

Galatians

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Stand firm, then, and do not be encumbered
once more by a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1



Matthew 5

17 Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to abolish them, but to fulfill them.

18 For I tell you truly, until heaven and earth pass away, not a single jot, not a stroke of a pen, will disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

19 So then, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do likewise will be called least in the kingdom of heaven;

but whoever practices and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.



The Law

Ceremonial Law

Circumcision, Dietary, Dress, Special Days, Feasts, etc.

Sacrificial Law

Priesthood, Sacrifices, Tabernacle, etc.

Civil Law

National & Personal governing, Judgements & Punishments, etc.

Moral Law

Ten Commandments, Moral & Ethical code, etc.

Ceremonial Law

Purpose: to separate Israel from other nations

Sacrificial Law

Purpose: to point to the ultimate sacrifice of Christ

Civil Law

Purpose: to point to the rule and reign as Christ as King

Moral Law

Purpose: to show the holiness and character of God

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3 Uses of the Law for today

1. For unbelievers

- to reveal sin
- to lead to repentance

1 Timothy 1

8 Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it legitimately.

9 We realize that law is not enacted for the righteous, but for the lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinful, for the unholy and profane, ...

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Hebrews 8

10 For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord.

I will put My laws in their minds, and inscribe them on their hearts.

And I will be their God, and they will be My people.



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- to remind of the mercy and grace of the gospel

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22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman.

23 His son by the slave woman was born according to the flesh, but his son by the free woman was born because of the promise.

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One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children into slavery: This is Hagar.

25 Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present-day Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children.

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

27 For it is written:

“Rejoice, O barren woman, who bears no children; break forth and cry aloud, you who have never travailed;

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

29 At that time, however, the son born by the flesh persecuted the son born by the Spirit. It is the same now.

30 But what does the Scripture say?

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Born by human decision

Born of human effort

Born naturally

Born of Hagar

Born of a slave woman

Was not heir to the covenant

First of the Islamic Nation

Born before circumcision

Persecutor

Represents all judged by Law

Isaac

Born second

Born by God's decision

Born of God's effort

Born supernaturally

Born of Sarah

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17 For the **flesh** craves what is contrary to the **Spirit**, and the **Spirit** what is contrary to the **flesh**.

They are opposed to each other, so that you do not do what you want.

18 But if you are led by the **Spirit**, you are not under the **law**.

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7. The call to expect hostility

- Those who rely on man's efforts will always be hostile to those who are of grace



