

“Not Belonging To Another”

The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Of Greater Value To The Believer Than Keeping The Mosaic Law (3: 1 - 4: 13)

The Believer’s Calling Is Proven True In Christ If We Hold To Christ & Not The Law, (vs. 6)

Message Emphasis: Many today fail to see that Christ has been given complete dominion over all God has created. This is especially true of the Church; we have been purchased by Christ and are kept by His headship. We must trust in Christ’s provision to preserve us until the day of our glorification.

...the sinner, being thus convicted in his own conscience, and condemned by the Law, will act and speak according to what he feels his state to be. Feeling his state to be sinful and damnable, and knowing that none but the just and righteous God, against whom he has sinned, can show him the least mercy, he will be in deep distress about his soul. He will be concerned about being saved; he will confess his sins to God. His cry for mercy will be urgent, and real and sincere; and he will have no rest until some hope is raised up in his soul that God, for Christ’s sake will save him. – The Gospel Standard, 1877.

6.1) Because Christ Is The Son, There Is None Other That Should Even Compare

Our Text Says, “BUT Christ Is Faithful Over God’s House As A Son” – 1) *“Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, IMPRISONED until the COMING faith would be revealed. 2) So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. 3) But now that faith has [COME,] we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.” (Galatians 3:23–26, ESV)*

1. Though God’s Law condemns our sin, it only has jurisdiction prior to Christ’s interdiction – *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,” (1 Peter 1:3–4, ESV)*
2. Because God’s Law condemns our sin, it can only point us to the One who can satisfy our deficiency – *“Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”” (Galatians 3:11, ESV)*
3. Truly, God’s Law condemns our sin but ONLY Christ can grant to us “son-ship” before God – *“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.” (Galatians 4:4–5, ESV)*

6.2) Because Christ Is The Son, If We Are His He Is Our ONLY Confidence

Our Text Says, “We Are His House If We Hold Fast Our Confidence” – 1) *“For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ... 2) Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? 3) If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple. 4) Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is folly with God...” (1 Corinthians 3:11 & 16–19, ESV)*

1. Confidence in anything but Christ our Lord is mislaid – *“But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough.” (2 Corinthians 11:3–4, ESV)*
2. Confidence founded upon Christ is the work of His Spirit in you – *“If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.” (Romans 8:11, ESV)*
3. Confidence that is founded on anything else seeks to destroy what God’s Spirit has done – *“What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.”” (2 Corinthians 6:16–18, ESV)*
4. Confidence placed in human wisdom must be abandoned for exclusive trust in Christ & His Spirit – *“How can you say, ‘We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us’? But behold, the lying pen of the scribes has made it into a lie. The wise men shall be put to shame; they shall be dismayed and taken; behold, they have rejected the word of the LORD, so what wisdom is in them?” (Jeremiah 8:8–9, ESV)*

6.3) Because Christ Is The Son, The ONLY Hope We Have Worth Trusting Is His Finished Work

Our Text Says, “And Our Boasting In Our Hope” – 1) *“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2) Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3) Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” (Romans 5:1–5, ESV)*

1. We are justified before God through ABSOLUTELY nothing else but our Lord Jesus Christ – *“For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,” (Colossians 1:19–21, ESV)*
2. Our hope is found not in our doing but in what Christ has already done for us - *“For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.” (Romans 3:28, ESV)*
3. God’s love poured out on us through His Spirit produces divine endurance if we will but trust Him – *“You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.” (Luke 21:17–19, ESV)*

***What Must I Do To Be Saved? **

Message Directive: Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul ONLY in Christ can you be proven part of the kingdom of God. *“Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! (Isaiah 45:22) “They called to the LORD, and he answered them.” (Psalm 99:6, ESV) “For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”” (Romans 10:13, ESV)*

- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Mosaic Temple (vs. 4: 14 - 6: 12)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Abrahamic Identity, (vs. 6: 13 - 7: 10)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Aaronic Priesthood, (vs. 7: 11 - 28)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Old Covenant, (vs. 8: 1 - 10: 39)**

- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Has Been Demonstrated As Reliable, (vs. 11: 1 - 40)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Will Persevere Through Extreme Difficulty, (vs. 12: 1 - 29)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Changes The Entire Perspective Of The Believer, (vs. 13: 1 - 25)**