THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

PAUL'S PRISON EPISTLE

CHAPTER 2:9

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TITLE:

"MASTER MOSES, MEET FATHER ABRAHAM" - PART 2

BEING READY TO SHARE THE LORD

THEME:

Ephesians 1:3
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

INTRODUCTION

Growing Up with "Moses" typologically (what he stood for and what he represented) would have been like growing up with one of those GUYS AT THE AIRPORT SECURITY counter!

WHAT'S THAT, I NEED TO CHECK YOUR POCKTES - STEP THROUGH AGAIN PLEASE.... WHAT'S THAT IN YOUR SHOES....

DELTA AIRLINES IN STOCKHOLM

& my tape recorded & metal clipboard & batteries

The System in Place, Was Designed to Catch the Offender & to Insure Security

Romans 3:20
Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. (NKJ)

So what was the standard?

Exodus 20

4.) Salvation by Grace Produces Humility vv. 9

Not of works, lest anyone should boast.

1.) Grace *That Excludes all Human Achievement & Pride*

WHY DID GOD SELECT PAUL OF ALL PEOPLE

(According to the flesh. He had to be the most self-righteous man on the block...)

Paul's qualifications in the flesh

Philippians 3:3

For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh, though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. "THE PROCLAMATION OF SALVATION" But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith

(If you're going to get to heaven... you've got to be able out do Paul's Works and Nicodemus & the High Priest of Israel, Martin Luther & John Paul)

The World Hates self-righteousness
Even to the Point of rebuke, even by the world!

No boasting allowed

Romans 3:23
For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Jesus, God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished-- to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith.

Every Time Grace Enters the Room,

The Law must sit down in Submission to it because a greater than Law has come - That's Grace!

2.) Salvation - Is Eternally Secure in Him vv. 9b

You Can Never Lose Your Salvation Because

it was Never Found!

(It was Given to You as a Free Gift)

You Can Never Lose Your Salvation Because

Your salvation was given apart from Good Works
(Which means it cannot be lost because of bad works)

Salvation is an Unearned, Freely Given Gift
Not a Reward that God owes you

1. The Law Pays no Dividends to You but death
2. The Law Cannot Complement You - it sees no good in you
3. The Law Demands and it Points to Jesus and Him alone - It's Hero!!!

Moses' Ministry was to Point Out your Sins & Faults
(I know people with this ministry today)

Abraham's ministry was to reproduce

Moses never had a problem having kids - law never has a problem having kids

But Abraham's son came by faith and came supernaturally - by God's Grace

Chuck Smith wrote a book called
"Why Grace Changes Everything"

Because it removes all your past

A physiologist at DUKE University did a study on the mentally and emotional ill and found out the second most common reason for their condition was that they were bound to their past. Either blaming themselves or blaming someone else - which will lead to insanity!

Philippians 3:13
Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead

Because it gives you the power to start all over again
Because it keeps you going on
Because it's all of God and not of us
Because it has

Israel claimed (the good Jew did) that Abraham was his father. The progenitor of the nation of the people - and that was true!

But Israel was also claiming allegiance to Moses!

Grace Produces Strength to Continue vv. 9

Because Grace Can Be Depended Upon

Because Grace is God's unearned favor I can expect it to be available to me whenever I am in need... for anything!

Psalm 84:5 Blessed is the man whose strength is
in You, whose heart is set on pilgrimage. Psalm 84:6 As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a spring; the rain also
covers it with pools. Psalm 84:7 They go from strength to strength;
each one appears before God in Zion.

Zechariah 4:6-7
So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: `Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts. :7 `Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"

(Remember VA-VOOM & Felix the Cat)

Grace Assumes That There's a Need

Acts 4:33
And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And **great grace** was upon them all.

We look first for the Grace to given.
...When God waits for us to take the first Step

Grace Will Never Run Out..... *On This Side* vv. 9

As long as I'm Alive - I can tell you that Grace will not be running out!!!

Murrieta Hot Springs and the seemingly never ending flow of mineral water

Grace as an Application

How to put it on

Be Willing to See like God sees:
He sees us all in very great need - that without him we are in trouble

Be Willing to