

Genesis 37:36

Vocalizing our Faith

Introduction:

When it comes to the Christian message of the gospel it has not changed down through the centuries. The message is plain: It is faith in Jesus Christ our Savior alone. The heart of the message is alone. Not faith plus works in Christ, but faith alone in Christ alone. Works are the result of saving faith. Alone, was the key word in the Protestant Reformation, to add one miniscule of work to Grace was to nullify grace. Faith-Grace alone! Romans 11:6 “But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works otherwise grace is no longer grace.”

The message of grace alone, faith alone and Christ alone is not welcomed in a pagan world. Paganism is oriented in many gods and many works of so called righteousness. Paganism is polytheistic and hedonistic, many gods and many profane ways of worship. Nevertheless we have been commissioned by our Savior to vocalize the Christian faith and doctrine.

I. Facing Paganism

A. Joseph’s background

1. Dreadful experience
2. Sold twice

B. The apostle Paul wrote the prison epistles – II Tim. 2:9

C. Egypt a pagan country

1. Excelled in mathematics and architecture
2. Degenerated in Theology – Turn to: Romans 1:20-24

II. Responding to Paganism

A. The wrong philosophy – “When in Rome do as the Romans do”

B. How Joseph handled dark providences:

1. Joseph was constantly aware of God’s Presence – Psalm 139:7-10; I Tim. 5:21; II Tim, 6:13; 2:14; 4:1)
2. Joseph vocalized his faith. (Monotheistic,) Rom. 16:2; Jude 1:25); Gen. 39:9; 40:8; 41:16,25,28)
3. Joseph a type of Christ – (John 17:3; Gal. 4:4; I John 4:9,10)

Conclusion:

1. *God vocalized His will and message through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ and applied to us by the Holy Spirit. (Matt. 11:28-30)*
2. *Dear Christian, let us be like Joseph in a pagan society where we live and evangelize or vocalize our faith with holy boldness. Let us proclaim the good news of God’s Grace.*