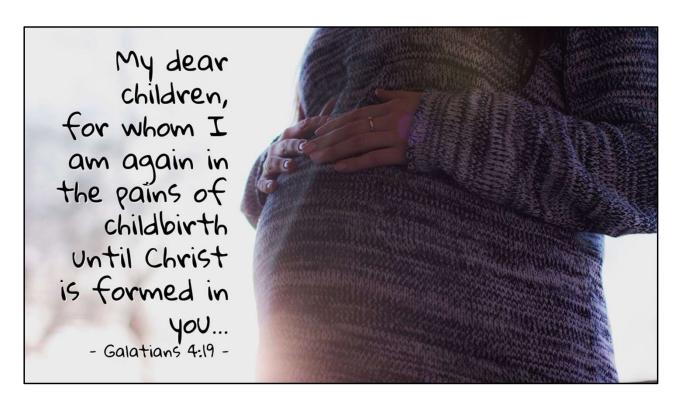




Set free from my Immaturity (the Slavery of my sin) and the need for a Babysitter!!



[Gal 4:19 NASB20] 19 **My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you—** Being a Pastor Is like being a pregnant Mom and a Mom of many children

as long as the heir is a child "he does not differ at all from a slave" Immature children need firm boundaries Guidelines, rules and chores "under tutors and governors" – Governesses/Nannies "held in bondage under the elementary principles of the world."

Who were some of the best Guardians/Trustees/governors, <u>Governesses</u>, <u>Babysitters</u>, Nannies???

Not everyone had <u>Mary Poppins</u> for their Governess, Some are stuck with the cheapest Day Care center they can find an open placing for

The Nanny – Fran Drescher

<u>Nanny McPhee</u> – "When you need me but do not want me, then I must stay. When you want me, but no longer need me, then I have to go."

Maria von Trapp - The Sound of Music

Mrs Doubtfire - Robin Williams

Uncle Buck - John Candy

Adventures in Babysitting - Elizabeth Shue

I "Rule" d my 6 yo children that they could NOT Use the Stove. I told my 16 yo children to help Mom with dinner, at the stove

I "Rule" d my 6 yo children that they could NOT leave the fenced in Yard, I Told my 16yo children to walk to school bus stop

I "Rule" d my 6 yo children that they could NOT spend more than 1-2 hrs on their Devices per day, I Told my 16yo to get to work on their computer!

Who changed? Me, or my children in their maturity?

Ask your children to list all of your rules!

[Gal 4:3, 9 NASB20] 3 So we too, when we were children, were held in bondage under the elementary[G4747] principles[G4747] of the world. ... 9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary[G4747] principles[G4747], to which you want to be enslaved all over again?

[Col 2:8, 20 NASB20] 8 See to it that there is no one who takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception in accordance with human tradition, in accordance with the elementary[G4747] principles[G4747] of the world, rather than in accordance with Christ. ... 20 If you have died with Christ to the elementary[G4747] principles[G4747] of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, [such as,]

Heb 5:12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles[G4747] of the actual words of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

[Heb 6:1 NASB20] 1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

Why so much discussion about the Law? Rules? Commands?



Why does Gal.3-4 spend so much time discussing the Law (rules)?? <u>How about should a man who incited an insurrection be disqualified to be president? SCOTUS said NO. College football rule changes....</u>

The Proliferation of Rules don't necessarily make anyone or anything better and can be used to confuse and excuse the guilty

For instance : we teach Our Children to LOVE or be Loving to everyone! BUT Never talk to Strangers!

Now, reconsider the abundance of road signs as guides in determining true friends Especially where a crazy, fast, overwhelming and dangerous intersection is!, makes more sense now huh?!

Many will agree we Do need rules! But Hate the Bibles rules! However, Can Rules get out of hand?!!!



Obama's Healthcare, at the least was Longer than the Bible and the final version was asked to be voted on in 3 days! 10k pages

 $https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/fact-checker/post/how-many-pages-of-regulations-for-obamacare/2013/05/14/61eec914-bcf9-11e2-9b09-1638acc3942e_blog.html$

"Obamacare is fully implemented January 1st, even though the regulations haven't been written yet. And Brian, we've got 33,000 pages of regulations that they've already written. If we stacked it up here, it would be seven feet tall."

— Rep. Richard Hudson (R-N.C.), speaking on "Fox and Friends," May 13, 2013 Looking just at rules, you end up with just 9,625 pages, while proposed rules amount to 7,432 pages. (The Bible has between 1328-1500 pages depending on which version and type is used) Stewart pointed out that McConnell's office counted only Federal Register pages, which are typed in such tiny type that each page is worth almost four pages with regular, double-spaced type. By that logic, 10,000 pages of final rules could be labeled as 40,000 pages. "So if anything, we're undercounting," he said.

https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2013/10/23/affordable-care-act-pages-long/3174499/ The nearly 11,000 pages of regulations for this one law alone would reach three feet high if you made the mistake of printing it.

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require a **72 hour period of public availability before legislation can be brought up** https://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/newsletter-article/pelosi-outlines-health-carebill-pushes-vote

https://www.usnews.com/opinion/blogs/peter-roff/2010/03/09/pelosi-pass-health-reform-so-you-can-find-out-whats-in-it

This is the same Nancy Pelosi who, only weeks earlier, was bragging about the transparency of the

process that produced the bill that is currently stalled in Congress. The same Pelosi who brushed aside concerns raised by organizations like Let Freedom Ring!--where I am a senior fellow--that members of Congress actually commit to reading the bill before voting for it and that it be posted online for at least 72 hours before any vote so that the American people can read it, to

https://taxfoundation.org/blog/how-many-words-are-tax-code/ 2014 The tax code is huge and complex. But how huge and complex is it? The Government Printing Office sells it spread over two volumes, and according to them, book one is 1,404 pages and book two is 1,248 pages, for a total of 2,652 pages. At perhaps 450 words per page, that puts the tax code at well over 1 million words. (By way of comparison, the King James Bible has 788,280 words; War and *Peace* runs 560,000 words; and the *Harry Potter* series is just over 1 million words.) However, a tax practitioner who relies just on the tax statutes will go to jail, because so much of federal tax law is in IRS regulations, revenue rulings, and other clarifications. Congress will set down a policy and leave it to the IRS to write all the rules to implement it. These regulations aren't short: the National Taxpayer Advocate did a Microsoft Word word count of the tax statutes and IRS regulations in 2012, and came up with roughly 4 million words. Again at roughly 450 words per page, that comes out to around 9,000 **pages**. The National Taxpayer Advocate also noted that the tax code changed 4,680 times from 2001 to 2012, an average of once per day. the Standard Federal Tax Reporter of 70,000 pages, with notations after each statute containing relevant cases and other information. CCH itself considers this volume to be representative of "the tax code," since an expert needs to know all 70,000 pages to

How many of you read the rules and conditions when downloading the latest Apple product or App?

understand the tax code in full.



https://thehill.com/opinion/white-house/365122-theres-nothing-biblical-about-180000-pages-of-federal-regulations/ 12/17

Like the Bible, governments also sometimes attempt to either prohibit or obligate certain behaviors. Within the federal government, for example, scores of different regulatory agencies use words like "shall," "must," "may not," "prohibited," and "required" to create regulatory restrictions — that is, the "commandments" contained in regulations that, by design, try to illicit more or less of some specific activity.

How many words like "shall" and "must" are there in the federal regulatory code? As of 2016, almost 1.1 million of them. The word "shall" alone appears over 512,000 times — making it one of the most commonly used words.

By comparison, there are only 11,455 words like shall and shalt in the King James Version of the Bible.

In fact, the federal regulatory code contains more regulatory restrictions than the KJV Bible has total words (792,074).

And NOW we have all new rules!

<u>Censorship and cancel culture rules we MUST use a persons lies as personal pronouns and</u> admit men can birth babies and infant's shouldn't be gendered



Gal.4 Describes the Law as a Governor, Tutor, Steward....

The Pacifier - Navy Seal, Vin DieselMr. French, Family Affair Sebastian Cabot **Batman's Alfred!**

Don't bash the men! Nannies. "Mannies"

Nannies have some of their own rules too

"Rule"igion

- Deuteronomy 10:13 [and] to keep the LORD'S commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today <u>for your good</u>?
- Is "religion" seen as too prohibitive? "No"! "Don't"! What we are against more than what were for!
- Colossians 2:21 "Do no handle, do not taste, do not touch!"

Don't Smoke, Drink, Dance, and Chew or Date Girls Who Do

We're NO longer in Elementary school! Gal 4:3 So we too, when we were children, were held in bondage under the elementary principles of the world.

[Deu 6:24 NASB20] 24 "So the LORD commanded us to follow all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God for our [own] good always and for our survival, as [it is] today.

[1Ti 1:5-9 NASB20] 5 But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart, [from] a good conscience, and [from] a sincere faith. 6 Some people have strayed from these things and have turned aside to fruitless discussion, 7 wanting to be teachers of the Law, even though they do not understand either what they are saying or the matters about which they make confident assertions. 8 **But we know that the Law is good, if one uses it lawfully, 9 realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous person but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and worldly, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers,**

[Col 2:16-17, 20-23 NASB20] 16 Therefore, no one is to act as your judge in regard to food and drink, or in respect to a festival or a new moon, or a Sabbath day-- 17 things which are [only] a shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ. ... 20 If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, [such as,] 21 "Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!" 22 (which all [refer] [to] things destined to perish with use)--in accordance with the commandments and teachings of man? 23 These are matters which do have the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and humility and severe treatment of the body, [but are] of no value against fleshly indulgence.



Weirdest laws passed in every state

- No intoxicated skiing. ...
- It's illegal to kill Bigfoot. ...
- No hunting on Sundays, unless you're killing raccoons. ...
- No forbidding people from putting up clotheslines. ...
- It's illegal to 'cause a catastrophe'

https://www.usatoday.com/list/news/nation-now/weirdest-laws-every-state/53ad0541-3518-4432-adc4-0fec193d389e/

No 'lewd and lascivious' behavior before marriage

In 1931, West Virginia <u>passed a law</u> banning "lewd and lascivious cohabitation and conduct before marriage."

It's illegal to 'cause a catastrophe'

<u>In Utah, it's illegal to "cause a catastrophe."</u> State law defines a catastrophe as widespread injury or damage caused by weapons of mass destruction, explosion, fire, flood, avalanche, or building collapse.

Is Pie without Cool Whip a catastrophe?

No ice cream on cherry pie

Kansans don't mess around with their cherry pie. At one point, it was <u>illegal</u> in the state to top a slice of cherry pie with a scoop of ice cream. According to the Kansas Secretary of State, it's unclear how this law originated or whether it's still technically on the books, but - fortunately for dessert lovers - it's not enforced.

No bartering infant children

If you live in Pennsylvania, don't try selling your child. <u>State law</u> stipulates that "a person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree if he deals in humanity, by trading, bartering, buying, selling, or dealing in infant children."

'Idiots' can't vote

For over a century, <u>New Mexico law</u> stipulated that "idiots" were ineligible to vote. In 2016, the discriminatory language - which referred to mentally disabled people - was finally repealed.

No bulletproof vests while committing murder

If you're planning to commit a serious crime in New Jersey, leave your bulletproof vest at home. According to <u>state law</u>, it's a third-degree crime to wear a body vest while "engaged in the commission of, or an attempt to commit, or flight after committing or attempting to commit murder, manslaughter, robbery, sexual assault, burglary, kidnapping, criminal escape or assault."

Picture in PP

Alabama illegal to sell peanuts after sundown on Wednesdays

Missouri – illegal for 4 women to rent apt together

Michigan – illegal to let your pig run free w/o a nose ring

Singapore – illegal to chew gum

England – Illegal to di in parliament

France – forbidden to name pig Napolean, one of most famous Frenchmen

Strictly One Nut Per Hutch - Madhouses Act 1774

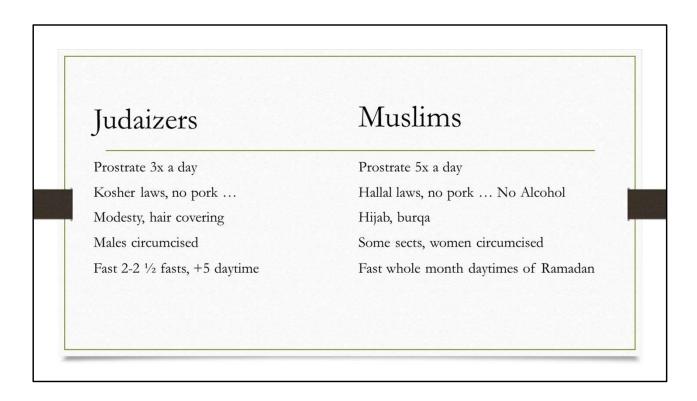
<u>The Madhouses Act of 1774 restricted property owners to one "lunatic" per residence.</u> You had to apply for a licence if you wanted to start a collection.

Detonating Nukes Is Banned - Prohibition & Inspections Act, 1998

Atomic blasts aren't just a bad idea, they're illegal. In fairness, you'd assume the local constabulary would want a word following any surprise mushroom clouds.

Being Annoying Is Legal (Unless You're In A Library) - Library Offences Act, 1898 & 2005

The law banning gambling in libraries was changed to ban being annoying in libraries someone must have lost a bet and been super irritating about it in the fiction aisle. https://www.marketplace.org/2018/01/19/counting-pages-regulations-waste-time-and-paper/



2000 (1800BC Abraham, 1250BC Moses) years of Jewish rules, then came Satan's counterfeit of Islam which only ramped up the rules much harsher!!! (Islam 610AD)

More Prayer times – and rote!

More Kosher/food laws, more prohibitions

More/harsher Modesty compliances

Unheard of FGM Female genitalia mutilation

More Fasting/Abstinence – hunger

[Act 15:9-11 NASB20] 9 and He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith. 10 "Since this [is the] case, why are you putting God to the test by placing upon the neck of the disciples a yoke which neither our forefathers nor we have been able to bear? 11 "But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they also are."

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[Gal 4:17 AMP] 17 These men [the Judaizers] eagerly seek you [to entrap you with honeyed words and attention, to win you over to their philosophy], not honorably [for their purpose is not honorable

or worthy of consideration]. They want to isolate you [from us who oppose them] so that you will seek them.

[Phl 3:2 AMP] 2 Look out for the dogs [the Judaizers, the legalists], look out for the troublemakers, look out for the false circumcision [those who claim circumcision is necessary for salvation];

[Exo 7:20-23 ESV] 20 Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants he lifted up the staff and struck the water in the Nile, and all the water in the Nile turned into blood. 21 And the fish in the Nile died, and the Nile stank, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. There was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. 22 But the magicians of Egypt did the same by their secret arts. So Pharaoh's heart remained hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said. 23 Pharaoh turned and went into his house, and he did not take even this to heart.

[Exo 8:5-8 ESV] 5 And the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your hand with your staff over the rivers, over the canals and over the pools, and make frogs come up on the land of Egypt!" 6 So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt. 7 But the magicians did the same by their secret arts and made frogs come up on the land of Egypt. 8 Then Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron and said, "Plead with the LORD to take away the frogs from me and from my people, and I will let the people go to sacrifice to the LORD."

Sharia Law

- Theft is punishable by amputation of the right hand (above).
- Criticizing or denying any part of the Quran is punishable by death.
- Criticizing Muhammad or denying that he is a prophet is punishable by death.
- Criticizing or denying Allah, the god of Islam is punishable by death.
- A Muslim who becomes a non-Muslim is punishable by death.
- A non-Muslim who leads a Muslim away from Islam is punishable by death.
- A non-Muslim man who marries a Muslim woman is punishable by death.
- A man can marry an infant girl and consummate the marriage when she is 9 years old.
- Girls' clitoris should be cut (Muhammad's words, Book 41, Kitab Al-Adab, Hadith 5251).
- A woman can have 1 husband, who can have up to 4 wives; Muhammad can have more.
- A man can beat his wife for insubordination.
- A man can unilaterally divorce his wife; a woman needs her husband's consent to divorce.
- A divorced wife loses custody of all children over 6 years of age or when they exceed it.
- Testimonies of four male witnesses are required to prove rape against a woman.
- A woman who has been raped cannot testify in court against her rapist(s).
- A woman's testimony in court, allowed in property cases, carries ½ the weight of a man's.
- A female heir inherits half of what a male heir inherits.
- A woman cannot drive a car, as it leads to fitnah (upheaval).
- A woman cannot speak alone to a man who is not her husband or relative.
- Meat to eat must come from animals that have been sacrificed to Allah i.e., be "Halal."
- Muslims should engage in Tagiyya and lie to non-Muslims to advance Islam.

Theft brings amputations
Criticizing Sharia = death
9yo can be married
FGM mutilations
Polygamy is ok, with multiple wives anyway
Testimonies of 4 men required to prove Rape
Men can beat their wives

https://www.p315.org/is-islam-compatible-with-the-constitution.html According to Sharia Law:

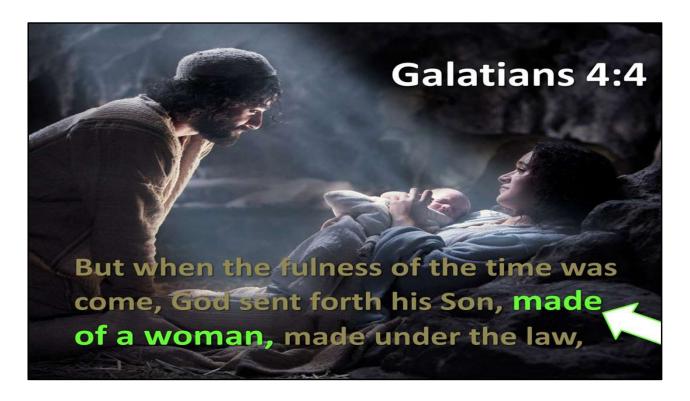
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Acid thrown in girls faces for Immodesty or going to school Honor killings in America



The Jewish People graduated from Nursery school When Jesus Came!

[Gal 4:4 NASB20] 4 But when **the fullness of the time came**, God sent His Son, **born of a woman**, **born under the Law**,

[Gal 4:5 NASB20] 5 so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons [and daughters].

Phil.2

Did Jesus Break the Law? This is a BIG Question and is either correct or wrong/very wrong!!

[Phl 2:5-11 NASB20] 5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, as He [already] existed in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself [by] taking the form of a bond-servant [and] being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death: death on a cross. 9 For this reason also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and [that] every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Did Jesus break the law?

- Galatians 4:4 born under the Law
- Matthew 3:15 But Jesus, answering, said to him, "Allow [it] at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.
- Matthew 5:17 "Do not presume that I cam to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, <u>but to</u> <u>fulfill</u>.

Did Jesus break the Law? Some Teachers today say Jesus did!

"God broke the law for love." God gave us a law, then, as a great display of his love, broke that law."

-Furtick, as well as Many others

Jesus IS God, so He had the right to eliminate or change rules:

[Mat 12:8 NASB20] 8 "For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath." Mk.2:27-28

[Luk 6:5 NASB20] 5 And He was saying to them, "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

[Mar 7:3-5 NASB20] 3 (For the Pharisees and all the [other] Jews do not eat unless they carefully wash their hands, [thereby] holding firmly to the tradition of the elders; 4 and [when they come] from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they completely cleanse themselves; and there are many other things which they have received [as traditions] to firmly hold, [such as] the washing of cups, pitchers, and copper pots.) 5 And the Pharisees and the scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk in accordance with the tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with unholy hands?"

[Jhn 5:8-11, 16 NASB20] 8 Jesus said to him, "Get up, pick up your pallet and walk." 9 Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and [began] to walk. Now it was a Sabbath on that day. 10 So the Jews were saying to the man who was cured, "It is a Sabbath, and it is not permissible for you to carry your pallet." 11 But he answered them, "He who made me well was the one who said to me, 'Pick up your pallet and walk.'" ... 16 For this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on a Sabbath.

[Mat 12:11 NASB20] 11 But He said to them, "What man is there among you who has a sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will he not take hold of it and lift it out?

However, more often than NOT He repudiated the man-made rules, traditions of men, added to the Law and clarified the Law!

[Eph 1:10 NASB20] 10 regarding [His] plan of the fullness of the times, to bring all things together in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth.

[Heb 9:10 NASB20] 10 since they [relate] only to food, drink, and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until a time of reformation.

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[Rom 15:8 NASB20] 8 For I say that Christ has become a servant to the circumcision in behalf of the truth of God, to confirm the promises [given] to the fathers,

[Col 2:14 NASB20] 14 having canceled the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

Breaking the Jewish law would have been a sin and Scripture repeatedly affirms that Jesus was sinless (2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 2:22, Hebrews 4:15). James 2:10 says whoever stumbles at one point of the law is guilty of breaking it all, which means Jesus did not break any Old Testament laws.

https://research.lifeway.com/2018/07/13/did-jesus-break-the-law/

https://www.gotquestions.org/did-Jesus-break-the-Sabbath-law.html

"Do all the good you can, for all the people you can, in all the ways you can, as long as ever you can." ~Methodist saying



Jesus was Tested by men who themselves were hypocritical and unwilling to keep Moses' law if it meant Rome killing them.

Jesus never said NOT to stone her! He actually endorsed stoning but said lets not stop with her!!

He delayed and displayed consistency of Love and then Satisfied her death sentence by taking it for her, before her actual judgment day!

Law of Double Jeopardy!

[Jhn 8:3-11 NASB20] 3 Now the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in the act of adultery, and after placing her in the center [of the courtyard,] 4 they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the very act of committing adultery. 5 "Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women; what then do You say?" 6 Now they were saying this to test Him, so that they might have [grounds for] accusing Him. But Jesus stooped down and with His finger wrote on the ground. 7 When they persisted in asking Him, He straightened up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him [be the] first to throw a stone at her." 8 And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. 9 Now when they heard [this,] they [began] leaving, one by one, beginning with the older ones, and He was left alone, and the woman [where she] was, in the center [of the courtyard.] 10 And straightening up, Jesus said to her, "Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?" 11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on do not sin any longer."]]

Abba Father! Galatians 4:6

- Mark 14:36 And He was saying, "Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You [will.]"
- Romans 8:15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons [and daughters] by which we cry out, <u>"Abba! Father!"</u>

Jesus knocks that ball out of the park—Jesus calls God "Father" over 165 times!
Here's why—for a Jew to refer to God as "my Father" was blasphemy. In fact, two decades later those words will get Jesus into big trouble. The Jews will burn with anger, seeking to kill Jesus for saying "my Father." They'll say He's making "Himself equal with God." John 5:18

[Gal 4:6 NASB20] 6 Because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba! Father!"

"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do" (<u>Luke 23:34</u>) and "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit" (<u>Luke 23:46</u>)

According to "Baker's Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology," "Father" is used for God only 15 times in the Old Testament. You can count them on your fingers and toes. Even worse, generally those passages are talking about God's nature—only one person in the Old Testament actually speaks to God calling him. "Father." That's Isaiah, and he only does it twice. I was surprised.

What could be more basic to Christianity than to address God as Father? Joachim Jeremias, the German New Testament scholar has done research on the prayers of the ancient Israelite people, and it is his conclusion that there is not a single example anywhere in extant Jewish literature, including the Old Testament, the Talmud, the Targums, and so on until the tenth century A.D. where a Jewish person addresses God directly as "Father." That is, it simply wasn't done. People would speak of the fatherhood of God among the Jewish people, but no one would address Him directly as, 'Father.' Jeremias says you don't find it until the tenth century A.D. in Italy. Yet in the New Testament we have the record of a Jew, a Jewish Rabbi, who has many many prayers

recorded for posterity, and that in every prayer that he prayed, save one, He directly addressed God as 'Father.' And that is Jesus of Nazareth. https://www.ligonier.org/posts/privilege-addressing-god-father

<u>Jesus' teaching concerning the Fatherhood of God is that the frequency of this metaphor is out of all proportion to what we find elsewhere in the Old Testament and other Jewish literature. (Note 165+ times in the four Gospels compared to only 15 times in the entire Old Testament!)</u>

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[Jer 3:19 NASB20] 19 "Then I said, 'How I would set you among My sons And give you a pleasant land, The most beautiful inheritance of the nations!' And I said, 'You shall call Me, My Father, And not turn away from following Me.'

[Psa 103:13 NASB20] 13 Just as a father has compassion on [his] children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.

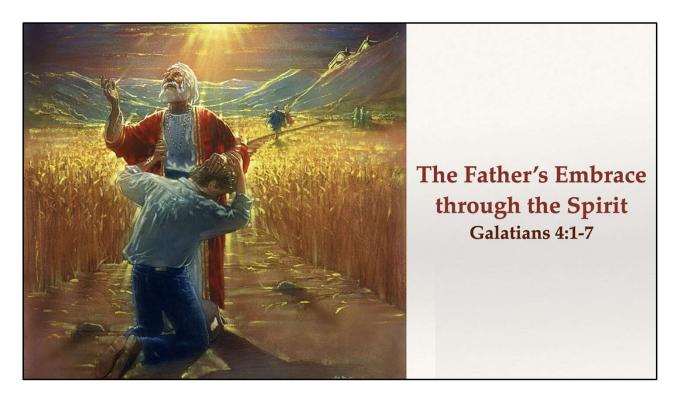
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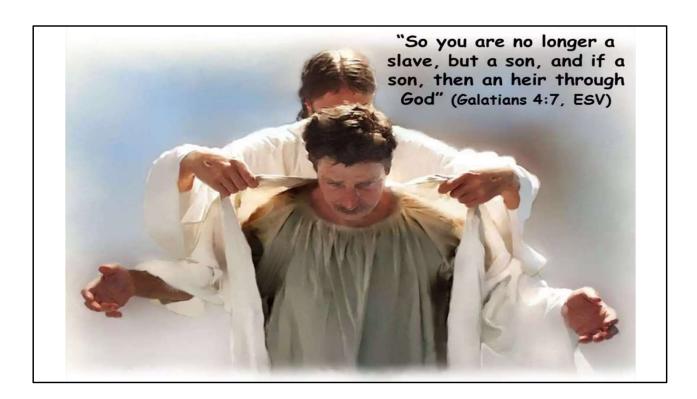
See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. (1 John 3:1)



The Prodigal Son

[Luk 15:13 NASB20] 13 "And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey to a distant country, and there he squandered his estate in wild living.
[1Th 2:7 NASB20] 7 But we proved to be gentle among you. As a nursing [mother] tenderly cares for her own children,

[Luk 13:34 NASB20] 34 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the [city] that kills the prophets and stones those who have been sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, just as a hen [gathers] her young under her wings, and you were unwilling!





Childlike	Childish	
Dependent / Helpless	Self-sufficient / Works	
"I need" / "Daddy, Daddy"	"I Can" / "I Will"	
Humble / Teachable	Prideful / Headstrong	
Indomitable Faith / Trusting	Irrational Fears / Distrust	
Hungry for Truth	Overconfident	
Mature / Responsible	Immature / Irresponsible	
Loves selflessly, purely	"That's Mine"	
Matthew 18:13, 19:14	1 Corinthians 13:11	

The Prodigal son was childish!

No Longer a Slave! But a Son! - Galatians 4:7

- John 8:34, 36 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin. ... So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free."
- Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death
- Galatians 5:1 It was for freedom that Christ set us free ...

[Rom 8:2 NASB20] 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

[Heb 2:9-10, 14, 17-18 NASB20] 9 But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, [namely,] Jesus, because of His suffering death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone. 10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the originator of their salvation through sufferings. ... 14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, so that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ... 17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brothers so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

[Gal 4:7-9 NASB20] 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God. 8 However at that time, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by nature are not gods. 9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles, to which you want to be enslaved all over again?

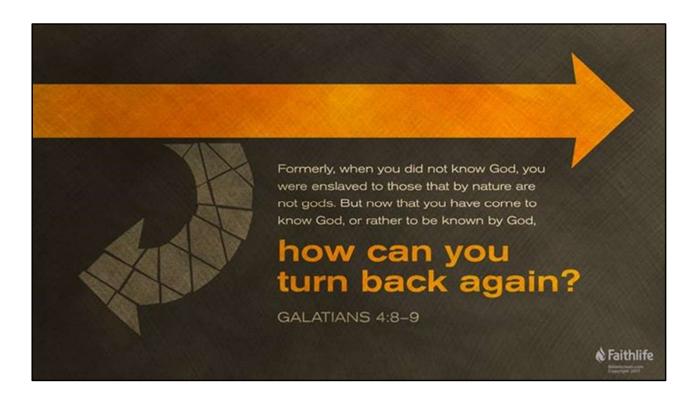
[Gal 4:31 NASB20] 31 So then, brothers [and sisters,] we are not children of a slave woman, but of the free woman.

[Gal 5:1 NASB20] 1 It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

[Gal 3:26, 29 NASB20] 26 For you are all sons [and daughters] of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ...

29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.

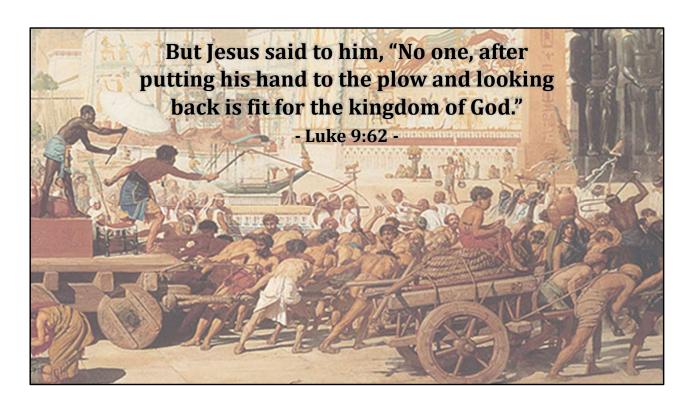
[Rom 8:16-17 NASB20] 16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with [Him] so that we may also be glorified with [Him.]



[Luk 9:62 NASB20] 62 But Jesus said to him, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

Mature sons don't need to be constantly told to not eat too much, you might throw up., Or eat everything on your plate. Eat Healthy and don't take more than you'll eat Don't just eat Chicken Nuggies, pizza and cotton candy

Moderation and substance Abuse



Come on...Have you ever said You wish you could go back to being a child?? Let others make all the hard decisions, responsibilities...and you could just play!

[Luk 9:62 NASB20] 62 But Jesus said to him, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

Gal 4:9

But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles, to which you want to be enslaved all over again?

[Luk 17:31-32 NASB20] 31 "On that day, the one who will be on the housetop, with his goods in the house, must not go down to take them out; and likewise the one in the field must not turn back. 32 "Remember Lot's wife.

[Act 15:38 NASB20] 38 But Paul was of the opinion that they should not take along with them this man who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work.

[2Ti 4:10 NASB20] 10 for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens [has gone] to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

[Heb 10:38 NASB20] 38 BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE WILL LIVE BY FAITH; AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM.

[Jas 1:6-8 NASB20] 6 But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For that person ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, 8 [being] a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

[Psa 106:7, 21 NASB20] 7 Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders; They did not

remember Your abundant kindnesses, But rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea. ... 21 They forgot God their Savior, Who had done great things in Egypt,

[Num 11:1, 4-6, 12 NASB20] 1 Now the people became like those who complain of adversity in the ears of the LORD; and the LORD heard [them] and His anger was kindled, and the fire of the LORD burned among them and consumed [some] at the outskirts of the camp. ... 4 Now the rabble who were among them had greedy cravings; and the sons of Israel also wept again and said, "Who will give us meat to eat? 5 "We remember the fish which we used to eat for free in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; 6 but now our appetite is gone. There is nothing at all to look at except this manna!" ... 12 "Was it I who conceived all this people? Or did I give birth to them, that You should say to me, 'Carry them in your arms, as a nurse carries a nursing infant, to the land which You swore to their fathers'?

[2Pe 2:21 NASB20] 21 For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them.

Letter of the law, or the Spirit?

- Galatians 4:10 You meticulously observe days and months and seasons and years.
- Luke 11:42 "But woe to you Pharisees! For you pay tithes of mint, rue, and every [kind of] garden herb, and [yet] you ignore justice and the love of God; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others."

Neither Jesus or Paul said NOT to celebrate holy days! Don't miss the point and the bigger picture!

[Gal 3:28 NASB20] 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Some have taken the literal words of the above verse to legitimize Transgenderism

[Rom 2:29 NASB20] 29 But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from people, but from God.

[Rom 7:6 NASB20] 6 But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.

[2Co 3:6 NASB20] 6 who also made us adequate [as] servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

[2Co 3:7-8 NASB20] 7 But if the ministry of death, engraved in letters on stones, came with glory so that the sons of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, fading [as] it was, 8 how will the ministry of the Spirit fail to be [even] more with glory?

[Rom 14:5 NASB20] 5 One [person] values one day over another, another values every day [the same.] Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind.

[Col 2:16-17 Therefore, no one is to act as your judge in regard to food and drink, or in respect to a festival or a new moon, or a Sabbath day-- 17 things which are [only] a shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.

[Mat 23:23 NASB20] 23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the Law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but

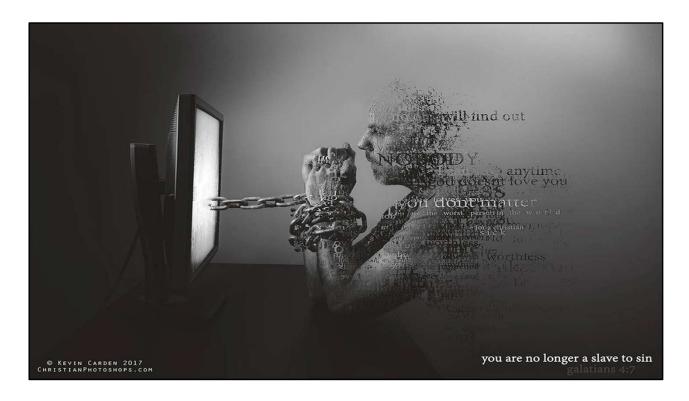
these [are the things] you should have done without neglecting the others.

I'd rather follow the spirit of the law and I think most people feel that way. The website used an illustration: a child was told not to watch cartoons on the TV until he was done with his homework. The mother came back to watch her child watching cartoons on his tablet, with no homework done.

The child had kept the letter of the law but not the spirit of it.

So, the mother amends the statement by telling the child to finish his homework before watching cartoons. This time the kid gets around it by watching baseball. Once again, he had complied with the letter of the law, but not the spirit of the law as his mother intended.

"The frustrated mom could have said, 'Don't do anything until you finish your homework,' but the child, taking it literally, could then claim to be unable to open his book bag to get his homework. Obviously, focusing on the letter of the law can be a tactic to negate the intent or spirit of the law."



[Gal 4:7 NASB20] 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

Its not how much time you spend on devices. Its how you spend that time!

Illness led to your hearing the gospel!

- Galatians 4:13 but you know that it was because of a bodily illness that I preached the gospel to you the first time.
 - Did not despise, nor express contempt
 - You received me as an angel of God
 - You would have torn out your eyes and given them to me
- So have I become your enemy by telling you the truth?

God doesn't Promise Christians - illness free lives. Perfect health. Paul Suffered and God used it Rom.8:28

The Galatians were gracious to Paul! Do you focus on the message or the style and appearance of one?

The Galatians knew Paul loved them. why were they following the Judaizers? One of the tests of true vs. false prophets is the investment of the Preacher for the sake of the sheep!

[Gal 4:13-20 NASB20] 13 but you know that it was because of a bodily illness that I preached the gospel to you the first time; 14 and you did not despise that which was a trial to you in my bodily condition, nor express contempt, but you received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus [Himself.] 15 Where then is that sense of blessing you had? For I testify about you that, if possible, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me. 16 So have I become your enemy by telling you the truth? 17 They eagerly seek you, not in a commendable way, but they want to shut you out so that you will seek them. 18 But it is good always to be eagerly sought in a commendable way, and not only when I am present with you. 19 My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you-- 20 but I could wish to be present with you now and to change my [tone of] voice, for I am at a loss about you!

[1Co 2:3 NASB20] 3 I also was with you in weakness and fear, and in great trembling,

[2Co 10:10 NASB20] 10 For they say, "His letters are weighty and strong, but his personal presence is unimpressive and his speech contemptible."

[2Co 11:6, 30 NASB20] 6 But even if I am unskilled in speech, yet I am not [so] in knowledge; in fact, in every way we have made [this] evident to you in all things. ... 30 If I have to boast, I will boast of what pertains to my weakness.

[2Co 12:7-10 NASB20] 7 Because of the extraordinary [greatness] of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to

torment me--to keep me from exalting myself! 8 Concerning this I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might leave me. 9 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10 Therefore I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in distresses, in persecutions, in difficulties, in behalf of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

[Act 16:6 NASB20] 6 They passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, after being forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia;

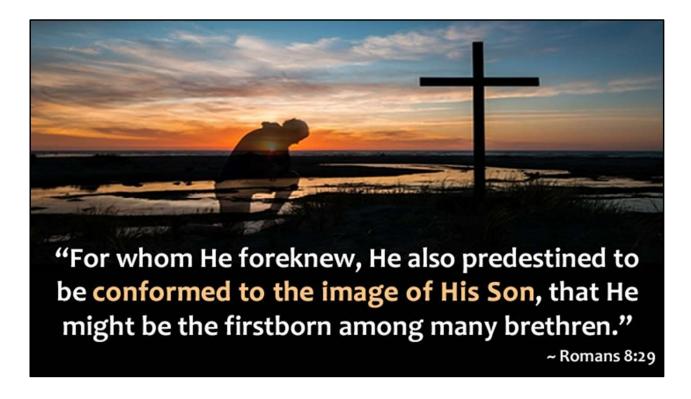
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Grow Up! Not just Old!!

Old people can be very childish!

The best way to be conformed to Christ is to Know Him through His Word!



[Rom 8:29 NASB20] 29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined [to become] conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers [and sisters;]

Whatever your view of Predestination or Election, We can ALL agree that God saves us to be conformed to the image of His Son!!

How can people claim to be saved and be relatively unchanged over many years?

until Christ is formed in you!

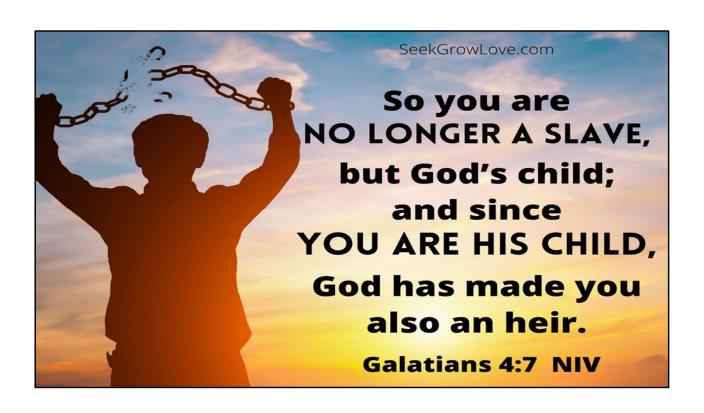
- Hebrews 2:11 "for the reason He is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters"
- 1 John 3:1 See how great a love the Father has given us, that we would be called children of God; and [in fact] we are. For this reason the world does not know us: because it did not know Him.
- Do you resemble your Father? Brother? Is it due to rules?

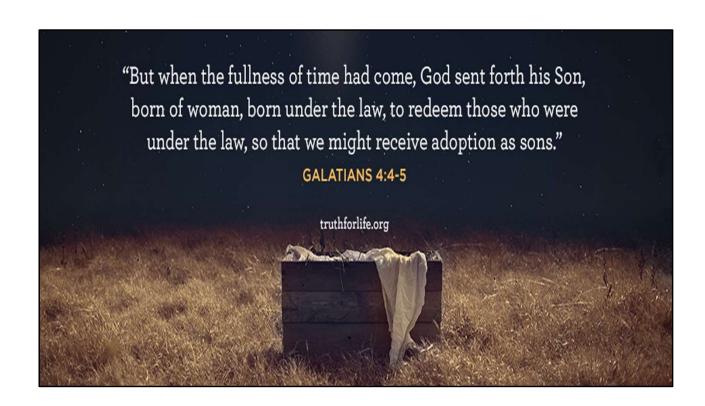
[Heb 2:11 NASB20] 11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one [Father;] for this reason He is not ashamed to call them brothers [and sisters,] [Heb 2:17 NASB20] 17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brothers so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

[Gal 4:19-21 NASB20] 19 My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you-- 20 but I could wish to be present with you now and to change my [tone of] voice, for I am at a loss about you! 21 Tell me, you who want to be under law, do you not listen to the Law?

[Eph 4:15 NASB20] 15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all [aspects] into Him who is the head, [that is,] Christ,

[1Jo 3:1-2 NASB20] 1 See how great a love the Father has given us, that we would be called children of God; and [in fact] we are. For this reason the world does not know us: because it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.





Main Characters in Galatians

The Churches	The Apostle	The False Brethren
Quickly removing (1:6)	Marveled (1:6)	Trouble (1:7; see 5:10)
Foolish (3:1,3)	Afraid (4:11)	Perverting (1:7)
Bewitched (3:1)	United (4:12)	Anathema (1:8-9)
Unloving (5:13-15)	Telling the truth (4:16)	False brethren (2:4)
Contentious (5:26)	In travail (4:19)	Secretive (2:4)
	Perplexed (4:20)	Bondage (2:4)
	Branded (6:17)	Zealously seek (4:17)
		Unsettling (5:12)
		Glory in flesh (6:12-13)

