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Hi Yun Sun,

I too had difficulty reading the document. However, your writing helps me to make the connection to the important point. As you rightly state that the theological problem that it contains referencing a piece of literature that the apostle Paul wrote. I also appreciated when you highlighted the writer was saying that the issue that was being addressed was post Biblical laws, Paul was battling those who would impose biblical regulations. In 4QMMT the acts of the law were the emphasis and in keeping its regulation. Paul preaches that the works of the law do not justify anyone; “Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus” (Galatians 2:16). You mention that most scholars say that the Qumran community didn't have the concept of salvation through the works of the law, that was interesting to know. Overall I think your contribution and research has enhanced my understanding of the document. Thanks.