

The Epistle To The Galatians¹

The Truth (or Reality) of the Gospel (**Gal.2:5,14a, Rom.1:16**)

1. Man Not Justified by Works of Law:

- a. Man can not be justified by works of law (**Gal.2:16a**)
- b. No fallen man who has become flesh (**Gen. 6:3; Rom.7:18**) can be (or is able to be) justified. (**Gal.2:16c**)
- c. The demand of the Law is adherence to the whole law and failing in one, is failure of the whole. (**James 2:10**)
- d. Endeavoring to keep even a small part of the Law puts man in debt to the Law. (**Gal.5:3**)
- e. It is evident that man can not be justified by the Law (**Gal.3:11**)

2. The Law, as the testimony of God, declaring the nature of God in His holiness, righteousness, light and love, exposes us.

- a. The Law exposes our condition. (**Rom.7:7-8, 14; Gal.3:19**)
- b. The children of Israel promised that they would keep God's commandments (**Ex.19:8**)
 - 1) Before they made this promise the atmosphere around Mt. Sinai was not threatening.
 - 2) After they promised, the atmosphere became terrifying. (**Exo.19:17-18, 20:18**)
 - 3) As a result the people asked Moses to go to God on their behalf. (**Exo.20:19-20**)

3. Law Being a Custodian to Keep God's Chosen People Until Christ Came

- a. The Law was not given for man to keep it; God knew man would not fulfill it.
- b. It was given as a Custodian (Guardian and Steward) to keep His people until Christ arrived (**Gal.3:23-24, 4:2**)
- c. It served to limit God's people as a sheepfold (**John 10:1, 16**)

4. Law Being Over After Christ Came

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- a. Once faith (in Christ) came there was no need for the Law (**Gal.3:25**)
 - b. To go back to the Law is rebellion against God; it is rejecting our sonship (**Gal.3:26**)
5. The Truth of the Gospel On How We are Justified Under God's New Testament Economy
- a. Man Justified by Faith in Christ (**Gal.2:16**)
 - 1) Faith in Christ leads to an organic union through believing. (**Rom.11:17-24, John 15:4-5**)
 - 2) Faith in Christ comes out of an appreciation of the person and work of Christ that leads to an infusion of that person into us, which becomes our faith
 - 3) Christ infused into us becomes our capacity to believe which leads to our receiving Him into our spirit making us one spirit with Him. (**John1:12, 1Cor.6:17**)
 - b. Man Having Life and Living By Faith as a result of this organic union (**Gal.3:11**)
 - c. Man Being Dead to Law that He Might Live to God (**Gal.2:19**)
 - d. Man Having Christ Living in Him (**Gal.2:20**)
6. Man Being a New Creation, i.e., the mingling of God with man (**Gal.6:15**)