

January 17, 2023

By Earle Craig and based on Jack Crabtree's explanations and chart in *Toward a Biblical Philosophy*

Mistaken Beliefs Among Paul's Contemporaries Regarding the Law/Mosaic Covenant
As It Might Pertain to Receiving the Blessing of Abraham, i.e., Aionic/Eternal Life

Number	Description	Relevant Biblical Passages
1.	Zealous support for and promotion of Law-obedience is a <u>sufficient</u> condition for receiving eternal life As opposed to "keeping" (guarding) the Law properly as a <u>manifestation</u> of the <u>necessary</u> condition of a changed heart which also acknowledges Jesus' death and intercession as part of the <u>basis</u> for salvation	Romans 2:11-29 Matthew 23:1-39
2.	Obedience to the Law is the <u>basis</u> for receiving eternal life, i.e., the sole reason <u>why</u> a person receives eternal life As opposed to God's sovereign choice to extend mercy and Jesus' fulfilling his role as prophet, priest, and king as the <u>basis</u>	Acts 13:39 Romans 3:21-28 (esp. 24-26) Romans 9:10-12 Galatians 2:6; 3:17,18; 3:21
3.	Obedience to the Law is the <u>necessary</u> condition for receiving eternal life As opposed to a changed and sanctified heart by God that is open to God's truth, especially Jesus as the Messiah, as the only <u>necessary</u> condition	Acts 15:1,5 Romans 3:28 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 Galatians 2:3,15-21; 3:11,17-18,21,23-27 Philippians 3:9
4.	Obedience to the Law is a <u>universal obligation</u> As opposed to Mosaic Covenant's being a <u>national</u> covenant for the Jews only with the <u>moral commandments'</u> being <u>universally obligatory</u> apart from the covenant	Acts 15:1,5 Galatians 2:11-13
5.	Obedience to the Law makes a person <u>deserving</u> of eternal life, which is necessary to receive it As opposed to there being <u>nothing</u> a person can do to deserve any blessing of God because of his inherent moral depravity	Luke 18:9-14 Romans 7:1-12 (esp. 9)
6.	Obedience to the specific commandments of the Law regarding <u>sacrificial offerings</u> is the <u>basis</u> for receiving eternal life, i.e., the sole reason why a person receives eternal life As opposed to both God's sovereign choice to extend mercy and <u>Jesus' sacrificial offering</u> and resultant intercession as the <u>basis</u> for receiving eternal life	Hebrews 9:1-10:22
7.	Obedience to the Law for obtaining eternal life is possible because people are not as <u>profoundly and incurably evil</u> as the Bible actually states they are As opposed to the necessity of <u>only God's sovereignly changing people's hearts</u> so that they then "keep" (guard) the Law properly and/or engage in authentic belief	Matthew 23:25-33 Romans 3:20; 4:13-15; 5:20; 7:7-25a Galatians 3:10,19,22 1 Timothy 1:8-11