

Fifty Inconveniences

“That arise out of man’s own righteousness proceeding of works, gathered out of this Epistle to the Galatians.” by Martin Luther. From Luther’s *Commentary to the Galatians* – reasons why human works can never have anything to do with Salvation or the Christian life.

Chapter 1

1. To bring man from the calling of Grace.
2. To receive another Gospel
3. To trouble the Minds of the Faithful
4. To pervert the gospel of Christ
5. To be accursed
6. To obey Human Traditions
7. To please Man
8. Not to be the Servant of Christ
9. To build upon Men, and not upon God
10. That the most excellent righteousness of the Law is nothing
11. To destroy the Church of God

Chapter 2

12. To teach a Man to be justified by Works, is to teach to be justified by impossibility
13. To make the Righteous in Christ sinners
14. To make Christ a Minister of Sin
15. To build up Sin again when it is destroyed
16. To be made a Transgressor
17. To reject the Grace of God
18. To judge that Christ dies in vain

Chapter 3

19. To become foolish Galatians
20. To be bewitched
21. Not to hear the truth
22. To crucify Christ again
23. To hold that the Spirit is received by Works
24. To forsake the Spirit and to end in the Flesh
25. To be under the Curse
26. To set the Testament of Men above the Testament of God
27. To make Sin to abound
28. To be shut under Sin
29. To serve beggarly Ceremonies

Chapter 4

30. That the Gospel is preached in vain
31. That all is vain whatsoever the Faithful do work or suffer
32. To be made a Servant and the Son of the Bond-woman
33. To be cast out with the Son of the Bond-woman, from the inheritance
34. That Christ profiteth nothing
35. That we are Debtors to fulfill the whole Law.

Chapter 5

36. To be separate from Christ
37. To fall from Grace
38. To be hindered from the good course of well-doing
39. That this persuasion of the Doctrine of Works cometh not from God
40. To have the leaven of Corruption
41. The judgment remaineth for him who teacheth this Doctrine
42. To bite and consume one another
43. That this Doctrine is accounted among the works of the Flesh

Chapter 6

44. To think thyself to be something when thou art nothing
45. To glory in others rather than in God
46. Carnally to please the carnally-minded
47. To hate the persecution of the Cross
48. Not to keep the Law itself
49. To glory in the Master and Teacher of carnal things
50. That nothing profiteth, and whatsoever a Man doth is vain