James #16

Bible Doctrine, should be the building of blocks of your soul.

Keep in mind the Resurrection holiday message should be available early, possibly by Friday afternoon.

It will include the Lord’s Supper.

Pick it back up, where we left off, in Galatians chapter 2 RF.

Galatians was written during, or after the first missionary journey of the Apostle Paul - nearly 14 years after his own conversion.

Remember the Apostle Paul stayed in Damascus for 3 years after being called into his new life. Then he travelled to meet the Apostle Peter and other leaders of the early church in Jerusalem.

That did not happen right away as I clarified last lesson.

Yet, finally he did have fellowship with the Apostle Peter and James the pastor of the Jerusalem church.

This letter to Galatia shows us a time at least eight to ten years later in Antioch, where Peter and Paul meet again.

[Gal 2:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gal/2/12/s_1093012) For prior to the coming of some men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he *began* to withdraw and separate himself, fearing those from the circumcision.

The brother of TLJC, James, was trained under the Apostle Peter to become the pastor in Jerusalem.

So, the Apostle Peter is the authority figure over this Jerusalem church and pastor James as well.

/[Gal 2:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gal/2/13/s_1093013) The rest of **the Jews joined him in hypocrisy,** with the result that **even Barnabas was carried away** by their hypocrisy.

Nothing destroys unity more so than legalism and false doctrine. It brings destruction into the construction of a doctrinal soul.\

The circumcision is the reference about the Jewish Believers who came from Jerusalem.

Barnabus was Jewish, from the tribe of Levi, who loved the teaching of grace.

Yet even he began to react with legalism toward eating with the Gentiles.

[/Gal 2:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gal/2/14/s_1093014) But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, “**If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews**, how *is it that* you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?

After being born again, Peter was no longer partaking in Jewish rituals, he was now a Christian under the law of grace & the filling power HS.\

Everything was fulfilled in Christ – either it was or it wasn’t.

Why do you keep adding into or practicing that which Jesus fulfilled?

That is the question the Apostle Paul is pointing to.

/This was a strong rebuke from the Apostle Paul to the Apostle Peter, keep in mind this was done in front of a group of Bels. There is no room for legalism and false doctrine to breath within the true teaching of the grace plan of God. It has to be swiftly stomped out. Peter handled this with great patience and understanding, signifying his own growth.\

The Apostle Peter would later applaud the teaching of the Apostle Paul and give him high regard as an Apostle.

(See 2Peter 3:15-16)

The Apostle Peter, by going along with this legalistic behavior, opened a doorway for Jews to claim exclusive rights to a relationship with God.

If something is done…complete or fulfilled, you can never add too it or go back and try to keep fulfilling it.

 REPEAT

/Rom 10:4 For **Christ is the end of the Law** for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Mat 5:17 “Do not presume that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; **I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill**.\

The tearing of the veil in the temple when Christ gave HIMSELF over to death, signified the days of the Jewish temple and the age of Israel had been stopped.

There was a dramatic change, something new arrived.

TLJC died for everyone – an intimate relationship with GOD exists for every Bel who seeks it.

The temple is now within, the priesthood is now within every Bel.

The full life, death, burial and resurrection, along with the ascension of Christ sealed the deal for all of eternity.

/There is absolutely nothing left to fulfill or add into, we go forward in CHRIST. The work of salvation, prophecy - past and future as well as spiritual power and knowledge, a resurrected life, is all fulfilled in CHRIST. We do not go back into rituals, commands or a status from another age. WE stay in UNION with the ONE who fulfills everything! \

Jesus Christ told the apostles at the last supper – there is now a new covenant.

Jesus Christ taught HIS apostles everything is fulfilled in HIM.

Jesus Christ spoke publicly that the kingdom of GOD is at hand, everything the OT was pointing to was now here, in the flesh.

HE told them I MUST SUFFER and die…then be resurrected to fulfill everything.

 REPEAT

Those who keep going backward instead of forward into the fulfilled teaching, the fulfilled life, death and a resurrection of Christ and mystery doctrine.

Are in essence, ignoring everything TLJC did, ignoring who HE is, the true God-man, the only Messiah.

The Apostle Peter had lost his authority in this situation and he was being manipulated by a handful of legalistic Bels.

[Gal 2:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gal/2/15/s_1093015) “We *are* Jews by nature and not sinners from the Gentiles;

There is some divine sarcasm in this statement – the Apostle Paul is saying, I am Jew just like you Peter!

We all came from the same people of God.

[/Gal 2:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gal/2/16/s_1093016) nevertheless, knowing that a person is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even **we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the Law**; since by works of the Law **no flesh will be justified.\**

This little wake up and shake up, was to once again bring these Bels and especially Apostle Peter, back into the Grace of God.

There is no flesh accepted at salvation and no flesh that gains any momentum after salvation.

[/Gal 2:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gal/2/17/s_1093017) “**But if, while seeking to be justified in Christ**, we ourselves have also been found sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Far from it!

1st class condition – it is true, we can’t justify ourselves in the flesh, in the law or following commands.\

The Apostle Paul is using a type of rhetorical questions and answering himself in this rebuke of Peter.

The Apostle Peter stopped eating with the Gentiles because he said in effect, that in order to be justified we have to do more than believe in Christ, we have to keep the law and I’m going back to the law.

 REPEAT

This is blasphemous against all that TLJC said and all HE had done; did HE die for a lie…was TLJC lying to us?

[/Gal 2:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gal/2/18/s_1093018) “For **if I rebuild** what I have *once* destroyed, **I prove myself to be a wrongdoer**.

Another first-class condition – a true statement. You already accepted the end of laws and commands (Mosaic), because everything is IN CHRIST.\

The Apostle Peter, James and those Jewish Bels from Jerusalem were re-building something in the flesh.

Going backward and kicking against the grace of God and the work of TLJC.

You cannot live in grace and then go back into works programs and justify yourself over others in your flesh.

You are then walking in sin like an Unbel.

 REPEAT

[Gal 2:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gal/2/19/s_1093019) “For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live for God.

The Bel is now dead to works of the flesh. They understand its uselessness and really its corruption.

The Mosaic LAW pointed to the perfection of the coming Messiah; it was a teaching tool.

[/Gal 2:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gal/2/20/s_1093020) “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.**

You can build nothing else inside your soul except a true, Edification Complex of the Soul by BD and the filling power of the HS. Everything else is a flawed structure.\

[Gal 2:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gal/2/21/s_1093021) “I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness *comes* through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.”

The Christian who does not fully understand the person and work of Jesus Christ. Is usually the person who does not understand the dispensation of the CHURCH, they are often building something opposed to the Grace plan of God the Father.

It is opposite of the ECS – Edification Complex of the Soul.

 REPEAT

We are currently in that ten-or-15 years cycle of attacks against dispensational teaching.

TLJC has fulfilled everything or HE failed and could not complete the mission, you decide!?

The Mosaic Law encompasses three codex principles.

/Codex #1, the moral law (Exo 20 & Deu 5) — 10 commandments, proving that man is a corrupt sinner in need of a Savior;

Codex #2, the Spiritual law, (Levitical / temple) a shadow Christology which anticipated the coming of Christ;

Codex #3, Social law, (divine establishment)

ALL given with the focus on the nation of Israel.\

TLJC fulfills all of this and everything else we see in commands and laws, prophecy and doctrines from Genesis into Revelation.

Now there are many typologies or analogies we can apply and study in the NT – which touch into CA doctrines.

Yet…something new arrived at the Cross.

/The law was given to Israel, it was never given to Gentiles. It was given to the nation of Israel specifically — Exo 19:3, Lev 26:46, Deu 4:8, Christ fulfilled it. He fulfilled Codex #1 by living a perfect life; He fulfilled Codex #2 by dying on the cross, burial, resurrection, ascension and session; He fulfilled Codex #3 again, by living a perfect life. So, Jesus Christ completed the law; He fulfilled it.\

The law was not given to Gentiles —

Many Christians are building something from the flesh, they are not truly building a spiritual edification complex in the soul.

/Rom 3:19 Now we know that whatever the Law says, **it speaks to those who are under the Law,** so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God; 20 because **by the works of the Law none of mankind will be justified** in His sight; for **through the Law comes knowledge of sin**.\

Matthew 5:17 Jesus said, “I came to fulfill the law.”

YOU have to be in union with Christ to share in this fulfillment.

CA Christians are specifically not under the dispensation of the law of Israel.

/Rom 9:3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed, *separated* from Christ **for the sake of my countrymen**, my kinsmen according to the flesh, 4 who are **Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons *and daughters,* the glory, the covenants, the giving of the Law, the *temple* service, and the promises;\**

Jesus Christ came into the world and kept the law.

The LAW, the physical temple, the Levitical priesthood and certain covenants were given to the nation of Israel – we are not involved in that.

Let us close today reading from Romans chapter eight RF.

/Rom 10:4 For **Christ is the end of the Law**for righteousness to everyone who believes.

We as Believers are now in union with Christ. Christ is the end of the law, Christ fulfilled the law, we begin where Christ stopped, we begin beyond the law in a new age which interrupted Israel.\

Most Christians build upon works programs without even fully understanding they are doing it.

Because they have no depth of knowledge about the full plan of God.

Rom 8:1 Therefore there is now no condemnation at all for those who are in Christ Jesus.

/[Rom 8:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/8/2/s_1054002) For **the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free** from the law of sin and of death.

A new law has been substituted for the Mosaic law. The full Grace Plan of GOD has come into fruition with the Cross & then the completed canon of scripture).\

Everything from the OT points into the person and work of TLJC and all the culmination is found in the NT teaching.

/[Rom 8:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/8/3/s_1054003) 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**,

Christ fulfilled all commands, laws and prophecy. HE paid for the sins of the world and established a resurrected life. As well as a future, perfect 1,000 reign yr. where all covenants to Israel find completion.\

[/Rom 8:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/8/4/s_1054004) 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.**

Walking in the flesh is the power of the OSN – walking in the New Nature is the perfection of Christ (fulfilled).\