

What's Keeping God from Delivering America, Britain and Europe from Destruction?

Has God Abandoned Modern Christians...?

Does God No Longer Hear the Prayers of His People...?

**Does God No Longer Care
About His Children...?**

Can the Situation be Remedied...?

(ANSWER AND SOLUTION INSIDE)



"Gulfstream," Winslow Homer.

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“Prometheus Bound” Peter Paul Rubens

For the cover art, I tried to choose pictures which would elicit horror and show the precariousness of our situation, and the agony if things progress as they are. Winslow Homer (front) depicted a slave, chained to a sailboat with a broken mast and no rudder, heading into a waterspout, with a pack of hungry sharks as companions. Peter Paul Rubens (back) depicted the punishment of the gods upon Prometheus for giving fire to human-kind: being chained on a cold mountain top to have his flesh torn and eaten by vultures during the day, then he would shiver at night and his body would heal—just in time for it to start all over again.

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HAS GOD ABANDONED HIS PEOPLE...? OR HAVE GOD'S PEOPLE ABANDONED GOD...?

Has God *abandoned* His people?

Does He not *hear* our desperate cries?

No, God has *not* abandoned His people.

However, as shocking as it may sound: No, He does not hear our *national* cries.

What...? God does not hear our national prayers...!
Why not...?

Well, Scripture informs us,

¹Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: ²But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear. ³For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. ⁴None calleth for justice, nor *any* pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity." (Isaiah 59)

Scripture further tells us,

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Galatians 6:7)

"...the curse causeless shall not come." (Proverbs 26:2)

All these evils coming upon our nations have not just happened by chance. Further, it is not really the "enemy's"* fault, as much as it is *our own*. We allowed our enemies into our national homes (in violation of God's Law) and then we gave power to our enemies (in violation of God's Law) so that they could overturn our national, spiritual, and moral foundations. We have allowed such evil to take root and breed in our own lands under our very noses. We are to blame.

[* —though they too are culpable, this does not exonerate us.

Of course, the evil in our land did not happen overnight. It followed the course of the “Frog in the Boiling Pot of Water Syndrome” (continual deception + gradual change). Initially, one or two foreigners (wolves and serpents in sheep’s clothing—crypto-enemies *claiming* to be “champions of freedom” and the “American Way of Life”), who **claimed** “conversion to Christ” wiggled their way into the seminaries and universities in our land—and a marked theological shift began: leaning toward modernism, liberalism, and communism (which in time, has led to the majority of U.S. pastors and seminarians themselves even denying the revealed Word of God altogether). Likewise, once we allowed a few “converted” strangers into positions of leadership in the community and government,* they slowly revealed their true colors through liberal, Anti-Christ, Anti-Republican, and Pro-Socialist legislation. Year after year they lobbied to allow more and more of their own foreign, Anti-Christian people to immigrate to our nation (claiming “refugee status”).

* In order to hold any public office in the early U.S.—according to Law, a person had to be a: 1. white, 2. land-owning, 3. male, 4. who lived an upright life, and 5. professed faith in Jesus Christ.

** “Refugees” arriving in the U.S. now receive *more money* from the U.S. “government” (stolen from the taxpayers) than those Americans who are retired on social security—who paid their taxes and paid into social security for 50 years. Refugees receive about \$2,400/month, while retired U.S. citizens who worked and paid into the system for *half a century* receive only about \$1,100/month. No wonder nonwhite foreigners come to the U.S. and exclaim, “Whahta Kuhntree...!” But it’s not a wonderful country any more. Once the host dies, the parasites die. In fact, Communist China even publishes a book on how to emigrate to the U.S. and receive all sorts of **free** government housing, money, food stamps, etc.

Once more and more Anti-Christian foreigners were allowed into our nation, they reproduced 5x faster than European Americans, and soon, we were “out-voted” by the foreign flood among us. They should have never been given a vote. Not a single nonwhite nation on earth would so surrender their nation to foreigners.

See my new booklet, [Our Blood on the Altar: Freedom and Civilization Hang in the Balance \[A Final Call to the Nations of Christendom\]](#), 88pp., 6⁰⁰ + P&H.

There are very few white Christian nations left. Muslims, “jews,” and Chinese (as well as Africans, Mexicans, etc.) have been flooding into our lands (the immigration doors having been held open by traitors) and are threatening our very existence—while they retain the sovereignty of their own nations. The philosophy: What’s mine is mine and what’s yours is mine.” Muslims even brag that they are flooding into our nations to take them over by out-populating and then outvoting us. In 25 years, half of the nations of Europe will be Muslim states. The Irishman Edmund Burke, the Christian British statesman truly warned: “All that is required for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing.”]

Further, rather than opposing such evil, we have turned a blind eye to it. Therefore, God will turn a blind eye to our predicament until we *actually repent*.

[The below scenario is that of my own imagination. It may or may not bear resemblance to how communications transpired a century or so ago. Regardless, even if my short narrative has no historical foundation, the parallel of this short, fictional story will be made keenly evident.]

Imagine a war going on, back before *wireless* radios. In order to keep in communication with headquarters, wires had to be strung out and maintained. Understand the importance of these wires; so important were they, that signs were posted in camp, “Absolutely no shooting in this direction!” Now imagine, one lawless, careless, indifferent soldier, bored one afternoon. He decides to have a little target practice at some crows; crows in the direction of the “No Shooting” Zone. As it happens, in his wanton discharge of his weapon, he shot through the radio wire, unbeknownst to him. Now imagine that shortly hereafter the enemy, having surrounded this camp, is closing in. The soldier, alarmed, calls headquarters for reinforcements; but there is no reply. He becomes more and more frantic, calling again and again. Yet, there is no answer. In desperation, as the enemy floods over the hill, he cries out into the microphone castigating the people at headquarters, “My God! —What’s *wrong* with *you*...? Why won’t you answer me...? —don’t *you care*?” In classic humanistic fash-

ion, the sinful soldier *blames others* for the consequences of *his own sin*.

However, no one at headquarters ever heard a single one of his cries for help, because in his rebellion, *he shot out his own life-line* when his bullet severed the radio wire. So it is with sin and God hearing our prayers. Of course, the stupid soldier did not *intend* to shoot out the wire. Yet, regardless of his intentions, the results were the same. Sin is sin; whether out of ignorance or willful rebellion—and the wages for sin (regardless of its motive) remain the same: death.

THE ROAD BACK

However, one simple act, a prayer whispered from a truly repentant heart, will *reconnect* those life-giving wires to re-establish communication lines with God.

However, if one does not know that he has sinned, *how* can he *repent*? Well, God has commanded us in numerous places to study His Word and Law, to meditate upon it, to search the Scriptures. Discovery of sin will be an inevitable reality if Christians obeyed that simplest of God's commands: to daily familiarize oneself daily with the Word of God so that we might know what God requires.

[I have long referred to many modern, sinful Christians, ignorant of God's Law, operating their lives according to the "Three Stooges Syndrome." They cry out when they are in need, "I can't see, I can't see!" and when asked by one concerned about them, "Why not?" they foolishly reply, "My eyes are closed!"]

If we do not know GOD'S LAW and what God requires—His STANDARD OF HOLINESS, His MORAL CODE, His "House Rules" which He expects His children to follow—because we have not read and studied God's Word as we should, we have no excuse. Ignorance is no excuse for breaking the law. In some cases, the *penalty* for crimes born out of ignorance may be less severe; but deadly consequences resulting from ignorance (fatal damages inflicted upon others) are not mitigated simply because someone exclaims, "...but I did not know..." Even as sincerity is irrelevant when someone was misguided and caused irrevocable injury to someone, so too ignorance is irrelevant when actions are fatal. Actions have consequences regardless of intentions or ignorance. However, regardless of the damage done, there is always hope in turning to God for mercy and deliverance. However, God is both the JUDGE and the *offended party*. If those who have sinned desire to make things right, it must be on *God's* terms.

Repentance is not a *passive* phenomena. It requires action. If the sin was one of commission, then the action of repentance is to stop sinning. If the sin was one of omission, then

the action of repentance is to start doing what is commanded. In most cases, our rebellion against God is both a sin of omission and commission, and therefore, true repentance entails both stopping the sin and starting doing what is right. A simple Biblical example of this would be:

“Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with *his* hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.” (Ephesians 4:28)

God will not deliver us from evil until we *truly hate* it. Most modern Christians have no concept of Holiness. Most modern Christians do not really hate evil. They tolerate it. They ignore it. They call it by softer-sounding names and they even allow it to become a legislatively protected past-time. Modern Christians only really “hate” sin when they become a victim of it themselves. The rest of the time sin, iniquity, and immorality are merely embarrassing or tedious *inconveniences*. God will not deliver us from that which we acquiescingly tolerate and willingly endure. Only when we *truly* hate evil—without apology!—as He commanded, will He deliver us from it. To be even more blunt, if we do not hate evil—we do *not* even love God. *What support* do I have for that statement...? The Word of God itself:

“The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil...” (Proverbs 8:13)

“Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: He preserveth the souls of His saints; He delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.” (Psalm 97:10)

[To love the LORD is to hate evil, *ergo*, to **not** hate evil is to **not** love the LORD. Further, God Himself (contrary to false doctrine of modern preachers) does not merely “hate the sin” yet “love the sinner.” Scripture tells us that God actually *hates the soul of the wicked, unrepentant sinner* (Psalm 11:5; also Deuteronomy 7:10). We are told that King David was “a man after the LORD’s own heart” (1 Samuel 13:14). And what did David have to say?:

“²⁰For they speak against Thee wickedly, *and* Thine enemies take *Thy Name* in vain. ²¹Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate Thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up

against Thee? ²²I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies. ²³Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: ²⁴And see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” (Psalm 139)]

Until we hate God’s enemies—and all their evil—the way King David did, we do not truly love God. We are lovers *of our own selves* and *pleasure* not lovers of God (II Timothy 3:2-4); we seek to be *friends* and *pleasers of the world* (Ephesians 6:6; Acts 5:29); not of God. And when we seek approval and acceptance of the world (or even seek to appease it) we actually *render ourselves the enemies of God*—in fact, God even calls those who would seek to please the world instead of Him “adulterers” (James 4:4). Rather strong words. Joshua famously declared the opposite,

“...choose you this day whom ye will serve... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” (24:15)

Similarly, the prophet Elijah threw down the same gauntlet:

“How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD *be* God, follow him: but if Baal, *then* follow him.” (I Kings 18:21)

Likewise, the Apostle James declared:

“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded.” (4:8)]

In his book, Abandoned to Christ* (1955), L. E. Maxwell wrote,

[* Inquire for details (SASE or e-mail).]

“In the face of such insipid and shameful consecration, the Communists boast,

‘We do not play with words. We are realists.... Of our salaries and wages we keep only what is strictly necessary and give up the rest for propaganda purposes. To this propaganda we also ‘consecrate’ all our free time and a part of our holidays. You (Christians) , however, give only a little time and hardly any money for the spreading. of the gospel of Christ.... Believe me, it is we who will win, for we believe in our Communist message; we are ready to sacrifice

everything, even our life,... but you people are afraid to soil your hands....’

“A young German doctor, now an earnest Christian, but once a member of Hitler Youth and a soldier in Hitler’s armies, after speaking of the kindness of the young people in British churches, added,

‘I am concerned with the casual quality of their faith. They do not give to Christ anything like the devotion which we once gave to Hitler’ (*Sunday School Times*, Nov. 1950)....

‘The Communists’ power,’ said Whittaker Chambers, ‘is the power to hold convictions and to act upon them. Communists are that part of mankind which have recovered the power to live or die—to bear witness—for their faith.’ ” (pp. 15, 24)

[This is a sad indictment upon modern Christianity. What has Christianity accomplished over the past 70 years; and what has communism accomplished? Chambers (who eventually forsook communism and embraced Christ) was right; the Communists have resurrected the self-sacrificing faith that Christianity once had. Though their motives are wrong and their morals nonexistent—they at least fight for what they believe it. How many Christians can say that?]

GET IT RIGHT

This booklet may ruffle a few feathers because it takes the blame off God and places it where it deserves to be—squarely and fully on the culpable shoulders of man. Even though the concepts herein may go against a lot of what has been taught in the mainstream churches over the past 50 years, I exhort each reader to read through this entire booklet and *truly* pray to the Holy Spirit about it, before rejecting these ideas. Further, I challenge those who reject the information contained herein—to *prove it by Scripture*.

Scripture says,

“If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?” (Psalm 11:3)

A house without a foundation is like a ship without a rudder, or like a well or a cloud without water (II Peter 2:17; Jude 1:12): useless—dead.

If the foundations are destroyed, however, there *is one* recourse—appeal to the Supreme Architect and the Master Builder:

“⁸By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. ⁹By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: ¹⁰For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose Builder and Maker *is* God.” (Hebrews 11)

“¹⁹Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; ²⁰And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the Chief Corner *Stone*; ²¹In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: ²²In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.” (Ephesians 2)

I am calling the *true* House of God to *return* to its **FOUNDATION** and contend for the faith once delivered (Jude 1:3):

“...build up the ancient ruins... raise up the foundations of generations past... and thou shalt be called the Repairer of the breach, the Restorer of the safe and prosperous paths of life...” [my own emphatic paraphrase] (Isaiah 58:12)

This was Christ’s very mission:

“¹⁸The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, ¹⁹To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.” (Luke 4)

[For further proof that paganism has crept into modern Christianity, forming a hybrid religion which has departed from pure Christian roots, see, [Too Long in the Sun](#), Rives, 256pp., pb., 15⁰⁰ + P&H and [Time is the Ally of Deceit](#), Rives, 260pp., pb., 16⁰⁰ (reg. 18⁰⁰) + P&H.]

Yet, sadly, the average Christian will oppose anything that goes against the “traditions of his fathers”* or his own comfortable life-style. If what we are following turns out to be entirely different than what we thought we were following... then the only thing that remains for us to do is to stop following that which is wrong and start following what is right. *What person*, in his right mind, if he realized that he had been following the *wrong* car and had gone 50 miles in the wrong direction—what person in his right mind would not stop following the wrong car, and turn around and go back and try to find the person he was supposed to have been following...? However, tragically, some people are so proud, they would rather continue for the rest of their lives in the wrong direction, rather than admit they were wrong. Such people refuse to even hear the evidence, before dismissing it and even attack the person who tried to deliver him from his folly by showing him the truth.

[* —something which Christ vehemently attacked whenever it de-

parted from the “traditions of God.”

“The simple step of a courageous individual is not to take part in the falsehood. One word of truth outweighs the world.”
—Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

“To free a nation from error is to enlighten the individual, and only to the degree that the individual will be receptive of truth can a nation be free from the vanity which ends with national ruin.” —unknown

“The Judgements of men are formed, not from facts as they are, but as they wish them to be. They root through tons of good wheat to find three pieces of chaff, if the chaff lends weight to their belief and argument. It is not that they want others to know the truth, but to have them believe as they do. Beyond this they do not care. The conceit of man ordinarily forms his criterion of truth.” —Homer Lea

“The greatest derangement of the human mind is to believe because one wishes it to be so.” —Louis Pasteur

Leo Tolstoy keenly observed:

“Shallow ideas can be assimilated. Ideas that require people to reorganize their picture of the world provoke hostility. I know that most men, including those at ease with problems of the greatest complexity, can seldom accept even the simplest and most obvious truth if it be such as would oblige them to admit the falsity of conclusion which they have delighted in explaining to colleagues, which they proudly taught to others, and which they have woven, thread by thread, into the fabric of their lives.”

Even the Evolutionist scientist Thomas H. Huxley said,

“God give me strength to face a fact though it slay me!”

“A beautiful theory, killed by a nasty, ugly little fact.”

“Veracity is the heart of morality.”

The Apostle Paul himself queried:

“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?” (Galatians 4:16)]

Scripture declares,

“He that answereth a matter before he heareth *it*, *it is* folly

and shame unto him.” (Proverbs 18:13).

Beyond mere foolishness, *true* “prejudice”* is actually *iniquity*:

[* —coming to a decision without examining the evidence. However, much of what is castigated in modern society as “prejudice” is not prejudice, but obedience to God: for God commanded us in His Word to *discriminate* between that which *He* established to be “good” and that which He declared “bad.”]

“Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin.” (James 4:17)

[And again, those who are truly ignorant are not innocent either; for we are commanded to study the Word of God and *know* the truth. For the Christian, in many cases, *ignorance itself is a sin*.]

Christ declared,

“²³Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here *is* Christ, or there; believe *it* not. ²⁴For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect. ²⁵Behold, I have told you before. ²⁶Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, *he is* in the secret chambers; believe *it* not. ²⁷For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. ²⁸For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.” (Matthew 24)

Tragically, some people will choose to even continue following a *false Christ* (even when there are signs of death all around) rather than admit that they were wrong, repent, and follow the true Christ.

TRUE SUBMISSION TO GOD OR REBELLION

Sadly, most people (including most “Christians”) don’t care about the truth. If someone is honest, if someone is a Christian, he *should* care about the truth, *conform* his life to it, *follow after* it, and *proclaim* it. Christ taught the parable of the PEARL OF GREAT PRICE (13:46), in which an individual, all his life, had searched for this rarest of treasures. When he finally found it, willingly sold all he owned to purchase it. *This* is the true meaning of Proverbs 23:23.

[Yet sadly, the average Christian, rather than sacrificing all for the truth, considers the truth to be an *embarrassing burden*. Rather than sell all to possess it, he digs a hole and buries it. Such a person will find severe judgment or shame when he stands before the Master (Luke 19:20-27; II Peter 2:21,22). Further, Christ Himself drew the line in the sand, separating His flock from His enemies:

“He that is not with Me is against Me; and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad.” (Matthew 12:30)

Those “Christians” who do not embrace the truth and who are not (as Christ was) engaged in the Father’s business (Luke 2:49), reveal themselves to be not of Christ’s flock, not brethren, but enemies of God. A person who indifferently watches someone commit a crime against another (when he could intervene or at least help bring the criminal to justice), is actually an *accomplice* to that crime. So too, if we do not work in the very work that Christ is doing (and His work is in the Truth—for He *is the* TRUTH), then we actually *oppose* His work and labor *against* Him. This is not something I made up. Christ Himself declared it. Again, “Choose you this day...!”]

However, most people (including most “Christians”) are smugly satisfied if the truth agrees *with what they want to believe* and *the way they want to live*. Yet, if the truth opposes their life-style or what they want to believe, they are *indifferent* to the truth (though *hostile* to anyone who would speak it). They simply *ignore* the truth and *go about their lives* with the delusion that “reality” and “truth” are *what they want them to be*. This is infantile. This is psychotic.

Most Christians cannot truly claim Christ Jesus as their Lord.

The word Lord means “sovereign.” If Christ is truly Lord, the Christian will be in submission to Christ and do what Christ has commanded. But most Christians are not in submission, they go about their daily lives as if Christ does not even exist. Most Christians do not serve Christ; they serve the flesh (self).

I challenge the reader, if he considers himself to be an honest person, if he claims to be a Christian, and if he admits that he cares about and wants to know the truth—to *prayerfully* consider the information presented in these few pages... and follow up by reading some of the titles recommended herein. We delude ourselves if we imagine the truth to be *anything* other than what the *WORD OF GOD* says it is. In the centuries that have passed since the ages of discovery, enlightenment, and learning until now, the Bible has never been proven wrong in any area. Just the opposite has transpired: After a century or so of atheists declaring some passage of Scripture a fairy tale, time and time again an archaeological discovery is made which proves the Bible was right all along.

[See, [The Signature of God](#), 354pp., pb., 14⁰⁰ + P&H.]

Christ is *the* “Truth” (John 14:6)—but He is also called a “Rock of offence and a Stone of stumbling” to those who reject the Truth (Isaiah 8:14), foolishly thinking they know a better way (Proverbs 14:12). The builders of mankind rejected Christ, the Cornerstone, refusing to give Him the pre-eminence; thinking they were wise, they became fools and God gave them over to delusions (Romans 1:20-25). Those who submit to Christ and the Truth, shall be broken (of their corrupt old life), but *rebuilt* into something far better (John 12:24,25). However, those who *reject* the truth will one day be forced into submission and crushed permanently as a solemn reminder of the price incurred by disobedience and ignorance (II Corinthians 10:4-6):

“Whosoever shall fall upon that Stone [Christ] shall be broken; but on whomsoever It shall fall, It will grind him to powder.” (Luke 20:18)

“...ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:32)

Trust me. It is far better to bow the knee to God, than to be *forced* to your knees, having your legs broken. God will win. The only matter to decide is whether you will side with the world, believing what is considered popularly *en vogue* and bowing to “political correctness” or whether you will be a servant, friend, and honorable son of God and confess the truth regardless of what all the “experts” say.

The 3 Hebrew youth, Hananiah, Azariah, and Mishael (more popularly known by their Babylonian names, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego), refused to bow down when the penalty was *a burning furnace*: a tortuous death! Why then, do modern Christians, who face comparatively little-to-no persecution, fearfully bow down...? The fact of the matter is, by bowing down, you *give* the enemy *greater power*—and the enemy’s reaction will be to *increase* your *persecution more and more in proportion to the degree that you bow down*. Why bow down? God forbids it and on top of that, it goes against common sense! Bow down only to God. If you recognize any master other than God, God will allow that wicked master to abuse you and God will not intervene—for you chose the other master over God Himself and God will allow you to reap what you yourself willingly and knowingly sowed in rebellion to His command.* “Choose you this day...!”

[* For historical proof of this, read I Samuel chapter 8.]

Hint: If a “Christian” is not really concerned about the truth, it is an indicator that he is *carnal* (A.W.O.L.)—or not even really a Christian. We, the sons of God, are here on earth as His representatives—God’s very ambassadors—we are not here to be pursuing *our own* pleasure (though there is allowance for that when the assignments are being faithfully attended to; work first, then “play”). Our purpose on planet earth is to be doing what He has commanded us.

[If you are not a missionary, you are a mission field.]

A *true* Christian is a *servant* of God, as well as a son of God. Those who are faithful in these affairs on earth will be rewarded by being made ruler over many greater things. With faithfulness comes great reward. But we must be busied with the Father's business; not our own. This is *impossible* if one does not care about the truth. The truth is our *job description*: for it encompasses every area of our life which falls into 2 simple categories:

1. those things we are supposed to be doing and
2. those things we are commanded not to do.

The Enduring Law of God

“But the Word of the Lord endureth for ever.” (I Peter 2:5)

Evan H. Hopkins, in his excellent The Law of Liberty in the Spiritual Life* (1910) points out:

[* See recommended titles in the back of this book.]

“Every heresy, it has been said, has its roots in defective views of sin.” (p.11)

Whether people realize it or not, *Antinomianism* (i.e., the doctrine that the Law of God was abolished and no longer applies, or does not apply to Christians, etc.) *itself is a defective view of sin*. In fact, Antinomianism is the *ultimate defective view of sin*: for in claiming that God’s Law no longer exists, in essence it is being claimed *that sin no longer exists*—because sin in “transgression of the Law” (I John 3:4, Romans 7:7-12). If the Law was “done away with,” sin is no longer sin. This is in violation of the nature of God’s Holiness.

- God does not turn *goats, dogs, or pigs* “into sheep;”
- God does not turn *tares* into “wheat;”
- God does not turn *thistles* into “figs” or *thorns* into “grapes;”
- God does not turn that which is *immoral* into “morality;”
- God does not turn that which is *unholy* into “Holiness;”
- God does not turn evil into “good” (in fact, He pronounces a curse on those who would so confuse the two; Isaiah 5:20); and
- God does not turn *sin* into “non-sin.”

The very notion of such is an abomination! God does not turn such things that offend Him into things that please Him; He draws an eternal distinction between them; He separates them from one another; and He will eventually remove and destroy those things which offend Him (Matthew 13:41). He can do no other. It is what His HOLINESS demands.

“For I *am* the LORD, I change not...” (Malachi 3:6)

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.” (Hebrews 13:8)

“...with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” (James 1:17)

“He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.” (Psalm 15:4)

God cannot change and neither can His Word or Law. It is this very characteristic of God which is our anchor of hope (read the 2nd half of Malachi 3:6). Further, it is our anchor of sanity. If God’s Laws changed as frequently as man’s laws do, how could you ever keep up with it...?—and how could you trust someone who continually changed his mind, broke his word, made a mistake and miscalculated, claims to have thought of a better way, wanted to try something new, deceived you, etc...?

Any Christian who believes that the LAW OF GOD was “abolished” or “done away with,” has been deceived, either through his own misreading of the Scriptures, or having been led astray by men in the pulpit (whom God refers to as either *blind* shepherds or *wicked* shepherds). God would not abolish the very MORAL STANDARD by which He expects His people to live. For mankind, that would not be “liberty;” it would be *chaos—lawlessness*. Just imagine if children did not have to follow the laws of their parents, and therefore, could play with knives, matches, and guns, and experiment with drugs, alcohol, and sex, if they could vandalize, cheat, steal, and assault those weaker than them—what would that result in...? —oh, yeah... it’s called “modern society.”*¹

Understand this: The keeping of God’s most HOLY and MORAL LAW is **not** “legalism*²”—God Himself calls it *obedience* (*lawfulness, uprightness, being just*). Obedience is also the purest and truest expression of love (not the result of “oppression”). Those who say otherwise are either in utter darkness and profound ignorance—or they are evil to the core like the Edomite pharisees: who did all they could to *turn the people against God and His Law*; causing them to think God was “oppressive” and “unfair.” Thus, the Edomite pharisees laid the foundation for the philosophy in which mankind would, in their own minds, “Liberate themselves from God.”

[*¹ Modern society is perverse, immoral, and lawless—and even

many churches are guilty of the latter; however, though they have a form of Godliness, they deny the power/authority/reality thereof (II Timothy 3:5). Modern society is a “legalistic” society, with a whole specialized field which dominates and oppresses peaceful citizens: feeding off them like vultures on carrion or like parasites on hosts. Our modern legalistic society, full of man’s plethora of laws—all to no avail—is actually and ironically a *lawless* society: for it rejects God’s Laws which are the *only* laws which truly work. God laid out around 650 Laws and for Millennia, never devised any other—and when we followed His handful of laws, our nations were safe, moral, prosperous, and a light and example to the world. However, the enemies in our government pass over 10,000 laws a year and the result—they have to pass another 10,000 laws the next year. The consequences: our nations have experienced an epidemic of crime, immorality, injustice, poverty and misery, we are now not only a laughing-stock, but much of the world even hates us. To make matters worse, an entire expensive *fleet* of lawyers and legal professionals is needed for the “common man” to “understand” the law—and most of the time, the “experts” themselves do not understand the law and cannot agree on it and they continue to change it further every year. It is a never-ending vicious cycle as long as you stay on the corrupt political merry-go-round.

Yet God’s Word commands us:

“Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.” (Proverbs 22:28)

“³²Ye shall observe to do therefore as the LORD your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. ³³Ye shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and *that it may be* well with you, and *that* ye may prolong *your* days in the land which ye shall possess.” (Deuteronomy 5)

“¹⁹I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: ²⁰That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, *and* that thou mayest obey His voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto Him: for He *is* thy life, and the length of thy days...” (Deuteronomy 30:19)

⁸"This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." (Joshua 1:9)

See also the entire chapters of Proverbs 3, Leviticus 26, and Deuteronomy 28.

Our nation was founded on the Laws of God* and our nation was safe and prosperous for 200 years during the observance of these laws.

* The U.S. Constitution (despite its faults) was formed from American Common Law, which stemmed from English Common Law, whose origin was the Law of God. See: The Dooms (Laws) of King Alfred, "the Great", (established c.890 A.D.) 58pp., booklet (Old English/Anglo-Saxon with English translation), 6⁰⁰ + P&H; The Law of the Lord: The Common Law (1928), Goard, 130pp., pb., 10⁰⁰ + P&H; and The Origins of the Common Law (1966), Hoague, 272pp., Hb., 18⁰⁰ (reg. 20⁰⁰); pb., 10⁰⁰ + P&H.

Yet, as we have departed from the SUPREME LAW OF THE LAND (the LAW OF GOD) lawlessness, crime, injustice, oppression, immorality, and wickedness now abound unbridled—brazen and unashamed. Criminals are coddled while the righteous are tyrannized; the lawless are rewarded while the law-abiding are penalized—this is an abomination! Christ, the embodiment of Wisdom, crieth out,

"But he that sinneth against Me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate Me love death!" (Proverbs 8:36)

²⁰Woe 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! ²¹Woe unto *them that are* wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!....

²³Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! ²⁴Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the Law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the Word of the Holy One of Israel. ²⁵Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against His people, and He hath stretched forth

His hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcases *were* torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.” (Isaiah 5)

*2 “Legalism” is actually what most modern churches *are* guilty of. Legalism is the imposing of *man’s* own laws (or those of any *religious synod or denomination*) upon the congregation or society *in place of* the DIVINE LAW—*this* is adding to and detracting from God’s Word. *This* is what the Pharisees did; incurring Christ’s wrath and curse: for in so doing they turned the people *away from God*, leading them astray.]

The Law of God was never abolished. *That* is one of Satan’s great lies; the same lie with which he deceived our Federal Parents in the Garden of Eden:

“*Surely, the Lord hath not said...*” [my emphatic paraphrase] (Genesis 3:1)

But the LORD *has* surely said! His Word is not ambiguous or confusing. It is crystal clear—to those who actually love Him and who are obedient to His command to study His Word to know what He actually requires of us.

- What part of “No!” or “Thou shalt not!” is so hard for some people to understand...?
- What is so confusing about “Never!”...? Does it mean sometimes? every now and then? if no one is looking? if you feel like it? maybe sometime in the future?
- What is so vague about “throughout all your generations forever!”...?

Christians reject what God has commanded for the same reason that Eve herself rebelled: for Satan has deceived the average person (including the average Christian) with the foolish notion that he can “be like God.”

“You don’t need to obey all those senseless, oppressive Commands God loaded on you—you can be ‘your own god’ and decide *for yourself* what *you* choose to be ‘right’ or ‘wrong.’ You’re a big boy; make those decisions for yourself. It’s your right! You don’t need anyone telling you

what you can and cannot do.”

[And since Christians have been told this, the modern Christian church itself is now no different than society; no different than if a house full of 10-year olds was given free reign, without any adult supervision, to do whatever they wanted. It is for this reason the modern Christian church is ignorant and delusional. It is for this reason that Paul says many are weak and sleep*¹ (I Corinthians 11:30). Sadly, most people (including most Christians) never truly *mature*; they merely *age*. Most Christians have never progressed to the *meat of the Word* (I Corinthians 3:2,3*²). It is for this reason that the modern Christian church is infantile and psychotic (and about to be disenfranchised and committed to the insane asylum).

*¹ —“sick and have died.”

*² The reason they have not progressed to meat, as Paul tells us, is because they are *carnal*. Ironically, the word carnal, in the Latin-based languages, means “meat, flesh, or carnal” (as in *chile con carne*; “chili with meat”). Thus, they could not eat *carne* because they were *carnal*. This may simply be a play on words in our language (in the Greek, the words for meat and carnal in this passage are unrelated); regardless, the irony is true. Often we rob ourselves of the blessings God has for us, if we take it upon ourselves to seize them, rather than waiting for God to give them to us. Adam and Eve set in motion this carnal unauthorized stealing from and rebellion against God.

What is just as tragic is that the baby food the average Christian is eating is *artificial*, *lifeless*, and *full of impurities* (and not even the “sincere milk of the Word,” I Peter 2:2).]

This is the only reason that the modern Christian rejects God’s Law. The only difference between Eve’s rebellion and that of the modern “Christian”: Satan used an intermediary called a “preacher” to deliver the temptation to rebel, teaching them that they no longer need obey God; that there is a “new morality” (which they term, *dispensation*). Scripture tells us, “Let them alone:* they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.” (Matthew 15:14)

[* —that is, have *nothing* to do with them.]

Answer me this:

- If God’s Law has been “abolished,” then does God require *noth-*

ing of His people?

- If the Law was “done away with,” **what** was instituted in its place... **what** is it called, and **where** in Scripture are we told this...?

- Can we break any of the 10 Commandments with impunity, if the Law of God was “abolished”...? What about the other Laws...? If you believe the 10 Commandments still need to be obeyed, but no other part of the Law—**where** in the Bible does it say this...?

- If the Law was abolished, **what** MORAL CODE serves as the compass for our lives...? Some people might say, “love”—“all we need is love.”

[Well, that was counter-culture revolutionary indoctrination inculcated by the Beatles—and how has that *humanistic* philosophy bettered the human race over the past half century?

But let's examine that premise: Okay, **define love**. Ask 100 different people and you will get 100 different answers (and there is a chance that not even one of the answers will be correct). Tell me, is “free love” an acceptable answer...? What kind of love...? What is the standard definition and what is the authority for that definition? Well, love is not a gushy feeling and it is not a mere emotion. If it is, you are talking about false love (lust or infatuation). The Bible defines *true* love:

1. God is LOVE. God is not defined by love—love is defined by God's Very Nature. LOVE is an essence of God: one of His attributes.* By God's very Nature He cannot be unloving, sin, or violate His own HOLINESS. He commands us to be Holy as He is HOLY, and therefore, Love is also defined as “our conforming to God's Nature of Love (which is an expression of His HOLINESS); this is achieved through its second definition:

* See the classic work on this: The Attributes of God, Arthur Pink, 96pp., pb., 10⁰⁰ + P&H. Can the average Christian even *name* a half dozen of God's attributes? Without understanding God's Nature (His attributes) it is impossible to understand life—or at least *true* life: life from a *true* Christian perspective. If a Christian does not understand the attributes of God, a Christian's entire mind-set is *secular*. Without understanding God's primary attribute—HOLINESS—one cannot understand sin, justice, judgment, forgiveness, mercy, grace, love, obedience, righteousness or any Christian doctrine.]

2. Love is **obedience** (and in order for there to be obedience, there has to be Law*). Christ established the definition of the word love:

* Scripture tells us that righteousness (but not justification) is

a result of the Holy Spirit indwelling us and our walking in the Spirit in obedience, keeping the Law of God (Romans 8:4). Scripture also tells us that the Law is fulfilled in one word: love—but that this word is a result of keeping the Law by the agency of the Holy Spirit in us; and that those who violate God's Laws (not having the Holy Spirit in them), will not inherit the Kingdom of God; and the sins that are mentioned in this context go far beyond the mere violation of the 10 Commandments—and this is further proof that the entire Law of God has never been abolished (Galatians 5:14-21).

“If ye love Me, keep My Commandments.” (John 14:15)
Christ also set the example. Christ so loved us that He what...?

“If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of *love*... ⁵Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus... ⁸He humbled Himself, and *became obedient* unto death, even the death of the cross.”
(Philippians 2)

Christ set the example, proving that true love is demonstrated through obedience to what God requires.]

Answer me this, if you believe the Law was “done away with”: Do you claim that you **never** sin...? Do you claim that **no** sin exists in the world anywhere today...? Guess what... if sin exists, *that means the Law exists and is still in force*. Scripture tells us that

“Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the Law: for sin is the transgression of the Law.” (I John 3:4)

If there is no longer any Law, there can be no sin.

The LAW OF GOD was **never** abolished. Ignorant or traitorous preachers and teachers have misinformed the Flock of God. The 10 Commandments are not merely 10 individual Commandments; the 10 Commandments are actually 10 *Categories* of Law, under which *all* of the other Commandments, Statutes, Ordinances, and Judgments are organized.

[See my book, [Are We Keeping God's Law Yet...?](#) (details on last page of this booklet).]

The keeping of God's Laws was **never** intended for *salvation*—**never**! The common notion that keeping the 10 Com-

mandments or the Law of God was “for salvation” is another *monument to spiritual ignorance or deception*. The keeping of any or all of the individual Laws of God was for the moral, economic, health, familial, societal, national, agricultural, and other reasons for which God gave all those various Laws. A father does *not* “lay down the law” in his household for the eternal salvation of his family—He lays down the law to maintain order, honor, integrity, morality, health, safety, and prosperity. It is no different in God’s Household.

However, Judgment and its satisfaction, in response to any violation of those Laws, is an entirely different matter. Temporal Judgments (capital punishment, restitution) are still in force. The only part of the Law which Christ’s death changed was the sacrifices for sin and the sentencing for those sins in the life to come. God, being Holy commanded us: The soul that sinneth shall surely die (Ezekiel 18:20). This was not merely physical death, but spiritual judgment and eternal separation from God. If one of God’s children dies without having appropriated the payment Christ made on his behalf, then he is stuck paying the price himself throughout eternity. However, if the child of God comes under the blood of Christ’s sacrifice, God’s Holiness and Justice is appeased and there is no future judgment.

The *Rituals* contained in *Ordinances**—the sacrificing of animals by the priests—were the *only* part of the Law which provided *temporary* atonement for sins.

[* That is, the Rituals of atonement were merely *one individual type* of Ordinance; but not all Ordinances were Rituals of atonement; there were other types of Ordinances; even as there are many different types of Commandments.]

However, even back in the Old Testament it was *faith in Christ* alone* that provided salvation; not the keeping of the individual Laws.

* When God’s people observed the sacrificial system by faith their sins were temporarily covered. That sacrificial system symbolized, embodied, and pointed toward Christ’s future sacrifice. *This solitary part of the Law* (blood sacrifices) was the “Schoolmaster” which

led God's people to Christ (I Corinthians 10:1-4; Galatians 3:24,25). The "*entire* Law" was not the Schoolmaster. We are not now free to murder, commit adultery, violate the Sabbath, lie, cheat, steal, worship other gods, etc. None of these Laws were abolished by Christ's death; neither were the dietary, marital, economic, national, agricultural, or animal husbandry laws; nor the laws of cleanliness and quarantine. The blood rituals of sacrifice **alone** were the Schoolmaster that *brought us to Christ*. Christ replaced that **one** part of the Law by His Eternal sacrifice. Sacrifices can no longer be made (God will not accept them)—because Christ permanently and perfectly replaced that which was temporary and imperfect. Other than the sacrifices for sins the **entire** LAW OF GOD is still intact.

As we shall see, Christ clearly declared that He did not come to abolish the Law. Let us see what the Apostle Paul says, "But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, *is therefore Christ the Minister of sin? God forbid.*" (Galatians 2:17)
 "Do we then make void the Law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the Law." (Romans 3:31)

In fact, *obedience* is what God has wanted of His children from the very start, not bloody sacrifices:

"...Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams." (I Samuel 15:22)

[—yet sin (violation of God's "House Rules" for His children) necessitated the blood sacrifices of atonement because God's Holiness and Justice require it. In fact, God says if we sin and be without chastisement, we are not sons, but bastards (Hebrews 12:8). The verses in the New Testament are numerous, which declare that God chastises and disciplines His children who sin. How can there be any sin or rebellion or need for chastisement if there is no Law...? This is foolishness!]

When a believer is in sin (whether ignorant or willful), God cannot hear his prayers or bless him. That is why Satan wants Christians to think that the Law of God was "abolished"—so Christians will be easily defeated, having themselves cut off their very communication lines to God due to their own continual and ignorant sin.*

[* King David said,

“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me...*” (Psalm 66:18);

and God declared through His prophet Samuel,

“²²...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. ²³For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the Word of the LORD, He hath also rejected thee...” (I Samuel 15)

God also declared quite clearly,

“He that turneth away his ear from hearing the Law, even his prayer *shall be* abomination.” (Proverbs 28:9)

In the New Testament, the same truth is maintained, through the explanation of the remedy:

“¹⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.... ⁵¹⁴ And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us: ¹⁵And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.... ¹⁷All unrighteousness is sin...” (I John)

Here, clearly, we are informed that sin still exists and therefore, so does the Law. If the Law does not exist, there is nothing that can be violated, nothing that needs forgiveness; therefore, no need to repent or confess. We see in I John that sin is all unrighteousness. What, I ask, defines unrighteousness...? The LAW OF GOD does...!]

Of course, *without* the confession of sin—fellowship with God cannot be restored. God cannot hear the prayers of Christians who are in sin (either willful or ignorant). Further, God will not bless or protect, and in fact, God will even have to chasten His sinful children when they are in sin (allowing them to reap the bitter fruit of the seeds of iniquity which they have sown). It should be further realized that there can be no “repentance” nor “confession of sins”—*if* the sinful Christian

has not actually turned from sin (i.e., unless he has actually *stopped* violating God's Law).

A child shows that he *truly* loves his father *by being obedient* (Proverbs 20:11; Matthew 21:28-31). Going through formal, expected, contrived outward motions by giving false display of ritualistic platitudes and mouthing the words, "I love you," is no substitute for the inward reality of true love which expresses itself in *actual* obedience. God is not fooled by the supplanting of the limp substitute of "love" for the powerful, genuine love which originates in Himself. False "love" originates in man and is an attempted con-artist scam on the parent, in the sole hope of fooling the parent into thinking the indifferent offspring is a "good, loving son," so that he can continue in the "good graces" of the parent and thus continue drawing from the "trust fund."

Christ Himself demonstrated *true* obedience for us (John 14:31; Philippians 2:8; Luke 22:42) and then even outright commanded us:

"If ye love Me, keep My Commandments." (John 14:15)

"And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46)

What were Christ's Commandments...? —they were the *very same* Commandments of God the Father. Christ Himself *obeyed* the LAW OF GOD and was *submissive* to the will of the Father *in all things* (Hebrews 4:15)—setting the example for us. Christ declared the existence of the entire LAW OF GOD when He declared,

"Repent: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." (Matthew 4:17)

If Christ was going to "abolish" the Law *what* would anyone need to "repent of" or "ask forgiveness for...? If there is no Law, there can be no sin.

Yet Scripture tells us

⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.... If we say that we have not sinned, we

make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.” (I John 1:8,10)

Christ further declared the existence of the entire LAW OF GOD when He announced that He had *not* come to “abolish” *even the smallest, seemingly most-insignificant* portion of GOD’S LAW (Matthew 5:17-19)—but that He had come to *enforce* the LAW OF GOD and even *expand* its interpretation: making its understood *jurisdiction* even *broad*er and more far-reaching (Matthew 5:21-22; 27,28).

Let us see what else Christ had to say about the Law being “done away with”:

“¹⁷Think not that I am come to destroy the Law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. ¹⁸For 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.” (Matthew 5)

[Last time I checked... Heaven and earth had not passed away yet... if you would, stick your head out the door and double-check me... just in case *I’m* the one who is delusional. A *jot* is the dot over the letter “i.” A *tittle* is the cross at the top of the letter “t.” This is a powerful statement: Not only would none of God’s Laws *pass away**—but not even *the slightest pen stroke*, which spells the Law out, would pass away.

Note: The Rituals of Atonement themselves did not pass away: They were fulfilled in Christ’s sacrifice. *Fulfilled* does not mean “passed away.” Fulfilled means *made perfect* or *made complete*. Imagine a new lightbulb technology that produces a light bulb that truly never burns out. Replacing the old-technology light bulbs in your house with the new ones does not mean that light bulbs in your house have “passed away.” No, that is an absurd notion. In fact, it assures the fact that light bulbs *never will pass away* in your house: for they are perfect, will never fail, and will never have to be replaced again. *That* is how Christ’s death fulfilled the Rituals of Atonement.

How on earth, have God’s people believed such a bald lie for so long...? They have believed a lie for the same reason they have believed corrupt politicians who are traitors who have sold our nation out from under us. God’s people became spoiled and complacent due to God’s blessings, and have become lazy, indifferent, and irresponsible. They had abdicated their duties before

God and the their fellow men and have not supervised and double checked what men in trusted places of power (preachers and politicians) have told them. God's people have not searched the Scriptures for themselves and have believed a lie for so long, numerous generations have been brought up believing those lies (concerning both church and government). It's time to fulfill our responsibilities before God once again.]

Therefore, those Christians who think that Christ abolished the LAW OF GOD (ignoring Christ's own words in the matter) follow *some other false* "christ" (Matthew 24:24). The very word Christian means "follower of Christ." If those who call themselves "Christians" *do not* follow the very words of Christ, then they are *false christians* following a *false christ*.

[And if this false "christ" is an actual person (like some false Bible teacher), then he is an Antichrist; if the false "christ" is the *fictional* "christ" invented in the mind of the carnal and irrational "christian" who imagines "christ" to be the way he wants in his own mind for "christ" to be, then the "christian" is guilty of idolatry: worshipping the false image he himself created in his own mind.]

Intentions are *meaningless* if you are on a cross-country trip when you are *following the wrong car* and when you are on the *wrong road* going in the *wrong direction*. Deplorably, the average Christian does not even know what Christ's teachings are... the average Christian only knows "second-hand hear-say" (and heresy) which preachers and teachers have told him. The average Christian has never actually "searched the Scriptures" on his own, to see "whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11). This is shameful, since God commands His children to study and search the Scriptures, prove all things, and meditate day and night upon God's Word (II Timothy 2:15; I Thessalonians 5:21; Psalm 1:2; Acts 17:11).

Further, it is even more shameful that Christians do not truly study God's Word, because it is a violation of common sense: The Bible is the "Owner's Manual" for our lives. Even if God had not so commanded His children to study His Word, any loving, obedient child or servant *would want to know what is required of him*—otherwise, he could never know how to

please the parent or master. The modern “Christian” has divorced God from his life and declared Independence from God the Father. The modern “Bride of Christ” views herself a “liberated woman.” However, the “liberation” is only in the shallow, deluded minds of such carnal “believers”—and when Christ returns, the majority of them will find themselves “liberated”: *disowned* by the Father and *rejected* by the Bridegroom (Matthew 7:23;* 25:10-12).

[* It should be pointed out, when Christ declares, “depart from Me, ye that work iniquity,” in this passage, it is not axe-murders, homosexuals, crooked politicians, or pedophiles to which Christ is speaking (though they too will hear the same words); in this case, the people to whom Christ is speaking are those who truly *thought* that they had been doing “good works,” pleasing in God’s eyes. However, the **only** things pleasing in the eyes of the Father are *those very things that He commanded us to do*. Children and servants cannot “make up their own rules or job description”—ignoring what was actually commanded of them—and think that the father or master will be pleased.]

If a child does not know what the father expects of him, thinking that the father’s rules or law “no longer exist” (the wishful thinking of a *carnal* heart and fallen mind)—*how*, I ask you, **how** can the child *ever* please the father? He cannot (until he *repents*—turning *from sin*, turning *back to obedience*). Such a child is in *perpetual disfavor* and under *continual judgment*, having by his very own mind-set and actions initiated a “Cold War” against the father.

[* Sadly, the average Christian is not concerned at all with pleasing the Father. The average Christian, like a worthless son, carnally reasons:

“I am my father’s son. He will not disown me. I can do my own thing, ignoring whatever demands he makes upon me, and I will still inherit from him.”

But Christ Himself declared,

“⁴⁸But He answered and said unto him that told Him, Who is My mother? and who are My brethren? ⁴⁹And He stretched forth His hand toward His disciples, and said,

Behold My mother and My brethren! ⁵⁰For whosoever shall do the will of My Father which is in Heaven, the same is My brother, and sister, and mother.” (Matthew 12)]

The Apostle John in the *post-resurrection* New Testament (the time at which ignorant Christians think that God *replaced* the Law with “Grace”) defines sin thusly:

“Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the Law.” (I John 3:4)

The Law cannot save. It was never intended to save; it was meant to *protect* (protect us from the *results* of sin, by preventing us from sinning). Through His death and resurrection, Christ did not give us “liberty” *from* the Law of God; He gave us liberty from *sin* “through His very blood.” Christ did not abolish the Law of God; He abolished the *law of judgment* against us for our inability to perfectly keep the Law of God (Romans 8:2). Paul again, tells us:

“But we know that the Law *is* good, if a man use it lawfully...” (I Timothy 1:8)

[This raises several questions:

1. If the Law was “done away with”—why does Paul (and James, John, Peter) continually talk about the Law as if it still exists...? The answer: Because it does exist!

See my books, [The Mystery of the Law and Grace Solved!](#) and [So, You Call Yourself A Christian...](#) (details on the last page of this booklet) to learn the true interpretation of many New Testament passages, which modernly are violated to teach that God’s Law was done away with.

2. If the Law can be used *lawfully*, then it can also be used “unlawfully.” But what does that even mean...? Modern lawyers and hypocrites look for loopholes in the law, pervert its meaning, take it out of context, and distort the spirit and letter of the law, when it is to their advantage. This is the illegitimate use of the Law, which is a mockery of it. The lawful use of the Law is:

“But now we are delivered from the Law [of condemnation], that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not *in* the oldness of the letter [rituals of atonement]. ⁷What shall we say then? *Is*

the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the Law: for I had not known lust, except the Law had said, Thou shalt not covet. ⁸But sin, taking occasion by the Commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the Law sin *was* dead. ⁹For I was alive without the Law once: but when the Commandment came, sin revived, and I died. ¹⁰And the Commandment, which *was ordained* to life, I found *to be* unto death. ¹¹For sin, taking occasion by the Commandment, deceived me, and by it slew *me*. ¹²Wherefore the Law *is* holy, and the Commandment holy, and just, and good. ¹³Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the Commandment might become exceeding sinful. ¹⁴For we know that the Law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. ¹⁵For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. ¹⁶If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the Law that *it is* good. ¹⁷Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. ¹⁸For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not. ¹⁹For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. ²⁰Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. ²¹I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. ²²For I delight in the Law of God after the inward man: ²³But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? ²⁵I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the Law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.” (Romans 7)

The key to understanding this passage (and many other similar passage) is to recognize that *different types* of law are being spoken of. Also, no verse of Scripture is *an island unto itself*. All

Scripture is in perfect harmony and, therefore, subsequent Scripture is interpreted in light of previous Scripture which established the precedent. God's Word will not contradict itself. What is contradictory is man's irrational, inconsistent, erroneous interpretation. Again, see, [The Mystery of the Law and Grace Solved!](#), for a deeper understanding of the different laws discussed.

Hopkins in his, [Law of Liberty...](#), further writes:

"It is a true instinct of man's nature that teaches him that guilt needs compensation; but the mistake into which he falls, if left to himself, is that he seeks to make that compensation by means which he himself has devised. This is the history of all heathen sacrifices.

"Sin is an offence, because it is rebellion against the sovereignty of God, a contradiction to His nature, an insult to His holiness. It stands related to law—not merely to the law of reason, or of conscience, or of expediency, but to the law of God. Sin consists essentially in the want of conformity to the will of God, which the law reveals; it is *lawlessness*—a breach of law. And thus, it is the law that reveals the sinfulness of sin. "The crookedness of a crooked line may be seen of itself, but it is still more evident if compared with a perfect standard of straightness." (p.13)

What else does Scripture say about us and the LAW OF GOD?:

"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His Commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." (I John 3:22)

Here we see that God's Law is still in effect. It is a *requirement* for God to answer our prayers (for He does not even hear them if we are in sin). Further, "doing those things which are pleasing in His sight," refers to *going above and beyond the call of duty*. Going beyond the mere letter (though the letter is important) to obeying in the spirit of the Law as well: Not keeping track of the boundary line of exact obedience or a ledger book to which point our precise obligation is fulfilled, but "going the extra mile" and giving, as God declares concerning tithing—not measuring out each individual bit of herbs and spices down to the exact kilogram; but giving fully and joyously. You reap what you sow.

Likewise, Scripture informs us that those who are His true elect,

who will be the “remnant” against which the Great Dragon will wage war in the end days, will be those true Christians who:

“...which keep the Commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” (Revelation 12:17)

And likewise, Scripture tells us those *true* believers who will be preserved and endure or survive this onslaught, by the grace of God, will be:

“...they that keep the Commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” (Revelation 14:12)

Rather odd statements, if the Law of God was “done away with”—would you not agree...?

However, there is even further import concerning our Keeping the Law of God. According to Scripture, the Mark of the Beast and the Mark or Seal of God are identified with the keeping of God’s Law (by which sets His people apart from the heathen).

“⁴And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. ⁵And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment *was* as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. ⁶And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.” (Revelation 9)

Understand that the book of Revelation is a highly symbolic book. The seal of God is in contradistinction to the Mark of the Beast:

“⁹...If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, ¹⁰The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: ¹¹And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.” (Revelation 14)

Since this is symbolic language, we must turn to Scripture for an understanding of the hand and the forehead.

“¹Now these *are* the Commandments, the Statutes, and the Judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do *them* in the land whither ye go to possess it: ²That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all His Statutes and His Commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son’s son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.... ⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD: ⁵And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.* ⁶And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: ⁷And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. ⁸And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. ⁹And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates....” (Deuteronomy 6)

* We demonstrate such love to God when we keep His Law (which He commands us to in the *letter* and the *spirit*—John 4:23,24): by having our minds employed in it as well as our hands.

Thus, we see that the seal or mark on the hand and/or forehead has to do with the keeping of the LAW OF GOD: If Christ is truly within us, we will have the seal [and zeal] of God upon our thoughts and actions, and we will keep the Law of God through the power of Christ within us, to show our Love for and identification and confederation with Christ and God the Father. Those who do not have Christ (which includes those who are not of His flock) and do not have the seal of God, will have the Mark of the Beast and will violate the Law of God—and instead they will obey the Beast and Antichrist by doing whatever they tell man to do and they will think only those “politically correct” thoughts that man is told to think; such will identify and confederate themselves with the Beast and the Antichrist.

Understand: Keeping the Law does not save; it cannot save; it was never meant to save. Keeping the Law is what God expects of *honorable* children and servants. We do not keep the Law *to be*

saved—keeping the Law is the ***by-product of salvation***. When Christ's Holy Spirit truly indwells a "Christian" the result will be that Christian's wanting to please and obey God as a good son. The keeping of the Law is not "for" salvation—but ***because of salvation***. Scripture tells us in many places that we, as Christians: were *called unto good works*, that we are let our light shine (good works) so that others will see and glorify God, that we are to provoke others unto good works, etc. (Matthew 5:16; Ephesians 2:10; II Timothy 3:17; Titus 2:7, 14; 3:8, 14; Hebrews 10:24; I Peter 2:12). *What* can these "good works" be, other than ***the keeping of the Law of God***, thus showing that we are His children, set apart and Holy unto God. Keeping the Law of God was to set us apart as children of our Father (bearing His likeness and nature with which we were created).

Loving children obey their Father; obedience entails keeping the Law established by the Father. We already saw where Christ defined love as obedience:

"If ye love Me, keep My Commandments." (John 14:15)

However, that was *not* the only place where we are informed that love = obedience to the Law of God:

³And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His Commandments. ⁴He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His Commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵But whoso keepeth His Word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in Him. ⁶He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked. ⁷Brethren, I write no new Commandment unto you, but an old Commandment which ye had from the beginning." (I John 2)

Can it get any clearer than that? Christ never said that the Law was abolished—or that it *ever* would be. He never violated the Law of God Himself, but kept *all* the Commandments. We are to walk as Christ walked. *How* did Christ walk? —Christ Himself:

"...was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin." (Hebrews 4:15)

Christ, as we saw, did not abolish the Law of God—He *confirmed* it. He even, as we have seen, *expanded* the interpretation of the Law, making its *jurisdiction broader*: to include the "territory of the thoughts and intents of the heart," not merely the actions. Here, we see, Christ was the originator of institut-

ing *thought crime* legislation (but His Laws are *just*).

Further, though Christ never violated the Law, He did show us that sometimes we can obey a higher Law. When a higher Law is obeyed, lower Laws themselves, though possibly not observed, are not violated. For example: If an ass falls into a pit on the Sabbath, it is permissible to haul it out. However, anything which can be done on some day other than the Sabbath, without the loss of life or unavoidable loss of property, should be done on another day. But if certain things arise on the Sabbath that cannot *truly* be put off, it is no sin to do them to save life or property. For example: If a terrible storm blows off shingles and the roof is leaking, the roof does not need to be repaired on the Sabbath if a tarp can be temporarily put in place to keep the rain from damaging the house.

“²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His Commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep His Commandments: and His Commandments are not grievous.” (1 John 5)

Can it get any clearer than that...? “This is the Love of God—that we keep His Commandments.”

Let’s look at another passage:

“⁸Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the Law. ⁹For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if *there be* any other Commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. ¹⁰Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the Law.” (Romans 13)

Who is it that still does not understand this simple truth...?

Someone once asked Christ which Law of God was the *greatest* Commandment.

“³⁷Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. ³⁸This is the first and great Commandment. ³⁹And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. ⁴⁰On these two Commandments hang all the Law and the prophets.” (Matthew 22)

We know that God commanded in the Law, “thou shalt have no

gods other than Me (Exodus 20:3); that God will not share His Glory with another (Isaiah 42:8); and that no man can serve two masters (Matthew 6:24)—yet here, we see that God requires those who love Him, to love Him completely, in word and deed, and in sincerity and truth (Joshua 24:14; I Corinthians 5:8; John 4:23,24).

Elsewhere, Christ Himself informed us that God demands our *full* obedience, love, and devotion—otherwise, He will have nothing to do with us (God knows the heart and is not fooled by outward dissembling and hypocrisy; I Samuel 16:7). Christ denounced the believers of the Church of Laodicea (which Church symbolizes the apathetic, *spiritually-dead* age in which we live):

“¹⁵I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. ¹⁶So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth.” (Revelation 3)

As we saw earlier, Christ informed us in the battle of good against evil, there is no “middle ground.” There is no neutrality. The way Christ sees it, if you are not for Him, you are *against Him*. If you are not helping in His very work, you work against Him. You either conform to God’s Program or you oppose it. You are either Christ’s active ally, or His enemy. If you do not keep the Law, you undermine it. If you do not keep the Law of God, Christ declares (regardless of any “good works” you think you have done—things *you* have *chosen* to do *in place* of what *God has commanded*—that you are a *worker of iniquity*. If you do not preserve the family, people, and nation of God—you participate in its destruction. There are no fence-riders in Christ’s eyes. If you are not fully committed, if you choose to be “neutral”—Christ *disowns* you and *considers you the enemy*.

Understand this and understand it carefully: You cannot lose your salvation. Salvation is 100% of Christ, through His completed work. However, Scripture maintains that many people (possibly a majority) of those who think they are Christians, who think they are saved, have merely head knowledge of Christ and have never *truly* been converted. You cannot lose your salvation; however, if there is no real fruit in your life to prove outwardly that an inward change (Christ occupying the Throne of your heart and mind) has actually occurred, then there is a good chance you are yet *unregenerate*:

“²⁸For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, ²⁷But a certain fearful looking for of judg-

ment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.” (Hebrews 10)

“¹³Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: ¹⁴Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.... ²²Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy Name? and in Thy Name have cast out devils? and in Thy Name done many wonderful works? ²³And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.” (Matthew 7)

And again, when Christ revealed this same truth (according to Luke’s account), some marvelled that only a small remnant would truly be saved. Christ then expressed:

“²⁵When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and He shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: ²⁶Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in Thy Presence, and Thou hast taught in our streets. ²⁷But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from Me, all ye workers of iniquity. ²⁸There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you *yourselves* thrust out.” (Luke 13)

These are truly sobering thoughts. Why do you think Scripture admonishes us,

“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?” (II Corinthians 13:5).

Far from “abolishing” the Law, Christ confirmed it. After declaring the greatest Commandments (the “first” and “second” as Christ referred to them figuratively), He further added,

“...on these two Commandments hang all the Law and the prophets.”

Hang here, of course, does not refer to “hanging from a rope by the neck until dead.” It refers to a picture hanging on a nail in the wall. The nail in the wall *supports* the picture. The nail in the wall is the *foundation*. Likewise, truly loving God and ones neighbor-kinsman will be the motivational force coming from within a person through the Presence of Christ (for God *is* Love)—which empowers the true Christian to keep the entire Law of God so that he will not purposely sin against God or his neighbor-kinsman. It is that simple.

The Law was never done away with. That is the great lie Satan wants Christians to believe: because when God’s children are in sin God will not hear their prayers and He will not deliver them from their troubles *until they repent*. Yet it is a vicious cycle, because if a Christian thinks that the Law was abolished, he has no idea that he is in sin and therefore, he has not a clue that he needs to repent. However, obedience again is the only key to deliverance. Christians ***do*** know that they are commanded to study and meditate upon God’s Word (and not merely swallow the artificial baby food spooned out of the pulpit for 50 whole minutes, once a week). If Christians are actually obeying God, they will experience what is known in the court-room concerning the law governing the admission of evidence as “inevitable discovery.” If Christians *truly* study God’s Word *daily* as they should—they will discover that God’s Law has never been abolished, and that their preachers and teachers *have been lying to them* (or *ignorantly* passing on lies they themselves have been taught and foolishly have believed). We are without excuse.

However, now that you have read this booklet, you have within your hands the power to turn your life around and help save our people and our once godly, prosperous, safe, moral Christian Republics:

- Pray, as David prayed,

“²³Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: ²⁴And see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

Ask God to open your heart, mind, and eyes to the truth of His Word and by the power of the Holy Spirit within you, lead you into the paths of righteousness.

- Study the Word of God and order other books recommended within this book (some of which are listed in the back of this booklet) for further enlightenment and guidance in that study of God’s

Word and Law, so that you may learn what God requires.

- Order multiple copies of this booklet (inquire for bulk rates) or the much smaller tract version for mass distribution). E-mail STM for either a text file or a PDF file of this entire booklet which you may e-mail freely to as many people as possible (and they can do the same) so that we can evangelize our blind brethren so that God will once again be with us, and we will not be stigmatized with the name *Ichabod*: “the Glory has departed.”

- Consider supporting this ministry so that we can continue to produce materials to hopefully be used of God to help reach our people while there is still time.

- Pray for this ministry and pray for all of God’s people, that God would remove the blindness from their eyes and the hardness from their hearts, that He might grant them the Spirit of Repentance and the Spirit of Reconciliation—that they might be converted or return to God on His terms so that He might deliver us.]

The Law of God was given for our good; but the breaking of it *is disobedience* and incurs the Judgment of a Holy God. Christ bore that penalty for us, and then placed His Spirit within us to enable us to more perfectly keep the Law *when* we “walk in the Spirit” with Him. However, Christ’s bearing our judgment for us did not abolish the MORAL and HOLY LAW OF GOD. Christ *died* to free us from the *penalty* of the Law of Judgment—but He *rose again* to *give us new life* so that *with newness of spirit* we will *serve the LAW OF GOD*.*

[* Note: Keeping God’s Law is not for salvation; it never was. The only part of the Law which provided *temporary* atonement was the sacrificing of animals *after* one sinned/violated any part of God’s Law. When sin offerings were made in keeping with that sacrificial system, through faith, it pointed to Christ, the Lamb of God and such sacrifices were then accepted as “deposits” of faith in the work of salvation that Christ would one day begin and complete by Himself. Salvation is 100% through faith in the completed work of Christ. However, we are commanded to keep the Law of God for the reasons God gave the Law (His “House Rules”): The dietary laws were intended to keep us healthy; the economic laws to keep us free from debt; the marital laws to keep the gene pool of the nation healthy and pure; the animal husbandry and agricultural laws to keep our livestock and crops healthy and pure; the laws against theft and murder to keep us safe, etc. We are to

keep the Law to be *obedient* children; to be *holy* (separate and distinct) as God commanded us (I Peter 1:16), and for *placement in the Kingdom* (Matthew 5:19; Romans 7:25; 8:8,9 I Corinthians 2:16; Galatians 5:16; Philippians 2:5-8).]

The Laws of God are God's "House Rules"—the rules by which He expects His children to live. However, God knows that we are imperfect and weak (when we trust in the power of the flesh): for that reason Christ died for our sins because of our inability to keep God's Law perfectly. What was "done away" with was the *penalty* of the Law (FINAL JUDGMENT)—Christ bore it completely for us. The Law of Commandments contained in ordinances (the ritual sacrificing of animals) was not so much "done away with" as it was *perfected* by Christ (the Lamb of God) in His Eternal sacrifice of Himself. We do not keep the Law to be saved—we are to keep the Law *because* we *are* saved. Keeping the Law is a *by-product* of being saved and having the Holy Spirit of Christ residing within us. The *keeping of the Law* is the "good works" unto which we are called (Ephesians 2:10; II Timothy 3:17; Titus 2:14; I Thessalonians 2:12; 4:7; I Peter 2:21,22).

If a child was told by his father not to play in the mud; if the child rebels and does so, the father will of course discipline him; but he will then give his child a bath, clean him up, and forgive him (but the child can only receive the benefits of the love and forgiveness if he repents)—*However*, all this does not mean that the "law against playing in the mud is thereafter abolished" and that the child can *immediately go right back out* and play in the mud carefree, under the delusion "there is no law." The Apostle Peter warned us against such:

"But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb,* The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." (II Peter 2:22)

[* Proverbs 26:11.]

"But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the Law." (Galatians 5:18)

This does not mean that those who are led of the Spirit are no longer subject to the Law of God—that would be nonsense and chaos—and a violation of God’s HOLINESS and JUSTICE! It means that those who are led of the Spirit of God *are led to walk in obedience to God and His demands* and therefore, are not under the *judgment* of the Law because the Spirit leads such true Christians in the paths of righteousness. Romans 8:1,2 clearly shows this. Infantile logic gives rise to bad theology. Those who would claim Galatians 5:18 means the Law of God need not be obeyed have no business teaching God’s Word and will receive shame rather than praise in the Kingdom of God (Matthew 5:17-20).

Note also that Galatians 5:18 does not say that the Law was “abolished” or “done away with.” If the Law of God had been abolished by Christ, it would be a moot point to say that those who walk in the Spirit are not under the Law. Misunderstanding of this passage has also led some to foolishly interpret this to mean that “non-Christians” are under the Law but Christians are not. This is foolishness: unregenerate people are held to a higher standard than those who know better and who have been converted? Scripture tells us that Judgment begins with the House of God (I Peter 4:17).

“Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.” (Galatians 5:16)

[If Christians need not keep the Law, if there is no Law, there would be no such thing as lust of the flesh. The lust of the flesh are those things which tempt us to violate God’s commands.]

Further, no verse of Scripture is an “island” unto itself, but each verse is in harmony with all of Scripture. Those who foolishly think that those who walk in the Spirit need not obey the Law of God only need to read the verses which follow that passage, to see the absurdity of that claim:

“¹⁸But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the Law.

¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, ²⁰Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, sedi-

tions, heresies, ²¹Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. ²⁴And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. ²⁵If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another." (Galatians 5)

[These sins/vices/crimes (Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings) are violations of the Laws of God, and not just the 10 Commandments.]

If someone walks in the Spirit and is not under the Law, is he then *free to commit whatever sins he wants*, which are enumerated in this passage...? Of course not. That is foolishness. Paul said that he had not known sin, were it not for the Law; because when the Law is instituted, the flesh rebels against it and by nature, desires to do the very thing it was forbidden to do. But the key to this passage is understanding that Paul informed us in Romans 8 that we were controlled by a *higher* Law. It is not that we are free from obeying the Law; but that *our position* to it has changed. We are *more than conquerors* through Christ (when we walk in the Spirit in obedience). Keeping the Law is not a matter of striving by will power. For those who walk in the Spirit, it is as simple as walking in Christ where Christ walks—walking *in* Christ. The difference between trying to keep the Law by our own will power, or keeping the Law through the agency of the Holy Spirit within is, can be understood by considering the difference between having to ride your own bicycle uphill by yourself or being a passenger in Christ's Ferrari to be effortlessly carried up the hill.

The fact we are not under the Law has nothing to do with the Law being done away with; for it was not—it has to do with *our position in Christ*. We are not under the Law, as

oppressed slaves—if we are truly in Christ and walking in the Spirit, the Law is within us, written on our hearts. If we walk in the Spirit, we do not observe the law *out of compunction, but out of love*... it is not a “burden,” but a *blessing*.

It should also be pointed out that the verse which claims that we are not “under the Law” (which most preachers, teachers, and laymen alike take horribly out of context), also refers to our *position* in Christ. We *are* under the Law in our identification with the *first* Adam; yet, it is a *vain* identification: for:

“by the deeds of the Law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight...” (Romans 3:20)

Christ came and was born of the seed of Adam, to save those who were under the Law. While Christ was on earth, He Himself was under the Law: for He submitted Himself to the jurisdiction under which man himself operates. However, Christ, when He died for our sins, in our place, appeasing God’s Holy demand for Justice—He triumphed over death and sin, rose again, took captivity captive, ascended into Heaven, and sat down next to God the Father. When, therefore, we *identify with Christ* (the *last* Adam, I Corinthians 15:45) *our position changes*. Because Christ is in us, and Christ is seated in the Heavenlies, *so are we seated with Him*.^{*} Christ, as God, is the Creator of the Law: He is the Lawmaker and the Lawgiver. He Himself is not *under* the Law. However, do not misunderstand that statement. That does not mean that He can commit those things the Law forbids. What it means is that the Law *proceeds forth out of Him*—in perfect harmony: *a perfect expression of His Nature and Will*. He can’t violate His own Law: for that would go against His Nature. But the Law is *under Him*; not vice versa. That which is created cannot be greater than its creator. Thus, when we properly identify with Christ: When He is seated in the Command Center of our life, as He is in us and as we walk in Him, in the direction in which He is going,** we are not under the Law. We are seated with Him in the heavenlies, the source

of our life. We are not under the Law, the Law is inside us; if we are truly of Him.

[* See [The Enthroned Christian](#), in the Recommended Reading section in the back of this book.

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Also, note the *source* of our keeping the Law. It is not something that originates in ourselves. It originates in the Heavenlies and the Holy Spirit of Christ, who indwells *true* believers and motivates the *true* Christian with the desire to please God. Only when we are *in Christ*, do we have this motivational dynamism.

“¹I am the True Vine, and My Father is the husbandman. ²Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. ³Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. ⁴Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me. ⁵I am the Vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing. ⁶If a man abide not in me, He is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. ⁸Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples. ⁹As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you: continue ye in My love. ¹⁰If ye keep My Commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father’s Commandments, and abide in His love.” (John 15)

Again, we see that love = obedience. We also see that in order to receive answers to prayer, one must be walking in obedience (as we also saw in I John 3:2). Bearing and bringing forth fruit = good works = keeping the Law. Clearly rebellious children who are in sin (whether wilfully or out of

inexcusable ignorance) do not receive audience with the Father; let alone have their petitions granted of Him. Christ again commanded God's people to:

“Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance...” (Matthew 3:8)

Understand again: *Christ's completed work on the cross alone* purchased out salvation: 100% Christ - 0% us (Ephesians 2:8,9). Works, Good Works, Obedience, the Keeping of the Law, Bearing Fruit (all synonyms) are not for salvation, but are for:

- honor;
- placement in the Kingdom (Matthew 5:19);
- reward (in this life and in the life to come);
- to show our appreciation;
- to be honorable children;
- to be a witness to our lost and blind brethren;
- to follow God's "House Rules;"
- to show we are truly children of our Father;
- to show that we are truly converted;
- to show that we are set apart;
- to show that we are holy as He is HOLY and as He has commanded us to be;
- to follow God's Moral Code; and
- because God has commanded us to obey His Law.

Hopkins, in his book, The Law of Liberty..., makes an excellent observation concerning our being in Christ and our inability outside of Christ:

“The believer is thus reminded of the truth of that terse but pregnant sentence spoken by the Lord Himself: “Without Me,” or apart from Me, “ye can do nothing” (John xv. 5); that is, without fellowship with Me, even after you have been brought to know Me as your Lord and Saviour. “It is a poor and inadequate interpretation of the words ‘without Me’ to make them to mean ‘Ye can do nothing *until* ye are in Me, and have My grace.’ It is rather, ‘*After* ye are in Me, ye can even then accomplish nothing, except ye draw

life and strength from Me.... From first to last it is I that must work in and through you” (Trench).

“If a piece of iron could speak, what could it say of itself? “I am black; I am cold; I am hard.” But put it in the furnace, and what a change takes place! It has not ceased to be iron; but the blackness is gone, and the coldness is gone, and the hardness is gone! It has entered into a new experience. The fire and the iron are still distinct, and yet how complete is the union—they are one. If the iron could speak, it could not glory in itself, but in the fire that makes and keeps it a bright and glowing mass. So must it be with the believer. Do you ask him what he is in himself? He answers, “I am carnal, sold under sin.” For, left to himself, this inevitably follows; he is brought into captivity to the law of sin which is in his members. But it is his privilege to enter into fellowship with Christ, and in Him to abide. And there, *in Him*, who is our life, our purity, and our power—in Him, whose Spirit can penetrate into every part of our being, the believer is no longer carnal, but spiritual; no longer overcome by sin and brought into captivity, but set free from the law of sin and death, and preserved in a condition of deliverance. This blessed experience of emancipation from sin’s service and the power implies a momentary and continuous act of abiding.

“The believer cannot glory in himself. He cannot glory in a state of purity attained, and having an existence apart from Christ Himself. He is like the piece of iron. The moment it is withdrawn from the furnace, the coldness and hardness and blackness begin to return. It is not by a work wrought in the iron once for all, but by the momentary and continual influence of the fire on the iron that its tendency to return to its natural condition is counteracted.” (pp.37, 38)

How profound. In other words, the true believer does not really “do good works.” In reality, the good works are “*wrought* in him by the Master Blacksmith in His forge and

upon His anvil and with His hammer. Yet, if we do not place ourselves in His hands—He will not work on us. We claim relation to Him; but whether He will claim relation to us on Judgment Day is an entirely different matter. If we are not in His hands, there is a good chance we are not really His; we have merely deluded ourselves into thinking we are His. Many modern Christians think that they are Christians because they are not “jews” or Muslims. However, a person is not born a Christian—He is *born again* (from above) a Christian. Being truly converted to Christ, regenerated, saved, born again, redeemed, is not something that “just happens” to a person like reaching the age of puberty. It is not something which happens gradually, like a fine wine or cheese coming of age. Salvation is something that happens *at one specific time* in your life—once—at which time, you, by “choice” come face-to-Face with God concerning the matter of your sins. It is the specific time in which, on your face, you repent of your sins and ask God to apply the funds Christ deposited in your account by His death and Resurrection, to pay the price for your sins. When this truly happens, you are no longer your own (actually, you never were “your own,” for God owns us all as Creator)—

“¹⁹What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which* is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? ²⁰For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.” (I Corinthians 6)

Christ told us:

“²⁷My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: ²⁸And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of My hand. ²⁹My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of My Father’s hand.” (John 10)

If a “christian” is not in God’s hand, to do with as He wills, to forge him into a strong instrument with which He can work wonders... it is not that someone has wrested the “christian” from God’s and Christ’s grip (and it is not that the “christian” by his own power “wiggled free”)—it is that the “christian” was never really in His hand.

This is a sobering thought. However, Scripture itself admonishes us:

“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?” (II Corinthians 13:5)

Again, I challenge:

“And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood,*¹ or the gods of the Amorites,*² in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” (Joshua 24:15)

[*¹ Traditions of the elders or ones fathers.

*² New forms of paganism in the land.]

“How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD *be* God, follow him: but if Baal, *then* follow him.” (I Kings 18:21)

CLOSING THOUGHT

This is merely a brief booklet, with space to touch on only a few points. However, I hope it has been sufficient to get the attention of God's children who, their entire lives, have been taught and believed the false doctrine that God's Law was done away with. I pray the reader orders some of the recommended titles and further studies this matter: For if we are in rebellion against God (whether we realize it or not)—God will not bless or deliver us.

Further, sin is not merely a matter of *individual* sin. Adam and Eve's sins were "individual" but look *who else* has suffered for it...! It is no different for us. No sin is merely individual. All sin affects the family, the community, and the nation. The nations of Christendom have been overrun by the Antichrist hordes and we are entering the Post-Christian Era and the New Dark Ages. The only hope we have is in God and Christ our Deliverer—but our sins have stopped His ears. Repentance and the prayer of forgiveness will get God's attention—but God will see if our repentance is real when He sees the "penitent sinner" actually obey.

Here's where we are. What will you do...? Our nation depends on you. People foolishly think, "I'm just one person. What does it matter what I do?" Well, when 10 million people say the same thing, it is not just one person... is it...? Further, one little lad gave Christ his lunch and Christ fed the multitude of many thousands. It all went wrong because of the individual. It can only be corrected by the individual. But while we wait, the entire nation suffers. Don't pause. Don't think about it. Don't walk. RUN to the Father—as did the Prodigal Son, and as did the priest to stay the plague while people died in a wave within the camp (Numbers 16:47-50).

"If My people, which are called by My Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My Face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (II Chronicles 7:14)

RECOMMENDED READING

The below titles are available from STM for the listed donation + P&H. [P&H = 10% (4⁰⁰ minimum).]

For a fuller understanding of the Law & Grace, Duty & Liberty, Obedience & Love, and the believer's relation to the moral and holy Law of God I highly recommend my following books:

- [The Mystery of the Law and Grace Solved!](#), 188pp., pb., 12⁰⁰ + P&H; or Hb., 22⁰⁰ + P&H;
- [So, You Call Yourself A Christian...](#), 76pp., stapleback, 5⁵⁰ + P&H; and
- [Are We Keeping God's Law Yet?](#), 96pp., 8.5x11, plastic comb-bound, 10⁵⁰ + P&H.

See also the excellent book:

- [The Law of Liberty in the Spiritual Life](#) (c.1910), Evan H. Hopkins, 128pp., plastic comb-bound, computer-enhanced, 12⁰⁰ + P&H.
- [The Enthroned Christian](#) (1963), F. J. Huegel, 188pp., plastic comb-bound, computer-enhanced, 10⁰⁰ + P&H.

[Huegel did not understand the nature of Law and Grace as did Hopkins, but Huegel's book is important for understanding our position in Christ.]

To futher understand how you may fit into God's Plan, so you may understand what He expects of you, how, *and why*, see my foundational book:

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