

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

2018 Part 20



*Before we get into the Letter of Galatians
Let's Review Our
Mission/Vision/Values*

*This is where we are headed... those who want to help us
get there, you are welcomed... those who have no interest in
helping us achieve our MVV, we can't help you and
probably are not the Church for you.*

Mission

“To help change lives through the Power of God’s Applied Word in order to begin healing this broken-hurting world”

- *Change begins with me (us) – “me” as an individual Believer and “we” as a congregation.*
- *Change to become more like Christ.*
- *To become change agents (in our circle of influence) in every aspect of life.*
- *To help others live life more effectively by teaching others how to live a Torah/Biblical lifestyle.*

Vision

“A people prepared for leadership with Christ in Tomorrow’s New World”

- *We are a people, now in training, learning how to lead like Jesus so that we can be better prepared to teach others at His return.*
- *We desire to present to Jesus Christ at His return a people prepared for leadership with Him in Tomorrow’s New World in order to continue another phase of His Plan of Salvation.*

Values

- *Love God*
 - *John 14:15-16 "If you love Me, keep My commandments."*
- *Love One Another*
 - *John 13:35 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*
- *Love the World*
 - *John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

Our Focus

- *To accomplish our Mission/Vision we will focus our actions on the following three areas:*
 - *Knowledge (Information) provide increased knowledge of God's Word. . . the mind of God.*
 - *Understanding (Comprehension). . . . provide increased understanding of God's Word.*
 - *Wisdom (Application) provide increased wisdom on properly applying God's Word.*

Our Aim

- *Our Aim is...*: *To build a community of people willing to sacrificially commit its Time, Talents, and Treasures and commit to gathering, learning, sharing, and leading others by example in order to accomplish our mission, vision and values...*
- *So that we*: *Can be “Inwardly Strong and Outwardly Focused” so that we can more effectively serve our City through simple acts of kindness and providing a greater understanding and application of God’s Word...all for the Honor and Glory of God.*

*Last Week
we covered Galatians Chapter 6/1*

*From the last few verses of Chapter 5, we transitioned into
Chapter 6/1*

Let's review a bit.

“Works of the Flesh” & “Fruit of the Spirit” Is the Subject

- *Gal 5:16-26 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. . . . 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; . . . those who practice (they live daily feeding things of the flesh instead of striving daily to feed the Spirit) 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....
25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit (be doers of the Word, not only hearers... Jesus the Messiah lived what He taught).*

*Works of the Flesh & Fruit of the Spirit
Here Paul Stresses Teamwork.*

- *26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.*
- *When Paul used the word “us” in verse 26, he was encouraging the concept of “working as a team”... individual Believers pulling their own weight for the good of the team...same applies to this COGSA fellowship-team... whoever wants to be part of this COGSA fellowship-team is expected to contribute and do his part for the good of the team... no room for freeloaders in God’s church... we have been called to be “Givers” NOT “Takers”.*

Review Chapter 6/1 from Last Week

- 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.
- We learned that if we see a brother/sister practicing over and over again a particular fault, we who are “Walking in the Spirit, are to try to restore that person. . . . if we don't try to restore the person, God will hold us responsible for not saying anything. . . if we warn the person, God will not hold us responsible even though he does not heed the warning.

The message today begins with

Galatians 6/2

The concept of “teamwork” continues.

Gal 6/2 – Bear One Another's Burdens

- Gal 6:2 Bear one another's burdens (NIV says “Carry each other’s burdens...” ...in other words, practice the “one another ministries” ...love one another, serve one another, pray for one another, encourage one another, etc), and so fulfill the law of Christ (Christ fulfilled His Father’s Commandments by not only preaching them but living them).
- This verse is balanced with vs 5:
 - Gal 6:5 For each one shall bear his own load.
 - Gal 6:5 NLT For we are each responsible for our own conduct.

Gal 6/2 – Bear One Another's Burdens

- *Gal 6:2 Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ...Gal 6:5 For each one shall bear his own load...Gal 6:5 NLT For we are each responsible for our own conduct.*
- *I take this to mean that even though I am instructed to help my brother carry his burdens, he is still responsible for putting forth the effort to make whatever changes that are necessary to resolve or even eliminate that burden. We are to help one another, but ultimately we are each responsible for making the changes necessary.*

Gal 6/2 – Strong Help the Weak

- *Gal 6:2 Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ....Gal 6:5 NET For we are each responsible for our own conduct.*
- *Rom 15:1-7 We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves (the Flesh lives to please itself). 2 Let each of us please his neighbor for his good (restoring someone from his fault is for his good), leading to edification (your admonishment to eliminate the fault is for the purpose of building the person up, not destroying him).*

Gal 6/2 – Strong Help the Weak

- *Gal 6:2 Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ... Gal 6:5 NET For we are each responsible for our own conduct.*
- *3 For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." 4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning (we are to be disciples, a disciple is one who wants to learn...and we are disciples called to make disciples), that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.*

Gal 6/2 – Strong Help the Weak

- *Gal 6:2 Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ....Gal 6:5 NLT For we are each responsible for our own conduct.*
- *5 Now may the God of patience and comfort (these are qualities of the Spirit that we are striving to develop while we gradually put to death the works of the Flesh) grant you to be like-minded toward one another (again, the concept of “teamwork”), according to Christ Jesus, 6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (all that we are required to do as Ambassadors is for God’s glory, not ours).*

Strong Help the Weak – The Newcomers in This Faith

- *Rom 15:1 We then who are strong bear ... the weak,...*
- *What Paul is dealing with here are people who are weak, spiritually because they are new to the faith. There will always be people among us who are not “yet” at a place where they can walk on their own because they are just starting. Those of us who have been walking this faith for a while should be getting stronger and be able to help other new people. Does not mean that we are to stay weak; .. the weak gradually get stronger and then are able to help other new people....this is how the “discipleship process” works... making disciples is our calling.*

Helping the Weak Does Not Mean Ruling Over or Controlling the Weak

- *Jesus tells us not to operate like the Pharisees who practiced Judaism...they wanted to “ruler over” and “control the people”.*
- *Matt 23:1-12 When Jesus spoke to the multitudes (the religious leaders were in attendance) and to His disciples, 2 saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. 3 Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do.*

Helping the Weak Does Not Mean Ruling Over or Controlling the Weak

- *4 For they bind heavy burdens hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders (instead of helping the weak, they added the burdensome traditions of the Rabbis); but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. 5 But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments.*

Helping the Weak Does Not Mean Ruling Over or Controlling the Weak

- *6 They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, 7 greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, 'Rabbi, Rabbi.' 8 But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren. 9 Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. 10 And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ.*

Helping the Weak Does Not Mean Ruling Over or Controlling the Weak

- *11 But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. 12
And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted (Jesus taught and practiced a “Servants Leadership” model).*
- *Jesus what the best model of a “Servant Leader” that there ever has been. (Show book: “Servant Leadership in Action).*

Servant Leadership

Is What Jesus Taught and the Way He Lived

- *Mark 10:35-45* *Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." 36 And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" 37 They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." 38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with*

Servant Leadership

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- 39 *They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; 40 but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared." 41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John.*

Servant Leadership

Is What Jesus Taught and the Way He Lived

- 42 *But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them (the Judaizers wanted to rule over and control the new Gentile converts during Paul's day). 43 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. 44 And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.*

Servant Leadership

Is What Jesus Taught and the Way He Lived

- 45 *For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."*

Jesus Taught “Servant Leadership” to His Disciples Right Up to His Time to Die

- *John 13:1-17 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. 2 And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God,*

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- *4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. 5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. 6 Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?" 7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this."*

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- 8 *Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." 9 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!" 10 Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." 11 For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."*

Jesus Taught “Servant Leadership” to His Disciples Right Up to His Time to Die

- *12 So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.*

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- 16 *Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them (ignorance is lack of knowledge... My People are destroyed for lack of knowledge, but we are no longer ignorant once we have read this passage of Scripture... bless if you do & cursed if you don't... we all reap what we sow... we all need to be aware of what we are sowing... if you are not reaping what you want in this life, examine what you are sowing).*

Next Week's Message

Galatians 6/3-?