

# The Laws of God Must be Followed

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*Galatians 3:1: "O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?"*

In Galatians 3:1, the Apostle Paul admonishes the church in Galatia for believing in a false doctrine that was taught centuries ago by false apostles and leaders. This false doctrine taught the people to believe that the laws of Moses were no longer in effect. Paul describes the Galatians' belief in such a doctrine as "witchery" (someone being cast under a spell) because when reading the bible, you will NOT find any such commandment or teaching which disannuls the laws of God. Therefore, one would have to be placed completely under a spell to believe such a doctrine (teaching).

What is the truth that Paul speaks of here?

*Psalms 119:142: "Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth."*

*Daniel 9:13: "As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, (sin) and understand thy truth."*

The truth of God is the LAW, collectively known as the commandments and ordinances given from God to the children of Israel. The law was given by the mouth and writings of Moses. If the law is kept, the Lord will bless Israel and keep them in his good presence and give them the kingdom or promised land.

*Leviticus 22:31: "Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I am the LORD."*

*Deuteronomy 27:10: "Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the LORD thy God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee this day."*

*Joshua 22:5: "But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul."*

*1 Kings 11:38: "And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee."*

From generation to generation the laws of God were always in effect and the adherence to them determines who truly serves God and who doesn't. When Israel disobeyed the laws/commandments of God, they were punished (cursed) for their disobedience.

*Nehemiah 9:28-30:*

*"28 But after they had rest, they did evil again before thee: therefore leftest thou them in the land of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them: yet when they returned, and cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven; and many times didst thou deliver them according to thy mercies;*

*29 And testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgments, (which if a man do, he shall live in them;) and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear.*

*30 Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit in thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands."*

If it is no longer necessary to follow the laws of God, then why would God impose a judgment of punishment on the children of Israel? Why did Christ come to die for the sins of Israel? If there is no law, what sin can exist? This is why Paul makes such a strong statement in the following scripture:

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All of Israel knew the reason that Christ the Messiah was crucified. He gave his life to offer Israel an atonement (repair a wrong) for their sins.

*Acts 5:31: "Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins."*

What is sin?

***1 John 3:4: "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth (disobeys) also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."***

If the act of sin is the breaking of God's laws or commandments, then who or what is a sinner that Christ came to save?

***Matthew 9:13: "But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."***

Notice Christ himself says he came not to call the righteous. What is righteousness?

***Deuteronomy 6:25: "And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us."***

***1 John 5:17: "All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death."***

Christ did not come to call the righteous because a righteous man has no need to repent or make atonement (Luke 15:7). But the sinners (breakers of the law... 1 John 3:4), must turn from their disobedience to be accepted.

***Proverbs 28:13: "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."***

We see that true repentance comes with forsaking sin. To forsake sin one has to keep the commandments. A woman that was caught committing adultery was sentenced to be stoned to death, But Christ, showing his great mercy, taught us repentance by insisting that she cease from breaking God's laws.

***John 8:11: "She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."***

As we examine hundreds of years of scripture from the old testament to the new testament, it has yet to appear that the laws of God should be forsaken. Many believe that Christ did away with the commandments because they were continuously broken by the children of Israel. However, the scriptures do not support this teaching whatsoever.

*Matthew 5:17-19 :“Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.*

*18For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

*19Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”*

Christ makes it perfectly clear that he did not destroy or remove the law or prophecies contained in the scriptures. It is written that he came to fulfill the prophecies written of him. His sole purpose was to turn Israel back to the laws of God in order to receive mercy and repentance. For this reason, we need not to offer animals for sin offerings any longer as Christ the Messiah was prophesied to be a sacrificial lamb that will take away the sins of Israel offering them repentance.

*Hebrews 10:9-10:*

*“9Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.*

*10By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”*

*Matthew 19:15-17:*

*“And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.*

*16And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?*

*17And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.”*

*Luke 10:25-27:*

*“25And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?*

*26He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?*

***27And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.***

In these two biblical accounts, Christ is asked how to receive eternal life? He explains to them that keeping the laws of God is the solution. The apostle Paul again reiterates the importance of keeping the commandments.

#### ***1 Corinthians 6:9-10***

***Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,***

***10Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.***

Again Paul warns us not to be deceived by any teachings that claim you don't have to keep the laws of God to be delivered or receive the kingdom of heaven. Believing in such fallacies is a demonstration of trickery and malice.

It has also been falsely taught that Christ left us with only two commandments to follow:

#### ***Matthew 22:37-40***

***37Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.***

***38This is the first and great commandment.***

***39And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.***

***40On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.***

Christ explains that these two commandments embodies ALL of the commandments of God. How so? If you love God will you worship an idol or forsake an ordained day of worship? NO. If you love your neighbor will you kill, steal or covet his goods? NO. Christ taught us in a simplistic way to help us understand all of the commandments and how they effect us as a nation. What is the key word in both of the laws Christ mentions? LOVE.

#### ***Galatians 5:14***

***For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.***

What is love?

*Romans 13:10*

*Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.*

When Love is present there can be no hate, adultery, murder, stealing, lies, nor fornication. This is how Love fulfills the law.

Yet another misunderstanding exists that teaches we are under grace and faith, so the law is not mandatory. This again could not be further from the truth.

*Romans 6:1-2*

*What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?*

*<sup>2</sup>God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?*

*Romans 3:31*

*Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law*

*Romans 7:1*

*Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?*

*1 John 2:3-4*

*And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.*

*<sup>4</sup>He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.*

*<sup>5</sup>But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.*

*Revelation 22:14-15*

*Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.*

*<sup>15</sup>For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.*

*From cover to cover of the bible it is obvious that the laws are to be followed. Even the last book and last chapter of the bible warn us to keep the commandments of God if we have any desire to enter into the kingdom of heaven. Don't be deceived by the ploys and tricks that attempt to lead you away from God.*

*Psalm 19:7*

*The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.*

*Ezekiel 18:21*

*But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.*