



## THE LAW BY LETTER OR BY SPIRIT?

After a bible study that we were doing on Acts chapter 18... sister Diane sent me a follow up on how things were going in the chat room as she usually does... and she mentioned that someone had asked a question in the chat room.. and this person asked the question “*Do we keep the letter of the law.. or the spirit of the law?*”. And so it was very clear to me at that point in time that we had some new viewers that were just coming on board who really don't understand the importance of Gods laws, and his commandments, and his precepts, and his appointments... so I thought it would be a good topic for this weeks study.. so we're going to spend some time answering whether we keep the letter of the law.. or the spirit of the law and what that means exactly.

It breaks my heart that more Christians do not know and understand the difference between keeping the law by “faith”.. and keeping the law by “works” (also known as keeping it by the letter), but it also lifts my heart to hear people asking these kinds of questions. People who genuinely want to know what the scripture does... and does not say.. and as we've said here at Holy Impact Ministries many times... it's just as important to know what the scripture “does not say”.. as it is to know and understand “what it does say”.

So let's dive into this question of “do we keep the law by the letter.. or by the spirit” because I would submit to you my friends... just as I did during our study in the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Acts... that to many of today's modern day denominational charters of men do not preach and teach what's written in the scriptures... but rather they teach and preach what they've learned from their (so called) “Church Fathers”.. and now where... and I mean no where.. in the scriptures.. are we commanded to listen to... or to obey.. our so called early “Church Fathers”. In fact.. we commanded to do exactly the opposite in Matthew 23 verses 8 through 11.. so once again.. for the sake of those who do not know this scripture or who have never ponder it's meaning.. lets go visit Matthew 23:8 through 11:

*Mat 23:8 But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers.*

*Mat 23:9 And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven.*

*Mat 23:10 Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ.*

*Mat 23:11 The greatest among you shall be your servant.*

So what's the point of having a Pastor, or an Evangelist, or a teacher here on earth? Well first of all any Pastor, Evangelist, or Teacher that we listen to should first and foremost be keeping the commandments of God the Father.. because if he or she is not keeping the commandments of the Father than the Father says that they are liars and the truth is not in them.. and that's found in 1st John 2:4 for those of you who don't know that.

Now if a man or woman does indeed keep the commandments of our Father, then and only then can he or she preach and teach the Gospel message... but only if they are keeping the commandments of God and the purpose of a Pastor, Evangelist, or Teacher is to build up the congregation for the work of ministry so that they're not lead astray by every wind of doctrine that comes out of the mouth of a man.. lets see that written in scripture in Ephesians chapter 4: verses 11 through 14:

*Eph 4:11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,*  
*Eph 4:12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,*  
*Eph 4:13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,*  
*Eph 4:14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.*

So this is how it works my friends.. men are indeed given as Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, and Shepherds, and Teachers (also known as Pastors) but they must be obeying the commandment of God before we even consider listening to what they have to say.. and we must understand why he gives us such individuals.. it is to ready the body for the work of ministry and to protect them from every wind of doctrine that comes out of the mouth of a man that is not of God.. and this is the soul purpose of a man or woman of God who teaches and preaches the Word of God the Father.

Now being a seasoned Pastor who becomes more and more seasoned with each and every passing year... I already know that when someone asks a question like ““Do we keep the letter of the law.. or the spirit of the law?”... it's usually a loaded question.. and what I mean by “Loaded question”.. is that they're usually asking me this question because they're getting ready to pounce on me for answering it wrongly... (at least in their mind) because my answer does not usually fit their denominational programming, and the truthful answer to that very important question is not usually what we get from the majority of today's Pastors, Priests, Bishops, and Popes who have faith in.. and believe in.. and follow after... their so called “Early Church Fathers”.

So now with that being said... I don't mean to sound facetious.. or condescending... or belittling to anyone.. but be warned my friends.. before we get started here today... that I am not of the persuasion of passivity when it comes to my Fathers law and his commandments, and his precepts, and his “moedim” (his very appointments).

Let it be known that am very zealous for my Fathers commandments, and his precepts, and his appointments.. because I've read the whole book and not just half of it.. and I know full well that it is clearly written in his scriptures.. that keeping the commandments of Yahovah God our Father is.. the whole duty of man. Lets read that in Ecclesiastes 12:13

*Ecc 12:13 The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.*

Now.. I know that many people will say “Well that's only until Jesus came!.. because he fulfilled it all for me so I don't have to do anything.. I'm “Once saved always saved” and he's my Sabbath rest.. so I don't have to keep his old commandments, and his old Sabbaths anymore!”..

But I would then respond with.. and what was it exactly that Yahshua (Jesus) came to preach and teach?.. was it his own Word.. his own holidays.. his own Sabbaths.. his own traditions, and his own rituals?.. or was it his Fathers Word... his Fathers holidays.. his Fathers appointments.. his Fathers Sabbaths.. according to Yahshua (Jesus) himself?

And I would then point them right back to his own red letter words found in John chapter 7 verses 16 through 18... and again in John chapter 12:49 and 50.. so before we get started answering the age old question “Do we keep the letter of the law.. or the spirit of the law?” ... lets read the scriptural truth of what our Messiah came to preach and to teach:

*Joh 7:16 So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me.*

*Joh 7:17 If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority.*

*Joh 7:18 The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood.*

*Joh 12:49 For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak.*

*Joh 12:50 And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me."*

Once again my friends.. our Messiah did not come to create his own first day of the week Sunday Sabbath (not found anywhere in the scripture in either the Old or the New Testaments).. nor did he come to create a “Good Friday”.. again.. not found in either the Old or the New Testaments.. nor did he come to create his own appointments, holidays, rituals, and traditions.. and he certainly did not come to tell his people to worship the Catholic Created, man made, man fabricated, birth day of every major pagan sun god ever known to man through out history.. on December 25th.. and call it.. his birthday.

No sir!.. Our Messiah came to preach and teach his Fathers Word.. not his own, and once again it's important to understand what he said with his own breath, his own tongue, and in his own red letter words.. and we covered this in last weeks bible study in Acts chapter 18.. but because we always have more people with us on our 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath convocation.. I'm going to point back to this again before we move forward because once again.. we want to keep those who are just tuning in up to speed... we don't want to leave anyone behind.. so lets take just a few short moments to go back an re-read Matthew 5:17 through 20 so that we can minister to those folks who need to hear it, because they too.. need to hear and understand these things, before we move forward:

*Mat 5:17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.*

*Mat 5:18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.*

*Rev 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.*

*Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

*Mat 5:19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

*Mat 5:20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

And as I've said before.. so now I say again.. if our righteousness dose not far exceed that our our modern day Pastors, Priests, Bishops and Popes.. and their so called "Early Church Fathers".. we will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Because just as they were keeping the law by works.. we are not keeping the law at all.. and neither of these.. is acceptable to our Father in Heaven.. and we should know better.. but we don't.. because we've been programmed.. not to.

And I would even go so far as to submit to you my friends that many of these men who believe in.. and have faith in.. their "Early Church Fathers".. in stead of believing in.. and having faith in.. the scriptures of God.. that our Messiah also points directly to them in Matthew 23 verse 15.. lets read Mathew 23 verse 15:

*Mat 23:15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.*

Now why do I say that?... why do I say that many of our modern day Pastors, Priests, Bishops,

and Popes are making people twice as much a child of hell as themselves? .. Because the doctrine of demons that they are preaching directly comes from their so called “Early Church Fathers” and their denominational “Professors” and their “Store bought education” .. and along with this wisdom that they get from these so called men of wisdom.. comes demonically inspired doctrine.. like the “Once saved always saved” doctrine that says once again.. that all of Gods laws are all nailed to the cross because “Jesus” fulfilled them for me so that I don't have to be bothered with them.

They are in essence teaching and preaching a “Do as thou wilt.. is the whole of the law” doctrine. They're teaching people that no matter how they live or what they do.. that it's all good , and they've all got a free ticket to Heaven because they've come down to the front of the isle and said a heart felt 60 second prayer of confession.. so now their “Once saved always saved” and no matter what.. they're going to Heaven.

“Do as thou wilt.. is the whole of the law” .. that's what they teach.. and do you know and understand where “Do as thou wilt.. is the whole of the law” comes from?

*Thelema (/θəˈli:mə/) is a religion based on a philosophical law of the same name, adopted as a central tenet by some religious organizations. The law of Thelema is "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law. Love is the law, love under will." The law of Thelema was developed in the early 1900s by Aleister Crowley, an English writer and ceremonial magician.[2] He believed himself to be the prophet of a new age, the Eon of Horus, based upon a spiritual experience that he and his wife, Rose Edith, had in Egypt in 1904.[3] By his account, a possibly non-corporeal or "praeterhuman" being that called itself Aiwass contacted him and dictated a text known as The Book of the Law or Liber AL vel Legis, which outlined the principles of Thelema.[4] An adherent of Thelema is a Thelemite.*

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thelema>



[http://www.thelemapedia.org/index.php/Law\\_of\\_Thelema](http://www.thelemapedia.org/index.php/Law_of_Thelema)

Here at “Thelemapedia.org we find more from this demonically inspired belief system that



comes right out of the Devils playbook and notice the insignia that they use with this naked women riding this beast with several heads... where do we read about a women riding a scarlet beast in our scriptures? In the book of Revelations chapter 17

*Rev 17:3 And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns.*

*Rev 17:4 The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality.*

*Rev 17:5 And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations."*

*Rev 17:6 And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. When I saw her, I marveled greatly.*

A women my friends is always depicted in the scripture as a church.. and a beast is always depicted as a nation, and heads and horns always represent kings, kingdoms, and nations. So clearly what we have here is a church that is in control of a nation, and there is only one church in the world that is in charge of a nation.. and that my friends.. is the Roman Catholic Church.. Her Pontiff.. her "Vicar of Christ" her.. so called "replacement" of our Messiah.. sits as head of both the Catholic church and the nation of Rome.. his thrown is also known as "the Holy See".

My friends.. it's important to understand.. that today's so called "Protestant Churches" are indeed the daughters of Catholicism.. Today's Baptists, Pentecostals, Church of Christ.. and the vast majority of these so called "Protestant Churches" all keep the Catholic created first day of the week Sunday Sabbath.. they keep the Catholic created "Good Friday".. the Catholic created "Easter".. the Catholic created "Advent", "Lent", Valentines Day, and even "Halloween" which is also known as "All Saints Day" when our scripturally ignorant and lost brothers and sisters.. pray to the dead saints.

And this is why it's now so easy for this so called replacement of God on Earth.. also known as their "Pope".. to sweep through the nation's gathering all of her daughter Protestant churches back under her ecumenical wing.

And you have men like Kenneth Copeland, and Rick Warren, and Joel Olsteen, and even Pastor John Hagee.. running back into the arms of their Catholic mother church.

And if we read farther down into Revelations chapter 18 we find this grave warning that tells us to come out of this women.. this false church.. this false religion.. because if we don't.. we will take part in her sins!

*Rev 18:4 Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues;*

*Rev 18:5 for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.*

My friends a “her”.. a “she”.. a “woman” is always the representation of a church according to scripture.

So this “Once saved always saved” doctrine of demons that they teach and preach is really nothing new my friends. It's the same old trick that our adversary has been using for thousands of years. It's just another remake of the old “Do as thou wilt.. is the whole of the law”.. Which also stems from the Roman Catholic church and her invention of what is known as the “Indulgence”. An “Indulgence” is a worthless piece of paper that the Roman Catholic Pope gives to people if they put enough money in the coffer.. that says that all of their past, present, and future sins are all forgiven.

This my friends is how they build their grand Saint Peters Basilica in all of it's Pagan glory. They sold these worthless pieces of paper to the poor. They literally stole money from the poor by selling them these worthless indulgences that told them their past, present, and future sins would all be forgiven if they just gave them their money.

“Once saved always saved” my friends.. has a very dark and sinister history that is unknown to the uneducated would be Christian.. who professes to be a believer.. but truly does not even know who their Messiah is or what he came to preach and teach.

And this is why not everyone who comes down to the front of the isle and says a heart felt 60 second prayer of confession is going to make it into his coming kingdom. Lets read Matthew chapter 7 verses 21 through 27:

*Mat 7:21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.*

*Mat 7:22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?'*

*Mat 7:23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'*

*Mat 7:24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.*

*Mat 7:25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.*

*Mat 7:26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.*

*Mat 7:27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."*

You see it's all about getting rid of the love of God and the fear of God along with his laws,

commandments, precepts, and appointments.. and according to the “Once saved always saved” dispensational believers of today... all of our Fathers commandments, precepts, and appointments are all conveniently swept under the rug.. out of sight.. out of mind.. and in fact according to them and their so called “Early Church Fathers”.. no longer even exist.

My friends.. “Once saved always saved” and “Do as thou wilt is the whole of the law” are one in the same teachings... you can't fit a piece a paper between the two. “Once saved always saved” is spiritual suicide for those would be professing Christians who have sold out their faith in God for their faith in men.

So why do they teach it? Well.. it's clear why they teach it.. because the little (g) god of this world has done what he has always done.. he mixes a whole lot of truth.. with a little bit of lie.. and serves it up on a golden plate with a warm hot cross bun.. just for good measure.. and all day long Gods people simply follow the Judas goat right into the slaughter house because they're just to busy to read the book for themselves.

So do we keep the letter of the law.. or the spirit of the law? Well let me put it to you this way.. most of the people who proclaim that all of Gods laws are all nailed to the cross believe this demonically inspired doctrine because they've cherry picked a scripture or two or three out of the scriptures with out reading the rest of the book.. and most of the time we find that those who believe that all of Gods laws are all nailed to the cross have chosen their cherry picked scriptures from one of the writings of the Apostle Paul.

The Apostle Paul wrote over two thirds of the New Testament. Here are just some of the books that Paul is said to have written:



# New Testament Books Written by The Apostle Paul

Galatians (AD 47)

1 and 2 Thessalonians (AD 51—59)

1 and 2 Corinthians and Romans (AD 52—56)

Ephesians, Philemon, Colossians, and Philippians (AD 60—62, during  
1 Timothy and Titus (AD 62)

2 Timothy (AD 63—64, during Paul's second Roman imprisonment)

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Now with that being said.. and now knowing how much of the “New Testament” Paul is responsible for.. I want us to also take note of the warning about Paul and his writings that come directly from the Apostle Peter in 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:16.. so lets read 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter chapter 3 verses 15 through 17 and lets listen to the warning that Peter gives us concerning the writings of the Apostle Paul.. what does Peter warn us about the writing of the Apostle Paul?:

*2Pe 3:15 And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,*

*2Pe 3:16 as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. **There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.***

*2Pe 3:17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away **with the error of lawless people** and lose your own stability.*

Now.. with that being said.. it would be easy for someone to build a case against the law of God using Paul's writings. but if we stuck to what James the brother of Yahshua Jesus says.. we would think these two men were teaching and preaching two different gospels! Here's what I mean:



# The Biblical Definition Of: Works



**Pauls**

## Unrighteous Works:

- **Rom 3:28** Faith apart from works of law.
  - **Romans 4:2**  
Abraham not justified by works.
  - **Romans 11:6**  
By grace, not works.
  - **Romans 3:20**  
No one is justified by works of the law.
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- **Rom 3:31** We uphold the law.
  - **Rom 2:13**  
Not the hearers but the doers.

**James**

## Righteous Works:

- **James 2:17** Faith with out works is dead.
- **James 2:21**  
Abraham is justified by works.
- **James 2:24**  
Justified by works, not just faith.
- **James 2:26**  
Faith with out works is dead.

You see the so called “Early Church Fathers” loved the writings of the Apostle Paul because he wrote so much of the “New Testament”.. and they gravitate to Paul.. while almost completely leaving the rest of the Apostles in the dark. For those of you who are still under the dispensational teachings of today's denominational charters of men and their so called “Early Church Fathers”.. it would be a great help for you to read the book of James.

So why does it seem that these two men are preaching and teaching two different doctrines? Here's why.. the first thing we need to understand is that there are two different types of works mentioned in the scripture.. one type of works is known as righteous works.. and the other is known as “UN-rightchouse” works. When Paul speaks of “Works” he's not always talking about “righteous” works, he's talking about “UN-rightchouse works” because it's mans “UN-rightchouse works” that he's mostly concerned with.

Another point to be made here is that James (who was the half brother of Yahshua Jesus) was primarily teaching a Jewish people.. he was the head of the Jerusalem council in Jerusalem which was the head of the Jewish state.. the capital of the Jews if you will.

Paul on the other hand was often speaking to Gentiles who had never heard of the Torah or the Tanakh or the writings of the prophets.. and as we've seen through out our study in the book of Acts.. Paul was always being chased around by these false believing Jews who still believed that the law and the law alone is what saved them.

So when Paul would finally reach a new Gentile and convert him to Christianity these Jewish rebels would come in after him.. and try to convert them back over to Jedasim.. so Paul seemed to be preaching against the law of God because he wanted these new Gentile converts to understand that having faith in.. and believing in the Messiah was what was most important.. and Paul knew that with out the spiritual circumcison of the heart first.. these new believers would never make it into the coming kingdom.

Paul knew that there is no point in being circumcised or baptized until you've had the circumcison of the heart. Your heart must move you to be circumcised because of your faith and your love for the Father.. just like your heart must move you to be baptized.

You can't be baptized if you don't first believe in.. and have faith in.. the Messiah.. because if you do.. your baptism is of no effect! Same thing with circumcison.. Paul was not telling them not to be circumcised.. he was simply allowing them to hear the law being read in the synagogues every Sabbath just like James says in Acts chapter 15 verse 21!.. and then.. when they have received the circumcison of the heart.. (which is the understanding of God and his commandments).. and the infilling of the Ruach Hakodesh (the Holy Spirit of God).. then.. and only then is circumcison or baptism of any effect.

No one can force you to be circumcised any more than someone can force you to be baptized. So Paul tells his new Gentile converts that if your uncircumcised when you first come to the faith just remain uncircumcised, and don't worry about it... Now why would Paul tell them that when all Gentiles are clearly commanded to be circumcised in Exodus chapter 12 verses 48 and 49?

He told them that because he knew that the unbelieving Jews would try to force them to be circumcised. And if they were circumcised because they were forced to be circumcised.. their circumcison would be of no effect.

I want my Jewish friends to understand something very important. I know that if you are Jewish.. you have been circumcised.. but if you don't have faith in the Messiah Yahshua Jesus.. your circumcison is of no effect.. because you do not believe.

And it's the same with a Gentile.. you must first believe.. you can not put the proverbial cart before the horse.

The "Circumcision Group" (as the scriptures calls them) were running around telling Paul's new Gentile converts that they had to be circumcised right now.. because it was the act of circumcison that saved them. Paul knew that the physical act of circumcison does not save them.. and he knew that they would hear the law of Moses read in the Synagogues every 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath and when they understood the commandments of God the Father.. they would then in their own time.. and because of their own hearts.. be move to be both circumcised, and

baptized.. not because someone forced them too.. but because they truly wanted to.. and this is the only way that circumcision or baptism is of any effect in the eyes of God our Father.

But the Circumcision group.. which were again.. a group of what Paul calls false brothers.. were telling his new converts that they had to be circumcised right now because it was circumcision that saved them.. and Paul knew better than that. Circumcision does not save you any more than baptism saves you unless they're done with a circumcised heart that has been filled with the Holy Spirit of God, and moves them to do these things that have been commanded by God.

*Deu 30:6 And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.*

*Deu 30:7 And the LORD your God will put all these curses on your foes and enemies who persecuted you.*

*Deu 30:8 And you shall again obey the voice of the LORD and keep all his commandments that I command you today.*

You see Paul understood that you could not give these new Gentile converts the whole Word of God all at one time.. take into consideration what Paul says in 1st Corinthians chapter 3 verses 1 through 3:

*1Co 3:1 But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ.*

*1Co 3:2 I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready,*

*1Co 3:3 for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?*

Paul and James both knew that these new Gentile converts needed to take the Gospel in step by step. In other words the Gospel of the Messiah is not to be consumed all in one sitting. And these false brothers as Paul calls them from the circumcision group were scarring off Paul's new Gentile believers because they were trying to force them to be circumcised before they even knew why they needed to be circumcised.

But you see this is not what the so called “Early Church Fathers” teach.. the so called “Early Church Fathers” teach that all of Gods laws are all nailed to the cross because James told everyone in Acts chapter 15 that they don't have to be circumcised.. therefore abolishing the law.

The problem with that teaching is that it's simply a lie. Neither James nor the Jerusalem council, nor Paul, ever told anyone not to be circumcised anywhere in New Testament! In fact he said the exact opposite!.. and as we read through Acts chapter 15 into the first few sentences of Acts chapter 16 what do we see Paul doing!?!.. we see Paul circumcises Timothy himself!



And yet all day every day they teach and preach the lie that they've learned from their so called "Early Church Fathers" and their collage Professors, and their store bought education, and these things mean more to them than Gods given scriptures.. so rather than simply reading the scriptures for themselves and asking for the discernment that comes only from the one true God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob.. they choose to believe their so called "Early Church Fathers" rather than God himself.

So did Paul teach against the law or not? Well... you decide:

**Rom 2:13** For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, **but the doers of the law who will be justified.**

**Rom 3:31** Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, **we uphold the law.**

**Rom 6:1** What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

**Rom 6:2** **By no means!** How can we who died to sin still live in it?

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**Rom 7:12** So **the law is holy**, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

**Rom 8:7** For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, **for it does not submit to God's law;** indeed, it cannot.

**Rom 8:8** Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

**Rom 8:2** For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from **the law of sin and death.**

And yet still people will say that "Paul said the law of God was nailed to the cross!" and my next question is which law? Which law was Paul talking about?

# THE LAWS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL:

1. **The Law Of God:** Rom 3:31, 7:22-25, 8:7
2. **The Law Of Sin:** Rom 7:23-25
3. **The Law Of Sin And Death:** Rom 8:2
4. **The Law Of The Spirit Of Life:** Rom 8:2
5. **The Law Of Faith:** Rom 3:27
6. **The Law Of Righteousness:** Rom 9:31
7. **The Law Of Christ:** 1st Cor 9:21



We need to understand which law.. and which legal demands Paul was talking about don't we? Lets read the scripture that the lost always point to, to prove that Gods laws are all nailed to the cross shall we, and lets test the scriptures to see if these things be true or false shall we? Lets examine Colossi ans chapter 2 verses 13 and 14.. in fact we may look at the whole chapter just to minister to you and put some truth in your hearing here this morning.

*Col 2:13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,*

*Col 2:14 **by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.** This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.*

So what “Legal demands” is Paul talking about here? Is he talking about the whole law of God?.. or is he talking about the law of “Sin and Death”?

Most professing Christians today don't even have a clue what the “Law of Sin and Death” even is!

We know that Paul was not talking about the whole law of God because Paul himself asks that all important question in Romans 3:31.. lets go read it!

*Rom 3:31 Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.*



So it should be clear by now that Paul is not talking about the law of God in Colossians 2:13 and 14.. so what is this “legal demand” that Paul's talking about that's been nailed to the cross? Well if we know our scriptures it should be evident.. lets break it down in simple terms.. what is the biblical definition of “Sin” according to the scriptures? The King James version says it best in 1st John 3:4:

*1Jn 3:4 Whosoever committee sin transgresseth also the law: for **sin is the transgression of the law.***

So now that we know what the biblical definition of what “Sin” is according to the scriptures.. what is the penalty for sin if we transgress the law according to the scripture? We can find that in Romans chapter 6 verse 23:

*Rom 6:23 For **the wages of sin is death**; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

So the legal demand that Paul is talking about in Colossians chapter 2 verses 13 and 14 is the “Law of Sin And Death” which is **the penalty for breaking the law**. Just as Paul says in Romans 6:23.. the wages of sin is death... but he says.. those wages have been paid for by our Messiah.. the penalty of the law has been removed..not the law itself my friends.. the penalty of the law has been removed for those of us who have faith in.. and truly believe in our Messiah.. and this is the free gift of God which is eternal life through Yahshua Hamashiach Jesus Christ our Lord.

Paul says nothing about abolishing or nailing all of Gods laws to the cross.. but that's not what today's modern day Christianity teaches is it?... why?... because they're faith, and their trust is in their so called “Early Church Fathers” who teach in direct opposition to what the scriptures teach, and what the one true God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob clearly says.

Once again my friends let me read it to you directly from Ecclesiastes chapter 12 verse 13 and 14:

*Ecc 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: **for this is the whole duty of man.***

*Ecc 12:14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.*

My friends everything good is found in keeping our Fathers commandments, and everything evil is in direct opposition to our Fathers commandments.. not according to me.. but according to scripture.. “*for this is the while duty of man*”. And my friends let me warn you.. the whole duty of man has not changed between the old and new testaments of God our Father and his Son.. they are one.

But what dose today's modern day Christendom and her so called “Early Church Fathers”

teach? They teach us and our children that all of Gods laws are nailed to the cross and that Christianity today is nothing more than a “Once saved always saved, Do as thou wilt is the whole of the law” religious system.. so I can do what ever I want.. I can live however I want.. I can sin as much as I want.. and it really doesn't matter because I'm “Once saved always saved”.. “Do as thou wilt is now the whole of the law” because I live in a man made, man created, man fabricated dispensational state of grace.. which comes directly from the Pagan religion of Thelema, Alester Crowley, and the Devils play book.

They teach that no one can keep the law and the law is to hard for us they say! “No man can keep the law” they proclaim.. it's just to hard for any man to keep the law they say! But what does God say about his law being to hard for us to keep? One again.. let us test the scriptures!

*Deu 30:11 "For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off.*

*Deu 30:12 It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'*

*Deu 30:13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'*

*Deu 30:14 But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.*

*Deu 30:15 "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.*

And I would submit to you my friends that because our Messiah has come and his Ruach Hakodesh... his Holy Spirit dwells deep with in us.. that his law is in our mouth and in our hearts so that we can do them with out the fear of the penalty of the law because our Messiah has paid that penalty.. therefore clearing the way for us to keep his Fathers law with out condemnation...not to earn our salvation.. and not to be saved.. but because we love him.. and because he has saved us.

*1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.*

*1Jn 5:4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.*

You can't overcome the world my friend's with out the obedience of faith.. which is.. the love of God.

*Heb 10:26 For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,*

*Heb 10:27 but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.*

*Heb 10:28 Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses.*

*Heb 10:29 How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?*

*Heb 10:30 For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people."*

*Heb 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

Did God tell us that his “New Covenant” would nail his laws to the cross? Lets once again turn to the scriptures shall we?

*Jer 31:31 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,*

*Jer 31:32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.*

*Jer 31:33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

Now some will say “that's Old Testament”... so would you like to see it in the “New Testament”?

*Heb 10:15 And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,*

*Heb 10:16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,"*

*Heb 10:17 then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."*

Nothing in the Old, or New Testaments say anything about nailing Gods law to a tree somewhere.. but that's what they would have you believe because once again.. that's what their so called “Early Church Fathers” teach.

There is much much much more to know and much much much more to understand.. but the answer to the age old question “Do we keep the letter of the law.. or the spirit of the law?” is really very simple.. we keep the letter of the law according to the spirit, because it is indeed the Spirit that leads us in all righteousness just as we are clearly told by our Messiah in John 16:13. And we keep his commandments because it is written that this is indeed.. the very love of God in first John 5:3.

Now.. with all of that being said.. there will always be those people out there who will try to tell us that we need to kill our disobedient children according to the law, and that you can't sit where a women on he monthly cycle has sat, and that you must kill people who disobey the 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath of God and on and on and on it goes.

What they do not understand is that there are 613 Mitzvot also known as laws of God our Father. Most of these 613 Mitzvot, or laws of our Father can not be kept properly today because in order to keep them all you need an earthly “High Priest” and a Temple.. and we have neither of these on earth here today.

So we keep the laws of our Father that we can keep because we love him and we are awaiting his return, and his second coming which by all accounts.. is not far off, and we understand that our Father is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

We know that it is impossible for our Father to care about and command that his laws be kept yesterday.. not care about them today.. and then care about them all over again later on.. this is not who God is.. he does not change hats my friends.. he is indeed.. the same yesterday, today, and forever.

We in the United States alone have literally hundreds of thousands.. possibly even trillions.. of laws.. so many laws that the President of the United States can not tell you exactly how many laws there are here in the United States of America.. and Yet our Father asks us to keep 613.. but we feel that this is to much to ask.. to much to even consider.. to much to be bothered with.

Once again my friends.. it requires study.. it requires time.. it requires effort.. it requires us to ask, seek, and knock.. because if we do not ask, seek, and knock.. the door will not be opened to us, and the sand in the hour glass will soon run out for those who choose the way of the world instead of the ways of the Father and his Son.

The gift of Salvation that our Messiah is offering us today.. will not last forever.. soon.. it will be taken off the table.. and when he splits that sky.. on which ever side of the fence we are found standing on.. is where we will remain.

If you do not know these things please... please.. take these things to your prayer closet... bow your head, and bend your knee and face the promised Holy land of Jerusalem and ask in the name of Yahshua Hamashiach Jesus Christ the Messiah.. if these things be true.. or not.. and if you will ask, seek, and knock in the name of Yahshua Hamashiach Jesus Christ who is the Messiah.. the door will be opened to you.

