

THE BACKSTORY:

YOU MUST OBEY THE TORAH'S LAWS TO FOLLOW JESUS!

THE DEBATE (SEE ACTS 15)

ISRAEL SET APART BY PRACTICES COMMANDED IN THE TORAH

JEWISH MESSIANIC MOVEMENT

NON-JEWISH CHRISTIANS

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS

FORGET PAUL! YOU NEED TO GET CIRCUMCISED!

CHURCHES OF GALATIA

(SEE ACTS ch.13-14)

WHAT MATTERS IS GOD'S NEW CREATION

THE NEW, MULTI-ETHNIC FAMILY OF THE MESSIAH...
 ...FULL OF FAITH IN JESUS...
 ...LOVING GOD & OTHERS IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

1-2 THE GOSPEL OF THE CRUCIFIED MESSIAH...

YOU'VE EMBRACED A DIFFERENT GOSPEL!?!

PAUL COMMISSIONED BY THE RISEN JESUS (ACTS 9)

PAUL SUPPORTED BY THE JERUSALEM APOSTLES

PETER'S HYPOCRISY IN ANTIOCH

BETRAYAL OF THE GOSPEL

DECLARED RIGHTEOUS

- IN RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
- FORGIVEN & GIVEN A PLACE IN GOD'S FAMILY
- RESULTS IN TRANSFORMATION BY GRACE

"PEOPLE ARE NOT JUSTIFIED BY THE WORKS OF THE TORAH, BUT RATHER BY THE FAITH OF JESUS THE MESSIAH, AND WE HAVE FAITH IN THE MESSIAH JESUS." (2:16)

JESUS' FAITHFULNESS TO LIVE & DIE ON OUR BEHALF OR OUR TRUST & DEVOTION TO JESUS

"I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH THE MESSIAH & IT'S NOT I WHO COME BACK TO LIFE, BUT THE MESSIAH LIVING IN ME. AND THE LIFE I NOW LIVE, I LIVE BY FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD, WHO LOVED ME & GAVE HIS LIFE FOR ME." (2:19-20)

THE HEART OF PAUL'S GOSPEL

WHEN PEOPLE TRUST IN JESUS, WHAT'S TRUE OF HIM...
 ...BECOMES TRUE OF THEM

WE BELONG TO JESUS' FAMILY... ONLY BECAUSE OF WHAT HE DID FOR US!

3-4 ...CREATES A NEW, MULTI-ETHNIC FAMILY...

ABRAHAM (GENESIS 12, 15)

ALL NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED THROUGH YOU & YOUR OFFSPRING (GEN 12:3, 22:18)

God

- GIVEN TO ISRAEL LONG AFTER THE PROMISE TO ABRAHAM
- ALWAYS INTENDED AS TEMPORARY

DECLARED RIGHTEOUS BY HIS FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISE (GENESIS 15:6)

SO WHY THE LAWS OF THE TORAH? (SEE ROMANS 7-8)

POSITIVE ROLE

NEGATIVE ROLE

FAILURE SIN

THE LAWS IMPRISONED EVERYONE UNDER THE POWER OF SIN." (3:22)

...UNTIL THE OFFSPRING COMES.

STAY IN LINE... (3:24)

- FULFILLED THE LAW BY LOVING GOD & NEIGHBOR
- TOOK THE CURSE OF ISRAEL'S SIN INTO HIMSELF

GOD'S BLESSING TO ALL (3:28)

RECORING NON-JEWISH CHRISTIANS TO OBSERVE THE TORAH:

- ACTS AS IF JESUS DIDN'T FULFILL GOD'S PROMISE OR DEALT WITH OUR SINS
- NEGLECTS THE FREEDOM THAT JESUS GAINED FOR US
- LIMITS GOD'S BLESSING TO ONE ETHNIC FAMILY

5-6 ...THAT IS TRANSFORMED BY THE SPIRIT

HOW WILL NON-JEWS LEARN GOD'S WILL WITHOUT THE LAWS?

THROUGH THE SPIRIT OF JESUS!

THE LAWS ARE GOOD

SUMMARIZED BY LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR (LEVITICUS 19:18)
 ...BUT THEY DON'T GIVE POWER TO OBEY THEM!

THE GOOD NEWS

- JESUS FULFILLED THE LAWS ON OUR BEHALF
- LIVES IN US THROUGH THE SPIRIT
- NEW HUMANS WHO LOVE OTHERS

OLD HUMANITY

envy
 IDOLATRY
 DIVISION
 MURDER
 SEXUAL IMMORALITY
 SELFISHNESS

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

LOVE
 KINDNESS
 PEACE
 PATIENCE
 FAITHFULNESS
 SELF-CONTROL
 GOODNESS
 JOY

THIS FRUIT REQUIRES CULTIVATION (it's not automatic)

"IF WE LIVE BY THE SPIRIT, WE HAVE TO KEEP IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT." (5:25)

THROUGH THE SPIRIT, JESUS MAKES US INTO PEOPLE WHO LOVE GOD & OTHERS, AND FULFILL

THE TORAH OF THE MESSIAH!

(6:2)