God Is Not Mocked

Intro: Gal. 6:7 “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” To mock means to turn up the nose at, or treat with contempt. While we may be able to mock men and what they say; Paul says for us not to be deceived because God is not mocked. In what ways is it that God is not mocked?

I. IN REGARD TO OUR SALVATION

A. Some teach the doctrine of salvation by grace alone.
   1. It comes from the teaching of Foreordination and Predestination of the individual.
      a. Rom. 8:29 “For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.”
      b. Eph. 1:5 “Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,”
   2. Since man can do nothing, God must in some way overwhelm man. This is God’s grace.
      a. This leads to the idea of something better felt than told.
      b. For membership one must tell of his experience.
   3. Eph. 2:8 “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:”
   4. Tit. 2:11 “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,”
      a. Notice all men
      b. Yet most will be lost; Mat. 7:13-14 “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”
   5. We are called into grace; Gal. 1:6 “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:”
   6. We are called by the Gospel.
      a. 2 The. 2:14 “Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
      b. Mark 16:15-16 “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”

B. Others teach the doctrine of salvation by faith alone.
   1. They take it from scriptures such as these.
      a. John 3:16-17 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”
      b. Acts 10:43 “To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.”
      c. Acts 16:30-31 “And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”
      d. Some have even added the word only so it will help this doctrine. (Martin Luther added the word only in Rom. 5:1 “Therefore being justified by faith [only], we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”).
2. Obedience is also necessary.
   a. Heb. 5:8-9 “Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; 9And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;”
   b. 2 Thes. 1:6-9 “Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; 7And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;”
   c. Rom. 6:17-18 “But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. 17Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.”

3. Obedience is not faith; Mat. 7:21-23 “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”

4. Contradictions?
   a. Saved:
      (1) Acts 16:30-31 “And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”
      (2) 1 Pet. 3:20-21 “Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. 21The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:”
   b. Remission of sins:
      (1) Acts 10:43 “To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.”
      (2) Acts 2:38 “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

5. Mark 16:15-16 “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”

C. When we teach doctrines that do not correspond to God’s Word, we try to mock Him.

II. IN REGARD TO OUR ACTIONS
A. This is what the context is speaking of.
   1. We reap what we sow; Gal. 6:8 “For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”
   2. Gal. 6:9-10 “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. 10As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”
      a. Continue in doing good
      b. The background of this statement may indicate the doing good has reference to giving.
   3. 2 Cor. 9:6 “But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.”
B. **We will be judged by our works.**

1. **2 Cor. 5:10** “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”

2. **Rev. 20:12** “And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.”

3. **We cannot have just a Sunday religion.**

4. **We must sow the fruit of the Spirit.**
   a. **Gal. 5:22-25** “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

b. **2 Pet. 1:3-11** “According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”

c. **1 Cor. 13:4-8a** “Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth:”

C. **Old Testament Examples**

1. Sodom and Gomorrah; Gen. 19
2. The flood; Gen. 6-8

III. **It is impossible to change God’s Laws**

A. **No Addition to God’s Word.**

1. **2 John 9-11** “Whosoever transgresseth [means to go beyond or trespass], and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed.”

2. **Rev. 22:18** “For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book.”

B. **No Subtraction or substitution from God’s Word.**

1. **Rev. 22:19** “And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”

2. **Gal. 1:6-9** “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.”
3. Mat. 15:9 “But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”

C. **Those who changed God’s laws in the Old Testament died.**
   1. Adam and Eve; Gen. 2-3
   2. Nadab and Abihu; Lev. 10:
   3. Moses; Num. 20
   4. Uzziah; 2 Sam. 6

D. **We, too, will die if we change God’s laws.**
   1. Rom. 11:22 “Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.”
   2. Heb. 2:1-4 “Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. 3For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; 4How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; 5God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?”
   3. Heb. 10:28-31 “He that despised Moses’ law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: 29Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? 30For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. 31It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

**Conclusion:** Let us never try and mock God for God cannot be mocked.