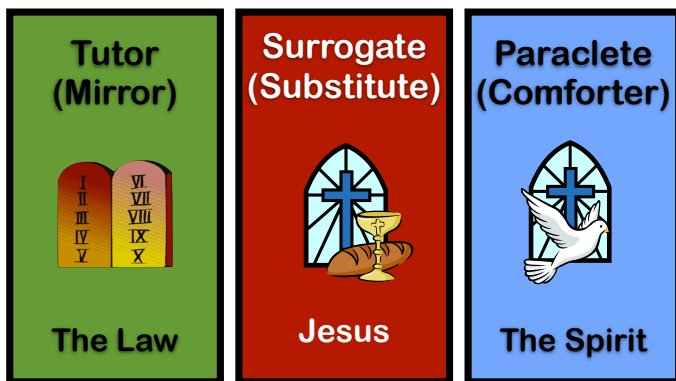
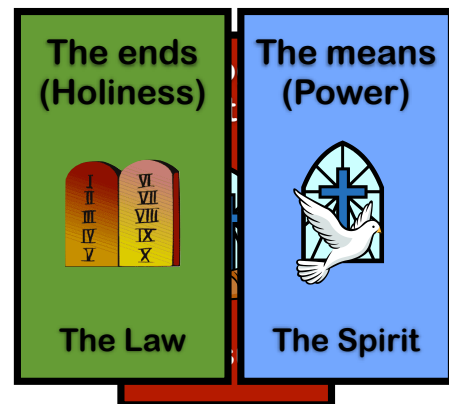


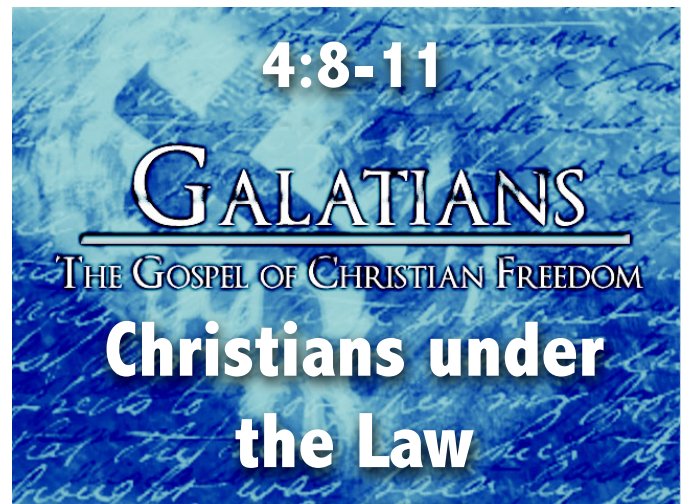
**Don't confuse the ministries
of the Law, the Christ, and the Spirit.**



**The tendency is to seek peace with God by
obeying the Law in the power of the Spirit.**



***What does
life under
the Law
look like?***



The letter to the
Galatians



**Paul has
authority to
speak from God
on matters of the
Gospel!**

**How are the Old
and New Covenants
related?**

**Does grace
discourage
disciplined living?**

Galatians 4

“⁸ However at that time, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by nature are no gods. ⁹ But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again? ¹⁰ You observe days and months and seasons and years. ¹¹ I fear for you, that perhaps I have labored over you in vain.”

“8 However at that time, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by nature are no gods.”

Tendency #1
Bibliolatry - worshipping the Bible

Note:
In Paul's teaching "Scripture" is not like the Torah or Quran.

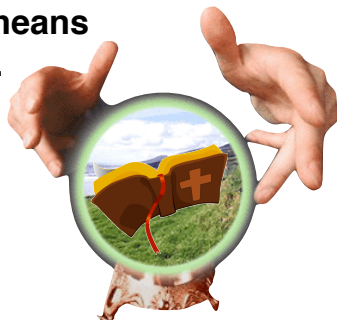


**THE HOLY ARK'S
ENTRANCE INITIATES
THE JEWISH SERVICE**



Some common mistakes

- 1. The devotional crystal ball -**
read till you feel good or
find a verse that means
something to you.



Some common mistakes

- 2. Ignore the context of the text and the reader of it -** grammatical, historical, theological, cultural, etc.



Some common mistakes

3. Disregard literary genre - historical narrative, poetry, epistles, gospels, wisdom, apocalyptic, etc.



“9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless (poverty stricken) elemental things,”

Tendency #2 Backslidden - stunted growth

Note:
In Apostolic teaching “falling away” is not from the Law but from the Gospel to back under the Law.

“Falling away” from Christ

Hebrews 6

“1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of instruction about washings, and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. 3 And this we shall do, if God permits. 4 For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God, and put Him to open shame.”

“Falling away” from grace

Galatians 5

“3 And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law. 4 You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. 5 For we through the Spirit, by faith, are waiting for the hope of righteousness.”

Romans 5

“1 Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.”

“Falling away” from faith

Romans 11

“20 Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. . . . 22 Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God’s kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. 23 And they also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in; for God is able to graft them in again.

1 Timothy 4

“1 But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, . . . 3 men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods, which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.”

“to which you desire to be enslaved all over again?”

Tendency #3 Focus on human performance - preferring to paint by the numbers.

Note:
In Paul’s teaching “life and peace” are not found in the mind set on the Spirit.



The Terrorizing Work of the Law in the Christian's Life

Challenging
the strong to
live by the flesh

Condemning
the sensitive to
shame

Hardening
the religious to
pride



Romans 8

"¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace."

Romans 8

"⁴ in order that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled **in us**, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

"in us"

could have the sense of either

"for us" or "through us"

⁵ For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who **are according to the Spirit**, the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the **mind set on the Spirit** is life and peace, . . . ⁹ However, **you are** not in the flesh but **in the Spirit**, if indeed the Spirit of God **dwells in you**. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. ¹⁰ And if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness."

**The challenge is to
renew our minds.**

Romans 12

"¹ I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

Two mental postures

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| 1.
Talk to self
(sow to the Spirit) | 2.
Listen to self
(sow to the flesh) |
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**Import
the Word
of the Cross**

Telling yourself the truth

1. Your identity "in Christ"
2. Your death by baptism
3. Your paraclete power

**Surface
the lust
of the flesh**

Rehashing the lie

1. Satan's word to Eve
2. Satan's word to Jesus
3. Satan's accusation

Two views of making peace with the law

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1.
Obey the Law | 2.
Fulfill the Law |
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**This is what humans
try to do apart from
the Gospel.**

*We resolve the
dissonance
by managing the Law*

1. Lowering the bar -
redefining sin
2. Extending the time -
purgatory
3. "Cooking the books" -

**This is what God has
done in Christ
through the Gospel.**

*We resolve the
dissonance
by faith in Christ*

1. Confessing our sin -
Affirming the Law
2. Hoping in Christ -
Believing the Gospel
3. Longing for heaven -

**"Walking in the light"
means
"walking in the Spirit"**

**When we see
self but do not
see Christ**



Death



**When we see
self in the context
of Christ**



Life

"10 You observe days and months and seasons and years. 11 I fear for you, that perhaps I have labored over you in vain."

**Tendency #4
Superficiality - Majoring on minors.**

Note:
In Paul's teaching "spiritual adulthood"
is the goal of the great commission.

"Great Commission" according to Paul

Ephesians 4

"11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. 14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love."

Characteristics of life under Law:

1. **Bibliolatry** - Like the Holy Spirit the Bible points us to Jesus.
2. **Backslidden** - "Falling away" has more to do with grace and faith than the Law.
3. **Focus on human performance** - The Law sets our mind on the flesh which is death not life and peace.
4. **Superficiality** - The Great Commission is about growing up to spiritual adulthood.