



# Galatians

No Other Gospel



The Spirit and Community

# Recap

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.

Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. vs 1



Recap

Faithfulness

Patience

Self-Control

Love

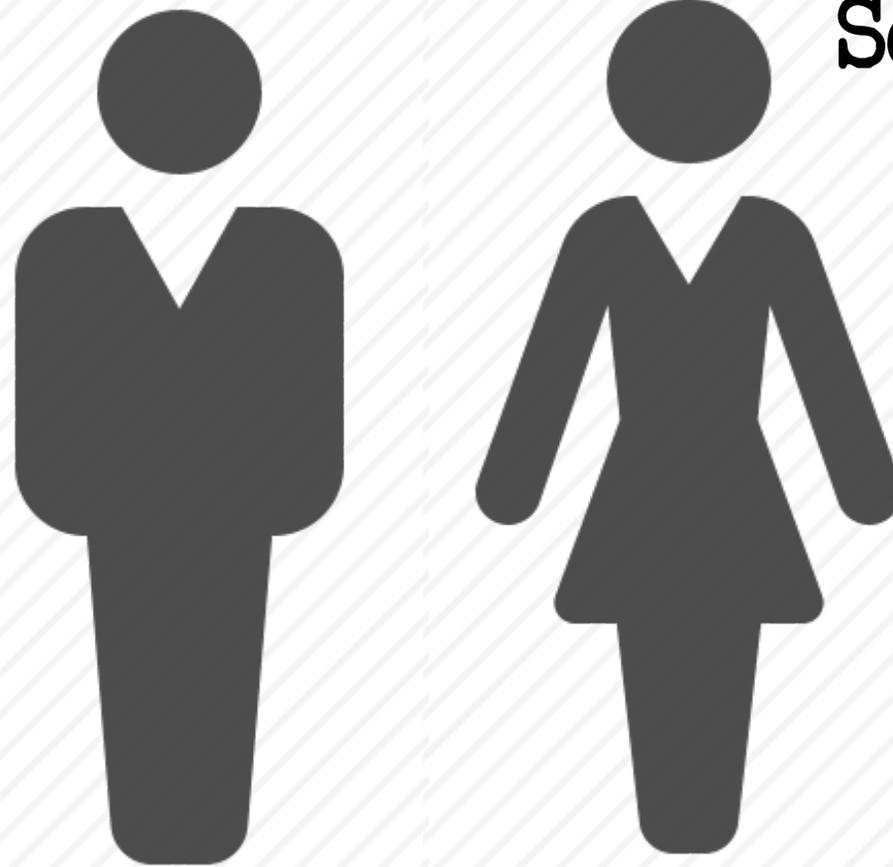
Peace

Kindness

Joy

Goodness

Gentleness



against such things there is no law



## Recap

But that isn't what you learned about Christ. Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, **throw off your old sinful nature** and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception.

Instead, **let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes.** Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. **Ephesians 4:20–24 NLT**



The Bible is all connected

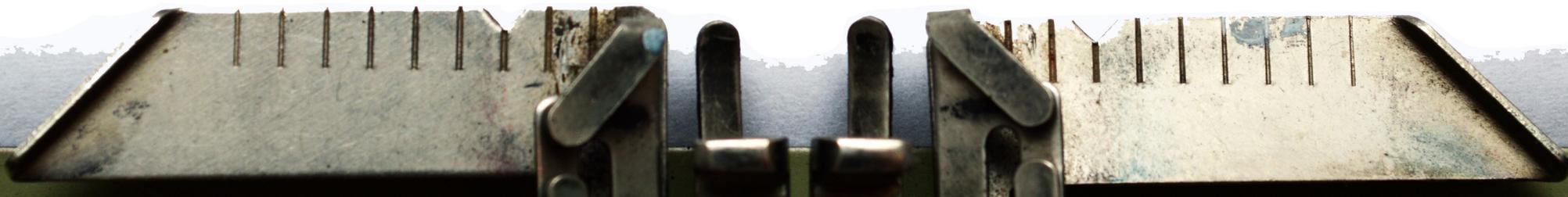
Themes are developed and expanded on  
at different parts of the Bible

There is a tension of simplicity and  
complexity that exists throughout



## A Look Back

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



## A Look Back

The four requirements James bound upon the Gentiles are **halakah** based on commands found in the Mosaic Law. In Hebrew, halakah literally means "**the path one walks.**" Each of these commandments was based on ancient requirements found in the Law of Moses for a "stranger" who desired to live among the tribes of Israel.



## A Look Back

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. **Galatians 1:6-7**



# A Look Back

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



# A Look Back

“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



## A Look Back

“justification” is translated from dikaiosis. 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**”



## A Look Back

Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

Galatians 3:23-25



## A Look Back

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to **redeem** those under the law, that we might receive **adoption to sonship**. Because you are his sons, God sent **the Spirit[witness]** of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "**Abba, Father.**" **Galatians 4:5-6**



## Spirit Applied, 1-10

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. vs 2

The Law says you are responsible for your own salvation, the Gospel says that you are supported in community (if you allow it) and accountable to others



## Spirit Applied, 1-10

If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load. vs 3-5



## Spirit Applied, 1-10

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Galatians 6:7-8



## Spirit Applied, 1-10

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will **reap a harvest if we do not give up**. Therefore, as we have opportunity, **let us do good to all people**, especially to those who belong to the **family of believers**.

vs 9-10

Paul is focusing on cause and effect



## Spirit Applied, 11-18

May I never **boast** except in the cross  
of our Lord Jesus Christ, through  
which **the world has been crucified to**  
**me, and I to the world.** vs 14



# Spirit Applied, 11-18

Neither circumcision nor  
uncircumcision means anything; what  
counts is the **new creation.** vs 15



# Spirit Applied, 11-18

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the **new creation** has come:

The old has gone, the new is here! **2 Corinthians 5:17**

Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the **new self**, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

**Colossians 3:9-10**

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may **live a new life**.

**Romans 6:4**

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to **put on the new self**, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. **Ephesians 4:22-24**



## Spirit Applied, 11-18

“ ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,’ the Lord replied. ‘Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me. I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’ Acts 26:15-18



What you were

Law

Old Self

Gospel

Jesus

Justified

What you are becoming

New

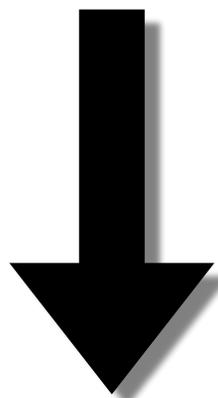
Creation

The Holy  
Spirit

Holy Spirits  
Work

What you could be

Spiritual  
Family



Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. **We are not like Moses**, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. **But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read.** It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. **Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.** And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are **being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory**, which comes from the Lord, who is the **Spirit**.

2 Corinthians 3:12-18

