



Introduction

Prologue

Great is the 'confusion' surrounding biblical Law. Even before denominations arose, there had been divisions based on the correct interpretation of Law, be it due to personal preferences based on a greater willingness for obedience, or the striving for more liberty. Many scholars have done well in reflecting on the Law, but are often constraint by denominational limitations, where there is usually consensus regarding the Old Covenant Law, but vast differences if to actually follow the Moral Law at all, in 6 Commandments (Roman Catholicism), in 9 Commandments (Protestantism), or with a greater willingness in actually 10 Commandments.

Learn now more about the differentiation of Laws in the Bible – the Laws that are perfectly valid for every Christian today (**10 Moral Laws & 85+ Laws of CHRISTOS and the Apostles**) and those Laws that once had been given to the nation of Israel (**600+ Old Covenant / Ceremonial Laws**) or had been added by overzealous teachers (**1500+ Oral / Fence / Pharisee Laws**).

But be aware that there is no such thing as a perfect study on biblical Law. There are many nuances which will only become clearer to the student of the Bible by constantly reading the Word and by comparing someone's understanding to the respective verses, while ideally leaving any denominational and educational bias at the door.

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## Eternal Law

Moral Law (10 Commandments) - Laws of CHRISTOS

## Old Covenant Law

Ceremonial, Civil and Sacrificial Law

### Origin

The **Moral Law** did not originate with Moses or in his time. THEOS doesn't reveal how He communicated the eternal principles of His Law to humanity before Mount Sinai, but we can conclude that the unwritten Law, which was the same in substance and authority as the written Moral Law, was written on the conscience (hearts) of humanity (see e.g. Rom 2:14-16). The evidence is clear and substantial that the giving of the law on Sinai was **not the world's initial exposure to its precepts**.

Adam and Eve coveted (Cm. #10) and stole (#8); Cain killed (#6) and lied (#9); the men of Sodom were wicked and sinful; Pharaoh blasphemed THEOS (#1, 2, 3); the book of Genesis already described adultery (#7; Gen 12:17, Gen 20:9-18, Gen 26:10) and murder (#6) as a sin; the Sabbath is "to remember" (#4); Abraham, Jacob and Joseph already obeyed **Commandments**, **Statutes** and **Laws** (Gen 26:5); and the Israelites failed the Sabbath test (#4) already before the **Law of THEOS** was codified and specified at Mt. Sinai.

Another clear example is Moses, who judged before Sinai '**the ordinances of THEOS and His law**' and his father-in-law encouraged him to delegate this task (see Exo 18:15-16 below).

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| [ <b>-5500 BC</b> ] And Cain said to KYRIOS, "My <b>punishment</b> is greater than I can bear.   | Gen 4:13     |
| [ <b>3297 BC</b> ] "As for the one shedding the <b>blood of humankind</b> , by humankind his blood shall be shed ...   | Gen 9:6      |
| [ <b>-1950 BC</b> ] And THEOS said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there, and make an altar to THEOS! [...] Then Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Get rid of the foreign g-ds ...  | Gen 35:1-4   |
| [ <b>-1885 BC</b> - Joseph to Potiphar's wife] ... you are his wife. Now how could I do this great wickedness [adultery] and sin against THEOS?"   | Gen 39:9     |
| [ <b>-1447 BC</b> ] And Pharaoh hurried to call Moses and Aaron, and he said, "I have <b>sinned against</b> KYRIOS, your THEOS [other g-ds & blasphemy] ...  | Exo 10:16    |
| [ <b>-1446 BC</b> ] ... the water was sweetened: there He established to him ordinances and judgments, and there He proved him, and said, If you will indeed hear the voice of KYRIOS your THEOS, and do things pleasing before Him, and will hearken to <b>His commands</b> , and keep all His ordinances, no disease which I have brought upon the Egyptians will I bring upon you, for I am the KYRIOS your THEOS that heals you. | Exo 15:25-26 |
| ... "How long do you refuse to keep <b>my commandments and my law</b> ? [plural = multiple commands preceded the laws given at Mt. Sinai; see Exo 20]  | Exo 16:28    |
| And Moses says to his father-in-law, Because the people come to me to <b>seek judgment from THEOS</b> . For whenever there is a dispute among them, and they come to me, I give judgment upon each, and I teach them the <b>ordinances of THEOS and His law</b> .  | Exo 18:15-16 |
| [ <b>1446 BC</b> ] Moral Law codified and specified]   | Exo 20       |
| ... "Moses, with reference to your hardness of heart, permitted you to divorce your wives, but <b>from the beginning</b> [clearly before Moses] it was not like this.  | Mat 19:3-10  |
| ... where there is no <b>law</b> , neither is there <b>transgression</b> . [the existence of transgression proves a law]   | Rom 4:15     |
| Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an <b>old commandment which you have had from the beginning</b> [= creation; Joh 1:1].  | Joh 2:7      |
| ... did not spare the ancient world, but preserved <b>Noah, a proclaimer of righteousness</b> [requires reference of the law]  | 2Pet 2:5     |

Matthew 5:21 makes it also clear that the Moral Law had not only been given to any 'ancients' or to any 'people of old' -as commonly translated while lacking definition-, but more precisely to the very first (original) humans - the word APXH (arche, Greek G746) always expressing an absolute.

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| <p><b>Anger</b></p> <p>Mat 5:21 You heard<sup>G191</sup> that<sup>G3754</sup> it was said<sup>G4483</sup> to the<sup>G3588</sup> <b>ancients</b><sup>G746</sup>, "You shall not<sup>G3756</sup> murder<sup>G5407</sup>," and who<sup>G3739</sup> G1161 ever<sup>G302</sup> should murder<sup>G5407</sup> shall be liable<sup>G1777</sup> G1510.8.3 to the<sup>G3588</sup> judgment.<sup>G2920</sup></p> <p>Mat 5:22 But I<sup>G1473</sup> G1161 say<sup>G3004</sup> to you,<sup>G1473</sup> that<sup>G3754</sup> all<sup>G3956</sup> G3588 provoking to anger<sup>G3710</sup> G3588 his brother,<sup>G80</sup> G1473 in vain,<sup>G1500</sup> shall be liable<sup>G1777</sup> G1510.8.3 to the<sup>G3588</sup> judgment.<sup>G2920</sup> And who<sup>G3739</sup> G1161 ever<sup>G302</sup> should say<sup>G2036</sup> to G3588 his brother,<sup>G80</sup> G1473 Worthless!<sup>G4469</sup> shall be liable<sup>G1777</sup> G1510.8.3 to the<sup>G3588</sup> sanhedrin,<sup>G4892</sup> And who<sup>G3739</sup> G1161 ever<sup>G302</sup> should say<sup>G2036</sup> O moron!<sup>G3474</sup> shall be liable<sup>G1777</sup> G1510.8.3 for<sup>G1519</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> Gehenna<sup>G1067</sup> G3588 of fire.<sup>G4442</sup></p> <p>Source: e-Sword software</p> | <p><b>G744</b></p> <p>ἀρχαῖος<br/>archaios<br/>ar-khah'-yos</p> <p>From G746; <b>original or primeval</b>: (them of) old (time).</p> <p><b>G746</b></p> <p>ἀρχή<br/>archē<br/>ar-khay'</p> <p>From G756; (properly abstract) a <b>commencement</b>, or (concrete) <b>chief</b> (in various senses); or order, time, place, rank); -<b>beginning</b>, corner, (at the) <b>first</b> (estate), magistrate, power, principality, principle, rule.</p> |
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The Law of Moses originated with the Nation of Israel and was rather not written on the hearts of man, but had to be taught and copied by teachers, handed down from generation to generation. The Law of Moses is commonly organized into Ceremonial / Civil Laws, sometimes with the additional category of Sacrificial Laws. Those terms are man-made for easier comprehensibility - faithfully based on the biblical descriptions and grouped according to their area of application.

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| Be strong then and manly, to guard and to do in so far as I gave charge Moses my servant. And do not turn aside from them to the right or to the left, that you should perceive in all whatever you should act on. And you shall not leave this <b>Book of the Law</b> ['book' = clear differentiation between 600+ and 10 commandments] from your mouth, and you shall meditate on it day and night, that you should perceive to do all the things written in it. Then you shall prosper your ways, and then you shall perceive. | Jos 1:7-8                   |
| Blow the horn during the new moon, a trumpet in the well-marked day of your holiday! For it is an <b>order for Israel</b> , and a <b>judgment</b> by the THEOS of Jacob. He made it to be a <b>testimony among Joseph</b> during his coming forth from out of the land of Egypt. He declares His word to Jacob, His <b>ordinances</b> and His <b>judgments to Israel</b> . He has not done so for any nation, and His <b>judgments</b> He manifested not to them.   | Psa 81:3-5<br>Psa 147:19-20 |

### Writing Of The Laws

The **Moral Law** was written by the **finger of THEOS' angel**, on 2 stone tablets, on the top of Mt. Sinai and stored inside the **Ark** of the Covenant. The Ark with the stone tablets still exists today (Rev 11:19), stored either in Heaven, or in one of the many secret chambers of the basement vaults of the temple areal.

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| And you shall put into the ark <b>the Testimonies</b> which I shall give you.   | Exo 25:16 |
| And He gave to Moses when He left off speaking to Him in Mount Sina <b>the two Tables of Testimony, Tables of Stone written upon with the finger of THEOS</b> . | Exo 31:18 |
| And he took <b>the Testimonies</b> , and put them into the ark ...  | Exo 40:20 |
| There was <b>nothing in the ark except the two Tables of Stone</b> , the tables of the covenant which Moses put there in Choreb ...                             | 1Kin 8:9  |

The **Ceremonial / Civil / Sacrificial Laws** were spoken by THEOS' Angel to Moses inside the **Tabernacle**, written by the **finger of Moses** on parchment in a **book** and stored on the **outside of the Ark** of the Covenant (being ambiguously against the Israelites). This book written on perishable paper does most probably not exist anymore, being now obsolete.

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| And when <b>Moses finished writing all the words of this law in a book</b> , even to the end, then he charged the Levites who bear the ark of the covenant of KYRIOS, saying, <b>Take the book of this law</b> , and you shall put it in <b>the side of the ark of the covenant of KYRIOS your THEOS</b> ; and it shall be there among you <b>for a testimony</b> . For I know your provocation, and your stiff neck; for yet during my life with you at this day, you have been provoking in your conduct toward THEOS: how shall you not also be so after my death? | Deu 31:24-27 |
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### Classifications

The **Moral Law** is the direct command from THEOS and reveals the nature and will of THEOS.

It points out sin (diagnosis) and guides us how to **love THEOS** (Cm. #1-4) and **love our neighbors** (Cm. #6-10), formalized through the "**Ten Commandments**"

and summarized by CHRISTOS in the "**Great Commandment**" (Cm. #1) **love THEOS** - (Cm. #2) **love your neighbors**.

The **Ceremonial Law** was related to Israel's Worship, Circumcision, Cleanliness, Clothing and Dietary Restrictions, Extraordinary Sabbaths / Feasts / Festivals, Idolatry, Prayer, Priestly Laws, Prophecy, Ritual Purity (Sacrifices), Tithing, ...

The **Civil Law** applied to daily living. Court and Judicial Procedures, Family, Inheritance, Land Boundaries, Punishment for Crime, ...

The **Sacrificial Law** specified how sin was eliminated through sacrifices, before IESOUS became the very last sacrifice and 'nailed' the Old Covenant Laws to the cross.

In addition to those approx. 610 laws [see separate overview], Pharisees added **hundreds of religious traditions**.

### Recipients

Every Human Being.

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| ... Abraham your father obeyed my voice and guarded my orders, and my <b>commandments</b> [including the 10 Commandments], and my ordinances, and my laws." | Gen 26:5 |
| And if you are of CHRISTOS, then you are <b>descendants of Abraham [Israel]</b> , heirs according to the promise.   | Gal 3:29 |

Jews / Nation of Israel.  
(Including the strangers who lived permanently among them)

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| And these are the <b>ordinances</b> which you shall place before <b>them [Israel]</b> . "If you should acquire a Hebrew servant, he shall serve you six years. But the seventh year you shall send him free without charge.   | Exo 21:1-2 |
| The stranger received equal treatment (Lev 19:33-34) and even social benefits (Lev 23:22, Deu 14:29), was subject to the same rules (Lev 14:22, Num 15:15) and to circumcision, had to observe the Sabbaths (Exo 12:19, 20:10, Lev 16:29) and could offer sacrifices to THEOS (Lev 17:8). |            |

### Effect

From Creation (Mat 5:21) - Judgment Day.

From -1445 BC (Moses at Mt. Sinai)  
Until -33 AD (IESOUS' Resurrection); in parts until 50 AD (Jerusalem Council) / 70 AD (Destruction of 2nd Temple)

### When Did The New Covenant Enter Into Effect?

The New Covenant began precisely on the day of CHRISTOS' resurrection, but He previously performed some symbolic acts in order to point to what would come soon.

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| But CHRISTOS has arrived as a high priest of the good things to come. [...] not by the blood of goats and calves, but by <b>His own blood</b> , he entered once for all into the most holy place, obtaining eternal redemption. [...] He is the mediator of a <b>New Covenant</b> , in order that, because a death has taken place for the redemption of transgressions committed during the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. | Heb 9:11-15 | Now the <b>first covenant had ordinances for worship and the earthly sanctuary</b> . [clear proof for separation and Ceremonial Law; and Ceremonial Law; ...] a symbol for the present time, in which both the gifts and sacrifices which were offered were not able to perfect the worshiper with respect to the conscience, concerning instead only <b>food and drink and different washings</b> [all Ceremonial Law], <b>ordinances of the flesh</b> , imposed until the time of setting things right. | Heb 9:1-10 |
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**The Perfect, Reviving and Life-Giving Law Of Liberty That Is For Us**

**The Law That Was Against Us**

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| <b>Distinctions</b><br>Law For Us<br>vs.<br>Law Against Us | The <b>Law of KYRIOS</b> is perfect, <b>reviving life</b> [it is for us, not against us].  | <i>Psa</i><br><u>19:7</u>  | And then when Moses finished writing the words of this law <b>on the scroll</b> until they were completes [...] "Take the scroll [not tablets] of this [Ceremonial] law and put it at the <b>side of the ark of the covenant</b> [...] it will be there as a <b>witness (against you)</b> . | <i>Deu</i><br><u>31:24-26</u> |
|  | ... the <b>messenger</b> spoke to him at Mount Sinai. And with our fathers who did receive <b>living oracles</b> to give to us ...   | <i>Act</i><br><u>7:38</u>  | He forgave us all our trespasses ... canceled the debt ascribed to us in the <b>decrees [ordinances]</b> that stood <b>against us</b> . He took it away, nailing it to the cross!   | <i>Col</i><br><u>2:13-15</u>  |
|  | Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing [= Ceremonial Law = abolished], but the keeping of the <b>commandments</b> of THEOS.   | <i>1Cor</i><br><u>7:19</u> | For if the word <b>spoken</b> through <b>angels</b> [not written by one angel, but spoken through various angels] was binding and <b>every transgression and act of disobedience</b> received a <b>just penalty</b> , how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation ...             | <i>Heb</i><br><u>2:2-4</u>    |
|  | But the one who looks into the <b>perfect law of liberty</b> and <b>continues to do it</b> , not being a forgetful hearer but a doer who acts, this one will be blessed ... Thus speak and thus act as those who are going to be judged by the <b>law of liberty</b> . | <i>Jam</i><br><u>1:25</u>  | <i>Jam</i><br><u>2:12</u>   |                               |

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| <b>Distinctions</b><br>Sprinkling | While the eternal <b>Moral Law</b> – being directly from THEOS and not being tied to the Old Covenant ONLY – was <b>not sprinkled</b> , the Scroll with <b>the 600+ Old Covenant Laws had indeed been sprinkled with blood</b> . This is an important and very often overlooked differentiation with vast implications in the light of CHRISTOS' blood having overcome and abolished that which was temporary.  |                              |
|                                   | And Moses went in and related to the people <b>all the words of THEOS and the ordinances</b> ; and all the people answered with one voice, saying, All the words which KYRIOS has spoken, we will do and be obedient. 4 And Moses wrote all the words of KYRIOS; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and built an altar under the mountain, and set up twelve stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. [...] 7 And he took the <b>Book of the covenant</b> and read it in the ears of the people, and they said, All things whatsoever KYRIOS has spoken we will do and hearken therein. 8 And <b>Moses took the blood and sprinkled it upon the people</b> , and said, Behold the <b>blood of the covenant</b> , which KYRIOS has made with you <b>concerning all these words</b> . | <i>Exo</i><br><u>24:3-8</u>  |
|                                   | For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves with water and scarlet wool and hyssop and <b>sprinkled both the scroll itself</b> and all the people [no mention of the stone tablets], saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that THEOS has commanded for you." And likewise he sprinkled both the tabernacle and all the utensils of service with the blood. Indeed, <b>nearly everything is purified with blood</b> according to the law [still no mention of the Moral Law], and apart from the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.  | <i>Heb</i><br><u>9:19-22</u> |

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| <b>Distinctions</b><br>Romans 7-8 | The term <b>Law</b> in Romans 7 and 8 does not refer primarily to any written code, but mainly to authority or power. The <b>Law of the Spirit</b> is the authority and power of the Spirit; the <b>Law of Sin (and death)</b> is the authority and power of sin. |   |                              |
|                                   | For I delight in the <b>Law of THEOS</b> , in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind and ...  | ... making me captive to the <b>law of sin</b> which dwells in my members. [...] Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to THEOS through IESOUS ... | <i>Rom</i><br><u>7:22-25</u> |
|                                   | I of myself serve the <b>Law of THEOS</b> with my mind, ...   | ... but with my flesh I serve the <b>law of sin</b> ."  | <i>Rom</i><br><u>7:25</u>    |
|                                   | There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in CHRISTOS IESOUS. For the <b>Law of the Spirit</b> of life in CHRISTOS IESOUS ...  | ... has set me free from the <b>law of sin and death</b> .  | <i>Rom</i><br><u>8:1-2</u>   |

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| <b>Distinctions</b><br>2Corinthians 3 | ... you are a letter of [recommendation of] CHRISTOS ...   | <i>2Cor</i><br><u>3:1-13</u>  |  |
|                                       | ... inscribed not with <b>ink</b> [= Book = Ceremonial Laws] ...   | ... but with the <b>SPIRIT</b> of the living THEOS ...  |  |
|                                       | ... not on <b>stone tablets</b> [= Tablets = 10 Commandments] ...  | ... but on <b>tablets of human hearts</b> [the 10 Commandments are now also "written" on our hearts] ...  |  |
|                                       | But if the <b>ministry of death in letters carved on stone</b> [referring to the previous death penalty for Commandments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7] came with glory ... which was <b>transitory</b> [Old Covenant] ... | ... how will the <b>ministry of the SPIRIT</b> [New Covenant; still with Commandments, but now without condemnation] not be even more with glory? ... |  |
|                                       | For if there was glory in the <b>ministry of condemnation</b> ...  | ... by much more will the <b>ministry of righteousness</b> overflow with glory ...  |  |
|                                       | For if what was <b>transitory</b> [Old Covenant, not the Commandments that existed before the Covenant] came with glory ...  | ... by much more which is to <b>abide</b> , is in with glory.   |  |

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| <b>Extended Meaning</b> | The term ' <b>Law</b> ' can also refer to parts of the Old Testament. It means at least the Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy), but it could eventually mean all the Old Testament books except the Prophets. This is because the term 'Law' is contrasted in the following verses with the term ' <b>Prophets</b> ' (not the office, but referring to all Major and Minor Prophets) and can even include the book of Psalms (see Joh 15:25 below). The term 'Prophets' is further contrasted with ' <b>Apostles</b> ' (Good Message & Acts).          |   |  |
|                         | OT     Law & Prophets (Two-fold Division)  | "You should not think that I have come to destroy the <b>Law or the Prophets</b> . I have not come to destroy, but to perfect. For truly I say to you: Even when the heaven and the world should pass away, not even one iota nor one tittle may pass from the <b>Law</b> , until all should have come to pass. Whoever then should loosen one of these <b>commands [=double meaning]</b> in the least ...  | <i>Mat</i><br><u>5:17-19</u>   |
|                         |  | All then, whatever you might desire that men should do to you, thus you must also do to them. For this is the <b>Law and the Prophets</b> .   | <i>Mat</i><br><u>7:12</u>  |
|                         |  | And a second is likened to it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself!' On these two commands, are appended the whole <b>Law and the Prophets</b> ."   | <i>Mat</i><br><u>22:39-40</u>  |
|                         |  | The <b>Law and the Prophets</b> [are] until John [the Baptist]; since then the Kingdom of THEOS is being proclaimed, and everyone is being pressed into it. But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the <b>Law</b> to fail. Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery ...   | <i>Luk</i><br><u>16:16-18</u>  |
|                         |  | Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith to him, 'Him of whom Moses wrote in the <b>Law, and the Prophets</b> , we have found, IESOUS the son of Joseph ...  | <i>Joh</i><br><u>1:45</u>  |
|                         |  | ... and after the reading of the <b>Law and of the Prophets</b> , the chief men of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, 'Men, brethren, if there be a word in you of exhortation unto the people – say on.'  | <i>Act</i><br><u>13:15</u>   |
|                         |  | 'And I confess this to thee, that, according to the way that they call a sect, so serve I the THEOS of the fathers, believing all things that in the <b>Law and the Prophets</b> have been written ...  | <i>Act</i><br><u>24:14</u>   |
|                         |  | And now apart from law has the righteousness of THEOS been manifested, testified to by the <b>Law and the Prophets</b> ...  | <i>Rom</i><br><u>3:21</u>  |
|                         |  | OT     Law of Moses & Prophets & Psalms (Three-fold Division)   | And when they brought forth the money that had been brought into the house of KYRIOS, Chelcias the priest found a <b>Book of the Law of KYRIOS given by the hand of Moses</b> . [...] And Saphan the scribe brought word to the king, saying, Chelcias the priest has given me a <b>book</b> . And Saphan read it before the king. And it came to pass, when the king heard the <b>Words of the Law</b> , that he rent his garments. |
|                         | ... and having begun from <b>Moses, and from all the Prophets [Two-fold Division]</b> , he was expounding to them in <b>all the Writings</b> the things about Himself. [...] And they said one to another, 'Was not our heart burning within us, as he was speaking to us in the way, and as he was opening up to us <b>the Writings?</b> ' [...] "These [are] the words that I spoke unto you, being yet with you, that it behoveth to be fulfilled all the things that are written in the <b>Law of Moses, and the Prophets, and the Psalms [Three-fold Division]</b> , about me.' | <i>Luk</i><br><u>24:27-44</u>   |  |
|                         | OT & NT     Prophets & Apostles (Good Message & Acts)  | So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of THEOS, built on the <b>foundation of the Apostles</b> [denoting the Good Message & Acts, -NOT- the office of an apostle!] and <b>Prophets</b> [denoting the remainder of the Old Testament, -NOT- speaking of the office of a prophet], CHRISTOS IESOUS Himself being the Cornerstone [metaphor, so the other words need to be interpreted in the same way!], in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple [once again a metaphor] in KYRIOS. | <i>Eph</i><br><u>2:19-21</u>   |

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| Even the Psalms are included in the term 'Law'. This meaning is somewhat hidden, as it is only revealed when knowing that John 15:25 quotes Psalm 35:19. |   |                                    |
| Quotation  | But this happened so that the word that is <b>written in their law [Psalms]</b> would be fulfilled, "They <b>hated me without a reason</b> ," 25ΑΛΛ ΙΝΑ ΠΛΗΡΩΘΗ Ο ΛΟΓΟΣ Ο ΕΝ ΤΩ ΝΟΜΩ ΑΥΤΩΝ ΓΕΓΡΑΜΜΕΝΟΣ ΟΤΙ <b>ΕΜΙΧΕΙΝ ΜΕ ΔΩΡΕΑΝ</b> . | <i>Joh</i><br><u>15:25</u>         |
| Quoted Passage   | Let not those who are wrongfully my enemies rejoice over me. Nor let those who <b>hate me without cause</b> wink the eye. 19ΜΗ ΕΠΙΧΑΡΕΙΗCΑΝ ΜΟΙ ΟΙ ΕΧΘΡΑΙΝΟΝΤΕC ΜΟΙ ΑΔΙΚΩC, ΟΙ <b>ΜΙCΟΥΝΤΕC ΜΕ ΔΩΡΕΑΝ</b> ΚΑΙ ΔΙΑΝΕΥΟΝΤΕC ΟΦΘΑΛΜΟΙC.  | <i>Psa</i><br><u>35:19; (69:4)</u> |



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**Former Death Penalty**

Let us now look at the sins which had been punished during the Old Covenant era through the death penalty, and specifically if those sins are still biblically considered sins today.

Even though IESOUS CHRISTOS has thankfully abolished the death penalty, this overview is nevertheless important for the following reasons:

1. It enables us to better appreciate the ultimate sacrifice of IESOUS CHRISTOS and the liberty we have in Him. On the other hand, and looking back at those drastic consequences, we gain a holy fear to live with obedience in this liberty given to us.
2. It shows us that, even though the 600+ Old Covenant Laws are abolished, many of its principles continue to be very relevant for us, because most of the following sins are either confirmed or implied in the New Covenant. On the other hand we have of course to acknowledge that those sins are the ones with the greater weight, and that they are not representative for the 600+ Old Covenant Laws as a whole, most of which dealt with issues truly not relevant anymore in today's setting with no Temple to begin with. See also the addendum with a complete list of the Old Covenant Law.
3. It shows us also that sin is not sin, nor is every sin weighted in the same way. To teach otherwise is to directly contradict the Word of THEOS, which shows various examples of differentiation between sins in the New Covenant, the clearest examples being Luk 12:47-48, Joh 19:11, 1Joh 5:16-17 and Heb 9:7. This principle becomes especially clear by the death penalty not being associated with any-, but only to very specific sins. The following sins all formerly deserved the death penalty, and those sins have therefore certainly a greater weight than most other sins.

|  | Former Death Penalty | Is It Still a Serious Biblical Sin?   |   |
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| Abortion, accidental death of a woman's unborn child | YES                  | Not specified as such in the New Covenant, but probably still a sin.  | <a href="#">Exo 21:22ff</a>   |
| Adultery   | YES                  | YES   | <a href="#">Lev 20:10</a><br><a href="#">Deu 22:22ff</a>                                |
| Authorities, disobedience of a priest or a judge     | YES                  | Not specified in the New Covenant, but most certainly still a sin (e.g. judges; but no more priests).                               | <a href="#">Deu 17:8-12</a>   |
| Bestiality   | YES                  | Not specified in the New Covenant, but most certainly still a sin.  | <a href="#">Exo 22:19</a><br><a href="#">Lev 20:15-</a>                                 |
| Blasphemy  | YES                  | YES   | <a href="#">Lev 24:10ff</a>   |
| Child sacrifice                                      | YES                  | YES, covered by murder.   | <a href="#">Lev 20:2</a>  |
| Death, through a farm animal known to be problematic | YES                  | Not specified in the New Covenant, but probably still a sin.  | <a href="#">Exo 21:28ff</a>   |
| Fornication (only if in parent's house)              | YES                  | YES   | <a href="#">Deu 22:21ff</a>   |
| gods, entice others to follow other gods (theoi)     | YES                  | Not specified in the New Covenant, but most certainly still a sin.  | <a href="#">Deu 13:6ff</a>  |
| Homo*e*uality  | YES                  | YES   | <a href="#">Lev 20:13</a>   |
| Idolatry   | YES                  | YES   | <a href="#">Deu 17:2-5</a><br><a href="#">Num 25:1-</a>                                 |
| Incest   | YES                  | Not specified in the New Covenant, but most certainly still a sin.  | <a href="#">Lev 20:11-14</a>  |
| Kidnapping   | YES                  | Not specified in the New Covenant, but most certainly still a sin.  | <a href="#">Exo 21:16</a><br><a href="#">Deu 24:7</a>                                   |
| Murder   | YES                  | YES   | <a href="#">Exo 21:12-</a><br><a href="#">Lev 24:17-</a><br><a href="#">Num 35:16ff</a> |
| Parents, disobedience to                             | YES                  | YES   | <a href="#">Exo 21:15ff</a><br><a href="#">Deu 21:18ff</a>                              |
| Prophets, false                                      | YES                  | False prophecy is still a sin.  | <a href="#">Deu 13:5</a><br><a href="#">Deu 18:20</a>                                   |
| Prostitution (daughter of a priest)                  | YES                  | YES   | <a href="#">Lev 21:9</a>  |
| Rape   | YES                  | Not specified in the New Covenant, but most certainly still a sin.  | <a href="#">Deu 22:25</a>   |
| Slavery, forced                                      | YES                  | Not specified in the New Covenant, but most certainly still a sin.  | <a href="#">Exo 21:16</a>   |
| Sorcery, Spiritism, Witchcraft                       | YES                  | YES   | <a href="#">Exo 22:18</a><br><a href="#">Lev 20:27</a>                                  |
| Weekly Sabbath, breaking of                          | YES                  | <p>&gt; What do you conclude?<br/>▶ see also the study 'Sabbaths     Weekly vs. Ceremonial · Differentiation &amp; Application'</p> | <a href="#">Exo 31:14</a><br><a href="#">Exo 35:2</a><br><a href="#">Num 15:32ff</a>    |
| Witness, false                                       | YES                  | YES - do not lie.   | <a href="#">Deu 19:16ff</a>   |



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| <b>Eternal Law</b><br>Moral Law (10 Commandments) · Laws of CHRIST | <b>Old Covenant Law</b><br>Ceremonial, Civil and Sacrificial Law |
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**Our Application**

We, who have the SPIRIT dwelling in us, are free from the dominion and condemnation of the **Moral Law**, but not from its obligation and the consequences of our sinful acts. We do not obey it anymore as a way to obtain righteousness / justification and salvation, but to become conscious of our sin, to advance our sanctification and to please THEOS. The **Moral Law** can be described as a mirror, or also as railroad tracks. We are driven by the train symbolizing the Good Message and the HOLY SPIRIT, but sometimes require the **Law of THEOS** to remain in the track for sanctification.

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| Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body [...] but present yourselves to THEOS as those who are alive from the dead [...] you are not under Law [of Sin & Death], but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under Law but under grace? ... Moses writes about the righteousness that is from the law: "The person who does this will live by it." But the righteous from faith speaks like this ... if you ... believe in your heart that THEOS raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. | Rom 6:12-15 |
| Clearly no one who relies on the Law is justified before THEOS, because "the righteous will live by faith." [...] CHRIST redeemed us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse for us because it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree" [...] So the Law was our guardian until CHRIST came that we might be justified by faith.   | Rom 10:4-9  |
| But we know that the [Moral] Law is good, if anyone makes use of it lawfully, knowing this, that the Law is not given for a righteous person but for the lawless and rebellious, for the impious and sinners [...] for murderers, sexually immoral people, homosexuals ...   | Gal 3:11-28 |
|  | 1Tim 1:8-11 |

While both Jews and Gentiles are no longer bound by **Ceremonial, Civil and Sacrificial Laws**, some of the principles behind those particular laws are timeless and should guide our conduct.

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| And they have been informed about you [Paul] that you are teaching all the Jews who are among the Gentiles the abandonment of Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or to live according to our customs [= Ceremonial and Civil Laws].  | Act 21:21   |
| So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law [of Sin and Death] through the body of CHRISTOS ... we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the SPIRIT, and not in the old way of the written code.  | Rom 7:4-6   |
| ... THEOS sent His SON, born of a woman, born under the [Old Covenant] law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption as sons [.] You wish to be might be exempt from them all over again? Do you are observing special days and months and seasons and years [Ceremonial Law]! [...] Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says? ... | Gal 4:4-31  |
| For He himself is our peace, who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of the partition [...] invalidating the [Jewish] law of commandments in ordinances, in order that He ... might reconcile both in one body to THEOS through the cross, ...  | Eph 2:14-16 |

**Not Under Not Outside But Subject**

We are still fully 'subject' to the Law of CHRISTOS, but not 'under' the Law, what means not to be under the weight of the Law, not to be under the condemnation of the Law, not to be cursed by the Law and not to suffer the death penalty for certain transgressions of the Law. We are now with CHRISTOS, who forgives us our sins and condemns us only if genuine repentance for on-going and future sins is absent and/or we fall away from Him.

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| Not under the Old Covenant Law, but ...   | ... Subject to the Law of CHRISTOS |
| [Paul] To those under the [weight / condemnation / curse / death of the] Law [Jews; Old Covenant believers] I became as under the Law – although I myself am not under the Law – in order that I may gain those under the Law [so that he might gain Jewish believers to CHRISTOS; reason why he had Timothy still circumcised as per exception]. | 1Cor 9:20-21                       |
| But [only] if you are led by the SPIRIT, you are not under the law.   | Gal 5:18                           |

**The Law Written On Our Hearts**

The New Covenant goes even deeper. In the Old Covenant, people only followed the letter, but were not punished for the spiritual intent – wanting- to murder or to commit adultery. But in the New Covenant, not only the visible sin is seen by THEOS, but already the spiritual intent (becoming angry or having adulterous lust). In summary, we do not fear direct death anymore, but THEOS now looks deeper into our hearts and IESOUS CHRISTOS will judge us accordingly at the Judgment Seat.

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| ... "and I will make a New Covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah [...] "I will put my Law in their mind and upon their hearts; I will write it ...  | Jer 31:31-33 |
| For whenever the Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature the things of the law, these, although they do not have the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written on their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts one after another accusing or even defending them on the day when THEOS judges the secret things of people, according to my Good Message, through CHRISTOS IESOUS. | Rom 2:14-16  |
| ... inscribed not with ink but with the SPIRIT of the living THEOS, not on stone tablets but on tablets of human heart. [...] until today, whenever Moses is read aloud, a veil lies upon their heart, but whenever one turns to KYRIOS, the veil is removed.   | 2Cor 3:1-18  |
| For this is the covenant that I will decree with the house of Israel after those days, says KYRIOS: I am putting my laws [not Ceremonial Laws] in their minds and I will write them on their hearts, and I will be their THEOS and they will be my people.  | Heb 8:10     |

**Ten Commandments**

The following overview of the 10 commandments shows us the occurrences in the Old Testament / Covenant, and compares those with the commands / reiterations in the New Covenant and our future. It is comprehensive, but not necessarily complete.

| Exodus 20:2-17 (Full text)   | Old Testament & Old Covenant   | New Covenant, Our Future   | Total                              |
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| <b>1</b> I am KYRIOS your THEOS, who has brought you out from the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. You shall not have any other gods before Me!   | <b>&gt;11x</b><br>Gen 35:1-4; Exo 20:3, 22:20; 23:13; 34:14; Deu 4:19-20, 4:35, 5:7, 6:4, 6:14, 8:19, 11:16, 11:28, 13:6-8, 17:3, 28:34, 30:17; Jos 23:16; 1Kin 8:60, 9:6, 11:10; 2Kin 17:35-38; 2Chr 7:19; Isa 45:5, 45:21; Jer 7:9, 7:18, 13:10, 19:4, 22:9, 25:6, 35:15, 44:8 | <b>&gt;3x</b><br>Mat 4:10; 6:24; Luk 4:8; 1Cor 8:6; 1Tim 2:5   | <b>&gt;18x</b>                     |
| <b>2</b> You shall not make a graven image for yourself, or any likeness in the heavens above, or in the earth beneath, or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow to them, and you shall not serve them, for I am KYRIOS your THEOS, a jealous THEOS, visiting the iniquity of fathers on sons, on the third and on the fourth generation, to those that hate Me; and doing kindness to thousands, to those loving Me, and to those keeping My commandments.   | <b>&gt;3x</b><br>Exo 20:4-6; Deu 5:8-10; Isa 42:8  | <b>&gt;6x</b><br>Act 15:20; 1Cor 6:9-10; Gal 5:19-20; Eph 5:5; Col 3:5; 1Joh 5:21  | <b>&gt;9x</b>                      |
| <b>3</b> You shall not take the name of KYRIOS your THEOS in vain, for KYRIOS will not leave unpunished the one who takes His name in vain!  | <b>&gt;2x</b><br>Exo 20:7; Deu 5:11  | <b>&gt;4x</b><br>Mat 5:33; 1Tim 6:1; Jam 2:7; 5:12   | <b>&gt;6x</b>                      |
| <b>4</b> Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy; six days you shall labor and do all your work; and the seventh day is a Sabbath to KYRIOS your THEOS; you shall not do any work, you, and your son, and your daughter, your male slave and your slave-girl, and your livestock, and your stranger who is in your gates. For in six days KYRIOS made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all which is in them, and He rested on the seventh day, on account of this KYRIOS blessed the Sabbath day and sanctified it. | <b>&gt;20x</b><br>(110x Mentioned in OT)<br>Gen 2:3; Exo 16:28-30, 20:8-11, 23:12, 31:13-17, 34:21, 35:2-3; Lev 19:3-30, 23:3; Num 15:32-36; Deu 5:12-15; Neh 9:14, 10:31-33, 13:15-22; Isa 56:2-6, 58:13; Jer 17:21-27; Eze 20:12-24, 44:24, 46:1-12                            | <b>&gt;4x</b><br>(6ix Mentioned in NT; proportionally -3x as often)<br>Act 1:12; Heb 4:9; Future: Isa 66:21-23; Mat 24:20<br>General: 1Joh 2:6 | <b>&gt;24x</b><br>(171x Mentioned) |
| <b>5</b> Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long on the land which KYRIOS your THEOS is giving to you!  | <b>&gt;7x</b><br>Gen 9:24-25; Exo 20:12; Deu 5:16; Pro 1:8, 13:1, 30:17; Mal 1:6   | <b>&gt;7x</b><br>Mat 15:4-9; 19:19; Mar 10:19; Luk 18:20; Rom 1:29-30; Eph 6:1-3; 2Tim 3:2.  | <b>&gt;14x</b>                     |
| <b>6</b> You shall not murder!   | <b>&gt;7x</b><br>Gen 4:10-13; 9:6; Exo 20:13, 21:12; Lev 24:17; Num 35:31; Deu 5:17  | <b>&gt;6x</b><br>Mat 5:21-22; Joh 8:44; Rom 13:9; 1Pet 4:15; 1Joh 3:12; Rev 21:8   | <b>&gt;13x</b>                     |
| <b>7</b> You shall not commit adultery!  | <b>&gt;2x</b><br>Gen 39:9; Exo 20:14, 22:7; Deu 5:18; Pro 6:23-24, 32  | <b>&gt;10x</b><br>Mat 5:27-28; 19:18; Mar 10:11ff, 19; Luk 16:18; 18:20; Rom 7:2-3; 13:9; 1Cor 6:9-10; Heb 13:4                                | <b>&gt;12x</b>                     |
| <b>8</b> You shall not steal!  | <b>&gt;5x</b><br>Exo 20:15; Lev 6:2, 19:11; Deu 5:19; Jer 7:9-11   | <b>&gt;7x</b><br>Mat 19:18; Mar 10:19; Luk 18:20; Rom 13:9; Eph 4:28; 1Pet 4:15; Rev 9:21  | <b>&gt;12x</b>                     |
| <b>9</b> You shall not testify a witness of falsehood against your neighbor!   | <b>&gt;1x</b><br>Gen 20:2; Exo 20:16; Deu 5:20   | <b>&gt;4x</b><br>Act 5:1-22; Col 3:9; 1Tim 1:9-11; Rev 21:8  | <b>&gt;7x</b>                      |
| <b>10</b> You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male slave, or his slavegirl, or his ox, or his ass, or anything which belongs to your neighbor!   | <b>&gt;4x</b><br>Gen 34:29; Exo 20:17; Deu 5:21; 7:25  | <b>&gt;8x</b><br>Luk 12:15; Col 3:5; Rom 1:29; 7:7; 13:9; Eph 5:3-5; Col 3:5; 1Tim 6:6-10  | <b>&gt;12x</b>                     |

**The Great Commandment**

**The Law Of CHRISTOS**

We are to obey the **Great Commandment** and thus fulfill (= obey; no finality; see Rom 13:10 below) the **10 Commandments**. The (2) **Great Commandment(s)** do not abolish the **10 Commandments**, but "summarize" (Rom 13:9) them.

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| Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment [to love THEOS and others] to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the message which you have heard.  | 1Joh 2:7     |
| Dear friends, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before THEOS, and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do what is pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment: [1, Love THEOS] that we believe in the name of His Son IESOUS CHRISTOS and [2] love one another, just as He commanded us. And the one who keeps His commandments resides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He resides in us: by the SPIRIT whom He has given to us. | 1Joh 3:21-24 |
| And now I ask you, lady (not as if I were writing a new commandment to you, but one that we have had from the beginning), that we should love one another. And this is love: that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it.   | 2Joh 1:5-6   |

**1 - First, Love THEOS (Our Obligations to God)**

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| <b>"Teacher, which Command (is) great(est) in the Law?"</b><br>And He was revealing to him: "You shall love KYRIOS your THEOS, with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your understanding." This is the great(est) and first Command. | Mat 22:36-38<br>Mar 12:29-30<br>Luk 10:25-27 | Hear, O Israel, KYRIOS our THEOS is one KYRIOS. And you shall love KYRIOS your THEOS with all your mind, and with all your soul, and all your strength. And these words, all that I command you this day, shall be in your heart and in your soul.          | Deu 6:4-6                |
| If you fulfill the first Great Commandment and love THEOS more than yourself, then you will consequently ...   | I<br>II<br>III<br>IV                         | (1) ... not have other gods! (Object of Worship)<br>(2) ... not worship Him through images or idols! (Manner of Worship)<br>(3) ... not take His name in vain! (Attitude of Worship)<br>(4) ... remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy! (Time of Worship) | Exo 20:2-9<br>Deu 5:6-15 |

**2 - Second, Love Your Neighbor (Our Obligations to Men)**

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| And a second (is) likened to it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself!' On these two Commands, are appended the whole Law and the Prophets. | Mat 22:39<br>Mar 12:31            | 'Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself.' I am KYRIOS.  | Lev 19:18  |
| If you fulfill the second Great Commandment and love your neighbor as yourself, then you will consequently ...                                   | V<br>VI<br>VII<br>VIII<br>IX<br>X | (5) ... honor your father and your mother!<br>(6) ... not commit murder against your neighbor!<br>(7) ... not commit adultery against him or her!<br>(8) ... not steal from him or her!<br>(9) ... not bear false witness against him or her!<br>(10) ... not covet anything that belongs to him or her! | Mat 19:17-19<br>Joh 13:34-35<br>Rom 13:8-10<br>Eph 6:1-3<br>Exo 20:12-17<br>Deu 5:16-21<br>Mat 5:22-40 |

**CHRISTOS Intensified The Moral Law**

The 6 'You have heard - but I to say to you' statements in Matthew.

Many Christian pastors teach today that IESOUS put all the laws (without differentiation) away and made Christianity easy. This is contrary to Matthew 5, where it becomes clear that IESOUS, despite of having abolished Old Covenant Law and death penalties for all sets of laws, intensified the relevance of the Moral Law (10 commandments) written on stone.

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| [1] You heard that it was declared to the first men: You shall not murder. [...] But I say to you, that anyone being enraged by his brother, will be subject to judgment ...                         | Mat 5:21-22 |
| [2] You heard that it was declared: You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you, that anyone looking at a married woman so as to desire her, already committed adultery with her in his heart.   | Mat 5:27    |
| [3] It was also declared: Whoever should abandon his wife, must give her a certificate of divorce. But I say to you, that anyone who should abandon his wife [...] [even] makes her commit adultery. | Mat 5:31-32 |
| [4] Furthermore, you heard that it was declared to the first men: You shall not swear [...] But I say to you, do not [even] swear at all ...   | Mat 5:33    |
| [5] You have heard that it was declared: Eye for eye [...] But I say to you: Do not [even] withstand evil ...  | Mat 5:38-39 |
| [6] "You heard that it was declared: You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you: Love your enemies ...   | Mat 5:43-44 |

**Instructions**

Keep the Commandments!

Many will say to me in that day: "KYRIOS KYRIOS, did we not prophesy in your name? And in your name we have cast out demons, and in your name we did many deeds of power!" [...] I never knew you. Depart from me, those committing lawlessness.'

And He spoke to him: "Why do you ask me concerning the good? One is Good. "If however, you desire to enter into life, keep the Commands!"

Therefore no one will be declared righteous [...] before the Law by the works of the law [sacrifices, ...]; rather, through the Law we become conscious of our sin. [...] Do we, then, nullify the Law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the Law.

Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." [...] So then, the law is holy, and the Commandment is holy, righteous and good.

But if you show partiality, you commit sin, and thus are convicted by the [Moral] Law [of CHRISTOS to love your neighbor] as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole [Moral] Law but stumbles in one point only has become guilty of all of it. [...] Now if you do not commit adultery but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the [Moral] Law.

My little children, these things I write to you, that you may not sin: and if any one may sin, an advocate we have with the FATHER, IESOUS CHRISTOS, a righteous One, and He - he is a propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the whole world, and in this we know that we have known Him, if His commands we may keep; he who is saying, 'I have known Him,' and His command is not keeping, a liar he is, and in him the truth is not; and whenever man keeps His Word, he abides in Him who has sent Him, and he does not sin; in this we know that in Him we are. He who is saying in Him he does remain, ought according as He walked also himself so to walk.

For this is the love of THEOS: that we keep His Commandments. And His Commandments are not burdensome, because everyone who is fathered by THEOS conquers the world.

Here is the patient endurance of the saints, those who keep the Commandments of THEOS and the faith in IESOUS.

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|  | Jam 2:9-11 |
|  | 1Joh 2:1-6 |
|  | 1Joh 5:3-4 |
|  | Rev 14:12  |



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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Eternal &amp; New Covenant</b><br/>(10 Commandments · Moral Law · Law of THEOS · Law of CHRISTOS)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Old Covenant</b><br/>(Law of Moses – Ceremonial, Civil and Sacrificial Laws)</p> |
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| <p><b>Jerusalem Assembly</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Letter to Antioch (~50 AD)</p> | <p>It had been decided that Gentile believers are not required to be circumcised, but that they should stay away 1) from food sacrificed to idols, 2) from sexual immorality and 3) from consuming blood or eating meat of strangled animals (remaining blood).</p> | <p>For it seemed best to the HOLY SPIRIT and to us to place on you no greater burden except these necessary things: that you abstain from <b>food sacrificed to idols</b>, and from <b>blood</b>, and from what has been strangled, and from <b>sexual immorality</b>.</p> | <p><i>Act 15:28-29</i></p> | <p>... people began to prostitute themselves with the daughters of Moab. And they invited the people to the sacrifices of their theos, and the people ate and worshiped their theos. [...] THEOS said to Moses, "Take all the leaders of the people and kill them ..."</p> | <p><i>Num 25:1-4</i></p> |
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| <p><b>Selected Laws</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Comparison Old / New Covenant</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Circumcision</b></p> <p>CHRISTOS and Timothy had still been circumcised, but we are not to be circumcised anymore.</p> | <p><b>Circumcision</b> is nothing and <b>uncircumcision</b> is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of THEOS. ... if you let yourselves be <b>circumcised</b>, CHRISTOS will be of no value to you at all.</p> <p>Beware of the <b>dogs</b>, beware of the evil workers, beware of the <b>castration</b>. For we are the <b>circumcision</b>, the ones who worship by the SPIRIT of THEOS and boast in CHRISTOS IESOUS and do not put confidence in the flesh ...</p> <p>In Him you were also <b>circumcised</b> with a <b>circumcision</b> not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were <b>circumcised</b> by CHRISTOS ...</p> | <p><i>1Cor 7:19</i></p> <p><i>Gal 5:2</i></p> <p><i>Phlp 3:2-3</i></p> <p><i>Col 2:11</i></p> | <p>Every male among you shall be <b>circumcised</b>. You are to undergo <b>circumcision</b>, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you.</p> <p>Any <b>uncircumcised</b> male, who has not been <b>circumcised</b> in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.<sup>2</sup></p> | <p><i>Gen 17:11</i></p> <p><i>Gen 17:14</i></p> |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Food (clean and unclean · cooking and storing food)</b></p> <p>Today we are allowed to eat any animal and any plant, except blood and food dedicated to idols.</p> | <p>"Don't you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? For it doesn't go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body." (IESOUS declared <b>all foods clean</b>.)</p> <p>One person's faith allows them to <b>eat anything</b>, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for THEOS has accepted them.</p> <p><b>All food is clean</b>, but it is wrong for a person to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble. It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother or sister to fall.</p> <p>... abstain from <b>food polluted by idols</b>, from the meat of strangled animals [those that cannot be entirely bled out] and from <b>blood</b>.</p> | <p><i>Mar 7:18-19</i></p> <p><i>Rom 14:2-4</i></p> <p><i>Rom 14:20-21</i></p> <p><i>Act 15:20</i></p> | <p>All the animals of the earth, all the birds of the sky, all the small animals that scurry along the ground, and all the fish in the sea will look on you with fear and terror. I have placed them in your power. I have given them to you for food, just as I have given you grain and vegetables. But you must never eat any meat that still has the lifeblood in it.</p> <p>Say to the Israelites: "Of all the animals that live on land, these are the ones you may eat: You may eat any animal that has a divided hoof and that chews the cud. [...] And the pig, though it has a divided hoof, does not chew the cud; it is <b>unclean</b> for you. You must not eat their meat or touch their carcasses; they are unclean for you.</p> <p>You are to be my holy people. So <b>do not eat the meat of an animal torn by wild beasts</b>; throw it to the dogs</p> <p>Only you shall not eat <b>raw flesh with blood</b> in it.</p> | <p><i>Gen 9:2-4</i></p> <p><i>Lev 11:2-8</i></p> <p><i>Exo 22:31</i></p> <p><i>Gen 9:4</i></p> |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Forgiveness vs. Punishment (THEOS - Human)</b></p> <p>Followers of the Old Covenant <b>asked</b> for forgiveness of their sins through animal sacrifices <b>and</b> prayers of repentance.</p> <p>Followers of the New Covenant <b>claim</b> forgiveness without sacrifices, but <b>only</b> through prayers of repentance. The shedding of IESOUS' blood was the perfect and final sacrifice for all our past and future sins.</p> | <p>Through Him everyone who believes is <b>set free from every sin</b>, a justification you were not able to obtain under the <b>law of Moses</b>.</p> <p>If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will <b>forgive us</b> our sins and purify us ...</p> <p>Everyone who practices <b>sin</b> also practices <b>lawlessness</b> [...] Everyone who is fathered by THEOS does not practice sin, because His seed resides in him ...</p> | <p><i>Act 13:38</i></p> <p><i>1Joh 1:9</i></p> <p><i>1Joh 3:9</i></p> | <p>"I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have <b>redeemed you</b>."</p> <p>The <b>anger of KYRIOS burned against them</b> [...] When the cloud lifted from above the tent, Miriam's skin was leprous – it became as white as snow.</p> <p>Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions.</p> | <p><i>Isa 44:22</i></p> <p><i>Num 12:9-10</i></p> <p><i>Psa 25:7</i></p> |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Forgiveness vs. Punishment (Human - Human)</b></p> <p>THEOS' mercy towards us should lead us to have mercy towards others and to forgive each other.</p> | <p>But I say to you, that anyone <b>being enraged</b> by his brother, will be subject to the council.</p> <p>But I say to you: <b>Love your enemies</b> and pray for the ones persecuting you, so that you should become sons of your FATHER, the One in the Heavens.</p> <p>Do <b>not take revenge</b> [...] "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him ... to drink.</p> | <p><i>Mat 5:22</i></p> <p><i>Mat 5:44-45</i></p> <p><i>Rom 12:19-20</i></p> | <p>But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, ...</p> <p>And so you shall do on the seventh day in the month for anyone doing wrong inadvertently or due to ignorance, and so you must make atonement for the temple.</p> | <p><i>Exo 21:23-25</i></p> <p><i>Eze 45:20</i></p> |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Giving vs. Tithing</b></p> <p>The concept of tithing was part of the <b>Civil Laws</b> to the Israelites, for supporting the Levites, foreigners, orphans and widows. Today we are to give, whatever THEOS puts on our heart. 10% can be a rough orientation, but THEOS is glad if we give more and does not judge us if we give less. We should value our riches in CHRISTOS so highly that we would simply love to give.</p> | <p>Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to <b>give</b>, not reluctantly or <b>under compulsion</b>, for THEOS loves a cheerful giver.</p> <p>They sold property and possessions to <b>give</b> to anyone who had need.</p> <p>'It is more blessed to <b>give</b> than to receive.'</p> | <p><i>2Cor 9:7</i></p> <p><i>Act 2:45</i></p> <p><i>Act 20:35</i></p> | <p>KYRIOS said to Moses, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: [...] A <b>tithe</b> of everything from the land [...] belongs to KYRIOS; it is holy to KYRIOS. [...] Every tithe of the herd and flock every <b>tenth</b> animal that passes under the shepherd's rod will be holy to KYRIOS.</p> | <p><i>Lev 27:1-30</i></p> |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Murder</b></p> <p>We shall not kill any human being.</p> | <p>If you do not commit adultery but do commit <b>murder</b>, you have become a <b>lawbreaker</b>.</p> <p>And do not be afraid of those <b>kill</b>ing the body, but the soul they are not being able to kill. But rather fear the One being able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.</p> | <p><i>Jam 2:11</i></p> <p><i>Mat 10:28</i></p> | <p>"And I will require the blood of anyone who takes another person's life.</p> <p>But if there is serious injury, you are to <b>take life</b> for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, ...</p> <p>"Whoever takes a human life shall surely be put to death."</p> | <p><i>Gen 9:6</i></p> <p><i>Exo 21:23</i></p> <p><i>Lev 24:17</i></p> |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Weekly Sabbath vs. Extraordinary Sabbaths</b></p> <p>The Sabbath Day was already part of THEOS' creation and therefore could not be part of the temporary Ceremonial Laws, but had been formalized by THEOS through the 4th Commandment. IESOUS' followers obeyed the Weekly Sabbath at least 18 times after His death (Acts 1 - 14), including several times after the regulatory Jerusalem Council (Acts 15 onward).</p> <p>On this day (Saturday!), we should make worship, fellowship, rest and a clear abstinence from the 6-day work routine the priority.</p> | <p>And THEOS blessed the <b>seventh day</b>, and He sanctified it, because on it He rested from all His work of creating that there was to do.</p> <p>... and on the <b>Sabbath</b> day He [IESOUS] went into the synagogue, as was His custom.</p> <p>And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next <b>Sabbath</b>. [...] And the next <b>Sabbath</b> almost the whole city was gathered together to hear the word of THEOS. But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with jealousy ...</p> <p>As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three <b>Sabbath</b> days he discussed with them ... [after the Jerusalem Council in Acts 15]</p> <p>... Consequently a <b>Sabbath</b> rest remains for the people of THEOS ...</p> | <p><i>Gen 2:3</i></p> <p><i>Luk 4:16</i></p> <p><i>Act 13:42-45</i></p> <p><i>Act 17:2</i></p> <p><i>Heb 4:1-11</i></p> | <p>For six days work is to be done, but the <b>seventh day</b> is a day of sabbath rest, holy to KYRIOS. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day is to be put to death.</p> <p>But in the seventh year the land is to have a year of <b>sabbath</b> rest, a sabbath to the KYRIOS. Do not sow your fields or prune your vineyards.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ceremonial / 'Extraordinary' Sabbaths (Feasts, 7th Year, 50th Jubilee Year)</b></p> <p>... it is the Day of Atonement [...] As for any person who does any work on this very same day, I will exterminate that person from the midst of his people. [...] from evening to evening you must observe your <b>Sabbath of Sabbaths</b>.<sup>2</sup> [...] "These are KYRIOS' festivals, which you must proclaim, holy assemblies to present an offering made by fire to Yahweh – burnt offering and grain-offering [...] each on its proper day – <b>besides Yahweh's Sabbaths</b> ..."</p> | <p><i>Exo 31:15</i></p> <p><i>Lev 25:4</i></p> <p><i>Lev 23:4-38</i></p> |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sacrifices &amp; Offerings</b></p> <p>Today we don't give '<b>sacrifices</b>' anymore. IESOUS CHRISTOS abolished animal-, burnt-, fellowship-, grain-, guilt-, sin- and wave-offerings, by making atonement once for all for our sins. 'Freewill offerings' (act of worship or fulfillment of a vow), which were usually brought as burnt or peace offerings, have been replaced by the material or monetary 'giving'.</p> | <p>And He [CHRIST] will make a strong covenant with the many [...] He will let cease <b>sacrifice</b> and <b>offering</b> ...</p> <p>They sold property and possessions to <b>give</b> to anyone who had need.</p> <p>... by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words KYRIOS IESOUS Himself said: 'It is more blessed to <b>give</b> than to receive.'</p> <p>... must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to <b>share</b> with those in need.</p> <p>And you yourselves, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up <b>spiritual sacrifices</b> [dedication &amp; obedience, faith &amp; holiness, time &amp; money] acceptable to THEOS through IESOUS CHRISTOS.</p> <p>... He is the <b>propitiation for our sins</b>, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.</p> | <p><i>Dan 9:27</i></p> <p><i>Act 2:45</i></p> <p><i>Act 20:35</i></p> <p><i>Eph 4:28</i></p> <p><i>1Pet 2:4-5</i></p> <p><i>1Joh 2:2</i></p> | <p>Tell the Israelites to bring me an <b>offering</b>. You are to receive the <b>offering</b> for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give. These are the <b>offerings</b> you are to receive from them: gold, silver and ...</p> <p>If any member of the community sins unintentionally and does what is forbidden in any of the KYRIOS' commands [...] they must bring as their <b>offering</b> for the sin they committed a female goat without defect. [...] In this way the priest will make atonement for them, and they will be forgiven.</p> | <p><i>Exo 25:2-7</i></p> <p><i>Lev 4:27-31</i></p> |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>~1500 Oral / Fence Laws</b></p> | <p>IESOUS also rebuked Pharisees and teachers of religious law, who added over the centuries <b>hundreds of religious traditions</b> to THEOS' law and even considered them equally important. Traditions are not bad in themselves, but should never be elevated to a sacred standing and should never suppress good deeds as e.g. a healing on a Weekly Sabbath. (► more details in the addendum)</p> | <p>And answering, He said to them: "And for what reason do you overstep the <b>command of THEOS</b> for the sake of <b>your oral tradition</b>?" [...] This people honor me with the mouth, yet have their heart far away from me. And in vain they worship me, teaching as doctrines <b>commands of men</b>."</p> <p>And all their works they do to be seen by men. For they <b>broaden their phylacteries</b> [little boxes placed on foreheads; based on misinterpretation of Exo 13:9,16] <b>and enlarge the fringes</b>. [correctly based on Num 15:38, but made longer to impress people].</p> <p>... they do not eat unless they wash. And there are <b>many other traditions</b> which they have received and hold fast to – for example, the washing of cups and pitchers and bronze kettles and dining couches. And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to <b>the tradition of the elders</b>, but eat their bread with unclean hands?"</p> <p>"Yes," said IESOUS, "what sorrow also awaits you experts in religious law! For you crush people with <b>unbearable religious demands</b>, and you never lift a finger to ease the burden.</p> | <p><i>Mat 15:3-9</i></p> <p><i>Mat 23:5</i></p> <p><i>Mar 7:4-5</i></p> <p><i>Luk 11:46</i></p> |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Epilogue</b></p> | <p><b>Do not add</b> to what I command you and <b>do not subtract</b> from it, but keep the <b>commands</b> of KYRIOS your THEOS ...</p> <p>All of the things that I am commanding you, you must diligently observe; you shall not add to it, and you shall not take away from it."</p> <p>Therefore I loved your <b>commandments</b> more than gold, even fine gold.</p> <p>Every word of THEOS is <b>flawless</b>; He is a shield for him who takes refuge in Him. Do not add to His words lest He rebuke you and you be found a liar.</p> <p>And you know that the <b>Scriptures cannot be altered</b> ...</p> <p>... the Gentiles, who do not have the <b>Law</b> [those people who have never seen a bible / people living in isolated civilizations], do by nature the things of the <b>Law</b>, [...] who show the <b>work of the Law written on their hearts</b>, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts one after another accusing or even defending them on the day when THEOS judges the secret things of people.</p> <p>Now that all has been heard, here is the final conclusion: <b>Fear THEOS and obey His commandments</b>, for this is the whole duty of man.</p> | <p><i>Deu 4:2</i></p> <p><i>Deu 12:32</i></p> <p><i>Psa 119:127</i></p> <p><i>Pro 30:5-6</i></p> <p><i>Joh 10:35</i></p> <p><i>Rom 2:14-16</i></p> <p><i>Ecc 12:13</i></p> |
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