

# TEN WAYS YESHUA FULFILLED THE LAW

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## [THE SEED OF ABRAHAM](#)

Among the many rich and biblical teachings of Christianity there lies an insidious doctrine about Mosaic Law. For the past 1,900 years the Church has taught that Torah (Mosaic Law) does not apply to Christians because “Jesus fulfilled it” (i.e. He did away with it). Aside from being the very opposite of God’s New Testament Truth, this teaching has done more to drive a demonic wedge between Christians and Jews than anything else except Christian murder and persecution of the Jews,<sup>1</sup> and hence, its insidiousness. If the Jewish people had seen Christians keeping Mosaic Law they would have seen their Messiah and come to believe in Him. This false teaching is obviously not of God, but of Satan. It didn’t take God by surprise, though. God knew that Satan, through the Roman Catholic Pope Sixtus, in 120 AD, would jettison Mosaic Law and bring in to the Church, pagan ways and pagan days, as the prophet Daniel, about 600 years before Christ was born in Bethlehem, reveals:

“And he” (the Pope) “shall speak blasphemous words against<sup>2</sup> the Most High God, and he shall *wear out the saints*” (Christians) “of the Most High God, and intend to change the times” (the Sabbath and the Feasts of Israel) “and the Law” (of Moses), “and they” (Christians) “shall be *given into his hand* until a time and times and the dividing of time.” (Daniel 7:25)

The Sabbath and the Feasts, or the “times,” relates to the observance of God’s holy and “set” *times* that His people were to assemble on and meet with their God (Lev. 23).<sup>3</sup> The “Law” (singular in Dan. 7:25) speaks of Mosaic Law.<sup>4</sup> Obviously, the nullification of the Law of Moses by the Catholic Church did not take God by surprise. It is the Roman Catholic Church that has “worn out the saints,” with its persecutions and murder of millions of biblical Christians,<sup>5</sup> and its false doctrines and ceremonies, over the last 1,900 years. It’s unfortunate, that at the time of the Reformation, the Reformers took some of the false

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<sup>1</sup> Most Christians today don’t realize that “in the Name of Jesus Christ” more Jews have been murdered and persecuted than in all other names combined. See [Persecution of the Jews](#), and [Anti-Semitism in Christianity](#).

<sup>2</sup> C. F. Keil and F. Delitzsch, *Commentary on the Old Testament*, vol. 9 *Ezekiel–Daniel* (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 2001), p. 650. “The word for “against” denotes that he would use language by which he would set God aside, regard and give himself out as God; cf. 2 Thess. 2:4. Making himself like God, he will destroy the saints of God...consume, afflict...he thinks “to change times and laws”...“To change times” belongs to the all-perfect power of God (cf. Dan. 2:21), the creator and ordainer of times (Gen. 1:14).” For how the Pope fits this character, read Alexander Hislop’s classic, [The Two Babylons—The Full Hislop](#), and Dave Hunt’s, *A Woman Rides the Beast*.

<sup>3</sup> R. L. Harris, Editor; Gleason Archer, Jr. and Bruce Waltke, associate Editors, *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament*, vol. I (Chicago: Moody Press, 1980), p. 245. מָצַי “(zaman) be fixed, appointed (of time).” This word is conceptually the same as the Hebrew word for the Feasts or set times when Yahveh would meet with His people Israel. The Hebrew word is מוֹעֵד *mo’ed*, and this is the term that the Feasts are known by; God’s “set or appointed times” for Israel meeting with Him (Ex. 13:10; Lev. 23:2, 4, 15, 37, 44; 34:18; Num. 9:2, 7, 13; 10:10; 15:3; 29:39; Dt. 16:6; Is. 1:14; 33:20; Ezk. 36:38; 44:24; 46:9, 11; Hos. 2:11; Ezra 3:5; Neh. 10:34, etc.

Francis Brown, S. R. Driver and Charles A. Briggs, Based on the Lexicon of Wilhelm Gesenius; Edward Robinson, translator, and E. Rodiger, Editor, *The New Brown, Driver, Briggs, Gesenius Hebrew and English Lexicon* (Lafayette, IN: Associated Publishers and Authors, 1978), p. 417. מוֹעֵד *mo’ed*, “appointed time, place, meeting...set feast...of appointed season (i.e. festivals)...of the feast of booths” (i.e. The Feast of Tabernacles; Lev. 23:33f.).

<sup>4</sup> See my article, [Mosaic Law and the Ten](#).

<sup>5</sup> See Dave Hunt, *A Woman Rides the Beast* (Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1994), pp. 6-7, p. 243ff., “Blood of the Martyrs;” p. 297ff., “The Slaughter of the Serbs;” etc.

doctrines of the Catholic Church with them (e.g. Lent, a Friday crucifixion, the baptism of infant babies “for salvation,” and that the Law had been done away with by the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, to name but a few heretical doctrines), not realizing the demonic deception.

One of the main passages that the Christian Church points to, in validating their theological stance against Mosaic Law, is Matthew 5:17-18. In it we find the Lord Yeshua (Jesus of Nazareth) saying that He came to *fulfill* the Law:

“Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to abolish, but to *fulfill*. For truly I say to you, until Heaven and Earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until *all* is accomplished.” (Matthew 5:17-18)

The Church teaches that the *meaning* of *fulfill* is that since Jesus kept all the Law perfectly, without sin, and since He “fulfilled the Law,” that Mosaic Law has been done away with or rendered invalid for Christians by His sacrificial death. The “new law” that replaces Mosaic Law is the “law of love.” This is the criteria and foundation for His Kingdom. The contrast between “love” and “Law,” as we’ll see in a moment, is perverse and artificial. Also, Jesus *fulfilling* the Law, by keeping it perfectly, far from abrogating it, highlights the *righteousness* of God’s Mosaic Law for our Christian lifestyle (cf. Rom. 7:7, 12, 14).

Jesus is our Example in all things pertaining to faith, and so, even if we cannot keep any law perfectly, is that an excuse to not even try? What happens when a Christians fails to love his neighbor? Does it mean that he doesn’t ever try again? Does it mean he’s not a Christian anymore? Has he sinned himself out of the Kingdom of Christ?

We sin against the Law of Love many times, but as we ask for forgiveness, we continue to try because we know it’s what God wants us to do, and so it is for all the rules of Moses that apply to us. The Church, not realizing the righteousness of Mosaic Law, throws out the baby with the bathwater, meaning that we’re not even to try and keep Mosaic Law as our Christian lifestyle—just as it was Yeshua’s and all His Apostles. Once saved, does it matter if we sin? The Apostle Paul is adamant that Christians should not walk in sin (Rom. 6:1f.). The Church supports their anti-Mosaic Law theology and interpretation of Mt. 5:17-18 with Scriptures like these: “Love does no wrong to a neighbor. Therefore, love is the *fulfillment* of the Law” (Rom. 13:10), and “Bear one another’s burdens and thereby *fulfill* the law of Christ” (Gal. 6:2).

## The Summary of the Law in Judaism

Was the Apostle Paul showing us “the new way” when he spoke of love as the *fulfillment* of the Law? Hardly. To *summarize* all the rules of Mosaic Law into a single concept or Scripture verse was not new among the Jewish people, of whom Paul was a part of all the days of his life.<sup>6</sup> In the Talmud, in *Makkot*

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<sup>6</sup> Paul’s coming to Yeshua, the *Jewish* Messiah, in no way cancelled his racial identity as a Jew nor did he ever stop observing all the laws of Moses that applied to him (cf. 1st Cor. 7:19; 11:1). In Acts 18:18 Paul takes a Nazarite Vow (the cutting off of his hair speaks of it and all theologians realize this; cf. Num. 6:18-19). The Nazarite Vow entails at least three animals being sacrificed (Num. 6:14). Luke writes that Paul desired to keep “the coming (*Mosaic*) feast in Jerusalem” (Acts 18:21). In Acts 21:20-24 Paul takes his *second* Nazarite Vow, and James expressly says it was *to show everyone that he kept Mosaic Law* (Acts 21:24; see also Acts 22:12; 23:1-6, where Paul backs down from speaking harshly against the Aaronic High Priest, *citing* Mosaic Law as his reason for capitulating to the high priest’s unlawful behavior toward Paul; cf. Ex. 22:8). At that time Paul could have spoken of Yeshua “as the true High Priest of Israel). See also Acts 24:10-18; 25:8; 26:6-8, 18, 20-23; and 28:17-20, where Paul speaks about having done nothing against Mosaic Law *nor* that it had been invalidated by Yeshua’s death.

In Rom. 3:31; 7:7, 12, 14, 16, 22 Paul declares that Mosaic Law is *established* by faith in Christ and says that the Law is holy and spiritual, and in Rom. 3:20b Paul teaches that Mosaic Law reveals what sin is. In other words, without Mosaic Law, Christians don’t know the full extent of what sin is (God’s definition of sin).

23b-24a, there are a number of such summaries for Mosaic Law:

1. “Rabbi Simlai said, 613 commandments were given to Moses.”<sup>7</sup>
2. David came and reduced them to eleven (Psalm 15),
3. Isaiah reduced them to six (Is. 33:15-16),
4. Micah to three (Micah 6:8), and
5. Isaiah again to two, as it is said, “Keep judgment and do righteousness” (Is. 66:1).
6. Then Amos reduced them to one, “Seek Me and live” (Amos 5:4), and so did Habakkuk: the righteous shall live by his faith (Hab. 2:4).”<sup>8</sup>

These summaries of the Law, in no way did away with any of the commandments and statutes of Mosaic Law. They present a summary or “a rallying point” around which people could focus on. The Apostle Paul was doing the same thing in Romans 13:10 and Galatians 6:2. He was not “doing away with the Law.” In a well known rabbinic story it’s said that,

A Gentile came to Shammai (a famous Jewish sage who lived a generation before Yeshua) and said to him, Make me a proselyte!, but on condition, that you teach me the entire Law of Moses while I am standing on one foot! Shammai drove him off with his builder’s measuring rod. When he went to Hillel (another famous Jewish sage) he told the Gentile, What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. *This is the whole Law.* The rest is commentary. *Now go and learn the commentary!*<sup>9</sup>

Neither King David, Isaiah, Micah, Amos, Habakkuk or Hillel thought they were “doing away with the Law” by summarizing it. Yeshua and Paul’s use of *fulfill* have nothing to do with the nullification of Mosaic Law. This should be obvious to Christians, especially as Yeshua states the very opposite of this in the next verse:

*“For truly I say to you, until Heaven and Earth **pass away**, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until **all** is fulfilled.”* (Matthew 5:18)

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In 1st Cor. 5:6-8 Paul encourages the Corinthian Christians to keep Passover/the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and in 7:17-19 he speaks of Mosaic Law as being what *truly matters*. In 2nd Cor. 12:16-18 he speaks of Titus, a Gentile Christian, walking in the same steps as he does (i.e. Mosaic Law). There are also a number of places in First Corinthians where Paul uses Mosaic Law to establish his point. This would have been meaningless to the Corinthians if Mosaic Law had been done away with:

1. Paul encourages the Corinthians to keep “the Feast” (1st Cor. 5:6-8). This can only be Passover—The Feast of Unleavened Bread as he’s just spoken to the Corinthians to become unleavened bread, “as they are meant to be” (cf. Ex. 12:8-20; Lev. 23:6).
2. He sums up his ability to receive funds from the Corinthians by citing the Law (1st. Cor. 9:8-9f., don’t muzzle the ox; Dt. 25:4).
3. He tells them that women should not speak in the assembly, again citing the Law (1st Cor. 14:34-35).
4. In 1st Cor. 16:8 Paul speaks of staying at Ephesus until Pentecost, which is from the Greek word for the Mosaic Law’s holy day of *Shavu’ot* (called the Feast of Weeks in English; Ex. 34:22; Lev. 23:15-22; Num. 28:26; Dt. 16:9-10, 16). Why would Paul “note time” to *Gentiles* by an “outdated” Jewish feast that he himself allegedly did away with, unless he still kept Mosaic Law and taught it to his Gentile Christians? (cf. Acts 18:2, 24; 19:34; 22:3; 1st Cor. 4:14-17; 11:1; Phil. 3:5; 4:9, 15-17; 4:9; 1st Thess. 1:6-7; 2nd Thess. 3:7, 9).

<sup>7</sup> This number, 613, is a traditional count of the number of laws, commandments and statutes, etc., that are found in Mosaic Law, and I think includes rules that are repeated (e.g. Ex. 20:8; Dt. 5:12).

<sup>8</sup> David Stern, *Jewish New Testament Commentary* (Clarksville, MD: Jewish New Testament Publications, 1992), p. 96.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 33. Talmud, *Shabbat* 31a.

Here in Mt. 5:18 the Church says that “all was fulfilled” at the crucifixion. That the Work of Redemption that Yeshua came to do, the giving of His life in sacrifice for all mankind (i.e. atonement) was accomplished at the crucifixion, is above argument. In His death we find life. In His death we are able to die to self and attain a new nature, which is His nature, and we become a new creature (2nd Cor. 5:17). In His death the Spirit of God is able to dwell *within* us. “All was fulfilled” concerning *the redemption of Israel*, but that redemption didn’t invalidate Mosaic Law for followers of Jesus.

The KJV and the NKJV both have *fulfilled* for Mt. 5:18, while the ASV, ESV, HCSB, NASB, NIV and the NRSV have *accomplished*, which is conceptually the same. Only the NET seems to understand that Yeshua speaks of *after* the Heavens and the Earth are no more, will there not be a need for Mosaic Law.

Some Christians try and get around this by saying that the Law is still for the Jews, “just not for us,” but Yeshua’s words speak of Mosaic Law being with us until Judgment Day, and with Yeshua declaring it as such, there are no preconditions or thoughts about its viability for His followers. It’s reasonable then, to conclude that Mosaic Law is for His followers too, and why shouldn’t it be? If it judged Yeshua sinless, how could it not be God’s judge of what is sin for us?

Yeshua wasn’t speaking “to Jews” when He spoke of the Law remaining until there were no Heavens or Earth. The Jews already knew that. As the Heavens and the Earth are still with us, and won’t be gone until the Day of Judgment, it’s certain that not one letter of the Law is invalid for us,<sup>10</sup> and that, according to Jesus.

There won’t be a need for the Law of Moses *after* Judgment Day because we will be “like Him,” and that means that Mosaic Law *will be written on our heart*. In other words, Mosaic Law is a divine reflection of the very nature of Messiah Yeshua. One of the reasons why God gave the New Covenant to Israel is so that He can write Mosaic Law on our hearts. In Jeremiah 31 the Lord speaks of this New Covenant:

<sup>31</sup>“Behold! The days are coming,” says Yahveh, “when I will make a New Covenant with the House of Israel and with the House of Judah: <sup>32</sup>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, My Covenant which they broke, though I was a Husband to them,” says Yahveh. <sup>33</sup>“But this is the Covenant that I will make with the House of Israel after those days,” says Yahveh: I will put My **Law** in their minds, and write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people! <sup>34</sup>No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, “Know Yahveh!,” for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” says Yahveh. “For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”” (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

The Hebrew word for “Law” in v. 33 is Torah, which means Mosaic Law, not just “law,” or the Ten Commandments, but Mosaic Law. This Scripture is quoted twice in the Letter to the Hebrews, thereby confirming that God wants to put Mosaic Law in our minds and write it upon our hearts, just as it was with Jesus. The Psalmist states of Jesus saying: “I delight to do Your will, my God, and *Your Law is within my heart*” (Psalm 40:8). The Author of Hebrews speaks of Mosaic Law and quotes Jeremiah 31:33:

““For this is the Covenant that I will make with the House of Israel after those days,” says the LORD: “*I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts*, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people!”” (Hebrews 8:10)

“This is the Covenant that I will make with them after those days,” says the LORD: “*I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,*”” (Hebrews 10:16)

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<sup>10</sup> The only law that doesn’t effect the male Gentile Christian is that of physical, covenantal circumcision. For why that is, see my article, [Gentile Circumcision?](#)

It's more than interesting to note that in both verses the Author of Hebrews uses *laws*, instead of *law*, to get his point across that it's the laws of Moses (i.e. Mosaic Law), and not just one law (e.g. the law of love). The Author speaks of sacrifice and Tabernacle (i.e. Temple) and never once does he say it's been done away with because of the sacrificial and atoning death of Yeshua. He does speak of "a change of the Law" (Heb. 7:12), but a change in a secular law, for instance, how fast one can drive down a highway, doesn't mean that the whole superstructure of laws in the land has been done away with.<sup>11</sup>

The Church, like a bull dog, tenaciously holds onto its perverse theology and says again, for Mt. 5:18, as it did for 5:17, that Jesus *fulfilled* the Law at the cross, and so Christians don't have to keep it. This argument is thoroughly destroyed by our Lord in the very next verse:

*"Whoever, then, breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven, but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven."* (Mt. 5:19)

The Kingdom of Heaven didn't officially begin until *after* His death and resurrection. His reference to His Kingdom, in Mt. 5:19, can only mean that in His Kingdom the Law of Moses is still valid. Those who break the least of the commandments will be called least in His Kingdom. Conversely, those who keep the least of the commandments of Mosaic Law will be called great in the Kingdom of Yeshua.<sup>12</sup> This understanding of Mosaic Law is from the mouth of our Lord and Savior, who is the authoritative voice on whatever He speaks about. The Church is wrong about Mosaic Law.

Jesus *fulfilled* (accomplished) what He set out to do, and the Law of Moses directly pointed to Him, the Messiah of Israel, coming and doing what He did. Hence, He *fulfilled* or *accomplished* what the Law spoke of, for it speaks of a coming Messiah who would heal everyone (Is. 35), and who would give His life as an *atonement* for Israel (Is. 53). Also, that He would be *the* Passover Lamb, etc. it's all there in the Law. Also, there isn't any place in the Old Testament that even hints, let alone speaks, of the Law being invalidated by the coming Savior nor anywhere else!

## What Did Jesus Mean By Fulfill?

The following ten points reveal how Yeshua *fulfilled* the Law of Moses, without nullifying it or doing away with it for Christians:

1. In Mt. 5:17 Yeshua speaks of fulfilling not only the Law, but also the Prophets. What He primarily meant is that both the Law and the Prophets spoke of a coming Messiah. Yeshua, standing there that day, was pointing to Himself as the *fulfillment* of what both the Law and Prophets declared about the Messiah who would come (e.g. Dt. 18:18-19).
  - A. When Yeshua appeared to His Apostles after His resurrection He said:
    - 1) "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that *all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.*" And He opened their understanding *that they might comprehend the Scriptures.* Then He said to them, "*Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary, for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day*" (Luke 24:44-46; cf. vv. 47-49; Jn. 1:45; 5:39; Acts 3:18, 22-26; 4:2, 33; 12:8; 13:29, 32, 38-39).

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<sup>11</sup> To understand what the Author of Hebrews is saying about a change in the Law, see my article, [Hebrews and the Change of the Law](#).

<sup>12</sup> For why "commandments" in Mt. 5:19 speaks of Mosaic Law, and not just the Ten Commandments, see my article, [Mosaic Law and the Ten](#).

- B.** A short while before that, Luke records the disappointment of the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus, Cleopas and Simon (Luke 24:18, 34). They had thought that Yeshua was the Messiah, until He died, and their hope had been dashed to pieces. Yeshua rebukes them on the Road, saying,
- 1) “Oh foolish ones! Slow of heart to believe in *all that the Prophets* have spoken! *Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things* and to enter into His glory?!” And *beginning at Moses* (i.e. Mosaic Law) *and all the Prophets* He expounded to them in *all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself*” (Luke 24:25-27; cf. Mt. 26:24; 31; 52-54, 56).
- C.** According to the Lord Jesus, *fulfill* speaks of Him coming to Israel as the *fulfillment* of what the words in Mosaic Law (the Prophets and the Psalms) speak of the Messiah of Israel. God (the Father) had promised Israel a Savior, and there He was, fulfilling God’s promise. The Church’s interpretation of *fulfill* (or *accomplish*), negating Mosaic Law for Christians, is completely false and highly heretical.
- 1) Nowhere in the Gospels does Yeshua ever say that Mosaic Law will be invalidated because of His death. On the contrary, as Yeshua spoke in Matthew 5:18, the Law will be with us until there are no more Heavens and Earth, Paul’s phrase about not being “under the Law,” notwithstanding.<sup>13</sup>
2. Yeshua came to *fulfill* the promise of God to Adam and Eve, that He would send a Redeemer who would crush the head of the Serpent. Our need for a Redeemer is first mentioned in Gen. 3:15, where God speaks of the hatred between the Seed of the woman (Yeshua) and the Snake:
- A. “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed. He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel” (Genesis 3:15). Yeshua’s sacrifice “fulfilled” or “accomplished” our need for redemption, and crushed the head of the Serpent.
- 1) “Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it” (Colossians 2:15 NKJV).
3. God the Father promised that He would be the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob *and* their descendants. Yeshua came to *fulfill* this part of the Law by His sacrifice, which made the way for Israel to be God’s people forever (Rom. 11:25-29), from the inside-out.
- A. “And I will establish My Covenant between Me and you *and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant*, to be God to you *and your descendants after you*. Also I give to you and your descendants after you, the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, *as an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.*” (Genesis 17:7-8 NKJV)
- B. With the giving of Mosaic Law to Israel at Mt. Sinai, Israel was not able to keep God’s ways because of their carnal nature. Israel went more the Way of the Snake than the Way of God. It wasn’t the fault of Mosaic Law, but the fault of their sinful heart (Rom. 8:3-4; Heb. 8:8). God speaks of circumcising the Hebrew *heart* so they can love Him (Dt. 30:6). In Ezekiel 36:24-27 He speaks of cleansing Israel, taking out her heart of stone and replacing it with a heart of flesh, and giving Israel His Spirit *so that Israel can walk in God’s Torah, from the inside-out, just as Yeshua did.*
- 1) “For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own Land. Then I will sprinkle Clean Water on you, and you shall be clean. I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a New Heart and

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<sup>13</sup> See my articles, [No Longer Under the Law?](#), [Law 102](#), [Law and Grace](#), [Take the Quiz! Five Quick Questions about the New Testament](#), [Grace, Holiness and the Pharisaic Church](#) and [The Feasts of Israel and the Church](#).

- place a New Spirit within you. I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you ***I will and cause you to walk in My statutes***, and you will keep My judgments and do them.” (Ezekiel 36:24-27)
- 2) Only one time in the Old Testament does it literally speak of God giving Israel a New Covenant (as we saw on p. 4). In Jer. 31:33 God declares that He will put Mosaic Law in the minds and hearts of Israel; both Jew and Gentile (cf. Gal. 6:16). If Christians were open to the Holy Spirit in this area, they would be lead to walk in God’s Torah.
    - a. In the Book of Acts, the only divinely authoritative early history of the Apostolic Church (30-64 AD), Luke writes of thousands of Jews who believed in Yeshua *and kept Torah, including the Apostle Paul* (Acts 21:20-24; 25:8; 1st Cor. 7:19, etc.).
    - b. “And when they heard it they glorified the Lord and they said to him, “You see, brother Paul, how many thousands of Jews there are who have believed *and they are all zealous for the Law*, but they have been informed about you that you teach *all the Jews* who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought *not to circumcise their sons* nor to walk according to the customs (i.e. Mosaic Law). What then? The Assembly must certainly meet, for they will hear that you have come. Therefore, do what we tell you. We have four men who have taken a vow. Take them ***and be purified with them***, and *pay* their expenses so that they may *shave their heads*, and that *all may know* that those things of which they were informed concerning you are *nothing*, but that you yourself also walk orderly ***and keep the Law.***” (Acts 21:20-24)<sup>14</sup>
  - 3) God has given Christians, both Jews and Gentiles, the Holy Spirit, who wants to teach them to keep all the statutes and rules of Mosaic law *that apply to them*. Not all the rules of Moses apply to every person (e.g. the laws for women; cf. Lev. 12:1ff.).
  - 4) Yeshua’s death didn’t do away with Torah—that’s the lie of the Snake. Yeshua’s death made it possible to keep Mosaic Law through the power of the Holy Spirit, just as He did. Yeshua made it possible for Israel to be like Himself and to have the Father as their God forever.
4. The Scriptures speak of the Messiah suffering and dying for the sins of Israel (e.g. Is. 52:13-53:12). He would take their place and suffer the just requirements or punishment of all who broke God’s Law (Gen. 2:17; Dt. 27:26; Ezk. 18:4; Acts 3:18; Rom. 8:3-4).
    - A. Yeshua was pierced-through and crushed in our place (Is. 53:5). He died for all the times we wanted to be holy and weren’t, and all the times in our lives where we have rebelled against God and told Him, either intentionally or unintentionally, that we would not follow and submit to Him, and that we would do what we wanted to do. Yeshua was crushed for our perverse and guilt laden hearts/nature. Yeshua *fulfilled* the *righteous* demands of the Law:
      - 1) “There is therefore, now, no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Messiah Yeshua has set me free from the law of sin and death (in my flesh/my carnal nature). For what the Law could not do, in that it was *weak through the flesh*, God did by sending His own Son, in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin. He condemned sin in the flesh, ***that the righteous requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.***” (Romans 8:1-4)

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<sup>14</sup> The purification and the shaving of the heads speaks of the Nazarite Vow, which ends with the sacrifice of three animals for each of the men, including Paul. Commentators realize it’s the Nazarite Vow, but are perplexed as to how Paul would enter into it, due to their theological bias against Mosaic Law. Obviously, animal sacrifice wasn’t a problem for the Apostle Paul.

5. Only the High Priest, once a year, could come into the very Presence of God the Father (Lev. 16:1f.). Yeshua has made a way for us to be with the Father for eternity, in His very Presence, by giving to us Yeshua's righteousness and nature.<sup>15</sup> This is part of the promise of eternal life, for God promised Israel a new heart (Dt. 30:6; Ezk. 36:26) and a Savior,<sup>16</sup> and Yeshua *fulfilled* that promise.
  - A. "And Yahveh your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love Yahveh your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live." (Dt. 30:6)
6. Psalm 22 speaks of Yeshua being crucified (Ps. 22:16). Yeshua came to *fulfill* that too, which has absolutely nothing to do with God nullifying His holy Law (i.e. Mosaic Law). Yeshua upheld Mosaic Law all His life and shows us, as our Example, what He expects of us to strive for, in His Spirit (Col. 1:18; Hebrews 13:8). "He who says he abides in Him ought himself also *to walk just as He walked*" (1st John 2:6).
7. The Redeemer would be a prophet *like* Moses (Dt. 18:15-19). He would be anointed above his brothers and be called "the Messiah" ("*the Anointed One*)." Moses was sent by God to save Israel from Egyptian slavery, and he not only spoke with God face to face, God "put His words" in Moses' mouth and Moses gave those words to Israel, and then they were *written* down (i.e. Mosaic Law). Mosaic Law is God's Instruction to Israel as to how to live their lives *after* He saved them from Egypt.
  - A. In the Gospel of John, Yeshua speaks of "being sent by the Father"<sup>17</sup> and that the words that He spoke were not His, but the Father's words (John 14:24). This is a direct reference back to Moses and Dt. 18:18. Yeshua *fulfilled* the Law's words about a redeemer *like* Moses, and of course, Yeshua, as God the Son, spoke "face to face" with His Father many times. Yeshua is the Way God wants us to walk out our lives.
  - B. If Jesus kept Passover, how could Christians fail to keep it also? Because Jesus is the Lamb of God, and so Christians "have their Passover in Jesus"? Jesus being God's Lamb who frees us from sin and death, *amplifies* the meaning of Freedom found in the First Passover—it doesn't do away with Passover.
  - C. God isn't shortsighted. The rules He set up for Israel at Mt. Sinai are still divine rules for a Christian's holy lifestyle.
8. The Mosaic sacrifices, with their substitutionary animals that died in place of the Israeli who brought them, were a *picture of Messiah* taking our just punishment of death upon Himself. Yeshua's sacrifice epitomized the essence of all the Mosaic sacrifices. Yeshua's sacrifice *fulfilled* this in that they were the prototype and Yeshua the reality, but His sacrifice didn't do away with animal sacrifice.
  - A. Someone might say that with Jesus fulfilling the Mosaic sacrificial system, animal sacrifice was done away with, as Jesus *fulfilled* them. Of course, this position has already been negated by the understanding that Yeshua, *fulfilling* the Law, doesn't mean that it was done away with, as He stated in Matthew 5:18.
    - 1) As for sacrifice being done away with by the one time sacrifice of Jesus, which is a common Christian teaching, the Book of Acts clearly presents Christians still sacrificing animals to God, and not being rebuked by God or Paul. Acts 21:20-24 reveals the Jewish-Christian community kept Mosaic Law *and* offered animal sacrifices. The "shaving of the head" that James refers to in Acts 21:24, as we've already seen, speaks of the Nazarite Vow (Num. 6:1-15) that

<sup>15</sup> Jer. 23:5-6; Rom. 3:22; 5:17; 1st Cor. 1:30; Phil. 3:9. See my article, [Salvation—The Promise!](#).

<sup>16</sup> Gen. 3:15; Dt. 18:15-19; Acts 13:30-33f.

<sup>17</sup> John 3:34; 4:34; 5:23, 24, 30, 36, 37, 38; 6:29, 38, 39, 44, 57; 7:16, 28, 29, 33; 8:16, 18, 26, 29, 42; 9:4; 10:36; 11:42; 12:44-45, 49; 13:20; 14:24; 15:21; 16:5; 17:3, 8, 18, 21, 23, 25; 20:21; see also Heb. 3:1.

the Apostle Paul himself was entering into, to show *everyone*, including us today, that he still kept Mosaic Law, 25 years *after* the Resurrection. That's not the only time that we see Paul taking the Nazarite Vow (Acts 18:18), and so it's clear that animal sacrifice had not ceased because of Yeshua's one time sacrifice.

- 2) The one time sacrifice of Yeshua means that He did it once for everyone (past, present and future generations), and that He didn't have to return and be sacrificed for each generation. It has nothing to do with animal sacrifice, or Mosaic Law, ending. The Author of Hebrews says of Yeshua,
  - a. "who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did *once for all* when He offered up Himself." (Hebrews 7:27 NKJV)
  - b. In Ezekiel 40–48, the Prophet speaks of a Temple yet to be built. It's known as "Ezekiel's Temple" and will be built by the Lord Yeshua when He returns to rule Israel from this earthly Jerusalem. The Angel Gabriel speaks of Yeshua ruling on this Earth, in his words to Mary:
    - c. "Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold! You will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Yeshua. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God, and the Lord God will give Him the Throne of His Father David, and He will reign over the House of Jacob forever, and of His Kingdom there will be no end." (Luke 1:30-33)
    - (a) When that happens it will be the *fulfillment* of God's words to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, that their descendants will inherit the Land, and also, that Mosaic Law will be the law of the Land, with Jesus interpreting, and enforcing, it. As for the thousand year reign of our Lord on *this* Earth in *this* Jerusalem, the Apostle John states in Revelation:
      - (b) "Then I saw an angel coming down from Heaven, having the Key to the Bottomless Pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the Dragon, that Serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a *thousand years*, and he cast him into the Bottomless Pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations any more *until the thousand years were finished*. After these things he must be released for a little while. And I saw thrones and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw *the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God*, who had not worshiped the Beast nor his Image and had not received his Mark on their foreheads or on their hands. *And they lived and reigned with Messiah for a thousand years*, but the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the First Resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the First Resurrection. Over such the Second Death has no power, and they shall be priests of God and of Messiah, and *they shall reign with Him a thousand years.*" (Revelation 20:1-6)
      - d. In Ezekiel's Temple, where Messiah Yeshua will be the Prince (i.e. the King), *but not the High Priest* (cf. Heb. 8:4; Ezk. 40:46; 43:19; 44:15; 48:11), *there will be animal sacrifice*:
        - (a) "Then God said to me, "The north chambers and the south chambers, which are opposite the separating courtyard, are the holy chambers where the priests, who approach Yahveh, shall eat the most holy sacrifices. There they shall deposit the most holy offerings—the grain offering, *the sin sacrifice, and the trespass sacrifice*—for

the place is holy.” (Ezekiel 42:13)<sup>18</sup>

(b) In the thousand year reign of Yeshua in Jerusalem, the 7th day Sabbath will be kept,<sup>19</sup> not Sunday, as well as the Feasts of Israel,<sup>20</sup> and not Easter or Xmas, things we certainly wouldn’t expect if “Jesus had done away with the Law.”

9. Yeshua also shows us another shade of meaning to *fulfill* as He fulfills the Torah by showing us what it means to love God with all our heart, our soul and our strength, and our neighbor as ourself. *He lays His life down for us because of His love for us. He is the Example par excellence of God’s love found in the Law of Moses*, which says we must love our neighbor as ourselves (e.g. Lev. 19:18c).

A. Yeshua was the ideal Hebrew who fully devoted Himself to God His Father, and who fully identifies with us. We needed a High Priest, a heavenly intercessor for us, like Aaron, and in this sense, Yeshua *fulfills* that position, as is stated in Psalm 110:4, where God calls Messiah a (High) Priest forever, after the type or order of Melchizedek (cf. Hebrews 6:20ff.). This means that Yeshua is both Israel’s eternal High Priest and King, for this is what the name and the position of Melchizedek means, as the author of Hebrews points out:<sup>21</sup>

1) “For this Melchizedek, King of Salem (i.e. Jerusalem), and (High) Priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first (his name) being translated “King of Righteousness,” and then also, (as the) King of Salem, meaning “King of Peace.”” (Hebrews 7:1-2)

B. Yeshua *fulfills* this Scripture that, the offices of the King and High Priest of Israel are combined (Zechariah 6:12-13; cf. 2nd Sam. 7:16); something that doesn’t seem possible under Mosaic Law, but is seen “in kernel form” in Melchizedek (Genesis 14:18-20).

C. This King–High Priest builds the Temple or dwelling place for God for eternity.<sup>22</sup> Yeshua *fulfills* our need for an eternal High Priest and King.

10. Yeshua *fulfills* our need to know the deeper, essential meanings of Mosaic Law, the Word of God, as the rest of chapter five in Matthew reveals. He states,

A. “You have heard that you must not murder, but I say to you that you must not hate your brother.” The ancient Jewish sages said, “When Messiah comes He will tell us the deeper meanings of Torah.” It’s not that they didn’t understand Torah, but they knew there was more to it than they understood, and they believed that the Messiah would reveal it to Israel. He did.

B. Yeshua reveals the *essence* of the commandments, but this hardly does away with the actual commandment itself. For instance, with the illustration of murder being linked to hatred, Yeshua in no way invalidates the commandment “not to murder,” but brings us all under conviction for our carnal hatred of those who are our enemies. For who among us has not hated another in our lifetime? We most likely have “just cause” for the hatred, but it’s not His Way.

C. The Sabbath is a reflection of Yeshua, but His keeping it, in no way, means that we don’t have to keep it. How foolish is that logic, is seen in the fact that Jesus kept the laws of “not to murder and not to steal.” Does His “fulfilling them,” mean that we can murder and steal?

Nowhere in the Gospels does Yeshua speak of, or even hint at, the Law’s demise, but of He being what

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<sup>18</sup> See Ezekiel 40:38-43, 46-47; 42:13; 43:15-27; 44:10-11, 15, 25-27, 29-30; 45:15-25; 46:2, 4, 6-7, 11-15, 20, 24.

<sup>19</sup> Ezekiel 44:24; 46:1, 3-4, 12.

<sup>20</sup> Ezekiel 44:24; 45:21-25; 46:9, 11.

<sup>21</sup> For more on who Melchizedek was, see my article, [Melchizedek and Jesus](#).

<sup>22</sup> The Body of Messiah; the new Temple; 2nd Sam. 7:12-13; 1st Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19; 2nd Cor. 6:16.

the Law, the Prophets and the Psalms pointed to (John 5:39). Therefore, *fulfill cannot* mean that the Law of Moses has been invalidated for Christians, by His death, as the Church has wrongly taught for 19 centuries. The Roman Church could only begin to propagate this false teaching in 120 AD, when all the Apostles were dead. Before that, if any Apostle had heard it, he would have soundly condemned the heresy in writings that would become New Testament Scripture.

## All You Need Is Love

Aside from the song by the Beatles, love is truly all we need, but if you ask a thousand Christians to define God's love you'll have a thousand different definitions of love. Some of these answers would include, "Just do what's in your heart," but God says the heart is deceitful:

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked, who can know it?!" (Jeremiah 17:9)

We're not to rely on *our* heart, which leads us astray, but God's definition of love. In places where love is said to *fulfill* the Law, like Rom. 13:10, love is seen as the ultimate or central motivation for relationship, either with God or man, but this doesn't mean that Mosaic Law is annulled because love is the core or essence of Mosaic Law (cf. Dt. 6:4-5 for love of God), and (Lev. 19:18c) for the love of man. The other commandments of the Law are *God's practical way of defining what love of God and love of man is*.

This understanding, that Mosaic Law is God's very definition of love, is taught by the Lord Yeshua Himself when the Scribe comes to Him and asks Him what is the greatest commandment of the Law (Mt. 22:35-40). Yeshua says to love God with all your heart, and then adds that the Second greatest commandments, which He says is like the First—love your neighbor as yourself. He then goes on to teach us that *all the other commandments, rules and statutes of Mosaic Law* reveal God's definition of love, by saying, "On these two commandments *hang all the Law* and the Prophets (Mt. 22:40).

In other words, Yeshua is saying that every rule and ordinance, etc., has its *reason for existence* in explaining and expressing to us, *how* to love God and Man. If God were a Tree with two branches, one being the love of God and the other being the love of Man, each branch would have fruit hanging from it called the rules, commandments, statutes and judgments of Mosaic Law. According to Jesus of Nazareth, these rules of God teach us *how* to love God and Man.

This reveals how foolish the Church is to juxtapose love against God's Law. Truly, it's an artificial theological perversion. Mosaic Law is the written reflection of the God of Israel, His holy character and His will for how *He wants us to live out our lives*, as seen in Jesus Himself, for Jesus kept all the rules of Moses that applied to Him.

Therefore, Mosaic Law is God's understanding of what is sin and what is pleasing to Him (e.g. the keeping of Passover.<sup>23</sup> The only way we know someone's will is by his word. If a mother tells her son to take the garbage out, the son knows the will of his mother by her words. He can either obey or disobey her. Israel, both Gentile and Jew who love Jesus, knows the will of God by His Words called Mosaic Law. Yeshua's "adding" of "love one another as I have loved you," *only magnifies the commandment to love your neighbor as yourself* (Lev. 19:18c). Man was never loved by the Son of God in the flesh. The Apostles were loved by God the Son, and so they were to love one another *as they had been loved by Yeshua*.

Mosaic Law remains God's Way of specifically teaching us what is sin and what is pleasing to God—what is right and what is wrong, God's divine lifestyle for us. The Law has not been "done away with." It remains the Standard of Holiness that it was for Yeshua and His Apostles, and it will remain until the

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<sup>23</sup> Compare Num. 9:4-5, 13; Dt. 16:1; Ezra 6:19; Ezk. 45:21; Mt. 26:17, 19; Lk. 22:1, 15; 1st Cor. 5:6-8.

Heavens and the Earth are no more (Mt. 5:18). The Apostle Paul, in his greatest theological letter, states that our faith in Christ doesn't negate the Law, but establishes it:

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

The Church teaches that our faith in Christ negates or nullifies Mosaic Law, but the Apostle to the Gentiles declares just the opposite. Our faith in Yeshua *establishes* Mosaic Law.<sup>24</sup> Paul asks the question, that the Church would give a resounding “Yes!” to, but Paul emphatically says, “No!” That's how far off the Church is in their teaching on Mosaic Law. Paul goes on to say that the Law is holy and spiritual:

“What shall we say then? *Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary,* I would not have come to know sin *except through the Law*. For I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, “You must not covet”...So then, ***the Law is holy***, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good...For we know that ***the Law is spiritual***, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin.” (Rom. 7:7, 12, 14)

When was the last time you heard a sermon on the Law being holy and spiritual? Without Mosaic Law we cannot fully know the extent of what is sin (cf. Rom. 3:20b) and what is holy. Hebrews states that the New Covenant has replaced the Old, and the Church uses this to prove that Christians shouldn't keep Mosaic Law:

“When He said, “A New Covenant,” He has made the first obsolete, but whatever *is becoming obsolete* and *growing old is ready to disappear.*” (Heb. 8:13)

Note well the wording in the last two phrases of Hebrews 8:13—it says the Old “*is becoming* obsolete, and *growing* old and is *ready* to disappear.” Very strange wording if Mosaic Law had been done away with at Messiah's death, 37 years earlier. The Letter to the Hebrews was written about 37 years *after* the Resurrection. Surely the writer would have had time to assimilate the concept of “no Mosaic Law,” but he doesn't see the Law, embedded in the fabric of the Old Covenant, as having ended yet. If he had he would have used words *in the past tense*, stating, “the Old Covenant *is* obsolete” and “*is* old,” “and *has* disappeared.” He didn't use the past tense because He knew that Mosaic Law was still valid, *which is exactly what Yeshua said* (Mt. 5:17-19). When will Mosaic Law disappear? When the New Covenant is fully manifest, and then Mosaic Law will be written in our souls, as God says in Jeremiah 31:33:

““But this is the Covenant that I will make with the House of Israel after those days,” says Yahveh—“***I will put My Law (Torah; Mosaic Law) in their minds and write it on their hearts***, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”” (Jeremiah 31:33; cf. Heb. 8:10; 10:16, which confirms this in the New Testament)

If one of the purposes of the New Covenant was to have God place Mosaic Law in our minds and write it upon our hearts, it's inconceivable that God would have done away with it. Don't Christian scholars read the Old Testament? How is it that for the last 500 years, with the Bible being translated into English, that scholars have been blind and deceived about Mosaic Law as God's Way to walk out our faith in Christ? Great is the Deceiver's Deception.

When Judgement Day comes and we are all instantly transformed into how Yeshua is now,<sup>25</sup> there will be no need for a *written* Law of Moses because all of us will have it written in our hearts (i.e. our nature will be like Messiah's nature). Mosaic Law is a written reflection of our Father and Yeshua's character, will and understanding of what is sin and what is pleasing to Them. In other words, the Torah (literally the teaching or instruction) of God, will never pass away as we will be “one” with Them whom it reflects, forever, and there will no longer be a need for the written words of the Law. We will be in the Image of

<sup>24</sup> For why “law” here means Mosaic Law and not the Ten Commandments, see [Mosaic Law and the Ten](#).

<sup>25</sup> See [Salvation—The Promise!](#) for the great Gift that awaits us on Judgment Day.

God's Son, who is the Living Word (Law) of God (Rev. 19:13). Now, with His Spirit and blood of forgiveness, cleansing and transformation, we can walk the way Yeshua walked when He was in Israel. He followed all the commandments and rules of Moses that applied to Him, and we should strive, in Him, to do the same, by the power of the Holy Spirit within, loving God and man and living God's Way, not the Church's false and perverse Way. God's Law is our wisdom and blessing in the world that He created. Moses said to Israel:

“Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as Yahveh my God commanded me, that *you should act according to them* in the Land which you go to possess. Therefore, be careful to observe them because *this is your wisdom and your understanding* in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, “*Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people!*” For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as Yahveh our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him? And what great nation is there that has *such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this Law* which I set before you this day?” (Deuteronomy 4:5-8)

Yeshua said:

“*Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill.* For truly I say to you, until Heaven and Earth pass away, *not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished (fulfilled).* **Whoever**, then, *breaks one of the least of these commandments*, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called **least** in the Kingdom of Heaven, but whoever *keeps and teaches them*, he shall be called **great** in the Kingdom of Heaven.” (Matthew 5:17-19)

What was accomplished, fulfilled or finished at His crucifixion wasn't the doing away of God's holy and righteous Standard, Mosaic Law, but the atonement of His people Israel. Now, all Gentiles who cling to Israel's Savior are part of (believing) Israel (Rom. 11:11f.; Eph. 2:11f.; Gal. 6:16) and need to learn and walk in Her Ways—the Days and Ways that God has given to Her.

Yeshua certainly *fulfilled* the Law by living a holy and sinless life, by expounding on and amplifying the meaning of the Law of Moses, but these two points do not nullify Mosaic Law for us today, here on planet Earth. Yeshua *fulfilling* Torah reveals how important it is for us to walk in it because Torah is the written reflection of the very nature of God the Son, who is the Living Torah—the Living Word or Instruction of God. This *magnifies* Mosaic Law, and Yeshua has made it possible for us to walk in it as He did. There's a Psalm that speaks of the Father magnifying His Word above His own name. Yeshua, the Word of the Father, has been magnified above the Name of His Father, by fulfilling Mosaic Law, in coming to Israel in the flesh, and also, what the Law spoke of in coming as the One who would redeem Israel. The Psalmist wrote,

“I will worship toward Your holy Temple and I will praise Your name because of Your faithful forgiving-loving-kindness and Your Truth, for You have magnified Your Word (i.e. Yeshua) above all Your Name (Father).” (Psalm 138:2)

At the Name of Yeshua every knee in Heaven and Earth will bow down, to the glory of the Father, who has given us this unbelievable and incredible redemption from sin, sickness, Satan and Hell (Phil. 2:10).

Christianity is the only religion in the world that does not emulate its Founder. Yeshua kept all the commandments and statutes of Moses that applied to Him, like Sabbath and Passover, but Christians keep Sunday, Easter, Xmas and eat meats that, if Yeshua had eaten just once, would have made Him a sinner, and His sacrifice of no effect. Shouldn't we live our lives as Yeshua lived His? Isn't Yeshua our Example in all matters of faith *and* practice? Paul wrote to Timothy and said,

“But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, *deceiving* and being deceived. You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of,

knowing from whom you have learned them, and that *from childhood* you have known the Holy Scriptures (i.e. the Old Testament), which are able to give you the *wisdom* that *leads to salvation through faith, which is in Messiah Yeshua*. *All Scripture* is inspired by God and profitable for *teaching*, for *reproof*, for *correction*, and for *training in righteousness*, so that the man of God may be *fully* equipped for every good work.” (2nd Timothy 3:13-17)

The Apostle John wrote:

“By this we know that we have come to know Him, *if we keep His commandments*. 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 *ought himself to walk just as He (i.e. Jesus) walked*.” (1st John 2:3-6)

Does it get any clearer than that? John Lake, a man used mightily of God to heal hundreds of thousands of people in the early 1900s, said this about the authority of the words of Jesus:

“Make a practice of reading the words of Jesus on any subject that troubles you, and make a compilation of what He says. He ought to be sufficient authority on any question, for the heavenly Father called attention to the fact that He is the Son of God, and that we are to hear Him. He said; “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him!” Matt. 17:5.”<sup>26</sup>

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<sup>26</sup> Lake, John G. *The Collected Works of John G. Lake*, Jawbone Digital. Kindle Edition, location 892 of 7980. Revised on Wednesday, June 7, 2023.