



Galatians

The Galatians Protocol

Recap

The Judiazers

Paul said that a person:

- (1) first places faith in Christ,
- (2) then is justified before God,
- (3) then immediately proceeds to keep God's law.

The Judaizers said that a person:

- (1) first places faith in Christ,
- (2) then keeps the law of God the best they can, and then
- (3) are justified

Recap

Chapter Two Summary

You wish you were a Galatian

We have negotiated with God downwards towards our comfort zones

Not everyone is true

Our fruit reveals our commitment

Our preferences aren't the Gospel

We must make a distinction between what we prefer and what God wants

Galatians 3:1-14

I would like to learn just one thing from you: **Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law**, or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? **After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?** 3:2-3

Paul transitions now to the Holy Spirit

Galatians 3:1-14

Understand, then, that those who have faith are **children of Abraham**. Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, **and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham**: “All nations will be blessed through you.” **vs 7-8**

This was God’s plan from the beginning

Galatians 3:1-14

He redeemed us in order that the **blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles** through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the **promise of the Spirit.** vs 14

No second class Christians

Galatians 3:1-14

Abraham's Blessing

When Jesus had entered Capernaum,
a centurion came to him **Matthew 8:5**

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. **I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.** But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **vs 10-12**

Galatians 3:15-22

For if the **inheritance** depends on the law, then it no longer depends on the promise; but God in his grace **gave it to Abraham through a promise.** vs 18

The law wasn't given to Abraham

Galatians 3:15-22

Why, then, was the law given at all? It was added because of **transgressions** until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. **vs 19**

Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! **For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law. vs 21**

Galatians 3:15-22

The Progression of the Law

It was because your **hearts were hard** that Moses wrote you this law, **Mark 10:5**

What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, **I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. Romans 7:7**

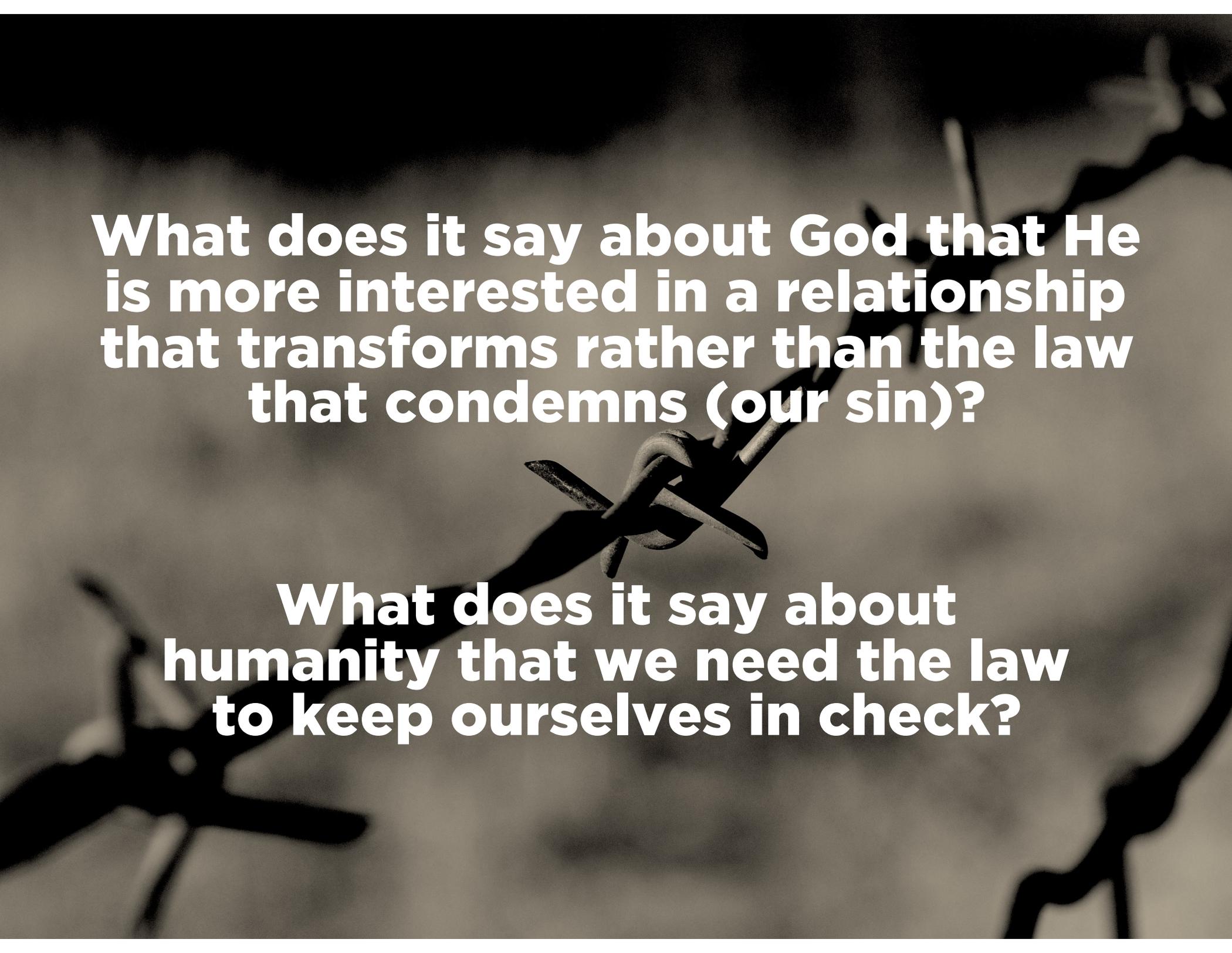
The former regulation is set aside because **it was weak and useless (for the law made nothing perfect)**, and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God. **Hebrews 10:18-19**

Galatians 3:15-22

They (gentiles) show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness **Romans 2:15**

For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

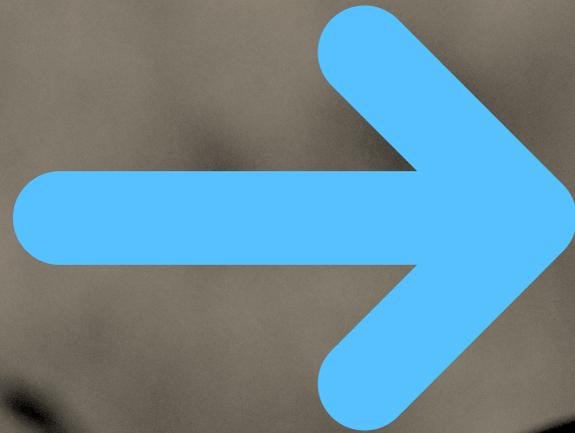
Romans 8:3-4



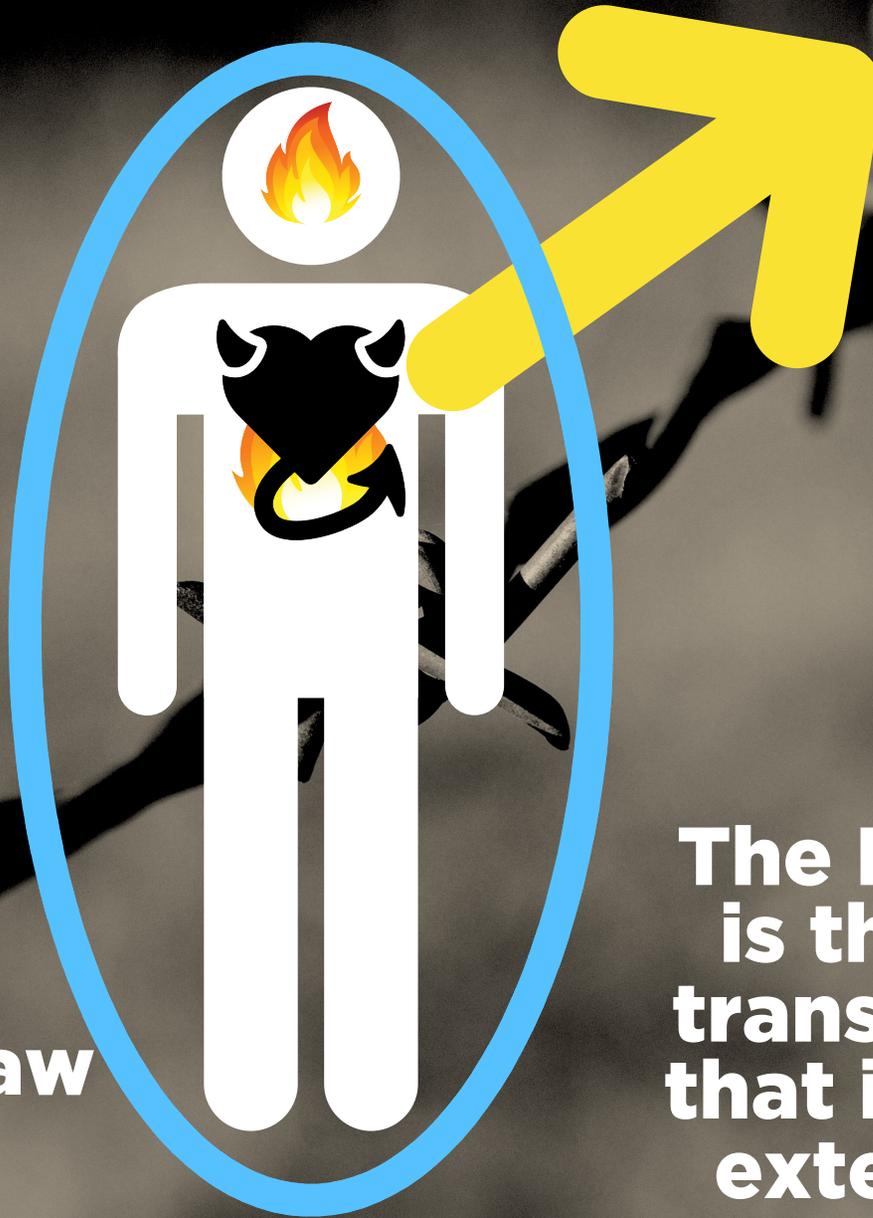
What does it say about God that He is more interested in a relationship that transforms rather than the law that condemns (our sin)?

What does it say about humanity that we need the law to keep ourselves in check?

**The law is
the external
protection
against our
corrupted
selves**



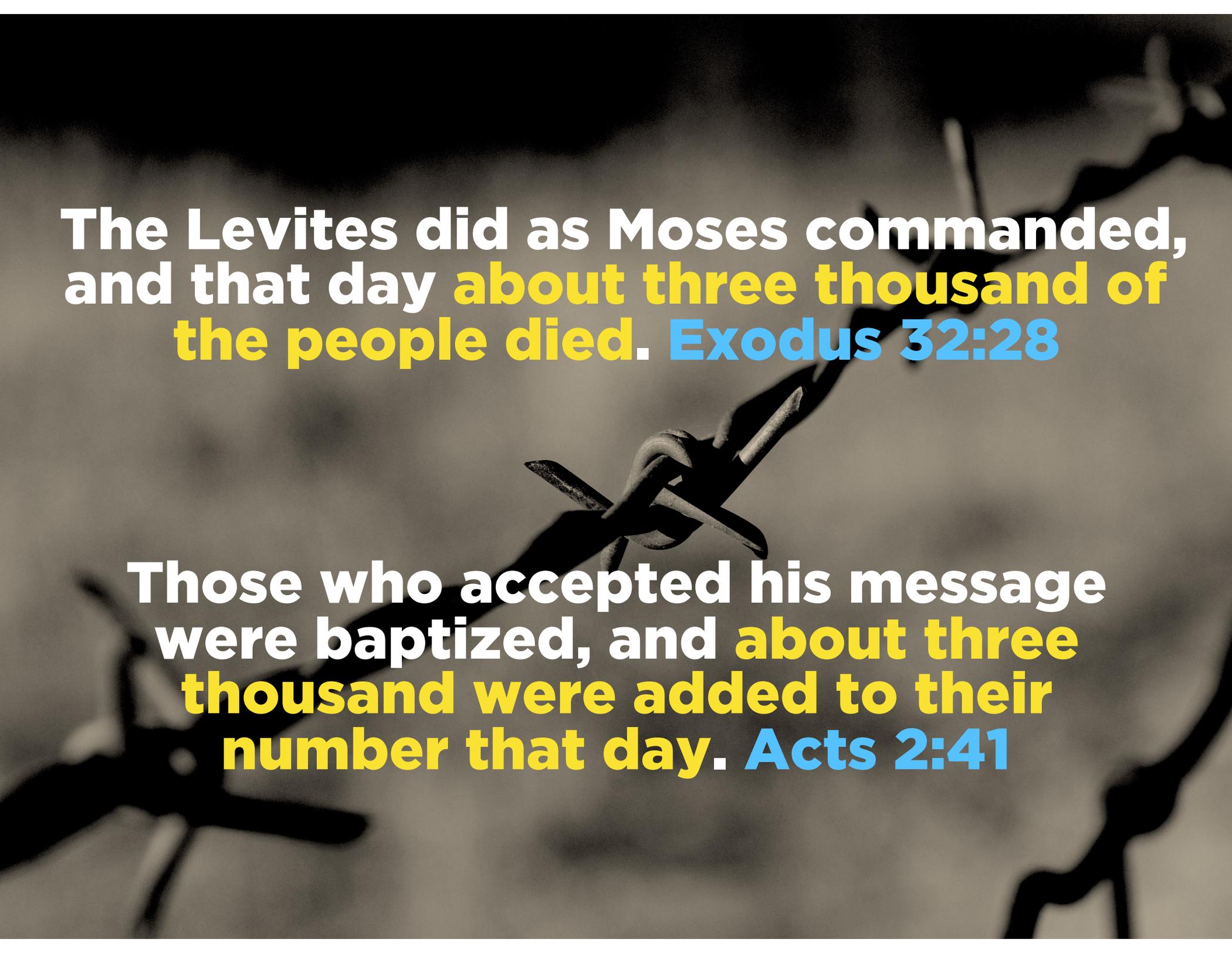
The Law



**The Holy Spirit
is the inward
transformation
that is revealed
externally by
our changed
heart and mind**

“For it seemed good to the **Holy Spirit and to us to lay **no greater burden on you than these few requirements**: You must abstain from eating food offered to idols, from consuming blood or the meat of strangled animals, and from sexual immorality. If you do this, you will do well. Farewell.” **Acts 15:28-29****

The four requirements are the general outline of leaving pagan religious practices and cultural intimacy rules to a Spirit filled Christ transformation



**The Levites did as Moses commanded,
and that day about three thousand of
the people died. Exodus 32:28**

**Those who accepted his message
were baptized, and about three
thousand were added to their
number that day. Acts 2:41**

Galatians 3:23-29

Before the way of faith in Christ was available to us, we were placed under guard by the law. **We were kept in protective custody, so to speak,** until the way of faith was revealed. **vs 23**

The Law was never meant to replace God but create a standard that all humanity could be kept safe under

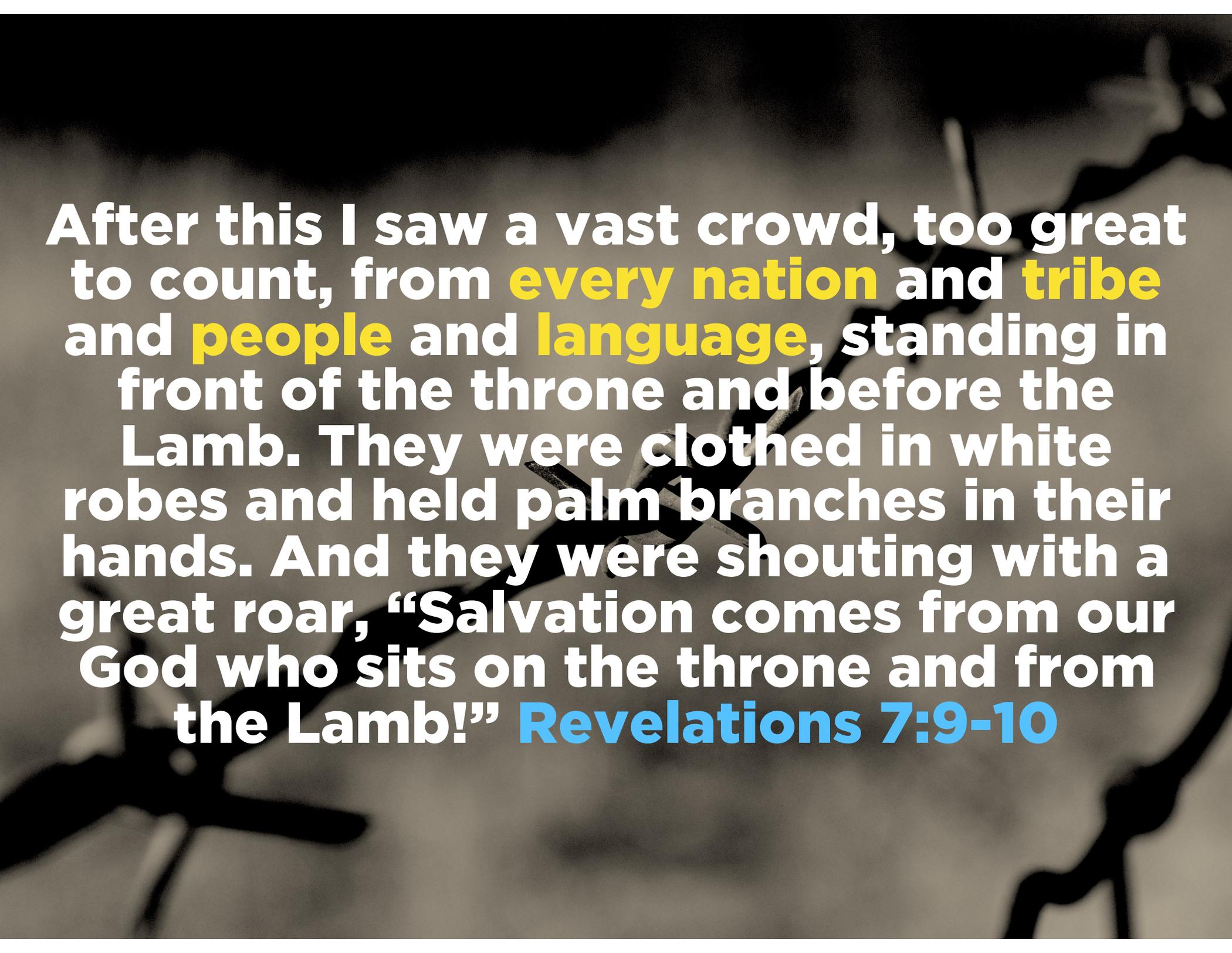
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For you are all **children of God** through **faith in Christ Jesus**. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. **vs 26-27**

Galatians 3:23-29

There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham vs 28-29

Jesus once asked "Who do people say that I am?", now Paul is asking who do people say you are?



After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. And they were shouting with a great roar, “Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!” Revelations 7:9-10