

Those of you who want to keep the feast Days law, Are you aware?

I referred them to ancient Israel. God gave them His law; but they would not obey it. He then gave them ceremonies and ordinances, that in the performance of these God might be kept in remembrance. They were so prone to forget Him and His claims upon them, that it was necessary to keep their minds stirred up to realize their obligations to obey and honor their Creator. Had they been obedient, and loved to keep God's commandments, the multitude of ceremonies and ordinances would not have been required. LS 200.2

Paul was arrested for teaching the feast days were no longer binding. And Stephen was stoned for teaching the same! Acts 6:14. And so died Jesus and eventually the Apostles for these same things. Paul was warned.—*Acts 21:11,28*; 20:23, 25. and he states of his experience 2Cor. 11:23-26.*

Acts. 21:21 And they are informed of thee, ***that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses***, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, ***neither to walk after the customs.*** 22 What is it therefore? the multitude must needs come together: for they will hear that thou art come. 23 Do therefore this that we say to thee: We have four men which have a vow on them; 24 Them take, and purify thyself with them, and be at charges with them, that they may shave their heads: and all may know that those things, whereof they were informed concerning thee, are nothing; but that thou thyself also walkest orderly, and keepest the law. 25 As touching the Gentiles which believe, we have written and concluded that they observe no such thing, save only that they keep themselves from things offered to idols, and from blood, and from strangled, and from fornication. 26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them entered into the temple, to signify the accomplishment of the days of purification, until that an offering should be offered for every one of them. 27 And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews which were of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him, 28 Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, ***that teacheth all men every where against the people, and the law, and this place:*** and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place.

Gal. 2:18 ***For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.*** Gal. 1:23;5:11;6:15;3:11;Acts 24:14.

Acts 5:30;6:14;7:55;9:22;all;23:6;26:all;28:20. Here them on the ceremonial law

and the Messiah.

Paul—Gal. 5:3 For I testify again to every man that is *circumcised*, that **he is a debtor to do the whole law**. 4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. *Rom. 2:29; 1Cor. 7:19; Col. 2:11.*

Paul—Acts 13:39 And **by him all that believe are justified** from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. *Rom. 3:20,28;5:9; Gal.2:16; 3:11,24;Acts 18:15.*

Rom. 3:19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore **by the deeds of the law** there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for **by the law is the knowledge of sin**. 21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of **Jesus Christ** unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a **propitiation** through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of **sins that are past**, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the **justifier** of him which believeth in Jesus. 27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is **justified by faith without the deeds of the law**. 29 Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: 30 Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the **circumcision** by faith, and uncircumcision through faith. 31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

Note: It is that these same elements are seen in the two previous quotes that are seen in Eph. 2:15,16; Col. 2:14-17; Heb. 10:1-14. “By the Deeds of the” ceremonial “law” etc., Will be seen throughout to be the law of sacrifices, which pointed to Christ for Justification. “By the law is the knowledge of sin.” Here is the Ten Commandments for sanctification. “Justified without the deeds of the law,” by Christ and not the act of an offering a lamb.

What is the justice of God? It is the holiness of God in relation to sin. Christ bore the sins of the world in man's behalf **that the sinner might have another trial**, with all the divine opportunities and advantages which God has provided in man's behalf (Manuscript 145, 1897). 7BC 951.5

Matt 26:61 And said, This fellow (Jesus) said, I am able *to destroy the temple of God*, and to build it in three days.

As Stephen had said. Acts. 6:14 For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth *shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us.*

Paul confronts Peter.

Gal. 2:11 But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. 12 For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, *fearing them* which were of the circumcision. 13 And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their *dissimulation*. 14 But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, *why compellest thou the Gentiles* to live as do the Jews. *Rom 2:27-29. John 7:22,23. Acts 10:28; Mark 4:17.*

Note: Peter finally understands—1Peter 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, *to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*

What of the Ceremonial law? the law of Moses.

John 1:45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, *of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write,* Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

5:39 Search the scriptures; for *in them* ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which *testify of me.*

5:40 And *ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.*

Note: They thought they had life in the ceremonial law, and *they* were the door of salvation; yet that gift of life was only in Christ! which those things prefigured. Therefore had they accepted him, He would not have sacrifices! *1 Sam. 15:22.* Paul, like Christ's teachings did away with the external, ceremonial law, placing the true meaning on those lessons which it taught worshipping the Father in spirit

and not in the letter:—

(Matt. 12:6 But I say unto you, That in this place is *one greater* than the temple.

12:7 But if *ye had known* what this meaneth, *I will have mercy, and not sacrifice*, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.

12:8 For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.

John 4:21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, *the hour cometh*, when ye shall *neither* in this mountain, nor yet *at Jerusalem* (three times a year), worship the Father. 4:23 But *the hour cometh, and now is*, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father *in spirit* (not external forms) *and in truth*: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. *John 12:23; 13:1; 14:17*. John 6:63 It is the *spirit* that quickeneth; the *flesh* profiteth nothing:

5:46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for *he wrote of me*.

5:47 But *if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?*

Luke 18:31 Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and *all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished*.

22:37 For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be *accomplished in me*, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: *for the things concerning me have an end*.

Rom. 10:4 For *Christ is the end of the law*—for righteousness—to every one that believeth.

1Cor. 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. *For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:*

Acts 24:25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe *all that the prophets* have spoken:

24:26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

24:27 And beginning at *Moses and all the prophets*, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things *concerning himself*.

Luke 24:44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that *all things must be fulfilled*, which were written in the *law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me*. 24:48

And ye are witnesses of these things.

Acts 3:18 But those things, which God before had showed by the mouth of all his *prophets*, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

26:22 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, *saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say* should come:

26:23 *That Christ should suffer*, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should show light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

28:23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

2 Cor. 3:11 For if that which is *done away* was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious.

3:12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:

3:13 And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:

3:14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth *the same veil untaken away* in the reading of the old testament; *which veil is done away in Christ.*

3:15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, *the veil is upon their heart.*

Heb. 7:12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the (*ceremonial*) law.

7:16 Who is made, not after the law of a *carnal* commandment, but after the power of an endless life.

Heb. 6:1 Therefore *leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works*, and of faith toward God,

Ez. 20:25 Wherefore *I gave them also statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live*;

20:26 And I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass through the fire all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I am the LORD.

Jer. 7:21 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Put your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh.

7:22 For ***I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them*** in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, ***concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices:***

Isa. 43:23 Thou hast not brought me the small cattle of thy burnt offerings; neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices. ***I have not caused thee*** to serve with an offering, nor wearied thee with incense.

Pro. 21:3 To do justice and judgment is ***more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.***

Ps. 27:6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: ***therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy;*** I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

Ps. 51:16 For thou ***desirest not sacrifice;*** else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.

51:17 ***The sacrifices of God*** are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

69:31 This also ***shall please the LORD better*** than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

1Peter 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, ***to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.***

1 Sam. 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? ***Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.***

Heb 6:1 Therefore ***leaving the principles*** of the doctrine of Christ, ***let us go on unto perfection;*** not laying again the foundation ***of repentance*** from dead works, and ***of faith*** toward God,

Hosea. 6:6 ***For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.***

Micah 6:6 Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before the high God? ***shall I come*** before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old?

6:7 *Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?*

6:8 He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to *do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?*

Mark. 12:33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, *is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.*

12:34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, *Thou art not far from the kingdom of God.* And no man after that durst ask him any question.

Isa. 1:11 To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and *I delight not* in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.

1:12 When ye come to appear before me, *who hath required this* at your hand, to tread my courts?

1:13 *Bring no more* vain oblations; incense is an *abomination* unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, *I cannot away with*; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

1:14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts *my soul hateth*: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.

Isa. 66:2 For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but *to this man will I look*, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

66:3 He that killeth an ox is *as if he slew a man*; he that sacrificeth a lamb, *as if he cut off a dog's neck*; he that offereth an oblation, *as if he offered swine's blood*; he that burneth incense, *as if he blessed an idol*. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations.

Amos. 5:21 *I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.*

5:22 Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, *I will not accept them: neither will I regard* the peace offerings of your fat beasts.

5:23 Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.

5:24 But *let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.*

8:10 And *I will turn your feasts into mourning*, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning of an only son, and the end thereof as a bitter day.

Hosea. 2:11 *I will also cause* all her mirth to cease, *her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts.*

Dan. 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week *he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease*, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Heb. 13:9 Be not carried about with divers and *strange doctrines*. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; *not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.*

Gal. 3:23 But before faith came, we were *kept under* the law, *shut up* unto the faith which should *afterwards be revealed.*

Heb. 9:10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and *carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.*

Note: It is important to understand the next quote does not refer to the weekly worship!

Rom. 14: 6 He that regardeth the day (feast days), regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

Eph. 2:15 Having *abolished in his flesh* the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

2:16 And that he might reconcile *both* unto God in *one body* by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

Neh. 10:33 For the shewbread, and for the continual meat offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God. . . 35 And to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the

LORD: 36 Also the firstborn of our sons, and of our cattle, as it is written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in the house of our God: 37 And that we should bring the firstfruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage.

Col. 2:14 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*;

2:15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

2:16 Let no man therefore judge you *in meat, or in drink*, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

2:17 Which are a *shadow* of things to come; but the *body is of Christ*.

Note: This term ordinance used in Ex. Lev. Num. refers to the ceremonial laws that prefigured Christ and not the Moral law of Ten Commandments. There is only one remedy for violation of the moral law—Christ.

Acts. 15:10 Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put *a yoke upon the neck* of the disciples, *which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear*?

Note: The whole discussion was *circumcision*, Acts 15:1,5 and *the law of Moses*. 21,24. LP 68.1 not DA. 204.1

Gal.1:14;3:2,5

Gal. 2:21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for *if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain*.

Heb. 10:1 For the law having a *shadow* of good things *to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect*.

10:2 For then would they not have *ceased* to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.

10:3 But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.

10:4 *For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins*.

10:5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering *thou wouldst not*, but a *body* hast thou prepared me:

10:6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin ***thou hast had no pleasure.***

10:7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

10:8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin ***thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;***

10:9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. ***He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.***

10:10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the **body** of Jesus Christ ***once*** for all.

10:11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the ***same*** sacrifices, which can ***never*** take away sins:

10:12 But this man, after he had offered ***one*** sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

10:13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

10:14 For by ***one*** offering ***he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.***

The lessons of the Feasts but Also all the sacrifices are still important today. They teach us the same lessons—How to amend for our transgression of the moral Law.

Our part in the plan of salvation

Christ in His teaching presented ***old truths of which He Himself was the originator, truths which He had spoken through patriarchs and prophets; but He now shed upon them a new light.*** How different appeared their meaning! A flood of light and spirituality was brought in by His explanation. And He promised that the Holy Spirit should enlighten the disciples, that the word of God should be ever unfolding to them. They would be able to present its truths in new beauty. {COL 127.2}

”Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.” ***My words are in perfect harmony with the Old Testament Scriptures, and with the law spoken from Sinai. I am not preaching a new doctrine. I am presenting old truths rescued from the framework of error, and placed in a new setting.*** (MS 33, 1911). {5BC 1136.2}

Example.

Matt. 5:23 Therefore ***if thou bring thy gift to the altar,*** and there rememberest that ***thy brother hath ought against thee;*** 24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and ***go thy way; first be reconciled*** to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Acts 19:18 And many that believed came, and *confessed*, and *shewed their deeds*.

Eze. 33:14 Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; *if he turn* from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; 15 If the wicked *restore* the pledge, *give again* that he had robbed, *walk in the statutes of life*, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Heb. 11 For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp. 12 *Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.*
Heb. 10:26

1Cor. 10:16 *The cup of blessing which we bless*, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? *The bread which we break*, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? 17 For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread. 18 Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar?

Applying these principles taught by the feasts, Nay, all in the Sanctuary, to our lives, every day, being children of the adoption, grafted in the commonwealth, are they to be a ordinance forever. For they are the Gospel in figure.

Ex. 12:2,6,11; Lev. 23:5; Num. 9:5, 28:16. 2Chron 35:1;—2Chron 30:2,3,13-15. Its more what it meant than when it occurred.

There are many who try to blend these two systems, *using the texts that speak of the ceremonial law to prove that the moral law has been abolished; but this is a perversion of the Scriptures.* The distinction between the two systems is broad and clear. The ceremonial system was made up of symbols pointing to Christ, to His sacrifice and His priesthood. . . But concerning the law of Ten Commandments the psalmist declares, "Forever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven." Psalm 119:89. And Christ Himself says, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law.... Verily I say unto you", making the assertion as emphatic as possible "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Matthew 5:17, 18. . . . { PP 365.1}

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Final Note: Now in these we are positioned to see the Law of Ten Commandments were never abrogated. Paul never said any such thing, as he declared above, its the sacrifices that ceased with Christ's crucifixion.

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