

## Was the Apostle Paul a Hypocrite?

### Unmasking Paul's Contradictions and His Role in Shaping Christianity

The Apostle Paul is often regarded as the architect of Christianity, credited with spreading Yeshua's message beyond Judea and laying the theological foundation of the faith. However, when scrutinized through historical, theological, and ethical lenses, a compelling question emerges: **Was Paul a hypocrite?**

This blog post will explore how Paul's teachings often contradicted **Yeshua's original message**, his **double standards in Jewish law**, and his doctrine of **grace-only salvation**, which led to moral complacency.

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#### 1. Paul's Contradictions in His Writings

Paul frequently contradicted himself, which raises questions about his sincerity and consistency as a spiritual leader:

- **On the Torah (Law of Moses):** In Romans 3:31, Paul states, *"Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law."* Yet, in Galatians 3:24-25, he writes, *"The law was our guardian until Christ came... Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian."*
- **On Circumcision:** Paul circumcised Timothy (Acts 16:3) but condemned the practice as meaningless in Galatians 5:2.
- **On Women's Role in the Church:** In 1 Corinthians 14:34-35, Paul says, *"Women should remain silent in the churches."* However, in Romans 16:1-2, he praises Phoebe as a deacon and Junia as "outstanding among the apostles."

These contradictions indicate **Paul's shifting theological stance** depending on his audience, a hallmark of hypocrisy.

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#### 2. Paul's Hijacking of Yeshua's Message

The **Nazarenes, Ebionites, Mandaeanes, Copts, Samaritans, and Kemetic followers** of Yeshua all rejected Paul because he transformed the faith into something that suited the **Roman imperial framework**:

- **Yeshua emphasized righteous action (Matthew 7:21), while Paul promoted salvation by faith alone (Ephesians 2:8-9).**

- **Yeshua instructed his followers to keep the commandments (Matthew 5:17-20), while Paul said the law was obsolete.**
- **Yeshua opposed Roman authority, while Paul instructed obedience to Rome (Romans 13:1-7).**

Why did Paul claim the opposite if Yeshua came to fulfill the law and teach moral accountability?

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### 3. Paul's Role in Justifying Imperial Christianity

Paul's doctrine served as a tool for **Romanizing Christianity**, making it easier for Constantine and later rulers to control the faith. Unlike Yeshua, who challenged political and religious corruption, Paul:

- **Taught submission to ruling authorities** (Romans 13:1-2), which made Christianity politically convenient for the empire.
- **Promoted grace over justice**, removing accountability from faith and enabling moral complacency.
- **Created a hierarchical structure that replaced Yeshua's communal model**, developing the Church's rigid power structures.

Paul's influence on Christianity **laid the groundwork for Uniformity, Exclusion, and Hierarchy (UEH)**, which marginalized indigenous wisdom traditions in favor of Greco-Roman dominance.

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### 4. The "Grace-Only" Doctrine and Moral Complacency

One of Paul's most influential—and controversial—ideas is that **salvation is by faith alone, without works** (Romans 3:23-25). This doctrine **contradicted Yeshua's emphasis on righteousness** and led to:

- **Moral complacency**—believers assuming they are forgiven no matter how they behave.
- **The justification of atrocities**—colonialism, slavery, and religious wars all found theological cover under “grace.”
- **The erasure of Torah-based ethics** which demanded accountability in actions, not just belief.

This "grace-only" model directly opposes the teachings of **Ma'at (balance, truth, and justice)**, **the Eightfold Path of Enlightenment (right action, right speech)**, and **other non-Pauline ethical traditions**.

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## 5. Was Paul a Hypocrite or an Opportunist?

Given the contradictions, self-serving theology, and alignment with imperial interests, it's fair to ask:


- **Was Paul simply inconsistent, or was he manipulating Yeshua's message?**
- **Did Paul shape Christianity to make it more palatable for Roman acceptance?**
- **Should Paul's letters be regarded as divine revelation or deviating from the original faith?**

This debate is crucial for those seeking to **return to Yeshua's original path**, which is rooted in righteousness, balance, and liberation.

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## Final Thoughts: Rethinking Paul's Legacy

If Paul's influence **supplanted Yeshua's original message**, should modern believers continue to embrace his teachings without question? Should Christianity **decolonize itself** by revisiting the suppressed traditions of the Nazarenes, Ebionites, and Copts?

 **What do you think?** Has Pauline Christianity **obscured the original teachings of Yeshua**? Let's discuss it! Drop your thoughts in the comments. 