

Gamaliel, Paul, and the Gentiles all Zealous for the Law

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Shabbat Shalom Brethren,

Earlier this year in a News Letter I shared with you what Brother Flo Bors wrote on What was nailed to the Cross. It was actually a tree, but that was Flo's Article. It can be read at:

https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon_2015/?page_id=138

or

<http://www.lawincolossians.com/>

After that another Brother wrote in and he too had a good article on this same subject. You can read Ray Foucher's article at:

<http://www.jesus-resurrection.info/colossians-2.html>

This is a three part article which can be accessed at

<http://www.jesus-resurrection.info/grace-law.html>

and

<http://www.jesus-resurrection.info/mosaic-law.html>

This is what we are now going to look at without emotional rhetoric that many tend to bring up. Law and Grace and not Law Versus Grace. These are indeed difficult scriptures to read and to understand what is being said. So brethren please read them carefully and prayerfully and we will explain them so that you can understand. But before you continue please go read Ray Foucher's short 3 part article on this subject.

Peter said it so accurately in 2 Peter 3: 15 and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, 16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures. 17 You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand,

beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; 18 but grow in the grace and Knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

As some of you know I am studying under Professor WA Liebenbeg of the Hebraic Roots Teaching Institute, sponsored by Calvary University, of South Africa. I have been blown away by some of the things I have already learned in the books I have been reading.

With their permission I am going to share with you some of these subjects. There by you will both learn the truth and get a handle on what this Hebraic Roots Teaching Institute is sharing with those willing to learn.

We begin with Paul. Acts 5:34 – Then one in the council stood up, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in respect by all the people, and commanded them to put the apostles outside for a little while.

It was this same Gamaliel that the Apostle Paul studied under.

Now read carefully what Acts 21 says of Paul; 18 On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present. 19 When he had greeted them, he told in detail those things which God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. 20 And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord. And they said to him, “You see, brother, how many myriads of Jews there are who have believed, and they are all zealous for the law; 21 but they have been informed about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children nor to walk according to the customs. 22 What then? The assembly must certainly meet, for they will hear that you have come. 23 Therefore do what we tell you: We have four men who have taken a vow. 24 Take them and be purified with them, and pay their expenses so that they may shave their heads, and that all may know that those things of which they were informed concerning you are nothing, but that you yourself also walk orderly and keep the law. 25 But concerning the Gentiles who believe, we have written and decided that they should observe no such thing, except that they should keep themselves from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality.” 26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day, having been purified with them, entered the temple to announce the expiration of the days of purification, at which time an offering should be made for each one of them.

27 Now when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him, 28 crying out, “Men of Israel, help! This is the man who teaches all men everywhere against the people, the law, and this place; and furthermore he also brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place.” 29 (For they had previously* seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.) 30 And all the city was disturbed; and the people ran together, seized Paul, and dragged him out of the temple; and immediately the doors were shut. 31 Now as they were seeking to kill him, news came to the commander of the

garrison that all Jerusalem was in an uproar. 32 He immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down to them. And when they saw the commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul. 33 Then the commander came near and took him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains; and he asked who he was and what he had done. 34 And some among the multitude cried one thing and some another. So when he could not ascertain the truth because of the tumult, he commanded him to be taken into the barracks. 35 When he reached the stairs, he had to be carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the mob. 36 For the multitude of the people followed after, crying out, "Away with him!" 37 Then as Paul was about to be led into the barracks, he said to the commander, "May I speak to you?" He replied, "Can you speak Greek? 38 Are you not the Egyptian who some time ago stirred up a rebellion and led the four thousand assassins out into the wilderness?" 39 But Paul said, "I am a Jew from Tarsus, in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city; and I implore you, permit me to speak to the people." 40 So when he had given him permission, Paul stood on the stairs and motioned with his hand to the people. And when there was a great silence, he spoke to them in the Hebrew language, saying,

Acts 22:3 – 1 "Brethren and fathers, hear my defense before you now." 2 And when they heard that he spoke to them in the Hebrew language, they kept all the more silent. Then he said: "I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the strictness of our fathers' law, and was zealous toward God as you all are today.

I want to point out to you that Paul was a Jew and as a Jew he kept the Torah. In Acts 21:20 "You see, brother, how many myriads of Jews there are who have believed, and they are all zealous for the law.

Notice they are all zealous for the law! These are the gentiles that Paul had taught, and they all were zealous for the Law!!!

Paul was also taught by Gamaliel, one of the respected rabbis of his time. Paul Knew the Torah very well, even better than most do today. But because of some who did not understand the Torah, Paul was accused in Acts 21:28 "This is the man who teaches all men everywhere against the people, the law, and this place"

But notice that in just a few verses before Paul had demonstrated his obedience to the law by doing as James had said and he was purified with other men as the torah dictates.

23 Therefore do what we tell you: We have four men who have taken a vow. 24 Take them and be purified with them, and pay their expenses so that they may shave their heads, and that all may know that those things of which they were informed concerning you are nothing, but that you yourself also walk orderly and keep the law. 25 But concerning the Gentiles who believe, we have written and decided that they should observe no such thing, except that they should keep themselves from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality." 26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day, having been purified with

them, entered the temple to announce the expiration of the days of purification, at which time an offering should be made for each one of them.

By doing this Paul showed he kept the Torah. I just wanted to point this out. Paul was a Jew and he was raised a Jew taught by the respected rabbi Gamaliel, and thousands of Gentiles were now believers who were zealous for the law. There is nothing here that shows us Paul is doing away with the Torah.

Also note and understand this. That by time of this arrest of Paul both the books of Romans and Galatians had already been written. And just as they are misunderstood today by many that call themselves Christian, and also by many who are called Jewish, they were also in Paul's day misunderstood and this led to his arrest at the Temple that day because of the mob that wanted to kill him.

Brethren read this over carefully and prayerfully before you send me hate mail. We have much more to cover in the weeks to come. I hope you will read this with an heart to learn and to understand.

May Yahweh watch over you and guide you in your spiritual growth and to know only the truth.

Shabbat Shalom,

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