

Section 5, Galatians 3:19-4:7

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Outline of Galatians Chapters 3-4**Section 4**

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We are delivered from the curse of the man-made laws – Galatians 3:10-14

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Section 4, Galatians 3:1-3:18 Review

In chapter 3 of Galatians, Shaul (Paul) begins by making points about the extra misapplied laws. Yeshua died for both Jew and Gentile and it wasn't the misapplied laws that gave us the Holy Spirit. The misapplied laws don't perfect us, but the Holy Spirit can help us. One of the purposes the Messiah came was to get rid of the extra misapplied laws. Do those who lead you do miracles through a man-made religious system or by the Holy Spirit?

Abraham had faith and lived right (was righteous) before he was circumcised, so why can't the Gentiles live right? Our faith makes us children of Abraham and the faith of the Gentiles also makes them right with God when they live right. God prophesied to Abraham that the world would be blessed through him and that included the Gentiles. All believers in the true God are blessed through Abraham.

The scriptures say that those who don't keep the law (the Torah) are cursed. No one is made just by only doing laws without faith. A person who lives justly also must have faith. Doing laws doesn't require faith and those who do the law will receive its benefits.

But we are cursed for adding man-made laws. The Messiah has delivered us from being cursed because of our adherence to man-made laws. His death on a tree was a substitute death that released us from the religious system of man-made laws which caused us to be cursed. Since the man-made laws were keeping the Gentiles outside the community of believers, both Jew and Gentile can now realize the blessing of Abraham through Yeshua the Messiah and receive the promise of the Holy Spirit by our faith.

Legal agreements cannot be changed and a promise was made to Abraham that the whole world would be blessed through him – this blessing came through the Messiah Yeshua. Because it was an agreement made to Abraham it cannot be annulled and the Mt. Sinai law did not annul it. The promise has become in effect with the coming of the Messiah and cannot become voided. The promise given to Abraham didn't come from the law, but was given to Abraham.

The summaries at the end of each section **are not intended to be a translation**, but intended to integrate the correct understanding from the text. I used the New King James Version to study Galatians because I

can see a corresponding English word translated from each Greek word used in the Greek text (the Greek text is made by consensus from manuscripts and then translated into English).¹ This allows me to find the ancient context which is immersed in a Jewish biblical context.

Here is a possible good way to use this resource:

Read the scripture for that part

Read the Explanation

Answer the questions at the end (answers are provided).

Memorize an important scripture understanding from each topic and be able to explain it to someone.

*Some of us have learned Galatians without its context and don't understand it properly. Memorize some of the points of context so you can remember what the sections are really about. Be able to explain them to someone.

Life came through the law – Galatians 3:19-21	
Explanation	New King James Version
<p>Galatians 3:19 Since the promised Messiah was a fulfillment of the promise to Abraham, why did we bother having the law? We needed it to keep us from sin until the Messiah came.</p> <p>It was given by angels through a mediator. (A mediator is someone who brings to agreement parties that are at variance.)</p>	<p>Galatians 3:19 What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator.</p>
<p>Galatians 3:20 A mediator mediates for more than one. In this case, between God and Israel. Moreover, God is one (of the parties in the agreement). (So, God gave Israel the law to bring God and Israel together and to keep Israel from sin, the transgressions talked about verse 19.)</p>	<p>Galatians 3:20 Now a mediator does not mediate for one only, but God is one.</p>
<p>Galatians 3:21 Since the promise came through Abraham is the law against what God promised? Absolutely not because the law can give life and truly living right can come from the law (See Deuteronomy 6:2-3 and Proverbs 4:4).</p> <p>"That you may fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you;" Deuteronomy 6:2-3 NKJV.</p> <p>"He also taught me, and said to me: 'Let your heart retain my words; Keep my commands, and live;'" Proverbs 4:4 NKJV</p>	<p>Galatians 3:21 Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law.</p>

¹ Of course, the translators also readjust the word order as the Greek text does not translate exactly as the English translation. Also, they try to make for an easy word flow by substituting repetitive words in the Greek to give the translation a better feel, but they don't tell us what the contextual issues were.

Explanation Summary of Galatians 3:19-21

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Galatians 3:19

Since the promised Messiah was a fulfillment of the promise to Abraham, why did we bother having the law? We needed it to keep us from sin (transgressions) until the Messiah came. A mediator is someone who brings to agreement parties that are at variance.

Galatians 3:20

So, God gave Israel the law to bring God and Israel together and to keep Israel from sin, the transgressions talked about in verse 19.

Galatians 3:21

Since the promise came through Abraham is the law against what God promised? Absolutely not because the law can give life and truly living right can come from the law (see Deuteronomy 6:2 and Proverbs 4:4).

All need to believe in the Messiah – Galatians 3:22-28	
Explanation	New King James Version
<p>Galatians 3:22</p> <p>The scriptures have enclosed² (as in trapped) all in sin until the coming of the promised Holy Spirit given by faith to those who believe in Yeshua the Messiah. Through Yeshua we have been set free from sin (in other words, we need the Messiah).</p> <p>Shaul calls himself a doulos in several places which is a volunteer slave. This type of slave, doulos, is referred to in Exodus 21:6. We are to no longer be trapped by sin, but are to become slaves of God. "But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life;" Romans 6:22 NKJV. Fruit to holiness means we are to actually do what is right and not just think we are right as some believe.</p>	<p>Galatians 3:22</p> <p>But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.</p>
<p>Galatians 3:23</p> <p>Before we believed (in the Messiah), we were kept and guarded by the Torah which kept us for the faith we would then have in the Messiah after He came.</p>	<p>Galatians 3:23</p> <p>But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed.</p>
<p>Galatians 3:24</p> <p>The law was our guide into³ (living like) the Messiah in order for us to live justly by faith.</p> <p>Tutor can be translated as guide. We also think of the Holy Spirit as our guide. Justified means to live justly.</p>	<p>Galatians 3:24</p> <p>Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.</p>

² g4788. συγκλείω sygkleiō; [Strong's Enhanced Dictionary](#).

³ The Greek word eis means "into." [Strong's Enhanced Dictionary](#).

<p>Galatians 3:25 Moreover, after faith comes (so that we receive the Holy Spirit) we are no more under this guide (but we are now guided by the Holy Spirit).</p> <p>First, we learn how to apply God's instructions (Torah). Hebrews 5:14 We now have the help of the Holy Spirit as our guide to apply the Torah (John 14:26). The Holy Spirit is guiding us to do something – that includes keeping God's good commandments. Again, Deuteronomy 4:6 NKJV says, "Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'"</p>	<p>Galatians 3:25 But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.</p>
<p>Galatians 3:26 We are children of God because of our faith in the Messiah Yeshua (because the Holy Spirit is guiding us).</p>	<p>Galatians 3:26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.</p>
<p>Galatians 3:27 If you have been immersed into the Messiah (so that you are a follower of Him), be clothed (and act) like the Messiah.</p>	<p>Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.</p>
<p>Galatians 3:28 All can believe in the Messiah. The Jews, Greeks, slaves or free people, both men and woman can believe. For all are one (altogether) in⁴ the Messiah Yeshua.</p> <p>We are a group of believers in the Messiah Yeshua; we all need to believe in the Messiah.</p>	<p>Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.</p>

Explanation Summary of Galatians 3:22-28

All need to believe in the Messiah – Galatians 3:22-28

Galatians 3:22

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Galatians 3:23

Before we believed (in the Messiah), we were kept and guarded by the Torah which kept us for the faith we would then have in the Messiah after He came.

Galatians 3:24

The law was our guide into⁶ (living like) the Messiah in order for us to live justly by faith.

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Galatians 3:25

Moreover, after faith comes so that we receive the Holy Spirit, we are no more under this guide (but we are now guided by the Holy Spirit). First, we learn how to apply God's instructions (the Torah). Hebrews 5:14 We now have the help of the Holy Spirit as our guide to apply the Torah (John 14:26).

Galatians 3:26

We are children of God because of our faith in the Messiah Yeshua (because the Holy Spirit is guiding us).

Galatians 3:27

If you have been immersed into the Messiah through the Holy Spirit so that you are a follower of Him, be clothed (and act) like the Messiah.

Galatians 3:28

All can believe in the Messiah. The Jews, Greeks, slaves or free people, both men and woman can believe. For all are one (altogether) in the Messiah Yeshua. We are a group of believers together in the Messiah.

We are heirs through the Messiah – Galatians 3:29-4:7	
Explanation	New King James Version
Galatians 3:29 If we belong to the Messiah then we are Abraham's seed and heirs of the promise given through Abraham and are helped by the Holy Spirit (The context is the Holy Spirit.).	Galatians 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.
Galatians 4:1 Shaul explains himself more. An heir is under a guardian just like a slave. The heir is owner though.	Galatians 4:1 Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all,
Galatians 4:2 And is under guardians and those who tend to the affairs of his household until a set time from the father. We were under our guardian the law until the coming of the Messiah.	Galatians 4:2 but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father.
Galatians 4:3 We were children; we were slaves to the worldly and man-made laws, (and not slaves to the father) – under the guardianship of the law.	Galatians 4:3 So it is with us - when we were "children" we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe;
Galatians 4:4 At the time appointed by the Father God, He sent His Son into the world to be born of a woman and born under a system of law (that included man-made laws. They would have understood the law in this case included the man-made laws.)	Galatians 4:4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

Galatians 4:5 He redeemed (purchased his slaves) who were under the misapplied system of law and made us his adopted children.	Galatians 4:5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.
Galatians 4:6 Through your adoption, God gave you His Holy Spirit through His Son Yeshua. Our thoughts (hearts) through the Holy Spirit call out (no longer as slaves) to our dear Father God. We are now servants of God. We were not only slaves to sin, but to man-made laws. We are freed to serve God. Shaul calls himself a doulos in several places which is a volunteer slave. He is a son, but has chosen to serve God in the household permanently. That is also our mission. This type of slave, doulos, is referred to in Exodus 21:6.	Galatians 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, " Abba, Father!"
Galatians 4:7 So, we are not slaves anymore, but children and heirs of the Father God through the Messiah.	Galatians 4:7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Explanation Summary of Galatians 3:29-4:7

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Galatians 3:29

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Galatians 4:1

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Galatians 4:2

And is under guardians and those who tend to the affairs of his household until a set time from the father.

Galatians 4:3

We were children; slaves to the worldly and man-made laws, and not slaves to the father.

Galatians 4:4

At the time appointed by the Father God, He sent His Son into the world to be born of a woman and born under a system of law (that included man-made laws).

Galatians 4:5

He redeemed (purchased his slaves) us who were under the misapplied system of law and made us his adopted children.

Galatians 4:6

Through your adoption, God gave you His Holy Spirit through His Son Yeshua. Our thoughts (hearts) call out (no longer as slaves) to our dear Father God.

Galatians 4:7

So, we are not slaves anymore, but children and heirs of the Father God through the Messiah.

Major Points to Remember from this Section

What Jewish ideas does Shaul use in this section?

The law brought Israel close to God.

The law gives life and living right comes from the law.

There are a number of Messianic points to remember in this section. Can you name some?

We are immersed in the Holy Spirit (God gave us the Holy Spirit after we believed).

Shaul said the law kept us from sin, gives life, and helps us to live right. The Holy Spirit guides us to avoid sin, gives life, and helps us to live right. The Holy Spirit then is our helper to live right.

We are to imitate Yeshua.

All can believe in the Messiah.

We have been redeemed from slavery to man (from extra misapplies religious man-made laws).

Questions

What are the major points of this section?

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Can you talk some about each of these?

They are no longer slaves of a religious system of extra man-made laws. True or False.

True

We have been set free from sin and have become a doulos, permanent servants for God in His household. True or False.

True

What does it mean to be immersed in the authority of the Messiah?

We receive the Holy Spirit, we follow the Yeshua the Messiah, and are imitators of the Messiah (Ephesians 5:1).

When Shaul says we are no longer Jews, Greeks, slaves, or free; he means that all the slaves are now free to leave their masters. True or False.

False

When Shaul says we are no longer Jews, Greeks, slaves, or free; he means we all can believe in the Messiah Yeshua and whether we are a Jew, Greek, a slave, or a free person; we are altogether a group of people who believe in the Messiah. True or False.

True

Shaul talks about being redeemed from the religious system of man-made misapplied laws. What word or words does he use in describing this?

We were slaves to man (to a system of man-made laws); we are adopted (into the family); we are heirs of the Father (and children of God).

The law is _____ against what God promised. The law can give _____. Right living can come from the _____.

Not, life, law.

Since the promise came through Abraham is the law against what God promised? Absolutely not because **the law can give life** and truly living right can come from the law (See Deuteronomy 6:2-3 and Proverbs 4:4). Galatians 3:21

What does Shaul means when he says Jews, Gentiles, slaves or free, men, and women are one in the Messiah?

All can believe in the Messiah. The Jews, Greeks, slaves or free people, both men and woman can believe. For all are one (altogether) in⁷ the Messiah Yeshua. **We are a group of believers in the Messiah Yeshua**; we all need to believe in the Messiah. Galatians 3:28

We are not slaves to sin or the misapplied laws anymore, but are _____ of our Father God through the Messiah.

Heirs.

So, we are not slaves anymore, but children and heirs of the Father God through the Messiah. Galatians 4:7

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