Book of Galatians (Mosaic Written Law vs Rabbinical Oral Law)



What Is Taught by Traditional Christianity

Traditional Christianity teaches that the Law has been....

- Done away with
- Nailed to the Cross (Col 2/14)
- A Curse (Gal 3/10, 13)
- Yoke of bondage (Gal 2/4, 5/1)
- Sabbath, Holy Days, and Dietary Laws are no longer applicable to Christians...they are Jewish.
- We are now under the dispensation of Grace, not Law.

Once you tell your Christian friends that you believe on observing the Sabbath, Holy Days, Dietary Laws and following God's Law, many of them will direct you to the book of Galatians.

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is used to teach that the <u>Apostle Paul</u> (he was the Apostle to the Gentiles) taught that the <u>Gentile Believers</u> (and therefore Christians today) <u>don't have to keep the Law</u> because Jesus came to <u>replace</u> the Law with Grace.

Book of Galatians

The fact is that the Apostle Paul, through this Book, teaches that God's Law has not been done away with.

It also teaches the difference between the Mosaic Written Law vs Rabbinic Oral Law.

We Believe In This Scripture

- <u>Eph 2:8-9</u> For <u>by grace</u> you have <u>been saved</u> through <u>faith</u>, and that <u>not of yourselves</u>; it is the gift of God, 9 <u>not of works</u>, lest anyone should boast.
- We believe that we cannot save ourselves...apart from the redeeming act of Jesus the Messiah, there is no salvation. We cannot earn our Salvation. We are sinners and therefore deserve the death penalty...the wages of sin is death...we need a Savior.
 But we also believe, that once we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we are to obey Him...obey what...His Law (Torah).

We do not believe that keeping God's Law saves you, but after being saved, we believe that we need to obey God.

We are not perfect, therefore, we will always need God's Grace as we practice obedience and practice becoming more like Jesus our Messiah.

Why Do We Believe In Eph 2/8-9 Concerning "by grace you have been saved..."

1. God's Assignment to Man Was to Rule Over an Earthly Kingdom

• Gen 1:26-28 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth....28... God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

2. Man Sins, Loses Eternal Life, and Loses an Earthly Kingdom

• <u>Gen 3:22-24</u> ... the Lord God said, 'Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" — 23 therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. 24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

3. God Promises a Savior...One Who Would Restore to Man What He Lost – Eternal Life & an Earthly Kingdom

• <u>Gen 3:14-15</u> So the Lord God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field;....15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

Man Deserves Death – Needs a Savior

- Man sinned and therefore, deserves death. 2. Man cannot save himself. 3. Man needs a Savior. 4. After we are saved, we are to walk as Jesus walked...requires obedience.
 - <u>Rom 6:23</u> For the wages of sin is <u>death</u>, but the <u>gift</u> of God is <u>eternal life</u> in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 - <u>1 John 2:3-6</u> Now by this we know that we know Him, if we <u>keep His commandments</u>. 4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, <u>is a liar</u>, and the <u>truth</u> is not in him. 5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him....6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to <u>walk just as He walked</u>.

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 God did not deliver the nation of Israel from Egyptian bondage to curse them or to put them back in bondage.

• <u>Ex 19:1-6</u> ... after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt,3 And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying,... tell the children of Israel:Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people;...kingdom of priests....and a holy nation....

Blessed for keeping the Law and Cursed if you don't:
<u>Deut 30:15-20</u> "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, 16 in that I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the Lord your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess.

Blessed for keeping the Law and Cursed if you don't:
17 But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, 18 I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess.

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19 I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; 20 that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days;...

• Ps 19:7-10 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; 8 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is <u>pure</u>, enlightening the eyes; 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

• <u>Ps 119:97-105</u> Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. 98 You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they are ever with me. 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation. 100 I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts.

• <u>Ps 119:97-105</u> 101 I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word. 102 I have not departed from Your judgments, For You Yourself have taught me. 103 How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth! 104 Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way. 105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

Here Are Some Questions We Will Answer

- <u>Did Paul teach</u> that the <u>Jews</u> no longer have to keep the Law of God?
 Answer: "NO"
- <u>Did Paul teach</u> that the <u>Gentiles</u> do not have to keep the Law of God?
 Answer: "NO"
- <u>Did Paul teach</u> that the Law of God was for the Jews only and not for the Gentiles?
 - Answer: "NO"

Here Are Some Questions We Will Answer in this Series

<u>Did Paul teach</u> that the Law of God was no longer to be observed?
 Answer: "NO"

<u>Did Paul teach</u> that those who keep the Law of God have fallen from grace?

• Answer: "NO"