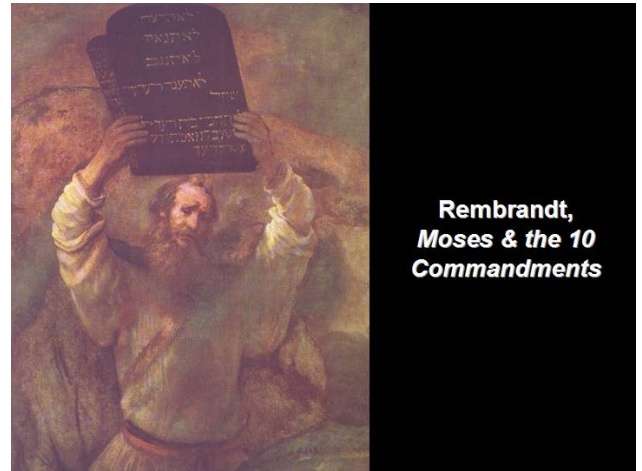
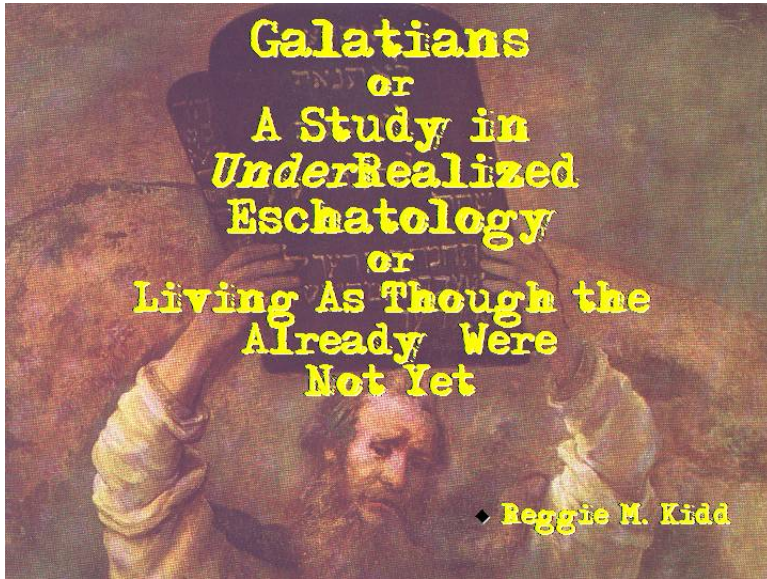


**Galatians or  
A Study in *UnderRealized* Eschatology or  
Living As Though the Already Were Not Yet**



**Rembrandt,  
Moses & the 10  
Commandments**

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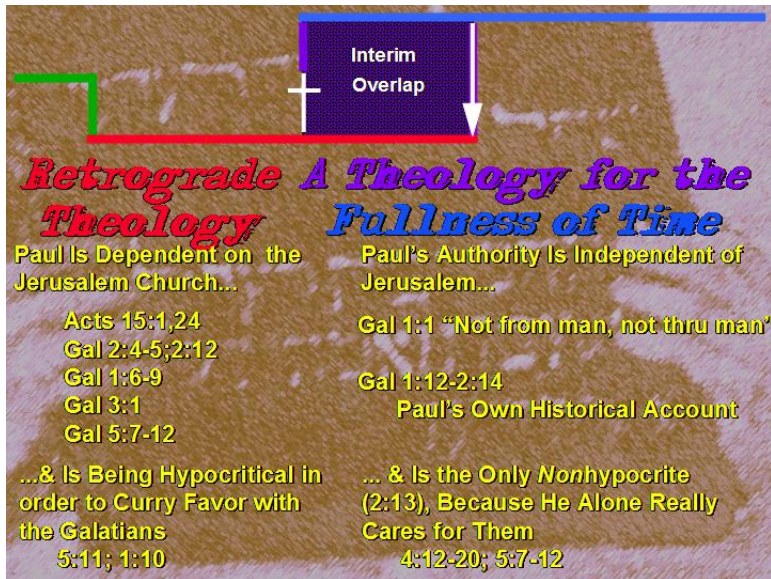
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- Paul is dependent on the Jerusalem Church...
  - Acts 15:1,24
  - Galatians 2:4-5, 12
  - Galatians 3:1
  - Galatians 5:7-12
- ...& is being hypocritical in order to curry favor with the Galatians
  - Galatians 5:11
  - Galatians 1:10

### A Theology for the Fullness of Time

- Paul's authority is Independent of Jerusalem...
  - Galatians 1:1 "Not from man, not through man"
  - Galatians 1:12-2:14 – Paul's own historical account
- ... & is the only *nonhypocrite* (2:13), because he alone really cares for them
  - Galatians 4:12-20; 5:7-12

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— 3:10; 5:3
- **Law Condemns**  
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— It Locks Us in “Under Sin”
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- **Spirit Gives Life** (5:22-23)
- **Spirit-Prompted Love Fulfills the Law** (5:13-14; 6:1,2).

(5:13-14; 6:1, 2)

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**But...**

The Jerusalem Above

Law Fulfilled in Love



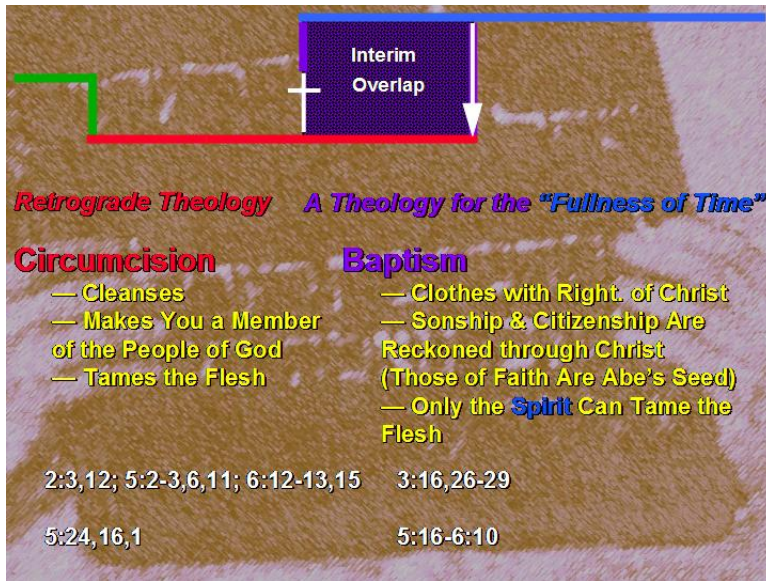
**A New Creation**  
**Gal 6:15**  
**(cf. 2Cor 5:17)**



**Faith Working through Love**  
**Gal 5:6**

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## Retrograde Theology vs. A Theology for the Fullness of Time (con't)



### Retrograde Theology

- Circumcision
  - Cleanses
  - Makes you a member of the People of God
  - Tames the Flesh
- Galatians 2:3, 12; 5:2-3, 6, 11; 6:12-13, 15
- Galatians 5:24, 16, 1

### A Theology for the Fullness of Time

- Baptism
  - Clothed with Righteousness of Christ
  - Sonship & Citizenship are

reckoned through Christ (those of faith are Abraham's seed)

- Only the Spirit can tame the flesh
- Galatians 3:16, 26-29
- Galatians 5:16-6:10

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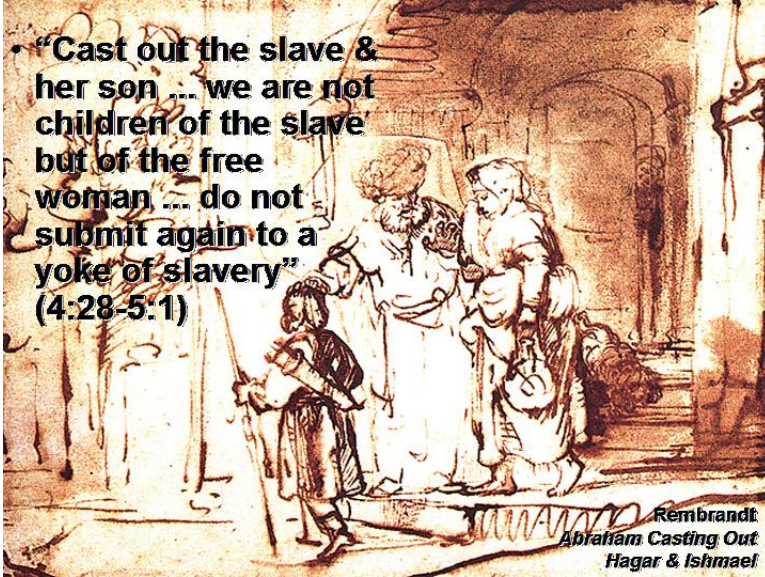
### Retrograde Theology

- Jerusalem's our mother

### A Theology for the "Fullness of Time"

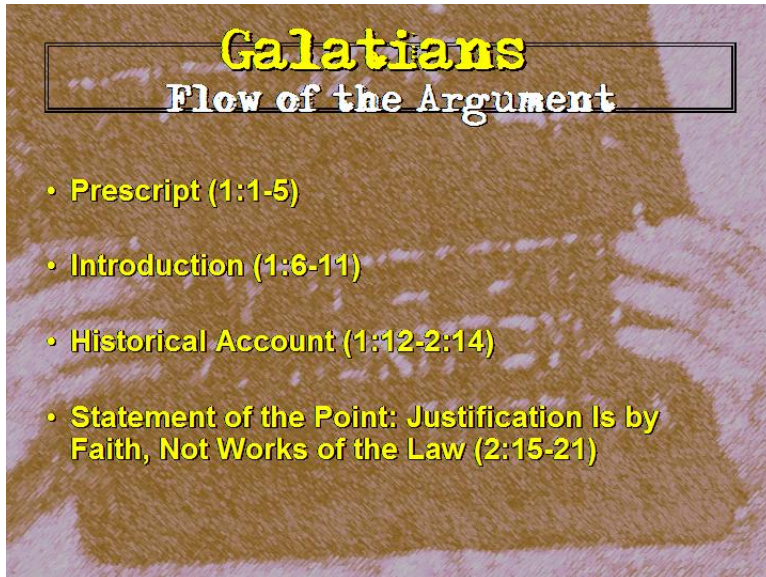
- The Jerusalem that matters is Above
  - A new creation (6:15)
  - Christians are part of "The Israel of God" (6:16)

• “Cast out the slave & her son ... we are not children of the slave but of the free woman ... do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (4:28-5:1)



Rembrandt  
Abraham Casting Out  
Hagar & Ishmael

## Galatians: Flow of the Argument



- Prescript (1:1-5)
- Introduction (1:6-11)
- Historical Account (1:12-2:14)
- Statement of the Point: Justification Is by Faith, Not Works of the Law (2:15-21)

### ❖ **Solidarity between Gentiles & Jews**

cf. Romans 1-2

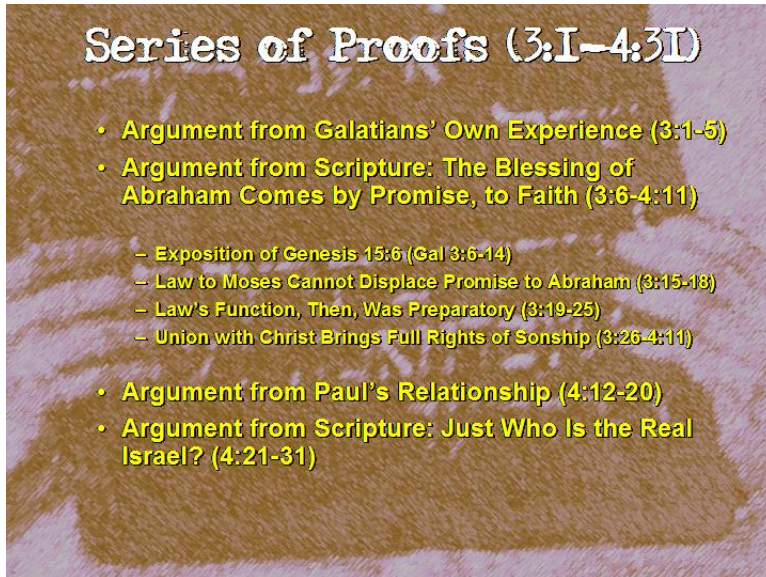
### ❖ **By Uniting Us to Christ's Death, Faith Can Justify Sinners (Unfolded in Chs. 3-4)**

cf. Romans 4-5

### ❖ **By Uniting us to Christ's Life, Faith Can Empower Our Living (Unfolded in Chs. 5-6)**

cf. Romans 6-8

## Series of Proofs (3:1-4:31)



- Argument from Galatians Own Experience (3:1-5)
- Argument from Scripture: The Blessing of Abraham Comes by Promise, to Faith (3:6-4:11)
  - Exposition of Genesis 15:6 (Gal 3:6-14)
  - Law to Moses Cannot Displace Promise to Abraham (3:15-18)
  - Law's Function, Then, Was Preparatory (3:19-25)
  - Union with Christ Brings Full Rights of Sonship (3:26-4:11)
- Argument from Paul's Relationship (4:12-20)
- Argument from Scripture: Just Who Is the Real Israel? (4:21-31)

## THE PREPOSITION UNDER ( $\text{ὑπό} + \text{acc.}$ ) IN GALATIANS

3:10 under a curse (3:13 for us )

3:22 Scripture shut up all under sin

3:23 kept in custody under the Law

3:25 no longer under a tutor (παιδαγωγός)

4:2 under guardians and stewards (ἐπίτροποι καὶ οἰκονόμοι)

4:3 under the elements of the world (τὰ στοιχεῖα τοῦ κόσμου) ... 4:9; cf., Col 2:8,20)

4:4 Christ born under the Law

4:5 ... in order to redeem those under the Law

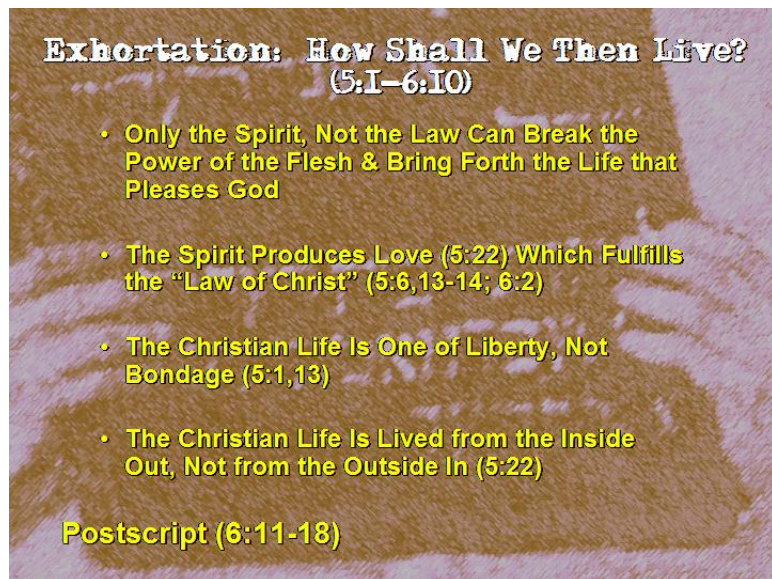
4:21 those who wish to be under the Law, two seeds: one of slavery, one of freedom

5:18 if led by the Spirit, not under the Law

5:1 warning against the yoke of slavery

See also the references in Rom (3:9, 6:14,15, 7:14) and I Cor (9:20).

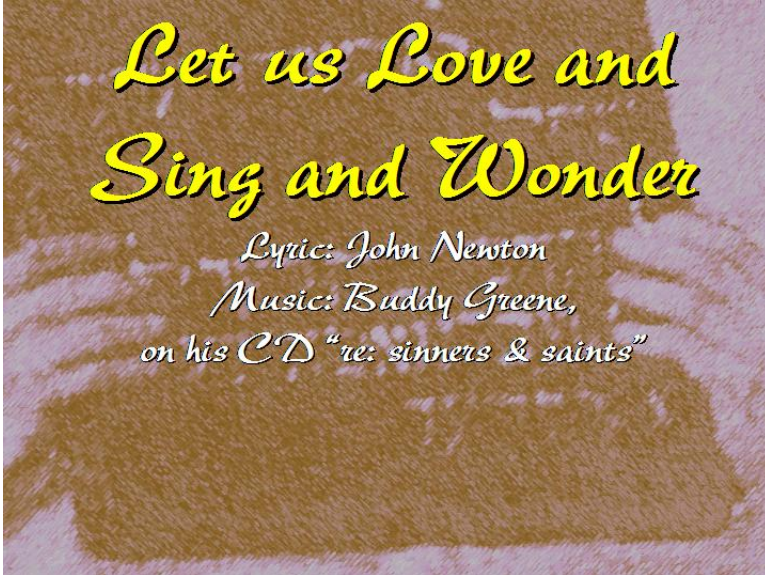
## Exhortation: How Shall We Then Live? (5:1-6:10)



- Only the Spirit, not the law, can break the power of the flesh and bring forth the life that pleases God
- The Spirit produces love (5:22) which fulfills the "Law of Christ" (5:6, 13-14; 6:2)
- The Christian life is one of liberty, not bondage (5:1,13)
- The Christian life is lived from the inside out, not from the outside in (5:22)

Postscript (6:11-18)

## Let us Love and Sing and Wonder



*Let us love and sing and wonder,  
Let us praise the Savior's name!  
He has hushed the Law's loud thunder,  
He has quenched Mt. Sinai's flame:  
He has washed us with his blood,  
He has washed us with his blood,  
He has washed us with his blood,  
He has brought us near to God.*

*Let us love the Lord who bought us,  
Ditied us when enemies,  
Called us by His grace and taught us,  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes:  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He presents our souls to God!*

*Let us sing, though fierce temptations  
Threaten hard to bear us down!  
For the Lord, our strong salvation,  
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown.*

*Let us wonder, grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store;  
When through grace in Christ our trust is,  
Justice smiles and asks no more:  
He who washed us with his blood,  
He who washed us with his blood,  
He who washed us with his blood,  
Has secured our way to God!*

*So let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high;  
Here they trusted Him before us,  
Now their praises fill the sky.  
You have washed us with your blood,  
You have washed us with your blood,  
You have washed us with your blood,  
You are worthy, Lamb of God!*

*Repeat verse 1*

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