



Galatians Chapter 4

Alright now before we move into chapter 4, I want to reach back into Galatians chapter 3 and I want us to remember the last few verses found in chapter 3:

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gal 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

So according to Paul there is no Jew there is no Gentile, there is no slave or free there's not even a man or a woman because we are all one in the Messiah.. do we see that?

And what else does he say.. he says if we are the Messiah's... then we are Abraham's offspring, and Paul says that we are heirs according to the promise.. do we see that?

So in other words my friends we have been grafted into the “House of Israel” that the New Covenant was given to and I want us to understand that so that no one out there can lie to us and tell us any different. Once again what was the “New Covenant” all about and who was it given to?

Jer 31:33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

So who is the “New Covenant” even for? Does it say he's making the “New Covenant” with the Gentiles? No! Does it say he's making the “New Covenant” with Egypt, or America, or Great Britten, or the Palestinians, or the Polish, or the Russians, or the Chinese, or the Africans, or the Buddhists, or the Muslims? No!

Notice... that he is making this “New Covenant” with the “House of Israel”. Who did our Messiah come for? He told us exactly who he came for in Matthew 15:24:

Mat 15:22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have

*mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon."
Mat 15:23 But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying,
"Send her away, for she is crying out after us."
Mat 15:24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."*

Why was he sent only to the “Lost Sheep of the House of Israel”? Because he was fulfilling the prophecy of the two sticks of Israel:

*Eze 37:16 "Son of man, take a stick and write on it, 'For Judah, and the people of Israel associated with him'; then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph (the stick of Ephraim) and all the house of Israel associated with him.'
Eze 37:17 And join them one to another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand.
Eze 37:18 And when your people say to you, 'Will you not tell us what you mean by these?'
Eze 37:19 say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am about to take the stick of Joseph (that is in the hand of Ephraim) and the tribes of Israel associated with him. And I will join with it the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, that they may be one in my hand.
Eze 37:20 When the sticks on which you write are in your hand before their eyes,
Eze 37:21 then say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from all around, and bring them to their own land.
Eze 37:22 And I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. And one king shall be king over them all, and they shall be no longer two nations, and no longer divided into two kingdoms.
Eze 37:23 They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. But I will save them from all the backsliding s in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.*

This is why Yahshua our Messiah came.. to heal the two sticks of Ezekiel and to once again bring the Northern Kingdom of Ephraim and the southern kingdom of Judah back together again and make them one Nation, one House, one stick in the hand of the Father so that then and only then.. could all the other nations be grafted into them.

Yahshua himself who came from the tribe of Judah, and the house of David is the king of the “House of Israel” and the only way to be grafted into the “House of Israel” is to be in the Messiah, to have faith and believe that he is the son of Yahovah God our Father in Heaven and that he is the Messiah sent by the Father to not only heal the two sticks of Israel back into one Nation but to also graft the nations of the world into his only chosen people

Remember that no where in the Word of God does our father call any other people his people. The only chosen people that God ever chose... the only people that he ever made a promise to... the only people that he ever made a covenant with.. is the “House of Israel”. Yahshua his only begotten son that he personally formed in the womb of his mother Marry came out of the

“House of Israel” just as Moses promised.

Du 18:15 "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—

Deu 18:16 just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.'

Deu 18:17 And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken.

Deu 18:18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

Now why do I bring all of these things to your attention? Because you must understand that all of the nations of the world were being grafted into the “House of Israel” from the very beginning and the Apostle Paul is doing nothing more than once again grafting the Gentiles, also known as the “Nations of the World or The Gentiles” back into the “House of Israel” just as he always had even from the beginning of the book!

Lets go clear back to the book of Exodus:

Exo 12:48 If a stranger shall sojourn with you and would keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised. Then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it.

Exo 12:49 There shall be one law for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you."

So were the Gentiles being grafted in before Yahshua came? YES! CLEARLY! YES!

Num 15:14 And if a stranger is sojourning with you, or anyone is living permanently among you, and he wishes to offer a food offering, with a pleasing aroma to the LORD, he shall do as you do.

Num 15:15 For the assembly, there shall be one statute for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you, a statute forever throughout your generations. You and the sojourner shall be alike before the LORD.

Num 15:16 One law and one rule shall be for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you."

Let there be no doubt in your mind that according to scripture.. my friends... not according to man or some man made, man created, man fabricated denomination... but according to SCRIPTURE and SCRIPTURE ALONE... The Gentiles from other nations were already being grafted into the “House of Israel” way before our Messiah was brought into the picture.

And my point is this.. my friends nothing has changed. The only thing that has changed from the old Covenant to the New Covenant is that we are no longer under the “curse” of the law

now what was the “curse” of the law?

As we stated in last weeks study the “curse of the law” was the death penalty for breaking the law. The “curse of the law” death, and it was the bondage of the Pharisees and the man made, man created, man fabricated, laws that men had written into the Law of God that put people under the bondage of men. And these men used the death penalty of the law to scare people into obeying them.

Remember that the Jews were not keeping the “Law of God” they were keeping this new hybrid law that was written by the Pharisees and the Rabbi's of the Synagogues. These men had made the “Law of God” bondage. They told them when to wash their hands, and how far they could walk on the Sabbath, and they re-defined what “harvesting” meant and this is why our Messiah rebuked them and called them “two fold children of hell”, and “white washed tombs”, and “a brood of vipers”.

Mat 15:8 "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;

Mat 15:9 in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

So once again my friends lets remember what the “Curse of the Law” was and why it was “bondage”. It was not because God had made it bondage... it was because man had made it bondage. When men began writing his own laws on top of Gods laws he used that death penalty of Gods law to scare people into obeying their man made laws.. So what did God do? He removed the “death Penalty” from his Law.

Now men could no longer say that they could stone you for breaking the law. He took it away from them. It was no longer part of the Law of God. So they could no longer incorporate it into their man made laws.

And in order to even begin to understand the book of Galatians you really need to understand the book of Acts, and who these Jews were and what they believed in. You need to understand the “Oral Laws” that the Pharisee's and Scribes had written into Gods law and saw as Gods law. You need to understand the different factions of Judaism back in that time. Not all Jews believed in the same “Law”. They had perverted Gods Law with their own man made, man created, man fabricated laws.

So lets be clear about what Paul is talking about in the book of Galatians. Before we move forward in his writings to the church at Galatia.

Lets move into the 4th chapter of Galatians:

Gal 4:1 I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is

the owner of everything,

Gal 4:2 but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father.

*Gal 4:3 In the same way we also, when we were children, were **enslaved to the elementary principles of the world.***

Gal 4:4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,

Gal 4:5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Notice what Paul is saying here in verse 3. He says that we were enslaved to the “elementary principles of the world”. Now does that sound like being enslaved to Gods law.. no it does not.. and it does not say that does it? It says “enslaved to the elementary principles of the world”.

So what's he talking about here? He's talking about the man made, man created, man fabricated, law that these Pharisees and Scribes are calling the law, that has put them under the bondage of men. They call it the “Law” but it is not the “Law of God” was their own man made, man created, man fabricated hybrid “Law” that they combined with the “Law of God” to give themselves authority over Gods people.

Their new hybrid “Law” gave them authority and the power to judge Gods people instead of God, and this is what put them under bondage my friends.

Once again what did our Messiah say?

Mat 15:6 he need not honor his father.' So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God.

Mat 15:7 You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:

Mat 15:8 "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;

Mat 15:9 in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

Lets get this straight and lets understand what Paul is saying here.

So Paul says that God sent his Son to redeem those who were under the written “Law” so that we might receive adoption as sons. Notice that his Son was born “under the law”. What does that mean?

It means that even our own Messiah was born “under the law” we were are all “under the law” back when the law had a penalty.. but that penalty has been removed. Paul called it the “Law of Sin and Death” in Romans chapter two:

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

and just like our Messiah said.. he did not come to abolish the law or the prophets in Matthew 5:17.

And furthermore he clearly tells us that not the crossing of a “T” or the dotting of an “i” would be removed from the law until Heaven and Earth passed away, and all things were accomplished in Matthew 5:18.

Remember now Paul is still walking on the Earth, God is still in Heaven, and all things have not been accomplished, he has not returned, and he is not reigning on the Earth, nor has the New Jerusalem come down out of Heaven so all things are not yet accomplished.

So what does that mean? It means according to our own Messiah.. the “Law” nor the “Prophets” and what they preached and prophesied has been removed.. According to our Messiah Yahshua Hamashiach... the only begotten Son of Yahovah God... the God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob, the “Law” still stands to this day.

It's plain, it's clear, and it's concise, and you can not escape this scriptural fact.

Now what does he mean by “redeem us who were under the law? It means that Yahshua the Son of Yahovah God came down to graft us into the family of God.. he is the door that no man can shut, he is the way, the life, and the truth. He removed the penalty of the law which was “death”. Because of his death and the grave have no hold on us.

The curse of death has been removed. Yes every man is appointed to die once.. but it is not a true death. The first death is a momentary or transitional death that removes us from this world and brings us into the next. It is the “Second Death” that we are to fear.

Rev 2:11 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.'

Rev 20:14 Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

Rev 20:15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

He... through faith... has redeemed us from this “second death” that no one awakens from. And because he was our sacrificial Passover Lamb, he was the propitiation for our sins, therefore the wages of sin are no longer death for those of us who believe and have faith in him.

Those who awaken to the second resurrection and who are then separated from the sheep will suffer the “Second Death” and this is a death that you do not awaken from.

And this is the death that Yahshua is redeeming us from. We will not suffer the “Second Death”, we will not only have life... we will have it more abundantly and it will be an everlasting life, a life with out death, and sickness, and sorrow, and depression. A life that only those of us who have faith in him and walk as he walked... will receive.

We are not bound by the bondage of mens doctrines or mens commandments, or mens theologies, or mens ideas or mens assumptions any longer. We are free... from the bondage of mans created hybrid laws, and the hybrid law of Judaism. We have been redeemed by our Messiah who leads us to all righteousness before God our Father., the one true God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob.

Lets continue:

Gal 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

Gal 4:7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

*Gal 4:8 Formerly, when you did not know God, you were **enslaved to those that by nature are not gods.***

*Gal 4:9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary **principles of the world,** whose slaves you want to be once more?*

Gal 4:10 You observe days and months and seasons and years!

Gal 4:11 I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.

Notice the context in which Paul speaks in these verses from verse 6 to verse 10. What is the context my friends? What does he say in verse 8? Does he say “enslaved by Gods Law”? NO HE DOES NOT!

He says that before you knew God you were “enslaved by those that by nature ARE NOT GODS”. They do not belong to God even though they say that they do!

In verse 9 what does he say that the Church of Galatia are turning back to? Does he say that they are turning back to “Gods Law”? NO! He says that they are turning back to the “principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more”!

And let me ask you my friends what were many of these Gentile people at the church of Galatia coming out of? There were coming out of Gnosticism, and Astrology, and the worship of Zeus and Hermes and the goddess Diana... they were worshipping days, and months and seasons and years that were Pagan! The Devil himself created these Pagan religions to have their own Sabbaths, and precepts, and appointments.. he created them to mock the God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob.. that's what these pagan religions were designed to do... and that's what they were coming out of.

Let me ask you this my friends.. how many people do you know to this day that are enslaved by their own denominational charter of men. How many are enslaved to the bondage and bindings of a first day of the week Sabbath not commanded by any Apostle, not commanded by any prophet, not commanded by any High Priest, not commanded by our Messiah, not commanded by God our Father, not commanded anywhere in the scripture?

And yet they are enslaved by this false doctrine of men... created, fabricated, and manufactured by men and men alone and not found anywhere in scripture?

Just look around my friends... how many are enslaved by the trappings of mans Christmas celebration... a celebration created, fabricated, and manufactured by men. Not one of Gods prophets, priests, Apostles, or even his own son have their birthdays recorded in the Bible.

Not one of Gods children from Adam and Eve in the garden in the beginning of the book to John at the island of Patamos in the end of the book have their birthday's recorded anywhere in the Bible.

December 25 is the same birthday as every major Sun god ever known to man from Tammuz, to Moloch, to Semaramus, to Horus, to Osiris you name it! Every one of them has the same birthday... December 25th.. and they just through our Messiah in the basket along with all the rest of them and then created their own brand of Yahshua in their man made, man created, man fabricated "Santa Clause" to turn your children away from our Messiah and towards ANOTHER GOD that they write letters to and worship, and leave cookies for, and even PRAY TO for toys and all the desires of their hearts.

You see your children want their name written in his good book instead of the book of life that their Messiah wants to write their names in. But they will never know that because you've got them to busy focusing on and worshipping mans created, fabricated, mystical, magical PAGAN SANTA CLAUSE that comes right out of the house of pageantry... the Roman Catholic Church... that our own Messiah points to as the woman who rides the beast in the 17th chapter of the book of Revelation.

And so Paul says in verse 10 "You observe days and months and seasons and years!". He's talking about Pagan days, months, seasons, and years, not Gods appointments. You see they were turning back and away from the gospel message.. they were being converted back into what they once were... they were turning back to the elementary principles of the world and being enslaved to those that by nature ARE NOT GODS!

LOOK AT WHATS HAPPENING TODAY! The Roman Catholic Church has it's own Sabbaths, and keeps it's own days, months, and seasons, and years not found anywhere in the Bible do they not? Yes they do and most of today's Protestant churches have gotten right into bed with

them and this is why our own Messiah tells us to COME OUT OF HER!

Rev 18:4 Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues;

Rev 18:5 for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

Even the Jewish Pharisee's and leadership of Paul's time who claimed to be Jews were not Jews at all, they were nothing but imposters just like the Roman Catholic Church and so many of her daughter churches are today!

Rev 3:9 Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you.

Rev 2:9 "I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

The context in which Paul is speaking is so evident and clear to those who know and understand what Paul had already taught!

Rom 8:6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Rom 8:7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

Rom 8:8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Paul says very clearly that the law is holy and the commandment is holy and righteousness and good!

Rom 7:12 So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

So how could anyone come to the conclusion that Paul is telling the church at Galatia not to keep the law? Or that the Law of God is bondage or a curse? I'll tell you why... because that's what their denominational charter of men has taught them to say. And once again these men are guilty of exactly what our messiah condemned the Jewish leadership of his day of.

Mat 15:8 "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;

Mat 15:9 in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

Lets continue.. Galatians 4:12:

Gal 4:12 Brothers, I entreat you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You did me no wrong.

Gal 4:13 You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first,

Gal 4:14 and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus.

Gal 4:15 What then has become of your blessedness? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me.

Gal 4:16 Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth?

Gal 4:17 They make much of you, but for no good purpose. They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them.

Gal 4:18 It is always good to be made much of for a good purpose, and not only when I am present with you,

Gal 4:19 my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you!

Gal 4:20 I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

Notice in verse 17 that Paul is talking about people who want to shut you out of the Salvation that Yahshua is offering you so that you worship them instead of the Messiah. You see that's what it's all about my friends.

The Pharisees and Scribes and this fake Jewish leadership want to shut you out, keep you under the written law with it's death penalty and they want to heap their own laws on top of Gods laws in order to make this hybrid religion so that they have the authority over you.

They are putting you under bondage by taking away the authority of God and his Son and placing it on themselves. And nothing has changed to this day my friends. Man always steals the authority of God in order to take that authority for himself.

Our denomination is the only denomination going to Heaven! Follow us or you'll go to Hell! Our church is the original apostolic church! We are the only ones with the truth!

And the truth is that none of them have the truth. They have fragments of the truth yes.. but the their whole objective is to keep you in they pew, and under their authority just like the Pharisees and the Saducees and the Scribes of Paul's time were doing. They were teaching the doctrines of men over the doctrines of God the Father, and Paul was perplexed about them.

Lets continue:

Gal 4:21 Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law?

Gal 4:22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman.

Gal 4:23 But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise.

Gal 4:24 Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar.

Gal 4:25 Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children.

Gal 4:26 But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother.

Gal 4:27 For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband."

Gal 4:28 Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise.

Gal 4:29 But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now.

Gal 4:30 But what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman."

Gal 4:31 So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

So what is Paul saying here in verse 21:

Gal 4:21 Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law?

He's saying those of you who desire to be under the law and do not have faith in the Messiah... do you not understand what's in the law? He's asking the non-believers... do you not listen to the law?

Remember what we read earlier in the book of Deuteronomy where Moses prophesied about the coming of Yahshua in Deuteronomy 15:13 through 18. So in other words Paul is saying "you unbelievers who desire to be under the law.. don't you hear what the law itself says in Deuteronomy chapter 15.. you were told by Moses himself that the Messiah was coming, and that he would come from among you!"

Now let's get into these two women and what they represent. Let's go to verse 24 Paul says that these two women are two covenants. One of them is bearing children for slavery.

Notice the other woman in verse 26 is free. Paul is talking about the two women that Abraham had children with, remember "Hagar" was the servant of his wife, but because his wife was barren and could not have children his wife Sara gave "Hagar" her servant woman to have children by Abraham. And so Abraham had a son out of wedlock through Hagar who was eventually sent away because once God blessed Sara and she bore Abraham a child Sara did not want "Hagar" and her son in the picture any more. So keep this in mind.

Hagar's is represented as the one giving birth to children who are in slavery.. this represents the Jews of Paul's time. They were under this hybrid religion of men that mixed the laws of God with the doctrines of men and these men were like slave masters over the people because they

had taken the authority of God for themselves. And the people were actually obeying and worshipping these Pharisees and Saducees and Scribes.

Sara the true wife of Abraham on the other hand represents the one who bears children that are free from the bondage and slavery of men and mans laws and doctrines. We because we believe in Yahshua our Messiah know that we don't have to obey or even listen to the doctrines of men. We have the laws of God written in our hearts and in our minds and we know that there is no death penalty in Gods law anymore.

We are not forced to obey mans law any longer. We are free to choose whom we will serve and we choose Yahovah God the God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob, and we accept Yahshua his Son as our King and our Messiah who was sent forth by his Father Yahovah to redeem us and bind us together into one body, one house, one people.

Man can no longer use the death penalty of the written law of God to scare us into obeying his man made hybrid laws that are fabricated by men from their assumptions, and their willful ignorance, and their pomp and pageantry.

We no longer obey the hybrid man made "Law" of men.. we freely choose to obey the Commandments of Yahovah God because his Laws are written in our hearts and in our minds.

Heb 10:15 And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

Heb 10:16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,"

Heb 10:17 then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

1Jn 5:4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

1Jn 5:5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

1Jn 2:4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,

1Jn 2:5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him:

1Jn 2:6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

And once again in closing I would be re missed if I did not mention the fact that the Apostle Paul has already laid this question of whether or not we should keep the law or not to rest in Romans 3:31:

Rom 3:31 Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

I hope this teaching has been a blessing to you and your family.