

False Elements Added to Salvation

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 3:20-31.
- B. Righteousness is revealed apart from the law.
- C. When a person become redeemed there is no difference between grace and law. Believers still have an obligation to obey God. The law is established by grace.
- D. One cannot dichotomize Jesus' lordship and saving work, nor can one separate faith and works. There is no such thing as regeneration apart from sanctification. (Acts 2:36, Titus 2:11)
- E. We are created for good works. Sanctification is the manifestation of true salvation. (Colossians 1:20)
- F. There are five things added to salvation that are false, however.

II. Philosophy and human wisdom.

- A. It comes out of human thinking.
- B. The heart of man cannot know all the truth.

III. Ritualism.

IV. Legalism.

- A. External religious activities are shadows of the truth.
- B. A believer is complete in Christ.

V. Salvation is in Christ and Christ alone.

Application questions:

1. Why is an appeal to forgiveness or sanctification not considered an element added onto salvation?

2. Is all human philosophy wrong? Explain.

3. What rituals and legalistic elements does the church often fall prey to today?
