

The Galation Problem

It would seem today that in the church we have a Galation problem. It seems that there is a bewitching spirit whose work is to obscure the cross of Jesus Christ. This Galation problem is manifesting itself in the seeking of righteousness through forms of fleshly activity called law, legalism, and regulations. It has its basis in a false and perverted gospel, which is really no gospel at all. Today there are multitudes of believers seeking to please God through these different forms. Because there are so many false gospels being presented one could say that men are doing what is right in their own eyes, that is, to try and please God through these varying forms of fleshly acts. These acts take shape through the many various forms of teaching and preaching. I am appalled at how many times I have been told “brother Robert, Jesus did not come to do away with the the Law we must submit to it in order to try and keep it” If Jesus did not do for us that which was impossible for us and the law to do, then we must begin to except that we are in a hopeless state of despair. I am here to declare that we do not need to be in despair, we do not need to be revived nor do we need some glory cloud to fog our hearing or seeing, just right teaching will do the work. Jesus did do for us what we could not do. For what the law could not do weak as it was through the flesh God did by sending his Son as an offering for sin. There is a way that God has prepared beforehand for us to walk.

The central theme of the New Testament is *GRACE*. Jesus Christ is the one *full of grace and truth* and we are to walk in Him, that is, in grace and truth and not in the old testament system of law and regulations. The law came through Moses but grace and truth was realized in Christ. We must begin again to understand that God is not taking us back into a system that He Himself has declared useless and weak. He is not going to replace the finished work of His son in any way by making us keep some form of legalistic religion. Jesus is the mediator of a better covenant and has made the first one obsolete. The new one has obtained for Him a better ministry. I am saddened by believers trying to keep various forms of law and regulations and by all the talk of revival that speaks to these things and not to the complete atoning work of Jesus Christ. To hear these men speak today one might begin to believe that the tabernacle is to rebuilt and we are to bring our offerings once again to please God. Men today are teaching these things and are deceived and deceiving many through a false gospel. To know Jesus and His ministry towards us, and to know of the full and sufficient work of Christ in us is to be free from the old covenant and free from false teaching. We walk by faith in the Son of God, not laying again dead works, trying to achieve some form of righteousness by the working of the flesh through the law.

According to Jesus the work of God is this, “to believe in the one that He has sent”.

The following scripture and definitions of three key words are given in order to put to an end any thoughts of our need to keep the law or its regulations.

Matthew 5:17

17 Think not that I am come to destroy (abolish NASB) the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy (abolish), but to fulfill.

Romans 10:3-4

3 For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

Eph 2:15-16

15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

Colossians 3:13-14

13 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, 14 having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

I thought Jesus was nailed to the cross!!

Galation 5:18

18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

The Spirit is not leading us into the Law, He is leading us into faith where our righteousness will appear! That is Christ. Walking in the Spirit is not keeping rules and regulations it's about knowing, understanding and walking in the truth!

Let's look at what Jesus is saying in Matthew 5-17 by the definition of the following three key words.

Destroy: 2647 kataluo from 2596 & 3089; to loosen down (disintegrate) to demolish.-destroy, dissolve, come to naught, overthrow, throw down

2596 kata; down

3089 luo; Lossen-break (up), destroy, dissolve

Fulfill: 4137 pleroo from 2596 & 691; to make replete,(fully or abundantly provided) level up, satisfy, execute, finish-accomplish, complete, end, expire, fill up, fulfill, perfect, supply

Abolished 2673 katargeo; to be entirely idle (useless)-abolish, cease, destroy, do away, become(make) of no (none, without) effect, bring(come) to naught, put away, vanish away, make void

2596kata; down

691argeo; to be idle

So we can conclude the following.

Jesus did not come to destroy the Law, that is to loosen it down, to demolish it or dissolve it. He came to fulfill it, that is to make it replete. By making it replete he fully and abundantly provided the satisfaction to God to fully execute, to finish, and bring to an end every aspect of the Law. That is why Paul can so confidently declare that in the resurrected Christ the law had been abolished. Abolish means to be entirely idle, it has been taken out of gear, it is no longer a driving force. It has vanished away and so, been made void. Why then would anyone want to continue to try and fulfill it? I say again it is because of the bewitching spirit that is active in the church today, just as it was when Paul wrote to all the churches in the region of Galatia. As Paul so clearly stated then, he states to us today, that anyone who tries to fulfill just one part of the Law is then obligated to fulfill the whole Law and live by it. And to try and do so is to come under the curse. Let's remember that Jesus was a man born under the law that He might redeem those under the Law and that we might receive the full adoption as sons. We are not true sons if we try to

live under law and not under grace. By trying to live under law we are saying to Jesus by our actions that He died in vain.

So we can allow ourselves to be led down one of two roads concerning the law. The preaching and teaching of a false gospel by a bewitching spirit leads us down one. The preaching and teaching of Christ leads us down the other. One cannot walk down both at once. One must choose the one to walk and the two have no place of fellowship together.

One road leads to the knowledge of sin and is an endless work of exhaustion and frustration, trying to perfect that which can not be perfected. On this road one never realizes the righteousness, peace, and joy that is the kingdom of God. It produces a business of work and religious activity that brings no deliverance from the flesh and its death. On this road we never have a good conscience towards God.

The other road leads us to Christ! It is where the true faith of Christ realizes His complete fulfillment of the law. It is where His work brings to us freedom and deliverance from our fleshly nature. It looses the chains, opens the prison door, and sets the prisoner free. It is where His life in us perfectly fulfills the law. It is where we embrace His work and enter into a love relationship with Him based on the truth. It is where a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith produce a love for Him and His people. It is faith being expressed through love.

These two roads are revealed in Hebrews chapter 13 verses 8-14 which is a summation up of the whole book of Hebrews, the old verses the new, law verses grace, work verses rest!

8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. 9 Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings; for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, through which those who were so occupied were not benefited. 10 We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. 11 For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest as an offering for sin, are burned outside the camp. 12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate. 13 So, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach. 14 For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come.

Let's follow Paul's advice to the Galation church.

Galation 5:1-5

1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.

3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.

4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

And that is a promise of God!

God bless you

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