



Messianic Christian Fellowship

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“Too Keep or Not too Keep the Law”

John 8:31-34

Vs.31 – Who is Yeshua talking too? Believers

He says if you abide in His Word; then your mine! **What is His Word?**

Gods Word is His law. Gods Word created our existing laws of nature, like gravity, reproduction. God is completely full of integrity – His Word is for sure and forever. Is.55:11/Is.40:8/Ps.119:89,158-160

John 1:1 tells us that in the beginning was the Word...

So when Jesus says, abide in My Word what is He really talking about? Is He talking about the things He is saying, or is He talking about the Law, the torah, the instruction of God given to man in the beginning. I believe He is talking about both which are really one in the same- the Law and what He is saying. Jesus only reaffirmed, reinstated the Laws of God. Jesus didn't do away with the Laws and instructions of the Father because He kept them.

That would be like me saying, “I'm going to keep the law so you don't have too, after all my dad is the judge and he made all the laws; and if I keep them then that abolishes them” WHAT – that makes no sense. The law applies to all of us whether we are Gods children or not! And God does not change- **Mal.3:6**;/He is the same yesterday today and forever- **Heb.13:8**

Vs.31 - I believe it is safe to say here that if you keep the Law, then you are my disciples!
God's Word is His Law!

What is a disciple? Someone who imitates, emulates their mentor to the point where you can see the mentor in the disciple! Can people see Jesus in us, do they see us and see a peculiar people, the bride of Christ. Hebrew people don't recognize us as the bride of the Messiah; and they know better than most what the bride should look like!

Jer.12:14-17 Are we really learning the ways of God and His people? Do we look like we are conforming to their ways? Or is Christianity so foreign to the Hebrew people that it's unrecognizable the them. Have you ever talked to a Jewish person about Jesus? They think he is the white mans God- completely different from the God of the bible! Why?

Because we don't look like the bride is supposed to look! We want God, but we want it our way, not His way.

Vs.32 – What is knowing? knowing isn't just understanding; it's more intimate than that- it's actual experience from doing it; hands on – you know it because you've done it- you've lived it. **Knowing is keeping.**

What is Truth? Ps.119:142 – Thy Law is truth!

So you shall know, understand, do, keep the law and the law shall make you free!

Most of us think of keeping the law as being legalistic; and the thought of being under the law has a nasty connotation to it! But this is the desensitizing work of the devil, that has been in place for 2,000 years!

Keeping the law doesn't put you in bondage to sin, it actually sets you free from sin!

Vs.33- this is our attitude – We are not slaves! We are not in bondage! We don't have demons running our lives! Most people don't even realize that you can be a Christian; a believer – and have demons living inside of you!

Vs.34 – What is sin? I Jn.3:4

So everyone who breaks the law is a slave of sin!

What is the Law? God's instruction on How to be Holy, given through Moses, and there is more than just 10 plus tithing people, READ IT and OBEY!

I John 3:7 – “Let no one deceive you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, and the one who practices sin (breaking the law) is of the devil!”

What is righteousness? **Psalm 119:172 – “Thy Law is Righteousness!”**

We are **SAVED BY GRACE**; but that is the starting line not the finish line. We need to learn how to be holy and righteous and live according to Gods ways! That instruction is found in the Law! **Acts 15:21-** learned behavior, learn how to look like God's child!

Did the Blood of Jesus set you free, so you could return to sin?

Should we continue to sin (break the law); so God's grace might increase? **Rom.6:1**

Col.2:16,17 – What is a shadow? An outline or blueprint, an image or picture of what is to come. You can learn a lot from a shadow!

Math.5:17-19/ I John 4:3/ I John2:5-7

There is salvation in no other name than the name of Jesus. Is salvation different today in the new covenant than before in the old covenant? Absolutely Not! That is Paul's whole argument in His epistles- Abraham believed and it was reckoned to him as righteousness!

James 2:20-26 Faith without works is dead; We are justified by works and faith. **What Works? Keeping the Law**

Heb.1:1-3 – The Law itself is a manifestation of Grace. The NT just more fully reveals His grace. But this doesn't mean we put away God's law, without His law we have no instruction on how to be holy, and clean and how to behave in order to please Him. **Vs.9-** God loves righteousness and hates lawlessness.

Rom.3:31 **Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the Law!!!**

Conclusion:

If you've not been keeping God's Word, God's Law and instruction to us. Then you need to repent and keep it! Learning God's instruction to us isn't an overnight process- the process of sanctification is a lifelong process. Start by reading His Word and obeying what you read! If it applies to you, then keep it! God's Word or Law 6,000 years ago through Moses, or 2,000 years ago through Yeshua, or today to you, or tomorrow to the next generation – is the same He is God and He changes not! We are the ones who need to change and begin looking like the Father who has so graciously adopted us!