**SERMON NOTES**

**Grace Abounding**

**A Sermon Series through the Book of Galatians**

**“A Covenant Promise”**

**Galatians 3: 15 – 26**

**A sinner is justified, that is forgiven of their sin and given righteousness from God as if they had always obeyed God’s commands and standards in perfect obedience, on the basis of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ alone.**

**Our performance – what we do – can never make us right before God because keeping the law or performing perfectly all that God has commanded is simply \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for us.**

**The word translated for covenant in verse 15 is the Greek word διαθήκη meaning what we would understand today a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and testament.**

**When God made the covenant of righteousness through faith with Abraham in Genesis 15 He, Himself ratified it as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and irrevocable.**

**The promise that God made to Abraham and his offspring of righteousness through faith was based solely on Himself and His own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to keep them.**

**If the law of Moses was intended to be the real and actual means of salvation then the promise to Abraham would not have been a real promise. To say that God changed what He had promised to Abraham and his descendants would be to accuse God of breaking a covenant that He demonstrated that He would have to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ first before breaking.**

**A gift based on a promise needs only to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in order to be received, but something given based on performance requires full obedience to the standard of the giver.**

**The word translated “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” in verse 18 is in the Greek, in perfect tense - which means that what is being communicated is that the righteousness that God gave to Abraham is a completed and also ongoing action that God also gives to those who like Abraham believe the promise of God.**

**The law didn’t come to be our salvation but instead it came to tell us about our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The law came to us in order to show us our problem, to be a spotlight on the depth of our sin, expose to us our utter inability to please God, and absolute need for a righteousness outside of us. The law was meant to compel men and women to forsake self and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God and bring the sinner to the end of themselves.**

**Rules or standards don’t make us sinners. The rules and standards we are given simply uncover our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hearts.**

**Rules and laws don’t create obedience, rather they serve to aid in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ disobedience in - they guide behavior but do not create it.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will never make anyone righteous.**

**A good thing is not a good thing when out of its place in God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The law is like a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that shows God to me and shows myself to me. The law reflects the perfect character of God and the imperfect character of myself.**

**The law by its demands holds us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – along with our sin nature – and its aim was to be for us a guide and a tutor toward God until Jesus came to set us free from the curse of the law.**

**We have to be shown how big our debt of sin is in order to rightly see the grace and mercy that came to us through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ view of sin makes Jesus a small savior.**

**The covenant of promise and the giving of the law teach us that man cannot succeed but God cannot \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

Blanks: faith; impossible; will; unchangeable; commitment; die; believed; gave; sin; seek; sinful; fencing; Performance; design; mirror; captive; Jesus; small; fail;