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The Great Harvester

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Is it by accident that Jesus stated, "The harvest truly [is] great, but the labourers [are] few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2)? We do not believe in such accidents or even coincidences. It was said on purpose because Jesus is the Great Harvester of souls.

In fact, John describes Jesus symbolically in a harvest type setting: "And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud [one] sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped" (Revelation 14:14-16).

Several of Jesus' parables had connections with harvesting. "Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while

men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn" (Matthew 13:24-30). "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly [is] plenteous, but the labourers [are] few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38). "And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up,

he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come" (Mark 4:26-29). "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and [then] cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours" (John 4:35-38).

And with the word 'reaper', also associated with the harvest, we have other verses. "Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the

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earth: lo, [there] thou hast [that is] thine. His lord answered and said unto him, [Thou] wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed" (Matthew 25:24-26).

Then we have the apostles involved with the metaphor. "But this [I say], He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" (2 Corinthians 9:6). "He that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Galatians 6:8). "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:9). "Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth" (James 5:4).

Even Old Testament writers capitalized upon the metaphor. "Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness [is] great" (Joel 3:13). "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for [it is] time

to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you" (Hosea 10:12). "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy" (Psalms 126:5).

Now many say that such language is befitting the time that they lived in; people fished, raised animals, and grew crops. It is not an uncommon thing to do, in fact, those are the three primary parable types that Jesus used: fish, animals, and crops. Yes, He used others, too, but these three top the list.

Although that may be true, we now move to the desired connection, and that is the seven feast days outlined in Leviticus 23. When we are told that "Thy way, O God, [is] in the sanctuary: who [is so] great a God as [our] God?" (Psalms 77:13), that means even the plan of salvation can be found in the sanctuary service and feast days are worth studying.

Now, we do not have time to address every object, every action, everything about the sanctuary, but this do know – in Leviticus 23, there are seven feasts. These things were "a shadow of things to come" (Colossians 2:17) pointing to Christ. Adding to that, "the law", being the law of ordinances

(Colossians 2:14), "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" (Hebrews 10:1), we see Jesus being pointed to via these feast days.

According to Leviticus 23, verses 4 and 5 refer to the Passover of which John the Baptist declared, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29) being the true Passover lamb, and it is written that "even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us" (1 Corinthians 5:7).

According to Leviticus 23, verses 6 through 8 we have the feast of unleavened bread of which now through the blood of Jesus Christ we can "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened" (1 Corinthians 5:7).

According to Leviticus 23, verses 9 through 14 we have the feast of firstfruits of which "now is Christ risen from the dead, [and] become the firstfruits of them that slept" (1 Corinthians 15:20), and "every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming" (1 Corinthians 15:23).

According to Leviticus 23, verses 15 through 22 is the feast of Pentecost of which Jesus said, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto

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you”, and “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:1-4).

According to Leviticus 23, verses 23 through 25, we have the trumpet warning, which Revelation 10 depicts as the fulfillment thereof,

but is too lengthy to go through verse by verse.

According to Leviticus 23, verses 26 through 32, we have the feast of atonement or judgment.

“Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by [that] man whom he hath ordained; [whereof] he hath given assurance unto all [men], in that he hath raised him from the dead” (Acts 17:31).

Finally, According to Leviticus 23, verses 33 through 44 is the ingathering or harvest feast. And as stated already, depicted by John regarding the second coming, it is said, “And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud

[one] sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped” (Revelation 14:14-16).

So, in coming to a complete circle, we leave you with this question: Are you ready to be harvested by the Great harvester?



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Be In Health — 3 John 1:2

Fruit of the Spirit – Peace

Being at peace, which is a type of calmness, is a great way to reduce stress, which reduces the likelihood of a heart attack, brain exhaustion, and other bodily effects. This reduces anxiety, increases concentration, makes you more efficient in daily activities, produces more patience along with tolerance, helps to experience a happier life, increases better sleeping habits, reduces racing thoughts, and reduces the paranoia of what others may be thinking.

Now, there are at least three areas of peace to focus upon. You may find some others, but here are the three top focus areas:

First, there is the peace between us personally and God that reduces stress. We achieve this “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). How confessing our sins, along with forsaking them, helps reduce this stress that leads to heart attacks is found in the words of Jesus: “Come unto me, all [ye] that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke [is] easy, and my burden is

light” (Matthew 11:28-30). That burden has nothing to do with physically carrying heavy loads of something, but rather the carrying of our sins, addictions, or whatever other synonym one wants to use. For those who believe in “all grace and no need to stop sinning” may not understand the situation, and worse, will be in for a sad surprise in the end, but for those who realize “the wages of sin [is] death” (Romans 6:23), even for those who claim to be saved, that is a heavy weight to carry. But when we are liberated from our sinning through the fact that “the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32) and are no longer “in bondage” (John 8:33) nor “the servant of sin” (John 8:34), a great release of stress is experienced. And this liberation is through the standard called “the law of liberty” (James 2:12), which is better known as the Ten Commandments (James 2:10-11).

Second, being at peace with others and not holding grudges further releases stress. This was one of several main themes Jesus had spoken of: “For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you” (Matthew 6:14) and “Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven” (Luke 6:36-37). By holding

grudges, there is a constant inner conflict, mental exercises going through different scenarios, etc. Surrender the grudges and watch the body aches, headaches, and other pains go away.

Third, being at peace in a time of trouble also greatly reduces that stress that leads to heart attacks and clouding of the mind, not to mention the shooting pain up the back, into the neck, and creating a headache, even a migraine. Getting all worked up because things do not cooperate, go as planned, experiencing a difficulty on top of a difficulty, not only increases the stress but prevents the mind from properly dealing with the issue at hand. This is a sinful and imperfect world. The sooner we realize that not everything turns to gold in our hands, the better off we shall be. If we continuously talk to God, in our minds, during a situation that unconverted people react to by throwing adult fits, we shall have that peace, resolve the issue quicker, and be stronger to do deal with issues in the future.

This peace is not given; it is developed, however, it all comes down to our relationship with God.



Healthy and Delicious Recipes

Gingery Carrot Salad

Ingredients

- 1 pound carrots, cut diagonally into thin slices
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 clove garlic, grated
- ¼ teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger

- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 dash cayenne pepper (optional)
- ½ cup raisins

Directions

Bring a large pot of water to boil. Add carrots, and continue to boil until just tender, about 2 minutes.

Rinse with cold water, drain well, and set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk together the lemon juice, olive oil, honey, and garlic. Season with cumin, ginger, salt, and cayenne pepper. Stir in carrots and raisins, and toss with dressing. Cover, and refrigerate at least 4 hours.



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Be Ye Holy — 1 Peter 1:15

John 14:23 says, “Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.” It is expected, as part of the holy and sanctified life-style, that Christians would keep Jesus’ words. So, are you keeping His Words?

Romans 8:13 tells us what Christians get to live eternally: “For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.” It is not the Christians who eat anything, drink anything, are being entertained by the world, grabbing for more than they need, etc. All those things gratify the flesh and eternal death is the consequence. Therefore, the holy and sanctified life is to be walking after the Spirit and mortifying those deeds. So, are the worldly ways living in you or are they dead so you can live?

Ephesians 6:13 shows the expectation of a Christian: “Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.” To stand and to withstand the evil is the holy and sanctified life. To fall into evil is to be lost. So, are you standing against the evil or joining in with the evil of the world?

Matthew 13:23 says, “But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth [it]; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundred-fold, some sixty, some thirty.” Bearing fruit is a result of being saved and is part of the holy and sanctified life both in becoming a holy person and sharing God’s Word. So, are you producing any fruit?

According to John 14:26, without explicitly stating it, if the Holy Spirit is teaching us, it is expected that we live it, which is the holy and sanctified life. “But the Comforter, [which is] the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” So, are you listening to the Holy Spirit revealing and teaching you how a Christian ought to conduct himself, or do you enjoy the worldly activities and claim to be saved?

Romans 8:14 tells us who are Christians: “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” Now, to be led by the Spirit means that we “walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit” (Romans 8:4) for “they that are in the flesh cannot please God” (Romans 8:8). In other words, all Christians enjoying the

ways of the world, going along with what is acceptable in society when it is not acceptable according to the Bible, and going along with condemning the Bible usage are not sons or daughters of God despite believing strongly that they are saved. So, are you led by the Spirit of God to walk or live according to the Spirit being convicted of “sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment” (John 16:8), the holy and sanctified life?

Ephesians 6:14 addresses two pieces of the armor of God: “Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness.” Mentioning both truth and righteousness as something to wear spiritually is an expectation to know the truth and then to live by the truth and in righteousness, both of which are part of the holy and sanctified life. So, are you interested in knowing the truth and putting on Christ’s righteousness as your own character?

Ephesians 6:15-16, in continuing list of the armor parts, identifies quenching the darts of the wicked: “And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.” To quench the sinful allurements of the wicked is the holy and sanctified life. If we

do not quench the darts, which in the analogy, would kill the person, that means spiritual death as well – a lost condition. So, by faith, do you quench those darts avoiding all sin thinking, “With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26)?

Matthew 13:46 says, “Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.” To sell all that one has spiritually is to be willing to give up every aspect of our life that is not in accordance with the Bible. A person will sell off, not literally, all alcohol in one’s house when they discover that “Wine [is] a mocker, strong drink [is] raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise” (Proverbs 20:1). Every known sinful practice will cease upon becoming a Christian to have the pearl of great price, the kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 13:45), and then as a person grows in the knowledge of God’s Word, other sinful practices as they are revealed will also cease. That action is the expected holy and sanctified life. So, have you sold everything out of your life?

Luke 14:27 states, “And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.” Bearing the cross, resisting the temptations to sin, dealing with ridicule, etc., along with the fact that “He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked” (1 John 2:6) are all examples of a holy and sanctified life. Being “saved” is not

a title but an action. So, are you bearing your cross and coming after in obedience to Jesus?

John 15:3 says, “Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.” Another way Jesus said this is, “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth” (John 17:17). The word “clean” and “sanctified” or “holy” are synonyms. When a person becomes a Christian, they are to cease from sinning from their known sins, continue in the Word to discover other unacceptable character traits and sins, cease from those practices, to be made clean or holy through the Word. So, are you being made clean, holy, sanctified through the Word, or simply relying upon the thought you are saved anyways living however you feel is right?

Romans 12:1 states plainly, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service.” That is not just some times or mostly, but always. Therefore, when we choose moments to sin, we are no longer offering our bodies as holy and acceptable to God. So, what does your spiritual sacrifice look like?

Ephesians 6:17 tells us that true Christians are to “take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the

Spirit, which is the word of God” (Ephesians 6:17), and that sword is to cut through “damnable heresies” (2 Peter 2:1), which “bring upon themselves swift destruction” (2 Peter 2:1). If a Christian is not following Bible doctrine, but heresies, they will be lost. And there are whole denominations currently teaching such heresies with all their congregants thinking they are saved. The worst heresy is to think one can be saved while sinning still. So, are you using the Word of God to fight against false teachings?

Matthew 15:3 states, “Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?” If Jesus were to do away with the Ten Commandments, why would he rebuke the Pharisees and scribes for not keeping them? Therefore, it is expected, not only for the Pharisees and scribes to have kept the commandments, but as part of the holy and sanctified life, true Christians are expected to do so “For not the hearers of the law [are] just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified” (Romans 2:13). So, do you keep the commandments of God, or are you convinced that they are not for a Christian to keep? And are there any traditions that get in the way of keeping the commandments?



Study to Shew Thyself Approved Unto God—(2 Timothy 2:15)

What is sin?

1. How does the Bible define sin?
1 John 3:4
2. Who knows all of our sins besides ourselves? **Psalms 69:5**
3. When we sin, what are we the servant of? **John 8:34**
4. When we sin, who are we aligned with? **1 John 3:8**
5. When we continue in sin, what is the end result? **Romans 6:23, Revelation 21:8**
6. How does sin affect others?
Proverbs 14:34
7. When we ask for forgiveness of ours sins with an honest and sincere heart, what do our sins become? **Psalms 32:1, Romans 4:7**
8. When we do acknowledge our sins before God, what happens to our sins figuratively? **Micah 7:19**
9. What does Jesus say to us regarding our confession of sins? **Luke 5:20**
10. What is the goal regarding sinning? **1 John 2:1**
4. What are we to do with this object that sets us free? **1 Peter 1:22 “purified your souls in obeying”**
5. Those who do not like obedience claim that Jesus gave us liberty, but in reality, what are they brought into? **2 Peter 2:19 “bondage”**
6. What are such preachers, who exaggerate the purpose of grace, really doing to grace? **Jude 1:4 “turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness”**
7. What is God’s law also known as? **James 2:12 “law of liberty”**
8. What is expected to be done with the law? **James 1:25 “a doer of the work”**
9. Who receives forgiveness or justification? **Romans 2:13 “doers of the law”**
10. What does the liberty (not liberty to sin, but liberty *from* sin) do for us? **Galatians 5:1 “made us free”**

November 2022 Bible Questions and Answers

Liberty

1. When we sin, what are we in?
John 8:34 “the servant of sin”
2. What word did the Jews use to describe the situation? **John 8:33 “bondage”**
3. What sets us free from this?
John 8:32 “the truth”



Questions & Answers

QUESTION: Are we still to keep the Ten Commandments based upon Ephesians 2:8-9?

ANSWER: Ephesians 2:8-9 states, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

According to the quick readers of the Bible, or even worse, sermon-only listeners, they read into this verse that any effort put forth to obey, to do good works, and especially keep the literal Ten Commandments is a rejection of grace. In other words, this verse is used to make commandment keeping null and void.

What must be established first in resolving this verse, specifically the understanding of it, is the realization that salvation has two parts that cannot be separated. The one is called justification while the other is called sanctification. Those are big terms for most "Christians" to simply convey the act of forgiveness and being made holy. It is like being given a free trip as compared to being made ready to go on the trip.

The verses in Ephesians 2:8-9 do not cover both parts. They only cover the forgiveness part, which will be expanded upon in a moment from the scriptures. This does not mean grace is not part of the second half of salvation. There is no donation amount, no sacrifice, no number of canned prayers, no act of anything on our part to make up, take care of, cancel out our sins. If we could add an extra \$100 to the plate to be forgiven of our sins, we would boast, in a sense. Basically,

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). That is it! He just forgives us freely.

How do we know this verse is referring to the justification in which our record of committing the sin, or sins, has been simply wiped away? It is because if we "have found grace" it is to "pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance" (Exodus 34:9). Grace is the pardoning of our iniquity and sin allowing us the opportunity to receive of the inheritance, specifically, eternal life.

But it is not given out with the intention to continue sinning. And that is where the confusion comes in for many who call themselves Christian. The Bible itself asks and answers the question, "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" (Romans 6:1-2).

In fact, it states specifically, "For not the hearers of the law [are] just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified" (Romans 2:13). We do not do the Ten Commandments to earn grace, but grace is given to those truly born again who realize that every sin excused and committed glorifies Satan. With the desire to glorify God every moment of the day, we still have the issue of having committed sins in the past. That is where grace comes in. Upon the heartfelt confession with all sincerity, we are forgiven. In fact, Jesus goes as far as to "present [you]

faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 1:24).

The true born-again person is defined in 1 John 3:9 as, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." It is not that the born-again person wants to sin but physically cannot. It is that they have the spirit that was in Joseph, "How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" (Genesis 39:9).

Finally, verses of the Bible cannot be used to cancel out other verses. This has to be the proper understanding regarding grace covering the first part of salvation – justification – and not being applied to the second part, for the Bible says, "Follow peace with all [men], and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14). Without holiness, the sanctified life in which there is complete obedience to the commandments of God, we will not see the Lord. We will not be saved. So, for the two verses (Ephesians 2:8-9, Hebrews 12:14) to be accepted, grace of Ephesians 2:8-9 refers to the justification while Hebrews 12:14 refers to the sanctification.

So again, we agree that it is by complete faith in God's grace that we are saved as it is a gift from God, however, after receiving that free gift, He sets us upon the path to live a holy life from now on. "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1). The intent

is not to sin, but if we do slip, we just confess; He forgives us; and we continue the holy sanctified life. This in no wise is to be used to permit a little sinning here and little there. God is doing everything to save us, even being patient in our growth.

QUESTION: Does faith and/or the Spirit exempt us from the Law as found in Galatians 3:23 and 5:18?

Galatians 3:23 says, "But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed." And Galatians 5:18 tells us, "But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law."

These two verses having the same conclusion cause many on the "just believe and you are saved" side to dismiss the Ten Commandments. It is not too difficult to refute, but when verses are pulled out of context, it can be challenging at first. Also, try not to simply tackle Galatians 3:23 by itself because if one reads the whole chapter 3, the context does not become easily resolved. The focus will be on the proper understanding of the phrase "under the law".

So, let us begin with Galatians 5:18, where true Christians are to "walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Romans 8:1, 4). Further, Galatians 5:16 clarifies 5:18 by stating, "[This] I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."

We conclude then that Paul is consistent regarding walking or being led by the Spirit. So, if we are led of the Spirit, we shall not sin in the flesh is what Paul is conveying, but the surface readers are quick to dismiss the law because they do not want to keep it. And then Paul lists a series of sins in Galatians 5:19-21 that are also mentioned directly in the Ten Commandments, such as "adultery" and "murders" ending with the clear statement, "they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God" (Galatians 5:21). There are no exceptions. It does not say, "Unless you are filled with the Spirit and can speak in tongues." It does not say, "Unless you claim to be saved." No! If a person continues to break the commandments, they shall not enter the kingdom of God. Therefore, the conclusion of the phrase, "ye are not under the law" is not so much about obeying the law as it is to be placed under the penalty of the law. If we are

led by the Spirit, living a life that does not participate in those fleshly activities, we are not guilty of breaking the law, therefore we cannot be under the condemnation of the law. To be "under the law" is to be under condemnation because "[There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Romans 8:1).

As stated, the context of Galatians 5:18 makes it easy to refute. As for Galatians 3:23 alone, one does need to go through the exercise of Galatians 5:18 to define the phrase "under the law", rejecting the thought that "under the law" means under the "obligation to keep" the law, and if one has faith, we do not have to keep it. That is so contradictory of an understanding towards the scriptures to take that definition.

Besides, the erroneous definition of Galatians 3:23 is easily refuted in Paul's own writings. "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law" (Romans 3:31). To establish the law certainly is not to dismiss the law.



News and Comments

October 2

Fox News

Republicans, pro-lifers victimized by political violence since Biden

called Trump supporters 'threat' to U.S.

It is not about the parties and what they say to stay in power or get elected, it is the attitudes of the populace that they are di-

recting to fulfill end time prophecy. "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs [come] out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty" (Revelation 16:13-14). The goal is to prepare people to fight against God and those that are on God's side. The attitude is there. It is just needing further development.

October 12

Times of Israel

Rats implanted with human brain cells provide scientists with invaluable data

"The method raises potentially uncomfortable questions — how much human brain tissue can be implanted into a rat before the animal's nature is changed? Would the method be ethical in primates?" That is a very good question. "Who can bring a clean [thing] out of an unclean? not one" (Job 14:4).

October 9

Fox News

Abrams says it's 'fallacy we know exactly when a pregnancy starts'

Please set politics aside and focus upon one of the dumbest statements on the subject being passed off as something intelligent. We are told to follow the science in other more complicated matters and yet we are told that science cannot tell us when pregnancy begins? We are not even talking about the discussion of life, but pregnancy. If "when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and

sin" (James 1:15), the parallel is that once conception occurs, it bringeth forth a child. Just about every doctor would testify that once a woman, and not man, is tested for being pregnant and it is positive, then they are instantly declared pregnant and then the calculation begins to see when conception occurred. Once the doctor finds that date, they usually utter, "You have been pregnant for X number of weeks."

October 13

Rutherford

U.S. Supreme Court Gives Police the Green Light To Preemptively Shoot and Kill Drivers They Fear Could Pose a Danger to Others With Their Car

"The Sixth Circuit concluded that police can use excessive force preemptively against a driver if they fear he might endanger others." This would allow potentially any excuse to use preemptive excessive force. All that the officer has to say is... "I thought they were a danger to others." "The thoughts of the righteous [are] right: [but] the counsels of the wicked [are] deceit" (Proverbs 12:5).

October 16

The Daily Beast

The Nightmare COVID Variant That Beats Our Immunity Is Finally Here

It appears that they were waiting and hoping for its arrival, which makes it all the more suspect that the whole thing was a plandemic.

Do realize that "no lie is of the truth" (1 John 2:21).

October 16

Style Caster

These 3 Zodiac Signs Are Having the Best Week, Because They're Tapping Into a Deep Source of Power

Isaiah 47:13-14 says that astrologers and monthly prognosticators will go to hell: "Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from [these things] that shall come upon thee. Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: [there shall] not [be] a coal to warm at, [nor] fire to sit before it." Also, God provides a power: "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3). The power the article refers to is not godly, in fact, it is all about personal gain in one form or another. Therefore, that power these people are entertained by, tapping into, is nothing short of coming from Satan.

October 17

Market Watch

Who's going to be the next world's economic power? Here's what this famed economist is now saying — and one possible surprise

According to the Bible, "there are seven kings: five are fallen, and

one is, [and] the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space" (Revelation 17:10). Coincidentally, there are exactly seven beasts representing world influencing powers. Daniel 7:4 with the lion representing Babylon, Daniel 7:5 with the bear representing Medo-Persia, Daniel 7:6 with the leopard representing Greece, Daniel 7:7 with the ugly beast with iron teeth representing Rome, Revelation 13:1-2 with the conglomerate beast representing the antichrist in the past, Revelation 11:7 the released beast causing atheism that was perfected by U.S.S.R. that fell in 1991, followed by the beast of Revelation 13:11 showing the United States coming to power in the end of the 1700s as well as changing in character once they became the lone super power, but Revelation 17:11 states "the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition" (Revelation 17:11) meaning that antichrist is the next power on the scene. There is no guessing with it being Southern Africa, China, Europe, or any other location as this article, and others, suggest.

October 22

Yahoo News

Insane Cost of Giving Birth in America IS an Economic Issue

So, the one way to deal with the stress of inflation is by getting rid of the child through abortion. Having an abortion to better handle the stress of inflation is like ignoring the command "thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through

[the fire] to Molech" (Leviticus 18:21).

October 23

Fox News

State Dept defends \$20K grant for drag shows in Ecuador

We are exporting the filth and only a world-influencing country has the power to be so successful in pushing this into other countries. Now, they do spin the sympathy of the message towards people who are still in the closet being afraid to show who they really are, but that is the sales pitch. The reality is that we are a leading exporter of sin. "Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!" (Matthew 18:7).

October 26

Children's Health Defense

Millions of Americans Were Assigned 'COVID-19 Violation' Scores Based on Cellphone Data Collected During Lockdowns

Another form of being tracked, making the avoidance of the Mark of the Beast coming soon as being harder to avoid compliance, but the faithful will because "Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12).

October 25

Fox News

Court overturns sentence of feminist who simulated aborting Jesus on Catholic altar while topless, urinating



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The European Court of Human Rights is in conflict with morality. Inside a private institution, such as the Catholic Church, exposing oneself to children, especially, let alone to all the church goers, urinating that caused extraordinary type of clean-up, disrupting a service is a disturbance of the peace, and many more things that the French courts saw went beyond the right to protest. "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (Isaiah 5:20).

October 28

Yahoo News

Detroit pornographer molested his friend's kids, filmed it — then got a break in court

So, the defense has the inability to say that this is wrong. It was done to him so he is just passing it along. When will people be held accountable for adult decisions and take responsibility of dealing

with their own backgrounds? "The LORD [is] longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing [the guilty], visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation]" (Numbers 14:18). But if the defense shows no remorse, how can forgiveness be granted? What about the protection of children? The person should be punished, not only for the wrong done, but so that this person, who implies that he probably will do it again, is kept away from the opportunity. This is poor enforcement of the law at best.

October 27

The Hill

Woman who told police she was too good-looking to be arrested is accused of killing mother

Sounds like a copy of Satan: "Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that

they may behold thee" (Ezekiel 28:17).

October 30

WTRF

Teacher with 'kill list' agrees to stay away

It started out with being concerned about students with a kill list or simply a killing desire, and now it has moved to teachers that cannot be trusted. Jesus said, "as the days of Noe [were], so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matthew 24:37), and "God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth" (Genesis 6:13). But keep in mind, "Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men" (2 Peter 3:6-7).



Be Careful How Much Emphasis Is Placed!

Jesus Was Not Born In December Because the Flocks Were Out At Night When the Weather Was Still Mild

Luke 2:8-14 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto

them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this [shall be] a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to

God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Where Does the Christmas Tree Idea Come From?

Jeremiah 10:2-4 Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people [are]

vain: for [one] cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.

Do We Dismiss That Coincidence By Tradition?

Matthew 15:3-9 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. But ye say, Whosoever shall say to [his] father or [his] mother, [It is] a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; And honour not his father or his mother, [he shall be free]. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. [Ye] hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with [their] lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching [for] doctrines the commandments of men.

Mark 7:6-13 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with [their] lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching [for] doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, [as] the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye

may keep your own tradition. For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death: But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, [It is] Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; [he shall be free]. And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother; Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Colossians 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

But What of the Great Sacrifice and Expenditures to Make Others Happy?

1 Samuel 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.

Revelation 11:10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. [This was celebration over the death of God's servants!]

But What Would Parents Think if We Broke With Tradition and Played Down the Pagan Aspect of the Season and Lifted Christ More?

Matthew 10:34-38 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes [shall be] they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

The Only Tradition We Ought To Follow Is In the Word of God or in Epistles [Letters]

2 Thessalonians 2:15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

What Special Holidays Did Jesus, the Apostles, or Other Writers of the Bible Provide?

[There are no verses to be found to support any such required religious tradition.]

A Final Word

We are not saying the day should be completely ignored like some denominations practice, but let us not be going broke in buying gifts we cannot afford and let us remove the pagan aspects that are practiced. Try to make it more about the togetherness instead of objects encouraging greed.



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~Jenny Dazey, N.D.

