

Intro:

Last of this mini-series. Use of Law after the Fall for the redeemed. READ WLC Q&A 97. Notice, LC: “Although they that are regenerate, and believe in Christ” – Not how to get life, but live life given to you.

Main Point of Text: The saving grace of God teaches Christians how to live until Christ returns.

Sermon Point: *Give thanks through good works.*

Move 1: Give thanks that your works are no longer measured under the Covenant of Works.

LC: “be delivered from the moral law as a covenant of works”:

- READ Romans 6:14; 7:4-6. The Law changes in application upon you and your works.
- ... *God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.* (Galatians 4:4-5)

Move 2: Give thanks that your worthiness before God is not measured by your works.

LC: “so as thereby they are neither justified nor condemned”: For obedience/violation.

- *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.* (Rom 3:20). Can't be justified, don't try. Also, can't be condemned, don't worry.
- Focus on the fruits of the Spirit ... *Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.* (Gal 5:23)

Move 3: Give thanks to Jesus Christ for living the Law and paying its penalty for you.

LC: “yet, besides the general uses thereof common to them with all men, it is of special use, to show them how much they are bound to Christ for his fulfilling it, and enduring the curse thereof in their stead, and for their good”: Active and passive obedience of Christ involved in your salvation/eternal life.

- READ Romans 7:24 – 8:4. See your benefit being in union with Jesus Christ who fulfilled the Law.
- READ Galatians 2:13-14. Seeing your benefit of being crucified in Christ.

Move 4: Be thankful to Jesus. Be thankful more and more!

LC: “and thereby to provoke them to more thankfulness”:

- What is Zechariah's prophecy about the effect of Messiah's coming? READ Luke 1:68-69, 74-75
- READ Colossians 1:9-14. If we answer, “How are you?” with “Better than I deserve.” Let not be with an ellipsis, but with an exclamation point! Followed by “Hallelujah” and “Thank You Jesus!”
- LC: “provoke”. Greek: incite/irritate. May you and I break out in a holy riot and rash.
- *And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: (Heb. 10:24).*

Move 5: Be showy about your thankfulness.

LC: “and to express the same”: *For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: (Rom 7:22). We wear thankfulness on our faces. And on our arms and legs.*

LC: “in their greater care to conform themselves thereunto as the rule of their obedience”. Titus 2:11-14:

- Grace of God (vs. 11) doesn't just save. Vs. 12: Shows how to serve. Grace saves and guides life.
- How? Vs. 12. Negatively: disregard the impieties of eager earthly passions. Romans 12:2 – be not conformed to this world. Positively: Be self-controlled and live justly in a godly matter with regard for God's Law because of Gods Savior. Romans 12:2 be ye transformed by the renewing of mind.
- What for?: Vs. 12: that we might live in the “now” age (lit. Greek). For a coming age: Vs. 13.
- Vs. 14: ransom: redeem by purchase (He owns us). From lawlessness (no law, Greek). That He (vs. 13, Savior) might cleanse us for Himself. To be Peculiar. Zealots (lit. Greek) for good works.

Conclusion:

Give thanks through good works.