

## Come let us Grow Together: The Laws

Come let us Grow Together is a weekly series that deals with the many topical categories that exist within the Word of God. The purpose of this series is to grow in wisdom, knowledge, and understanding in things pertaining to God.

Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die. The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. (Ezek 18:4, 20)

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? (Rom 6:16)

I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? (Rom 7:21-24)

The Apostle Paul has asked a question, who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. (Rom 3:23-28)

The Apostle Paul has let us know that it is through the Law of Faith and not the works of the Mosaic Law that we are justified and thus delivered from the body of this death through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. (James 2:20-24)

A big misunderstanding that many people have is understanding that the works of faith is not the same as the works of the Mosaic Law. We are not justified by the works of the Mosaic Law, but rather by the Law of Faith.

However, one must understand that even though we are saved by faith, faith without works is dead being alone as the Apostle James has told us. This is how the Apostle James can say, "Was not Abraham our father justified by works" while the Apostle Paul says, "For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. (Rom 4:2) Apostle James is speaking of the works of Faith, whereas the Apostle Paul is speaking of the works of the Mosaic Law.

Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law. (Rom 3:31)

But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. (James 1:25)

Again the Apostle James stresses the importance of being a doer of the work. For faith without works is dead being alone. He also mentions the Perfect Law of Liberty.

Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. (2 Cor 3:17)

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 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 after the Spirit. (Rom 8:1-4)

This Perfect Law of Liberty that the Apostle James is referring to is the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus. For where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. We gain access to this Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus by the Law of Faith.

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. (Mt 5:17)

This Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus sets us free from the Law of Sin and Death while at the same time allows us access to the righteousness of God without the law. This access to the righteousness of God without the law is established by faith of Jesus Christ.

Thus through the Law of Faith we have access to the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus which gives us access to the righteousness of God without the law, and now we are justified freely by Jesus Christ without the works of the Mosaic Law.

Therefore:

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. (Gal 6:2)

The Law of Christ is the Law of Love.

If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: (James 2:8)

Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. (Rom 13:10)