

## The Book of Galatians – Part 6

When we look at what Paul is teaching here in the Book of *Galatians*, we know that Paul's writings in the Book of *Galatians* are not disconnected from his other writings. Paul is a person who is addressing issues and dealing with circumstances. In all of these issues and circumstances that he is dealing with, he is addressing them from his knowledge of the word, the wisdom that Father has given him and his experiences; which doesn't separate itself from the writings of *Romans* or from the writings of *Colossians*.

You will find that with much of what Paul is writing, he is using some of the same terminology. He is coming from the same position. He's just coming at it in a different book. As we are going to be looking at *Galatians* part 6, I'm hoping to connect some of these dots so that you can literally see what Paul is actually saying.

Here's something that happens to me pretty much every Sabbath morning. I get up at 5 o'clock in the morning and I start my Sabbath. I lay on my face before the Almighty. I pray. I start to get the mind of the Almighty for the teaching. I begin the preparation of the teaching and several times during the course of the morning on Shabbat, I have to walk away from my computer.

The reason why I walk away from the computer is because Father is inspiring me with certain things that my mind has to – have you heard me say things like “trying to get my mind around something?”

That is a saying that I use when something has blown my mind to such a degree where I now have to allow my mind to focus on what is going on up there so I can comprehend. I not only have to comprehend it for myself, but now I have to figure out by the work of the Spirit how to communicate it to you in a way that you understand it. I understand it, but just because I understand it, if I don't communicate it to you in a way that you understand, you

won't get it. Have you ever tried to explain something to someone that makes perfect sense to you, but they look at you like:

“What in the world are you talking about?”

They have no idea, but it makes perfect sense to you. I've seen situations; especially as people are coming into the Hebrew Roots of the faith. They go and try to explain something that they understand, but in their process of trying to explain it to someone, they don't get it. Part of the reason why they don't get it is because they don't have the revelation that you have received. You see, a revelation to you is where the Father uses something that causes your mind to shift and a light bulb to come on. It's like:

“Okay, wow. I see it!”

It has been in front of you the entire time but you couldn't see it until He turns that light on. Once He turns that light on and you can see it, all of a sudden you've got a revelation.

How do you take the revelation that Father has shown you and communicate it to someone else? You have to understand that with your experiences and the way He has communicated to you, He had to speak to you in such a way and use something that you could relate to that causes your eyes to be opened. That's you as an individual.

Now the person that you are trying to communicate to doesn't have the life experiences and hasn't gone through the things that you have gone through. They haven't focused on key scriptures. They don't have pet scriptures by which they operate. They don't have the same mental blockages or capacity. You're trying to explain something that for you it is easy, but for them, they don't get it. As a result, sometimes we have a tendency to pull things in.

This is one of the dangers of traditions and Judaism as we're going to get into some today, to the point where it

complicates the matter. We're going to "uncomplicate" some things. I believe that Father has gifted me to where we are going to try to simplify stuff that people have complicated.

This is *Galatians* part 6. On Thursdays we have been *Searching the Scriptures*. Ironically our Thursday sessions have coincided with what is happening on Shabbat. You can make those connections. We've been talking about *Faith, Hope and Love*.

Those of you who were with me on Thursday, we're trying to explain how we are in this mode of faith and not able to move beyond it. As I was sharing with you on Thursday, there is a sense of panic that seems to be gripping the church world, the Messianic community and the world at large. There are things that are being said that people are taking and running with. Let me give you a case in point.

Over the last few months, many of you have heard that something is "going to happen" in September or October of this year. There are people who are saying that the economy is going to crash. There are going to be some systems that are going to fail. There are harbingers and other things that are going to take place.

As a result of that, you have people who are saying these things and then people who are repeating what is being said. Then you have folks who are having conversations around what is being said and continually repeating it. And do you know what is going on? There is through the word and through the faith in which people are communicating – they are putting things into the atmosphere and that is creating in the spirit realm.

The more people you can get to agree with you and begin to speak the same things, it seems to create in the realm of the spirit, this idea that "something" is going on. And now you start feeling this.

Then you look at what is going on in Greece and you look at what is going on in China and you look at what is going on in the stock market. Do you know what you are doing? Do you know what is going on here? It is self-fulfilling prophecy. That's exactly what is going on. There is a self-fulfilling prophecy.

It is just like the whole idea of Y2K. Everybody was talking about Y2K. Then Y2K comes and goes. But before that coming and going, there was something going on in the realm of the spirit that was causing uneasiness among people. That fear has been allowed to get into people's spirit. Now there is this great angst and anxiety about what is going to happen on a particular day.

It is the same thing as when it came down to this gentleman who is no longer here – this Harold Camping guy who was talking about the end of the world. His billboards were all over the place; all over the world and people were anxious. They were saying that it may not happen, but there is a possibility that it might happen.

It just creates in the atmosphere, a spirit that you now begin to feel, just as you have that critical mass speaking things into the spirit realm. You have to understand something, ladies and gentlemen. Everything is spiritual. Everything that we see as far as creation, came to be by words – words spoken into lives or words spoken.

The heavens were created by words. The moon, the stars, the sun, the planets were created; the trees and the animals, by words. Our words have power if you can get two people to agree on anything. That's why you can't come into agreement with certain things. You can't be repeating certain things. I don't care how many people are saying it! Do you hear what I'm saying?

You have to speak that which you are trusting and believing Him to do and not come into agreement with what other people are saying. That is because what happens is that if you are trying to speak what you are saying while

coming into agreement with what other people are saying, it is creating chaos in the spirit. This goes all the way back to:

“This is the day that YeHoVaH has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. I’m not going to let the anxiety of other people get into my spirit and cause me to be anxious.”

Once you let those words in and once you let those things penetrate your spirit, the next thing you know, you are feeling all of this stuff that is going on around you. You might even start speaking things that are contrary to what you believe.

So, words of faith – that is what we have been dealing with, even in our teachings on faith. I feel there is a panic that is going across the American wavelength. It is not just in America. It is in Greece. It is in China and on Wall Street. Are you following me? You can’t come into agreement with the words here under heaven.

You have to come into agreement with the words of YeHoVaH. The moment you come into agreement with the words under heaven, it creates this sense of double mindedness in the realm of the spirit. That is because you are saying that you believe one thing, but you are saying something else.

There is a panic, ladies and gentlemen. How many of you have kind of felt this sense of anxiety around you? Anybody other than me? Yeah. Even with people who are speaking, you’ll notice that even now there are people who are speaking things. This is walking by sight. From a natural standpoint, things don’t look all that great. That’s in the natural realm. But we have the eyes of Messiah or we have the eyes that the Bible tells us – that when we pray, give us eyes to see and ears to hear.

We can see through the realm of the spirit. According to the word, when we have the Holy Spirit, we can even see

things in the future – that’s if we are listening to him and following the Spirit.

That means in order for us to listen to Him and follow His Spirit, we can’t allow other people to get into our spirit and pull us into their spirit. If we do, then we begin to follow their spirit and being to see the things that their spirit is projecting; versus seeing the things that He has spoken and is trying to show us.

You see, when a saint gets anxious, it is an indication that they are not walking in His Spirit. He says to be anxious for nothing but by everything through prayer and supplication. When you get anxious and you start panicking, that is not the Spirit of YeHoVaH. The moment you get into panic mode and anxious mode, you have tapped into something else. That is not the Holy Spirit and you need to just back up off of that, collect yourself, and get back into the Spirit.

Let me tell you something. Even when there was death and destruction going on in Egypt, the children of YeHoVaH were experiencing sunshine and harmony and that is how we are supposed to be.

“Well brother, what about what is going on in...?”

“Well, what about what’s going on in the Kingdom of Heaven?”

I’m not ignorant of what is going on around me. But what I am most concerned about is not what NBC, ABC, CNN and what all of these folks are reporting. I choose to believe the report of YeHoVaH regardless of what the news is saying. Hallelujah.

This is *Galatians* part 6. This morning we’re going to pick up where we left off last week. Last week we left off at *Galatians* 2:20. In *Galatians* 2:20, Paul says these words:

Gal 2:20 – “I am crucified with Messiah: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Messiah liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”

Now little words sometimes can mean a lot. If you notice, Paul says that he lives by the faith of, which is a little bit different than the faith in. We can have faith in, but Father wants us to have the faith of. There is a difference between the faith in Messiah and having the faith of Messiah.

When I desire the faith of Messiah, then I desire to do the things that he did. That is what he is saying; that when I want the kind of faith that Messiah had, then I can now literally believe that I can do the things that Messiah did.

If I simply desire faith in Messiah, then that faith is a faith that would get my name in the Lamb's Book of Life. It would prepare a place for me in the afterlife, but it won't necessarily prepare me to do the work that Yeshua did. That is because I'm simply believing that he has done all that needs to be done and all I have to do is put my faith in him and I'm saved and that's enough.

Yeshua came and told us that the works that he did, we are to do. It takes a whole different level of faith to do the works of Messiah, than it takes to believe *in* Messiah. So when Paul talks about the faith of Messiah, you begin to look at the life that Paul lived.

When Paul had his Damascus Road experience, he had already had zeal to the point where he feared nothing and no one. This is why I believe that he literally had to be lamb basted. I don't see Father coming and having a delicate conversation with Paul and saying:

“Okay Paul, now listen son. You’re going the wrong way son. What you’re doing is against the word.”

You have to understand that what Paul believed he was doing was *based* on the word. Have you ever had a conversation with someone about the word who had an understanding about the word, but who couldn’t comprehend the word you were trying to present? Do you hear me?

Paul had an understanding of the word which pushed him to do the things that he did. So that kind of conversation probably would not have resonated with him, even when he was informed by others that if this is of the Almighty, you can’t stop it.

And yet Paul went from town to town persecuting those who followed the Messiah. Paul had to have an abrupt encounter — one that would literally cause him to “see” the things Father wanted him to see. In order for him to see the things that Father wanted him to see, He had to blind him first.

It is sometimes challenging for people who can see, to see. Sometimes it is almost as if He has to take our sight away from us in order for us to see the things that He is trying to show us. Many of us already approach the Book of *Galatians* with the idea that we understand it — especially the world outside of this room. The world outside of this room is convinced that Paul — not the total world outside this room. But there are many in Christianity who believe that Paul’s letters to the Galatians solidifies the fact that we are not under the law, but that the law is “cursed.”

And we are hard-pressed to convince them otherwise because they’ve already been convinced to see the word from that manner. That’s the same mentality that Paul had. Therefore having a conversation with them along those

lines may not necessarily resonate. This is why Yeshua says:

“Listen, when you go, if they receive you, then they receive me. If they don’t, shake the dust. Move on.”

There are people out there who are ready and willing who the Almighty has already been dealing with. He has sent other people across their path that are ripe for the harvest. We have to be able to recognize those that are ripe for the harvest versus those that are green.

Paul is talking about his life when he says:

“This life that I now live in the flesh”

We need to get this folks, because when you think about it, Paul faced incredible odds everywhere he went and he knew it. Paul knew that where he went, his message was probably not going to be received and yet he taught it anyway. He went into places to try to convince those who were open to be convinced.

In every environment there are people who are open and there are people who are closed. We have to be able to recognize those people who are open and distinguish them from people who are closed so that we’re investing our energy, our time and the word in good ground.

He is saying that his life is now hidden in Messiah. What does that say for us? Our lives are also – those who have faith, are hidden in Messiah. This is also something that he wrote about in *Colossians*.

As we talked about this, we’re going to have to connect Paul’s writings because Paul believed the same regardless of who he wrote to. Paul didn’t have one faith for the Colossians and a whole other faith for the Galatians. Do you hear what I’m saying? Paul was the same Paul who wrote *Romans*, *Galatians*, *Colossians*, *Philippians*, *Timothy*

– same Paul. It’s the same faith and the same belief. He writes here in *Colossians*:

Col 3:1 – “If ye then be risen with Messiah, seek those things which are above, where Messiah sitteth on the right hand of Elohim.”

Col 3:2 – “Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”

This is a challenge for people. Let me tell you something. You can enjoy the things of the earth without being entangled with the things of the earth. The key is that you have things; things don’t have you. It is that you can be willing to walk away from whatever. Do you hear me?

When Father called us to come to Charlotte, North Carolina, we had two houses and a building worth a whole lot of money. We walked away from it all. We left it to go to a place where we had no idea where we were going or what we were going to do. Well, we knew where we were going. We were coming to Charlotte. That’s where He told us to come.

We didn’t know that you all were here. We had never met you before. For those of you who are joining us online, had we stayed in Michigan, we would not be in fellowship right now! And yet there are people who were saying:

“How can you leave your house? Your houses haven’t been sold. You want to wait until you get a good price for your house. And then you can take that money and you can move to Charlotte. You want your building to sell. You want these things to sell.”

Man, we loaded up the truck like the Beverly Hillbillies and we hadn’t hit oil and moved. We left the stuff. Do you

know it's hard sometimes to leave the stuff? The stuff holds you back. But you see when you're not a prisoner of this world; when you are in the world and not of the world, you don't let stuff hold you. You have stuff, but stuff doesn't have you. When stuff has you, stuff will get in the way of what Father is calling you to do. You will let stuff stop you.

Now, I never really said that like that before. We left property – two houses. These weren't cheap houses. Our building was like a mini-mansion. We left that stuff because that stuff wasn't going to hold us back from doing and going where He called us to. We were ready to let all of it go; which we did.

When your life is hid in Messiah, we seek those things that are above where Messiah sits. We set our affection on things above; not on the things of this earth.

Col 3:3 – “For ye are dead,”

He says...

Col 3:3 – “For ye are dead and your life is”

What? Your life is hid.

Col 3:3 – “For ye are dead and your life is **hid** with Messiah in Elohim.”

If we were to go further in *Colossians* chapter 3, we will see that:

Col 3:4 – “When Messiah, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.”

Col 3:5 – “Mortify...”

This word means “to put to death.”

Col 3:5 – “Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil

concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:"

If we had time, we would get into that, but I just wanted to show you those verses. This is the work. Paul is saying:

"Listen, there is some work we have to do."

If you don't deal with you, you will get in the way of Him. If you don't deal with the desires of your heart, and I can spend some time in this verse, but I'm going to move on.

*Galatians 2*, Paul says:

Gal 2:21 – "I do not **frustrate** the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Messiah is dead in vain."

Now he is saying a mouthful here, ladies and gentlemen. The word here is "I do not frustrate." That word "frustrate" is *atheteo*, means to do away with, to set aside. He says:

"I'm not setting aside the grace. I'm not nullifying it. I'm not making it void."

This word, where he says "righteousness," he is saying that this word is: *dikaioisune*, meaning in a broad sense, a state of him who is as he ought to be, righteousness, or the condition acceptable to Elohim.

Righteousness is what he makes us. You cannot make yourself righteous. You cannot make yourself righteous and be acceptable unto YeHoVaH in your own righteous. There is only one way to obtain this righteousness that Paul is talking about. There is a righteousness in the Law.

We are going to look at that in a moment, but that righteousness in the Law does not make you in right standing with Him. There is only one way to be in right standing with YeHoVaH, and that is through Messiah. No

man can come to the Almighty except coming through whom? Anyone who tries to establish a relationship with the Almighty apart from Messiah; their work is futile.

This is very important for us. With what Paul is dealing with here (as we are going to see it) when he is talking about “the law,” we have to ask ourselves:

“What law is he talking about?”

We’ve laid the foundation but we have to continue. I know that for people who are joining us here for the first time, there are those who are asking:

“What is this babbler talking about?”

Because you’ve got *Galatians* part 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 that are prior to *Galatians* chapter 6. But some people who are coming into *Galatians* 6 ignore or are not aware of what is happening in *Galatians* 1-5. They assume that I am making statements that are not verified. But I say to go back because we are not going to be recapping. I’m going to move on.

Paul lays out how righteousness is obtained in *Romans* 10. We’re already looked at *Galatians*. We’ve touched on *Colossians*. We’re going to touch on *Romans*. Look at what he says in *Romans* 10:

Ro 10:1 – “Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.”

Ro 10:2 – “For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.”

They are zealous, but not according to knowledge. This is so important for us because you see Paul is speaking about what he used to be. You have to understand that Paul is speaking about what he used to be. Paul was zealous;

more than all of them. He makes this statement that he excelled all of his peers.

When it comes to zeal, there was no one to compare. How many people that we know of in the Bible, in the Book of *Acts* in the New Testament, that actually went out hunting down followers of Messiah? We only know of one and his name is Paul. At least here in the New Testament, that is what he is referred to – just one.

Others bore false witness. Others pointed him out. But Paul obtained a letter to go from city to city to gather them and to bring them back under arrest. Paul was quite zealous. When he had that encounter with the Almighty, he didn't lose his zeal, but the Father gave him the truth. He took that zeal that Paul had and put him on the path of truth with the same zeal. But now this zeal is according to knowledge. Paul says:

Ro 10:2 – “For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.”

Ro 10:3 – **“For they being ignorant ”**

Now get this. Get this.

Ro 10:3 – **“For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness...”**

This is a key verse.

Ro 10:3 – **“For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.”**

This is exactly what we see through *Matthew*, *Mark*, *Luke* and *John*; which is what Yeshua is addressing when

he is dealing with these religious leaders who have established a form of godliness.

In the Pentecostal Church they said that the people who have a form of godliness but who deny the power are the Baptists. (Laughter). That's what they say.

“Oh, those people, they have a form of godliness but they deny the power. There's no Holy Ghost power.”

Paul is not talking about the Pentecostals or the Baptists, because there was no such thing. He is talking about those who have the commandments. But what they have done with the commandments is that they have *established commandments based upon the commandments*. By establishing their commandments based upon the commandments, they established a righteousness based on their commandments, and not according to the commandments of YeHoVaH.

They had a zeal to go beyond what was written. By going beyond what was written, they added to the commandments. When they added to the commandments, they made the commandments of no effect. They destroyed the Law.

So the Pharisees and the Sadducees kept a law, but it wasn't the Law of YeHoVaH, it was *their version, their interpretation, their additions, their manmade rules and regulations*. This is exactly what the Christian churches and many Messianic communities do, like when you see people putting prayer shawls on their heads and praying.

Now, don't get me wrong. There is nothing wrong with a prayer shawl. But let me ask you this. Do you need a prayer shawl to pray? There is a teaching in many congregations that you have to have a prayer shawl in order to pray in the congregation. You have to wear a kippah to pray in the congregation. You have to look a certain way if you want to be recognized. You have to ask yourself:

“Where does that come from?”

**Ro 10:3 – “For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.”**

What is Paul saying here? He is saying:

“Listen, there is a righteousness that comes from Him. But these people who claim to serve Him have established a righteousness based on the righteousness of YeHoVaH. But in doing so, they have not submitted themselves to His righteousness. Instead they submit themselves to those who established their righteousness based on the righteousness of God.”

How does this work? The Rabbis became more feared than YeHoVaH. The religious leaders became more feared than YeHoVaH. The people feared the religious leaders (man) more than they feared YeHoVaH. This happened in practically every denomination. This is why Yeshua says:

“Don’t call any man ‘Rabbi.’ You only have one Rabbi. Do you understand this? Don’t do it!”

When it comes down to men, men want to lord over other people. Do you know something? People who have not been taught that they can have a relationship and hear the voice of YeHoVaH and be led by the Spirit of YeHoVaH; that they desire to be led by men? People want other people to tell them what to do.

“I don’t want anybody else to tell me what to do!”

Then why don't you have your own business? Why do you spend more time praying for a job (those who are unemployed) than you are praying for the wisdom and revelation to establish a business yourself and become an employer instead of an employee? Don't get angry at me, I'm just a messenger. We've been groomed to be servants. From the time we are born it is:

“Boy, you need to get a good education. You need to get a good education so you can get a good job.”

How many of you have heard that one? How many of you have ever heard that you need to get a good education so that you can establish your own business or that you need to become an entrepreneur? How many of you have ever heard that one? Do you see?

We have been trained to be worker bees. We've been trained to be employees. I get this. Everybody can't be an employer. I understand that concept here in America. But how many of you know that when YeHoVaH brought the children of Israel out of Egypt, that He gave them their own plot of land? He says:

“Now listen, be an employer. You be the boss of this land. You manage what I have given you. If you are unable to manage what I give you, then you are going to have to sell yourself to someone else and become a servant.”

When you become a servant, you look to other people to meet your needs. You look to your job to meet your needs. You look to your boss to meet your needs. You look to your employer to meet your needs. Now this is the ugly truth. How did we get there? Delivered from Egypt, but still have an Egypt mentality.

“Moses, you tell us what to do.”

YeHoVaH’s desire is for each and every one of us to have the kind of relationship with Him – he didn’t say those that are led by the spirit of Arthur Bailey, that they are the sons and daughters; but those that are led by His Spirit.

I have to tell you something, ladies and gentlemen. This is sad for me to confess and admit, but there are way too many people who have sought me to tell them what to do when I have to go to the same Elohim they have access to, to get instructions to Him to instruct them. Otherwise I’m giving them my instructions.

There are too many pastors and religious leaders that are no different than these Pharisees in the Bible that Yeshua said to “beware” of. You read it in the word and then you go to your Pharisee pastor. You read it in the word and then you go to your Pharisee elder.

“Well pastor, this is what the word says, but what say ye? Those people over there at House of Israel say that we’re supposed to keep the Sabbath. Are we?”

“Well, now, the Sabbath is for those Jews. Those people over there, they’re trying to be Jews.”

It is like:

“Really?”

Look around you. Do you see anybody in this room who looks Jewish – other than Efraim? (Laughter) Welcome brother! (Hearty laugh.) Do you hear me?

Now, they’ve been ignorant. What is Paul saying? He is saying that the people that I used to fellowship and worship with, those people that I excelled; those people that I studied with, those people that I served with, were ignorant.

They went about just like I did, to establish my own righteousness. How did they do that? They tried to please the religious leaders in order to excel through the ranks.

This is what happens in denominationalism, believe it or not. You've got people who desire the office of a Bishop. So what do they do? They kiss the Bishop's ring. Do you hear what I'm saying? You have people who are always what they call in the world "brown nosing."

They are trying to get next to the people of authority and power so that they can be recognized as someone who has some influence. They are doing the same thing that the world does in the Kingdom. They are trying to impress some man; like man is going to be the one that promotes you.

Listen, promotion doesn't come from man. It doesn't come from the East or the West. Promotion comes from YeHoVaH. When you please Him, guess what? He will make your enemies at peace with you. When you delight yourself in His word and His Law, He will grant you the desires of your heart. The only thing that is standing in your way from excelling to the greatness that the Almighty has called you to, is you.

I have to admit that it is somewhat of a burden trying to lead a congregation and be responsible for people. It is somewhat of a challenge to have a place that is clean and nice and worship filled so that you can come in and really enjoy. It is a challenge. How many of you know that this stuff costs money? How many of you know that you have to raise money? How many of you know that these lights – they don't give them to you? The electricity; they don't give away electricity. Do you hear what I am saying?

When you become a leader; even a man or a woman who becomes head of your household, you know that in order for you to have an apartment or to have a house or to have property, you are going to incur expenses. Those bill

collectors are going to be looking to you to pay for the stuff that you have accumulated. That is a little pressure.

It takes pressure. It takes risk. It takes chance to become an entrepreneur. It is a risk to become responsible for other people; to make sure that these people's livelihoods are cared for or that their paycheck is in their hands when that paycheck is due. To take care of medical if you have medical and all of the other expenses that go along with running a business, that's a risk. But let me tell you something. The rewards are in the risks.

The world around us wants to complain about the disparity between the CEO and the owner and the lowest person on the totem pole. How can there be such a wide income gap? It is because these people took risks that these people aren't willing to take.

The reward is in the risk, ladies and gentlemen. There is nothing more risky than trusting that you are hearing the voice of the Almighty and stepping out on that. It will cause you to leave your comfort [zone]. It will cause you to leave everything you know.

Ro 10:4 – “For Messiah is the **end** of the law”

For Messiah is the **end** of the law for what? You see people, here Messiah is the end of the Law. What is he the end of the Law for? For righteous. What does that mean? That word *telos* here means to set out for a definite point or goal. *Messiah is the goal. He is not the end of the Law.* He is the goal. This Law that the children of Israel had was designed to lead them to Messiah. That's the goal.

The righteousness that can only be obtained from the Almighty is through Messiah. Now that I've obtained that righteousness that comes from Messiah, how do I live my life in His Kingdom? Do I make up my own rules? The church says:

“Yeah!”

“No, you don’t make them up. We make them up for you. Now if you do this, this, this and this, you’re in good standing with the Lord.”

You mean with your denomination. That is what they mean.

“Well, our denomination IS the Lord’s house. Our denomination is the true ‘church of God.’ Everybody else is going to hell but us.”

Some people are bold enough to tell you. How many of you have been in a church where they say:

“Those people over there, they’ve got it wrong! The only ones who are going to end up in the Kingdom are the ones who are part of this denomination. Everybody else is going to hell...”

“...if they don’t baptize the way we baptize, if they don’t preach and do it like we do it, if they don’t speak in tongues, if they don’t get baptized with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues.”

You’ve got people all over the place who are saying to you and to the people across the street that:

“You all are not going to make it. The only hope for you is in this boat; in this ark, in this denomination.”

Paul does something really interesting, because notice what he says:

Ro 10:4 – “For Messiah is the **end** [or goal] of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.”

Then he quotes Moses. It’s like what does Moses have to do with Messiah? What does Messiah have to do with Moses? Everything that Moses was given points to Messiah. There is a connection. You can’t get to Messiah without going through Moses in a sense, because even we who bring the good news, we’re following the commission. We’re doing what the Almighty says and the Bible tells us:

“Blessed are they who bring good news – how beautiful are the feet of them that bring good news...”

To take the gospel to the nations is not so much a New Testament commandment as it is an Old Testament commandment. Yeshua came and recommissioned the disciples because the Pharisees weren’t doing it anyway. They were too busy building their own righteousness. But how beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news. The prophets prophesied this good news. Moses tried to preach the good news but the people had their own way of doing it. They said:

“You tell us what to do.”

Moses says:

“Listen, you’ve got to understand that I am just like you all, but there is coming a day. The Almighty is going to raise up a prophet from among these – from among our brethren. When He comes, we must *Shema* him.”

Moses is talking about this prophet. This prophet Yeshua; this Messiah Yeshua was with them as a rock in

the wilderness, the gospel in the wilderness. It is the same gospel. So when he is writing, he says:

Ro 10:5 – **“For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law,”**

**“That the man...”**

Now you see, I separated this verse and I separated this verse on purpose. For Moses described the righteousness which is of the law. And here is the description which Moses gave:

**“That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.”**

Here is what people say. Paul said Moses described righteousness which is of the law, which is really a curse that those who do these things shall live by them. You see, Moses right here is being quoted. This is not Paul talking. He is saying what Moses said. What did Moses say? He said in *Leviticus* 18:4:

Lev 18:4 – “You must obey my laws and be careful to follow my decrees. **I am the LORD your God.**”

Lev 18:5 – “Keep my decrees and laws, for the man who obeys them will live by them. **I am the LORD.**”

The man who does them shall live by them. Those are not Moses’ words, neither are they Paul’s words. They are YeHoVaH’s word!

Lev 18:5 – “Keep my decrees and laws, for the man who obeys them...”

Life is in them! You will have life in them. You will live by them. In other words, death/disobedience; life/obedience is in the word. What word? His word! That’s

what Moses is saying. But people don't know that Moses is saying this; that it is coming from YeHoVaH. Moses is simply saying what YeHoVaH says. Notice what He says:

Lev 18:5 – “Keep my decrees and laws, for the man who obeys them will live by them...”

“I said this.”

“I am said this.”

“I am YeHoVaH said this.”

But Paul doesn't say:

“YeHoVaH said this.”

He says that Moses describes this. That's why I separated the verse at the comma and put quotation marks on that portion of it. The New Testament in the Book of *Romans* doesn't do that.

If you don't do it, you'll read right into it that Paul is making a statement concerning Moses; but it is actually Paul speaking. Then Paul goes on to say but the righteousness which is of faith, see? So now what is he hearing? Well, there's a righteousness that Moses talks about, but then there's a righteousness of faith. But guess what? They are one and the same!

Ro 10:6 – **“But the righteousness which is of faith”**

Now notice what Paul is saying. Again, what we should have is a quotation mark. As a matter of fact let me just do this. I'm going to put a quotation mark there. Do you know why? Because Paul is quoting.

Ro 10:6 – **“But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, ‘Who shall ascend into**

heaven?’ (that is, to bring Messiah down from above:)”

And here is where he says it:

Dt 30:11 – “For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off.”

This is what is written. Notice what he says:

Ro 10:6 – “But the righteousness which is of faith”

You’ve got to understand that when he says:

Ro 10:5 – **“For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law,”**

What Paul does which makes this a little challenging to track, is that in one sense he is quoting *Leviticus* in the first portion of this statement (*Leviticus* 18:4-5). Then in the second portion of this statement (verse 6), he is quoting from *Deuteronomy* 30. But he is quoting *Deuteronomy* 30:11, 12, 13 and 14 but you don’t see him nor do you have quotation marks in *Romans* that Paul is quoting from. So I have to show you where they are.

When a person is reading this, they won’t see it because they don’t know. They will read it as if Paul is saying this; not knowing that Paul is quoting. Now here is where the dishonesty I think of translators comes in; that they don’t put a quotation mark. If they put a quotation mark, you would know that he is quoting. So what does he say?

Ro 10:6 – **“But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, ‘Who shall ascend into heaven?’ (that is, to bring Messiah down from above:)”**

He is still quoting Moses.

Dt 30:11 – “For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off.”

Dt 330:12 – “It is not in heaven...”

Now according to religious traditions, the Rabbis use this to establish their authority in the earth. There isn't any point in you looking to heaven, it's not in heaven. The authority that the Almighty has given is to those who represent him in the earth. This is why the Rabbis yield so much authority over people and Yeshua says:

“Don't let any man rule that kind of authority over you. Don't call them 'Rabbi!'”

People say:

“Brother, what should we call you? Can I call you 'Rabbi'?”

“No, call me 'Arthur.'”

“Well, 'Arthur' is personal.”

I'm going to tell you something. I came from denominations that forbid people from calling ministers by their names. It is either Reverend, Elder, Deacon, Pastor, Bishop, Apostle, or Prophet or Evangelist. It was a sign of disrespect to call a person by their first name.

The young school, the up and coming – my parents would not allow me to call another adult by their first name. It was unheard of in my day. I'd get smacked if I went to my mama and called her by her name. I think that is one of the reasons why young people are so disrespectful today, because they are not taught to honor their elders.

They are not taught to honor their older siblings. They are not taught to honor people who are older than them.

If you don't learn the law or at least a semblance of the law in your house – if you don't have laws in your house, or if you do have laws in your house and your children violate the rules in your house, then guess what? If they violate your rules, they will violate the rules out there.

And if you let them violate the rules in your house, you are preparing them for jail. The man, the world is not going to allow law breakers to come into their places of business, into their establishment or into their schools. They are not going to allow people to come in and violate those laws. If you don't teach your children laws, household rules and regulations and hold them responsible, then they will go out and they will disrespect everybody out there.

This is one of the reasons why YeHoVaH says to the children of Israel that if you have a son who is rebellious, hardhearted, hard-headed and won't listen to you, take them to the city gates. That is because if they disrespect you mom; if they disrespect you dad, what makes you think they are going to respect anybody else? You are the first line of authority. If you don't discipline your children, you don't care about them! You don't love them!

“Oh, I love my baby!”

Really? Then how come your baby is cussing you out? How come your baby is talking to you like you stink? How come they are talking to you like you are nothing? They are holding you hostage in your house! They are telling you what to do! You tell them what to do and they go on and act like you haven't said a word! And then you want to fuss after daddy for trying to disciple that hard-headed joker, or fuss at mama because:

“You know, the way you discipline and the way we learned how to discipline is different.”

Yeah, that’s why you’re so disrespectful! That’s why you don’t honor authority. I’m going to tell you something. They have police and even mall cops. Mall cops, police, sheriffs, state troopers, and if they have to call in the National Guard and the army; if you don’t discipline your children, you don’t love them. Now that’s a sidebar.

Dt 30:11 – “For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off.”

Dt 30:12 – “It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, ‘Who shall go up for us...’”

You see, when the children of Israel rebelled against YeHoVaH, He said:

“They rebelled against Moses. They rebelled against the prophets.”

He says:

“They are not rebelling against you, they are rebelling against me.”

What is that saying to you, parents? Your children are not just rebelling against you. They are rebelling against YeHoVaH. Because guess what? If you are supposed to be establishing order and discipline in your home based on the instructions that you receive from the Almighty, you are simply doing what He told you to do. And when they rebel against you for doing what He told you to do, they are not rebelling against you. They are rebelling against Him! And eventually He is coming at them. Now He has to get by you.

Ro 10:7 – “Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Messiah again from the dead.)”

Dt 30:13 – “Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, ‘Who shall go over the sea for us...”

That’s what that “deep” is. Who shall descend into the deep? Paul is quoting Moses.

Dt 30:13 – “‘Who shall go over the sea for us and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?’”

Ro 10:8 – “But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart:”

Dt 30:14 – “But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.”

Paul is quoting Moses!

Dt 30:15 – “See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;”

Dt 30:16 – “In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and YeHoVaH thy Elohim shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.”

Let’s go back to what Paul said (in *Romans* 10:5):

“That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.”

That's what He (YeHoVaH) is saying.

"If you do these things, I will grant you long life and I will prosper you."

What if you violate His commands? You see. The way you teach your children to fear YeHoVaH is not by dragging them to church and taking them to children's church where they can play video games and watch videos. It is not about veggie tales. Veggie tales are not going to teach them the commandments. You can set them in front of a TV or a video all you want and let some perverted youth pastor – not all youth pastors are perverted. But there are a lot of teenage pregnancy that occurs in youth ministry. Something isn't right!

It is to the point now that churches are doing background checks on people that are serving in their youth ministry because there is too much molestation. Perverts! And don't think for a moment that it is not in the Messianic community, because it is big in Judaism!

"Well brother, can you qualify that statement?"

"I sure can!"

Father made it very, very clear how we were to conduct ourselves and who we were permitted to have relationships with. Anyone who had relationships outside of the guidelines that He established was put to death. Do you hear what I am saying? Oh, it's quiet up in here today.

Ro 10:8b – "...that is, the word of faith, which we preach;"

The word of faith that Paul just preached came straight from *Deuteronomy* 30. It is the same gospel; the word of faith.

Ro 10:9 – “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus...”

I want to show you something here. Just follow me.

“...and shalt believe in thine heart that Elohim hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”

Ro 10:10 – “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

Ro 10:11 – “**For the scripture saith,** Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.”

The scripture says whosoever shall believe on whom? It says here Yeshua, right? Whoever believeth on him. But what scripture?

Ro 10:11 – “**For the scripture saith,** Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.”

Isa 28:16 – “Therefore thus sayeth YeHoVaH Elohim, ‘Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner *stone*, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.’”

Paul is quoting from *Isaiah* 28, “shall not be ashamed.” Do the break down.

Ro 10:12 – “For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.”

Ro 10:13 – “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Now you see “Jesus,” “Lord” and “LORD,” and it’s assumed that whosoever shall call upon the name the Lord Jesus, shall be saved. But this is what Joel said:

Joel 2:32 – “And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD...”

You see, now Paul is quoting from *Joel!*

Joel 2:32 – “...whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD”

Shall be saved. Shall be delivered. He goes from *Isaiah* to *Joel*.

Joel 2:32 – “...for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as YeHoVaH hath said, and in the remnant whom YeHoVaH shall call.”

**Whosoever shall call upon the name of YeHoVaH shall be saved!**

Okay, let’s go back to *Galatians*, *Galatians* 2:21. Are you all following me? Paul says:

Gal 2:21 – “I do not **frustrate** the grace of God: for if **righteousness** *come* by the law, then Messiah (Christ) is dead in vain.”

What is he saying? I’m going to tell you how people interpret things based upon what he is actually saying. If we can gain right standing with God by keeping religious traditions, we don’t need Yeshua. That’s the bottom line.

Now, let’s look at Judaism. You see, the only people out there who believe in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, not the god of Allah or the god of Ishmael; although

you know, some will say it. But the people who believe on the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are Christians and who? Jews – until Yeshua came along.

The Christians on the one hand reject the God of the Jews, because the God of the Jews requires the Jews to keep the commandments. So Christianity and Messianic Judaism have a tendency to say that there are now Noahide laws. They say that the Gentiles don't have to keep the Law, but that the *Acts* 15 conclusion is reinforcing what is known as the Noahide laws, which is a set of laws that are for Gentiles who want to be Jews.

They don't have to do the Sabbath. They can do Christmas and Easter but they can eat what they want to, they just shouldn't eat things strangled. They shouldn't eat blood. They shouldn't eat things sacrificed to idols and they shouldn't fornicate. Now if the Christians just did that, wouldn't that be a huge step up? It really would.

But instead of focusing on those little pieces of the Bible, they want to focus on all of the other stuff that they don't have to do while ignoring and tampering with the things that the Jerusalem Council concluded.

The Jews reject Yeshua. Now not all of them, because according to the Bible there were myriads who received Yeshua. We see them in the Bible. But today, modern day Judaism rejects Yeshua. Do you get this? They do not believe in Yeshua. Therefore you have synagogues all over the nation and all over the world.

I can take you some places. I was driving down Independence Boulevard yesterday evening, over by Shalom Park. There are a couple of temples over there. The parking lot was full around 6 o'clock because in Judaism, the Sabbath is at 6 o'clock regardless of where the sun is. It is like:

“Really?”

It's not from sundown to sundown. It's from 6 o'clock to 6 o'clock, period. That's Judaism for you. Messianic Jews? Well, you know:

"Six o'clock! It's time! It's the Sabbath. Six o'clock, Sabbath's over!"

There's no sun, forget the sun. We're not looking at that. So you have these individuals. The parking lot – there's two temples; a couple of synagogues and they are all gathered for their Kiddush and bringing in the Sabbath day that hadn't come. *This is religion.*

You have people around this nation and in this city and in cities across the land as well as across the world that are practicing a faith religiously, based on a certain portion of this Bible; who reject the Messiah! Do you get this?

You have another group of people who are going to meet tomorrow. These people have their Friday service and then they are going to meet today, some of them. Then you have some people who say:

"Forget today. We're going to meet tomorrow."

Now the interesting thing about it is that the group that meets tomorrow believes in this portion of the book (New Testament). The group that met yesterday and today believes in this portion of the book (Old Testament). And we believe it all.

Now, the people who believe in this portion of the book (Old Testament) say that something is "wrong" with us. The people who believe in this portion of the book (New Testament) say that something is "wrong" with us. So no matter which – wait a minute. We believe in your side and we believe in your side!

"Oh no, you can't serve two masters!"

So what are you saying? You see, this is the danger of Trinitarian doctrines, because now folks want to argue the Trinity. We're not going to go there. I just threw it out there. Now you are saying that:

“Okay, well we believe in the Son and Yeshua died to set us free from this portion of the book (Old Testament).”

This is what is being taught. For a long time we bought it (points to head). Yes you did, I bought it. I can admit it. Then we have the nerve to get mad when we realize that we've been deceived when the only person who deceived us was us.

You see, that is exactly what the Bible teaches, when the blind follow the blind. If I'm following the blind, can I get mad at the blind man because I end up in the ditch with him?

“Look at you! You led me into this ditch!”

Bam! Everybody wants to pile on the blind man. They get mad at the blind man. The bottom line is that you could see, but chose not to. So if we are going to get upset at anybody, who should we be getting upset at?

No, what we should do is to allow the Almighty to take the blinders off. Many have come into the light but still wear blinders. I'm going to show you here in a minute.

There is only one way to become right or righteous before YeHoVaH and that is through Messiah Yeshua. Our understanding of the Bible has been given to us, ladies and gentlemen. If we were brought up Catholic, we have a Catholic mind (religiously). As a Lutheran, Episcopalian, Baptist, Pentecostal, Charismatic, or no matter what it is, we were trained in our religious upbringing to view the Bible through a certain lens or world view.

Very few Jews could afford to have their own copy of the Bible and many of those who could afford the Bible did

not understand much of what was written. The case in point was the Ethiopian Eunuch. He had a copy of the scroll of Isaiah. He read it but didn't know who Isaiah was talking about.

Every Jewish child learned from their parents what they had been taught. What did they learn? They learned Judaism. You see, you have to understand something folks. If I grew up in a home (and this is my upbringing), I was brought up in a home where my parents were Baptists, although they were nominal Baptists.

They went to church for funerals and maybe for Christmas. And I remember that at Easter, we all dressed up. They went to church at least a couple of times a year. Often times they worked. It was a big deal for my dad to go to church. I grew up as a Baptist.

I grew up in a community where there was a predominant presence of Baptist churches, but there were some non-Baptist churches and I wondered about them. I also wondered how come in my little home town there are on one corner, three different churches. None of them were filled to capacity.

And I'm wondering how come there is a church there and a church there and a church there? Why don't all of the people just have one church? I didn't know until much later that there were American Baptists. There were National Baptists. There were Missionary Baptists. You can see it in the name. You know, I went to New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. And then there was St. Peter Rock Church.

It was like they were both Baptists, but there were two or three different denominations. That is why they didn't go to the same church. So this church over here and that church over there and that church over here all had similar doctrines. But they had different doctrinal views that didn't come together. So they didn't even speak to each other and they certainly didn't fellowship with one another, even

though they were all Baptists. Anybody know what I'm talking about?

Now, I'm a child and I'm unable to see this. I don't understand it; I just know it's there. Then there is a group of folks over across the highway. These people were "sanctified." You'd see them. All of the women had buns. They had coverings on their heads. They had dresses that came almost all the way down to the floor. They didn't drag. They wore real thin — they didn't wear heels. They wore flat shoes and were all modest. And unfortunately many of them were overweight. I'm thinking to myself:

"Now that's holiness. These are the holiness people."

They were sanctified. This is where the term "holy rollers" came from. They'd get happy. They would dance and they would run. The people who went there had issues with the other people. Around the corner was a Seventh Day Adventist church. Then down the street there were Jehovah's Witnesses. I'm a young child growing up and I'm Baptist. What I learned in my Baptist Church caused me to look at all of those other people with disdain and to stay away from them.

That was my mindset. I left my home, joined the military and did a lot of travel. I came across all kinds of people with all kinds of faith, including Buddhism and Islam. But when I came to the end of myself where I needed to know God, guess where I ended up? I went back to what I was familiar with – the Baptist Church.

From the Baptist Church, now I was having a relationship with the Almighty and He was taking me from place to place. Now all of a sudden that which I wondered about as a child, Father is showing me. This is why they didn't fellowship with one another. This is what these people believe. This is what these people believe. This is where their doctrinal positions and differences came in.

And this is why they all claim to worship me and call on me but they can't get along with one another.

So now when I look at the Pharisee and the Sadducees, I can understand the conflict. And when I look at the people who come from the various denominations and they ask particular questions, I can understand where the questions are coming from. That is because all of us are approaching this thing differently. The Ethiopian (Eunuch) is asking:

“Who is he talking about?”

As parents, the parents learned from the religious leaders; the teachers of Israel (like Nicodemus). The teachers learned from the traditions of the elders and taught these traditions in the synagogue. The synagogue was run by the Rabbis of the Pharisaic traditions. This was also known as the traditions of their elders, the traditions of the fathers, which was also known as the Jews' religion.

So now they have learned this religion. Yeshua comes. Yeshua is not a member of their church. He is not a member of their synagogue. He didn't go to their Yeshiva. You see, you have to understand something.

When you look at those three churches on each corner, had Yeshua gone to St. Peter's Rock or New Hope Missionary or whatever Missionary would have put him in the category of them (the sanctified people); had he gone there, then all of these guys would have rejected him. Do you get it? So Yeshua comes along and he doesn't deal with any of them. He called all of them out! Why? **Because they are ALL wrong!** Now those who can't stand each other, come together.

Are you getting this? He has to go! Not only does he have to go, but we have to wipe out every person who has fallen at that “erroneous” teaching that he came to establish! We have to kill them all. That's what Paul did until he had this encounter.

Gal 3:1 – “O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Messiah hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?”

The word here “foolish” (*baskaino*) means unintelligible, unwise. Then he uses the word which really is to bewitch, to speak ill of one, to slander. This word bewitched is used two other times in the Bible, in the Book of *Acts*. That is dealing with sorcery.

Acts 8:9 – “But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and **bewitched** the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:”

Acts 8:10 – “To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, ‘This man is the great power of God.’”

Acts 8:11 – “And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had **bewitched** them with sorceries”

They were convinced that he was a man of God because he used magic. He used sorcery. He was able to convince them that he represented God.

Gal 3:2 – “This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by **the works of the law**, or by the **hearing of faith?**”

Paul is saying, now I came and I brought the word, and now here is what I’m learning. Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law or by the hearing of faith? He says:

**“Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?”**

What Paul is saying, ladies and gentlemen – this is very critical and one of the reasons why many of us have had some real challenges with the idea that we are responsible to the Law. I’m going to tell you that I’ve had my own set of challenges. Here’s what I know. I’ve seen God’s power. I’ve experienced His power. I have seen the power manifest. I mean I have pictures of missionary journeys that I’ve taken and I’m talking about in the deserts of Kenya, in the jungles of the Philippines.

The power of the Almighty manifests so greatly. I wasn’t thinking about a Sabbath. I wasn’t thinking about Torah. I was celebrating Christmas, and worshipping on Sunday. I’ve seen people healed. I’ve seen people delivered. I’ve seen people set free from things that only the power of God can set them free from. I’ve experienced this. So why do I need to keep the Law?

Can you tell me that God is not with me? You couldn’t! You couldn’t tell me that I didn’t know Him because I’m experiencing His power. I’m laying hands on the sick and they are getting well. I’m casting out spirits. I’m prophesying the word of YeHoVaH. You can’t tell me that the power of the Almighty is not manifesting in my life because I saw it. I’ve seen it. I’ve experienced it! So what do I need the Law for?

Here’s what I know. With all of this power, with all of this anointing, with all of this knowledge, I knew deep down in me that something was missing. I couldn’t tell you what it was. There was something inside of me saying silently, secretly, but so loudly in my hearing:

**“There’s got to be more. There’s got to be more.”**

I had all of this power, but there was so much that I didn't have any answers for, so I kept seeking. I kept searching. I had power, but no answers. What I've come to understand was that the more that I was looking for it and although the Almighty was using me greatly, He wanted me to understand that there is a way that I am supposed to be conducting myself.

Privately in my home as a man, I was the best father that I knew how to be. But my children will tell you that I was a mean man. I was a hard man. I was a very strict individual. I was an angry man. I was very judgmental. I didn't know how to deal with that. I didn't know how to change that.

It was when I came into embracing of the commandments of the Almighty that I began to see things transforming in me in my head. It was changing and adjusting the way that I saw things. It helped me to understand what Paul was talking about when it came to temperance and self-control.

And really this desire was to have this peace within me. These things didn't come until I began to embrace the Torah. This was the "more" that I was looking for. Let me tell you something. Those preachers and those pastors (and I know many of them), these are individuals who have the power of the Almighty manifesting in their lives. But when they are secretly around no one else, they are snorting cocaine. They are smoking crack. They are watching pornography. They are looking for prostitutes. They are going out of town. They are going into other countries.

There are no restraints. Now that is not all of them, but a great deal of them. You read about them. They are on the news. They are molesting little boys. They are having sex with other men. They are messing around with other people's wives. They are drug addicts dying in hotels overdosing. They are killing their wives; killing their husbands.

The Almighty, His word is what restrains us. When we begin to apply His Law – the Almighty and Creator of the universe established laws to govern the universe. Everything is supposed to know its place. Everything understands its kind. The moon does what the moon is supposed to do because of the laws. The sun does what it's supposed to do. The stars – everything operates according to the law the Creator of the universe established in place.

The snow comes. The rain falls. The grass grows. The flowers blossom and they fade. Everything functions according to the design of the Almighty. He has given us laws so that we would be in harmony with His divine order.

When we violate the laws of the universe that the Creator of the universe established, things get out of order and we don't know how to operate in His divine order. Therefore this is where the enemy can come in and establish and usurp His authority and cause us to become friends with the world and even cause folks to disdain or to despise the word of YeHoVaH.

So as our generation, as our world, as the older people under commandment get older and the younger people are not being taught the commandments, it won't be long. Pretty soon they will have a homosexual Bible. There will be people in the churches. It has already started. They are embracing same-sex marriages. They are violating the Laws of the Kingdom because there is no restraint. It is just as the prophet said:

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because they have rejected knowledge I will also reject them. I will reject their children because they have forgotten my Laws.”

When we get away from the Law, the order of the universe and everything within the earth becomes chaotic because of the violation of the Law of the Creator of the

universe. Your life will become chaotic. Your family will become chaotic. You will be attracting stuff and you don't even know where it is coming from. You see. Why?

I'll tell you something. The most dangerous thing in the earth for any of us is to ignore the Creator's Law. You have people who want a relationship with the Creator, but they don't want the Law of the Creator. Everything that the Creator established is based upon His Law.

Do you understand this? Everything! When you reject the Law of the Creator, you reject the Creator. As a result, you give place to the enemy. The enemy comes in and do you know what he does? These are some of the terms he uses.

"Oh, you can't understand that Bible, it's too confusing."

"Really?"

"You know, the Bible doesn't make sense."

"Really?"

"The people who follow the word, they're not fun."

"Really?"

"God wants you to enjoy yourself. He wants you to have fun."

"Really?"

"All the people that go to your church; that go to your synagogue, that go to your Shul, they're fuddy duds."

"Really?"

You try to live by the Law of the Kingdom and it's a problem; especially for young people. And guess what?

They want the blessings of the parents, but not the commands of the parents. They fail to see that the blessings that the parents have are the result of honoring (to the best of their ability), the commands of the Almighty.

The Galatians didn't have a law. They were not so much involved in the commands of YeHoVaH when Paul came along. Paul didn't come to establish a synagogue. There already were synagogues. What Paul came to bring was good news. Yeshua has set free the captives. Whether you are Jew or Gentile, you now have access. You can have access to the God of creation and you don't have to go to that synagogue. You don't have to go there one day.

Now when I came into Messianic Judaism, folks said:

“Do you know what? Moses is read in the synagogue every Sabbath day.”

That's a way of saying that if you want to learn about Moses, you need to go to the synagogue. It's like:

“Really?”

Yeshua said:

“Beware.”

How can I beware and be immersed in the same place? Do you really think that the apostles gathered in the synagogue? No! They gathered in the temple and from house to house, not from in the temple and from synagogue to synagogue. How many of you heard that they went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day to hear the Law of Moses read? Nobody? It is like:

“Where did that come from?”

And there were other things. Paul is saying to them:

“I came to you and I brought you the truth.  
You received this truth.”

Now what has happened is that individuals who followed Paul came behind him and said:

“Listen, in order for you to believe in the God of the Jews, you have to become Jews. In order for you to believe in this Elohim; the one that we are believing on for decades, for centuries, for millenniums, now you have to become one of us. You have to convert. You have to be circumcised according to the Law of Moses. You have to convert to Judaism in order to receive the Jewish Messiah.”

You’ve got individuals whom Paul has set free. He brought the grace. He brought the word. They experienced the power of the Almighty. Now here come some Judaizers who say that you now have to come into the synagogue and begin to practice what we practice in Judaism. This is basically what is going on. So Paul is saying:

Gal 3:2 – “This only would I learn of you, Received ye the spirit by **the works of the law**, or by the **hearing of faith?**”

When I bring this into my own story, I embraced the Holy Spirit’s power long before I knew anything about the Sabbath. When I heard about the Sabbath, do you know who it came through? It came through Seventh Day Adventists. Do you know why I rejected Seventh Day Adventism? Because my church said they were a cult and I didn’t want anything to do with any cult. It is the same thing they said about the Jehovah’s Witnesses and Jews who rejected Jesus. So everybody was wrong except for us.

When I came to embrace the Torah, the Sabbath day – and this book is a result of that, *Sunday Is Not the Sabbath*. I was a Sunday minister; a pastor in a Sunday church.

YeHoVaH began to show me the importance of keeping His commands if I really wanted to have the kind of relationship with Him that I had, but deeper and greater. I was hearing His voice. I was being led by His Spirit.

He fixed me. He fixed my marriage. My wife had a restraining order on me. We were going through a divorce. I was as good as dead as far as a marriage was concerned. But the Almighty came and He fixed my marriage. He fixed me. He fixed my marriage and now He is fixing my wife! (Laughter) Halleluiah! So, I've seen Him and His ability.

Paul is saying:

“Listen, did you receive the Spirit because you tried to keep some laws? No. Or did you receive the Spirit because you heard about the Spirit by faith?”

That's the question. The phrase “works of the law” is used five times in the New Testament and guess what? It's four times in the Book of *Galatians*. It is only used one other time. Those of you who have gone through Discipleship as we have been dealing with hermeneutics; you understand the laws of hermeneutics and the law and principle of the first mention principle. The first mention principle is the first time a phrase or word is used in the Bible, it generally carries that phrase throughout. This term the “works of the law,” Paul uses it in *Romans 9*.

Ro 9:32 – “Wherefore? Because **they(?)**”

I'm doing some things. I'm bolding out “they” and I'm putting in the question mark because when you say “they,” the question should be:

“Who is ‘they?’”

Ro 9:32 – “Wherefore? Because **they(?)**  
*sought it* not by faith, but as it were by the

works of the law. For **they(?)** stumbled at that stumblingstone;"

There is that "they" again. Now, I had this on my Facebook post, because as some of you now, the flag in South Carolina (the rebel flag) came down. I wrote on my posts that this is a good day; a great day for South Carolina. Somebody wrote on my post that indeed it is. Then another person wrote that it won't be long before "they" come after the American Flag. And I responded:

"Who is they?"

You see, "they" has been used in a lot of scenarios. How many of you have ever heard that:

"They aren't going to let you get away with that. Who do you think you are? Those people are going to..."

The question is:

"Who are those people you are talking about? Who is the 'they' that are not going to let you do something? Who are they?"

I mean even when you say "those in authority," who are "they" in authority? "They" have a tendency (for the most part) to be some fictitious boogie man that controls things and does not allow you to move beyond that. So the question is:

"Who is 'they?'"

Ro 9:32 – "Wherefore? Because **they(?)** *sought it* not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For **they(?)** stumbled at that stumblingstone;"

Ro 9:33 – "**As it is written,**"

There's that "as it is written."

Ro 9:33 – "...Behold, I lay in Zion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed."

Do you see this "they"? As it is written. And then:

Isa 28:16 – "Therefore thus said the Lord GOD, 'Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.'"

We looked at that verse earlier. But when you look at this "they," what you will come to a conclusion of (based on the context of what Paul is referring to) are **those who are practicing Phariseeism, the religion of the Jews.**

Ro 9:32 – "Wherefore? Because **they(?)** sought it not by faith,"

Remember when we read in *Romans* 10 that they sought to establish – verse 32. Let's go all the way back. I hate to do it like that, but verse 32 is actually the end I believe before you get into *Romans* 10:1. It is verse 33. Verse 33 says:

Ro 9:33 – "'Behold, I lay in Zion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.'"

Verse one:

Ro 10:1 – "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to Elohim for Israel is, that they might be saved."

Ro 10:2 – “For I bear them record that they have a zeal of Elohim, but not according to knowledge.”

You see? So we go from chapter 9:33 to 10:1.

Ro 10:1 – “Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to Elohim for Israel is, that they might be saved.”

It is that “they” might be saved.

Ro 10:2 – “For I bear them record that they have a zeal of Elohim, but not according to knowledge.”

Ro 10:3 – **“For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.”**

Do you see this? So the “they” are those that are establishing their own righteousness. They have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of the Almighty. As a result of that, when we get into *Galatians* 2 or 3 and we begin to look at what Paul says here in *Galatians* 3:2:

Gal 3:2 – “This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by **the works of the law**, or by the **hearing of faith?**”

Again we see in *Romans* 9 that “they” are the people who are mentioned in chapter 10. Then in verse 16:

Gal 2:16 – “Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Yeshua Messiah, even we have believed in Yeshua Messiah, that we might be justified by the faith of Messiah, and not

by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

Who are doing the works of the Law? That is the question. Here's how the church interprets this. The works of the Law is doing anything in the Law.

"We're not under the Law."

They say. So if you are keeping any Law, then you have "fallen from grace." If you have broken one Law, then you've broken them all. Do you get this? If you are going to live by the Law, then you need to keep all of the Law. The people who are saying this don't even know what all of the Law is. If they knew what all of the Law was, they would know that we are not responsible for keeping all of the Law. And so the logic is this.

"If I keep one Law, does it mean that I am under the Law?"

"Well, yeah brother."

"So it's okay to fornicate. It's okay to murder."

There's some crazy fellow on Facebook named "Tyrone." Anybody know Tyrone? Tyrone is going around cussing people out. That's what he's doing. And he's saying:

"I'm here to do some things."

You see, Tyrone would be justified as a believer because what Tyrone is trying to do, the Torah says you shouldn't do. So if I'm trying to keep any of the Law, would I not be guilty of all of the Law? If I don't go after your wife, have I fallen from grace? Or does grace allow me to covet my neighbor's wife?

No, wait a minute. Either I am under the Law, or I am not. Do you see that dilemma? Either I'm not supposed to keep the Law, or I'm supposed to keep the Law. Do you see the dilemma here, ladies and gentlemen? That's confusion! I'm either supposed to understand and live according to how the Almighty has called us to live, or I live as a law unto myself.

Paul is saying to the Galatians that the works of the law is not keeping the Law of YeHoVaH. The works of the law is trying to establish my own righteousness by keeping my brand of the law.

It is no different than me trying to get to heaven by being part of a particular denomination. That is basically what he is saying here. When it comes down to understanding this Book of *Galatians*, we have a lot more ground to cover, but we're going to get there. We're going to get there. It seems like it's forever away. I have already had some people write to me saying:

"Listen, you need to explain *Galatians 4*."

I'm tempted to go to *Galatians 4*. But that is the typical approach that most have used to approach the Bible. They jump all over the verses trying to explain a particular verse out of the context of the whole. It requires a lot of restraint for me to go through this Book of *Galatians*, ladies and gentlemen because I really just want to get to the heart of the matter.

But in order for us to get to the heart of the matter, we have to understand that Paul is writing in a progression. Paul didn't write a series of chapters and verses that are indistinct from one another. Paul writes a letter that builds upon the previous sentences and paragraphs, not chapters and verses. It is paragraphs and sentences. It's just like we'd write a letter today. The letter to the *Galatians* is simply that. It is a letter. It's not a book, it's a letter. It has been put into a book, but it is a letter.

Paul is writing and he's starting out in the beginning. He's writing and he's building and he is addressing issues. Therefore we have to take it in the way that he is giving it instead of jumping from the first page all the way to the fourth page and then trying to explain the fourth page without even knowing what is going on in the first three pages. Are you with me?

It's not my favorite kind of teaching, because it can seem a little boring at times. But I tell you that if we endure this, we will be a lot better off. Sometimes the excitement of the revelation doesn't come until the knowledge and the Spirit show you or unveils it to you. We are simply laying it out. Even as we have gone through some of this stuff today, there are many people who have gotten an understanding and a revelation even though some people are saying:

“Well, why don't you hurry up and get to chapter 4?”

We're going to get there. Halleluiah.