

Message Notes

Why the Law? (Part Two)

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(taken from the New International Version)

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YES!!!

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NO!!!

Romans 6:1-2

Gospel Application – *Do you trust the scalpel of Almighty God?*

Galatians 3:22-25

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Romans 1:28, 32

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Romans 2:12

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Romans 3:1-2

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Romans 3:19-20

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Romans 3:21-26

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Other passages talk about today:

Romans 5:1-2

Romans 8:1-4

Romans 6:1-2

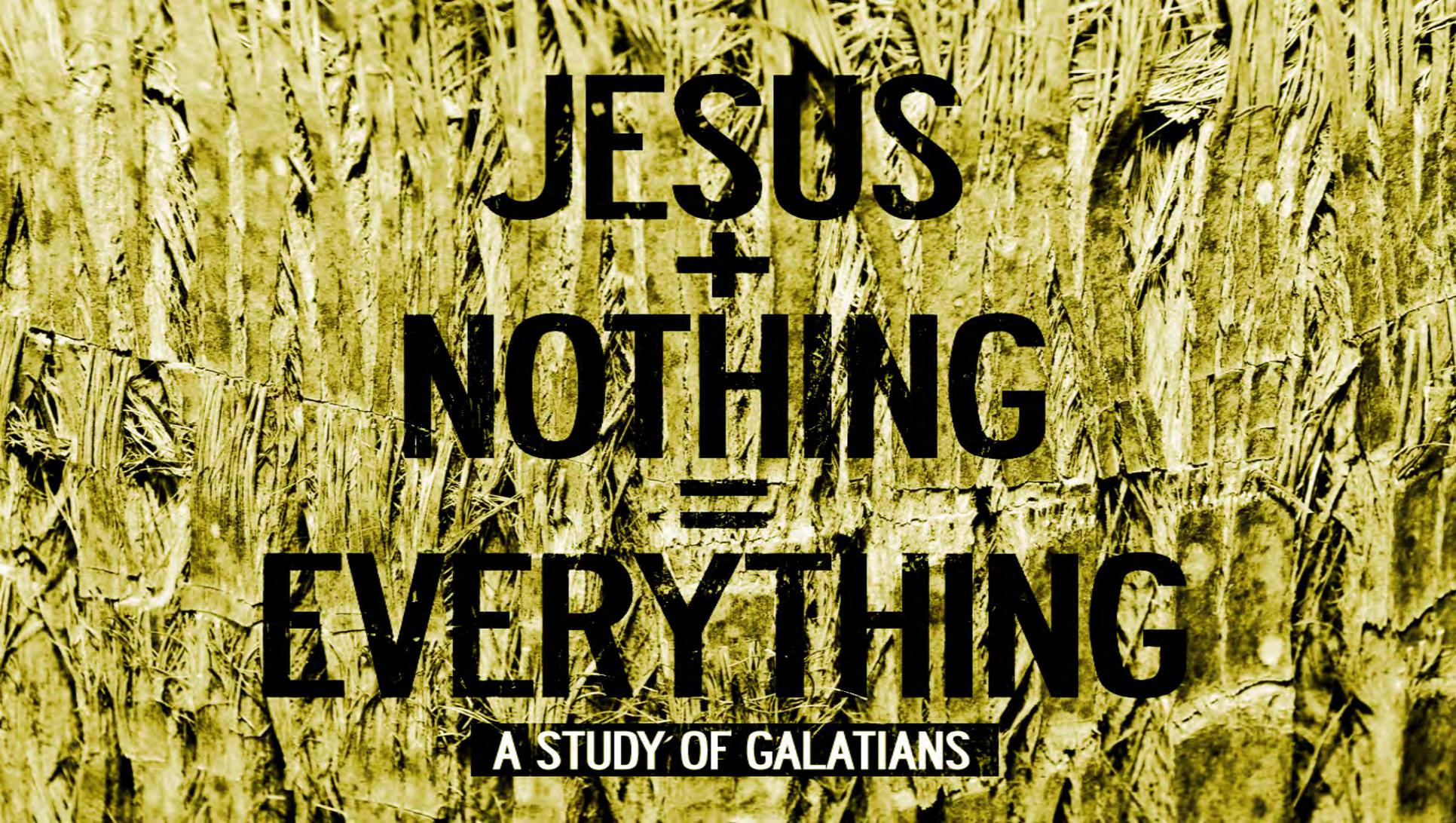
I'm gonna cut you.

I'm gonna cut you deep.

And I'm gonna pull out your spleen.







**JESUS
+
NOTHING
=
EVERYTHING**

A STUDY OF GALATIANS

Last week's message:

“Why the Law?”?

PART I – Does God Know What He's Doing?

Galatians 3:19-22

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¹⁹What, then, was the purpose of the law? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was put into effect through angels by a mediator. ²⁰A mediator, however, does not represent just one party; but God is one.

Galatians 3:19-21

²¹Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law.

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²⁹They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice.

Romans 1:28-32

They are gossips, ³⁰slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; ³¹ they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³²Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

Romans 2:12-15

¹²All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. ¹³For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous.

Romans 2:12-15

¹⁴(Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law,
¹⁵since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.)

The Whole World?

Is there any advantage to being Jewish?

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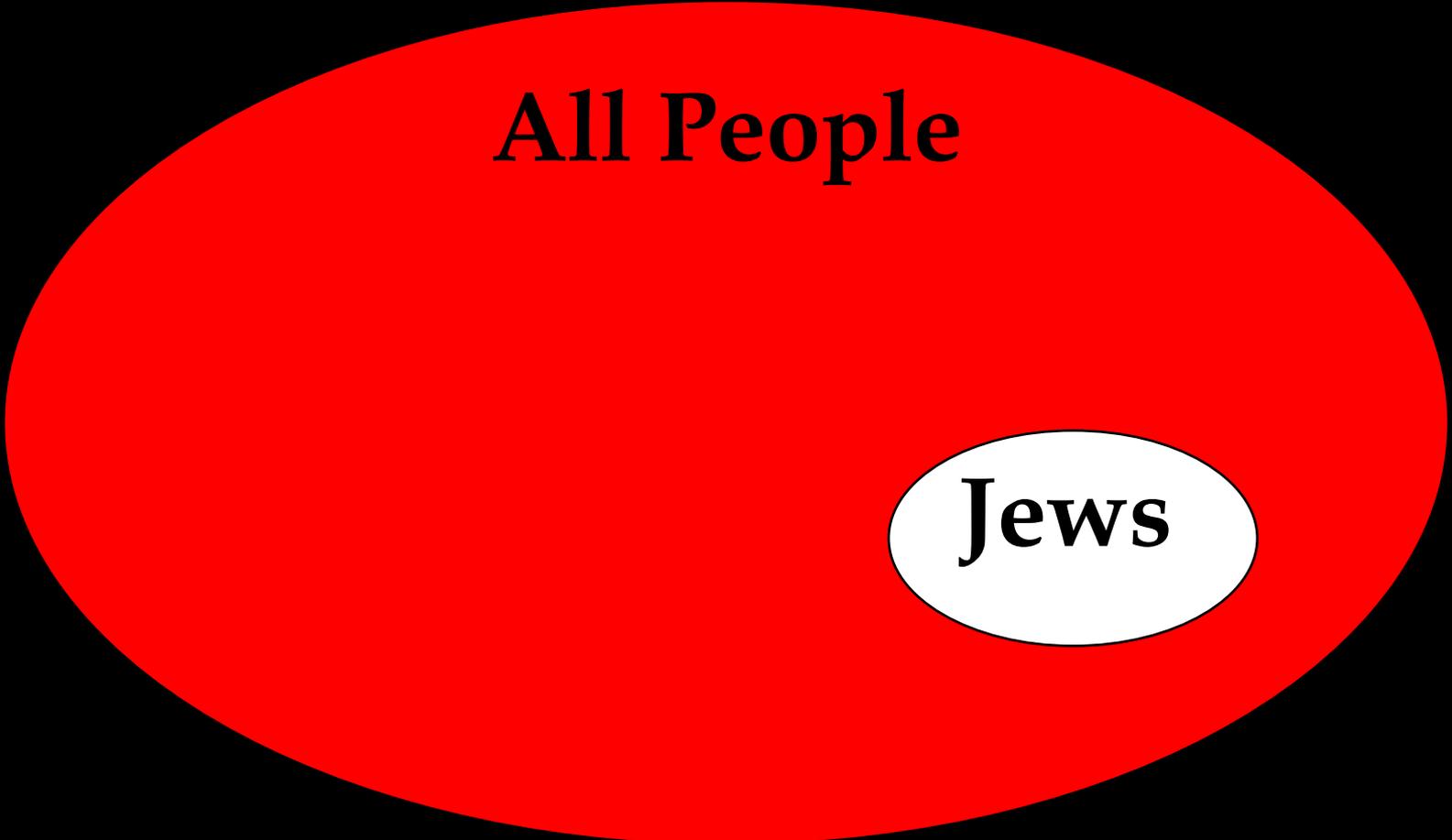
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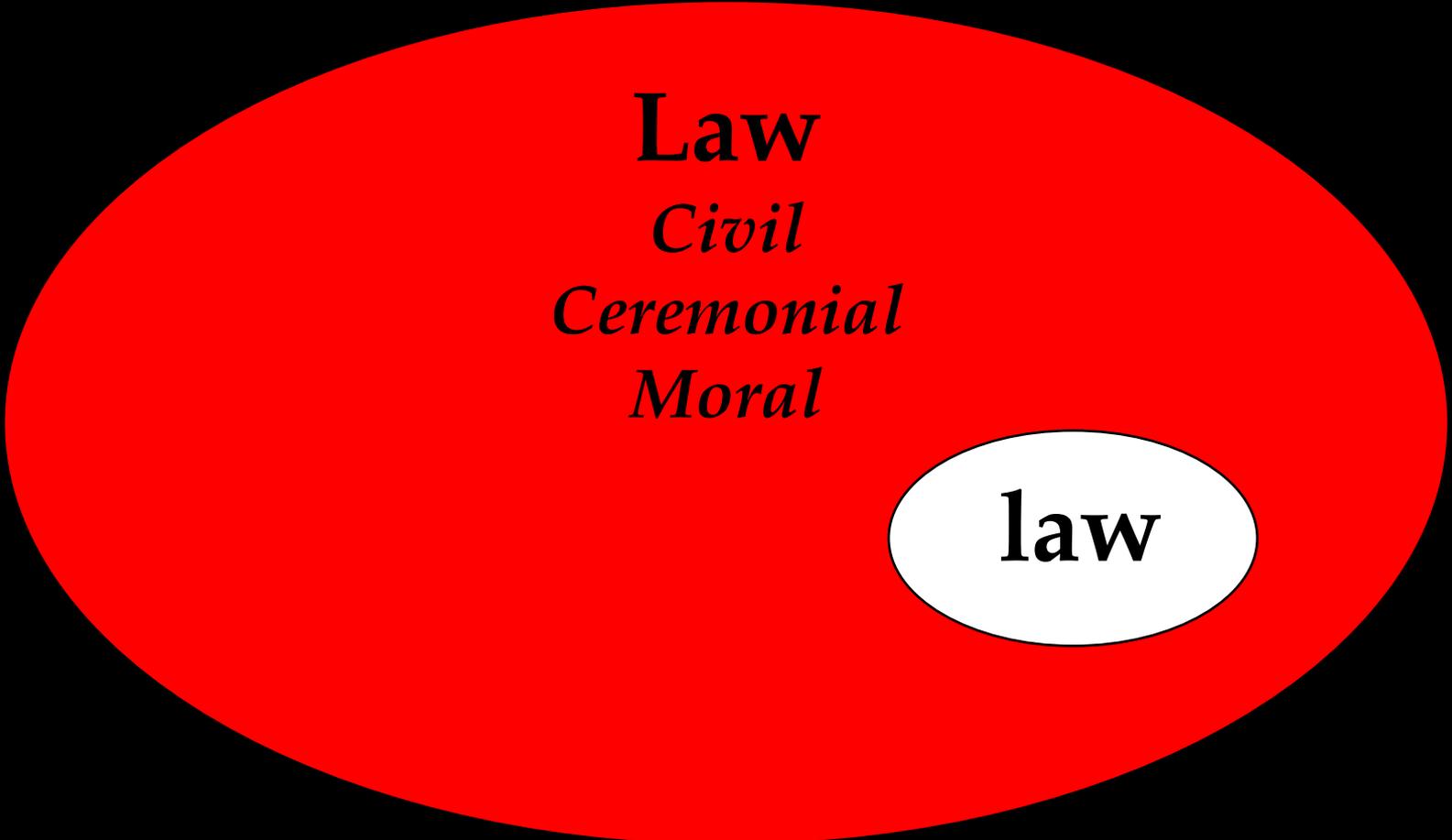
A diagram consisting of a large red oval with the text "All People" centered at the top. Inside the red oval, on the right side, is a smaller white oval with a black border containing the text "Jews".

Jews

law

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law



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Moral

law

The Whole World?

Does this advantage get Jewish people are automatically “in” with God?

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KEEP OUT



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Jews

Jewish thought had developed the idea of the law as a fence, a protective wall designed to cordon off the people of Israel from the corruptions of the surrounding nations. The emphasis on circumcision as a rite of initiation, the detailed regulations regarding clean and unclean foods, the prohibition against eating with “Gentile sinners,” all these measures were based on the understanding of the law as a prophylactic protection for the chosen people.



Paul took the metaphor of the fence, however, and radicalized it by turning it into a barbed-wire prison wall. Its purpose was not to make the unjustified sinner pure and holy, to “impart life,” but rather to condemn, enclose, and punish.

~ Timothy George, *Galatians*, vol. 30, *The New American Commentary* (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1994), 262–263.



The Metaphor shifts... Law now holding the keys

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Galatians 3:24 (NASB)

Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ,
so that we may be justified by faith.

Our “pedagogos” to discipline us to Jesus

Galatians 3:24 (ESV)

So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came,
in order that we might be justified by faith.

Our “pedagogos” to discipline us to Jesus

Galatians 3:24 (The Message)

Until the time when we were mature enough to respond freely in faith to the living God, we were carefully surrounded and protected by the Mosaic law. The law was like those Greek tutors, with which you are familiar, who escort children to school and protect them from danger or distraction, making sure the children will really get to the place they set out for.

The word *pedagogos* is difficult to render into English since there is no exact parallel to this position in modern society. Phillips suggests “a strict governess.” The pedagogue here was not a “schoolmaster” (KJV) but a slave to whom a son was committed from age six or seven to puberty. These slaves were severe disciplinarians and were charged with guarding the children from the evils of society and giving them moral training. This was like the Law’s function until Christ came and people could be justified by faith in Him

~ Donald K. Campbell, “Galatians,” in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 2 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 600.

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²⁷Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. ²⁸For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law. ²⁹Is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, ³⁰since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. ³¹Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law.

No longer under the supervision of the Law

Galatians 3:25

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Thus we cannot move from Abraham to Christ, from promise to fulfillment, without going through the law after all. However secondary and subordinate in God's overall economy of salvation, the law nonetheless has a necessary and irreplaceable role to play. For, as Luther said, "God wounds in order to heal; he kills in order to make alive."

The law was all the while standing guard over its subjects, watching and checking every attempt to escape, but intending to hand them over in due time to the charge of faith.

The law posts its ordinances, like so many sentinels, round the prisoner's cell. The cordon is complete. He tries again and again to break out; the iron circle will not yield. The deliverance will yet be his. The day of faith approaches. It dawned long ago in Abraham's promise. Even now its light shines into his dungeon, and he hears the word of Jesus, "Thy sins are forgiven thee; go in peace." Law, the stern jailor, has after all been a good friend, if it has reserved him for this. It prevents the sinner escaping to a futile and illusive freedom.

~ George. G. Findlay, *The Expositors Bible: Galatians*, page 223.

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Romans 5:1-2

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Romans 8:1-4

¹Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ²because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit

Here one must say: “Stop, law! You have caused enough terror and sorrow.” ... Then let the law withdraw; for it was indeed added for the sake of disclosing and increasing transgressions, but only until the point when the Offspring would come. Once he is present, let the law stop disclosing transgressions and terrifying. Let it surrender its realm to another, that is, to the Blessed Offspring, Christ; he has gracious lips, with which he does not accuse and terrify but speaks better things than the law, namely, grace, peace, forgiveness of sins, and victory over sin and death.

~ Martin Luther, *Luther's Works* 26.317.

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Romans 6:1-2

¹What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ²By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

Gospel Application

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Do you trust the one holding the scalpel?

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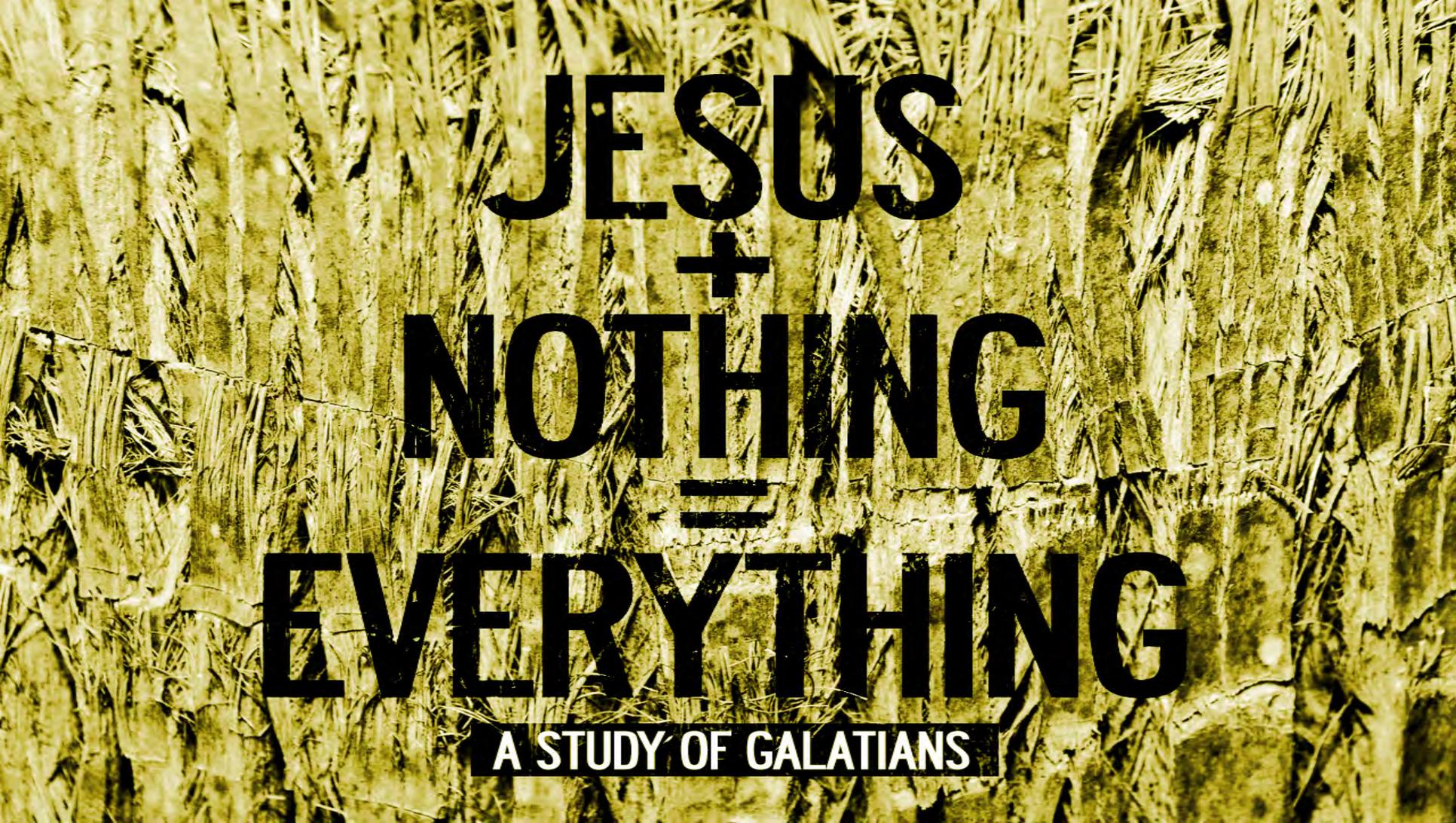
Do you trust the one holding the scalpel?

Surgery is done.

Gospel Application

Do you trust the one holding the scalpel?

*Surgery is done.
Start the healing.*



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