

The Path of Truth to Life

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Discussion of the law

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Legalism opposed to obedience

What is legalism?

1. To think that I can add anything to the complete salvation of Yeshua by doing the law.
2. Obedience to the letter of the law without accepting the truth of it nor trusting it.
3. The believe in the law, without doing it.
4. To create a law from out of my own convictions and apply it to others.
5. A New law of lawlessness – “The law has expired!” “I am not under the law!”

All of these are against and break Torah – written law (teachings or instructions) of God. Whether the law is written on paper, a scroll or in the intellect, will and emotion or in my Spirit – it is still the law of God.

Read the previous sentence again and reflect, think, pray about the consequences thereof.

While you reflect on this again, I want to make a clear distinction – it speaks about the law of God – not about the law of people, Rabbis, Interpretations, Societies, Theologies, Traditions nor Opinions. But only the law which God Himself gave to us in written form, written by Moshe and summed up by the hand of God Himself on stone tablets.

THIS IS THE LAW OF GOD.

Above are 5 statements on what legalism is – in other words – ways which is not the correct way to go about the law. Many of us have a certain part of these methods somewhere in our teachings and theology. That is what God asks of us to get rid of. Let us look at these 5 statements.

1

To think that I can add anything to the complete salvation of Yeshua by doing the law.
Rom 6:10 “He Who is dead to sin, has died once and because He lives, He lives for God.”

Rom 6:8 “If we therefore died with The Anointed One, let us trust that we will live with The Anointed One,”

If I summarize these two verses – see whether my train of thought is correct: He died once finally – He already did it, there is nothing left to do – we died with The Anointed One – thus we also have nothing more to do for the payment of our sins, because He did it for us – The life He now lives (After He died for our sins) He lives for God – I have to live like Yeshua - 1 Yog 2:6 – Thus the life I now live, I live for God – I, in other words, am obedient to the commands of God, because then I live for God – My sins are already paid for – I live in obedience.

Take time to study it and think it through thoroughly.

Allow the meaning of this to be fastened and affirmed in you by the Spirit of God. Now there is no conflict between the two – I do not try again to pay for my sins, but I am obedient to Him, because I love Him.

Yeshua said: - Yog 14:15 “If you love Me, do My commands continuously.”

You have to keep this in mind the whole time – you may not do anything to try and help God with your salvation nor to pay for it.

Gal 2:16 “know that man is not declared innocent by doing the written law, but through the trustworthiness of Yeshua, The Anointed One. We also trusted in The Anointed One, Yeshua in order to be declared innocent from out of the trust of The Anointed One and not from out of doing the written law, because out of doing the written law no man will be declared innocent,” **Ps 143:2**

Gal 5:4 If you want to be declared innocent by the law, you are cut off from The Anointed One. You have fallen away from the undeserved favour, 5 because it is through the Spirit, from out of trust, that we have an active expectation towards impartiality and uprightness, 6 because in unity with The Anointed One, Yeshua, neither the circumcision nor the uncircumcision is anything, but trust, perfected by love.

1 Kefa 2:24 “He lifted up all our sins in His body on the cross and if we are dead to sins, we will live in His impartiality and uprightness. By His wounds you are healed,”
There is a result to the complete salvation and a sign of the born again Spirit who now wants to live in obedience. We do things because we love God and want to obey, not because we want to pay for what we received. I believe that it is ungratefulness to the salvation of God not to be completely obedient to His commands.

Are you obedient? 100%

2

Obedience to the letter of the law without accepting the truth thereof - not trusting it. Man can obey each separate law (except, through conjecture, the law of trust), but when these things are done without the heart felt convincing trust in the only God there is, the God Who send His Son Yeshua to be the reconciliation for sin, all is in vain.

Gal 3:1,2: “O, foolish Galatians, who has let you to fall out, because behold, as He was portrayed before your eyes as the Craftsman, Yeshua, The Anointed One, when He was crucified,

2 I want to know only this from you: Did you receive the Spirit through doing the written law or through trusting in what you heard? ”

According to Torah, this outward “obedience” is rejectable before God, and the person doing it, the “work holy”, “live under a curse,” because he “does not do all that is written in the scroll of the Torah”

(Gal 3:10).

He does not do the trust which are suppose to motivate all acts. “Further more, without trust it is impossible to please Him, because he who approach God, must trust that He Is and that He is a Rewarder of those who seek Him.” **Heb 11:6**

The second part of **Rom 14:23** “everything that is not from trust, is sin.” That leads to **Gal 3:13** “The Anointed One has redeemed us from the curse that is in the law **Deut 27-28** by becoming a curse for us, because it is written: “Cursed is everyone hanging on a tree,” **Deut 21:22-23** – we are redeemed from the curse of the law – not the law itself.

The law was given on stone and paper and as immediate punishable commands, until it was written on the inner part by Yeshua, The Anointed One – in the Spirit of man. The religion of “do it because God said so” becomes a relationship of “I want to do it for His sake.”

The way in which we look at the law change – not the law. The manner in which we react to the law change – not the law. Fear for punishment is replaced with love. “Must” becomes “desire”. “I do not steal, because I will break the law” becomes “I do not steal, because I love the person too much to take his things.” It is made complete in meaning and substance by Yeshua.

3

The belief in the law, without doing it.

Ya’akov 1:22 Be a doer of the message and not only a hearer that deceive yourself, 23 because if someone is a hearer of the message and not a doer, he is like a man seeing his face in a mirror, 24 because he sees himself and go away and forgets how it was, 25 but everyone who sees deep into the complete law of freedom and perseveres, because he is not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of deeds, will be blessed in what he does.

Ya’akov 2:8 “If you execute the written law as it is written: You must love your neighbour as yourselves, then you do good.”

Ya’akov 2:14 “What is the advantage, my brothers, if someone say that he has ‘faith’, but he does not have the deeds? Can his ‘faith’ save him?”

Ya'akov 2:17 “Also ‘faith’ is just like that, without deeds, in itself dead,
18 because someone say to you: You and I have ‘faith’; I have deeds show me your
‘faith’ without deeds and I will show you my trust through my deeds.”

I do not think any of us can argue with these portions so I suffice with these – without
doing (works) ‘faith’ is only dead words and empty.

How can someone believe your words if you break the law of God?

4

To create a law from out of my own convictions and apply it to others.

To me it is a settled matter – If the Living Creator God said it, it is
THE LAW OF GOD.

That is the law I have to obey. People’s opinions and additions are not God’s law. Even if
he is a Rabbi or Pope!

1 Kefa 4:1,2 “If the Anointed One therefore suffered in His body for you, you also
received the same attitude: that everyone who died of his flesh, stopped all sin,

2 to live, for the time that he is still in the flesh, not according to human desires, but according to the will of God,”

Col 2:8 “Be careful that no-one rob you through philosophies and empty deceptions; according to the teachings of man and according to the principles of the world and not according to the Anointed One,”

Mark 7:6-9 “He answers and says to them: “Yesha’yahu prophesied correctly over you, hypocrites, as is written: ‘These people honour me with their lips, but their thoughts and will are far from me 7 and in vain they honour me through teaching teachings that are commands of man,’ 8 because you rejected the commands of God, but keep the traditions of man: the ceremonial washing of pots and mugs and many other things, that you do.” 9 He says to them: “You reject the commands of God to confirm your traditions.

It is clear – no teachings of man or groups, customs nor traditions, nothing is **THE LAW OF GOD**, if He did not command it.

A New law of lawlessness – “The law has expired!” “I am not under the law!”

Rom 10:4 because the goal of the written law is The Anointed One unto impartiality and uprightness to everyone who trusts,

Please note the difference in translation.

A word we hear often: Only a certain part of the law is valid – the ten commandments (Moral law) are valid, but the ceremonial laws fell away. If that were true, it is interesting that the same people do not even keep the 10 commands – especially the 4th command as if that too has changed – which laws are valid then???

The law is a unity – it is all one – if I break one, I break all – I break **the Law** – not a part of it.

Ya’akov 2:10-11 “Whoever obey the written law, but stumble over one, is found guilty by the complete law, 11 because He who said: You may not commit adultery, also said: You may not murder. If you do not commit adultery, but commit murder, you became an offender of the written law.”

Lev 4:2 “Speak to the children of Yisra’el and say: ‘If someone in weakness sins in one of all the commands / laws of יהוה and does one of the things that should not be done...’”

That is why all or nothing falls away. The sacrificial laws can not fall away and the moral laws stay valid. That is the key to our understanding of our relationship to the law. If I must still obey one of the 10 Commands, I must obey all 1000 the laws of the Bible. (Not 613 by the way) If I do not have to do one of them – I do not have to do any law. That is the only time I can declare that the law, any law, is not valid any more.

So if I declare that all laws fell away, I must decide if I can now do whatever I choose.

Decide for yourselves: May I steal – commit murder – whoring around – serve other gods – Use God's Name as I choose – keep Shabbat when I want? There is something seriously wrong with this line of thought.

Please stop and think about what we said!

If the Bible is true,

THAT I ABSOLUTELY BELIEVE, then there is no other conclusion than that all is still valid today.

STOP – Please listen first.

I must still bring a sacrifice!?! Yes – but I brought it already and is bringing it through the acceptance and acknowledgment of Yeshua’s sacrifice – Once and for all!!

Rom 6:4-11 “We are buried with Him in baptism unto death so that, just as The Anointed One was resurrected from death through the Manifested Presence of His Father, we can live a new life just like that, 5 because if we became one with Him through the same death, we will also be one with Him in the same resurrection as He. 6 We know that our old nature was crucified with Him so that the body of sin can be destroyed so that we will no longer be a slave of sin 7 because he who is dead, delivered himself from sin. 8 If we therefore died with The Anointed One, let us trust that we will live with The Anointed One, 9 because we know that The Anointed One stood up from death and will not die again and death has no authority over Him. 10 He that is dead to sin died once and because He lives, He lives for God. 11 In the same way you must see yourself as dead to sin and that you live for God in unity with our Master, Yeshua, The Anointed One.

In the same way, the peace offering – He is the Prince of Peace (**Yes 9:6**). Actually we need more time to share with you how God thinks about the law, but we trust His Spirit will open up this wonderful revelation to you. Yeshua is the complete replacement sacrifice for all 5 the sacrifices. If we are then not subject to the law unto obedience – why do you still drive on the left hand side of the road? Same reason – it is for your own good

If this is true, what is the correct way to see the law and treat it? What does God say?

I ask you to please go and check every scripture – it is God’s opinion that counts.
Mat 5:17 “Do not think that I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy, but to make complete, 18 because it is true what I tell you: ‘Until heaven and earth are past, not one ‘yud’ or ‘titel’(stroke) of the law will pass, before it all has happened.’ 19 Any one, who therefore is disobedient to the smallest of these commands and teaches others the same, will be called the least in the Kingdom of heaven, but everyone who will do and teach this, he will be called great in the Kingdom of heaven,

Luk 16:17 “but it is easier for heaven and earth to pass than that one stroke of a letter of the law would fall away.”

Yeshua said:

“If you love Me, do My commands continuously.”

Yog 14:15; Yog 15:14

You are my friends if you do what I tell you

It is true, but isn’t the law only given to the Jews?

1 Chron 16:14 He is יהוה our God; His law is in the whole earth.