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Part 1: GETTING THE GOSPEL RIGHT

The old system in the law of Moses was only a shadow of the things to come, not the reality of the good things Christ has done for us. The sacrifices under the old system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship.

~ Hebrews 10:1 (NLT)

Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to fulfill them.

~ Jesus, Matthew 5:17 (NLT)

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

~ Jesus, Matthew 7:12 (TNIV)

Love is the fulfillment of the law.

~ Paul, Romans 13:10 (NASB)

Religion is the sign of the oppressed creature, the sentiment of a heartless world, and the soul of soulless conditions. It is the opium of the people.

~ Karl Marx

Religion is a crutch for weak-minded people who need strength in numbers.

~ Bill Maher, Comedian

Men never do evil so cheerfully as when they do it from religious conviction.

~ Blaise Pascal, Philosopher

The only cure for prejudice is to abolish religion.

~ G.W. Allport

Religion is the last refuge of human savagery.

~ Alfred North Whitehead, Philosopher

Men will wrangle for religion; write for it; fight for it; die for it; anything but - live for it.

~ Charles Caleb Colton, Author & Pastor

With or without religion, good people can behave well and bad people can do evil; but for good people to do evil – that takes religion.

~ Steven Weinberg, Nobel Prize Winning Physicist

We have just enough religion to make us hate, but not enough to make us love one another.

~ Jonathan Swift, Author

Religion is the masterpiece of the art of animal training, for it trains people as to how they shall think.

~ Arthur Schopenhauer, Philosopher

The message of Galatians is that religion in any form suppresses the truth. It is the futility of a world passing away. The “worship” that Paul endorsed was a transformation of everyday experience, evidenced in part by a refusal to accept the religious mind set.

~ Mark Strom, Theologian

Galatians teaches us that salvation is never to be achieved by any amount of conformity to rules and regulations, even God-given regulations.

~ James Montgomery Boice, Theologian

In Galatians Paul's primary conviction is that salvation is available to all on the same basis, faith. ... This leads to one of the most striking features of Paul's argument – that all people, whether Jew or Gentile, are in the same situation and have the same need.

~ E. P. Sanders, Historian

God promised Abraham a worldwide family, characterized by faith. This is the foundation to the message of Galatians.

~ N.T. Wright, Historian & Theologian

Paul's point is that just as God is one, so his people should be one and anything that in effect divides Gentiles from Jews and so tends to produce two peoples of God is to be shunned or avoided.

~ Ben Whitherington III, Historian & Theologian

From start to finish, Paul in Galatians proclaims that God has acted to set the world right and to rescue us from slavery to human religious programs.

~ Richard B. Hays, New Testament Professor, Duke University

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