**Study Aid for the Sermon from July 21-22, 2001**

**"Good Results from Bad Circumstances"**

**Observing the text**

Read Ephesians 2:8-9 and answer this question. What is the place of works when it comes to our salvation?

How do you reconcile Ephesians 2:8-9 with James 2:14-26?

What particular work were some trying to introduce into the gospel message. (See Galatians 5:1-12)?

How strongly did Paul feel about those who introduced works into the preaching of the "gospel." (See Galatians 1:6-10)?

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### **Applying the sermon**

Did Paul's opponents in Philippians 1:15-18 represent Christ as 100% human and 100% divine?

Are all those connected to various religious groups that teach, as a part of their official doctrine, that Christ is either not 100% human or 100% God unsaved?

Are all those connected to various movements that are considered within the Christian community, such as the "faith movement" unsaved?

What other ways can you think of that people diminish the truth of Christ's lordship in their gospel presentation?