

Book of Galatians
(God's Written Law vs Rabbinical Oral Law)

2018 Part 16



Keep Context in Mind

- *Paul's main point* – *Salvation/Justification (or being declared righteous) does not come from keeping any law. Salvation cannot be earned. One is justified only by "faith" in the redemptive work of Jesus. Paul's focus in this letter is not to show how a Believer in Jesus is to live once he becomes a Believer. It's all about how one is saved...and that's through faith in Jesus.*
- *Why Paul wrote this letter* – *because there were Judaizers (Pharisees and other Jewish brethren who were Believers) but demanded that the Gentiles must first accept the religion of Judaism (the Oral law and the authority of the Rabbis).*

By Grace Through Faith We Are Saved

- *Eph 2:8-10 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. (Paul taught this – same author as Galatians)*
- *Grace does not cancel the Written Law of God. It gives us another chance to obey and practice keeping the Law of God.*
- *Jude 1:4 For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.*

This Scripture Is a Good Test for Bible Teachers

- *Matt 5:17-20* *"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets (why did Jesus say this....because He knew there would be some teachers who would teach that the law has been done away with). I did not come to destroy but to fulfill (the way mainline Christianity interprets this is this way: "I did not come to destroy but to "destroy" instead of "make full or magnify"). 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle (only the Written Law has a jot/tittle, not the Oral Law) will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.*

This Scriptures Is a Good Test for Bible Teachers

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- Mainline Christianity refers to many “famous preachers” as “great men of God”. But Jesus does not agree. He says that if any of these so called “great men of God” teach others that the law is done away with, they will be called “least NOT great” in the KOG. But if they teach that the Law is to be kept, they will be called “great” in the KOG.

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- *If I were looking for a church to attend, I would ask this question of the pastor: “Do you believe that the law has been done away with?”. If he answers “Yes”, I would keep looking until I found one where the pastor would say that they believe God’s law is still to be kept today.*

*The Law does not save you
but
Saved people keep the Law.*

Today we will cover.....
Galatians 5/5-26

Galatians 5/5

- Gal 5:5 *For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.*
- Paul continues to restate to the Galatians that the only way to salvation and being declared righteous is through “faith” in the redemptive acts of Jesus the Messiah and NOT by keeping the Rabbinic Oral Law and having to convert to Judaism as the Judaizers were insisting.
- Remember that “faith” must be “demonstrated. (James 2/26...*faith without works is dead.*)

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- “Faith” must be “demonstrated.
- You believe in observing the Sabbath (Show me!). You believe in observing the Feast Days (Show me!). You believe in observing Clean/Unclean Foods (Show me!). You believe in tithes/offerings (Show me!). You believeyou believe....you believe (Show me!).
- James 2:19-20Even the demons believe — and tremble!

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- Paul stated that Believers were eagerly WAITING for the hope of righteousness by faith. Apparently, they had NOT YET attained “full” righteousness, but they will in the future.
- Ezek 11:17-20 Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord God: "I will gather you from the peoples, assemble you from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.'"

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- 18 And they will go there, and they will take away all its detestable things and all its abominations from there. 19 Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh, 20 that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God.

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- Salvation is a process - the process has started but is not yet complete. Complete righteousness is in the future.
- Must overcome to the end to achieve complete salvation/righteousness.
- Overcoming to the end is guaranteed if we don't give up.

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- Rev 2:7 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."
- Rev 2:26 And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations —

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- *Rev 3:21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.*
- *Rev 21:7-8 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.*

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- *1 Thess 5:19 Quench not the Spirit (the Spirit can be quenched).*
- *Eph 4:30-32 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.*

Galatians 5/6

- Gal 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.
- Paul is speaking about “conversion circumcision” being preached by the Judaizers as entry to the “religion of Judaism”.
- Rom 2:25-29 For circumcision is indeed profitable if you keep the law; but if you are a breaker of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. 26 Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision?

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- 27 And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, judge you who, even with your written code and circumcision, are a transgressor of the law? 28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; 29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.

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- Always been “of the heart”.
 - Deut 30:6 And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.
 - Love does not replace Law... obeying the Law is an expression of love.

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- Love is not a NT concept... it comes from God's Law.
 - Lev 19:18 You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.
 - Deut 6:5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

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- How does anyone know that you really “love God”?
 - John 14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.
- How does anyone know whether or not you are lying?
 - 1 John 2:4-5 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

Galatians 5/7-9

- Gal 5:7-9 You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? 8 This persuasion does not come from Him who calls you. 9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump.
- Judaism taught by the Judaizers was not the Truth...it was a perverted gospel... (Psalm 119/142 "...your law is truth".)
- Matt 16:6-12 Then Jesus said to them, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees." 7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "It is because we have taken no bread."

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- 11 How is it you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? — but to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." 12 Then they understood that He did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine (the teachings) of the Pharisees and Sadducees.
- A little “false teaching” can pervert/poison the entire Gospel.

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- One who teaches other than what Jesus taught is “cursed”.
 - Gal 1:6-9 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, 7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.

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- One who teaches other than what Jesus taught is “cursed”.
 - 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

Galatians 5/10-12

- *Gal 5:10-12 I have confidence in you, in the Lord, that you will have no other mind; but he who troubles you shall bear his judgment, whoever he is. 11 And I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why do I still suffer persecution? Then the offense of the cross has ceased. 12 I could wish that those who trouble you would even cut themselves off!*

Galatians 5/13-15

- Gal 5:13-15 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!
- 1 John 5:2-3 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments...

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- 1 John 4:20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

Galatians 5/16-17

- Gal 5:16-17 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.
- Always a battle between the “flesh/carnal nature/old man” and the “spirit/new-born again man” ... battle between doing things that please self and those things that please God... those things that hinder/destroy spiritual growth and those things that enhance spiritual growth. Gradually feed the spiritual man and put to death/starve the fleshly/carnal man.

Galatians 5/18-21

- Gal 5:18-21 *But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

Galatians 5/22-23

- *Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.*

Galatians 5/24-26

- Gal 5:24-26 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.
- The bottom line is that “we will reap what we sow”. Sow the flesh, then you reap the works of the flesh...sow the spirit, then we reap the fruits of the spirit.
- If we don't like what we are reaping, examine what you are sowing. Sometimes we sow bad seed and forget about them.

Next Week
Galatians 6/1-?