
LAW & GRACE

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PART 2

WE ARE NOT SAVED BY THE LAW

Although Torah obedience is encouraged by Yahuwah, and it's teachings greatly enrich our lives as believers, Torah obedience is not compulsory, it is not a prerequisite to entering the Kingdom of Heaven.

I am by no means saying that if you do not keep Torah, you will be eternally damned, or that Yahuwah will curse your family with horrendous plagues of sickness and famine, what I am saying is that you will not receive the blessings that Torah obedient believers do receive for their obedience, you will not be exalted in the Kingdom above those who did keep the commandments of Yahuwah, the Scriptures teach that those who do not keep the commandments WILL be among the least (Matthew 5:19). Torah obedience alone, however, will not lead to salvation, only grace, through faith in Yahshua HaMashiach can grant you salvation.

There is NO scriptural condemnation of those who obey Yahuwah's Law in order to emulate the Messiah's example and honour their heavenly Father's commandments, there are only blessings for those who are fervent in their Torah obedience. However those who keep it, in an attempt to receive salvation are misguided and in error, because as it says, if justification could come through the law, than Yahshua died for nothing! That is the exact reason why we needed a Messiah, we needed redemption, we needed to be freed from the curse of sin and death, because the burden of habitual blood sacrifice was heavy and only Yahshua HaMashiach could lift that burden once and for all. So do not be mislead into thinking salvation can be obtained through any other method than faith in Yahshua HaMashiah.

Salvation is only gained through faith, however faith without works, without living the life of a true righteous believer, is dead.

James 2:17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. 18 But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do."

Being a believer is more than just having faith in the existence of Yahshua; being a believer means living the life of a believer, possessing the fruits of the spirit and being obedient to the Word of Yahuwah.



YAHSHUA KEPT & LOVED THE TORAH, HE WAS THE LIVING TORAH!

Many think that Yahshua came to bring 'grace', the adversary of the law, to destroy it's tyrannous reign and bring in a new merciful system. But that was NEVER the intention of grace! Yahshua even said that he did not come to abolish the Torah, but to fulfill it!

Matthew 5:17-19 Yahshua said; "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Yahshua says very clearly that he did not come to abolish the law! So why has the law been abolished in the eyes of the church?? In this scripture it says; "Until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the law". The earth, is obviously, still very much in existence, so why should any of the law have been taken away or changed? It shouldn't have.

HAS EVERYTHING BEEN 'ACCOMPLISHED'?

It also says that the law is not to be changed until 'everything has been accomplished'. Many Christians believe that Yahshua upon his crucifixion, burial and resurrection, did accomplish everything and that, that means the law is no longer in effect. However through His crucifixion, burial and death, he fulfilled only 4 of the 7 feasts upon his first coming; Pesach (Passover), Chag HaMatzot (The Feast of Unleavened Bread) Yom HaBikkurim (First Fruits) and Shavuot (Pentecost)- there are still 3 more feasts that must be fulfilled!

Yahshua is yet to fulfil Yom Teruah (Feast of Trumpets), Yom Kippur (The Day of Atonement) and Sukkot (The Feast of Tabernacles). Yahshuah will fulfill these final feasts upon His second coming; however, until then, the law is not to be changed, Yahshua states this quite clearly in Matthew. To learn more about Yahuwah's feasts and how Yahshua fulfilled them, my presentation titled '***The Paganity We Inherited***' shares on these topics.

So, let's have a look at the requirements that were to be fulfilled before the law could be changed even slightly:

- All of the feasts of Yahweh had to be fulfilled
- Heaven and earth would have to pass away

Neither of these requirements have been fulfilled, which means that the law, is still very much in effect, according to Yahshua HaMashiach. Yahshua's statement is also in complete harmony with Deuteronomy 4:2 "You shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall you diminish from it, you must keep the commandments of Yahuwah your Elohim which I command you."

The Feasts of the Lord

Feast	Date	Meaning	Status
Passover (Pesach)	March/April	Redemption Sacrifice/Death of Messiah	Fulfilled
Unleavened Bread	March/April	Sanctification Burial of Messiah/No Decay	Fulfilled
<u>Firstfruits</u> Grain harvest	March/April	Resurrection Resurrection of Messiah	Fulfilled
Weeks (Shavuot)	May/June	Pentecost Holy Spirit Sent by Messiah	Fulfilled
Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah)	Sept/Oct	Jewish New Year Messiah returns to Israel	FUTURE
Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)	Sept/Oct	Day of Atonement Messiah saves Israel	FUTURE
Tabernacles/Booths (<u>Sukkot</u>)	Sept/Oct	Wedding Feast/Golden Age Messiah starts Millennium	FUTURE

WHO WAS YAHSHUA HAMAHSAH?

Many modern-day Christians view 'Jesus Christ' as an anglo-saxon Christian man with no connection to Judaism, who opposed the Torah and spoke out against those who kept it throughout his ministry, and preached a message of love and forgiveness, apostate to that of the cruel and unforgiving Jewish God of the Old Testament. This, however, is simply not an accurate representation of Him, and definitely not scripturally correct... Let me introduce you to who your Messiah truly was and is, and how he describes himself to be throughout the scriptures:

HELLO

my name is

Yahshua

YAHSHUA IS MY NAME

- I was born a Jew in Beit Lehem the city of David.
- I was given the name Yahshua – son of Yahweh at my birth - not Jesus Christ.
- I had my circumcision eight days after my birth.
- I had my Bar mitzvah and become a son of the Commandment.
- I taught the son's of Israel in the Temple.
- I was devoted to teaching Torah.
- I recited the 'Shema Yisrael' knowing that YHWH is one.
- I understood the writings of the prophets.
- I was the one who said, "Salvation is of the Jews!" (John 4:22)
- I never read or taught from the New Testament, it didn't exist then.
- I did not go to Church. There were no Church buildings during my era.
- I only taught in the Synagogues or the Temple.
- I did not convert to Christianity. I was born a Jew, and I died a Jew.
- I was nailed to the cross and crucified

- I never wore a cross, nor did any other Israelites, as the cross was and is a VERY pagan symbol, and I, like my father, detest paganism.
- I worshiped Yahuwah on Saturday, Shabbat, not Sunday-the day of the sun god.
- I kept Shabbat and read the weekly parashah from the Torah.
- I didn't give anyone a Christmas present, or an Easter egg, as these customs are pagan in both origin and tradition.
- I did not eat hot cross buns, that were once offered to pagan idols, but I did eat matzah (unleavened bread) on Passover, commemorating my people's deliverance from Egypt.
- I kept all of Yahuwah's moedim/feasts (appointed times)
- I strictly observed the Ten Commandments and lived by the Torah, as I am the living Torah.
- I never bowed down to an idol of Mary, or any other idol for that matter. Nor would I ever.

- I did not live by the traditions of men but by Yahuwah's eternal Torah
- I never had a sun disk or nimbus around my head – Yahuwah is my 'Shekinah' light.
- I observed all of the Levitical Kosher requirements.
- I did not sit on a throne, nor did I wear splendid garments, I humbled myself as Yahuwah's servant.
- I taught men to love Yahweh; and I did not set myself above the common people.
- I did not take any honour to myself, which belonged to Yahuwah alone.
- I discussed right doctrine with both the Sadducees and Pharisees.
- I was an eyewitness to the conquering of Israel by the Roman Legions.
- I will return and restore the Kingdom of David, as was foretold by my father Yahuwah.
- My name is Yahshua, and I was born a Jew, I lived as a Jew, and I died a Jew.
- **WRITTEN BY MY GRANDMOTHER RACHELLE COHEN**



Y'SHUA

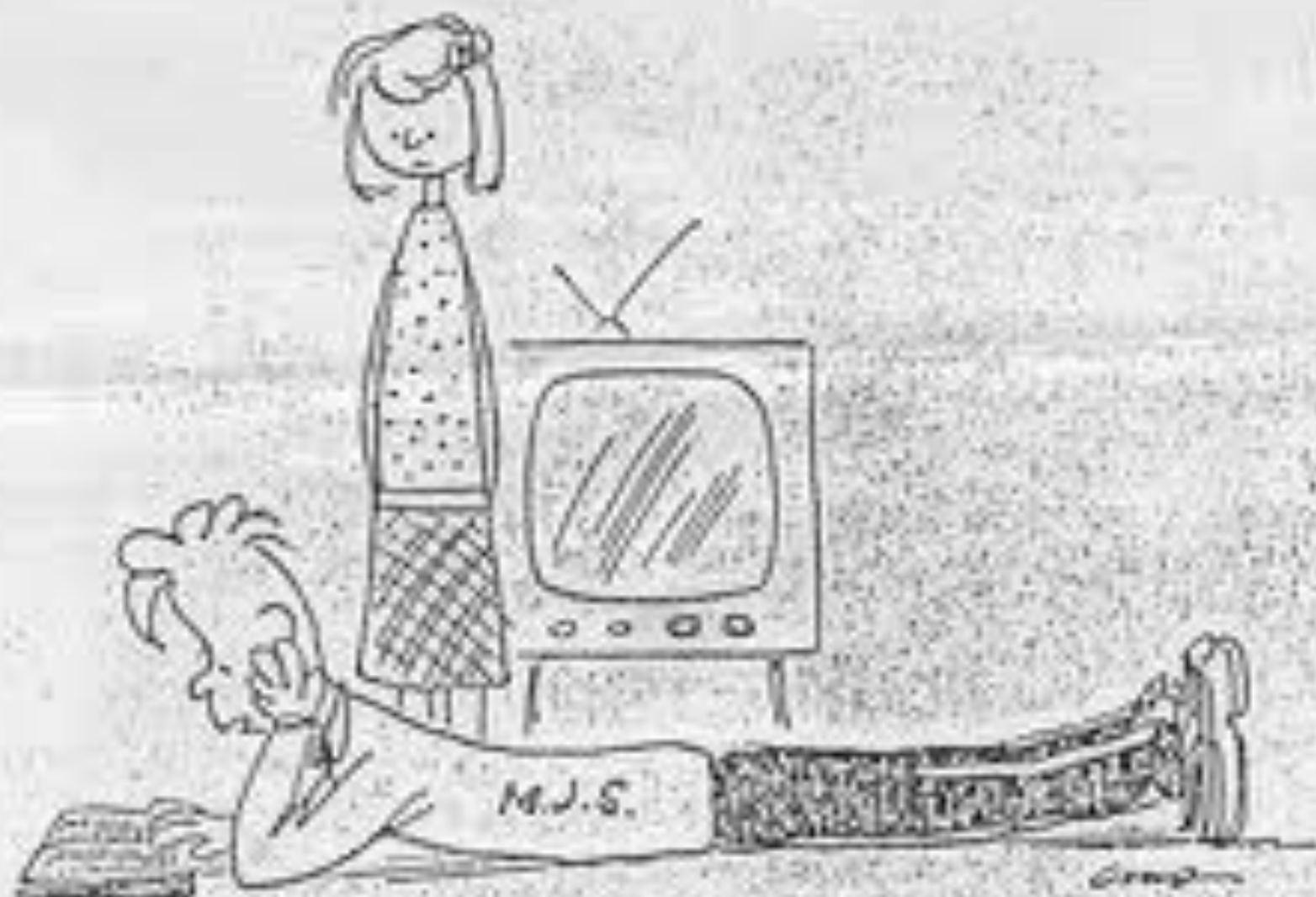
WHO DO YOU SAY HE IS?



PETER ON THE WRITINGS OF PAUL

- Since the "grace only" doctrine is derived from the writings of Paul, let's have a look at the comments of the apostle Peter on that topic:
- 2 Peter 3:15 'And count the patience of Yahuwah as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, 16 as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. 17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.'

- First, we must notice in verse 16 that Peter acknowledges that Paul's writings are on a par with "the other Scriptures." Peter clearly considered Paul's epistles to be inspired and authoritative. But he also plainly warns believers that Paul's writings were "hard to understand" and that some people were twisting what Paul had said "to their own destruction." He concludes with a warning to believers not to be fooled into making the same errors as the LAWLESS people who had misused Paul's teachings. Even in the days of the early church, it seems that some who called themselves Christians were using Paul's epistles to do away with Yahuwah's Law.



"Don't bother me. I'm looking for a verse of Scripture to back up one of my preconceived notions!"

“THE ONLY LAW IS LOVE”

Many Christians believe that the ‘Old Law of Moses’ a.k.a ‘The Eternal Law of Yahuwah’ was abolished by the new ‘Law of Love’ invented by ‘Jesus Christ’ upon his crucifixion. This ‘Law of Love’ theory was brought upon through a series of misinterpreted scriptures and a lack of Torah based knowledge. These are a few of the scriptures that have been misinterpreted, that I will attempt to rectify the true meaning of:

1 Peter 4: 8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.”

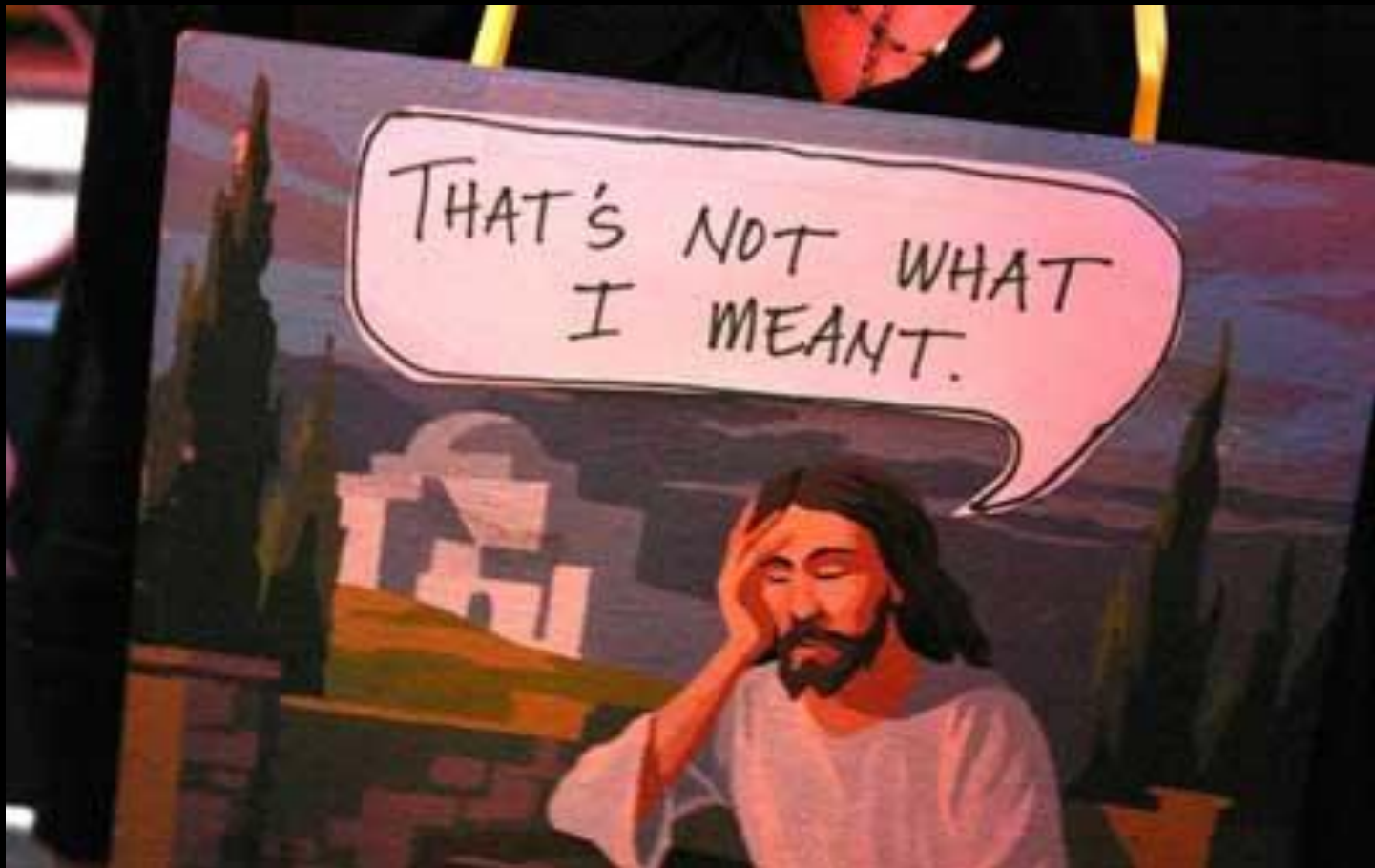
“Love will cover a multitude of sins”, this is 100% correct, love does cover a multitude of sins, but this is because the basis of the Torah is love, we obey Yahuwah because we love him, we would not sin against our neighbour if we loved him. Love covers a multitude of sins because love is pertinent in keeping the Torah, without love, we have no desire to follow Yahuwah’s commandments.

Romans 13: 8-10 8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not bear false witness,” [a] “You shall not covet,” [b] and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” [c] 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Many twist and distort this scripture to state that Torah is abolished and all man needs to do to please Yahuwah is to love- this is an inaccurate interpretation of this scripture. This scripture is echoing what 1 Peter stated, that if we love, we cover a multitude of sins, we fulfil many of Yahuwah’s commandments; we will not commit adultery if we love our wife, we will not covet if we love our neighbour, we will not say Yahuwah’s name in vein if we love Him. Love fulfils the law, because the law requires love for it to be kept.

- Matthew 22: 36-40 36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” 37 Yahshua said to him, “‘You shall love Yahuwah your Elohim with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”
- Once again we see that there are two main categories that the commandments fall under, commandments that we keep out of love for Yahuwah, and commandments that we keep out of love for our fellow man. ‘On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets’; love does not abolish the Torah, love fulfils the Torah, love is the reason for the Torah, love is a requirement of the Torah.
- John 14:15 ‘If you love me, keep my commandments.’

INCORRECT INTERPRETATIONS OF THE WORD
LEAVE YAHSHUA LOOKING LIKE THIS:





If You Love Me
Keep My
COMMANDMENTS
HOW CAN I DO THAT?

LOVE IS A VERB

Yahuwah says in **John 14:15** that if you love him, you will obey his commandments- therefore we can draw from this statement that Yahuwah recognizes love from us as being our desire or willingness to keep his commandments.

We see this again in **1 John 5:3** in which it states that '**This is love for God: to obey his commands.**' THIS is love for Yahuah: OBEDIENCE! Yahuwah accesses the validity our love for him based on our desire to OBEY him! **2 John 1:6** confirms this fact again in saying; '**And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.**'

A verb is a word that connotes action! A verb is a 'doing' word. Love is a verb, love is only recognised as being genuine by the actions that accompany it. Yahuwah recognizes the love of his believers by their actions; by their willingness to sacrifice, desire to honour and eagerness to please.

If you are not willing to sacrifice worldly pleasures to keep Torah, if you don't desire to honour Yahuwah by following His commandments, if you are not eager to please Yahuwah through your obedience; then your 'love' for him is without evidence and lacks the attributes of true biblical love.

LOVE

is a

 *Verb* 

Without action

it is merely a

WORD

NEW TESTAMENT & THE TORAH

Many people ask why Yahshua didn't often preach the Torah, or encourage his followers to keep the Law of Yahuwah as much as other biblical figures did in the Tanahk (Old Testament). Well the answer is quite simple, Yahshua was Jewish, his disciple's were Jewish, his family was Jewish, and Israel was a Jewish nation, he did not need to teach the law, because everyone during that time kept the law. He preached a message of love, forgiveness, mercy and grace, because that is what the Jewish people of that era were lacking, they had the law down pat, they did not need to be taught how to keep the Torah, because they had all be raised from birth in it's teachings.

But because the same degree of emphasis on the Torah was not made in the B'rit Hadashah (NT), as it was in the Tanahk (OT), and because of the Churches refusal to teach from the Old Testament scriptures, the importance and relevance of the Torah from a Christian perspective seems to have been diluted since Yahshua's coming, but this is not the case. Reading the B'rit Hadashah (New Testament) without reading the Tanahk (Old Testament) is like walking into a movie half way through, you're never going to fully comprehend the storyline if you've missed the first half of it, are you? It's like getting into a car before you have read the instructions on how to drive it, you're not going to know how to live the life of a righteous believer if you haven't read his instruction manual on how to.



ALL YOUR WORDS
ARE TRUE; ALL YOUR
RIGHTEOUS LAWS
ARE ETERNAL.

PSALM 119:160

ACTS 15

Acts 15:5 But some of the sect of the Pharisees who believed rose up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the Torah."

Here the Pharisees are stating that it is NECESSARY, meaning REQUIRED, that Gentiles must be circumcised and keep the Torah. The Pharisees believed that keeping the Torah and being circumcised was a requirement of salvation, and that without these two things, Gentiles could not receive salvation through Yahshua HaMashiach, which is false.

To the statement of the Pharisees in Acts, Peter replies in a way that has led many believers to the conclusion that the law SHOULD not be followed:

Acts 15: 6-11 Now the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter. 7 And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them: “Men and brethren, you know that some time ago Yahuwah chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. 8 So Yahuwah, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit), just as He did to us, 9 and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. 10 Now therefore, why do you test Yahuwah by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? 11 But we believe that through the grace of Yahshua HaMashiach we shall be saved in the same manner as they.”

- Peter states that Yahshua acknowledge the Gentiles and gave them the holy spirit and purified their hearts BY FAITH, what Peter is stating here is that Yahuwah purifies their hearts through faith, not through the keeping of Torah or by being circumcised. He then asks the Pharisees; ‘ Why do you test Yahuwah by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?’, Peter here is not referring to keeping the Torah, the Torah was NEVER considered a yoke on their neck or a burden. The Israelites delighted in Yahuwah’s commandments and never viewed them as a curse in any regard, all throughout the scriptures the law is exalted by the Jews.
- 1 John 5:3 ‘This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome.’

- The yoke that Paul is referring to is the yoke of Torah observance FOR salvation, because all man sinned, all man transgressed the Torah, and because of this salvation was impossible to attain through perfect Torah obedience. Because salvation could NEVER be obtained through the Torah, habitual blood sacrifice all through the generations was the only thing that atoned for sin. Peter is asking the Pharisees; 'Why would you make circumcision and Torah keeping a requirement of salvation for the Gentiles? We neither us, nor our fathers were ever able to obtain salvation through the Torah?' He then goes on to state that the only way that both the Gentiles and the Jews can receive salvation is through the grace of Yahshua HaMashiach.

You can see that Peter is not stating that one should not keep the law, but that one does not HAVE to keep the law, as technically, it is not a prerequisite the entering the kingdom. But the bible does state that those who keep the law will be the greatest in the kingdom, and that those who don't will be among the least (Matthew 5:19) - we will speak about this topic later in this presentation.

OBEDIENCE

Obedience to Yahuwah's law does not grant salvation, but it does bring blessings upon you. In scripture obedience and blessings go hand in hand, obedience is revered throughout scripture as being pertinent in receiving blessings from Yahuwah, and is one of the regularly versed requirements for every believer. Obedience to what exactly? You might ask; obedience to Yahuwah's statutes, commandments, decrees and ordinances.

Romans 2:13 “For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in Yahuwah’s sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous.”

“WAIT A MINUTE! Isn’t Romans in the New Testament??? Why would the New Testament be stating that those who obey the law are declared righteous in his sight, instead of those who do not? I thought the law of God was nailed to the cross with Jesus?”

Oh, I guess your pastor accidentally skipped that scripture when preaching his ‘All Grace, No Law’ message from Romans last Sunday..

In James, it states that those who look into the law and continue to keep it and reverence it's teaching will be blessed in all that they do.

James 1:25 But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

Here, Yahshua clearly states that he has remained in His Father's love because he has kept his commands. He also instructs us to do the same, so that we may also receive this blessing.

John 15:10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.

In Luke, Yahshua states that those who hear the word (commands) of Yahuwah and obey it, are those who will be blessed.

Luke 11:28 He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of Yahuwah and obey it."

In Job it states that those who obey Yahuwah's commands will spend their lives in prosperity and contentment.

Job 36:11 If they obey and serve him, they will spend the rest of their days in prosperity and their years in contentment.

The law of Yahuwah is portrayed throughout the Psalms as being righteous, holy, precious, pure and perfect, and is regularly accompanied by the words blessed, prosperous and rewards.

Psalms 119: 9-11 The fear of Yahuwah is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of Yahuwah are firm, and ALL of them are righteous. 10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. 11 By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward."

Revelation also confirms that those who keep Yahuwah's commandments are blessed.

Revelation 22: 14-15 "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

Yahshua teaches in Matthew that whoever practices and teaches Yahuwah's commandments will be called great in his kingdom.

Matthew 5:19 "Whoever practices and teaches these commands [of Yahuwah] will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Deuteronomy 30:8 You will again obey Adonai and follow all his commands I am giving you today. 9 Then Yahuwah will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. Yahuwah will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your ancestors, 10 if you obey Yahuwah your Elohim and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the Yahuwah with all your heart and with all your soul.