

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

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2018 Part 10



# *Understanding Galatians*

## *Is More than an Intellectual/Academic Exercise*

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- *Matt 7:21-23* *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven,....v3....I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"*
- *Here is another passage* *of Scripture that emphasizes the importance of teaching that the Law of God (Torah...His instructions) has not been done away with.*

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- *2 Thess 2:1-12 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, 2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. 3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,*

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- *4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. 5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? 6 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness (teaching against the Law of God) is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.*

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- *8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. 9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

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- *11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness (pleasure in violating God's Law).*
- *Prophecies in Daniel and Revelation speak of this "lawless one" as the anti-christ. He not only wants to oppose the Messiah but wants to replace the Messiah and be worshipped as if he were the Messiah.*

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- *Dan 7:25 He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.*

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- Matt 24:11-12 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. 12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.... 24 For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.
- 2 Peter 3:16 Peter said about Paul's teachings... "which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction,... (these "untaught & unstable" people teach that Paul has done away with the Law.)

*Our desire as a Church is to make ourselves available to whomever God is calling to believe in God's Law (God's Torah... God's teachings and instructions).*

*Our example in "living a Torah lifestyle" with its Sabbath, Holy Days, Dietary Laws, etc is critical.*

## *Don't Forget the Context of Galatians*

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- *Don't forget the Main Theme of the book – The main theme is Salvation (justification/righteousness) NOT Instructions on how to live a Torah lifestyle.*
- *Why did Paul have to write this letter? – because there were Judaizers... Pharisees and other Jewish brethren who had become Believers and demanded that Gentile Believers first accept Judaism, the Oral law, and the authority of the Rabbis.*

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- *Paul over and over throughout the book keeps emphasizing that you are saved through faith in the Messiah and NOT by keeping any law, and certainly not the Oral law that the Judaizers were promoting and demanding.*
- *The issue is NOT how to live as a Believer once saved, but how to be saved (justified, be declared righteous).*

## Galatians 3/15

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- Gal 3:15 Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though it is only a man's covenant, yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it.
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- Just like any secular contract (covenant) that you sign, once it is signed, it becomes a legal document and you can't go back and add or take away from it; any changes would require a new contract. It's the same with the Abrahamic covenant...you can't add or take away from it...it is unchangeable.

## Galatians 3/16

- 16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.
- The promises of a land inheritance (spiritually the KOG/eternal life... the ultimate promised land) were made, NOT to all of Abraham's descendants, BUT only to two persons:
  - Abraham & Messiah
  - To qualify for the "promises of this inheritance", everyone (including Abraham's descendants) needs to demonstrate the 1) faith of Abraham and 2) faith in the Messiah.

## *Faith of Abraham*

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- *Gal 3:5-6 Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? — 6 just as Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." (Gen 12/1-3; Heb 11/8-9)*

## *Messiah Referred to as the Seed*

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- *Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed (Jesus the Messiah is the Seed); He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."*

## *Here Is the Covenant Promise that God Made to Abraham*

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- *Gen 26:4-5 And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed (Jesus came through the line of Abraham) all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; 5 because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."*
- *Again, to qualify for the "inheritance of KOG and Eternal Life", you must have faith in the redemptive acts of the Messiah... through Messiah you become Abraham's family.*

## *God Obligates Himself to Deliver on the Promises of this Abraham Covenant*

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- *Gen 22:11-18 But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." 12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad (Abraham was willing to obey God by sacrificing his son, Isaac), or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."*

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- *13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. . . .15 Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, 16 and said: "By Myself (God obligated Himself to make good on His promises) I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son —*

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- *17 blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. 18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.“*
- *Obedience follows faith....faith without works is dead. Obedience becomes the natural result of belief and love for God.*

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- *Gen 15:9-18 So He said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." 10 Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; (custom was that if whoever breaks the covenant, he would be cut to pieces also)... 12 Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him.*

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- *13 Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. 14 And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions....17 And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch (perhaps represented God which said that the fulfilling of the covenant was totally up to God, not Abraham) that passed between those pieces.*

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- 18 *On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates —*

## *You Become Abraham's Family through Faith In Jesus*

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- *Gal 3:7-9 Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed." 9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.*
- *It does not matter if you are a physical descendant of Abraham or not, all (Israelite and Non-Israelite) become sons of Abraham and are eligible to the "promises God made to Abraham".*

## Galatians 3/17-18

- 17 And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later (the Mosaic Covenant came 430 years after the Abrahamic Covenant), cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ (the Mosaic Covenant cannot annul the “inheritance promises” of the Abrahamic Covenant), that it should make the promise of no effect. 18 For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise.
- Because of Abraham’s faith, God obligated Himself to give the “promises” to Abraham through his SEED (Jesus... Gen 22/16).

## *Paul Compares the Two Covenants Abrahamic and Mosaic*

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- *Abrahamic Covenant* – *Covenant of Promise came first through faith.*
- *Mosaic Covenant* – *Covenant of Obedience came second in order for God to show Israel (the Redeemed Community) how to live and how to be an example to the nations around.*

## *Paul Compares These Two Covenants*

<i>Covenant</i>	<i>Abrahamic</i>	<i>Mosaic</i>
<i>Nature of the Covenant</i>	<i>Covenant of Promise</i>	<i>The Redeemed (Delivered) Community Enjoys the Promises of the Abrahamic Covenant</i>
<i>Expected Covenant Response</i>	<i>Faith</i>	<i>Obedience</i>

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TORAH – God’s Teaching -TORAH

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LIFE/BLESSINGS/  
LIGHT-SALT/INHERITANCE

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# Kingdom of Darkness

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1. First is the Covenant of Promise through faith - Abrahamic
2. Second is the Covenant of Obedience - Mosaic

TORAH – God’s Protection - TORAH

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*Chapter 3/19-?*