

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

2018 Part 26



*Quick review of what we learned from this Letter written
by Paul to the Galatian churches.*

*This brief review will be followed by a Video Sermon by Mr.
Ron Dart entitled
“Doctrine of Grace”.*

*Paul did not do away with the Law as mainline
Christianity teaches.*

Law = Torah = God's Instruction/Teaching

*Why would Paul or anyone else want to do away with
Our Creator's Instructions that provides the perfect/divine
guideline for Living Life the best it can be lived.*

(David's Thoughts about the Law)

Ps 19:10-11

*More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine
gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. 11
Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping
them there is great reward.*

(Paul's Thoughts about the Law)

Rom 7:12

*Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and
just and good*

(What Jesus Said About the Law)

Matt 5:17-19

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18 For assuredly, I say to you, 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.

It is not a matter of...

Grace OR Law

Paul taught that it is a matter of...

Grace AND Law

We are saved by “grace” through “faith” in Christ....although the Law is not a salvation tool, once saved, the Believer begins living a lifestyle of obedience to maintain God’s Presence in one’s life.

Eph 2:8-10

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.

James 2:17

Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Our acts of obedience to God's Law demonstrates that we are travelling on that narrow road (Matt 7/13-14) that leads to life, and while we remain on that road, we are protected from life's curses and enjoy God's blessings as we learn and apply His Torah.

While travelling this road, we learn from our mistakes, make course corrections, and continue moving forward towards the destination.

What Paul left behind was the religion of Judaism with all its man-made traditions and freed himself from the control of the Sages/Rabbis who taught that the Rabbinic Oral Law superseded God's Written Law.

He left the Rabbinic Oral Law NOT God's Written Law.

Gal 1:13-14

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.

Phil 3:8-9

8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law (Oral Law), but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

Deut 4:2-3

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.

(The Gospel is perverted whenever you add or delete from it.)

Paul had to write this letter of Galatians to the churches of the region of Galatia because Judaizers (Believers in Messiah who retained the practices of Judaism) were trying to undo what Paul had taught the Galatian brethren about salvation through Jesus the Messiah.

These Judaizers taught that they first had to convert to Judaism and accept the traditions of the Rabbis and come under their control before they could come to Christ.

Gal 1:6-8

6 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, 7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

Grace does not cancel Law... RATHER,... Grace gives the Believer in Christ repeated chances to practice and strive towards learning and obeying the Law and becoming more like our Messiah.

The Bible is the Written Word AND Jesus is the Living Word.

Unfortunately, some Believers may become so unbalanced in their preciseness to keep the Law in every minute detail that unhealthy attitudes may develop such a pride, one-upmanship, and losing sight of the mercy and grace of God.

When Messiah returns, He will ultimately teach us the perfect way to keep His Law according to the mercy and love that the Law was meant to be kept.

Mic 6:8

8 He has shown you, O man, what is good;
And what does the Lord require of you
But to do justly,
To love mercy,
And to walk humbly with your God?

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“The Doctrine of Grace”
by Ron Dart

We pray that someday, everyone in this City will eventually know at least someone who is not only Torah-Observant but also worth emulating the gracious manner in which the Torah is observed.