

The Importance of the Message of Galatians: The True and False Gospels

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The Importance of the Message of Galatians (6:11, ESV)

See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand.

THE FALSE GOSPEL

1. Pursues a Self-Righteousness (6:12a, ESV)

It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and

2. Promises a False Peace (6:12b, ESV)

only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.

3. Practices Hypocrisy (6:13, ESV)

For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh.

THE TRUE GOSPEL

1. Boasts in the Cross of Christ (6:14, ESV)

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

2. Brings a New Creation (6:15-16, ESV)

For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

3. Produces Suffering (6:17, ESV)

From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

Conclusion (6:18, ESV)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

ADAM AND EVE: CREATION

FRUITFULNESS: *Familial Relationships*

And God blessed them. And God said to them, **“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it,** and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” (Genesis 1:28, ESV)

FOOD: *Personal Life*

And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. **You shall have them for food.** (Genesis 1:29, ESV)

COVENANT--SABBATH: *Godly Promises*

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So **God blessed the seventh day and made it holy,** because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. (Genesis 2:1-4, ESV)

BLOOD: *Sacrificial Love*

The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them. (Genesis 3:20, ESV)

NOAH: NEW CREATION

FRUITFULNESS

And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, **“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.”** (Genesis 9:1, ESV)

FOOD

The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. **“Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything.”** (Genesis 9:2-3, ESV)

BLOOD

But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. **“Whoever sheds the blood of man, / by man shall his blood be shed,”** / for God made man in his own image. / And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it.” (Genesis 9:4-7, ESV)

COVENANT--RAINBOW

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: **I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.** (Genesis 9:8-13, ESV)

ABRAHAM: PATRIARCHS

FOOD

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to **the land that I will show you.** And I will make of you a **great nation,** and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” (Genesis 12:1-3, ESV)

BLOOD

And he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” And he brought him all these, **cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other.** But he did not cut the birds in half. (Genesis 15:7-10, ESV)

COVENANT--CIRCUMCISION

This is **my covenant,** which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be **circumcised.** (Genesis 17:10, ESV)

FRUITFULNESS

I will bless her, and moreover, **I will give you a son by her.** I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.” (Genesis 17:16, ESV)

MOSES: PROMISED LAND

FRUITFULNESS

All the descendants of Jacob were seventy persons; Joseph was already in Egypt. Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation. But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them. (Exodus 1:5-7, ESV)

FOOD

Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. (EXODUS 3:7-8, ESV)

BLOOD

Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb." (Exodus 12:21-25, ESV)

COVENANT--BOOK

Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." (Exodus 24:7, ESV)

EZRA: RETURN FROM CAPTIVITY

FOOD

"Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the LORD, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem." (Ezra 1:2-4, ESV)

FRUITFULNESS

Now these were the people of the province who came up out of the captivity of those exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried captive to Babylonia. They returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each to his own town. They came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, and Baanah. (Ezra 2:1-2, ESV)

BLOOD

Then arose Jeshua the son of Jozadak, with his fellow priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel with his kinsmen, and they built the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings on it, as it is written in the Law of Moses the man of God. They set the altar in its place, for fear was on them because of the peoples of the lands, and they offered burnt offerings on it to the LORD, burnt offerings morning and evening. (Ezra 3:1-3, ESV)

COVENANT--TEMPLE

They finished their building by decree of the God of Israel and by decree of Cyrus and Darius and Artaxerxes king of Persia; and this house was finished on the third day of the month of Adar, in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king. And the people of Israel, the priests and the Levites, and the rest of the returned exiles, celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy. (Ezra 6:13-16, ESV)

JESUS

FOOD

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."

BLOOD & COVENANT--CUP

And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant,

FRUITFULNESS

which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." (Matthew 26:26-29, ESV)

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20, ESV)

PAUL

BLOOD

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law,

FRUITFULNESS

so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons,

COVENANT--SPIRIT

God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and

FOOD

if a son, then an heir through God. (Galatians 4:1-7, ESV)