

The Galatians Agenda: The Truth About Paul's Epistle – Part 5

We are still in Galatians 3. Paul packed a lot of Kingdom doctrine in this chapter. 'Pistis' faith is doctrine which the Galatians already knew but which they were now rejecting because of Judaizers explaining to them that faith in Yeshua was not enough to get them eternal life. No, said the Judaizers, they also needed to convert to Judaism; they needed to become part of "the circumcision" (they needed to become Jews) by undergoing conversion to Judaism. But we then learned that circumcision for the purpose of converting to Judaism is incorrect. Circumcision is a sign of the Abrahamic covenant but it is not limited to "the Jews". In fact, circumcision is for the nations: the stars of the sky and the sand on the seashore.

But the Judaizers had touted the Abrahamic covenant as only pertaining to Jews, something they still do today which is why Zionism has taken such root in the world today, especially in America. So unless you joined the Jews in Judaism, they said, you were not part of the Abrahamic covenant and could not reap the Promise's benefits.

Paul will explain more about the nature of Judaism vs. the Law of YHVH aka the Torah.

CHAPTER 3 CONTINUED

21 Is the **G3588** law **G3551** then **G3767** against **G2596** the **G3588** promises **G1860** of God? **G2316** God forbid: **G1096** **G3361** for **G1063** if **G1487** there had been a law **G3551** given **G1325** which could **G1410** have given life, **G2227** verily **G3689** **G302** righteousness **G1343** should have been **G2258** by **G1537** the law. **G3551**

21 Is **the Torah** then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been **Judaism** given which could make alive, most certainly righteousness would have been of **Judaism**.

The Torah and the Promises to Abraham go hand in hand. Notice that Paul talks negatively about any righteousness that could come from Judaism. Does righteousness come from Judaism? No. Does righteousness come from Torah obedience? Yes. 'Pistis' faith comes in 2 forms: 1) belief in Yeshua alone as our salvation and then 2) walking in obedience after we have believed in Him. Our actions express what we believe and show Satan's Kingdom that we belong to YHVH's Kingdom because we behave differently.

If Judaism had been able to bring righteousness, then the Torah would not have been needed. We keep the Law, not because we can do it perfectly but because when we fail, the Promised Son forgives our failure, we learn the lesson and we try again.

This is not what is taught in Christianity, is it? Christian doctrine has us not trying at all. Rather, adherents to the different denominations and independent churches are taught to follow the rules of the Church which differ from YHVH's Law. That is not what Paul said we should do. He

contrasted the Torah against Judaism because we humans do need a law to live by. But which one? Jewish religious law? Church law? Or YHVH's Law?

22 But ^{G235} the ^{G3588} scripture ^{G1124} hath concluded ^{G4788} all ^{G3956} under ^{G5259} sin, ^{G266} that ^{G2443} the ^{G3588} promise ^{G1860} by ^{G1537} ^{faith} ^{G4102} of Jesus ^{G2424} Christ ^{G5547} might be given ^{G1325} to them that believe. ^{G4100}

22 But the Scripture imprisoned all things under sin, that the promise by '^{faith} doctrine' in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

The entire Bible is about mankind's sin and how to be extracted from it. The way out of sin is through Yeshua to those who believe in Him.

23 But ^{G1161} before ^{faith} ^{G4102} came, ^{G2064} we were kept ^{G5432} under ^{G5259} ^{the law}, ^{G3551} shut up ^{G4788} unto ^{G1519} the ^{G3588} ^{faith} ^{G4102} which should afterwards ^{G3195} be revealed. ^{G601}

23 But before '^{faith} doctrine' came, we were kept in custody under ^{Judaism}, confined for the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

Judaism was a kind of prison until such time as the Promised Son faith came. Then the Jews would have opportunity to be freed from their prison.

The 400+ intertestamental years in which God jailed the Jews over to their apostate culture and Judaism. His jailers were Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome.

24 Wherefore ^{G5620} ^{the} ^{G3588} ^{law} ^{G3551} was ^{G1096} our ^{G2257} ^{schoolmaster} ^{G3807} *to bring us* unto ^{G1519} Christ, ^{G5547} that ^{G2443} we might be justified ^{G1344} by ^{G1537} ^{faith}. ^{G4102}

24 So that ^{the Torah} has become our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by ^{faith}.

The purpose of the Torah is to school us about our need for faith in the Promised Son.

The word "justified" is the Greek word, 'dikaioo' (Strong's G1344). This word means to be rendered innocent. It means that the minute we accept Yeshua we are rendered innocent like a newborn baby.

The English word “tutor”, which is also rendered as schoolmaster sometimes, is the Greek word Strong’s G3807 ‘paidagōgos’ which means “a servant whose office it was to take the children to school”. This is reminiscent of Jeremiah 31:31 where the Israelites were taken by the hand to go to school.

Jeremiah 31:31 “Behold, the days come,” says Yahweh, “that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

Jeremiah 31:32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that ***I took them by the hand*** to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which covenant of mine they broke, although I was a husband to them,” says Yahweh.

Jeremiah 31:33 “But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” says Yahweh: I will put my law in their inward parts, and I will write it in their heart. I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

How did YHVH take people by the hand? He delivered from Egypt and took them to Mount Sinai so they could learn to be His Kingdom of priests and a holy nation (Exodus 19:6). They failed because they rejected His Spirit and His Law. The first Israelites were expected to obey and so are all Israelites after Yeshua came.

This is why faith in the Promise to Abraham led to the giving of the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 3:13 Christ 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,”

Galatians 3:14 that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Christ Jesus; ***that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.***

The giving of the Holy Spirit of God is the purpose of the promise to Abraham! This is the main piece of the Promise. Jeremiah’s prophecy was that YHVH would put His Law in us. Ezekiel 36:27 is where YHVH told Ezekiel He would put His Spirit within us to cause us to obey His statutes and ordinances.

Two things need to happen in the heart of the believer. First, faith in Yeshua. Second, receiving the Law on our heart and YHVH’s Holy Spirit within us to help us obey. That was the issue before Yeshua came and it has remained the issue afterward.

The Torah written on our hearts is the sign of His Holy Spirit in us. It results in us living and expressing our faith by observing YHVH’s Law.

The purpose of ‘**pisteuo active obedience**’ of the Torah over religious practice is to free us from the prison of religion – Judaism, Christianity, or any other religion. It is part of the equation that justifies us when we put our ‘**pistis faith doctrine**’ to work by believing in the Promised Son, who makes us innocent of sins.

We no longer get taken **to** the Torah school because now the Torah lives **in** us by the Holy Spirit. This doesn’t mean we don’t need to learn the Torah and do all we can to obey. It means we can obey. And if we refuse to obey, we are grieving the Holy Spirit.

We express our love for Him by keeping His commandments. He expressed His love for us by adding (giving) us the Torah we might return to Him, please Him and qualify as upright citizens of His Kingdom. It is not possible for religion, Judaism or Christianity, to accomplish this goal.

Let's go to driving school. Driving instructors teach the letter of the law of the nation in which you live. It isn't until you get behind the wheel and begin to apply the theory, the "letter of the law", that you begin to understand the "spirit" of driving.

When you finally get your license you can be hard hearted and stick with the letter of the driving law or you can apply the "love your neighbor as yourself rule of the road" and do a random act of kindness. For instance, when you have the right of way in a roundabout, you have the right of way. That's the theory, it's the law, it's the letter of the law. But you can also choose to "give" your right of way to another driver in the spirit of kindness on the road.

The Torah teaches us the letter of the Law, the "theory" of the Law, of the Kingdom in which we live and in which we intend to inhabit for eternity, so we can understand its Spirit and use that Spirit to show to our neighbors what YHWH shows to us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:23).

25 But ^{G1161} after that ^{faith} ^{G4102} is come, ^{G2064} we are ^{G2070} no longer ^{G3765} under ^{G5259} a schoolmaster. ^{G3807}

25 But now that 'pistis faith doctrine' has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

We are no longer being taken by the hand to go to Torah school. We now want to do His Law because it is within us because we have His Holy Spirit putting this desire in us. The Holy Spirit is our gift that makes us into the express image of the Son of God!

26 For ^{G1063} ye are ^{G2075} all ^{G3956} the children ^{G5207} of God ^{G2316} by ^{G1223} faith ^{G4102} in ^{G1722} Christ ^{G5547} Jesus. ^{G2424}

26 For you are all children of God, through faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For ^{G1063} as many ^{G3745} of you as have been baptized ^{G907} into ^{G1519} Christ ^{G5547} have put on ^{G1746} Christ. ^{G5547}

27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

28 There is ^{G1762} neither ^{G3756} Jew ^{G2453} nor ^{G3761} Greek, ^{G1672} there is ^{G1762} neither ^{G3756} bond ^{G1401} nor ^{G3761} free, ^{G1658} there is ^{G1762} neither ^{G3756} male ^{G730} nor ^{G2532} female: ^{G2338} for ^{G1063} ye ^{G5210} are ^{G2075} all ^{G3956} one ^{G1520} in ^{G1722} Christ ^{G5547} Jesus. ^{G2424}

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

29 And G1161 if G1487 ye G5210 be Christ's, G5547 then G686 are G2075 ye Abraham's G11 seed, G4690 and G2532 heirs G2818 according G2596 to the promise. G1860

29 If you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring [the singular 'sperma'/'zera', which is the collective Body of Messiah] and heirs according to promise.

We have learned about the “Jews’ religion”, Judaism, and the difference between that and YHVH’s Torah. Also, we learned the cultural Jewish definitions of “the circumcision” (Jews) and “the uncircumcision” (Gentiles) in chapter 2, and the meaning of the 2 parts of our “faith” through the 2 Greek words, the noun ‘pistis’ and the verb ‘pisteuo’, by which we receive ‘pistis faith doctrine’ and ‘pisteuo active obedience’ from Galatians 3:1-14.

We now also know that the Torah is not against the Promises to Abraham, nor does it “go away”, “pass away” or become obsolete because the Promised Son came. The Torah and Promise are 2 different things that come from the same source: YHVH. They each reference the other and depend on the other being operational in our lives. One without the other is incomplete spirituality.

Also, Israel was taken to school by the hand, according to Jeremiah 31:31-33. And here is where Christianity gets it wrong. YHVH didn’t do away with the Torah by taking away the school He sent Israel to. No! Instead, He put the lessons of the school on the inside of us; in our hearts. He accomplished this by giving us His own Holy Spirit which is the facilitator of the Torah. Contrary to Christian doctrine, the Holy Spirit does not free us from our Torah obedience obligation. The Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to keep the Torah, something that the first 1500-year generation failed to do because they rejected YHVH’s Holy Spirit at Mount Sinai.

Soon, we will study the parable of Hagar and Sarah which is greatly misunderstood and perverted in Christianity and which is also used to validate that the Law given at Mount Sinai passed away and was replaced by another law at Mount Zion in Acts 2. Let’s just say, “It ain’t so!”