

**General Topics :: What to do about the law and moral codes**

**What to do about the law and moral codes - posted by DEADn (), on: 2012/12/29 17:18**

Recently I have come across some who brings up alot of laws in Leviticus and just in the OT that are no longer practiced today. ie, no tattoos, materials clothing is made of, issues concerning woman and that time of the month, etc. These people brought up alot of issues that are not practiced anymore and use them to say that God has ridiculous rules, etc.

This got me to thinking, how do we separate the law and moral code from the OT to translate that to today?

Many people say they want to live a scriptural or Biblical life and that would include the OT and if so why would these OT laws not be practiced? Otherwise a person would have to say they are living by the New Testament and not the whole of the Bible, Correct?

How do we determine what is absolute in God's view and what is not v. picking and choosing according to our own likes and dislikes? This tends to become a big contention in nontheist arena's and I think it brings up valid points. Study to show thyself approved.

John

**Re: What to do about the law and moral codes, on: 2012/12/29 17:42**

Q: "Thou idolater, is not God One? and is not He visible in Jesus Christ? and has not Jesus Christ given His sanction to the law of ten commandments? and are not all other men fools, sinners, and nothings?"

A: "Bray a fool in a mortar with wheat, yet shall not his folly be beaten out of him. If Jesus Christ is the greatest man, you ought to love Him in the greatest degree. Now hear how He has given His sanction to the law of ten commandments. Did He not mock at the Sabbath, and so mock the Sabbath's God? murder those who were murdered because of Him? turn away the law from the woman taken in adultery? steal the labour of others to support Him? bear false witness when He omitted making a defence before Pilate? covet when He prayed for His disciples, and when He bid them shake off the dust of their feet against such as refused to lodge them? I tell you, no virtue can exist without breaking these ten commandments. Jesus was all virtue, and acted from impulse, not from rules." - William Blake, The Marriage of Heaven and Hell

**Re: What to do about the law and moral codes - posted by Sree (), on: 2012/12/29 23:01**

We live a new covenant life and no longer under old covenant. Under new covenant we keep the requirements of the law and not the actual law. In OT all laws except do not covet is totally external. And the blessings that they got from God was also external like wealth, decedants etc. But the standard we live under new covenant leads to internal purity that was impossible in OT even to the prophets. The blessings that we inherit are as well internal like overcoming life, eternal sonship etc. Jesus and apostles who were approved by God in NT were all not rich, but were mighty in their internal testimony for God.

Jesus called those who kept the external laws diligently as white washed tombs, because their inner life was dead. This inner purity is possible only through the grace that we have in Jesus. We cannot have it by following any law. Jesus said if the inside of the cup is clean then outside gets cleaned as well. Our standard should be much higher than anyone ever who lived under law say Moses or Abraham. All the teachings of NT are all internal like not to lust in heart, not to get angry, to love even those who hate us etc.

**Re: What to do about the law and moral codes - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2012/12/30 20:53**

Well, John, have you ever studied the OT law? May I suggest you do so and while doing it, imagine what life/culture looked like under that system. Now compare it with current life. It will be helpful to understand the OT law has three 'sections' - it may take a discerning reader to be able to understand these distinctions. Anyhow, there is the Religious law that details how the sacrifices were to be performed, how and when, etc. There is the civil law that deals with government. Then there is the moral law that deals with culture, like marriages, morality, sanitation, cleanliness, etc. You will find that moderns are upholding many of these principles but have no idea where they originate from.

Consider: we benefit much from the law detailing the disposal of body wastes - it is the civil law of the USA. These sanitary laws are enacted to promote health in its citizens. Now consider where you have people defecate anywhere nature calls. What is life like in those places? We have friends who live in Bangladesh. People there urinate, defecate anywhere in public. The wastes lend to the stench that permeates the cities. It is everywhere - you have to be careful where you walk lest you step in it. Our friends are totally grossed out by it.

So is it sin to defecate without burying your wastes? I suggest "no" but you better be careful with it lest you put another in harm's way. There are many laws like this that serve to promote cleanliness, health and an orderly society. God is a clean God. :-) So how can one discern which violations are sin and which are simply a matter of failing to do good? What do you think?

ginnyrose

**Re: What does the New Covenant offer different from the Old?, on: 2012/12/30 22:33**

Sree said:

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**Re: - posted by DEADn (), on: 2012/12/31 8:13**

I have done only some study of the OT in the past. What I did not have with me is an aid in understanding and applying it so that it makes sense. As a result I come across some arguments in which I really don't know the answer to or how to explain it so that it makes sense to our 'modern' mind.

I am in a time of my life where I am going through a kind of sifting process in my heart and my mind. In this case I am meditating ALOT and praying with that in my conscious subconscious and seeking to renew myself in the Spirit, to prove that this renewing is authentic and not something I am doing myself as well as being able to answer those who make fun of things in the Bible because they lack understanding. Does that make sense? Call it sort of an act of critical thinking. Some of the posts I make on here is part of that process/path.

This is why I ask about the OT. It seems to me that we should be referring to the OT for its history and legacy of the past but abide by it for moral codes/conduct. If this is correct is this because of the Jesus Factor? Ginnyrose, you mentioned it was a different time back then, does this then suggest that in that time it was a different culture and as every culture comes and goes a different code should be applied? Does absolute truth have no place in this area? This is something I am wondering.

btw, just a little note. In my quest adventure I was introduced to something that I think was of God that blew me away from the inside. Not sure how it translates to the outward. I want to share it here and get your perspective. I have come across some who say they are rationalists and among their arguments against God and even the OT is the thought of talking donkeys or animals for that matter. Rationally that is ridiculous yet how many times have we ever seen a story in which some animal blurted out 'Mamma' 'Dadda' or something else? Maybe the animal was coached or learned as a baby learned. Either way it is irrational that an animal would speak like that and youtube even shows some of these animals doing it. Applied to the OT, the events with animals today reveal what could have been done in the OT and for God's own purposes. That can seem as an irrational thought but tying today's animal talking to that the rationality doesn't seem so d

istant. This comes across much more amplified on the inside of me than I can put in words but I hope you get my point? Let me know what you think.

John

**Re: - posted by Heydave (), on: 2012/12/31 9:00**

Thanks ginnyrose for your perspective. It is a good point you make.

**Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2012/12/31 10:23**

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Matthew 13:17-For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

The above verse clearly tells us that the Prophets longed to see the days of Jesus and wanted to hear what the disciples heard. They clearly saw the standard that we are called for and longed to live under it. But they could not live because the Holy Spirit was not given to them.

John 16:7:-But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

So the days we now live with the helper (Holy Spirit) inside us is equally or even better than the days of Jesus on earth. Because if Jesus was on earth he could be only at one place and not with everyone, but Holy Spirit can be with believers all the time.

**Re: Ginnyrose - posted by Sree (), on: 2012/12/31 10:47**

Your arguments of OT traditions for better living is also applicable for other religions. For example I was born and brought up as a Hindu till I was 25. There is a book called 'meaningful Hindu religion' which talks about similar things. One such thing is Hindu's in India wash the front of their house with cow dung and it is believed and followed as a law. Now the scientific point behind it is cow dung has ability to prevent germs from entering the house.

Colossians 2:20:-If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, such as, "Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!" (which all refer to things destined to perish with use)—in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men? These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe treatment of the body, BUT ARE OF NO VALUE AGAINST FLESHLY INDULGENCE.

Such external laws and external purity can never give us freedom from our fleshly desires that are against the ways of God.

Since I came to Christ with no clue of Bible, I read the New Testament first and then once I went back to read the old I could clearly see it as a mere shadow of new Covenant.

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2012/12/31 12:40**

John, you are asking good questions - I sure wish Ron Bailey would come on and answer them...or maybe Armkelly - I think he comes from the family of Abraham.

About animals talking - Balaam's donkey carried on a conversation - it responded properly to Balaam's answers. An animal that can 'speak' today is one that has been taught to do so, is not one that can carry a conversation. But the fact that non-humans can say words that mimic human's is interesting but does not mean they are communicating as we understand it. Some scientists are experimenting with primates and they think they are learning to get them to communicate as we understand it, but this still comes from training, something Balaam's donkey lacked.

The OT law was given early on in the life of the Israelite family. What laws were in force before then I would guess hark back to what was in force after man's fall. We do not know what those civil, moral, religious laws looked like other than they knew that killing was wrong. I suspect they reflected the ten commandments because God says he does not change. I also suspect that all succeeding cultures are a perversion or knock-off of OT law as revealed to Moses, including the Hindu religion.

God was before any philosopher came along and worked to work out a code of ethics by which man can have an orderly society. Since God knew man's inclinations, he gave them a code of ethics by which man can exist and multiply without killing each other or themselves, hence the laws that deal with sanitation or how to deal with conflicts between persons.

The OT law was given to point people to Jesus, to demonstrate their own sinfulness but showing how holy God is and that man cannot achieve perfection on his own merits. This is the fundamental point of the OT religious law.

As I am going through the book of John I am becoming more aware of how Jewish the book really is. Somehow I suspect it takes a person who was raised a Jew to more fully appreciate its message. However, if you do study the law and work to understand it then John makes a whole lot more sense as does the law.

Ravi Zacharias shares an insightful argument as to why people resist God. He says, "Is it possible that somewhere in the deepest recesses of the human heart, we are really not battling intellectual ideas as much as we are fighting for the right for our own sexual proclivities and our passionate indulgences?" Perhaps this is the case with those who want to argue philosophically about God?

When I was a counselor at a Crises Pregnancy Center, I had only one client who did not know that immorality was sin, at least this is what she said but she was a person who was mentally deficient. People love to sin, it affords them a lot of pleasure. In order to justify their sin, they have to discredit God and his authority over life, over how to behave. In turn they will work to be ever so 'good' and will love to share with you how good they are. This has been my experience, does it reflect yours? Since this is the case, what would happen if you would zero in on their guilt and deal with it? Apart from God, man cannot understand the deeper things of God nor how he works in nature, in people. Seems to me this is the heart of the issue...

God bless. I hope you succeed in your quest for a deeper walk with the LORD. This is an exciting adventure! :-)

**Re: , on: 2012/12/31 19:58**

Isn't the law written on our hearts when we know Jesus? Before Jesus came and filled me with his Holy Spirit I didn't care about my neighbor, I only cared about myself.

Before I was filled with his Holy Spirit I read a lot of occultic stuff, read ungodly literature and went along with the world.

Now, I don't want to "adulterate" my life in ungodly things. Now I have been called to be set apart. The Spirit in me turns me away from things I never thought twice about before.

One day my daughter and I watched a hog named Homer slather around in the mud and eat all the garbage on my friend's farm, suddenly pork no longer appealed to me in the least.

Do I want to have someone tattoo pictures on my skin with needles? Why would I desecrate the body Jesus gave me?

I did wear men's clothing when I was young in the 70's and it didn't bother me, now I don't want to wear men's clothing because it wouldn't appeal to me anymore.

Seems like Jesus just changes everything inside and out when He lives in you.

Jesus says his yoke is easy and his burden is light.

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2013/1/1 12:09**

Wonderful testimony, lesmanto. (Except I grew up with hogs and I still love pork! :-))

It is my understanding the reason the WORD states what God desires to see in his people is so that we can check with the WORD to get affirmation of what we are sensing in our spirit. There are many who say such and such and there is no scripture to substantiate it but do declare they are being led by God. How can one discern? It is the WORD. True, the WORD does not tell us everything, but the principles are there to teach us how life is to be lived and how the Holy Spirit would lead us to do - whatever.

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True. Reminds me of a quote made by Jesse Yoder: "maturity happens when obedience becomes a joy."

**Re: - posted by DEADn (), on: 2013/1/1 16:54**

lesmanto

The law is only in our hearts when we renew our minds such as Romans 12:1-2 says. Unless a Christian does this He cannot begin to understand the Mind of God.

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**Re: , on: 2013/1/1 19:55**

Ginny Rose, that made me smile when you said you grew up with hogs and still loved to eat them. True, this is not a thing that will send us to hell, but it might be a health issue.

Getting a tattoo will not plunge you into hell either, but the motivation behind it is important.

Committing adultery is a serious sin that will affect many people in negative ways and God will not smile.

We have a built in "knower" with many things and like you and Deadn say, renewing our minds in the Word of God regularly will keep us sharp. The Lord is so loving and kind and yet He can also be a tough disciplinarian and hold us to the standard of holiness.

Deadn, there are two ways to spell cancellation :-)) but there aren't two ways to spell sin. We know when we are in sin and playing with fire. Even if one is an illiterate believer in Timbuktu, Holy Spirit is functioning perfectly in that one who believes. Don't you think so?

**Re: What to do about the law and moral codes, on: 2013/1/2 10:10**

Let's not forget that NO law or moral code can ever make you holy, make you righteous, remove sin, make you a new creation, bring you into union with God, cleanse your heart, or in any way make you more Godlike.

Even if you really could fulfill the law you still would not be any better off.

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**Re: , on: 2013/1/2 11:33**

I agree Tuc, only the Blood of Jesus covers our sins and makes us righteous and holy, but that does not mean that there are no consequences to sin in our lives. There is a dangerous heretical teaching in the churches these days that subtly leads to licentiousness in sin because we are under the grace covenant. I'm going to name names....Joseph Prince and Joel Olsteen  
Sister Leslie

**Sin does have consequences!! , on: 2013/1/2 12:35**

Some are afraid that if you truly embrace the grace of God, it's going to cause you to go out and live a lifestyle of sin. Their reasoning is that if you tell people that their sins are all forgiven and that they're under God's grace, they won't be motivated to live a godly lifestyle. They question what will prevent them from going out and misbehaving.

They completely underestimate the presence of the indwelling Christ who is in us! They miss the point that it is the Holy Spirit who has taken up residence in us. He can be trusted! He is quite capable of leading people into righteous behavior without all our warnings to them.

God's grace is not a license to sin. Those who say that the teaching of pure grace sounds that way reveal their weak understanding of the topic. That's what they said about Paul too. In fact, that's what they say about anybody and everybody who has the gall to preach grace without watering it down with a little legalism.

God's grace is the divine enablement by the life of Christ in us, for us to be all that we've been called to be and all that we've been called to do. Grace won't cause you to go out and sin. To the contrary, it will empower, enable, and motivate you to live a godly lifestyle. Titus 2: 11 - 12 explains, "For the grace of God appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in this present age."

The Bible says that the grace of God teaches us; it instructs us. What is the focus of that instruction? It instructs us in denying ungodliness, and it teaches us how to live sensibly, righteously and godly in this present age. Apparently, Paul wasn't afraid that grace was going to cause people's lives to run amuck. He saw grace as the antidote to ungodly behavior.

Let's ground our thinking in what the Bible says and not in irrational fears that somebody might abuse grace if that is what they are taught. Rest assured - the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ will not become a motivator for sin. His grace will inspire, instruct and invigorate you to walk in a way that is fitting with who you are in Him! In an effort to calm the nerves of jittery legalists, I'm not going to water down the gospel by warning people about how they better avoid sinning. The gospel is good news and nothing but good news. When people get that, behavior will take care of itself.

Titus 2:11-14 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.



**Re: Sin does have consequences!! - posted by Sree (), on: 2013/1/2 15:41**

Paul preached both Grace and warning against Sin equally. They coexisted in his teachings but not in yours because your understanding of Grace is incorrect.

1 Thessalonians 4:2:-

For you know what commandments we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God; and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly WARNED you.

There are so many places where Paul is giving warnings to the Churches. The reason I chose to post only this is here Paul clearly uses the term WARN. If no warning is required then why is he giving all this?

Forget Paul even Jesus himself gives Warnings to 5 out of 7 Churches in Asia in the book of Revelation. He wants them to repent, these are not unbelievers whom Jesus wants to repent but believers.

If your understanding of Grace cannot answer even 1 scripture then it is incorrect. No matter how many scriptures you post to support your understanding, I am sorry it is incorrect.

Now here is where you misunderstood Grace, first of all to be forgiven from our sins is not Grace that we received from Jesus. Forgiveness of Sins was there even before Jesus came to earth. But the word says 'Grace and Truth came through Jesus'. So this Grace is clearly different from us being forgiven by the blood of Jesus.

Grace is the Holy Spirit whom Jesus sent to the true repented and born again believers when he ascended to heaven. Like the verse Titus 2:11, Holy Spirit is given to us to instruct us about the life of Christ and thereby bring Christlikeness in us. Still it is only instruction we need to choose to follow it. We need to work out what God is working in us through his Holy Spirit (if we have received him). It is like, I can get admission into the best school in town, but if I choose not to listen then all the best instructions that I get from my teachers go waste.

Holy Spirit is a gentle spirit who will not take away man's freewill to choose his steps. This freewill is a gift that God has given to mankind. If God takes it away from us then he is making us robots who cannot become sons of God. No one can make a robot as his son. Obedience should come out of self will and not out of lack of will. Jesus himself said he came to do not his will but the will of his father. He himself had a clash between his will and father's will but he chose his father's will. Same is our fight as well. This is the good fight that Paul wants us to fight. Holy Spirit is there to encourage us and instruct us for this fight.

I am not afraid that those who embrace true Grace (Holy Spirit) will sin. Only those who do not repent from their life of Sin will continue living in Sin and will end up in Hell no matter which Jesus they believe.

**Re: - posted by a-servant, on: 2013/1/2 23:17**

Yes, and based on what kind of legal platform, that has to be in place at the time, Paul can say things like this:

Ephesians 5:5 "For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

To even make this kind of judgment a law has to be in existence, right then and now.

To assume the law of God and the law of His Spirit have a different will and content and want both different things is just a bit darkened understanding. Just like constantly going backwards and assuming to be lawful is trying to achieve justification, and the opposite of it, being lawless would somehow then have to be tolerated, or is actually what the Spirit wants for us in order to work grace. Inconsistency is usually part of any delusion.

While the born-again heart doesn't know anything about this kind of retro thinking and actually enjoys doing the will of God. It's a delight for that kind of heart, because the veil is taken away and the understanding that God's law is His will is no threat anymore, His instructions in righteousness by our heavenly father are now actually appreciated. Just like it happens

pened to David, he also could not deny his heart.

Psalms 40:8 Â I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

Matthew 7:21 Â Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2013/1/3 4:09**

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**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2013/1/4 3:37**

John, I have been thinking about this issue - can't get it out of my mind. This was further reinforced by Sree's reply to the thread in the News forum about the rape in India...Sree mentioned a how males in India are very immoral...

The ten commandments specifically say, "Thou shalt not commit adultery". But who does this mean or include? In some cultures it says males can be intimate with female relatives, that this is not adultery, or at least permissible. It is this way in Saudi Arabia. (There female relatives can be raped by the males and if she conceives they will kill her and take the body out to the desert to bury her there.) But what does God say? He spells out in Leviticus 18, 20; Deut. 27 what is adultery. There are no loopholes. In the NT Jesus tells us in Matthew, Mark, Luke what constitutes adultery. The epistles echo these sentiments.

Under the OT law violators were due the death sentence although I do not know how often it was carried out. In the NT no one is told to kill violators but urged to repent. This is the message under the New Covenant: Repent - do not continue therein...the Holy Spirit will enable people to be over-comers.

We are a privileged people.

**Re: - posted by DEADn (), on: 2013/1/4 9:11**

Ginnyrose

All along these posts they open up a lot of rabbit trails for me to ask a question from a comment but I haven't done that because I wish for the topic to stay on topic. Yet, your last post brings something up. When it comes to adultery and Jesus said what he said how can Solomon be justified in his many wives? How is that reconciled? Jesus said divorce was allowed because of the hardness of men's hearts but what about multiple marriages? And Solomon was the wisest man of all. How does that add up? Add to this that it seems as if there are more laws regarding women than men to which feminists like to point out that the OT is very anti woman as a result.

Many conversations want to suggest how can the God of the OT be the same of the NT when they put forth seemingly different ideas. It is a hard reality and yet where is the bridge to balance it out. This is something I am trying to understand and for it causes many people to believe the Bible is a joke and written by man for his own lusts.

John

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Solomon clearly disobeyed Deuteronomy 17:17 (which was given only to Kings) also his father David. But David paid the price by falling into adultery and murder and then losing his son as an atonement. Solomon kept taking wives for him

self and as the scripture says, his heathen wives turned his heart away from God. The man of great wisdom turned away from God. I am sure he ended up in hell. Even Brother Zac Poonen believes the same.

Deuteronomy 17:17:- He shall not multiply wives for himself, or else his heart will turn away; nor shall he greatly increase silver and gold for himself.

I don't believe Bible is antifeminists. But as a Man I cannot answer it. As a husband I only pray that God gives me grace to love my wife like Christ loves the Church. I pray for my wife's faith. I don't even believe that praying that my wife submits to me is correct. It is a word written for my wife, I wish she keeps it.

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2013/1/4 10:10**

John, I understand your dilemma...

One thing the OT history does is it is painfully brutal in exposing man's sins and weaknesses. In doing so it demonstrates man's inability to live righteously. God gave the law to Moses, people were expected to adhere to it but they either rejected it or resorted to keeping it to the letter and considered themselves righteous apart from loving God. Loving God comes first; revering Him precedes any law. When loving God is absent any kind of law-keeping will never earn you brownie points with God. This is what the OT history teaches one.

May I suggest you study 1&2Chronicles along with 1&2Kings. Get so well acquainted with the Mosaic law and the Jewish history so you will be able to think like a Jew and then study Hebrews and Romans. Makes a whole lot more sense. And I would guess your questions could get answered. It helps a person a lot if you find the answers on your own instead of repeating what others say.

BTW, I do not consider the OT law anti-female. I consider those prohibitions that apply to females as being in place to protect her, especially the ones dealing with childbirth. There is so much wisdom contained therein I think we moderns are suffering because they are being ignored. They are given to promote health, not to boss for its own sake. I would guess the ladies that fault the WORD are working to justify their own sins rather than face what their conscience tells them. Oh, I know they appear honest...I know...

Wishing you well on your quest in finding the answers to your questions..

ginnyrose

**Re: - posted by DEADn (), on: 2013/1/4 10:49**

Ginnyrose

Thanks for your support on my behalf with this. I can see from your posts you have done some studying and are jumping into the mix to help me better understand this.

**Re: - posted by a-servant, on: 2013/1/4 21:31**

Have to say something to Leslie's' "Do I want to have someone tattoo pictures on my skin with needles?"

Yikes. I noticed last summer this epidemic seems to be at an all time high now. It's so popular that it proves by itself who the god of this world is. He always massively sponsors and promotes whatever God says not to do.

Part of the reason body piercing and tattoos are so popular in this antichrist world today, is because in Lev 19:28, God expressly forbids doing this.

But how does He cause anybody to agree with him, and not the MTV fashion crowd that says that you haven't got 'it' when you pass on it?

Jeremiah 31:33 Â But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Ezekiel 36:26 Â A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. Â 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.

John 16:13 Â Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Acts 5:32 Â And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

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A note: I was looking for the meaning of "and cause you to walk" in Ezekiel and came up with "he will guide you" in the NT. Interestingly in Acts 5:32 this guidance is given to those (only) that are willing to receive it, and follow.

**Re: - posted by DEADn (), on: 2013/1/5 10:50**

a-servant

In regards to tattoos. You are using the OT to say that tattoos are antichrist and those who get them are inspired by antichrist. If this is the case then what about the other laws in the OT? Why pick this one out or be choosy? The NT does not speak to tattoos yet how do you take the NT and use it to show which OT laws are for today and not for today?

Here is what I see. Items such as tattoos and piercings and so forth are not something that everyone would do to themselves unless you are a teenager or college aged. So, when a Christian person uses the OT to establish their belief on this is it because the NT approves of this as well or are we will living according to the OT or is it merely an emotional EW WWW that comes to us? I ask this question not to be an accuser but to merely establish consistency when it comes to truth, fiction and the gray area.

If an individual gets tattoos that glorify Jesus does this cause him to be of the spirit of antiChrist?

Back in the 1990's there was a hardcore christian band called 'The Lead'. One of the guitarists in the band said he used to be a satanist and had tattooed a picture of a devil on my left upper arm. When he became a christian he wanted the devil off but instead of taking it off he added to it. He had a picture of Jesus face with a crown of thorns placed about the devil head along with the hand of Jesus over the devil head along with 2 angels on either side of the devil head with images of keys for death and hell. It was his way of telling the gospel story on his body since he couldn't get rid of the devil head. This guy has used the tattoos to tell people about his life story and how Jesus saved his soul. How does this reflect between the OT and the NT.

John

**Re: - posted by a-servant, on: 2013/1/5 22:24**

"If an individual gets tattoos that glorify Jesus does this cause him to be of the spirit of antiChrist?"

No it doesn't cause it, it shows that that person is part of a culture of graven images.

To assume that any body tattoo could possibly glorify Jesus is part of a spiritual confusion and the result of a lack of spiritual guidance.

Also, a body image, signature or stamp on a body signifies also ownership, the last stamp of ownership in that series will be the mark of the beast, for what the current youth now gets conditioned to accept, in steps.

God the Father tries to save us from that conditioning and also from receiving that final "tattoo" or mark. But we still have to choose to either believe Him, or the understanding of the culture of graven images.

**Re: , on: 2013/1/6 21:35**

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Psalm 119:65-72

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You are good and what you do is good;  
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Though the arrogant have smeared me with lies,  
I keep your precepts with all my heart.  
Their hearts are callous and unfeeling,  
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The law from your mouth is more precious to me  
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