

They make two mistakes about Paul's argument. First of all they say the Jew, of course, lived under the law of God and we don't. The Jew was saved by obedience to the law if he was saved at all. But, of course, in our case the law is abolished. Well, in the first place that is the very thing that Paul does not say. Not only does he not say it but it is the very thing that he emphasizes. "We know that whatsoever things the law saith, it saith to those that are under the law that every mouth might be stopped; all the world become guilty before God." Don't go around and say, "Of course, the Jews are under the law" if you mean by that the Jews are under the law for conditions of salvation. That is untrue. There is only one man that I know of --if you can find another, let me know--who was under the law, the condition of salvation; ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ that was added that was Adam. He ~~was~~ made a mess of it. Ever since then there is no hope of salvation through the law.

You remember what St. Paul says a little later. "But what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh." There is nothing wrong with the law; the law is all right. The trouble is that we were all wrong. The law is made for a righteous man and we are not righteous. The law is weak through the flesh. That is the first thing that you have to get in your mind; that since the fall of man, justification by law is impossible.

Then take the secondary that I indicated--the law is not abrogated. Of course, if the law was abrogated, well, you needn't bother any more about it. There is a law in this country that greatly puzzles me--that you are to drive at the right hand side of the road. I'm continually thinking, "Oh, I'm on the wrong side." Of course, when I get into a stream of traffic, I'm all right, but when I'm out, being driven by careful drivers (all the drivers that have driven me have been very careful) ^{and} a single machine comes against me, my ~~my~~ heart goes pitty-patty, "He's wrong!" If I were a very nervous man I might swing the wheel around if I could grab it with disastrous results. Now if the law were abrogated, I could drive on any side of the road I liked so long as I was in the