CHRIST AND HIS APOSTLES AFFIRM THE NEED TO OBEY GOD'S COMMANDMENTS



ARE SO-CALLED CHRISTIANS TODAY REQUIRED TO KEEP THE TEN COMMANDMENTS?

TODAY SOME PEOPLE WILL TELL YOU THAT KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS WAS FULFILLED BY CHRIST AND OBEYING GOD'S LAW IS THEREFORE NO LONGER REQUIRED BECAUSE THEY ARE SAVED BY GRACE. BUT NOTICE WHAT CHRIST HIMSELF HAD TO SAY ABOUT THIS IDEA.

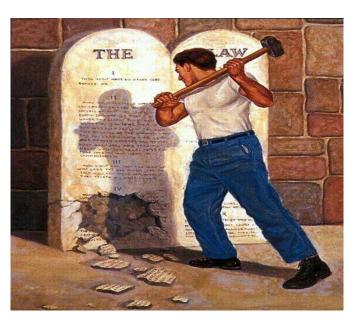
IN MATTHEW 19:16, MESSIAH WAS ASKED WHAT MUST BE DONE TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE. HIS ANSWER:

MATTHEW 19:18-19

" AND CHRIST SAID UNTO HIM, WHY CALLEST THOU ME GOOD? THERE IS NONE GOOD BUT ONE, THAT IS, AHAYAH:

BUT IF THOU WILT ENTER INTO LIFE, KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS."

(MATTHEW 19:17). CHRIST THEN LISTED SEVERAL, INCLUDING ENOUGH OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS TO MAKE CLEAR WHICH COMMANDMENTS HE MEANT: "'YOU SHALL NOT MURDER,' 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY,' 'YOU SHALL NOT STEAL,' 'YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS,' 'HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER,' AND 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF'" TODAY SOME PEOPLE WILL TELL YOU THAT KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS WAS FULFILLED BY CHRIST AND OBEYING GOD'S LAW IS THEREFORE NO LONGER REQUIRED. BUT NOTICE WHAT JESUS HIMSELF HAD TO SAY ABOUT THIS IDEA:



MATTHEW 5:17

"DO NOT THINK THAT | CAME TO DESTROY THE LAW OR THE PROPHETS. | DID NOT COME TO DESTROY BUT TO FULFILL"

SOME TRY TO DENY HIS PLAIN, SIMPLE STATEMENT BY INTERPRETING

THE VERSE TO MEAN THE LAW WAS NOT ABOLISHED UNTIL CHRIST

CAME AND FULFILLED IT. THEY THEN INTERPRET "FULFILL" AS

"BRINGING TO AN END," "SUPERSEDING" OR SOME OTHER SYNONYM
FOR "ABOLISHING." IN ESSENCE YOU HAVE CHRIST SAYING, "I DID
NOT COME TO ABOLISH THE LAW, BUT TO ABOLISH IT."
MESSIAH, ON THE OTHER HAND, SAID HEAVEN AND EARTH WOULD
PASS BEFORE THE SMALLEST PART OF THE LAW WOULD DO SO.

MATTHEW 5:18

"FOR VERILY | SAY UNTO YOU, TILL HEAVEN AND EARTH PASS, ONE TOT OR ONE TITTLE SHALL IN NO WISE PASS FROM THE LAW, TILL ALL BE FULFILLED."

HE SAID THE LAW WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL EVERYTHING IS
ACCOMPLISHED. BECAUSE THE FULFILLMENT OF MANY BIBLICAL
PROPHECIES OF CHRIST'S SECOND COMING IS YET TO OCCUR (THE
PROPHECIES HAVE NOT YET BEEN ACCOMPLISHED OR FULFILLED),

WE KNOW THE LAW HAS NOT CEASED TO EXIST.

THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THAT YASHA WAS SPEAKING TO PEOPLE WHO BELIEVED IN KEEPING ALL THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. HE REAFFIRMED THE NECESSITY FOR ALL WHO COME TO HIM TO DO LIKEWISE. IN MATTHEW CHAPTERS 5-7 CHRIST EXPLAINED HOW GOD INTENDED FOR THE TEN COMMANDMENTS TO BE KEPT BY GIVING THIS EXPLANATION AND EXEMPLIFYING IT IN HIS LIFE, HE WAS FULFILLING A PROPHECY ABOUT HIMSELF FROM

ISAIAH 42:21

"AHAYAH IS WELL PLEASED FOR HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE, HE
WILL MAGNIFY THE LAW AND MAKE IT HONORABLE"

THE WORD FULFILL IN MATTHEW 5: 17 MEANS "FILL UP," "MAKE
FULL," "FILL TO THE FULL" OR "COMPLETE." CHRIST CAME TO
MAGNIFY, OR FILL COMPLETELY FULL, THE MEANING OF GOD'S LAW.

CHRIST TEACHING THAT A MAN WHO LUSTS AFTER A WOMAN HAS ALREADY COMMITTED ADULTERY IN HIS MIND REPRESENTED CHRIST MAGNIFICATION OF ALL OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. HE EXPLAINED THE FULL MEANING THE SPIRITUAL INTENT OF THE COMMANDMENTS. HE SHOWED THAT HE EXPECTS MORE THAN JUST A LEGALISTIC, LETTER-OF-THE-LAW APPROACH; HE ALSO EXPECTS A SUBMISSIVE, YIELDED MIND FOCUSED ON LOVE FOR GOD AND LOVE FOR OUR FELLOW MAN.

MESSIAH FURTHER CLARIFIES:

MATTHEW 5:19

"WHOEVER THEREFORE BREAKS ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE COMMANDMENTS, AND TEACHES MEN SO, SHALL BE CALLED LEAST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN; BUT WHOEVER DOES AND TEACHES THEM, HE SHALL BE CALLED GREAT IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN" FULFILL DOES NOT MEAN "ABOLISH"!

ANOTHER COMMON MISUNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH CAME TO BELIEVE THAT IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO FOLLOW CHRIST'S EXAMPLE OF OBEYING THE LAW. BUT HIS APOSTLES, WHO WERE PERSONALLY TAUGHT BY HIM, CERTAINLY DID NOT AGREE WITH THIS IDEA.

THE APOSTLE JOHN SAID IN

1 JOHN 2:3-6

"NOW BY THIS WE KNOW THAT WE KNOW HIM IF WE KEEP HIS
COMMANDMENTS. HE WHO SAYS, 'I KNOW HIM,' AND DOES NOT KEEP
HIS COMMANDMENTS, IS A LIAR, AND THE TRUTH IS NOT IN HIM. BUT
WHOEVER KEEPS HIS WORD, TRULY THE LOVE OF GOD IS PERFECTED
IN HIM. BY THIS WE KNOW THAT WE ARE IN HIM. HE WHO SAYS HE
ABIDES IN HIM OUGHT HIMSELF ALSO TO WALK JUST AS HE WALKED"

EVEN THE APOSTLE PAUL, WHO IS MOST OFTEN CITED BY THOSE ATTEMPTING TO DO AWAY WITH GOD'S LAW, HIMSELF REFUTED THIS ERRONEOUS IDEA, SAYING,

1 CORINTHIANS 11; 1

"BE YE FOLLOWERS OF ME, EVEN AS | ALSO AM OF CHRIST".

FAR FROM CONDEMNING THE LAW, PAUL SAID,

ROMANS 7:12

"THE LAW IS HOLY, AND THE COMMANDMENT HOLY AND JUST AND GOOD" AND,

ROMANS 7:22

"| DELIGHT IN THE LAW OF GOD" INDEED, HE SAID THAT

1 CORINTHIANS 7:19

"KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD IS WHAT MATTERS"
WE MUST AVOID READING OUR OWN IDEAS INTO THE BIBLE. QUOTING
FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH, OUR SAVIOR WARNED AGAINST TRUSTING
OUR OWN IDEAS INSTEAD OF THE LAWS OF GOD:

MARK 7:6-9

"THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME. AND IN VAIN THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN.' FOR LAYING ASIDE THE COMMANDMENT OF GOD, YOU HOLD THE TRADITION OF MEN... ALL TOO WELL YOU REJECT THE COMMANDMENT OF GOD, THAT YOU MAY KEEP YOUR TRADITION.

WE, TOO, MUST BE SURE WE FOLLOW CHRIST'S EXAMPLE INSTEAD OF OUR OWN IDEAS!



IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT I CAN ADD TO THIS IS THAT AFTER SPENDING YEARS OF LIFE IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, IS THIS. I FOLLOW CHRIST THE MESSIAH, HE FOLLOWED THE LAW, HE KEPT THE SABBATH DAYS, HE DID WHAT THE FATHER TOLD HIM TO DO AND THAT WAS TO FOLLOW THE LAWS, STATUTES, AND COMMANDMENTS. I'LL DO WHAT CHRIST DID AND I WILL FOLLOW HIM TO THE VERY END, TO MY DEATH IN HIS NAME YASHAYA. I WOULD RATHER BE HUNG NEXT TO HIM, THEN TO DENY EVERYTHING HE LIVED FOR AND THAT WAS TO FULFILL EVERY WORD SAID ABOUT HIM. EVEN THE ONE THAT SAID HE WOULD FULFILL THE LAW AND BE HUNG FOR IT. YOU DENY CHRIST EVERY TIME YOU SAY THAT

"THE LAW HAS BEEN DONE AWAY."

THEN TO SAY YOU HAVE FAVOR FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT BECAUSE OF FAVOR, THIS IS BLASPHEMY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

IF YOU FOLLOW ME, JUST KNOW

THAT I FOLLOW CHRIST AND THE TRUTH

AND I AM TRYING TO SHOW YOU WHAT CHRIST TAUGHT. EVEN PAUL KNEW WHAT CHRIST TAUGHT, AND IT WAS SCRIPTURE-BASED TEACHINGS, THERE WAS NO NEW TESTAMENT!

SPREADING THE TRUTH, THROUGH KNOWLEDGE AND RESEARCH!

1 CORINTHIANS 11:1

"BE YE FOLLOWERS OF ME, EVEN AS I ALSO AM OF CHRIST."

PROVE ALL THINGS

STUDY TO SHEW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO AHAYAH ALL PRAISES TO THE MOST HIGH GOD AHAYAH ASHAR AHAYAH BAHASHEM YASHAYAH

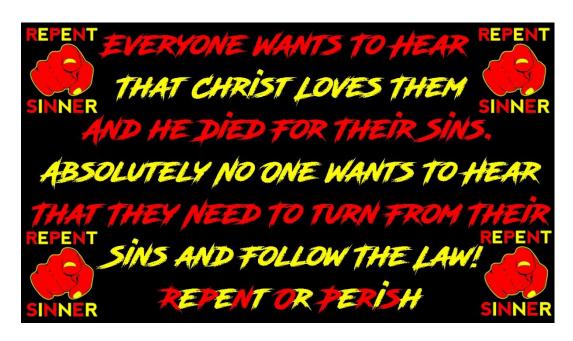
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TRIBE OF ISSACHAR

12 TRIBES 1 NATION FOR ALL

ACTS 17:26

"AND HATH MADE OF ONE BLOOD ALL NATIONS OF MEN FOR TO DWELL ON ALL THE FACE OF THE EARTH, AND HATH DETERMINED THE TIMES BEFORE APPOINTED, AND THE BOUNDS OF THEIR HABITATION"



FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND