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# Galatians

One of the 1<sup>st</sup> NT Books (48-58 AD)  
– written 15-25 years after Jesus’  
Resurrection

Letter from Apostle Paul to the  
Churches in Galatia - Modern Day  
Turkey

Written to Christian Believers  
“Magna Carta” of the NT –  
FREEDOM



# Covenants

- Noahic – Genesis 9:8-17

God made an unconditional promise to never again destroy all life.



# Abrahamic – Covenant of Promise

- The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.
- I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;
- I will make your name great and you will be a blessing.
- I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you, I will curse,
- And all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

Genesis 12:1-3

Further unfolding of the covenant in Gen 15:6-21 & Gen 17



# Purposes of the law

- To instruct the next generation (Deut.6:6-7)
- To evangelize, showing others the greatness of God (Deut. 4:6-7)
- To act as a guardian until Jesus came (Gal 3:24)
- To reveal and expose our sin (Gal 3:24)



*“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord.*

Jeremiah 31:31-34





*This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time, declares the LORD. I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God and they will be my people....For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”*

Jeremiah 31:31-34



Salvation in Christ does not rest on a law that we inevitably break; **it rests on a promise that God *cannot* break.** God has **promised** forgiveness of sins through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He has **promised** eternal life to everyone who comes to Christ in faith. God will not—indeed, he cannot—go back on **his promise**. His covenant is an irrevocable will and testament. It stands firm forever.

*“Galatians”*, Philip Graham Ryken



Salvation in Christ is not a commercial transaction. My relationship with God is not based on my ability to make a deal or strike a bargain. The Christian life is not a quid pro quo, so that if I do what God wants, then God will do what I want. God simply does not operate that way. Instead my relationship with God is based entirely on believing his gracious promise.

Ryken, Galatians



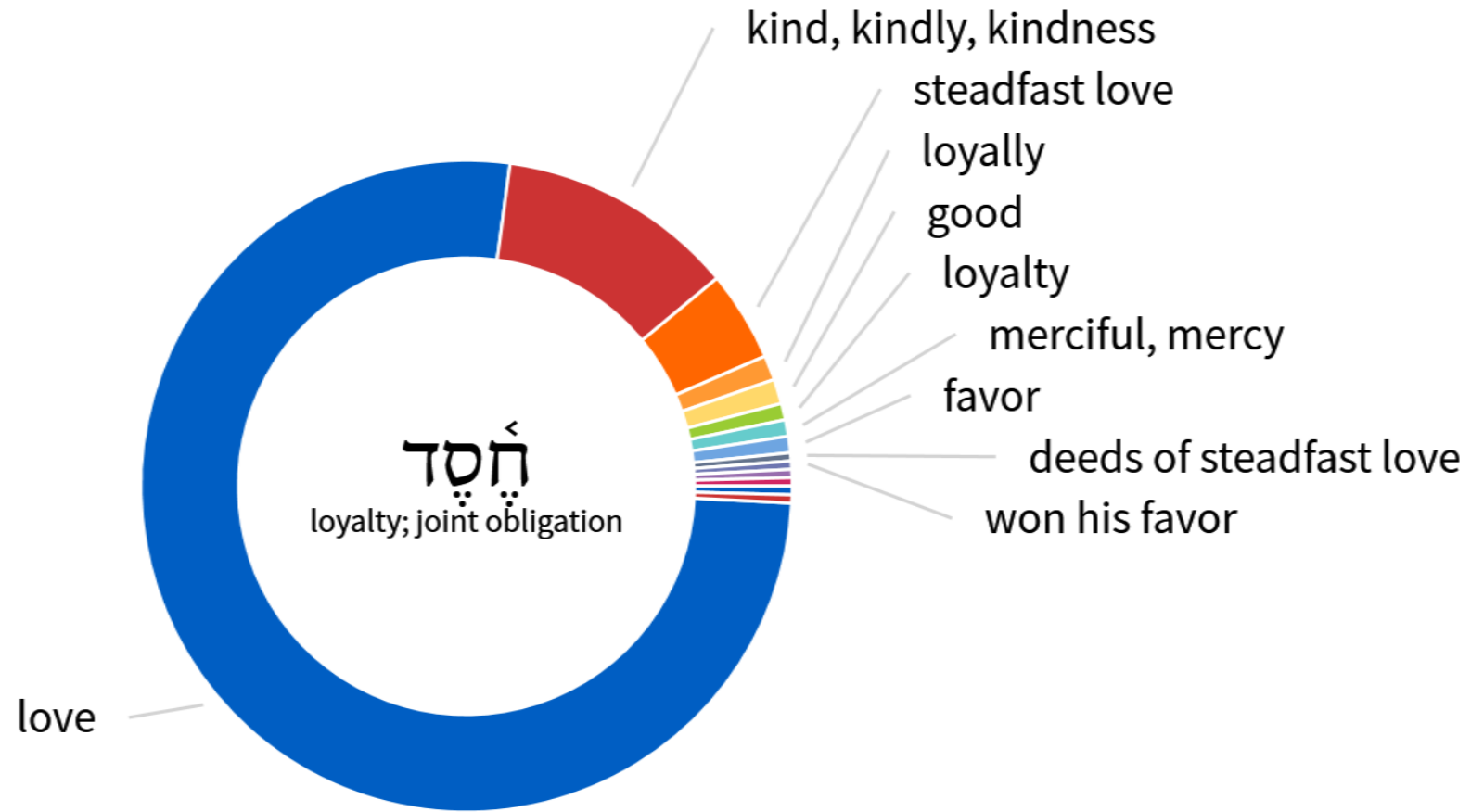


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