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When Yahshua the Messiah entered into Jerusalem before His impalement, riding on the colt of an ass, the peoples took the branches of palm trees and went to meet Him, “On the next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Yahshua was coming to Jerusalem, took the branches of the palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried out, Hosanna: Blessed is he that comes in the name of Yahweh, even the King of Israel.” (John 12:12-13).

Yahshua’s second coming is imminent. Why not prepare for His arrival by making your calling and election sure? Begin to exclusively call upon Yahweh’s Name and Yahshua’s Name for salvation. “For I say to you, You shall not see me from this time, till you shall say, Blessed is he that comes in the name of Yahweh.” (Matthew 23:39).

Bless Yahweh in Yahshua’s Name today!
by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

Our thorough study of the book of Galatians has finally brought us to the last chapter of this intriguing letter written by Paul to Yahweh’s assemblies located in Galatia. Confirmed before our very eyes has been the conclusion that there is absolutely no basis whatsoever to believe that Paul preached a no-law doctrine. Paul taught law keeping (sin-free life), not the message usually attributed to him through a misconception of what the book of Galatians teaches. The law Paul considers annulled was the Rabbinical oral law of Moses, along with the sacrificial and ceremonial law (including physical circumcision), rather than the covenant law of Yahweh.

Reading the Pentateuch carefully, it clearly informs us that Yahweh spoke the biblical law. It is His law; Moses only recorded and transmitted to the Israelites what Yahweh had given to him. Yahweh declared that the commandments He gave to Israel were His commandments—the commandments of Yahweh, Deuteronomy 6:1-2. They were to endure forever, Psalm 111:7-11.

In the book of Galatians Paul teaches the correct understanding of circumcision and (by extension) animal sacrifices, both of which had represented a substitute offering for sin until the Messiah could come into the world and die for His people’s transgressions.

It was a group of Pharisees, who had entered the Messianic True Worship, who insisted upon circumcision of the Gentile converts, Acts 15:5. This sect of strict legalists (the Pharisees), had built a fence around the law of Yahweh with their traditions and humanly slanted interpretations. The name Pharisee means separatist, since they had separated themselves from the people of the land [known as the am haaretz (peasants, farmers), who were not deemed to observe the law strictly enough in a traditional sense].

What is the Law of Moses?

Paul had been educated as a Pharisee, Philippians 3:5-6. He learned the doctrines of the Scriptures at the feet of Gamaliel, one of the most prominent rabbis of Judaism and a Pharisee himself (Acts 22:3). Paul was well acquainted with the traditional Jewish, rabbinical interpretation of the law of Yahweh. Traditionalism in many ways undermined the spirit behind the law. Paul knew the arguments of the rabbis of Pharisaical Judaism and how traditional adherence to the added rules and regulations often nullifies the original intended purpose for which Yahweh gave the law.
Yahshua the Messiah came to restore the righteousness of the law of Yahweh, to cut away all of the traditional interpretations that the Pharisees had attached to it. Verification of this conclusion may be found by reading such passages as Matthew 5, 15, and Mark 7.

The message that Yahshua sought to impart was a return to the inspired principles of Deuteronomy 4:2. “You must not add anything to my charge, nor take anything away from it. You must carry out all the commandments of Yahweh your Elohim which I lay upon you.” (NEB) Yahshua said, “And what of you? Why do you break Yahweh’s commandments in the interests of your traditions?” Matthew 15:3 (NEB)

The Pharisees had developed an oral traditional law which they held in equal or higher esteem than the written Torah. In order to support their teaching that the oral law had the same level of significance, authority, and power as the written law of Yahweh, they devised a tradition that the ORAL LAW had been given to Moses on Mt. Sinai at the same time he received the tables of the law.

Notice how the Encyclopedia Judaica deals with this subject:

“Oral law—the authoritative interpretation of the written law (Torah, which is the text of the Pentateuch) which was regarded as given to Moses on Sinai, and therefore co-existent with the written law. This view of the oral law was a fundamental principle of the rabbis. The written and oral laws constitute together ‘two that are one.’ It is related that a certain man stood before Shammai and said, ‘Rabbi, how many Torahs have you?’ The rabbi replied, ‘Two—one written and one oral.’” Encyclopedia Judaica, “Oral Law.”

The Pharisees taught that the oral law had been given to Moses from Mt. Sinai by Almighty Yahweh at the same time when the prophet received the written law. They taught that the law of Moses (the oral law) was given during the forty days that Moses was in the mount, Exodus 24:16-18. The rabbis believed that Moses transmitted the oral law to Joshua and then he promulgated it among the Israelites. The rabbis considered themselves to be the guardians of the oral law.

Yahweh’s Written Law Never Annull ed

Nowhere does Paul ever declare that the written, codified law of Yahweh was annulled by the death of the Messiah upon the tree of Calvary. He insisted that the sacrificial system was annulled by the death of Yahshua and that this sacrificial system, closely associated with circumcision, constituted a legal restraint to bring us to the Messiah.

Furthermore, Paul took up the battle for the truth Yahshua the Messiah had taught by rejecting the added traditional law of the Pharisees as a yoke of bondage upon the necks of the people. Yahweh’s law is good and it will bring one to righteousness, Deuteronomy 6:24-25. It is the way to the Kingdom of Yahweh, according to the Messiah’s own words, Matthew 19:17. It is a law of liberty, not bondage, Jacob (James) 1:25.

The oral, traditional law of the Pharisees was a code of humanly devised interpretations that enlarged upon the written law contained in the 613 commandments, making the legal code of the Pharisees contain between 13,000 and 14,000 commandments. These interpretations are now also written down in the Mishnah and Gemara, generally called the Talmud. Volumes of material are published to legislate righteousness for the people of Judaism. All of it is merely an addition to Yahweh’s law and much of it opposes the spirit of the commandments which were given to us by Almighty Yahweh to release us from sin and death. The broader regulations never changed the hearts of people but always made them feel guilty for not being totally obedient.

Here is an illustration. Yahweh’s covenant says, “When a man removes the cover of a well or digs a well and leaves it uncovered, then if an ox or an ass fall into it, the owner of the well shall make good the loss. He shall repay the owner of the beast in silver, and the dead beast shall be his,” Exodus 21:33-34 (NEB).

The Talmud henceforth proceeds to legislate righteousness. It states:

“It matters not whether one digs a pit, ditch, well, trenches, or wedge-like ditches, in all these cases he is liable. If this is the law, why then is it written in the text PIT? (We infer from this that) just as a PIT must be deep enough to cause death, i.e., no less than ten hand-breadths deep, so also all other forms of excavations must be no less than ten hand-breadths deep. If they were less than ten hand-breadths deep, and an ox or an ass falls therein and is killed, there is no liability.” Mishnah, (A Text of the Talmud) “Baba Kama” Chapter 5, “Evidence—The Trespasser—The
Pit,” Mishnah V.

“It is estimated in law that an excavation ten hand-breadths deep is sufficient to cause death, but nothing less than such depth. If therefore, one digs an excavation on public ground which is less than ten hand-breadths deep, and an animal is killed by falling into it, there is no liability. A man can be held liable for injuries resulting from his acts, only when it is known to every prudent reasonable man that such acts would cause the resultant damage, but not otherwise, for die. Yahweh’s law specifies no ten hand-breadths.

The historical environment (sitz im leben) of the time when Yahshua and Paul were preaching describes the harsh decrees that were imposed upon the people of Yahweh through the scribal (Pharisaical) added law. One need not wonder why Paul inveighed against the oral traditions in his writings, just as Yahshua castigated the Jews of His day for their insincerity by making the commandments of Yahweh of none effect through their traditions, Matthew 15:6. Yahshua’s words and Paul’s not a stroke, will disappear from the Law until all that must happen has happened. If any man therefore sets aside even the least of the Law’s demands, and teaches others to do the same, he will have the lowest place in the kingdom of Heaven, whereas anyone who keeps the Law, and teaches others so, will stand high in the kingdom of Heaven. I tell you, unless you show yourselves far better men than the Pharisees and the doctors of the law, you can never enter the kingdom of Heaven.” Matthew 5:17-20,

Yahshua’s words and Paul’s writings were subsequently twisted by nominal Christianity which interpreted them to mean that the entire law of Yahweh was done away with when the Messiah died. This cannot be sound doctrine because Yahshua Himself declared that the law of Yahweh would exist forever.

then it is considered in law a mere accident. If therefore an animal is killed by falling into a pit less than ten hand-breadths deep, the law says that death resulted from some other unforeseen cause and not from the fall.” Ibid., Mishnah VI

Do you see how the Pharisaical legislation leads to a human legislation of righteousness? Certainly if anyone opens a pit or a hole in the ground, the righteous spirit behind the law would dictate that the man place barricades around the hole or a cover over it so that no one (man or beast) could fall into the hole and injure himself or possibly writings were subsequently twisted by nominal Christianity which interpreted them to mean that the entire law of Yahweh was done away with when the Messiah died. This cannot be sound doctrine because Yahshua Himself declared that the law of Yahweh would exist forever. Christian interpreters did not know the historical background behind these arguments, and thus jumped to wrong conclusions.

“Do not suppose that I have come to abolish the Law and the prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to complete. I tell you this: so long as heaven and earth endure, not a letter, (NEB) Yahshua’s Message on Law Keeping

It was Paul’s concern that the ritual by which a proselyte was brought into the True Worship should be interpreted scripturally. The Pharisees who were in the Messianic worship misinterpreted what Yahweh had intended. Yahshua taught His Apostles the truth of the law, to keep the commandments of Yahweh and reject the added traditional law of the Pharisees against whom Yahshua had constant disputes during His ministry.

Paul had learned the same
identical message from the Scriptures. The Holy Spirit of Yahweh had brought him into complete harmony with the message of the Messiah. Paul had been a Pharisee; he knew their teachings well.

Consequently, the Messianic message forced him to accept teachings opposed to what he and his former associates had believed. He knew well how they had interpreted the Scriptures and how this erroneous interpretation led them away from the Messiah through their legalism. This made him a bitter doctrinal enemy to his former comrades, but he stood firm in his resolution to serve Yahweh rather than men. Paul’s message demonstrated the power and authority of the Holy Spirit; therefore, there was a constant confrontation between himself and the Pharisees.

**Legalism Rejects Yahshua’s Sacrifice**

The legalistic interpretations of the ritual of circumcision among the Pharisees led them to the point of asserting that the blood of the ceremonial circumcision that was shed by each individual atoned for his sins. This raised Paul’s indignation since such an erroneous, legalistic interpretation meant a denial of the Messiah’s sacrifice through His shed blood.

Therefore, in order to understand the controversy in the early assembly accurately, we must take into account the life setting (the sitz im leben or historical environment) of the time period in which Paul was writing. We must determine the points he argued and which law he taught should be annulled. He specified the added oral law that was elevated to a superior position above the law of Yahweh, along with the rite of circumcision and the animal sacrifices. All these things foreshadowed the Messiah and were fulfilled in Him. Yahshua preached the keeping of Yahweh’s commandments and rejected the oral law. Paul followed exactly in harmony with this correct approach.

The Pharisees believed that the law of Yahweh, the written law, had no strict definitions or interpretations in the terms of weights, measures, and punishments, and thus demanded a special penal code similar to the sacrificial code of the law of Yahweh. They even asserted that this oral law code served as a fence around the law of Yahweh. With this in mind, we should be able to see even more clearly what is meant in Galatians 3:23-25.

**“Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. So the law was put in charge to lead us to Yahweh that we might be justified by faith. Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law.”** Galatians 3:23-25 (New International Version)

**The Holy Spirit Enlightens Us**

Yahshua the Messiah came to bestow Yahweh’s Holy Spirit upon the members of His assembly. The mind of Almighty Yahweh in the Holy Spirit brings the spirit of the law into our hearts and minds. The Holy Spirit will not allow us to overstep the law of Yahweh, but it will teach us as Yahshua the Messiah did that it is lawful to do good, Mark 3:4.

The Holy Spirit of Yahweh will motivate us to love our fellowman and it will convict us if we overstep the bounds of the spirit of the law. Paul said that the law of Yahweh is spiritual, Romans 7:14. The spirit of the law will never be restricted by a legalistic interpretation. The Holy Spirit will convict the individual of stepping outside the bounds of Yahweh’s law. No traditional restriction that was added to the law, nor any sacrificial code of penance, not even ritual circumcision, can ever displace the convicting power of the Holy Spirit of Yahweh to persuade us to do good.

The whole message of the Bible is summarized for us in Ecclesiastes 12:13. “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: all has been heard: fear Elohim, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole of man.” In the new covenant era the law of Yahweh is written on the hearts of those individuals who seek to live in harmony with our Heavenly Father. It is inscribed there not with ink, but with the spirit of the living Mighty One.

**“Being made manifest that you are a letter of the Messiah, ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living Elohim; not in tables of stone, but in tables that are hearts of flesh.”** 2 Corinthians 3:3

**Restoration for Those Who Sin**

“If a man should do something wrong, my brothers, on a sudden impulse, you who are endowed with the Spirit must set him right again very gently. Look to yourself, each one of you: you may be tempted too. Help one another to carry these heavy loads, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Messiah.” Galatians
Occasionally it will happen that someone will fall from grace. He may sin unintentionally during a sudden impulse. The members of the Messianic assembly will not premeditate sin. They may seem to overstep the law of Yahweh when it opposes a traditional interpretation. If such is the case, those who are living spiritual lives should correct him. (Leviticus 19:17)

Correction should be motivated by love, done with gentleness, not with hate, maliciousness, or arrogance. The spirit of the law realizes that the babe in the Messiah grows in grace and knowledge of Yahshua the Messiah. Even though we sometimes err, each one of Yahweh’s children is tempted by Satan just as was Yahshua. We must combat the tricks of Satan with Scripture, just as Yahshua did.

We are all tempted by Satan, but we do not yield. Someone may fall in a moment of weakness, and we who are humble will restore the truly repentant person in a spirit of meekness because we also may one day fail to live up to our convictions and commitment. Should such an eventuality occur, we would hope to be treated with kindness also. Therefore, we should be the first to show love to others. We may not require penance for sin (a physical show) as do some religions.

When we help one another along the way of life, we will fulfill the law of the Messiah, which is love. Read again Matthew chapter 5. Yahshua taught the way of love, rather than the way of tradition in dealing with our fellow man. With this humble attitude every problem in Yahweh’s assemblies can be overcome. Love and humility will guide the people of Yahweh back to a loving Mighty One and cause them to live their lives in harmony with His will.

**Yahweh’s Love Extends Mercy**

We must constantly remember that Almighty Yahweh first showed love to us by opening a way of reconciliation. All have sinned and come short of the glory of Yahweh, Romans 3:23. All have broken Yahweh’s law and committed sin, 1 John 3:4. Yahweh showed the example of His great love by sending His only begotten Son to this earth to be the Redeemer of His people Israel, John 3:16. Those who sincerely seek to serve and obey Yahweh will be granted mercy.

Yahweh gave His only begotten Son as the perfect Passover lamb and atonement sacrifice for the sins of the world. Through His shed blood we may receive remission for our sins.

Why should Almighty Yahweh love us? He did not love us for our sinfulness, but He loved us because we were ignorant of His righteousness.

If one of our brethren falls into wrongdoing and sin through ignorance or in a moment of weakness, we owe it to Yahweh to forgive that individual, if he again humbly brings forth the fruit of repentance.

“Forgive us the wrong we have done, as we have forgiven those who have wronged us.” Matthew 6:12 (NEB)

Yahshua explained in verses 14 and 15: “For if you forgive others the wrongs they have done, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, then the wrongs you have done will not be forgiven by your Father.” (NEB) If we do not forgive those who trespass against us, Almighty Yahweh will not forgive our sins.

The way of Yahweh is love, doing things as He would because we have His Holy Spirit fruit of love in our hearts, not because we are forced to do them. If we have His Holy Spirit motivated fruit of love, we will desire to assist others into a higher spiritual life because we have seen His beauty.

**Humility in the Spiritual Man**

“For if a man imagines himself to be somebody, when
He is nothing, he is deluding himself. Each man should examine his own conduct for himself; then he can measure his achievement by comparing himself with himself and not with anyone else. For everyone has his own proper burden to bear.” Galatians 6:3-5 (NEB)

As we analyze this quote from Galatians chapter 6, we observe that possibly some of the people of the Galatian assemblies were having serious difficulties in living an overcoming, converted life. Possibly they were hardly different from the people today who constantly compare themselves to another brother. They pick fault with their brother’s life, many times in a very hypocritical way. Perhaps they seek to throw suspicion from their own faults by dramatically pointing a finger at others. In this they demonstrate their unconverted attitude.

Yahshua the Messiah said, “And why behold you the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but consider not the beam that is in your own eye? Or how will you say to your brother, Let me cast out the speck out of your eye; and lo, the beam is in your own eye? You hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of your own eye; and then shall you see clearly to cast out the speck out of your brother’s eye.” Matthew 7:3-5

Every believer must remember that he was also a sinner at one time in his life and that he represents the product of the grace of Yahweh. Unless it had been for the redemption of Yahshua the Messiah and His shed blood, we would not be able to stand before the throne of Yahweh cleansed of our past sins. We are nothing except by the grace of Yahweh. His grace took the form of sending His own Son to this earth to die for us while we were in our sinful condition.

Arrogance and egotism have no place in the body of True Worship. Paul explains that he counted his past life nothing or even less than nothing. “However, what things were gain to me, these have I counted loss for Messiah. Yes truly, and I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of the Messiah Yahshua my Sovereign: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may gain the Messiah,” Philippians 3:7-8.

Why does someone entertain a self-righteous spirit in his heart? The prophet Isaiah said under the inspiration of Yahweh’s Holy Spirit, “For we have all become as one that is unclean, and all our righteousnesses are as a polluted garment: and we all fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.” Isaiah 64:6

Paul’s emphatic exhortation to the people of Yahweh urged them always to remember that they are human, still prone to sin, weak through the flesh. Only through the strength of the Holy Spirit can we stand justified before Almighty Yahweh. His grace in overlooking our past sinful state is the greatest gift that we could ever wish to receive. We have not in any way merited such a blessing by some prior right. Nothing that we could do would ever atone for our sin.

Nevertheless, when we come to realize that redemption is for us personally, we will immediately begin to obey Yahweh and keep His commandments. We will seek with all our hearts to please our Heavenly Father from thenceforth and no longer conduct our lives contrary to His wishes. Such an humble attitude will produce the meekness of character that must be evident among the people who would inherit the earth, Matthew 5:5.

Communication Among the People of Yahweh

“When anyone is under instruction in the faith, he should give his teacher a share of all good things he has.” Galatians 6:6 (NEB)

The Authorized Version for this verse says, “Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teaches in all good things.”

The New English Bible gives an accurate sense to the translation from the Greek. There must be verbal communication, but there must also be giving. The most outstanding attitude of true conversion results when the individual rejects this world and its materialism while simultaneously turning his thoughts and affections toward the Kingdom of Yahweh. Yahweh’s people love to give, because they have a genuine concern for their fellowman and they wish to send out the message of salvation to the ends of the earth.

Did Paul ask the Galatians for a contribution here in this verse? At the very least he urged them to communicate with him and if you accept the translation from the New English Bible, it will be obvious that Paul desired to see them bear fruit through giving regular financial assistance toward his missionary effort.

“And you yourselves also know, you Philippians, that in the beginning of the good tidings, when I departed from Macedonia, no assembly had fellowship with me in the matter of giving and
receiving, but you only; for even in Thessalonica you sent once and again to my need. Not that I seek for the gift; but I seek for the fruit that increases to your account.” Philippians 4:15-17

You will note here that the word “communication” relates to sacrificial giving by the Philippian assembly. Paul clearly stated that he did not desire their temporal gifts, but he desired that they would bear fruit. The fruit he wanted them to bring forth was to have others hear of the sound doctrines of the Bible. He used their contributions to assist him in preaching the glad tidings of salvation to the people to whom Yahshua sent him.

Blessings for Giving

The world today shows a lack of respect for those who have been placed in positions of authority in Yahweh’s assembly. It would appear that it was no different in Paul’s day. A converted attitude and character reveal a true difference. They are a personification of the words of Yahshua the Messiah in Acts 20:35. “…It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Giving is one way to determine the affection of someone’s heart. Yahshua also said, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Matthew 6:21

Yahshua clearly directed us to lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven and not to store away treasures on this earth.

Where does your affection reside? Is it in the message of the Scriptures, or in gaining possessions in the worldly Babylonish system in which we find ourselves today? Worldly possessions cannot be carried across into the coming Kingdom of Yahweh—but gems in our crown can. Our resources should be directed toward heralding Yahweh’s truth to the world.

Tithing Required

Those who believe the law of Yahweh has been annulled focus on the question of the law of tithing, Leviticus 27:30-33. This passage tells us that all of the tenth of the produce of the entire earth belongs to Yahweh. It is the rent He requires us to pay for our use of His property. Malachi 3:8-12 clearly shows that those who refuse to freely offer a tenth of their increase to Almighty Yahweh are ROBBING Him. It is Yahweh’s tenth; the tithe does not belong to man. Those who steal from Yahweh will be rewarded with punishment from the Most High for their sin.

“Will a man rob Elohim? Yet you rob me. But you say, In what have we robbed you? In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with the curse; for you rob me, even this whole nation. Bring the whole tithe into the store-house, that there may be food in my house, and prove me now with this, says Yahweh of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour for you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes,
and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast its fruit before the time in the field, says Yahweh of hosts. And all nations shall call you happy; for you shall be a delightful land, says Yahweh of hosts,” Malachi 3:8-12.

We must remember that those who fear Yahweh speak often one to another. “Then they that feared Yahweh spoke one with another; and Yahweh listened, and heard, and a book of remembrance was written before him, for them that feared Yahweh, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, says Yahweh of hosts, even my own possession, in the day that I make; and I will spare them, as a man spares his own son that serves him. Then shall you return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serves Elohim and him that serves him not.” Malachi 3:16-18

They communicate with the leaders of the assembly and the leaders of Yahweh’s assembly communicate with their flock. Yahweh has appointed good shepherds, as His undershepherds over the flock. Today those faithful undershepherds representing Yahshua the Messiah and our Heavenly Father Yahweh through the power of His Holy Spirit and the sound doctrine of the Word care for the sheep. They desire that all true believers band together to bear fruit that will be credited to their account in the Kingdom of Yahweh. Those faithful men feed the flock spiritual food. They feed the flock faithfully so that Yahweh, the Father in heaven, and Yahshua the Messiah will be glorified.

“You shall keep the feast of tabernacles seven days, after you have gathered in from your threshing-floor and from your winepress.” (Deuteronomy 16:13).

Will You Answer Yahweh’s Call?

Each year in the fall, in the seventh scriptural month, as commanded by our Heavenly Father, the Assemblies of Yahweh members gather to observe the Feast of Tabernacles in the United States and at various other sites around the world. Don’t miss this tremendous annual spiritual milestone. Write today for information about the 2021 Feast of Tabernacles.

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The Harvest of our Lives

“Make no mistake about this: Yahweh is not to be fooled; a man reaps what he sows. If he sows seed in the field of his lower nature, he will reap from it a harvest of corruption, but if he sows in the field of the Spirit, the Spirit will bring him a harvest of eternal life. So let us never tire of doing good, for if we do not slacken our efforts we shall in due time reap our harvest.

“Therefore, as opportunity offers, let us work for the good of all, especially members of the household of faith.” Galatians 6:7-10 (NEB)

Previously, Paul has shown in this book that the Holy Spirit of Yahweh will only bear good fruit, while the flesh will regularly bear evil fruit (Galatians 5:16-24). An individual cannot deceive Yahweh because our Father in heaven possesses the supernatural ability to look into the deepest recesses of the heart. Notice what Yahweh told Samuel when he was about to anoint the next king. “But Yahweh said to Samuel, Look not on his appearance, or on the height of his stature; because I have rejected him: for Yahweh sees not as man sees; for man looks on the outward appearance, but Yahweh looks on the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7

Yahshua at one time made a very penetrating observation apparently based upon this very passage. “... You are they that justify yourselves before men; but Elohim knows your hearts: for that which is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of Elohim.” Luke 16:15

Outward appearances mean nothing to Almighty Yahweh. He looks on the heart. What fruit does your heart bring forth? Is it wickedness (Jeremiah 17:9), or is it the product of love? Love (Greek—agape) IS THE SPONTANEOUS OUTGOING CONCERN AND AFFECTION FOR OUR FELLOW MAN that comes from the Holy Spirit. Especially is this Holy Spirit inspired love directed toward our brethren in the Messiah. Love will manifest itself by showing the fruits which the Holy Spirit produces. This is the harvest that comes forth from our lives: a harvest that both Almighty Yahweh and our fellow man can perceive.

Throughout our lives opportunities will present themselves to do good to many other people, but we should be especially concerned with the welfare of the brethren from the household of the true faith. We are a family, drawn together in unity through the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, we become one in the Body of the Messiah, 1 Corinthians 12. We who have come out of this worldly Babylonish system will wish to draw closer together with the brethren of like precious faith. It should be our objective to withdraw as far as possible from this present worldly system. We look for the establishment of the Kingdom of Yahweh and this Kingdom already reigns within the hearts of the converted True Worshipers.

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A WORLD TURNED UPSIDE DOWN

“Behold, Yahweh makes the earth empty, and makes it waste, and turns it upside down, and scatters abroad the inhabitants of it.” (Isaiah 24:1).

“The earth shall be utterly emptied, and utterly laid waste; for Yahweh has spoken this word. The earth mourns and fades away, the world languishes and fades away, the lofty people of the earth languish. The earth also is polluted under the inhabitants of it; because they have transgressed the laws, violated the statutes, BROKEN THE EVERLASTING COVENANT. Therefore has the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell in it are found guilty: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.” (Isaiah 24:3-6).

“Oh that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the killed of the daughter of my people! Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging-place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them! For they are all ADULTERERS, an assembly of TREACHEROUS MEN. And they bend their tongue, as it were their bow, for FALSEHOOD; and they have grown strong in the land, but not for truth: for they proceed from evil to evil, AND THEY KNOW NOT ME, SAYS YAHWEH. Take heed every one of his neighbor, and trust you not in any brother; for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbor will go about with slanders. And they will deceive every one his neighbor, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies; they weary themselves to commit iniquity. Your habitation is in the middle of deceit; through deceit THEY REFUSE TO KNOW ME, says Yahweh.” (Jeremiah 9:1-6).

Yahweh, full of lovingkindness and mercy, has extended His hand to us, to save us from destruction. But like a petulant child—striking back with a resounding “NO!”—this generation has rejected Yahweh.

“But this thing I commanded them, saying, LISTEN TO MY VOICE, and I will be your Elohim, and you shall be my people; and walk in all the way that I command you that it may be well with you. BUT THEY LISTENED NOT, nor inclined their ear, but walked in their own counsels, and in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward. Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt to this day, I have sent to you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them: yet they listened not to me, nor inclined their ear; but made their neck stiff: they did worse than their fathers.” (Jeremiah 7:23-26).

Those of us who have raised children know how Yahweh feels. He has corrected His children, and yet they REFUSE HIM. Yahweh weeps because He has declared that He will judge for wickedness—the transgression of His Law—and His stiff-necked children refuse this reconciliation effort. “Shall I not visit them for these things? says Yahweh; shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation, as this?” (Jeremiah 9:9).

The western United States is parched, suffering an intense drought; yet, does anyone consider that this is judgment from Yahweh? Wildfires rage out of control in many states because of the drought conditions. Do you tremble that Yahweh is bringing judgment upon this nation because of egregious sins and flagrant violation of Yahweh’s Commandments? “For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the pastures of the wilderness, a lamentation, BECAUSE THEY ARE BURNED UP, so that no one
passes through; neither can men hear the voice of the cattle; both the birds of the heavens and the beasts have fled, they are gone.” (Jeremiah 9:10).

No Pleasure in Judgment

“Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked? says the Sovereign Yahweh; and not rather that he should return from his way, and live?” (Ezekiel 18:23).

Yahweh takes no PLEASURE in pouring out His judgments upon this wicked age. However, He is giving the call to repentance. “Repent; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (Matthew 3:2). Just as John the Baptist came announcing Yahshua the Messiah’s ministry, the Assemblies of Yahweh announces the IMMEDIATE return of Yahshua the Messiah and the implementation of the Kingdom of Yahweh here on this earth. “Bring forth therefore fruit worthy of repentance…” will soon resonate globally to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people via the powerful voice of radio station WMKL.

“Even now the axe lies at the root of the trees: every tree therefore that brings forth not good fruit is HEWN DOWN, and cast into the fire. I indeed baptize you in water to repentance; but he that comes after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire: whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly cleanse his threshing-floor; and he will gather his wheat into the garner, but the chaff he will burn up with UNQUENCHABLE fire.” (Matthew 3:10-12).

They Declare Their Sin as Sodom

On one day, recently, two news stories were highlighted on several news websites, which advocated for sexual aberration in violation of Yahweh’s Law, sins which are an abomination to Yahweh. The Cambridge University Press published an article advocating for “bestiality or zoophilia,” attempting to normalize, and even celebrate, this vile transgression of Yahweh’s Torah. We cannot quote any more of this stomach-churning article by Kathy Rudy, titled “LGBT...Z?” because it is too disgusting. “And you shall not lie with any beast to defile yourself with it…” (Leviticus 20:23).

The other article, by Belgian poet Delphine Lecompte normalized pedophilia, “I think it would be wiser to get to know and accept the pedophile…,” she wrote. “Attempts to normalize child sex abuse have been ongoing in Europe. Not just for years, but for decades, with French intellectuals signing a letter advocating for the decriminalization of child sex abuse as far back as 1977, among them, the famous philosopher Michael Foucault,” wrote Chris Tomlinson at Breitbart.com.

News stories that have surfaced in recent years regarding the sexual escapades of rich and famous people (such as the late Jeffrey Epstein) allege not just pedophilia, but sex trafficking as well. All of these things reveal how wicked this generation has become! These are ABOMINATIONS TO YAHWEH, and He will pour out His judgments upon all who engage in such despicable behavior. Yet, Yahshua the Messiah warned that conditions would deteriorate into gross debauchery before His Second Coming. “And as were the days of Noah, so shall be the coming of the Son of Man.” (Matthew 24:37). Yahweh will soon have His vengeance upon the wickedness of this day and age. “For these are days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.” (Luke 21:22).

“BUT TAKE HEED TO YOURSELVES, lest your hearts should be overcharged with debauchery, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day come on you suddenly as a snare: for so shall it come upon all them that dwell on the face of all the earth. But watch you at every season, making supplication, that you may PREVAIL TO ESCAPE all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.” (Luke 21:34-36).

Gender Selection Abortions

A new study reveals that it is a common practice around the world to abort fetuses if they are not of the desired gender. This can be seen in the male-to-female ratio of births in many countries. Sex-selective abortions are those in which girls are targeted for death simply because they are girls. This is especially prevalent because of ultrasound technology that reveals the baby’s sex. Is this any different than the Spartan practice of infanticide—exposing “ill-born” infants to the elements that reveals the baby’s sex? Or the worship of Baal Molech (and other pagan religions) where child sacrifice was practiced?

Abortion Organ Harvesting

A Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request by Tom Fitton of Judicial Watch has revealed that the National Institute of Health (NIH) funded organ harvesting of late-term abortion fetuses WHILE THEY WERE STILL ALIVE. The University of Pittsburgh received
a $3 million contract over several years to harvest organs from fetuses, specifically kidneys “MINIMIZING THE ISCHEMIA (blood flow) TIME that the organs are subjected to when they are removed. Ischemia is defined by the NIH as the time when the blood flow is lost to an organ. The University of Pittsburgh, in recent years, became a “tissue hub” where body parts were removed from late-term aborted fetuses and distributed widely.

THIS IS INFANTICIDE! A modern-day holocaust, equal to or greater than the evil medical research of Doctor Josef Mengele! Not only is it taking place in the state of Pennsylvania, but it is also FUNDED BY THE TAX-PAYER! Jonathan Van Maren, a writer at LifeSiteNews, summed up what this says about society today: “Pillaging the corpses of babies who are not considered human enough for human rights but are considered human enough to be BUTCHERED FOR RESEARCH.”

Worldwide Propaganda

Piers Robinson, co-director of the Organization for Propaganda Studies, spoke recently about the worldwide propaganda regarding COVID-19. “COVID-19 is probably one of the biggest propaganda operations we’ve seen in history because of the global nature and the resources put into it,” Robinson said. “It was pretty clear from the beginning that propaganda was being employed.”

Robinson documents how the British government sought expert advice from behavioral psychologists on how to use the media to manipulate public opinion by ratcheting up the level of fear surrounding the COVID pandemic. He cited UK government documents from March 2020 referencing groups skilled in applied psychology. They help the government craft a plan of propaganda to drive a fear-based narrative with the goal of causing behavioral change.

“Use media to increase sense of personal threat,” with such taglines as “Anyone can get it. Anyone can spread it. Don’t put your friends and family in danger. Stay home for your family. Don’t put their lives in danger, etc.” Other methods included the use of social approval for desired behaviors, enacting legislation to compel required behaviors and use of social disapproval for failure to comply.

The World Economic Forum immediately seized on the COVID pandemic as an opportunity to change the economic, political, and social structure of the free world. Elites at the WEF, United Nations, the British Royal family, the Vatican, World Bank, and international monetary fund did not hide their excitement about the opportunity that came with a global pandemic.

“What we seem to have here are political actors exploiting the circumstances for political, economic and social objectives,” Robinson said. “It’s certainly very clear, for example, organizations such as the World Economic Forum had a very specific vision from the very beginning on how to respond to COVID and had a very specific vision for the future, talking about the Fourth Industrial Revolution, smart cities, and so on, and it would appear that actors such as that are using and exploiting COVID for substantial political, economic and social restructuring.

“The role of propaganda then becomes key, because it conditions people to accept these drastic changes without any scrutiny or public debate because people are thinking that this is all about a virus, and people are scared. All of the transformative changes are being swept through without any scrutiny. ALL THE ALARM BELLS ARE RINGING WITH ANYONE WHO HAS A KNOWLEDGE OF HISTORY, AND A KNOWLEDGE OF PROPAGANDA, how governments don’t always operate in the best interests of their populations. All the alarm bells are ringing, and we are in extremely dangerous times, unfortunately, and very worrying for the future.
“The virus now becomes an engine to drive society, vaccine passports, a digital ID system and a social-credit scoring system similar to what’s used in China to keep people toeing the government line. All of these seem to revolve around a MAJOR RESTRUCTURING OF SOCIETY, major redistribution of wealth, much more control, much less democracy,” Robinson said.

**Big Pharma Wins**

The World Health Organization (WHO), the FDA, and the CDC have been suppressing the use of Ivermectin and Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ), two commonly used antiviral drugs that have proven to be effective in the treatment of COVID, especially when taken in conjunction with Zinc.

An article in the *Jerusalem Post* recently reported that an Israeli scientist conducted a double-blind study showing that Ivermectin reduces the disease’s duration and infectiousness. Professor Eli Schwartz said, “Our study shows first and foremost that Ivermectin has antiviral activity. It shows that there is almost a 100% chance that a person will be non-infectious in four to six days, which could lead to shortening isolation time for these people. This could have a huge economic and social impact.” Rather than the treatment for COVID-19 requiring hospitalization—and thousands of dollars for treatment—Ivermectin, or HCQ, could have been administered at home for under a dollar a day. Pharmaceutical manufacturers are profiting billions at the expense of the lives of so many people who are SUFFERING NEEDLESSLY. This is unjust gain—profiting from the pandemic—forcing treatments upon the population with the club of government mandates.

**Digital Currency Imminent**

A recent announcement by the Federal Reserve indicates that the move toward a digital dollar is imminent, and a report on this trend will be released mid-September 2021. Weeks ago, reports surfaced, announcing that Central Banks of 80 nations around the world are looking at digital currencies and contingency plans to transition from traditional currency to digital currency. This is a cause of great concern, because this gives governments the opportunity to control and remove individual rights. Recently, reports of certain individuals, businesses, and non-profits had their bank accounts terminated or their ability to process electronic payments removed. This has caused great concern relating to privacy, government and political overreach, as well as outright discrimination.

Imagine a scenario where someone needing financing would have that loan, as well as the interest rate charged being determined not by one’s credit score, but by a SOCIAL CREDIT SCORE, such as is being implemented in China and many other places around the world! Consequently, someone with views that are different than those that are commonly accepted in society today, might find it more DIFFICULT to obtain financing, or might even be DENIED A LOAN outright, or even the ability to do business. Furthermore, digital currency will lead to discrimination due to the fact that every transaction will be tracked and scrutinized. Cash transactions, however, allow an individual anonymity, whereas the data of a digital transaction remains potentially in perpetuity.

**Good Citizens Rewarded**

An app in the UK will reward families based on government-approved choices at the grocery store. Those who choose healthier options such as fruits and vegetables or engage in exercise will be rewarded with loyalty points in the app, which will translate into discounts and other incentives. The China social credit score REWARDS citizens for complying with laws and regulations and penalizing others for their conduct over all, and even
holding them to account if they associate with certain people that the government deems as undesirable. The social credit score then limits their ability to travel both domestically and internationally, as well as their ability to purchase certain items.

Is this the predecessor to the fulfillment of Revelation 13:17: “And that no man should be able to buy or to sell, except he that has the mark, even the name of the beast, or the number of his name?”

Amazon has expanded its palm-scanning payment check to more of its physical stores in the Seattle area. The Verge reports that e-commerce and tech firm Amazon is expanding its Amazon One payment system that allows customers to pay by scanning their palms. Reuben Binns, an associate professor at the University of Oxford, noted “The advantage is that it’s on you all the time, this isn’t something you can lose, but that’s also a disadvantage because you can never change it. You can never change your palm like you change your password or other identification tokens.”

Vaccine Passports Arrive

Even though government and business leaders promised us that they would not enact vaccine passports, the draconian lockdown measures have given birth to coming vaccine mandates and vaccine passports. This means that they are planning to force the world’s population to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Recent laws and bureaucratic rules have revealed that restrictions are planned for unvaccinated people in coming months. Angela Merkel’s chief of staff said recently, “Vaccinated will definitely have more freedoms than unvaccinated.”

Italians over the age of 12 will have to present a vaccine passport, or “Green Pass,” to be indoors in restaurants or engage in other activities such as going to gyms or theaters. French Parliament has also voted to make vaccine passports a key part of daily life. Even though widespread protests were held throughout France, THESE CRIES FOR LIBERTY HAVE FALLEN ON DEAF EARS. In the UK, vaccine passports are also known as “immunity certificates,” although the Delta variant has shown that the vaccinated are not completely immune resulting in many “breakthrough infections.”

The same is true in the United States, as well, with various states planning the implementation of “verification of vaccination status” as a way of circumventing the term “vaccine passport.” Failing to meet their preset goal of 70 percent fully immunized people, state and federal officials are now turning up the heat on the reluctant unvaccinated citizens. “With celebrity endorsements, cash incentives, and other methods of persuasion, appearing to have failed, calls for the private sector to enact vaccine mandates will only grow louder as communities begin to reintroduce coronavirus restrictions, citing too many unvaccinated people and too many COVID infections,” wrote Chris Pandolfo at Blaze Media.

These proposed vaccine mandates cause a two-tiered society with the vaccinated having freedom of movement, whereas the unvaccinated are restricted even from shopping, sporting events, concerts, or dining at restaurants. This was made very obvious by a statement from Alabama Governor Kay Ivey, “We’ve got to get folks to take the shot,” she stated. “Folks are supposed to have common sense. But it’s time to start BLAMING THE UNVACCINATED FOLKS, not the regular folks. It’s the unvaccinated folks that are letting us down,” Ivey told reporters.

Yahweh Has the Answer

Yahweh is our refuge and our fortress. Psalm 91:3-6 reveals that Yahweh will deliver us from the deadly pestilence, assuring those who trust in Him that the plague would not come near their tent.

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by directing our personal lives. It reigns also in the midst of Yahshua’s body of spirit begotten people.

Periodically, everyone must make a critical analysis of the direction of his personal life. This introspective scrutiny will determine if the lofty goals he had once set for himself remain central among the interests in his life. With tunnel vision we must pursue the narrow way of life that leads to the Kingdom of Yahweh. We must eliminate all that could divert us from this cherished destination.

Occasionally in the storm of life our spiritual ships may drift off course. We must ask ourselves, “What do I hope to achieve in life?” If we are motivated toward a spiritual destination, we will always steer the straight course set for us—the Kingdom of Yahweh.

The harvest (the end result) of living a spiritual life will eventually be eternal life in the Kingdom of Yahweh. Conversely, sin will bring a harvest of death, eternal rejection by Almighty Yahweh and separation from Him, 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10.

**Circumcision Reexamined**

“You see these big letters? I am now writing to you in my own hand. It is all those who want to make a fair outward and bodily show who are trying to force circumcision upon you; their sole object is to escape persecution for the tree of Yahshua. For even those who do receive circumcision are not thoroughgoing observers of the law; they only want you to be circumcised in order to boast of your having submitted to that outward rite. But Yahweh forbid that I should boast of anything but the tree of our Savior Yahshua the Messiah, through which the world is impaled to me and I to the world! Circumcision is nothing; uncircumcision is nothing; the only thing that counts is new creation! Whoever they are who take this principle for their guide, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the whole Israel of Yahweh!”

Galatians 6:11-16 (NEB)

It is entirely possible that Paul used the services of an amanuensis (scribe) who set down the letter to the Galatians under his personal dictation. Some historians believe that Luke probably served as Paul’s scribe. However, to demonstrate that this letter was authentic, Paul wrote his conclusion to the Galatian brethren with his own hand. His script was different from the scribe so it could be recognized as coming directly from their devoted teacher in Yahweh.

You will remember that Paul placed his signature on all the letters that were written in his name. This would be the token declaring his epistles to be genuine. Please note 2 Thessalonians 3:17. “The greeting is in my own hand, signed with my name, PAUL; this authenticates all my letters; this is how I write.” He ended his letter to the Galatian assemblies exactly the same way he did when writing to the brethren of Thessalonica.

It is significant that he again draws the attention of the reader to the book of Galatians back to circumcision, the central theme of the Galatian letter. He declares that circumcision is not relevant in the sight of Yahweh, nor is uncircumcision. The goal which every Spirit-begotten believer must place before himself is to become a new creature in Yahshua the Messiah. By taking a human life that is in utter chaos through sin, and reforming it into the heavenly image and pattern of Yahshua the Messiah, a new creation can be achieved. Such a new creation of the heart and mind does not depend upon circumcised flesh. It depends simply on the circumcised heart.

A circumcised heart will keep all of the commandments of Yahweh. It is a heart filled with total love for Yahweh and for the fellow believers in Yahshua the Messiah. Let us see this demonstrated in Deuteronomy 30:6-10.

“And Yahweh your Elohim will circumcise your heart, and the heart of your seed, to love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, that you may live. And Yahweh your Elohim will put all these curses upon your enemies, and on them that hate you, that persecute you. And you shall return and obey the voice of Yahweh, and do all his commandments which I command you this day. And Yahweh your Elohim will make you plenteous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your cattle, and in the fruit of your ground, for good: for Yahweh will again rejoice over you for good, as he rejoiced over your fathers: if you shall obey the voice of Yahweh your Elohim, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written..."
in this book of the law; if you
turn to Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul.”

Circumcision of the heart can only be defined scripturally as keeping the commandments of Yahweh, showing Him our love through obedience. By keeping Yahweh’s commandments, the repentant believer will be recreated by the Heavenly Father into a perfect, spiritual creature. It is a change of mind and attitude from the carnal, unconverted nature to the converted, obedient, loving, spiritual creation of the Most High, just as the Almighty reformed this earth and recreated it out of a very chaotic condition (such as is described in Genesis 1) into something beautiful and useful. Almighty Yahweh can change the individual and make him into a productive child. The carnal (fleshy) mind is enmity against (contrary to) Yahweh. It is not subject to (it will not obey) the law of Yahweh. Please note Romans 8:7. “Because the mind of the flesh is enmity against Yahweh; for it is not subject to the law of Yahweh, neither can it be.”

The carnal mind rebels against the keeping of the commandments of Yahweh because it wants its own selfish way. Its sole desire concentrates upon fulfillment of all the fleshly desires and cravings that produce sensual pleasure. To be carnally minded will lead to death, Romans 8:6.

To be spiritually minded is life and peace. You will remember that the word peace in Hebrew is shalom and comes from a root word meaning completeness, without friction or confusion. Such perfect peace can be ours when we keep Yahweh’s commandments and are reformed into a new creature in the Messiah Yahshua.

The keeping of Yahweh’s commandments in all their spiritual intent is not determined by circumcision of the flesh. Circumcision of the heart will motivate the individual to love Yahweh and keep His commandments. The Israel of Yahweh is composed of people that are thoroughgoing keepers of Yahweh’s law.

“He shows his word to Jacob, His statutes and his ordinances to Israel. He has not dealt so with any nation: And as for his ordinances, they have not known them. HalleluYah!” Psalm 147:19-20. Their boast is not in fleshly things (such as circumcision), but they boast in the tree of the Messiah which allows them to live as a spiritual re-creation of the Most High. They realize it is exclusively by the righteousness of Yahweh in fulfilling His covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that they can stand justified and forgiven before Him to receive His blessings.

Boasting in the flesh rejects the power and redemptive work of the Messiah. It asserts that man can enter the Kingdom of Yahweh through his own merits. The True Worshippers today will join Paul in looking with disrespect upon the human plan of salvation that excludes the miraculous power of Almighty Yahweh our Heavenly Father in sending His Son Yahshua the Messiah to die for the sins of the world.

Salvation can only be achieved through the shed blood of Yahshua the Messiah that was given for the atonement of sins of men on the tree of Calvary. This message we of the Assemblies of Yahweh completely believe, just as did the Apostolic Assembly. This doctrine we proclaim just as did Paul. We do not seek to avoid persecution for this doctrine, but we rejoice in tribulation just as they did.

Those advocating circumcision insisted that the physically uncircumcised people in the assembly lacked perfect law keeping. Paul counters that they themselves were not perfect in their obedience to the law of Yahweh if they rejected the tree of Yahshua the Messiah. By offering their own blood in the rite of circumcision, as the Rabbinical commentators had insisted, those who rejected the tree of Yahshua could never have His cleansing power to atone for their sins. Their own blood could NOT atone for sin.

Those who rely upon the death of Yahshua the Messiah who died on the tree, and in the atoning power of His shed blood, will have impaled and rejected the system of the world. It is only
the shed blood of Yahshua that will atone for the sins of the individual, since no works of righteousness that we have ever done can perform this sacred function.

Paul's Final Conclusion

“In the future let no one make trouble for me, for I bear the marks of Yahshua branded on my body.

“The grace of our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.” Galatians 6:17-18

Paul sets forth the credentials of his Messianic calling and ministry as the final indication of his sincerity. Those credentials include the marks of physical punishment he had endured to stand firmly for his faith in Yahshua the Messiah. We may find those marks of Yahshua branded on Paul’s body described at other places in his writings.

Turn again to 2 Corinthians 11:21-33. Let us prayerfully read this passage and comprehend Paul’s suffering to proclaim Yahshua’s message in that time.

“I hope you are ashamed of us for being weak with you instead!

“But if anyone wants some brazen speaking—I am still talking as a fool—then I can be as brazen as any of them, and about the same things. Hebrews, are they? So am I. Israelites? So am I. Descendants of Abraham? So am I. The servants of the Messiah? I must be mad to say this, but so am I, and more than they: more, because I have worked harder, I have been sent to prison more often, and whipped so many times more, often almost to death.

“Five times I had the thirty-nine lashes from the Jews; three times I have been beaten with sticks; once I was stoned; three times I have been shipwrecked and once adrift in the open sea for a night and a day. Constantly traveling, I have been in danger from rivers and in danger from brigands, in danger in the open country, danger at sea and danger from so-called brothers.

“I have worked and laboured, often without sleep; I have been hungry and thirsty and often starving; I have been in the cold without clothes.

“And, to leave out much more, there is my daily preoccupation: my anxiety for all of the assemblies.

“When any man has had scruples, I have had scruples with him; when any man is made to fall, I am tortured.

“If I am to boast, then let me boast of my own feebleness.

“The El and Father of Yahshua the Messiah—bless him for ever—knows that I am not lying.

“When I was in Damascus, the ethnarch of King Aretas put guards around the city to catch me, and I had to be let down over the wall in a hamper, through a window, in order to escape.” 2 Corinthians 1:21-33 (Jerusalem Bible)

Paul produces a tally sheet of the persecutions he has endured for the sake of the Messiah’s doctrines. Sadly, most of this persecution came through the religious establishment of his time. His body must have been well scarred from his eight beatings and the violent stoning he suffered. How magnificent is his determination to endure to the end!

How frequently do we fail Yahshua the Messiah in our lives as we casually deny Him by committing sin? Paul was a victor over his body, although he must have been tempted many times to turn back. Nevertheless, he continued preaching Yahshua’s message steadfast in his belief in the Kingdom of Yahweh that is to come to this earth.

Paul is saying, If you can show me similar dedication in enduring trials for the Messiah and His doctrines, I will listen to your arguments. If not, then keep quiet and don’t hinder the preaching of the message of the Messiah.

His language becomes rather stern as he terminates his epistle. His irritation with the situation in Galatia is evident. How he wishes for fraternal love and peace in Yahweh’s assemblies that he had founded. Such fraternal relationships

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can be characteristic of a united assembly standing faithfully on sound doctrine.

Remember that sound doctrine presents a very narrow pathway. Few people will submit voluntarily to the teachings of the Bible as we bring the New Testament into harmony with the basis of our faith—the Old Testament. Satan hates sound (whole or complete) doctrine. He will viciously attack it with all the power at his command.

Because Paul had learned this lesson, he warned another of his charges, the Ephesian assembly, about the power of Satan. Have you experienced every one of Satan’s clever tricks to overthrow the faith of the unwary? Hardly! Paul describes how cunningly Satan tries to divert the True Worshipers, and the awesome power at his command.

“For the future, find your strength in union with Yahweh, and in the power which comes from his might. Put on all the armour of Yahweh, so that you may be able to stand your ground against the stratagems of the Devil.

“For our struggle is not against enemies of flesh and blood, but against the Powers of Evil, against those that hold sway in the Darkness around us, and against the Spirits of Wickedness on high.

“Therefore take all the armour of Yahweh in order that when the evil day comes, you may be able to withstand the attack, and having carried the struggle through, still to stand your ground.

“Stand your ground, then, with truth for your belt, and with righteousness for your breast-plate, and with the firm foothold of the Good News of Peace as shoes fit your feet.

“And besides all these, take faith for your shield; for with it you will be able to extinguish all the flaming darts of Evil.

“And accept the helmet of Salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is Yahweh’s Truth. Do this with continual prayer and supplication.

“Pray in your hearts at all times. Be intent upon this, with unwearying perseverance and with supplication for all Yahweh’s people, and on my behalf also, that, when I begin to speak, words may be given me, so that I may courageously make known the secret truths of the Good News.

“It is on behalf of the Good News that I am an Ambassador—though in chains! Pray then, that, when telling it, I may have the courage to speak as I ought.” Ephesians 6:10-20 (Twentieth Century New Testament)

Paul’s closing prayer notes the grace of the Messiah applied to the spirit of the brethren of Yahweh’s Galatian assemblies. One can sense Paul’s hope that his letter would spur the people toward greater devotion to truth and sound doctrine. He hoped that his explanation of the blood of the Messiah as the atonement for sin would encourage his readers to reject the oral traditions of men and the sacrificial system of the ceremonial law set aside at the Messiah’s death. His letter was designed to correct the people in the Galatian assemblies who were deviating in their doctrine.

Paul also mentions grace at the end of this letter, since it is grace that must be applied to the life of each individual so we can stand justified before Almighty Yahweh as His child. Grace means unmerited kindness or mercy extended from our Heavenly Father to His people. Grace applied to the spirit of the individual will be sufficient to stimulate meekness and humility. Grace to the sinner is a reminder of his inherited weakness and mortality when contrasted with the power and righteousness of our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah and His blood to atone for our sins.

Paul asked, “Does the spirit of the brethren in each life reflect proper thankfulness for the sacrifice of Yahshua the Messiah?” In the assembly (over which He is the head) Yahshua must have preeminence over all things so that He may have the glory for the salvation that He brought to sinful people.

Summarizing the Book

Through this extended study of the book of Galatians, it became more obvious with each new segment that there is a growing mountain of data at hand to disprove the “no-law” doctrine taught by many religious organizations. Yahweh’s Holy Spirit is moving in these last closing days of this age to bring to light answers to the questions that are constantly being raised by the “no-law” teachers.

It becomes manifestly clear when the student takes into consideration the evidence of the sitz im leben (life setting) of the book, along with the contemporary religious discussion of apostolic times, that Paul never intended to teach a “no-law” doctrine.

Many important verses were brought to light that must be harmonized into the biblical message
to restore the accurate doctrines the apostles were teaching. These passages are neglected by the teachers of nominal churchianity as they fabricate their “no-law” doctrine.

Let us recall the words of Peter in his second epistle regarding Paul. “Bear in mind that Yahweh’s patience with us is our salvation, as Paul, our friend and brother, said when he wrote to you with his inspired wisdom. And so he does in all his other letters, wherever he speaks on this subject, though they contain some obscure passages, which the ignorant and unstable misinterpret to their own ruin, as they do the other scriptures.” 2 Peter 3:15-16 (NEB)

Paul did not argue for doing away with Yahweh’s law. He contended against the legalism of the Pharisees. His debate did not focus upon whether the law of Yahweh should be observed, but rather, it concentrated upon whether the new spiritual convert to the Messiah should be forced to submit to a physical act of circumcision. For the Pharisees, the rite of circumcision was indispensable for the induction into the faith of a Gentile proselyte. This rite was accompanied by a special ceremony with human traditional interpretations attached to it denying the atoning power of Yahshua’s blood. Since the Pharisees had no legal ground for interpreting the written law as they did, they fell back to arguing about a non-existent oral law which they termed the “law of Moses.”

Paul rejected this nebulous rabbinical rule and taught only the pure covenant law of Yahweh. The definition that the Apostle John set forth in 1 John 3:4 must be considered. “Everyone that commits sin also transgresses the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.”

If sin is the transgression (or breaking) of Yahweh’s law, then the law that was changed or annulled had to do with the ceremonial and physical aspects of worship. This may be learned from the Israelites who were not circumcised during the wilderness journey, but were circumcised by Yahshua (Joshua) before entering the promised land, Yahshua 5:1-10.

Paul rejected the nebulous rabbinical interpretation of the physical law and taught only Yahweh’s Covenant, along with the Spirit of the law that forms an integral part of Yahweh’s government. Yahshua, in His ministry, had taught likewise. This heavenly law made its subjects free from the bondage of sin because it incorporated a change of the heart and attitude. The physical keeping of Yahweh’s law never changed the heart of an individual, Hebrews 8:9-10.
Circumcision of the heart means to love Yahweh so completely that we do His will and keep His commandments habitually, Deuteronomy 30:6-8.

The Galatian brethren had been diverted from the simplicity of the doctrine of the Messiah into taking a legalistic, traditional approach to the interpretation of the Bible. The law of Yahweh is a spiritual entity. If one lives in the Spirit, he will always wish to live as the law of Yahweh requires of him because he loves the Heavenly Father. A repentant individual will have special affection for the Messiah who gave His life to atone for the sins of the world.

A physically circumcised person can live a very wicked, unconverted life, but one who is circumcised in heart will be obedient—in love for the Almighty. Those who accept the Messiah and His way of life receive the Holy Spirit that comes through the Messiah’s Name. The Holy Spirit will bring forth fruit in the life of the believer that will give cause for rejoicing. Wrongdoing produces the fruit of sin which Paul calls the works of the flesh. Ultimately, the works of the flesh produce everlasting death and separation from the Most High Heavenly Father Yahweh, 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10.

Paul stated there is a law to counter and control the works of the flesh, but there is NO law against the fruit of the Spirit. The Israel of Yahweh will bear the unlimited fruit of the Holy Spirit because they love Yahweh and keep His commandments, 1 John 5:3. They are a new creation in Messiah Yahshua.

**Does this describe your life?**

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**Prophetic Trends**

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*Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the assembly; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of Yahweh: and the Prayer of Faith Shall Save Him That Is Sick, and Yahweh shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, it shall be forgiven him.*” (Jacob 5:13-15).

What would have been the outcome had the United States of America (or any other nation for that matter) turned to Yahweh for healing? “If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or *IF I SEND PESTILENCE among my people; if my people, who are CALLED BY MY NAME, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will FORGIVE THEIR SIN, AND WILL HEAL THEIR LAND.*” (2 Chronicles 7:13-14).

Had this nation turned back to Yahweh again, His Word clearly states that He would have healed us and our land.

Call on the Name of Yahweh for salvation! Humble yourself and pray to Yahweh, seeking His face. Repent and turn from wickedness—the transgression of His Law. He has promised to forgive us! This is the message of forgiveness and remission of sins that will be preached in the whole world in these end times. This is Good News! Yahweh is giving the whole world the opportunity to repent before He judges the earth. Make that course correction now, before it’s too late!
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Upper left: Transmitter with ventilation system installed. Upper right: Installing air duct.

Above left: Installing the antenna switch. Middle and right: Dummy test load (for testing purposes) with antenna switch gear. Below left: Preparing to connect high-voltage cables to main switch gear. Middle: Wire connections from high-voltage transformer to PSM modulation unit. Below right: Transmitter cooling system (foreground), dummy load cooling system (rear).
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“And these good tidings of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony to all the nations; and then shall the end come.”

(MATTHEW 24:14).