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There are some who teach there were 'two' sets of separate and distinct Laws given in the Old Testament. They say the two laws are:

1. The Law of God, which they refer to as 'The Ten Commandments.'
2. and...The Law of Moses, which they call 'The Ceremonial Law(s).'

Two main groups of people teach this... but why?

Both of these groups have their own particular, self-serving reasons for teaching this unscriptural 'two law' doctrine.

They both teach (falsely) that when Yahshua died on the cross, His sacrifice fulfilled, and ended, **only** 'one' of 'two' laws. They say Yahshua's sacrifice ended **only** the 'law of Moses' (the ceremonial laws) but **NOT** the '**other**' law; the 'Law of God' (The Ten Commandments).

These people teach that the demands of the Ten Commandments were **NOT FULFILLED** (*on our behalf*) by Yahshua, the MessiYah. Therefore, they say, each believer **must** meet the **full demands** of the Ten Commandments **for themselves!**

One group, teaches their followers they must strive to fulfill the Ten Commandments, so they may prove themselves worthy and good enough to “**become sanctified**” at some point in the future.

The other group teaches their followers they must fulfill the Ten Commandments in an attempt *to justify their beliefs*, that people **must** obey the ‘24 hour sabbath laws’ on ‘*Saturday.*’

This group also teaches that people who worship on ‘Sunday’ will receive ‘*the mark of the beast*’ spoken of in the book of Revelation.

But what does this have to do with whether there is ‘one’ or ‘two’ Laws in the Old Testament?

A LOT! Both of these groups try to convince people there are ‘two’ Laws in the Old Testament (not one) to ‘prop up’ their own unscriptural teachings.

Yahshua said in Matthew 5:17, He came to **fulfill ‘the’ Law!**

If there was just ‘**the**’ Law (which was the embodiment of **ALL** Old Testament laws) **and Yahshua ‘fulfilled it’ ...both** of these groups could not teach their **false** doctrines....

- One group says.... “**You must fulfill** the Ten Commandments **yourself!** By your obedience, you work to **sanctify yourself.**”
- The other group says, “You are still under the Ten Commandments and you must keep the ‘24 hour sabbath laws’ on Saturday. They also teach that people who worship on Sunday are the people who receive the ‘mark of the beast!’”

But, the Bible clearly tells us Yahshua came and **fulfilled** **‘the’** **Law!**

So, to overcome this obvious *scriptural dilemma*, these groups have resorted to telling people there were ‘**two**’ sets laws in the Old Testament, not just one.

This unscriptural, ‘two law’ doctrine, sounds like this:

One group teaches this *unscriptural* message....

“You thought there was only ‘one’ Law in the Old Testament, but you are mistaken. There are really ‘**two**’ sets of Laws’ in the Old Testament; not just one!”

It is true Jesus fulfilled ‘**one**’ of these Laws...**But not BOTH of them!** The ‘**other**’ Law, the one that Jesus **didn’t fulfill...**that’s the one **YOU MUST FULFILL FOR YOURSELF!**

They say... "What Jesus did at the cross fulfilled only 'one' of 'two' Laws. The Law that Jesus fulfilled was 'the Law of Moses' (the ceremonial law).

The 'other' Law, the Law that Jesus **DID NOT FULFILL**, is the Law of God (The Ten Commandments). This is the Law **YOU MUST FULFILL FOR YOURSELF TO BECOME SANCTIFIED... AT SOME POINT IN YOUR FUTURE.**

They say, "While a believer may be saved by grace and is now no longer under the Law of Moses (the ceremonial laws); they are **still *under** the Law of God (the Ten commandments) and must obey them to **become sanctified.**"

*Note:

To be "under" a law means to be subject to it or under obligation to obey it.

The other group teaches this false message...

“Jesus may have fulfilled 'one' set of laws for you; 'the ceremonial law(s)' however, you are **still under** the 'other' law, 'the Ten Commandments'. And the Fourth Commandment says you must obey the '24 hour' Sabbath law(s) on Saturday.”

Here is the truth....

The MessiYah came “not to abolish, but ***to fulfill***.” Yahshua did for us, *what we could never do*...fulfill the *entire* demands of the Law perfectly and completely! Yahshua, the MessiYah, (the Almighty manifested in flesh) fulfilled ***all*** the demands of 'the' law, which called for perfect obedience under threat of a “curse” (see Galatians 3:10; 13).

He did this for us!

If, however, 'the' law ***continues*** to bear the same relationship to men today, in terms of its binding status, **then it was *not* fulfilled**, and Yahshua ***failed*** at what He came to do. On the other hand, if the the Almighty did accomplish His goal, then '*the*' law ***was fulfilled***, and it is ***not*** a binding legal institution on believers today. But, if 'the' law was not fulfilled by Christ—and thus remains as a binding legal system for today—then it is not just ***partially*** binding... it is a ***totally*** compelling system.

Yahshua plainly said that not one “jot or tittle” (representative of the smallest markings of the Hebrew script) would pass away until **all was fulfilled**. Consequently, nothing of ‘the’ law was to fail until it had completely accomplished its purpose. Yahshua **fulfilled** ‘the’ law. He fulfilled **all** of ‘**the**’ law. We cannot say that Yahshua fulfilled the ceremonial laws and sacrificial system, but **did not** fulfill the other aspects of ‘the’ law. Yahshua either fulfilled **all** of ‘the’ law, or **none** of it. What Yahshua’s death means regarding the ceremonial laws and sacrificial system; it means for **all** other aspects of ‘the’ law.

*Before we prove there are **NOT** ‘two’ Laws
in The Old Testament*

Let’s make one thing clear NOW!

The New Testament **clearly** teaches that believers **today** are **NOT** **under ANY** part of the Old Testament Law!

We are **not** ‘under law’ but under **grace**!

*...for you are **not under law** but under **grace**.*

The Apostle Paul Romans 6:14

Let’s start at the beginning....

The Old and New Testaments

Everyone makes some sort of distinction between the Old Testament and the New Testament. Some people mistakenly think this means that the Old Testament has been thrown out. The Old Testament should be held in high esteem and studied frequently. But, what distinction does the Bible make between the Old and New Testaments and how does this affect us as believers?

These names were chosen for ***a very good reason***. In the Bible there are two covenants. The ***old*** one, and the ***new*** one...that replaced the old one.

Hebrews 8:7 tells us,

*If the **first covenant** had been faultless, there would have been no need for a **second covenant to replace it**.*

Hebrews 8:13 tells us,

*When God speaks of a “**new**” covenant, it means he has made **the first one obsolete**. It is now out of date and will soon disappear.*

2 Corinthians 3: 5-11 tells us,

*⁵ It is not that we think we are qualified to do anything on our own. Our qualification comes from God. ⁶ He has enabled us to be ministers of his **new covenant**. This is a covenant not of written laws, but of the Spirit. The old written covenant ends in death; but under the **new covenant**, the Spirit gives life. ⁷ The old way, with laws etched in stone, led to death, though it began with such glory that the people of Israel could not bear to look at Moses' face. For his face shone with the glory of God, even though the brightness was already fading away. ⁸ Shouldn't we expect far greater glory under the new way, now that the Holy Spirit is giving life? ⁹ If the old way, which brings condemnation, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new way, which makes us right with God! ¹⁰ In fact, that first glory was not glorious at all compared with the overwhelming glory of the new way. ¹¹ So if **the old way, which has been replaced**, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new, which remains forever!*

Yahshua and the End of the Old Testament

In Matthew 5:17-19 Yahshua taught,

*“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy **but to fulfill**. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law **till all is fulfilled**. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”*

Yahshua did not intend to sabotage the Old Testament or to work against it, but to fulfill its purpose. Yahshua himself would complete the mission of the Old Testament, bring it to its intended end, and replace it with the New Testament.

Paul tells us in Romans 10:4

*“For Christ **has already accomplished the purpose for which the law was given**. As a result, all who believe in him are made right with God.”*

Yahshua said until the old covenant was fulfilled, it would stand firm down to the smallest jot and tittle (jots and tittles are comparable to the dot above an i and the cross mark on a t).

Yahshua warned that anyone who broke the least commandment of the Old Testament prior to its expiration would not go unpunished.

About 30 years after Yahshua gave this warning, the apostle Paul said, “*neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything*” (Galatians 5:6; I Corinthians 7:19). In the Old Testament circumcision was more than just a jot or a tittle, it was a major point of the Old Testament (Genesis 17:14).

Yet, Paul taught that this part of the Old Testament was gone! Why did Paul do this? Why did Paul teach people they were no longer under the Old Testament? Paul taught this new doctrine because Yahshua **told him to do so!** (Galatians 1:11, 12)

Not only did Paul dismiss circumcision, he dismissed the dietary laws, feast laws, and even the Sabbath law.

So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new moon ceremonies or Sabbaths. For these rules are only shadows of the reality yet to come. And Christ himself is that reality.

Colossians 2:16, 17

These were all important parts of the Old Testament, yet Paul teaches that obedience in these things is no longer required.

Let's reason this out...

Yahshua said that anyone who broke the least law of the Old Testament and taught others to break the law would not go unpunished.

Next, under the direction of Yahshua, Paul declares the Old Testament is no longer binding. Either Paul is a false teacher or something has changed.

The Bible shows us that something changed!

The Bible shows us that Yahshua succeeded in His mission to fulfill the Old Testament. Yahshua brought the Old Testament to its intended conclusion and replaced it with a better testament, **the New Testament**.

Paul to the Galatians

In his letter to the Galatians, Paul explains the temporary design of the Old Testament. Let's look at some of the things Paul wrote to the Galatians.

In Galatians 2:18, 19 Paul said,

Rather, I am a sinner if I rebuild the old system of law I already tore down. For when I tried to keep the law, it condemned me. So I died to the law—I stopped trying to meet all its requirements—so that I might live for God.

There are two questions that arise from these verses that we need to consider.

First, what things did Paul refer to as having been “torn down”? The answer is found in Galatians 2:11-17, specifically verse 16 where Paul wrote,

16 Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law. And we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be made right with God because of our faith in Christ, not because we have obeyed the law. For no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law.

The things Paul destroyed were the various laws of the Old Testament. In other words, **Paul taught that the days of Old Testament authority were gone**. The Old Testament no longer rules over the lives of men. Today we are in the New Testament!

The second question we ponder is, how did Paul die to the law through the law? This simply refers to the fact that the old law was designed to expire.

It was a temporary law. If the Old Testament is truly respected and followed, it leads a person to transfer his loyalty and obedience from the old to the new. That was the goal of the Old Testament.

This point is further established in our next Bible passage.

In Galatians 3:23-25 Paul wrote,

*²³ Before the way of faith in Christ was available to us, we were placed under guard by the law. We were kept in protective custody, so to speak, until the way of faith was revealed. ²⁴ Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian ***until Christ came***; it protected us ***until we could be made right with God through faith***. ²⁵ And now that the way of faith has come, we ***no longer need the law as our guardian***.*

Paul points out that the *old* law was to last ***until*** the time of Christ, and then it would be ***replaced*** by the *new* law.

Paul to the Ephesians

In the Ephesian letter, Paul teaches about the ending of the Old Testament. Paul teaches,

*¹⁴ For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. ¹⁵ He did this ***by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations***. He made peace between*

Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. ¹⁶ Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death.

Ephesians 2:14-16

The “two” that have been made one in Yahshua is explained in Ephesians 2:11-13. A reading of that passage shows that the Jews and Gentiles were the two that are now one in Christ. Galatians 3:27, 28 teaches,

²⁷ And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Paul clearly defines the “wall of hostility” in Ephesians 2:14-16. Paul calls it ... the system of law with its commandments and regulations. In other words, the Old Testament.

This is the “hostility” that Christ put to death. Christ brought the Old Testament to its intended end. (see also Colossians 2:14-17).

This is a blessing and freedom that had not been known prior to the end of the Old Testament.

Paul said,

So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.

Galatians 5:1

The Hebrew Writer

Hebrews 8:7 makes one of the most profound statements concerning the 'Old' and 'New' Covenant. In Hebrews 8:7 we read,

If the first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no need for a second covenant to replace it.

Two separate covenants are mentioned, and **the second one replaces the first one** because the first covenant was not faultless. In other words, the New Testament **replaces** the Old Testament.

Hebrews 7:12-14 teaches,

¹² And if the priesthood is changed, the law must also be changed to permit it. ¹³ For the priest we are talking about belongs to a different tribe, whose members have never served at the altar as priests. ¹⁴ What I mean is, our Lord came from the tribe of Judah, and Moses never mentioned priests coming from that tribe.

The message is simple. Because Christ is from the tribe of Judah, not the Levite tribe as the Old Testament requires, **there must be a new covenant**. **Christ could not be a priest if the Old Testament is still in force!**

We learn the Old Testament was designed to be temporary. When it fulfilled its purpose of being *...our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith* (Galatians 3:24), it was **replaced** by the New Testament.

What is the Role of the Old Testament Today?

We now come to the question, since the Old Testament has been replaced, what is its role in our faith today? Let's build a solid book, chapter, and verse foundation to answer this question and to learn the role of the Old Testament in **New** Testament times.

While we emphasize the New Testament, we encourage respect for the Old Testament. We must not discard, doubt, or belittle the Old Testament. The Old Testament is no longer the authority that governs our religious practice or our reconciliation with the Almighty, but it is still from the mind of the Almighty. It is still valuable for man today. (2 Timothy 3:16, 17)

Likewise, embracing the New Testament as the Almighty's replacement for the Old Testament shows respect for the Old Testament because it was designed to lead up to the New Testament...

Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith.

Galatians 3:24

Those who refuse to respect the temporary design of the Old Testament dishonor the Old Testament and disobey the Almighty by clinging to Old Testament ways.

The Old Testament Verifies Yahshua, the MessiYah

One important function of the Old Testament is its pointing to Yahshua. In Luke 24:25-27 Yahshua said,

Then Jesus said to them, "You are such foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. Wasn't it clearly predicted by the prophets that the MessiYah would have to suffer all these things before entering his time of glory?" Then Jesus quoted passages from the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining what all the Scriptures said about himself."

Yahshua used the Old Testament to show these disciples that He was the MessiYah the Old Testament foretold (see also John 3:14 with Numbers 21:9).

Paul (also known as Saul of Tarsus), Apollos, and Philip used the Old Testament in this manner. Consider their use of the Old Testament in the following verses:

“Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.”

Acts 8:35

The Scripture that Philip used was the Old Testament passage of Isaiah 53:7, 8.

We believe that Paul, like Apollos, used the Old Testament Scriptures to confront the Jews.

“These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.”

Acts 17:11

The Bereans used the Old Testament to verify the accuracy of the message Paul preached.

When Apollos refuted the Jews, he used the Old Testament to show them that Yahshua is the MessiYah.

“For he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.”

Acts 18:28

In addition to verifying the MessiYah, the Old Testament provides a foreshadow of the blessing revealed in the New Testament.

In Hebrews 10: 1 we read,

The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves. The sacrifices under that system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship.

Paul wrote, in Colossians 2:16, 17

¹⁶ So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new moon ceremonies or Sabbaths. ¹⁷ For these rules are only shadows of the reality yet to come. And Christ himself is that reality.

What about The Law?

The Old Testament in New Testament Times

Everyone who believes in him is declared right with God – something the law of Moses could never do.

Paul ...Acts 13:39

Some people may have trouble accepting 'Grace,' because they reject the two separate dispensations of law and grace. Others perhaps have not given it enough study. All of the Old Testament and even some New Testament scriptures do not apply to the present Church Age or Dispensation of Grace.

The misinterpretation of scripture occurs when people mix all of scripture and attempt to live accordingly. They become 'LOST BETWEEN LAW AND GRACE.' They try to keep the law ***in an attempt*** to become righteous before the Almighty. Since they cannot keep the law, just as Israel could not keep the law, they begin to lie to themselves and eventually to others.

They have not kept the law, nor have they accepted the full gospel of grace. They have become stranded between law and grace. Because they have not accepted the full gospel of grace in a dispensation when the Almighty will accept nothing else, they are lost. The Apostle Paul describes this condition as having "fallen from grace."

*For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God **by keeping the law**, you have been **cut off from Christ!** **You have fallen away from God's grace.***

Galatians 5:4

Many unbelieving people call self-described believers "hypocrites" because the self-described believer gives the pretense that he is righteous. The unbeliever knows otherwise and so does everyone else including the Almighty, because his sin is obvious. The true believer knows **there is none righteous, no not one**. The self-righteous hypocrite does not see his unrighteousness... just like the Pharisees could not see theirs.

*Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence **in their own righteousness** and scorned everyone else: “Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: ‘I thank you, God, that I am not a sinner like everyone else. For I don’t cheat, I don’t sin, and I don’t commit adultery. I’m certainly not like that tax collector! I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.’ “But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, ‘**O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.**’ **I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God.** For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”*

Luke 18: 9-14

There is a saying regarding people who actually believe they are “*keeping the Law*” ...

“Self-Righteousness makes the Laws of the Almighty do-able.”

Many people try very hard to do the right thing, to be a good person, and to become righteous in an effort to be acceptable to the Almighty. This, they believe, to be a good and noble pursuit, but the Almighty is not asking for **our** perfection. The pursuit of **our** perfection leads to false pride and hypocrisy which the Almighty hates.

He is asking us to put our trust in **His perfection... Not ours! He** did *for us* what we can never do for ourselves!

The letter to the Galatians was written by Paul **to warn of false teachers** who were trying to take away the freedom which believers have in Yahshua, the MessiYah. They wanted to bring them back into slavery to the Law.

I ask everyone reading this, who is struggling with the topic of ‘Law and Grace’ to read the book of **Galatians** once a day, for 30 days. ***It will change your life!***

Believers today are **NOT** under **ANY** Old Testament Law...

There is a lot of confusion about the Ten Commandments given to Moses by the Almighty. As we have discussed, some people believe that they must obey the Ten Commandments to earn, or merit their salvation.

Some have been taught they must obey 'The Ten Commandments' to '***merit***' ***sanctification***, or '***become sanctified***' at some distant time in the future (***You've got to work for it....You've got to earn it yourself!***).

The Bible however, does not teach, or even suggest either of these things!

1 Timothy 1:8 states,

“But we know the law is good, if a man uses it lawfully.”

The Ten Commandments are good if you use them the right way, but some people use them the **wrong** way.

The Almighty ***DID NOT*** give Moses 'The Ten Commandments' so all future generations could try to **save themselves** or **sanctify themselves!**

Let's Talk About The Ten Commandments

The Ten Commandments are ten laws in the Bible that the Almighty *gave to the nation of Israel* shortly after the exodus from Egypt.

The Ten Commandments are essentially a summary of the 613 commandments contained in the Old Testament Law. The Ten Commandments are recorded in the Bible in Exodus 20:1-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-21. The 613 laws found therein were given and commanded *of the Jews* and have ***NEVER*** applied to ***Gentile*** believers.

The Ten Commands were given only to Israel

Deuteronomy 4:1,44,45 - The Ten Commands were given to the children of Israel after they came out of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 4:7-13 - No other nation had such a great law as the Ten Commandments.

Deuteronomy 5:1,6 - Moses spoke to Israel and gave them the Ten Commands to observe. God brought them out of the land of Egypt.

Exodus 34:27,28 - The Lord made a covenant with Israel writing on tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

1 Kings 8:9,21 - The two tablets of stone contain the covenant the Lord made with Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

The Sabbath was given only to Israel

Deuteronomy 5:15 - Israel (v1) was a slave in the land of Egypt, God brought them out and commanded them to keep the Sabbath day.

Exodus 31:13, 16, 17 - The Sabbath was a sign between God and Israel like circumcision was (Genesis 17; Romans 4:11). How could it have been a sign between God and Israel if He had given the same law to other nations too? Would a ring be a sign of a man's special relationship with his wife, if he gave similar rings to many other women?

Today people need not keep the commands revealed through Moses, including the Ten Commands and the Sabbath, for the same reason we do not need to build arks like Noah or sacrifice sons like Abraham. The Almighty did not address these commands to us.

The Almighty Removed the Old Testament Laws Because They Fulfilled Their Purpose.

These laws were in effect *throughout Israel's generations*.

The Almighty repeatedly told Israel that various provisions of the law were to last "*throughout their generations*."

This is said regarding:

Genesis 17:9,10 - **Circumcision**

Exodus 12:14; Leviticus 23:21, 31, 41 - **Holy feast days**

Exodus 29:42; 30:10 - **Animal sacrifices**

Exodus 30:8 - **Incense**

Exodus 30:31 - **Holy anointing oil**

Exodus 31:13-17 - **Sabbath observance**

Exodus 40:15; Numbers 18:23 - **Levitical priests in the tabernacle** [Numbers 15:38; Exodus 30:21; Leviticus 7:36; Numbers 10:8; 35:29]

All these practices were to endure for the same length of time - throughout Israel's generations. If any of them has ceased, then

they must have all ceased since they were all to endure the same length of time. Since we know many of them have ceased, therefore they must have all ceased.

See the following Laws that have ceased:

Circumcision (Genesis 17:9-14) - Circumcision was both a covenant and a command given by God to Abraham and his descendants (Genesis 21:1-4; Leviticus 12:3). God now says this command no longer applies (1 Corinthians 7:18-20; Galatians 5:1-8; 6:12-16; Acts 15:1-29).

Levitical priesthood (Exodus 40:12-16; 29:1-9) - Under the covenant made at Mt. Sinai, only Aaron and his descendants could serve as priests (Numbers 3:10; 18:1-7; 16:40). But, today Yahshua is High Priest, though He was not a descendant of Aaron. This proves there has been a *change in the law* (Hebrews 7:11-18; 1 Peter 2:5,9).

Animal sacrifices (Numbers 15:1-6) - Throughout the Old Testament, God commanded people to offer animal sacrifices (Genesis 4:1-5; Leviticus chapters 1-7). But, today animal sacrifices have ceased to be offered because Yahshua is our perfect sacrifice (Hebrews 10:1-18).

These all continued as long as Israel's special relationship to The Almighty continued, and all would end when that special relation ended. That special relationship ended when the gospel (the good news of Yahshua, the MessiYah!) came into effect. There is no more Jew or Gentile in God's plan (Galatians 3:28). [Ephesians 2:11-18; Acts 10:34, 35; 15:7-11; Romans 10:12; Colossians 3:11]

People are wrongly taught that if they keep The Ten Commandments they will ***merit*** sanctification, salvation or forgiveness. This is ***never*** taught in the Bible. *The opposite is taught.* In fact, there are two things that 'The Ten Commandments' cannot do.

The Law cannot forgive sin. Galatians 2:16 says that

“...a man is not justified by the works of the Law.”

Justified is another word for forgiveness. The Almighty says no person can be forgiven by the Commandments! (See Galatians 3:11, 5:4; Romans 3:20, 3:28)

The Ten Commandments cannot give righteousness

We know that we cannot go to heaven unless we are righteous. Some hope to become righteous by trying to keep the Ten Commandments.

The Almighty warns us of this error in Galatians 2:21,

“...if righteousness come by law, then Christ died in vain.”

If you think that you can become righteous or '***sanctified***' by following the Ten Commandments, you are replacing Christ's work on the cross with your works! If that is the case, you are trusting the wrong thing.

You need to change your mind and trust Yahshua instead of the Ten Commandments. Yahshua cannot help you as long as you are trusting in the Law.

“For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from Gods grace.”

Galatians 5:4

The Ten Commandments show us the SAVIOR

We just stated ‘The Ten Commandments’ cannot save, forgive sins, sanctify or give righteousness. The good news is that Yahshua can!

The most important lesson anyone can learn from ‘The Ten Commandments’ is that we are hopeless sinners and need Yahshua to save us! Galatians 3:24-25 states,

“Wherefore the law our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.”

‘The Ten Commandments’ is only a teacher. It shows us our need of Yahshua. We cannot earn forgiveness for our sins, but He can give us forgiveness as a free gift. (Romans 6:23)

*“...**the gift** of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

If you receive Yahshua today, He will **give** you eternal life! If you try to **earn** heaven and sanctification by your own self efforts, you will not be able to go. Salvation and sanctification is a **gift**, not a debt.

If you receive Yahshua, you will have ‘his righteousness for the remission (forgiveness) of sins’ (Romans 3:25). Yahshua **gives** forgiveness, righteousness and sanctification. ‘The Ten Commandments’ cannot do that.

Which would you rather trust for your salvation and sanctification ...**your** works of **self**-righteousness, or Yahshua’s free gift?

You cannot go to heaven if you trust the wrong thing. If you have been trusting ‘The Ten Commandments, you are not saved. Will you repent right now and trust only Yahshua for your salvation and sanctification?

*...for you are **not under law** but under **grace**.*

Paul Romans 6:14

SANCTIFICATION... A work of Yahshua!

Webster's dictionary says that sanctification means “to set aside for a special purpose, especially a sacred one; to make holy, pure, righteous, free from sin.”

The scriptures plainly tell us that once we have called upon Yahshua to save us, we are ‘born again,’ purified from sin, washed whiter than snow, sanctified, made righteous, holy, blameless and perfect in His sight.

The scriptures are clear that believers have ***already*** been ***sanctified*** and ***made*** holy and righteous; that the righteousness of Christ has been ***imputed to us***. * (Isaiah 1:18; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 1 Corinthians 6:11; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Acts 10:15; Psalms 103: 3, 12; Romans 3:23, 24; Romans 15:16; Ephesians 1:4; Colossians 1:22.

* Dictionary: ***imputed***

Theology: to attribute (righteousness) to someone by virtue of a similar quality in another: *Christ's righteousness has been ***imputed*** to us.*

Get ready to get **HAPPY** because...

The following scriptures confirm these truths
from the Almighty's Word!

Isaiah 1:18

*Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD,
"Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow;
Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.*

1 Corinthians 1:2

Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

1 Corinthians 6:11

And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Acts 10:15

*But the voice spoke again: “Do not call something unclean if God **has made it clean.**”*

Acts 26:18

*to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, in order that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who **have been sanctified by faith** in me.*

Psalms 103: 3, 12

*Who **forgives all** your iniquities... As far as the east is from the west, so far **has He removed our transgressions from us.***

Romans 3:23-24

*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **being justified freely by His grace** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,*

Romans 4:5

*But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is **accounted for righteousness**,*

Romans 15:16

*That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, **being sanctified** by the Holy Ghost.*

Colossians 1:22

*Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and **you are holy** and **blameless** as you stand before him **without a single fault**.*

Hebrews 10:9-10

*Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By this will **we have been sanctified** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all!***

Did you notice something?

BELIEVERS... HAVE ALREADY BEEN SANCTIFIED!

'PAST' TENSE!

What about our flesh-man?

How about our flesh, the outer man? The old flesh-man is beyond repair, for he is dead.

What about our temporary dwelling place, our mortal bodies? The Almighty has ***imputed righteousness*** to us so He can dwell in our bodies and make it a temple to His glory. (1 Corinthians 3: 16)

He has ***imputed*** righteousness, holiness, **and sanctification** to us and our body to serve as His temple, just as He imputed righteousness to Abraham. (Romans 4:22-24)

But, these corruptible bodies will be transformed and made incorruptible at our resurrection. (1 Corinthians 15:53)

Paul affirmed,

He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own...

Philippians 3:21

The key point is...

There is absolutely nothing we can do towards our own sanctification.

Some people feel that since there is a process of growing and maturing in our Christian walk, we must make a diligent effort to be holy and righteous. The danger here is that when a Christian feels he ***must*** do something to effect his own sanctification, he

finds himself on a tread-mill of 'flesh-works' and 'performance' in an attempt to accomplish his sanctification. If we did anything towards our own sanctification, that would be self-sanctification ... self-righteousness.

When we say, "We gotta, we need to, we have to, or we must," the problem is that. . . **we** can't. Attempting to follow external rules, either self-imposed or from the Almighty, does not and **cannot**, sanctify us.

So, who or what is involved in sanctification?

Yahshua is the **only** one who accomplishes sanctification. Some will respond that we must make a conscious effort to desist from sin and resist bad habits, and in that way we contribute to our sanctification. WRONG!

The Almighty Himself (Yahshua, the MessiYah) came in the flesh and died a cruel death on the cross to pay the **full debt of sin** with His own life so that you and I can reign in life today. His sacrifice on the cross speaks of relationship; a relationship of love. Yahshua came to reconcile sinful man with Himself.

When you receive Yahshua as your "Savior," **you are made holy, righteous** and **sanctified** by His blood **once and for all**. And you can enter boldly into His presence without any guilt, condemnation, or expectation of punishment.

Because of the cross, **the price for sin has been paid, the judgment executed**, the anger toward sin exhausted, the veil torn, and the way to intimacy with Yahshua opened. Sin no longer

hinders you from entering His presence. ***His blood has removed all vestiges of your sins!***

Start believing that righteousness is ***a gift*** in the new covenant! Many believers are defeated today because they are ***trying to earn*** their own righteousness (which is ***self-righteousness***) by ***their*** law-keeping and good works.

My friend, righteousness ***is a gift*** because of what Yahshua has accomplished on the cross for you. All your sins – past, present and future – have been washed clean by His precious blood. You are completely forgiven, and from the moment you received Yahshua into your life, you will never be held liable for your sins ever again. You have been made as righteous as Yahshua, ***not through your own behavior***, but by faith in Him and ***His*** finished work on the cross. There is absolutely nothing we can do to contribute towards our own sanctification, except to rest and trust in Yahshua our Savior.

Resisting sin or desisting from sin does not make us ‘sanctified’ or ‘righteous’. We are ***sanctified*** and ***made righteous*** by putting our simple, child like faith in Yahshua and what ***He*** did for us; remembering the great sacrifice of love ***He*** made ***for us!***

Do we want to continue to grow, learn and mature throughout our Christian walk? Of course we do! But, that has ***nothing*** to do with us having ***already*** been ‘***made***’ righteous and ***sanctified*** by the Lord Yahshua Himself!

*But now the ***righteousness of God*** ***apart from the law***
is revealed,*

The Apostle Paul ... Romans 3:21

The other group...

... you who ***attempt to be justified by law;***
you have fallen from grace.

The Apostle Paul ... Galatians 5:4

This group also teach there are two laws. Their message goes like this...

"Jesus finished one set of law(s) at the cross for you, the ceremonial laws (the law of Moses), but you are still under the other set of Law(s), the Law of God, (which they also referred to as, "The Ten Commandments," "the Moral law" and/or "the spiritual law")... and you must obey them. You must also now keep the '24 hour Sabbath' laws on Saturday, as commanded by the Fourth Commandment."

Why do they teach this?

They teach there are 'two Laws' in an attempt *to justify* their unscriptural position that a person must keep the '24 hour Sabbath' laws on Saturday, as commanded by the Fourth Commandment in the Old Testament.

People from this group often teach the "***mark of the beast***" of Revelation 14, will be placed upon those who worship *on Sunday, instead* of Saturday.

My friends, no such language is found in the Bible!

For honest, Bible-believing people, the only solution to this supposed problem is to go directly to the word of the Almighty and examine what it says.

Let's **PROVE** from Scripture there are **NOT** 'Two' Laws

Remember, both of these groups base their entire **false** '**two law doctrine**' on the basis of claiming, '**The Law of Moses**' and '**The Law of God**' are two completely different and separate sets of Laws.

Adding to this falsehood, they then teach another, saying Yahshua fulfilled 'one' Law, *The Law of Moses* (the ceremonial laws), but did not fulfill the 'other' law ... *The Law of God* (The Ten Commandments).

We have already learned that the Old Covenant has ceased to be binding. But, these groups have contrived 'doctrines' (*of their own making*) for claiming '**some**' laws are still in effect while '**others**' are not.

Let us examine these, contrived doctrines.

These groups say the “Law of God,” (the Ten Commandments, *which they also call*, the ‘Moral law’ and the ‘spiritual law’) - *including the Sabbath laws, are still binding* on believers.

But, *they say*, the ‘other’ set of Old Testament law; the “Law of Moses,” (*which they also call*, the ‘Ceremonial laws’) were removed.

Important Note:

Please know that the terms “*moral law(s)*” and “*ceremonial law(s)*,” used by these groups to justify their false doctrine are ***nowhere*** to be found in the Bible!

The New Testament teaches that we today are under no part of the Old Testament (Romans 7:1-7; 2 Corinthians 3:1-18; Galatians 3:24, 25; Ephesians 2:13-16; Colossians 2:14; Hebrews 7:12; 8:7).

The Bible also clearly teaches that the ‘Law of God’ and the ‘Law of Moses,’ refer to the ***same law!*** (Nehemiah 8:1, 18; Ezra 7:6, 12; Luke 2:22, 23)

When Yahshua fulfilled the ‘Law of Moses,’ He also fulfilled the Old Testament ‘Law of God,’ for the two ***are the same***.

In Ezra 7:6, we have these words:

“... this Ezra came up from Babylon; and he was a skilled scribe in the Law of Moses, which the Lord God of Israel had given. ...”

This passage plainly states that God gave the law of Moses.

You may ask: “What did Moses give?”

And the answer is:

“Now when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the Lord, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the Lord given by Moses.”

2 Chronicles 34:14

So, these passages say that God gave ‘the law of Moses,’ and Moses gave ‘the law of God.’

Let’s look at another passage:

“The king also appointed a portion of his possessions for the burnt offerings: for the morning and evening burnt offerings, the burnt offerings for the Sabbaths and the New Moons and the set feasts, as it is written in the Law of the Lord.”

2 Chronicles 31:3

These people, in promoting their doctrine, insist that the Ten Commandments are **not** the ‘law of Moses,’ but the ‘law of the Lord.’ They say there is a difference between the two.

But, this passage mentions *burnt offerings*, *new moons*, and *set feasts*, along with the *sabbaths*, as being in the Law of the Lord.

Friends, where does the Decalogue (Ten Commandments) mention such things?

These people teach these things are part of the '*ceremonial law*,' but the inspired writer of the book of Chronicles place them in God's law!

It proves that these people make a false distinction and use language foreign to the Bible.

Let's learn more about this subject from the Almighty's word:

*"For **Moses said**, 'Honor your father and your mother ...'"*
Mark 7:10

You, doubtless, know that to...

"Honor your father and your mother,"

is one of **The Ten Commandments!**

Yet, *Mark said it was **The law of Moses!***

Let us give careful attention to another passage:

"Then it was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child..."

Luke 2:22

Luke is here speaking of Mary bringing the child Yahshua to Jerusalem to present him to the Almighty, “according to the law of Moses.”

But note the very next verse:

The law of the Lord says, “If a woman’s first child is a boy, he must be dedicated to the LORD.”

Luke 2:23

A casual student of the Almighty’s word knows that this ***is not*** found in the Ten Commandments. What is called ‘the law of Moses’ in verse 22, is called ‘the law of the Lord’ in verse 23.

My friends, do not allow false doctrine (or perhaps denominational pride) keep you from seeing this significant truth.

Let us now investigate verses 24, 27, and 39 in the same chapter:

So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the LORD - “either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Luke 2:24

Which of the Ten Commandments discusses turtledoves and pigeons?

“... So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required...”

Luke 2:27

Now look at verse 39:

When Jesus’ parents had fulfilled all the requirements of the law of the Lord, they returned home to Nazareth in Galilee.

Honesty compels one to see and admit that, ‘the law of Moses’ and ‘the law of the Lord’ and ‘the law’ are used ***interchangeably*** in these five verses.

They refer to the same thing!

How then does one attempt to make a distinction... when there is none!

What About the Sabbath Day?

Do we disobey the Almighty when we worship on Sunday rather than on the Sabbath (Saturday)?

Sometimes Christians prefer to worship on the Sabbath (Saturday) for personal reasons, or they have a desire to reach out to Jewish people. Although we respect the motivations of these brothers and sisters, we must emphasize that Sabbath observance isn't required of us today.

The letter to the Gentile believers – There is no mention of the Law or Sabbaths

Acts 15: 1-2, 4-11, 19-20, 23-31

¹ While Paul and Barnabas were at Antioch of Syria, some men from Judea arrived and began to teach the believers: “Unless you are circumcised as required by the law of Moses, you cannot be saved.”

² Paul and Barnabas disagreed with them, arguing vehemently. Finally, the church decided to send Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem, accompanied by some local believers, to talk to the apostles and elders about this question.

⁴ When they arrived in Jerusalem, Barnabas and Paul were welcomed by the whole church, including the apostles and elders. They reported everything God had done through them.

⁵ But then some of the believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and insisted, “The Gentile converts must be circumcised and required to follow the law of Moses.” ⁶ So the apostles and elders met together to resolve this issue. ⁷ At the meeting, after a long discussion, Peter stood and addressed them as follows: “Brothers, you all know that God chose me from among you some time ago to preach to the Gentiles so that they could hear the Good News and believe. ⁸ God knows people’s hearts, and he confirmed that he accepts Gentiles by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us. ⁹ He made no distinction between us and them, for he cleansed their hearts through faith. ¹⁰ So why are you now challenging God by burdening the Gentile believers with a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors were able to bear? ¹¹ We believe that we are all saved the same way, by the undeserved grace of the Lord Jesus.”

¹⁹ “And so my judgment is that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God.

²⁰ Instead, we should write and tell them to abstain from eating food offered to idols, from sexual immorality, from eating the meat of strangled animals, and from consuming blood.

²³ This is the letter they took with them:

“This letter is from the apostles and elders, your brothers in Jerusalem. It is written to the Gentile believers in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia. Greetings! ²⁴ “We understand that some men from here have troubled you and upset you with their

teaching, but we did not send them! ²⁵ So we decided, having come to complete agreement, to send you official representatives, along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, ²⁶ who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁷ We are sending Judas and Silas to confirm what we have decided concerning your question. ²⁸ “For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay no greater burden on you than these few requirements: ²⁹ You must abstain from eating food offered to idols, from consuming blood or the meat of strangled animals, and from sexual immorality. If you do this, you will do well. Farewell.”

³⁰ The messengers went at once to Antioch, where they called a general meeting of the believers and delivered the letter. ³¹ And there was great joy throughout the church that day as they read this encouraging message.

Paul wrote this to the Church at Colossae...

*So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new moon ceremonies **or Sabbaths.***

Colossians 2:16

Reasons believers today are not bound to keep the sabbath (Saturday):

- In 2 Corinthians 3, a comparison of terms is used to contrast “*that which is abolished*” (verse 13) and “*passing away*” (verses 7, 11, 14) with that which “*remains*” (verse 11). The ten commandments are included in the list of those things which were abolished...done away with!
- The letter to the Galatians was written to warn of false teachers who were trying to take away the freedom which Christians have in Yahshua, the MessiYah. They wanted to bring them into slavery to the Law of Moses (Galatians 2:4; 5:1). The Law of Moses was given 450 years after the Almighty’s promise to Abraham (Galatians 3:17). The Law of Moses, which included the ten commandments, was given until the “*Seed*” (The MessiYah) should come (Galatians 3:19). The Law of Moses was a “*tutor*” to bring us to faith in Christ (Galatians 3:24, 25). But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor (The Law of Moses).
- In Romans 7, the apostle Paul says that Christians are “*dead to the law*” (Romans 7:4). He also says that we have been “*delivered from the law*” (verse 6). The law we are dead to said “*YOU SHALL NOT COVET*” (verse 7). Since this is one of the ten commandments, this means the law we are dead to and discharged from is the law which contained the ten commandments. The tenth commandment is: “*You shall not*

cove~~t~~" (Exodus 20:17).

- Jeremiah 31:31-34 is a prophecy regarding the Law which included the ten commandments:

“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 that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt....”

In Hebrews 8:8-13, we see the fulfillment of Jeremiah’s prophecy.

The covenant that the Almighty made with Israel and Judah when He led them out of Egypt was the Law given at Mt. Sinai (Exodus 20). It included the ten commandments.

The writer of Hebrews says:

“For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second” (Hebrews 8:7).

Please note also that the sabbath was made known at Sinai, not at the creation as these people will argue. (Nehemiah 9:13, 14)

- While the Almighty created the world in six days and rested on the seventh, there is no command from the Almighty to do likewise until Israel, as a nation was taken out of Egypt (Exodus 16). There is no record before this time of Abraham, or Noah or anyone else resting on the seventh day.

The oldest book in the Bible is believed to be the book of Job, and again, there is no mention of a Sabbath or resting on the seventh day. This is quite telling as Job's "friends" accused him of all sorts of things that he had supposedly done to bring about God's wrath and I'm sure that if the Sabbath was in force, he would have been accused of not keeping it. But there is no mention of it. I take from this then, that there wasn't a Sabbath in force until the time of Israel's exodus out of Egypt.

- We know that the Almighty's covenant of the Law with the nation of Israel lasted until the New Covenant was introduced with the death of Yahshua. As believers, we are under the New Covenant, not the Mosaic Covenant, and again, it is very important to note that there is not one command from the death of Yahshua onwards to keep the Sabbath. It should also be pointed out that Paul calls the Ten commandments the 'ministry of death' and the 'ministry of condemnation' (2 Corinthians 3).
- If you put yourself under any part of the law of Moses then you have to observe *the entire thing!* You cannot just choose which parts to observe. That is why it is a ministry of death and a curse! (See Galatians 3:10)
- As discussed previously, when the first Gentiles started getting saved, the Church had to hold an important meeting to discuss what exactly these gentiles needed to observe. Sabbath day keeping was not mentioned.

- Even more convincing is the fact that there are actually warnings in the New Testament against *“trying to earn favor with the Almighty by observing certain days or months or seasons or years.”* Galatians 4:9-10

- Paul wrote to the Christians in Colossae that,

*“**the handwriting of requirements** (a direct reference to the Ten commandments) *that was against us, which was contrary to us*”* He has *“**taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross**”* (Colossians 2:14).

- After Paul had told the Christians in Colossae that the *“handwriting of requirements”* was nailed to the cross, he instructed them:

*So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new moon ceremonies **or Sabbaths**.* (Colossians 2:16).

These passages clearly teach that the Sabbath is not binding today, nor has it ever been binding on Christians. It was only for the people of Israel before Yahshua died on the cross.

- Paul said New Covenant believers who seek to be justified by the Old Law are,

“cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God’s grace.” Galatians 5:4

- Romans 14:5 actually declares that each believer should determine in his own mind whether or not they will set aside one day over another, and that we are not to judge each other if we do this. The exception to this would be if someone was using Sabbath keeping as a form of meriting favor with the Almighty. Then it becomes wrong. Galatians 4:10

Note: Even when ‘Sabbath keepers’ *talk* of “keeping the Sabbath,” they are not really ‘keeping the Sabbath’ at all!

Sabbath-keeping was part of a covenant with Israel that is not a moral obligation for the church. Even when Christians worship on the Sabbath, they aren't “keeping the Sabbath.” To “*keep the Sabbath*” as it was required in the Old Testament would involve compliance with stringent regulations (e.g. Exodus 16:23; 35:3; Leviticus 23:32; Jeremiah 17:21) that were strictly enforced.

Not a Buffet

The Old Testament is not a buffet line we can go through and pick out the parts we desire to carry over into the New Testament.

We are not authorized to create our own customized blend of religion by mixing the Old and New Testaments to suit our personal taste. Paul pointed out the disaster of trying to mix the covenants together. He warned,

But those who depend on the law to make them right with God are under his curse, for the Scriptures say, “Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the commands that are written in God’s Book of the Law.”

Galatians 3:10

In other words Paul is saying, those who want to continue in the Old Testament Law must continue in **ALL OF IT**. The Galatians wanted to practice just the parts of the Old Testament they desired, but Paul says their plan won’t work.

Paul further warned,

I’ll say it again. If you are trying to find favor with God by being circumcised, you must obey every regulation in the whole law of Moses.

Galatians 5:3

Ironically, those who claim to honor and respect the Old Testament by clinging to parts of it, actually disobey, disrespect, and dishonor the Old Testament.

They further dishonor the Old Testament because they do not actually follow it as it is written.

For example, some people cling to the Old Testament practice of the Sabbath, but they do not respect the Old Testament teachings *concerning* the Sabbath.

Under the Old Testament a person...

- Could not do any work on the Sabbath (Exodus 31:14).
- Could not buy merchandise or food on the Sabbath (Nehemiah 10:31).
- Could not carry a burden on the Sabbath. (Jeremiah 17:21, John 5:10)
- Could not kindle a fire on the Sabbath (Exodus 35:3). Violating the Sabbath was a ***capital*** offense (Exodus 31:14, 15).

Those who claim to observe the Sabbath, actually observe a squishy, modified form, *designed by themselves*, to fit their own ideas!

This does not show honor or respect for the Old Testament. It is merely following a *man-made doctrine* that somewhat resembles an Old Testament law.

They actually abuse the Old Testament by treating it as though it were a buffet line for them to pick and choose *just the things they desire*.

Conclusion:

Beloved, the Almighty came in the flesh as your representative. He came and took your place as a sinner on the cross. Yahshua died for you ... but also as you!

The Almighty, manifested **Himself** in the flesh and did ***FOR US*** what we could ***NEVER*** do for ourselves!

Yahshua took ***all*** our sins upon Himself and fulfilled the Law completely ***for us***, making us “*holy, blameless*” and “*without a single fault*” in His eyes. (Colossians 1:22)

This, is ‘*The Good News*’ the Bible is talking about!

This, is the *gospel of Yahshua, the MessiYah!*

This, is what we are to rejoice in and tell people about!

Salvation is a gift for you!

Salvation is a gift that we receive by faith. We cannot earn it through our deeds or works. We cannot obtain it by being a “good person” or by attending church. Yahshua earned it for us by dying for our sins on the cross.

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:12

My friend, everyone who calls upon the name of Yahshua will be saved; so call upon Him now. Tomorrow is not assured.

Here is a simple prayer that you can repeat for salvation:

Yahshua, I believe You died on the cross for my sins. I ask You to be my Savior. Thank You

If you just prayed this prayer, congratulations! You are saved and you are a new creation in Him!

Therefore if any man be in MessíYah, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corínthians 5:17

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