

Study of Galatians 3

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The book of Galatians is written by Paul and therefore before we start going through each chapter I like to give you more information from Paul's own writings to confirm to you that Paul was totally obedient to all of the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, biblical that helps us understand Paul's biblical position on the Law of Moses based on his own writings and what other people had to say about him.

In *Romans 7:12-14* Wherefore the Torah (Law) **IS HOLY**, and the Commandment **HOLY**, and **JUST**, and **GOOD**. Was then that which is **GOOD** made death unto me? Elohim forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is **GOOD**; that sin by the Commandment might become exceeding sinful. For **WE KNOW** that the Torah (Law) **IS SPIRITUAL**: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

In *Romans 7:22* Paul says: for I **DELIGHT IN THE TORAH (LAW) OF ELOHIM** after the inward man, the spiritual man.

In the book of Acts we see that James gives Paul instructions to go and purify himself with other men that have taken a Nazarite vow and James says to Paul: *Acts 21:22-23* Do therefore this that we say to you: We have four men which have a vow on them; Them take, and purify yourself with them, and be at charges with them, that they may shave their heads: and **ALL MAY KNOW** that those things, whereof they were informed concerning you, **ARE NOTHING; BUT that YOU YOURSELF ALSO WALK ORDERLY, AND KEEP THE TORAH (LAW)**.

And in *Acts 24:14* Paul says of himself: But this I Paul confess unto you, that after the way which **THEY** (Judaism of the day, the Pharisees and Sadducees) call heresy, (walking in the Torah obedient footsteps of Messiah) so worship I the Elohim of my fathers, **BELIEVING ALL THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE TORAH (LAW) AND IN THE PROPHETS**: And have hope toward Elohim, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

Now there are many other places in Scripture where Paul actually confirms that he keeps, obeys, follows and **DELIGHTS** in the Keeping the Words of the Torah of Moses given to him on Mount Sinai by YHVH

Keeping that **FACT** in mind, the fact that Paul **delights** in keeping and doing the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, he delights in the Torah of Moses, let us now look at what Paul has said in *chapter 3* of the book of Galatians.

Paul begins *chapter 3* by admonishing the Galatians and saying to them: *O foolish Galatians, WHO has bewitched you, that you SHOULD NOT OBEY THE TRUTH.*

This statement lines up with Paul's theology that we discussed above. In the intro I showed you that Paul *delights* in doing, keeping and following the Words of the Torah of YHVH given to Moses on Mount Sinai and Paul begins *chapter 3* by asking the Galatians why they are *NOT* obeying the *TRUTH*. To understand what Paul is saying we have to define the biblical definition of the Word *TRUTH*, and one of the places where it is defined is in, *Psalms 119:142* where it says: *Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness and Your Torah IS the TRUTH.*

Now that we know Paul's theology and the fact that the Word *TRUTH* is defined as the Words of the Torah of Moses, we can see that Paul is asking these Galatians who has bewitched or somehow convinced them to transgress the Words of the Torah of YHVH. Since Scripture makes it abundantly clear in *1 John 3:4* that Sin *IS* transgression of the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, then that means that in essence, Paul is asking them why they are *SINNING BY CHOOSING NOT TO OBEY* the Words of the Torah of Moses. In *John 3:4* John tells us *Whosoever COMMITS SIN transgresses also the Torah (Law:) for SIN IS the transgression of the Torah (Law).*

O foolish Galatians, WHO has bewitched you, that you SHOULD NOT OBEY THE TRUTH before whose eyes Yeshua Messiah has been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

Here Paul makes it very clear that Messiah, who *IS* the Words of the Living Torah made flesh was set forth, or was our example of YHVH's *TRUTH in action*. In *John 1:1* it says: *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim.* And in *John 1:14* it says: *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and TRUTH.* This confirms to us that Messiah, *IS* the Words of the Living Torah of the Father made flesh, and His Torah obedient Life was *INDEED* set forth as an example for *ALL* of us to follow and or mimic.

At the time that Paul was teaching the Pure Word of YHVH, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of YHVH's Directives for everlasting Life, there were those of the Pharisees and Sadducees that taught, that *ALL* people needed to *KEEP* the Torah, the Law of Moses *TO BE SAVED*. That teaching of course *IS FALSE*, but it is *NOT* the Torah that is at fault, it *IS* the fault of the those who taught this false doctrine. Based on their teaching, Paul poses these Galatians another question, he says: *verse 2 This only would I learn of you, did you receive the Spirit by THE WORKS OF THE TORAH (Law), or by the hearing (shema) of belief (faith)?*

To understand what Paul is telling us, we have to first define the words and or the phrases that are used in this verse. Let's start with the word shemah which means, to hear, listen pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow and obey the Words of YHVH's Torah that came

directly from His mouth, the Words that He Commanded us to do. Next we have to understand **HOW** we receive the Spirit of YHVH according to Scripture?

We are told how in *Ezekiel 36:26-27* *A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put **MY SPIRIT** within you, and **CAUSE YOU** to walk in **MY STATUTES**, and you shall **KEEP** My judgments, and **DO** them.*

Therefore to answer the question as to where and from whom we receive the Holy Spirit that Paul is talking about, we can see that Scripture clearly states that it has **NOTHING** to do with the work that we do, **BUT** that it has everything to do with having a surrendered contrite loving heart, towards our heavenly Father, a heart that is willing and eager to obey Him.

Verse 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now made perfect by the flesh?

Here Paul confirms that the receiving of YHVH's Spirit **IS A GIFT** and that it is the Spirit of YHVH that causes every willing, loving, surrendered obedient heart to obey and follow the Torah of Moses, and that it **IS NOT** of or by our own strength, and Paul, in essence asks them why are you now relying on your own strength rather than relying on the Spirit of YHVH as they have been taught?

Paul Goes on to say: *Verse 4 Have you suffered so many things in vain? If it be yet in vain. 5 He therefore that **ministers to you** the Holy Spirit, and **WORKS MIRACLES AMONG YOU**, **DOES HE DO IT** by the works of the Torah (Law), or by the hearing (*shema*) of belief (faith)?*

Let's begin with **WHO** is it that ministers or gives us His Spirit? Scripture clearly tells us that it is our heavenly Father who graciously fills every loving, willing, surrendered and obedient believer's heart with His Holy Spirit, and Scripture very clearly and emphatically states in *Ezekiel 36:26-27* that the mandate that the Father's Holy Spirit has received from the Father **IS** to **CAUSE** every willing, loving, and surrendered heart to walk out or obey **ALL** of the Father's Torah of Life, all of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **IN TOTAL** loving surrendered obedience.

Now that we have cleared up **WHO** it is that ministers or Gives us His Holy Spirit, we need to pose ourselves yet another question based on the information in this *verse*. Who is it that works miracles among us? Before I answer that I have to ask you another question. Since Messiah **IS** the Son of the Living Elohim, and since Scripture tells us that He was fully man when He came to earth, did Messiah, by His own power, as the Son of Elohim, perform any miracles while He was here on earth with us? The answer to that question is also found in Scripture? Thankfully our heavenly Father **IS NOT** the author of confusion and therefore He has made it perfectly clear how Messiah and **ALL** the Apostles and Prophets appeared to perform miracles. *Acts 2:22 You men of Israel, hear these words; Yeshua of Nazareth, a man **approved** of Elohim among*

you **BY MIRACLES AND WONDERS AND SIGNS**, which **ELOHIM DID BY HIM** in the midst of you, as you yourselves also know.

This makes it very clear that it is our heavenly Father, that **DID ALL the MIRACLES** through His chosen vessels, including Messiah, the Apostles and His prophets, who were and still **ARE** His chosen vessels.

Now there is yet another controversy and I believe that the translators have done us a very great disservice that borders on **LYING** to further their own agenda. In *verse 5* the translators have translated this *verse* in English with these words: *He therefore that ministers to you the Spirit, and works miracles among you, **DOES HE DO IT** by the **WORKS** of the Torah (Law), **OR** by the hearing of belief (faith)?*

The words **DOES HE DO IT** are not in the text, they have been **INSERTED** by the translators either because of deceitfulness or by error, but the result is still the same, they changed and or added to the words that Paul wrote, so that the text would conform to their misguided theology and furthermore, the word translated as **OR** is Strong's number G2228 a single Greek Letter known as the Eta, ἦ, ê, pronounced Ay, and it is defined as a primary particle of distinction between two connected terms; disjunctive, **or**; comparative, **than, and, but, either**, neither, **except it be**, or else, **rather, save, than, that, what, yea**. Often used in connection with other particles. Compare especially 2235, 2260, 2273.

Therefore **IF** we correctly translate this *verse* it then reads: *He therefore that ministers to you the Spirit, and works miracles among you by the works of the Torah (Law), **AND** by the hearing of belief (faith).*

Now some people might think that this is a complicated issue, **BUT** I assure you, it is really very Simple. In Scripture Messiah is called the Living Word of the Father made flesh, and John tells us in *John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim*; and in *John 1:14* it says: *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of **GRACE and TRUTH**.*

This tells us that Messiah **IS** indeed the Words of the Living Word of the **FATHER**, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions made flesh, and as you can see, John has called the Living Word of the **FATHER** made flesh, **THE TRUTH**, and that means that it is the **FATHER** that ministers the Spirit to us and it is also the **FATHER** that works miracles among us. In *Psalms 119:142* the Torah of YHVH is **ALSO** called the **TRUTH**, for the Torah and the Word of Elohim **ARE** synonymous terms, and for your information the words **COMMANDMENT** and **GOSPEL** are also defined as **THE TRUTH**.

Now that we have established that Messiah **IS** the Living Word of the Father, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions made flesh, His Torah of Life, let us move on to *verse 2* of

John 1 where it says *All things were made by Him; and without Him, without Messiah, (the Words of the Living Torah made flesh), was NOT any thing made that was made. In Him, the living Torah made flesh, was LIFE; and the LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN.*

Since Messiah **IS** the indeed the Word of the Father made flesh, and the Word of the Father made flesh and the Living Torah are synonymous terms, then this therefore tells us that the works of the Torah, the works of the Law **IS CREATION, and Creation IS LIFE** to all peoples.

Now the definition that I have just given you supports the very next *verse* where Paul says in *verse 6 Even as Abraham believed Elohim, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*

Understood but **NOT** stated in this *verse* where it says that Abraham **BELIEVED** Elohim, is the fact that **NOT ONLY** did Abraham believe Elohim, **BUT HE OBEYED ALL** of Elohim's Commandments, and his **BELIEF** combined with his **OBEDIENCE** over a period of **TIME WAS** accounted to Him as **RIGHTEOUSNESS**.

In *Genesis 12* we see that YHVH made Abram a promise: *verses 1-4 Now YHVH had said unto Abram, Get you out of your country, and from your kindred, and from your father's house, unto a 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; and you shall be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless you, and curse him that curses you: and in you shall all families of the earth be blessed. So Abram departed, as YHVH had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was SEVENTY AND FIVE YEARS OLD when he departed out of Haran.*

Now we go to *Genesis 15:6* which is about ten to thirteen years later, which means that **NOW**, Abram has been walking in obedience to the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, for that period of time and that is when YHVH says of Abram: *And Abram believed in YHVH; and YHVH counted it to him for righteousness.*

The point I am making **IS**, Abram walked in total loving surrendered obedience to Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, for a long period of time, **BEFORE** YHVH counted His belief in the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, as Abram's righteousness, and you can rest assured that it will be the same for each and every one of us; we too will have to walk in obedience to the Words of YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life for a certain period of time to show YHVH that we are serious about **KEEPING, DOING** and **OBEYING** His Torah, before He counts it as our **righteousness**.

Now to understand the full scope of what Paul is teaching us here we have to understand and define what Scriptural **RIGHTEOUSNESS IS** so that we can follow in Abraham's footsteps, in order that we too can believe Elohim and **HAVE** that belief in Elohim **COUNTED** to us as **RIGHTEOUSNESS**. *Deuteronomy 6:25 And it shall be our righteousness, IF we observe TO DO ALL THESE COMMANDMENTS before YHVH our Elohim as He has Commanded us.*

Now we have to whole picture of the biblical path that each and every one of us are to safely follow, in order that Elohim counts our **believing obedient lives** to the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions as our **righteousness**.

*Verse 7 Know you therefore that they which believe (are of faith), (they who **BELIEVE YHVH's TRUTH**, the Words of His Torah of Life, they who believe His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, and willingly and lovingly **choose to KEEP and OBEY IT**, or follow and obey the Words of His Torah out of a deep seated love for our heavenly Father.*

Please remember that our heavenly Father has said, **IF** you love Me **KEEP** My commandments, and therefore **IF** a person **DOES NOT KEEP** His Commandments, His **TRUTH**, the Words of His Torah, then according to our heavenly Father's own words, **THEY DON'T LOVE HIM**, *verse 7 continued: they which are of belief (faith), the same are the children of Abraham.*

The end of this verse also makes it abundantly clear that unless a person **IS** willing to believe, trust and **LOVINGLY OBEY ALL** of the Words of YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instruction, the Words of His Torah of Life, **THEN** that person **WILL NOT** be considered a Son of Abraham, and **IF** Abraham **IS NOT** that person's father, then that person **IS NOT PART** of the eternal Covenant that YHVH made with Abraham, and will **NOT** participate in the inheritance that YHVH promised Abraham, which of course includes His promised eternal and everlasting life in the YHVH's kingdom of peace.

Just in case you are **NOT** sure **IF** Abraham **KEPT** the Torah of YHVH, YHVH makes it abundantly clear that Abraham did indeed keep the Words of His Torah of Life, and we see that fact in *Genesis 26:5 Because that Abraham **OBEYED** My voice, and **KEPT** My Charge, My Commandments, My Statutes, and My **TORAH** (Law).*

Verse 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that Elohim would justify the heathen through faith, through believing.

Here we see that YHVH is omniscient and that He knew that the heathen, the gentiles, **WOULD** be justified when that heathen or gentile willingly chooses to **BELIEVE** and DO the Words our heavenly Father's Torah of Life. Understood in the statement that a person is justified when He chooses to believe our heavenly Father, **IS** that the heathen will **ALSO OBEY** what He hears our heavenly Father speak, for again, the Father says **IF** you love Me **KEEP** My Commandments.

Paul goes on to inform us that the Torah of YHVH was preached to Abraham and as I mentioned above, that Fact is found in *Genesis 26:5. Verse 8 continued: YHVH preached before the Gospel (the **TRUTH**, the Words of the Torah) unto Abraham, saying, In you Abraham shall all nations be blessed.*

In *Ephesians 1:13* the word Gospel is defined as the **TRUTH** and the word **TRUTH** is defined in *Psalms 119:142* as **THE TORAH** of YHVH, therefore the **GOSPEL** and the **TORAH** are synonymous terms, and when Paul says that the Gospel was preached to Abraham, He is actually saying that YHVH's **TRUTH**, the Words of His Torah, His Commandments, His Gospel was preached to Abraham.

Genesis 26:5 Because that Abraham **OBEYED** My voice, and **KEPT** My Charge, My Commandments, My Statutes, and My Torah (Law).

Verse 9 So then they which are of faith, **they that believe** are blessed with faithful Abraham.

What Paul is saying here, **IS**, that everyone that chooses to believe the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and **OBEY** Him, **AS** Abraham **OBEYED** Him, **WILL** be blessed, because that is what obedience to the Word of our heavenly Father does, **OBEDIENCE** to the Father's Torah, automatically **ACTIVATES and MANIFESTS HIS BLESSINGS**, and that truth is mentioned in:

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 And it shall come to pass, **IF** you shall hearken (shemah) diligently unto the voice of YHVH your Elohim, **TO OBSERVE AND TO DO ALL** His Commandments which I command you this day, that YHVH your Elohim will set you on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come upon you, and overtake you, **IF** you or because you shall Shemah (hearken) unto the voice of YHVH your Elohim.

Verse 10 For as many as are of the **WORKS** of the Torah (Law) are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is the man that does **NOT CONFIRM ALL** the Words of this Torah (Law) **TO DO THEM**. And all the people shall say Amen..

This verse is referring to, or quoting *Deuteronomy 27:15-28* where Moses speaks for eleven verses and repeats the curses that people will encounter, **IF** they choose **NOT** to obey the Commandments of YHVH, and then Moses ends with these words in *verse 26* Cursed is the man that does **NOT CONFIRM ALL** the words of this Torah (Law) **TO DO THEM**. And all the people shall say Amen.

Paul is telling us that we need to surrender our hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, because when we **DO**, our gracious heavenly Father fills us with His Holy Spirit, who then **CAUSES** every willing surrendered contrite obedient heart to **OBEY** the Words of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, and anyone that does **NOT** surrender His will to the Father, and tries to obey the Torah of YHVH by his own strength, without the help or the prompting of the Father's Holy Spirit, **WILL FAIL**, and **BE CURSED, BECAUSE**, as you can see for yourself, Scripture says, **CURSED IS** the man that does **NOT** continue **TO DO ALL THINGS** that are written in the Torah.

Verse 11 But that **NO** man **IS JUSTIFIED** by the Torah (Law) in the sight of Elohim, it is evident:

As I mentioned above, **IF** any person tries to **KEEP** the Torah of YHVH **BY HIS OWN STRENGTH**, he will **FAIL**, because Scripture emphatically states that **ALL** people have sinned and fallen short of the glory of Elohim. Our heavenly Father created us and He knows what we are like, He knows that **ALL** have sinned and fallen short of His Glory, and He therefore has made up for our deficiencies, by providing His Holy Spirit as a guide to each and every individual that willingly and lovingly chooses to surrender their hearts and wills to Him. The Holy Spirit of YHVH **IS** our guide that will cause each and every willing heart to obey **ALL** of the Words of YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life.

Verse 11 continued: for, The just SHALL live by belief. The just shall live by believing and obeying the Word of YHVH, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life. **ALL** of Scripture confirms that obedience to the Father's Torah **IS LIFE** to **ALL** who willingly and lovingly choose to obey it.

Verse 12 And the Torah (Law) is NOT of faith: The Torah of YHVH is written down for **ALL** to see **IF** they want to, but reading it and trying to comply with it, **IS NOT FAITH. FAITH IS BELIEVING**, and when a person chooses to believe that there is a Creator, and then willingly chooses to surrender their wills to the Creator of **ALL** things, then that **IS CALLED BELIEF, FAITH**, and when a person has that **BELIEF, FAITH**, when a person **believes** in Elohim and believes what the Elohim of Creation says and does, then the Creator Himself, by His infinite grace and mercy, fills that person with His Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit of YHVH is mandated **BY YHVH** to **CAUSE** every willing surrendered contrite heart to obey YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **CAUSE** every willing obedient heart to follow and obey all the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life.

BUT, The man that DOES DO them (the man that follows, obeys and **DOES** the Torah), *that man SHALL LIVE in them.*

This is a theme that is evident throughout all of Scripture, and that theme is that **FOLLOWING, OBEYING** and **DOING** the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, with a loving surrendered obedient and contrite heart, **WILL be LIFE** to **ALL** who choose to do so. In the balance of *verse 12* Paul says that the man that **DOES DO THIS**, the man that willingly follows and obeys the Words of the Torah of YHVH, **SHALL LIVE** in them. As I mentioned above, that **TRUTH** is evident throughout Scripture. I have quoted only four of many instances where that fact is mentioned in Scripture:

Vayiqra (Leviticus) 18:5 You shall therefore KEEP My Statutes, and My Judgments: which IF a man does, HE SHALL LIVE IN THEM: I am YHVH.

Deuteronomy 8:1 All the Commandments (Torah) which I command you this day shall you OBSERVE TO DO, THAT YOU MAY LIVE.

*Nehemiah 9:29 And testified against them, that you might bring them again unto **YOUR TORAH**: yet they dealt proudly, and **DID NOT HEARKENED** unto Your Commandments, the Words of Your Torah, **BUT** sinned against Your judgments, (**WHICH IF A MAN DOES, HE SHALL LIVE IN THEM**;) and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would **NOT** hear, **would NOT shemah**, would not hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, obey and **DO** YHVH's Torah.*

*Ezekiel 18:21 But **IF** the wicked will turn from all his sins, turn from His Torah transgressive behaviour that he has committed, and **KEEP ALL** My statutes, My Torah and **DO** that which is lawful and right, follow and obey the Words of the Torah, **HE SHALL SURELY LIVE**, he shall **NOT DIE**.*

As you can see I have pointed just a few verses that emphatically state that **IF** a person willingly and lovingly follows, obeys and keeps the Words of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, keeps the Words of the Father's Torah, **THEN** Scripture **CLEARLY** states that that man **SHALL LIVE**.

*Verse 13 Messiah has **REDEEMED** us from the **CURSE** of the Torah (Law), being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangs on a tree:*

What is the curse of the Law? The curse of the Law **IS** the punishment that is meted out for disobeying it, and that punishment according to Scripture **IS DEATH**, Romans 6:23 the wages of sin **IS DEATH**.

When Paul says that Messiah has redeemed us from the **CURSE** of the Law, he means that Messiah **TOOK** our death penalty, for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of Elohim, and He died on the cross in our stead. We, my friends, **ARE** the ones that sinned and deserve to die, **BUT** He, because of His great and infinite love for us and the boundless love that He has for our heavenly Father, who created us and loves us and doesn't want even one of us to perish, our selfless Messiah **TOOK** our penalty, He died for you and me, He willingly took the **curse** of the Law, the punishment that we deserved, the punishment that was ours and died for us.

Verse 14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Yeshua Messiah; (the Living Torah made flesh), that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith, through believing Elohim and His promises.

What are the blessings of Abraham? Genesis 12:2-3 *And I will make of you Abram a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless you, and curse him that curses you: and in you **SHALL** all families of the earth **BE BLESSED**, nivrechu, grafted in.*

The blessings that are promised to Abraham by YHVH, are also promised to **ALL** who willingly and lovingly surrender their hearts to our heavenly Father, because by doing so they

become part of the family of YHVH, and Abraham becomes their father, and those that make that choice inherit Abraham's heritage, which is **ALL** the promises that YHVH made to Abraham, ownership of the Promised Land, prosperity, joy, health, long life here on earth and eternal Life at the Father's side as the Bride of Messiah forever. **NOT** to shabby!

*Verse 15 Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet **IF** it be confirmed, **NO MAN CAN DIS-ANNUL OR ADD THERETO.***

Here Paul says that even man made covenants that are confirmed **CANNOT** be annulled, how much more therefore can a Covenant made with us **BY** our omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent Elohim, **NOT BE DISANULLED OR CHANGED, by anyone?**

*Verse 16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He does **NOT** say, and to seeds, as of many; but as of one, and to your seed, **WHICH IS** Messiah.*

There **IS ONLY ONE** person to whom YHVH made this promise and that is to the first Hebrew, Ivri, עברי, the first person to Cross over into the kingdom of Elohim, and that of course is Abraham, and **IF** you are **NOT** part of the family of Abraham, then YHVH's Promises are **NOT** for you. The promise is that Messiah, our Saviour would come and redeem us, and put us on the road to Salvation, by teaching us how the Father wanted us to obey the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, and all we have to do, **IS** choose to willingly obey the Father's commandments **AS** Messiah **DID**, and taught us to **DO**, and His gift of eternal salvation is ours.

Verse 17 And this I say, that the Covenant, that was confirmed before of Elohim in Messiah, the Torah (Law), which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot dis-annul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

The covenant with Abraham was made long before the Torah was actually given to Israel at Mount Sinai, and therefore the Law, the Torah **CANNOT** and does **NOT** dis-annul the Covenant of YHVH, **IT SUPPORTS IT, IT AMPLIFIES IT, IT BRINGS IT TO FRUITION** and that **IS WHY** the Torah was given to Israel. We have to understand that our heavenly Father **IS NOT** the author of **CONFUSION**, therefore He gave us the Words of His Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions **AS** a **TOOL**, an **INSTRUMENT**, a **ROAD MAP** to the Covenant that YHVH made with Abraham, to bring it to fruition. **ALL** covenants have rules and regulations that have to be adhered to, to activate the promises contained within that covenant, and the Torah was given to Israel at Mount Sinai in order that Israel could take advantage of the Father's eternal Covenant.

*Verse 18 For **IF** the inheritance **IS** of the Torah (Law), **IT IS** no more of promise: **BUT** Elohim gave it to Abraham by promise.*

If YHVH's promises were dependant upon the Torah, it would no longer be a promise **BUT a**

LAW, and everyone that tried to keep the Torah, the Law by his own strength could lay claim to all or part of YHVH's promises, **BUT** the promise **IS NOT** part of the Law, **IT IS A GIFT** from YHVH to **ALL** who choose to surrender their wills to His will.

*Verse 19 Why then **do you serve** the Torah (Law)?*

Here again we have the scribes inserting words so that we will be lead to believe their false doctrine. The words *do you serve*, or *serveth* in the King James version are **NOT** in the text, they have been inserted by the translators because of their false and biased understanding of Scripture. The *verse* should read *Why then the Torah?* And Paul answers the question, he says that the Torah was given to us or *added because of transgressions, till the seed, Messiah, should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.*

The Torah was given to us by a loving caring compassionate Father, because **ALL** have sinned and fallen short of the glory of Elohim. The Torah was given to us to show us **HOW** sinful we are, and to show us that because we are sinners we need help to stop sinning, and the only way to do that, the only way to stop sinning, is to choose to surrender our wills to our heavenly Father, who through His grace and mercy, will fill every willing obedient heart with His Holy Spirit, His Comforter, who in turn will **CAUSE** every willing obedient heart to walk out **ALL** of YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, for Scripture tells us the **SIN IS** transgression of the Torah and those that choose to be Torahless, will have the very same fate as the people that Messiah spoke to in *Matthew 7:21-23* where Messiah says: *Not every one that says unto Me, Adonai, Adonai, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; BUT he that DOES the WILL of My Father who is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Adonai, Adonai, have we not prophesied in Your Name? And in Your Name have rebuked the devil? And in Your Name done many wonderful works? And then I Messiah, will profess unto them, I never **knew you: depart from Me**, you that work iniquity, you that work Lawlessness, you that practice Torahlessness.*

*Verse 21 Is the Torah (Law) then **against** the promises of Elohim? Elohim forbid: for **IF** there had been a Torah Commandment, a Law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the Torah (by the Law).*

It is **NOT** the Law that gives Life, it is our heavenly Father that gives life, and He does so for each and every individual who willingly and lovingly chooses to follow, obey and **DO** the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, His **LAW**.

*Verse 22 But the Scripture has concluded **ALL** people are **UNDER SIN**, that the promise **BY FAITH OF** Yeshua Messiah (who was fully man as you and I are fully men) *might be given to them that **BELIEVE**.**

As you can see the promise of YHVH **IS NOT** for everyone, it is **ONLY** for those who willingly choose to believe and obey the Words of the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Verse 23 But before faith, before belief came, we were kept under the Torah (Law), shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. 24 Wherefore the Torah (Law) was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Messiah, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

Did you know that **ALL** peoples of the world, whether they know it or **NOT, ARE UNDER THE LAW** of YHVH? Whether they believe in the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob or **NOT, ALL** peoples of the world are under **THE LAW, THE TORAH** of the Creator of **ALL** things. Paul made that abundantly clear in *Romans 7:1 KNOW YOU NOT, brethren, (for I speak to them that KNOW the Torah, KNOW the Law) how the TORAH HAS DOMINION over a man AS LONG AS HE LIVES?*

Now with that in mind what does Paul mean when he says that the Torah is our schoolmaster to bring us onto Messiah who **IS** the Living Word of YHVH, His Living Torah? The best way to explain this is through using an analogy. Picture the Torah as a long score of Music written for a person, and picture that person as a piano player. When he first reads the music score and tries to play it, it is awkward and he makes many mistakes when he first attempts to play the music, but over a period of time as he looks at the sheet music and continues to practice, he gets better and better at it, until one day, he no longer needs the sheet music in front of him, **BECAUSE** he has internalized it and knows it by heart, and now when he plays this music, some incredible beautiful sounds are transmitted from his heart to his hands and unto the piano keys and the whole world marvels at the beauty of the sound. The music score or sheet music **IS NOT** thrown aside as some worthless piece of paper, but it is cherished and kept safe until it is to be used again to teach another student to produce those angelic sounds that come directly from men's hearts to Elohim's ear, that my friend IS the words or the notes of the written Torah of YHVh that was given to Moses at Mount Sinai.

There are many other analogies of teachers that we can use to graphically describe this situation in *verse 24* and in **NONE OF THEM IS** the **SCHOOLMASTER** thrown aside and or discarded as no longer relevant, after he has done his designated job of **TEACHING** and encouraging the student to internalize his lessons to such an extent that they become part of who the student **IS**, and then whenever the student is called upon to use what he has learned and internalized, then it automatically comes directly from his heart. Therefore instead of discarding and or throwing away the **SCHOOLMASTER**, he is held in **HIGH REGARD** and given a place of honour among the students **BECAUSE** of the **TRUTH** that he teaches **ALL** of his students.

Verse 26 For you are all the children of Elohim by faith, by believing in Messiah Yeshua. 26 For as many of you as have been baptized into Messiah HAVE PUT ON MESSIAH.

What does it mean to put on Messiah? To answer that question we have to first **KNOW** who

Messiah is? In John 1:1 it says, *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim;* and in John 1:14 it says *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of **GRACE and TRUTH.***

John makes it is quite clear that Messiah **IS** the Word of the Father made flesh, He is the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life made flesh, and therefore since He is the Word of YHVH in the flesh, it means that when we put on Messiah, we are actually putting on **THE WORD** or **THE TORAH** of YHVH as our protective covering and as Scripture tells us, when we do that, **IT IS LIFE TO US.**

*Verse 27 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are **ALL ONE** in Messiah Yeshua.*

There is **BUT ONE** human race and we are **ALL** equal in the eyes of our heavenly Father for He loves us **ALL** with an infinite unending Love.

*Verse 28 And if you are Messiah's, then you **ARE** Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

Messiah and the Covenant that YHVH gave to Abraham are synonymous terms, they are **ONE** and the Same entity, for Messiah **IS** the Word of Elohim made flesh and the Word of Elohim **IS** what **MAKES UP** the Covenant that was given to Abraham by YHVH in *Genesis 12*. Amein.

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Have a great Elohim blessed week and may YHVH bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again. Amein