

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

2018 Part 3



Traditional Christianity Teaches Against the Law of God

It Teaches Such Things As...

- *Grace* has done away with the Law of God... now it's grace alone.
- *Christ* has replaced the Law of God.
- *Law of Christ* has replaced the Law of God.
- *Mosaic Law* has been done away with.
- *Not justified by the "works of the law"* but by "faith in Christ", law is a curse, it is bondage,
- *And therefore*, the Law has been done away with, so, we don't have to keep the Law with its Sabbath, Holy Days, Dietary Laws, etc.

What We Believe

We believe that...

- *Both Grace & Law are necessary for salvation.*
- *Grace is unmerited pardon... we don't merit (deserve) salvation... we deserve death... no amount of law keeping can eliminate the death penalty that we deserve... only the redeeming acts of Jesus our Savior can eliminate the death penalty which we deserve... so we cannot boast that we have earned salvation through law keeping... we are saved by grace through faith... salvation by Jesus is a gift... it is not earned.*

What We Believe

We believe that...

- *The Law serves two purposes:*
 - *It defines sin...* *it tells us that we are sinners and that we deserve death and that we need a Savior...once we know that we are sinners and deserve death, we come to appreciate our desperate need for a Savior.*
 - *After accepting Jesus as our Savior,* *the law shows us how to live a Godly life...the way we were designed to live to function properly.*

What We Believe

We believe that...

- *The law has blessings and curses...* *blessings if you obey it and curses if your disobey it... death is the ultimate curse and eternal life is the ultimate blessing.*
- *Grace does not cancel the law* *and obedience to it....it gives us another chance to obey it...it keeps giving us chances as we learn to practice obedience to the law.*

What We Believe

We believe that...

- *It is not true* that we believe that we can “earn” our salvation...no amount of law keeping earns us anything...salvation comes through the “redeeming acts of Jesus”.
- *But*, we also believe that after accepting Christ’s grace which begins our Christian journey, we are to live a life of obedience to His Laws (not our laws, or denominational laws, etc).

We Believe in Simple Logic About the Law

- *God made it so that everything runs on law...it is inherent and built into all His creation...His creation is orderly because it runs on His laws...the universe is so orderly run by law that you can precisely calculate sending a space ship to the moon...*
- *Every product has a manufacturer and the manufacturer supplies a manual (book of laws) to instruct the user how to operate the product.*
- *The Manufacturer's Manual is not produced by the product....it is produced by the One who manufactured the product.*
- *We are the product and God is the manufacturer....God knows how we function better than we know how we function...He sets the laws.*

Simple Analogy

- *Driver is caught for breaking the speed limit law and owes \$500 fine. He did violate the speed limit, he is guilty, and he does owe the \$500 fine.*
- *He goes to court and the judge shows mercy (grace – unmerited pardon) and forgives payment of the \$500 fine.*
- *The judge says he is letting him go without paying the fine, but he better not see him again in court.*
- *Does this grace shown by the judge give the guilty person permission to get in his car and speed once again.*

Sample of Scriptures We Believe that Supports Law

- 1 John 3:4 *Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.*
- Rom 6:1-2 *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not!*
- Rom 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death,...*
- Rom 3:20 *...for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*

Sample of Scriptures We Believe that Supports Law

- Rev 14:12 *Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.*
- John 14:15-16 *“If you love Me, keep My commandments.*
- James 2:18-20 *But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. 19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe — and tremble!...faith without works is dead.*

Sample of Scriptures We Believe that Supports Law

- *James 2:21-26 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? 22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? 23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. 24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. . . .26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*

Sample of Scriptures We Believe that Supports Law

- *Deut 30:15-16 "...I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, 16...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 ...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;*

Sample of Scriptures We Believe that Supports Law

Ps 19:7-10 The law of the Lord is perfect,...making wise the simple; 8 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure,...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.

Ps 119:97-105 Oh, how I love Your law!...8... Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies;... 105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

Bondage vs Fulfilled

- *Matt 5:17-19* *"Do not think that I came to destroy (abolish) the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill (make complete, magnify, make fuller, etc). 18 ...till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. 19 Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

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.

Book of Galatians

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

Book of Galatians must be read in context to understand it.

Let's get started in going through the Book of Galatians...probably not verse by verse but highlights of each of the chapters, especially those that seem to indicate that Christ has replaced the Law of God.

Two "Laws" Spoken of in Galatians

- *The "Mosaic Written Law of God" AND "Rabbinical Oral Law" ... these two are not the same.*
- *Written Law of God:*
 - *Ex 24:3-4 So Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the Lord has said we will do." 4 And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord.*
 - *Ex 31:18 And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.*

Two “Laws” Spoken of in Galatians

- *The “Mosaic Written Law of God” AND “Rabbinical Oral Law”*
 - *Rabbinical Oral Law* (from Jewish writings)
 - *Talmud Shabbath 31a* – “Our Rabbis taught a certain heathen once came before Shammai and asked him. How many Torahs have you? TWO, he replied, the Written Torah and the Oral Torah.”
 - *Oral Law* = Jewish “traditions, customs, rules” added to the written Torah ... all part of the religion of Judaism.
 - *Rabbis* (sages) are the ones that have created and continue to create the “Oral Law”.

Two “Laws” Spoken of in Galatians

- *The “Mosaic Written Law of God” AND “Rabbinical Oral Law”*
 - *Rabbinical Oral Law*
 - *When Rabbis think of the “Written Mosaic Law”*, they include the “Oral Law” and give the “Oral Law” and the Rabbis’ authority superiority over the “Written Law” and over the prophets of the Bible and over God Himself... the Rabbis represent God, so what they say goes... regardless of whether it is backed up by Scripture or not.

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- *The “Mosaic Written Law of God” AND “Rabbinical Oral Law”*
 - *Rabbinical Oral Law*
 - *Rambam’s Introduction to the Mishnah* – *“The Sages said further...if a prophet testifies, that the Holy One, Blessed be He, told him that the law of a certain commandment is such and such, or that the reasoning of a certain sage is correct, that prophet must be executed...as it is written, it is not in heaven (mistranslation of Deut 30/12). Thus God did not permit us to learn from the prophets, only from the Rabbis who are men of logic and reasoning.*

Two “Laws” Spoken of in Galatians

- *The “Mosaic Written Law of God” AND “Rabbinical Oral Law”*
 - *Rabbinical Oral Law*
 - *From the Babylonian Torah* – “...and even on the view that precepts cannot nullify each other...but in the case of a Scriptural and a Rabbinical (precept), the Rabbinical one comes and nullifies the Scriptural one”.
 - *Pesikta Rabbati* – “...Rather all that they decree upon you, observe! As it is written (mistranslation of Deut 17/11). Even I (YHWH - God) must obey their decree...”

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- *The “Mosaic Written Law of God” AND “Rabbinical Oral Law”*
 - *Rabbinical Oral Law*
 - *Jewish Encyclopedia, R.H. 25a* – “Even when they (the Rabbis) decide that left should be right or right left, when they are mistaken or misled in their judgment, they must be obeyed.”
 - *If anyone disobeys the Rabbis*, then it is the same as disobeying God. What “Catholicism is the Christianity”, “Rabbinism is to Judaism”.

What God Says About Adding or Taking Away from the Written Law

- *Deut 4:1-3 "Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers is giving you. 2 You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.*
- *Rabbinical Judaism has added hundreds of traditions, customs, rules, etc that are not part of the Written Law (Torah).*

Word “Law” Can Have Different Meanings

- *Rom 7:22-25 For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?*
- *What “law” is Paul talking about – the term law can mean different things...context gives you the definition.*

Summary of These Basic Building Blocks Before We Get Into Galatians

- *Phariseeism and Judaism are not Biblical.*
- *Judaism is the religion of the Jews.*
- *Messianic Judaism is modern day Phariseeism.*
- *Apostle Paul converted from Pharisees (Judaism) to the Written Law of God. Paul used to believe and live by the Rabbinical Jewish Law before his conversion...he even murdered believers before his conversion.*

Next Message We Will Start with Galatians 1

- *Gal 1:1-2 Paul, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead), 2 and all the brethren who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:*
- *Gal 1:11-14 But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. 12 For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

Next Message We Will Start with Galatians 1

- *13 For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. 14 And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.*
- *Paul's mindset changed after conversion – he left the Oral Law and authority of the Rabbis TO the Biblical Written Law....this is the context in which Galatians was written.*