

C & C: The Righteousness of the Law was Fulfilled

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.

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Jesus Christ being the perfect sacrificial lamb of God would take away the sin of the world by condemning sin in the flesh that the righteousness of God without the law would be manifested. This is known as the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. This law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus is accessed by the law of faith which works by love. “For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.” (Gal 5:6)

Therefore we are justified by the law of faith through the law of Christ which is the law of love. For “love is the fulfilling of the law.” (Rm 13:10b) By this law of faith we gain access to the born again process of God which allows us to become part of the Body of Christ.

Galatians 3:21-24

21 Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: **for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.**

22 But the scripture hath concluded **all under sin**, that the promise **by faith** of Jesus Christ might be given to them that **believe**.

23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up **unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed**.

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

Galatians 3:12

12 And **the law is not of faith**: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

There was no law given that could have given life because all were under the penalty of sin.

Romans 8:1-4

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.

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Romans 3:19-25

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;

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;

Moreover the law entered, that **the offence** might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as **sin hath reigned unto death**, even so might **grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord**. (Rm 5:20-21)

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;

This is a reference to repentance and water baptism in Jesus name and the fulfilling of the New Testament Covenant of being born again of water and of the Spirit.

Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost**. (Acts 2:38)

This is **the covenant** that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, **I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin**. (Heb 10:16-18)

Romans 3:26-31

26 To declare, I say, at this time **his righteousness**: that he might **be just**, and **the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus**.

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**.

29 Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:

Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end **the promise might be sure to all the**

seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is **of the faith of Abraham;** **who is the father of us all,** (Rom 4:16)

30 Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, **we establish the law.**

The righteousness of the law was fulfilled in the death of Jesus Christ because he was the perfect sinless Lamb of God who was slain from the foundation of the world. Since there was no law given that could have given life, Jesus Christ gave his life that through **faith** in the shedding of his blood we may have remission of sins through the forbearance of God.

And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood is no remission.** (Heb 9:22)

Matthew 3:13-15

13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

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.

Water baptism was part of this fulfillment because for us it represents being buried into Jesus Christ's death and is where sins are washed away or remitted. We must be born again of water and of the Spirit. And water baptism in Jesus name is the fulfillment of being born of water. The receiving of the Holy Ghost is the fulfillment of being born of the Spirit.

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.**

To fulfill the righteousness of the law God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. (Gal 4:4-5) Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. (Rm 13:10)

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A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. (Jn 13:34-35)

If ye love me, keep my commandments. (Jn 14:15)

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, **if ye do whatsoever I command you.** (Jn 15:13-14)

Hebrews 10:9-10

9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. **He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.**

10 By the which will **we are sanctified** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all.**

Hebrews 8:6-13

6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, **which was established upon better promises.**

7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

8 For finding **fault with them,** he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; **I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts:** and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

12 For **I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.**

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.