

Chapter 12

CHRIST'S LAW IN OT and NT

Christ's Moral Law in OT is Unchanged in NT

The moral Commandments of the OT Covenant and the NT Covenant are identical, except for all the Ordinances (religious rules of social and tabernacle, temple, and Sabbath practices) in the OT.

Since the religious rules or ordinances of OT are removed by the NT Covenant, the remaining OT moral commandments are all that are taught by Christ. But Christ so expanded and spiritualized them that their keeping became a much more detailed and more strict application of the OT teachings.

This similarity is not emphasized enough because of the totally false modern Dispensational teachings today which falsely depend upon an eternal distinction between Jews and Gentiles, even in Heaven. According to the scriptures, in actual fact, the moral Commandments of the OT and NT are identical, are one and the same moral Law of Commandments, and obedience to it is similarly and more stringently demanded in the NT Covenant.

Insisting on a continuance of OT ordinances, in the Millennium and into eternity for the Jews, is not found in scripture. And the separation of Jews and Gentiles throughout Eternity is not found. The Millennium Jerusalem temple sacrifices is not a continuation of OT ordinances. Dispensationalism is not in any manner supported by the plain literal scriptures, as detailed in Chapter 4, under "*Omniscience*."

God is immutable in His Attributes. His Holy moral (right or wrong) requirements for man do not change from one time to another. The sacrifices and social and temple and Sabbath and feast Ordinances were looking forward, in type, to the Savior and Messiah for all people and Israel. **But His moral Commandments, shall not pass away, by one jot or tittle, till ALL is fulfilled (Matt 5:17-20).**

Mark 12:28-32

28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?

29 And Jesus answered him, **The first** of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

(He quoted the Jewish Shema of Deut 6:4-5)

31 And **the second** is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
There is none other commandment greater than these.

[[To do anything, or even the second commandment, one cannot act apart or separate from the first commandment. This is always forgotten. Many think that in order to love another like you wish to be loved, that you give them the same "flesh" compromises and acceptances that you would like to have in your "flesh nature" ways. They mistakenly think this is "Love" of God (the first commandment) being shown. The so-called golden rule becomes a golden lie for satan.

After new-birth our human love is committed to only be God's *agape* Love, with a capital L; also, Truth and Holiness is not ours but Christ's in us. We are totally misguided in our fulfilling the law of Christ, if we do not understand this vital difference in our regenerated Living.. What it means is to Love your neighbor with the same Holy and righteous intentions of Love and Truth you wish to give back to God.]]

Mark 10:17-19

17 And when He was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to Him, and asked Him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal Life?

18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou Me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.

19 **Thou knowest the commandments**, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.

John 14:15

15 If ye love Me, keep My commandments.

John 14:21-24

21 He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him.

22 Judas saith unto Him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and my Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him.

24 He that loveth Me not keepeth not My sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent Me.

John 15:7-10

7 If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8 Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples.

9 As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you: continue ye in My Love.

10 **If ye keep my commandments**, ye shall abide in My Love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His Love.

Matt 5:17-20

17 Think not that I am come to destroy the **Law**, or the prophets: **I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.**

18 For verily I say unto you, **Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the Law, till all be fulfilled.**

19 **Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so,** he shall be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

20 For I say unto you, That **except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.**

Rom 8:3-8

3 For what the law could not do, **in that it was weak through the flesh,** God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, **condemned sin in the flesh:**

4 **That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.**

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6 For to be **carnally minded is death;** but to be **Spiritually minded is Life and Peace.**

7 Because **the carnal mind is enmity against God:** for it is not subject to the Law of God, neither indeed can be.

8 So then **they that are in the flesh cannot please God"** (Rom 8:3-8).

In summary, Christ said He came to fulfill the Law, and we are then told by Apostle Paul that those of us who have been born-from-above and are Living in obedience to the indwelling Mind of Christ (faith) in us, provided by His Death and Resurrection, is Our Lord's means of fulfilling His Law.

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Jehovah (JHWH) in OT is Same Person Christ in NT

We must be reminded that Christ's Law (Commandments) is also the Law of God (Commandments) in the Pentateuch. **Jehovah (JHWH),** His Hebrew

name in English in the Pentateuch, is Jesus Christ who became incarnate in the NT Greek times as Jesus Christ (*Jesous Christos*), His Greek name in English. His name is NOT Jeshua, in English, a Hebrew transliterated name as some mistakenly insist. It is Jesus Christ when he came in His Greek name to Restore us to Himself. Jeshua is the name by today's teachers that we must live by the Torah as among the Galatians in Paul's day.

Many Jews hate the name "Jesus." They have their reasons, but this does not remove the fact that the direct Greek translation is "Jesus." There is no OT scripture that says the Messiah's name is Jeshua, nor is there a NT scripture that says so. This is simply a Jewish emotion because they feel obliged to hate His NT Name, since they have been persecuted by so-called Christians who used the name.

What is amazing is that many non-Jewish teachers today think it is smart to use the Hebrew name instead of the NT name given by Himself by the Holy Spirit in the NT Greek. These teachers and preachers today sound foolish. Many Jews refuse to believe the NT was written in Greek, because they hate Gentiles and, therefore, Greek and even the Apostle Paul, who was sent to the Gentiles.

Jesus is not derived from the pagan source of Isus.

Jesus is not a false name.

Jesus is not of pagan origins.

Jesus is not a false name for Messiah.

Jesus is not a twice-removed translation of the name.

Jesus is not merely a name used by boastful Christians who killed Jews.

Jesus is not being used for the sake of (antitorah, antijewish) tradition.

There is no emphasis in the Bible to restore to the Savior His Jewish identity. Lord Jesus Christ is His New Covenant Name to Jews and Gentiles alike.

Lord Jesus Christ is the only name in which salvation is found (Acts 4:10-12 and Phil 2:10-11) in NT.

[[[Above list is taken from <http://www.evangelicaloutreach.org/yeshua.htm>]]]

It must be pointed out that when Christ pointed out that we are to keep His commandments, He was the one that gave the commandments in the OT and it is He that commands obedience to them in His NT teachings.

It is of interest that it pleased our Creator God Triune to write His OT Covenant scriptures in Hebrew and His NT Covenant in worldwide Greek. So in OT He takes a Hebrew name, but in the NT He takes a Greek name even among the Hebrews of His time while on earth. Why do some professing NT

Christians insist that He (God) prefers a Hebrew name now?? It is not found in His New Covenant scriptures.

Here is why we believe that Jehovah (JHWH) of OT and Jesus Christ of NT are the same person. They are referred to identically in both OT and NT. The personal name of the Lord is known as the Tetragrammaton because it consists of four consonants, YHWH. It is sometimes translated with vowels as Yahweh or Jehovah. In the KJV, the Hebrew word, JHWH, (Strg. 3068) is translated uniformly as uppercase Lord to distinguish it. It occurs 5,000x in 4,217 verses of OT.

We count 48 scriptures and 15 different categories of titles used to show similarity of JHWH of OT and Jesus Christ of NT, detailing that JHWH in OT is the same person of Jesus Christ in NT.

They are one and the same Person. And His moral commandments are unchanged because they relate directly to His Immutable Attributes.

Only One People by Our Lord's Restoration of All Mankind to Himself.

So let us look at Christ's Law in the OT Covenant called the Mosaic Law. This was the Law Given by God to Moses on Mt Sinai *in Arabia* (Gal 4:25) for the descendants of Abraham through Jacob and revered by Jews today.

It is the Old covenant for God's people which is contrasted to the New Covenant in the New Testament for God's people.

Christ through the centuries since Adam has planned only One Fold and One People for Eternity.

John 10:16

16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

Oh, if God would only open the Blinded eyes of the Jewish nation and people. But He will not do this till they repent as a nation in the last day of this quickly ending Age,

Legal Aspect of the OT Law

Here are the basic meanings of the legal aspects of the OT Law, mentioned often in the scriptures above, without taking you through all the most applicable Hebrew scriptures,

LAW = Absolute General Categories (3) (2710 chaqaq --- to write laws, 8451 towrah or torah— Pentateuch including Decalogue)

1. **COMMANDMENTS = GENERAL Rules of Behavior (4687 mitsvah commanded, collectively the Law) will / will not**
2. **STATUTES = SPECIFIC Behaviors Ordered To Do (2706 choq – stated statute itself) (2708 chuqqah – statute practiced) DO**
3. **JUDGMENTS = Verdicts to apply (4941 mishpat – verdict pronounced, fav./unfav.) favorable / unfavorable**

We want to cut through all the multitude of vagaries concerning whether the law is this or that or what refers to where, as all the commentaries struggle to do. We have found no one who seems sure of what is precisely applicable or not, or to what part of the Law. The reason for this is the interconnectedness of details as shown in the list below.

So let us consider the Mosaic Law, the OT Covenant with Israel in its three Categories of Applications:

****1. Moral commandments – rules: the Decalogue (Ten Commandments),**

2. Social Judgments – social rules and penalties: regarding behavior with ones neighbors, cattle, quarrels, accidents, deaths, land ownership, family, strangers, marriage, sexual relations, children, etc,

3. Religious Ordinances – religious rules and penalties: feasts, sacrifices, offerings, diets, vows, all temple practices, farming practices, relating to strangers, servants, ownerships, children, etc.

As we examine, the three Categories of Applications above, we can see that the Decalogue is distinctly different from the Social Judgments and the Ordinances.

The Decalogue (10 Commandments, Exod 20), relates to how one conducts oneself in relation to God or to other people, **in general moral principles**

relating to God's Attributes of Love, Truth, Holiness, and Wisdom. It seems that if one could follow the Decalogue carefully that his relationships to God and all people would be acceptable. But this can be done only if he is first born-from-above and being led by the Holy Spirit in his behaviors. No flesh is made righteous by simply trying to follow the Law. Only a knowledge of sin and one's own lost state and its remedy should be acquired in studying the dead letter of scriptures. **The flesh of man cannot keep the Perfect Spiritual Holy Law of God's Attributes.** Only God can. Only His death and resurrection Life indwelling us makes it possible.

This dead-self-living by the dead letter of the scriptures is **PHARISAISM**. Our Lord Jesus Christ told these people (Pharisees) of His day (and ours) to their faces that they were hypocrites, serpents, whitened sepulchers, and would **in no case** enter the Kingdom of Heaven (Matt 5:20). But by the Glory (Spiritual Perfection) of God's Son, through His incarnate flesh death and resurrection, He has Restored us to Himself as citizens of the household of God (Eph 2:19), for the result of being led by the Holy Spirit of adoption (Rom 8:15) in our purified vessels, that we might receive the adoption of Sons of God (Gal 4:5), by putting on the new man which after God is created in righteousness and true Holiness while still in our bodies on this earth (Eph 4:24). God be given all the Glory!! NOW is the day of salvation (2 Cor 6:2). Repent and commit to your Lord Jesus Christ for the Kingdom (rule) of God is being offered (Mark 1:15). After our bodies die, without His regeneration of us, it is too late.

As Gentiles, "Ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For He is our peace, Who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us. Having abolished in His flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in Himself of twain one new man, and so making peace; and that He might reconcile both (Israel and Gentiles) to God in one body through the cross, having slain the enmity thereby.....For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.....We are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints and of the household of God....and you also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit " (Eph 2:12-22).

We must understand that the Social Judgments and Religious Ordinances were necessary for the Theocracy of God in the OT times to regulate all of society under God's Wisdom at that time. After the withdrawal of the Jewish nation from an earthly Theocracy to the rule of Jewish Kings, then later foreign Kings, we have a progressive withdrawal from following the earthly Theocratic

laws with social rules. We are left with His moral (God-goodness OF HIS ATTRIBUTES vs. evil) commands to all men (Jews and Gentiles) throughout the ages.

These moral commandments of God, as regulating man's relationship to His Creators Attributes, have never changed nor become not applicable from the creation of Adam through Eternity.

Mosaic Law

The Mosaic Law (Old Covenant), given through Moses, is totally found in Ex 20:1 to Deut 34:12 in moral **Commandments**, social **Judgments**, and religious **Ordinances**. These were repeatedly exhorted to the end of Deuteronomy.

Also, there was a specific **Sabbath covenant** with the nation Israel for all generations for a perpetual covenant, Ex 31:6; and a **Circumcision covenant** with all Abrahams descendants for all generations for an everlasting covenant, Gen 17:9-14. In OT individual sin and failures were remedied by temple or tabernacle sacrifices for the devoted repentant person.

After you read these scriptures below about the Mosaic Law, ask yourself whether the Mosaic Law was a conditional Covenant or not, dependant upon the obedience of the people.

Deut 4:1-9

Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you.

2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

3 Your eyes have seen what the Lord did because of Baal-peor: for all the men that followed Baal-peor, the Lord thy God hath destroyed them from among you.

4 But ye that did cleave unto the Lord your God are alive every one of you this day.

5 Behold, I have taught you **statutes 2706** and **judgments 4941**, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.

6 Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

7 For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for?

8 And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes 2706 and judgments 4941 so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;

Deut 6:1-6

1 Now 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:

2 That 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.

3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and **observe to do it; that it may be well with thee**, and that ye may increase mightily, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

4 **Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord:**

5 **And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.**

6 **And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:**

Deut 6:15-17

15 (For the Lord thy God is a jealous God among you) **lest the anger of the Lord thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.**

16 Ye shall not tempt the Lord your God, as ye tempted him in Massah.

17 **Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee**

Deut 30:1-4

1 And it shall come to pass, **when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse**, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath driven thee,

2 And **shalt return unto the Lord thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;**

3 **That THEN the Lord thy God will turn thy captivity**, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee.

It is very clear that all of God's blessings to the people of Israel through the Mosaic Law were conditional upon their obedience to those laws (Heb 3:17-4:2).

"But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?

And to whom sware he that they should **not enter into his rest**, but to them that believed not (544, apeitheo, to be **disobedient**) ?

So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief (570, apaistia, no commitment), .

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into His Heavenly (2663, katapausis, **Spiritual Heavenly rest), rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.**

For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them (of a Messiah); but the word preached did not profit them, **not being mixed with FAITH** in them that heard" (Heb 3:17-4:2).

The scriptures are very clear that the OT wilderness Jews who were left to perish in the wilderness were not committed to obedience to God and, therefore, are now awaiting hell in hades today, as are all NT people uncommitted to obedience.

No one is truly trusting God with all his heart, as the OT demands, until he has rejected himself and his own ways (repented) and committed his whole being under the command of His Lord and Master Jesus Christ (Mark 1:15). Then **faith** (indwelling Holy Spirit Mind of Christ) is given only to those that have so committed, "believed" in KJV (Rom 3:22, Gal 3:22, Eph 1:13).

However, there were many in the OT that did have faith, and are written about in the Book of Hebrews, Chapter 11. Certainly the OT prophets and patriarchs and many of the people were said to be righteous and blameless, as were even the parents of John the Baptist (Luke 1) who were still practicing all the OT religious practices and ordinances.

The Jews not entering into their rest in Canaan is likened in the Book of Hebrews to the NT believers also falling short concerning the conditions of faith, and not entering their rest of Heaven. Paul also said that their rejection by God and their punishments are given to us as an example today, who are unbelievers (not committing obedience to His Lordship).

"But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.

Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

Now all these **things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition**, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor 10:5-12).

"The righteous shall Live by **His faith**" (Habakkuk 2:4)

"And he said, **I will hide my face from them**, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is **no faith**" (Deut 32:20).

NT NEW Covenant Replaces OT Covenant

This is a startling statement, but True.

It is true that the New Covenant is composed of the same moral precepts in relationship to the Attributes of our Creator, and that the New Covenant people are saved by the same faith of Abraham as during OT Covenant time. The difference is simply the emphasis given.

The OT Covenant emphasized Law and Ordinances. The NT Covenant emphasizes FAITH.

We are saying the teaching and emphasis are entirely different.

The NT Covenant Replaces the OT Covenant **BY EMPHASIS**.

Although the means of salvation by grace through faith was the same in OT and NT (God is Immutable, unchangeable in all things, despite what the Dispensationalists teach), the basis of salvation by **faith emphasized** in the New Covenant is clearly exposed, whereas it was obscured in the Old Mosaic Covenant because of the **Law emphasized**.

Remember, the OT gallery of those of faith in Hebrews, Chapter 11, and so forth. Many illustrations in the OT concerning the prophets and the common people, could be given, that they were saved by the same faith as we are today, but suffice this as enough.

The preceding purpose of God in the Old Covenant Law was to expose man as a wretched sinner, by giving him God's Theocratic Law, Commandments, Statutes, and Judgments to obey.

In the New Covenant God then uncovers His real method (grace THROUGH FAITH) of Restoration of man in fellowship and relationship to Himself, not by the **JEWISH Law kept by faith**, but by **sheer faith alone to ALL MANKIND**,

which before had not been plainly revealed and was hidden from the foundations of the world satanic system until Christ rose from His grave.

"Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

To whom God would make known what is **the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles**; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory (Spiritual Perfection):

Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" (Col 1:26-28).

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel" (Matt 23:23-24).

Then what is the NT Covenant based upon, if not the Law? We must remember that from Abraham all of God's people HAD been given a separate standing from the rest of those in the world not in relationship to God. In the OT this standing of ALL God's people FOREVER was started as Abraham's seed THROUGH FAITH OF ABRAHAM.. All those descending from faithful Abraham through faith were set apart as God's people for Eternity as opposed to all other people in the world (Gen 15), for all ages and times.

This does not imply that only those of Jewish blood descent are God's people for Eternity, but those of the same spiritual qualities of faithful Abraham.

We must remember, Abraham was 430 years BEFORE the Law was given. A promise given to Abraham and his seed was for Eternity, 430 years before the Law.. The Law was temporary (Gal 3 24-25). Nevertheless, the Law is Holy, and the commandment Holy, and righteous, and good, *agathos* (Rom 7:12), and Spiritual (Rom 7:14).

But the Law (OT Mosaic Covenant) was given as a schoolmaster of God.

"Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

But after that **faith** is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster" (Gal 3:24-25).

The Law (schoolmaster) was to teach us that we could not keep the Holiness or righteousness of the Law of God by ourselves only in our sinful flesh natures. **WE NEEDED FAITH.**

"But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that **the promise out from (ek) faith of Jesus Christ** might be given to them that are committing" (Gal 3:22).

"Even the **righteousness of God** which is **through (dia) faith of Jesus Christ** unto all and upon all them that are committing: for there is no difference" (Rom 3:22).

"In whom ye also heard the word of Truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also ye committed, **ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise**" (Gal 6:18).

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, **who walk not after the flesh, but after (kata, according to) the Spirit**" **[[Faith, the Holy Spirit Mind of Christ in you.]]** (Rom 8:1)

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, **but according to the Spirit**" (Rom 8:1-4).

This schoolmaster was to bring us to Christ, God incarnate Himself (Gal 3:24),

"by a new and living way which He had consecrated for us, through the veil (rent), that is to say His flesh.... .

Let us draw near with **a true heart in full assurance of FAITH**, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water....."

(Heb 10:20-22).

And what then was the purpose of Christ when He came to earth? He came to do what the Law could not do, to Restore (At-one-ment) man to Himself in righteousness and true Holiness for Eternity while man yet remained on earth (Eph 4:20-24).

20 But ye have not so learned Christ;

21 If so be that ye have heard Him, and have been taught by Him, as **the Truth is in Jesus:**

22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

23 And **be being renewed in the spirit of your mind;**

24 And **that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true Holiness.**

So Christ came to fulfil the promise to Abraham and his seed and to also bring Eternal salvation to the Gentiles by the same promise given to his seed.

Eph 3:3-6

3 How that **by revelation He made known unto me the mystery;** (as I wrote afore in few words,

4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

"Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and **partakers of His promise** in Christ by the gospel" (Eph 3:5-6).

Gal 2:16

16 Knowing that a man is not justified (made righteous) by the works of the law, **but by the faith of Jesus Christ,** even we have believed in Jesus Christ, **that we might be justified (made righteous) by the faith of Christ,** and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Gal 3:7-9

7 Know ye therefore that **they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.**

8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

9 So then **they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.**

Gal 3:13-14

13 Christ hath redeemed (exagorazo, to purchase out) us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

14 **That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.**

Gal 3:16-18

16 Now **to Abraham and his seed were the promises made.** He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; **but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.**

17 And this I say, **that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.**

ALSO, Christ said that he came to fulfill the Law (Matt 5:17-18), to give righteousness and Holiness to men on earth. That is why incarnate He came to earth to restore us while living on earth, and to take our flesh natures to His sinless flesh grave, and rise from the dead, to then (after our individual repentance and commitment to His Lordship) fill our cleansed vessels and spirit with His Holy Spirit Mind of Christ, to impart His indwelling Holiness and righteousness to us **to Live His Life through us, with our obedience**

We are THEN said to be declared (imputed) righteous and Holy **through faith imparted to us.** And faith is the indwelling Mind of Christ residing within our individual born-from-above spirits. Of course, this has only occurred AFTER we first solemnly continuously repent and commit to Jesus Christ as our Lord to live in obedience to His leading for the rest of our lives on earth and for Eternity.

Imputation of righteousness and true Holiness to us is not a transfer of any moral Attribute of God in Heaven. It is simply a declaration due to the present indwelling of Christ Himself on earth justly indwelling his cleansed vessels for His direction and service. As in all Eternity our obedience is mandatory.

A God of Love and Truth and Holiness is not in the puppet business.

By this grace (Christ inside you, through your obedience, doing what you cannot do) through faith (Mind of Christ within us), we are saved, but not of (ek, out from) ourselves, it is the gift of God (Himself), not of works lest any man might boast. For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus concerning good (agathos) works, which God hath before prepared that we should walk in them (Eph 2:8-10). The Apostle James said, "Faith, if it

might not be having (pres. active, subj.) works is dead (nekros), being alone” (James 2:17). Child simple.

Dear Father of Heaven and earth, we thank You.

Your grace, your method, to save us, and Restore us to Yourself, by the means of Christ in us, exhibits for all Eternity the Spiritual Perfection (Glory) of your Attributes (Love, Truth, Holiness, and Wisdom). All Heaven and earth shall praise You Forever.

Rom 8:2-7

2 For the law of the **Spirit of life in Christ Jesus** hath made me free from the Law of sin and death.

3 For what the Law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 **That the righteousness of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6 For to **be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is Life and peace.**

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 **But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God is dwelling in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.**

10 **And if Christ be in you,** the body is dead because of sin; but the **Spirit is Life because of righteousness.**

In five of the previous chapters we have plainly shown how that personal Holiness, righteousness, and Truth is what we, who have been born-from-above by the indwelling Spirit Mind of Christ indwelling His cleansed vessels, are expected to be ever perfecting while Living on this earth. “Christ in you, the expectation of Glory (Spiritual Perfection)” (Col 1:27).

What Does this Indwelling of Christ Do for Us?

These Attributes of God are said to be ours, because of Christ, who is our Wisdom, righteousness, Holiness, and Restoration (1 Cor 1:30), resides within us, as being what the scriptures call, faith.

Faith is often mentioned in the NT scriptures, but it takes some faith to grasp what faith actually is. Most think that faith is the same as any person believing or trusting. But we cannot find any synonyms in the words of scripture and it is even doubtful if the word "trust" even exists in NT scripture. We can't find it. Also, if we are being saved by "grace alone through faith alone," as many say, as in a mindless mantra, we should understand what grace is and what faith is.

If faith is any man's belief or trust, then isn't he instituting his own salvation as well as totally doing it all himself by himself alone. Isn't this Pelagianism that was discredited in 400 A.D? Of course, it is!

Eph 2:8-10

8 For by grace are ye **saved through faith, the gift of God (Himself)**, and **that not of (ek, out from) yourselves**: ("it is" is not in Greek);

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

10 For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus unto (epi, concerning) good (agathos) works, which God hath before prepared that we might walk in them.**

Eph 3:14-20

14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened **with might by His Spirit in the inner man**;

17 That **Christ may dwell in (ev, inside) your hearts through faith**; that ye, being rooted and grounded in Love,

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, **that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.**

20 **Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or comprehend, according to the power that is working in (ev, inside) us,**

Faith is further understood by:

"FAITH --"Faith is the evidence (substance or essence) of things hoped for, the certain reproof (convincing) of things not seen." Hebr 11:1. In other words, faith is all in your spirit, inside your head. Faith is a "knowing" in our spirits imparted by the presence of the indwelling Holy Spirit. It is His Mind of Christ, His faith, within a committing person's spirit (1 Cor 6:17).

Whereby, (1) we may "know" that He is in us (1 John 3:24 and 4:13-16), and (2) that we "know" what His will is (John 14:26) and may be thereby led by Him (Rom. 8:14-16) in all His ways (not ours). As many as have the Spirit of God, (know that) they are the Sons of God (Rom 8:14). For the Spirit bears witness with our spirit (Rom 8:16).

"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?" 2 Cor 13:5

".....Ye are the temple of the Living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people" (2 Cor 6:16). **Faith is the Mind of Christ, within a person who is repenting and committing to His Lordship.**

Only Christ in us may impart to us whether we belong to Him or not (2 Cor 13:5; Rom 8:16, 14; 1 Jn 3:24; 1 Jn 4:13; 1 Jn 5:10-12; 1 cor 2:12-16; 2 Cor 6:16; Jn 14:16-20). Only Christ in us may impart to us what the Truth of things about us is. Only Christ in us may impart to us anything of Himself. He said that when He left the earth He would send the Holy Spirit to teach us and guide us in all Truth (Jn 16:13-15).

Faith is the mind of Christ in us, through the indwelling Holy Spirit. Our mental obedience to give attention to the Holy Spirit in us is our measure of sanctification (Holiness) and our measure of living and producing works through faith.

We do not produce righteous works by the Law or the dead letter scriptures given to natural men, which the deceived modern Pharisees only follow.

Thereby, by our obedience to the faith of Christ in us, we establish the Law (Rom 3:31), we, who walk, not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit, fulfill the righteousness of the Law of God (Rom 8:4), and establish the law (Rom 3:31), for Christ said He came not to destroy but to fulfill the Law (Matt 5:17).

Faith is NOT an intellectual believing or trust of the dead letter of the written Word or any trusting acceptance of Christ as your Savior. It is nothing of man, for then, a man could boast. It is Christ (Himself) in you, the gift of God (Himself) in you (Eph 2:8-10) that produces the God-good works.

Through Christ's Faith (His Mind) within us, we experience (1) salvation with (2) assurance and (3) leading and (4 and 5) teaching and knowledge and (6 and 7) the fruit of the spirit and the working of gifts. All is through faith only.

And this faith is not of man in any way, or man would be doing something by himself and for himself. He would make up whatever he thought appropriate and do it in the name of faith. This is feigned faith, "dead works" regardless of the outcome.

No man has the office of assuring another that he is born from above. That is the office of the Holy Spirit. Only God, the Holy Spirit, discerns the heart of a man. Only the indwelling Holy Spirit may assure a man (faith) that He is a child of the Father.

The dragon (called the satan) has hidden from the minds of men what the scriptures in Greek and KJV translation plainly say about faith. Today, men are deceived into thinking that faith originates with man and is something of man, like trust or mental affirmation, directed toward God.

It is by the grace of God (the method) and through His indwelling Holy Spirit of Christ, His faith or the faith of God (the means), that you are being (present active indicative) saved (perfect passive participle). Both the grace and faith is of God Himself (Eph 2:8-10). His faith is bringing to us: (1) salvation, (2) assurance, (3) leading, (4 and 5) our teaching and knowledge, and (6 and 7) the fruit of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit. We do not of ourselves have faith. We only "are having" faith of Him Who "is indwelling" us. Christian living is intended to be a "now" kind of LIFE.

Most everyone, by accepting men's teachings, say they are saved by their faith "in Christ" that saves them. If it is their faith (their own mental notations or trusting), then they are being saved by themselves. They are being saved by their own so-called faith or their own efforts arising therefrom. Talk about a "works" salvation, this is it in red flags. Think with the good mind that God gave you, THINK. It has to be of God, lest any man boast. This is totally the thinking of Pharisees, trusting in their own trusting (Luke 18:9-10).

Believing IS COMMITTING to HIS LORDSHIP. (Commit means put yourself under orders of another)

Faith and believing are two distinct separate words, used entirely differently in the scriptures. They cannot be synonymous. Two different words. Child simple.

Saving Faith as used in the Scriptures by the Holy Spirit is NOT TRUST or COMMITTING !!!

Faith is NOT YOU believing some facts.

Faith is NOT YOU trusting.

Faith IS THE MIND OF CHRIST in your spirit

after (with) BIRTH FROM ABOVE

!!! JOHN 3:7

Faith is always represented as the means (by, dative; or dia as genitive) of justification or salvation. Justification is never "on account of" or "because of" faith (accusative), but justification is always "on account of" Christ or "because of" Christ.

CHRIST is always the cause, HIS GRACE is always the method, HIS FAITH is always the means.

About faith as a "means of" Salvation. **FAITH IS THE MIND OF CHRIST INDWELLING US.** Faith is not an agent (an efficient cause), but faith is an instrument (a means of) Justification, Sanctification, and ultimate Salvation. No scripture says we are saved by faith alone. Faith is the means of salvation, not a cause alone. Christ is the cause. God's grace is the method. Faith is His means in His method of grace.

God's grace is: "God's means (Mind of Christ within you, faith), through your obedience, doing what you cannot do."

The Calvinist cry of the Reformation, "By faith alone, through grace alone," is not even close to explaining salvation. Even Luther and Calvin themselves had much explaining and correcting to explain this very misunderstood statement in itself, even in their very poor understandings of everything, they knew better, than taking it literally.

But the modern "grace" regardless Dispensational salvation apostasy today, for the past 110 years in the USA, now in most all churches takes these infantile Lutheran and Calvinist statements literally, then totally redefines faith and grace to support their demonic self-seving, humanistic self originating mental notations as faith. *Remember: Man's teachings of Dispensationalism is satanic apostasy hidden in every doctrine.*

Nowhere is faith, or any other grace, represented as some once-for-all-one-time ground of merit for Justification (, Sanctification, or Salvation, in an individual's existence. Faith and all other graces (indwelling Mind of Christ displayed in gifts, revelations, assurance, empowerment, teachings) are simply instruments, means of, the saving work of the Holy Spirit of Christ within our hearts, whereby a sinner is brought into a living personal relationship with God the Father Himself.

It is "Christ in you, the hope of glory." "But now you who are being (present-time continuously, active--by own volition, indicative--in reality) in Christ Jesus, Who from God, has become (aorist pass. indicative--in reality) to us (in present time, on this earth) Wisdom, righteousness, Holiness, and Restoration: (1 Cor 1:30). Christ is "the cause of" our justification (1347, dikaios, becoming righteousness), sanctification (38, hagio, 10x, personal Holiness), and Atonement (629, apolutrosis, 10x, Restoration); not faith (pistis). His Faith is "the means of" accomplishing all these in our present personal living, His salvation, in us and for us, as we gladly and continuously yield ourselves to His service and guidance.

The Trinity has provided salvation for us only through Christ, JHWH of OT Himself, through our commitment to His Lordship. He then imparts His own indwelling faith (mind of Christ) in our spirits as a means of imparting His wisdom righteousness, Holiness, and Restoration to us in actual fact of present daily Living.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, causes our salvation in every aspect; faith is His

indwelling means of accomplishing this in us, for us, and through us. This, His faith, without works is dead (James 2:17-24).

If faith were simply a man trusting or believing or even committing to Jesus as Lord, then his salvation would derive from his own efforts, he would be saved by his own works, wouldn't he? And on what basis would he serve in eternity, after flesh disappears?

But faith is of Jesus Christ Himself, by Jesus Christ Himself indwelling us, and for the purposes of Jesus Christ Himself, Who is our Savior "by means of" His indwelling Presence, faith alone. Obedience of Faith is required of us as bondservants to our Lord. We are bought with price. And our Lord does the works, not us (John 5:30; John 6:38; John 14:10; John 20:21; John 17:21-23; and 2 Cor 6:16, etc.)

After the Garden, God safe guarded the Tree of Life in His Son, only in Him is Life eternal (1 Jn 5:11-12). No man this side of Heaven possesses Life eternal as his own possession. If he did, he would be flesh (sin-nature) combined with an eternal Nature. God forbid. This is why God removed man from the Garden in the first place (Gen 3:22-24). Eternal life is now offered in (ev) His indwelling Son only, this side of Heaven (1 Jn 5:11-12).

About works effecting our salvation. Salvation is not merited by OUR works of any kind (Gal 2:16-21; Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; Rom 3:19-28). Combining human works with faith as being meritorious for salvation nullifies the unmerited grace (method) of God, His saving grace (method) as our salvation (Titus 2:11-15).

If salvation is in accordance with grace it must be through faith (Christ in us) alone, because if we have our own self originated works in salvation in any way, then faith is made void and the promise may be nullified (Gal 5:4 and 9). Faith (Mind of Christ) in us must direct the work, as well as accomplish it.

"As many as are led by the Sprit of God, they are the sons of God" (Rom 8:14). "Faith-works," through our obedience to His indwelling Spirit, are a bondservant debt (Rom 4:4). It is by faith that it may be by grace (Rom 4:16). "Faith-works" establish the grace of God, not our works.

Our salvation by Christ's imparted indwelling "working-faith," relies solely upon the person of Christ in us, His merits, His Holy Life, and His death on the cross, His direction, for our forgiveness and acceptance to Himself. His work on His cross, vicariously removing our flesh natures and sins, make Him the Justifier Who may then Justly indwell with His Righteousness of Spirit into His cleansed vessels, all who repent and commit to Him, "*Who* of God, is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and santification (personal Holiness), and redemption (Restoration) (1 Cor 1:30).

"Little children, let no man deceive you: he that is doing righteousness is righteous, just as He is being righteous" (1 John 3:7).

[[] The corrupt NIV translation says, "he who does right is righteous." This

comes from a false understanding of faith and a complete mistranslation of Greek, even in their corrupt Alexandrian text, to fit their modern humanistic antinomian (no rules apply) misconception of faith = believe = trust.

By this all men can believe (faith) and direct his own "right" actions (Antinomian and Gnostic in origin). But scripture says, "...for all man have not faith" (2 Thess 3:2). The KJV translation is certainly not inspired or without great inaccuracies and lies because of Calvinistic biases of the translators, but the modern translations are greatly influenced by their even more and worse biases and totally demonic doctrinal beliefs.]]

"Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself, but **the Father that dwelleth in Me**, **He doeth the works**" (John 14:10).

Then after his resurrection, the first thing He said to his disciples is, "Peace be unto you. AS MY FATHER HAS SENT ME, also I, I am SENDING YOU" (John 20:21). Double nominative for emphasis. "The father that dwelleth in Me, **He doeth the works.**"

[[It is a Lord Jesus Christ salvation through faith (Mind of Christ), not of "works" salvation of self "dead" works,"that any man could boast.". "It is by a gift of God (Himself INDWELLING YOU).....unto good (*agathos*, God-good) works " (Eph 2:8-10). "He doeth the works."]]

Saving Faith is only given after our submission to Jesus Christ as Lord. Paul delighted to call himself His purchased bond slave. The Apostle, John, speaking of our Lord indwelling us says, "Let no man deceive you, he that is doing the righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous" (1 Jn 3:7).

"Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world" (1 John 4:17).

To obey His direction, to work in His service, to fight His battles, to triumph in His victories, is our whole Life and joy as bond slaves. We have been bought with a price. He directs and empowers the works. **He is doing the work.**

After Gracious Holy Sprit enlightenment and conviction, then our initial free choice of turning from self-directed living to absolute commitment to "Lord" Jesus Christ as our Life for all our future, we gladly become His willing bond slaves to direct us in His Work.

At our willing submission, He then indwells us by His Holy Spirit to equip, assure, teach, guide, and empower us by HIS indwelling FAITH (His Presence) for His purposes on earth and in the Heavens for Eternity. Praise His name, "Lord" Jesus Christ (Phil 2:9-11).

"Also in such a manner, faith, if it might not be having (pre. act. subj) works, is (pres. act. indic, in actual reality) dead (nekros, body without spirit) being alone" (James 2:17). ".....the mystery.....made known to all nations for the obedience of faith" (Rom 16:26 and Rom 1:5).

Now pause, and think, is this your Life ? Does He indwell you ? Are you His devoted slave, doing His Work, as He guides ? Are you following Christ in you? Do you even have Christ in you?

Remember, "without faith (Christ in you), and His God-directed-works, it is impossible to please Him" (Heb 11:6).

For details concerning how Christ accomplished all this for us, see "*I. Apostolic Teachings*," in [Justification - Teachings Today](http://doffun.com/index.cfm?article_num=508) at http://doffun.com/index.cfm?article_num=508

A Higher Spiritual Standard in New Testament

Christ elevated His moral Commandments over OT rules or Ordinances.

Indeed, this moral distinction, between moral commandments and religious practice rules or ordinances, is made clear by Christ in His teachings and His own behavior.

In regard to **SABBATH KEEPING, within the Decalogue itself.**

Mark 2:23-3:5

23 And it came to pass, that he went through the corn fields on the sabbath day; and his disciples began, as they went, **to pluck the ears of corn.**

24 And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful?

25 And he said unto them, Have ye never read what David did, when he had need, and was an hungred, he, and they that were with him?

26 How he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and did eat the shewbread, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him?

27 And he said unto them, **The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:**

28 Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

3 And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had **a withered hand.**

2 And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him.

3 And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth.

4 And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace.

5 And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

Luke 13:10-17

10 And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

11 And, behold, there was a woman which **had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years**, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

14 And the **ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day**, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.

15 The Lord then answered him, and said, **Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?**

16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

17 And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

Matt 12:11-12

11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have **one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?**

12 How much then is a man better than a sheep? **Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.**

In regard to RELIGIOUS PRACTICES of tithing and purifications**Matt 23:23-26**

23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith; these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

24 Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

26 Thou blind Pharisee, **cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter**, that the outside of them may be clean also.

In regard to RELIGIOUS POSITIONS over others**Matt 23:1-12**

23 Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,

2 Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:

3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; **but do not ye after their works:** for they say, **and do not.**

4 For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,

6 **And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,**

7 And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.

8 **But be not ye called Rabbi:** for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.

9 And **call no man your father upon the earth:** for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

10 **Neither be ye called masters:** for one is your Master, even Christ.

***** 11 **But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.**

12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

All details of social regulations in Israel were in OT Covenant instituted in relation to God as the King over the national considerations. All the religious rules were social and worship rules (ordinances) as well as person to person moral rules. Indeed, this is why today distinguishing between the formal Social Judgments and Religious Ordinances seems impossible to everyone.

Therefore, all the Social Judgments and religious Ordinances, we think, may be lumped together as religious Ordinances which cover the social and temple rules and penalties together.

In NT Covenant and NT commandments only concern themselves with Personal moral rules of God to man and man to God. Which our Lord said is the sum of all the commandments.

Most everyone agrees that all religious ordinances, are done away with in the NT New Covenant in Christ.

Col 2:13-14, 16, 20-23

"And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

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

Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an Holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days;.....

Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, **why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, Touch not; taste not; handle not; Which all are to perish with the using; after the commandments and doctrines of men?**

Which things have indeed a show of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; **not in any honor to the satisfying of the flesh.** .

The concern of His saints must always be to refuse the acts and concerns for their evil flesh nature, and giving it any place, especially in their worship. **Man will use any excuse to exercise his flesh nature by any pretense.** It seems that only the spiritually mature can recognize when this is being done

Every one of the Ten Commandments seem to be taught or affirmed by Christ and His Apostles except the Sabbath commandment. **However, God hath chosen you to salvation through Holiness of Spirit and faith of Truth (2 Thess 2:13).** "The heart of man is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?" (Jer 17:9) Man cannot please God in anything originating from himself. He cannot even keep the 10 Commandments himself. We must live in Holiness of Spirit and obedience of faith, which Jesus Christ has freely offered to us, to please Him.

The Sabbath commandment is definitely deleted by Paul's teaching as stated above in Col 2:16, and also in Acts 15, when the Apostle council in Jerusalem deleted the Sabbath keeping as being necessary for the Gentiles to follow in religious practices, as well as, all the OT religious ordinances (social and dietary and temple) except to abstain from idols, fornication, blood, and strangled.

[[In regard to Sabbath Covenant keeping and Circumcision Covenant, it should be noted that the Sabbath Covenant and Circumcision Covenant is to all Jewish descendants of Abraham, and not applicable to Gentiles in the OT, unless they became servants within Jewish OT homes or attached themselves to the Jewish nation in the OT.]]

However, those of Jewish descent are under a Conditional everlasting Covenant of Sabbath keeping (regarding Saturday, but not the ordinances relating) and Covenant of Circumcision to all their generations as descendants of Abraham by blood line, to partake of any blessings promised to the nation in latter days. But this is only to maintain their part of Jewish descent, not in any way relating to or maintaining any religious ordinances relating or not. See Chapter 11, Covenants of God.

The NT Covenant is of Higher Spiritual Standard than the OT Covenant

Indeed, our Lord raised the standard of the Ten Commandments even much higher than taught in the OT. Christ raised, for instance, the standard of marriage or fornication to a most remarkably higher level.

He said that it was breaking the commandment concerning adultery, for instance, if one lusted after a woman in his imagination; or if one divorces except for cause of fornication, it causes the other to commit adultery; and anyone who marries such a divorced person, he or she is committing adultery.

Adultery and Divorce

"Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Matt 5:27-28).

"It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery" (Matt 5:31-32).

It is of note that Christ likened marriage to a person's relationship to Him, as a type of violations. The church, members by repenting and committing to His Lordship, is His Bride (Eph 5:22-32). And any separation from Him, even in imagination, is a notable sinful event to spiritual death. It is likened to spiritual death, because no continuing adulterers will be in Heaven (1 Cor 6:9-10; Gal 5:19-20; Eph 5:3-5; Rev 21:7-8; Rev 22 14-15).

Anger in one's heart.

"Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to

his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire" (Matt 5:21-22).

The very thoughts we have in our minds

Indeed, Paul taught this higher standard as well, emphasizing that everything depended upon what one did with their mind even if his behavior was outwardly acceptable, that would make the difference between Holy righteous Living in the law of God and sinning to spiritual death (Rom 7:25 and 8:6-8).

In Rom 7:24-8:8, Paul is describing the old sinning of lost man who was controlled by his evil thoughts, before his birth-from-above with God's indwelling Holy Spirit to enable him to think and live differently. He ends Chapter 7, saying,

24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?
 25 I 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.
 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who **walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**
 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.
 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:
 4 **That the righteousness of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**
 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.
 6 For **to be carnally minded is death;** but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
 7 Because the **carnal mind is enmity against God:** for it is **not subject to the Law** of God, neither indeed can be.
 8 So then they that are in the flesh **cannot please God.**

WHERE IS YOUR MIND ??? On the Spirit leading or on you flesh leading ???
"As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Rom 8:14)

And

:The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Rom 8:16), "if so be that the Spirit of God is dwelling in you. Now if any man have not the Sprit of Christ, he is none of His" (Rom 8:9). Child Simple.

[[Not such a thing as a carnal Christian. No-commitment and disobedience was not allowed in OT Covenant, nor by Christ in NT Covenant. God is Immutable in all His Attributes. God is not learning as the Dispensationalists imply in their salvation satanic corrupting teachings. Our once Christian society and even the world never heard of a "carnal Christian" until 1918, introduced by Lewis Sperry Chafer, and taught by Dispensationalism of Dallas Theological Seminary. Now our country had a pagan anti-God society as a result of our past 100 years of so-called Fundamental religious teachings. Now, you can sin as you wish and still be related to God, have

God consciousness with all others, and all go to Heaven, they say. Satan does his best work in churches, and at the Tree of Knowledge, where he still resides.]]

Obedience to the Holy Spirit Mind of Christ (faith) Within Us

See Doffun.com concerning what FAITH is, through which we are being saved.

See http://doffun.com/index.cfm?article_num=310

Rom 3:22

Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that are continuously believing (committing)

Gal 3:22

But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that are continuously believing (committing).

Ergo: Faith (indwelling Holy Spirit Mind of Christ) comes ONLY AFTER committing to Lordship of Christ in your NEW BIRTH, and Living in the obedience of faith thereafter. "Ye must be born-again."

A person CANNOT BE born-from-above by trusting and believing (mental notation) with all his heart in Jesus as his Savior . This is nowhere found in scripture. It is an apostate false teaching. He can do this and still sin all he wants, especially, being falsely taught unconditional security to Heaven, regardless.

In these teachings, he is not born-again nor saved in any respect. He is being deceived and blind and hell-bound. "Repent and commit to the Lord Jesus Christ."

Eph 1:13

In whom ye also after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed (committed), ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,

1 Cor 6:9-11

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are MADE HOLY, but ye are MADE RIGHTEOUS in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Col 1:21-24

And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

In the body of His flesh through death, to present you Holy and unblameable and unproveable in His sight:

IF ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister.

Rom 6:16

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, OR of obedience unto righteousness?

God's grace is "Christ in you, through your obedience, doing what you cannot do."

Jesus Christ, our Master, is the cause,

His grace is the method,

His faith (Christ's mind) is the means,

His God-good works are then produced,

His Life Eternal is thereby obtained for us.

All praise to His Glory (Spiritual Perfection).