

The Apostle Paul

What did he REALLY mean?

"we are not under the law"

"No flesh is justified by the works of the law"

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Please note that in all speech and writings we as a congregation prefer to use the original names of God; *Yahweh*, *Elohim* and *Yahshua* rather than just the generic titles of God and Lord.

We replace “God” with “*Yahweh*” and “Lord or Jesus” with
Yahshua - the original names

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we simply after much prayer and consideration believe this to
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PAUL, THE MISUNDERSTOOD APOSTLE

After the death of Judas, the twelfth Apostle, there was a decision made by the other apostles to draw names for his replacement¹. However, we see no place where this was Yahshua's instruction of replacing Judas. Even though they duly elected a replacement-apostle we never hear anything else in the Bible about this politically elected apostle by the name of Matthias. Why is this? Quite simply because Yahshua (Jesus)) has already chosen the replacement for Judas as the twelfth apostle.

Even though Matthias was indeed a disciple of Christ that does not make him an Apostle. The reason? Because, an Apostle was one "*Sent out*" by Christ and we read nowhere that Christ sent Matthias out anywhere. It is possible to elect a man all day long to any position in God's church that you may desire but until "*chosen by God*" it is simply a political position created by men.

Yashua had indeed chosen His twelfth Apostle and was about to send him out. There was already a man "*born out of season*" and hand-picked by Christ to fulfill the role of Apostle. This man would not be elected by the casting of lots but rather by the will of predestination and foreknowledge.

Who was this replacement Apostle? Believe it or not, the man chosen by Yahshua was a very religious man, trained by the Pharisees and under the direct tutelage of Gamilel; one of the greatest minds of this young man's day. He was called Saul from his mother's womb and had become one of if not the greatest persecutors of the baby Christian church. He had no idea that he was about to be conquered by the one he sought to conquer.

1 Acts 1:26

However, one day, this murderer of saints had a Damascus road experience which would not only change his life but the lives of countless billions of Christians to the present generation. There came a day when his destiny met him face to face, the purpose for which he was born.

Yahshua (Jesus) chose to personally visit Saul and call him into the apostolic ministry and send him out with a heavenly commission. On that very dramatic day this man's life was radically changed. After a fresh encounter with the King of glory; this persecutor of the church would now become one of the protectors of the church. Immediately, his name was transformed from Saul to Paul and as they say "the rest is history." However, all would not be easy for Paul because unlike the other apostles he was not privileged to have been part of that particular club of "*those who walked with Jesus.*" For this reason, his apostleship would be questioned throughout his ministry. You will find Paul having to defend his calling as a true Apostle of Christ throughout his *Pauline epistles*. Since, he could not lean upon the experience of having been one of the original apostles that walked with Jesus he then had to many times repeat the story of how he became a legitimate apostle.

Of all the apostles of Christ; Paul is the most controversial for many reasons. He is in my opinion one of the most misquoted, misunderstood and misaligned writers in the New Testament. As you will soon read in this booklet; I am not alone in that assessment. The other apostles will concur with my conclusion as you will soon read. Most of the misunderstood parts of Paul's writings have to do with the subject of THE LAW. More specifically, whether or not the law has any place in the life of the so-called New Testament believer.

Much of the misunderstanding is not any fault of yours or mine or others. Because, at first glance it seems as if Paul is the ultimate paradox; he seems to speak out of both sides of his mouth on the subject of THE LAW. There seems to be a conflict in his thinking of this very

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important subject. Sadly, the majority of Christianity today has taken what he says out of one side of his mouth only without analyzing the true intent of Paul. They have tortured his message concerning grace and law and they do so because they fail to listen to both sides of his argument concerning this subject. You and I will now work together in this lesson to try and see if we cannot make sense out of the seemingly senseless speech of the great Apostle Paul.

In the following chart you will see what the modern church interprets Paul's words to say. Then we will compare that with the truth about Paul. This will lead us into a much deeper study. Please get your bibles and prove everything we teach by the Word of God so that the Word of God may be true and everyone else a liar.

According to the Church	According to the Word
1. Paul preached against the law and preached rather the age of grace.	1. Paul loved the law and spoke of its holiness and warned us about abusing grace
2. Paul was against keeping the Sabbath and the Holy Days	2. Paul kept every Sabbath, all of the Holy days and commanded his church to keep them.
3. Paul rejected all Jewishness from the church making it a Gentile church.	3. Paul was a Jew and Paul was sent to the lost sheep of Israel among the Gentiles, not to the gentiles themselves. Therefore making him a minister of reconciliation between the two houses of Israel

We will prove throughout this lesson that Paul has been used by the modern church to support their extreme message of grace while completely distorting his words in order to do so, as you can see in the chart above. By the time you have finished this booklet you will learn about THE PAUL YOU NEVER KNEW, the one that they do not preach or teach about in today's seminaries or churches. They have re-invented Paul by distorting and twisting his words. It is time for you to learn the truth about this wonderful Apostle of our Lord and in this booklet we wish to *PRESENT PAUL* to you.

PETER HAD A PAUL PROBLEM

I will be the first to tell any of our students at *Biblical Foundations Institute* or those in our congregation at *First Harvest Church* to never take my word for anything but rather to test everything against the scriptures to see if they be so. So, let us now take heed to that advice right now in our study of Paul. Allow my words to disappear from your eyes and let us peek in on the writings of the Apostle Peter and see what he has to teach us about Paul. As Peter is writing about holiness and living a holy life separated from the world to the readers of his letters, he recognizes that what he is writing about, obeying the law of God, is going to be met with resistance from those who were following Paul's letters in those days. So, after he goes to great lengths to warn the believers about a false sense of grace in third chapter of the second epistle of Peter he then has to deal with the same "PAUL PROBLEM" that we in the ministry battle with to this day. Let us read what Peter said exactly.

II Peter 3:15 - 16 - And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; IN WHICH ARE SOME THINGS HARD TO BE UNDERSTOOD, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

Peter, whom was well versed in the holy scriptures and preached holiness and righteousness in all of his letters to the churches, he was pleading with the members of the church to quit misquoting Paul in their attempt to “glorify grace” and make it something totally different than Paul intended. Peter knew that his message of righteous living would be argued against by those church members who had been reading Paul’s letters.

You must remember that although Paul was not among the original twelve he had indeed met with the Apostles in Jerusalem in a private counsel for them to examine his teachings². Therefore, Peter knew exactly what Paul was actually teaching because he had personally interviewed and heard from the twelfth Apostle while he was visiting Jerusalem. Peter knew that Paul was not anti-law or teaching that because of grace we can now forsake the law and live under grace without the law.

Because of this intimate knowledge of Paul’s teachings, Peter was well able to warn his church members against the mistake of misunderstanding Paul’s writings. Notice that Peter tells them that many people have twisted Paul’s words to fit their antinomian³ lifestyle. It was only by the providential foreknowledge of Yahweh that this verse made it’s way into the Holy Bible as thousands of years later it would still serve as a warning. Many of us in the ministry of these last days are dealing with the same PAUL PROBLEM that Peter himself as well as the other Apostles had to deal with; the misquoting and the misunderstanding of Paul’s writings concerning grace and law.

2 Gal 2:2

3 Anti Law - preferring lawlessness

Hardly can you mention in today's lukewarm church the word LAW or COMMANDMENTS or WORKS without a full scale attack from the mainstream of Christianity and it is all done in the name of Paul. However, within these pages you will find the truth about Paul, the Paul you never knew. A man who loved God's eternal laws and a man who actually preaches against violating grace while advocating our keeping of the laws of *Yahweh*.

PAUL'S THEOLOGY OF SIN

As we begin this journey into the mind of the twelfth Apostle let's read from his letter to the Corinthians.

II Cor 12:21 - ***And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail many WHICH HAVE SINNED ALREADY, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and LASCIVIOUSNESS which they have committed.***

WHAT DID PAUL BELIEVE ABOUT SIN? If you read the above verse you will find within this "grace preacher" an abhorrence against sin. He is furious that so much sin was running rampant among his churches that he founded. Notice that he is warning this local church to rid itself of the sin before he comes so that he doesn't have to mourn or bewail when he arrives. Now, since Paul is the role model of the modern day grace preacher, how strange that he is so focused on sin in his writings when today the idea of sin is glossed over and overlooked as if isn't important to deal with anymore.

It is at this point in our study when we must confront a very serious problem if the modern message of the hyper grace church is to be believed. Allow me to paraphrase for you what the modern day church teaches and then uses Paul's writings to endorse their teachings.

*God loves you just as you are and He knew that
You would be unable to keep His law, His
Ten Commandments. So, therefore He sent
His son to set you free from those bondages
and as a result of Christ death you are
now forgiven of all sins past, present or future.*

*No need to worry yourselves with the bondages
of Gods eternal laws. Since Jesus kept those laws for
you they are no longer required of you. All you
must do now is simply believe in your mind that
He died for your sins.*

*He knew that you would be unable to obey Him
so therefore He makes no more demands of you.
When you come to Christ he loves you just as you are
and only expects you to believe in the finished
work of the cross.*

*You are forgiven before you ever sin,
there is no more condemnation for you and therefore
you should never feel guilty when you fail to
live a life of holiness and sanctification,
God understands and even Paul tells us
that we are now under grace and no longer
under the law.*

*Paul tells us that “doers of the law” will not be
justified before God and therefore you are
justified before God without any
deeds of the law.... this is what Paul says!*

What you have just read is the sophistry of Satan, the lies of Lucifer and the message of the modern church.

If the message that you just read from the modern church is correct then the first problem we are going to run into is when Paul gives us his theology of sin.

What does Paul consider sin to be? Think about it! What is sin? What makes someone a sinner? Isn't a sinner also called a transgressor? However, how can you transgress something if there is nothing to transgress? In other words before you can be a transgressor or a sinner there must first be something for you to transgress against. For example, if there are no house rules at your home then you cannot rightfully discipline a child who breaks or transgresses or sins against the house rules.

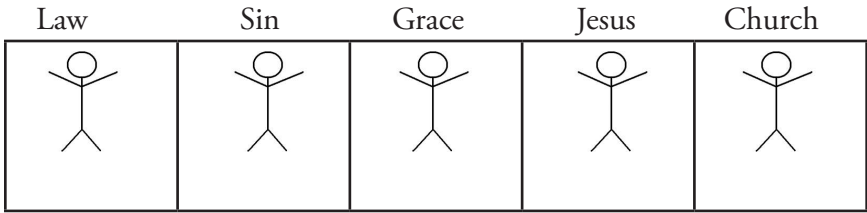
So, if the law has been eradicated or done away with as the Apostle Paul supposedly teaches then there is absolutely no way that anyone can ever sin. As a result there is no way that anyone can then be called a sinner and as a result there is no longer a need for grace - if in fact Paul is teaching that the eternal ten commandment laws of God were nailed to the cross.

Here is the biblical definition of sin!

I John 3:4 - *Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law*

According to the above verse, what is the true definition of sin? Sin, is plainly - *THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW*! Yet, supposedly, Paul teaches that we are free from the law and no longer under the law and therefore Christ nailed the law to the cross. There is no more law according to Paul's writings. If any of that is true as the church so falsely teaches then ladies and gentleman I render to you that the whole world is saved and we can sell all these churches and cancel all of our missionary endeavors. If there is no more law then there is no longer anything to transgress against and as such there is not one sinner on the face of the earth.

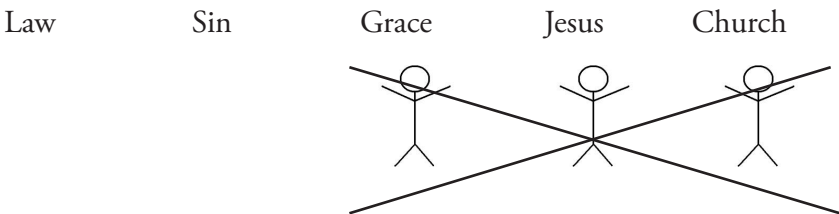
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By using the diagram above you can see that in order for there to be sin there must be a law to break or else it is impossible to sin. So, everything in the boxes 2-5 only exist or need to exist if in fact the law of Yahweh still applies and is still in affect.



Now, if you will notice above, the Law has been done away with by Paul - supposedly. If this is true then you must now get rid of sin because without the law it is impossible to sin.



The madness Continues.....Now that you are rid of sin, there is no longer a need for Grace, get rid of grace and now there is no longer a need for Jesus and therefore no longer a need for the church. The entire message of salvation and the ministry of the church is only valid if there is still a Law of God in effect and binding upon mankind today.

Romans 4:15 - ***Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.***

Warning, this subject is going to require you to use basic common sense! Did you read the above verse written by none other than the Apostle Paul? He tells us that if there is no more law - as he is accused of teaching - THEN THERE IS NO MORE SIN. Yet, in the beginning of this chapter I showed you where Paul was so upset about there being sin in the church. How could he honestly bewail sin if he in fact does away with the very law that identifies sin for us?

If there is no speed limit signs on the highway and you are given a citation for speeding; no court of justice would allow that charge against you because there was no law that you broke. In order for there to be a transgression there must be a law, in order for there to be a sinner there must be something that we have sinned against.

Rom 5:13 - ***For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law***

Can you believe that Paul actually wrote the verses that I am quoting in this booklet? If you will read the verse above you will see plainly that Paul knows better than what he is accused of teaching, lawlessness. Here he plainly says yet again that sin is only sin when there is a law to break.

I will say it as plainly as I know how. If the message of the hyper grace modern church is correct and Yahshua truly “*nailed the law to the cross*” and if He truly “*brought an end to the law*” then I must now cast my lot with the Universalist who teach that everyone is saved and that no one is lost; because, if the message of the modern church is correct then indeed there is no more sin or sinners and there is no longer a need for men to repent because all men are forgiven already.

There must still be a law in effect for there to be a need for repen-

tance. The entire message of Yahshua was “*Repent for the Kingdom of God is nearing.*”⁴ The message of the Apostle Peter on the Day of Pentecost was completely without merit if there is no more law and thus no more sin “*Repent and be baptized every one of you for the remissions of sin*”⁵

DIFFICULT SCRIPTURES TO BE EXAMINED

Are there some verses in the writings of Paul that seem to scream out against the law? Absolutely! I have often told our students that the most dangerous person in Christendom is a person with a Bible and absolutely no understanding of context, customs and criteria. If you not aware of the true feelings that Paul has about the eternal ten commandment laws of God then you could absolutely argue that he was against the law.

Let’s go ahead and get those scriptures into the record and out of the way so we can examine them and study their intent.

Rom 6:14 - For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace

You see there? He plainly says we are not UNDER THE LAW but we are now UNDER GRACE! He absolutely says that and in a later part of this booklet you will find out exactly what that term UNDER THE LAW actually means.

Gal 5:18 - But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Gotcha! Can you see it? It says plainly that we are not UNDER THE LAW. Again, we will deal with this phrase a little later. However, until we do so I would draw your attention to the precursor of this verse,t

4 Matt 4:17

5 Acts 2:38

he beginning before the favorite line is misquoted. “But if the be led of the Spirit.” Only those who are led of the Spirit can claim to no longer be UNDER THE LAW. How do we know if we’re led by the Spirit? You will not be a slave to the works of the flesh that Paul list in the following verse

Gal 5:19 - Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness

Notice very carefully that he once again comes against lasciviousness or lawlessness. Only the ones who are no longer living in the control of the flesh and as a slave of the flesh can claim to be “led by the Spirit” and therefore they are the only ones who can claim to no longer be UNDER THE LAW!

Gal 3:10 - For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

Here is another verse which seems to come against “The Works of the Law.” You will be so glad to learn what that phrase actually means as you continue your study in this booklet. Once you understand what “The Works of the Law” is referring to then you will never again be confused by this terminology.

Gal 2:16 - 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 Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Later in this booklet we will also deal with this very misunderstood verse as it relates to the works of the law. We will be the first to admit that no flesh can be justified by keeping the law. However, once you learn the true reason why Jesus had to die for your sins then you will understand what Paul meant by this misapplied verse.

THE TWO SIDES OF PAUL'S MOUTH

If we are to believe the misguided statements made in pulpits each Sunday regarding Paul's theology of law and grace then we must also assume that Paul didn't know what he believed. Why? Because we are now about to post another set of scriptures written by is Apostolic pen which seem to portray him speaking out of both sides of his mouth. In the previous scriptures he seemed to be completely anti law and against the commandments and keeping the laws of Yahweh. However, in the following verses he says something totally different.

Are we to simply believe that Paul had schizophrenia? Are we to assume that our beloved Apostle was confused about law and grace? The following verses definitely make the thought plausible unless you know the true Paul.

Gal 2:17 - But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid

It seems very confusing in the above verse if Paul believes as the church modern church says he does. If he believes truly that Christ did away with the law then in the above verse he warns us not be found sinners. Now, we learned earlier that the biblical meaning of sin is "Breaking the law" so therefore Paul is saying that just because we are justified by Christ doesn't mean that we should now become "Breakers of the Law." Now, that is polar opposite of what Paul is accused of believing. He supposedly believes there is no more law and only grace. Yet he says here that Christ did not come to empower us to freely sin but rather to cause us not to break the law by His indwelling presence in us.

Listen in the next verse as Paul corrects those who are anti-law

Rom 7:7 - *What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet*

Did you read it? Is the law bad? God forbid is his answer! In this verse he tells us how wonderful the law is and then he goes on to spell out exactly which law he is speaking of when he begins quoting one of the Ten Commandments.

Rom 6:15 - What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid under grace? God forbid

Now, the above verse seems like a complete contradiction in terms as once again Paul seems to speak out of two sides of his mouth. He ask the question “*Shall we sin*” simply because we are no longer “under the law” The very question itself makes no sense if in fact the law was nailed to the cross. Why? Because, it is impossible to sin without law and in this verse Paul ask shall we as believers continue to live in sin. How could that even be possible to do without the existence of Gods laws. Then he goes on to say - a resounding GOD FORBID. Absolutely in no way are the believers to continue breaking the commandments of God simply because they have experienced the free gift of grace.

Rom 7:12 - Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good

Surely, in light of modern thinking I couldn't have read that verse correctly. There is absolutely no way that Paul, the one who was so against the law could have just said that the law is HOLY, JUST & GOOD! For him to say such a thing completely contradicts his earlier statements about the law bringing death and destruction and needing to be done away with. How could something Holy, Just & Good need to be done away with?

James 1:25 - But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed

Take very special note of how the brother of Yahshua in the above verse agrees completely with Paul in his regard of Gods eternal laws. Notice that unlike the modern church he doesn't refer to them as bondage but rather as the "Perfect law of liberty." I find it quite strange how the Apostles refer to these laws as liberty and the pulpits of the world today call them bondage. Perish the thought!

James tells us that after we look into this beautiful law of God that we then have a responsibility to do more than just look into them upon repentance but to continue in them. He then tells us that we must be a DOER of this law so that we may walk in a blessed relationship with our Lord.

Romans 2:13 - For not the hearers of the law are just before God, BUT THE DOERS OF THE LAW SHALL BE JUSTIFIED

While I make no claims to the upper levels of intellegencia, I do believe that the above verse is a complete seeming contradiction in Paul's writings. Did he not tell us previously that NO FLESH WOULD BE JUSTIFIED BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW? Yet here he is seemingly flip-flopping again. Did he really just say the exact opposite of what he is accused of being, Anti-Law?

Now to add confusion to confusion . . .

Romans 3:28 - Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law

Surely by now you get the point! There must be a means to Paul's apparent madness? There absolutely is and only when you come to understand which laws Paul is speaking of then you will remain forever confused by his writings.

IS GOD REALLY UNCHANGING?

One of the bedrock doctrines of fundamental Christianity has always been that we serve an unchanging God. According to the scriptures He is the same “*Yesterday, Today and Forever.*”⁶ It is this resoluteness that allows us to anchor our faith in His unswerving wisdom and sovereignty. However, if you were to believe the modern teachers who speak against the law of God then you must also believe in a God who changes. Because we are about to find out what Yahweh Himself has to say about the Law.

Psalms 119:44-45 - So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever. And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

I would like for you to compare the words of David, the man after Yahweh’s own heart, to the words of the modern church. David speaks of the law of God as something he will continually seek after because only when he is walking in the law of God is he walking in liberty. How strange that David calls the law of Yahweh LIBERTY while the church calls it BONDAGE.

Furthermore, if the law of God according to David is liberty and freedom then we must ponder the question, “*Why would God send His son Yahshua to set us free from liberty.*” The 21st century preacher tells us that God sent His son to set us “FREE FROM THE LAW” and yet David tells us that THE LAW IS LIBERTY. So, if the law is liberty and if the law is good then why would God send His son to set us free from liberty. Perhaps God has changed His mind and He is agreement with the preachers of hyper-grace⁷. Maybe, He is not an unchanging God after all. Can something that Yahweh refers to as liberty ever be accurately described as bondage?

6 Heb 13:8

7 The term used to describe those who preach an unbalanced and disproportionate view of grace.

What is the goal of God in sending His son to die for us? Was His goal to set us free from His law or to set us free from sin? What is the biblical answer for that question?

Matt 1:21 - And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins

Again, what is sin? The transgression of the law of God. According to the above verse did Yahshua come to deliver us from the law or rather from breaking the law? You must answer this question concretely in your mind before you can go further in this lesson. YASHUA CAME TO SET US FREE FROM BREAKING THE LAW OF GOD and therefore causing us to walk in the glorious liberty of freedom from sin, not freedom from the law. Before His coming men were powerless and they were living under the law of sin and death. They were slaves to an evil task-master called sin who had full control of their faculties. He told them to jump and they said how high. He told them to drink themselves into a ruined life and they said “*yes sir, how many*” and these men were powerless to Just Say No to their master of sin. However, we are now without excuse because the same spirit that filled Christ now lives in us and gives us “*power over sin (law breaking)*”⁸

WHAT IS THE HEART OF YAHWEH?

Have you ever wondered why David was a man after God’s own heart? Even though David sinned and failed the Lord, why did God adore David so? It doesn’t take long to find out why God loved David so much. Because David recognized sin, repented of sin and turned from sin. Read the writings of the Psalmist of Judah and you will find dripping from the tip of his pen thousands of mentions of that beautiful word law. David tells us what thoughts were constantly upon his mind “*Upon they law will I meditate day and night that I might not sin against thee O God*” Quite simply, the modern church would not have loved what David loved, they would not have had his same heart.

What does the word PERFECT mean to you? Is there anyway that something in which Yahweh calls perfect ever be anything less than perfect? So, if the modern church teaches us that the reason Yashua came to get rid of the law was because it was an imperfect law and he came to bring us a better covenant.....should we believe such rhetoric?

Psalms 19:7 - The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

It seems that the words of the man after Gods own heart would disagree with the tellers of treachery and the fabricators of fables of our day. These false ministers of light tell us that the law was not perfect and therefore had to be done away with. Yet, if Yahweh is unchanging and if His law is perfect as His word tells us then who may I ask has the authority to call it anything less than perfect.

So, what is the heart of Yahweh? The plain and simple answer can be found when you know what the heart of David was; what did David's heart meditate upon day and night? What did he hold precious and write of more than any other subject? THE LAW OF YAHWEH! Therefore if his heart was a heart like God's heart then the answer to our question is once again - THE LAW! The Law of God is the very heart of God for from his heart pours His love for us and only when we walk in His laws and His commandments can we have a long and prosperous life. Therefore when a parent is "laying down the law" for their child they are doing so because from their rules and laws flows an earnest desire for the well being of their child. When the parent instructs a child not to play in the street; that law that they are giving to the child is the outflow of their heart for that child; their law is their love in words.

Now, at this point many will try and point to the words of no one less than Paul. They will tell us that Paul himself says that the law was faulty. However, upon closer examination of the proof text that they twist it is quite easy to see what Paul ACTUALLY said.

Heb 8:7-8 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

For FINDING FAULT WITH THEM, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

Without an honest and detailed reading of the above verse, someone could quite honestly argue that indeed Paul is belittling the first covenant or the Ten Commandments. It seems to be that Yahweh created a better New Testament covenant because there was indeed a fault with the Old Covenant, yet nothing could be further from the truth. You, as a Bible student owe it to yourself to read the above verses again very slowly.

Before I explain to you what that verse is actually saying please know this one eternal fact. God never makes a mistake! God is perfect and His very nature, His character is revealed in His instructions and laws that He gives to His beloved sons, the children of Israel. With this established fact let us consider the position of the modern church.

They contend that the first covenant was a faulty covenant. We are told daily from mainstream Christianity that the reason Yashua (Jesus) came was to give us a better covenant since the old one was faulty and flawed. PERISH THE THOUGHT, rid your minds child of God of such tomfoolery. THE LAW OF GOD IS PERFECT! It always has been and always will be. So, what was the problem with the Old Covenant or the Ten Commandments? If you will read the first line of Hebrews 8:8 you will find your answer! The fault was NOT with God's Law, the Ten Commandments! The fault was with THEM, the people who could not and would not keep the law.

Men who had become so vile and filled with such rebellion had no power within themselves to walk in obedience to the laws of Yahweh. Therefore, Yahshua came to ESTABLISH THE LAW in the hearts of men by the agency of the Holy Spirit. He came to transplant into a

called out people, the very heart of God, the very law of God. When the Bible says that Christ came to give us a “*heart of flesh*”⁹, it is interesting to study the meaning of that phrase. The word “*flesh*” in this particular verse means “*of ones own self*.” To best understand think of the phrase “*flesh of my flesh*”¹⁰ we literally become one with the person with whom we are one flesh with; “*the two become one*”¹¹ and therefore when we receive the “*heart of flesh*” we are receiving the very heart of Yahweh and as we have learned earlier, His heart is His law. Thus the very reason why when He comes in He “*writes His law upon our hearts*.”

You will find out quite easily if someone is a child of Yahweh or a child of Lucifer by watching their reaction to the very phrase “*the law of God*” when it flows forth from your lips. Watch how their face either distorts at such a phrase or if there is a glow of joy. The child of God longs to please the Father while a child of Lucifer longs to please himself while claiming with his lips to love God. No sooner can a woman truly love a husband that she refuses to obey can a person love Yahweh and refuse His laws in their life.

Here is further biblical proof of exactly what the heart of Yahweh actually is. When we testify to the church that we desire to have a “heart after God” what we are saying is that we want to have the very same heart or mind as Yahweh has and yet so few truly understand what we are saying. Let’s look at the words of Ezekial as he continues to prove to us what the hear of Yahweh is.

Eze 36:26-27 - A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

9 Ezekial 11:19

10 Gen 2:23

11 Matt 19:5

At our Bible college I strive to help our students to understand exactly what the “spirit of a man” actually is. This booklet will not allow me the space to go into such a vast subject but I highly recommend that you order my book “Understanding the Mind” and in those pages you will find what Ezekial is telling us in this verse.

Here the prophet lets us know that the word “spirit” and “heart” are interchangeable and refer to the exact same essence in man - THE MIND. You truly owe it to yourself to learn the truth about what is erroneously referred to in Christendom as “*Body, Soul & Spirit.*” However, since we are at a disadvantage in this booklet of not having the space to explore such a subject with you, suffice it to say that the spirit and the heart are both speaking of the same thing - THE MIND.

God’s heart is Gods mind - it is the way He thinks about things. So, those thoughts of His mind are expressed in an outward expression called His Law. The Bible says “The law is holy” and we know that Yahweh is holy so therefore His Law is the outflowing expression of His person. Ezekial tells us in the preceding verses that there would come a time when Yahweh would begin a great heart or mind transplant within His chosen people. He would begin removing the rebellious, stony heart or mind and replace it with His very own heart or mind. His thoughts would be transplanted into the human mind by an miraculous intervention called the in filling of the Holy Spirit or the Holy mind of Yahweh.

Now, that all sounds exciting and oh how we love to preach about it. However, do we truly understand what it means to be filled with the mind of God or the heart of God? Please note what Ezekial says in the verses above. What is going to actually be planted in us when the Holy Spirit comes into our minds and begins the transplant? Rebellion will begin to leave, rebellion to what? Rebellion to the laws of Yahweh!

Notice specifically what God promises to change our hearts to; hearts that are filled with the laws of God! This transplant will make us law

keepers! Oh the wonder of it. Yet, the modern church which preaches on the infilling of the Holy Spirit fails us when they do not teach us the purpose of the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

FALSE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST PAUL

One must never think that the fault lies with modern preachers when you hear false interpretations of Paul's teachings concerning the laws. As you read Acts 21:17-24 (*I truly hope you read every verse that I reference in these writings*) you will find where Paul was actually called into a counsel meeting with the headquarters government of the church in Jerusalem. Why was he called to meet with these elders? Because, he was being accused in those days of what he is still being accused of; rejecting the laws of God. The elders were determined to prove that Paul was indeed a law keeper and in fact was not preaching against the laws of Yahweh. Sadly to date he is accused once again of being against the law.

Paul was actually so concerned about his teachings lining up with the Old Testament that the scriptures tell us that fourteen years after his ministry began he went privately to the other Apostles in Jerusalem to have them test his message for accuracy. He was so serious about his ministry and he wanted his teachings proved by the Apostles. Hardly, would the Apostles in Jerusalem have approved an anti-nomian message.

Please be warned that there is a real and present danger in twisting the words of Paul. many unlearned but sincere Christians from a lack of understanding at best or a desire to lawlessness at worst are very guilty of twisting the words of Paul.

These are the people, the believers who will stand at the judgement bar of Christ in that day, the seventh day, with a abated breath as they hear the dreaded words of the ages from Yahshua as he looks

at these sincere believers who were guilty of turning Paul's message of grace into lasciviousness or a license to sin. As they stand there in anticipation of their reward of eternal life, behold an answer comes to them that they are ill prepared for "*Depart from me you who were without law.*" Now, lest I be accused of rewriting scripture, I will post the scripture below in English and then bring it back to the original language.

Matt 7:23 - And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity

Who is the "*them*" that Christ is referring to? They were Believers, so much so that everything they did they did it in the name of Christ because in their minds and hearts they believed all that they had been taught. However, there was something lacking! Although the Father desires worshippers, He only desires TRUE WORSHIPPERS¹², those who have both spirit and truth. These people in this verse indeed had spirit or mind religion, they believed in their minds and in their spirit. However, they failed in the obedience part. They were taught that God made no more demands of us in the New Testament and they bought this lie. Now, note carefully what Christ tells these Christian believers. He calls them "workers of iniquity." This phrase in it's original language is the Greek word *ANOMIA*. Please remember what we told you the definition of *Anti-Nomianism* is - lawless or without law. Yashua tells these Christian believers who are evidently in ministry because of all their spiritual work; depart from me because you were without law.

Woe to the Pastor who continues to lie to his/her congregation after the reading of these words. Many on that day will lost out on their inheritance because they will approach Christ without law but full of grace. I am reminded of this warning from the brother of Christ
Jude 1:4 - For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into LASCIVIOUSNESS - A LICENSE TO SIN

HOW ARE WE TO UNDERSTAND?

Is there a master key to understanding all of this confusion in Paul's writing? Is there a way to understand his seeming attack against the law? There absolutely is! You must educate yourself in knowing the various LAWS that Paul was in reference to. Only when you learn how to discern which law he was speaking of will you be able to sort out the confusion.

The word “law” is translated from the Greek NOMOS. Without the article it means “law” in general; an individual “law”; or the general principal of “law” or “a law.” When Paul uses the word “law” with the definite article—HO NOMOS—it means in the strictest sense the Pentateuch. In some cases it may refer to God's covenant with Israel or to the Ten Commandments. In the book of Hebrews, “the law” can refer to ritual laws of the temple system. “The law” can also refer to a specific law other than “the law of God.” For example:

- Romans 7:23—“the law of my mind” and “the law of sin”
- Romans 8:2—“the law of the Spirit of life” and “the law of sin and death”
- Galatians 6:2—“the law of Christ”

Your job as a student is to find out which law as there are many laws or instruction in Paul's writing. Allow me to give you a very good example. Let's go to the book of Hebrews.

Heb 10:1 - For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

At first glance this verse seems to condemn the Ten Commandments, the eternal laws of Yahweh. It seems to be diminishing the law. However, upon careful reading, Paul will leave no doubt that he is speaking of another law; the sacrificial law. He qualifies his word “law” by immediately mentioning the sacrifices of animals. A perfect example

of the many different laws in Paul's writings. Sadly, from either ignorance or rebellion we wish to make all of Paul's references about the law fall under one rubric or category. However, honest study will not allow such simplistic approach.

The Law that Paul so often speaks in favor of is indeed the Ten Commandment laws of Yahweh. However, the ones that he is so against is often the ritual laws, the sacrificial laws and finally the law of sin and death. Why is he against these laws? Because, the Jews were still depending upon sacrifices for the forgiveness of their sins rather than the ultimate sacrifice. So, therefore Paul was in a battle against this set of laws which kept them in bondage. However, he kept the law of God continually and tells us to do the same.

So, let's deal with the verse that tell us that "***By no deeds of the law shall anyone be justified.***" It never fails in every debate that I am part of concerning the Law, this verse is always the most quoted verse in defense of doing away with the law. However, as you will soon see with honest eyes and open hearts; once again Paul's writings have been twisted by unprincipled men.

WHY DID YAHSHUA HAVE TO DIE?

Only when I come to understand why Christ had to die was I able to then make sense of all of Paul's statements about our not being justified by the law and that no one could be saved by the keeping of the law. I will ask you to zone in now on the rest of this booklet very closely so that you too might finally understand what Paul made such seemingly derogatory statements about the law.

What does the scriptures tell us what the primary purpose of Christ coming to earth? Was His purpose to do away with THE LAW or rather to do away with sin? Again, lest we forget, sin is the transgression of the law or breaking the commandments.

Heb 9:26 - For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared TO PUT AWAY SIN by the sacrifice of himself.

Let us study very closely! According to Paul in the above verse Jesus came to put away commandment breaking or sin which is the transgression of the law. Notice that he does not say that Yahshua came to do away with the law but rather the breaking of the law. Because, before Christ coming men had no help in keeping the law of God but rather were slaves to the law of sin; the law that says “you cannot help but sin, you must sin, you are bound by sin and will never be free from sin.” This is the law that Christ came to deliver you from, not from the law of God but the law of sin!

Matt 1:21 - And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people FROM THEIR SINS.

When I hear believers say “*I am saved*,” I so desperately want to ask them “*from what?*” What were you saved or delivered from? Jesus Christ came to indeed save us but not just to save us TO HIS KINGDOM but He also came to save us FROM SIN OR BREAKING HIS LAW. This is true salvation when you have been given a supernatural help from on high and you have been delivered from the lifestyle of sin or commandment breaking.

It would help you as a student tremendously to learn to replace the generic word sin with its biblical meaning, the transgression of the law or breaking His commandments. If you will begin doing that mentally you will begin to override the lie of the modern church which preaches that the law has been done away with.

I will ask you to answer a question now after reading the above verses. Did Christ come to do away with the law or rather to put away sin, the transgression of the law? It's a question that demands an answer.

DID YAHWEH HAVE A CHOICE?

Now, we are going to get into a true understanding of why the Law of God could never justify us. There is a reason that Paul was so angry with those who were keeping the law of God without accepting the death of Christ for their sins. The hostility against the law that you will hear in Paul's writings has to do with those Jews who refused to realize that their sins demanded a payment.

However, just because keeping the law couldn't justify us does not nullify the law nor make it "*done away with*." As you are about to discover the law of God is eternally binding; the angels are bound by, you and I are bound by it. However, we all broke Yahweh's laws, everyone of us has sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We were guilty transgressors of God's law and as such we came "UNDER" the curse of that law which was a death sentence and as a result we were all "UNDER THE LAW" we were under the weight of its just demands, we are all guilty as charged and therefore at the mercy of the law.

Think about this; what is a law without a penalty? It is a joke! That is why our country has three branches of government. One branch creates law and one branch enforces law. Imagine a bunch of laws with no police force to enforce them or give teeth to the law, they would be worthless. Know this well that when Yahweh gave us His law, that law had teeth and it would bite anyone that broke it.

So when all of mankind began to break the law of Yahweh, something had to be done or else the very integrity of Yahweh would be on the line and His law laughable. Contrary to the modern church teaches, grace did not begin in the New Testament. You will find grace or pardon for sin in the garden of Eden when Yahweh served as the first high priest by slaughtering a lamb in the place of slaughtering Adam and Eve. You will find grace in action when God allowed for animal sacrifice in the temple rather than human sacrifice. However, ulti-

mately human sacrifice would have to come because it was humans that broke the law and the law demanded death. However, until such a time, a temporary law of sacrifice was established but not forever. This law of sacrifice was to end when “the seed came¹³” which was the man Christ Jesus.

We have always been “under grace” because we have always been “under God” who is rich in mercy and grace. God’s mercy is not a new thing, His grace isn’t some New Testament creation. We must understand that the reason Yahweh allowed animal sacrifice is because in the mind of God, Jesus was crucified before the world began. He was simply waiting for time to catch up with destiny. Christ was already dead in the mind of Yahweh so therefore He could allow animal sacrifice as symbols of the lamb. However, even though God is rich in mercy and grace, justice demands payment. Therefore, death must come to all men.

So, what could God have done to save Christ from having to die for our sins? He could have done away with His law perhaps. If He had annulled the law then no one would have had to die and no one would be under the penalty or the curse or the weight of the law; we would all be free. However, as much as the Father loved His son; it is quite evident that He loved His law just as much. Because His law is precious to Him and because Christ said it will “never pass away¹⁴” then the first option of doing away with the law was out of the question.

His only other option in the courts of eternity was to provide a carrier for the curse that His law had pronounced upon mankind. Rather than causing His entire creation to bear the curse of the law and to remain “UNDER THE LAW,” carrying that heavy yolk around their necks from the weight of their death sentence; since He couldn’t and wouldn’t get rid of the law; He would provide a lamb to carry the curse and set us free from the demands of the law.

13 Gal 3:16

14 Matt 5:5
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“BY THE DEEDS OF THE LAW SHALL NO FLESH BE SAVED” ROM 3:20

There you have it! We call this “*The Bomb Scripture*” in our debates with those who challenge our teachings that the law of God is still in effect today. They blurt this scripture out like it is going to be the nuclear weapon that’s going to blow our whole argument to smithereens. You can see their faces redden as they prepare to launch their “Roman Rocket” into the dismal camp of the law keepers. However, their joy is short lived the very moment that we agree with them in joyful abandon with absolutely no argument from us whatsoever.

We believe exactly what the verse above says. Why? Because no one kept the law more than the Jews did and yet to this date they are not saved. Why? Because, they failed to realize that JUSTICE DEMAND PAYMENT and that payment is death. Obeying the law of God is not the PAYMENT that sin requires. If that were the payment then we could all begin keeping and God’s laws and the death of Christ would have been in vain.

Have you ever broken the law of Yahweh? I have! Upon me was placed a curse at that moment. A decree came forth from Eternia which demanded that I pay the price for that sin. I then came “under the law” under the punishment and the ownership of the law. I was bound by the law as long as the law remaineth. There is now nothing I can do but die to pay the price. I cannot go out and build one hundred hospitals for orphans and pay the demands of justice. I cannot begin keeping the commandments now and bypass what the law demands for payment. Therefore, NO DEEDS OF THE LAW will save me. I am a day late and dollar short when I look at the judge after committing a crime and saying; “Lets forget what the law books say I should do for my crime, but rather allow me to begin doing good today”

This is what the Jews were doing; failing to recognize their need for a savior - this is what drove Paul mad!

Rom 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death

Will anything less than death pay the penalty for sin? After you break Gods law can you then decide to start keeping His law and pay the price for having broken it? Absolutely not! You need a Savior, you need a redeemer and no matter how much you keep the law after breaking the law; that will not save you nor justify you. However, if you had never broken the law of God then indeed doing the law would have justified you.

Rom 2:13 - For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified

Do you see it? If you had lived God's laws from birth then you would need no savior; the law would have saved you! Moses tells the children of Israel, "Keep these laws and live." Yahweh told Adam and Eve that if they would simply obey Him they would not die! Obedience would have saved them and if you had been obedient all of your life, your obedience would have saved you. But you were not obedient! You were rebellious as I was and now there is only one penalty that will satisfy God; Death!

Come and go to court with me for a few minutes and let's watch a scene unfold. You are standing before the judge and he sentences you to death. But you let him know that there is no need for that sentence because you are going to begin keeping the law, your not going to even run a stop sign no more. However, the judge has an obligation to render punishment for the crime no matter how many deeds of the law you keep or have kept. You cannot



circumvent the penalty of your crime by keeping the rest of the law, no matter how good you promise to be or how good you become; you owed a debt that no amount of good works will ever pay for. However, should you quit keeping the law or quit doing good works in your future simply because it will not pay for your sin debt? Absolutely not! The debt has been paid by Yahshua, you could never keep enough law to pay the debt because the debt was death and Yahshua paid that debt.

You receive payment for your sin by placing your faith in that shed blood and by none of your good works. However, does the fact that Christ died for your sins negate your need for keeping Gods law or doing good works? How foolish! The judge who just sentenced you after hearing your promise to do good and your promise to keep the law will surely not tell you “Oh no, you are free now to do whatever you want, you are free to break all laws.” Just because this prisoners good works or keeping the law didn’t pay the penalty for his past crime it will surely keep him from having to come to this court again for even more punishment.

You cannot promise God that you will teach Sunday School and work in the church nursery twice a month and think that this will somehow negate your need for a savior. This is exactly what the Jews were doing; they continued obeying the law and keeping the Sabbath as they rightly should have done but they should not have left the rest undone by thinking that all of those good works would pay their debt.

Many people think allot like the criminal who steals from you and once he’s caught; He promises to bring it all back and just start from scratch without him having to pay a penalty. Giving it all back is a worthy trait and admirable; However, the law demands a punishment of years in jail - otherwise you didn’t pay for the crime. In the same fashion without a trip to the altar to accept the blood sacrifice for our sins; until we die with Christ then all the works of the law will do us no good because justice didn’t demand good works, it demanded

death. So, you see, we concur completely with Rom 3:20. We believe that no works of the law will pay for the curse of the law, the sentence of death. You can keep every law to the penny until Yashua returns and it will not override the required payment for your sin. However, only a fool would now say “*So, therefore the law has been done away with*”. Quite the contrary. We completely agree that the wages of sin are not met by a lifetime of good works or keeping the law AFTER THE FACT.

I would like for you to imagine this scenario with me:

You’ve been sentenced to death and you are own death row. Rightfully so, you committed the crime. Justice demands your death and you are waiting to pay this demand. One day you receive a certified letter at mail call and you hurriedly open it and find that inside there is a full pardon by the governor. He, in his mercy, has paid the demand of justice by means of his mercy and grace. You did nothing to earn that grace, it was free and without favor. So, the day comes when they open the doors and let you walk out under grace. You are no longer “*under the law*” the curse of the law is no longer around your neck. You walk out a free man saved by grace.

NOW, DID GRACE SET YOU FREE FROM THE LAW OR RATHER FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW? Did grace make you free to now leave your prison and live in lawlessness? Did grace give you a full pardon for all future crimes? Did grace tell you that the law was now done away with? Rather, did grace give you a love and new respect for the law and a desire to obey it in the future? Shouldn’t that grace drive you to full repentance and a turning from the lifestyle of lawlessness. Did that governor get rid of the law simply because he set you “*free from the law*?” Of course not and neither did Christ get rid of God’s law simply because he set you free from the curse of that law. My son, Tyler, after hearing me teach on the law and the fallacy of the extreme grace message said to me “*Dad, if they are correct then Jesus came to make me a bigger sinner than I already was.*”

It would serve us well to remember that Yahweh would not get rid of

His law for his own son; rather He held His own son accountable to the law. It takes a great heap of pride to preach that He has gotten rid of His law for us but not for Christ. Jesus Christ died that the law of Yahweh might stand and be established in our hearts and in the earth. He died to place the law on an absolute footing and to fulfill it's demands. Christ bore the curse of that law, he was born "under the law" he carried the yolk so that you and I would no longer be "under the curse of the law" but rather we are now "free from the law." Absolutely, we are but does that mean the law is no longer in effect and we're free to break God's commandments? I will use Paul's response to that selfsame question - GOD FORBID!¹⁵

Rom 6:14 - For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

I will never understand how anyone can read the above verse and not see the plainness of the message. Do you remember the story we just talked about? The prisoner with the full pardon. Remember, while he was on death row he was "under the law" he was under the dominion of the governor and the sentence of the law. However, as soon as he was set free by grace he was no longer a servant to the governor; he did not have to say yes sir to anything the prison told him to do anymore. He didn't have to eat when they told him to or use the facilities when they told him to; the prison (the curse of the law) no longer had dominion over him because of grace. The verse above tells us plainly that BECAUSE OF GRACE we are no longer under the bondage of commandment breaking. We are free from that law of sin and death that says we are powerless to live a righteous life. We are free from that master that tells us to sin and we say "yes sir." Grace sent a pardon, full and free and called us to Calvary where we were justified and then it called us to the Pentecostal experience where we were sanctified and given power from on high to be free from the law of sin and death; the law that instructs us how to sin and when to sin; we are free from THAT LAW!!!!!!

Rom 6:15 - What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid

Immediately after Paul tells us we are no longer under the law he then tries is best to stop those who will pervert his words. He says “*What then*” or in other words “*How are you to understand what I am saying*” He pleads with the church not to misunderstand his teachings on law and grace. He then stresses the importance of living a sin free life. He is screaming, if you will, that grace does not set us free from the law but rather the curse of the law.

Exactly what did Yahshua nail to the cross? What did he redeem us from? Did He set us free from obeying the law or rather the curse what pronounced upon us by the law?

Gal 3:13 - Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law

It's so simple that a child can understand it but a theologian cannot fathom it.

Col 2:14 - Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

What did Christ blot out? Something that was against us. Were the eternal laws of freedom given to us by Yahweh ever against us? Yet, this is what the church believes in the majority. The laws of God, the Ten Commandments were created “that your life may be long and prosperous on the earth.” Have you ever created a law that was against your child; did you create house rules to make life miserable for your children? Yet, this is what our loving Father is accused of doing and basically we teach in the modern church that Jesus had to come and undo all of those mean things that God did against us.

No, what Christ nailed to the cross and took out of the way is something that was “against us” it was accusing us, it was an eternal war-

rant or attachment that would not go away. The ordinances were the judgements that were calling for our death. We can know for sure that this is not referring to the eternal laws of Yahweh because those laws were not handwritten, they were written by the finger of God, not the hands of men. If you compare both verses you will find your answer. If Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law as stated in Gal 3:13 then the handwriting of ordinances in Col 2:14 could have been no less than those very curses; those warrants from the courts of eternity that demanded our death.

UNDER THE LAW?

Rom 3:19 - Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God

This verse makes it completely without further discourse or question as to the meaning of UNDER THE LAW. What word do we find in this verse that goes along with being under the law? It is the word GUILTY the moment you were pronounced guilty of breaking God's law is the moment you went "under the law" it is as that moment that the yolk of guilt was against you and you were a dead man walking. As long as you are under the law you are unforgiven and still guilty. There are billions today who are still under the law, they are still guilty because they have not recognized their need for a Savior nor have they recognized their sin or commandment breaking. For those demoralized humans, one word still screams over them - Guilty! However for those under grace there is one word which screams over them - Forgiven! They are no longer under the burden of guilt or in other words under the law. They have been forgiven for the purpose of them living a life "worthy of their forgiveness"¹⁶. This beloved is the reason that Paul says we are no longer under the law because of the blood of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and now free to walk in the power of holiness.

WHAT LAW ARE WE FREE FROM?

Rom 8:2 - For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH

Using the above verse as your only guide; you answer the question, what law did Christ set us free from? Was it the law of Yahweh as we have been taught? Was it the Ten Commandments? If I read Paul correctly, we've been set free from one particular law by the death of Christ; the law of sin and death.

What is the law of sin and death? A law is basically a set of instructions or a set of absolutes. For example; the law of gravity is a guarantee that when something goes up it must come down. Nothing can defy that law, it is set in stone. Until Christ came and made a way for the Holy Spirit to come and dwell in you there was a law in existence that was set in stone. That law of sin stated that every man must sin and as a result every man must die. This is a law as old as time. However, thanks be to God you and I have been set free from that law. We have a supernatural ability to defy that law and to live above the hold of sin in our lives. Since the law of the Spirit of Christ has moved inside of us we are no longer slaves to sin or commandment breaking.

For those who love to mention how that Jesus made an end to the law and that He fulfilled the law, I would ask the following. Have you ever seen a plane fall from the sky? When that plane fell it fulfilled the law of gravity but did it get rid of the law of gravity? Absolutely not, the law of gravity still existed after it was fulfilled. The law of God still exist even though Yashua came and lived that law to its fullest intent. He lived the law as our example of how the law of sin did not have a hold over him nor does it have to have a hold over God's church.

Emphatically, I must tell you that the law of grace is greater than the law of sin! The Law of sin says "I can't help but sin" and the law of sin says "It is impossible to keep from sinning." However, the law of

grace comes in and says “With man it is impossible but with God all things are possible” thus the law of grace which gives us power over sin is greater than the law of sin.

Rom 6:14 - For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Are you beginning to see the truth? The above verse reiterates what I have been teaching you in this writing. Because of Grace you are not free from the law of God but rather you are free from the law of sin. You are free to be free, you are free to walk in the newness of life where old things, old habits, old addictions, old customs are all passed away and behold He makes all things new for you. This is why Paul forbids us to continue in sin because to do so is to disgrace grace and to crucify the son of God afresh by proclaiming that his grace was not enough to deliver you from sin or commandment breaking.

Rom 3:31 - Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law

So, has the law been nullified or done away with because now everything is by faith? Quite the opposite! Because of our faith which is always accompanied by works we have received the law of Yahweh internally in our minds, our spirits, our hearts. No longer are they figments of stone that we must go read but rather they are internal and they are leading us and guiding us into ways that are pleasing to the Lord. Because of this faith we establish the law on a firmer footing. We move the law from a museum or court house or from a set of stones and we internalize them and therefore establish them in our lives.

1 John 2:4, “He that says, I know Him and does not keep His commandments, is a liar and the truth is not in Him.”

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