



Messianic Christian Fellowship

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“My Take on the Law”

Romans 7:7 - "I would not have come to know sin except through the Law" for I would not have known that eating pork was a sin if the Law had not said, "You shall not eat pig, for it is unclean to you" Paul actually used coveting here, but I'm using pork which is part of Gods law. Who are we to divide the Law of God to our pleasing? Duet.4:2 says not to take away from Gods commandments and there are more than 10 plus tithing. Or should we throw out tithing since it isn't part of the 10?

I Jn.3:4- Sin is breaking Gods law" Rom.6:14"Lawlessness shall not be master over you, for you are not under law, but under grace.15"What then? Shall we break Gods law because we are not under law but under grace? No! May it never be" Rom.3:31"Do we nullify the Law by Faith? No, on the contrary we establish the law!" ICor.7:19"What really matters is keeping the commandments of God"

If we only honor the 10 commandments and throw out the rest of Gods commandments, then we need to realize that there is a lot of commandments in the New Testament that are not in the 10 commandments! Mark10:19 Jesus said, "Do not defraud" that's Leviticus 19:13 or Love your neighbor that's Leviticus 19:18 or homosexuality that's Leviticus 18:22 or tithing... the list goes on and on if we do this then we are guilty of taking away from the Word of God and God warns us not to do this in Deuteronomy 4:2.

So tell me, do you think Christianity is really promoting lawlessness when they say it's ok not to keep Gods appointed times (lev.23 commandments forever) or not to keep Sabbath (which is the 7th day Saturday, not the first day Sunday) or that it's ok to eat Pork and Shrimp (Lev.11). I think anyone who does such things is promoting lawlessness according to the scriptures, sadly. When I read 2 Thes.2 I see the church and it breaks my heart knowing that the church is under a delusion of lawlessness look at 2 Thes.2 when you see the word wickedness or iniquity in vs.10 and 11 look it up. It's strongs #93 which is a synonym to strongs #458 which is lawlessness the same word found in IJn.3:4- Sin is breaking God law; any part of it. We are supposed to accurately divide the Word of God. IPeter 1:25-The Word of God abides forever. Word = Rhema which = utterance, command, instruction, speech. Torah which is where the word law comes from means

instructions or the teachings of the Father on how to please Him and be holy and clean. II Tim. 3:16 when it says scripture it's talking about Torah, Law, Instructions, the New Testament wasn't even around yet- so it means that I can take the Law and teach, reprove, correct, train in righteousness in order to equip the man of God!

If Paul changed Gods law then why are we following Paul? Paul didn't change Gods Laws Neither did Jesus or anyone. We misinterpret their writings as though they did change His law. I go by this rule of thumb, If my NT interpretation is contrary to the OT then my interpretation is wrong! Eph. 2:20 the foundation is the prophets whom gave the law and if you take away the foundation the whole building falls. Gal 3:15-18 One covenant builds on top of another, a new covenant doesn't nullify a previous covenant of God otherwise there would be no covenant with Abraham for us to be grafted into the Law would have voided that out since it came afterwards! Heb. 10:26 If we go on willfully breaking Gods law after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins- vs. 28- anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of 2 or 3 witnesses. Boy I sure would hate to have to be a witness against somebody who willfully sets aside Gods laws. Rev. 12:17 the dragon will make war with those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

I just don't see where we have the right from scripture to say this commandment we keep but those we don't keep! To me that is dividing the Word of God incorrectly.

I Jn. 2:4-7 "The one who says I have come to know Him and does not keep His commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps His word in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him should himself to walk the same manner as He walked....the old commandment is the word.

I want to walk the way Yeshua did. And He kept the Law. And he even said in Math. 5:17-19 He didn't come to abolish the law...who ever annuls and teaches others to annul the law will be least...whoever keeps and teaches others to keep the Law will be great in the Kingdom of Heaven.- So we are simply fulfilling the great commission of Matthew 5:19!

As I search the scriptures it becomes more and more evident that the Law is in no way done away with. And as a believer in Yeshua Hamassiach I want to obey Him and keep His commandments and I don't have the authority to say these apply today, but those don't. So I must by all means do my best to keep the whole law. Am I saved by that? No, but it's the process of sanctification according to Romans 6 and the rest of scripture.

Ps.19:7 the Law of the Lord is perfect in converting the soul. Ps.119:142 Thy Law is truth (that would make Jesus the Law); in the beginning was the Word (that's Yeshua, and that's the Law); if we walk in willful blatant disobedience to the Law I think we will be in for a surprise when we are relying on Yeshua to ignore that- for He is the Law. Ps.119:172 Thy commandments are righteousness.

Ijn.3:7 Don't be deceived, the one who practices righteousness (the law) is righteous just as He is righteous. The one who practices sin (breaking Gods Law) is of the devil.

I need grace, I need the blood of Yeshua, I need His righteousness imputed to me. But I'll not use that as a license to break Gods law (Rom.6:1). I must practice righteousness (the law), will I fail? Yes, but I'll not use that as an excuse to willfully sin. I must not have sinful habits, but I will stumble, I need more grace. My desire is to please the Father and not to break His heart with my attitude, actions, or speech. And this is achieved by walking in obedience and having a repented, humble heart.