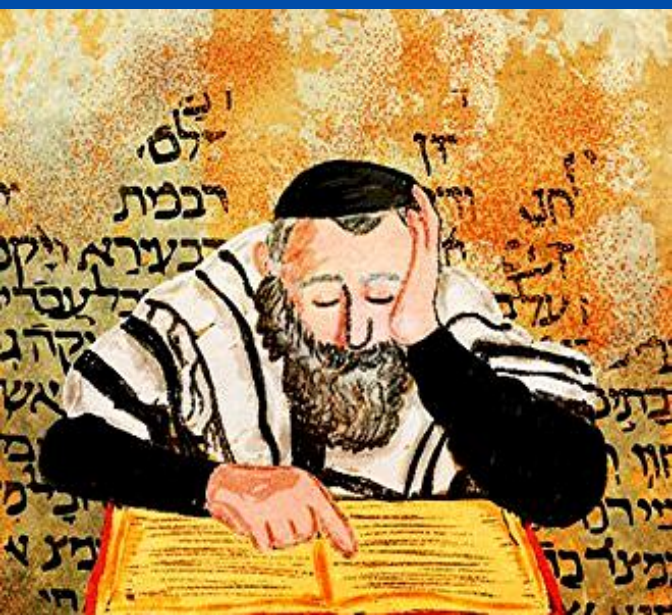


PAUL'S COMPLEX TERMINOLOGY

- Romans 2 largely about the role of the Law for gentile and Jewish Believers
- Paul's Hebrew thoughts being transmitted in Greek
- Then, Greek translated to English
- 1) Students must recognize the translation issues and that they matter
- 2) The Bible wasn't created for academics, but rather for average people to hear, read, and understand
- Jews of the 1st century had an easier time to understand what Paul meant
- Gentiles who have no knowledge of Judaism of Halakhah have a much more difficult time of it



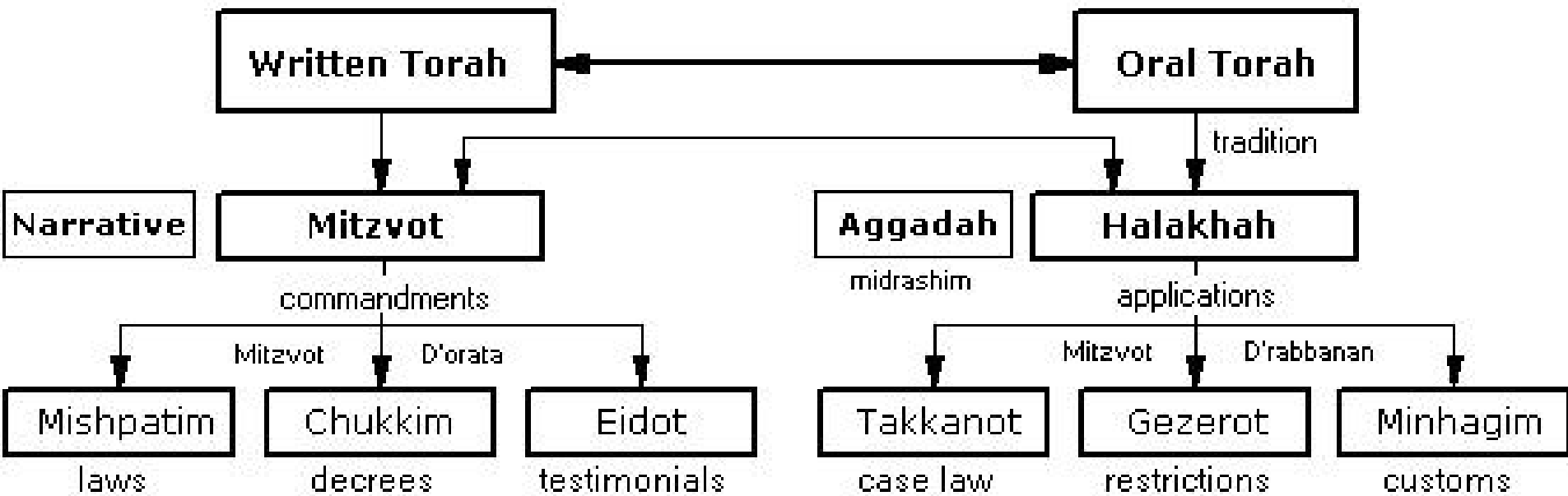
I came not
to Abolish
the LAW

but to
Fulfill
the LAW
Matthew 5:17

“DOING THE LAW”

- Matt. 5:17 The Law is not abolished
- Matt. 5:19 A hierarchy from greatest to least set by level of obedience to the Law
- **Nomos** = law, custom
- **Anomos** = not law, without law
- “Law” in the Bible and in Judaism is usually a religious term
- Romans 2:12 “without law” should be “without The Law”





THE LAW

- In Paul's era "The Law" was not a precise term
- Same as for Christianity
- "Trinity" is the title of a Church doctrine; the word is not found in the Bible
- Halakhah purports to be what the Law of Moses means

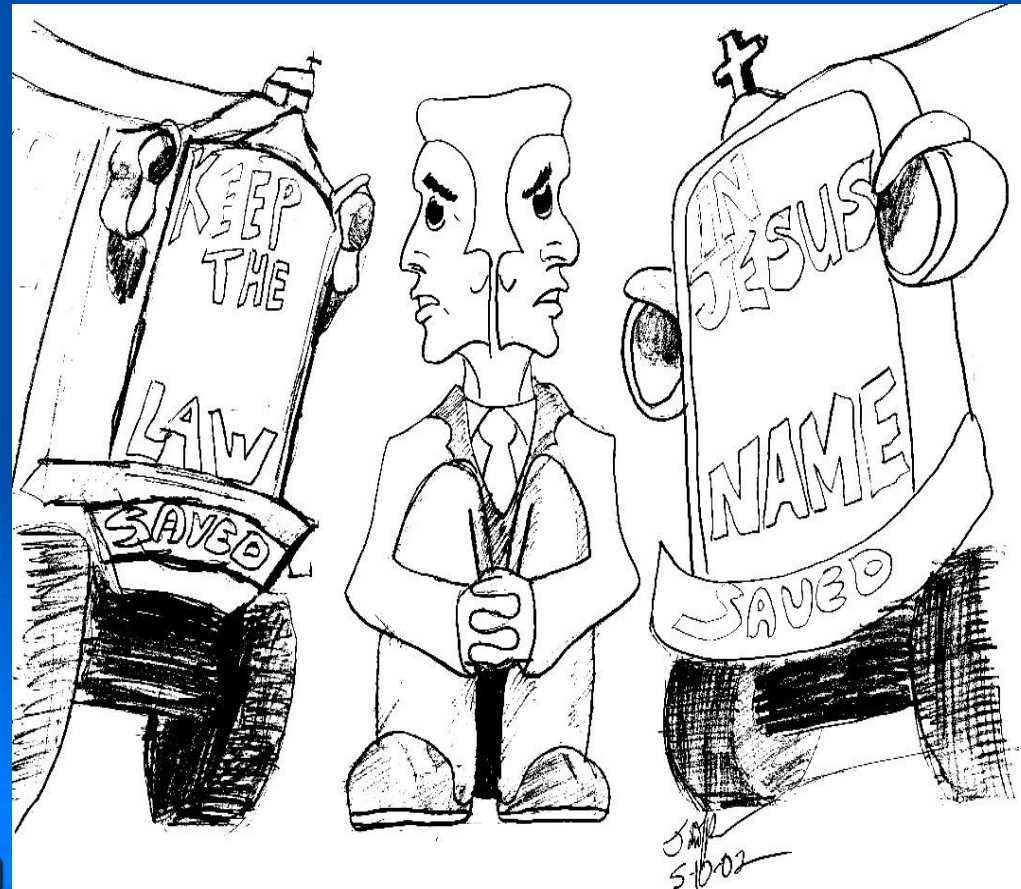
THE LAW AS A WAY OF LIFE

- The Law defined Jewish identity
- A person “without the Law” was a gentile
- Being a Jew does not keep you from God’s wrath....Jews generally thought that it did!
- In Paul’s day most Jews were “hearers” because they heard the Law in their synagogues, didn’t have Bibles



“Doers of the Law shall be justified”

Romans 2:13

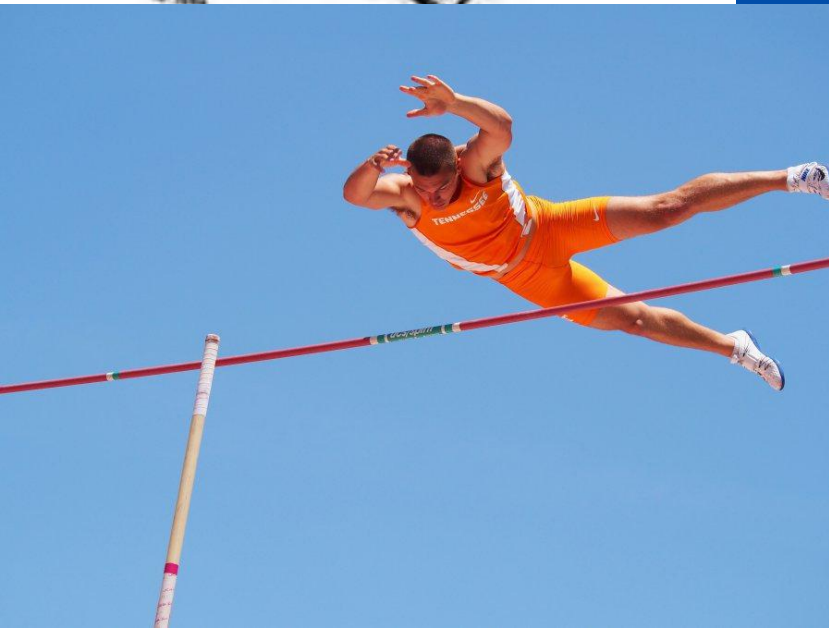


- Justified = to be made righteous through faith in Christ
- So...can we be justified EITHER by faith OR by doing the Law?
- Translators have tried to make “righteous” and “justified” to mean different things
- Vs. 13, “justified” & “just” are *dikaioo*
- *Dikaioo* = righteous
- EP Sanders: the word should be righteous-ed
- God changed a person from not-righteous to righteous



THE LAW SETS THE STANDARD

- Romans 2:9 – 11
- Those who “do what is good” is the same as “the doers of the Law”
- Doing the Law = A faith-based obedience to God
- The Law presents the standard that must be met to be justified (to be righteous-ed)
- But HOW we meet that standard is different than what the standard is
- Whether Jew or gentile, the standard is the same



THE WORK OF THE LAW

- Romans 2:15
- Gentiles (without the Law) demonstrate with their lives that the work of the Law is written on their hearts
- *Ergon* = work
- More means the business of something
- Better translation: *“They show that the business of the Law is written on their hearts”*
- The purpose and the standard of the Law is revealed to those who don't have the Law



THIS



NOT THIS



- In modern times the heart is used metaphorically as the seat of our emotions
- Dictionary of Biblical Imagery: ***“We associate thought and memory with the brain today; but in the idiom of the Bible, thinking is a function of the heart”***
- The standard of the Law has been written into the thinking and rational part of human beings.....our minds
- Vs. 17, Paul takes aim at the matter of circumcision