



Confused Christianity Series

Part 4:

“They are Confused about the Law”

Many verses proclaim the Torah (Word) as a terrible thing, and others as wonderful.

How do we reconcile the positive verses, like Revelation 22:14 & 1John 5:3, with the negative ones? The Revelation verse says that those doing His commands have the right to the Tree of Life, and to enter into the city, (become part of the New Jerusalem, the Bride of Messiah). In harmony, the verse from 1John says that it's easy to keep His commands as an expression of love; both presenting the law/commands as wonderful, something to be desired. Let's search out the matter on the apparent contradiction, (while noting we don't have room here to go into a deep-dive).

First, to avoid confusion with an entirely separate issue, let's understand that our salvation does *NOT* come by any works of our own, and certainly *NOT* by any degree of obedience to the instructions given at Mount Sinai. Our salvation is by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8), because of our Savior's blood atonement.

Yet this is only the beginning of working out our salvation to come into the full stature of the character & nature of our Messiah, (Ephesians 4:13). The next step, (made possible by the first), is to be baptized in His Spirit, to enable us to be free of the carnal old Adamic nature, to grow in the mind of Messiah, to bear the 12-fold fruit of His Tree of Life. A tree/person/spirit is known by its fruit. The blood atonement saves us from the penalty of sin. The baptism in His Spirit, enables us to be free from the power of sin.

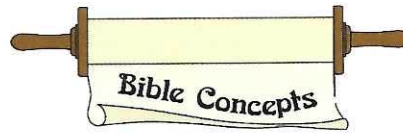
For further growth, it helps to see the big picture, as pointed out in the prophecy of Ezekiel 37:19 & v. 24, the time when the stick of Joseph (those accepting Y'shua (Jesus) as their Messiah), will merge with the stick of Judah (those clinging to the Torah), to become one new stick, (happening now). So, on one level, the Torah-keeping of Judaism merges with the Messiah-keeping of Christianity. Those of the one new stick progressively discern & abandon the non-scriptural religious traditions of both Judaism & Christianity as both Word & Spirit merge to rise up in one new Life.

On another level the new stick speaks of when the Northern Kingdom of Joseph's son Ephraim (& his fellow 9-tribes) re-joining with the Southern Kingdom of Judah (with his fellow 2-tribes,) to become one nation again, under one Shepard-King, (the Messiah).

Yet another view is as the alliance of Israel & the USA, (the two nations established by covenant with God); summarized as their bonded-leaders of Trump & Netanyahu. Regardless of our views, Jews are coming to accept Y'shua as their Savior Messiah, while "Christians" are beginning to walk in the Torah of the Jews, as did Y'shua & the early believers. Word (Torah), without Spirit is dead. Spirit without Word (Torah), is unbalanced.

The Torah ("Law"/Books of Moses) are the foundation of the Prophets, both of which are the foundation of the Writings, all of which are the foundation of the "New/Renewed Covenant" writings of the Gospels & Epistles. Both it's parts & together can be referred to as "The Torah," ("The Word"). If your Bible (like most English translations), does not distinguish between "the Torah" (God's instructions for life), and the burdensome, legalistic, distracting religious traditions of men; then I would encourage you to come into further light by getting a Bible that does. "The Scriptures," "The Ceper," and "The Chronological Gospels" (though just 6 books of the Bible), are a good start.

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Revealing the Big Picture

Snapshot Bible Concept: "The Law"

Christianity is confused on several points about "The Law," once again for good reason! Why? Most English Bibles use "Law," whether the Hebrew/Greek contextually is referring to the Torah or to the religious traditions of men. Here is an outline to help see the truth.

The Law

Law/Commandments

Torah

(Instructions for Life)

Takkanot

(Religious Traditions of Men)

Both Torah & Takkanot were translated the same, as "the Law"! Confusing!

To be written in our hearts & minds so we'll know what to do, & want to do it.
Hebrews 8:10

Traditions of men make the Word of God to be ineffective.
Matthew 15:6

Points to Consider:

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Torah,...but to complete it."
Matthew 5:17 The Scriptures
(Y'shua is the example of what a man is like when one walks fully in the Torah. Only by walking by grace through faith in His Spirit can we grow into that stature)
"...doers of the Torah shall be declared right. For when [those] do by nature what is in Torah [not even knowing it], [show] Torah is written in their hearts."
Romans 2:13 The Scriptures

"...depart from Me, you who work lawlessness [are without Torah/Torahless]"
Matthew 7:21-23 The Scriptures

"...till the heaven & earth pass away, [not one word] shall...pass from the Torah..."
Matthew 5:18 The Scriptures

"True love for God means obeying his commands, and his commands don't weigh us down as heavy burdens."
1John 5:3 The Passion Translation

(And their footnote: God's grace empowers us to love, which makes his commands a delight, not a duty...)

No scripture says that "the Law" was nailed to the cross, (Hebrew, "stake"). It was the penalty for sin that was nailed.

The New Covenant is a Renewed Covenant in the same sense that the New Moon is the same moon, but begins a new lunar cycle. The New Covenant was the fulfillment of prophetic types in the "Old" Covenant in that the Torah could now be written in our hearts & minds, (Jer. 31:33, Ez. 11:19-20).

Keeping Torah to obtain salvation or keeping the religious traditions of men for salvation are both legalism, an abomination to God. The goal however is to have the Torah (the standard of righteousness), written in minds & hearts; to grow into the nature of our Messiah, now attainable, as we walk in His Spirit by grace through faith out of love because of the blood atonement, & the baptism in Yah's Spirit, (seen in the first 2 major feasts, Passover & Pentecost).

What's done away with in the Torah?:

1. The Temple (now we are the Temple),
2. The priesthood, (we are the priests),
3. The sacrifices, (now from His sacrifice)

For a free list of over 200 New Covenant verses praising Torah, go to, "calledoutbelievers.org," "more," "free downloads," then scroll down to "Brit Hadasha, (New Testament)."

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