

GALATIANS

NO OTHER GOSPEL

How many religions (Belief Systems) are there in the world today?

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How many religions did God give to mankind?

Why did God give the Law/religion?

Why did Paul write Galatians ?

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To correct doctrine that had gone off course.

To remind believers of the law was given to prove we are sinners in need of a savior

To remind believers of God's completed work

To remind believers of God's love and grace

To remind all that salvation is a free gift, and Jesus paid the price

To remind believers they have come home to Papa/Daddy/Abba Father

To prove that the deceivers (Judaizers) were not seeking to represent God but themselves

Galatians 3:23-29

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Galatians 3:19 (The Law)

Why **the Law** then? It was **added because of transgressions**, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, **until the seed would come** to whom the promise had been made.

Ephesians 3:4-6 (The Mystery of Faith, later to be revealed)

By referring to this, **when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ**,⁵ which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit;⁶ *to be specific*, that **the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus** through the gospel

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Tutor = *paidagōgos*

a **tutor** i.e. a **guardian and guide of boys**. Among the Greeks and the Romans **the name was applied to trustworthy slaves who were charged with the duty of supervising the life and morals** of boys belonging to the better class.

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Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great."

² Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will You give me, since I am childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "Since You have given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir." ⁴ Then behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This man will not be your heir; but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir." ⁵ And He took him outside and said, "Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ **Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.**

Justification by Faith!

Romans 5:1

Therefore, having been **justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ**

Roman 8:3-4

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

Hebrews 9:15

For this reason He is the **mediator of a new covenant**, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were *committed* under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

1 Peter 2:24-25

and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. ²⁵ **For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.**

Galatians 4:1-7

Now I say, **as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything,** ² but **he is under guardians and managers** until the date set by the father. ³ So also we, while we were children, were **held in bondage under the elemental things of the world.** ⁴ But when the **fullness of the time came**, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, ⁵ so that **He might redeem those who were under the Law**, that **we might receive** the adoption as sons. ⁶ Because you are sons, **God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"** ⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

Redeemed & Received!

Redeem = *exagorazō*

to redeem - by payment of a price to recover from the power of another, to ransom, buy off metaph. of Christ freeing the elect from the dominion of the Mosaic Law at the price of his vicarious death

Ephesians 1:7

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

Receive – *apolambanō*

To receive - to receive of what is due or promised to take again or back, to recover

Galatians 4: 5-7

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Abba Father

Mark 14:36 (Jesus to The Father)

And He was saying, “**Abba! Father!** All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

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“Abba Father” is one of the most significant names of God in understanding how He relates to people. The word *Abba* is an Aramaic word that means “Father.” It was a common term that expressed affection and confidence and trust. *Abba* signifies the close, intimate relationship of a father and his child, as well as the childlike trust that a young child puts in his “daddy.”

Romans 8:15

For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “**Abba! Father!**”

What does it mean to be an heir?

An Heir of God

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“You are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir” ([Galatians 4:7](#)). Think of all that means. Everything that God owns belongs to us as well because we belong to Him. Our eternal inheritance as co-heirs with Christ is the result of the amazing grace of God.

John 1:12

But **as many as received Him**, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even to those who believe in His name*

Colossians 1:12-14

¹² **giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance** of the saints in Light. ¹³ For **He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,** ¹⁴ **in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

What does it mean to be heirs?

Martin Lloyd-Jones (Sermon recap Romans 8:17)

¹⁶ The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*.

- * **We are heirs of God.** This means **our inheritance is absolutely certain** and safe because **God cannot lie or change.**
- * **God pays special attention to us as his heirs.** He cares for us, disciplines us, and continues this care without ceasing.
- * **Nothing can rob us of our inheritance - not ourselves, the world, the devil or anything else. We are kept by the power of God.**
- * As heirs of God, **we can enjoy God himself even now.** He reveals secrets to us and gives us a foretaste of the inheritance.
- * **We are joint heirs with Christ.** We only become heirs through union with Christ. The promises are made to him and come to us through him.
- * **Christ has already received the inheritance and conquered every enemy.** His name is on the inheritance with us, **making it absolutely certain.**
- * **We should not be depressed or uncertain. We can read our title clear. We are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.**

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1 Peter 1:3-5

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,** ⁴ **to *obtain* an inheritance *which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away,* reserved in heaven for you,** ⁵ **who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

Hebrew 2:10-11

For **it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.** ¹¹ **For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one *Father*; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren.**

Galatians 4:8-11

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.

Known – *ginōskō* OT Genesis 4:1 Know = *yāda'*

to learn to know, come to know, get a knowledge of perceive, feel to become known to know, understand, perceive, have knowledge of to understand, sexual intercourse between a man and a woman, to become acquainted with.

Known by God? Isn't everyone known by God?

Intimacy with God

John 10:3, 10:27 We hear his voice, follow Him

John 10:28 Nobody can snatch us away from Him, He gives us life

John 15:15, no longer servants but friends

Heb 7:19 Draw near to God

Hebrews 7:25 Jesus lives to intercede for us

John 10:30 I and the Father are one...

John 17: 22-24. Jesus has given us His glory, that we may be one with God, perfect in unity

Our Response:

Set God above all, Luke 14:26

Complete Transparency incl. acknowledging sin

Prayer

Reading

Meditating

Seek to recognize what God has & is doing...

Trust the Lord w/all heart Proverbs 3:5 & 6

Is it hard to trust God?

What are some of the challenges?

Looking Back

Lots wife. Genesis 19:24-26

Jews in the desert heading for the promised land... Numbers 11:5

**We remember the fish which we used to eat free in Egypt,
the cucumbers and the melons and the leeks and the onions and
the garlic,**

Ahhh, the good ole days!

To Know – *ginōskō*

Matthew 1:24-25

Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and **did not know her** till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

Matthew 7:2—23

Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘**I never knew you**; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

Luke 8:10

And He said, “To you it has been **given to know the mysteries** of the kingdom of God, but to the rest *it is given* in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.’

John 8:31-32

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And **you shall know the truth**, and the truth shall make you free.”

Treasure the Root!

Isaiah 11:10

Then in that day **The nations will resort to the root of Jesse**, Who will stand as a signal for the peoples; And His resting place will be glorious.

Revelation 5:4-5

Then I *began* to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it; ⁵ and one of the elders *said to me, “Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, **the Root of David**, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.”

Revelation 22:16

“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. **I am the root** and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

“Treasure the Root, obedience is the fruit!”

Galatians 4: 12-16

¹² I beg of you, brethren, become as I *am*, for I also *have become* as you *are*. You have done me no wrong; ¹³ but you know that it was because of a bodily illness that I preached the gospel to you the first time; ¹⁴ and that which was a trial to you in my bodily condition you did not despise or loathe, but you received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus *Himself*. ¹⁵ **Where then is that sense of blessing you had?** For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me. ¹⁶ So have I become your enemy by telling you the truth?

Galatians 4:15

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Blessing comes with oneness...

Separation came with sin... sin has been dealt with

Paul Encourages them to Remember & Reflect...

Who are you today in Christ?

Examine Yourself

David prayed: Psalm 26:2

Examine me, O LORD, and try me; Test my mind and my heart.

1 Cor. 11:28

But a man must **examine** himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

2 Cor. 13:5

Test yourselves *to see* if you are in the faith; **examine** yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?

Galatians 4:17-20

They eagerly seek you, not commendably, but they wish to shut you out so that you will seek them. ¹⁸ But it is good always to be eagerly sought in a commendable manner, and not only when I am present with you. ¹⁹ My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you— ²⁰ but I could wish to be present with you now and to change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

My “children” – *teknion*

A little child, kindly used when sharing with disciples

Concern for others in the church

Colossians 1:28

We proclaim Him, **admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom**, so that we may **present every man complete in Christ**.

Acts 20:17-21

¹⁷ From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. ¹⁸ And when they had come to him, he said to them,

“You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials which came upon me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ **how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house**, ²¹ solemnly **testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ**.

2 Timothy 4:1-5

I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: ² **preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction**. ³ For the **time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine**; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, ⁴ and will **turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths**. ⁵ But you, **be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry**.

Perplexed - *aporeō*

to be without resources, to be in straits, to be left wanting, to be embarrassed,
to be in doubt, not to know which way to turn, to be at a loss with one's self,
be in doubt, not to know how to decide or what to do, to be perplexed

Today, are you perplexed about a family member, a friend, a co-worker?

Galatians 4

- * **Redeemed and Received** – Children and heirs of God (Justified by Faith)
- * **Intimacy restored** – Known by God – no longer separated
- * **Reflect and Remember** – Where is the blessing you once exhibited
- * **Be warned** about wolves, those who rob you of blessing and bind you to the law

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