

A LOOK THROUGH

Galatians

Part 5



The occasion in Galatia - "to Judaize or *not* to Judaize?"

Verse 14: "How can you compel the nations to Judaize?"

Judaizo –

- To live as one bound by Mosaic law
- To live as one bound by traditions
- To live in Judean fashion
- To live in Jewish fashion





Where did we go in chapter 3 ?



1. Abraham

Justified prior to circumcision. Started with spirit, tried to complete in flesh. Gentiles blessed thru his *obedience*

2. The Exchange

Messiah came under a curse written in the Torah so that we . . .

3. The Contract

Blessing comes through the offspring – singular, not through Jewish lineage

Law vs. Promise

Romans 4:13 ff: For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the [people of the*] world did not come through the **law** but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the **promise** is void.

*cf. Romans 11:12

Galatians 3:18: For if the inheritance comes by the **law**, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a **promise**.

Then what on earth is the Law for?

If the law does nothing to justify us before
God, then **what is its purpose?**

What is the Law really good at?



Why then the law?

Galatians 3:19: Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions . . .

The law (1) **defines** sin and (2) **magnifies** my sin problem

It was added for the sake of transgressions . . .

Leviticus 5:13: Thus the priest shall make atonement for him for the sin which he has committed in any one of these things, and he shall be forgiven.

Part of what they noticed was . . .



- The law is holy / righteous / good / spiritual / delightful /profitable
- The law was never a means of gaining salvation
- The law's "righteous requirements" will be lovingly walked out by Believers
- The law defines for believers what is, and what is not, sin

Egugg the Caveman Exegete

Unable?

Unwilling?

Relying more on
those who came
before than on
their own search?



"The thing is not the
thing" ?

(Talking about
justification but
conflating it with
_____)

Law vs. Promises ?

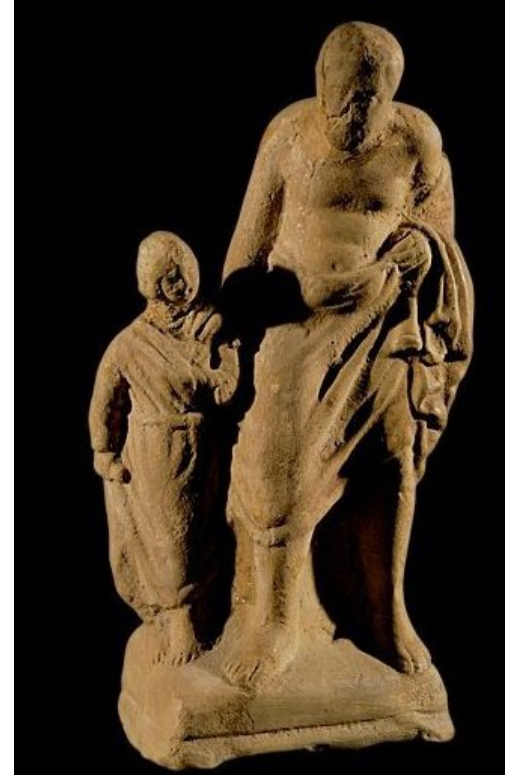
Galatians 3:21-23: Is the law then contrary to the promises of God?

Certainly not!

For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law.



In what way is the law our jailer, our pedagogue? (pers v. hist)



I hate to be obvious, but

Galatians 3:25-26: But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a pedagogue, for in Messiah Yeshua you are all sons of God, through trust.

Once the law has led me to the Messiah . . . I no longer need the law ***to lead me to the Messiah***

Galatians 3:26-29

In Messiah Yeshua you are all sons of God, through trust. For as many of you as were baptized into Messiah have put on Messiah. There is neither **Jew nor Greek**, there is neither **slave nor free**, there is no **male and female**, for you are all one in Messiah Yeshua. And if you are Messiah's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

This has both "spiritual" and practical consequences

Paul's conversion ceremony

Colossians 2:9-14:

In [Messiah] also **you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands**, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Messiah, **having been buried with him in baptism**, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

RECAP

Over

Freedom v. Slavery

Galatians 5:1: For freedom Messiah has set us free. Stand firm therefore! And do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.



What was the "yoke of slavery"?

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Commandment-keeping?

1 John 5:2-3: By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

Psalms 119:44-45: So I will keep Your law continually, Forever and ever. And I will walk at liberty, for I seek Your precepts.

Why is it obvious Paul is not referring to a “slavery” of following Torah instructions?

- (1) They cannot submit “_____” to something they had not submitted to _____
- (2) Paul told us a few verses ago . . .

Paul just told us about their slavery -

Galatians 4:8 ff: Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods.

But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary spirits of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more?

You observe days and months and seasons and years! I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.

Parellel passage in Colossians -

Colossians 2:8 ff: See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

Hope of righteousness

Galatians 5:2 ff: Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Messiah will be of no advantage to you. I testify again to every person who accepts circumcision that he or she is obligated to keep the whole law.

You who would be justified by the law are severed from Messiah; you have fallen away from favor. For through the spirit, by trust, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.

“obligated to keep the whole law”

Interpretive options -

(1) Oh, the humanity!

(2) Not the *what* but the *why*

(3) One of these things is not like the other



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Man I don't want any part of it, do you? I don't want a thing to do with it. . . .Then I'm out of grace and under the whole law and I'm damned because I can't keep it. No thanks. -John MacArthur

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Galatians 5:3: Every person who accepts circumcision is obligated to keep the whole law.

Lovelace Amplified Version -

Every person who accepts circumcision (AKA *ethnic conversion*) **in order to be justified** is obligated to keep the whole law *perfectly* to be (or to remain) justified..

One of these things is not like the other

Which "law"?



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Which "law"?

- Written
- Oral
- Sectarian by-laws (DSS 1QS)
- The tripartite division would not debut for another 335 years

Back me up, bro

Is there any textual support for the idea that “the whole Law” may not mean what you and I call “the whole Law”?

Galatians 6:13: For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh.

Romans 2:17: But if you call yourself a Jew [ethnic and ethnically-converted] and rely on the law and boast in God and know his will and approve what is excellent, because you are instructed from the law . . . You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law.

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The object of saving faith - covenant membership in the Israel of God, forgiveness of sins, and life in the world to come - can be by only the Son of God, Yeshua the Messiah.

Any other supposed
“way to God,” a way
to receive the
genuine favor and
blessings of God is a
...



the cost!

Romans 2:25-28: For circumcision indeed is of value **if you obey the law**, but **if you break the law [and you do!]**, your **circumcision becomes uncircumcision**.

So, if an uncircumcised person keeps the precepts of the law, will not their uncircumcision be counted as circumcision?

Then the one who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision - but break the law.

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1 Corinthians 7:19: For circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but **keeping the commandments of God**.

Harsh words, but not crazy talk



Galatians 5:7 ff: You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?

. . .the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is.

. . .I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!

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Describe the wind

"Immerse"

"Receive"

"In"

"With"

Filled



Pleroo - Fill

Pressure that brings movement

Permeation

Predominance

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Pressure that brings movement

Acts 13:25: As John was **fulfilling** his course, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but behold, after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie."

Colossians 4:17: See that you **fulfill** the ministry that you have received in the Lord.

Mt. 13:47-48: The kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea . . . When it was **full**, men drew it ashore

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John 12:3: Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was **filled** with the fragrance of the perfume.

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Predominance

John 16:6: When He told the disciples that He would soon leave them, he noticed "sorrow has **filled** your heart"

Romans 15:13: May the God of hope **fill** you with all joy and peace in believing

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3 distinct ways to interpret the Greek clause "under the law"

(1) Having to follow the law of Moses

(2) Some form of added legalism related to the law of Moses

(3) Being condemned by the law of Moses as an unrepentant sinner

- Douglas Moo, *Five Views on Law and Gospel*

John Wesley: "Under the law" = "unrepentant sinner" - *Notes on the New Testament*

Burdens

Galatians 6:1-5: Brothers and sisters, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him or her in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Messiah. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor.

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βάρος / baros (Strong's 922)

Definition: Weight

Derivation: Probably from the notion of *going down*.

Usage: Weight, burden, heaviness; literally, or figuratively as something of substance / significance

NASB Translations: asserted (1), authority (1), burden(s) (4), weight (1)

Bear one another's burdens

Matthew 20:12: These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the **burden** of the day and the scorching heat.

Acts 15:28: For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater **burden** than these [four] requirements. . .

2 Cor 4:17: For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal **weight** of glory beyond all comparison . . .

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OVERWHELMING

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Christ. **FORCEFUL**



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φορτίον / phortion (Strong's 5413)

Definition: Burden

Derivation: Diminutive form of phortos - freight or cargo on a ship

Usage: The freight of a ship. Properly, a burden which must be carried by the individual, i.e. as something personal and hence is not transferrable, i.e. it cannot "be shifted" to someone else.

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Galatians 6:15-18 /Closing

For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Yeshua.

The favor of our Master Yeshua the Messiah be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.



Connection between good works & righteousness ?

If you think Christ and the Law can dwell together in your heart, you may be sure that Christ dwells not in your heart.

If you know Christ at all, you know that good works do not serve unto righteousness, nor evil works unto condemnation.

- Martin Luther



Pleasant surprise, or contradiction?

Who is upset by the idea?

Marcion and hyper grace

What is the bigger issue? _____

Where is a child when you need her?



Pleasant surprise, or contradiction?

Eastern and western mindset

Conversion and living the life

Faithfulness and belief

Salvation and sanctification

Forensic and experiential

Imputed and offered

Surprise

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But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Messiah down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Messiah up from the dead).

But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Master, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

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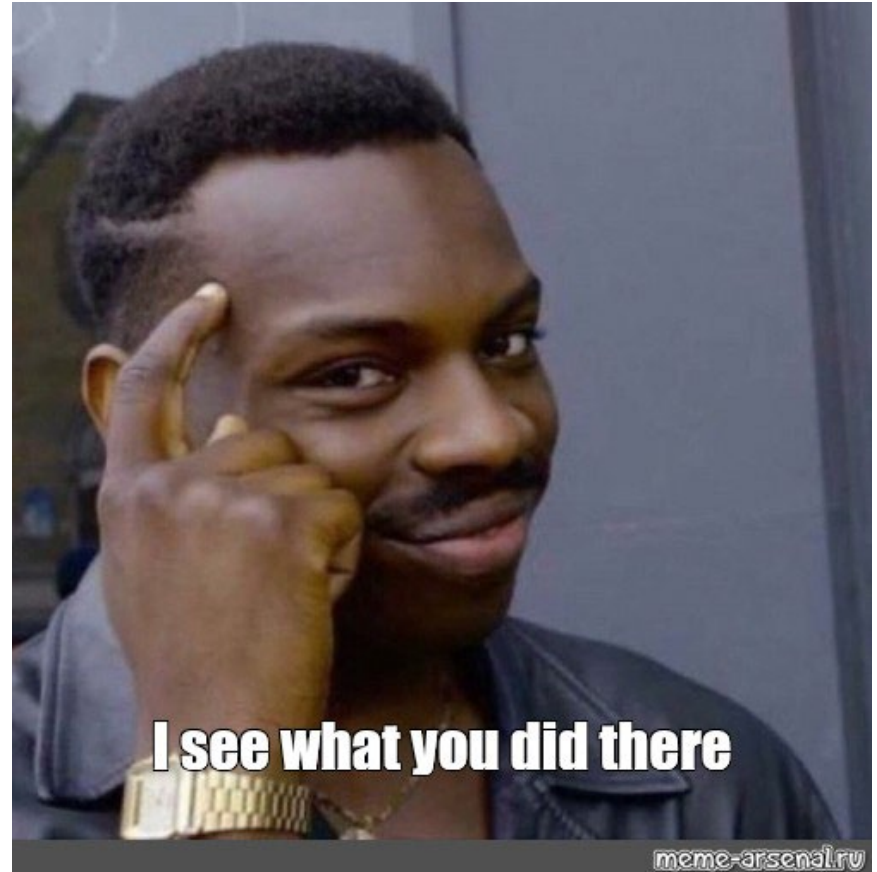
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Is the key to understanding

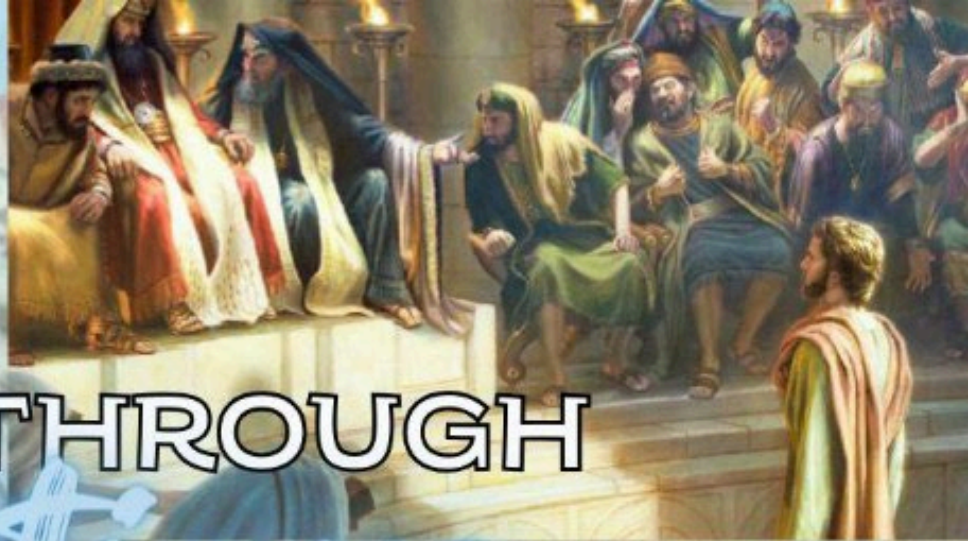
James 2:14-26

P.S. What about our Savior's words?









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