

What was Paul saying in Galatians?

PART 3 – GALATIANS 3 - 6

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- ▶ **Gal 3:1** O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?
- ▶ Gal 3:2 This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?—
- ▶ **Gal 3:3** Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

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- ▶ **Gal 3:6** just as Abraham "BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS ACCOUNTED TO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS."
 - ▶ Quote of: Gen 15:6
 - ▶ Abraham isn't circumcised until Gen 17:11

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- ▶ Gal 3:7 Therefore know that *only* those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.
- ▶ Gal 3:8 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.*"
- ▶ Gal 3:9 So then those who *are* of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

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- ▶ **Gen 26:5** because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."

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- ▶ **Gal 3:10** For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT CONTINUE IN ALL THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO DO THEM."

Galatians – Curse of the Law?



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- ▶ Gal 3:11 But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."
- ▶ Gal 3:12 Yet the law is not of faith, but "THE MAN WHO DOES THEM SHALL LIVE BY THEM."

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- ▶ Gal 3:13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"),
- ▶ Gal 3:14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Blessings & Cursings:



- ▶ **Deu 28:1** "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.
- ▶ **Deu 28:2** And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God:

Blessings & Cursings:



- ▶ Deu 28:15 "But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

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- ▶ **Rom 6:23** For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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- ▶ **Deu 21:22** “If a man has committed a sin deserving of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree,
- ▶ Deu 21:23 his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day, so that you do not defile the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance; for he who is hanged is accursed of God.

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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.*
- ▶ ERV - **Gal 3:15** Brothers and sisters, let me give you an example from everyday life: Think about an agreement that one person makes with another. After that agreement is made official, no one can stop it or add anything to it, and no one can ignore it.

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- ▶ **Gal 3:16** 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.
- ▶ Gal 3:17 And this I say, *that* the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect.
- ▶ Gal 3:18 For if the inheritance *is* of the law, *it is* no longer of promise; but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise.

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- ▶ **Gen 12:3** "...And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

430 Years Later...



- ▶ 25 years later Isaac is born...(Gen 12:4)
- ▶ 60 years later Jacob is born...(Gen 25:26)
- ▶ 130 years later they go to Egypt...(Gen 47:9)
- ▶ 215 years he/they dwell in Egypt to a total of 430 years (Exo 12:40)
- ▶ $25+60+130+215 = 430$ years

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- ▶ **Gal 3:19** What purpose then *does* the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; *and it was* appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator.

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- ▶ Gen 4:6 So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?"
- ▶ **Gen 4:7** If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire *is* for you, but you should rule over it."

3 Different Types of Law



- ▶ Moral Law – Royal law (James 2:8)
- ▶ Civil Law
- ▶ Ceremonial Law

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- ▶ Moral Law – Royal law (James 2:8)
 - ▶ 10 Commandments were to be stored in the Ark
 - ▶ Deu 10:2 And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke; and you shall put them in the ark.'
- ▶ Civil Law
- ▶ Ceremonial Law
 - ▶ Deu 31:26 "Take this Book of the Law, and put it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there as a witness against you;

Put it beside...



- ▶ **Heb 9:9** It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience—
- ▶ Heb 9:10 concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation.

God makes a distinction...



- ▶ **2Ki 21:8** and I will not make the feet of Israel wander anymore from the land which I gave their fathers—only if they are careful to do:
 - ▶ 1) according to all that I have commanded them, and
 - ▶ 2) according to all the law that My servant Moses commanded them."

Paul – Royal law



- ▶ **1Co 7:19** Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God *is what matters.*

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- ▶ **Gal 3:19** What purpose then *does* the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; *and it was* appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator.
- ▶ **Gal 3:21** Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law.

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- ▶ Gal 3:22 But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.
- ▶ Gal 3:23 But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed.
- ▶ Gal 3:24 Therefore the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

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- ▶ **Gal 3:26** For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

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- ▶ **Gal 3:27** For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- ▶ Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
- ▶ Gal 3:29 And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

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- ▶ Gal 4:7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

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- ▶ Gal 4:8 But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods.
- ▶ Gal 4:9 But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, *how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage?*
- ▶ **Gal 4:10** You observe days and months and seasons and years.

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- ▶ Gal 4:28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise
- ▶ Gal 4:29 But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him *who was born* according to the Spirit, even so *it is* now.
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- ▶ Gal 4:30 Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? "CAST OUT THE BONDWOMAN AND HER SON, FOR THE SON OF THE BONDWOMAN SHALL NOT BE HEIR WITH THE SON OF THE FREEWOMAN."
- ▶ Gal 4:31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.

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- ▶ **Gal 5:1** Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.
- ▶ Gal 5:2 Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing.
- ▶ **Gal 5:3** And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law.

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- ▶ **Gal 5:4** You have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt to* be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.
- ▶ Gal 5:5 For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.
- ▶ Gal 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

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- ▶ **Gal 5:13** For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.
- ▶ Gal 5:14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."
 - ▶ **Mat 5:17** "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill."

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- ▶ Gal 5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

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- ▶ **Gal 5:24** And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
- ▶ Gal 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

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- ▶ **Gal 6:1** Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.
- ▶ Gal 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.
- ▶ Gal 6:8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

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- ▶ [SLIDE] Gal 6:12 As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these *would* compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.
- ▶ Gal 6:13 For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh.
- ▶ **Gal 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.**

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- ▶ Gal 6:18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Paul – on the law

- ▶ Rom 3:31 Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.
- ▶ Rom 6:12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.
- ▶ **Rom 6:15** What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!
- ▶ **Rom 7:7** What shall we say then? *Is the law sin?* Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "YOU SHALL NOT COVET."

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- ▶ Rom 7:12 Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.

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