

SCHOLARS' NOTES

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LESSON X.

[Rom. 3:19-31]

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

COMMIT TO MEMORY vs. 24-26.

19 Now we know that what things sever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law...

20 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

21 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ; and all upon all them that believe; for there is no difference;

22 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

23 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus;

24 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

25 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness, that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

26 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay; but by the law of faith.

28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

29 Is he the God of the Jews only? Is he not also the God of the Gentiles also?

30 Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ."—Rom. 5:1.

HOME READINGS.

- M. Rom. 3:19-31. Justification by Faith, T. Rom. 4:1-7. Imputed Righteousness, W. Rom. 5:1-11. Fruits of Justification, F. Rom. 5:12-21. Grace Abounding, Th. Rom. 6:1-23. Exhortation to Holiness, Sa. Gal. 3:1-20. Redeemed from the Curse, S. Heb. 9:11-28. "By His Own Blood."

LESSON PLAN

1. No Justification by Works. 2. Full Justification by Grace.

Time.—A. D. 58 (spring). Place.—Written from Corinth.

INTRODUCTORY.

The Epistle to the Romans was written probably in the spring of A. D. 58 from Corinth, during Paul's three months' abode in that city (Acts 20:3), and sent to Rome by Phoebe of Cenchreae, Rom. 16:1. The design of our lesson-plan is to exhibit the gospel method of justification. It is not by works, but by faith (vs. 2, 22); applicable to all men (vs. 22, 23); is entirely gratuitous (vs. 24); has for its ground the sacrifice of Christ (vs. 24, 25); reconciles the exercise of mercy with the divine justice (vs. 26); humbles man (vs. 27); presents God in his true character as the God and Father of all men (vs. 29, 30); establishes the law (v. 31).

LESSON NOTES.

I.—V. 19. LAW—rule of duty. What it means rules laid down by God in the Old Testament Scriptures. THEM WHO ARE UNDER THE LAW—the Jews. THAT EVERY MOUTH MAY BE STOPPED—that Jews as well as Gentiles may be deprived of all excuse. BECOME GUILTY—found guilty. V. 20. BY THE DEEDS OF THE LAW—by doing what the law prescribes. JUSTIFIED—pronounced and treated as righteous. THE KNOWLEDGE OF SIN—in its true nature and consequences.

II.—V. 21. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD—the righteousness which God gives and which is acceptable to him. WITHOUT THE LAW—not obtainable by obeying the law. WITNESSED—taught, taught. The Jewish Scriptures taught justification by faith, not by works. BY FAITH OF JESUS CHRIST—of which Christ is the object. UNTO ALL—Jews and Gentiles. V. 24. REDEMPTION—deliverance by the payment of a ransom. V. 25. SET FORTH—publicly exhibited. TO DECLARE HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS—to make it plain that he is just or righteous in the forgiveness of sins. THAT ARE PAST—committed under the former dispensation, before the coming of Christ. Heb. 9:15. V. 26. AT THIS TIME—under the gospel dispensation. V. 27. In this and the following verses the apostle shows that this plan of salvation excludes boasting (v. 27); presents God in his true character (vs. 29, 30); establishes the law (v. 31).

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED?

- 1. That all men by reason of their sins deserve the wrath and curse of God. 2. That we cannot be freed from condemnation by our own merits or works. 3. That Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law and by his obedience unto death. 4. That justification is the pardon and acceptance of the sinner for the sake of what Christ has done and suffered for him. 5. That God will thus pardon and accept every one who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, May 28, 1884.

Chicago is about steady, but the price has fluctuated during the week. The quotations are as follows:—89½ June, 91½ July; 92 Aug.; 92½ Sept. Corn is dearer, 55½ May; 57½ June. Liverpool is sullen and weaker, Spring wheat being quoted at 7s 4d to 7s 6d and Red Winter 7s 6d to 8s. The local market is as dull as it can be, and slightly lower. We quote as follows:—Canada Red Winter, \$1.12 to \$1.13; Canada White, \$1.13 to \$1.17; Canada Spring, \$1.14 to \$1.15; Corn, 70c to 72c; Peas, 92c to 94c; Barley, 55c to 65c; Rye 67c to 69c.

FLOUR.—The market is quiet, unchanged prices. We quote as follows:—Superior Extra, \$5.50 to \$5.55; Extra Superfine, \$5.20 to \$5.25; Fancy, \$4.35 to \$4.90; Spring Extra, \$4.60 to \$4.70; Superfine, \$4.00 to \$4.15; Strong Bakers', Can., \$5.10 to \$5.40; do., American, \$5.35 to \$5.45; Fine, \$4.00 to \$4.25; Middlings, \$3.35 to \$3.45; Pollards, \$3.10 to \$3.25; Ontario Bag, (medium), bags included, \$2.30 to \$2.40; do., Spring Extra, \$2.15 to \$2.20; do., Superfine, \$2.10 to \$2.15; City Bags, delivered, \$2.85 to \$2.90.

MEALS.—Cornmeal, nominal; Oatmeal, ordinary, \$4.35 to \$4.75; granulated, \$4.50 to \$6.00.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—New butter is bringing 18c to 20c. The following are the quotations for old:—Eastern Townships, 21c to 22c; Morrisburg and Brockville, 19c to 21c. Add to the above prices a couple of cents per lb. for selections for the jobbing trade. Cheese is quoted at 10½ to 11c.

Eggs are at 15c per dozen.

HOG PRODUCTS.—Are very dull. We quote as follows:—Western Mess Pork, \$20.50 to \$21.00; Canada Short Cut, \$21.50 to \$22.; Hams, city cured, 14c to 14½; Bacon, 13c to 14c; Lard, in pails, Western, 11½c to 12c; do., Canadian, 11½c to 11¾; Tallow, refined 6½c to 7c to quality.

ASHES are quiet at \$3.90 to \$4.00 for Pots.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

There has been a break in the prices of shipping cattle and prices have declined nearly ten percent on choice cattle. Good butchers' cattle are also lower in price, while inferior stock are rather dull of sale although the supply is not large. A few choice animals were sold at 6c per lb, and pretty fair steers and heifers at about 5½c to 5½c, do., while fat oxen bring about 4½c to 5c. Milkmen's strippers sell at from \$23 to \$25 each or 3½c to 4½c per lb. Calves are not so numerous as they were some weeks ago and prices are firmer. Sheep and lambs are both plentiful and have declined from fifty cents to one dollar per head. Live hogs are being brought in considerable numbers from Chicago and prices here are easier, at from 6½c to 6½c per lb. Good milk cows have been offered more freely on the market of late and prices are lower. Common cows bring from \$30 to \$35 each; good country cows \$40 to \$50 each, and a few extra ones were sold at \$60 each. The horse market is almost at a stand-still.

FARMERS' MARKET.

Very few farmers have been bringing produce to the markets of late and traders keep the prices up pretty high. There have been considerable arrivals of potatoes from various points on the St. Lawrence between here and Quebec and this has checked the upward tendency in prices. The supply of green stuffs, especially, rhubarb, lettuce and green onions has been very large of late and prices are low. There is a better supply of butter, and prices are easier although the quality is better; eggs are also abundant and cheap. Good apples are scarce and very high-priced, but oranges are lower in price. There is a slight reduction in the prices of bran and Indian meal. Hay is in fair supply but the quality is not good; the supply of straw is larger and prices are declining. Oats are \$1.05 to \$1.20 per bag; peas, \$1.05 to \$1.10 per bushel; potatoes, 65c to 80c per bag; Swedish turnips, 75c to \$1.00. Tub butter, 16c to 22c per lb; eggs, 15c to 20c per dozen. Apples, \$6.00 to \$7.00 per barrel; Hay, \$6.00 to \$9.00 per 100 bundles of 15 lbs. Pressed hay, 55c to 65c per 100 lbs.

NEW YORK, May 26, 1884.

GRAIN.—The following are the closing prices for future delivery to-day:—Wheat \$1.01½ June; \$1.01 July; \$1.03½ August. Corn, 62½c May; 61½c June; 63½c July; 65c August. Oats, 36c May; 36½c June; 37½c July.

FLOUR.—quotations are Spring Wheat Superfine, \$2.45 to \$3.35; Low Extra, \$3.35 to \$3.60; Clears, \$4.50 to \$5.10; Straight (full stock), \$5.25 to \$6.15; Patent, \$5.40 to \$6.75. Winter Wheat, Superfine, \$2.90 to \$3.60; Low Extra, \$3.45 to \$3.65; Clears (R. and A.), \$4.50 to \$5.65; Straight (R. and A.), \$4.75 to \$6.00; Patent, \$5.20 to \$6.65; Straight (White Wheat), \$4.50 to \$5.60; Low Extra (City Mill), \$3.60 to \$4.10; West India, sacks, \$3.80 to \$4.80; barrels, West India, \$5.00 to \$5.15; Patent, \$5.50 to \$6.15; South America, \$5.00 to \$5.15; Patent, \$5.45 to \$5.95. Southern Flour—Extra \$3.75 to \$5.25; Family, \$5.40 to \$6.25; Rye Flour—Fine to Superfine \$2.50 to \$4.05.

MEALS.—Oatmeal, Western fine, \$5.00 to \$5.40; Coarse, \$5.40 to \$5.90 per brl. Cornmeal, Brandywine, \$3.40 to \$3.50; Western Yellow, \$3.00 to \$3.25; Bag meal, Coarse \$1, \$1.10 to \$1.15; Fine white, \$1.30 to \$1.40; Fine yellow, \$1.40 per 100 lbs. Corn flour, \$3.00 to \$3.75; Hominy, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per barrel.

FEED.—100 lbs. or sharps, at \$22 00 to \$23; 100 lbs. or No. 1 middlings, at \$20.00 to \$22.00; 80 lbs. or No. 2 middlings, at \$17 to \$18; 60 lbs. or No. 1 feed \$16.00 to \$16.50; 50 lbs. or medium feed, \$16.00 to \$16.50; 40 lbs. or No. 2 feed, \$16.00 to \$16.50. Rye feed at \$18.00 to \$19.00 per ton.

SEEDS.—Clover seed, 10c to 10½c for fair to choice; timothy, retail parcels \$1.55 to \$1.70; round lots \$1.50 to \$1.60; domestic flaxseed nominal, \$1.60 to \$1.70; Calcutta linseed, spot \$2, and to arrive, \$1.80 to \$1.85.

BUTTER.—Business is almost at a stand-still, only a few lots of choice selling. The exports are very small and it is almost impossible to find a buyer who will take more than he needs for an especial demand. We quote for new:—Creamery, ordinary to fancy, 17c to 23c. State dairies, not quoted; State firkins, fair to best, 18c to 21c; State Welsh tubs, fair to choice, 17c to 21c; Western imitation creamery, 14c to 19c; Western dairy, not quoted; Western factory, ordinary to best made, 8c to 11c.

CHEESE.—A disinclination to do business visible and prices are slightly lower, exports for the week are 34, 156 boxes. We quote as follows:—State factory, skims to select, 6c to 11½c; Pennsylvania skims, good to prime, 2c to 4c; Ohio flats ordinary, 7c to 10c.

BEF.—Extra mutton:—Extra mess, \$12.00. Extra India mess, \$19. to \$21.00; Packet, \$12.50 to \$12.75 in brls.

BEEF HAMS.—Sellers were firm at \$24.00 to \$24.25 spot lots, but only small lots sold.

PORK.—We quote:—\$17.00 for old brands mess; \$17.75 new mess; \$16.00 for extra prime; \$18.00 to \$18.75 for extra back \$17.00 to \$17.50 for family.

BACON.—The market much quieter but strong at 8.55c.

CUTMEATS.—Pickled bellies, 12c lb. average, 7½; pickled shoulders, 7½c; pickled hams, 11½c to 12c; smoked shoulders, 8½c; smoked hams, 12½c to 13c.

LARD.—Prices are higher. City lard bringing 8.15c. Western 8.45c.

STEARINE.—Lard stearine is at 9½c for choice city. Oleomargarine, firm at 8½.

TALLOW.—Demand more active at 6½ to 6½c for prime city.

LOOK OUT FOR SUMMER.

The necessity of changing the diet for warm weather is not yet fully realized, though it is quite as important as that of changing the clothes. People see the customary warm meats and soups at dinner, and without thought employ the usual bill of fare. Wholesome fruit has been proved excellent in many cases for supplying the proper nourishment, and if fruit and vegetables do not relieve the exhaustion produced by heat, a draught of milk, if it can be obtained, acts as a veritable tonic. When we are in the tropics, we must live accordingly.

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