



# MESSIANIC STUDIES IN GALATIANS

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## INTRODUCTION

A. The Author

B. The Date

C. The Recipients

D. Prerequisites to understanding Galatians

1. The difference between the Abrahamic & Mosaic Covenants
2. The difference between Jews & Gentiles

E. The Issue: Messianic Freedom vs. Legalistic Bondage – Galatians 1:6-10

1. The importance of Faith

a. It is \_\_\_\_\_

b. It is \_\_\_\_\_

2. The Challenge to Salvation by Faith

a. In the First Century, False Teachers said:

(1) A Gentile needed to \_\_\_\_\_ to please God

(2) It was necessary to \_\_\_\_\_ to please God

(3) It was necessary to \_\_\_\_\_

(4) The Ministry of Paul is \_\_\_\_\_

b. The Challenge to Faith today

(1) Legalism is embraced by \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Legalism is embraced by \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Legalism is embraced by \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Legalists, and others \_\_\_\_\_ the Writings of Paul

3. Paul rebukes these believers because they (1:6-9)

a. so \_\_\_\_\_ deserted the Gospel of Grace

b. were so easily influenced by \_\_\_\_\_

F. The problem with the use of the term "Judaizer"

1. It's use is perpetuated by church tradition

2. The term is sometimes a mask for anti-Semitism

3. No support for the term in the Scripture

4. The Scriptures affirm "Jewishness" - Jeremiah 31:31-35, Romans 11

5. The object of Paul's attack is Mosaic Law Legalism

I. AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S MESSENGER & MESSAGE

A. The affirmation of Paul as God's Apostle

1. A Divine \_\_\_\_\_

2. A witness to the \_\_\_\_\_

3. Confirmation by \_\_\_\_\_

B. The implications of Paul's Apostleship

1. Paul represents \_\_\_\_\_

2. Paul is \_\_\_\_\_

C. The Personal defense of the Faith Message

1. The Faith Message came not from \_\_\_\_\_

2. The Faith Message came from \_\_\_\_\_

D. Paul's own Biography illustrates the Faith Message (1:13-24)

1. Pre-Salvation, his background \_\_\_\_\_ the Faith Message
2. At Salvation, his \_\_\_\_\_ illustrated the Faith Message
3. Post-Salvation, Paul's training \_\_\_\_\_ the Faith Message

E. The Faith Message was confirmed by \_\_\_\_\_ (2:1-10)

1. The time – The \_\_\_\_\_ of Paul's ministry (Acts 11:26)
2. The purposes
  - a. To \_\_\_\_\_ an offering
  - b. To confirm the \_\_\_\_\_ (2:2)

3. The Confirmations (2:3-10)

- a. Paul's gentile companion was not \_\_\_\_\_ (2:3-5)

*Circumcision is for \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_*

- b. Paul's message was not \_\_\_\_\_ (2:6)

*There is only \_\_\_\_\_ for both \_\_\_\_\_*

- c. Paul's ministry was \_\_\_\_\_ (2:7-9)

*Despite \_\_\_\_\_ we must share with all people*

F. The Faith-Message was authenticated by \_\_\_\_\_ (2:11-21)

1. The Cause of the Conflict (2:11-12a)
2. The Problems with Peter (2:12b-14a)
  - a. He was \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. He was \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. He was \_\_\_\_\_ •
  - d. He distorted \_\_\_\_\_
3. The Rebuke of Peter (2:14b)

#### 4. The Explanation by Paul (2:15-21)

- a. Statement: Even Jewish people, who had the Law, can only be declared righteous \_\_\_\_\_ (2:15-16)
- b. Objection: If, we, Jewish believers are no longer under the Law, then we are like \_\_\_\_\_ and the Messiah made us so. (2:17)
- c. Response: No, the Law proves us \_\_\_\_\_ which is why we must live by faith. (2:18-19)
- d. Solution: The Messiah who lives within those who believe is our \_\_\_\_\_. (2:20)
- e. Summary: Living by faith \_\_\_\_\_ the grace of God but righteousness by Law denies the need for \_\_\_\_\_ (2:21)

## II. JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH IS GOD'S ORIGINAL PLAN Galatians 3:1-29 (The Human Folly: Keep the Law, not the faith. 3:1-5)

### A. The Folly of \_\_\_\_\_ by Works (3:1-2)

1. It is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. It is \_\_\_\_\_.

### B. The Folly of \_\_\_\_\_ by Works (3:3-5)

1. It contradicts \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It contradicts \_\_\_\_\_ (3:4)
3. It contradicts \_\_\_\_\_

### C. The Divine Answer: Keep the original Jewish faith, not the temporary Mosaic Law. (3:6-29)

#### 1. The Example of Abraham (3:6-9)

- a. Abraham's Importance (John 8:33,39)
- b. Abraham's Justification (Gen 15:6; 26:5)
- c. Abraham's Children

#### 2. The Inability of the Law (3:10-24)

- ...a. The Law could only \_\_\_\_\_. (3:10-14)

(1) The Law curses because it requires \_\_\_\_\_

(2) The Messiah redeems by \_\_\_\_\_

b. The Law could not secure an inheritance

(1) The covenant with Abraham was \_\_\_\_\_

(2) The covenant with Abraham provided \_\_\_\_\_

3. The Law was \_\_\_\_\_ (3:19-22)

a. The Law was given to \_\_\_\_\_.

b. The Law was \_\_\_\_\_.

c. The Law was \_\_\_\_\_

d. The Law needed \_\_\_\_\_

e. The Law was not designed \_\_\_\_\_

f. The Law could only \_\_\_\_\_

4. The Law was a \_\_\_\_\_

a. The Law was like a \_\_\_\_\_

b. The Law was like a \_\_\_\_\_

D. The Effects of Faith (3:25 – 29)

1. Faith \_\_\_\_\_ from the Law. (3:25)

"We" =

2. Faith provides \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ (3:26)

"You" =

3. Faith \_\_\_\_\_ all in the Messiah. (3:27-29)

a. Messiah provides spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

b. Believers retain human \_\_\_\_\_

So, males remain male, females remain female, Jews remain Jews and Gentiles remain Gentile

III. WHY LEGALISM DOESN'T WORK - Galatians 4:1-5:12

A. Legalism is contrary to a believer's status as an \_\_\_\_\_. (4:1-7)

1. An Illustration from Family Life (4:1-2)

a. A child's status was like a \_\_\_\_\_. (4:1)

b. A child's situation was governed by \_\_\_\_\_. (4:2)

2. The Lesson for the Spiritual Life 4:3-6

a. Before the Messiah came, the \_\_\_\_\_ was the guardian of the Jewish people. (4:3)  
"we were children" — "in bondage" — "under the elemental things" —

b. When the Messiah came, we received our \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_. (4:4-6)

3. The Application for us — Since we are now \_\_\_\_\_ we should not live like \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Legalism is contrary to a believer's \_\_\_\_\_. (4:8-11)

1. Formerly, Gentiles were slaves to \_\_\_\_\_. (4:8)

2. Presently, Gentiles have been liberated by their \_\_\_\_\_. (4:9a)

3. Illogically, Gentiles are returning to \_\_\_\_\_ but in a \_\_\_\_\_. (4:9b-11)

a. The Mistake: Slavery to mandatory \_\_\_\_\_.

"days" —

"months" —

"seasons" —

"years" —

b. The Danger: Loss of \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Legalism is contrary to a believer's original faith experience (4:12-20)

1. Paul's original relationship with them was \_\_\_\_\_. (4:12-16)

2. The false teachers' relationship with them was \_\_\_\_\_. (4:17)

3. Paul longs for a \_\_\_\_\_ (4:18-20)

D. Legalism is contrary to a believer's Freedom (4:21-5:1)

1. Paul's Reasons for using Allegory

a. It is a form of \_\_\_\_\_

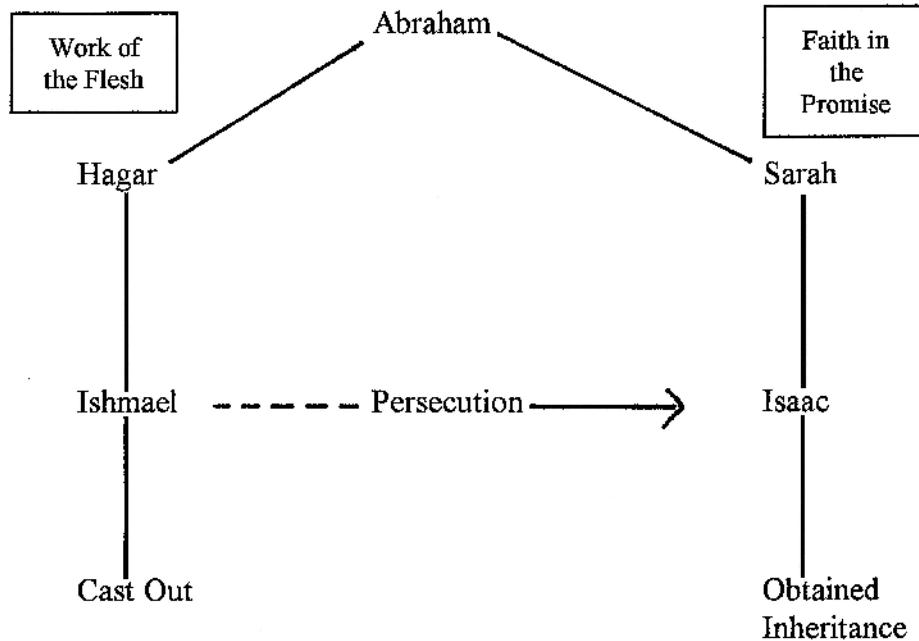
b. It is about \_\_\_\_\_ the legalist figure of authority.

2. Paul's manner of using Allegory:

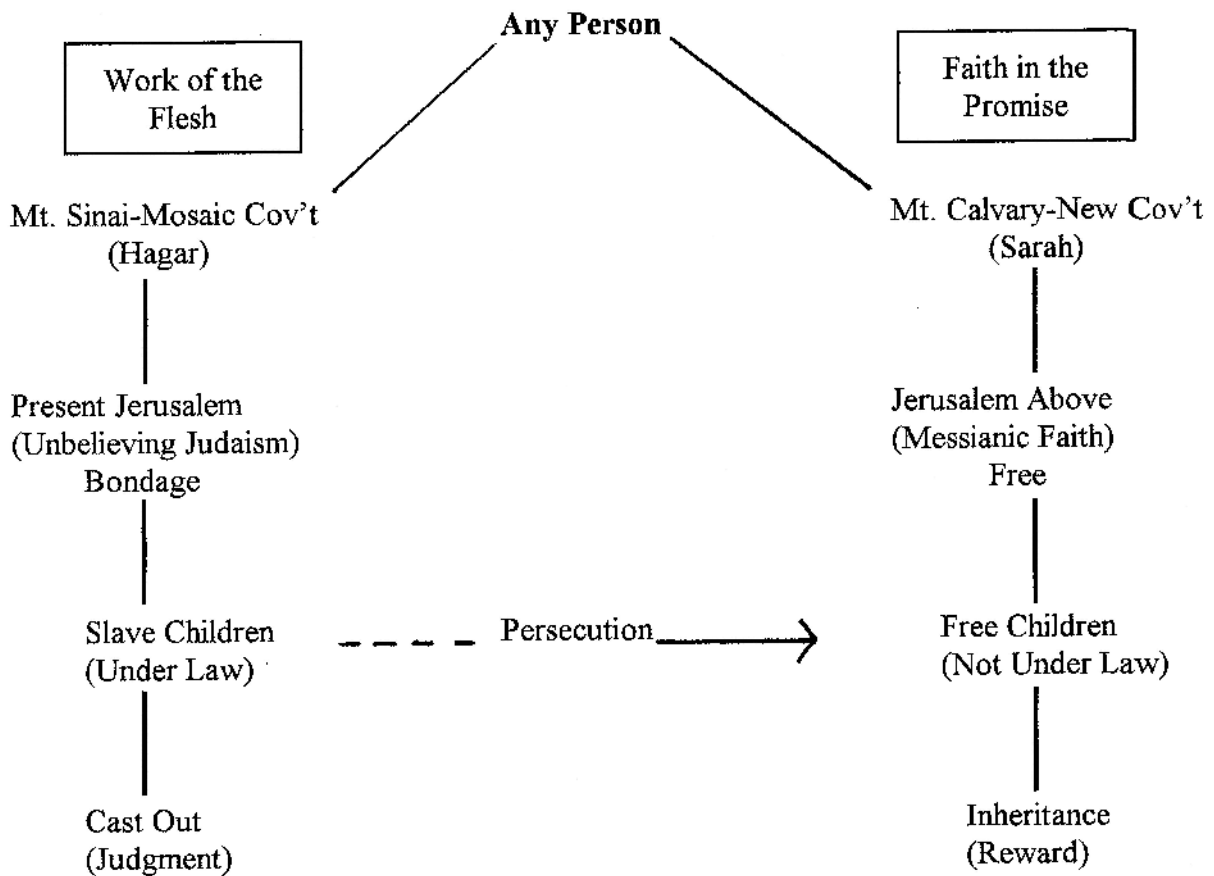
a. To \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual truth

b. Not as an \_\_\_\_\_ to spiritual truth

3. An illustration from the life of Abraham - (4:22-23; 29a, 30)  
 At Issue: How was Abraham to obtain an heir?



The Application: (4:24-31)



E. The Practical Application (5:1)

1. Faith in the Messiah set us \_\_\_\_\_ -
2. Let us not return to \_\_\_\_\_

F. Legalism produces \_\_\_\_\_. (5:2-12)

1. Legalism produces a \_\_\_\_\_ for sanctification (5:2-6)
  - a. Acceptance of (Mosaic) circumcision requires obedience to the \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Dependence on legalism cuts us off from \_\_\_\_\_ (grace).
  - c. True transformation occurs as a work of the \_\_\_\_\_ not a work of the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Legalism obscures the believer's path to \_\_\_\_\_. (5:7)
3. Legalism causes judgment for its \_\_\_\_\_. (5:8-12)

IV. REAL FREEDOM - Galatians 5:13-6:18

A. Real Freedom is practiced in \_\_\_\_\_. (5:13-15)

1. Freedom should not produce an open \_\_\_\_\_ for anything. (5:13 a)
  - a. The flesh is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. The Messiah frees believers \_\_\_\_\_
2. Freedom should be guided by \_\_\_\_\_ (5:13b-15)
  - a. Love means \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Love produces \_\_\_\_\_

B. Real freedom is practiced in \_\_\_\_\_. (5:16-26)

1. The Rule: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spirit! (5:16-18)
  - a. Word Usage —
  - b. Mood —
  - c. Tense —
  - d. Parallel Passage: \_\_\_\_\_



e. Effect — When you set your mind on the things of the Spirit you will be in a better position to control the tendencies of the flesh

2. Definition — Walking in the Spirit is constantly \_\_\_\_\_ to be the \_\_\_\_\_ in life by occupying our minds with \_\_\_\_\_

C. The Results: The focus of people's lives will become evident by their \_\_\_\_\_ (5:19-26)

1. Focus on the flesh produces the deeds of the flesh. (5:19-21)

a. Description of the Deeds

- (1) Sexual Sins: immorality - impurity - sensuality
- (2) Superstitious Sins: idolatry - sorcery
- (3) Social Sins: enmities - strife - jealousy - angry outbursts - disputes  
dissensions - factions - envyings
- (4) Self-indulgent Sins: drunkenness - carousing

b. Danger of the Deeds: Habitual practice may indicate an \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 6:9-11)

2. Focus on the Spirit will produce \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit. (5:22-26)

a. Description of the Fruit (5:22-23)

- (1) Personal Attitudes: Love - Joy - Peace
- (2) Personal Relationships: Patience - Kindness Goodness
- (3) Personal Character: Faithfulness - Gentleness - Self-control

b. Testimony of the Fruit: Spiritual fruit gives evidence of \_\_\_\_\_ (5:24-26)

- (1) At salvation, the flesh was \_\_\_\_\_ positionally.
- (2) At salvation, the Holy Spirit gave life so we can \_\_\_\_\_

Observation: Not indicators of being Spiritual: Speaking in Tongues/ Not Speaking in Tongues, Raising Hands in Worship/Not Raising Hands in Worship, Keeping Kosher/Not Keeping Kosher

D. Real freedom is practiced in \_\_\_\_\_ (6:1-10)

1. We can serve by restoring \_\_\_\_\_ (6:1-5)

a. Sinners must be addressed with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

b. Sinners must be addressed by \_\_\_\_\_

2. The Attitude in Restoration (6:3-5)

a. We must restore with \_\_\_\_\_

b. We must restore after \_\_\_\_\_

- c. We must restore without \_\_\_\_\_
3. We can serve by \_\_\_\_\_ (6:6-10)
- a. The Command: \_\_\_\_\_ with your teachers.
- b. The Reason: We will \_\_\_\_\_ what we \_\_\_\_\_
- c. The Expansion: Share with \_\_\_\_\_, especially \_\_\_\_\_

Post-Script: One Final Admonition to Gentile Believers (6:11-18)

- A. Gentile believers should not take on the obligation of \_\_\_\_\_  
by accepting the outward sign of (Mosaic) circumcision.
- B. Our confidence should not be in \_\_\_\_\_, but rather in the finished work of Messiah
1. Gentile believers who embrace this will receive God's \_\_\_\_\_ (6:16)
2. Jewish believers (Israel of God) who embrace Grace will receive \_\_\_\_\_ (6:16)

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