

PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE

Galatians

REVIEW: Galatians 3:15-20

- God's covenant with Abraham is not dependent on Torah observance. One can come to Messiah without the knowledge and understanding of the Torah.
- Yeshua is the true inheritor of the promise given to Abraham, and thus if a person wants a part in that promise, they must come through Messiah Yeshua.
- Israel's disobedience to the Torah did not nullify the promise. It just meant that God was going to bring it about another way.
- The Torah had a purpose that it filled in ancient Israel. Its purpose was to reveal the need for salvation via a willing sacrifice.

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NKJ **Deuteronomy 32:46-47** . . . Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe -- all the words of this law. ⁴⁷ "For it *is* not a futile thing for you, because it is your life, and by this word you shall prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess."

NKJ **Leviticus 18:5** 'You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I *am* the LORD.

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NKJ Deuteronomy 5:33 "You shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live and *that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days* in the land which you shall possess.

NKJ Deuteronomy 30:6 "And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

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- Torah observance may help to extend your life
- But a person cannot be made righteous by Torah observance
 - Only by FAITH in the one who can redeem them and save them
- If the Torah cannot provide Righteousness or Life, then what's its purpose?

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- The Torah exposes the HOPELESSNESS of life without a Messiah
 - TORAH – a perfect set of Laws for a special people,
 - but even then, the PEOPLE failed – with DEATH becoming their ultimate end unless . . .
 - a Messiah REDEEMS and SAVES them

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surrounding a large group of fish in a net (Luke 5:6)

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- “we” – this portion may be directed towards the perpetrators of the “other gospel”
- An allusion to “oral torah” – the system of mitvot and fences designed to keep the people from sinning
- The “parshim” – Pharisees – separate ones

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- Paul personifies faith
- Faith was always available, it just had not shown up in 1st century Israel

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ESV **Philippians 4:7** And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

ESV **1 Peter 1:5** who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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. . .a people with no hope who are being temporarily protected, waiting for their deliverer to arrive.

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- The Torah (along with the Oral Torah) helped protect the people (from themselves)
- Corruption thrived amongst the religious leaders
- The people needed a true interpretation of Torah
 - They needed a savior, a lawgiver like Moses . . .
 - and many reached out.

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- The Torah lead many of the Jewish people to Messiah Yeshua
- It was their tutor

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“A tutor i.e. a guardian and guide of boys. Among the Greeks and the Romans the name was applied to trustworthy slaves who were charged with the duty of supervising the life and morals of boys belonging to the better class. The boys were not allowed so much as to step out of the house without them before arriving at the age of manhood. “

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- The Torah is what guarded and supervised Judah (Israel)
- It watched over Judah and brought her to Messiah
- Being a Tutor was but ONE of Torah’s roles
- Its major role remains – showing us how to be pleasing to God and our neighbor

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- “you” – Paul switches back to speaking to the entire congregation(s)

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- When you are baptized, you look like what you were baptized in
- To God, we all look the same because we look like HIM

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- If we look like HIM, and are JOINED to HIM in marriage, then – as Paul states in Galatians 3:16 . . .

Unto thy **seed** will I give this land . . .

Genesis 12:7

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Shalom Alechim

Peace be Unto You
