

Sermon Notes

The Veil - 2Cor 3:14

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I. Introduction

Here is a simple test to see if you are walking in the NC. Ask yourself, *am I God's servant or son?* Is God my employer or my Father? If you don't see Him as a loving Father and you as His dearly beloved child... you have not fully apprehended all that Christ has accomplished on your behalf. Dr Paul Ellis

- a. what is THE power that helps us be more victorious... what happens when we hear it...
Acts 14:3... "the Lord testified to grace... by enabling them to do signs and wonders..."
Rom 1:16... "the gospel... is THE power of God for salvation to all who believe..."
Rom 15:19... "by miraculous signs and wonders... I have fully proclaimed the gospel..."
Heb 2:4... "God confirmed the message by giving signs, wonders, miracles..."
- b. what holds us back from the victory God has for us... the veil... pray...
2Cor 3:14-16... "people's minds were hardened... to this day, whenever the OC is being read, the same veil covers their minds so they cannot understand truth... this veil is only removed in Christ..."

II. The Veil

- a. many Christians are not living in victory because they are mixing covenants... OC is based on law, demand, your effort... NC is based on grace, supply, God's effort...
Exo 33:18-19... "show me Your glory... I will let all My goodness pass before you..."
2Cor 3:5-18... "the old way, laws etched in stone, led to death... it began with glory (goodness)... shouldn't we expect far greater *goodness* living under the new way of the Spirit... old way, which brings condemnation, was *good*... new way has much more *goodness*... that first *goodness* was not *good* at all compared with the overwhelming *goodness* of the new way... if the old way, which has been replaced, was *good*... how much more *good* is the new, which remains forever... people's minds were hardened, and to this day whenever the OC is being read, the veil covers their minds so they cannot understand the truth... this veil can be removed only in Christ... all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the *goodness* of the Lord... Spirit makes us more like Him..."
Exo 20 / Heb 8... "you shall, you shall not, you shall... I will, I will, I will, I will make NC..."
- b. does OC have glory and goodness, absolutely... but NC overflows with it... you get to choose which covenant and which blessings you want to be under... choose wisely...
Rom 4:14... "if those who depend on the law are heirs... faith means nothing... promise is void..."
Gal 5:4... "Christ is no effect to those trying to be justified by law... fallen from grace..."
katargeo... render inoperative; cause to have no further efficiency; deprive of force or power...
- c. IMO... clearest picture of comparing OC and NC differences is found in Heb 7-10...
Heb 7-10... "where there is a change of priesthood there must be a change of law... law perfected nothing, but a better hope is introduced... Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant... He has obtained a superior ministry, established on better promises... if the first covenant had been faultless, there would be no need for a second... *days are coming*, says the Lord, *when I will make a new covenant, not like the covenant I made with their ancestors...* by saying a NC, He has declared the first is obsolete and passing away... He is mediator of a NC, so we might receive the promise of an inheritance... will is valid only when people die... law was only a shadow of good things to come, not the reality... He takes away the first to establish the second... we are sanctified thru the offering of Jesus, once for all time... by one offering, He has perfected forever those who are sanctified... *this is covenant I will make with them, I will put my laws on their hearts, I will never again remember their sins...* He has opened a new and living way... draw near with true heart in assurance of faith..."

- d. words that define law: *must, should, work, duty, debt, obligation, perform, produce, serve, strive, struggle, suffer, obey, sin, confess, convict, judgment, penalty, gsc...*
words that define grace: *love, faith, rest, forgiven, favor, receive, believe, righteous, accepted, abundance, beloved, children, hope, blessed, freedom, life, truth, power...*
- e. examples of law-based preaching... grace-based preaching... and mixture in NT... pure law will cause you to run to Jesus (Gal 3)... grace reveals God's unconditional love and favor...
Matt 5... "you have heard it said, but I tell you... you have heard it said, but I tell you..."
Matt 6:14-15... "if you forgive others, God will forgive you... if you don't, God won't..."
Acts 13:38-39... "thru this Man, forgiveness of sins is being proclaimed... everyone who believes in Him is justified from everything that you could not be justified from thru the law of Moses..."
Eph 1:7... "we have redemption thru His blood... forgiveness of sins thru His grace..."
- f. mixture is by far the most dangerous... just enough law and grace to sound convincing... problem is... law and grace don't mix... mixture is poison passed off as medicine...
Acts 15:1-5... "some believers said... it is necessary to circumcise and keep the law..."
Rom 11:6... "if by grace it is not by works... or grace ceases to be grace..."
Gal 1:6-10... "amazed you are turning away from grace to a different gospel... if anyone is preaching a different gospel contrary to what you have received... a curse be on him..."
Gal 4:8-20... "how can you turn back and be enslaved to weak and worthless things... observing special days, months, seasons... I am fearful... where, then, is your blessing..."
Gal 5:1-15... "Christ set us free... if you get yourselves circumcised, Christ will not benefit you... a little yeast leavens whole batch... wish troublemakers (false teachers) would castrate themselves..."
zyme... mental corruption; tendency to infect others; thoroughly pervades a thing by its influence..."
- g. what are some possible signs that a ministry is teaching mixture (Byars)...
Self-focused. Focused on what YOU have to do to stay saved, get holy, earn blessings, be obedient. Not sure if God likes them. God punishes... brings sickness and pain... disaster and death.
Speak faithless language of longing. Ask Him to do what He's already done. Have mercy on us.
Make us holy. Forgive our sins. Lord, don't leave us. HS, we beg you to come. Hear our prayers.
Sin-conscious. Sinner saved by grace. Examine yourself for sin. Confess sins or lose salvation.
Law-minded. Believe law helps overcome sin... shows us how to please God... guide for life.
- h. what are some signs that you might be living under mixture...
Not sure you're 100% forgiven. Matt 12:31 / Rom 4:7 / Col 3:13 / Heb 8:12; 9:26; 10:17
Primarily servant, not son. Matt 4:3 / John 20:17 / Rom 8:15 / Gal 4:6 / 1John 3:1
Blessings come thru personal effort. Rom 3:24; 4:4-5; Rom 11:6 / 2Cor 9:8 / Eph 1:3; 2:8-10
Performance anxiety; never enough. Matt 3:17 / Acts 10:35 / Rom 14:3; 15:7 / Eph 1:6 / 1John 4:17
Lack of joy (Tyndale). 1Kings 1:40 / 1Chron 29:22 / Psa 4:7; 34:5; 43:4; 68:3; 87:7
And more lack of joy. Isa 29:19; 55:12 / Luke 2:10 / John 15:11 / Acts 13:52
- i. what are some signs of a ministry that is preaching the gospel of grace (Spurgeon)...
Preach Jesus. Nothing but Jesus.
Reveal God as Father.
Value law for its intended purpose.
Obedience is a fruit, not a root.
Empower people to overcome sin.
Heart transformation, not behavior.
Preach the I Wills of God and promote security, confidence, trust. Acts 5:42; 8:5; 18:28 / Cor 1:23-24 / 1Cor 2:2 / Eph 3:8
Matt 6:8 / Luke 11:2 / John 14 / Phil 1:2 / Heb 2:11 / 1John 1:3
Rom 3:20-31; 4:13-16; 5:20; 7:1-13 / Gal 2:16-21 / 1Tim 1:8-11
Luke 7:47 / John 14:15; 15:9; 16:13 / Rom 5:5 / 1Cor 13:4-8
Acts 5:31 / Rom 6:1-15 / Heb 9:22 / Titus 2:11-12 / 1John 2:12
Prov 4:23; 23:7 / Rom 12:2 / 2Cor 3:18; 5:17-21 / Gal 5:24-26
Psa 32:8 / Isa 41:10; 43:2; 49:15; 54:8 / Jer 31:33-34; 32:40
Eze 36:25-28 / John 6:29-40; 10:26-27 / 2Tim 4:18 / Heb 13:5
- j. three choices... law, mixture, or grace... only one brings signs, wonders, miracles... only one has power to help you be victorious... get rid of the slave... remove the veil... pray...
Hosea 4:6... "my people are destroyed by lack of knowledge... rejected knowledge..."
Rom 5:17... "receive the overflow of grace... gift of righteousness... reign in life..."
Eph 2:6-7... "show incomparable riches of His grace... expressed in His kindness to us in Christ..."
1Tim 1:14 AMP... "grace flowed out superabundantly and beyond measure for me..."