

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

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2018 Part 17



*Instead of going into Galatians 6 as I planned,  
I want to stay in Galatians 5 a bit  
and speak about*

*The Works of the Flesh  
vs  
The Fruits of the Spirit*

*First, very brief review of Paul's  
Main Theme  
throughout Galatians*

*Paul tells us that....*

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

*Paul also tells us that...*

*We are to obey the Written Law of God  
NOT  
the Rabbinic Oral Law of Judaism*

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– You “enter” the community through faith.
2. Mosaic Covenant (Obedience)  
– You “live/stay” in the community by obedience.

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saved through faith" but...*

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*Saved people obey the law*

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1. *Laws don't set you free... you are already free through faith... but*
2. *Laws keep you free....if you break the law, then you pay a penalty or lose your freedom.*

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1. *O’er the land of the free (Star-Spangled Banner – national anthem)... but*
2. *This is a nation of laws....you remain free as long as you keep the laws.*

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1. *You break the law but Judge gives you grace and lets you go... but*
2. *He tells you, I better not see you here again...go and obey.*

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## Galatians 5/13-15

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- James 1:25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

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- James 2:8-9 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well;

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- What law is James talking about? (James 2/8 "...royal law according to the Scripture."). . . . Remember that the Scripture is the OT. . . there is no NT when this was written.

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- 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. (An OT law)



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- James 2:12 So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty.
- How will we be judged? = law of liberty (God's Written Law)

*Let's read all of  
Galatians 5/16-26*



Gal 5/16-26

*In these verses Paul explains that within us there is a “battle”  
going on between two beings  
the Flesh Being & the Spirit Being*

*Let's Read*

## Galatians 5/16-26

- Gal 5:16-26 I say then: Walk in the Spirit (walk according to the way Jesus the Messiah walked), and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh (the flesh is opposite to the way Jesus walked). 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. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law (if you follow the lead of the Spirit... the way Jesus walked, you are not under the penalty of the law which is death).

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- 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident (your walk not your talk reveals whether you are being led by the Spirit or being led by the flesh... God not only sees our actions but also knows our heart and out intent), 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.

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- 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 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.

## *We Are Spirit Living in a Body*

- Important that you see yourself as a “spirit being” living in a body NOT a “body” with a spirit. When you see yourself as a “body with a spirit”, you become more concerned with “pleasing the body” more than you do “pleasing/feeding the spirit”.
- Gen 2:7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.
- God is “spirit” and He breathed “spirit” into man in order to animate the body and give it the power to feel, think, decide. etc.

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- *We have to be “self-aware”* throughout the day to what we are giving in to... the Flesh or the Spirit... it's a continuous battle.
- *Think of two children and one toy*... they both want that toy... we are born automatically “selfish”... we need to resist this born-with selfishness.



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- Rom 8:13-14 For if you live according to the flesh you will die (Rom 6/23 “wages of sin is death”); but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live (Rom 6/23 “gift of God is eternal life”). 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

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- When we walk in our flesh, we are walking in death (curses). When we walk in the Spirit, we walk in life (blessings). God tells us to choose how we want to walk.
- It's a fight to deny/resist the flesh... we are born "self-pleasing, so it comes automatic... living like Messiah takes effort.



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- Rom 8:3-11 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,

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- 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

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- 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

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- 9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. 10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

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- 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

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- Col 3:5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.
- If we are going to “walk in the Spirit” with God, then flesh things” in our “flesh being” will have to be put to “death”.

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- What do we have to put to death?: (vs 19) fornication, uncleanness (Lev 11 = eating unclean meats is an abomination – things that are considered abominations by God causes God extreme disgust or loathing. . . like sexual sins, idolatry, witchcraft, homosexuality, etc and all these, including eating unclean animals, makes your body unholy and unclean; remember your body is temple of HS and we are to be Holy.)



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- put to death?: outbursts of wrath (you don't want to get angry to the point of wrath; be angry and sin not; when anger leads to wrath, you have crossed the line; when you start yelling/cussing at people, you have left anger and gone into sin; when you start seeking revenge and wanting people to pay for what they have done, you have left anger),

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- put to death?: selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like.
- When we do these things of the flesh, we are not walking in the Spirit. We can't do both at the same time. Whatever areas we are struggling with will have to be "put to death".

## *Paul Gives Similar Works of Flesh in His Other Letters*

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- 1 Cor 6:9-11 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, <sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

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- *Eph 5:3-6 But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; 4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.*

## *James Had Something to Say about the Works of the Flesh*

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- *James 3:14-16 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. 16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.*
- *Again, when we do any of these things, we are not walking in the Spirit. Whatever areas we are struggling with will have to be “put to death” and this takes effort on our part.*



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- Both the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit are the result of what is going on inside you. Sometimes others can see what's going on inside you by your visible actions (your works of flesh or your fruits of the Spirit), but only you really know what's going on inside you... only you know your thoughts.



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## *People Are Watching*

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- *If you are going to call yourself a Believer, people will be watching to see if you are following your “beliefs”.*
- *Biblical husband/wife, father/mother, brother/sister, employee/employer, financial steward, Sabbath Observer, etc.....who will be watching?....not only “non-religious people” but also “religious people of other denominations”.*

## The Bottom Line Is

1. We are "saints"....set apart to fulfill God's purpose and to do our part in ushering in KOG. We can choose NOT to accept His calling to fulfill God's mission.
2. 1 Cor 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

*Next Week*

*Fruits of the Spirit*