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Agenda

- What is Paul saying in the text
- What isn't Paul saying in the text
- Why it matters



Paul Expressed this Same Thought on Two Other Occasions



1 Corinthians 12:12–13

- For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.



Colossians 3:11

- Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.



**What is Paul saying
and what isn't He
saying?**

What is the context?



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This verse must be understood within the immediate context of this letter and the larger context of all that Paul wrote.



Paul identifies three major societal lines of division:

1. Ethnicity

2. Economic Status

3. Sexuality/Gender



And Paul deals with
ALL three of these
divisions in other
letters.



Romans 11:25

- Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.



1 Corinthians 7:20–21

- Let each one remain in that situation in life in which he was called. **Were you called as a slave? Do not worry about it.** But if indeed you are able to be free, make the most of the opportunity.



1 Corinthians 14:35

- If there is anything they desire to learn, **let them ask their husbands at home.**
- For it is shameful **for a woman** to speak in church.



**What is the context
of the entire letter up
to this point?**

**God's Plan of
Salvation**



Galatians 3:26

- for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.



Galatians 3:24

- So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, **in order that we might be justified by faith.**



Galatians 3:22

- But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.



Galatians 3:13

- **Christ redeemed us** from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—



In what way are we one in Christ?



- All need to be regenerated
- **All must believe the same gospel**
- All are equally in need of forgiveness
- **All get the same Holy Spirit**
- All are equally declared righteous in Christ
- **All receive eternal life**

**White and black, rich and poor,
male and female ALL get saved the
same way; there is only one plan of
salvation.**



**ALL get saved by FAITH & Faith
Alone.**

This is one of the reasons I completely reject any hyper-dispensational suggestion that God has a different plan of salvation for Jews in the tribulation.



Jews and Greeks get saved the same way through faith in Christ.

That's Paul primary point.

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apostle James before he was murdered in Acts 12. This would easily explain its Jewish message from an historical standpoint.

Salvation in the Tribulation

When the rapture occurs and Christ takes His Church into Heaven with Him, things will never be the same on earth again. When all those in Christ are raised up to meet their Savior in the air, a whole dispensational system will go up with them. Eternal salvation as we know it today (by grace through faith apart from works) will no longer be valid because the Holy Spirit will no longer regenerate and seal those who become saved after the "trump" (1 Thes. 4:16). Believers in the future will not have a new nature, be placed in Christ, or have Christ permanently indwelling them. Simply put, the means of salvation as we know it today will *no longer exist*. The difference in the dispensations will make it impossible for a believer to be born again, placed into Christ's Body, or keep eternal life by faith alone. Salvation will be *very similar* to the way it was in the Old Testament.

In light of this, consider how thankful and grateful we who are saved today should be. Many of the blessings God bestows upon the Church today are blessings He bestows upon no other group at any other time. How gracious and generous God is to us. It seems He picked the Church to show all creation just how kind gracious, and loving He can be. He not only took our sins and died for them in our place, He by the *NEW BIRTH placed every believer into His family and gave each His own eternal life and very nature!* He did not do this for Abraham, Moses, or David. It is all by grace, pure grace. How much more we should love, praise, and serve Him.

When the rapture occurs the number of people making up the Body of Christ will be complete and fixed. No one then or now can possibly fall out of the body, and no one in the future can enter it. When the voice of the archangel is heard, the door to the Church will be forever sealed.

Contrary to the theology of many of today's prophetic preachers, nowhere in the Bible does it say that the Tribulation will begin immediately after the rapture. It very well may, but it doesn't have to. Nevertheless, whether immediately or months or years later, the Tribulation will began with the Antichrist signing a seven year covenant with Israel. As we mentioned earlier after the rapture Israel again becomes the main object of God's dealings with man and salvation will again have a Jewish ring to it.

The Tribulation will be a very difficult time for one to try and live for God. Christ declared in Matthew 24 this period will contain *terror, horror, and death* on a scale the world has not yet seen. One reading of the book of Revelation with all the catastrophes, judgments, and sorrows found in it should awaken any believing reader to the sheer horror many will endure during this period. As we have repeatedly said, during this seven year period faith alone will not be enough to permanently secure ones eternal salvation. Faith will likely be the means of the believer initially being saved, but his faith must motivate the proper works for him to keep his salvation, and he must be faithful in keeping them to **"endure to the end."** Remember how James said, **"Faith without works is dead,"** and one shows his faith by working? In the Tribulation one must show his faith and work to overcome evil and clinging to good or else he won't make it through saved (Rev. 3:5). There are around 200 verses in the New Testament that indicate someone can lose his salvation—they must fit somewhere—and the Tribulation is the place. Remember Matthew chapters 24 and 25, and Hebrews chapters 3, 6, and 10? The Tribulation is where they all doctrinally apply: the **"time of Jacob's trouble"** (not the Church's trouble). Again, someone in the Bible can lose his salvation, but it is not a born again Christian.

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Look @ v. 29

**See How Paul Ties It
Together**



Galatians 3:29

- And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.



All Inherit the Same

Jew & Gentile

Slave & Free

Male & Female

The New Testament teach all believers will Inherit:



- **The Earth**
- **The Kingdom**
- **Eternal Life**
- **Salvation from His Wrath**
- **What God has Promised**



Now to What What Paul Isn't Saying!



**Liberal and progressive
“Christians” and “churches”
are using Galatians 3:28 for
all kinds of agendas few of
which Paul the Apostle
would have endorsed.**



Note On

Liberal and Progressive Churches





Every major denomination is plagued with the presence of theological liberalism:

- **Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians**
- **Lutherans, Episcopalians**
- **Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ**
- **Unitarians Universalists**
- **Congregationalists**

Christianity vs. Modern Liberalism

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This address is here printed from stenographic notes made at the time of delivery. The substance of the address appears in more extended form—a book entitled "Christianity and Liberalism," which was published in February by The Macmillan Company.

I WILL read a few verses from the First Epistle to the Corinthians, fifteenth chapter, beginning with the first verse:—

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

"By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

"And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

"And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

"After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once: of



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Liberalism a Misnomer

When you get beneath the traditional phraseology used everywhere today to the real underlying issue, you discover that that great redemptive religion called Christianity is being attacked within the church by a totally different type of religious thought and life, which is only the more opposed to Christianity because

objection is well founded or not, we ought to observe exactly what the objection means. I will tell you what it means, it means that we are falling back into a fundamental skepticism, because if all creeds are equally true, then since the creeds are contradictory one to another, it follows with inexorable logic that all are equally false, or at least equally uncertain. To say that all creeds are equally true is the same as to say that all creeds are equally false or equally uncertain; and when you say that creeds make little difference provided there be a unitary Christian experience, you are falling back into agnosticism which fifty or seventy-five years ago was regarded as the deadliest enemy of the Christian church. That enemy has not been made a friend, but has been made only more dangerous, by being received within our walls.

Christianity they will tell us is a life and not a doctrine. Now that seems to be a devout and pious utterance, but it is radically false all the same, and to see that it is false you do not need even to

Theological liberals deny and/or twist Scripture to support what they describe as progressive ideals.



They are INSPIRED by Scripture not instructed.

Progress involves making “Christianity” less offensive to modern culture.

And eliminating 1) socioeconomic differences, 2) threats to the environment, and now 3) gender distinctions.

Conservative churches and Christians take a very high view of Scripture. We believe our worldview must be informed by the Bible.



We believe the ancient text is supreme in its authority in our lives.

We seek to accurately interpret the text and apply it to our lives.

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Progressive Christianity is characterized by a willingness to question tradition, acceptance of human diversity, a strong emphasis on social justice and care for the poor and the oppressed, and environmental stewardship of the earth.

BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment.

Care for the poor.

FORGIVE OFTEN.

REJECT RACISM.

Fight for the powerless.

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

EMBRACE DIVERSITY.

LOVE GOD.

Enjoy this life.

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**What's
missing?**



Progressive Ideals

- **Willingness to Question Tradition**
- **Acceptable of Human Diversity**
- **Emphasis on Social Justice**
- **Care for the Poor and Oppressed**
- **Stewardship of the Earth**

I am all for these 5 points as long as we don't compromise our obedience to the Word of God.

How liberals/progressives use Galatians 3:26



- 1. Wealth redistribution through progressive tax systems/ government regulations.**
- 2. The justification for female elders, bishops etc.**
- 3. To legitimize the sexual revolution of gender fluidity.**



Let's Deal with Each
of these
Progressive Ideals
One at a Time

Examples include:



1. Wealth redistribution through progressive tax systems/ government regulations.

Hard Questions



- 1. Was Paul suggesting that the economic disparity between the free and slave is the church's responsibility to eliminate?**
- 2. Does the NT teach that the government should seek to create financial equity among its citizens?**
- 3. What is every Christian's responsibility?**



Galatians 2:10

- Only, they asked us to **remember the poor**, the very thing I was eager to do.

And



Romans 12:13

- **Contribute** to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

And



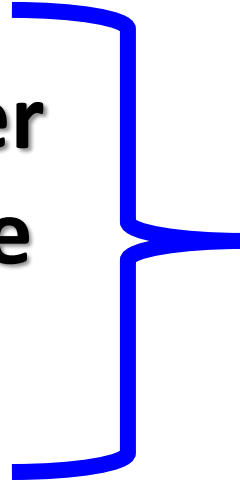
Matthew 5:42

- **Give to** the one who begs from you, and **do not refuse** the one who would borrow from you.



The words

- Remember
- Contribute
- Give



**All point to every
Christian's
Responsibility**

All point to that which is voluntary.

To the rich Paul says:



1 Timothy 6:17–18

- **As for the rich in this present age,** charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸ **They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,**

Nothing in the NT suggests the church should be focused on seeking to eliminate poverty



Which is to be distinguished from our responsibility to help the poor

There is a difference.



Deuteronomy 15:11

- For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, **You shall open wide your hand** to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'



1 Peter 2:13–14

- Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme,¹⁴ or to governors as **sent by Him [God] to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.**

The church should seek to help the poor by



- Exhorting members to develop a strong work ethic
- Teaching/encouraging people to make wise decisions
- Promoting a culture of marriage
- Giving in times of need

Progressive ideals:



1. Wealth redistribution through progressive tax systems/ government regulations.

2. The justification for female elders, bishops etc.



Theological Egalitarians

Theological egalitarians teach that gender should not be a discriminating factor in office of elder, overseer (bishop), pastor or deacon.

Egalitarians love Galatians 3:28 they seek to apply it literally and with great force of application to the exclusion of other texts.



1 Timothy 3:1–2

- The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ² Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, **the husband of one wife**, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,

1 Timothy 3 outlines the qualifications of an Overseer/Bishop



This very plain text—1 Timothy 3:1-2 is ignored while the less plain text of Galatians 3:28 is applied to everything.

Or the verbal inspiration of the text by the Holy Spirit is pragmatically ignored to justify a modern agenda like female pastors, elders, evangelists, apostles and bishops.

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Once the Bible's instruction concerning gender and gender roles can be ignored the next stop on the runaway train is gender fluidity.



And you don't want to even imagine the stops after that.



Finally,



Do not let anyone tell you the issue is LGBT

The ultimate issue is the Bible. What is it?

Is it the Word of God or not? Is it divinely inspired? Is it absolute truth for all people in all generations?