



FAITH
&
WORKS

Galatians 2:16

THE PARTIES INVOLVED

- Galatian Christians who are largely made up of Gentiles (Gal. 4:8).
- Judaizing teachers who are disturbing the Galatian Christians (Gal. 1:7).
- The Apostle Paul who is correcting the false doctrine (Gal. 1:11).



THE WORKS OF THE LAW

- The question regarding works of the Law is one of justification (Gal. 2:16).
- Paul shows that justification by Law would require perfect law keeping (Gal. 3:10-12).
- But the advocates of Law were not calling for keeping the whole law (Gal. 5:3; 6:13).
- Before the letter is over, Paul appeals to a fulfillment of the Law (Gal. 5:14).
- Then he tells them to fulfill the law of Christ (Gal. 6:2).



LOYALTY TO THE LAWGIVER

- The faith that justifies is in the ONE that justifies not in the commands He gives (Gal. 2:16).
- In Galatia this came out in the forcing of obedience to a command which had faded into shadow (Gal. 5:1-3).
- It is not the Law that connects you to Abraham but fidelity to God (Gal. 3:6-9).
- This view of the Law made Israelites more like Ishmael than Isaac (Gal. 4:21-31).
- The law itself does not make room for error, but the Lawgiver can (Gal. 3:10-13).
- It is impossible to be loyal to the Lawgiver without keeping His law (Jas. 2:17-18).
- It is impossible to keep His law without loyalty to Him (Matt. 23:23; Jer. 17:19-27; Matt. 12:1-7).

