

THE FUTILITY OF SELF-JUSTIFICATION

Romans 3:19-20

19 Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law...

John 15:25 - But they have done this to fulfill the word that is written in their Law, 'They hated Me without a cause.'

= Psa 25 & 69

1 Cor 14:21 - In the Law it is written, "By men of strange tongues and by the lips of strangers I will speak to this people, and even so they will not listen to Me," says the Lord.

= Isa 28

19 Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law...

19 ...so that every mouth may be closed...

19 ...so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God;

I. WHAT THE LAW CANNOT DO

20 because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight...

Psa 143:2 - ...do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for in Your sight no man living is righteous.

Gal 2:16 - ... a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus...

Gal 3:10-11 – 10 For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, to perform them.” 11 Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, “The righteous man shall live by faith.”

- I. WHAT THE LAW CANNOT DO
- II. WHAT THE LAW CAN DO

James 2:10 - For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

20...for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.

Gal 3:21-24 – 21 ...if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law. 22 But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe....24 Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

PHILLIPS – It is the straight-edge of the Law that shows us how crooked we are.

3:9 – *all are under sin*

3:19 – *all mouths will be silenced*

3:19 – *all the world is guilty before God*