

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

2018 Part 19



The last couple of verses of Chapter 5

transitions

into Chapter 6

*(Remember that there are no chapters and verses in this
letter that Paul wrote)*

Galatians 5/16-26

- Gal 5:16-26 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....

Galatians 5/16-26

- 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 5/16-26

- 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.

God Contrasts Behaviors That Are Works of the Flesh vs Fruits of the Spirit

- *Only God can judge you on what's going on inside you on these matters of the Flesh vs the Spirit... only God knows your motives, intent, and thoughts that are going on inside your mind. You could even be doing right things for the wrong reasons.*
- *Although only God knows your thoughts and can judge you on what's going on inside you, others can judge you by your actions and behaviors that they can see. Your actions/behavior can reveal whether you are walking in the Flesh or the Spirit.*

*After speaking about
Walking in the Flesh vs Walking in the Spirit
Paul transitions into
Galatians 6*

Galatians 6/1

- Gal 6:1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.
- Gal 6:1 AMP BRETHREN, IF any person is overtaken in misconduct or sin of any sort, you who are spiritual [who are responsive to and controlled by the Spirit] should set him right and restore and reinstate him, without any sense of superiority and with all gentleness, keeping an attentive eye on yourself, lest you should be tempted also.

*Paul Is Stating to the Galatians
A Biblical Command of God's Written Law*

- Lev 19:17-18 *'You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him.*
- Lev 19:17 NTV *'''Do not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in his guilt.*

This Is a Biblical Command

One of the Most Difficult to Carry Out

- *If a brother/sister is doing wrong and you know that this wrong will eventually lead to something bad in his/her life, you are to rebuke him/her in order to restore him.*
- *To fulfill this command and fulfill this role given to you by God, you must be walking in the Spirit instead of the Flesh.*
- *This is one of the most difficult commands to carry out because confrontation is not easy: we don't want to offend, or don't want to get involved, or if we do reprove someone, it is difficult to come across as gentle and kind but yet firm enough to restore.*

Paul Is Writing This Letter With the Context of Pharisaism and Rabbinic Oral Tradition

- *The Pharisees demanded absolute authority and saw the Gentiles as inferior to them. They were not gracious like God.*
- *Matt 23:13-15 "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. 14 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation.*

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- *15 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.*
- *They had an air of arrogance and superiority.*
- *I have noticed this air of superiority as I watch YouTube Messianic community sessions: "Hello, my name is _____, I'm a Jew or I know Hebrew". Or "I am Rico Cortez, and I'm a Jew", or "I guess I'm the only Jew in this YouTube session". It's like saying, "My name is Julian and I'm Hispanic and know Spanish.*

What Is Paul Saying Here?

- *If you are walking in the Flesh, you are not qualified to restore anybody. You must be walking in a way that is producing the Fruits of the Spirit so God can use you in restoring someone who is not conducting himself as a Believer, not being a good example as a Believer nor a good example for the Body of Christ (the group that he/she is fellowshiping with).*
- *If you try to restore someone while you are walking in the Flesh, you do more harm than good....the Flesh/carnal mind cannot judge righteously...you have to be walking in the Spirit.*

Why Is It Important to Confront Someone Who Is Doing Wrong?

- *Ezek 3:16-21 Now it came to pass at the end of seven days that the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 17 "Son of man, I have made you a watchman (it also applies to you and me as individual Believers and as a corporate body of the COGSA) for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me:*

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- *18 When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. 19 Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.*

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- 20 *"Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die; because you did not give him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand. 21 Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he took warning; also you will have delivered your soul."*

Ezek Repeats This Same Warning

- *Ezek 33:1-11* *Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them: "When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from their territory and make him their watchman (you and I have been called as watchmen but to be used this way, we have to be walking in the Spirit and producing the Fruits of the Spirit),*

Ezekiel Repeats This Same Warning

- *3 when he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the trumpet and warns the people, 4 then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head. 5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning will save his life.*

Ezekiel Repeats This Same Warning

- 6 *But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.*

Ezekiel Repeats This Same Warning

- 7 "So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me (why doesn't God warn them himself....because He has assigned that role to us but to fulfill that role, we cannot be walking in the Flesh). 8 When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall surely die!' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand.

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- *9 Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul. 10 "Therefore you, O son of man, say to the house of Israel: 'Thus you say, "If our transgressions and our sins lie upon us, and we pine away in them, how can we then live?"' 11 Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord God, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?'*

Your Job as a Believer is to Warn/Reprove

- *If you know that a Believer is on a path that is leading him to something that is hurtful and you don't say anything to try to restore him, God says He will hold you responsible.*
- *But you have to be walking in the Spirit to function in this God-given-role.*
- *If you can't fulfill this role because you are walking in the Flesh, God says you will not inherit the KOG.*
- *God gives us a choice. Be valuable to Him by walking in the Spirit or go ahead and walk in the Flesh. He won't force us.*

*It's a Delicate Balance When Sharing God's Law
With Others Outside Our Faith*

- When somebody asks us about our faith we tell them. How?
- 1 Peter 3:15-16 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meeekness and fear;
- It's hard enough to convert someone from worshipping on Sunday to worshipping on Saturday, from observing xmas and Easter to observing God's Holy Days, and from eating unclean to eating clean meats, etc. Don't throw in Rabbinic Oral traditions that make it even more difficult or other unnecessary rules/beliefs

*Be Gracious as God Is Gracious
As We Reprove a Brother and as We Evangelize*

- *Neh 9:16-21 "But they and our fathers acted proudly, Hardened their necks, And did not heed Your commandments. 17 They refused to obey, And they were not mindful of Your wonders that you did among them. But they hardened their necks, and in their rebellion they appointed a leader to return to their bondage. But You are God, ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abundant in kindness, and did not forsake them.*

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- 18 *"Even when they made a molded calf for themselves, And said, 'This is your god that brought you up out of Egypt,' And worked great provocations, 19 Yet in Your manifold mercies You did not forsake them in the wilderness. the pillar of the cloud did not depart from them by day, to lead them on the road; Nor the pillar of fire by night, To show them light, And the way they should go.*

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As We Reprove a Brother and as We Evangelize

- 20 You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct them, And did not withhold Your manna from their mouth, And gave them water for their thirst. 21 Forty years You sustained them in the wilderness; They lacked nothing; Their clothes did not wear out And their feet did not swell.
- Hos 2:23 Then I will sow her for Myself in the earth, And I will have mercy on her who had not obtained mercy; Then I will say to those who were not My people, 'You are My people!' And they shall say, 'You are my God!'"

God Is Destined To Eventually Call the Whole World as His People – Not Only Israel

- *Isa 19:19-25 In that day there will be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the Lord at its border. 20 And it will be for a sign and for a witness to the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the Lord because of the oppressors, and He will send them a Savior and a Mighty One, and He will deliver them.*

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- *21 Then the Lord will be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the Lord in that day, and will make sacrifice and offering; yes, they will make a vow to the Lord and perform it.*
22 And the Lord will strike Egypt, He will strike and heal it; they will return to the Lord (as God is, we also are to be willing to restore a brother if he is doing something wrong and we are to evangelize in a gently and kind manner), and He will be entreated by them and heal them.

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- *23 In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come into Egypt and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians will serve with the Assyrians. 24 In that day Israel will be one of three with Egypt and Assyria — a blessing in the midst of the land, 25 whom the Lord of hosts shall bless, saying, "Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance."*

It's a Delicate Balance to Obey These Commands

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- 2. To evangelize by sharing God's Truth, yet do it graciously.*
- 3. But we have to be walking in the Spirit in order to properly follow this command.*
- 4. If you yourself are walking in the Flesh, you are not able to restore anybody. And if you walk this way, Scripture says you will not inherit the KOG.*

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- 4. If you yourself are walking in the Flesh, you are not able to restore anybody. And if you are practicing fleshly things, Scripture says you will not inherit the KOG.*

So, practice walking in the Spirit so that you can properly

- 1. Restore*
- 2. Evangelize*

“Preach a sermon everyday and if necessary use words”.

Next Message

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