

Sanctification and Virtue

Sanctification- being made holy. Hebrews 10:14, Col 1:21-23

Virtue- pursuit of holiness

Horizontal vs vertical is Conditional vs Unconditional

Christ formed in us! Galatians 2:19-20; Colossians 1:27; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Galatians 5

5:1-6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision but only faith working through love." It is not what we do or don't do, it is not moral record or resume of righteousness. What does it look like to be free in Christ? The demand of the law prevents this from happening because it turns us inward. It makes us selfish because it focuses us all our attention on me! How am I doing, am I measuring up. I do these things to help my neighbor not out of love, but to be accepted, in order to be blessed, in order to be made right in God's eyes so I can hear well done good and faithful servant (this is the older brother's theology in Luke 15).

The law makes us self absorbed and because it makes us self absorbed it prevents us faith working through love.

The law makes us self absorbed. The law convinces me that the goal of life is getting better. We define getting better in terms of behavior.

When we become inward focused we take our eyes off of Jesus. Hebrew 12:2

The Law produces works of the flesh (Life apart from the Spirit)

The Gospel says we are set free from the need to get. Now that we are free from the need to gain approval, free from the need to get. Christ already gives us the acceptance and justification and love we need. Freed from the need to get, I am now freed to serve and love. Col 1:14

What is our freedom for? Galatians 5:22

The focus of our freedom is our behavior toward one another

Love- "His love for us has neither brim nor bottom" Samuel Rutherford

Joy

Peace

Patience

Kindness