

The Gospel Herald

“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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“And the law is not of faith”

Galatians 3:12

“For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ” (John 1:17). God had given Moses the ten commandments on Mount Sinai written by the sovereign hand of the Almighty. These commandments were the divine “benchmark” that the people of Israel were to examine themselves to determine if their lives appease the legal demands of God. (Author’s note: The ten commandments were given to Israel, but as revealed, God shall judge all mankind by the stringent demands as the apostle Paul wrote, “For by the works of the law shall NO flesh (no man) be justified” (Gala.2:16). As Holy and perfect as the commandments of God are, no creature has, nor shall keep them, to the satisfaction of God.

The commandments have ALWAYS been a “schoolmaster” (teacher) to the human creature of PERFECTION of which God alone is author. When the ten commandments are displayed before mankind they reveal in their stringent demands man’s depravity and sinful nature of which he is a slave. Man shall ALWAYS be self serving and dominated by sins curse until divine grace enables one to be set free from the dominion of sin and made alive in Christ Jesus through the “new birth.” The law and the commandments declare, “there is none righteous ,no not one, they have ALL gone astray, there is NONE that seeketh after God.” The law has never given LIFE to any that work to obey it. It was never intended to give LIFE,” for by the law is the KNOWLEDGE of sin” (Rom 3:2). Man dead in sin and depravities curse is unable to acknowledge the perfection of the laws demands, therefore, spiritual LIFE that God can ONLY give, can enable the depraved sinner to see “himself” as a SINNER. For the alien sinner through sins curse must believe that God is who He says He is, and the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

This ability to KNOW that God is who he says he is, does NOT come by the means of the law! But by FAITH, a fruit of the Spirit. The Gospel brings “life and immortality” to light (II Tim. 1:10), for the good news of the gospel does NOT elevate the law in any

fashion, but exposes its inability to merit any favor with God by its demands. The Gospel good news is that Christ has fulfilled ALL the laws demands by taking it upon himself on the cross of Calvary, were “nailed” to his cross and He bore our lawless depraved behavior upon himself, therefore, “It is FINISHED”, the law and all the righteous demands are totally satisfied forever (Eph.2:15; Colo. 2:14).

“But without FAITH its impossible to please him (God)” (Heb.11:6). None have ever pleased God by the attempts in keeping the law and commandments. I reiterate, “The law is not of faith”! Whenever the law was proclaimed and mixed with FAITH it brought vexation to the soul of which it could NEVER find relief from its finger of divine judgment, until grace brought the soothing balm of Christ “law fulfilling” salvation so rich and free. The law cursed sinner needs GRACE and TRUTH, and that is only manifested in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. For if through the law man could be justified, why do we look for another? Because as declared, it can ONLY condemn man with a righteousness as filthy rags. Only a God wrought righteousness shall be acceptable, for “Man in his best state is altogether vanity.”

Our Lord Jesus said, “For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John” (Matt.11:13, Luke 16:16). “Think not that I have come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, BUT TO FULFILL, to satisfy (Matt. 5:17). “For Christ is the end of the LAW for righteousness to everyone that believeth” (Rom. 10:4). This is why our beloved Lord said, “Come unto me, (not the law) all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you REST” (Matt. 11:28). Oh, the heavy burden, the ball and chains of the law’s stringent demands, who can bare them? Jesus Christ is our ULTIMATE law-keeper, and fulfiller of its demands! For we that have entered into HIS REST has ceased from our own labours (Heb. 7:19, Heb. 4:2,3). May we proclaim the LAW as the PERFECT BENCHMARK that reveals man’s absolute and total depravity that ONLY CHRIST can eradicate through his RICH, RED, and ROYAL BLOOD that was shed upon that cross for you and for me.

For by God’s divine sovereign and predestined decree, he has called unto himself an “Israel” that are made up of Jew, Greek, Gentile, out of every tongue, nation and kindred “and I will be to THEM a God, and they shall be to me a people” (Heb.8:10). These are the called, elect, chosen, appointed, ordained, predestined heirs of grace to whom have the laws of God written upon their minds and hearts as described in Hebrews 8:10.

For Christ our RESPONSIBLE Head and sovereign Master shall work his righteousness in us as we are His people that manifest and display the likeness of our heavenly Father. For if salvation is not by grace (unmerited favor) alone and Christ vicarious atonement, then HIS sacrifice on the cross was not FINISHED as He stated.