

C & C: The Laws

Connections and Comparisons is an ongoing weekly series that deals with many scriptures in the Bible, some of which are not commonly addressed. The purpose of this series is to examine the scriptures at hand comparing what is said and looking at the connections within.

The law of sin and death

Ezekiel 18:4, 20

4 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.**

20 **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.

Romans 6:16

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?

Romans 7:21-24

21 I find then **a law,** that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

23 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.**

24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

The Mosaic law also known as the law of Moses

Romans 3:19-21

19 Now we know that what things soever **the law** saith, it saith to them who are under the law: **that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.**

20 Therefore by **the deeds of the law** there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: **for by the law is the knowledge of sin.**

21 But now the **righteousness of God without the law is manifested,** being witnessed **by the law and the prophets;**

The law of faith

Romans 3:27-28

27 Where is boasting then? **It is excluded. By what law?** of works? Nay: **but by the law of faith.**

28 Therefore we conclude that a man is **justified by faith without the deeds of the law.**

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.

James 2:20-24

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that **faith without works is dead?**

21 Was not Abraham our father **justified by works**, when he **had offered Isaac his son** upon the altar?

22 Seest thou how **faith wrought with his works**, and **by works was faith made perfect?**

23 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.

24 Ye see then how that **by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.**

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.

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus

Romans 8:1-2

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.**

The perfect law of liberty

James 1:23-25

23 For if any be a hearer of the word, **and not a doer**, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and **straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.**

25 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.

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.

2 Corinthians 3:17

17 Now **the Lord is that Spirit**: and where **the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.**

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. **“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”** (Rm 8:2)

The royal law

James 2:8

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

Romans 13:10

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

The law of Christ**Galatians 6:2**

2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

1 Corinthians 9:20-21

20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;

21 To them that are without law, as without law, (**being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,**) that I might gain them that are without law.

The law of Christ is the law of love**John 15:13-14**

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Matthew 22:37-40

37 Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God** with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is **the first and great commandment.**

39 And **the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

40 On these **two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.**

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; **charity** envieth not; **charity** vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, **seeketh not her own**, is not easily provoked, **thinketh no evil**;

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but **rejoiceth in the truth**;

7 Beareth all things, **believeth** all things, **hopeth** all things, **endureth** all things.

8 Charity never faileth

The law of righteousness**Romans 3:21-25**

21 But now **the righteousness of God without the law is manifested**, being **witnessed by the law and the prophets**;

22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

25 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;

Romans 5:18-21

18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

These are the laws.

How was the law abolished and done away with while at the same time being fulfilled and established? This question is what is causing the majority of Christians to be confused. The law of commandments contained in ordinances was abolished and done away with, while the righteousness of the law was fulfilled by the love of God who gave his only begotten Son that would give his life in place of ours so making peace. Love fulfilled the law and established the law for righteousness without the law. We obtain this righteousness without the law by faith of Jesus Christ. Now the righteousness of the law is being fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

To help one to see this I have capitalized the words and highlighted them.

2 Corinthians 3:13-14

13 And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is **ABOLISHED**:

14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is **DONE AWAY** in Christ.

Ephesians 2:15

15 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, so making peace;

Colossians 2:14

14 **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**;

Romans 10:4

4 For Christ is the **END OF THE LAW** for righteousness to every one that believeth.

Galatians 3:25

25 But after that faith is come, we are **NO LONGER UNDER** a schoolmaster.

Romans 6:15

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are **NOT UNDER THE LAW**, but under grace? God forbid.

Hebrews 10:9

9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. **HE TAKETH AWAY THE FIRST**, that he may **ESTABLISH** the second.

Hebrews 8:13

13 In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made **THE FIRST OLD**. Now that which **DECAYETH** and **WAXETH OLD** is ready to **VANISH AWAY**.

Matthew 5:17

17 Think not that I am come **TO DESTROY** the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but **TO FULFIL**.

Matthew 3:15

15 And Jesus answering said unto him, **Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us TO FULFIL ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS**. Then he suffered him.

John 3:16

16 For God so **LOVED THE WORLD**, that **HE GAVE** his only begotten Son, that whosoever **BELIEVETH** in him should not perish, but have **EVERLASTING LIFE**.

Romans 13:10

10 **LOVE** worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore **LOVE IS** the **FULFILLING OF THE LAW**.

Romans 3:31

31 **Do** we then **MAKE VOID** the law **THROUGH FAITH**? God forbid: yea, **WE ESTABLISH THE LAW**.

Romans 3:21-22

21 But now **THE RIGHTEOUSNESS** of God **WITHOUT THE LAW IS MANIFESTED**, being **WITNESSED** by the **LAW** and the **PROPHETS**;

22 Even **THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD WHICH IS BY FAITH OF JESUS CHRIST** unto all and upon all them that **BELIEVE**: for there is no difference:

So the law given by Moses contained in ordinances was abolished and done away with while at the same time the law was fulfilled by the love of God by Jesus Christ who gave his life for ours so making peace, and this fulfilling of the law allowed the righteousness of God without the law to be established by faith of Jesus Christ. This is how the law was abolished and done away with while at the same time being fulfilled and established.