

# **SINGLE ALLIANCE JESUS STANDS ALONE**

## **I. Introduction**

- A. So often we get our focus off of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the center of all things
- B. Col 1:17- All things are held together by and through Him
- C. Our lives are held together and are strengthened through Christ and His grace
- D. So often we put some many things in competition with Christ and hearing from Him directly

## **II. Jesus stands alone**

- A. Mark 9:2-8
- B. Jesus took three of His disciples up to show them His glory
- C. Two appeared with Jesus- Moses and Elijah
- D. Moses represents the Law and Elijah represents the Prophets
- E. The Law and the Prophets both witness to the person of Christ- They taught and prophesied of His death for our sins
- F. The Law revealed the holiness of perfection of Christ
  - 1. James 2:10- Unless we are perfect we are guilty
- G. The Prophets proclaimed God's judgment for sin and the promise of God's blessing after His judgments are served. They proclaimed future blessings, but not right now. They were afar off!
- H. Peter wanted to build three tabernacles for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Peter wanted to relate to Jesus by the Law and the Prophets.
- I. The tabernacle was set up for man to hear from Him.
- J. Peter wanted three tabernacles. He wanted to hear the Law, the Prophets, and Jesus. He wanted to mix them. He wanted to mix law and grace. This is confusion!
- K. Peter had been listening to the Law and the Prophets, that is why God tells him to listen to Jesus! (Mark 9:7)
- L. Some try to relate to God through the Law. They try to live according to rules, principles, and knowledge about God they are taught by others. They live with their own efforts to please a Holy God and become right with Him by their deeds. They try to qualify and earn what they ask from Him. These people will experience defeat.
  - 1. Gal 3:10- Those under the Law struggle overcoming the curse-

sin, sickness, and lack

M. Some try to relate to God through the Prophets

1. The prophets promised judgment and calamity for sins
2. The prophets proclaimed the far off blessings of God in the distant future
3. Many believers live in condemnation and fear of impending calamity
4. Many believers are hoping for God's blessings in the future but do not believe they receive them now. They have to clean up their act first and then blessing will be given.

N. Jesus was the fulfillment of both the Law and the Prophets.

1. Matt 5:17- Jesus fulfilled the Law
2. Deut 18:15- Jesus is the Prophet of God
3. Hebrews 1:1-2- God now speaks through His Son

O. John 1:17- The Law was given, but Grace came- Jesus is the grace of God!

1. Believers can experience God's goodness right now because of Jesus!
2. Jesus took our guilt and gives us righteousness and His blessings right now!

P. Grace wants to speak to us!

R. God sent His glory cloud over them and said, "Listen to My Son!"

S. Once God said this then Moses and Elijah **disappeared and Jesus stood alone!** **Vs. 9**

T. We will experience the glory and blessing of God when Jesus stands alone. We will experience the glory and blessing of God when grace stands alone! The Law and the Prophets have fulfilled their purpose. They spoke of the holy standard of God's perfection and His judgment for sin. These both are fulfilled in Jesus. He fulfilled the Law for us and He received God's judgments for our sins so we could experience God's glory! We could live on the mountain top with Jesus!

V. God wants us to listen to His Son. He wants us to listen to Grace! Instead of living by rules and principles we need to hear from the Lord directly throughout the day. The life of God is experienced by hearing from Him through Jesus in each situation of life.

W. Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him when He wanted to reveal Himself in different times in His ministry. Peter means rock,

James means supplanter, and John means grace. By taking Peter, James, and John with him Jesus wanted to reveal that the Law has been supplanted and replaced by Grace!

X. We have direct access to the throne of Grace through Jesus

1. Hebrews 10:19-20

2. Hebrews 4:16

Z. We all can hear the voice of Jesus without fear and in confidence.

### III. Conclusion

A. Who are you listening to? Moses? Elijah? Or Jesus?

B. We cannot mix them and try to listen to all three

C. We need to listen to grace. We do this by feeding in the epistles of the N.T. Paul was given the message of grace.

D. Grace will teach us to live righteously and godly in this present world

E. Grace will speak of what has been done for us. It will speak of what has been given to us.

F. We can receive from God today and experience His glory. It is time to receive from God!

G. Pray