

## The Book of Galatians – Part 10 (Chapter 4)

Ladies and gentlemen, I'm so very excited about our teaching this morning. As I get into our teaching this morning, you're certainly going to see why I'm excited.

This morning we're going to pick up where we left off in the last lesson in the book of *Galatians*. We're going to start in chapter 4. This is actually part 10 on the teaching of the book of *Galatians*, but last week we finished up in chapter 3. There are a few things that we may touch upon in chapter 3, but as of now, we're going to pick up in chapter 4.

In chapter 4 there is some very interesting terminology. As I began to talk to you a few lessons ago, we're about to get into the real meat. We've been in the meat of the book of *Galatians*, and it is about to get a little deeper.

I really need people to be in tune and to pay attention. We certainly want to take good notes. Often times as we're reading the Bible, we can't help but read the Bible with our Modern-day thoughts.

It doesn't matter whether we're in the West or we're in the East. Being in Israel; being in the land and being in congregations in the land of Israel, it is unfortunate that Middle Easterners (whether it be Christians, Messianics, or those individuals in the congregations that we visited)...

I was in a nursing home. Actually it was a senior's home – Ebenezer's House in Tel Aviv. This senior home was full of Jews. There were Orthodox, Messianic Jews, (which were Christians and Catholics) and even Christian Arabs. There are individuals who are in there.

What is really interesting is that the Western gospel has been exported. Therefore even as I am ministering in Israel, I am dealing with people who have a Western gospel mindset; not a Hebrew mindset, not an Israeli mindset. The folks of a Hebrew mindset, the folks that are of a so-called Hebraic mind, are in Judaism. In order to get into a Hebraic

mindset, you'll find that those who propagate a Hebraic mindset are incorporating within their religious belief system, traditions that come straight out of Judaism.

You need to understand that we are going to be talking about Judaism a lot. Believe me when I tell you that attacking Judaism is not attacking Jews. It is just like how attacking Baptist doctrine is not attacking people who attend a Baptist church, but it is difficult for people sometimes to separate themselves from their religious beliefs.

When a person hears something that is anti-Catholic and they are Catholic, they take it personally. When people hear things that are "anti" their denomination, they take it personally; instead of looking at it from a biblical viewpoint. It doesn't matter what denomination or religious view you come from. You should always be open to what the Bible is actually teaching and saying.

If what the Bible is teaching and saying contradicts what you have been taught to believe, then you need to be willing to make an adjustment. If nothing else, look at the truth. Look at the facts. If the facts contradict your beliefs, you now have a choice to make; to hold onto your beliefs or to embrace the facts, which sometimes is going to be contrary to what you believe. Are you with me today?

I'm going to be dealing with some issues, but I'm not going to be dealing with people. Sometimes people get it confused, that just because I'm dealing with a people or a belief system, that I'm attacking a people. We're going to make a very clear distinction. We've done it. We've tried to do it, but still people hear, but don't hear.

*Galatians* chapter 4 verse 1:

Gal 4:1 – "Now I say, *That* the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a **servant**, though he be lord of all;"

I need you to see something. *Galatians* 4:1 is not the beginning of a new conversation, although it is the beginning of a new chapter. It is a continuation of *Galatians* chapter 3. This is what we find in *Galatians* chapter 3 verse 27:

Gal 3:27 – “For as many of you as have been baptized into Messiah have put on Messiah.”

Gal 3:28 – “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Messiah Yeshua.”

Gal 3:29 – “And if ye be Messiah’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

In the last teaching we talked about the whole idea of what it means to be under a schoolmaster. We looked at that word and found that the word was the same word that Paul talked about in the book of *Corinthians*. We’re not going to go back in there, but *Galatians* 3 continues in *Galatians* 4 when he says:

Gal 4:1 – “Now I say, *That* the heir,”

That is a continuation of Abraham.

Gal 3:29 – “And if ye be Messiah’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

The fact of the matter is that those of us who are of faith are the heirs to the promise that was made to Abraham. The questions here (because we’re going to look at this) are:

“Does faith come before the Law?”

“Or does faith come after the Law?”

The questions are going to be answered and I hope that it is very clear to you as we see it. The word here that he says is:

Gal 4:1 – “Now I say, *That* the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a **servant**, though he be lord of all;”

What Paul is saying here ladies and gentlemen, is that if I am a king (and I am), my sons are not kings. They are princes. There can only be one king in a kingdom. Are you with me? The only way a prince can become a king is that the king dies. As a prince, my son is an heir to my throne.

But as long as he is a child, until he becomes of age, my wife (who is the queen mother), may have to kind of control things until the king (the son) becomes of age.

Paul is explaining to us that as long as a child is a child, that child is no different than a servant. When we look at the schoolmaster, the schoolmaster is not the Law. The schoolmaster is the instructor; not the instructions.

When it comes down to that child who is an heir; even though that child is an heir, (s)he is a servant until (s)he enters into adulthood.

We know that according to the Bible, there were a lot of young kings. But we also know that there were some moms who were queens and who had a tendency to usurp their children’s authority. I wish I had time. I would go into some of that, because we’re going to allude to some of this in this teaching.

A servant is the word “*doulos*.” It means: a slave, bondman, man of servile condition; a slave; metaphorically one who gives himself up to another’s will; those whose service is used by Messiah in extending and advancing his cause among men; a servant, attendant.

What is he saying here?

“...a child, differeth nothing from a **servant**, though he be lord of all;”

Even though the prince is heir to the throne, the prince doesn't become a king until the king is dead. Once the king is dead, even if the child is not in a place where they can rule, then there is someone who is the governor or someone who is in charge, but not in charge.

They are the one who makes sure that the son is cared for until that son is in a place where that son can rule. Are you all with me here? Verse 2. But it is under tutors. Here is what he says:

Gal 4:1 – “Now I say, *That* the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a **servant**, though he be lord of all;”

Gal 4:2 – “But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.”

What Paul is trying to do here ladies and gentlemen, is that Paul is trying to give us some illustration of what he is talking about. He is writing to a people not in our day, but a people in his day that did not have all of the information that we have to filter through.

You see, we've got hundreds and hundreds of sermons that we've heard and that we have to filter through. That's what kept many people in the bondage of rejecting the Law. That's what kept many people in the bondage of Sunday denominational traditions.

It is not because individuals read the Bible and came to a conclusion. It is because they were taught the Bible and were brought to the conclusion of the teachers; or should I say the tutors the governors, the so-called pastors and apostles and prophets.

You have to understand something. The apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers that Yeshua established didn't come with a denominational message.

They taught what he taught. Today people are teaching *about* Jesus, **not what Yeshua taught.** That's *the gospel about Jesus Christ, not the gospel Yeshua taught.* The gospel Yeshua taught is the gospel that his apostles and prophets of the Bible taught.

This child is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

Gal 4:3 – “Even so we, when we were children,”

In the last teaching we spent a lot of time looking at the “we” and “us.” When you see “we,” Paul is referring to specific individuals. I’m going to show you this even more clearly here in this passage.

Gal 4:3 – “Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:”

Gal 4:4 – “But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made **under the law,**”

Gal 4:5 – “To redeem them that were **under the law,**”

Stop right there. To redeem who? Them that were under the law. Who were under the law? Israel was under the law. What law were they under? What law were they under? **The Pharasaic law.** They were under the laws of the Pharisees and the laws of the Sadducees.

Yeshua had already told them. Moses gave them the Law, but they weren't keeping it. We're going to see that Paul is teaching the same thing. Watch this!

Gal 4:5 – “To redeem them that were **under the law,** that **we** might receive the **adoption of sons.**”

Think about this for a moment. If he's talking about them that were under the law – let me give you a spoiler alert. As I stated in the last lesson, some of you got it; some of you didn't. **The Gentiles were never under the Law.** Never.

They followed dumb idols. The Gentiles were under idolatry. They worshipped idols. They never worshipped or kept the Law. They were idol worshippers. **The only people who were under the Law were the religious leaders who taught the people their doctrine; which Yeshua warned his disciples to beware of.**

“Beware of the leaven (or law or teachings or doctrines) of the Pharisees.”

“Beware of the leaven (teachings or doctrines) of the Sadducees.”

“Beware of the leaven (teachings or doctrines) of Herod.”

**If you don't get this, you will miss it.** The Jewish people were not under YeHoVaH's Law. They were under the law of the Pharisees and the law of the Sadducees; which Yeshua told them to beware of (and the law of Herod).

The only challenge here is that the Pharisees' law the Sadducees' law and the law of Herod were indistinguishable as far as the Greek language; when it comes down to the New Testament.

When we hear the word “law,” how do we know what law he is referring to? The only way you will really know is by context; not by word search or word study, only by context.

Paul says something *very* intriguing here in verse 5. He says:

Gal 4:5 – “To redeem”

To redeem, to buy back, to pay for...

Gal 4:5 – “...them that were under the law, that **we** might receive the **adoption of sons.**”

Why would those who were under the law (the Jews) need to be redeemed? Why would they need to be redeemed?

“...that **we** might receive the **adoption of sons.**”

Now wait a minute. Wasn't Israel the apple of YeHoVaH's eye? Weren't they His children? History shows us that when Israel abandoned the Law of YeHoVaH, they disowned Him; and even at points, He divorced them. That's because they began to worship idols.

They had Asherah poles. They had high places. When the kingdom was split, they began to worship all kinds of idols. The first commandment is:

“I am YeHoVaH your Elohim who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other Elohim before my face.”

Israel was lost. Israel was lost! When people hear “Israel,” they hear the “House of Israel,” not the “House of Judah.” Yeshua came not to save the House of Judah and not to save the House of Israel, but to seek and to save them that were lost. Therefore he came to seek and to save the House of Israel as a whole. Do you get this? Follow me.

The word here to buy back, or buy up or ransom; is the word that we have: redeemed (Greek: *exagoradzo*). Now the question is:

“Who was under the law?”

The Jews! They were practicing Judaism. The Bible refers to these individuals and the religion of the Jews or

the traditions of the elders that made the Law of God of no effect. This is what Yeshua says. **The religious leaders had set aside the Law of Elohim and were teaching for commandments, the traditions of men.**

This is still going on in Paul's day, except in Paul's day there were Pharisees who believed. We see this in *Acts*. We see it all of the way through *Acts*. We see it specifically in *Acts* 15. When they were addressing the issue of how a person can come into faith, there were Pharisees who believed.

Judaizers (as we pointed out in our teachings), are Pharisees who believed. Judaizers are not people that are trying to push Judaism and to get people to abandon Messiah; but to incorporate their traditions into the faith in association with Messiah. By incorporating Judaism, what one does is that one begins to water down the word – thus destroying the Torah.

If you add one iota, one jot or one tittle to the word, you destroy it. We are not to add anything to it and we're not to diminish anything from it.

Judaism, by incorporating its tradition, begins to add to the Law. This is why people are praying to the East. They are not commanded to pray to the East, but I'll tell you. If you go into a Messianic Jewish community who believes in Yeshua, I guarantee you that you will have people praying to the East.

You're going to have individuals lighting candles. We're not commanded to "kindle" any Sabbath lights! But you have people kindling Sabbath lights. People will say:

"What I'm trying to do is to make a distinction between the Sabbath and the rest of the week. The Sabbath day is special, so candle lighting for me..."

This is what they say.

“...is to separate Sabbath from the sixth day...to separate the seventh day from the sixth day.”

Do you know what Father gave us to do that? The moon! He gave us the sun going down. When the sun goes down, there is a separation from the day. So why are you kindling Sabbath lights at six o'clock?

“Okay the sun is down in Israel. Well, that's the Sabbath.”

“But it's not down here.”

Come on folks. How can people be kindling Sabbath lights at six o'clock when the sun is not going to be going down for three more hours or two hours or an hour? Is the sun down?

“Well, no.”

Then why are you kindling Sabbath lights? Hello?

The Gentiles were never under the Law. The Gentiles were without Law. At intervals in Israel's history, they too were without Law. This is what caused YeHoVaH to send them into exile.

2 Chronicles 15:1-2 – “And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded:” <sup>2</sup>And he went out to meet Asa,”

If you study this story, Asa's mother was an idol worshipper as well as one who worshipped God. Asa was king...

“...and said unto him, ‘Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; the Lord *is* with you,’”

He was one of those good kings. Asa's problem was that Asa did not destroy the high places. But this is what he says.

“...the Lord *is* with you, while ye be with him;”

Well, what if you stop being with Him? Then He's not with you!

“...and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.”

2 Ch 15:3 – “Now for a long season Israel *hath been* without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and **without law.**”

Paul, in *Romans 2* says:

Ro 2:10 – “But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:”

What is this all saying here? Paul is saying just as he said in *Romans* chapter 1, that he is not ashamed of the gospel of Messiah Yeshua. It is the good news. It is the gospel of YeHoVaH unto salvation. This salvation came to the Jew first or to the Hebrew first and then to the Greek. It came to Israel first.

The gospel as the Torah and as the presence of the Almighty and as the Spirit, established its home base in Jerusalem.

The prophet says earlier that the Torah shall go forth from Jerusalem. The presence and power of the Holy Spirit was given in Jerusalem. Where the House of YeHoVaH was, is where the presence and Spirit and power of YeHoVaH was. When the people who were filled with the

presence and Spirit and power of YeHoVaH went out, they received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Where? In Jerusalem.

Here Paul is saying that Judah or Judea is where the Spirit was revealed and the gospel of Yeshua shall go forth from Jerusalem just as the Torah is going forth from Jerusalem. This is what Yeshua said to his disciples:

“Stay in Jerusalem until you receive power from on High. When you receive the Holy Spirit, you shall receive power and you shall be my witnesses.”

He instructs them that they are to go and take the gospel beginning in Jerusalem; spread out into Judea, go into Samaria and into the outermost parts of the world. What you see is the gospel going from Judah, Samaria and Galilee. Israel was split into Judah, Samaria, Galilee. Judah, Benjamin and Simeon. Ephraim and Manasseh (Samaria). The rest of the tribes were in Galilee.

What is he saying? The gospel is going to start here in Judah. Then it's going to work its way into Samaria. Then it's going to work its way to Galilee and then to the ends of the Earth.

What he is saying is that all of Israel is going to hear the gospel before the rest of the nations hear the gospel. This is why Yeshua came to seek and to save the House of Israel. That's why geography is important. You will see that based on the very instructions, he says:

“When you get the gospel and you receive it, go this way with it.”

(Laughs) He says:

Ro 2:11 – “For there is no respect of persons with Elohim.”

Understand this!

Ro 2:12 – “For as many have sinned **without law** shall also perish **without law**: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;”

Ro 2:13 – “(For not the hearers of the law *are* just before God,”

Do you all see this?

**“...but the doers of the law shall be justified.”**

The doers of the Law are justified. That word there is “made righteous.” The righteousness of YeHoVaH comes through Yeshua. When Yeshua comes into us, he is not going to take us away from YeHoVaH. He is going to point us to YeHoVaH.

As he points us to YeHoVaH, YeHoVaH and His word are one. He says that if you say you love YeHoVaH and you do not keep His Law, His commandments, then you are a liar.

This is where Marcion messed people up by creating this God of the Jews and God of the Gentiles. Jesus Christ is a New Testament God.

Now we see that whole trinity – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Jesus is “God” and therefore Jesus/“God,” is the God of the New Testament who has delivered us from the God of the Law.

So now it’s “we’re not under the Law, we’re under grace” because “Jesus brought grace and grace delivered us from the Law;” which is that God of the old Testament and the God of the Jewish people.

**The doers of the Law.** This is what Paul is saying. Wait a minute Paul. Wait a minute. Paul is saying that you don’t have to keep the law. How can you be justified by the Law?

This is why it is so important that we read everything that Paul says. Either Paul is a contradictory individual or confused, or Paul knows exactly what he is writing; even though other people might not understand. Do you know why people confuse Paul? Because they cut and paste Pauls' teachings. They read over here:

"See? Paul says 'we're not under the Law.'"

But Paul over here says that the **doers** of the Law shall be justified. **The just shall live by faith!**

Ro 2:14 – "For when the Gentiles, which have not the law,"

Now get this. **The Gentiles never had the Law! The Gentiles were not under the Law. They worshipped idols.** Paul makes it very clear here that there is something unique about YeHoVaH. There is something unique about Him that you and I can't explain.

This is why you will have people all over the world all of a sudden waking up with this desire to read about the Sabbath. For no reason whatsoever they have a desire to know about the feasts. They start searching and asking questions about Passover and...

"What's this about this Tabernacle?"

They're just asking questions out of the blue. It's like:

"What's wrong with you man?"

"I don't know, but it's something that is drawing me and driving me to seek for information and answers on these subjects. I don't know where it comes from."

I'll tell you where it comes from. It's the sovereignty of YeHoVaH that is invading the space of His creation. Now watch this:

Ro 2:14 – “For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:”

How can a Gentile who doesn't have the Law, do that which is contained in the Law? Do you know how? It's this supernatural thing that all of these folks out there in the Christian world want to throw at us.

“Listen brother, all we need is a circumcision of the heart. God is going to write His Law on our hearts.”

That's exactly what He's going to do. That's *exactly* what He's going to do. So a Gentile who doesn't even know the Law, who hasn't been exposed to the Law, all of a sudden is *doing* the Law, but nobody taught them.

Okay. Let me read verse 14 again. Then I need you to show this next PowerPoint. As a matter of fact, you can show this.

Ro 2:14 – “For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:”

Ro 2:15 – “**Which show the work of the law written in their hearts,**”

Do you all see that? This is exactly the New Covenant/The ReNewed Covenant – that He is going to write the Law on our hearts. It is not some mamsy-pamsy out-of-the-box Westernized, theological, denominational doctrine that He is writing upon the hearts of people. He is writing His Law upon the hearts of people.

When a person who doesn't have the Law, who hasn't been exposed to the Law, starts doing the Law, how does

this happen? It just shows that like Paul said. It just shows the work of the Law written in their hearts. This is, as they used to say in the churches where I came from:

“This is a ‘God’ thing. Now that’s a ‘God’ thing.”

He in His own sovereignty, who still lays claim to the Earth and the inhabitants of the Earth and the fullness of them; everything in it is His. It is just as He put His commandments into Adam and Mrs. Adam and He spoke to them, and just as He spoke to the prophets (who many of which were not Jewish by the way).

As I have said to people, Abraham was not a Jew and he wasn’t the first Jew. Isaac was not a Jew. Jacob was not a Jew. Joseph wasn’t Jewish. Judah...

Ro 2:15 – “**Which show the work of the law written in their hearts,**” their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)”

When the Gentiles (who do not have the Law) are doing that which is written in the Law, what he is saying is that YeHoVaH is at work. He is writing His Law upon their hearts and they are just doing it.

I remember as I have shared with you before, that as I was going through a divorce (which was the result of me running from God), I was hearing His voice and trying to drown His voice out with Johnnie Walker Red and cocaine and marijuana and everything else I could get my hands on.

When I finally came to a point where I was cornered and couldn’t see my way out; like most people who have some kind of reason left, I surrendered. In that surrender with my back up against the wall and no place to turn, it was like:

“Okay God, I give.”

Now it was:

“This is what I’ve called you to do.”

“Well, how can you call me to do this? Don’t you know I’m going through a divorce? How can you call me knowing that I’m going through a divorce? At least give me my wife back.”

The thing that still perplexes me for many years is that my parents were divorced. Their parents were divorced. My siblings practically were all divorced. As a matter of fact, I have one brother alive – actually I have three brothers and three sisters who are alive. I have one brother and a sister who are still married to their original spouses. Everybody else; some have been married two or three times.

I never could understand why it was and where that conviction came from. I think if you and I were to look back at some of our convictions (that were contained in the Law that we didn’t know about until after we had come into the Law), then when started keeping the Sabbath and started keeping the commandments, it is like:

“Wait a minute. THAT’S where that came from!”

I’m reading in the Law and seeing convictions that I had, and I had no idea where those convictions came from. This is the sovereign Elohim putting His commands in our hearts; unbeknownst to us to where we have the desire to do the things of YeHoVaH. This is what has brought us to this place where you and I are, right now.

Most people have not embraced the conviction that is there. Instead they have continued to submit themselves in a denomination that they feel some kind of worldly connection and allegiance to.

The fact that you are keeping the commands; the fact that you are celebrating and honoring the Torah and the Sabbath days and desiring to keep the feasts is an indication that the Almighty was at work in your heart while you were in the church.

There are many people who are in the church; worshipping on Sunday, celebrating Christmas, putting up Christmas trees and Easter bunnies with the conviction in their heart where they have not yet allowed the fullness to manifest.

They are quenching. They are resisting, you see. What happens is that the intensity of the Almighty continues to build. At some point that intensity of His presence in our lives gets us to a point where we are now searching for stuff in secret.

Gentiles with the Law, not from the Bible, not from the scrolls, but written by the finger of Elohim in our inward parts. There are so many; by the myriads. There are hundreds of thousands, millions of folks all around the globe who are sitting up in these churches. They are grieving the Spirit, resisting the Spirit and are in bondage to their denomination. They are slaves to their denominations. Allegiances to their denominations.

“Well, you know, I’ve given a lot of money to this church. I just can’t leave.”

“Well you know, my mama, my papa, my grandpapa. They have helped build this church. Do you see that pew? My family’s name is on that pew. That pew right there is dedicated to my family. I can’t leave!”

The whole time Father is tugging and pulling. They are tossing and turning in their sleep. Now you see that this is the importance of, this is the value of you and I. It is not to try to convince people about the commandments, but every

opportunity we get, to share it with them. You see, I'm not going to argue with somebody. I may be a waterer, that's it. I may be a planter. All I may be is a person who plants the seed. It's not my job to stay around and watch the seed germinate and bring forth fruit. It's not my job. I'm a sower at this moment.

Then I may come along after you have sowed and be a waterer. Then there are others who come and water and water and water. You are just throwing a little bit of water on that seed and throwing a little bit of water on that seed. It's not your job to bring that harvest in.

He called somebody else some time ago or will in the future who will speak to that person and all of a sudden they will have a revelation. That revelation didn't just happen. What just happened was that somebody explained it in a way to the point where they got it. Their eyes were opened.

“You know, I never heard it like that before.  
Oh, that's what they meant. That's what  
Bailey was trying to say. That's what...”

They start thinking in their mind about all of the times and conversations they have had over the last ten years. They remember the person who planted the seed. They remember the waterers who came along and watered that seed. You've heard them in their conversations. You even remember.

Here it is and these individuals are doing the Law. Then Paul says:

Ro 2:16 – “In the day when God shall judge  
the secrets of men by Yeshua Messiah  
according to my gospel.”

After Paul's conversion, he no longer practiced Judaism but used his knowledge of Judaism to win those who were under the law of Judaism. When you see the term “under

the law,” generally (not always) that means under Judaism. *Now remember that Paul has given up Judaism.* Pay attention please.

**1 Co 9:20 – “And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;”**

Why would he become as a Jew? Was he Jewish? No. He was a Benjamite. He’s not talking about becoming one. How can Paul who is a Jew, become a Jew? He says:

**1 Co 9:20 – “And unto the Jews I became as a Jew,”**

Basically what he is saying is that:

“When I got around people who are in Judaism...”

**“...that I might gain them that are under the law;”**

As under the law. That I might gain them that are under the law. In Paul’s day (just as in Yeshua’s day) and just as there are in our day, there are people who claim to be Jews who are not religious. They are secular. They are atheists. They don’t go to a synagogue. They don’t go to a church.

They don’t even keep any of the commands. They eat pork. They violate the Sabbath day. They want nothing to do with it because for them – how many of you were brought up in a strict Christian home and as soon as you got to be an adult, bam, you ran?

That’s what religion does to us when we’re brought up in a strict environment that we didn’t choose. I have a son who says:

“That’s you all’s religion. How can you believe something like that?”

I have to work with him because I had a lot of questions too. I had some dumb questions. You know? If God wants us to be saved, why did He put the serpent in the garden to deceive the woman? Why did He let man eat the apple or the fruit? You know some of you have had some of these conversations before. These are ways to talk ourselves out of something that makes no sense.

Let me be very transparent with you. Don’t think for a moment that we have a monopoly on the Kingdom. When I say this, you need to understand something. Some of us have been so brainwashed, it is hard for us to think that there are people in the world who can deny or reject the existence of God.

There are people out there who have not been exposed to what you’ve been exposed to. There are people out there who have been trained (even in the womb or throughout their life), that God doesn’t exist.

There is a world of people. The more we live and grow, that population grows as well. So there is a world of people out there who reject the notion of a higher power, an all existing one, an invisible one that created what we know of today as the Heavens and the Earth.

Science has not helped in many ways because they’ve passed on other types of theories; especially the theory of evolution or the Big Bang theory that man came out of nowhere and just evolved. There’s a world of people out there who believe that.

When you bring to them this book – as a matter of fact we had a young man in here the other day because we were having some problems with our internet. I engaged in a conversation with him. He was brought up in the church. His name is Moses. I said:

“Moses, how did you get the name Moses?”

He said:

“Well, my mama was religious.”

Obviously.

“My mama was going through some stuff.”

He started giving me the rundown on it.

“Then I had to start staying with my grandma and my grandma raised me up in church. But when I left my grandma, I got away from all of that.”

I said:

“Moses, why did you get away from all of that?”

He said:

“Because I had a lot of questions.”

I said:

“Moses, if you had a lot of questions, did you look for answers? What kind of questions did you have?”

He said:

“There’s a lot of people out there who have a lot of questions. They’re not looking for answers.”

We who have answers, are not sharing. This is why Yeshua called. He said:

“You need to make disciples. You need to make disciples who will make disciples. And disciples need to go into the whole world and let the world know that there are

answers to the questions that they have.  
There is some good news.”

There are too many people who are walking around this Earth who are devoid of answers. They don't even know where to turn to, to look for answers. They are not going to walk up into these places and say:

“Hey, I've got some questions.”

They are not going to do it. There are some sitting around the screen right now. That's why we have Q&A. That's why we have questions and answers. I know there are people saying:

“Man, we've been here for an hour and a half. Hurry up and get this thing over with. I've got things to do.”

You know, you're free to get up and go any time you feel like it.

“Really?”

Let me tell you what religion has taught us. Religion has taught us to sit and to be quiet and to wait for the benediction. There are folks even in the Hebrew Roots movement who are not going to move until they hear the Aaronic benediction. They want you to hurry up and pronounce the Aaronic benediction so they can move! It's like:

“What do you mean? I can't leave here without my blessing!”

“You came here without it?”

Are you following this? Think about what you are saying. When you are walking in authority and power, you don't need somebody to pronounce a benediction over you. You are pronouncing benedictions over other people. You

are laying hands, speaking the word. You are a walking, breathing, talking word of Elohim – the word that has become flesh!

But religion has trained us. And although we have left those religious denominations, the training is still there. We've just transported, transferred, and moved our membership.

“Oh, by the way, why don't you have membership?”

Really? So Paul says:

“Unto the Jews I became a Jew.”

What is he saying? Paul had this unique ability because he had knowledge of different ethnicities and communities. He could go from one community to another community. He could go into the secular community. He could go into the religious community. He could go into the Gentile community. He could go into any community wherever he was, and explain.

You have to understand. Folks, this is one of the most difficult things to get people to see. But let me tell you something. When Paul went to the region of Galatians, he didn't have copies of 1 Corinthians in his pocket.

He wasn't handing out 1 Corinthians and Ephesians to the Galatians. He was speaking to the Galatians where the Galatians were. I would say that the Galatians probably never heard of a first Corinthian or a second Corinthian letter and vice versa in other different congregations.

You see, when I go to Russia or Israel or wherever I go, basically what I'm going to try to help them understand is this Bible within the context in which it is written. But everywhere you go you have people who have already come to the conclusion of the context of the Bible. This is where the arguments come in.

“Well, that’s not what that passage says.”

Well, it may not necessarily be what that passage says, but when you take that passage in the context of the book or the letter that it is written in, it is saying exactly that.

“...to them that are under the law;”

He says in verse 20:

1 Co 9:20 – “**And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;**”

1 Co 9:21 – “To them that are **without law, as without law,**”

Now notice what he says here.

**“(being not without law to God,**

He says:

“...to them that are without law, as without law”

When I came to those who are without law, I became as one without law, but not being as one who is without the Law of God. What he is saying is that:

“I didn’t bring Judaism with me. I came under the Law of God, not under the law of Judaism; but under the Law of Messiah.”

Being under the Law of Messiah *is not a different law* than the Law of YeHoVaH. The Law of Messiah is the same Law as the Law of YeHoVaH. Paul is saying that when he came to them that were without Law; being not without Law to God but under the Law of Messiah, basically he is saying:

“I have abandoned Judaism. I am not bringing Judaism with me. But I haven’t abandoned God and His Law, and everywhere I go, the Law is with me.”

This is what he is saying. Read it. He makes it clear. And for whatever reason, the writer/the translator wanted to make sure that you didn’t miss it; and he put it in parentheses.

“...that I might gain them that are **without law.**”

Paul said he was not without Law to God, but under the Law of the Messiah. Paul is saying that by being in God’s Law he is under the Law of Messiah. To them that were under the law of Judaism, they were not under the Law of Messiah.

**Judaism in Paul’s day and Judaism today rejects Messiah, period.** Some people like the Muslims – the Muslims say:

“Well, we’ve got the Koran and we believe in Jesus and we have Abraham, so we’re covered.”

Do you hear what I’m saying? There are Messianic Jews who say:

“Do you know what? We’ve got Yeshua, but we’ve also got the sages as well as the Law of God, so we’re covered.”

The problem with Messiah in the mix of all of this is how do you distinguish the sages; the laws of Judaism from the Law of Yeshua? There are many in Messianic Judaism who are doing things that you would find in a Jewish synagogue.

When I was in the Messianic Judaism, the rationale was this:

“We have to make our service look Jewish in case a Jewish person comes in. They should feel comfortable in our service. As a matter of fact, we’re going to be so Jewish, we’re going to be more Jewish than the Jews, to provoke the Jews to jealousy.”

How are you going to provoke Jews to jealousy by trying to look Jewish? You might make them mad, not jealous. It is like:

“You guys don’t know what you are doing. Let me show you how it’s done.”

“Oh! We’ve got a Jew who wants to be one of us!”

(Laughs and jokingly says:)

“Now it’s really about to get ‘Jewish’ up in here!”

You’ve got cantors. Now they want to sing the “Shema.” It’s like really? Oh yeah, that’s the way they do it in the synagogues. Why are you trying to do what they do in the synagogue? I don’t get that. I thought that was the way to go, but now I don’t get that. I understand why when Yeshua says:

“Don’t get it because once you start going down that road, you’re trapped. You’re trapped in the very thing that I tried to deliver you from.”

That’s exactly what was happening to the Galatians. Somebody came in after Paul and bewitched them.

## **Judaism in Paul's day and Judaism today rejects Messiah.**

- Whether it is Pharisaic Judaism
- Messianic Judaism

Messianic Judaism is a mixture of Judaism and Messiahism which adds to and therefore destroys the Law.

- Karaite Judaism or
- Any other form of Judaism

Do you know that Karaites; Karaite Judaism, those who practice Karaitism, reject Yeshua? Do you know that?

We had a brother who was here before and he got connected with Nehemia [Gordon] when we were over on Tyvola Road. The next thing you know, he became a Karaite and rejected Yeshua.

There are a lot of Karaites. They are knowledgeable people, informative people, highly educated and intellectual people. And in their intellectualism and in their wisdom, they became fools. When you reject Yeshua, there is no life in you! But you have people running around here saying:

“You know, those who do the will of my Father. That’s what makes them my brother.”

Well let me tell you something. **The will of the Father is that you believe in His Messiah whom He sent!** If you don’t believe in the Messiah in whom He sent, how can you be doing the will of the Father? Are you talking about another father? Yeshua said to the Jews of his day:

“Your father is the devil.”

Let me tell you something folks. You can like people, but reject their doctrine. Just because I mentioned “Karaite,” people might say:

“Oh, he’s talking about Nehemia.”

Listen. I'm talking about a belief system, regardless of who believes it. How many of you know that Nehemia is not the only Karaite on the planet? Hello? **But Karaism is another form of Judaism and they both reject Yeshua!**

Now does that mean that they can say or teach or have information or knowledge? Absolutely. A donkey can have knowledge. And if Father wants him to, He can make him speak. He has in the past.

And He threatened that if we won't praise Him, He will cause the rocks to cry out. The rocks have to obey Him, just like the fig tree had to obey Yeshua. That's not being mean, folks, but we can't tiptoe around things and people if we are going to bring forth the truth. Let me tell you something. When Yeshua brought the truth, he made people mad.

"Oh you know, his disciples came...to Yeshua...the Pharisees didn't like when you said that!"

"What? Who are the Pharisees?"

"Well, the people are afraid."

"I'm not afraid of the Pharisees. No man can do anything to me until my time comes and my time has not yet come."

I know people get all nervous and stuff, but this is not about attacking people. This is about a belief system. If people are connected to a belief system and they can't disconnect from a belief system, they are now – here's the choice you have.

"Well, I can't really expose that belief system because people are going to think I am talking about certain people."

So you compromise so people don't think you are talking about people.

Any form of Judaism is not to be mixed with Messiah; any form. Judaism is the religion of the Jews. I don't care what branch of Jew they are from. It is any Jew who practices their form of religion that teaches them that they cannot receive Yeshua – I don't care how wisely they spin it:

“Well, when Yeshua comes and he shows me he is Yeshua, then I will worship him.”

**He already came!** What do you mean “when he comes?” He already came!

Israel was not without law, but was under the law of Judaism in the days of John the Baptist; whom YeHoVaH sent to call the people to repent. I'm going to stop right here. I hope and we basically got to verse number 4. We'll pick up in verse 5 in the next teaching.

Let me just wrap this up. Next lesson what I'm going to point out to you is John. John came with a message. When John came – John the Baptist was sent by YeHoVaH to call the people to repent.

John was not sent to Syria or Ethiopia. He wasn't sent to Egypt or Lebanon. John was sent to the House of Israel and the House of Judah. John was calling the people to repent.

The question I started asking myself probably about nine or ten years ago – actually before that. When I began to go to training with my pastor after I announced that I believed that I was called to the ministry, I started preparing for a house sermon. As I told you, the first sermon that I preached was out of *John* chapter 3.

It was dealing with Nicodemus and how you must be born again. The thing that continued to gnaw at my brain was the fact that John (who was of the House of Judah) was

sent to Judah, to Judea, to the people of YeHoVaH; and called people to repent.

In dealing with the idea of repentance, repentance means you need to have a change of heart, a change of mind, a change of direction. So if he is calling the people of Judah, the people of Judea to repent, it means in my thinking and training that I had, that they were going in the wrong direction and they needed to turn.

They needed to have a change of heart. They needed to have a change of mind. Then they needed to have a change of direction. But the people who were more fascinated about John were the religious leaders who sent their disciples to John to ask him some questions.

“Are you the one? Are you the prophet? Are you the Messiah? Are you the one Elijah spoke about?”

John would tell them on a few occasions:

“No, I’m not the one. But the one who is coming after me, I’m not even worthy to bend down and tie his sandals.”

The question that I kept asking myself; and I had been looking for answers and I had found them. If he is calling the Jewish people to repent, that means that people were going in a different direction. If he is calling them to repent and to turn back toward God, then the direction that they are going is away from God.

If they are going away from God and yet they are religious, then is their religion not of God? Why would religious people who are going into the synagogues of the Pharisees and who are going to the temple, need to repent? What would they need to repent from?

The Bible says that people were coming from all over the place and coming to them and confessing their sins. We’re going to get into it. John was called “the voice

crying in the wilderness.” Therefore we are going to go into *Isaiah*. *Isaiah* is going to show us John’s purpose. John had a very limited purpose. He was to proclaim the coming of the Lord. This we know to be Messiah.

*Isaiah* reveals to us John’s purpose and message, but *Isaiah* also reveals to us Yeshua’s message – that when Yeshua comes, Yeshua is going to have a particular message.

Do you know that when we look in *Isaiah* in the next lesson, we’re going to find that **Yeshua was sent to call not only the Jews, but also the Gentiles back to the Law of God.**

*Isaiah* is going to clearly point this out to us. This is what *Isaiah* is going to show us. In order for me to lay this out – He doesn’t say it once. He doesn’t say it twice. He says it several times. He says that this Yeshua is going to restore honor to the Law of God that the people of God (who were supposed to be honoring Him) had disavowed.

As a result, those individuals who had been given the commandments of YeHoVaH; to give the commands, to live the commands and to teach the commands, **these individuals have caused the name of YeHoVAH to be detested among the Gentiles.**

I’m going to show you this. Paul connects it all together. When Peter tells us that Paul is confusing again, Peter is letting us know that if we’re going to understand Paul, you cannot understand Paul without connecting all of the dots that Paul connects.

That’s because over here it looks like Paul is saying one thing and over here it looks like Paul is saying another thing and over here it looks like he’s saying something totally different from the two things that he said over there.

We’ve got the luxury of doing a verse-by-verse study through the book of *Galatians* where we’re going to connect all of this stuff together. I’m telling you that when we’re done, it will be like.

“I get it!”

Some of you have already “got” it. More of you are going to “get” it. I wish again that we could just do a seminar for weekend where I could teach all day long; continuously from *Galatians* 1 all the way through *Galatians* 6 and lay it all out. But it takes a lot of time. It’s going to be hard to do when people have difficulty sitting and listening for more than an hour and a half.

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