

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

2018 Part 6 & 7



Mission/Vision/Values
Of the Church of God San Antonio

Mission

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

Vision

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

Values

“Love God – Love One Another – Love the World”

Vision

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

- We are a people, now in training, practicing to be more like Christ and learning how to lead like Him 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.*

Our Target

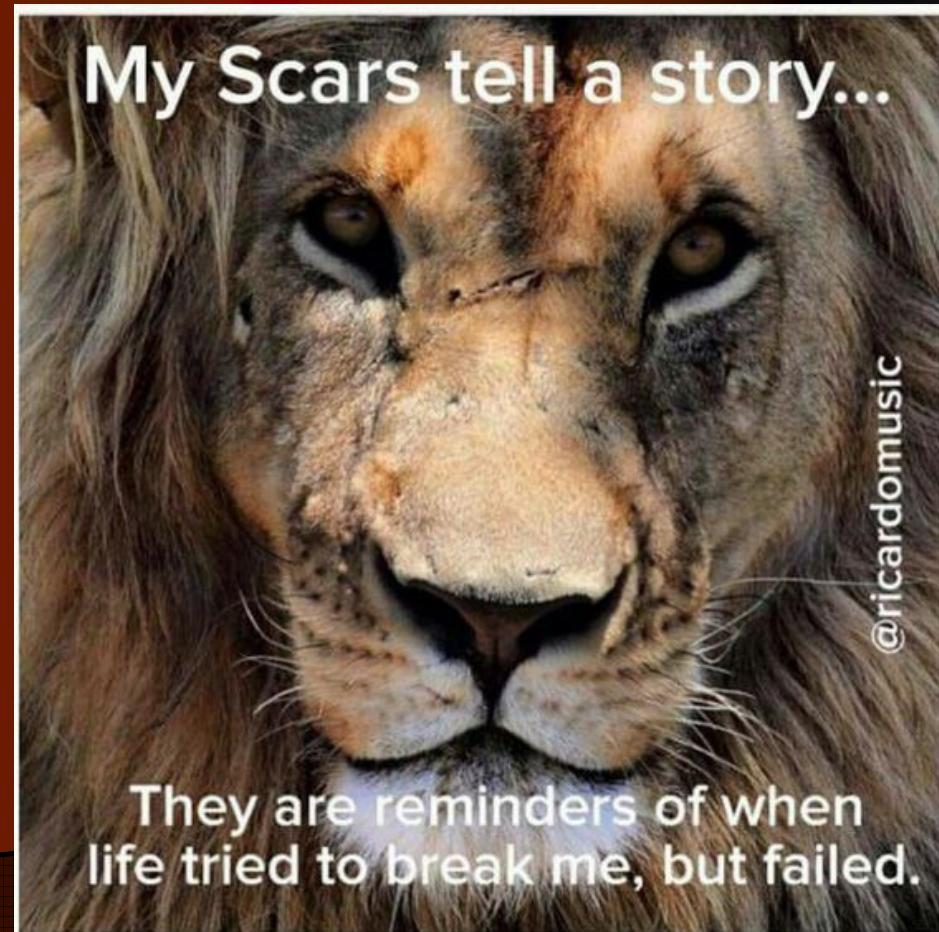
- Our primary target are individuals who are new to this Way of Life and who are being stirred by God to learn more about the Sabbath, Holy Days, Dietary Laws, and our other beliefs that make us distinctive from traditional Christianity. We welcome you and are here to serve you.
- We are interested in “conversion growth” and NOT in “transfer growth” from other Churches of God of our tradition. The COGSA is not made for brethren who are already attending one of the Churches of God of our tradition. We encourage them to continue to attend wherever they are presently attending. Brethren from other Churches of God are welcomed to attend with us, but if they do, they are expected, like the rest of us, to regularly contribute financially and support our M/V/V.

We Don't Know How Many People In SA God Is Calling

- *Acts 18:9-11 Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; 10 for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city." 11 And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.*
- *We don't know how many people in SA God is stirring to further explore Biblical Truth... we just need to be available & ready.*

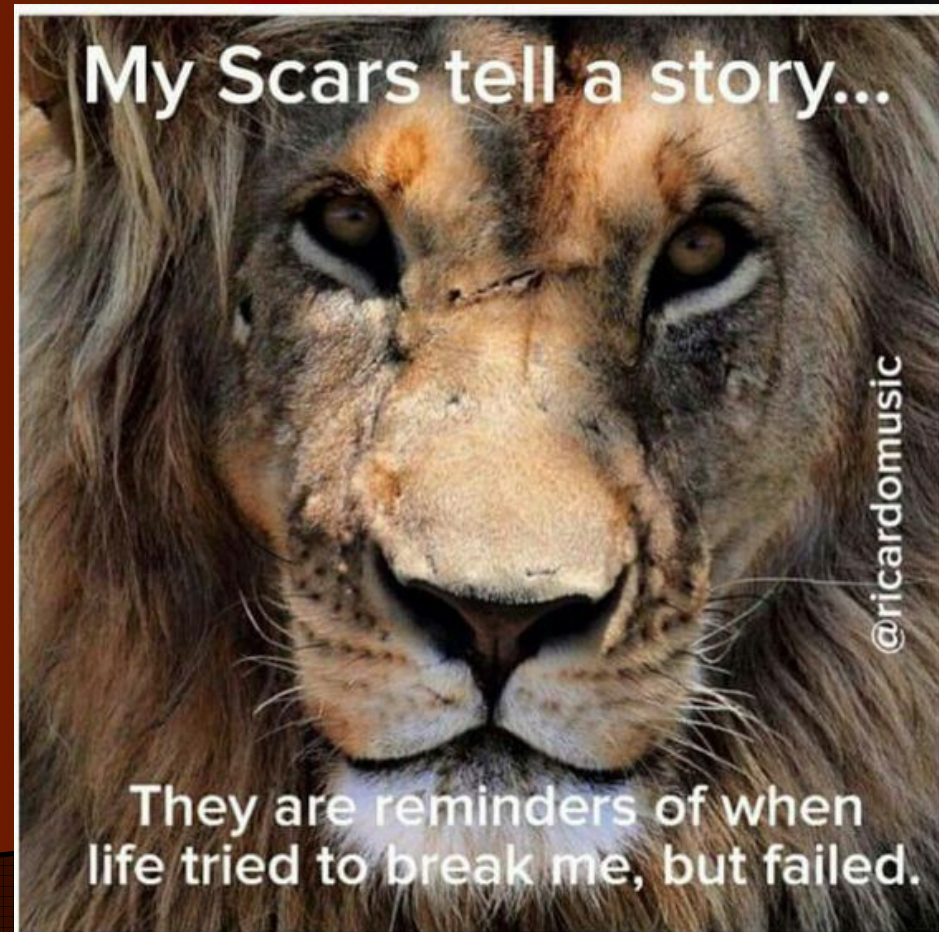
In Spite of Our Scars (Life Challenges) We Role Model to Others Our Faith in Jesus the Messiah

- *Eccl 3:11-14* (AMP) ...*He also has planted eternity in men's hearts and minds [a divinely implanted sense of a purpose working through the ages which nothing under the sun but God alone can satisfy], yet so that men cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end*



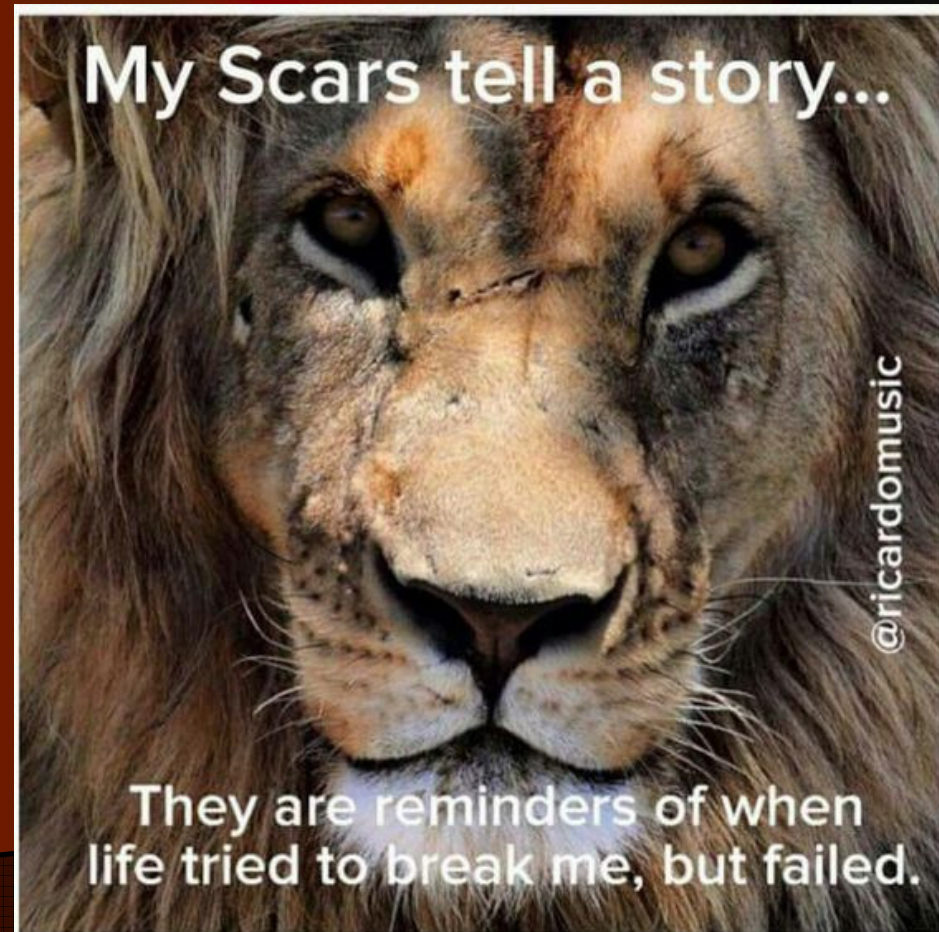
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- *12 I know that there is nothing better for them than to be glad and to get and do good as long as they live; 13 And also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor — it is the gift of God.*



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- *14 I know that whatever God does, it endures forever; nothing can be added to it nor anything taken from it. And God does it so that men will [reverently] fear Him [revere and worship Him, knowing that He is]*



*Last message we covered Chapter 1 of Galatians.
Today, we cover Chapter 2.*

To understand Scripture, you must read any passage in

“Context”

instead of “cutting and pasting” isolated verses.

Context of Galatians

- *Who wrote Galatians (letter)? - Apostle Paul*
 - *Paul was a Pharisee who once believed in the Rabbinic Oral Law (with all its man-made-rabbinic customs/traditions) which they believe supersedes the Written Law of God. (Gal 1/1-2, 11-14)*
 - *The Rabbinic Oral Law drove him to murder, imprison, and destroy Believers of Jesus the Messiah. (Acts 9)*
 - *After his conversion on the road to Damascus, he stopped believing in the Rabbinic Oral Law, believed in Jesus as the Messiah, and believed only on the Written Law of God.*
 - *Phariseeism and Judaism are not biblical.*

Context of Galatians

- To whom was the letter written? – to the churches in the region of Galatia that Paul had established; the brethren were predominantly “gentiles – non-Jewish brethren” who converted from pagan practices to belief in Jesus the Messiah.
- Why did Paul have to write this letter? – because there were Judaizers... these were Pharisees and other Jewish brethren who had become Believers but still retained their practices in Judaism (Rabbinic Oral law) and believed that the newly converted Gentiles had to practice the customs/traditions of the Rabbinic Oral law.

Context of Galatians

- Paul had to re-convince them that they did not have to follow the Rabbinic Oral Law but that they must obey the Written Law of God now that they were Believers.
- He admonished them to stay focused on Jesus Christ and obedience to the Written Law of God.
- He also had to re-mind them that no law (whether Oral or Written law) can earn them their salvation... only faith in Jesus the Messiah and after accepting the Messiah, obedience to His Written Law.

Two "Laws" Spoken of in Galatians

- *The "God's 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...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...He gave Moses two tablets ...tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.*

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

- Deut 4:1-3 “... You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord....
- Rabbinical Judaism has added hundreds of traditions, customs, rules, etc that are not part of the Written Law of God.
- Acts 24:14-15 But this I (Paul) confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law...

Popular Teaching in Traditional Christianity

- *The Law of God has been done away with...* *it is OT... we are now under the NT... it has been replaced by Christ.*
- *It is yoke,* *bondage, a burden, a curse....*
- *We are told by our Christian friends,* *“Haven’t you read the Book of Galatians:*
 - *Gal 2:16 ... knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law (Rabbinic Oral Law) but by faith in Jesus Christ,... for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.*
 - *People interpret this* *as “God’s Law is no longer necessary”.*

Scriptures That Show What Paul Believed About the Law

- Rom 2:13-14 ... (for not the hearers of the law (Written) are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified;
- Rom 3:31 Do we then make void the law (Written) through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.
- Rom 7:12 Therefore the law (Written) is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.
- Rom 7:14 For we know that the law (Written) is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin.

Scriptures That Show What Paul Believed About the Law

- 1 Cor 7:19-20 Circumcision (being an Israelite) is nothing and uncircumcision (being a Gentile) is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God is what matters.
- Acts 24:14-15 But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets.
- All these verses clearly state that Paul believed in the Written Law of God.

The Bible does not contradict itself.

Galatians Chapter 2

- Gal 2/1-21 Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and also took Titus with me. 2 And I went up by revelation, and communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles (he preached what Jesus had personally taught him... that Jesus was the Messiah and that Judaism with its manmade traditions were not valid... the Oral Law and being under the authority of the Rabbis was his former belief), but privately to those who were of reputation, lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain.

Paul Had Been to Jerusalem Before to Discuss the Question of Circumcision of Gentiles

- *Acts 15:1-35 And certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren (they were Judaizers... they were Believers who taught the religion of Judaism and to be saved you must accept the practices of Judaism), "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." 2 Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this question....*

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- *4 And when they had come to Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders; and they reported all things that God had done with them. 5 But some of the sect of the Pharisees who believed rose up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses." (Rabbinic Oral Law) 6 Now the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter.*

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- *7 And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them: "Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. 8 So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us, 9 and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.*

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- *10 Now therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? 11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they." 12 Then all the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many miracles and wonders God had worked through them among the Gentiles.*

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- *13 And after they had become silent, James answered, saying, "Men and brethren, listen to me: 14 Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name. . . . Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God, 20 but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood.*
- *These were the main pagan practices that the Gentiles were giving up. . . they would learn more of God's Law each Sabbath.*

Paul Had Been to Jerusalem Before to Discuss the Question of Circumcision of Gentiles

- *21 For Moses has had throughout many generations those who preach him in every city, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath (Gentiles would little by little learn more of God's way each Sabbath)." 22 Then it pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas,....23 They wrote this, letter by them: The apostles, the elders, and the brethren, To the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia: Greetings.*

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- *24 Since we have heard that some who went out from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, saying, "You must be circumcised and keep the law" (not only the Written Law of God but also the Rabbinic Oral Law) — to whom we gave no such commandment — 25 it seemed good to us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, . . .*

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- *28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: 29 that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell. 30 So when they were sent off, they came to Antioch; and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the letter. 31 When they had read it, they rejoiced over its encouragement....*

God's View on Circumcision

- Deut 10:12-20 *"And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 and to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today for your good? ... 16 Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer.*

God's View on Circumcision

- *17 For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe. 18 He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger (Gentiles...people from other nations who want to join you), giving him food and clothing. 19 Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.*
- *Israelites were to love Gentiles, welcome them...this was their purpose...to be a light to surrounding nations.*

God's View on Circumcision

- *Jer 9:23-26 Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; 24 But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord.*

God's View on Circumcision

- 25 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "that I will punish all who are circumcised with the uncircumcised — 26 Egypt, Judah, Edom, the people of Ammon, Moab, and all who are in the farthest corners, . . . For all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart."

God's View on Circumcision

- Rom 2:25-29 For circumcision is indeed profitable if you keep the law (Written); but if you are a breaker of the law (Written), 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? 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?

God's View on Circumcision

- *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.*
- *One's physical circumcision is nothing if one lives by the Rabbinic Oral law instead of God's Written Law or chooses to disobey God's Written Law.*
- *Even Abraham was not circumcised until after 24 years after he demonstrated faith in God by leaving his country (Rom 2/25-29).*

God's View on Circumcision - Parable

- Matt 21:28-31 "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' 29 He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went. 30 Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to Him, "The first."

Galatians Chapter 2

- 3 Yet not even Titus who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised. 4 And this occurred because of false brethren (the Judaizers... Believers who still believed in Judaism and the Oral Law) secretly brought in (who came in by stealth to spy out our liberty (Written Law sets you free but the Oral Law is bondage with all its traditions; also, because we are sinners and deserve the death penalty, coming to Christ sets us free from the death penalty) which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage),

Rabbinic Oral Law is bondage NOT the Written Law... it is freedom....they are blessings if you observe them and curses if you disobey them.

The Written Law also condemns us, shows that we are sinners, points us to Christ and that we need a Savior, and it frees us from the death penalty....wages of sin is death.

Galatians Chapter 2

- *5 to whom we did not yield submission even for an hour, that the truth of the gospel might continue with you. 6 But from those who seemed to be something — whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; God shows personal favoritism to no man — for those who seemed to be something added nothing to me.*
- *These false brethren (Judaizers) claimed they were sent by the Apostle James... but James had put out a letter to be read to the Gentiles that circumcision was not a requirement... Paul didn't care who they were.)*

Galatians Chapter 2

- *7 But on the contrary, when they saw that the gospel for the uncircumcised (Gentiles) had been committed to me, as the gospel for the circumcised (Israelites) was to Peter 8 (for He who worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised also worked effectively in me toward the Gentiles),*

Galatians Chapter 2

- 9 and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. 10 They desired only that we should remember the poor, the very thing which I also was eager to do.
- Perhaps those Israelites & Gentiles who were being abandoned by friends and relatives because of their new beliefs and began having financial problems.

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Part 7

Brief Recap - Context of Galatians

- *Who wrote Galatians (not a book but a letter)? - Apostle Paul*
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What We Believe

- *Eph 2:8-9 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.*
- *Salvation is by faith in Jesus the Messiah (Acts 4:12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.")*
- *God is a gracious God...we are sinners, so we deserve death...He paid the penalty of death for those who have faith in Him.*
- *We can't save ourselves...the Law without Christ can't save.*

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God's View of Faith

- *James 2:14-26 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?....17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead....19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe — and tremble!... faith without works is dead?*

What We Believe

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God's View of Faith

- *21 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?*

What We Believe

- *Eph 2:8-9 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.*

God's View of Faith

- *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. . . . For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*

So we believe that the Law does not save you – it shows that you are a sinner and that you need a Savior... the Law brings blessings if you observe them and curses if you disobey them.

We don't strive to be obedient to the Law to be saved, but because we are saved, we want to be obedient to Him and His Law.

Galatians Chapter 2

- 11 Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed; 12 for before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles (having a meal with someone back then was a big thing... not like today's culture of fast foods or eating in front of a TV); but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision (the Judaizers who were Believers but still followed the practices of Judaism).

Peter Knew Better – Acts 10

- *Acts 10:9-48 ... Peter went up on the housetop to pray, ... 10 Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance 11 and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth.*

Peter Knew Better

- *12 In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. 13 And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." 14 But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean." 15 And a voice spoke to him... "What God has cleansed you must not call common." 16 This was done three times...*

Peter Knew Better

- *17 Now while Peter wondered within himself what this vision which he had seen meant, behold, the men who had been sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house,....19 While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are seeking you. 20 Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them."*

Peter Knew Better

- *21 Then Peter went down to the men who had been sent to him from Cornelius, and said, "Yes, I am he whom you seek. For what reason have you come?" 22 And they said, "Cornelius the centurion, a just man, one who fears God and has a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews, was divinely instructed by a holy angel to summon you to his house, and to hear words from you."*

Peter Knew Better

- *23 ... On the next day Peter went away with them, ... 24...
Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together
his relatives and close friends...*

Peter Knew Better

- *27 And as he talked with him, he went in and found many who had come together. 28 Then he said to them, "You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean (Peter interprets his vision from God...vision not about food...not about eating pork...about salvation to Gentiles also) 29 Therefore I came without objection as soon as I was sent for....*

Peter Knew Better

- *44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. 45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, . . . because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. . . . Then Peter answered, 47 "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" 48 And he commanded them to be baptized. . .*

Galatians Chapter 2

- 13 And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy.
14 But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before them all, “If you, being a Jew (a Jew by birth... you claim righteousness because you are of Abraham... you have the Law given to you... you are supposed to be a light/example to the nations (Gentiles) around you... instead your sin is worse than the Gentiles... you are a hypocrite... you say you are under the authority of Christ, but you submit to the traditions of the Oral Law which requires Jews not to eat with Gentiles)

Galatians Chapter 2

- *live in the manner of Gentiles (are living like the Gentiles) and not as the Jews (according to Judaism), why do you (or “how can you”...could also be translated this way) compel Gentiles to live as Jews (how can you compel the Gentiles to Judaize or compelling Gentiles to follow traditions of the Rabbinic Oral law)?*
- *15 We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,*

Galatians Chapter 2

- 16 knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law (Rabbinic Oral law...or any Law...the definite article “the” is not in the Greek text... ”ergon nomou = works of law) but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law (Oral law); for by the works of the law (Oral law) no flesh shall be justified.
- Justified = to be declared righteous (right standing with God).
- Rabbinic Judaism still teaches today that obedience to the Oral law & to be under the authority of the Rabbis is the way to salvation...yet they reject Jesus.

Righteousness = Faith First & Then Obedience to God's Law

- *Deut 6:24-25 And the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day. 25 Then it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to observe all these commandments before the Lord our God, as He has commanded us.'*
- *Ps 119:142-144 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, And Your law is truth... Your commandments are my delights...144 The righteousness of Your testimonies is everlasting.*

Righteousness Follows Obedience to God's Written Law

- *Ezek 18:9 If he has walked in My statutes And kept My judgments faithfully — He is just; He shall surely live!“ Says the Lord God.*
- *Matt 5:20 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.*
- *The Pharisees were making up their own laws that they said superseded God's Written Law.*
- *We are credited with “righteousness” when we accept Jesus and live according to His Laws.*

Not Righteous on Our Own BUT Declared Righteous Thru Christ

- *Isa 64:6 But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags;...*
- *1 Peter 3:18-19 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just (righteous) for the unjust (unrighteous), that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,...*
- *1 John 2:1-2 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins (we can't save ourselves... we need a Savior), and not for ours only but also for the whole world.*

Galatians Chapter 2

- 17 "But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! 18 For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor (Paul's belief in the Oral law is behind him... now, it's Christ and obedience to His Written Law). 19 For I through the law (Written) died to the law (Oral) that I might live to God.

Galatians Chapter 2

- 20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me (not our righteousness or ability to keep the Law perfectly but we depend Christ's righteousness & His grace); and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. 21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law (Rabbinic Oral law or any Law), then Christ died in vain."
- Remember that grace does not cancel the Law of God... it gives us another chance to obey it.

Next Week

Chapter 3