

## **The Plan Needed To Make The Church Run Well**

### **Galatians 5:4**

#### Introduction

- A. Galatians wanted another plan of salvation
  - 1. Wanted same man (Christ) but different plan (law) (cf. Gal 1:6; 6:12; Acts 15:1)
  - 2. Wanted new plan to them but old to Paul. (1:13,14; 2:18,19)
  - 3. Began to practice it to a degree. (4:10).
  - 4. Wanted to avoid opposition of Jews. (6:12)
  - 5. May have thought they could merge two plans. (5:1-4).
- B. Galatians told that the two plans would not mix! - had irreconcilable differences:

#### Discussion

- I. The Difference Between A National Law and A Universal Promise.**
  - A. Promise of Abraham extended to all nations (3:1-9)
  - B. Law of Moses given to one nation. (cf. Deut. 5:1-6,15; Rom. 3:1-2)
  - C. God's inheritance given through Christ and gospel not Israel and law.
- II. The Difference Between Life and Death. (3:10-14)**
  - A. To live by the law one had to do it. (v. 10, 12) - no one did it
  - B. To live by faith is to live by forgiveness of Christ.
- III. The Difference Between Seed and Seeds (3:16)**
  - A. A promised selected and singular seed - Christ
  - B. Rather than many seeds - Jews.
- IV. The Difference Between Childhood and Adulthood.**
  - A. Minor child was as a servant. (4:1-2; 3:19-4:7).
  - B. Major child had inheritance with all rights of sonship. (cf. Lk. 15:12).
- V. The Difference in Bondage and Freedom.**
  - A. From one bondage to another (4:8-10).
  - B. From Sarah to Hagar (4:21-5:1).
- VI. The Difference Between Whole Law And Whole Gospel.**
  - A. Consistency demands keep whole of either - if subject to them. (5:2-4).
  - B. Law had to be changed for Christ to be priest. (Heb. 7).
- VII. The Difference Between Spirit and Flesh (5:16-18).**

#### Conclusion:

- A. If any other plan would save - surely law to Israel given by God would.
- B. But, nothing but gospel plan of salvation will save.