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**Dead**

1 Corinthians 15:52-54 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. (KJV)

When following sporting events on paper many teams look like they should go all the way, but end up falling short. Many people appear righteous outwardly; however, the Lord is only going to let those into His kingdom who are walking by faith. Our death sentence is expunged once we exchange this corruptible body for an incorrupt one. The Lord paid the total price for our salvation, now it is time to walk in it and see it through to the end.

Romans 7:9-11 For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. 10 And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. 11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me. (KJV)

Paul found out that he was taking on friendly fire from those he thought were legit. I have encountered the same thing in my walk with the Lord in congregations that claim to be saved by grace, but still try and incorporate the works of the law.

2 Corinthians 3:3-6 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. 4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: 5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; 6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the New Testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter kills, but the spirit gives life. (KJV)

Those that hold to the letter of the law just end up killing the message and what it was intended to mean. These are the religious, and all you hear about is everything they think they are doing for the Lord. These are the same ones that crucified the Lord and are doing it all over again by their false religious teachings.

John 16:1-3 These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. 2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever kills you will think that he doeth God service. 3 And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. (KJV)

You should expect some opposition when teaching the truth, especially from those who are being exposed for who they really are. The time will come when they think that if they can kill the message you are delivering, then they are doing God a service. Isn’t that the same premise that played out some two thousand years ago in a place called Calvary?

Galatians 2:20-21 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. 21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness comes by the law, then Christ is dead in vain. (KJV)

In conclusion this week, whatsoever is outside the realm of faith is a death sentence and not a place that you want to be come the Day of Judgment.

Dearly loved, you are justified by faith apart from the law so let’s continue to walk in grace through faith today; God bless and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.