

The Contrasts of Pentecost

Sinai vs. Sion: The Seats of the Covenants

Gal 4:22-31 ²² ... Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. ²³ But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born after the **flesh**; but he of the freewoman *was* by **promise**. ²⁴ ...these are the **two covenants**; the one from the **mount Sinai**, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. ²⁵ For this Agar is **mount Sinai** in Arabia, and answereth to **Jerusalem which now is**, and is in bondage with her children. ²⁶ But **Jerusalem which is above** is free, which is the mother of us all. ... ²⁸ Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of **promise**. ²⁹ But as then he that was born after the **flesh** persecuted him *that was born* after the **Spirit**, even so *it is* now. ³⁰ Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. ³¹ So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

Heb 12:18-24 ¹⁸ For ye are not come unto **the mount that might be touched**, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, ¹⁹ And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which *voice* they that heard intrated that the word should not be spoken to them any more: ... ²² But ye are come unto **mount Sion**, and unto the city of the living God, the **heavenly Jerusalem**, and to an innumerable company of angels, ²³ To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, ²⁴ And to Jesus the mediator of **the new covenant**, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.

Righteousness of the Law vs. Righteousness of God by Faith: The Credentials of the Covenants

Rom 3:19-22 ⁹ Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. ²⁰ Therefore by the deeds of the **law** there shall no flesh be **justified** in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now the **righteousness of God** without the **law** is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; ²² Even the **righteousness of God which is by faith** of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe:

Rom 4:13 ¹³ For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, *was* not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the **law**, but through the **righteousness of faith**.

Rom 9:30-31 ³⁰ What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to

righteousness, even **the righteousness which is of faith**. ³¹ But Israel, which followed after **the law of righteousness**, hath not attained to **the law of righteousness**.

Rom 10:5-10 ⁵ For Moses describeth the **righteousness which is of the law**, That the man which **doeth** those things shall live by them. ⁶ But the **righteousness which is of faith** speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall **ascend** into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*;) ⁷ Or, Who shall **descend** into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) ⁸ But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of **faith**, which we preach; ⁹ That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe** in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart man **believeth unto righteousness**; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Phil 3:8-9 ⁸ Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ, ⁹ And be found in him, not having mine own **righteousness, which is of the law**, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the **righteousness which is of God by faith**:

... but ...

Rom 8:4 That **the righteousness of the law** might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the **flesh**, but after the **Spirit**.

Flesh vs. Spirit: The Vehicles of the Covenants

Rom 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the **flesh**, but after the **Spirit**. ² For the law of the **Spirit** of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the **flesh**, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful **flesh**, and for sin, condemned sin in the **flesh**: ⁴ That the **righteousness of the law** might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the **flesh**, but after the **Spirit**. ⁵ For they that are after the **flesh** do mind the things of the **flesh**; but they that are after the **Spirit** the things of the **Spirit**. ⁶ For to be **carnally** minded *is* death; but to be **spiritually** minded *is* life and peace. ⁷ Because the **carnal** mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. ⁸ So then they that are in the **flesh** cannot please God. ⁹ But ye are not in the **flesh**, but in the **Spirit**, if so be that the **Spirit** of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the **Spirit** of Christ, he is none of his. ¹⁰ And if Christ *be* in you, the **body is** dead because of sin; but the **Spirit is** life because of righteousness. ¹¹ But if the **Spirit** of him that raised up Jesus

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from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal **bodies** by his **Spirit** that dwelleth in you. ¹² Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the **flesh**, to live after the **flesh**. ¹³ For if ye live after the **flesh**, ye shall die: but if ye through the **Spirit** do mortify the deeds of the **body**, ye shall live.

Gal 5:19 - 26 ¹⁹ Now the works of the **flesh** are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, ²⁰ Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, ²¹ Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: ...they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the **Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³ Meekness, temperance: **against such there is no law**. ²⁴ And they that are Christ's have crucified the **flesh** with the affections and lusts. ²⁵ If we live in the **Spirit**, let us also walk in the **Spirit**.

Works vs. Faith: The Mechanisms of the Covenants

Rom 3:28 ²⁸ Therefore we conclude that a man is **justified** by **faith** without the **deeds [works]** of the law.

Rom 9:31-32 ³¹ Israel ... hath not attained to **the law of righteousness**. ³² Wherefore? Because *they sought it* not by **faith**, but as it were by the **works** of the law.

Gal 2:15-16 ¹⁵ *We who are Jews* by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, ¹⁶ Knowing that a man is not **justified** by the **works** of the law, but by the **faith** of Jesus Christ, even we have **believed** in Jesus Christ, that we might be **justified** by the **faith** of Christ, and not by the **works** of the law: for by the **works** of the law shall no flesh be **justified**.

Gal 3:2-5 ² Received ye the Spirit by the **works** of the law, or by the hearing of **faith**? ³ Are ye so foolish? having begun in the **Spirit**, are ye now made perfect by the **flesh**? ⁴ Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if *it be* yet in vain. ⁵ He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, *doeth he it* by the **works** of the law, or by the hearing of **faith**?

... but ...

James 2:14-26 ¹⁴ What *doth it* profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath **faith**, and have not **works**? can **faith** save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, ¹⁶ And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what *doth it* profit? ¹⁷ Even so **faith**, if it hath not **works**, is dead, being alone. ¹⁸ Yea, a man may say, Thou hast **faith**, and I have **works**: shew me thy **faith** without thy **works**, and I will

shew thee my **faith** by my **works**. ¹⁹ Thou **believest** that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also **believe**, and tremble. ²⁰ But wilt thou know, O vain man, that **faith** without **works** is dead? ²¹ Was not Abraham our father **justified** by **works**, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? ²² Seest thou how **faith** wrought with his **works**, and by **works** was **faith** made perfect? ²³ And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. ²⁴ Ye see then how that by **works** a man is **justified**, and not by **faith** only. ²⁵ Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot **justified** by **works**, when she had received the messengers, and had sent *them* out another way? ²⁶ For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith** without **works** is dead also.

Law vs. ...?

... vs. Grace?

John 1:17 For the **law** was given by Moses, *but* **grace** and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Rom 6:14-15 ¹⁴ For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the **law**, but under **grace**. ¹⁵ What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the **law**, but under **grace**? God forbid.

Gal 5:4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the **law**; ye are fallen from **grace**.

Eph 2:8-10 ⁸ For by **grace** are ye saved through **faith**; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: ⁹ Not of **works**, lest any man should boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

... vs. Spirit?

Rom 7:6 But now we are delivered from the law, being dead to that wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of **spirit**, and not *in* the oldness of the **letter**.

Gal 5:18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.