# GALATIANS

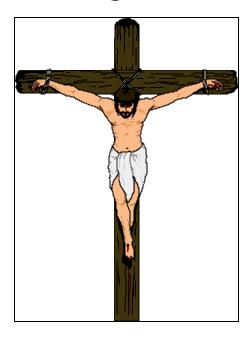
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# CHRIST — NO OTHER GOSPEL WHEREBY MAN CAN BE SAVED

aul was an apostle, not of man, but of Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised him from the dead who writes to the believers at Galatia.

I am surprised and astonished at the report I hear of you that you are so soon removed from Jesus who called you into the grace of Christ the Messiah. You received salvation by grace which is the unmerited favor of God and now you want to follow another gospel. On top of that, the gospel that you want to follow is not another gospel but is the real gospel which has been perverted by some other men. Be assured that salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ through the grace of God and do not seek to add to it or to take away from it. It does not matter if the speaker is a wonderful preacher and says every religious phrase that you have ever heard and many are saved under their teachings and others healed and you are entertained at his speaking, if his gospel is different and contrary to what we preached to you, let him be doomed to destruction. Even if he appears to



IF HIS GOSPEL IS

THE TEST OF THE GOSPEL IS...

be an angel and impresses you with his wonders, you can judge his message by the standard that salvation is through faith in Jesus by the grace of God, not in works.

I want you to know that the

patterned after human standards but it was given to me as God's revelation directly through Jesus Christ the Messiah.

You have heard the manner of life that I had before salvation. That which I did seek to destroy, I now preach as it pleased God to call me by his grace. The ones which I persecuted in times past now glorify God in me.

Beware of the traditions of men that they would add to and take away from the gospel and change it according to the habits of their past life while lost or to introduce the customs and habits of the beliefs that they had before salvation.

Seek to stay on the straight and narrow path and do not allow anyone with a strange gospel or doctrine to draw you away into bondage.

The test of the Gospel is that justification and sanctification and salvation are obtained by grace and not by any works or by the keeping of the law that one can do. If it denies sin or the guilt of sin which gives grace alone an opportunity and occasion to work, it is another gospel.

### PAUL VISITS JERUSALEM

aul returned to Jerusalem with Barnabas and Titus to meet with the apostles there. Was Titus compelled to be circumcised? Did Paul go in subjection to the apostles of great reputation? No! The matter only came up because of a false

I DIED TO THE LAW THAT I MIGHT LIVE FOR GOD...

I DO NOT SET ASIDE

brother brought it up that he might bring us into bondage. There was no subjection to them because I was not ordained of them or taught by them. I received my revelation from God and they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was

committed to me while the gospel of the circumcision was committed to Peter. The work that Peter did with the Jewish people, I, Paul did in the gentile people. When Peter, James, and John perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave me the right hand of Christian fellowship to go to the gentiles.

We who are Jews by birth know that one cannot be justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, have put our faith in Christ that we may be justified by faith in Him and not by observing the law because by observing the law no one will be justified.

If we seek to be justified in Christ and it becomes evident that we ourselves are sinners, does that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! If I rebuild what I destroyed, I prove that I am a lawbreaker. For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life that I live in the body I live by faith, adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Therefore, I do not set aside the grace of God or treat that gracious gift as something of minor importance and defeat its very purpose, I do not invalidate, frustrate and nullify the grace and unmerited favor of God. For if righteousness came from keeping the law, Christ died in vain for nothing without purpose. It is not so!

I cannot be justified or righteous and have acquittal of all of my guilt by observing the ritual of the law.

My righteousness is because Christ died in my place on the cross and shed his blood in my place so that through faith which is my trusting in Him, I am righteous by the grace of God. He took my sins to the cross and I died to my old self with Him on that cross so that Jesus could live within my body to do his good will and his good work.

## CONFRONTATION IN ANTIOCH PAUL AND PETER DISAGREE

hen Peter came to Antioch, Paul opposed him in a face to face confrontation saying that Peter was clearly in the wrong. ate with Gentiles but in the presence of other Jews, he separated himself because he was afraid of what the group of Jews would say about him eating with uncircumcised people. Following his leadership, other Jews joined him in this. When Paul saw that they were not straight forward and living up to

the truth of the gospel, he said to Peter in the presence of everyone, "If you being a Jew can live as you have been like a Gentile and not a Jew, how do you dare now to urge and practically force the Gentiles to comply with rituals and live like Jews?" We are not justified by the keeping of rituals but through faith by grace.

Pray that God sets you free from traditions that have you in bondage and removes the bondage of works because you were saved by grace.

## Salvation is by Grace alone, not Works

ou know that a person is not justified by the works of the because there is no one that can keep all of the law all of the time. If you had to do works in order to be saved, how would you know how much that you had to do so that you are not saved but if you did one more, you would be. Also, how great would your works have to be? Could you do little things or would you have to minister to a football stadium full of people at a time as some do? How many small things would add up to one major thing? In keeping the law, how can I keep all of the law all of the time without error and how many times and with which laws can I fail and still be saved?

Under the law and in doing works, I can never have assurance of my salvation. If I did something good to earn my righteousness, then I can do something bad and lose it! It would mean living my life constantly afraid that if I made an error then did not have a chance to repent and do good, salvation could be lost.

Praise God that in his wisdom and love for me he saved me and justified or gave me right standing in his sight, not by works or the law, but by his grace through faith and absolute reliance and adherence and trust in Jesus Christ the Messiah, the Anointed One. Therefore, we have believed on Christ Jesus in order to be justified by faith in Christ not by works or the law. For we cannot be justified by any

observance of the ritual of the law given by Moses because be keeping religious rituals and works no human being can ever be declared righteous and put in right standing with God.

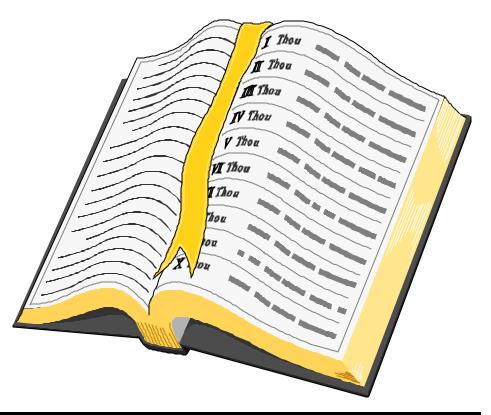
We are put in right standing and declared righteous justified before God wholly and solely through Christ. We die to the law that we might live in Jesus. We are crucified with Christ. Because as a sinner, the penalty is death every time for every one but Christ died in my place on the cross that I might live. I die to myself that Jesus might live in me and through me so that I live my life on earth in this body by trusting in Jesus who loved me and gave himself for me that I might not die the spiritual death. If I trusted in the law to give me righteousness, it would nullify the grace of God

and mean that Jesus died for no reason at all. Far be it from me to even think such a thought! It is not a minor thing, I treat the gift of grace which is unmerited favor toward me to salvation as the most important possession of this lifetime. And I seek to live so that it reflects Christ to all

We are put in right standing ...through Christ.

I die to myself that...

those who come in contact with me that they might see Christ in and through me and come to know Him as Saviour and Lord.



## The Blessings of the Holy Spirit

ow did you receive the Holy Spirit? Was it by works or by hearing the message of God and believing it? It is foolish to start your new life spiritually with the Holy Spirit and think that you reach perfection by dependence on the

God sent the Holy Spirit into the world that He might indwell each believer.

flesh. Does God who supplies you with His wonderful Holy Spirit and works with power and miracles among you do so on the grounds of things you do, what the law demands or is it because of your believing and adhering to and trusting in and relying on the



message that you heard? As God revealed in Joel 2:28,"It shall come to pass that I shall pour out My Spirit upon all flesh and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions." When Jesus



prayed to the Father to send a comforter, this passage was God sent the Holy fulfilled. Spirit into the world that He might indwell each and every believer and that through Him, true believers have power over the evil of this world and a constant help in time of trouble and a teacher to teach us all things of God and to lead us to be in the will of the Father and to pray for us and through us with words that are not of us but of the Spirit of the Father which is in us. Knowing what the will of the Father is, he knows what to pray in every case, every time. The Comforter has come to me! He is the Spirit of Truth that always points to Jesus.

Pray that you can be like Stephen as recorded in Acts 6: he was a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost.

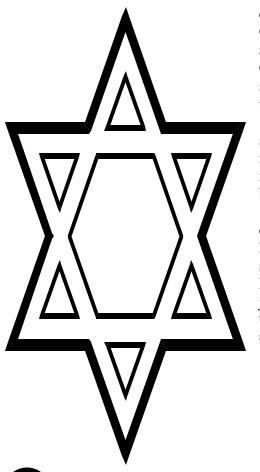
### HOW TO RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST

first, you must believe in Jesus Christ, that he is the Son of God and that by grace and love, God sent his son to die for our sins that we might believe and have salvation. God gives your salvation by his grace through love, not your work.

Second, you must yield yourself, your mind, your body, your life to God. As Paul said, "I die to myself that I may live". At salvation, God gave you the

Holy Spirit to lead you into a deeper relationship with the Father, when you are ready to submit yourself to God, tell Him that you want to yield every stronghold to Him and that you want Him to fill every empty place in your heart with the Holy Spirit. Lord fill me totally full of thy Holy Spirit.

## The Blessing of Abraham on Believers



everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

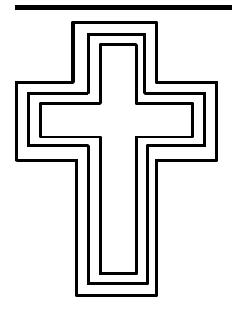
Gen. 18:17: And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

18: Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

19: For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

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In you shall all nations be blessed...



braham believed and it was reckoned to his account that he was righteous. Know and understand this, that it is really the people who live by faith that who are the true sons of Abraham. The scripture foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached gospel beforehand to Abraham saying "In you shall all the nations be blessed." So then, those who are people of faith are blessed and favored by God as full partners in fellowship with the believing and trusting Abraham. Gen. 17:7: And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an

### The Righteousness of Faith Makes Me One of the Seed of Abraham

ighteousness is by faith and circumcision of the heart and by faith we receive the promise of Abraham that we who are his spiritual seed shall inherit the Earth. imputed righteousness that we have when we believe that God raised His Son Jesus our Lord from the dead. Rom. 15:8: Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers. In Heb. 6:12-13 we see assurance of receiving the promise of

Abraham. Gal. 3:9 states that "all who have faith are blessed along with Abraham."

Praise God, when I believed I was and am blessed as a seed of Abraham and I qualify for all of the promises to the seed of Abraham. It makes you want to read all of the Old Testament to find all of the promises to Abraham that came of the first covenant doesn't it? Most people don't even know how blessed they really are. FOR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE MY PEOPLE PERISH.

—STUDY TO SHOW YOURSELF APPROVED BEFORE GOD!

### Believers, You are Sons of God

OU ARE SONS OF GOD THROUGH **FAITH** IN **JESUS** CHRIST. For as you are baptized into Christ, you have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer pride in race, sex, or status, we are all one in Christ! If you belong to Christ, you are Abraham's seed and heirs to all of the promises of God who is well able to deliver

I'm a believer...
I'm a son...
I'm an heir..
i'm a servant of God...

and never lets you down.God sent Jesus to redeem us who were under the law that we might receive the adoption of sonship and because we are sons.



## NO SPECIAL FAVORITES IN GOD'S CHURCH--ALL ARE SONS OF GOD

emember this, we are adopted into the same family, if you are a child of God through faith. When you accepted Christ as your saviour, you gave up the right to think more highly of yourself than of others. You gave up the right to think that you are better than someone else. You now see people of other races as brothers and sisters in Jesus! We all became as one because we all came to salvation in the same way—faith.

When someone in your church seeks advantage by saying that he is special and because someone has a different race, nationality, age group, marriage status, economic status, social status or sex, that they are second rate or less or

not able hold certain positions in the church, they did not get that from God. The Holy Spirit gives gifts to people as he wills. God calls each of us to be the type of servant that he wants. To the deacons, committees, and boards let me say that if you prevent one servant of God from doing what God called him or her to do. vou have done that action to God Himself! Let the love of God in that he can do away with



God has the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying Abba! Father! More than a distant God, it is as a child cries out daddy! It is a witness to me that I truly am a son when the Spirit cries out from within my heart, Daddy to God! If my heart cries out to God, then I know that I have inherited the grace of God that Abraham had and the Holy Spirit is at work in my life to bring me to maturity to the fullness of Christlikeness that I be pleasing to the Father.

PRAISE YOU FATHER
FOR MAKING THIS
BELIEVER A SON AND A COHEIR TO THE KINGDOM
WITH JESUS!

## Law & Bondage or Grace & Freedom

hrist set us free! Never again will I submit to the yoke of slavery of the law. Never will I submit to the rules of worldly men running the church for their own self interest and selfish lusts of the physical and not the Spirit of God. If I accept the grace of God and show forth His love toward those around me, then I am a servant to everyone that I can be that I may be a witness for Jesus Christ in all things. There is never a time to live in the flesh

The entire law...

Serve one another in Love.

without regard to the will of God even though I am delivered from the bonds of the law. It makes me more ready to obey because I want to share the love that He has for me. If I love my neighbor as myself, then I shall be a servant to that person that because everyone needs help and because I walk in the Spirit, I can be an influence for God in that person's life. Jesus paid for this life of freedom for me so I cannot stain this wonderful life and make it dirty nor can I sin and enjoy it when the indwelling God is present in all of my life. This grace that I have lets me be a servant that I may glorify my God.

I pray that I shall show the love of God with every encounter.



### **BONDAGE-LAW-BONDAGE-LAW**

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anyway?
God gave the law that man might know what is right and what is wrong. There is no way that man can keep the law 100% of the time and every law that came from the mouth of God. It is a fact that all have sinned. There is no future in the law because there is no one that can keep it good enough to tall

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can keep it good enough to tell God that "I did good so I deserve to be in Heaven." You are forever in bondage trying to be better and trying to get

forgiveness for sins on a daily If you did do good basis. enough, how would you know that you did and know that you had earned salvation by your good works? You could not because there always might be just one other sin that you forgot to get forgiveness for or one other sin that you did not know about. It is as if you are trying to reach salvation but the chains keep you from reaching far Praise God for his enough. wonderful grace that we can know of our salvation.

## Faith, the Hope of Righteousness

he great secret of the faith is that through the Holy Spirit we have the hope of righteousness. The Holy Spirit leads us to faith in

I am called in freedom...

Just as Christ came into this world to be...

Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Messiah from the Father. Works do not faith produce but faith produces works through love. It is just that I love God and in loving him, I love others around me and



want to do good things for them to see them be saved and grow in the knowledge of God's will and Christlikeness and see good things happen in their lives. I am called in freedom and love and I want to use that freedom to love others into the Kingdom of God, not chase after the lusts of this world. My freedom is not to sin but to break down the kingdom of sin by showing the love of God in this world. Just as Christ came into this world to be a servant of man and give even his life as a pure and unblemished man so that we could have salvation, so ought we to love and to give our lives that others might want that same salvation because of the example that we live "in the love of Jesus" before them.

# I stand by faith in the one and only true and living God!!!

stand faith by doubting, without without being tossed back and forth as a wave of the ocean. I set my eye on Jesus Christ and the things of Heaven and use that to measure all other things against. I asked God to save he gave me grace, salvation, justification, sanctification, love, adopted me as a son, and made me

an heir of his kingdom. I ask God to bless me, and he opened the windows of Heaven and good things came my way and are coming, and will continue to come beyond all that I could dream of coming! His greatest gift is that he allows trials to come into my life so that I continue to be shaped the in image Christlikeness. Praise God

### Fruit of the Spirit

hose who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh and live by the Spirit. Let us in our everyday walk, walk in the spirit so that we produce the following fruit in our lives.



### **KINDNESS**

Be kind to everyone, that person may be God's child.



#### **GENTLENESS**

If you were to have returned to you the actions and language that you used with others, would you not be gentle?



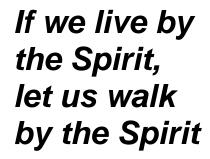
### LOVE

Love one another and find ways to show that love as God has shown his love to ward us.



### **GOODNESS**

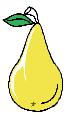
If only Christians could be as good as their salvation.





### JOY

Let your joy be in your salvation so that no one can take it away.



### **FAITHFULNESS**

Lord, let me be found with the faithful in your kingdom



#### SELF-CONTROL

My spirit must take control of my flesh to be pleasing to the Father.



### **PEACE**

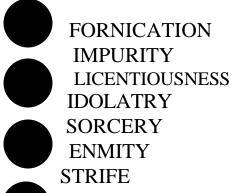
God gave every believer peace that p a s s e s a 1 l understanding.

## KNOW THE WORKS OF THE FLESH THAT YOU BEWARE OF EVILDOERS



#### **PATIENCE**

Do not be anxious about anything but trust God to supply all of your needs and he will.







THOSE WHO DO SUCH THINGS SHALL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

## Bear ye One Another's Burdens

BEAR MY BROTHER'S BURDEN.
BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS AND THUS FULFILL THE LAW OF CHRIST! IF SOMEONE IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM. IF HE IS OUT OF A JOB, HELP HIM FIND ONE. IF HE IS SICK, HELP TAKE CARE OF HIM. IF HE IS IN PRISON, VISIT HIM AND REMIND

LOVE THEREFORE

THERE SHOULD BE NO LIMIT OF THE CHRISTIAN'S LOVE TOWARD ALL PEOPLE.

HIM OF THE GOOD NEWS OF THE SALVATION OF JESUS CHRIST. IF HIS CLOTHES ARE WORN OUT, BUY HIM SOME. THERE SHOULD BE NO LIMIT OF THE CHRISTIAN'S LOVE TOWARD ALL PEOPLE. REMEMBER THAT WHEN CHRIST GAVE HIMSELF ON THE CROSS FOR YOU. HE DID NOT ASK IF



YOU WERE WORTHY OR IF IT WAS YOUR FAULT THAT YOU WERE IN THIS SITUATION, HE JUST LOVED YOU RIGHT ON

DON'T GET TIRED BEFORE HARVEST TIME

time is eaping coming. You are going to reap what you sow and more than you sow. Put away the flesh and sow in the Spirit that you might reap the rewards of the Spirit. Sow in love that you reap the rewards of love. Every time that you have an opportunity to do good to a person, do it just like you were doing it to God, you may be. As you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life. If you sow wild oats, you won't like your oatmeal for breakfast. Don't ever get weary in doing good, your reward may not always be in this world but God cannot lie and what you sow, you will reap and more than you sow.

THROUGH DEATH AND THAT LOVE WANTED TO SHARE WITH YOU ALL THAT THE FATHER HAD TO GIVE. GOD LOVED YOU WHEN YOU WERE WRONG AND NEEDED HIS HELP AND SALVATION, YOU USED THE SAME CRITERIA THAT HE DID, THINK HOW MANY MORE PEOPLE THAT YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO HELP THROUGH A TOUGH TIME IN THEIR LIFE. DO YOU FOR ONE MOMENT THINK THAT GOD WILL TAKE AS AN EXCUSE FOR YOUR NOT MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU THAT SOMEONE SOMEWHERE IS JUST TRYING TO GET OVER ON THE SYSTEM BECAUSE HE IS LAZY? IF GOD HAD MINISTERED TO YOU WITH THE SAME CRITERIA THAT YOU HAVE IN HELPING OTHERS, WOULD YOU BE SAVED TODAY?

GOD LET ME LOVE ENOUGH TO LOOK PAST THE IMPERFECTIONS AND SEE NEEDS OF YOUR CHILDREN.