

Week 6 - Wednesday, September 21  
ST. PAUL: APOSTLE TO THE WORD  
with Dr. Geoffrey Lentz

## The Reformation Debate: Law and Grace

Readings: Galatians 2:15-21, Romans 3:21-31, Philippians 3:9

Paul has been a controversial figure in Christian history with both Protestants and Catholics claiming a different legacy. This has often distorted modern readings of Paul. On this week we will learn what Paul was teaching about grace and law and the role of faith.

- I. Opening Reflection
- II. Review
- III. Luther's Paul
  - A. Luther's Context
  - B. Reformation Theology—Habakkuk, 'The righteous shall live by faith.'  
*Ordo Salutis* (Order of Salvation)
  - C. Law vs. Gospel
- IV. Real Paul
  - A. Torah
  - B. Grace
  - C. *dia pisteōs Iēsou Christou—Pistis*—faith/faithfulness
  - D. 1 Corinthians 13
- V. Wesley's Paul—*Via Salutis* (Way of Salvation): prevenient grace, justifying grace, sanctifying grace.
- VI. Closing Reflection

### And Can It Be that I Should Gain

by Charles Wesley

1. And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

#### Refrain:

Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

3. He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me. [Refrain]

4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

[Refrain]

5. No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

[Refrain]