

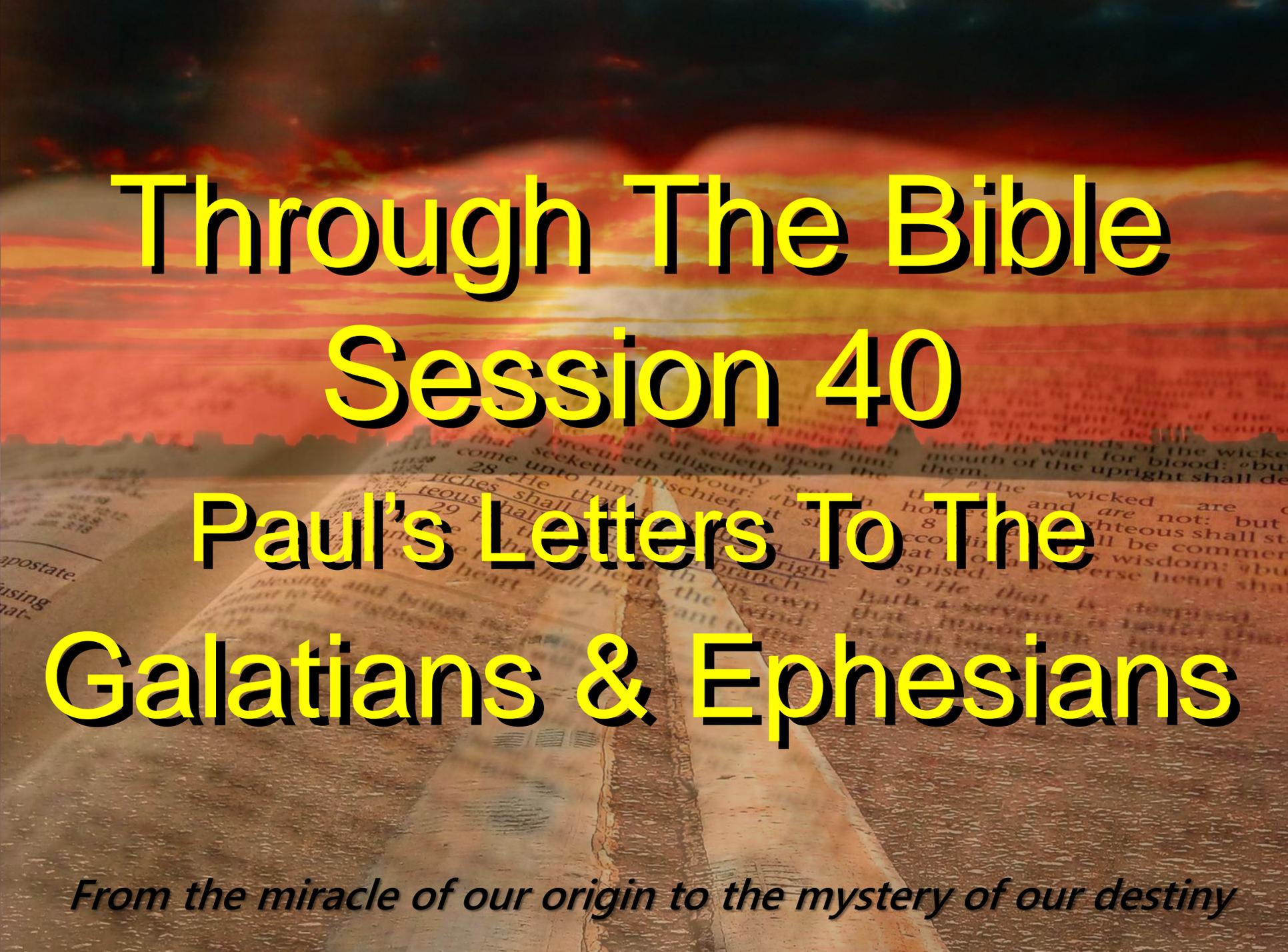
Welcome to

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Simply teaching the Word simply

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Through The Bible

Session 40

Paul's Letters To The

Galatians & Ephesians

From the miracle of our origin to the mystery of our destiny



In the beginning,

GOD

Created the heavens

And the earth

Why?

Unified Theory of Everything

- “The sole reason for the Universe and all therein is to find and prepare an eternal companion for Jesus Christ”
– Paul Billheimer

Unified Theory of Everything

- Two Pre-Requisites:
 - 1) The Law
 - 2) The Monarchy
- God has to establish His law to show that all mankind are guilty
 - and in need of a Saviour
- ...Then God established the kingdom
 - destined to be an eternal kingdom ruled by Christ & His Bride

Unified Theory of Everything

- The Law came before the kingdom
- so... before we can have an Ephesians, we must have a Galatians.
- Galatians is the book that addresses the Law
 - It reveals the true purpose of the Law
 - It shows that all are confined under sin
- Ephesians is the book that unveils the mystery of the Church
 - It reveals Christ's Bride who will reign with Him now that the demands of the Law have been satisfied

Unified Theory of Everything

- The Law had to be given to show that mankind needed a Saviour
- The Monarchy had to be established for there to be an everlasting kingdom
- Galatians is given to *Conclude* the Law
- Ephesians is given to *Commence* the eternal reign of Christ with His Bride
 - made possible by His sacrificial death
 - Through the Church all are united in Christ
 - The Law drives us to Christ, His Grace keeps us!
- (Now do you see why Israel are so important in God's plan!)

Unified Theory of Everything

- Galatians: Jesus Christ is all you've got!
 - The law and all your works will only condemn you
- Ephesians: Jesus Christ is all you need!
 - Jesus is sufficient!

NT Authorship?

- Who wrote most of the NT?
- Paul?
- Luke!
 - Luke: 50,194 words
 - Paul : 43,402 (if Hebrews, 50,315) words
 - John: 34,224 words
- Paul wrote 13 books (14?)
 - 27 Books in the NT

New Testament

Gospels & Acts - 5

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

7 Churches

Pastoral

Paul's Epistles - 13

Romans

1, 2 Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

1, 2 Thessalonians

1, 2 Timothy

Titus

Philemon

"Prison Epistles"

Hebrew Epistles - 8

Hebrews

James

1, 2 Peter

1, 2, 3 John

Jude

Prophetic - 1

Revelation

The Letters of Paul

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| 1. | Thessalonians | Spring 50; 50-51 |
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| | 1 Timothy | Fall 55 |
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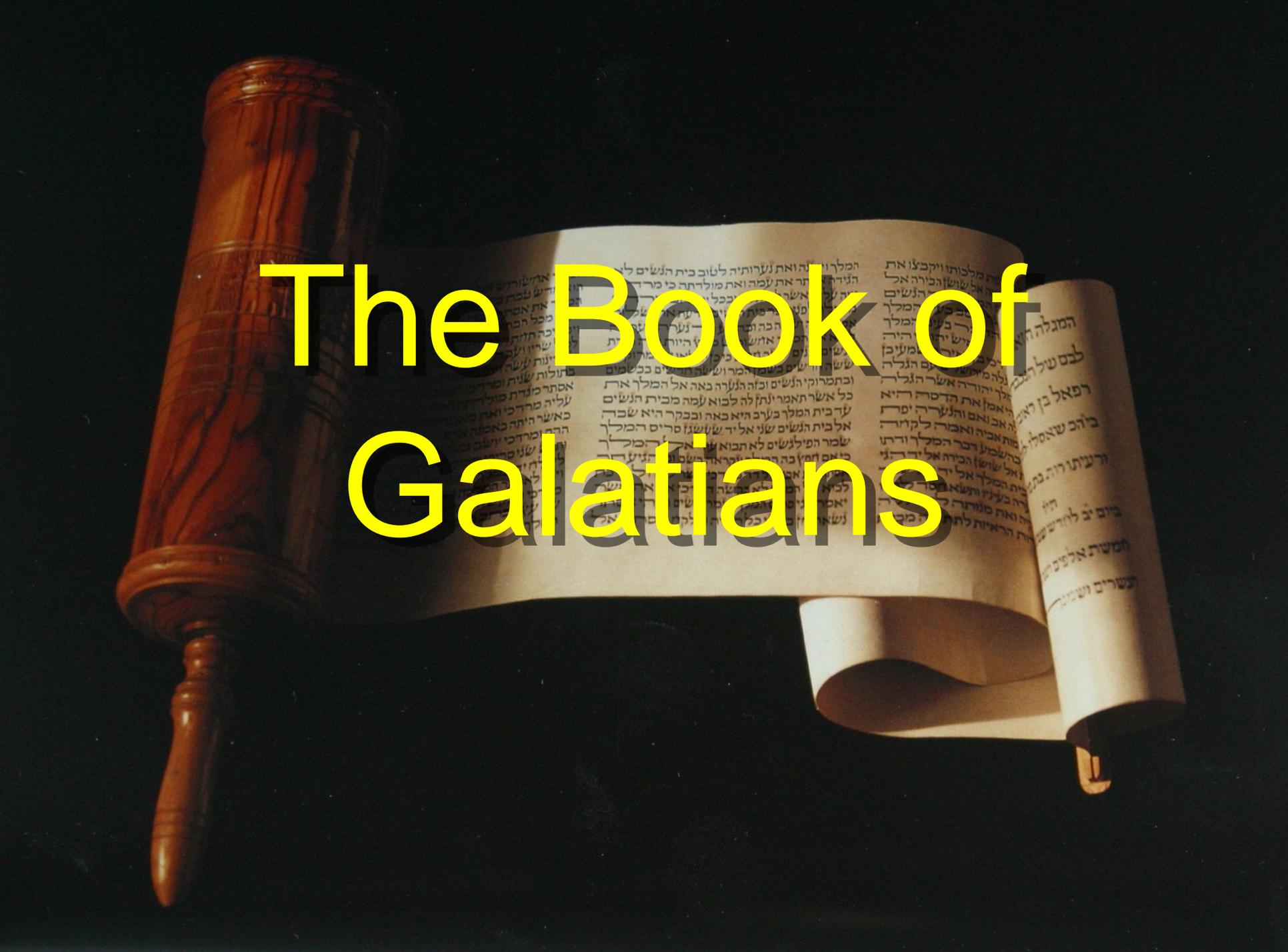
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The Letters of Paul

1. Thessalonians **Eschatology** (Why must I be saved?)
2. 1 Corinthians **Ambassadorship** (How must I live?)
1 Timothy
2 Corinthians
3. Galatians **Legalism** (what must I do to be saved?)
4. Romans **Soteriology** (How am I saved?)
Titus
5. Philippians **Death to self** (the suffering of salvation)
6. Colossians **The Walk** (Stand fast in your salvation)
7. Ephesians **Ecclesiology** (The purpose of salvation)
2 Timothy

Paul's World



An open scroll of the Book of Galatians, written in Hebrew, is displayed against a dark background. The scroll is unrolled and rests on a wooden scroll holder. The text is written in a traditional Hebrew script. The title "The Book of Galatians" is overlaid in large, bold, yellow letters with a black drop shadow. The scroll is partially unrolled, showing several lines of text on both sides. The wooden holder is made of a dark wood with a smooth finish and a decorative knob at the bottom. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the scroll and the wood of the holder.

The Book of Galatians

The Galatians

- Old Galatia, Northern Asia Minor, was settled by Gauls, (Latin, *Gallia*), a Celtic speaking people who spread to western Europe, France, northern Spain, and the British Isles.
- From whom come the Scots, the Welsh, the French, the Irish,
- In the 4th century BC they invaded the Roman Empire and sacked Rome.
- 280 BC they crossed into Greece and captured Delphi.

The Galatians

- At the invitation of Nikomedes I, king of Bithynia, they crossed over into Asia Minor to help him in a civil war.
- In 25 B.C. the territory was taken over by the Roman Empire and made a Roman province, including parts of Phrygia, Pisidia, Lycaomia and Isauria.

The Galatians

- “The infirmity of the Gauls is that they are fickle in their resolves, fond of change, and not to be trusted.”

--Caesar

- “Fland, impetuous, impressible, eminently intelligent, but extremely inconstant, fond of show, perpetually quarreling, the fruit of excessive vanity.”

--Thierry

The Book of Galatians

- The Epistle to the Galatians is regarded as one of Paul's greatest and most important letters.
- It has been characterized as a “short Romans;”
 - Romans can viewed as an expansion of Galatians.
- Galatians, more than any other single book, became the manifesto of freedom and revival of Biblical truth of the Reformation

Paul's Reason for Writing

- The Galatian church (seeded by Paul) had subsequently been influenced by the 'Judiazers' to 'be good Christians, under the Law'
 - *"You must keep the Law of Moses"!*
- This was the quintessential 'Jesus and...' gospel
- This is the root issue with most cults
- It is sadly too prevalent within the Christian church also

Paul's Reason for Writing

- Paul had no toleration for legalism.
 - It is a life or death issue!
- This letter is a direct attack on anything other than the Grace of God
 - It is offensive to the natural mind to realise that the gospel states you can do nothing and bring nothing to contribute toward your salvation
 - The best you have is as 'filthy rags' before a Holy God!
- “for if righteousness came by the law, then Christ died in vain” - Gal 2:21

Another Gospel?

- 7 ...there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.
- 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.
- 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Galatians 1:7-9

Paul's Reason for Writing

- The epistle contains no word of commendation, praise, or thanksgiving.
 - The Epistle to the Romans comes from the head of Paul
 - The Epistle to the Galatians comes from the heart of Paul.

Paul's Reason for Writing

- Galatians is the strongest declaration and defense of the doctrine of *justification by faith* in or out of Scripture.
- It is God's polemic on behalf of the most vital truth of the Christian faith against any attack.
- Not only is a sinner saved by grace through faith plus nothing, but the saved sinner lives by grace.

Relevance Today

- The flesh loves to do religious things;
 - celebrate holy days, practice rituals, attempt to do good works for God.
- Many religious systems today mix law and grace and present a garbled, confused way of salvation that is actually a way of bondage

Gal. 2:4; 4:9; 5:1

Relevance Today

- Keeping the Sabbath, dietary laws, an earthly priesthood, holy days, obeying rules—all of these are swept away in Galatians and replaced by the glorious liberty the believer has through faith in Christ!

The Epistle to the Galatians

- **Authenticity of the Gospel** 1, 2
 - Genuine as to its origin 1
 - Genuine as to its nature 2
- **Superiority of the Gospel** 3, 4
 - The new relation it effects 3
 - The privileges it releases 4
- **The True Liberty of the Gospel** 5, 6
 - Love-service ends Law-bondage 5:1-15
 - Spirit ends flesh-bondage 5:16-6:18
 - Concluding salutation 6:19-21

Dead to the Law

- ¹⁹ For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.
- ²⁰ I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:19-20

Perfected through the Spirit

- 1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?
- 2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?
- 3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

Galatians 3:1-3

The purpose of the Law

19 Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

Galatians 3:19

The purpose of the Law

- 22* But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.
- 23* But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

Galatians 3:22-25

The purpose of the Law

- 24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*
- 25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.*

Galatians 3:22-25

The purpose of the Law

- God promised Abraham that the blessing would be on the basis of faith
- The Law did not / cannot supercede
- The Law was added to expose sin
- The Law confines all under sin
- The shows we need a Saviour
- The Law was a schoolmaster leading us to Christ
- Then the Law's task is complete

Paul's Insights

- Galatians gives us two significant pieces of information:
- Firstly, Mount Sinai is in Arabia!
 - Not in the 'Sinai Peninsula'
 - Moses was in the 'backside of the desert' of Midian when he saw the 'burning bush'
 - God called him to bring the Children of Israel back to that mountain!
- Secondly, the 430 year sojourn began with the call of Abraham & ends at the Exodus
 - The 400 years of affliction began with Ishmael's persecution of Isaac
 - Israel were not in Egypt for 430/400 years

Walk in the Spirit

- I6** This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.
- I7** For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.
- I8** But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Galatians 5:16-25

Walk in the Spirit

- 19** Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,
- 20** Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,
- 21** Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:16-25

Walk in the Spirit

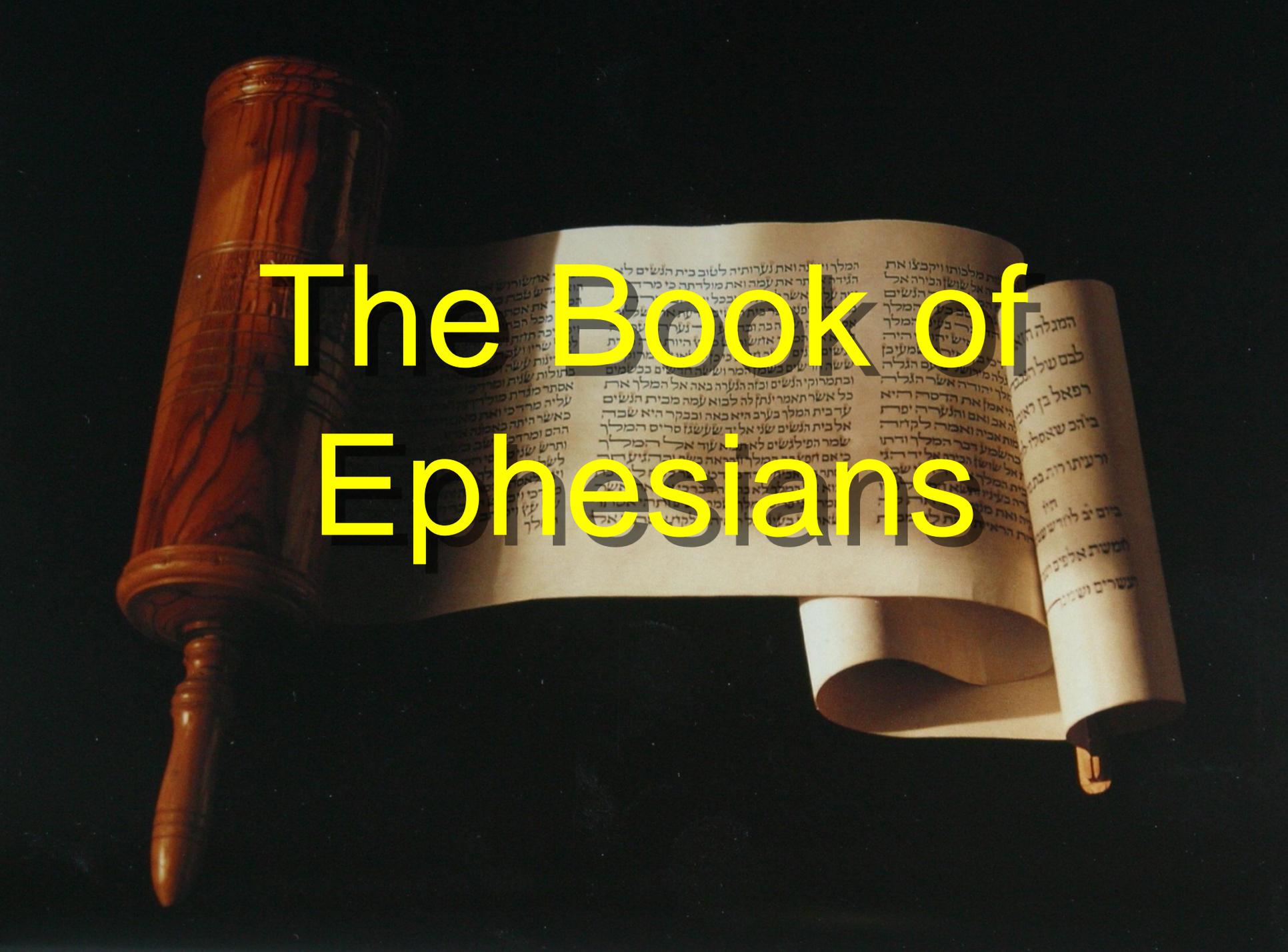
- 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,*
- 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*
- 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.*
- 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

Galatians 5:16-25

The New Law!

² Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2



The Book of Ephesians

The Mystery of Life

- Key word: 'Mystery', used 6x
 - The mystery of His will 1:9
 - The mystery of His plan 3:4
 - The mystery of Christ 3:4
 - The mystery of the Church 3:9
 - The mystery of Christ & the Church 5:32
 - The mystery of the gospel 6:19

The Mystery of Life

- Chapter 1 – Who we are
- Chapter 2 – Where we've come from
- Chapter 3 – Where we're going
- Chapter 4 – What we should be doing
- Chapter 5 – Why we should be doing it
- Chapter 6 – How we are to do it

The Mystery of Life

- Chapter 1 – Who we are
 - We are who we are by God's will
 - Saints – set apart
 - Blessed
 - Chosen
 - Adopted by God
 - Accepted
 - Redeemed – purchased back
 - Forgiven
 - Beneficiaries who inherit
 - Sealed – marked as God's
 - Body of Christ

The Mystery of His Will

9 Having made known unto us the **mystery of his will**, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

Ephesians 1:9-10

- When all is said and done; in the final analysis

The Mystery of Life

- Chapter 2 – Where we've come from
 - We were dead
 - Slaves
 - Captives
 - Subject to wrath
 - Undeserving
 - Helpless
 - Outcasts
 - No right to inherit
 - Guilty under the law
 - Strangers
 - Foreigners

His Workmanship

- ¹ And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;
- ² Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Ephesians 2:1-10

His Workmanship

3 Among whom also we all **had** our conversation in **times past** in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and **were** by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

4 **But God,** who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he **loved us,**

5 Even when we **were** dead in sins, **hath** quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

Ephesians 2:1-10

- The two greatest words in all of time & space!

His Workmanship

- 6 And **hath** raised us up together, and made us **sit** together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:
- 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:1-10

His Workmanship

- 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
- 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.
- 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:1-10

The Mystery of Life

- Chapter 3 – Where we're going
 - Heirs of Salvation
 - Recipients of His power
 - Destined for unsearchable riches
 - Part of an eternal purpose
 - Revelation of His glory

The Hidden Mystery

- 3 ...by revelation [God] made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words...
- 5 Which in other ages **was not made known** unto the sons of men, as it is **now revealed** unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;
- 6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

Ephesians 3:3-6

The Hidden Mystery

- 9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:
- 10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the **[existence of]** church the manifold wisdom of God,
- 11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

Ephesians 3:9-11

The Mystery of Life

- Chapter 4 – What would we should be doing
 - Walking worthy
 - As one body
 - Growing together
 - Putting off the old man
 - Putting away lying, wrath, theft, corrupt communication, bitterness, anger, clamor, evil speaking, malice
 - Edifying each other (by our gifts & words)
 - Forgiving, forbearing, long suffering
 - Speaking the truth... in love!

Self-Edification

- I1** And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- I2** For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the **edifying of the body of Christ:**
- I3** Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Ephesians 4:11-13

Self-Edification

- 14** That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
- 15** But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

Ephesians 4:14-15

The Mystery of Life

- Chapter 5 – Why we should be doing it
 - Because our inheritance is at stake
 - Because of the fear of the LORD
 - Because the wrath of God is coming
 - Because time is running out
 - Because we are the Bride of Christ

This is **a great mystery:** but I speak concerning
Christ and the church.

Ephesians 5:32

- Just about the time you think you know where Paul is heading, he seems to throw us a curve: *He reverses the parallelism* and focuses on the Church, using the marriage as a model to communicate His highest and most intimate truths!

The Jewish Wedding

Incredible Model

² *The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,*

Matthew 22:2

- God is the Father
- Jesus is the heavenly Bridegroom
- The Church is His Bride

The Jewish Wedding

'Kiddushin'

- Jewish word for 'Marriage'
- Meaning 'Sanctification'
- In **1 Thes 4:3**, God's Will for us, is our sanctification – and abstaining from fornication

The Jewish Wedding

'Ketubah' (Betrothal)

- Similar to our engagement, but far more serious

The Ketubah is a marriage contract between the groom and his bride. In the contract, the groom undertakes to give all that he has in order to provide for every need of his bride, not only while he is alive, but also in the event of his death.

The Jewish Wedding

'Ketubah' (Betrothal)

- Similar to our engagement, but far more serious

To mark this contract, the groom and bride drink from a cup of wine.

The Jewish Wedding

'Ketubah' (Betrothal)

²⁹ But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

Matthew 26:27-29

The Jewish Wedding

Interval

- between the Ketubah and Huppah

It is customary for the Chatan (groom) and Kallah (bride) to remain apart for the time leading up to the wedding day. During this time the groom will return to his father's house to prepare a room for his bride.

The Jewish Wedding

Interval

² In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:2-3

The Jewish Wedding

Interval

- **Cleansing of the bride**

Meanwhile, the bride will go to the 'Mikveh' (bath) to cleanse herself spiritually and enter marriage in a state of complete purity – 'without spot or blemish'. One part of the ritual includes removing all manmade things (such as jewellery and nail polish etc) and then being fully immersed in water. She is supervised and assisted during the ritual to ensure it is done correctly.

The Jewish Wedding

Interval

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

²⁶ That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

²⁷ That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5:25-32

The Jewish Wedding

Interval

³¹ For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

³² This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Ephesians 5:25-32

- Our helper is the Holy Spirit
- *'He shall be with you and in you'* (John 14:17)

The Jewish Wedding

The 'Huppah'

- The Wedding

At the appointed time the groom will return with a shout and the blast of a rams horn, to claim his bride and take her back to his father's house, to the place he has prepared

The Jewish Wedding

The 'Huppah'

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

The Jewish Wedding

'Marriage Supper'

- Seven Day Feast

After the marriage ceremony, the marriage supper begins which will last for seven days

The Jewish Wedding

'Sheva Brachot'

- The Wedding Blessing

After the seven day feast, the wedding blessing is pronounced

After 7 years, the wedding blessing is pronounced for Christ and His Bride

Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

Ephesians 5:33

- Only two rules, one for each:
 - 1. Wife:** Let your husband be in charge.
 - 2. Husband:** Love your wife supremely.
 - Enter into her world and die there!
- It's so simple. Why don't we do it?

The Mystery of Life

- Chapter 6 – How we are to do it
 - By being strong in the LORD
 - And in the Power of His might
 - Putting on the armour of God
 - Praying always

Our Warfare

- We are presently engaged in warfare.
 - Are you equipped and prepared?
- Supplemental study: **Daniel 10**

Our Warfare

Finally, my brethren, **be strong** in the Lord, and in **the power of his might.**

Ephesians 6:10

- **Imperative Mood:** *This is a command*
- **Present Tense:** *Be continually strong*
- **Passive Voice:** *You receive the action*
- *kratei*, “power that overcomes resistance,”
(as used in Christ’s miracles)
- *ischyos* of God’s inherent strength:

Put on the **whole armour** of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6:11

- The form of the Greek imperative *put on* indicates that believers are responsible for putting on God's (not their) full armor
- Be *completely* armed (also in **v.13**)
- *Before* the battle begins

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but
against principalities, against powers,
against the rulers of the darkness of this world,
against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Ephesians 6:12

Our Warfare

- The Armor of God: Eph 6:10-18
 - Paul's Armament List
 1. Girded with Truth
 2. Breastplate of Righteousness
 3. Preparation of the Gospel
 4. The Shield of Faith
 5. The Helmet of Salvation
 6. The Sword of the Spirit
 7. The Heavy Artillery

Paul's Armament List

- Paul's detailed description of the armor may stem from being chained to a Roman soldier while in prison awaiting trial
Acts 28:16, 20
- Actually, the Holy Spirit is consistent in His use of idioms: these same elements are alluded to in the Old Testament
Cf. Isaiah 59:16,17

Praying always with all prayer and supplication
in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all
perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Ephesians 6:18

Habitual:

- public & private
- deliberate spontaneous
- supplication intercession
- confession humiliation
- praise thanksgiving

No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

2 Timothy 2:4

Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

Ephesians 6:24

- Grace concludes the letter, just as it had introduced it **1:2**
- Paul warned the Ephesian elders that false teachers would rise within the flock.
- Their doctrinal diligence was commended in Christ's Letter to the Ephesians;
- However, unfortunately some believers did lose the fervency of their "first love" for Christ

Rev 2:4



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