

Righteousness By Faith, Not By Self

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There's a state of being required for someone to receive true Christian Salvation and to remain in the ark of Salvation. I'm trying to describe that required state of being. Yes, true Christian Salvation is not based on SELF-Responsibility or self-works but i'm trying to describe the required state of being for Salvation and for abiding in the ark of Salvation which never stops producing good works. Here are some of the characteristics of that state of being: **Acknowledgment of Need for God's Loving Sacrifice; Trembling At The Word of God (repentant spirit); Embrace Holiness; Painful Honesty.**

Acts 10:34-35 "Then Peter said: In truth i perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him". In Matt 18:3, Jesus told His **disciples**: "unless you be converted and become as **little children**, you will by no means enter the Kingdom of Heaven". Clearly sanctification was taken place in them before they came to truly understand Justification (the real power for sanctification). Also in Acts 10:1-8 and how God sent Peter to bring the full-message of God's Love to Cornelius' household (a devout household). 1Peter 1:13, "... rest your hope (assurance) fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ", those who are truly being sanctified by faith, will at the end be Justified again.

Jesus and His Apostles preached from the Tanakh (Old Testament). The New Testament that Jesus inaugurated and propagates is contained in the Tanakh (OT) although not as powerful as the New Testament He has established for us. Yom Kippur (atonement), the animal sacrifices in OT, the command to love neighbor as self but to first love God above all, are NT commands from the Torah (the Law), yet they transfer into NT. The commands against sexual immorality or **what is sexually immoral**, the commands that we should shun covetousness and be content in the Lord and rejoice in the Lord, are all from the Torah (the Law). God Himself is the Good News and He communicates this in the Torah. In NT, Book of Hebrews says: "indeed **the gospel** was preached to us **as well as to them** (in the Torah), but the message which they heard did not profit them, **not being mixed with faith in those who heard it**" (4:2)

That Christ is the end of the Law for **righteousness** (Romans 10:4) doesn't mean that New Testament Scriptures such as Hebrews 10:16-17 "... I will put **My Laws** into their hearts ..." is heresy that can be ignored because God writes His Laws into us (His children) along with the power to keep His Laws/Instructions, otherwise how do we Love God without following His Path. In Matt 7:21-23, Jesus says He is going to say to **MANY** Pastors and Christians: "I never knew you, depart from Me, you who practice **Lawlessness!**".

The following is from the “Meditations” page of my website:

3 Oct 2018 . Recently in a phone conversation, a relative said of himself that he is not perfect. I responded by saying “that’s not the point, i’m not perfect either”. Many people are mis-using that biblical statement as an excuse instead of specifically confessing whatever has caused a breach in a relationship. **THERE ARE NO WORDS TO SAY HOW EVIL THIS MIS-USE OF GOD’S GRACE IS.** Many people are deceiving themselves with such statements saying: “we are all sinners, no one is perfect”, therefore they feel excused to not accept the Scriptural Way of Forgiveness and Cleansen. Among other scriptures, Luke 19:7-9 shows that a fruit of true-repentance is “restitution” (Matt 5:23-24, Eph 4:26), not only does it specifically confess and apologize for the wrongs, it also seeks to restore the wrong it is confessing. The Scriptures warned about this monstrous perversion of God’s Love which is prevalent in these last days among so-called “Christians” as they follow their deceitful Pastors: Matt 7:21-23, 2Peter 3:15-18

God in all His grace and forgiveness is readily available but how can the unrepentant access this without acknowledging faults, mistakes and sins? Jesus said to His Elders (the elders of Israel): “how can you escape the damnation of Hell?” In relationships, if you act as if all is well to the unrepentant, you are destroying that person and the relationship cannot be made better by deceit. 1John 1:3-8, “... if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves ...”

29 Nov 2017 ... The relationship between Torah and NT has its complexities. Many Christians misunderstand and misuse Paul’s: “we are no more under the law but under grace”. Since 2003 when i left Calvary Chapel (here in Southern California), i have not been able to find the type of Christian Community (with true-Leaders) that i should be part of, and one of the problems is this misunderstanding of what the New Testament means by “we are not under law but under grace”. What does it mean? The sense in which the phrase “the Law” is used in the New Testament varies, it doesn’t always have the same sense, and any honest person would know by the reading, if their hearts are really into these things. I will come back to this later; also there are various aspects in this issue of the relationship between the Torah and NT. 2Peter 3:15, “consider that the Loving-patience of our Lord is salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures”. Romans 3:31 “Do we

then make void the law through faith [and Grace]? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law". Matt 5:17, Jesus said: "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill". If the Spirit of Christ lives in you, He will be fulfilling the moral laws (God's Instructions) through you (His vessel). In Matt 7:21-23, Jesus said: "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but whoever does the will of My Father in Heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you, depart from Me, you who practice Lawlessness!" (against God's Instructions).

This Issue Is Complex With Its Nuances, Therefore It's Better Dealt With Based On Each Specific Issue At-hand. Here are some examples among other complexities that could arise. Thankfully, we have examples that have gone ahead of us and how the Jewish Apostles handled them. In Acts 15 there was controversy and the Apostles deliberated and began circulating A DECREE on the issue of Symbolic Aspects of Torah and circumcision as a sign, that: God doesn't expect Gentile Christians to observe such, or Sabbaths or Kosher (Col 2:16-17) but the Moral Law stands forever and the Peace/Rest we have through the Passover Lamb still stands forever too. How about NT instructions of physical-Baptism, physical-Communion (Lord's Supper), and the clear instructions of 1Cor 11 that when Christians gather, men shouldn't have head-covering but that women should be covered with the veil. Most Church Leaders today don't really LOVE the Bridegroom as they dishonor Him, otherwise they would teach the Bride to observe the things He told us to observe. Today, Church Leaders don't really care about the instructions of the Bridegroom but only want the crowd (the woman).

What Does New Testament Mean By "we are not under law but under grace"? The instruction that we should love the Lord with all our heart, mind and strength, and love neighbor as ourself is from the Torah (the Law), and many other instructions that shows us the Spirit we need to embrace (e.g., no covetousness, no stealing) are all from the Torah (the Law), and they all transfer into the NT. Hebrews 10:16-17, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them, then He adds, 'Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more". Earlier, i wrote the following and said i will come back to it later: The sense in which the phrase "the Law" is used in the NT varies, it doesn't always have the same sense, and any honest person would know by the reading, if their hearts are really into these things. ... also there are various aspects in this issue of the relationship between the Torah and New Testament. Here are some examples that show that the phrase "the Law" in NT has various sense/meaning: Romans 8:2-4, "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law

could not do in that it was weak through SELF, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to SELF but according to the Spirit". 8:15, "For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of Adoption by whom we cry, 'Abba, Father". 6:14, "Sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace". Does this mean Christians can carry-on with Lies and Idolatries such as Christmas, etc? The DECREE which the Jewish Apostles wrote to the Gentiles in Acts 15 forbids us from idolatries which church leaders today are allowing in various ways. 1Cor 10 and other Scriptures repeats this decree. The other point in that DECREE in Acts 15 is a correction of certain Jewish Christians who contrary to the Jewish Apostles were teaching that Gentiles had to keep the symbolic aspects of Torah but the Jewish Apostles said: NO. Col 2:16-17, Romans 14-15, Gal 4 and other scriptures repeats this side of the decree.

In the New Testament, the following are the various sense/meanings of the phrase "the law": dynamics/principle, another is SELF which is humanity's root problem, synonymous with "SIN", a departure from our Maker into independence and the Deceit of Self-Resource as if we created ourselves or anything. Another sense in which the phrase "the Law" is used in NT is this: the ways of the Lord, His instructions which cannot be separated from His Person, His Character, the Living Word of God. It's important to understand the particular sense being communicated whenever you see the phrase "the law". Sometimes Paul's use of the phrase "the law" is a reference to the perversion that Israel had made of that marriage covenant which God made with Israel (His wife). The perversion of that covenant occurred by how they understood it and transmitted it. Romans 9:32, "(Israel) did not seek it by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law ...", yet the Love of God is preached in the Torah and its various symbols of instructions such as the Tabernacle, Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement), Shabat (Rest), the priesthood, etc. Hebrews 4:2, "indeed the good news was preached to us (under the New Testament) as well as to them (in the Torah) but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it". God intended the covenant and house-rules to be of A Loving Parent-Child Relationship, but the majority in Israel took it as merely keeping of rules, but the Torah also communicates God's provision for their sins, Forgiveness.

1Cor 15:56, "The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law". Romans 7:11-14, "Because sin, seizing an opportunity through the law, deceived me, and by it killed me. Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good. Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the law might become exceedingly sinful. For we know that the law is spiritual, but i am carnal, sold under sin". The root of all

manner of distortion, destruction and deformity: "SIN" is incredibly insidious beyond description, "the mystery of lawlessness" (2Thess 2:7, Jer 17:9-10) . Most so-called "Bible-believing" Pastors today are seizing an opportunity, taking advantage of Grace in a wrong way by biblical statements concerning imperfection (e.g., Romans 7:14 "but i am carnal, sold under sin"). These insidious Pastors blind their minds to the fact that the Apostles especially Paul were diligent in seeking God's Instructions on every issue and were not lackadaisical concerning allowing His instructions to prevail in them and in their teaching on every single issue because they loved God although imperfectly compared to His Infinite Majesty. On the other hand, we must not allow SIN (the deceit of Self-Resource) to seize an opportunity through God's Perfection (the law) and make us feel that we must relate to God based on our performance (never adequate) instead of His Parental Love (unmerited favour) which is the real way our Maker truly gets all the glory. Isaiah 42:8, "I am YAH, that is My name, and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to idols" or the Deceiver (Isaiah 14:12-17) who we got the DECEITFUL Spirit from in exchange for our trust, our souls, and mistrust of our Loving Creator and peace (Gen 3), as we departed into bondage of being in charge like God (the forbidden tree, Legislature "of good and evil"). But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through His Love (1Cor 15:57) as we come under His Care to His Praise, to Him alone be all the glory forever, our righteousness, our sustenance and everything.

The New Testament is a clearer/stronger communication of God's message which was communicated in the Old too. Hebrews 4:2, "indeed the good news was preached to us as well as to them (in the Torah) but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it". The same thing is happening to many in this New Testament, therefore the Holy Spirit warns against the SELF Life: Hebrews 4:11, "Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest (Shabat), lest anyone fall according to the same example of unbelief/disobedience". Gal 3:24, "the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith". In the Old, those who were paying attention to God's Instructions realized that they fall short of God's standard and could only find rest/peace with God in the Sacrifice of the Lamb provided by God in the Law for example in Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) and other Torah Feasts. Romans 4:6-7, "just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works: 'Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered [taken care of]". That then becomes your power to live as a child of God who now loves Him because of His Covering and Loving Provision. Romans 10:4, "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes". In other words, you shouldn't be agonizing to be accepted by God. Quit from the SELF Life, He never created us to live by our own resource, as if we created ourselves. Receive His gift of righteousness by trusting in His finished work on your behalf. The repentant should rest in God's finished work which He

accomplished for us the repentant. This is very joyful news for us who are not perfect. It results into ecstatic Praise of our Loving Creator as this new spirit comes into us that now loves to learn His instructions and obey God. Receive the fact that your Maker accepts you the repentant, based on what He is, "God is Love" (1John 4).

Hebrews 8:6-13, But now Jesus (YahShua) has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ... For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more. In that He says, 'A new covenant,' He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away". Gal 4:3, "... when we were children, we were in bondage under the elements of the world". 4:9, "... how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage? You observe days and months and seasons and years". 4:21, "... you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law?"

Sometimes Paul's use of the phrase "the law" is a reference to the perversion that Israel had made of that marriage covenant which God made with Israel (His wife). The perversion of that covenant occurred by how they understood it and transmitted it. Romans 9:32, "(Israel) did not seek it by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law ...", yet the Love of God is preached in the Torah and its various symbols of instructions such as the Tabernacle, Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement), Shabat (Rest), the priesthood, etc. Hebrews 4:2, "indeed the good news was preached to us (under the New Testament) as well as to them (in the Torah) but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it". God intended the covenant and house-rules to be of A Loving Parent-Child Relationship, but the majority in Israel took it as merely keeping of rules, but the Torah also communicates God's provision for their sins, Forgiveness.

True Liberty Vs. Earthly Liberties:

Some of us have been taught that unlike the Law, the grace of the New Testament gives us liberties such as: listening to Hollywood's music, watching the plays of the world, going to the beach to surf and have fun (even-though these American pastors know that the beaches are full of naked women). They have also told us that the New Testament liberties allow Christians to watch Hollywood's Marian Catholic movie *The Passion of the Christ*, enjoy carnivals, shows, sports, etc., (all focusing on human glory and earthly glory). **These American pastors categorize many things under "Christian Liberty",** including the Deceiver's indoctrination that Pets/animals are not delicious meat to be eaten since **Pets are humans (an IDOLATROUS Thought contrary to God's Truth)**. 1Corinthians 10:5-10 warns: "But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. And do not become **IDOLATERS** as were some of them. As it is written, 'The people sat down to eat, drink, and **ROSE UP TO PLAY.**' Nor should we commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell, nor should we tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents, nor complain [against discipline] as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer."

Anytime i try to correct these falsifiers of Christian liberties, they usually call me a "legalist". They often respond by saying: "Stop being legalistic, we are not under law, we are under grace". A mis-quote of Romans 6:14 which actually says, "Sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace". Listen to the Master (Jesus) who Himself is the New Covenant: Matthew 7:22-23, "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name ...' But I will declare to them, 'I never knew you, depart from Me, you who practice **lawlessness!**'"

Servant to the Lord Jesus and in-line with His Spirit, Romans 8:13-15 declares "If you live according to the human nature, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will have life. Because, as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.'"

Being under grace doesn't excuse us from passionately pursuing after God and seeking to always please Him practically with our whole heart and life. True grace leads true-Christians in this direction: "... holiness, without which no one will see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14). True grace of the New Testament empowers true-Christians to be separate from the world. It commands us **not** to go back to the world; it empowers true-Christians to be holy. Hebrews 2:1-3 "Therefore we must pay serious attention to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every

transgression and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him”

Being under grace and not under law results in more accountability, Jesus said: **much will be required from those to whom much has been given (Luke 12:47-49)**. The judgment that will fall on those who know Grace of New Testament is more than the judgment that will fall on those who don't know about this grace. **The Expectation Is Higher On Those Who Know of Grace.**

Some Evangelicals (e.g., *The Berean Call*) teach **unconditional security**, therefore they make statements such as the following concerning Evangelicals who are now following Catholic teaching of Salvation by **self-works**:

... on the one hand, we recognize all of this **False Teaching**, and what is it doing - if the Lord carries - what is it doing to the evangelical believers? Well, I don't believe you can take away your salvation, you know? Once saved, always saved. That's important and scriptural. However, Satan, and erroneous teachings and false doctrines, can undermine your fruitfulness in Christ. That's why Satan has a gameplan ... (Oct 2015)

This is December 2015, and *The Berean Call* still refuses to publicly repent of their statements/judgments that: Rick Warren **LOVES THE LORD** and is a Christian brother. TBC made those statements years ago while exposing what they considered **anti-Christ teachings of Rick Warren**. However, Jesus says: John 10:27-28 “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and **THEY FOLLOW ME**. And I give them eternal life ...” . 1Tim 4:16 “Take heed to yourself and to the teaching. **Continue in them**, for in doing this, you will save both yourself and those who hear you”. 6:12 “Fight the good fight of faith, **lay hold on eternal life**, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”

Unconditional Security is Heresy which many Evangelicals have preached to many who now have **False Assurance**.

God's Law (the Torah) shows us God's Character, His Spirit, His Name, and **we are to surrender to His revealed character**. No matter how good a human being is, no one can be received by Heaven based on self-works because such a person is still imperfect. A right attitude before God is really needed to be pleasing in God's sight. To be accepted by God, this state of being must be in us: Tremble At His Word (a repentant spirit); Trust In His Loving Sacrifice For Your Sins; Embrace Holiness. When the New Testament says we are not under Law but under Grace, **is it saying we shouldn't surrender to God's Revelation of His Character?** as many Evangelicals tag “**Legalism**” on anyone who dares to

practically follow God. Here's the full quote which most Evangelicals partially quote: Romans 6:14 "Sin shall not have dominion over you, **for you are not under law but under grace**".

The Expectation Is Higher On Those Who Know of Grace (Luke 12:47-49).

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Most Calvary Chapel and Evangelical leaders refuse to understand the following: Although "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes" (Romans 10:4), true Christians allow Christ to dwell within and fulfill God's moral law. **Romans 3:31 "Do we make void the law through faith [and Grace]? Certainly not! On the contrary we establish the law."** Matt 5:17-20 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. ..." . Jesus said that, on Day of Judgment, He will say to many who claim to be Christian: "... depart from Me, you who practice **Lawlessness!**" (Matt 7:23). Luke 13:24-27 "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will **not** be able. ... Depart from Me, all you **workers of iniquity**"

James (Yakob) 2:20-23 "But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Yitzaak his son on the altar? Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works, faith was made perfect. And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.' And he was called the friend of God."

In the New Testament, the phrase "the law" can mean SELF-Responsibility; also that phrase "the law" refers to the instructions God gave to the Jews through Moses (the Torah). Apart from the clear moral instructions, the law also contain many symbolic commandments (communicating spiritual truths). For example, the Torah forbids eating of certain meats, but in the New Testament: Mark 7:18-23, "Jesus said to His disciples, 'Are you without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever [physically] enters a person from outside cannot defile him [spiritually], because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods ... What comes out of a person's heart is what defiles a person. Because, from the heart proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a person". Colossians 2:16-17 "So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a Jewish holy-day or a new moon or Sabbaths, which are a **shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.**"

Commenting on the symbolic laws of the Torah, see Hebrews 9:9-12 which says: "It was symbolic for the present time ... concerned only with foods and drinks,

various washings, and fleshly ordinances [**physicals**] imposed until the time of reformation. But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption”.

Among the early believers in Christ, there were some who thought that God still requires the followers of the Jewish Messiah to perform physical circumcision, keep the Shabat, keep Kosher, and other symbolic laws God gave through Moses, but the Holy Spirit corrected the early Christians through the Jewish apostles. For example, Galatians 5:2-5 says “... if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. And i testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law, you have fallen from grace. For we, through the Spirit, eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.”

Since the Saviour has come, God no more requires anyone to keep the symbolic laws of the Torah. Anyone (Jew or Gentile) who desires to keep them may do so **but make it clear that those things are not Salvation** but symbols communicating spiritual realities (Romans 14 to 15:13, Colossians 2:16-17).

1Tim 1:5-8 “The purpose of the Law is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith, from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm. **But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully**”

Torah (the Law): Leviticus 19:17-18 “You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge ... but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.”

New Testament: Romans 13:8-10 “Owe no one anything except to love one another because whoever loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘You shall not covet,’ and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ Love does no harm to a neighbor, therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.”

Is God’s Law Sin? Romans 7:4-7 “My brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another--to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God. ... **What**

shall we say then? Is the law sin? **Certainly not! On the contrary,** i would not have known sin except through the law. For i would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, ‘You shall not covet.’”

God Reveals His Character To Us By His Instructions. By God’s Law We Know What’s In Accordance To Him, And What’s Sinful. The MeshiYah Himself Being The Word of God. A true Christian turns away from pleasure-mania, focuses on God’s instructions (especially the New Testament) and does good because of affection and deep-respect for the Saviour (the Lord Jesus) who made the person acceptable to God through His own sacrifice for us. No one is good enough for the Holy God. A true Christian lives as a Heavenly citizen feeding on **God’s Instructions**. Such a person continuously gives-up his authority over his life of following human desires. He doesn’t live for self doing whatever he/she feels like doing. Romans 3:31 “Do we then void the law through faith [and Grace]? **Certainly not! On the contrary,** we establish the law.”

By Faith, Not By Self:

No matter how clean we are, **clearly** we fall short of our Maker’s original design. **Clearly,** anyone who is a friend of the Creator, or who wants friendship with the Creator, seeks to always do what is pleasing to Him. Acts 10:34-35 “... God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him”. 2Cor 6:17-18 “Therefore ‘Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.” 7:1 “Therefore having these **Promises [of GOD’S GREAT LOVE For Us Which We See At The Cross of Adoption]**, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filth of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

Also it is clear that: if your performance is what you are depending on, then you cannot know peace with God because in God’s eyes, our best righteousness is filth. Dependence on God’s Love is the only way you can be at peace with Your Loving Creator. One of the evidence that a person is **not** under law but under Grace is this: **Overflowing Thankfulness For God’s Love**. “God is Love” (1John 4:16). Romans 4:2-8 “If Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.’ Now to a worker, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. But to him who does **not** work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, just as David also describes the blessedness of the person whom God declares righteous apart from works: Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the one whose sin the LORD will not count against him.”

Isaiah 64:6 “We are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are like filthy rags; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.” Titus 3:4-5 “But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us ...” Gal 2:21 “I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.” 5:4-5 “You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law, you have fallen from grace. For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.”

In a proper understanding of God’s Law, **one of the things we learn is this: we are in need** of a Heavenly Advocate (a Saviour) and our Loving Creator communicates this in the **Animal Sacrifices for sins** in the Law. This Advocate does **not** argue that we are good. He agrees that every human-being is naked no matter how holy he/she maybe; those who belong to this Saviour confess the same truth. Our Advocate clears us by His **Loving Payment** in that He gave His Life for us, which adequately covers our nakedness. Gal 3:24, “**Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith**”.

Titus 2:11-14 “The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all people, teaching us to turn away from ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, **zealous for good works.**”

The glory of what i am about to communicate might not be clearly seen by today’s people, however, in history and forever, it is very important: **the full acceptance into Yisrael’s blessing, of Gentile followers of the Jewish God** (Acts 11:1-18, Ephesians 3:1-12).

The Jews, God’s Chosen People:

Ezekiel 39:7 “... [After the great tribulation and Armageddon] Then the nations shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.” That scripture and many like it are still in the future. They will take place at the end of human government. God will fight for the Jews when the nations of the earth are about to kill the Jews. The nations of the earth will be crushed by the God of the Hebrew Scripture. 39:7 “... Then the nations shall know that I am YAH, the Holy One in Israel.” John 4:21-22 “Jesus [Yah’Shua] said to her, ‘... You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for **salvation is of the Jews.**”

Through the Law (Torah), God separated the Jews from all humanity. He set them apart for some crucial reasons **for the benefit of all humanity.** Through

the New Testament of the Jewish Nation (**Jeremiah 31:31-33**), God made it possible for Gentile believers in the Jewish Messiah to partake of **His blessings to Israel the blessed**. Eph 2:11-13 “Therefore remember that you [Gentiles] ... at that time you were without Messiah, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Messiah.” 2:17-20 “And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off [Gentiles] and to those who were near [Jews]. For through Messiah we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the [Hebrew] saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the [Jewish] apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone”

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