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**Exodus 21 – Eternal Moral Law Part 4**

**The Perfect Law of Liberty**

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**The Eternal Law Part 4 – The Perfect Law of Liberty –** James 1:22-25

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| We have observed that the religious works and judgments given to the nation of Israel in Exodus chapters 21-23 are eternal, but not binding for the Christian to observe today (Ephesians 2:13-16; Colossians 2:13-16) - if he or she is walking with the LORD. (Galatians 5:16) The “Words” or Decalogue, or Ten Commandments (Royal Law), including the Sabbath, is a very large part in this age of our walking in the Light so we sin not.  | 420+ Moses With The Ten Commandments On Mount Sinai Stock ... |
| (I John 2:1-11) Laid out in I John, this Royal law needs to be in our hearts and affections so we will, Love the Lord, do His commandments, and walk in the Light.  |

We have also observed that the Sabbath, named before the Law came, in Exodus 16, was created by God on the seventh day of creation, in which God rested because His work was done. God later called “His Rest” (Genesis 2:1-3; Hebrews 3-4; Psalm 95). While we do not have to be cumbered with rules and regulations today, (If we walk in the Light), God’s “two Great commandments” need to be “in our hearts”, as was inferred in Romans 2:15 and Jesus summarized in Matthew 22:38-40. John laid out the doctrine of observing these commandments in I John chapter 2. When we follow this directive having His Royal Law in our hearts, (James 1:23-25) we have the liberty to perform good works as we are Christ’s workmanship (Ephesians 2:8-10) and look for His appearing. (II Peter 3:10-18) We can observe the Sabbath everyday just like Abraham did by looking for His rest, or as explained in the faith chapter “…that city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God.” (Hebrews 11:8-10) Our “perfect law of liberty” allows us to stand fast in our profession and to observe His rest by working rather than resting and we will rest when our work is finished. (James 1:25; Hebrews 4:9-11).

Now, there is particularly one judgement in the Bible over which Liberals will castigate the Word of God – of course, we are talking about slavery with which they will describe the Law of God as immoral. This arrogant narcissistic accusation stems from the wicked practice of overly educated men pitting God’s Word against modern Progressive American social justice, of which there is no comparison between the two. We need to take off our recently acquired “American blinders” to see God’s truth:

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| Real Mount Sinai: The Forgotten Mountain of God – Living ... | **Isaiah 55:7** Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**Isaiah 55:8** For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD.**Isaiah 55:9** For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. |
| **Isaiah 55:10** For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:**Isaiah 55:11** So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it. |

The justice system that God laid out is completely righteous and is totally different from the chattel slavery experienced in America before President Lincoln and the Civil War. The Bible calls that type “man stealing” and the penalty for this practice is death. Now, this is no suggestion that the United States go back to some sort of slavery, but rather to understand God’s justice, and to realize man’s justice cannot measure up, and to walk every day in the perfect law of liberty. It is my prayer that it will become increasingly apparent that God’s ways are higher than man’s ways, His thoughts are higher than man’s thoughts. We will observe that God’s justice places limits on the master – not the servant.

**I. The Hebrew Servant –** Exodus 21:1-6 – Indentured servants

**Exodus 21:1** Now these *are* the judgments which thou shalt set before them.
**Exodus 21:2** If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing.

**Exodus 21:3** If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself: if he were married, then his wife shall go out with him.
**Exodus 21:4** If his master have given him a wife, and she have born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself.
**Exodus 21:5** And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free:
**Exodus 21:6** Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever.

**A. This law states that if a man is a slave**

1. After 7 years he can go free

2. If he was married:

a. Before he became a slave, he could take his wife with him

b. After he became a slave – (Married a servant of his master)

1. He could go free

2. But the wife and kids still belong to the master

3. The servant could stay – If he loved his wife and master

4. In this instance

a. The master would bore his ear in the doorway

b. The servant would serve the master forever

**B. This Is A Beautiful Picture Of The Lord Jesus – Established in** Psalm 40 and Hebrews 10

1. He came to this earth and took upon Himself our humanity

2. At this time we were all slaves of sin

3. This Hebrew Servant could have gone out free

a. This Hebrew Servant could have returned to His position in the Godhead

b. This Hebrew Servant did not have to go through the doorway of death

c. This Hebrew Servant did not have to die on the cross: Philippians 2

**Philippians 2:6** Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
**Philippians 2:7** But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
**Philippians 2:8** And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

d. This Hebrew Servant did not have to have His ears bored: He is quoted by the Psalms 40:

**Psalm 40:6** Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.
**Psalm 40:7** Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it is* written of me,
**Psalm 40:8** I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law *is* within my heart.

**C. This Hebrew Servant sounds like Christ – How do we know for sure? – Paul quotes Him again:**

**Hebrews 10:4**For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

**Hebrews 10:5** Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

**Hebrews 10:6** In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin thou hast had no pleasure.

**Hebrews 10:7** Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

**Hebrews 10:9** Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

**II. Women Servants - Verses** Exodus 21.7-11 – Again limitations on the master

**Exodus 21:7** And if a man sell his daughter to be a maidservant, she shall not go out as the menservants do.
**Exodus 21:8** If she please not her master, who hath betrothed her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed: to sell her unto a strange nation he shall have no power, seeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her.
**Exodus 21:9** And if he have betrothed her unto his son, he shall deal with her after the manner of daughters.
**Exodus 21:10** If he take him another *wife*; her food, her raiment, and her duty of marriage, shall he not diminish.
**Exodus 21:11** And if he do not these three unto her, then shall she go out free without money.

This is not the best, so why would someone do this? Extreme poverty situation to give his daughter a better life, but again places many restrictions on the master.

**III. Capital Punishment**

A. Life for Life – Exodus 21:12,14

**Exodus 21:12** He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death.
**Exodus 21:13** And if a man lie not in wait, but God deliver *him* into his hand; then I will appoint thee a place whither he shall flee.
**Exodus 21:14** But if a man come presumptuously upon his neighbour, to slay him with guile; thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he may die.

1. Old Testament murder was punished by death penalty

2. Whoso sheddeth man’s blood, by man shall his blood be shed (Genesis 9:6)

**B. Cities of Refuge –** Exodus 21:13 – Cities of Refuge

**Exodus 21:13** And if a man lie not in wait, but God deliver *him* into his hand; then I will appoint thee a place whither he shall flee.

1. Accidental death or “manslaughter”

2. First-mention of 4 Passages containing this (Just as 4 Gospels reveal Christ and the atonement)

3. The “manslayer” was required to flee to one of six cities of refuge

4. Cities of refuge provide an excellent picture of Jesus Christ and the atonement

5. If he failed to do so he could be pursued by the “avenger of blood”

6. Next of kin of deceased could lawfully slay the manslayer recompensing the death

a. The manslayer pictures the sinner (Luke 23:34)

b. The avenger of blood pictures the devil (Hebrews 2:14)

c. The cities were strategically placed to be easily accessible to the manslayer

d. There were three cities of refuge on either side of the Jordon River

e. The path of these cities were clearly marked (Deuteronomy 19:13)

f. These were available to the Jew and the stranger (Numbers 35:15)

7. The cities of Refuge were each one on a hill – Like Calvary (Hebrews 6:17-20)

8. Murder of Father and/or Mother (Exodus 21:15)

**C. Murder of Fathers and/or Mothers**

1. Explicit is the judgment concerning one that killed his father or his mother

2. Not only undermines the value of human life

3. Outright disregard of the 5th commandment (I Timothy 1:9)

**D. Man stealing - Kidnapping –** Exodus 21:16

**Exodus 21:16** And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.

1. “Man stealing” - This is the slavery that we had in the United States in the 18-19th centuries

2. God obviously does not like it at all – This practice warranted the Death penalty

**E. Cursing Parents -** Exodus 21:16

**Exodus 21:16** And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.

1. Home was instituted as the learning center for the kids (Deuteronomy 6:3-11, Ephesians 6:4)

2. Home is the first place the kids learn to submit to authority

3. The respect of parents is protected by the Law (Deuteronomy 21:18-21)

**IV. Time loss Restitution for fighting –** Exodus 21:18-19

**Exodus 21:18** And if men strive together, and one smite another with a stone, or with *his* fist, and he die not, but keepeth *his* bed:
**Exodus 21:19** If he rise again, and walk abroad upon his staff, then shall he that smote *him* be quit: only he shall pay *for* the loss of his time, and shall cause *him* to be thoroughly healed.

A. Brawling is discouraged in the Law

B. When it comes to blows:

1. If the result is death the prior verses are relevant

2. Was to have medical costs covered as well as off work compensation

3. No provision for jail cells in the Law – No department of correction

**V. Death or injury of Servants –** **Exodus 21:20-21** **;** **26-27** **- Discouragement to mistreat slaves**

**Exodus 21:20** And if a man smite his servant, or his maid, with a rod, and he die under his hand; he shall be surely punished.
**Exodus 21:21** Notwithstanding, if he continue a day or two, he shall not be punished: for he *is* his money.

**Exodus 21:26** And if a man smite the eye of his servant, or the eye of his maid, that it perish; he shall let him go free for his eye's sake.
**Exodus 21:27** And if he smite out his manservant's tooth, or his maidservant's tooth; he shall let him go free for his tooth's sake.

**A. If a master “lies in wait” and kills a servant his case is handled as any other murder (****13****)**

1. if a servant dies after being punished corporally by his master, master is judged by judges

2. If the servant is injured, but recovers, the financial repercussions of the time-loss incurred by the master is the only punishment

3. if a servant sustains a permanent injury (the loss of an eye or a tooth), he’s automatically freed for the injury’s sake

**B. These two provisions for the death or injury of servants balance each other out and provide incentive for the master to treat his servants fairly and abstain from cruelty.**

**VI. Expectant Mothers** – Exodus 21:22-25

**Exodus 21:22** If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart *from her*, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges *determine*.
**Exodus 21:23** And if *any* mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life,
**Exodus 21:24** Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,
**Exodus 21:25** Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

A. If an expectant mother is caught up in a fight between two men, whether she’s simply a bystander or is engaged in the confrontation on behalf of her husband or kinsman, the life of the unborn is protected by this statute.

B. If no “mischief” follows the husband of the woman was to name a price of restitution and the judges were to approve the amount.

C. Verses 24-25 represent the famous “Lex Talionis” – simply put, under the law the punishment was to match the crime

D. This is at the heart of the law – unbending justice – Must understand first before mercy

Matthew 5:38-42. Only at the cross are both carried out.

**Matthew 5:38** Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:
**Matthew 5:39** But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.
**Matthew 5:40** And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have *thy* cloke also.
**Matthew 5:41** And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.
**Matthew 5:42** Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

**VII. Responsibility for Livestock –** Exodus 21:28-36

**Exodus 21:28** If an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die: then the ox shall be surely stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox *shall be* quit.
**Exodus 21:29** But if the ox were wont to push with his horn in time past, and it hath been testified to his owner, and he hath not kept him in, but that he hath killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned, and his owner also shall be put to death.
**Exodus 21:30** If there be laid on him a sum of money, then he shall give for the ransom of his life whatsoever is laid upon him.
**Exodus 21:31** Whether he have gored a son, or have gored a daughter, according to this judgment shall it be done unto him.
**Exodus 21:32** If the ox shall push a manservant or a maidservant; he shall give unto their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.
**Exodus 21:33** And if a man shall open a pit, or if a man shall dig a pit, and not cover it, and an ox or an ass fall therein;
**Exodus 21:34** The owner of the pit shall make *it* good, *and* give money unto the owner of them; and the dead *beast* shall be his.
**Exodus 21:35** And if one man's ox hurt another's, that he die; then they shall sell the live ox, and divide the money of it; and the dead *ox* also they shall divide.
**Exodus 21:36** Or if it be known that the ox hath used to push in time past, and his owner hath not kept him in; he shall surely pay ox for ox; and the dead shall be his own.

**A. If a man’s ox gores another man to death and it is the 1ST aggressive behavior observed**

1. The ox is to be stoned. Since the blood wasn’t let properly the ox cannot be eaten. 2. The owner is released of any further obligation having lost his property (v. 28).

**B. If the ox had been known to be aggressive before and you have witnesses**

1. The ox and the owner were to be put to death (v. 29).

2. The exception is if the family of the deceased agreed to take a ransom from the ox’s

3. Then the owner could avert the death penalty by paying a fine (v. 30- 31).

**C. In the case that it was a servant that was killed by the aggressive ox**

1. The owner of the ox was required to give the master of the servant thirty shekels of silver 2. And the ox be put to death.

D. We’re reminded from this sum that the Jesus Christ was betrayed for the price of a slave (Matthew 26:15).

D. If livestock was killed because of the property-owner leaving a pit uncovered

1. The property-owner was liable for the price of the beast

2. Also responsible for the disposal of the animal.

E. Finally, if the one man’s ox killed another man’s ox they were:

1. To sell the live ox,

2. Split the money and divide the ox.

F. If the ox was known to push then the owner of the ox was to pay the full price of the ox to the dead ox’s owner and the dead ox became his own.

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|  **Galatians – Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made you free** |
| **Scope** | Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. **(****Galatians 5:1-5****)** |
| **Reference** | **Chapter 1** | **Chapter 2** | **Chapter 3** | **Chapter 4** | **Chapter 5** | **Chapter 6** |
| **Plan** | **Removed from Christ****Unto a perverted Gospel** | **No justification by the works of the Law** | **Christ redeems from the curse of the Law** | **Heir and servant – Sinai and Jerusalem** | **Stand fast in Christ’s Liberty – Don’t entangle yourself again into bondage** | **Sew to the flesh –** **reap death****Sew to the Spirit –** **reap eternal life** |

**Why would you return to bondage when you have been given liberty?**

**Galatians 1:1** Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)
**Galatians 1:2** And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia:
**Galatians 1:3** Grace *be* to you and peace from God the Father, and *from* our Lord Jesus Christ,
**Galatians 1:4** Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:
**Galatians 1:5** To whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.
**Galatians 1:6** I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:
**Galatians 1:7** Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.
**Galatians 1:8** But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.
**Galatians 1:9** As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.
**Galatians 1:10** For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

**The Gospel preached to you was not from men, but of God’s revelation**
**Galatians 1:11** But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.
**Galatians 1:12** For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**Galatians 1:13** For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it:

**Galatians 1:14** And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.
**Galatians 1:15** But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called *me* by his grace,
**Galatians 1:16** To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:
**Galatians 1:17** Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.
**Galatians 1:18** Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.
**Galatians 1:19** But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.
**Galatians 1:20** Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not.
**Galatians 1:21** Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia;
**Galatians 1:22** And was unknown by face unto the churches of Judaea which were in Christ:
**Galatians 1:23** But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.
**Galatians 1:24** And they glorified God in me.

**A Christian Gentile was not compelled to be circumcised**

**Galatians 2:1** Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with *me* also.
**Galatians 2:2** And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain.
**Galatians 2:3** But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised:
**Galatians 2:4** And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:
**Galatians 2:5** To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.
**Galatians 2:6** But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed *to be somewhat* in conference added nothing to me:

**The Gospel of uncircumcision was committed to a Jew** – Amos 9:11-15; Acts 15:13-18

**Galatians 2:7** But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as *the gospel* of the circumcision *was* unto Peter;
**Galatians 2:8** (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)
**Galatians 2:9** And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we *should go* unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.
**Galatians 2:10** Only *they would* that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do.
**Galatians 2:11** But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.
**Galatians 2:12** For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.
**Galatians 2:13** And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation.

**Galatians 2:14** But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before *them* all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?
**Galatians 2:15** We *who are* Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,

**A man is not justified by the works of the Law**
**Galatians 2:16** Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.
**Galatians 2:17** But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, *is* therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.

**I am dead to the Law that I might live unto God**
**Galatians 2:18** For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.
**Galatians 2:19** For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.
**Galatians 2:20** I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.
**Galatians 2:21** I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness *come* by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

**Who bewitched you?**

**Galatians 3:1** O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?
**Galatians 3:2** This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?
**Galatians 3:3** Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?
**Galatians 3:4** Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if *it be* yet in vain.
**Galatians 3:5** He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, *doeth he it* by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

**Abraham, before the Law, was justified by faith**
**Galatians 3:6** Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

**They which are of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham**
**Galatians 3:7** Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.
**Galatians 3:8** And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, In thee shall all nations be blessed.
**Galatians 3:9** So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.
**Galatians 3:10** For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

**No one is justified by the works of the Law** – Remember it was to prove our examples? I Corinthians 10
**Galatians 3:11** But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is* evident: for, The just shall live by faith.
**Galatians 3:12** And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

**But Christ redeems from the curse of the Law – Who is the Seed?**
**Galatians 3:13** Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:
**Galatians 3:14** That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
**Galatians 3:15** Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though *it be* but a man's covenant, yet *if it be* confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.

**Galatians 3:16** Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.
**Galatians 3:17** And this I say, *that* the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.
**Galatians 3:18** For if the inheritance *be* of the law, *it is* no more of promise: but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise.

**Why was the Law given? Until the seed come to whom the promise was made?****Galatians 3:19** Wherefore then *serveth* the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; *and it was* ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.
**Galatians 3:20** Now a mediator is not *a mediator* of one, but God is one.
**Galatians 3:21** *Is* the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.
**Galatians 3:22** But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.
**Galatians 3:23** But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.
**Galatians 3:24** Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.
**Galatians 3:25** But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.
**Galatians 3:26** For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.
**Galatians 3:27** For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
**Galatians 3:28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.
**Galatians 3:29** And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

**The heir and the servant**

**Galatians 4:1** Now I say, *That* the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;
**Galatians 4:2** But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.
**Galatians 4:3** Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:
**Galatians 4:4** But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,
**Galatians 4:5** To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.
**Galatians 4:6** And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.
**Galatians 4:7** Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.
**Galatians 4:8** Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods.

**Don’t turn back to the beggarly elements of the Law – By application, any religion**
**Galatians 4:9** But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?
**Galatians 4:10** Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.
**Galatians 4:11** I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

**Paul desires to be at Galatia** **as he doubts their walk with Christ**
**Galatians 4:12** Brethren, I beseech you, be as I *am*; for I *am* as ye *are*: ye have not injured me at all.
**Galatians 4:13** Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first.
**Galatians 4:14** And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, *even* as Christ Jesus.

**Galatians 4:15** Where is then the blessedness ye spake of? for I bear you record, that, if *it had been* possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me.
**Galatians 4:16** Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?
**Galatians 4:17** They zealously affect you, *but* not well; yea, they would exclude you, that ye might affect them.
**Galatians 4:18** But *it is* good to be zealously affected always in *a* good *thing*, and not only when I am present with you.
**Galatians 4:19** My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,
**Galatians 4:20** I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in doubt of you.

**You that want to go to the bondage of the Law – Have you studied it?**
**Galatians 4:21** Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?

**The Allegory of the Two Sons**
**Galatians 4:22** For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.
**Galatians 4:23** But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman *was* by promise.
**Galatians 4:24** Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.
**Galatians 4:25** For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.
**Galatians 4:26** But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.
**Galatians 4:27** For it is written, Rejoice, *thou* barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.
**Galatians 4:28** Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.
**Galatians 4:29** But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him *that was born* after the Spirit, even so *it is* now.
**Galatians 4:30** Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.
**Galatians 4:31** So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

**Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made you free**

**Galatians 5:1** Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

**If you are circumcised because you think you are justified – Fallen from Grace****Galatians 5:2** Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.
**Galatians 5:3** For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.
**Galatians 5:4** Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

**Through the Spirit we wait for the hope of righteousness by faith**
**Galatians 5:5** For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.
**Galatians 5:6** For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.
**Galatians 5:7** Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?
**Galatians 5:8** This persuasion *cometh* not of him that calleth you.
**Galatians 5:9** A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.
**Galatians 5:10** I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.

**Galatians 5:11** And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased.
**Galatians 5:12** I would they were even cut off which trouble you.

**You have been called to liberty – Don’t use it for an occasion of the flesh**
**Galatians 5:13** For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.
**Galatians 5:14** For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
**Galatians 5:15** But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

**Walk in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh**
**Galatians 5:16** *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.
**Galatians 5:17** For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

**If you be led by the Spirit, ye are not under the law**
**Galatians 5:18** But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

**The works of the flesh – They that do such things will not inherit the Kingdom**
**Galatians 5:19** Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,
**Galatians 5:20** Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,
**Galatians 5:21** Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

**Fruit of the Spirit – Against such there is no law**
**Galatians 5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
**Galatians 5:23** Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.
**Galatians 5:24** And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

**If we live in the Spirit let us also walk in the Spirit**
**Galatians 5:25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.
**Galatians 5:26** Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

**If any be overtaken in a fault – The Spiritual ones need to restore him**

**Galatians 6:1** Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.
**Galatians 6:2** Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

**Let every man prove his own work –after justification by faith the good works manifest** James 2:18-26
**Galatians 6:3** For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.
**Galatians 6:4** But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.
**Galatians 6:5** For every man shall bear his own burden.

**Let him that is taught in the Word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things**
**Galatians 6:6** Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.
**Galatians 6:7** Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.
**Galatians 6:8** For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.
**Galatians 6:9** And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.
**Galatians 6:10** As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.
**Galatians 6:11** Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand.

**Galatians 6:12** As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

**Those who are circumcised don’t keep the Law, but they want to have you circumcised****Galatians 6:13** For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.
**Galatians 6:14** But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.
**Galatians 6:15** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.
**Galatians 6:16** And as many as walk according to this rule, peace *be* on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.
**Galatians 6:17** From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.
**Galatians 6:18** Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen. Unto the Galatians written from Rome.

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| **The Perfect Law of Liberty** |
| James 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty ... |