



## Scriptures and Doctrine :: Christianity: A Set of Rules??

### Christianity: A Set of Rules??, on: 2007/8/1 8:07

I was asked this on a different board and I thought it would be good to discuss here:

Quote:

-----Do you agree that Christianity is not a set of rules, DO do's or Don't do's right?  
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Christianity is not just a set of rules of do's and don't's. But you also must acknowledge that Christianity has rules of "do's and don't". Christianity is not lawlessness. Christianity does have a law, the law of love.

Christianity is not just a set of rules, but within Christianity God has given us rules, because God cares about right and wrong, because God cares about His creation.

Though God knows what is good for us, and tells us what to do (live righteous) and what not to do (sin). Sin is harmful to God's creation, so He outlaws it, and punishes all of it.

But yes, Christianity is not just a set of rules of do's and don't's. God certainly gives us do's and don't's because God cares about right and wrong. But Christianity is a **love relationship** with Jesus Christ.

Christianity, and even the law, are summed up in one word - **love!** If we love God, we won't sin against Him. If we love our neighbor, we won't sin against our neighbor. Jesus said, "if you love me, keep my commandments." And John said, "this is how we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments."

It's all about love. When we love God and love our neighbor, that is true Christianity, and that fulfills the law.

And that was God's intention in creation to begin with. God wanted a universe of beings who were all voluntarily loving Him and voluntarily loving each other. But sin entered the world when man chose to be selfish. But Jesus came to restore God's fallen creation, to get back to God's original purpose and intention, which was to have a universe of beings who all voluntarily choose to love Him and love each other.

Our focus needs to be loving God and neighbor. Our focus, or primary aim, is not merely to keep the law, but our focus, our emphasis, needs to be to love God and love our neighbor. And thereby we do keep the law - the law of love.

### Re: Christianity: A Set of Rules??, on: 2007/8/1 9:11

I think if someone is maintaining a close relationship with the Savior, and the fruits of the Spirit (this is different from the gifts!) are being lived out in their life... then there is no need for a list of rules because you'll already be doing what pleases God. That's where freedom is!

There is a difference between trying to live by a set of rules, and just doing it naturally. One way you're focussed on the list, and the other you're focussed on God.

Krispy

**Re: Christianity: A Set of Rules?? - posted by sojourner7 (), on: 2007/8/1 19:33**

The Ten Commandments is a set of rules; but the law was not enough to make a man just with God. We could follow all the rules, and still miss what God requires of us. Without grace, we cannot keep the righteous standard of God. So God's Son taught that devotion to God and love for your neighbor was the essence of the law. God promised that He would put a new heart and a new Spirit within us, one that desires to please Him and keep His Word. He made a new covenant of grace in Christ to enable us to be justified and made righteous in Him.

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/8/1 21:54**

Christianity is a Person. Not rules, if rules works could save us, that is the Law, then Christ died in vain. That Person is Christ in you the hope of glory. A real Person, The Word Himself, who is God also. What is Christianity? It is a new life in Christ Jesus, and our life is hid with Christ in God. What are we to call God now? Father, you cannot be a Father without placing the Seed of Himself, which is Christ, the same Seed that was in Mary, which produced a Person, all Man and all God. That is our destiny, not a god but as God by birth, by the Seed that is placed in us and we are birthed a new creation, a Christ-One, a son, headed for the Father's House. A Heavenly family, not an earthly family.

1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

This Seed that remains in us is the Sperma of God.

1 John 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for His seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

The Seed is Christ, He cannot sin. Our Spirit is Perfect, our flesh has an advocate for forgiveness, our soul is learning from his by the Perfect Teacher the Holy Spirit, spoken of 7 times as Teacher in John 14,15,16.

Galatians 2:20-21 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Who has been promised all the earth? Not the Heavenly Family, we are to rule over it, not possess it, until a new heaven and a new earth will come. There is no scripture for the new heaven and new earth, we will just have to wait and see from the Heavenly House of our Father.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re:, on: 2007/8/3 1:32**

Christianity is all about Jesus, the Jesus who saves us from all sin!! Jesus didn't save us to be lawless! **Lawlessness is not Christianity!**

Jesus took us from darkness to light, from disobedience to obedience, from being children of the devil to children of God, from being lawless to lawful, from loving sin to loving God and neighbor, etc.

Here is a chart that lists a lot of the characteristics of the unconverted in contrast to the characteristics of the converted:

<http://www.openairoutreach.com/gallery/adobe/ConversionCharacteristics3?full=1>

Re:, on: 2007/8/3 2:05

This was from a different board, on this same topic, I thought I'd share here:

Quote:

----- I am not aware of "rules" that all Christians must follow.  
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Joh 14:15 - If ye love me, **keep my commandments**.

Joh 15:10 - If ye **keep my commandments**, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

1Jo 2:3 - And hereby we do know that we know him, **if we keep his commandments**.

1Jo 2:4 - He that saith, I know him, and **keepeth not his commandments**, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

1Jo 3:22 - And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because **we keep his commandments**, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

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----- Without spending too much time or effort can you define what you mean by rules and give some examples with reference to supporting scriptures? Please don't put a lot of effort into it though. I don't want to debate you, I'm just interested in conversing with you about the subject.  
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The law that Christians are under obligation to obey is the "Law of Love". Obviously, love excludes lying, stealing, adultery, murder, rape, incest, etc. Christians are to conduct themselves lawfully. Christianity is not lawlessness! God still cares about right and wrong, God doesn't want us going around hurting each other (sin) but rather helping each other (love).

**Love is law, and this excludes hurting each other (sinning against each other).**

And this is not optional:

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Quote:  
-----Wouldn't a good example of a "rule" that Christians are supposed to follow be something like, "love your neighbor" and "love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength"?  
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Amen brother!

Quote:  
-----Beyond that, isn't safe to say that things like "Do not murder" still apply to Christians?  
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Sin is still wrong, good is still right! Christians are not to go around sinning against people, living selfishly, hurting one another. We are supposed to love God and love neighbor, and thereby we fulfill all of the law by loving. Love excludes lying, stealing, adultery, murder, rape, incest, and all other forms of selfishness (sinfulness).

Quote:  
-----there are rules that Christians are expected to abide by.  
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Amen brother! This should be obvious!

If this is not true, then antinomianism is true and lawlessness reigns!

God's ideal never was, nor is, a lawless world with everyone sinning against each other, hurting one another! That is not God nor God's will!

God wants us to obey Him from the heart. And we can trust that His commands are good and right. A good parent only tells a child to do what is good, and forbids what is bad. A parent tells a child to do what is good and forbids what is harmful.

Likewise with God, we can trust that what He commands is good and should always be chosen, and what He forbids is evil and harmful and should never be chosen.

**Re:, on: 2007/8/3 7:30**

Lazarus... just in case you missed my point, I don't think anyone here would promote lawlessness. We are to obey Jesus' commandments... and if we truly are saved and truly love Him, we will obey His commands automatically. This will happen without having to post a list of rules on the wall of the church.

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Amen! I totally agree. Love = obedience because love is obedience.

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Sometimes Christians need to be encouraged and affirmed, which is why I think the Apostle wrote 1John.

We could say, "Well John, I already know this and I'm already doing that. I'm a Christian. You don't need to tell me this, you didn't need to write this Epistle and I didn't need to read it." But then again, even the obedient need encouragement and affirmation in their obedience.

But the point is not whether or not we should put the Ten Commandments on our Church walls, or whether or not Christians need to read 1John, the whole point is that Christianity does have laws - the two great commandments, also known as The Law of Love. And though Christians, who are born again and have a new heart, automatically walk in love for God and neighbor, Peter and John still nevertheless wrote Epistles reminding, encouraging, and affirming the Church in this love.

The original point was that Christianity does not *merely consist* in "do this and don't do that" but that Christianity nevertheless still has "do's and don't do's"; that God still cares about right and wrong and Christianity is not a religion of lawlessness.

Some jump out of the oven of **legalism** and fall into the frying pan of **lawlessness**. One is mere *outward obedience*, the other is *total disobedience*. But what God wants and requires of us is *heart-obedience*.

Re: - posted by running2win (), on: 2007/8/3 8:41

Laz,  
I understand and agree with what you're saying but I personally prefer to avoid the word law in it all, mainly because it has this "have to" ring to it. I think Krispy hit it right on with his first post there. True Christianity seeks God's highest level of satisfaction and happiness taking no thought for itself. So thus true Christians fulfill the law of love without even taking thought of it. So in a certain sense it's not "do's and don't's" but rather the "requirements" are a part of the very character of the true Christian flowing naturally from him without regard to what he must do and not do. I think that the person that sees Christianity as do's and don't's has no concept of what true Christianity is. Oh that there were more true Christians in this our day and age. This lack of true Christianity I believe is the reason that this website exists and why God's people are longing for genuine revival.

God, be glorified in our land in this generation!

Re:, on: 2007/8/3 8:57

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Yet the scriptures do speak of the Law of Love and the Commandments of Christ, and also obviously of "hell-fire".

But I totally agree that anyone who sees Christianity as *merely* consisting in doing right and avoiding wrong is totally missing the very essence of Christianity - a love relationship with Jesus Christ.

But likewise, anyone who does not see Christianity as having anything to do with avoiding wrong and doing right is also

missing the core of Christianity - loving God and loving neighbor.

**Re: Christianity: A Set of Rules?? - posted by intrcssr83 (), on: 2007/8/3 9:54**

While it's true that biblical Christianity is neither legalism nor licentiousness, I'd be more concerned for the person who outwardly professes to be a Christian, yet does so while kicking and screaming in antagonism against those who are genuinely bearing fruit.

**Re:, on: 2007/8/3 10:48**

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But the foundation of that relationship is not my love for Him, but His love for me. We must remember that love is still law. My love for Jesus can neither save me, nor keep me in relationship with Him. He is the faithful bridegroom that will never leave me nor forsake me.

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Funny thing is, Paul really hated the improper use of the law also.

I do not think you understand why we rail so much against the law, as it pertains to being in right relationship with God. As Paul asked,

Quote:  
-----Do you not hear the law?  
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Yes, I do, here is what it says...

You do not love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and you do not love your neighbor as yourself... You are an idolater, you are a blasphemer, you are a Sabbath breaker, you dishonor your father and mother, you are a murderer, you are a thief, you are a liar, you are an adulterer, and you will always be thus in my sight because I require perfect obedience and I offer no mercy. You are judged and condemned and you will suffer the wrath of God for eternity. You have no hope!

So I run to Jesus (like the city of refuge)...who is my righteousness, apart from the law. This does not lead to lawlessness because He has promised to fulfill the righteousness of the law in my life...which is to love Him with all that I am, and to love my neighbor as myself.

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I love (obey) Him, because He first Loved me.

Re:, on: 2007/8/3 11:18

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I am not a hyper-calvinist, and in the interest of honesty, there is a human work that we take part in with obedience. WE are to bring forth fruit worthy of repentance.

Notice what Paul writes smack dab in the middle of his rebuke to the Galatians for being yoked again under the law.

Galatians 5:

13You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. 14The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 15If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

16So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. 17For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. 18But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

19The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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Re:, on: 2007/8/3 13:24

I am not a hyper-Calvinist, nor am I a Calvinist, nor am I an Armenian, etc. I really do not like tags...and in saying that we are not kept by our obedience, I am not saying that we do not have a part to play. In just saying that we obey God, I am saying we are "doing" something.

But our obedience is imperfect (and anyone who says otherwise is simply not being honest) therefore, our obedience is not the sustaining factor in this relationship. It is His faithfulness, and mercy.

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First of all that is not what I said, and actually Paul does give a "theological treatise" back in Romans about how a man is saved and kept apart from his obedience to the law.

This issue in Galatians is one of righteousness. Real honest to goodness day to day righteousness. How is the righteousness of the law made real in my life? Paul does not say it is by do's and don'ts. He says it is by faith, and he actually says it is something that we have to wait for. It is something we hope for and yearn for. Everything God has for us is given to us by a promise. Even righteousness. And we usually have to go through suffering to obtain it. (Romans 5)

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And what does he say after that about those who are Christ's...those who are in Christ? Christians?

Quote:  
-----24And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.  
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Just as he says in Romans, Colossians, and in the beginning of Galatians...

We have been buried with him in baptism. We died with Him. We are dead, and our life is now hid with Christ in God. We have been crucified, our flesh is crucified. A Christian cannot live in the flesh, we are a new creation.

Now that's either true or its not.

They that do not have the Spirit of Christ, live in the flesh. There is no lusting of the Spirit against the flesh and the flesh against the Spirit because they are not in Christ and Christ is not in them. But if Christ be in you than you are a new creation.

Quote:  
-----13For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.  
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I have no problem being exhorted to love the brethren, and being taught how now to use my liberty. That is what Paul is doing here.



**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2007/8/3 13:40**

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When I was living in Russia, I once met a hyper-Armenian who was trying to get a work visa to come to America. He had brought his wife and kids to Moscow and would wait in line in front of the US Embassy for hours and hours. He could speak English very well, and his name was Arturo.

This was years ago.

:-)

**Re:, on: 2007/8/3 13:44**

Mahoney - thanks for the clarification on what you were saying. I agree, (as I hope all believers do) that we are kept by God's faithfulness.. with a practical working out of our faith in obedience.

be blessed - Jim

**Re:, on: 2007/8/4 2:57**

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Be careful not to import the doctrine of antinomianism and lawlessness into the bible! Because lawlessness cannot be found there and it does not belong there!

The bible explicitly talks about the commandments of Christ and explicitly talks about the law of love.

I am not importing a new idea of Christ having commandments, and love fulfilling the law, into the bible! I can't add to the bible what is already there!!

Surely you did not mean the "bible theology" says nothing about the commandments of Christ, and nothing about the law of love. Surely you did not mean that the bible never talks about Christ having commandments, and love fulfilling the law??

Don't you see how a biblical term would definitely be talking about Christ's commandments, and how one who talks about the law of love teaches the explicit teachings of Holy Scripture??

## THE COMMANDMENTS OF CHRIST

Joh 14:15 - If ye love me, **keep my commandments**.

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Rom 8:2-4 For the **law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus** hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of **the law might be fulfilled in us**, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

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1Pe 1:22 Seeing ye have **purified your souls in obeying the truth** through the Spirit unto unfeigned **love of the brethren**, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.

**Re: - posted by JelloTaster (), on: 2007/8/4 10:46**

The way I see it, it's like in my marriage. I am not allowed to have relationships with other women. It's a rule and I don't think anyone would disagree with that. Now, does this rule make me feel trapped or under a law? No! I love my wife!

When it comes to our faith, there are many rules (law of love) to follow and as has been said, if we love the Lord, we will obey His commands. The beautiful thing is that when we break a command, there is forgiveness. When people speak of Christianity as a set of rules, I think that's something they forget about. Chris

**Re: - posted by PreachParsly (), on: 2007/8/4 13:55**

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Uh, well I had a big elaborate post explaining what I meant but I accidentally closed it!

Here is the short version:

I can see you didn't know what I was getting at.

All I am saying is make sure you don't make up concepts and put them in the Bible. I didn't say you did that, I'm saying guard against it. When possible use a phrase or word that is specifically used in the Bible. That way we can examine the Bible and see if you are using the phrase or word correctly. We can't do that what you are talking about isn't in the Bible. It's profitable for all, especially those who have a different background that we use words and phrases found in the Bible. Many on message boards come from different perspectives. That way someone who comes from a different perspective can look at what you said, then read the Bible and say "Hey, that is just what he was saying." If you are sitting in a room that most everyone has the same perspectives then you can use your specific theological jargon and everyone knows what you mean. The phrase "The law of love" isn't in the Bible.

Really what was in the forefront of my mind when I posted that was the prosperity merchants. They love to say "This is the law of..." then they think that if they do a certain thing (say "I want a new car" twenty times) they will automatically get it. Rather than what you call the "Moral Government of God" they would call the "Financial Government of God."

Our view of salvation is quite different on many particulars. So, maybe I should have just not said anything. I'll ask this though, "What is the difference between the 'laws' in the OT and the 'laws' in the NT?"

My understanding is that rather than it being "rules" that are pressed upon from the outside, it is a new nature that springs "rules" from the inside (new heart).

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/8/4 20:20**

What would this be?

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

Would this not be the Law of Love? And in the loving the fulfillment of the Law? This is the Love of Christ that is in us by the birthing and He in us is the only One that can fulfill this Love in us.

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Did He not fulfill the Law?

Did not Israel fulfill the scriptures and deny the Lord? Acts 13:48-52 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were (((ordained))) to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region. But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts. But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

This is the 2nd to the last time Jesus was offered to the Jews, that is as a Nation of Israel. Then Paul the last time offering: Acts 28:27-29 For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it. And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves.

To this day they will still not, except to individuals that God ordains to eternal life, being born again in Christ Jesus. Also the 144,000 sealed of the 12 tribes for the millennium. These are the ones that have a new heart and God's word written in their hearts, not born again.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re:, on: 2007/8/5 0:03**

Quote:  
-----What would this be?  
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Those scriptures are nothing short of the law of love brother!

Quote:  
-----"What is the difference between the 'laws' in the OT and the 'laws' in the NT?"

My understanding is that rather than it being "rules" that are pressed upon from the outside, it is a new nature that springs "rules" from the inside (new heart).

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Here is a great article by Asa Mahan on the New Covenant. Basically he says what you just said. What was *demanded* under the Old Covenant - obedience to the law, is *promised* under the New Covenant - law written upon the heart.

Quote:  
-----Finally, whatever the old covenant, or the moral law, requires of the creature, the new covenant, as shown in a former discourse, promises to the believer. The first covenant, for example, requires of the creature perfect and perpetual holiness. The new covenant promises to the believer perfect and perpetual holiness. I will first cite a few of the passages quoted in that discourse, to sustain the above declaration, and will then offer some general remarks to show that the construction there put upon them is correct. Jer. xxxii. 39, 40,—"And I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them and of their children after them; and I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn from them to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, and they shall not depart from me." Ezek. xxxvi. 25,—"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean; from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart, also, will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments and do them." Deut. xxx. 6,—"And the Lord thy God will circumcise thy heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul." Jer. i. 20,—"In those days, and at that time, saith the Lord, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none, and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found." I Thess. v. 23, 24,—"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." That Christ, as the Mediator of the new covenant, does, in these and kindred passages, promise to the believer all that the law requires of him, will appear perfectly evident from the following considerations:—  
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God never wanted mere outward obedience. God was never pleased with the Pharisees who obeyed the letter of the law, but they never meet the Spirit of the law, because their motive and intention was selfish rather than benevolent.

The Pharisees "appeared righteous outwardly" yet they were "inwardly full of iniquity". The bible says that God "requires truth in the inward parts" and Christ said that we must "first clean the inside of the cup". Mere outward obedience to the letter of the law is not what God really wants, God wants inward obedience to the Spirit of the law - for us to actually love God and love our neighbor and therefore we choose not to sin against them.

God has always wanted nothing short of heart-obedience, genuine love for God and neighbor from your heart, for all men to voluntarily commit their wills to protect and promote the highest well-being of all.

Anyways, here is a link to Asa Mahan on the New Covenant. It's a fantastic read:

[http://truthinheart.com/EarlyOberlinCD/CD/Mahan/ChrPerf.htm#N\\_4\\_](http://truthinheart.com/EarlyOberlinCD/CD/Mahan/ChrPerf.htm#N_4_)

This is what he covers:

- I. The nature of the new covenant, as distinguished from the first, or the old covenant.
- II. The relation of these two covenants.
- III. The object of Christ in the provisions of Divine grace.
- IV. The conditions on which he will fulfil in us what he has promised as the Mediator of the new covenant.

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/8/6 21:23**

Are we to do to get, as in the old testament, or are we go get to do, as in the New treatment.

Keeping the law got you the mercy of God.

Believe in Christ Jesus and we get Grace through the Faith of the Son of God. Which includes His sacrifice for sin and His promise of Salvation.

1 John 5:11-14 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the

Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

Mahan is a very good read. Thank you and may the Wisdom, Righteousness, sanctification and redemption be truly made of God in us by Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 1:29-31 That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Mahan's writing brings the Word in to focus of truly what Satan does not want us to know.

(((((((HIM)))))) Oh! That I may know Him, was also Pauls cry. Phl 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

Christ's prayer also brings us into the knowing of the Holy Spirit, our Teacher of these truths.

Jhn 14:17 the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you

Are we not also in direct confrontation of our Father and His House, that directs us to this final application in Christ Jesus, who is our only life that brings us into sonship also with Him.

Jhn 14:7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

If we know Him we also know the Father, They together are making their Abode with us.

In Christ: "wow what a statement", by me.

Phillip