

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

DESTROYING THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL

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PART 7C: DEFENDING THE BIBLE

DEFINITION

The words "Covenant" and "Law" have two different meanings which cannot be exchanged. This is a monumental mistake by many Christians when they read the Bible and think that these two words have the same meaning.

The Covenant between God and Abraham was made without any Law and was just an agreement between God and man. **Genesis 15:17-21**

God stipulated to Abraham there would be a physical sign (token) of the Covenant once it was in place. **Genesis 17:1-11**

Moses was given the Law from God 546 years after Abraham died but the Covenant with Abraham had been in force all those years before the Law was given. God told Moses and the children of Israel that the Covenant was conditional upon their obedience to the voice of God. **Exodus 19:3-8**

Moses spent 40 days with God and during this time he was given the Law of God, which was to govern their lives on earth. Thus we can see that the covenant and the law are two separate things with the covenant existing before the law was given. **Exodus 34:27-35; 35:1**

The Law was given as a condition for the Covenant to continue to be in force but the Law would continue when the Covenant expired!
Matthew 5:17-18

NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY

The people living at the time of Paul were the same as people living today in that they didn't understand that Jesus had made the Sacrificial Law obsolete when He died upon the cross but the rest of the Torah (Moral & Practical Law) was still in force. **Romans 6:1-2, 12-23**

Christians have been delivered from the Sacrificial Law. **Romans 7:4-12**

The Sacrificial Law was weak and could not save but Jesus changed that with His sacrifice on the cross. **Romans 8:1-8**

The Jewish leadership refused to give up the First Covenant and tried to put the Sacrificial Law on the Gentiles. **Galatians 3:1-14**

Paul wrote that Christians should not to be entangled with the Sacrificial Law. **Galatians 5:1-6**



People who hang on to the First Covenant are vainly trying to obtain righteousness through the Sacrificial Law. **Romans 9:30-33**

EXCUSES

The Devil hates God, His laws and all human beings; he is determined to do as much harm before his time is up. **Revelation 12:7-17**

The Moral and the Practical Laws were given to Israel in order for them to have a better quality of life. Satan hates that and wants people to murder, steal and be in prison; he wants you to be sick and obese so you will die early and be taken out of circulation on the earth.

He has put together a “lawless team” of fallen angels who are in charge of enticing people to break God’s laws. These evil spirits are extremely intelligent and able to bamboozle the Christians. This is what the apostle Paul warned us about. **1 Timothy 4:1-5**

Satan will twist this Scripture to say that we can eat anything even though the text is explicit that **we are only to eat what God has created to be meat**. Never mind that this was a prophetic message to people living in the end times and the issue that Paul addressed was being a vegetarian which is a huge part in the New Age movement and the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

The Devil has many more ways to trip you up if you don’t fall for this landmine.

He will bring up Peter’s vision on the housetop and distort the message that everything animal is has been declared good to eat. **Acts 10:10-16**

Chapter ten of the Book of Acts mentions food but its real point is the fact that Gentiles can also be born again just like the Jews. **Acts 10:34-35**

Then the Devil will bring out his biggest landmine of deception. **Matthew 15:1-11**

The law breaking Christian will proclaim that Jesus has declared all things clean to eat but they have not read the preceding verses. In verse one we find Jesus ripping into the Scribes and the Pharisees because of their written law (Talmud) which is called “the tradition of the elders.” The Jewish leadership tried to keep a number of practices in order to make them righteous before God. Jesus told them that what they eat does not defile a man, **but speaking the damnable teachings from the Talmud will defile a man**. Jesus was not addressing the issue of food but blasted the “the tradition of the elders.”

Cherry picking is the act of choosing data that seems to confirm a particular position while ignoring a significant portion of the surrounding data that may contradict that position. Picking Bible verses without understanding the content in which they are placed is bound to spawn false doctrine.

CONCLUSION

There is no place in the New Testament where Christians are told to neglect or break God's holy Law. On the contrary, the Holy Spirit used all the writers of the New Testament to establish the fact that *a man is justified by faith in the finished work of Jesus who became the final sacrifice and that the Sacrificial Law has been fulfilled!* **Galatians 2:16-21**

Once again, look at the words of Jesus:

“Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:17-19)

Do you love Jesus? **John 14:15**

The apostle Peter spoke of being holy. **1 Peter 1:13-22**

We are the spiritual Israel under the Second Covenant and the Lord has promised that He will bless us if we keep His commandments. **Deuteronomy 7:9-15**

Is there a correlation between Christians rejecting the Moral and Practical Laws and the sickness that is gripping a large part of the Christian community? Can a believer in Christ disregard the commandments and sin against God and still be blessed? Galatians 6:4-9

Why are more than 50% of Christian marriages ending in divorce?

Why are so many children from Christian homes rebelling against God?

Why are so many pastors, elders, deacons and Christian men hooked on pornography?

Why are so many Christians taking tranquilizers to cope with life?

Why are so many Christians obese?

Why are so many Christians depressed and filled with demons?

If you break God's Word, it will break you! Matthew 21:42-46

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Have you made plans on how to finish your life or are you just drifting?

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?

For an exhaustive study on the First and Second Covenant along with the Law, please see Lesson 5 of Christian Dynamics Course 1.