

## Message# 307\_10-06-2024 – In the Beginning

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Good morning everyone. Thank you for tuning into the message this morning.

I have not heard from Sam this week and so I am taking that to mean that he is progressing well. I will try to contact him at some point this weekend and if I find out something differently, I'll update the Prayer Request page on the website. Please do, however, continue to keep him in your prayers.

In last week's message, there were several stones left unturned - and it is always my intention to get back to them - but - well - life. Sometimes I just plain forget, other times, I feel like I am being led to more pressing issues. I still have much to say on the issues regarding young people that I left unfinished even two weeks ago - and hopefully - I'll have time to get back to them yet this morning.

One of the things that I would like to have spent more time with last week was when I was talking about how the “churchmen” - and in all reality - it's not just the “churchmen” by most people in general - and how they tend to want to be accepted, respected by the world. No one likes to be rejected. No one likes to be hated. But most of the time, especially in the world in which we live today, those who espouse for, those who stand up for, advocate for truth - are not going to be very popular.

It's a principle, been around for a long long time. Turn to Galatians chapter four for just a minute this morning and let's begin with verse 16, then we'll go back to the beginning of the chapter. In trying to help Christians understand the approaching New Covenant world, Paul says in verse 16:

**[16]** Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?

Paul's big struggle was in trying to help Israelites understand that the Law God gave Moses was passing away. The Law God gave Moses was coming to an end. And, I think in many ways, certainly not with what the world would call “normal churches” today - but with even those “churches” and “church” people that are outside of the accepted norm - but Paul was trying - much as the same we way we are today - in helping people understand that the Law God gave Moses is not in effect today. And, sometimes, when you tell people that, they get confused, because as you hear me say week after week after week - the problem with the world today is that they do not follow God's Laws.

Yet, just like we will see when we get back into the rest of this Galatians 4 chapter - Paul is doing all he can to get those Israelites to come out from the bondage of the Law - the Law God gave Moses. But still advocating for the Law of God. I wish it wasn't so difficult for a lot of people to understand - but for a few minutes this morning - let's try again.

In a nutshell, when the Bible is talking about the "Law being done away with" - it is talking about the ceremonial Laws that God gave to Moses for the remission of sins. It is not talking about doing away with the moral Law of God - and even more important to the understanding than that - it is not talking about forsaking the Nation of God, the Government of God - because when you do that - if the Nation of God goes away - then what's left? The "nations of men."

The Law God gave Moses concerning the blood sacrifices. The Law God gave Moses concerning the water washings. The Law God gave Moses concerning physical circumcision - and let me stop right there for one second - the truth is - I believe - we do not even know what the Bible - in the Law God gave Moses - we do not even know exactly what it was that God told Moses to do. We think we do. And I'm using the word "we" very generically as in man thinks he knows. The jews think they know. But I am of the opinion - after studying the Word of God - from a different perspective than most - that we do not know exactly what it was that God told Abraham and Moses to do.

Let's take a little side trip here for just a minute. All the while remembering where we started this message - with Galatians 4:16 - with a little twist - "I'm not your enemy because I tell you the truth."

Turn to Genesis chapter 17 begin with verse 1. Now, listen, we need to read this, not with preconceived ideas. Certainly not with man's traditions and absolutely not with an understanding of the jews. I'm only making the point that for people to claim to know exactly what it was that God was talking about here in Genesis 17 is not accurate. Ok, listen.

[1] And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before Me, and be thou perfect.

[2] And I will make My covenant between Me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

[3] And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

[4] As for Me, behold, My covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of

many nations.

[5] Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

Stop here again for just a minute. I have been criticized - and I believe carelessly - because I have pointed out to people the many times that God's men have changed their names. Abram here - is changing nations. He's changing citizenship. And with that - his name changed. Some people have said - "the difference is that God changed his name - Abram didn't change his name." I vehemently disagree. God indeed changed Abram's name. But it was Abram that agreed, obeyed and then lived his life with a new name. So, in reality, yes, God changed his name in His dealings with Abraham - but Abraham's obedience caused Abraham to change his name among men.

And, I have never said that changing your name is a requirement for salvation. But I have pointed out - and rightfully so - that almost every major Bible character found in the Book - had a name change. And I believe, it was symbolic of leaving the world and entering into the Government of God.

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away, and behold, all things are become new.

[6] And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

[7] And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

[8] And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

[9] And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep My covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

[10] This is My covenant, which ye shall keep, between Me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

[11] And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt Me and you.

[12] And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations,

Ok, that's easy, right? We know exactly what circumcision is from these Scriptures. We know what to do and when to do it. And it's all because of what we are reading right here. We know what circumcise means and we know where it's supposed to take place - physically - on a baby boy - 8 days old. Ok. Not so fast.

he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.

[13] He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

[14] And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken My covenant.

Turn to Deuteronomy chapter 10. Remember now, we know exactly what circumcision means - and we know exactly what part of the body it affects - and we know exactly when to do it, is that correct? Verse 1, Deuteronomy 10. God is now talking to Moses.

[1] At that time the LORD said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto Me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood.

[2] And I will write on the tables the words that were in the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark.

[3] And I made an ark of shittim wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand.

[4] And He wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the LORD spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the LORD gave them unto me.

[5] And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as the LORD commanded me.

[6] And the children of Israel took their journey from Beeroth of the children of Jaakan to Mosera: there Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his stead.

[7] From thence they journeyed unto Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbath, a land of rivers of waters.

[8] At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister unto Him, and to bless in His name, unto this day.

[9] Wherefore Levi hath no part nor inheritance with his brethren; the LORD is his

inheritance, according as the LORD thy God promised him.

[10] And I stayed in the mount, according to the first time, forty days and forty nights; and the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also, and the LORD would not destroy thee.

[11] And the LORD said unto me, Arise, take thy journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give unto them.

Pay very close attention to these next three verses. These are eternal principles. This, as I say often, in my opinion, is the entire theme of the Bible. This sums it up. This is how they were supposed to live - it is how we are supposed to live - principally speaking.

[12] And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

[13] To keep the commandments of the LORD, and His statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

[14] Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the LORD's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is.

Verse 14 is a major part of the verse that we have lost. Today, men's little g "governments" think they own the earth - the land - they think they own the seas - they think they own the heavens. It's incredible, yes, unbelievable to me how we have arrived at the point we are in today. Men's little g "governments" believe they own everything and everyone. And everyone and everything must ask men's little g "governments" for permission to do every single act, every single step, every single thing necessary to sustain life. Never in my own life - in a life of trying all I can to live separate from them - separate from men's little g "governments" - did I think they could actually attempt to control a man's breath - the air that he breathes. Yet, for several years - just a few years ago - we saw them criminalize breathing without a mask. Crazy. I never dreamed they could gain that much control - yet they did. Listen, man does not own the heavens. Man does not own the land and man does not own the seas. God owns them all. Yes, He told man to take dominion - but that never meant that man could take the place of God. It meant that man could take dominion as long as he did so never losing sight of what these three verses said.

Man cannot make up things as he sees fit. God never intended for the concept of dominion to be understood in that way. Back to verse 15.

[15] Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.

[16] Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked.

This is interesting. Now, in the Law God gave Moses, we see another usage of circumcision. We need to see something here and I really need for you to look at this yourself. In the Genesis chapter 17 passage - most people look at that and quickly conclude that that is talking about the foreskin of a man's genitals. Ok. I get it. That's what we've all been taught for our entire lives. But if you look at the Hebrew there for circumcise - it's a completely different word for circumcise in Deuteronomy 10. But the definitions are still very similar. But when it comes to the word foreskin - in both places - Genesis 17 and Deuteronomy 10 - those words are exactly the same. But, if you were to study what the modern day Jew teaches regarding this - they say that the word foreskin only pertains to the male genitalia. But, as we clearly see in Deuteronomy 10 - that foreskin - same foreskin as Genesis 17 - is of the heart. And it should be very clear that the text is speaking figuratively.

So my point is simply this. Even when we do a cursory look at circumcision according to Abraham and according to the Law God gave Moses - it isn't clear exactly what was going on. And for good reason. I believe we are not meant to know exactly what was going on - because it is not for today. It is not for use in the New Covenant world in which we live. Just like the many water washings that God instructed Moses to have the people do. What were they? What did they look like? How was it to be done? When we see John the Washer doing it - what did he do? What were the people doing?

"Well, Charlie, it's as plain as can be, as you say, nothing clearer in the Bible, they were 'baptizing.'" Ok. What was that? "Charlie, you idiot, they were 'baptizing.'" No, I mean what is "baptizing"? "Read the Bible, Charlie. It was 'baptizing.'" I see. I get it now. They were baptizing. I still have absolutely no idea what they were doing - but I just have to believe that whatever it was - they were "baptizing" - and that's what I'm supposed to do today, because my salvation depends on it - even though I have no idea what they were doing - and neither does any other man living today - at least honest men.

I've told you before, whenever I am asked about "baptism" - the first thing I ask is - "Take your Bible and show me exactly what it is that I am supposed to do." And, if you tell me to go to a "Church of Christ" - with the U.S. flag flying outside, 501(c)(3) government corporate status displayed, tax-exempt status, the tax-deductible gift in place - or - if I can't find a "church of Christ" handy - then I guess, a "Baptist church" will

do. Sorry. You've lost me. If I'm in Los Angeles, can I go to the Metropolitan "church of Los Angeles" where they "'baptize' by full immersion in the name of the risen king" - hand in hand - side by side - with sodomites? Listen, don't be mad at me because I tell you the truth.

There isn't any difference between the "church of christ" with its 501(c)(3) government status, the mormons with their 501(c)(3) government status, the catholics with their 501(c)(3) government status, the Metropolitan "church" of Los Angeles and their 501(c)(3) government status - or the "church of satan" with its 501(c)(3) government status.

Not a single one of them can take a Bible and open it up and point to chapter and verse and tell you exactly what it was that Moses was doing, that John the Washer was doing, that Peter, James or John was doing when they were "baptizing." The Bible doesn't say - it's silent on the issue - because in the New Covenant World - washing does not use physical H2O water. Washing comes by the blood of Christ. Washing comes from the Living Water that is Jesus Christ that flows from the throne and the Lamb of God. And that is - is what cannot be any clearer.

Can't say what "baptism" was. Neither can it be said what physical "circumcision" was. That's why Paul concluded - keep your finger in Galatians chapter 4 and turn to Romans chapter 2, begin with verse 25.

**25]** For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.

Keep in mind he's talking to Old Covenant Judahites here.

**[26]** Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?

**[27]** And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?

How could uncircumcision - if it be by nature - keep the Law?

**[28]** For he is not a Judahite, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

**[29]** But he is a Judahite, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Paul is directly referring back to Moses' circumcision of Deuteronomy chapter 10 - that circumcision of the heart and not of the flesh. And again, what we are reading in Romans 2 is very similar to what we are reading in Galatians chapter 4. Paul is trying to get Israelites to understand that the ceremonial Law God gave Moses was losing its effect, it was, as he said in Hebrews, vanishing away.

So, just like the washings, erroneously named "baptisms" - those physical washings are not part of the Law in the New World - neither are the physical circumcisions. They are not part of the Law in the New World.

Earlier this year, I did a study on circumcision. And quite frankly, it was overwhelming. The amount of evidence that we do not know what God meant when He was talking about physical circumcision is mind-blowing. We know what the Jews teach. We know what the "churches" teach - but to go back and do an in-depth study of what is in the Word is truly amazing. Someday, I hope to do a series on it. Will probably just end up being something else to add to controversy - but again - I'm not the enemy because I simply show what the Bible says.

Galatians 4, verse 1.

[1] Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

[2] But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

[3] Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:

The word world here is the Greek kosmos. I've read this before and received push back on it. But I'll read it again. It's a definition of the word world here from the Blue Letter Bible, which is also a source for Strong's Concordance and from Mr. Thayer's. Just reading exactly what it says for the word for word for the word world.

*an apt and harmonious arrangement or constitution, order, government*

*ornament, decoration, adornment, i.e. the arrangement of the stars, 'the heavenly hosts', as the ornament of the heavens. 1 Pet. 3:3*

*the world, the universe*



*the circle of the earth, the earth*

*the inhabitants of the earth, men, the human family*

*the ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God, and therefore hostile to the cause of Christ*

*world affairs, the aggregate of things earthly*

*the whole circle of earthly goods, endowments riches, advantages, pleasures, etc, which although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ*

*any aggregate or general collection of particulars of any sort*

*the Gentiles as contrasted to the Jews (Rom. 11:12 etc) End quote.*

When we come to Christ, we are not to be in bondage to the little g “governments” of men. We are not to be in bondage to those who are hostile to the cause of Christ. And listen now, what is meant by the phrase “the cause of Christ?” Again. The word Christ is not His Name. It is His title. It is the Anointed King of Israel. The cause of Christ is proclaiming and living - to the world - that there is another King, One Jesus. The cause of Christ is the Gospel of the Kingdom, the Government. Jesus Christ is King. The Government of God is the only God Ordained Government in the world. Since Jesus Christ came to this world in the first century, did all that He did, accomplished all the prophets said the Messiah would do - then - by His resurrection from the dead - after the state had carried out the death penalty - Jesus rose from the dead - and by His resurrection from the dead - He took the promised throne of David to rule the world according to the Government of God. And salvation was made available to all who would embrace His Government - Come out from the domain of darkness, the governments operating according to the darkness of the world - those who are in resistance, those who are hostile to the cause of King Jesus - and become fellowcitizens with the saints - the Commonwealth of Israel.

Friends, that was, in a nutshell, the Gospel. That is the cause of Christ. That was being in bondage of the world, then, verse 4.

[4] But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a

woman, made under the law,

[5] To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

[6] And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

[7] Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

We are made sons. We stop being servants, we stop being in bondage, we stop being under the law - and friends - you can take that as an understanding in two ways - we are not under Moses' law - and we are not in bondage under man's "laws." Jesus Christ came to redeem us from both. And verse 7 reminds us again how that is accomplished. It is being made an heir of God - how - through Christ. Christ is not His Name - Christ is His title. We get salvation, we get the gift of God - by embracing Christ the King.

[8] Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods.

If you get nothing out of this today but verse 8 - look at this verse.

When you knew not God. When you were lost. When you were "unsaved" - when you were on your own - when you were living in the world - look at what it says - when you did service unto them which by nature are no gods. This is the last time the word gods appears in our English Bibles. It is theos in the Greek. In the Greek Septuagint - in what we call the Old Testament - the word is Theos. The equivalent in the KJV is elohims. It means - in the Hebrew and in the Greek -

*θεός theós, theh'-os; of uncertain affinity; a deity, especially (with G3588) the supreme Divinity; figuratively, a magistrate; by Hebraism, very:—X exceeding, God, god(-ly, -ward)*

Before they came to Christ - the Christians that Paul is trying to teach here in Galatians 4 - they were not following King Jesus - but were following the magistrates of the world. Those that were hostile to the cause of King Jesus. This is men's little g "governments."

Pretty much every time we see Jesus Christ interacting with the "governments" of men - we see open hostility against the cause of Christ. Jesus told people His cause was to be King. And with every interaction with men's little g "governments" the cause of Christ,

the cause of Jesus Christ the King - was met with hostility - and finally - was met with capital punishment - the death penalty at the hands of the state - at the direction of the religious men.

That's what it's about here in Galatians 4. Whether it was the Jews who were hostile to the cause of Christ - or whether it was the Romans who also mocked the cause of Christ. "If He be King let Him come down from the cross and save Himself." If He is King like He says - He should be able to escape capital punishment at the hands of the state.

This is all encompassing. It's the rulers of religion and it's the rulers of the state. It's the "laws of the religions" and it's the "laws of the state." Jesus Christ the King - came to set men free from all of it. We become heirs of God through Christ - through the King.

Verse 9:

[9] But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

The world demonstrates how weak and beggarly its elements are. Paul says, "Why do you want to live according to the ways of the world? The ways of the world bring bondage. I've said this a thousand times, why would anyone in their right mind choose the millions and millions of man's "laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, taxes, fees, and all of that" - as opposed to the very simple, very few, Laws of God?

I also find something else interesting about this verse, too. If we could know exactly how Abraham pronounced the Name of God, or Moses, when Moses was in Mt. Sinai speaking to God in the burning bush, if we could know exactly the sound that came out of Moses' mouth - would that be important to us? Well, sure. Absolutely. I would love to know what that exact sound was that came from Moses to God or from Moses to the people. If we could know exactly what the sound was that came out of Mary's mouth, or Joseph's mouth - or Pilate's mouth, even - when speaking to the Messiah King - would that be important to us? Of course. I would love to know what that sound was.

But do we have any way of knowing exactly what those sounds were? I believe we'd be very foolish to think we could know exactly what those sounds were. Yet, there are some people in the world today - and I am absolutely NOT - now listen - I am NOT talking to the dear brother that he and I were having this conversation with not long ago - no way am I talking to him - but there are some people who think that because

we are not saying that sound exactly the way it was thousands of years ago - that's why God does not seem to be judging the wicked, or defending us against persecutors, or making everyone bow to His Government. It's not the sound of a word that moves our God into action on our behalf. It's living according to His Authority - His Name means His Authority.

There is no silver bullet in being able to pronounce Christ's Name the same way His mother did or Joseph did. There's no silver bullet in being able to pronounce the God of Creation's name the same way Abraham did or Moses did. It's all about living by the Name - by the Authority of Christ. Paul pointed out that it is better that He knows our name - than for us to know His. And I believe this, and have believed it for a long long time. I remember back in the late 80s early 90s - I had a man tell me how important it was that we never use the sound J-e-s-u-s or the sound God. And, I went down that road searching. Just like every other time I've been challenged about either my walk in Christ, my understanding of the Word - or whatever it is related to seeking the Government of God. If it's right. I want to be right. If it's Bible, I want that knowledge. If it's the Bible way to live - I want to live that way.

But, I just have to tell you, it ended up in frustration. It ended up with the same conclusion I just gave - I realized it was not nearly as important that I knew His name - as it was that He knew mine.

And I guess that probably came to life when our first baby was born. No way did our baby girl know how to say her parent's names. It wasn't important that that precious baby know her parent's names - but it was all important that we knew her name.

Now, listen. Am I discouraging anyone else from a continued search? No way. No way would I discourage someone if they feel like they need a different conclusion. If that's what they are led to do - then by all means - please - do the search - do the study - put the time in - and if you find something that you believe is valuable - then please please share it.

That's all I've ever done in my own life. That's why I preach what I preach, share what I share. I went down the trail of "church." Raised in it. Found it lacking to the nth degree. I went down the trail of "Bible college." Found it lacking to the nth degree. I've gone down the trail of u.s. "patriotism, CONstitutionalism" - thankfully for only about 6 months - and I found it to be completely devoid of truth when compared to the truths found in the Word of God. I believe I've discovered some Biblical truths that others

haven't. And why? Again. It's perspective. Very young, early 20s - and I got some direction in this - sure - I got some help. A preacher was preaching that the social security number in the u.s. - at that time - I didn't know that pretty much every country in the world had the equivalent of the u.s. social security number - but I heard a preacher preaching that the social security number in the u.s. was the "mark of the beast." Of course, he was saying it was the "forerunner" to the "mark of the beast" - which - if you watch videos on youtube right now - one of the commercials that is coming on is that the world is on the verge of "the mark of the beast" of Revelation 13.

As a very young man, I was moved by that message concerning the social security number. So what did I do? I did what I wish every other man, woman boy and girl would do - do their own study - do their own research and see if there is anything valid concerning this. So as a very young man, I dug into the Scriptures to see if there was anything to this. If there was, it was serious. Our Christian forefathers of the first century were beheaded because they refused to take a number - the number of a man - a number that was required to buy or sell. That is exactly what the Bible says and it isn't hard to see it. Even back then, all the way back in the early 1980s, men's little g "governments" had made it very difficult to buy or sell unless a man would take and use that number. That's been 44 years now - and it certainly has not gotten easier - but it's gotten harder. Especially since they passed into their "law" Title 42, Section 666 which requires the use of a social security number for pretty much every financial transaction in the u.s. - every transaction except cash - which they seem to be doing all they can do to get rid of.

From time to time I've had people tell me the social security number is meaningless. "It doesn't mean anything. It's no big deal whether you have one or not." I told Teresa yesterday that for people who tell me that, I'd like to see them live - for just one week - after they've lived their whole entire lives with that number - I'd love to see how they get along without it for just one week - especially since it isn't important and doesn't really mean anything.

I'll never forget the day I told a friend of ours that we did not use that number. She was in her 50s and nearly lost her air at the thought of not using that number. She said, "There's hardly a day in my life where I don't have to use that number."

In my search for either proving or disproving what that preacher was saying, I found myself in Mark 7 where Jesus Himself was dealing with pretty much the exact same system then - Corban - as what the u.s. social security system is today. And when I read

the Words of Jesus, “if you do this, you make God's Word of no effect in your life” - plain and simple - that shocked me. It shocked me to the core. To the point where - instantly - right then and there - I purposed in my heart that I would never use that number. And friends, I've stayed true to that. I've never used that number as an adult.

Yes. My mother, just like all the other “churchian” mothers did back then - she thought it was her duty to go to the u.s. “government” and apply for a social security number with the name her and my dad gave me at birth. Understand this, I was a minor child. I did not do this. I did not apply for that number. She did it. Even in their “law” actions by minors are not - let me put it this - way - this is what they say - a minor can contract - but the contract is voidable when the minor becomes an adult. As an adult - I never used that number. Had I used that number - then I would have taken possession of something that otherwise was not mine. And then made it mine. Or, if there was a supposed contract as a minor - that contract was voided when I became an adult and refused to use the number.

Now. You older people out there - people who have used that number for your entire adult life. That does not mean you are stuck with it. This is the beauty of the grace of God. The forgiveness of God. You can repent. You can ask forgiveness and stop using the number. And God will forgive. He wants to forgive. The Bible tells us so. Most of you, if not all of you, did what you did out of ignorance - probably even because some lying, deceiving “preacher” told you it was your duty to God - to use that number. Even though nothing could be further from the truth.

For people who believe that, show me from God's Word where Christians are supposed to take that number, be a part of that system, etc. Even for those who have no clue what Romans 13 is about, or I Peter 2 - even if they say those passages are about man's little g “governments” - where is a blanket command to obey everything they say - even when their “laws” go against the Bible? It's not there. We revisited Romans 13 again a few weeks ago. Even if - it isn't - but even if we stretched Romans 13 into saying it's about man's little g “governments” - God had Paul clearly put limits on it. Don't murder, don't steal, don't adulterate, don't covet and anything else that's summed up in loving your neighbor like yourself. The Government of Romans 13 is to punish evil and praise good. Period. That's it. That's all it's supposed to do. There's nothing in there about submitting to the control of men who want to tell you what you can and can't do even to the point of telling you how to breathe. These God-forsaken men and women in “government” are doing everything they can do to take the place of the God of the Bible. They are micro-managing every single act that people do. They are doing all they

can to put themselves in the Bible passage that says - whatever you do, whatever you say, wherever you go - do all to the glory of the u.s. "government". And they have replaced that with whatever you do, wherever you go - whatever you say - do all with the permission of the "government." Even if Romans 13 or I Peter 2 was talking about man's little g "governments" - that is absolutely not what it is talking about.

So I've lived pretty much my entire life from the perspective that - and it has been shaped a little - I didn't understand Fulfilled Bible Prophecy when I first began looking at the social security number. That understanding came about a year later. When I first believed that, I believed that number was "the mark of the beast" from Revelation 13. I believed it the same way most "churches" believe it today - only difference is - they don't believe Christians are supposed to resist until they line everyone up at the stockyards like a bunch of cows and take out a branding iron and burn 666 into people's foreheads. As if. How stupid to believe and how much stupider to tell people that's what's supposedly about to happen. Not even the worst blasphemers in the world would stand for that. Well, maybe they would. By the looks of some of them out there - they'd probably love to have 666 burned into their skin. When you live with that type of perspective - that type of understanding - belief - you are going to see pretty much everything about the Bible differently than someone who either doesn't believe Revelation 13 - or doesn't find any significance to it - past, present or future.

I don't understand why people are so accepting of being a number, being a cog in the wheel, an insignificant cog in the wheel no less, as opposed to

after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God,

And God goes by names, not by numbers. With the Bible, with the God of the Bible, it's all about your name being written in the Lamb's Book of Life. The world goes by numbers. The world goes by math. I was getting ready to give you one of the definitions of the elements of the world a few minutes ago before I got sidetracked. One of those definitions of elements - not turning to the weak and beggarly elements of the world - was from the Blue Letter Bible and it referred to Euclid's geometry, Euclid's mathematics. And in light of the title of our current series, In the Beginning, that caught my attention. I had never heard of Euclid's mathematics. Last week, we looked at Paul warning against the wisdom of the Greeks. We looked at Eratosthenes - who developed his theory - yes - his theory - and that's even if you can believe history - although I do find it interesting that Paul warned against the wisdom of the Greeks - Eratosthenes was Greek. Now we see a warning against Euclid's mathematics.

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*Euclidean geometry, the study of plane and solid figures on the basis of axioms and theorems employed by the Greek mathematician Euclid (c. 300 bce).*

*In its rough outline, Euclidean geometry is the plane and solid geometry commonly taught in secondary schools. Indeed, until the second half of the 19th century, when non-Euclidean geometries attracted the attention of mathematicians, geometry meant Euclidean geometry. It is the most typical expression of general mathematical thinking.*

*Rather than the memorization of simple algorithms to solve equations by rote, Euclidean geometry demands true insight into the subject, clever ideas for applying theorems in special situations, an ability to generalize from known facts, and an insistence on the importance of proof. In Euclid's great work, the Elements, the only tools employed for geometrical constructions were the ruler and the compass—a restriction retained in elementary Euclidean geometry to this day.*

[Is that the symbol of Freemasonry?]

*In its rigorous deductive organization, the Elements remained the very model of scientific exposition until the end of the 19th century, when the German mathematician David Hilbert wrote his famous Foundations of Geometry (1899). The modern version of Euclidean geometry is the theory of Euclidean (coordinate) spaces of multiple dimensions, where distance is measured by a suitable generalization of the Pythagorean theorem. See analytic geometry and algebraic geometry.*

Friends, I didn't write the Book. I'm just a student of it like anyone else can be. Last week, we saw a warning against the wisdom of the Greeks. This week, we're seeing another one. And both of those warnings pertain to "math and science." I can't even give you a good explanation concerning this one. I believe I can concerning the "theories of Eratosthenes". That whole story is just plain stupid. Why would modern "scientists" even refer to Eratosthenes supposed experiment anyway? Only works on a ball. That's just plain stupid. The exact same experiment can be performed on a much smaller scale right on your kitchen table. So the shadows are different and different lengths - does that make your kitchen table a sphere? All of their Greek theories are based on math. You can make numbers do and say pretty much anything you want them to say.



This is just someone's personal blog on the internet, I've put the link in the notes, but it's true.

<https://torontorealtyblog.com/blog/you-can-make-numbers-say-anything/>

*It bothers me when I hear misleading statements that are founded on the manipulation of numbers.*

*That old adage, you can make numbers say anything you want rings true in many facets of life.*

*Whether it's a news broadcast that's using demographic data to their advantage, an economic forecast, or the classic manipulation of financial statements, you never really know what to believe...*

*A young agent in my office was working on her newsletter the other day, and asked me for help using Microsoft Excel to format some data.*

*We pulled off all the sales for condos on Merton Street from MLS, and began to format it in Excel.*

*Once it was all formatted, and the spreadsheet was all nice and pretty, she said, "Okay...let's see here. What are these numbers telling us?"*

*I took a step back and said, "Huh?" She was going about this the wrong way.*

*"What do you want the numbers to say?" I asked her. End quote.*

The Greek's mathematicians - using the weak and beggarly elements of the world - were an attack on true Christianity in the first century and Paul was warning the Christians not to fall for the Greek's math. In one of Euclid's geometry axioms, he supposedly said there is no end to a line. Sure thing Euclid. Verse 10 of Galatians 4. We're going to get back to this again in a minute.

[10] Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.

[11] I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

[12] Brethren, I beseech you, be as I am; for I am as ye are: ye have not injured me at all.

[13] Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first.

[14] And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, [a messenger of God] even as Christ Jesus.

[15] Where is then the blessedness ye spake of? for I bear you record, that, if it had been possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me.

[16] Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?

The truth may be hard to take. The truth may be hard to believe sometimes. But Paul was not their enemy because he was trying to get them to leave the Law God gave Moses, to leave the weak and beggarly elements of the world. He was trying to get them to leave the world's philosophies and follow the simplicity of the truths of God's Word.

[17] They zealously affect you, but not well; yea, they would exclude you, that ye might affect them.

When you preach the truth. When you stand for the truth. You very well may be excluded. You will be excluded from the world - but you may also be excluded from those who are close to you. Maybe even your own family. Friends. The truth can be a divider. But among those who claim to be followers of Jesus Christ - it should not be so.

[18] But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you.

[19] My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

[20] I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in doubt of you.

[21] Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?

Now I think he's focusing more on the Law God gave Moses and even before then. We are not to be under the ceremonial Law God gave Moses - or even ceremonial Laws God gave Abraham. All the ceremonial, religious rites, if you will, that were before Christ - have been done away with in Christ. The blood, the water, the feasts, the circumcisions - all of those things were in place to point to Jesus Christ and there's no need to go back to them.

[22] For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.

[23] But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.

[24] Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.

[25] For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which

now is, and is in bondage with her children.

[26] But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

Most of the misunderstanding today is due to failing to understand the Fulfillment of Bible Prophecy. Israel of the flesh is gone. Jerusalem of the flesh is gone. The Old Covenant is gone - the New Covenant is in place - fully in place today. It's been fully in place since the end of the first century. And going back to the elements of the Old Covenant world - brings bondage.

[27] For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.

[28] Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

[29] But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.

Esau was the allegory of the flesh. Isaac was the promise according to the Spirit. The physical aspects of the Old Covenant are gone. They are not for today. And this is speaking only to the ceremonies. It isn't talking about murder, stealing, coveting, adulterating. Those Laws are eternal Laws that will never go away. It isn't talking about the New Covenant's Commonwealth of Israel. It's absolutely talking about Old Covenant Israel. It's absolutely talking about the blood sacrifices, the water washings - erroneously referred to as "baptism" - it's absolutely talking about physical circumcision. All the physical aspects of the Old Covenant have become Spiritual in the New. Does that mean there's nothing physical about the Christian life? Of course not.

Old Covenant Israel is now New Covenant Israel - minus the ceremonies. That's it. To me, that is really simple. We're still supposed to be God's people. We are supposed to be God's Nation. We are still not to follow the "laws, statutes and ordinances" of the heathen. We are to follow the Laws, Statutes, Ordinances of God - minus the ceremonies. The ceremonies pointed to Christ. Jesus Christ fulfilled the ceremonies. There's no need for them to continue today. Paul said later on in the Book of Hebrews that those who turn back - crucify Christ again. One of the reasons Christ was crucified was to do away with the ceremonies of the Law God gave Moses. When people go back to those - figuratively - it crucifies Christ again. Verse 30.

[30] Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the

freewoman.

[31] So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

We, as followers of Christ are supposed to be free. We are supposed to be free from the ceremonial Laws God gave Moses and we are free from man's "laws, rules, regulations" - the philosophies of the Romans and the Greeks.

I spoke to several of you after last week's message and I'm glad to know we were on the same page concerning the wisdom of the Greeks. I hope you find significance today from Euclid's geometry. I told you that came from the Blue Letter Bible's dictionary. Well, The Blue Letter Bible's dictionary tries to simplify Strong's and Thayer's definitions and a lot of the time, in my opinion, it does a really good job. You know, both of those dictionaries are quite old. At least in our understanding. Only God knows what the real history is - but Thayer's and Strong's are from the late 1800s and it would be interesting to know more of why Mr. Thayer referenced "Euclid's geometry." If someone wanted to take the time to look into it, I think there is enough online where a good conclusion could be found.

If you think about simple geometry, lines, circles, angles, I know I do - I wonder where the danger is. If it's just geometry - why the warning? I'll be the first to admit that Mr. Thayer probably forgot more than I'll ever know about the Greeks. But in his very important definition of the word elements - as found here in Galatians chapter 4 - he referred to what he said was Euclid's "well-known work." What was it that made it such high alert for Christians that Paul was writing to? I believe it's because - and Mr. Thayer did include science in his definition of the weak and beggarly elements - of the world - as an attack on the cause of Christ.

And, I believe, that the teaching of a spinning ball "earth" as they say - friends - it's not "earth". I hope you are getting this. It is 100% opposed to the Scriptures that say the land is the earth, the waters are the Seas - and the two comprise the world. It's not accurate to look at NASA's fake blue marble and call it "earth." But that's what happens when the Bible is not the authority. He called the dry land Earth and the waters He called Seas.

You might say, "Charlie, why do you keep saying that? What difference does it make?" It's because it gives you the opportunity to say, "The Bible says God called the Dry Land Earth - and the waters He called the Seas." It's bringing God back into the knowledge of people. Unless someone is just a total degenerate, most people care - or at least act like

they care what God says. They probably didn't know that's what God said. It might just make them question the scientist's "knowledge" - the next time they hear someone refer to the world - as the "earth". Last - but certainly not least - it's right. It's what the Bible says. It's what God told a man to write down for His Creation to know.