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# Galatians: The Gospel As It Should Be

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## Why The Gospel Matters – Galatians 1:6-9

### Galatians 6:11-18 (NASB)

I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the Grace of Christ, for a different gospel;  
7 which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the Gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! 9 As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!

## Why The Gospel Matters – Galatians 1:6-9

**Acts 15:1-2, 5 (NASB)**

**Some men came down from Judea (*to Antioch*) and began teaching the brethren, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”**

**<sup>2</sup> And when Paul and Barnabas had great dissension and debate with them, the brethren determined that Paul and Barnabas and some others of them should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders concerning this issue.**

**<sup>5</sup> But some of the sect of the Pharisees who had believed stood up, saying, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to direct them to OBSERVE the Law of Moses.”**

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**Acts 15:23-29 (NASB)**

... and they (*the church in Jerusalem*) sent this letter by them,  
“The apostles and the brethren who are elders, to the brethren in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia who are from the Gentiles, greetings.

<sup>24</sup> “Since we have heard that some of our number to whom we gave no instruction have disturbed you with their words, unsettling your souls, <sup>25</sup> it seemed good to us, having become of one mind, to select men to send to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, <sup>26</sup> men who have risked their lives for the Name of our LORD Jesus Christ. <sup>27</sup> “Therefore we have sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will also report the same things by word of mouth. <sup>28</sup> “For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you NO greater burden than these essentials: <sup>29</sup> that you abstain from things sacrificed to idols (*i.e.: stay way from idolatry*) and from blood and from things strangled and from fornication (*i.e.: sexual immorality*); if you keep yourselves free from such things, you will do well. Farewell.”

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**Acts 21:20-25 (NASB)**

**And when they heard it they began glorifying God; and they said to him, “You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed, AND they are all zealous for the Law; <sup>21</sup> and they have been told about you, that you are teaching all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children nor to walk according to the customs. <sup>22</sup> What, then, is to be done? They will certainly hear that you have come. <sup>23</sup> Therefore, do this that we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow; <sup>24</sup> take them and purify yourself along with them, and pay their expenses so that they may shave their heads; and all will know that there is nothing to the things which they have been told about you, but that you yourself also walk orderly, keeping the Law. <sup>25</sup> But concerning the Gentiles who have believed, we wrote, having decided that they should abstain from meat sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from fornication.” → James reiterates Acts 15 Letter**

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**Acts 15:23-29 (NASB)**

In this letter – there is NO mention of keeping the Sabbath, NO mention of keeping any part of the ritual, ceremonies, feast days, etc. of the Law of Moses. The intention was for the Gentiles to Follow Christ according to the New Covenant in Christ – following what the Apostles were teaching, from that point forward (from Acts 2, forward). New Covenant following of Jesus Christ according to the Word of God, NOT according to the Law of Moses. The Law of Moses was to Israel, for the Nation of Israel. The New Covenant is for all people groups, starting with Israel and then the Gentiles →

Romans 1:16 - For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the Power of God at work, saving everyone who believes — the Jew first and also the Gentile.

Thus, Both Jews (Israelis) and Gentiles – all need Salvation in Jesus Christ, alone, according to the Word of God, alone, by Faith, alone.

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Thus, Paul wrote the Letter to the Galatian church (i.e. the book of Galatians) to counter this False Gospel of the Judaizers (the Hebrew Roots Movement Legalists of Paul's day)

## The Gospel Message

1. How you can be saved from God's Wrath to Come
2. Jesus is Salvation → crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection
3. How we are to LIVE, Obey, and Follow Jesus AFTER we are saved.

## The False Gospel Distorts the Truth Message of the True Gospel

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Judaizers – 1 thu 3 - is Jesus Christ + our own religious self effort by “obeying” and following “the Law of Moses” and “related customs”

# Why The Gospel Matters – Galatians 1:6-9

**1. The Gospel of Jesus Christ – we must get it CORRECT.**

**The Gospel of Jesus Christ ... the Message must be True, According to the Word of God, alone ... according the New Covenant ... according to what the Apostles Taught ... only and alone ...**

**Otherwise Paul (and the other Apostles) would say the person teaching a distorted, twisted, compromised “gospel” is Accursed.**

**Anathema → cursed, accursed ... doomed to the Lake of Fire and to be punished by God’s Wrath and God’s Judgment, forever.**

**There are Consequences – ETERNALLY – for getting it wrong. And it is never by Accident that a person gets it wrong – it is ALWAYS INTENTIONAL. There are Hidden or non-Hidden Agendas for getting it wrong.**

# Why The Gospel Matters – Galatians 1:6-9

## 2. Biblical Christianity is Biblical and Apostolic

We need to see the First Group of Christians – how they TREATED God's Word – the Teachings / Doctrines of the Apostles:

Acts 2:42 - They were CONTINUALLY DEVOTING themselves to the APOSTLES' TEACHING and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

You see that they set the Pattern, from that point forward how all Christians should view and start with, regarding Reading, Studying, and Obeying God's Holy Word → They were Continually Devoting themselves to the Apostles' Teachings . . .

That sets the standard and the pattern from that point forward.

If it is not in the Word of God, if it does NOT relate to us within the New Covenant in Christ, per the Apostles' teachings – it doesn't relate to us.

We find the Apostle's Teachings/Doctrines → Romans thru Jude

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## 3. Biblical Christianity is The New Covenant in Christ

### Jeremiah 31:31-33

“Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a New Covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup> NOT LIKE the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup> “But this is the COVENANT which I WILL MAKE with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”

In the New Covenant – saved people will have the New Covenant Law written on their hearts. It is NOT LIKE the Law of Moses

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## 3. Biblical Christianity is The New Covenant in Christ

Hebrews 8:13 – referencing Jeremiah 31:31-33

In that He says, “A New Covenant,” He has made the First obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

The New Covenant in Christ – came to Earth into People on the Day of Pentecost (Shavuot) as seen in Acts 2.

For about 30 years, God allowed a Transition Period for His People (His Chosen/Elect People) of Israel (the Jews) to have a period of time to transition to the New Covenant ... since, the Old Covenant – the Law of Moses was obsolete – not needed anymore, since the Messiah came – He fulfilled all of the LAW of Moses on our behalf. Then the Temple was destroyed – 70 A.D.

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The New Covenant in Christ – came to Earth into People on the Day of Pentecost (Shavuot) as seen in Acts 2. 30 years of transition was allowed by God for Israel ...

But, then, the Temple was destroyed – 70 A.D.

No more sacrifices, no more rituals, no more feast days, no more Levitical Priesthood, etc. All of the “days” mentioned in Leviticus 23 – were all tied to the Levitical Priesthood and the Temple.

Weekly Sabbath & the 7 Feasts (mo’edim) all tied to the Temple.

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Thus, seeking to obey the Law of Moses, all the Sabbath Laws, all the Feast Days, Circumcision, Tithing, & keeping the Sabbath ... can NOT really be obeyed fully, since, the various sacrifices, rituals, ceremonies, and other kinds of actions have been STOPPED due to the fact that the Temple was destroyed (70 A.D.) & the Levitical Priesthood disbanded.

Gal. 6:13 – “For NOT even those who are circumcised keep the law . . .”  
Thus, we are in the NEW COVENANT in Messiah.

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Acts 4:10-12 – let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the NAME of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. <sup>11</sup> This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ <sup>12</sup> Nor is there SALVATION in any other, for there is NO other NAME under heaven given among men by which WE MUST BE SAVED.”

You see – if we distort, twist, corrupt, and/or compromise the Gospel by how we incorrectly “follow” Christ and how we say folks must Follow Christ after they are Saved – we PROFANE the NAME of CHRIST ... How we follow Christ speaks volumes (ref. Gal. 2 → Peter)

We thus doom those hearing this corrupted/false gospel to hell.

**The Judaizers (HRML) corrupted the “gospel”**

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1 Cor. 15:1-8: **Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the GOSPEL which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> by which also you are SAVED, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you - unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you FIRST of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. (Crucifixion-Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Christ)**

**The New Covenant, in Christ, Gospel Message is what we are to spread according to the Word of God, alone → Biblical – NOT – Traditional**