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Living & Walking in the Grace of Christ – Galatians 6:11-18

Galatians 6:11-18 (NKJV)

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2 Cor. 12:1-10 – states that Paul had a vision of heaven and then was given a “thorn in the flesh”, a “messenger of Satan” to buffet him so that he wouldn’t boast about it. He asked 3 times for it to be taken away, but God did not, but God said to Paul: “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”

Was this “thorn in the flesh” eye problems?

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Gal. 4:13-16 – You know that because of physical infirmity I preached the gospel to you at the first. ¹⁴ And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise or reject, but you received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ What then was the blessing you enjoyed? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your own eyes and given them to me. ¹⁶ Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?

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→ Analysis → Maybe – but it is inconclusive. But books, chapters in books have been written about this. More than likely Paul had some injuries from the persecution he received in the region of Galatia when he was stoned almost to death in Lystra (see Acts 14:19, in context). He might have written large for their sakes, not his, just to show it is him who wrote it (keepin’ it simple).

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The trend / fad – during Paul's time was to mix the Old Testament Law of Moses in with the New Covenant – Gospel Message and Teachings – Judaizers / Hebrew Roots Movement Legalism (HRML). Thus, they would not offend the Jewish Establishment and not suffer persecution. But, it nullifies the Cross of Christ (His Crucifixion, Death, Burial & Resurrection, His Finished Work of Redemption)

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The Judaizers / Hebrew Roots Movement Legalism (HRML) don't keep the whole Law of Moses (from Exodus through Deuteronomy) as written. Even back then Jesus told folks that unless their righteousness exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, they wouldn't even experience God's Kingdom.

Jesus said:

17 “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law UNTIL ALL is FULFILLED. 19 Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by NO means enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Matt. 5:17-20 → Jesus is the ONE Who Fulfilled All of the LAW on our behalf. It is Fulfilled – I don't have to fulfill it nor am I under the LAW, anymore. My righteousness is Christ's imputed to me.

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The Judaizers / Hebrew Roots Movement Legalism (HRML) today like to use Matt. 5:17-19, but skip vs. 20.

Also, they don't really read it ... there is a condition for the LAW of Moses to No Longer Be In Effect ... When All of the LAW is FULFILLED. Yeshua / Jesus Christ / The Messiah of Israel – He Fulfilled it ALL – thus, now, the New Covenant is IN EFFECT (from Acts 2 onward – from the day of Pentecost)

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The Judaizers / Hebrew Roots Movement Legalism (HRML) back then focused on the “entry point” into Judaism – circumcision of all the males of the household. Today, the same HRML folks, instead focus on keeping the Sabbath, all the Feast Days (see Leviticus 23) instead of circumcision. It is the same thing repackaged. Keeping the Law to Be Saved, and Keeping the Law to Keep your salvation.



Andy Thomas shared a link.

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The Mosaic Covenant, the Israeli "Sabbath Laws", and the New Covenant in Messiah, Yeshua



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The Mosaic Covenant, the Israeli "Sabbath Laws", and the New Covenant in Messiah, Yeshua (Jesus Christ) - New LIFE...



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Catharina Rotolo Baker This is such a lie. The Law has not been done away with. Many Scriptures prove that. Also the person who wrote this article is overlooking the 4th commandment. Yah says to remember and it's the only commandment the Christian church forgets and does away with. Study to show yourself approved.

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Andy Thomas read Hebrews 8:13

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Catharina Rotolo Baker I've studied in depth the book of Hebrews. This book was written to the Jewish Believers going through Persecution hence the name Hebrews. Yes! He has given us a new commandment'. The pillars of the ten commandments. Love God = first pillar, love your neighbor as yourself = 2nd pillar. He has now written His Law upon the hearts of men. Didn't make any new Laws. He's a God who changes not. Same yesterday, today and forever. Revelation 14:12 is one of many examples His Law is everlasting.

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Tamika Nicole Couldn't agree more, Catharina Rotolo Baker!

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Andy Thomas It is all about Covenant ... re-read Jeremiah 31:31-33 compared to Hebrews 7 thru 10 ... We are in the New Covenant in Christ (in Messiah) - it is NOT Like the Mosaic Covenant (the national Covenant with Israel - Land Promises, etc.) We in the New Covenant. Again, please, read the article I wrote, and listen to the sermons that are in the related section on that page, and the Bible Study notes. We are NOT called to be Jews but in Messiah in the New Covenant.

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Tamika Nicole The Ten Commandments show us sinners what God's standard is regarding holiness and perfection. We should strive for that! We are to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. How come stealing isn't done away? Or adultery? Coveting? Only the Sabbath? Council of Nicea dedicated Sunday worship to appease the pagans and "Christians" back then. Just as the compromise of Christmas. Apostle Paul taught on the Sabbaths long after Christ ascended.

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Tamika Nicole "One Sabbath day as Jesus was teaching in a synagogue," Luke 13:10 NLT... See More

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Catharina Rotolo Baker Andy Thomas grow and learn <https://www.therefinersfire.org/hebrews.htm>



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Karla Abatecola Out of context Andy. Catharina Rotolo Baker you are correct. Shake your sandals and your peace will return to you here. God's word never changes!!! Jesus himself said he did not come to abolish the law!!! I would have to dig into Hebrews 8:13 but if Andy want to give his interpretation for one Cherry Picked scripture I'm all ears

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Karla Abatecola Jeremiah 31:31-34 Complete Jewish Bible (CJB) 31 (32) It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day I took them by their hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt; because they, for their part, violated my covenant, even th... See More

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Karla Abatecola What is dying away is sin. Not the Torah!!

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Karla Abatecola So this is one page I read with. If you want to read the rest just Google Refiner's Fire. Its a lot. Too much to copy here!

Dear Refiner's Fire..... See More

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Catharina Rotolo Baker Can you put the link up to this Refiners Fire. Seems to be many. TY.

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Karla Abatecola Catharina Rotolo Baker Sorry must have missed your message. It is The Refiners Fire. Carmen Walker. Good recent one. What does it mean to turn the other cheek? Shalom

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Catharina Rotolo Baker Karla Newman thank you! Shalom

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Stanley Ruffin Obviously a pastor would take this position on which day is the Sabbath. GOD only need to make a statement once and that's enough. Because HE did not speak of a seventh day of rest after Genesis chapter one again until Exodus chapter twenty doesn't mean that HE changed HIS mind.

Far too many times Scriptures are taken out context to prove or disprove someone's agenda. Sunday worship is man made. No where in the New Testament do we find Believers worshipping on Sunday, a pagan holiday. Read the book titled "Pagan Christianity" by Frank Viola. It's very enlightening.

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Andy Thomas did you actually read the article/post ... ?

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Stanley Ruffin Andy Thomas yes I did!

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Trevor Presley The 10 Words stand - almost every Christian will back up nine of the ten but do mental gymnastics to avoid # 4 ... it says remember the sabbath

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Karla Abatecola And many forget Matthew 24:20. To name one of many to support Messiah celebrated Sabbath!! As well as all the first century disciples.

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Karla Abatecola And also forget to Remember 4th commandment

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Catharina Rotolo Baker As a reminder to all of us, we will be doing the seventh day sabbath Shabbat in the new earth with our Messiah and King.

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What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, UNTIL the Seed (*the Messiah*) should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator. (Gal. 3:19)

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Therefore the law was our tutor (*teacher / schoolmaster*) to BRING us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

²⁵ But after faith has come, we are NO LONGER UNDER A TUTOR. (Gal. 3:24)

No Longer under A Tutor = No Longer Under the Law to obey it – to follow it ... we in Christ, now, in the New Covenant.

**But if you are led by
the Spirit, you are NOT
UNDER the LAW.**

(Gal. 5:18)

**The Law of Moses
shows me that I am a
sinner (a tutor) – and
leads me to the
Messiah – to the Cross
– then I am NO longer
under the Law but I'm
IN CHRIST**

So I say, let the Holy Spirit
guide your lives. Then you
won't be doing what your
sinful nature craves....

But when you are directed
by the Spirit, you are not
under obligation to the
law of Moses.

Galatians 5:16, 18

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These HRML folks have a hidden agenda. Since, they are NOT being led by the Holy Spirit, according to the Word of God, to Glorify Christ – they have a sinful, earthly, human agenda, using selfish, self-righteous, and self-gratifying goals.

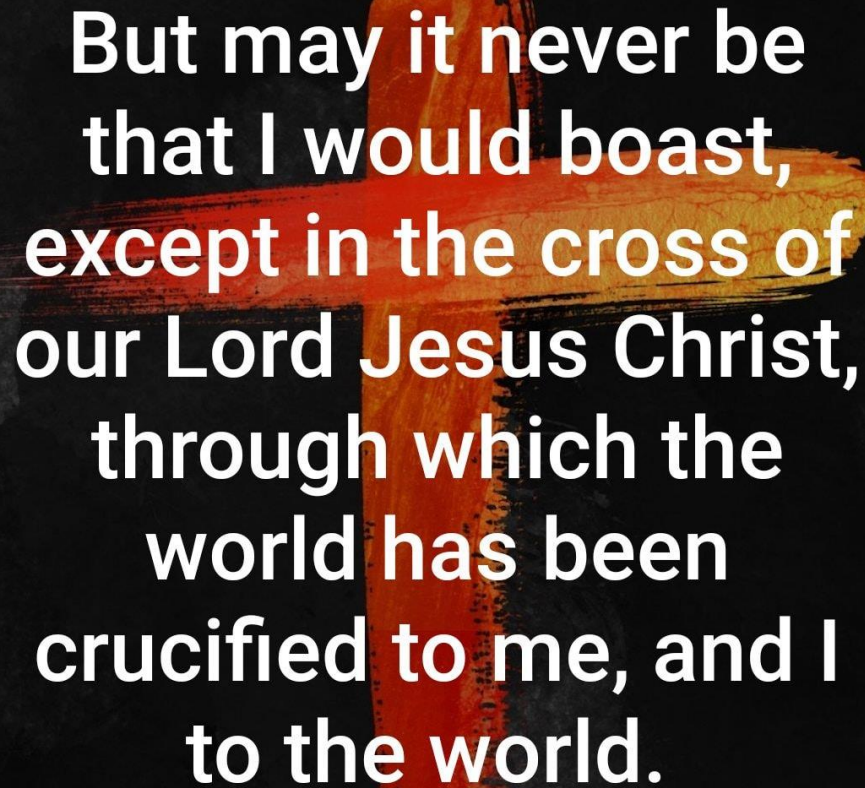
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These HRML folks have a hidden agenda. They cannot be sincerely wrong (by accident, by mistake). Since, they have Acts 15, the book of Galatians, and the book of Hebrews all singing the same chorus AGAINST what they are teaching and believing, etc. and they are NOT being led by the Spirit. They must twist Scripture to their own ends and mislead the many.



But may it never be
that I would boast,
except in the cross of
our Lord Jesus Christ,
through which the
world has been
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Galatians 6:14

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What are we to boast about? Jesus Christ

(or Yeshua h'Mashiach for those HRML folks)

We are to boast about Him, His Love, Grace, Mercy, Truth ...

His Crucifixion, Death, Burial and Resurrection – as ENOUGH.

I am NO LONGER UNDER the Authority of the World System of Fallen Human Nature and of Sin. I've been Crucified!

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If a person has already been circumcised before coming to Christ or if a person has never been circumcised before coming to Christ – that is NOT the focus – but being a New Creation in Christ Jesus (in Messiah Yeshua). Being Transformed / Changed / New – in Christ – He does the changing and transforming. It is undeniable and visible.

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In vs. 15 he is NOT talking about a person AFTER being saved – that they seek to follow the Law of Moses by being circumcised – he’s already talked about that, previously, and made a very compelling case of it. He is talking about how they are when they come to Christ. Look at 1 Cor. 7:18 →

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1 Corinthians 7:18:

Was anyone called while circumcised? Let him NOT become uncircumcised. Was anyone called while uncircumcised? Let him NOT be circumcised.

Thus, whatever physical state a person is in, let him/her be that as led by God according to Scripture, etc.

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In Colossians 2:11 – Paul shows How Christ FULFILLED the Law for us – even regarding Circumcision:

In Him you were also CIRCUMCISED with the CIRCUMCISION made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the CIRCUMCISION of Christ, ¹² buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were RAISED with Him through FAITH in the WORKING of God, who RAISED Him from the dead.

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5. Salutations of Paul to the Galatian Churches.

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→ And as many as walk according to THIS RULE?

What RULE → All the Teaching from Galatians 1:1 unto 6:15

This is why I asked y'all to read all of Galatians and re-listen / re-watch previous sermons on this – because there is a blessing here – but it is CONDITIONAL.

Have you studied up on this? Are you Doing this “Rule”?

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→ **the Israel of God?** Again, books, volumes, chapters, sermons have been written and said about this “concept” or “phrase”. Is this different than “Israel” the genetic descendant of Jacob, son of Isaac, grandson of Abraham? “Maybe”? (notice the quotes). It is more than likely those who are Israelis (genetic) who are in Christ (in Messiah) – such as Paul (Rabbi Shaul / Saul) – just to be biblically consistent. (ref. Romans 11)

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→ stop troubling me? Paul was frustrated and tired of folks like these HRML (Judaizers) that kept wanting to focus on “works” and what we MUST DO to keep the Law of Moses, etc.

Have you been there? Do you have the SCARS to prove it? If not, why not? You only earn battle scars by Spreading the Gospel, DEFENDING THE FAITH, etc. by doing it.

Are you? If not, why not.

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Paul always wanted the best for the churches he wrote to, especially those he was instrumental in Planting, such as these Galatian churches. He knew most of the folks pretty well, as well. It was personal, it was family to him. So it is today, with us ... we must want the best, even after the Rebuke. We all want those who've been caught in sin or false doctrine to Repent and come back. Paul is a great example for us. GRACE