

## STUDIES in Hebrews: chapters 11 through 13 & the Book of Galatians

The great New Testament doctrine of faith is how we respond to the grace of God and the subject of faith is covered in the books of **Romans**, **Hebrews** and **Galatians**. The book of Romans is a book of explanation and doctrine as to what faith does and the book of Hebrews tells Christians the why behind our faith and the book of Galatians teaches us several ways as to how to apply these teachings. Before we get started in the final three chapters of Hebrews, we need to be reminded about what the unknown writer has already taught us in the first ten chapters.

- Christ is superior to **angels**
- Christ is superior to **Moses** as a man
- The **New** Testament is superior to the **Old** Testament
- The Christian's eternal **destination** is superior to that of the land of Canaan
- The Christian's **high priest**, Jesus, is superior to that of the priesthood of the Old Testament
- The Christian's **priesthood** is superior to that of the priesthood of the Old Testament
- The new covenant (the **New Testament**) is superior to the old covenant (the Old Testament)
- The Christian's **hope** is superior to the old hope
- The Christian's **confidence** is superior to the confidence of the Old Testament
- The Christian's **faith** is superior because of the Old Testament
- The way Christians **live** is superior to the way Jews were living

Here also are some lessons we learned from our study of Hebrews chapters 1-10:

Christians cannot go back to the law of Moses (the Old Testament) for our religious law today

- The theme of Hebrews is that Christ, and everything Christian, is better than the Old Testament, so why in the world would anybody want to go back to the Old Testament for living and law?
- If religious people try to keep the Old Testament as their law for today, they have no salvation
- Religious people who try to have the Old Testament as their spiritual law today have no faith or confidence in God.
- The worst thing in the world is a Christian who has fallen away from his or her Lord.
- Religious people who say a Christian can't fall from grace have made a new law that the Bible does not teach
- Religious people who try to take the Old Testament as their law have no priesthood.
- Religious people who try to keep the Old Testament as their religious law, deny the power of the cross, they are not complete in God and they have no hope.
- Religious folks who say that the church is not important do not know God and do not have God.
- Religious people who try to take the Old Testament as their law deny God's promises and thus deny God.
- Religious people who do not believe in being baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38) do not have the blood of Jesus on their souls.
- Religious people who try to take the Old Testament as their religious law walk in shadow religiously and not in substance and, if they are going to keep the Old Testament as law, they need to offer animal sacrifices.
- Religious people who try to take the Old Testament as their religious law must worship God according to the old Jewish priesthood

Now, we begin with chapter eleven for some wonderful applications of these teachings.

## CHAPTER 11 The Hall of Fame of Faith

We call chapter 11 the “hall of fame of faith” because so many of the Old Testament characters are mentioned as being faithful to God by “*receiving a good report from God*” (v 2) and their examples are encouragements for all Christians to do the same thing, “walk by faith.”

The unknown author concludes ten chapters about faith by saying, “*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen*” (v 1). According to Romans 4:21, the definition of faith is, “*...being fully persuaded that, what he had **promised**, he was able also to **perform**.*” Faith is “**trust in God that he will keep his promises.**” The word “**substance**” comes from two words, “sub” and “stance.” “Sub” means “that which is under us” and “stance” means “that upon which we stand.” So true Christians stand on the faith that God will keep his promises. The Bible gives us the evidence for that faith as Romans 10:17 teaches, “*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*”

**Everything Christians believe, practice and do is based upon the Bible and the Old Testament examples in chapter 11 serve to emphasize this fact.**

- ❖ Christians believe that God created the world (Genesis 1) and that he did so by creating something from nothing (v 3).
  - >>> People who believe man came from monkeys are called “**evolutionists**”, but a Christian cannot believe in evolution and trust the Bible because...
  - >>> Evolutionists teach that solid matter is eternal and has always been in existence
  - >>> The Bible teaches that God created solid matter from nothing
- ❖ Adam and Eve’s second son, **Abel**, believed God’s word and worshipped according to what God said and “by it he being dead yet speaketh” (v 4)
- ❖ **Enoch** (Genesis 5:22; Jude 14) was one of two people in the Bible who never died, **Elijah** being the other one (2 Kings 2:13) because Enoch “had this testimony, that he pleased God (v 5)
- ❖ “**But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**” People who claim to believe in God and evolution too are called “theistic evolutionists”, but their faith is misplaced.
- ❖ **Noah** did exactly what God told him when he built the ark and the human race was saved when the world was destroyed by water and by doing just what God had told him – nothing more and nothing less – and Noah “became heir of the righteousness which is by faith” (v 7)
- ❖ **Abraham** left his home in the Ur of the Chaldees (Genesis 11) and went to the Promised Land (Canaan) because “he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God” (vv 8,9). At the age of about 90, Sara, Abraham’s wife, gave birth to Isaac, the promised child because of her own faith and also of Abraham’s faith in God (v 11). From that birth God fulfilled the promise made to Abraham in Genesis 32:12).

Now, the author takes a side trip to discuss some other things. A very important point is verse 13: “**These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.**”

These Old Testament faithful characters never did see Christ and the promises he has made to “all who obey him” (Hebrews 5:9)

These Old Testament characters walked by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7)

By faith these Old Testament characters looked for heaven and believed they would at some time enter into it (v 14-16)

**People today who want to do what God wants not only walk by faith, but we can “lay hold upon the hope set before us, which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast” (Hebrews 6:18,19)**

### **The continuing example of Abraham and the example of Moses**

How would you feel if God told you to sacrifice your only child? I don't know if I would have the faith to do that, but Abraham did in Genesis 22. God told him to sacrifice Isaac, Abraham believed God, he took Isaac to the land of Moriah along with two of his young men, prepared Isaac for sacrifice, told Isaac “God will provide” (Genesis 22:8) and was ready to plunge the knife into Isaac's body when the angel of the Lord stopped his hand. A ram was caught by his horns in the bushes and Abraham offered that ram to God instead of Isaac. Why did Abraham – **without complaining to God** – even think about doing this terrible thing? The answer is found in verse 19, “Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.” The phrase “**received him in a figure**” means that God is able to save any person from eternal death through the sacrifice of Jesus, God's only begotten son, just like Isaac was Abraham's only begotten son (v 17).

**Isaac** is a good example for sons to follow today. He obeyed his father Abraham in the land of Moriah and he also gave blessings to his two sons, Jacob and Esau (v 20), but he gave the special blessing to Jacob who was the father of the twelve tribes of Israel, through whom Jesus was to come into the world. Jacob blessed Manasseh and Ephraim, the two sons of Joseph (v 21) and Joseph commanded that his bones be taken back to the promised land when Israel left Egypt (v 22). This is an example of Joseph's faith which he got from his father Isaac and his grandfather Abraham.

**Moses** was hidden by his mother, Jochabed, in the Nile river (Exodus 2:3) because she believed God, which faith she taught to her son to the point that when he was forty years old he refused to indulge in the sinful pleasures of Egypt (vv 24-26). At the age of forty, Moses left Egypt, and served his father-in-law Jethro in the land of Midian for another forty years (v 27). Moses returned to Egypt at the age of eighty and led the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage. Because of his faith, he did exactly what God told him in all things (v 28), even to the saving of Israel from pharaoh's army at the Red Sea (v 28).

Because **Joshua** had absolute faith in God and did exactly what God said, Israel conquered Jericho (v 30) and because of her faith, **Rahab** the harlot was saved from destruction (v 31). Other great heroes of faith in the Old Testament “*subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: and others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented, (of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise, God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect” (vv 33-40).*

So what do we learn from all this? Abraham's faith was passed to Isaac, then to Jacob, illustrated by Joseph, then on to Moses, to Joshua and to all great faithful people in the Old Testament and all for one purpose: **to teach us that "faith is the substance of things hoped for"** (v 1).

## CHAPTER 12

### **The lives of faithful people in the Old Testament point us to Jesus and the Christian life**

Because of these great heroes of faith in the Old Testament (the cloud of witnesses in verse 1), Christians must lay aside two things:

- ◆ The weight on our souls of sinning **willfully** and
- ◆ The sin that easily besets us, which is the sin of **unbelief** or not trusting God that he will keep his promises

When we give up the practice of sinning willfully, we run the Christian race and heaven is the prize we aim for.

We should always keep our eyes on Jesus and his word (v 2) because he suffered like we do (v 3), and resisted against blood. We may not give our blood for Jesus, but we still must endure the discipline we receive from God.

**What is this discipline?** How does God discipline us? We are in the hands of an all-loving, merciful and almighty God and we must live our lives by the Bible even when things are crashing in all around us and on us. When these things happen, we remember that our earthly fathers disciplined us for our own good (v 7) and so does our heavenly father to prove that we are legitimate children (v 8). Our earthly fathers disciplined us for their own profit ( 10), but God disciplines us for our own good. What's the point of discipline? So that we can become strong and *"lift up the hands which hang down and the feeble knees and make straight paths for your feet"* (vv 12, 13).

**When life seems to be unbearable, we put our trust in God that he will keep his promise to deliver us.**

### **Advice from the author**

- ◆ Be at peace with all men.

**NOTE:** The word "peace" means "putting my will in line with God's will" and when we please God in all things, we will have a good report from people outside the church (v 14).

- ◆ Christians cannot despise the grace of God and be bitter against God because he is in control of our lives (v 15)
- ◆ Christians must not be sexually immoral (fornication) (v 16)
- ◆ **NOTE:** The example is given here of Jacob's older brother, Esau, who wanted to be blessed by their father Isaac so bad that *"he sought it carefully with tears"* (v 17). What does this mean for us? It's simple. When we wilfully sin, God will forgive us if we truly repent, but we may still have to pay the price for our sins.

**Christians must leave the sinning business to the devil and those people who follow his evil ways.**

- ◆ When the children of Israel were at the base of Mount Sinai (Exodus 19), they were forbidden to even touch the mountain and if they did they would die. Even if one of their animals touched the mountain, it would die (v 20). The presence of God was so awesome and terrible that even Moses said, “I exceedingly fear and quake” (v 21).

### **But Christians....**

- .... Do not find our hope in Mount Sinai and the Old Testament, but we look for the “heavenly Jerusalem” (v 22)
- .... Are members of the church which Jesus built who will be the only ones who will go to heaven when they die (v 23)
- .... Have our hope in Jesus and not in things of the Old Testament (v 24)
- .... Must never refuse to hear the voice of Jesus and the New Testament (v 25a) for there is one thing that is the same in the Old Testament and the New Testament: the voice of God must be obeyed and the voice of God today speaks through the New Testament!
- .... Because real Christians listen to the voice of God they are part of the kingdom of God (the church) which cannot be shaken and it is through God’s kingdom that we are accepted by him.

**“For our God is a consuming fire”** (v 29)

**Be warned: If a religious person tries to go back to the Old Testament for their religious laws today, they will be burned up in hell.**

## **CHAPTER 13**

**Live the Christian life, be Christian husbands and wives, don’t have anything to do with false teachers and please God in everything we do**

Jesus clearly taught in John 13:35, **“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another”** and this is why we are told in Hebrews 13:1, **“Let brotherly love continue.”** If Christians stop loving one another, the world will hiss and hate us.

Christians do more than just talk about love; they go so far as to open their homes and hearts to folks like we’re taught in James 2:15,16, **“If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?”** Nothing because....

**Christians practice what Jesus taught.**

People who practice sexual immorality will be judged by God (v 4). This includes people **who live together without being married**, who have **sex on dates**, who are **homosexual**, who lust after **pornography** and who are **married to someone to whom they have no right to be married**. That’s what it means when it says **“the marriage bed is undefiled!”**

Christians live in this world, but we have the sure knowledge that God takes care of us (v 5) and Christians can say as David said in Psalm 27:1, **“I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”**

Who are these people who **“have the rule over you”** in verse 7? They had spoken the word of God to these early Christians and they had a wonderful manner of life (conversation) which is based on “Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever” (v 8).

These people are mentioned again in verse 17, ***“Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.”*** The people in the Bible who have the oversight of the church are **the elders of each local church**. Not the preacher, not the Sunday school superintendent, not the Pope, not the deacons, not some guru, but **the elders**.

Christians cannot believe false teachings but we establish our hearts through grace by knowing what the Bible teaches and defending it against the devil’s errors (v 9). When the writer mentions *that “we have an altar”* (v 10), he’s referring to the symbol that the prayers of Christians are like sweet perfume (incense) before God.

Those animal sacrifices under the law of Moses were burned *“outside the camp”* (v 11) and Jesus also suffered *“without (outside) the gate”* of Jerusalem (v 12), which is another way of saying that the New Testament is the only way we can get to Jesus (v 13). **Christians look for our ultimate goal of heaven when we die** (v 14) and the only way we can get to heaven is through Jesus (v 15) which said, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me”* (John 14:6).

Someone has said, “The New Testament is not worth anything to a person who doesn’t practice the teachings of Jesus.” He’s right. Christians can’t just be right in Bible knowledge and not do good and do right (v 16). Christians cannot be right unless we do *“Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you”* (v 17), which is a reference to the elders of the local church and not some super church power. Christians can only be made complete (perfect) through the blood of Jesus (vv 20,21) which reminds us of 1 John 1:9, *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

The author finishes by pleading with his readers to listen to what he has written (v 22) and *that “they of Italy salute you”* (v 24). This may be an indication that the writer was writing the book of Hebrews from somewhere in the country of Italy, probably Rome, its capital.

As mentioned before, Hebrews deals with the New Testament being over the Old Testament in all respects, but some people in the first century were still trying to make Gentiles become Jews before they became Christians. When that failed, they went to Gentiles churches and tried to put their false teachings in place among the formerly heathen. Now, we turn to the book of Galatians to see what the apostle Paul has to say about such things.



## THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

The apostle Paul is the author (v 1) of this short book to several churches in the region known in the New Testament days as Galatia (v 2). Check out the map and you'll see where Galatia was. Galatia was divided into two sections, the **northern** part and the **southern** part and in the southern part were cities where Paul had preached, **Derbe Lystra, Iconium** and **Antioch of Pisidia**, so Paul was writing to churches where he was known. The emphasis of Galatians is similar to the New Testament books of 2 Corinthians and Romans, so we place the date of writing about 57 or 58 AD.



Two friends of Paul who went with him on his missionary trips were from the Galatian area. **Gaius** is mentioned in Acts 20:4 as being from **Derbe**, “And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and **Gaius of Derbe**, and Timotheus; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.” **Timothy** also was from the area of **Derbe, Lystra** and **Iconium** as Acts 16:1,2 says, “Then came he to **Derbe and Lystra**: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek, which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and **Iconium**.”

**Why was this book written?** First, let's get a little background from Acts 15. Verse 5 says, “*But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which **believed**, saying, That it was needful to **circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.***” Paul and Barnabas had come to Jerusalem to make a report on how God was working among the Gentiles (15:2) and Peter also told of the conversion of the household of Cornelius (Acts 10), which was the first time the gospel had gone to Gentile people (15:7-11). The problem was settled when James, the brother of the Lord, suggested that they write a letter to the Gentile churches asking them to not worship idols, stay away from sexual immorality and watch out eating food that had been strangled (15:20). “*Then pleased it the **apostles and elders, with the whole church**, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren*” (15:22).

Do you get the picture? The problem the early church had with people trying to stick to the Old Testament law instead of the gospel was solved here in Acts 15 because the “**whole church**” agreed to the solution. But, you know how people are, don’t you? When they get an idea in their heads, they may say one thing to your face and believe something else entirely different behind your back. This isn’t Christianity; it’s putting opinions ahead of the gospel truth. We have the same problem today with people trying to force the Old Testament on Christians as the religious law we are to go by today. It just isn’t so. Hebrews teaches against such a notion and so does the book to the churches in Galatia.

**It’s important to study these things because people haven’t changed – they still want their way instead of God’s way.**

**Before we begin our study of Galatians, we recommend that you read the book through at least two times. This will give you the necessary overall view so that you can understand the book better.**

## CHAPTER 1

**Anything other than the gospel of Christ is wrong because what Paul taught came directly from Jesus and not from man**

Paul was an apostle and the apostles were men in the first century who had the heaven-given ability to receive the truth and also to pass on the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit. Only the apostles had the power to pass these gifts on to baptized believers, so since there are no more apostles in the world, there are no more miracles in the world. Even more importantly, Christ sent the Holy Spirit to the apostles with the truth as he said in John 16:13, “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will **guide you into all truth**: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.”

- The gospel truth came from heaven by the Holy Spirit
- The apostles received the gospel truth from heaven by the Holy Spirit
- People on whom the apostles laid their hands also received the gospel truth from heaven by the Holy Spirit
- The writers of the New Testament were men who had this power to receive truth from heaven by the Holy Spirit
- **Therefore, there are no contradictions, lies or human opinions in the New Testament**

**You can trust your Bible. It – and only it – came from heaven by the Holy Spirit. If a religious teacher teaches something that is not in the Bible, it didn’t come from heaven.**

Paul reminds them that their salvation came through Jesus (v 4) and he was amazed that they had left the gospel truth of Jesus so quickly (v 6). He calls their error “*another gospel*”, but anything except the truth from heaven will only trouble the church because it’s a perversion of the gospel truth of Jesus (v 7). Not even the angels from heaven had the right to preach another gospel truth to anyone (v 8) and certainly no man has the right to preach another gospel unless he wants to be cursed by God (v 8).

**Any religious teacher who teaches anything not in the Bible will be cursed by God and lose his/her soul in the day of judgment.**

Paul always preached the gospel truth and he never did it for personal gain, but as a servant of Jesus Christ (v 10).

**NOTE:** How many times have you been asked to send money to a preacher on radio or television and you know that what he's teaching is just not what the Bible teaches? Are these folks servants of Christ or people who are just after your money? Something to think about, isn't it?

### **How Paul received the gospel**

Paul was not a convert to Christianity by man (v 11), for he received the gospel truth **directly** from Jesus (v 12). When he was a faithful and loyal Jew, he was the Jews' strongest persecutor of the church (v 13) and he was not just a Johnny-come-lately either – he was what we might call a “boss” in the Jewish religion (v 14).

After Jesus appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus (Acts 9) and after his conversion in Damascus, Paul didn't go to Jerusalem, but into the region known as Arabia and then to Damascus (v 17). And only after three years did he go to Jerusalem to visit Peter for fifteen days (v 18), but he saw no one else, except for James, the Lord's brother (v 19). After he started preaching, the Christians rejoiced that the former Jewish “boss” was now a Christian (vv 21-23).

**NOTE:** Again, we remind you that this James whom Paul called “the Lord's brother” is the author of the book of James which follows Hebrews in the New Testament. James doesn't describe himself as the Lord's brother but Jude, the author of the book which bears his name, does say “Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James” (Jude 1). This is why we say that two authors of the eight books of the New Testament were blood brothers of Jesus.

## **CHAPTER 2**

### **Rebuking false teachers and hypocrites**

Fourteen years after the time mentioned by Paul in chapter one, he, Barnabas and Titus went to Jerusalem (v 1) because he was told by the Lord to go and he met with the leaders of the Jerusalem church (v 2). **This is the same time as mentioned above from Acts 15.**

At this time, most of the Christians in Jerusalem agreed with Paul that the Gentiles did not have to be circumcised because Paul's companion, Titus, did not have to be (v 3). But false Christians still remained in Jerusalem and their purpose was to push over that old doctrinal nonsense that Gentiles had to become Jews before they could become Christians (v 4); however, Paul stood up for what's right because the **truth must always be taught** (v 5).

The leaders of the church in Jerusalem were put there by the Lord (v 6) and Paul mentions that the gospel was to go to the Gentiles as well as Jews, the preaching to the Jews led by Peter and the preaching to the Gentiles led by Paul (vv 6,8). The Jerusalem church leaders, James, Peter and John, gave Paul their blessing to continue preaching to the Gentiles (v 9) and that they practice Christianity without discrimination (v 10).

The best men sometimes go wrong! Paul met Peter in Antioch (of Syria) and condemned him (v 11) because *“For before certain men came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision”* (v 12). Think about it: **The very first preacher to the Gentiles, Peter (Acts 10), wasn't practicing what he preached!** These Jews were so persuasive that even Paul's beloved **Barnabas** was carried away with this foolish notion (v 13).

**NOTE:** The word “**dissimulation**” means “**acting like a hypocrite**” because it comes from the same word that “**hypocrite**” does.

Some people think Peter was the first Pope of the Roman Catholic church and these good folks teach that God speaks through the Pope when the Pope speaks “ex cathedra” or “from his official chair.” Paul rebuked Peter to the face because Peter was only human just like all of us are. You remember in Acts 10:26 when Cornelius bowed down before Peter and Peter said, “*Stand up; I myself also am a man.*” **If Peter was the Pope, he wouldn’t be this humble, would he?**

Paul uses this embarrassing situation with Peter to begin strong teaching to those Galatian/Gentile Christians. Jews and Gentiles are saved by the New Testament (the faith) of Jesus and not by works of the Old Testament (vv 15,16). A sinner is a sinner in the sight of God and when a sinner finds Jesus and the true teachings of the New Testament, his sins are forgiven and he is not the minister of sin (v 17).

**Religious people who try to be right in the sight of God by the Old Testament are ministers of sin.**

**Jesus died on the cross for several reasons:**

- So that we are not made right in God’s sight by the Old Testament (v 18)
- Through the law, we do know what sin is (v 19) but when a sinner is baptized (crucified with Christ), he’s still alive but now he’s alive because of Christ and through Christ (v 20) and “*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.*”
- Being right in God’s sight (**righteousness**) does not come by the law of Moses, the Old Testament (v 21)

**Religious people who try to take the Old Testament as their religious law today are not right in the sight of God.**

### CHAPTER 3

#### The example of Abraham stops people from going back to the Law of Moses

Let’s be reminded of one of the roles Abraham played in the coming of Christ. It’s found in Romans 4:16-18: “*Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, (as it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.*” The seed referred to here is Christ as we learn in verse 16, “*Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.*”

**Religious people who try to be saved without Jesus and his plan of salvation have no kinship with the example of Abraham.**

It’s foolish to not listen to the teachings of the Bible and the Galatians had been fooled into believing something not in the teachings of Jesus (v 1). **People today can be fooled when they don’t listen to the Bible.**

What does Paul mean when he says, “*Received ye the spirit by the works of the law or by the hearing of faith*” (v 2)? Romans 10:17 says, “*faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*” God inspired the Bible through the Holy Spirit (2 Timothy 3:16,17; John 16:13; 2 Peter 1:21) and Acts 2:38 sheds even more light on the subject:

**“Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”** Many people today claim to have the Holy Ghost, but they’ve never repented of their sins and been baptized into Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. How can they have the Holy Ghost if **they haven’t done what the Holy Spirit said to do here in Acts 2:38?** That’s what Paul means!

They were trying to be made right in God’s sight by doing fleshly things (v 3)’ therefore the persecutions they had suffered were for nothing if they were justified (made right in God’s sight) by the Old Testament (v 4). **True Holy Spirit miracles were done among them and they were not done by the Old Testament** (v 5).

**Religious people who try to take the Old Testament as their religious law today do not have the Holy Spirit.**

And...

**People who claim to have the Holy Spirit and who have not been baptized for the forgiveness of their sins have nothing.**

### **The example of Abraham**

Abraham sometimes is called the “father of the faithful” and that’s true because his works did not justify him before God, but his **faith** did (v 7). Even before there was an Old Testament (given to Moses for the Jews on Mount Sinai), God told Abraham *“in thee shall all nations be blessed”* (v 8).

Abraham is not only the father of the Jews, but the father of all faithful Christians, Jew or Gentile and we are blessed because of our trust in God that he will keep his promises (the definition of faith) just like Abraham was (v 9).

Besides all that, people under the Old Testament were cursed if they didn’t follow all of the law of Moses (v 10,12), but today *“the just shall live by faith”* (v 11). Jesus has made all men free from the Old Testament as law and Paul quotes Deuteronomy 21:23, *“Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.”* The reason Jesus died a “cursed” death is so that the Gentiles could be forgiven of their sins and receive the spirit of God after obeying God (v 14).

**Anyone can obey God – all that person has to do is listen to God speak to him through the Bible and do God’s will.**

***“Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ”*** (v 16).

Check out these points about seed.

- Luke 8:11, *“The seed is the word of God.”*
- Seed reproduces itself “after its own kind” in Bible language. You can’t plant a corn seed and expect an apple tree to grow.
- There is power in seed.
- Abraham was promised that his seed would bless the entire world.
- The seed of Abraham was Christ

**Think about this:** Jesus said, “All **power** is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Since seed has power and the seed is the word of God, we can teach that **Jesus works through his word, the New Testament and so does the Holy Spirit.** That’s why Paul’s discussion of “seed” is important in Galatians.

The Old Testament (covenant) came from God and only God could take it away (disannul), to make his promise effective (v 17). People under the Old Testament could only look “for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God” (Hebrews 11:10), but Christians have the promise of heaven because God had promised Abraham. **That’s why the definition of faith is “trust in God that he will keep his promises!”** (v 18)

### **What was another purpose of the law of Moses?**

All people sin and God gave the Old Testament to his chosen people, the Jews, to define sin for them until the time that Jesus would come into the world to be the final answer for sin (v 19) and Jesus is the mediator between sinful man and God (v 20). There are two words in God’s process of salvation that are important and those words are **intercessor** and **mediator**.

**INTERCESSOR** means “meeting with someone to **plead** a case.” Whenever a person gets into trouble with the law, he meets with his/her lawyer to prepare their case to plead to a judge. There are two intercessors in God’s plan in the New Testament:

The **Holy Spirit** “pleads our case” before God when a Christian’s heart is broken and we cannot put into words how we feel (Romans 8:26,27). **Jesus Christ** also “pleads our case” before God (Romans 8:34)

A **MEDIATOR** is one who is a “go-between who solves the case being pled.” That’s why 1 Timothy 2:5 says, “For there is one God, and **one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.**” The Holy Spirit makes intercession for us “with groanings that cannot be uttered”, but Jesus is the only mediator Christians have.

Jesus as our mediator serves many because God is one (v 20) and God does no wrong, including giving the law of Moses for its purpose; but real righteousness could not come by the law of Moses (v 21). Romans 3:23 says, “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” Christians are freed from the law of sin by the faith of Jesus (the New Testament) and are made right in God’s sight by our faith (v 23).

The law taught Jews about sin and was a “schoolmaster” so that all Christians everywhere and in every time could be like faithful Abraham (v 24), but since Jesus died on the cross to bring in the law of faith, all people are no longer under a schoolmaster (v 25). “**For ye are all (Jew and Gentile) the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus**” (v 26).

**But, how does a sinful person show that he has faith?** “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (v 27) which makes us one in Christ (v 28) and “if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise” (v 29).

**Religious people who teach that you don’t have to be baptized into Christ do not have Christ and do not have faith.**

## CHAPTER 4

### Christians are God's children by the New Testament

We know that the heir to a fortune will get the money when the will is probated, but until then he doesn't have the money (v 1) He is under the supervision of others until such time as he inherits the estate (v 2). So it was with Jews and Gentiles. Until God sent Jesus, Jews especially were bound to the Old Testament (v 3), but when Jesus was born of the virgin Mary (v 4) and died on the cross, he made it possible for Jews to become God's children by adoption (v 5)

**NOTE:** A Jew was a Jew because he was born a Jew. Any sinful person, Jew or Gentile, becomes a child of God when he is born again of water and spirit (John 3:3-5). Being born of water and spirit is a reference to Acts 2:38, "*Repent, and be baptized (the water) every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (the spirit).*" This is what Paul means by the word "adoption": **it doesn't matter about a person's physical birth, but it does matter about his spiritual rebirth.**

Again verse 6 is a reference to Acts 2:38 concerning the Holy Spirit coming into a person's heart after he/she is baptized. When a person becomes a Christian, they become an **heir** to the riches of God's glory as we are also taught in Romans 8:17, "*And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*" **Christians will be with Jesus in heaven, which is our inheritance.**

**Religious people who try to make the Old Testament their law for today have no heavenly inheritance.**

Before Gentiles became Christians, they ignorantly worshipped idols (v 8), but after they became Christians they not only know who God is, but are known by God as a child of God. So, Paul says, why go back into the Old Testament (v 9) and keep the Old Testament calendar events (v 10).

**Religious people who try to make the Old Testament their law for today are no better than people who worship idols.**

Paul begged them not to go back into the Old Testament law (v 12) because if they did, his hard sufferings for Jesus would be for nothing (v 13). Also, the Galatian Christians did not mind Paul's "infirmity" or weakness in the flesh, but received him as God's messenger (v 14).

**NOTE:** When we studied 2 Corinthians 2:17, we found out Paul had something called a "**thorn in the flesh**", but we don't know what it was. Some think it was the persecution brought on by these Jewish Christians who were tearing up Gentile churches. Some think it was his eyesight because of Galatians 4:15, "*if it had been possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me.*" One smart aleck person even said it may have been his mother in law! (But since Paul was not married, he couldn't very well have a mother in law, could he?) We don't know what this thorn in the flesh was and we just can't pinpoint what it was.

Paul preached hard to them and then said in verse 16 one of the greatest things that could be said by a gospel preacher, "***Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?***" The truth was, these Jewish Christians were full of enthusiasm but not for a good reason (v 17). They wanted the Gentiles to become Jews first before they became Christians. Religious enthusiasm is okay (v 18), **but make sure it's for the truth and not for some church's opinion about the truth.**

Paul wanted to speak with them in person (v 20) because he was afraid they would lose their souls if they kept on going like they were. Then Paul makes a comparison between the two sons of Abraham, Ishmael and Isaac (vv 21-26). Ishmael was born of a slave woman, but Isaac was born of a free woman (v 22). Sarah's son, Isaac, was the child of promise, but Hagar's son, Ishmael, was born after the flesh (v 23). Ishmael, Hagar's son, represents the Old Testament (vv 24,25), but Isaac, Sarah's son, represents the New Testament and heaven, the Jerusalem which is above, (v 26).

Paul wanted them to be happy because they were going to **inherit heaven** and they shouldn't go back into the Old Testament for their law (v 27). Christians are children because of the promise of God like Isaac was (v 28), but Ishmael's descendants still persecuted those who were to receive God's promise (v 29).

**NOTE:** It is a historical fact that Ishmael is the father of the Arab nations and it is also a historical fact that these descendants are known for their hatred of all things Jewish or Christian.

**Paul's point was that Christians are not in bondage, so why go back into the bondage of the Old Testament (v 31)?**

## CHAPTER 5

### Christians are to stay in grace, be obediently faithful and live spiritual lives

Paul is winding down now and it takes him two chapters to do so! He wants the Galatians to be free (v 1) and we are reminded of John 8:32, "*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*" He brings up the subject of circumcision in verse 2 and we ought to look at that subject for a minute.

- ◆ God commanded these things to Abraham in Genesis 17:11,12: "*And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you. And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.*"
- ◆ Circumcision was a constant reminder that God had chosen the Jews to be his chosen people

So, why was Paul talking about this Jewish practice in chapter 5? Very simple: **If a person had to be circumcised, it was a sign he was a Jew and not totally a Christian.** And what about the women who became Christians? He's already said in chapter 3 that there was no male or female, but that we are all one in Christ when we're baptized. Discussing circumcision was very important and Paul didn't mince any words while he discussed this subject.

- If a person is circumcised, as a requirement of Christianity, Christ has no value to him (v 2)
- If a person is circumcised, he has to keep the whole law (v 3) and not just a part of it

**NOTE:** There are religious people who try to keep some of the Old Testament as their religious law. They teach that God meant for the dietary laws to remain forever and that he intended for the ten commandments to remain forever (including keeping the Sabbath day as our day of worship). They also teach that the ceremonial parts of the law (the priesthood, the sacrifices, the feast days, etc.) were not to be kept forever. That doesn't make sense in view of what Paul said that such a person is "debtor to do the whole law."

- If a person tries to be made right in God's by the law of Moses, he is **fallen from grace**

**NOTE:** Many religious people teach a Christian can't fall from grace, but Paul says a Christian can. Who are we going to believe? Paul or some church? Grace comes through the New Testament and if a person tries to go back into the Old Testament, he's fallen from grace. If a person tries to teach something that is not in the New Testament or if they add something to the New Testament, they have fallen from grace too. **Let us remain in the grace of God by knowing what the scriptures teach and doing them.**

- Circumcision is nothing (v 6). A person can have it done as a physical and hygienic thing, but not as a Christian thing. The thing that is important in Christianity is ***“faith which worketh by love”*** and that should be our goal.
- Those Galatian Christians started out okay, but somebody got them off track (v 7) and those that got them off track did not come from God (v 8). Their false teaching was a swelling leaven that was eating them up (v 9)
- If circumcision was to be preached as part of the New Testament, the cross of Christ is made null and void (v 11)
- Paul wished that those false teachers would be cut off (v 11). So do all faithful Christians.

### **Christians are free indeed and there are some responsibilities that Christians have**

Christians are made free by the truth (John 8:32) and Jesus says the “rest of the story” is, ***“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”*** But freedom is not a license to sin (v 13). Just because a Christian is free in Christ does not mean that he has the right to teach anything not in the New Testament or to believe those things. Feelings can mislead us, but the Bible never will lie to you nor put you on the path of the devil and his ministers.

Real Christianity is found in verse 14: ***“For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”*** The Christian’s “neighbor” is anybody with whom he has contact as taught in the parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10. In the church, Christians do not “bite and devour” one another because eventually Christians will be “consumed one of another” (v 15).

**Religious people who do not teach all the word of God are more happy biting and devouring real Christians than they are in practicing what Jesus taught.**

Christians are to be spiritual beings (v 16) and not go after fleshly things (v 17). I know we’ve mentioned several times about radio and television preachers who try to get your money and who try to say you’ll be prosperous if you send them your money. **That spirit is totally against the spirit of Christ and the teachings of the New Testament.** It’s really seeking after fleshly things and Paul warns against such things.

**Real Christians are led by the Spirit of God and do not practice the things of the flesh (v 18).**

Here are the works of the flesh that Paul mentions in verses 19-21:

- **Adultery and fornication**, sexual immorality. Fornication means sexual immorality between a man and a woman (adultery), a man and a man (homosexuality), a woman and a woman (lesbianism) and a human being and an animal (bestiality). The current religious craze to permit practicing homosexuals to be in full fellowship with the saints of God is a travesty of scripture and a violation of Paul’s clear teaching.
- **Uncleanness:** ***“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God”*** (Matthew 5:8)
- **Lasciviousness:** giving one’s self over to the sins of the flesh

- **Idolatry:** worshiping idols instead of God
- **Witchcraft:** Less of a problem in our times, but a real one back in the first century. Witches, warlocks and wizards have no place in God’s plan because they seek things that are forbidden
- **Hatred:** The opposite of “I love you” is not “I hate you.” The opposite of “I love you” is “**I don’t care.**”
- **Variance:** To cut in two; to divide. Religious division is at “variance” with the Bible’s teaching about unity
- **Emulations:** Jealousy
- **Wrath:** Hot anger
- **Strife:** Actively causing division in the church
- **Seditions:** Divisions in the church
- **Drunkenness:** Christians are to steer away from alcoholic beverages of any kind though wine may be used “*for thy stomach’s sake and thine often infirmities*” (1 Timothy 5:8).
- **Revellings:** Carousing around; dancing; going to night clubs

### **People who practice these things will not go to heaven (v 21)**

Christians who are serious about their religion will do what the Holy Spirit wants them to do:

- ❖ **Love:** Giving ourselves to others like Jesus gave himself for us (John 3:16)
- ❖ **Joy:** Real happiness only comes through faithful obedience to Jesus
- ❖ **Peace:** Putting my will in harmony with God’s will - the Bible
- ❖ **Longsuffering:** Patience
- ❖ **Gentleness:** Christians never try to get back at someone in retaliation
- ❖ **Goodness:** The opposite of evil. Be good in teaching the word of God and in practicing it with other people
- ❖ **Faith:** Trust in God that he will keep his promises
- ❖ **Meekness:** The result of peace in the soul and meekness come when we do not fight against God or against other Christians or even other people
- ❖ **Temperance:** Self-control.

“**Against such there is no law**” (v 23) means that these things can be practiced **anywhere, anytime, always** and with **nothing** to regulate Christians in the doing of them.

Christians have put fleshly things behind. Remember what Jesus taught in John 3:8? “*The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*” We can’t really accurately predict where a wind will blow, but we can sure tell that it’s been around. This means that a person may look the same, have the same family, have the same name, but when he/she becomes a Christian, they think and they act **differently**. This is true “*living in the spirit*” (v 25) and not being empty (vain) or envying one another (v 26).

## **CHAPTER 6**

### **Practical applications and conclusion**

Unfortunately, Christians do sin and 1 John 1:10 teaches us, “*If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*” A Christian need not feel hopeless when he/she sins, because we are taught the way to redeem ourselves in 1 John 1:9: “***If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.***” Christians don’t have to be baptized again when we sin, but we do confess our sins, but to whom do we confess them? **We confess our sins to whomever has been offended by them.**

If we sin against God and he is the only one who is offended, we confess our sins to God alone. If we sin against one person and that person is the only one who is offended, we confess our sins to that person. If we sin against the church, then we confess our sins to the church.

**Our confession of sins should be as public as the sin was.**

Paul begins chapter 6 with a discussion of what happens when a Christian sins. He calls it “*overtaken in a fault*” and Christians who are not guilty of the sin he’s committed and who are trying to walk in the light of the truth are to help him (restore) with his problem (v 1) . By helping the sinner with his problems Christians help bear his burden because this is the law of Christ (v 2).

But faithful Christians have to watch out because when we get lifted up in our hearts with pride, we fool ourselves (v 3) and all Christians “*prove their own work*” by realizing that we are responsible for our lives and whatever we do without our Christian lives will decide where we spend eternity (v 4).

**By watching out for ourselves and watching out for others, we bear our own burdens (v 5). Christianity is an individual religion.**

Those that have been taught should “communicate” (support financially) the ones that have brought us the gospel truth (v 6). Paul follows this discussion on caring and watching out for ourselves by teaching in verse 7, “***Be not deceived; God is not mocked (we can’t fool God): for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.***” If a Christian is still worldly (sows to the flesh), he will receive corruption, but if a Christian is a spiritual person, he will go to heaven when he dies (v 8).

***“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not and As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith”*** (the church) (vv 9,10)

Paul loved the Galatians so much that he wrote this letter with his own hand (v 11) and this has led some to say that his eyesight was his “thorn in the flesh” but, as we have already seen, we cannot know what this “thorn” was.

He reminds them that Jewish Christians who are trying to make them go back into the Old Testament for their law do so because they didn’t want to suffer persecution and besides, they couldn’t even keep the whole law of Moses (v 12,13). But Paul told Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:12, “***all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.***”

**Spiritual cowards change the truth into a lie for their own purposes rather than Jesus’ purposes.**

The cross of Christ, and all that it stands for, is the centerpiece of Christianity (v 14) which makes us become a “new creature” (v 15) and we are reminded of 2 Corinthians 5:17 where Paul teaches us, “*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*” We remind you that the way to get “**into Christ**” is found in Romans 6:3,4 and Galatians 3:27:

***“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life”*** (Romans 6:3,4).

***“For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ”*** (Galatians 3:27).

A sinner is baptized into the death of Christ and puts on Christ as an extra layer of skin, not like we would put on a coat and take it off when it suits us!

“Walk according to this rule” is very important because the “*Israel of God*” is the church (v 16) and the saved are in the church (Acts 2:47). Remember Paul said in 1 Corinthians 14:37, “*If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that **the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.***” Paul suffered persecution for Jesus’ sake (v 17) and what he wrote were commandments of the Lord.

**Sinful people who are not in Christ will not go to heaven when they die and this is so sad because most of people in the world are outside of Jesus because they haven’t been baptized into Christ.**

That’s why Christians teach the gospel truth of Jesus and live the Christian life. We pray that wonderful blessing for you as you continue in your Bible studies. The next study booklets will be “Letters to Individual Churches” and we will look at the books of **Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thesalonians**. See you then.

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**Part 1: All questions will come from the introduction and Hebrews 11, pages 1-4 in the study booklet**

**Fill in the blanks**

1. Christians cannot go back to the law of \_\_\_\_\_ (the Old Testament for our \_\_\_\_\_ law today.
2. The book of \_\_\_\_\_ is an explanation and \_\_\_\_\_ of what \_\_\_\_\_ does and the book of Hebrews tells Christians the \_\_\_\_\_ behind our faith and the book of \_\_\_\_\_ teaches us how to \_\_\_\_\_ these teachings.
3. Hebrews 11:1, "Now \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of things hoped for, the \_\_\_\_\_ of things not \_\_\_\_\_."
4. Hebrews 11:6, "But without \_\_\_\_\_ it is \_\_\_\_\_ to please him: for they that cometh to God must \_\_\_\_\_ that he is, and that is a \_\_\_\_\_ of them that \_\_\_\_\_ seek him."
5. People today who want to do what \_\_\_\_\_ wants not only walk by \_\_\_\_\_, but we can "lay \_\_\_\_\_ upon the \_\_\_\_\_ set before us...."

**True false (Check the correct answer)**

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| 1. The Old Testament characters in chapter 11 walked by sight               | T _____ F _____ |
| 2. Enoch and Elijah were two men in Old Testament who did not die           | T _____ F _____ |
| 3. Everything Christians believe is based upon the Bible                    | T _____ F _____ |
| 4. Everything Christians believe is based on their church's teachings       | T _____ F _____ |
| 5. The worst thing a Christian can do is fall away from the Lord Jesus      | T _____ F _____ |
| 6. People who try to take the Old Testament as their religious law deny God | T _____ F _____ |
| 7. Evolutionists teach that solid matter was created by God                 | T _____ F _____ |
| 8. Evolutionists teach that solid matter is eternal                         | T _____ F _____ |
| 9. Moses is sometimes called the "father of the faithful"                   | T _____ F _____ |
| 10. Noah added pine wood to the ark instead of gopher wood                  | T _____ F _____ |

**Part 2: All questions will come from Hebrews chapters 12 and 13 on pages 5-8 in your study booklet**

**Multiple choice (Circle the correct answer)**

1. The “cloud of witnesses” is **A** A courtroom scene **B** The heroes of faith in the Old Testament **C** A weather phenomenon
2. Jacob’s brother, Esau, is given as an example of **A** When we truly repent, God will forgive us **B** We still have to pay the price for sin **C** Esau sought God with tears **D** All of these
3. The world will know that we are followers of Jesus if **A** We bite and devour one another in opinionated differences **B** We love one another **C** We put a church sign on the front of our building.
4. Christians practice **A** What Jesus taught **B** The New Testament **C** Both of these
5. Christians must be right in their knowledge of the Bible, but they must also **A** Do good **B** Be obedient **C** Do right **D** All of these

**Fill in the blanks**

1. When we give up the practice of sinning \_\_\_\_\_ we run the Christian \_\_\_\_\_ and go to \_\_\_\_\_ when we die
2. Hebrews 12:29, “For our \_\_\_\_\_ is a consuming \_\_\_\_\_.”
3. John 14:6, “I am the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_: no man cometh to the \_\_\_\_\_ but by \_\_\_\_\_.”
4. Hebrews 13:17, “\_\_\_\_\_ them that have the \_\_\_\_\_ over you and submit yourselves: for they \_\_\_\_\_ for your \_\_\_\_\_ as they that must give \_\_\_\_\_.”
5. \_\_\_\_\_ practice what \_\_\_\_\_ taught.

**True false (Check the correct answer)**

1. People who sin willfully want to be saved in their sins T \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_
2. People who sin willfully can be saved from their sins T \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_
3. Christians must leave the sinning business to the devil T \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_
4. Taking the Old Testament as our religious law today will cause a person to be lost T \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_
5. The altar of incense is a symbol of the Christian’s prayers T \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 3: All questions will come from the introduction to the book of Galatians and chapter 1 of Galatians on pages 8-11 in your study booklet**

**Fill in the blanks about the introduction to Galatians**

1. The region of Galatia was divided into two parts, the \_\_\_\_\_ part and the \_\_\_\_\_ part. Derbe, Lystra, Iconium and Antioch were in the \_\_\_\_\_ part.
2. The young man who was the area of Derbe, Lystra and Iconium was \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Acts 15:22, “Then pleased it the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ church to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch....”

4. It's important to study Galatians because \_\_\_\_\_ haven't \_\_\_\_\_; they still want \_\_\_\_\_ way instead of \_\_\_\_\_ way.
5. The problem the early church had with people trying to stick to the \_\_\_\_\_ Testament was \_\_\_\_\_ in Acts 15.

**Fill in the blanks on the gospel and the Holy Spirit**

1. The gospel \_\_\_\_\_ came from \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ received the gospel truth from heaven by the \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit
3. People on whom the apostles \_\_\_\_\_ their hands also received the gospel \_\_\_\_\_ from heaven by the Holy Spirit
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the New Testament were men who had this \_\_\_\_\_ to receive \_\_\_\_\_ from heaven by the Holy Spirit.
5. Therefore, there are no \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ or human \_\_\_\_\_ in the New Testament

**True false on chapter one (Check the correct answer)**

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| 1. Paul was taught the gospel by Apollos  | T _____ F _____ |
| 2. Paul received the gospel truth (revelation) directly from Jesus                                  | T _____ F _____ |
| 3. Paul never preached the gospel for personal gain   | T _____ F _____ |
| 4. The author of the book of James is the Lord's brother  | T _____ F _____ |
| 5. An angel can preach something different from the New Testament and we should listen to the angel | T _____ F _____ |

**Part 4: All questions will come from Galatians chapters 2 and 3 on pages 11-16 in your study booklet**

**Fill in the blanks**

1. The word "dissimulation" means "\_\_\_\_\_ like a \_\_\_\_\_."
2. Luke 8:11, "The \_\_\_\_\_ is the word of \_\_\_\_\_."
3. Romans 3:23, "For \_\_\_\_\_ have sinned and come short of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."
4. \_\_\_\_\_ can obey God – all that person has to do is \_\_\_\_\_ to God speak to him through the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. "Intercessor" means "meeting with someone to \_\_\_\_\_ a case." "Mediator" is one who is a "\_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ the problem."

**Matching on what religious people teach. Match the correct answers**

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| _____ People who try to be right only by the Old Testament  | <b>A</b> Do not have Christ or faith       |
| _____ People who try to take the Old Testament as their religious law   | <b>B</b> Are not right in the sight of God |
| _____ People who try to take the Old Testament as their religious law   | <b>C</b> Are ministers of sin              |
| _____ People who claim to have the Holy Spirit and who have not been baptized for the remission of their sins | <b>D</b> Have nothing                      |
| _____ People who teach you don't have to be baptized into Christ  | <b>E</b> Do not have the Holy Spirit       |

**True false (Check the correct answer)**

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|---|-----------------|
| 1. Paul corrected Peter because Peter was being a hypocrite                 | T _____ F _____ |
| 2. Jews and Gentiles are saved by the New Testament teachings               | T _____ F _____ |
| 3. Jesus died on the cross so sinful man could do whatever he wants to do   | T _____ F _____ |
| 4. Abraham's "seed" was Jesus   | T _____ F _____ |
| 5. People today don't have to listen to the Bible                           | T _____ F _____ |
| 6. Abraham is called by many the "father of the faithful"                   | T _____ F _____ |
| 7. The definition of faith is "what my church teaches"                      | T _____ F _____ |
| 8. The definition of faith is "trust in God that he will keep his promises" | T _____ F _____ |
| 9. The Old Testament is our religious law for today                         | T _____ F _____ |
| 10. The Old Testament is not our religious law for today                    | T _____ F _____ |

**Part 5: All questions will come from Galatians chapters 4 and 5 on pages 16-21 in your study booklet**

**Match the "works of the flesh" with their definitions (Chapter 5)**

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| _____ Adultery and fornication | <b>A</b> Hot anger                            |
| _____ Uncleaness               | <b>B</b> "I don't care"                       |
| _____ Lasciviousness           | <b>C</b> Dancing, going to night clubs        |
| _____ Idolatry                 | <b>D</b> To cut in two; to divide             |
| _____ Witchcraft               | <b>E</b> Sexual immorality                    |
| _____ Hatred                   | <b>F</b> The pure in heart will see God       |
| _____ Variance                 | <b>G</b> Jealousy                             |
| _____ Emulations               | <b>H</b> Giving over to the sins of the flesh |
| _____ Wrath                    | <b>I</b> Causing division in the church       |
| _____ Strife                   | <b>J</b> Drinking alcohol for fun             |
| _____ Seditions                | <b>K</b> Worshiping idols instead of God      |
| _____ Drunkenness              | <b>L</b> Witches, warlocks and wizards        |
| _____ Revelings                | <b>M</b> Divisions in the church              |

**Match the “fruit of the spirit” with their definitions (Chapter 5)**

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| _____ Love          | <b>A</b> The result of peace of mind; not fighting against God or his people |
| _____ Joy           | <b>B</b> Patience  |
| _____ Peace         | <b>C</b> Self-control  |
| _____ Longsuffering | <b>D</b> The opposite of evil  |
| _____ Gentleness    | <b>E</b> Trust in God that he will keep his promises                         |
| _____ Goodness      | <b>F</b> Putting my will in harmony with the Bible                           |
| _____ Faith         | <b>G</b> Real happiness through faithful obedience to Jesus                  |
| _____ Meekness      | <b>H</b> Giving ourselves to others like Jesus gave to us                    |
| _____ Temperance    | <b>I</b> Christians never get back at someone with retaliation               |

**True false (Check the correct answer)**

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| 1. Jews were born Jews   | T _____ F _____ |
| 2. Christians are also born Jews                                     | T _____ F _____ |
| 3. Christians are God’s children by the New Testament and new birth  | T _____ F _____ |
| 4. Paul’s thorn in the flesh was his mother in law                   | T _____ F _____ |
| 5. Christians must be circumcised today to be complete in Christ     | T _____ F _____ |
| 6. Christians do not have to be circumcised to be complete in Christ | T _____ F _____ |
| 7. A Christian can fall from grace                                   | T _____ F _____ |
| 8. A Christian can not fall from grace                               | T _____ F _____ |
| 9. When a faithful Christian dies, he will inherit heaven            | T _____ F _____ |
| 10. Christians today can fuss and fight all they want to             | T _____ F _____ |
| 11. The Arab people of today are descendants of Isaac                | T _____ F _____ |
| 12. The Arab people of today are descendants of Ishmael              | T _____ F _____ |
| 13. Ishmael’s mother, Hagar, represented the law of Moses            | T _____ F _____ |
| 14. Isaac’s mother, Sarah, represented the New Testament             | T _____ F _____ |
| 15. Some people worship idols today                                  | T _____ F _____ |

**What do you think? Answer these simple questions in your own words**

1. What does the phrase “against such there is no law” mean?
2. What do you think about Paul’s “thorn in the flesh?”
3. When Jesus died on the cross, did he take away all of the Old Testament?
4. What do you think about the statement, “It doesn’t matter what the Bible teaches as long as I feel right about something”?

**Part 6: All questions will come from Galatians chapter 6 on pages 21-23 in your study booklet**

**Fill in the blanks**

- 1 John 1:9,10, "If we \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_, he is faithful and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ us our sins and to \_\_\_\_\_ us from all \_\_\_\_\_. If we say that we have not \_\_\_\_\_, we make him a \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_ is not in us."
- Galatians 6:9,10, "And let us not be \_\_\_\_\_ in well \_\_\_\_\_; for in due season we shall \_\_\_\_\_, if we \_\_\_\_\_ not....As we have therefore \_\_\_\_\_, let us do \_\_\_\_\_ unto all men, especially unto them who are of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."
- Galatians 6:7, "Be not \_\_\_\_\_; God is not \_\_\_\_\_; for whatsoever a man \_\_\_\_\_, that he also \_\_\_\_\_."
- \_\_\_\_\_ people who are \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ will \_\_\_\_\_ go to heaven when they die...
- By \_\_\_\_\_ out for \_\_\_\_\_ and watching out for \_\_\_\_\_, we \_\_\_\_\_ our own \_\_\_\_\_. Christianity is an \_\_\_\_\_ religion.

**True or False:**

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| 1. Christians never sin because they've been baptized in the Holy Spirit   | T _____ F _____ |
| 2. Faithful Christians will suffer some kinds of persecution               | T _____ F _____ |
| 3. People can change the teachings of the Bible anytime they want to       | T _____ F _____ |
| 4. If a person changes the teachings of the Bible, they can't go to heaven | T _____ F _____ |
| 5. A Christian's confession of his sins should be as public as the sin was | T _____ F _____ |
| 6. Christians never have to confess their sins                             | T _____ F _____ |
| 7. The "Israel of God" is the church                                       | T _____ F _____ |
| 8. The "Israel of God" is the modern day nation of Israel                  | T _____ F _____ |
| 9. Baptism is how a sinner "puts on Christ"                                | T _____ F _____ |
| 10. Paul wrote the book of Galatians with his own hand                     | T _____ F _____ |

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