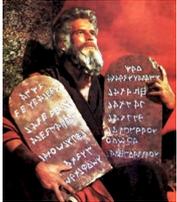


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The Apostle Paul was **crucified to the law**. Therefore he said. ***“I do not frustrate the Grace of God; for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ hath died in vain.”***

Galatians 2:21. The Children of God of the Galatian assemblies believed in all of the fundamentals of the Christian Faith and were very religious, BUT they had permitted **false**

brethren to come into their midst with a perverted “gospel” and frustrate the Grace of God.

“For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.” Galatians 2:19. ***“I have been crucified with Christ.”***

Galatians 2:20.

These false teachers had perverted the Gospel of Christ by ADDING the law of Moses to the finished work of the Son of God. They were mixing the religion of the Jews with the Gospel of Grace. The Apostle Paul said to them: ***“A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.”*** Galatians 5:9.

Now, pay attention, it is THIS mixture that has proven to be the leaven that has produced in the Body of Christ, all of the schisms, the ritualism, modernism, and fanaticism of this present day. Judaism with its ritualism has no place in the Gospel of Grace. ***“The Law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came with Jesus Christ.”***

John 1:17.

The Galatians DESIRED, as crazy as THAT sounds, to be under the law. Galatians 4:21. There

are multitudes just like them in the congregations today. Paul said concerning those who preached the law to the Children of God at Galatia, "***I would they were even cut off which trouble you.***"

Galatians 5:12. He also

said, "***accursed.***"

Let him be

1:9.

Galatians

Notice carefully The Apostle Paul's question to them and his own answer: "***Wherefore then serveth the law?***"

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Galatians 3:19.

Now, the Almighty God is asking the same question of any Child of God today who is serving the law. Why should a Christian not serve the law? "***It was added because of transgression, till the Seed should come to Whom the promise was made.***"

Galatians 3:19. The Seed was promised many years before He came. Genesis 3:15, Genesis 17:1-8. God said to Abraham,

"And to thy seed which is Christ."

Galatians 3:16.

I have never yet known one Child of God who truly knew, understood, and experienced, the truth contained in the fourth chapter of the Book of Romans, who could THEN be led down the Christ dishonoring path into ritualism, modernism, or fanaticism, or who could be influenced by those who are "*desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.*"

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Timothy 1:7.

Four hundred and thirty years before God called Moses to the Mount to give him the commandments and ordinances, Yâ-hwéh Yâhuwshúa` entered into a Covenant of Grace with Abram. Galatians 3:17, and Genesis 15:13. When God told Abram what He would perform, Abram believed God, and it was counted to Abram for righteousness. Genesis 15:6. What a glorious Gospel! What precious good news!

Because a sinner believes in the ability and Faithfulness of God, he is reckoned righteous in the sight of God. If a man should keep the whole law and not offend in one point he would be righteous or right. The LORD Jesus Christ did this, therefore He is called "***Jesus Christ the Righteous.***"

Abram

was not Abram the righteous because he kept the whole law, but he was righteous because he accepted by the Faith the promise of a coming Redeemer, a promise made by God four hundred and thirty years

before

the law was given. So far as his standing before God was concerned, Abram was just as righteous as if he had kept God's righteous law. The righteousness of God was imputed to him because he believed the Gospel, which was

BEFORE

the law. Galatians 3:8.

That same righteousness of God, which is perfect, flawless, unimpeachable, is imputed to every sinner who by The Faith receives Christ, who was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification. Romans 4:22-25. Yâ-hwéh Yâhuwshúa` on the cross was made sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Cor. 5:21.

When God made His covenant with Israel through **Moses**, the law giver and mediator of the **old** covenant, it was four hundred and thirty years after the time He made his covenant with Abram, which He renewed with Isaac and Jacob. The law was given several months after God delivered Israel from Egypt by way of the Passover blood and the Red Sea. (See Exodus 12 and Exodus 13). God delivered Israel from Pharaoh, because he remembered His covenant with Abram, Isaac, and Jacob. Exodus 2:24. The children of Israel did not receive deliverance at the hands of God because they were faithful; but because

He was, and is

. It took the blood of the lamb to deliver them from judgment; but it was

all of Grace

Only the blood of Christ, can deliver us from a greater judgment!

Therefore, when the law was given by Moses, it was given to a **covenanted** people who were **ALREADY**

on redemption ground,

"I am the Lord thy God, Which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt."

It was to these people that God said, "

Thou shalt"

and "

Thou shall not"

Exodus 20:1-15.

However, in giving the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, God raised up a middle wall of partition between Israel and the Gentiles, which was then broken down when Christ, cried on the cross of Calvary, ***“it is finished”***; and the veil in the temple was rent in twain from top to bottom. It was then and there that the middle wall of partition was broken down. Ephesians 2:14-15.

Now we should understand what God means when He says that the law was ADDED till Christ rent the veil, at which time He became the **End of the Law for Righteousness** to every one that believeth. Romans 10:4-5.

The law was added! But, added to what? Added to the covenant of promise, added to the Gospel that God preached to Abraham. **Therefore, the gospel was before the law.**

Galatians 3:8.

The covenant that God made with Israel through Moses was a temporary covenant which has been fulfilled and done away with in Christ.

Hebrews 8:13. 2 Cor. 3:1-9.

When the Son of God yielded up the ghost on the cross, He met fully the penalty of the broken law, ***“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.”*** Colossians 2:14.

Then, says the Almighty God to His Child, ***“Why, as though living in the world are ye subject to ordinances, Touch not, Taste not, Handle not, which all are to perish with the using?”*** Colossians 2:21.

“Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days.” Colossians 2:16.

The Children of God, the Members of the Body of Christ, have NO holy days, NO feast days, NO meat ordinances, NO Sabbath, NOR Sabbaths.

Abraham did not rest in a particular day; **he found rest in a Person**. So likewise does the Child of God today. Matthew 11:27. Hebrews 4:10.

The Sabbath was a covenant between God and Israel

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There could be no universal Sabbath out of the Holy Land

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When Christ became the end of the law for righteousness He was dead and buried on Israel's Sabbath day, the seventh day. He arose on the First Day of the Week, the first fruits of them that slept, to start something new. **He that keeps the Sabbath, like he that is circumcised, is debtor to keep the whole law.** Galatians 5:3.

ONCE AND FOR ALL, The Body of Christ, is composed of Heavenly People, seated in the Heavens IN Christ, waiting for Christ to come out of a Heavenly Sanctuary. Living this side of His resurrection, **they gather on the First Day of the Week and every day in the week**. The First Day is

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the Christian Sabbath. The Christian has no Sabbath but Christ!

This is Tough Stuff for sure. But, if you couldn't handle it the Holy Spirit, wouldn't have led you to be here and learn at LLM. And that concludes part 1 of this 3 part series of messages.

In Ephesians 1:13 the Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul declares that men are saved and sealed by hearing and BELIEVING the Word of Truth, the Gospel of your Salvation. Therefore, here, now, is declared unto you the Word of Truth, the Gospel of your Salvation: ***"that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures"***

1 Corinthians 15:3-4. BELIEVE today.

The time is short.

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Grace be to you and peace, from God: our Father, and The LORD Jesus Christ.

In The LORD Jesus Christ,
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