



Galatians

No Other Gospel



Paul and the Law



Recap

The Problem

I am **astonished** that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a **different gospel**—which is really no gospel at all. **vs 6-7**



Recap

What is the Gospel?

Why does altering it matter?

In order for the Gospel to be good news you have to understand the bad news



Recap The Gospel in Three Parts

1 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. [Colossians 1:21-23](#)



Galatians 2:1-10

Then after **fourteen years**, I went up again to Jerusalem, this time with **Barnabas**. I took Titus along also. I went in response to a revelation and, meeting privately with those esteemed as leaders, I presented to them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. **I wanted to be sure I was not running and had not been running my race in vain vs 1-2**



Galatians 2:1-10

This matter arose because some **false believers** had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. We did not give in to them for a moment, **so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.** vs 4-5



Galatians 2:1-10

On the contrary, they recognized that I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the **uncircumcised**, just as Peter had been to the **circumcised**. For God, who was at work in Peter as an apostle to the circumcised, was also at work in me as an apostle to the Gentiles. **James, Cephas and John**, those esteemed as pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. **They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised.** vs 7-9



Council of Jerusalem Revisited

When **Cephas** came to Antioch, I opposed **him to his face**, because he stood condemned. **vs 11**

“You are a **Jew**, yet you live like a **Gentile** and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow **Jewish customs?**” **vs 14b**



Council of Jerusalem Revisited

Certain people came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the believers: “Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved.” Acts 15:1



Council of Jerusalem Revisited

“We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified. Galatians 2:15–16



Justification

“justification” is translated from dikaiosin. This word “denotes the act of pronouncing righteous, justification, **acquittal**; its precise meaning is determined by that of the verb dikaiō, to justify ... signifying **the establishment of a person as just by acquittal from guilt**”

“know that a person is not **justified** by the works of the law”



Justification is important to the Hebrews because they know that salvation is partly a **legal** concept

For the **accuser** of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. **Revelations 12:10**

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right side **to accuse him.** **Zechariah 3:1**



Religion—Human additions to
God's revealed truth

The Law—God's boundaries for
humanity



Paul and the Law Everyone Has It

(Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law. **They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts,** their consciences also bearing witness, **Romans 2:14-15a**



Paul and the Law It is necessary

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the **whole world held accountable** to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, **through the law we become conscious of our sin.** **Romans 3:19-20**

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.** So then, the **law is holy**, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good. **Romans 7:7,12**



Paul and the Law In Jesus the Law is Fulfilled

For he himself is our **peace**, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, **by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations**. His purpose was to create in himself one **new humanity** out of the two, thus making peace, **Ephesians 2:14-15**



Law says the guilty are punished,
we are all guilty

Law Sin Faith Justified

How does Faith justify us? Faith is
the mechanism of relationship with a
God we can't touch or see.

Faith in Jesus as fulfilling the
requirements of the law and the
penalty of sin



the law is how love would act

Love is internal and subjective

the law gives boundaries to what
Godly love looks like



Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for **whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.**

The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbour as yourself.” Love does no harm to a neighbour. **Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. Romans 13:8–10**



“For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!” vs 19-21



We know that **the law is good if one uses it properly.** We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious
1 Timothy 1:8-9



But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which **the Law and the Prophets testify**. This righteousness is **given through faith in Jesus Christ** to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, **for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God**, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:21-24



God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—
to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. vs 25-26

