

*The Path of Truth to Life*  
Bible Translation Project

**Discussion on the Law**

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**Scriptures on the Law**

During the series we quoted many verses which are normally a problem in connection with the Law and I believe we answered them. We would like to look at some more problem Scriptures.

As you will notice, many problems are solved by a correct translation and by an openness to the Truth.

All of us is still learning and if we are willing to learn from Father--God, He will reveal the truth to us.

We will start with three phrases which will explain many Scriptures to us.

The misunderstanding of these phrases leads to the false concept that we do not have to obey the Law any more.

**Rom 2:12, 13**

**Rom 3:19**

**Gal 3:23**

**Gal 4:4-5, 21**

**Gal 5:18**

Sha'ul does not say that there is something wrong with the law, or that it is abolished. He speaks against the false concept of what it means to trust in Yeshua, our Anointed One.

When we die to ourselves, symbolized by the Baptism in water (Rom 6:1-7), we die to the ability of the law to judge us (rightfully), unto hell.

Because we sin, the law reveals our sin against God and pronounce the prescribed punishment = death (the curse of Deut 27:26). But now, in Yeshua, we are dead to ourselves. The law have no legal authority to judge me any longer.

That is what Sha'ul writes in Rom. 7:1-8:2. When a married woman marries someone else, she commits adultery, judged by the law. If her husband dies, however, she is free to marry again, the law can not judge her.

If a man commits a murder and is caught, he is charged before the court and condemned to death by the Law of God. (Lev 24:21). If he would die just after he was caught, the law can do nothing to him to punish him. He already received the punishment for sin = death. The Law can do nothing more to punish him. The law has no jurisdiction over him any more. He is no longer under the jurisdiction of the Law.

We now, through trust in Yeshua, died to the self and is no longer “under the Law,” because we are dead in Yeshua and the Law no longer has jurisdiction over us, to be able to condemn us. Yeshua took over the punishment due to us and complied to the just punishment of the law for it. (Rom. 8:4). The law can still judge us by showing us where we transgress “in the flesh”, but can not condemn us to hell.

‘Under the Law’ thus is a term that means that someone has the Law as judge and condemner on the day of judgment. If you are an obedient follower of Yeshua, you can not be in that position. That is what Rom. 8:1-2 explains. Condemnation has no power over a dead person.

### **Rom 2:12**

They who sinned without the written Law, will be destroyed without the written Law and they who disobeyed the written Law will be condemned by the written law, 13 because it is not the hearers of the written Law who are innocent before God, but those who obey the Law, are declared innocent.

### **Gal 4:4**

but when the fullness of time came, God send His Son. He was born from a woman and subject to the written Law, 5 to ransom those that were under the written Law, so that we could receive the adoption as children.

### **Gal 5:18**

but if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law,

## **2. Works of the Law.**

**Rom. 3:20, 28**

**Gal. 2:16**

**Gal. 3:2, 5, 10**

The term is used for someone who tries to earn his salvation through the doing of the Law. The problem with that is that God NEVER said that keeping and obeying the law can earn you salvation. It was a false teaching in the time of Sha'ul and of today.

Salvation for the Hebrew slaves in Egypt comes by the blood of the lamb. AFTER salvation the Law was written down as a standard of living and guideline for what God sees as right and wrong.

**Ex 15:26; Deut 4:2; 6:18; 12:8, 25, 28**

Everyone looking at the Law to obtain salvation or to be declared innocent by the Law will be very disappointed on the day of judgment. The Law can only judge because of sin – and the punishment for sin is death – eternal death.

**Deut 27:6; Yeg 18:4; Yog 8:24**

3. Most “Christians” will say that it is impossible to obey the law, therefore it is meaningless to talk about it. Most, however, do not know which of the laws can not be kept. Ask anyone!

Those same people say that the only law that is valid is that you should love God with all your being and all your deeds. BUT that is the one law that is not kept. (**Deut. 6:4-5; Mark 12:29-30**). Who can say that he has kept that law?

It is just to show how totally invalid such an argument really is. Eternal life is in Yeshua and it is through trust in Him that eternal life comes to us, not by the works of the law. Sha’ul speaks rightly against this deception in Galatians and Romans if he asks who tricked them to trust in the law for redemption. Gal. 3:1; 5:4. He does not speak against the law as the standard and guideline of God for what is clean and set apart, or what is sin.

**Rom 3:31; 7:7, 12, 14; 1 Cor 7:19**

**Gal 3:1** O, stupid, ineffective Galatians, who bewitched you from **your trust in Yeshua**, the Anointed One, that was portrayed before your eyes as the crucified.

2 I only want to know that from you: **Did you receive the Spirit** by doing the written law or through trust in what you heard?

**The following is the most quoted verse to “proof” that the Biblical, God given, feasts fell away and thus the law; and that the person doing them is legalistic and fell back by trying to work out his own salvation.**

**Gal 4:7-11**

“Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and as a son, you are an heir of God through the Anointed One, **8** but when you did not really know God, you were slaves of things that are no Nature of God, **9** but now that you know God and is known by God, how do you turn back to the powerless and poor elementary spirits to enslave you to them again? **10** You keep days, months, appointed times and years. **11** I am afraid that I perhaps have laboured to no avail amongst you.”

1. Written to non-Jews who were unbelievers and came to trust - vs 7.
2. Vs 8 - They were slaves to that which was not God’s Nature.
3. Vs 9 – Now they do trust, but still desire to do the things of the previous times as in vs 8.
4. You can not seriously think that God’s laws are powerless, poor, elementary spirits?? Or is that what you believe?
5. Days, Months, feasts of the time before trust in vs 8 – That is clear – heathen feasts.

6. It is a timely warning for each one who comes to trust in Yeshua, to not follow heathen feasts still— like Christmas and Easter – and neglect God’s given feasts. Or to keep the feasts out of fear, without trust.

**Doesn’t 2 Cor 3:13** show us that the law is disappearing?

**KJV**

**"And not as Moses, who put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not steadfastly see the end of that which is abolished:"**

Let us look at a true translation:

13 not like Moshe, who put a covering over his face so that the people of Yisra’el should not keep on looking, because it had no purpose,

**In other words it would not benefit them to keep on looking at his shining face, because their hearts were hardened.**

In the following verse Sha’ul declares that they did not understand the Tanakh, because they had a veil over their eyes. He now teaches that they can understand Tanakh better if they come to Yeshua.

**2 Cor 3:16**

and if any one of you would turn to יהוה, the veil would be removed from him.

## **Ex 34:34**

This portion does not teach anything about the law falling away or disappearing.

Doesn't **Eph 2:15** say that Yeshua did away with the law?

**KJV**

**"Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; to make in himself of two one new man, so making peace;"**

Let us look at the correct translation:

“In His physical body He made the hatred, which was caused by the **opinions of men** about the law of commands, worthless so that, through His body, the two could be created into one new man.”

Yeshua came to dissolve the difference between Jew and non-Jew, because there are now one man who **agrees about the Law and commands of יהוה**

Did Sha'ul teach that the law was nailed to the cross? **Col 2:14**  
**KJV**

**"Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;"**

Let us look at the correct translation:

“and He wiped out the written accusation against us, which was bad for us, through His authority and took it out of our midst and nailed it to the cross.”

This does not refer to the Law of God that is set apart, good and just. Nothing which is good was nailed to the cross except that which was resurrected from death and is forever!!!

In this context he continues in **Col 2:16** : “Therefore, let no-one bothers you about eating or drinking or the keeping of a feast or a new moon feast (Rosh-Hodesh) or Shabbats”

**Sha'ul warns about the opinions of man about the things of God.**

Doesn't Sha'ul teach that we do not have to keep the commands from the Tanakh any more? **Col 2:20-22 KJV**

“Therefore if you be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are you subject to ordinances, (Touch not; taste not; handle not; Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?”  
“for if you, together with the Anointed One, died to the principles of this world, why do you still live as if you are judged in this world 21 do not touch, do not taste, do not hold? 22 These are all things which must be destroyed **and the commands and teachings of man**” **Yes 29:13**

God's will and Word are not things to be destroyed but the opinions of man are.

Did Sha'ul teach that we can decide which food we may eat and which days we can honour?

**Rom 14:5,6**

“5 There is one that differentiate between days and one that judge all days. Let every one be sure in his own mind. 6 Whoever regards whatever day, do so for his Master and he who does not regard the day, does not regard it for his Master; whoever eats, eat in honour of his Master and thank God; and whoever does not eat, eat not in honour of his Master and thank God.”

**No, definitely not. The context and reason for the portion is whether a person may eat food which may, or may not have been sacrificed to idols – there was doubt about if it was sacrificed.**

**An explanation is needed.**

In those days, food sacrificed to idols were put out and sold on specific days of the week. Food bought on those days, may or may not have been sacrificed to idols.

Therefore some believers did not buy food on those days to make sure.

Other believers did buy, since they argued that they do not know whether it was sacrificed or not and therefore it was acceptable. It doesn't speak about kosher food or about Shabbat. It should be clear.

It shows the sensitivity of believers towards food sacrificed to idols. It speaks about if food may be bought on a specific day when sacrificed food were available. We must be just as sensitive about what we eat and do.

Our last Scripture portion. The question everybody asks.

**Gal 3**

Written with the backdrop of Y'hudaisers and those of the circumcision-groups who tried to force people to first become Jews before they can be saved.

Much like some Yisra'el-movement groups today.

## Important:

There are no word for “Legalism” in the ancient languages and the word used for Law can, according to context, refer to legalism.

Avraham is used as example by Sha’ul because the heretics used him as example:

1. Example of the whole law – even the oral law which did not yet exist!
2. Jews believe that Avraham is only their father
3. Avraham has an advantage that can even give salvation to his descendants. Sha’ul speaks against it Rom 11:28-.

:6 Just as Avraham trusted in God and it was reckoned to him as impartiality and uprightness. 7 Know therefore that those who are from out of trust are the children of Avraham. 8 God knew from before that the other nations will be declared innocent through trust, before the good news were given to Avraham, as the set apart Scriptures says: “In you all nations will be blessed.”Gen 12:3

If we study the following verses, we will see it teaches the following:

1. Slaves of the law = they who seek salvation through the law and are judged by the law are cursed - vs 10.
2. That we are declared innocent through trust and not through the keeping of the law – vs 11.

3. When we trusted – we obey the law unto life – vs 12.

4. Yeshua redeemed us from the curse of the law – not from the law – vs 13.

The Anointed One redeemed us **Deut 27-28 from the curse of the written law** by becoming a curse on our behalf, because it is written: “Cursed is every one who hangs on a tree”, **Deut 21:22-23**.

Vs 21 answers the next problem.

“Is the law we received opposite to the promises of God? A rejectable thought! Because if a law was given which could give life, then righteousness would have come from the law.”

24 The written law therefore was a **guide** for us to the Anointed One so that we could be declared innocent through trust,

27 because all of you who were baptized in the Anointed One, was clothed with the Anointed One .

**1 Yog 2:6**

He who says that he continually stays in Him, he should live as He has lived.

We keep the law, because it is His will, both for the Jew and for other nations, they who love Yeshua, the Anointed One – not to obtain childhood, but because we are children..

**Mat. 5:17-19; Rom. 3:31; Rev. 14:12, etc.**

We keep and obey the Law, because it is His definition of the great command: to love Him and to love our neighbour and Yeshua said: ‘On this two commands hang the whole of the Law and Prophets’ Mat. 22:40.

**1 Yog 3:23**

It is His command: that we must trust in the Character and Authority of His Son, Yeshua, the Anointed One and love each other continually as He has commanded us 24 and whoever do His commands, are protected by Him and He lives in him. This is how we know He lives in us; by the Spirit He gives us.

**Yog 14:15**

If you love me, obey My commands continually.