

DOCTOR PAUL'S CONTEMPORARY HISTORY TO THE GALATIAN CONGREGATIONS OF JESUS' KINGDOM

Instructions: Welcome to Dr. Paul's first written contemporary history. You will want to initially READ the entire Letter at least once, ok? It would be good to next, take some paper and a pencil (not a pen) and as you read (again) each "Thought", put down some notes of 'textual' interest for future and further study. This might include: comparisons with other English Text of Jesus' New Covenant, verb usage, imperatives, correct prepositions special word uses, etc. Or contextual use of certain statements, correct places to start a new "thought" compared to other English Text, words or phrases that are misused, singular/plural nouns, pronouns, variants from the known Greek New Covenant used in some New Testaments, etc. It sounds like a lot of work, huh? It begins your journey into correctly learning how to study yourself, instead of being a person that is only able to be a hearer and acceptor of what others say or think. You, thus, will soon be able to correctly follow the Text, which is from God (the Holy Spirit) and not an uninspired teacher, who more often than not, is quoting a Commentary or online lesson from an uninspired teacher of all kinds of errored religious groups. So, as God says you need to be an unashamed 'workman', "cutting straight" (correctly) "the Message of Truth" (2 Tim.2:15). This is a tremendous passage of Dr. Paul exhorting his fellow Evangelists/ Prophets to study zealously and correctly. Read the entire passage from 2:1-21. Keep in mind that Timothy was with Dr. Paul most of his European work (AD 46ish-60), living, working, hearing, praying, training, and being a trainer. He was being exhorted in the Letter, as Dr. Paul was sure, he was about to die. Also, "ALL" of Dr. Paul's inspired Letters were now (after 2 Timothy AD 64ish) complete, as was Dr. Luke's two works (His last was done in AD 62ish). Timothy had access to a vast library of inspired direction to be studied zealously. Thus, this passage is exhorting to be a great student of Jesus' new Way (New Covenant), the uses of that study among the congregations, and how to use the Good News to correct and lead others. So, will you be as Timothy, through Dr. Paul exhortation, with an inspired (by the Holy Spirit) Letter to him, which was actually from the Throne of Jesus, his and our King of Kings? We hope you will and that learning to study correctly will be a great tool for that learning.

Introduction: This inspired Letter is Dr. Paul's first. It is special, in that, It begins thirteen preserved (by the Holy Spirit) Letters that are part of the contemporary histories concerning Jesus and His Kingdom. Dr. Paul's Letters cover (although he mentions several things that go back to his conversion and early works for Jesus) about 18 years of his 31 years of service to his Lord and King Jesus. He began his writing inspired Text with this Letter to the Galatian congregations. He will follow it up with a Holy Spirit directed trip through those many congregations with prof. Silas, and likely Titus. About eighteen years of his amazing work with God's Grace to evangelize every city, island, and soul of the Roman Empire is covered (much is, also, revealed by Dr. Luke's 2nd contemporary history). It is a major part of God's

Plan, ensuring every soul has an opportunity to hear the new Way, which will provide them an understanding of God's Plan for their reconciliation to Him by Jesus' perfect sacrifice, which allowed God to forgive and forget all sins of those that are willing to reform to Jesus' new Way. When they are immersed, He 'adds' them to Jesus' Kingdom, where they begin their reforms that are pleasing and commanded by God. They are expected to make reforms to be a more seeable and usable image of Jesus, which will continue for their entire life on Earth and He will then provide for each successful person a glorious, wonderful, spectacular eternity with all other saints throughout the ages, angels, and our God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).

Dr. Paul, along with Barnabas and their team, traveled to Galatia under the directions of the Holy Spirit from Antioch of Syria. They had been there for a good while. Dr. Paul had been evangelizing and creating correct congregations of Jesus' Kingdom in communities throughout Syria and Cilicia. He also, worked in Damascus prior to that, after three years of intense study with the Lord in the Arabian desert. He returned to Damascus after those three years and was chased out. He went to Jerusalem for a while (about two weeks) and caused so much trouble he was shipped to Tarsus in Cilicia, his hometown. Here he began his work for the next 6 to 7 years, before Barnabas sought him out and brought him to Antioch of Syria. Dr. Paul was the only Apostle there and was able to assist in the creating of inspired evangelist, elders and deacons, much like in Jerusalem by the other Apostles and define the community or Kingdom of Jesus in its likeness to Christ and worship, as Jesus expected His Kingdom to render to God. The time there was very productive. They established a great and large congregation of Jesus' Kingdom made-up of Jews and Gentiles (This congregation received a 'divine' salute, as the first congregation to be considered by heaven as a "Christian" one in its full new meaning or definition of God.). Dr. Paul and Barnabas represented the congregation twice (that we know of) in Jerusalem, while they were there. The congregation was a leader long after Dr. Paul and Barnabas had died in the christian world. Its influence was sought and felt by many, as it continued to hold to the taught Truth of the New Covenant, originally by Dr. Paul and prof, Barnabas (inspired by the Holy Spirit).

This contemporary history by Dr. Paul, which is, 'A contemporary history by Dr. Paul to the congregations of Jesus' Kingdom in the Roman providence of Galatia', is the first inspired Letter by him that we have. It has been preserved by the Holy Spirit and is a part of the New Covenant, which Jesus' blood established, and He had men write over the next 50 years (AD46-96), such as Dr. Paul. Initially, before the New Covenant began to be revealed in print by Jesus' chosen authors (like Dr. Paul), the Holy Spirit worked 'directly' with the chosen Apostles. Shortly though, due to numbers, more teaching and evangelizing was of necessity passed on to prophets, evangelist and elders. They were good, active, proven men (and women-Philip's prophesying daughters), that by the laying on of hands by the Apostles with prayers by them, could result in the 'direct' activities needed, as the Holy Spirit granted these gifts for work for Jesus' Kingdom. It would be clear that this practice would be granted among all the congregations in the early years of the evangelistic work and organizational work among every congregation. Dr. Paul was very generous in his

part of the distribution of these powerful Godlike gifts, as too, it was in the early work of the Jewish Apostles from Jerusalem. It becomes clear in this Letter that the 'direct' operation of the Holy Spirit did not assure that the receivers would adhere to what they were receiving. Many in various congregations received this 'direct' instruction from the Spirit but fell away, making its reception of no effect upon the receiver or those that heard the given Word through them. Many religious groups claim to have that same Spirit today but their religions do not agree with the Standard (Jesus' revealed, complete, correct and final Word in print), which is to judge, evaluate and clearly explain any misconception, error, or needed instruction, because Jesus says it is His "WORD" [It is a singular noun] that He will use to judge everyone on the last Day.) Galatians is a part of that great "WORD"!

This Letter, more specifically, is about the abuses to that New Covenant (orally but equal in every way to what was coming in print), that Dr. Paul and prof. Barnabas taught and trained with throughout the Galatian cities, when they evangelized and organized congregations of Jesus' Kingdom throughout the province, as far as the Holy Spirit would allow them to travel. As Dr. Luke indicated in his contemporary history about some of the activities of some of the early leaders that evangelized and organized congregations of Jesus' Kingdom, which is known as 'Acts' by some, Dr. Paul and prof. Barnabas, had disciplined many in the province under difficult trials, but with great determination. The evidence of the Holy Spirit was a magnificent help to them is clear. He and Dr. Paul's inspired team trained many leaders in every congregation. It always included personal OJT, just as Jesus had done. There was much success, such that in every town, they had: taught, led, and trained many men as 'elders' of their local communities. In every city they were chosen by the congregation's members (by their daily activities and Jesus' qualifications) and appointed by Dr. Paul and prof. Barnabas. So, the work: the organization, the training, and correct leadership was identical to those in Cyprus, Antioch of Syria, and Syria/Cilicia congregations; as Jesus had prayed about, prior to His cross with His Apostles, and as He 'planned' in eternity concerning His unique kind of unity. He was pleased with Dr. Paul's efforts and the congregations in Galatia.

Dr. Paul and prof. Barnabas had been back to Antioch of Syria for about 2 years, when Dr. Paul, after returning from a serious meeting in Jerusalem about a terrible false teaching (Some visitors from Jerusalem said that folks in Antioch could never be saved unless they submit to Moses Law and the men be circumcised!), exactly like the problem in Galatia. He had, upon their return to Antioch, received information about the fact that it had also been taught by visiting Jerusalem Christians in Galatia. He, then, wrote this Letter to the congregations about their lack of correct handling of such ludicrous perversions. He is also said, by these false teachers, to not be an 'Apostle of Jesus' and had no authority as one. He is going to handle all their arguments in this Letter and including the fact that the brethren in Galatia are so slack in their faith, that they ever entertained these ideas. He will develop a very orderly Letter to reduce the errors to nonsense. It is a very direct and demanding Letter, and even makes direct reference, that he is fearful that they are not right in Christ, when he says he is fearful that 'Christ has not been

formed in them, yet!'. This was evident by their allowing the false prophets an opportunity to create erroring teaching among them.

So, then, upon Dr. Paul being informed of the problem, after he arrived back from Jerusalem, he wrote this Letter. We have it thousands of years later as a part of Jesus' New Covenant, that was completed by AD 96 when Dr. John completed the 'Apocalypse of Jesus'. The Holy Spirit preserved those 27 Letters and Notes (and did not preserve many others) for man to have an equal, complete, and correct Standard, by which Jesus can judge all men at the coming final Judgement. Jesus Himself confirmed this, when He said in Dr. John's contemporary history, that He came to save the world, but His WORD (it is singular in the Greek) will be used to 'judge' the world. Thus, it is imperative that all men use It as their one and only 'Guide' for reforms to please God, huh?

The following questions will assist you in following the context of the Letter. We hope you enjoy the study and use it, as it applies to you and others around you, to be pleasing to God and to be continuing to be righteous in His mind. Nothing else actually matters, does it, if eternity is your goal? God's Way of achieving that is the only genuine hope you have, right?

QUESTIONS

Introduction:

1. How many Letters had Dr. Paul written before he wrote this Letter to the Galatian congregations?

___1, ___2, ___several, ___none we know of

2. Is it important to read the Text prior to answering the questions? Y/N ___

3. Would it be wise, since this is a study to:

Y/N ___ write down (or compute) notes on various things?

Y/N ___ note differences between your present copy of this contemporary history and this One?

Y/N ___ note the theme, or specific thought of each given "Thought", which is revealed by the number in the parenthesis, as they progress through the Letter, and work to outline each "Thought"?

Y/N ___ Just as Dr. Paul exhorted Timothy (in his two Letters to him about what is correct in service to Jesus and His Kingdom, described as 'the work of Jesus' Evangelist') to do his own work in the inspired Letters of the 1st Century, you, also, ought to do your own work and not use others (uninspired) to teach you. This study is designed to teach you that method of personal study not by uninspired men?

4. This is Dr. Paul's first of thirteen Letters (or contemporary history) concerning Jesus and His Kingdom? T/F ___
5. In those Letters, Dr. Paul mentions much about his early years prior to being converted to Jesus' New Way? Y/N ___
6. He also talks much about the Jews (He was taught in Jerusalem by Rabbi Gamaliel, was a 'zealot' for Judaism (killed and voted to kill Christians-known as 'the Way') and the errors they were making concerning Jesus. This first Letter to the Galatian congregations was about one of those errors? Y/N ___
7. Dr. Paul was assigned a special task (by Jesus) among the Roman Empire's provinces? Y/N ___
8. That task was to teach, train, organize, and unify local congregations in every city in the Empire. They, then, were to continue to evangelize, train and lead the congregation in each city to continue to do the same as they had been lead to be like. There could be no exceptions, if God's Grace was to lead them? Y/N ___
9. Dr. Paul was involved in the leadership training in Antioch of Syria from his arrival there, because he was an Apostle. He was educated by Jesus, not men. He could heal, teach, and lead accurately by the Holy Spirit, also, he had authority from Jesus to lay hands upon folks to give them various spiritual gifts and know what men are thinking? Y/N ___
10. When Dr. Paul arrived back at Antioch after going to Jerusalem for a meeting about this serious issue, he was made aware of it having reached as far north as Galatia, where he and Barnabas had started many congregations a couple of years back. So, he wrote this Letter to combat the errors that were being taught by these erring Jewish Christians? T/F ___
11. This Letter is part of the Holy Spirit's preserved New Covenant, which is the accurate, complete, clear, inspired new Way that Jesus' Kingdom is to: speak, think, act and be motivated. This is the only approved by the living God 'Guide'. God has preserved It and left It for man to follow in any era or culture? Y/N ___

Dr. Paul's first Thought (1)

1. Dr. Paul opens this Letter with an introduction, stating who is writing It? Y/N ___
2. He states, firstly, that he 'is' a 'slave' and an 'Apostle'! There were teachers there that were denying that he was an Apostle? Y/N ___
3. He states that he was not 'sent out' by men, nor that he was trained by men? Y/N ___
4. Rather, he was an Apostle of Jesus the Christ of all mankind and of the 'Father' of all mankind, God? Y/N ___

5. The Apostle of Jesus, then, quickly mentions the incredible, ultimate power of the Father, in that, He raised Jesus from death! Was he mentioning this to establish that 'his authority' was from God not men? Y/N ___
6. He, then, mentions that there are many brothers willing to stand with him assuring he was an Apostle, appointed by Jesus? Y/N ___
6. He addresses this Letter to the several congregations across Galatia (a Roman province) in which he and prof. Barnabas had worked hard to teach and demonstrate Jesus was the Messiah and Savior of all men's souls and then, organizing them into community congregations in each city of Galatia? Y/N ___
7. He says that he is hopeful that God's Grace is still with them in their faltering present condition, which indicates that they can be reinstated if they will reform (The Letter will be God's revelation as to what must be done.)? Y/N ___
8. Then and if they heed this exhortation, they can once again be in Jesus' and our heavenly Father's Peace (much better than man's ideas of peace)? Y/N ___
9. He begins his close to this opening declaration and greeting by reminding the Galatian Christians that Jesus 'is' Lord and, thus, they ought to make their decisions, based on the fact, that HE gave His life and blood for them, so they can receive the forgiveness by God of all their sins against God? T/F ___
10. This is the Will of our Father; He has already delivered them out of this wicked world, because they all had agreed to reform to His new Way, been immersed into Christ Jesus (co-buried with Christ), and had been instructed, trained, and organized by Dr. Paul in accord with the reforms necessary and were doing great when he left? Y/N ___
11. He suggest that they all ought to be giving great praise to His glory, as He will be here forever and ever! They should 'amen' this reality with him? T/F ___

Dr. Paul's second Thought (2)

1. Dr. Paul begins by expressing how amazed he is that they have so quickly deserted the person that had given them their first understanding and displays of supernatural confirmation of the Good News from God, about Jesus and His Kingdom? Y/N ___
2. He is referring to himself and his team? Y/N ___
3. They did not just neglect the new Way of Jesus, they 'forsook' the complete and marvelous presentation that was made before them, for another 'way'? Y/N ___
4. He had 'called' them to Christ Jesus for the only salvation and 'Way' to be reconciled to God? Y/N ___

5. This is the only place where Dr. Paul refers to 'Christ's Grace', which has to recall to them the special gift Jesus gave for their salvation, which Dr. Paul had explained, and they had understood? Y/N ___
6. They, now, had decided on a completely different 'plan of salvation'-Moses Law? T/F ___
7. What was now being accepted is a distortion of the Truth, delivered by men who are misinformed? T/F ___
8. Dr. Paul then declares that even if he, his team members or an angel were to come back and evangelize a different Good News than what they had already received from Dr. Paul and Prof. Barnabas, they must be considered to be cursed and rejected. It (the precious Good News of Jesus) will never change or be modified? Y/N ___
9. Dr. Paul now repeats with emphasis that if anyone comes and has any change, new concepts, or rejections of the original Good News, he is to be accursed by them and is by God? Y/N ___
10. He then ask a couple of pointed questions: 1) Has he ever sought to be approved by men, rather than by God, and 2) Has he ever sought to achieve men's pleasure? Y/N ___
11. This should have made them recall the terrible treatment by men, he received, and how God saved him several times in Galatia. In fact, He raised him from death from a stoning. (At that specific event, Dr. Paul was raised by God immediately and fully healed, as he went immediately into the city, obviously shocking and placing terror in his enemies.) Would you stop your harassment of a man that was raised and immediately perfectly healthy again, and came into the city that stoned him?
Y/N ___
12. He declares that, though, he had in his past sought the approval of men (when he was a Pharisee), but since his conversion (You might want to review Dr. Luke's contemporary history of the conversion of Dr. Paul and his early work and service for Jesus and His Kingdom in the early 'Acts' of Jesus' Kingdom he wrote. Specifically, in "Thoughts" 6,7,9,10, so you can better understand the things Dr. Paul is referring to in this Letter.), he has become a slave to Jesus, His new Way and His direction, as to what, and where he was to do his evangelizing? T/F ___
13. He declares that his purpose, thus far, is to exhort them and have them recall the past time he was there among them, so they again can reform their thinking. He evangelized the Good News of Jesus correctly, which came from God and never from any man or men? Y/N ___
14. He neither 'received' It from men, nor was he 'taught' It by men, but rather, It was all given to him by 'revelation' from Jesus? T/F ___

Dr. Paul's third Thought (3)

1. Dr. Paul has now presented the problem. The Galatians in several cities (in their congregation), have restructured the Good News of Jesus with the erred teachings of the traveling false teachers from Jerusalem? Y/N ___
2. Dr. Paul in suggesting that they, on their own, ought to have held firm to the original Good News that had been taught them by Dr. Paul and prof. Barnabas, when these men initially came to the Galatian province? Y/N ___
3. Because of the challenge to his authority as an Apostle of Jesus, Dr. Paul begins a review of his earlier years, prior to his time in Galatia. The reason was that they were being misinformed by these vial manipulators, as evil as the devil?
Y/N ___
4. Yes, he was of the tribes of the Jews and was Jewish in religious ways (supposedly in accord with Moses Law) under the distorted views of the Pharisees, who has only been in power over the Jews for the last couple of hundred years?
Y/N ___
5. He was so zealous for those ways, that he had persecuted the 'called-out of Christ' severely. He was determined to destroy them entirely and was executed a plan to do so throughout Jerusalem, Judea and beyond? T/F ___
6. He was considered, favorably, by his fellow Jews and Leaders of the Pharisees, as his zeal, classifying him a 'zealot' among them? Y/N ___
7. He was on an authorized trip by them to Damascus to imprison and return for trial and punishment, any Jewish-christians there. Just outside the city, he and his group were disturbed by a blinding white light, in which Dr. Paul (known then as Saul of Tarsus) was blinded. He was also confronted by Jesus and then explained his terrible error and what he must do to rectify his errors against Jesus and His Kingdom? T/F ___
8. Dr. Paul, after staying in Damascus for a few days, determined he had been in error, and must reform to Jesus' new Way or perish. He chose to become a disciple of Jesus? T/F ___
9. Dr. Paul's Letter makes it clear that it was God that had separated him from before he was born, knowing that he would be a slave and Apostle of Jesus? T/F ___
10. He emphasizes that God's Plan included Jesus revealing Himself to Dr. Paul and his team on the road to Damascus? T/F ___
11. He says it was God's Grace (an important characteristic God possesses) that made that important confrontation with him so special ? Y/N ___
12. Jesus instruction included that Dr. Paul was to evangelize the Gentiles and the Jews in their provinces and cities? T/F ___

13. Next, he is emphatically declaring that he did not: 1) Go to men for any advice or council, 2) He, neither, went to Jerusalem to meet, nor to be counceled by the Apostles of Jesus (there were 12 of them in Jerusalem, since the day Jesus began His Kingdom on Earth in Jerusalem, AD 30, May 28)? Y/N ___

14. The truth was, that he left Damascus and went into the Arabian desert and received teaching and training with Jesus for three years, before he returned to Damascas? T/F ___

15. After that time, he returned to Damascus, until the anger of the Jew toward him forced him out of the king's reach. He, then, traveled to Jerusalem for a two week stay with Peter. [Dr. Luke in his contemporary history about the 'acts' of early Kingdom Evangelist (A few Apostles, Prophets, Evangelist, and Elders), as they by direct operation of the Holy Spirit began to teach, convert, train, organize, and appoint those that the congregations had determined were qualified (by specific qualities and practices the congregation had observed they had exhibited among them), to correctly lead the Kingdom there to continue to be a congregation in accord with Jesus new Way]. Dr. Paul left quickly and traveled to Jerusalem for a short visit with the Apostle Peter? Y/N ___

16. He says he only visited with prof. Peter, and Jesus' half-brother, James, while there. We know he stirred up the Jews there, as well, because the Jewish christians took him to get a ship back to his hometown of Tarsus, (The details are in Dr. Luke's contemporary history on the early Acts.) where he begins working in Cilicia and Syria for 6 or 7 years? Y/N ___

17. Dr. Paul, here is emphatic about his report comparing these actual truths to the ugly report of the false teachers that had come from Jerusalem? Y/N ___

18. He mentions that during those times, no one from the Judean area had any correspondence with him, or involvement in his work. In fact, all they heard, and were happy about, was that he was a convert and now evangelizing the new Way of Jesus and establishing His Kingdom? Y/N ___

19. It is interesting that Dr. Paul says he was evangelizing "the Faith". Which he here begins to use in this first inspired Letter (which the Holy Spirit will preserve to become a part of the New Covenant) of the 27 special, correct, complete, clear, inspired by God, written "Plan" of the New Covenant Way: 1) to please Him, 2) to stay united over the centuries until He returns for us, and 3) provide what all christians are to continue to be like and reform too, such that in every generation in every culture, there will be Jesus' Kingdom: visible, active and united with the examples of Jesus and those of the Spirit led first century? T/F ___

20. Then, Dr. Paul returns to the travels he early had for Jesus and His Kingdom. He returned to Jerusalem, fourteen years later. This time, though, he was accompanied by prof. Barnabas and prof. Titus? Y/N ___

21. He reminds these Galatians that this trip to Jerusalem was due to being sent by the Holy Spirit to confront the leaders there (Apostles and Elders) about a false teaching that had made its way to Antioch of Syria, where Dr. Paul and prof.

Barnabas had returned from the mission that included this Galatian area. Some had claimed to be from James (Jesus half-brother, as the Apostle James was already murdered by king Herod in AD44.) in Jerusalem. Dr. Paul does not mention the specifics, but Dr. Luke covers the event in great detail? Y/N ___

22. The level of possible destruction to Jesus' Kingdom in Judea was so bad because of this error and spread of it to other areas, that Dr. Paul met privately at first with the Leadership-Apostles and Elders. We know, then, that they met with the entire congregation, with those that held to the error, and lastly with the congregation, again. Then, they announced their decision (including the Holy Spirit). They, then, wrote a note denouncing the error and the involvement of the Jerusalem leadership in teaching it (including James). They sent it back to Antioch of Syria with Dr. Paul and prof. Barnabas; and had two prominent Prophets of Jerusalem accompany them to vouch for the Letter, as coming from the leadership in Jerusalem. In this section of Dr. Paul's Letter, he is very cautious about the issue they are giving favor too, by the actual problem? Y/N ___

23. He will, though, mention two things that became evident from the meetings in Jerusalem: 1) If the congregation of Jesus' Kingdom in Jerusalem held to the present error (demanding that all Gentiles must submit to practicing Moses' Law and the men being circumcised or they cannot be saved), why was Titus (who is a Gentile and not Jewish) not required to be circumcised by the leadership on that mission trip, and 2) The discovery in the meetings, that some Pharisees had stealth-fully come in to the congregation in Jerusalem and began a movement from within to spread this terrible misrepresentation of the Good News of Jesus ('the Faith' Dr. Paul mentions). It was discovered or confessed, that it had also been taught in Cilicia and Syria, which was, too, in the Letter to Antioch. Dr. Paul was obviously concerned about the spread there, as he had evangelized, trained and organized those provinces for several years prior to prof. Barnabas having Dr. Paul come assist at Antioch (they were in need of an Apostle, that had Gentile and Jew into one congregation training and not as the Jewish christians, who still did not understand. By Dr. Luke's history on this time, Dr. Paul was very successful, even to the point that Antioch was "divinely" called the 'first' 'christian' congregation, which Jerusalem was still attempting to achieve.) These two important items had the Holy Spirit involved either, directly or through His inspired men (in the meetings) holding to Jesus' Truth and exposing the spread and source of the error. Too, James' name was cleared. He did, though, write an inspired and preserved Letter to Jewish christian leaders and member throughout the Roman world and beyond, that denounces them that do not hold to the 'implanted Word' (the new Way of Jesus), as the Holy Spirit was revealing, instead of attempting to plant themselves as 'leaders (as they had been in the Jewish system) by distorting the Good News with the Law of Moses. Remember, up to this event [around AD45/46], there is no written inspired Word, only oral by the Holy Spirit's direct operation. These three Letters are the first preserved by the Spirit, covering this major problem from three different directions. Dr. Paul's Letter to the Galatians was determined to be necessary, after he returned to Antioch, when he was informed that the false doctrine has gone as far as the congregations he and prof. Barnabas had

established a couple of years earlier in Galatia. They gained a foothold by saying that Dr. Paul was not a genuine Apostle. This Letter ought to make that suggestion an erring point and halt the damage they have begun. As we know, he will follow up the Letter with a mission trip throughout Syria, Cilicia, and Galatia with prof. Silas, who, as a Jerusalem Prophet, can confirm the Note from Jerusalem, that they are distributing everywhere, as-well-as, being in the meeting itself. All this is discussed by Dr. Paul to explain that the two points mentioned at the beginning of this question, are to draw attention to the fact that Jerusalem does not back these false teachers, and that the Truth came out in that meeting about these false teaching Jewish converts and their evil plan, which ought to make the rest of this Letter have a serious impact? T/F ___

24. He says that they in his team never gave an inch toward the idea of this error. This is because the 'Truth of the Good News' that had already been taught to them all (as well as the Holy Spirit's continuing work with them and not these false teachers), and they never would? Y/N ___

25. He mentions, too, that the leaders of the congregation gave he and prof. Barnabas the right-hand of fellowship, as well as concurred that Dr. Paul was working with Jesus' Grace among those areas where the Gentiles held the cultural and traditional controls. They accepted Jesus' appointment of him as the Apostle to head the work being evangelized and matured in those areas? Y/N ___

26. They did ask them, also, to remember those of this province-Judea-and provide assistance, when famine comes. Dr. Paul and prof. Barnabas had already delivered once for those needs, and would again, later? Y/N ___

27. Has Dr. Paul given excellent proofs that the leaders and congregation in Jerusalem are in agreement with he being an Apostle of Jesus, that had been specifically appointed by Jesus to work in the Gentile controlled areas of the Roman Empire, evangelizing, both Jews living among them and the various cultures in those Gentile areas? Also, he is to place them in one unified congregation, as Jesus has specified? Y/N ___

Dr. Paul's fourth Thought (4)

1. It appears that prof. Peter (one of the chosen Apostles of Jesus), came to Antioch of Syria, while Dr. Paul and prof. Barnabas were there or just returning from their 1st mission trip (late 44 or early 45), which had included the southern part of Galatia. He had almost been murdered by Herod Agrippa (The Jewish King, who was established by the Romans.), when he murdered another Apostle in Jerusalem, named James (He was an Apostle of Jesus and the brother of prof. John, also another chosen Apostle of Jesus). Jesus had an angel escort him (Prof. Peter) from prison and prof. Peter left the area after first letting the brethren know of his escape. He went to 'another place' (says Dr. Luke in his Acts of the early history of Jesus' Kingdom, as he discusses prof. Peter's get away), which had to be out of king

Herod's authority. The Jerusalem congregation was aware of this special large congregation, as prof. Barnabas had been dispatched there, earlier, and Dr. Paul and prof. Barnabas had presented from Antioch, a sizeable gift to the Jerusalem congregation when a famine was announced. Thus, it seems a strong, safe place to go too. The best date for this is AD 44ish, while also, is the year Herod died (by God's command), which was after prof. Peter escaped.

This would place prof. Peter there about the time Dr. Paul and prof. Barnabas return from their first mission. He, also, as you will see, was guilty of allowing the erring Jewish christians to gain a foothold, that Dr. Paul challenged fervently, as sin against Jesus and His new Way? Y/N ___

2. Prof. Barnabas and Dr. Paul arrive back from their mission in 45ish; and prof. Peter comes just before they get back or as they did. He is living among this mixed congregation and enjoying the fellowship. Then, some Jews visit from Jerusalem, who caused prof. Peter, prof. Barnabas, and other Jewish members of the Antioch congregation to separate from the Gentile brethren. This horrible act by these Jewish christians was immediately challenged by Dr. Paul as sin and he condemned prof. Peter to his face with everyone present. Dr. Luke does not mention, in his contemporary history, about prof. Peter being involved, but does show that by the meeting in Jerusalem, that prof. Peter had reformed from his sin, very likely by Dr. Paul's quick action, against separating the body of Christ in a community for any reason, and for sure not due to prejudiced Jewish old ways of thinking and acting

T/F ___

3. Dr. Paul was shocked by the visible hypocrisy of all the Jews and he confronted prof. Peter to his face in front of all the Jewish christians.? Y/N ___

4. He describes this specific act of hypocrisy that these Christian Jews had sinned against God and Jesus, against the, now, new Way, as It was clearly taught and expected by Jesus' new Way! Their actions and thoughts against the Gentile christians was in accord with the Pharisee's corruption of the old Law and is not acceptable by Jesus in His Kingdom. It must be prayed about and reformed, for God's forgiveness. His contrast between 'the Law' and 'the Faith' is a clear, seeable breach of the 'new Way', that is the New Covenant and Jesus' system of accepted practice by those in His Kingdom. Worse was that prof. Peter, prof. Barnabas and the many Jewish christians, who were living and working with and among the Gentile christians, could be so easily moved by the false teaching visiting Jews?

Y/N ___

5. These Pharisee, stealth, false teachers had disturbed the unity of saints in Antioch. The congregation confronted them as soon as it was begun. Dr. Paul, being the best equipped to handle the discussion (along with, and always with the Holy Spirit), finally forced them to say that it was a part of the teaching in Jerusalem's congregation. James, Jesus' half-brother was claimed to be the main teacher. T/F ___

6. The main purpose of this 'Thought', though, is Prof. Peter's breakdown of Jesus' new Way by his actions toward these Jewish brethren and against the Gentile brethren. Prof. Peter, had he stood strong against the suggestion of separating from the Gentile brethren, would have stopped the entire nonsense at the core. Yet, the problem was greater than just this Antioch sin; it was in Jerusalem, Syria, and Cilicia. The Holy Spirit knew all along and knew how to stop it from more damage. Those in Jesus' Kingdom ought to have stopped it at every breach, but they did not do so. The reason seems to be evident in the Apostle Peter and prof. Barnabas allowing it to happen. They were still very Jewish in their heart of hearts and much still effected by the Pharisee' way's. You would think that since the Cornelius group's conversion (about 4 years earlier), the Jews would mellow and accept the Holy Spirit's direction about the 'unity' of Jesus' Kingdom, but this has grown over the last four years into an ugly direction that now requires correction. It is not going to be the last time that local leadership cannot correct major shifts perverting Jesus' new Way, but it is a major sin that must be confronted? Y/N ___

7. Dr. Paul confronts all of them, but toward prof. Peter, he addresses the charges. It seems he is most disgusted with him, as an Apostle, of this violation of Jesus' planned identical, united Kingdom in every city. Notice Dr. Paul's first thought: "...you have been living among the Gentile brethren without a problem until now! Why?", seems to be his thought. Prof. Peter's action is beyond any possible excuse for one that is a leader in Jesus' Kingdom. This is a character problem, meaning that prof. Peter is still (after 14 or so years) not right in his understanding of Jesus' Kingdom? Y/N ___

8. Then, Dr. Paul included that this present action by prof. Peter (and prof. Barnabas) was giving clear backing to the false idea of these visitors that all Gentiles must conform to Moses Law! Why are you all doing this derelict thing. They were hypocrites! He says that they full-well know, because they are Jews and not Gentiles, that no one is 'saved' by the 'Law of Moses'! Only having faith from Jesus Christ, saves! Would you say that Dr. Paul is being direct in his speech to prof. Peter? Y/N ___

9. He continues saying that their (His, Barnabas', Peter's, the Jewish christians from Antioch that had separated, and even these erring visiting Jewish christians) faith is in Jesus and not from the Law of Moses. That belief has allowed them to become right in Jesus' Faith and never anymore by anything from the Law of Moses! He finishes this thought with a strong declaration, " No flesh will ever be right in God's mind by any work of the Law!""? Y/N ___

10. His conclusion says that if they now think that Moses Law can be of benefit against sins against God and His new Way, and still claim that Jesus died for all mankind's sin, then Jesus is a servant to sin and not its Savior! "You have lost your minds!", is his conclusion? Y/N ___

11. If, he says in the confrontation in Antioch, he were to destroy 'the Faith' of Jesus' new Way with a return to Moses Law for guidance instead of the Holy Spirit, he is an erring teacher and leading folks into sin against Jesus and His new Way?

Y/N ___

12. He returns to his present audiences across Galatia with a confirmation of his correct understanding of Jesus' new Way, the place of the Law of Moses, and the ridiculousness of this error: 1) He knows that the Law taught clearly about the Messiah-Jesus Christ, 2) that allows him now to be alive to God, 3) Jesus' new Way says that since he was willing to reform to God's new Way and then, was immersed, he, there, was "co-crucified" with Christ, 4) he died in the water and Christ lives in him, now, 5) Now, in his flesh he lives (in complete assurance) to please and imitate Jesus and His new Way, 6) His motive is clear and his understanding of what is the greatest reality of all mankind is clear: Jesus loved him (and everyone) and sacrificed Himself for him, 7) he knows that God's Grace, since before creation, gave this "PLAN" of and for the salvation of mankind (not just Jews), and not the Law of Moses. His Son's death was a perfect sacrifice and an appeasement of God's wrath against man's sin. It is the only and correct "PLAN" God made to achieve our salvation. He did not die for any other reason and a return to the Law would degrade His cross and victory? T/F ___

Dr. Paul's fifth (5th) Thought

1. Dr. Paul has been making a series of direct and verifiable proofs as to who he is, his life up to this moment, his activity during those years, and his conversion and service to Jesus, his Lord and King? Y/N ___

2. Has his development of the argument against the Jewish-Christian, perverted false teachers, provided ample evidence and reminder to the Galatian congregational members of his:

a. Authority as an Apostle of Jesus Christ? Y/N ___

b. His genuine service and worship of Jesus and the living God? Y/N ___

c. His work among them with prof. Barnabas proved God was with them?

Y/N ___

d. That no one has the power or authority to restructure any part of the Good News, or the new 'Way' or 'the Faith', no matter their position or claim? T/F ___

e. Everything he taught them was revealed by Jesus Christ to him, directly?

T/F ___

f. God had planned for Dr. Paul's life and service from the beginning!

Preparing him for zealous and correct service to accomplish His Will and new Way?

T/F ___

g. God's Grace led and instructed him for three years in private council with no man's outside input? Y/N ___

h. He worked for years in the Gentile areas (Syria and Cilicia) with only a short visit with prof. Peter, until he was called to join the effort at Antioch by prof. Barnabas? Y/N ___

i. The last visit by Dr. Paul to Jerusalem as one of the leaders of the Antioch congregation of Jesus' Kingdom, was due to this very same problem of which he is writing the Galatian congregations, that initially was thought to have only effected Antioch by evil, Pharisee led implants into the Christ Jesus Kingdom congregations? Y/N ___

j. He, also, mentioned his confrontation with prof. Peter in Antioch, when he was there. Jewish christians, claiming they were trained by James (Jesus' half-brother), separated Peter, Barnabas and other Jewish christians from Antioch from the Gentile christians by teaching that all Gentile had to follow the Law of Moses and the men had to be circumcised to be saved. Dr. Paul confronted prof. Peter and the others and headed a team that went to Jerusalem to verify whether they taught these perverted doctrines or not? Y/N ___

k. This was proof that Dr. Paul taught the correct new Way of Jesus and that his Apostleship was an equal to the Jerusalem Apostles, as they and the congregation in Jerusalem agreed that Dr. Paul was correct? T/F ___

3. Now in this 'Thought', Dr. Paul begins to exhort and confront the leaders and members of the Galatian congregations. They had witnessed God at work in seeing and hearing Dr. Paul and his team in every Galatian city. He was healing many, he was restored to life by God instantly and thus his witness for Jesus was unquestionably confirmed by God! That being seen by them, should have been enough for them to make a clear, simple, and sensible decision as to whether these false teachers were Jesus' kind of leadership. The Galatians were being incredibly foolish to listen and obey these charlatans? T/F ___

4. He follows with the fact that they had received 'the Spirit' through his hands to assist and further teach them the new Way, and were now going backwards to the following of the annulled Law of Moses. And can they honestly believe that that Spiritless guide can give you any Spirit help? Y/N ___

5. You have decided upon salvation between the works found in the Law of Moses or out of the Message of faith in Jesus' new Way? Y/N ___

6. He, here, uses Abraham as an example of the difference between them. He quotes a well known passage from Genesis to confirm that 'faith' in God's mind gains righteousness before Him? Y/N ___

7. Thus, all that are out of 'faith' are Abraham's children? Y/N ___

8. The Scriptures of Moses expose that God would only justify those of 'every' nation that came to Him in faith, and that they would be blessed by God? Y/N ___

9. He, then, discusses the Law that they are being enticed to obey, writing that to be justified by It is impossible by the writings of Moses in Duet. 27, where God wrote through Moses that the Jews had to perform “all” the Law He gave them or they were ‘cursed’ by It! They were given sacrifices with blood of animals to roll their sins against God’s Law over to the next year, and they did that for around fifteen hundred years until the Messiah arrived (Jesus) and His new Way or Kingdom. The Law Itself defined sins, not saved them. The Messiah was coming and in ‘the fullness of time’ did come, just as it was planned by God from eternity for man’s forgiveness of all sins through centuries and for the removal of God’s wrath against man because of their sins against Him. The “Law” did nothing toward man’s justification, only the Plan, and Jesus’ perfect life and sacrifice did? T/F ___

10. He quotes Hab.2:4 out of the Prophet’s Writing to prove it has always been by faith not works of the Law to be righteous in God’s mind? T/F ___

11. He quotes Levi. 18 to again prove the Law cannot save anyone, and that Christ Jesus was the only Plan of God for man’s redemption? Y/N ___

12. In fact Jesus in His crucifixion for us all, became the ‘curse’ for us all? T/F ___

13. This is a deeper description of the earlier argument about Abraham. As the Scriptures (Moses Law) point out, the Gentiles are part of God’s aim, even during Abraham’s time. They will receive God’s Plan when the Messiah comes, and His new Way begins to be evangelized among them. Then, they will have equal access to the Holy Spirit as Jews do. That access to Him is then only through ‘the Faith’, not the Law of Moses? T/F ___

14. He, now, goes into another proof. He says he is using the normal way men determine if an agreement or contract is valid. Once it is drawn-up, it is agreed to and cannot be added to or cannot be annulled, it stands as it is written? T/F ___

15. God made it clear to Abraham that ‘his’ SEED was one of the Promises. That SEED was a singular not plural word. That SEED was the Christ (Greek word for Messiah)! That Covenant Promise between God (Yahweh) and Abraham, because of Abraham’s faith being righteous to God’s mind, was 430 years prior to Moses Law being given and cannot be annulled by It. It was God’s Promise by His Oath to Abraham and was not affected by the Law of Moses? Y/N ___

16. So, you might ask, what, then, is the value or reason for the Law of Moses! It was given from God to define trespasses against Him: 1) Until the SEED would arrive, 2) He had been ‘Promised’, 3) It was ordained by angels to Moses, as God’s divine warnings through His chosen and confirmed ‘mediator’-Moses, 4) Moses is not part of God, only God is the ultimate Being? Y/N ___

17. Since God had Moses write the Law, It, logically, is not in opposition to the “Promise”? T/F ___

18. But, remember that there can never be any law that saves, and this magnificent Law places everyone under sin not salvation from It? Y/N ___

19. Thus, allowing the coming Promise (the SEED) to reconcile all who out of faith in Jesus Christ (only) Come to Him for salvation? T/F ___

20. This 'Thought' has been the clearest presentation of what God had in His mind for the Gentile nations to receive reconciliation with God, as well as how God brought the Jews to the same place as the Gentiles in the new Way of Jesus' Kingdom and Its unity? Y/N ___

Dr. Paul's sixth Thought (6th)

1. Dr. Paul, now, begins a new argument by using man's method of establishing when a contract is determined to be binding. When it is set, no one or nothing can change this contract. Thus, the Promise to Abraham is still binding and the Law of Moses in no way can supersede God's Promise of the coming "SEED"? T/F ___

2. The SEED was the Christ (or Messiah), Who is Christ Jesus? Y/N ___

3. That Christ (or SEED) was the only confirmed, by God to Abraham, Promise, which was a Covenant with him, sealed by His Oath? T/F ___

4. He restates, then, that the Law of Moses cannot annul God's Promise to Abraham, though It was given 430 years after the Promise? T/F ___

5. He, then, states that the inheritance for all men is not, thus, out of the Law but through the Promise That God made to Abraham? Y/N ___

6. Dr. Paul, here, explains what the Law of Moses is. It was God's way of handling all transgressions against His Way, until the coming of the SEED (Jesus)? Y/N ___

7. God ordained the Law through angels and wrote It by Moses, thus, It is His Will for Jews and believers to live by for as long as It is needed? Y/N ___

8. His 'mediator' for that Law was powerfully confirmed to be Moses, so that Jews would adhere to it? Y/N ___

9. Moses is not God, because God is One! He is God's powerful mediator for the Jews? Y/N ___

10. He concludes that the Law was never against the Promise, but no law has ever been able to create righteousness, in fact this Law (He calls them 'Scriptures'.) imprisoned all things under sin? Y/N ___

11. This was so that the coming Promise (the SEED) out of faith in Jesus Christ (the Promised Messiah) could be given (by God) to all those believing Jesus is the SEED? T/F ___

15. Jews were held in custody by the Law until that imprisonment ceased and 'the Faith' became the new Way to gain and have access to the Father? Y/N ___

16. Therefore, the Law was our 'Guide' to Christ, so that we all could possibly be justified by God out of faith? T/F ___
17. So, since 'the Faith' has now come and annulled the old Way of Moses, as that 'Guide' is not needed (All people now, through the Holy Spirit), have the New Covenant as our only sanctioned, clear, complete, accurate, new 'Guide'? T/F ___
18. Dr. Paul is now talking directly to those Galatian Christians in the many congregations. They are (at present) the children of God by their subjecting themselves to Jesus' system of 'the Faith', which is not similar to the Law way of being justified by God? Y/N ___
19. 'The Faith' is only through Jesus Christ and has nothing to do with the Moses Law system? Y/N ___
20. The evidence Dr. Paul uses to indicate the difference between the two systems is by reminding them of the very day and the specific event they gladly did to be allowed by God to enter into Jesus' Kingdom, which was by his instruction, as the Holy Spirit worked through him? Y/N ___
21. Yes, each one of them had become a genuine believer in Who Jesus was, what He offered, how He achieved the 'Plan of God' for man's reconciliation, and what Jesus expected them to do. The two simple steps Jesus requires of any and all of mankind to do, Dr. Paul reminds them that they had done them? Y/N ___
22. Their being reminded of the required first steps of committing to allow Jesus to reform their lives and minds to His likeness and then allowing themselves to be immersed with Christ Jesus in a co-immersion of water (co-burial), proves that entry into Jesus' new Kingdom was from the beginning, much different than the requirements of the Law of Moses. This entry given from God: 1) Entry into Jesus' new Way or Kingdom, 2) Forgiveness of all past sins and a method of receiving new sin forgiveness, 3) A guaranteed inheritance for all eternity with God in a new heaven and new Earth, sealed by the Holy Spirit, 4) All things necessary to continue in God's pleasure while alive, are provided for your easy and desired access (through the Holy Spirit's Word from Jesus' Throne)? T/F ___
23. So, he says, "All of you (Galatian Christians) at this point are still God's children because each of you, that had a willingness to reform to all God had in mind for you to do, allowed yourself to be immersed in water in a co-burial with Jesus! You all, since then, have continued to be clothed or continued to 'put on' Christ every day"? Y/N ___
24. Those of you that are genuine in 'the Faith' of Jesus, are neither Jew nor Greek, neither a Roman slave nor Roman free, neither a dominant male nor subjected (to men) female, because you are all 'united' and in unity as one in Christ Jesus and His likeness? Y/N ___
25. To insure no confusion or mistake as to his meaning, he adds, "..., so if you all are CHRIST's ...", which makes it clear that the comparisons were about all being equally Jesus' servants and Kingdom. And not equal powers or positions or jobs in It.

Each and all of us are His to possess, as He wishes, but unified in our relation to Him? T/F ___

26. He concludes that due to this evidence and new Way, you all are the actual Abraham seed, God said was going to cover the Earth (not the SEED in another statement)? Y/N ___

27. That makes you (Those that are in Jesus' Kingdom-Jew or Gentile) the real heirs to the Promise that God (Yahweh) made to Abraham. It was a prophecy by God to Abraham declaring of what he would be the father. It did not end with the Jews (as they still thought in AD46 it did), but with those in Jesus new Kingdom (It began first in Jerusalem on May 28, AD 30 and in the province of Galatia in AD 46ish when Dr. Paul taught the Good News of Jesus and they obeyed.). This, then, was the fulfilled Promise of God to Abraham? T/F ___

Dr. Paul's seventh Thought (7th)

1. Dr. Paul has just explained to the Galatians that 'the Faith' has now come and displaced 'the Law'. It actually was given by God as a guide (from His perspective) to prepare the Jews for 'the Faith'. Jesus would be the giver of the 'new Way' as the King of His Kingdom ruled from beside the Father in heaven. 'The Faith' (or 'new Way' or the 'New Covenant') was established at the cross of Jesus (April 7, AD30) and begun on Earth at Pentecost in Jerusalem by the Holy Spirit through the 12 Apostles on May 28, AD 30. It was evangelized to the Galatians in AD46ish by Dr. Paul and his team. Each of them in Galatia heard the Good News of Jesus and witnessed the confirming miracles Dr. Paul and prof. Barnabas did, which convinced them that the living God was working with and through them. They were willing to reform to anything the living God wanted them to do and in any way He wanted them to act. Then, each one was immersed and committed to Jesus as Lord and Master. This began their journey over the past two or so years of 'the Faith'. Dr. Paul and prof. Barnabas immediately began their daily instructions, as new Christians, hungry to hear and follow without question Jesus' new Way. They had, over the next few months, several men that began leading and working with Dr. Paul, such that the communities recognized them as Jesus' servants and their Jesus likeness. Dr. Paul and prof. Barnabas taught the congregations (or the Holy Spirit did) the qualifications Jesus expects His Kingdom to have to be a correct leader in His Kingdom. Then, after learning Jesus' new Way and observing these men, the congregation picked them as leaders. Dr. Paul and his team, as the first evangelist in the area, then, appointed them as leaders in every congregation (Only one congregation in each city in unity with Christ as its only Head.). They, then, returned to Antioch of Syria.

Now, roughly two years later, they had many fall away from the first and accurate 'Way' of Jesus' Kingdom. Dr. Paul has reasoned the error of their present perverted way. It was not Jesus' New Covenant Way ('the Faith') they were

presently in but a man-made perversion. He has just reasoned that they are 'heirs' to the Promise given Abraham by God (Yahweh). He is, here, going to make a point about being a child of God and dishonoring the Father and our King Jesus by reverting back to old ways? Y/N ___

2. Everyone knows that a child is the heir and coming leader of all families (in the 1st century AD), but they are to be schooled and lead by various tutors to manhood. Y/N ___

3. He says that all men were like that in being enslaved to worldly principles (the worlds evil and ugly ways, God did not teach or want)? Y/N ___

4. When the preplanned (and known by God) time finally arrived, Jesus (The WORD) became flesh and was born into a descendant of David's family(God had promised him of this future King [forever] from his bloodline.). Dr. Paul says that it was all so that we can receive 'sonship' (of God)? T/F ___

5. He, then, says that this means that each and every one of them are able to have received God's Spirit in their hearts. They, thus, can say, "Abba!" to the living God? Y/N ___

6. God is saying He recognizes them all as His sons and no longer as slaves in His universe? Y/N ___

7. And, Dr. Paul exhorts, thus, they all are 'heirs' through God. This is Dr. Paul's exhortation in hope of shaking their present situation, which he is about to declare? Y/N ___

8. He, now, goes into their past, before coming to God, and does a contrast between those times. When they did not know God, they were slaves to ugly, ungodly things that by nature are not gods? Y/N ___

9. Now, since they know God and are known by Him are you reverting back to weak principles and ideas that have no power before God? T/F ___

10. Do you all want to go back to that kind of slavery? Y/N ___

11. Do not deny it as it is known that they have once again begun, under the direction of these perverted false teachers, to have special Jewish holidays as a part of their Worship to God? T/F ___

12. It appears to Dr. Paul that he may have worked so hard and correctly for no reason, because they seem to be incapable of holding to the Truth. They have become, by their own choice, followers of men and their ways and not of 'the Way' of God, which was taught by Dr. Paul and confirmed by God by the miraculous events among them that he did? Y/N ___

Dr. Paul's eighth Thought (8)

1. Dr. Paul here pleads with them to not get lazy or do the easy thing. He is using what they saw in him, while he was among them. They saw him correctly take the Good News to every person in every town. They saw him be forced by enraged men to leave their towns, where the riotous group seemed to be winning and got stronger, as Dr. Paul packed and moved to the next town. But not until those that had become genuine believers in Jesus and the living God, had been immersed and added to Jesus' Kingdom. They saw the opposition become bolder and angrier against Dr. Paul from city to city. He never backed-off, did many miracles and had great courage in seriously dangerous situations, always giving glory, honor and praise to God and not himself. Finally, when the opposing group that began in Antioch of Pisidia and was now in Lystra and had added many to oppose Dr. Paul's Good News. They, in the presence of the community and many disciples, illegally took Dr. Paul and stoned him to death. Upon accomplishing that, they dragged his corpse through the streets of Lystra till his limp and bloodied body was seen by all to the dump place outside of the city, where they left the mangled corpse. Celebrating their victory, they went back into the city to have a celebration of his being killed. They were rid of this evil speaker of false gods and his sorcery.

Yah and good riddance!

There he laid before some of his converts. Dead and horribly mangled. It was over and defeated by those that from every corner of Galatia hated and opposed him and his new Way. They were shocked, confused and disillusioned by what they had just witnessed. And then, it happened! Dr. Paul begins to move and gets up off the heap. He has the group escort him back into town. He is completely healed of all his beating and stoning. The crowd in the city also witnesses Dr. Paul's return into town and being resurrected from the dead! Those that were involved in his murder, either hid or left town, thinking he would and could not be killed! He must have stronger powers than man does. As a result of Dr. Paul being resurrected by the living God, they will never ever give Dr. Paul any opposition again over many trips through Galatia that he will take among these Christian congregations in the province.

This is what he is using as a memory for these now failing Galatian Christians to consider. They had witnessed it all. They had Dr. Paul lay hands on many of them, so they could receive the miraculous powers. They had learned the New Covenant new Way of Jesus; Kingdom from him and his team (and the Holy Spirit guided their new Way). Where has that joy and happiness gone! How could they so soon forget all of those marvelous things! How in the world could he have now become their enemy? All he is doing, if they are paying attention to his words from his heart, is expressing the Truth of God, in hopes they will reconsider and reform? Y/N ___

2. He lets them know that their present position does not affect or have any effect upon him, nor does it reflect upon his Good News, which he evangelized to them? Y/N ___

3. He expresses the obvious conclusion is that these false teachers are giving them anything that is true or good? T/F ___
4. In fact, he stresses, they are attempting to exclude you from His Kingdom, and have you seek and search for them as your new source for salvation? Y/N ___
5. Everyone enjoys being looked to or being remembered in joyful considerations, which Dr. Paul is contrasting between his memory and actions and these that are presently disturbing their Jesus likeness? T/F ___
6. He here describes the pathetic situation, but real problem they have: 1) Two years later, they are still children in their faith, as they can so easily be moved so far away from 'the Faith', as he taught and displayed to them, 2) They are not acting as if they are his children, but they are? Y/N ___
7. He emphasizes this fact by this statement, "...whose birth pains he is suffering, again, ...", which indicates that these Galatians had been led away from where they ought to be, and Dr. Paul will do all he can to lead them back to a correct reform to Jesus' Kingdom? Y/N ___
8. Here is the theme of the entire Letter. All the points of missed Truths and contrast with errors, are for this singular reason and hope. He is only interested in one result for each of these erring Galation Christians: "...until Christ's nature can again form in each of them!". He has had no other desire for them in this Letter! This has been his purpose for this Letter to be sent to all of them? Y/N ___
9. Dr. Paul has serious doubts that a Letter, even an inspired one, can effect their situation and wishes that he was there personally to confront these problems, which he will be sent to do after the Letter is sent by a courier to the Galatians. It is as if Dr. Paul's coming trip among them is going to be a surprise, which will place the false teachers in a most difficult position. The dramatic confrontation will likely cause the error to be eradicated fully. This sentence seems to show that Dr. Paul at this writing did not have any idea of the coming trip with Silas to follow-up this Letter? Y/N ___

Dr. Paul's ninth Thought (9)

1. Dr. Paul, now, ask a specific question to those that have given in to the perversion taught by the false teacher that had come among them. It will create disunity and an unacceptable doctrine in God's mind. With the already given proofs he has brought to their attention, he ask if they do not understand the use of the Law? Y/N ___
2. He says that the comparison between Hagar (servant of Sarah) and Sarah (Abraham's wife) is an allegory concerning a son of the flesh and a son of the Promise of God? T/F ___

3. This comparison defines the two Covenants (the old One through Moses and the new One through Jesus and the Holy Spirit) and their differences? Y/N ___
4. He calls the old One the present following of the Law of Moses in Jerusalem up to their present day (AD 46ish)? Y/N ___
5. He says that one places the followers into slavery, referring to error and sin against God? Y/N ___
6. He states that the New Covenant is from the Jerusalem from above, which is referring to the One that was promised by God to Abraham, which was also prophesied through Jeremiah in 31:31f (The Promise was prophesied as not yet arriving hundreds of years after God gave the Promise of It to Abraham), and now It finally has been given by the Holy Spirit (and Jesus from His Throne in heaven) as our nurturing mother? Y/N ___
7. The present Jewish nation and its rejection of God's 'New Covenant' has control of Jerusalem in Dr. Paul's day and be glad and rejoice that you are not 'bearing' in that Jerusalem. He uses Isaiah the Prophet as a witness to the feeling of being in God's favor, as most are not? Y/N ___
8. Now, he declares that those in Jesus' New Covenant are the real children (the Isaac, who was Abraham's child of God's Promise) of Promise? Y/N ___
9. He says to the Galatians that just as the child of Hagar (Ishmael) abused Isaac (Abraham's son of God's Promise), who Dr. Paul says is the one born according to the Spirit, so it is in their day. He is referring to these Jewish brethren that pervert the once delivered New Covenant with their evil teachings? T/F ___
10. But, Dr. Paul continues, there is more than just recognizing their perversion, they must remove it from their congregations, which means they must confront it with the congregation (as Antioch of Syria did in Dr. Luke's contemporary history with the false teachers and ultimately those in Jerusalem that began the perversion) and those visiting Jewish brethren. The hope is that they will see their errors, confess their sins to the Father and the brethren throughout Galatia. Otherwise, as Hagar and her son were vanquished, so they must be, because they have no eternal inheritance with Jesus (Jesus gave this as the accepted method of confrontation in a discussion with Prof. Peter in Prof. Matthew's contemporary history.)? T/F ___
11. Dr. Paul closes this lesson with the conclusion that those that do not pervert Jesus' Good News with denominating perversions, as these men had done, but rather hold to the only Truth God has authorized without: rejection, neglect, adding, or subtracting, are by our Lord Jesus considered to be children of the 'free' woman (heirs to the Promise of God)? T/F ___

Dr. Paul's tenth Thought (10)

1. Dr. Paul opens the next point with a declaration. Had they forgotten that Jesus' new Way, that He provided them to learn, gave them complete freedom from the needs of the Law (to do it continuously correctly or be judged by It)! Jesus' new Way was reforming, because of their love for their King and Lord (Who has perfect Grace, forgiveness, and wisdom), and the confidence that He gave His Kingdom, that their new Way was to be zealous of being like Him. The Law had no ability to provide or produce that kind of life and service. They had, when Dr. Paul and his team evangelized them, understood Jesus' New Covenant Way, but now had fallen back into this inept kind of life. They had understood and were living in the pattern Jesus expected His Kingdom to obey, so Dr. Paul is now exhorting them, as a 'must', that they reform and stand in that freedom, rather than continue in the entanglement of slavery this perversion produces? T/F ___

2. He, next, demands their attention to his words of immense importance?

Y/N ___

3. He then makes four essential points for those submitting to the perversion he has defined and explained in this Letter, so far: 1) He assures them that if they are circumcised in submission to the Law, they are losing any support from Jesus, 2) Also, he will be required by God to keep 'all' the Law perfectly, as they are rejecting Jesus' sacrifice for sin, 3) God has cut them off from any relation with Jesus, 4) If they now desire salvation from the Law. God had taken His Grace from them?

T/F ___

4. Then, he emphasizes that 'we', those that are in Christ Jesus' Kingdom, await His hope (of a glorious eternal home with Him) by our faith in Him (which they have rejected) from our zeal and obedience to His new Way that makes us righteous in His mind? Y/N ___

5. And, he declares, Jesus places no value on whether a man is circumcised or not! He only desires and has a Plan (or Standard) that has His Kingdom have faith that is solely based upon love, His kind of love? Y/N ___

6. He then exhorts further by rhetorically asking, "Who could possibly have hindered you from having been so accurate in your life for Jesus, that you all are in such a pathetic position!?" T/F ___

7. He further says that that perversion they are allowing to sway them is not in any way taught by Jesus, Who is still calling them, wanting their reform? Y/N ___

8. He uses an example of the effect of 'leaven' (or yeast) on a mound of flour dough. It will takeover the entire lump, if not cut out or removed from the dough, meaning, this perverted good news? Y/N ___

9. Dr. Paul expresses that these sound and reasonable arguments will prevail and produce reform in each of them in Galatia that have become involved with this serious error? T/F ___
10. Whoever is (or are) the false teacher(s), if they do not reform, will bear their own judgement from our God? Y/N ___
11. He then proclaims that he has never taught circumcision as part of the Good News of Jesus, proved by the fact that he is continually being sought to be persecuted by Jews? Y/N ___
12. He reasons, that had he done so, the cross of Christ Jesus would not have been such a problem. It (Jesus' cross) is the point that God annulled the Law of Moses from His required way, replacing it with the far superior new Way of Jesus' Kingdom? Y/N ___
13. He ends the point with a pointed remark, wishing these false teachers would 'cut off' their ridiculous doctrine, which is a play on words. Dr. Paul is allowed by the Holy Spirit to use this expression of his disdain for their despicable teachings? Y/N ___

Dr. Paul's eleventh Thought (11)

1. He continues his 'freedom' idea, but that it was and is Jesus' call to them (not the Law). His calling them to offer the new Way and the remarkable reward for their loyal service to Him as their King. They must not allow their freedom to become 'fleshly' directed or controlled? Y/N ___
2. He says that it is imperative that any 'enslaving' among them must be by love (Jesus' way), which even the Law commanded, "Love your neighbor as yourself."? Y/N ___
3. If they continue to fight among themselves, they must beware that it will devour them and 'love' is not seeable in them toward each other if that becomes their concluding look? Y/N ___
4. He then insures them that the way to be certain of correctness, is that they each one must walk by the Spirit's instructions or they will indulge the ways of the 'flesh'? Y/N ___
5. He says that the Way of the Spirit and the way of the 'flesh' are continually in opposition with each other? Y/N ___
6. Their opposition to each other and their motives are seeable: love versus lust (desire or wish)? Y/N ___

7. He provides a sober list of the 'works' of ones flesh (indulging self-glory, gratification, and prestige), which has to be learned, as a warning of our not being 'loving' to others as Jesus was? T/F ___
8. Anyone that lives by these and does not reform them (Jesus' new Way) will not be a part of Jesus' Kingdom, thus, is very seeable? Y/N ___
9. He, then, gives another list of the 'fruit' of the Holy Spirit. He contrasts 'works of flesh' with 'fruits of the Spirit'. One is ugly but very real in our world. The other has Jesus as their example and motive (to His glory). Just reading them gives you a clear understanding of their differences, much less their results? Y/N ___
10. He says that there is no "Law" against any of the 'fruits' of the Spirit and that all those that are disciples of Christ Jesus have crucified (as he did mention earlier about himself) their 'flesh' and all its desires and passions? T/F ___
11. He is still making arguments against the perverted idea, as he says, since the above is true, they must continue in step (or in complete unity) with the Spirit?
T/F ___

Dr. Paul's twelfth Thought (12th)

1. Dr. Paul wants to make sure that these perverted brethren are confronted and done so in the correct character. No arrogance, and in such a manner that no split will occur as they, as brethren, discuss the errors? Y/N ___
2. He declares that when any person is discovered to have a mistaken idea, doctrine, or plan, it is imperative that those brethren that are 'spiritual' (or of likeness to Jesus and recognized by others) confront and patiently work with them in hope of reform (no matter the time it takes to achieve), rather than the condescending and overbearing nature of a false teacher, which we can all, due to our 'fleshly' characteristics, all lose control, and resort too? Y/N ___
3. The goal is to 'reform' the person, not win the debate, which will be evident if the one going to the discussion is there to bear the others burden. Dr. Paul, though demanding that Jesus expects them to courageously confront the errors, also and just as importantly, they are to ensure that their character in each confrontation is representing Jesus correctly and not man's way. The fulfilling of His Law is more important than a victory in any discussion. Discussions for reform do not need to be completed in one session or in one short conversation. It often takes time to reflect on the needed reforms and to re-discuss for clarity, exactly what Jesus is commanding. Too, His Word is to be the only source accepted as God's 'authority'?
T/F ___
4. Yes, it is true that men often think that they are good sources and accurate in their interpretations of God's new Way, but they, hopefully, come to realize that all of us that feel this way are deceiving ourselves! What matters is what God's Word,

or new Way (Jesus' New Covenant) says and not my or your desired interpretation of It? Y/N ___

5. Each of us must use God's revealed Word to establish our 'way', which will actually be His new Way. This will give merit to a persons position on any issue and provide those that are suspect of the validity of an issue of anyone to be validated by the only correct source-God's Word, which is His authority until Jesus returns?

Y/N ___

6. This begins another item that needed clarity. The ones that are clearly representing Jesus and actively doing so, must be supported by those being taught. In this time (1st century) this included: sit-down time with folks, OJT time, practicing interaction on many fronts inside the local congregation (as Jesus did and Dr. Paul emulated Him), as well as correct teaching and training of leadership that is like Jesus and not like man. Too, they had to evangelize correctly and effectively among the unbelievers locally, as well as their area. They trained others to do the same. This kind of 'teacher' was to receive a 'share' of everyone being taught. This is a job in Jesus' Kingdom that was normally called: Evangelist or Elder, depending upon the kind of work of the Kingdom being defined? Y/N ___

7. The key to defining such a person was if they were capable of teaching and exempling "in all 'good' things" of God's new Way? Y/N ___

8. The contrast here of 'sowing from the flesh' and sowing from the Spirit is a comparison of error and Truth. The one to be 'shared with' is the one who will 'reap eternal life'? Y/N ___

9. He is going to continue to explain what the effects of doing what is 'good' are: 1) We should never tire of doing good, 2) Because we know our efforts to do so will one day receive the ultimate reward, 3) Weariness as an excuse to not do so has to be handled by Jesus' example and motives not man's? Y/N ___

10. Therefore, seeking and not putting-off every opportunity to 'do good' (as defined by Jesus only, and not men). 'Doing good' is to be to those out of Christ, as well, and more so, to those that are in Jesus' Kingdom. This means that, as exemplified in the 1st century difficult cultures, they persevered zealously and accurately, no matter man's response. They had received the New Covenant Way and reformed their daily lives to accent Jesus and His motives over their daily manmade goals and even needs. To have a higher priority than Jesus' in your daily practice of walking as a christian, meant reform and leadership with Jesus' likeness was an absolute must? T/F ___

11. He ends this argument with a statement that recognized Jesus' Kingdom as 'the Faith'. This is a continuous reference to those folks that are in Jesus' Kingdom, who have subjected themselves to Jesus and His new Way. 'The Faith' is the correct, complete and learnable system that defines Jesus' Plan for the development of local congregations (as Dr. Paul and the other Apostles were to start. But they could not deviate from the Plan of unity that the Holy Spirit taught them. This is the only followers that are described, defined, and used as examples

for others to be like. Any religious group, no matter its claims, must be identical to the 1st century system of 'the Faith' to be pleasing to Jesus and an acceptable part of His unified Kingdom, no matter the place or date. His system ('the Faith') is clearly and correctly taught by the Holy Spirit in Jesus' New Covenant, which He has preserved for all mankind have? T/F ___

Dr. Paul's thirteenth Thought (13)

1. Dr. Paul makes an interesting statement about the large lettering he is using to write this Letter to the congregations throughout Galatia. It is as if he would like his answers to this perversion posted, so that all could see it. It is not a long Letter, so it did not take to many sheets of papyri to handle It. It, too, is very direct. He has presented several easy to understand points, with clear differences between the once delivered Good News of Jesus (by himself and prof. Barnabas) and His Kingdom and this perversion of that Good News. He has with no shame or without ugliness announced the condemnation of it, as he defeats any possible argument the false teachers may have, and even offers them an opportunity to reform. He is, it seems, saying this to announce this Letter, as undefeatable about this specific problem and "shout it from the roof tops!"? T/F ___

2. He follows that the misled Jewish Christian brethren are only attempting to have them under their Grip and control for a show among the Jewish nation?

Y/N ___

3. If they can convince the Galatians in Jesus' Kingdom to be circumcised, they will not be themselves persecuted by Jews? Y/N ___

4. His point, here, is that it is the cross of Christ and its reason that they must do away with, by any means they can in their capturing of weak souls. They know that the cross of Jesus can not be denied, but it can be belittled to such a point, as making it seem meaningless. It is and was NOT meaningless! On that cross was man's only hope for reconciliation with God. Any hope of man's sins being removed, as the reason for God's righteous judgement of each and all people, hung on that single cross! God's wrath can only be appeased one way, the Way He chooses, not man's thought-up way! Jesus as the perfect sacrifice (had lived His time on Earth in perfect harmony with all God's Will desired of the required sacrifice to think, do and say. Jesus' motives were in perfect tune with God (The only Father). Thus, He was the only sacrifice that could be made for all of mankind's sins against God through the centuries. He had to die upon that cross for any hope man could have for reconciliation. Also, the Moses Law was annulled! It was no longer a need as the Jews were finally given the "New Covenant (promised by Yahweh through the Prophet, Jeremiah in 31:31f), which Jesus' blood would establish. The Holy Spirit would be the deliver of that New and better Covenant (Joel 2:29f). The cross of Jesus was: when, where, why. Who and how, ended the Scriptures of the Old Law as God's authority. They were annulled as required, or binding for the Jews

and this made Jews violent and ugly in their reactions to this being taught among them. These stealth Pharisee Christians were doing serious damage, with the goal of removing the cross as important? T/F ___

5. Dr. Paul relates to the Galatian Christians, that these Jewish brethren do not keep the Law themselves. By Jesus' interaction with the Pharisees, we learn that they had many abusive additions, subtractions, neglects and complete rejections of the Law as God (Yahweh), Who revealed It to Moses about two thousand years earlier. They, thus, have never genuinely followed the Law of Moses? Y/N ___

6. They only want them to be circumcised so that they can claim it among their Jewish brethren and not be persecuted because of Jesus' new Way? Y/N ___

7. He claims the only boast he has, 'is' the cross of Jesus, our Lord and Christ (Messiah in Hebrew)? T/F ___

8. He claims he, through that cross, has died to the world's way and their way is dead to him? Y/N ___

9. He, finally, declares that whether one is circumcised or not, in God's mind and by His new Way (through Jesus), neither matter at all? Y/N ___

10. He proclaims, finally, that if these Galatian Christians 'walk' (in Christ Jesus' new Way) in accord with what he and the Holy Spirit have just reveals from Jesus' Throne (this Standard-the New Covenant), then they ought to receive three things: 1) Jesus' Peace is upon them all, 2) God's Mercy covers them (including any that may reform from this error, confessing their error to the Father) every day, and 3) that the real "Israel of God" are those in Jesus' Kingdom and not the blood kin of Abraham, that now reject God's new Way? Y/N ___

11. His finally exhortation on this issue is a blunt one, "I have the physical scars of my service to Jesus as the King, Lord and Savior of anyone in mankind that subject themselves to His glory and service, so in the future, do not be so foolish? Y/N ___

12. His last thought for them, based upon this Letter completely destroying any possibility of continuing compliance to the perversion and those teaching it, is for God's Grace. His hope is that they realize that without His Grace continually with each of them, their soul is in jeopardy. Grace from God works with them as and if they remain in Jesus' Kingdom? T/F ___

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