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**THE LAW AND FAITH  
10 COMMANDMENTS  
CHRISTIANS AND CHRIST**

# For By Faith You Are Saved

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*For by grace are we saved through faith; and it is not of yourselves: lest any man should boast. It not of works.*  
Ephesians 2:8



*Many* Christians at this time, feel they need to follow the Torah to be saved; and they struggle with many sins in their lives.

They have many guilts, and worried: so they're striving to keep the Torah, hoping that they won't be condemned: because they don't keep the Sabbath: or because they're eating pork: or they are not circumcised. Many kinds of problems like this.

There are many teachers, that have wormed their way into congregations; who are teaching that you must keep the Torah: because Jesus said to: and if you don't, you'll be told by Jesus to go away; you're a lawbreaker.

And so we have had many Christians departing from faith and freedom in Jesus Christ, at this time.

They do not understand what the gospel really is: the new covenant. There is a reason why it was called the **old covenant, and the new covenant**.

Now, the new covenant is the new Testament of Jesus Christ. And what was this new covenant? this wonderful new gospel?

*It is, Follow me, believe in me – Jesus.*

Matthew 16:24 says, *If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.*

John 3:7 says, *Truly, truly, I say to you: unless one is born again, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.* This is the **New Covenant**.

And the teachers of the law, said to Jesus, *How can this be? how can a man become born-again, and enter his mothers womb?*

You see, this teacher, was a teacher of the Law of Moses: Law Torah: the Mosaic law: the 10 Commandments. And in those days, that was the way; under the old schoolmaster that we were to be.

And Jesus didn't say you got to strive to obey the 10 Commandments to have eternal life. He said, *Unless you are **born again**, you cannot enter the kingdom of God.*

And he said this: *If any would come after me, you must deny yourself, and follow me.*

Jesus didn't say, Go and keep the Torah, AND follow me.

He said, *Deny yourself, and follow me.*

So Jesus didn't teach using the law; he didn't punish using the law: because there was a woman who was brought to him in adultery:

And this woman was in sin: and she should have been punished by the law, as it is written that, 'The adulterer must be put to death by the law,' from God's law.

But Jesus said to her, *I do not condemn you, go sin no more.*

Because, you see, a new covenant had come into the land. And Jesus said to the people, and to the woman at the well, *The time has come, and is indeed here now; that people will no longer have to worship me in the synagogue: but they will worship in spirit, and in truth. And where people gather in my name, there I am also.*

So Jesus is saying that we become the **Temple of God**. This is the new covenant; the new covenant of those who turn to the Lord.

So, we are not under the law, dear friends.

Now, James 2:10 says, *For whoever keeps the whole law but fails at one point, becomes accountable for all of it.*

So, when we try and keep the whole law, but we fail even at one point, then we are guilty of having broken the whole law.

And it says in the Ezekiel 18:20, *He who sins must die.*

That is: He who breaks the law must be put to death.'

Now does this mean that the law is **evil**? No! For Paul said the law was the old schoolmaster; and the law revealed God's **righteousness**.

And so the righteousness of God was revealed in the law, showing that he does not accept sin. The law says: you shall not sin, you shall not adulterate, you shall keep the Sabbath holy, and all these things.

Because the law was there to keep people from doing what was evil in the sight of God: like working their slaves seven days a week without a break, and not giving them time to praise the Lord. That's why he talked about the Sabbath.

The law was there to keep people from being dishonest, and ripping off their fellow brother, and neighbour.

The law was there to keep people from perverse acts: committing homosexuality, and defiling the land with sin.

So the law was good. But the problem is the law arouses **evil desires** inside; and people are naturally rebellious of heart: and so they're not able to keep the law. They cannot keep the whole law. It reveals their evil.

So the law itself is good, but the law does not have the solution. It does not bring righteousness – rather it exposes righteousness, and exposes sin – and it doesn't change the heart.

That is why David broke the law, and Abraham broke the law. They all broke the law, and they were not worthy to enter the kingdom of God.

That is why we have the new covenant.

And that is why Jesus died before the foundations of the world: so those who died before Christ, who had the hope of salvation afar off, could be delivered in paradise; and taken to the kingdom.

As Peter said, *The Lord preached to those imprisoned after he was crucified.*

But in Christ, we are free from the law of death which says: *You broke the law, you must die.*

There is no mercy.

There was no mercy for anyone who broke the law in Moses' day. There was somebody gathering wood on the Sabbath, and the Lord said: *Take that man and stone him to death.*

There was no mercy at all for the sinner who deliberately broke the law: because the law was not there to bring people to righteousness – as people's heart condition could not attain perfect righteousness – rather expose what sin is.

The law was there to show the **righteousness** of God: and to show the punishments: and to set a standard. That is what the law was for.

Now, before the law was given, the laws were still in people's hearts: Cain knew not to steal, not to kill; he knew it was wrong even before the law was given.

And that's why the Lord said that sin was at his door.

The sabbaths, and circumcisions, and things like these, were also under the old law.

And the problem is, that people are following their own flesh: and that is why they will not enter the kingdom.

John 3:6 states, *Nobody who abides in him keeps on sinning...Those who keep on sinning have neither seen him, nor known him.*

So, we are talking about 'People under the law cannot stop sinning, because they don't know Jesus.'

They are under the law. They are not free from the law of sin to death.

Now, let us talk about this freedom in Jesus Christ: freedom from the law, and freedom from sin.

Galatians 5:1, *For freedom, Christ has set us free. Stand firm therefore: do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.*

Romans 8:5, *For those who live according to the flesh, put their minds on the things of the flesh: and the things of the flesh are death. But those who live according to the Spirit, set their minds on the things of the spirit.*

*For to set the mind on the flesh is death; but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.*

*For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; and does not submit to God's law because it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

So when we're in the law, friends: trying to keep the Torah for our salvation, and striving after the Commandments; we are in the flesh, and we can't please God.

That's why we have to be put to death the old man, and have Christ's reign through us.

Let us read on, *However, you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit – if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you – and anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ, does not belong to him.*

*But if Christ is in you – although the body is dead because of sin – the Spirit is life because of righteousness; and the Spirit of him who raised Christ, will also raise you.*

Dear friends, the law came to reveal sin; but it doesn't save us.

When Jesus said to repent, he means to turn away from our desires: which I read about previously.

He said that we're not justified through circumcision, festivals, and days.

For as it is written in Ephesians 2:8, *For by grace we are saved through faith; lest any should should boast. For it is not works of the law that one is saved.*

And Galatians 5:16 reads, *Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh: for the desires of the flesh wars against the spirit, and are opposed to each other.*

*But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*

And what is the law for? The law is for the flesh. It is not for the spirit. It is not for those who are born again. They have died to themselves.

That's why Paul said that it is no longer I who live, but Christ in me.

He said, *Can you build up the flesh again?* – that means you're going to build yourself up under the law.

Paul said that if you build up in the Spirit, and on the rock, you're in the spirit; and it is Christ living through you.

When Christ lives through you, you are free from the law.

Now these things are very important to understand: because if we're starting to think that our salvation depends on keeping the law of Moses with all its statutes, then our salvation depends on that; and Christ died in **vain** for us.

But if we are led by the SPIRIT, then we're not under the law: not under the law that leads to death.

## *The Galatians Were Going Back Under The Law*

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*I want* to read from Galatians, and let us expose these truths: because many people are so concerned about keeping sabbaths, and all these things for salvation.

They think Jesus might tell them to go away because they eat pork, or other things like this.

For we are not under the law: we are free in Christ.

These teachers wormed their way into your congregations, trying to burden you with things from the law like the Jews did.

But we are not here to lose faith. Many people do lose faith at this time, and they go off back to their former ways.

We are not here to lose faith; we are here to realize the wonderful freedoms in Jesus Christ: his freedom, amen.

Today I want to talk about this freedom: this freedom from sin, and from the law.

I want to read to you exactly how this happened in the days of the apostles.

**Galatians 1:1**, *I'm so astonished that you so quickly deserted Jesus who called you in the grace of Christ, and are turning to another gospel.*

*After 14 years, I, Paul, went up to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus with me.*

*I went up because of a revelation sent to them: the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running in vain.*

*Titus was with me who was not forced to be circumcised, even though he was Greek. Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in, who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Jesus Christ: so that they might bring us back into slavery.*

*To them we did not yield in submission even a moment so that the truth of the Gospel might be preserved.*

*And from those who seem to be influential: those I say who seem influential, added nothing to me.*

*On the contrary they saw I had been entrusted with the Gospel to the uncircumcised.*

*But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face because he stood condemned: for before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles:*

*But when they came, he drew back and separate himself fearing their circumcision party.*

*And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.*

*But when I saw their conduct that was not in step with the true gospel of Jesus Christ, I said to Cephas before them all, If you, though a Jew, are living like a Gentile under freedom, how can you force the Gentiles to be like Jews under the law?*

*We ourselves are Jews by birth, and not Gentile sinners: yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ – Now works of the law are all these days, moons, feasts, circumcision, all these things. We have believed in Jesus Christ in order to be justified by faith in Jesus Christ; not by works of the law: because by works of the law no one is justified.*

*But in our endeavour to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners.*

*Is Christ, then, a servant of sin? Certainly not.*

*For if I rebuild what I tear down, I myself proved to be a transgressor; for through the law I died to the law that I might live to God, so I have been crucified with Christ.*

*It is no longer I that live, but it is Christ that lives in me.*

*And the life that I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the son of God; who loved me and gave himself for me.*

*I do not nullify the grace of God.*

*For if righteousness were through the law then Christ died in **vain**.*

You know, this is pretty serious stuff, dear friends. We're talking about Cephas and all these Jews coming from Jerusalem, trying to bring the Gentiles under the law; when they themselves didn't even keep the law: because some of them were not circumcised.

That was part of breaking the law in those days.

And that's why the Pharisees often killed them: because they were teaching against the teachings of 'the law' like circumcision, saying it was no longer needed.

And so that was 'blasphemous' against God's law; and they were being put to death for this. Paul said a bit later, *If I preach circumcision, I am not persecuted. But because I preach against it, that's why I get persecuted.*

And all these Jews were trying to bring them under the law, and put them under the burden of the law. And that's why Paul said that he (Cephas) was standing condemned because he had broken the law, even one time.

And if you break the law even one time, you are condemned.

So if you go under the law again, and forsake your freedom in Christ – thinking that you got to be separate from the Gentiles, because they are unclean; and we should keep away from them, eating this way, and not eating that way – we're bringing ourselves under the law and into condemnation.

**Galatians 2**, *Oh foolish Galatians who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly crucified.*

*Let me ask you this, Did you receive the spirit by works of the law, or by hearing of faith?*

*You are so foolish, having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh, the works of the flesh?'*

*Did you suffer so many things in vain? does he who supplies the spirit to you work miracles among you by works of the law? or by hearing of faith?*

*Just as Abraham believed – and it was given to him as righteousness – so blessed are those who are men of faith.*

Now verse 10, *For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse.*

*For it is written, Cursed is everybody who doesn't abide by all things written in the books of the Law, and do them all.*

*Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law: for the righteous shall live by faith.*

*But the law is not faith, rather the one who does the law must live by it.*

Can you understand these things friends? It is a very serious issue.

We got so many Torah Christians in the world right now, trying to sneak in and bring all their false teachings; trying to bring us under the law.

They are trying to say we got to keep the Sabbath, you got to do this and that; you got to keep all the commandments because Jesus said to, and you basically got to keep the Torah completely according to them.

And do you know what they say? They add to the Torah, and they change it, for they say, Jesus forgives us if we break the Torah; but we still got to keep it.

Somehow we 'break the Torah and Jesus forgives us, but we still got to keep the Torah for salvation.'

Isn't that messed up! Its a doctrine of devils; it is not a gospel that saves.

The gospel that saves, is 'faith alone in Jesus Christ.'

And it is through faith that we are justified; if you indeed believe.

Jesus will change you to live not through the flesh. Because if we live to the flesh, we are under the law; but if we have Christ living through us, we are not under the law: because those who are led by the spirit, they are not under the law.

Now let us read on: *Now before FAITH came – that is Jesus Christ – we were held in captive under the law imprisoned until the coming of faith would be revealed; in order that we might be justified by faith.*

*But now that faith has come, you're no longer under the Guardian which is the law.*

*For in Christ you are sons of God through faith for as many of you who were baptized into Christ, you put on Christ; there is neither Jew nor Greek.*

That means there is no clean person, and unclean person.

That means that you don't have to separately eat from the Gentiles, because you're a Jew.

If you do, you stand condemned like Cephas.

He was doing that with Peter, and Paul rebuked them to their faces: because even though they weren't following the law themselves – they were free and they weren't following the law of the Jews –

They were actually suddenly going into hypocrisy: and quickly separating themselves from the unclean people:

And pretending that they're under the law still just because all these influential Jews came from Jerusalem trying to bring everybody under the law again; under the old covenant, under the old master.

But there is neither Jew nor Greek, nor slave nor free, nor male, or female: for you are all one in Jesus Christ.

That means you can't say to a woman, Don't go and preach because you are female.

Because there is neither male nor female: for all are one in Jesus Christ.

What, are we going to go under the law dear friends? do you realize that Christ is of no benefit to you whatsoever, if you go back under the law?

Your faith is in **vain** if you do that! It proves that you don't have faith in Jesus Christ, and you just are content to strive to keep the law; and in your own flesh you will be condemned.

That is what Paul said, *Oh foolish Galatians who has bewitched you?*

*Look how far you have fallen. Has my labor been with you in vain?*

**Galatians 4**, *But now that you have come to know God – or rather be known by God – how can you turn back to the weak, and worthless elementary principles of the world?*

*Whose slaves you want to be once more?*

*You observe days, months, seasons, and years. I'm afraid that I have labored with you in vain.*

They were observing days, under the law. They were observing months, and seasons as Gentiles. They were never Jews to begin with.

Why, you Gentiles people listening to me right now, you could be one of these people. You're probably trying to observe all these days; even though you are not a Jew anyway.

Why are you going back under the law?

Paul says, Have I labored with you in vain?"

In other words: you're not on your way to salvation, you're on your way to condemnation under the law.

*Tell me, says Paul, You who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law?*

*For it is written that Abraham had two sons: one is to a free woman, one is to a slave woman.*

*The son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free was born through the promise.*

*So what do the Scriptures say? Cast out the slave woman, and her son: for the son of a slave will not inherit with the son of the free.*

So you people following the law, you do not inherit the kingdom with those who are free by Christ!

Let us read it again: the Scriptures say, *Cast out the slave woman, those who are under the law: for the son of a slave woman will not inherit with the son of the free woman.*

Can you understand this?

So brothers, we are not children of the slave, but of the free! Now who's the children of the slave Paul is talking about?

Those who are under the law observing the Sabbath, and observing the months, and the festivals of the years, and the circumcision; and as it is written earlier that if you keep one point of the law you must keep it all.

So when people are doing all these things: and teaching them as a way to be saved: and you think that you're going to be condemned if you don't, you're going under the law.

And that's why Paul said, Foolish Galatians who has bewitched you?

When you were in the freedom of faith: and now you're following the Jews, and listening to all these false teachers worming into your congregations saying that, *No, you have to be circumcised, you have to keep these days, you have to keep these months, you have to keep the festivals;* Putting all these burdens of the law on you.

**Chapter 5,** *For freedom Christ has set us free.*

*Stand firm, and do not submit again to yoke of slavery: slavery to the law.*

*I, Paul, tell you this: If you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you whatsoever.*

*I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision: that he is obligated to keep the whole law.*

And that goes for the other parts of the law too, dear friends.

Think about it: Christ is of no benefit to you whatsoever, if you try and be justified by the law; or try to be justified by the 10 Commandments to be saved.

And you think that that's what you got to do.

If you think you got to go under the Jewish law, the law given to Moses, then Christ is of no benefit to you whatsoever. And you are a slave to the law, and you will not inherit with the son of the free woman: faith in Jesus Christ.

Now it gets worse: Paul goes on to say, *You are severed from Christ you who would be justified by the law.*

*You have fallen away from grace; for through the spirit by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness:*

*For in Christ, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision, counts for anything; but only faith working through love.*

*You were running well who hindered you from obeying the truth?*

*This persuasion is not from him who calls. A little leaven leavened the whole lump.*

*I have confidence in the Lord, that you will no longer take other views: but the one who is troubling you with these things will bear the penalty whoever he is.*

*But if I should still teach circumcision, why am I being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed!*

That's what Paul is saying if you teach the law, you're removing the cross.

So the cross is offensive to people who don't want to hear about the truth.

So if you're thinking not to commit adultery, not to commit murder, or not condone a lie, not to steal, got to keep the sabbath, got to be circumcised:

I can't do this, I can't do that. and all these things that are abominations:

And I'll be put to death if I break even one:

You know if that's the way you think; and you're going to strive to please God through the flesh, you are in for a big surprise:

Because you will not be up to do it, as by the flesh we do not have the power to make ourselves holy.

Our flesh is evil, evil.

You cannot make yourself holy, and trying to turn away from your flesh, if you fight your flesh with your flesh.

That is what the law does. The law is not evil, the law simply exposes our evil; it shows how we are evil.

But the law does not bring righteousness.

In other words you cannot be justified before God by trying to keep the Torah. If you do, Christ Jesus has no part with you: you do not have faith.

Let us read on: **Galatians 5:16**, *But I say walk by the Spirit.*

*That is, walk with Jesus Christ, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.*

*For the desires of the flesh are against the spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh. For they oppose each other.*

*But if you're led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*

*Now the works of the flesh are evident; Sexual immorality, impurities, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery,*

*Jealousy, fits of anger, drunkenness, orgies, and the like:*

*Of which I warn you as I've warned before, that those who do these things won't inherit the kingdom of God.*

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, against such there is no law.*

*And those who belong to Christ, have crucified the flesh, and its passions: for remember it is no longer I who lives but it is Christ who lives in me.*

# When Christ Lives In You

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So, dear friends, if Christ does indeed live in you, you are not under the law: because Christ is living in you have died.

You put the flesh to death daily, and you don't follow it.

Now if you follow the flesh, of course you're going to go under the law. The law states those who break it will die.

But if we're living in Christ, then we live in the spirit: and he lives in us if indeed you have been changed by Christ; and it comes through faith, faith in the promise.

If we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, and provoking one another to envy.

Those who belong to Christ, have crucified their passions and desires.

Now this comes through the power of Jesus Christ, dear friends.

So I want to warn you again, like I warned you before in the reading from Galatians, that if you are foolish enough to go back under the law, then Christ has no benefit to you whatsoever; and your strivings to keep the law by your own righteousness, and your own flesh is not enough.

It will not please God, because you don't have enough righteousness to be able to keep these things properly.

And that is why I say I warn you against all these false preachers, all these false prophets that have these visions: they say that you got to keep the Sabbath, you got to be like the Seventh-day Adventists, and you've got to do this and that.

You know it is all striving in the flesh.

But if you haven't been transformed by faith in Jesus Christ, then you can't keep the righteous ways of God anyway.

And if you're trying to strive in the flesh to make yourself righteous, then Jesus has no benefit to you whatsoever; and you'll be condemned by the law:

Because as it is written if you try to keep **one** point of the law, your obligated to keep **all** of it.

If you break one point – it says in the Scriptures – then you are responsible for all of it. For whoever keeps the whole law, but fails at one point will be held accountable for ALL the law.

All the law. **Every single tittle.**

That is why Jesus said, *Not one jot or tittle will pass from the law until all things have been fulfilled.*

And what did Jesus say on the cross? He said **it is finished.**

It is done so Christ fulfilled the Law on the cross; and it is through the cross that we are justified.

If there is no cross, there is no Gospel, dear friend, and you're still under the law.

# Doctrines Bringing You Back Under The Law

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*How* much more can I forcefully say this: that if you try and justify yourself by keeping Sabbaths, and statutes, you have fallen from the truth.

If you think that that's the way to save yourself – because of the false teachers and the false preachers –

And you're worried about going to hell – just because you don't do the laws like it says in the book of Deuteronomy and Leviticus and Exodus –

If you think that you're not doing it good enough like that, then you have **fallen from the faith**.

You don't have faith in Jesus. The cross is of no benefit to you whatsoever.

That's why we are here to come to Jesus, and his freedom – hallelujah!

His freedom.

And those people, they say you got to **tithe**, and you got to do this, and that, they are all liars dear friends.

What did Jesus say? He said, *Follow me*.

And when we follow Jesus, then we would do the righteous works of God.

If Jesus lived through you, then you are going to be able to do righteousness.

And what about tithing? That's another part of the law.

That's why the churches say to give **10%** because they try to bring everybody back under the law.

Christ is of no benefit to them anymore.

They don't have faith in the cross, because a real Christian does what Paul said: he said in 2 Cor 8:13, *Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality.*

**14** *At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality,*

**15** *For as it is written, The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little, did not have too little.*

We are not talking about, 'Hey you must give 10% of your income otherwise you are condemned.'

That's what the false teachers say.

And I've heard them say from the pulpit, that if you don't do that you are condemned.

You know why they say that? It is because they're under the law.

They are trying to make Christians go under the law of Moses.

The cross is of no benefit to them whatsoever.

They will not be covered by the cross on the last day because they are under the law.

They are trying to be justified before God: by their Sabbath keeping, by the torah, by their tithing, by their striving to not do all these things. Jesus is of no benefit for them whatsoever, and it is very sad.

We are reading from Galatians, *For through the law I have died to the law so that I might live to God.*

*I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives through me.*

Does Christ live through you today?

If he does not, then you're just living in the world: and doing what is evil, and following your flesh.

You need to go to Jesus Christ, and have him live through you, and die to the flesh:

Because the flesh is under the law, but the spirit is not.

When you live in the flesh, you are under the law you are condemned. The law will condemn you.

Go live in the flesh, you go under the law understand? It is those who have faith in Jesus in the cross, who are set free.

And that's why Paul, Peter, and all the apostles, they made a stipulation; and they said that they will lay no other burden on the Gentile Christians about the law or anything like this.

They said we not lay no burden on you other than, *Do not eat food sacrificed to idols and keep away from sexual immorality.*

Stay in your freedom in Christ.

And that's why Paul said, *Oh foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you? I fear that my labors with you have been in vain, because now you're trying to justify yourself by works of the law: and so that Christ is no benefit to you!*

*For do you not know that those who rely on works of the law are under a curse?*

*For it is written: Cursed is everybody who does not abide by ALL things written under the law.*

It didn't say 2 things, it said ALL things.

Now these Torah Christians will say, *Ah, it is just the 10 Commandments, we are only supposed to keep the 10 Commandments: all the rest doesn't matter.*

That is not even written!

They are just making their own laws now. They add to the law and take away from it. And so they're adding to the law.

So let us see what is written in verse 10, Galatians, Chapter 3: *For all who rely works of the law are under a curse. Cursed is everybody who does not abide by all the things written in the books of the law.*

Now the books of the law are Exodus, Leviticus, and Deuteronomy, and there are many things in there.

You can't just keep 3. You can't just keep 10.

They say, We are just going to keep the 10 commandments and God is going to be happy with us.

I've heard unbelievers come to me and say, As long as I keep the 10 Commandments, I suppose God will be happy with me.

No, he will not be happy with you: because you do not have faith in Jesus his one and only son.

Jesus said you cannot enter the kingdom unless you're born again. He didn't say, 'Unless you keep the law.'

*Oh dear, Christians, I wonder, says Paul, If my labor has been in vain for you, because you're trying to go back under the law to justify yourselves.*

It says: As many of you who have been baptised with Christ, you have put on Christ.

It says: You are no longer Jew, nor Greek, nor slave, nor male, nor female. We are one under Jesus Christ.

You know, I'm bringing this truth to you, because I want to stress this important point: that the way to salvation is **THE CROSS**.

It is not by trying to keep the 10 Commandments as best you can.

'Oh I've broken the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment. I've broken the second commandment I've broken the ninth commandment, I lied or I broke the Sabbath.

I don't love God enough, nor my neighbour,' you might say.

You can try all you like to try and not do these things, but I tell you truly that Jesus said that even if you look at someone in lust, you have broken the adultery command.

You broke the Sabbath commandment if you sin even once, because the Lord is holy and he said to keep those days holy.

So, friends, we have to be in the freedom of Christ: who by his power, sets us free from all sin.

## *Not Free To Practice Sin*

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*Now* does that mean that we go to the other extreme?

Of all the Christians running around and saying: We will all still sin. And they just live after the world.

They spend their Sabbath chasing money, and sinning, and watching sports on TV, and saying I'm free, I'm free I can do all these things.

No you are not. That's being under the law. It is living after the flesh.

But Paul said that the flesh had been put to death in him.

He said he's been crucified. The flesh has been crucified.

So I tell you, who's just sitting around watching the telly, and living in your sin,

And drinking beer, and saying Jesus saves you and you are under grace:

I tell you this, You are not crucified, you have got the flesh living through you, you just follow the flesh.

Doesn't it not say, that those who follow the flesh will die?

Dear friends, we who have been baptized in Christ, we are free to follow Christ.

And you know what a person who follows Christ does?

He has his whole mind focused on Christ. He lives Christ daily. He isn't continuing his sins. He allows Christ to live through him. He lives holy.

He does what Jesus says. He follows Jesus. He no longer follows his dreams. He is no longer follows the addictions.

He no longer follows his sins, and his desires: because that's what we tried to follow when we were under the law in our desires.

Do you not realize, that when you follow the desires of the flesh, you will die?

That's why we have to turn to Christ and become free.

That's why Christ has the power to set you free from your desires.

I am not saying you will never be tempted. I am saying that when we follow Christ, we put to death the flesh, and daily we live after the spirit; the freedom of the spirit.

And it is Christ living through us.

That's why you don't sin anymore, when you come to Jesus Christ. It is because he sets you free from the flesh.

He sets you free from the desires of the flesh and the ways of the flesh.

Is not that wonderful dear friends! So let us not go back under the law, lest we be condemned.

But let us instead put to death the ways of the flesh, and let Christ reign in us, and let us be baptised in Christ.

It says clearly in Gal 3:27, *For as many of you who were baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. There is no longer Jew nor Greek: but we all one in Christ.*

That is the secret.

The secret is faith in the cross, faith in Jesus Christ.

You will be set free to no longer follow the flesh, but crucify the flesh, and to follow Jesus Christ in freedom from the law.

And you're not going to be following the flesh anymore, nor all its desires: but you're going to spend your days like Jesus was on the Sabbath, walking around doing good.

That's what Jesus did on the Sabbath, dear friends. He walked around and he did good.

And that's why the Pharisees ended up killing him, because they said that he broke the Sabbath: because on the Sabbath he was doing what the law said not to do.

The law said don't go out on the Sabbath, stay in your place and be quiet and just worship God.

And Jesus seemingly broke the letter of the law, when he went around preaching and healing people. So the Pharisees were so mad, because they were following the law like hypocrites: yet they didn't keep the heart of the law anyway.

They were condemning by the letter of the law.

That's why they wanted to condemn that adulterous woman who broke the commandment to not commit adultery.

Leviticus says that she must be put to death.

So the Pharisees, in all their hypocrisy who themselves were full of sin, were trying to put to death this woman.

Jesus said to them, *He who is without this sin cast the first stone.*

They were all convicted, because they knew they had done this adultery too. And they realized they should be put to death as well.

That's why they walked away: because they couldn't bring themselves before Jesus Christ to stone this woman when they themselves were adulterers.

And that is why, friends, Jesus said to the woman, *I forgive you I don't condemn you, go sin no more.*

Because Jesus is saying, 'I give you a NEW WAY, I give you the cross, If you believe in me you will never die: you will be forgiven.

You will have a new way come in your heart. You no longer commit adultery.

I will change you, only COME TO ME.'

And that's the gospel, dear friends.

So I just hope you have not walked away from the gospel of the cross, back to keeping the law.

I hope you don't try and keep sabbaths and all these things to try and save yourself, because in that case Jesus is of no benefit to you whatsoever: and you're just going back under the law that says he who breaks even one is responsible for ALL the law.

Dear friends, I hope you have not believed in vain...

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