



Enter The Sabbath Rest *in Christ Jesus*



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THEREFORE, SINCE THE PROMISE OF ENTERING HIS REST STILL STANDS, LET US BE CAREFUL THAT NONE OF YOU BE FOUND TO HAVE FALLEN SHORT OF IT. (HEB 4:1)

“By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.”
(GEN 2:2-3)

Have you ever wondered why it was that God rested on the seventh day? Why did God have to rest when he

does not get tired (ISA 40:28) and why on the seventh day (sabbath)?

The answer to these (and all questions) lay in the revelation of Jesus Christ *‘in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge’* (COL 2:3). As Messiah he revealed himself to be the ‘cornerstone’ against whom ALL truth is measured (LUKE 20:17) in fact he is TRUTH. Messiah is the beginning (Alpha) and the end (Omega) of all



things in all creation (REV 22:13) the Word of Life itself.

THE COMMANDMENT

One of the commandments given to Moses on mount Sinai was 'Keep the Sabbath day (seventh day) holy' (EXOD 20:8), so in any investigation into why God rested on the seventh day we must consider why this Law was given to Israel and how Jesus the Messiah interpreted the subject. After all He is the Truth so what he said must be, well the truth!

THE SABBATH BREAKERS

"One Sabbath Jesus was going through the cornfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"

He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which



is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."

*Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. **So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.**"*

(MK 2:23-28 NIV MY BOLD).

In this first 'sabbath' encounter we see the strict Pharisees picking up the fact that Jesus' disciples were officially breaking the 'do no work' law of the Sabbath. Were they right to do this? Well, yes strictly speaking, it's true they were indeed breaking the no work law! But hang on Jesus then defends them! What's going on here, are the commandments no longer commands? All will be revealed, but first let's see Jesus break the Sabbath deliberately in front of them again.

*"Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, **so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath.** Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone."*



THE BREAD OF PRESENCE

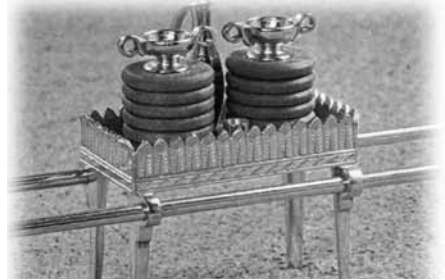
Then Jesus asked them, “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: **to do good or to do evil**, to save life or to kill?” But they remained silent.

He looked around at them in anger and, **deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts**, said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.” (MK 3:1-6 MY BOLD).

This story is repeated in two other gospel accounts and it certainly makes us re-think what Jesus’ attitude towards the Sabbath really is and the implications for us as disciples today. The Pharisees were in no doubt that Jesus and his disciples were Sabbath breakers! Not only was this so, but we also see that this was one of the reasons they hardened their hearts and plotted to kill him.

Their hearts were stubborn and could not recognise that God himself was standing in front of them, their minds were on ‘justification by law’, they had no peace unless the law (as they interpreted it) was followed exactly as they wanted, they had no rest. Even the miracle did not move them with compassion. We see that Jesus was ‘angry and deeply distressed’ with this ‘hardness of their hearts’, they had misunderstood what the Sabbath was all about - resting in His mercy and grace.

In the first Sabbath example Jesus reminds the Pharisees that king David, whom they admired and revered, had not followed this Law to the letter when he and his men were hungry, (when on mission in 1 Sam 21 in obedience to the king!) and their genuine need was seen as more important to Him than the limits of the Law as it was then (David did not take the bread but was given it by Abiathar the priest). Jesus expands on this truth with regard to priesthood (remember He is God in the flesh so its up to Him!):



“Or haven’t you read in the Law that the priests on Sabbath duty in the temple desecrate the Sabbath and yet are innocent? I tell you that something greater than the temple is here. If you had known what these words mean, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the innocent. For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.” (MATT 12:5-8 NIV).

So as ‘Lord (Creator) of the Sabbath’ Jesus is revealing a very important truth regarding the observance of the

Sabbath day especially by the Levitical priests (sons of Aaron). He reveals that the priests in the Temple 'profane the Sabbath' because they had to perform 'Daily' duties and services even on the Sabbath day in genuine service to God for the sake of the people! This included cleaning, trimming the lamps and eating the bread and renewing it. How can this be? The answer is given to us in Jesus' statement in verse 8:

'For the Son of Man is Lord EVEN of the Sabbath'

The issue here is really one of 'Lordship' that is 'Kingship', and it is important to note that the two instances of exemption that Jesus gives only involves the priests.



THE LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD

The Levite priests of God were a set-apart group from the whole nation and they had been commanded to live differently from everyone else (they were in the land, but not of it (NUM 3:11-13)). They served in the Temple and offered the sacrifices for the purifying of the whole nation (their brothers), their existence meant that God could have mercy on them all even if they messed up and sinned. The Levites enjoyed the presence of God in the Holy Place and in the Most Holy Place, they were very special to God. They lived in this shadow of the heavenly kingdom, the tabernacle, the temple His dwelling place. This gave them exemption from the law of the Sabbath because they worked in His presence 24/7!

Now all the people and even the Pharisees and teachers of the law fully accepted this state of affairs because without this priesthood they were doomed as a nation! If they failed to maintain the priesthood effectively they knew that they would be cast out of their land and lose their inheritance (this had happened before!). With soft hearts they did this gladly, willingly and with joy, but over time we see that their hearts grew hard and they did this grudgingly and so added additional rules of men for their own benefit and financial gain.



This 'going beyond what was written' blinded their minds to the mercy expressed in the priesthood system and it blinded their minds to who Jesus was - the King of Mercy - the great High Priest of heaven itself! Like David Jesus was on a mission, his was to preach his kingdom in every town and village, His disciples with him were like David's fighting men. So we see this scripture fulfilled by Jesus and his disciples. Jesus considered the disciples equivalent to his priests and exempt from any judgement.

“You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.’

So Jesus and his disciples were seen as Sabbath breakers because to Pharisees they were working by doing something only permitted by priests. However, Jesus was building his new priesthood (as the author of it) of a New Covenant and showing mercy to the people as the High Priest and apostle of faith. They reacted with indignation because

to them he was from Judah and not Levi and had no rights or exemptions from strict observance of Levitical law and so this led them to want to punish Jesus as a blasphemer. For them this was a very serious issue and one of the many reasons they plotted to murder him and ultimately to do this by crucifixion. They were blind to the truth that was staring them in the face, but this is what was prophesied (MATT 13:14-15). The disciples were literally dwelling with God 24/7 and had entered the same rest that Adam and Eve experienced before the fall. Emmanuel - God with us. Jesus was busy fulfilling the whole law and the prophets whilst at the same time training his disciples to become the new holy nation - a kingdom of priests by the Spirit.

ONE GREATER THAN THE TEMPLE

Here was Jesus telling them that He was greater than the Temple which they worshipped and this was even more blasphemous (in their eyes) that He was greater even than the Law! We can see why their anger rose up, they did not recognise him for who he was - God (creator) in the flesh! The implications of all this to us who are followers of Jesus is very very significant. Our own understanding of the Sabbath and the Law in general, what it is and its real purpose for us who are 'in Christ' by grace.



Understanding the sabbath rest will prevent us from being complacent and hardening our hearts like the Pharisees did. Their understanding was not based on ‘who’ Jesus was, but on their ‘traditions’ and this deceived them. This is why Jesus said, “beware the yeast (teaching) of the Pharisees and Sadducees”, because when this exists in our hearts we can only see from a ‘earthly’ point of view! If we are relying on any part of the Law to justify our actions or beliefs we have fallen from relying on grace ‘heavenly’ point of view, that is on Christ alone and are in danger of being subject to the curses of that law (GAL 5:4).

THE PURPOSE OF THE SABBATH - REST

So then as believers in Jesus redemptive work we are ‘born again from above’ into a Kingdom who’s new High Priest is Jesus himself and we are ALL called to be his priests serving

with him in the earth (1 PET 2:9). Just as God purchased the Levites he has purchased us for himself (EXOD 3:12). What does this mean with regard to the Law of Moses? Paul tells us that ‘we are not under the Law, but under grace’ (ROM 6:14) that we are not under the ‘Moses Levi covering’, but under ‘Jesus’ Messiah covering’.

TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE

“Now we who have believed do enter that rest (disciples), just as God has said,

“So I declared on oath in my anger, ‘They (Jews) shall never enter my rest.’” (PSALM 95:11)

And yet his works have been finished since the creation of the world. For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: “On the seventh day God rested from all his works.” (Gen. 2:2) And again in the passage above he says, “They shall never enter my rest.”

*Therefore since it still remains for some (Jews) to enter that rest, and since those who formerly had the good news proclaimed to them did not go in **because of their disobedience**, God again set a certain day, calling it **“Today.”** This he did when a long time later he spoke through David, as in the passage already quoted:*

“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” (PSALM 95:7,8)

For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another



day. *There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God (Jews); for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works (law), just as God did from his. Let us (disciples), therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.*" (HEB 4:3-11).

"Only when the Jubilee horn sounds a long blast may they may go up in the mountain."



This brings us back to the exhortation and warning to 'enter God's rest' and stop trying to please God by outward laws, but to simply listen and obey. First notice the two groups of people mentioned in this passage. First those who DO enter God's rest -the disciples or followers of grace in Christ. Secondly notice that the other group are those who disobeyed the gospel in the wilderness and so God said 'they shall NEVER enter my rest'. Why? Simply because they refused to 'hear' God speak to them personally. See

what happened:

*"When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance and said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen. **But do not have God speak to us or we will die.**" (EXOD 20:18-19).*

God warned them not to approach him up the mountain because of his holiness and power, but the Israelites wrongly believed that God wanted to kill them! Their selfish fear of death hardened them against hearing God's voice. This is what God offered them all (without death) through consecration, but instead they gave in to fear and wanted Moses to be an intermediary. If they had only waited to hear the 'Rams horn' promised by the Lord (EXOD 19:13 CHB) they could have gone up in the mountain and met with God just as Moses had done before them. The fear of death prevented them from receiving God's best.

"So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief" HEB 3:19

If they had each chosen to know God for themselves, as Moses had proven was possible, they would have all found that rest and peace and glory that Moses knew! However they chose second best, they chose

to have the Word interpreted for them by a mediator. Moses therefore remained their shepherd (Pastor) an intermediary and the people failed to receive God's grace by faith.

COME UP THE MOUNTAIN TODAY

Exodus 19 reveals to us that God's desire is to have a Kingdom of Priests, a treasured possession, but the Hebrew people refused this and so they ended up with a temporary measure (a shadow) with a three tier system. The Tabernacle with a High Priest, his sons as priests, then the Levite assistants and a lot of work to bring sacrifices under various laws. God gave this system so that he could still show grace and mercy to them by freeing their consciences from guilt and fear. He gave Moses the Laws to teach the people how to be holy despite their stubborn hearts. This was their choice,

not God's best. The Laws revealed their sin and what they had lost by rejecting



his voice for themselves. (ROM 3:20).

The writer to the Hebrews powerfully reveals that for disciples of Christ there is a special place of 'REST' or 'peace' that we must enter into TODAY. His mountain! This is a place in our hearts that the people of Israel (under the Law) never entered or experienced because they refused to, even though

The river of life



they entered the promised land with Joshua. They had refused to listen for the Jubilee shofar in Sinai and this changed the course of their history.

TODAY, says the writer, we come to the mountain of Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem where God dwells and that *we too must not refuse him who speaks*. We must not run from God's Word, but rather run into the mountain because Jesus has made the way into the heavens! (HEB 12).

Jesus gives us his righteousness TODAY - so that we can HEAR and OBEY Him every day wherever we are!

IN THE BEGINNING GOD RESTED

This *holy rest* was the first life experience of Adam and Eve at the creation of the earth when Jesus made



all things with the Father by the Spirit. They made man on the sixth day to be like them, to be able to fully know them and to dwell with them in peace. All the work of creation had been done before man came along, the earth had been prepared for man to enter and to have dominion over in a priestly and kingly service to him - perfect! They even had a special garden to start off in as an example of how God wanted the whole earth to flourish.

So mankind's first full day of existence was on the SEVENTH day or on the Sabbath day. On this day God the Father spent time dwelling with mankind enjoying all that He had made, it was good! Man had no job stress, no worries about anything, he had no pressure, there was no calendar because every day was the same and everything was provided for - it was easy. The whole focus of his day was the Father in relationship with his children without fear. There was nothing else to do but relax and enjoy the goodness of God. For man the seventh day was every day because every day they were living in his Presence and blessing.

When it says 'God rested' it does not mean He did nothing! 'Nothing', says Jesus, 'is impossible for the Father' for 'he is always working'. The abundant energy of life that exudes from the glorious awesome person who is God breaks out continuously like a river in full flood that never stops!

When He rested He merely stopped making 'things' on earth for the one day and focussed on being with Adam and Eve in the love of His glorious grace - wow! It gets better because the next day that dawned Adam and Eve were still in that rest, they still had His Presence with them and they still enjoyed the abundant provision. This may have gone on for 1 day or a thousand years we don't know. For them this was 'normal life' and this grace and innocence went on day after day as long as they did one thing - obey him and not break the one golden rule - do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They knew that if they did they would die, however think about this, they had never experienced death - they had no idea what this was?

THE MYSTERY REVEALED

Jesus the creator put the tree of knowledge into this garden deliberately. It was not far away on the other side of earth where one day they may have stumbled upon it. Why was it even there? We understand why the Tree of Life was there because (in hindsight) we all want to live forever, so why would Jesus put that Tree of the knowledge of good and evil in this special place? Here is the mystery, the conundrum that has puzzled mankind for centuries, and here we see Jesus the creator creating his own problem, Why?! But Jesus has also given us the secret revelation as to why he did this and it is stated by Paul in Galatians 5:1 here it is:

*“It is for FREEDOM that
Christ has set us free”*





The reality is found in Christ

Can you see it? Can you see that in order for us 'to be like him' we must have choice! Free will to obey or disobey. Jesus knew that Eve would one day give in to the temptation by the serpent (God knows and sees all things) but in order for us to have FREE WILL and to willingly LOVE him in return, not just for what he created, but for WHO HE IS there had to be a choice made. He whom the Son sets free is free indeed!

This is why we were chosen from the creation of the world to KNOW HIM in spirit and in TRUTH. If we reject Jesus the WORD of God (our creator) to satisfy ourselves with the knowledge of evil we leave His rest, His peace. When we think we know best and do not live by every Word that proceeds from his mouth (daily) we die - and we now understand what death is - and it's really bad. After all Adam and Eve did

become LIKE HIM (GEN 3:22).

In order that mankind would not be trapped in sin under the curse of the law Yahweh prevented Adam and Eve from eating any more from the Tree of Life and so he cast him out of the special garden. Their Sabbath ended right then! They lost access to the Tree of Life and entered spiritual death which would later end in physical death - disconnection from being in God's Presence 24/7. He was now a slave to sin (satan) they had chosen the lie instead of God's Word - they disobeyed. Sin is choosing to listen to

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anything other than God's Word for guidance.



OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD

As disciples we must not be fooled like them into thinking that we can disobey and succeed - we cannot. Just as Jesus created and did everything for Adam and Eves physical provision, Jesus has also provided everything we need for our spiritual needs by faith. Because of his sacrifice once for all upon the 'tree' (cross) Jesus tells us that *the*



old has gone the new has come, we are now able to be like God knowing good and evil and yet have the power to OVERCOME evil with GOOD. We become equal with God in this way because He makes us equal with himself when we believe His Word of grace to us. When we operate as his priests we are separated from this old world and satan's kingdom and function as part of the new creation where everyday is the same - life in His

Presence the continual Sabbath Rest. The Kingdom of Heaven!

RESTORING THE GARDEN

So the Sabbath described in the Law given to Moses is used by God as a sign to the Israelites and all mankind of His holy rest that we lost in Eden before slavery and work under an evil lord. As we have seen ONE DAY out of the EVERY DAY was given to them as a 'holy' day to give them 'a taste' of what it could be like everyday without working for our own salvation or provision - a taste! These things in the past are merely a shadow of the reality that was to come back to mankind. 'The reality', says Paul, 'is found in Jesus Christ', we can now dwell with our maker 100% of the day, day after day! hallelujah! He is our tabernacle! We can choose LIFE!

"Say to the Israelites, 'You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the Lord, who makes you holy.'" (Ex 31:13).

As mentioned this 'sign' of the Sabbath was God's promise that a time would come when His people would have opportunity to return to Him and enter that lost eternal rest and SHALOM (wholeness). It has seemed so distant to them and all mankind. Until the NEW covenant came through Messiah they were limited to just a



taste, only a shadow of what could be.

“The Israelites are to observe the Sabbath, celebrating it for the generations to come as a lasting covenant.” (Ex 31:16).

Only having a taste does not satisfy the hunger of the heart, so that they were always longing for more.

THE LAST ADAM

Paul tells us that Jesus came as the LAST Adam (1 CORIN 15:45) to undo what Adam did. As we have seen Adam broke one law, Jesus had to fully obey 613 laws and then to be the actual sacrifice to destroy the power of death! He came as LORD of THE SABBATH or Lord of REST and as we know Prince of PEACE! King of the heavenly Jerusalem. He was showing us how awesome He is and how weak we are and how much we need Him.

We must now realise that it is for this FREEDOM that Christ sets us free from the shadow of the law, and bondages of sin going from just one day of peace and into his FULL GRACE which is EVERY DAY. We must rest from trying to obey the law in any form, in order to be holy, and rely totally on his provision and of the Holy Spirit whom he has sent into our hearts by faith. It has ALL been done for us by Him and this is the whole point of grace - so relax and receive.

If we cannot receive this we have fallen from grace, we have not entered his

rest we are in disobedience and under law and all the curses that come with it!! This has huge implications as to how we live our daily lives as a disciple, priest, servant and willing slave of Jesus our Lord and saviour.

So we can see that if we think that by ritualistically trying to keep the Sabbath day (whether Sunday or Saturday or any day) as if it justifies us with God or man (by men who say we should do it), we are deceived.



We lower ourselves to mere laws, we go back into the limitations of the legalism. Why only have one day when you can live in all SEVEN! This is why Paul the apostle is so adamant about this issue in writing to the disciples in Galatia.

“For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.” (GAL 3:10)

If things keep going wrong in your Christian life then it is likely that you have missed entering His rest. If you feel like you are under a curse then perhaps you are trying to keep the Law thinking you are obeying Christ? You need to be led by the Spirit not by the letter of the Law, you need to STOP and ASK God to speak His living word right into your heart! Fear not you will not die! It is a simple process of hearing and obeying - but first you MUST hear.

“So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.”(GAL 5:16-18).



A CHANGE IN THE PRIESTHOOD

Earlier we looked at the Levitical priesthood and how they appeared to break the Sabbath law. The real reason for this is that by being in the Tabernacle or the Temple they were in effect entering the Kingdom of Heaven. A bit like an Embassy where the land of the nation is represented and is considered part of that very nation. The priests were only given the Lord as their portion, as their inheritance and now Jesus has changed the priesthood from the Levitical (under law, earth) to the spiritual (under grace, heaven). He is called the High Priest of Heaven on the throne in the Most Holy Place and we are His Priests serving him in the Holy Places (courts) of the heavens. Even more than this Paul tells us that there is no veil and we can boldly approach His throne!! WOW! can we be so bold? YES!



*“Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. **Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.**”*

Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. And no one takes this honour on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.

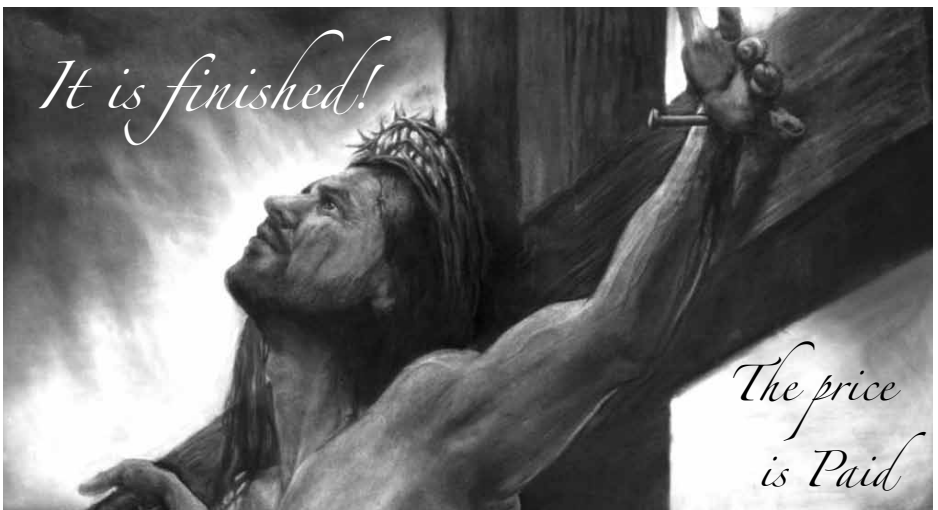
In the same way, Christ did not take on

*himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, **“You are my Son; today I have become your Father.”***

*And he says in another place, **“You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”** (HEB 4:14-5:6)*

Have you heard God the Spirit say to you those very same words? “You are my Son (or daughter); today I have become your Father”?

As priests of our heavenly Father we are with him in the eternal realm of glory, by faith in the work of our High Priest who has changed the priesthood from the order of Levi (with hierarchy) to the order Melchizedek (with access). The Sabbath has shifted from one day to everyday because in heaven time is endless and every moment is in his Presence and in service to him. We are now members of the New



Jerusalem which is in heaven (not the one in Israel GAL 4:26). We must not go back again to the yoke of slavery, back to observing the law to be justified before God because we have it all for free already!

THE OLD HAS GONE

So we must not think that we need to have a mixture of the old Law and the new Grace in order to walk with Christ in the earth because as we have said **THE OLD HAS GONE!** This has been a fact for the last 1,944 years since the destruction of the last Temple in Israel. I am telling you what the Bible tells us, it's there in black and

white - can you see it?

“For when the priesthood is changed, the law must be changed also. He of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, and no one from that tribe has ever served at the altar. For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears, one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life.”

(HEB 7:12-16).

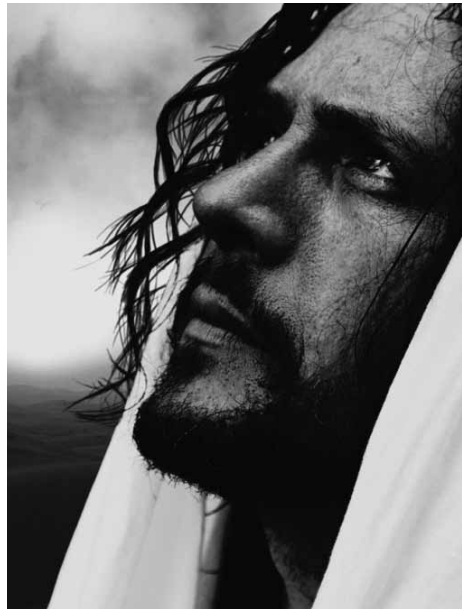


BREAK FREE FROM LAW

Jesus has made you a new creation, that is no longer part of this world, but part of heaven itself. Either this is true or it's not. If it's true then we must act accordingly with thanksgiving and joy in Him and in his provision of grace - and relax! Listen God is on your side and wants you to be totally FREE, let no man (however clever or nice they seem) put you under a their yoke, don't work for them work for Jesus because his work is easy and his burden light. Break free from religious obedience (which is disobedience to God) and LISTEN for His Word to you every day by the HOLY SPIRIT then do it.

*“When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. **He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the charge of the written code, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.** And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

*Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. **These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.** Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels*



disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind. They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.” (COL 2:13-19).

Listen to what Paul is telling you - break free! Live in the reality! Don't settle for one day, get into the EVERY DAY. Don't serve men, but just listen to the Spirit and He will guide you, teach you and help you. For you everyday is a holy day (holiday!) He is the creator and just as he gave Adam the earth he has now given you ALL THINGS as well as ALL HEAVEN as your inheritance. This is your Priestly and Kingly appointment your

ordination by the Holy Spirit a deposit of guarantee!

“To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.” (REV 1:5-6 NIV).

But what about the Law I hear you say? The answer comes from the apostles doctrine:

“Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.” (ROM 13:8 NIV).

“For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbour as yourself.” (GAL 5:14 NIV).

Ask yourself this question, ‘Am I able to love ALL my fellow men with the love that Christ Jesus has loved me?’ If the answer is ‘no’, then you do not have the Spirit of Christ. if the answer is ‘Yes’ then you have fulfilled the law because you are in Christ and he has fulfilled it on your behalf.

Just as he has shown us this mercy we should also show mercy to others and not judge them while they are currently unable to see this truth. We must help them enter the Kingdom of Heaven not a shadow in a religious institution which heaps additional burdens onto them.

“Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be





shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.” (JAM 2:13 NIV).

Isn't it wonderful when we see what Jesus has done so that we can be FREE from both satan and man, no longer slaves either in reality or in our minds. Take up this abundant life and share it around, let Jesus do miracles for you and give you grace to share this good

news to all nations.

The last word is given to the Lord of the Sabbath:

Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

*Jesus answered, “**The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.**”*

(JN 6:28-29).

FURTHER READING

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On the website you will find other free material to build you up in the powerful faith of Jesus Christ. omega-ministries.org. We pray that these books will inspire you to know Jesus personally through prayer and ever increasing meditation on his Word revealed in scripture and the prophetic writings of the apostles.

We also recommend other writers in our links section who have inspired and encouraged us in being obedient to wisdom and to the ways of the Lord, some of these may not be free.

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The secret to success is found in knowing the person of Jesus Christ and not in any material thing, may his life giving Spirit fill you and anoint you for the work he has called you to.

FREE PUBLICATIONS LIST*

Who I Am - in Christ Jesus	Unlocking your true Identity
The Sabbath Rest - in Christ Jesus	Living in the Presence of God
The Inheritance - in Christ Jesus	Unleash your true potential
Overcoming - by Christ Jesus	Overcome the schemes of Satan
The Fear of the Lord - in Christ Jesus	Living in the Fear of the Lord
More Than Conquerors - in Christ Jesus	Imitating the Apostolic
The Commands - of Christ Jesus	Obedying the Master
Overcome Deception - by Christ Jesus	Discerning spiritual blindness

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