

THE NEW TESTAMENTS TRUE FREEDOM

I would like to start out with Hebrews **8:6-13**;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Vs.13 in that he saith, a new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

In Hebrews **8:6** I want to point out the words better promises. A promise is a promise, isn't it? If God promised us blessings under the law, and we know that he did, what would qualify the word "**BETTER**" in the new covenant. I plan to study how the new covenant qualifies as "**BETTER PROMISES**".

In Hebrews **8:9** God clearly states that the **New covenant** would "**NOT**" be according to the old covenant.

In Hebrews **8:12** for I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

Paul say's God's mercy to our unrighteousness is **GIVING** us freely the righteousness of his son Jesus without any works on our part whatsoever!! He then continues and says, "**Their sins and iniquities will I remember NO MORE**" .

Just these two verses indicate our need to start studying this subject out in depth to find out exactly what Christ Jesus brought for us and how it applies to our lives on a daily basis. I would like to point out that there is a definite difference between the OLD and NEW Covenants as stated here in Hebrews **8:6-13**, and just what those differences are and how they apply to us.

If this is a New Covenant, and it is, what does it contain?

How is this New Covenant different from the Old?

What were our responsibilities under the Old Covenant?

What were Gods responsibilities under the Old Covenant?

What provisions did the Old Covenant contain for me?

What are the conditions and terms of this New Covenant?

What are my responsibilities under the New Covenant?

What are Gods responsibilities under the New Covenant?

What provisions are in the New Covenant?

What parts of the Old Covenant passed away, if any?

What parts of the Old Covenant remain, if any?

In over 20 years as a Christian I have never heard much discussion regarding circumcision, eating or not eating certain foods, or other such matters from the old covenant. I have however heard from the pulpits around the world the teachings regarding the Tithe. The Tithe seems to be a central issue of which most churches agree on, it breaks through all denominational barriers. It does not matter if you're Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, Word of Faith, Pentecostal, or whatever, they almost all agree on the doctrine of Tithing.

Since this is an issue that almost all churches agree on we need to examine the Tithe to see just what it is and just what it isn't in order for us to get the promises of God flowing into our lives. After all we have all heard that God will not bless those who are robbing him, so lets see what God himself say's concerning the Tithe. Many of us have also heard that our attitude towards our money is in direct relationship with God's response towards us.

Lets turn back to the book of Deuteronomy **28:1-14** first, and then **15-68** and let us examine the conditions for blessings and curses as outlined by God himself. Please read them for yourself. Notice that verses **1-14** are conditional. They are based on, **IF** you observe and **DO ALL** his commandments this day, THEN the blessing. Verses **15-68** are the other end of the condition **IF** you **FAIL** to observe to do all of his commandments **and his statutes** then all of the following curses of the next 52 verses come upon you.

Isaiah **1:19** says; If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.

Now for the most taught verses in the scriptures regarding the Tithe, Malachi chapter **3** verses **8-11**:

Vs. 8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In Tithes and Offerings.

Vs. 9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me even this whole nation.

Vs.10 Bring ye all the Tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Vs.11 and I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.

None of us want to be a "God robber" as has been preached to some of us. Some of us have been told that we have been driving stolen cars, because we have been able to afford them with the money which we have robbed from God by not Tithing.

Some have been told that we must first take care of the man of God in order for our blessings to come. If the Pastor has a new home then you can get a new home. If the Pastor drives a new car then you can drive a new car. If the Pastor gets a swimming pool then you can get a swimming pool and so on, and so on. Some have been told when questioning, "Why aren't our blessings coming" that we must be robbing God and that we need to bring the Tithe back into God's storehouse. Some have been taught to Tithe off the gross income. Some have been taught that even if we are Tithing and not giving offerings that this will hold up our breakthrough blessing. The list goes on, and on, and on, and on! Well lets find out what God's Holy and unchanging word has to say on the subject. Lets turn to Galatians **3:10**,

Vs.10 For as many as are of the works of the law are **under the curse**: for it is written, cursed is every one that **continueth not** in **ALL** things which are written in the book of the law to **DO** them. **WOW!**

Could we be doing the works of the law when it comes to Tithing? Let's see. Let's go to Galatians **5:3-4**

Vs. 3 for I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that **he is a debtor to do the whole law**.

Vs. 4 Christ is **become** of **NO** effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are **fallen** from Grace.

These scriptures are clear, if we do **any** one part of the law we are debtors to do the whole law!

NOTICE: It does not say except for Tithing because Tithing was before the law. **Tithing was not excluded by Paul**. Paul says that Christ has **BECOME** of **NO EFFECT!!** Ye are **FALLEN** from **GRACE!**

These two verse are enough to make us stop and question whether or not we might be operating under the law in the area of Tithing. We have also all been taught that Tithing was before the law so therefore it (Tithing) made it through the cross. Well let's examine this for ourselves using God's Pure and Holy Word to help us see how God views this subject. Galatians **3:13-14**

Vs. 13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree;

Vs. 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come on the gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

We have been **REDEEMED** from the curse of **THE LAW**, that the **BLESSINGS** of "WHO", Abraham might come on us. We have been **REDEEMED** from the curse of the **LAW**. Why didn't this verse continue on and say, "that the blessings of the law might come upon us"? Verse **13** identifies that the curse is attached to the law. Verse **14** takes us **Backwards** from the law **430 years** to the **Blessings of Abraham**. I think that we need to go back to see what was contained in Abraham's blessings and what the conditions were that God placed on him. But before doing that we need to go back to the first 3 Covenants that God made with man leading up to the Abrahamic Covenant talked about in Galatians Chapter 3 so as not to leave any stone unturned.

Covenant One, Edenic, found in Genesis 1:28-29

In this Covenant God promised to;

1. Bless them
2. They were to be fruitful
3. They were to multiply
4. They were to replenish the earth
5. They were to have dominion over all living creators
6. They could eat of every herb bearing seed
7. They could eat of every tree which yielded seeds

Only restriction under this Covenant

1. Do not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

NOWHERE IS TITHING EVER MENTIONED!

Covenant Two, Adamic, Genesis 2:14

The following was contained in the Covenant;

1. God cursed Satan
2. God put enmity between Satan's seed and the Woman's seed
3. God was going to greatly multiply the Woman's sorrow.
4. The husband was now given the headship over the Woman
5. (Vs. 17) Because Adam listened to Eve the ground was now cursed.
6. Sorrow would now fill all man's days on the earth.
7. The products of labor would be thorns and thistles.
8. Now they could only eat the herb of the field.
9. Hard labor
10. Death entered in.
11. They were banished from the garden.

AGAIN, NOWHERE IS TITHING EVER MENTIONED!

NOTICE; **What Entered in now, DEATH, HARD LABOR, MALE HEADSHIP, CURSED GROUND, SORROW.**

Many Pastors say that Adam and Eve taught Cain and Able to Tithe and point out Genesis **4:3-7** as their text. However if we examine this closely we will find out just exactly what it does say;

Vs. 3 and in the process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground **an offering** unto the Lord.

Vs. 4 and Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock an of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Able and to

His **offering**.

Vs. 5 but unto Cain and to his **Offering** he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

Vs. 6 and the Lord said unto Cain, why art thou wroth? And why is thy countenance fallen?

Vs. 7 **IF** thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? And **IF** thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door and unto thee shall be his

desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

Cain and Able both gave God **offerings, NOT TITHES!** Could it be that God inspired both brothers to **OFFER** a certain amount and Cain gave less than he was being inspired to give. And could it be that Able obeyed the inspiration upon his heart. It seems the intelligent conclusion to come to here only because in Vs. 7 God tells Cain; “**IF** thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?” God is not partial, is he? If Cain just gave God an offering out of the goodness of his heart and his love for God how could a loving God not accept that type of an offering? God would have loved that type of an offering and would have received it with open arms. The need for God to correct Cain here in Vs. 7 indicates that Cain disobeyed what he was instructed or inspired to give. Therefore that explains why his offering was rejected!

Covenant Three, Noahic, Genesis 9

1. God blessed Noah
2. He told him to be fruitful
3. He told him to multiply.
4. He told him to replenish the earth.
5. Now instead of dominion over the animals man was going to have fear over the animals.
6. Every moving thing was now for food.
7. Now the green herb, which before was only for the animals was now for man also.
8. You could not eat flesh.
9. God put man in charge of himself, (Accountability)
10. Animals could now snuff out a life, or a human could.
11. Revenge for Murder.
12. Promise of no more flood to destroy (only) all flesh.
13. Sign of the Rainbow.

NOWHERE IS TITHING MENTIOND STILL!

Please note all the changes between the first, second and third covenants.

Now let's focus in on the fourth covenant where we were wondering why in Galatians **3:13-14** God went backwards 430 years to Abraham's blessings rather than the blessings contained in the law.

Covenant Four, Abrahamic, Genesis 12

1. God promised to make Abraham a great nation
2. God promised Abraham unconditional and all encompassing blessings.
3. His name would be great.
4. He would be a blessing.
5. God would bless all who blessed Abraham.
6. God would curse all who cursed Abraham.
7. In Abraham all the families of the earth would now be blessed.
8. Abraham's seed would be innumerable.
9. God promised Abraham's seed the land.
10. God promised him Isaac.
11. God promised to be Abraham's shield.
12. God promised to be Abraham's **Great reward.**
13. All of this was then sealed by the sign of circumcision.

NOWHERE IS TITHING MENTIONED

**NOTICE THAT NOWHERE DO YOU FIND THE WORDS, “ONLY IF YOU PAY YOUR TITHES ABRAHAM”
NOWHERE DO YOU FIND THE WORDS, “I WILL BLESS YOU ABRAHAM ONLY IF YOU OBSERVE TO DO
ALL MY COMMANDS”.**

NOWHERE DO YOU FIND “ANY” COMMANDS.

**NOWHERE DO YOU FIND THE WORDS, “IF YOU DO NOT OBEY MY VOICE I WILL CUT OFF YOUR
BLESSINGS”.**

**ABRAHAM'S BLESSINGS ARE TOTALLY UNCONDITIONAL AND ARE NOT BASED ON ANY
PERFORMANCE, OR LACK OF PERFORMANCE ON HIS PART. THEY ARE TOTALLY OUT OF THE LOVE OF
GOD. ABRAHAM'S PART WAS TO “ONLY BELIEVE IT”**

“FAITH”!! GLORY TO GOD!!!

Now lets take a look at what Christ has redeemed us from as stated in Galatians **3:13**, “The curse of the law”

Covenant Five, Mosaic, The Law Exodus 19:1 through 31:18, Leviticus 1:1 through 27:34, Deuteronomy 6:1 through 28:68

1. Setting up the beginning of the law **Exodus** 19:1-25
2. Giving of the 10 commandments 20:1-26
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3. Judgements concerning Masters and servants **Exodus** 21:1-11
4. Judgements concerning injuries to people 21:12-36
5. Judgements concerning property 22:1-15
6. Judgements concerning moral injuries 22:16 to 23:19
7. Instruction for conquest 23:20-33
8. The ordinances of the law 24:12-18
9. The Tabernacle materials 25:1-9
10. “ Ark 25:10-22
11. “ Table of shewbread 25:23-30

12.	“	Golden candlestick	25:31-40
13.	“	Curtains	26:1-14
14.	“	Boards	26:15-30
15.	“	Inner veil	26:31-37
16.	“	Brass alter	27:1-8
17.	“	Court	27:9-19
18.	“	Oil for light	27:20-21
19.		High Priests garments	28:4-39
20.		Garments for the Priests	28:40-43
21.		Consecration of the Priests	29:1-9
22.		The Offerings	29:10-37
23.		Morning and evening sacrifices	29:38-46
24.		Alter of incense	30:1-10
25.		Ransom money	30:11-16
26.		The Cleansing	30:17-38
27.		Workmen for the Tabernacle	31:1-11
28.		Sign of the Sabbath	31:12-18
1.		Burnt offerings	Leviticus 1:1-17
2.		Meat offerings	2:1-16
3.		Peace offerings	3:1-17
4.		Sin offerings	4:1-35
5.		Trespass offerings	5:1 to 6:8
6.		Laws of offering	6:9 to 7:38
7.		The laws of the Priests	8:1-36
8.		Law of Purity of food	11:1-47
9.		Law of Purity of Motherhood	12:1-8
10.		Law of Purity of Leprosy	13:1-59
11.		Cleansing of Leprosy	14:1-57
12.		Law of cleanliness	15:1-33
13.		Law of the day of Atonement	16:1-34
14.		Law of Sacrifices	17:1-16
15.		Law of Human relationships	18:1 to 21:24
16.		Separation of the Priests	22:1-16
17.		Sacrifices must be perfect (Type of the Lord)	22:17-33
18.		Law of Feasts	23:1-44
19.		Oil for the Holy place	24:1-4
20.		The Shewbread	24:5-9
21.		Penalty of Blasphemy	24:10-23
22.		Law of the land (Sabbath Day)	25:1-7
23.		Year of Jubilee	25:8-24
24.		Law for treating the poor kindly	25:25-46
25.		Law of Redemption	25:47-55
26.		Conditions of Blessings	26:1-46
27.		Law of vows	27:1-34
1.		The summary of the law	Deuteronomy 6
2.		Command for separation repeated	7
3.		Reminder of God’s Care	8:1-4
4.		Blessings promised in the land	8:5-10
5.		Warning against worshipping false god’s	8:11-20
6.		Warning against self-righteousness	9:1-22
7.		Sin of unbelief	9:23-29
8.		Preservation of the new tables of the law	10:1-5
9.		Reminder of duty to God	10:12-22
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10.		Israel’s reward for obedience	Deuteronomy 11:18-25
11.		A blessing and curse set before Israel	11:26-32
12.		One place of Worship, chosen by God	12:1-32
13.		Warning about false prophets	13:1-18
14.		Food for Israel	14:1-21
15.		Tithe to be given unto the Lord	14:22-29
16.		Debts to be cancelled	15:1-6
17.		Poor to be cared for	15:7-11
18.		Hebrew slaves to be released	15:12-15
19.		The permanent slave	15:16-18
20.		Firstlings to be dedicated to God	15:19-23
21.		Passover to be kept	16:1-8

22. Feast weeks at Pentecost	16:9-12
23. Feast of Tabernacles	16:13-17
24. Judges to judge fairly	16:18-20
25. Groves and Images forbidden	16:21-22
26. Offering must be perfect, (Malachi 1:6-8)	17:1
27. Idolaters to be stoned	17:2-13
28. Instructions for future Kings	17:14-20
29. The portion of the Priests and Levites	18:1-8
30. Heathen practices forbidden	18:9-14
31. The true prophet foretold	18:15-19
32. A test for false prophets	18:20-22
33. The cities of refuge	19:1-13
34. Landmarks not to be removed	19:14
35. The law of two witnesses	19:15-21
36. Rules for warfare	20:1-20
37. Rules for unsolved murder	21:1-9
38. Marriage of captive Women	21:10-17
39. Treatment of a disobedient son	21:18-23
40. Various laws (22 laws in these 2 Chapters)	22:1 to 23:25
41. Law of divorce	24:1-4
42. Various laws (13 laws in these 2 Chapters)	24:5 to 25:16
43. Firstfruits	26:1-11
44. Prayer	26:12-15
45. The Promise	26:16-19
46. Blessings and curses	27:9-20
47. Conditions of blessings	28:1-14
48. Results of disobedience	28:15-68

Covenant Six, Palestinian, (Added to the 5th as an amendment)

1. Warning against unbelief	Deuteronomy	29:18-29
2. Terms of the Covenant		30:1-10
3. Final warning and appeal		30:11-20
4. To the Priests		31:9-13
5. A last warning from God himself		31:14-21
6. To the Levites		31:22-30

I want to list some of the curses found in the book of Deuteronomy 27 and 28.

Curses as listed in the Word of God

1. Cursed be the man that maketh any graven image	Deuteronomy	27:15
2. Cursed be the man that maketh any molten image		27:15
3. Cursed be he that setteth light (despises) his Father		27:16
4. Cursed be he that setteth light (despises) his Mother		27:16
5. Cursed be he that removeth his neighbors landmark		27:17
6. Cursed be he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way		27:18
7. Cursed be he that perverteth the judgement of the stranger		27:19
8. Cursed be he that perverteth the judgement of the Fatherless		27:19
9. Cursed be he that perverteth the judgement of the widow		27:19
10. Cursed be he that lieth with his Fathers wife		27:20
11. Cursed be he that lieth with any manner of beast		27:21
12. Cursed be he that lieth with his sister		27:22
13. Cursed be he that lieth with his Mother in law		27:23
14. Cursed be he that smiteth his neighbor secretly		27:24

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15. Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person		27:25
16. Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them		27:26
17. Cursed shalt thou be in the city		28:16
18. Cursed shalt thou be in the field		28:16
19. Cursed shalt be thy basket		28:17
20. Cursed shalt be thy store		28:17
21. Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body		28:18
22. Cursed shall be the fruit of thy land		28:18
23. Cursed shall be the increase of thy kine		28:18
24. Cursed shall be thy flocks of sheep		28:18
25. Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in		28:19
26. Cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out		28:19

A short list from Deuteronomy of more curse's

1. Cursing
2. Vexation

3. Rebuke
4. Pestilence
5. Fever
6. Inflammation
7. Extreme burning
8. Blasting
9. Mildew
10. Botch
11. Emerods
12. Scab
13. Itch
14. Madness
15. Blindness
16. Astonishment of heart
17. Hunger
18. Thirst
19. Nakedness
20. Yoke of iron
21. Plagues
22. Plagues of thy seed
23. Great plagues
24. Sore sicknesses
25. Every sickness
26. Every disease
27. **And every other plague, disease, or sickness which is not even written in this book of the law Deuteronomy 28:61**

Wow! That is enough to depress anyone.

Well, **Finally we find Tithing mentioned.**

Okay, now that I have gotten my introduction out of the way, let's get it on.

Let's find out if we have unknowingly been sowing Law Principles. We need to first study out what Bible Tithing is and by doing this we can also find out what Tithing is not.

The first thing that caught my attention was the fact that the word Tithing is only mentioned 30 times. You would think that **if** this Tithing issue was to be as all important as we have been taught and led to believe, that God would have spent more time instructing us more fully in it rather than being so vague. After all this subject concerns our futures.

Bible Tithing According to God's Holy Word

1. Genesis **14:20** and blessed be the most High God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him Tithes of all.

This is where Abraham decided to give Melchisedec a Tithing of the "spoils of war". If Abraham was doing what was required of him there would be no need whatsoever for this act to be mentioned because it would have been a given that Abraham would have just done his duty. The mere fact that this is mentioned at all is an evident sign that Abraham decided to bless Melchisedec out of the inspiration of his heart. Not out of the letter of a commandment which is nowhere to be found up until this point. It just so happened that what Abraham decided to give was a tenth of what he had won in war and man has made a doctrine out of this incident.

2. Leviticus **27:30-32**. **Vs. 30** and all the Tithing of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is Holy unto the Lord.

Vs. 31 and if a man will at all redeem ought of his Tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof.

Vs. 32 and concerning the Tithing of the herd, or of the flock, even of what so ever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be Holy unto the Lord.

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Vs. 31 is very interesting and important to us, it says that if you redeem the Tithing and turn it into money you then owe God **30%**. (Quote; "He shall add thereto the **FIFTH** part thereof"). One fifth of one hundred percent is twenty percent. God said that you were to take the twenty- percent and add that to the ten percent which now totals thirty percent and then give that. Numbers **18:24,26,28**.

Vs. 24 but the Tithes of the children of Israel, which they shall offer as an heave offering unto the Lord, I have given to the Levites to inherit: Therefore I have said unto them, among the children of Israel they shall have no Inheritance.

Vs. 26 Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, when ye **TAKE** of the children of Israel the Tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave offering of it for the Lord, even a tenth part of the Tithing.

Vs. 28 Thus ye also shall offer an heave offering unto the Lord of all your Tithes, which ye receive of the children of Israel; and ye shall give thereof the Lord's heave offering to Aaron the Priest.

I would like to point out a few things here from Numbers.

- A. **Vs. 24** The Tithing was their (the Levites) inheritance.
- B. **Vs. 26** They too were to pay their Tithes
- C. **Vs. 28** Their offerings were to go to Aaron the Priest.

I like to stop and point things out like this so we can keep things in their proper perspective. Deuteronomy **12:6, 17**

Vs. 6 And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks.

Vs. 17 Thou mayest **NOT** eat within thy gates the Tithes of thy corn, or of thy wine, or of thy oil, or the firstlings of thy herds or of thy flock, nor any of thy vows which thou vowest, nor thy freewill offerings, or heave offering of thine hand:

Following verses **5-7** God is describing the one place of worship that he himself would choose and that they were to (**Vs. 6**) bring all of the offerings and Tithes where he chose. In verse **17** God is telling the people that they could not eat the Tithes within their own gates (homes) in verse **18** God says that they were to eat their Tithes in the place he chooses.

Deuteronomy **14:22,23, & 28** speak about the Tithes. We will look at verse **22-28** completely.

Vs. 22 Thou shalt truly Tithes all the increase of thy seed that the field bringeth forth year by year.

Vs. 23 and thou shalt eat before the Lord thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the Tithes of thy Corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the Lord thy God always.

Vs. 24 and if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it; or if the place be too far from thee, which the Lord thy God shall choose to set his name there, when the Lord thy God hath blessed thee;

Vs. 25 then shalt thou turn it into money, and bind up the money in thine hand, and shalt go unto the place which the Lord thy God shall choose;

Vs. 26 and thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul desireth: And thou shalt eat there before the Lord thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thine household.

Vs. 27 and the Levite that is within thy gates, thou shalt not forsake him; for he hath no part nor inheritance with thee.

Vs. 28 At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the Tithes of thine **increase** the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates:

Verse **26** is the most shocking verse that I have ever read in the word of God. God is telling the people that if they turn their Tithes into money to then bring that money to the place that he has chosen and then buy whatever they either lust after or desire. Whether strong drink or oxen or wine or whatever! Shocking! Then he tells the people to party in his presence with their Tithes that they had turned into money.

Deuteronomy **26:12**

Vs. 12 When thou hast made an end of Tithing all the Tithes of thine increase the third year, which is the year of Tithing, and hast given it unto the Levite, the stranger, the Fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled;

This verse is dealing with the third year Tithes. Now onto **2nd** Chronicles **31:5-6**

Vs. 5 and as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of corn, wine and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the Tithes of all things brought they in abundantly.

Vs. 6 and concerning the children of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the Tithes of oxen and sheep, and the Tithes of Holy things which were consecrated unto the Lord their God, and laid them by heaps.

Notice that the Tithes again is corn, oil, wine, (now) honey, the increase of the field, oxen, sheep, and Holy things, **not money**. Nehemiah **10:37-38 and 12:44 and 13:5 & 12**

Vs. 37 and that we should bring the firstfruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the Priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the Tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the Tithes in all the cities of our tillage.

Vs. 38 and the Priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites **take** tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the Tithes of the Tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure house.

The tithes in verse **37** is again of the ground and in verse **38** the Levites are again told to Tithes of the Tithes.

Vs. 44 and at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the Tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the Priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the Priests and for the Levites that waited.

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This is not only interesting but important for us to dig into a little deeper. God says to appoint people over the following areas;

A. The Treasures B. The Offerings C. The Firstfruits D. The Tithes. I find it very interesting that the treasury is different than the Tithes, they each have a different purpose. They are two separate things. The word that is translated treasures in the Hebrew is the word; **Otsaw**, and means **Armory or Depository**. Sounds like a bank where money is kept to me. The word that is translated offerings in the Hebrew is the word; **Ter-oo-maw**, and means, **Present or Gift**. **IF** the Tithes were money God would have put it all into the treasury wouldn't he have?

Vs. 5 and he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the Tithes of the corn, the new wine, and the oil, which was commanded to be given to the Levites, and the singers, and the porters; and the offerings of the Priest.

Vs. 12 Then brought all Judah the Tithes of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries.

The Tithes again is wine, oil, corn. The word that is translated treasury in Nehemiah **10:38** is not the same word as in **13:12** that word in Hebrew is **aw-tsar** and means, **storehouse**. Logic would confirm this anyway because who ever heard of putting corn, new wine or oil into a depository or an armory. Now to Amos **4:4**

Vs. 4 Come to Bethel, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning and your Tithes after three years.

Here again in this verse it is referring to the third year Tithes. Now Malachi **3:8 & 10**

Vs. 8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In Tithes and Offerings.

Vs. 10 Bring ye all the Tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Just a short comment here because we will be getting into this much deeper in a short while. Here God is charging the Priests and Levites of robbing him, not you and I, and then challenging them to obey him. The people could never rob God of offerings because offerings were never a demand of the law, they were of a freewill. Let's look at Matthew **23:23**

Vs. 23 Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay Tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, Judgement, Mercy, and Faith: These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other done.

Here Jesus is scolding the Scribes, Pharisees and the Hypocrites and states that they should have still paid their Tithes of mint, anise and cummin, but they totally ignored Judgement, Mercy, and FAITH! The word mint in Greek is the word; **Hay-doo-os-mon** and means, **A sweet scented plant**. The word anise in Greek is the word; **An'-ay-thon** and means, **A dill plant**. The word cummin in Greek is the word; **Koo'-min-on** and means **Dill or Funnel**, Funnel is in the Parsley family. So we can clearly see that once again the Tithe is NOT MONEY. This same story is also found in Luke **11:42**. Now Luke **18:12**.

Vs. 12 I fast twice a week, I give Tithes of all that I possess.

Here the word Tithe is used in a story about this hypocrite bragging about how Holy he was just because he Tithed, But Jesus was showing us that this did not impress God. God looks at the attitude of the heart! Remember that this is only a parable for us to compare our heart attitude with. On to Hebrews **7:5, 6, 8, & 9**

Vs. 5 and verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who received the office of the Priesthood, have a commandment to take Tithes of the people **according to the law**, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:

Vs. 6 But he whose descent is not counted from them received Tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the **Promises**.

Vs. 8 and here men that die receive Tithes; But there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.

Vs. 9 and as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth Tithes, paid Tithes in Abraham.

I would strongly suggest stopping for a minute to read Chapters 5, 6, and 7 in there entirety so as to get the fullness of the meaning out of these verses.

Paul is referring to the Priesthood and the fact that Jesus' Priesthood was fashioned after the same one as Melchisedec's. In this story Paul mentions the Tithe. The simple fact that Paul mentions the Tithe at all is evidence that this was not something that was required of Abraham but is in fact evidence that Abraham giving him anything impressed Melchisedec because this great man (Abraham) gave him a Tithe of the spoils of war. I want to stress this point Abraham's Tithe was from **"the spoils of war"**. No where else in scripture does it ever mention Tithing concerning Abraham.

You would think that if this was to be the central most key issue, which all church denominations agree upon, and it was to be before the law, during the law, and after the law that God would have spent a whole lot more time detailing the importance of Tithing out for us to live by, wouldn't you? God spent a lot more time detailing out the temple, and all that goes into it than he did on this **supposedly** all-important issue of Tithing.

Already we should be seeing a problem with what we were either taught or thought the Tithe was.

If it's money, it must be **30%**. If it's corn, oil, wine, etc., then it's **10%**. The Tithe (**10%**) is only for farmers.

So we now should see and agree that the Tithe, if money is **30%** and that if we have been giving **10%** we have been shorting God **20%** all along. Which under the law of Tithing brings a curse into our lives and our families.

We should now find out if it is possible that we may have been ignorantly operating under the law even though none of us holds to the law. What we think does not mean a darn thing when it comes to laws if we violate law principles. You may not think that putting your finger into a light socket will harm you, however when you put your finger into the light socket the LAW takes over. The law does not stop and say, well Suzie homemaker does not believe that this will shock her so we are bound by what she believes. No, No, No, the LAW of electricity says **ZAP!** Law supercedes Belief. So lets see if the law of Tithing has tied us into being **"Debtors to do the whole law"** as Paul stated in Galatians **3:10** and also in **5:3-4**. Now if it has let's find out how this all came about and what we need to do to free ourselves to walk in the freedom that Christ died for. Malachi **3:8-11**

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Have been some of the most quoted verses in all of scripture that have been read prior to taking an offering. Let's examine Malachi **3:8-10** very closely and in-depth for ourselves using God's Holy Word as our guide.

Vs. 8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In Tithes and Offerings.

WAIT A MINUTE! Verse **8** say's that God was robbed of Tithes and offerings. Offerings are freewill. Oh, something is not right here. Who is God talking to? **The Priests!** You can not rob someone of something unless it was theirs in the first place, can you? So once the people paid their Tithes and gave offerings it was God's. After it was God's someone robbed him of them. To prove this out let's turn to Malachi **1:7-8**

Vs. 7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine Altar, and ye say, wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, the table of the Lord is contemptible.

Vs. 8 and if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? Offer it now unto thy Governor: will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? Saith the Lord of Hosts.

The Priests were taking the good healthy offerings and replacing them with the blind, the lame and the sick. So that is why God says that He was being robbed in Tithes and Offerings. You see these animals were brought to the temple from the people to cover certain sins and the Priests did not offer them up to God, they instead replaced these animals with the rejected one's from their own flocks. Watch here what I'm going to point out to you in verse **9** of chapter **3**.

Vs. 9 Ye are cursed **with** a curse: for ye have robbed me, **even** this whole nation.

The common people were cursed whenever they were disobedient as stated in Deuteronomy **28:15-68** as we studied out earlier. Here it say's that they are cursed with a curse because God is talking to the Priests, because they robbed God and they robbed the whole nation. The nation was robbed of right standing with God because polluted offerings were sent up and rejected by God so the people's sin remained uncovered. If the italicized word **EVEN** were **AND** it would clear up this verse; (Remember that man put in the italicized words) verse **9** again,

Vs. 9 ye are cursed with a curse for ye have robbed me **and** this whole nation.

By not offering the proper sacrifices upon the Altars the people's sins remained. This is why they also were Cursed **with** a Curse. This is also how they robbed **even** this whole nation. Remember Paul said that the blood of goats and other sacrifices was not able to completely take away sins because it was not sufficient enough and that is why God sent Jesus so there would be no need for the yearly sacrifices. That is why during the reign of the old covenant Priesthood it was vitally important for those Priests to offer up correct covering sacrifices for the sins of the people. This is why they were cursed **with** a curse for, number one, Robbing God, and number two, Robbing the whole nation of Israel.

Remember God is not going to talk to his people Israel or the Priests again (for our record of the Bible) for 400 years, so He is giving the Priests a strong warning here through Malachi about the cause and effect of their sin in robbing Him, and letting them know that he holds them and them alone totally accountable for their actions. Notice in Malachi **3:1-3**

Vs. 1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of Hosts.

Vs. 2 But who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth? For he is like a fuller's soap.

Vs. 3 and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

God is warning them that before you know it, and without further warning **Jesus** will be in your midst. Notice also that Jesus is going to refine and purify the son's of Levi, the Priesthood. This is why further in the chapter he exposes their sin of robbing him and the whole nation. Then God commands the Priests to bring back the Tithe into his storehouse and to prove him and then he will rebuke the devourer.

Vs. 10 Bring ye all the Tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Why did God only ask for the Tithe to be put back and not the offering. I mean just a few sentences back he charged the Priests of robbing him of Tithes **and** offerings, so why is he only asking them to bring back the Tithe. **The Priests must have already eaten the offerings, huh!** Notice also that God asked for the Tithe to be put into the **storehouse** not the **treasury**. The widows **2** mites in Mark **12:41-42**, were cast into the **Treasury** not the **storehouse**. Interesting, isn't it?

Let's do another short review here so we can keep our focus clear as we continue.

The Tithe is corn, oil, new wine, oxen and things like that. When money is to be given in place of the Tithe items it is to be **30%** not the **10%** that is being preached today. There are also 4 different areas that are to be watched over **A.** The Treasury, **B.** The Offerings, **C.** The Firstfruits, **D.** The Storehouse. If God has you bring your Tithe to far to the place he chooses for worship and you turn that Tithe into money then you are to buy "**whatever your soul lust's after**", oxen, sheep, wine, **strong drink**, and then **Party!** In Malachi **3:8-11** God is talking to the Priest not the people. It seems like the formula's that we were all taught at one time or another for Tithing are now some what weakened. We have been told that today the Tithe is money because back then everyone was into farming, so we use the **10%** rule on Tithing for money today. After all the medium of exchange was different back then and it is the principle of the medium of exchange that God was talking about, So we have been told. Well God made it clear that even if the farmer turned his **10%** into money that he had to Triple that amount and make it **30%** so here again we may have been misinformed. I personally can not make myself to believe that God almighty, the Omni present and omnipotent one could not have known that the medium of exchange was going to be different during our lifetime here on earth. And if God did indeed know that the medium of exchange was going to be different during our life time

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how then could he not have made provisions for us, and make them clear to us instead of leaving us in such a state of confusion, seeing that God himself says that he is **not** the author of confusion in 1st Corinthians **14:33**. Well maybe, just maybe, God isn't confused, maybe those who have taught this message are sowing confusion and not God. Another problem is that we have **Believed** that we are on a "if I do right, I get Blessed" thought/believe wave, or a "if I do wrong I don't get Blessed" thought/believe wave. So when things don't go right we do self examinations to find out what part of the formulas are missing, what scripture did I forget to confess or believe, is there sin in my life causing this, is someone putting a curse on me, and so on and so on. By doing this type of a self examination we testify to the fact that we indeed believe that we will receive bad for not being in proper order or standing with God. We really do believe like in Deuteronomy **28:1-68**. If we are obedient we will receive our blessings and if we are disobedient we will receive a curse, that is a **Law Mentality**. Maybe now we can understand what Spiritual law we have been putting ourselves under. We have received just as we have believed! We have been told, as quoted to us, Isaiah **1:19** if you be willing and obedient you shall eat the good of the land. So if we aren't eating the good of the land we must be disobedient. You know, your sin is finding you out. **But what about the blood!!! Huh, what about that precious, precious blood that was shed at Calvary.** Well let's take a giant leap into the NEW COVENANT. What was all this excitement about over this **NEW COVENANT!**

THE OLD COVENANT PROVIDED;

ATONEMENT	FORGIVENESS	BLESSINGS	PROVISIONS	PROSPERITY	PEACE
RIGHTEOSNESS	PROTECTION	CLEANSING	JUSTIFICATION	REDEMPTION	HEALTH

The New Covenant provides the same things, so what is the difference?

THE NEW COVENANT PROVIDES;

1. The abolishing of the Law
2. Unconditional blessings and promises
3. The system of performance is now done away with
4. Total liberality and freedom
5. Access into God's Throne room at any time by your self
6. No more yearly sacrifices

7. Everlasting atonement

Glory to God!!!!

You want to know why there was so much turmoil over the Doctrine of the Apostles. A whole lot of people were going to lose their jobs or positions of authority in the temple as you will see very shortly here. Before continuing I would like to point out why I believe there was such an uproar amongst the Israelites over Jesus and the message that he brought which is why we are studying this all out in such depth.

STATEMENTS OF JESUS

1. Blessed are the poor in Spirit Matthew 5:3
2. Blessed are they that mourn 5:4
3. Blessed are the meek 5:5
4. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness 5:6
5. Blessed are the merciful 5:7
6. Blessed are the pure in heart 5:8
7. Blessed are the peacemakers 5:9
8. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake 5:10
9. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you
falsely, for my sake 5:11
10. Rejoice and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven 5:12
11. You are the salt of the earth 5:13
12. You are the light of the world 5:13
13. It hath been said thou shalt not kill, I say if your angry with your brother without a cause your in danger of the
judgement 5:21-26
14. It hath been said thou shalt not commit adultery, I say if you even look at a woman to lust after her you have
already committed adultery with her in you HEART 5:27-28
15. It hath been said whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement, I say whosoever
shall put away his wife except for fornication, causeth her to commit adultery. 5:31-32
16. It hath been said thou shalt not forswear (commit perjury) but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths. I say
unto you swear not at all by Heaven, earth, Jerusalem, or your head, but let your communication be yes, or no 5:33-37
17. It hath been said an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, I say turn your cheek, If they take away your coat give
them your cloke, if they ask you to go a mile go two 5:38-42
18. It hath been said love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy, I say love your enemy's, bless them that hate you, pray
for them which despitefully use you and persecute you 5:43-47
19. The law said to stone adulterers, Jesus said go and sin no more John 8:11
20. You were not to speak evil against God's anointed, Jesus openly corrected and exposed them to the people. Matt. 23:13-33
21. The Sabbath was a day of rest, Jesus healed on the Sabbath Matthew 12:10-14
22. God gave us 10 Commandments, Jesus gave us 2 22:34-40

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23. You have heard it said that thou shalt not kill, and whosoever shalt kill shall be in danger of the judgement, but
Jesus said that if you say to your brother RA-CA (worthless one) you are in danger of the counsel Matthew 5:21-22
24. If you say to your brother thou fool you shall be in danger of Hell Fire 5:22
25. If your right eye offends you pluck it out 5:29
26. If your right hand offends you cut it off 5:30
27. If you love them that love you what reward do you have, even the publicans do that 5:46
28. If you salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others, even the publicans do the same 5:47
29. Don't pray as the hypocrites; standing and praying in the Synagogues, and in the corners of the streets, that they
may be seen of men 6:5
30. When you fast don't do it like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces, that they may
appear unto men to fast 6:16
31. You can't serve God and money 6:24
32. Judge not that ye be not judged 7:1
33. Just simply ask God and it shall be given unto you 7:7
34. Whoever hears my sayings and does them has built his house upon a rock 7:24
35. Whoever hears my sayings and does not do them has built his house upon the sand and it will fall 7:26
36. Jesus pronounces 7 woe's on the Scribes and Pharisees 23:13-33
37. Jesus called himself the "I AM" John 8:51-59
38. Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn
of me. For I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my
burden is light. Matthew 11:28-30
39. Jesus cast out DEVILS
40. By thy words you will be justified or condemned Matthew 12:36-37
41. The traditions of the elders violate the commandments of God 15:3-6
42. Who ever will save his life will lose it. Who ever will lose his life for his sake will save it 16:24-27
43. What ever you bind on earth is bound in Heaven, what ever you loose on earth is loosed in Heaven 18:18-19
44. You must forgive 7 times 70 18:22
45. Sell all that you have and follow me 19:21

46. It's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to go to Heaven	19:23-24
47. Jesus raised the DEAD	
48. The first shall be last, and the last shall be first	19:30
49. If you tell a mountain to be cast into the sea it must obey you	21:21
50. Whatever you ask in prayer believing you will receive it	23:37
51. There will not be left one stone upon another in the temple	24:2
52. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, and this day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears	Luke 4:18-27
53. Woe unto the Rich	6:24
54. Woe unto the Full	6:25
55. Woe unto you who laugh now	6:25
56. Woe unto you when all men speak well of you	6:26
57. Take no thought for your life what you will, eat, drink or wear	12:22-35
58. I am come to send fire upon the earth	12:49
59. I am not come to send peace but rather division	12:51
60. When you make a dinner don't call your friends, brothers, cousins, or your rich neighbors who will invite you over also, but call the poor, the maimed, the lame, and the blind	14:12-14
61. If a person comes to me and hates not his Father, Mother, Wife, Children, Cousins, Sister and his own life, he can't be my disciple	14:26
62. The kingdom of God is within you	17:21
63. He turns water into wine	John 2:7-8
64. You must be born again	3:5-8
65. You must worship God in Spirit and in Truth	4:24
66. Jesus made himself equal with God	5:17-27
67. Search the scriptures for in them you think that you have eternal life and they are they which testify of me but you won't come unto me.	5:39-47
68. I am the bread of life	6:35-40
69. You must eat my flesh	6:43-51
70. You must drink my blood	6:53-58
71. If you thirst come to me and I will give you living water	7:37-38
72. I am the light of the world	8:12-19
73. Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free	8:31-32
74. You are of your father the Devil (said to the church leaders)	8:44
75. If a man keep my sayings he shall not taste death	8:51
76. Jesus opened the eyes of the blind	9:7-37

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77. The thief come not but for to steal, kill, and destroy, I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly.	John 10:10
78. I and my Father are one	10:31
79. I am the Resurrection and the Life	11:25-26

Jesus had to be one of two things, he had to be either the SON of the living GOD, or a complete lunatic. There is no medium ground here concerning Jesus. This mans teachings were whacked out to the Jews. Everything that they were teaching the people was being challenged by this Jesus. The way they interpreted the law, the customs they taught, the traditions they held, I mean EVERYTHING!

A lot like this teaching that I'm trying to get across to you. This teaching will expose the falseness of the Tithe for us today. It will expose that God unconditionally blesses us, and that we do in fact have total freedom in Christ Jesus.

I started off this teaching with Hebrews **8:6-13**, Let's see what else the rest of the new covenant has to say on the subject of law versus liberty and how God himself now views you and I under this new covenant, and how we are to be blessed. I have over 400 scripture verses dealing with the subject that we are going to introduce you to in a few moments. I want you to pay special attention to the **SHARP** contrasts that are being made from the law to the new covenant. Let's start out at Roman's **2:13**

Vs. 13 For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

Only the one's who kept the **whole law** (the doers) were justified by the law or through the law, or in the law. Roman's **3:21-22, 24-26**

Vs. 21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

Vs. 22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe; for there is no difference.

Why does Paul say in verse **21** but "**NOW**" the righteousness of God is manifested "**WITHOUT THE LAW**", maybe because something has changed from the old to the new!

Vs. 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

Vs. 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.

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

It's just like Abraham's descendents were blessed and made righteous because of his faith, so it is with us by the faith of Jesus.

We are all **freely justified and made righteous** now. Remember in Roman's **2:13** only the doers of the law were justified under the old covenant. By his Grace through **His Redemption**, Jesus also became our **Propitiation** for our **Remission of sins**.

In Hebrews **9:5** the same word used for propitiation here in Roman's **3:25** is translated "MERCY SEAT". The High Priest use to go into the presence of God once a year, the Holy of Holies, with the blood of sacrifices and he used to sprinkle the blood on

the Ark of the Covenant which was a picture of the Throne of God. That Throne would have been a Throne of judgement but **the blood** showed that someone had already been judged. So that same Throne became a Throne of Mercy. If the blood of animals turned the Throne of judgement into one of mercy under the law how much more does the blood of the only begotten son of the most High God Atone for our sins, and free us from the letter of the law. **Unless we unknowingly slip back into law principles.** It is important to remember that the old covenant was only a type and shadow of the new covenant. Just like a photograph of a house only shows what the house is like. The new covenant is like taking possession of the house with all the joy of a home. The Hebrews had been satisfied with the law which was just the shadow of Heavenly things. The new or better covenant which was based on better promises was very threatening to them in many ways and also exposed their manipulation and false ways. Let's move on to Roman's **4:4-5, 13, 22-25**

Vs. 4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of Grace, but of debt.

Vs. 5 but to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. We can try to work toward righteousness or we can, like Abraham, just receive it by believing it.

Vs. 13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Remember earlier we read Galatians **3:13 & 14** where Paul said that we are redeemed from the curse of the law. Then he in verse **14** took us backwards **430** years and said, so that the blessings of Abraham could, once again, come upon God's chosen seed. **Not via the law!!!** This point is very important because Abraham's blessings are unconditional, his righteousness is awarded to him out of God's goodness and love, it is not based on **anything he did at all other than believe.** This point is proved out here in verses **22-25**, let's continue.

Vs. 22 and therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. (the word imputed means "counted")

Vs. 23 now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

Vs. 24 but for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead.

Vs. 25 who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Verse **23** was not written to praise Abraham, but rather for us as a comparison to use when the law was done away with and God's blessings were going to return to the system that God used to bless Abraham. Verse **24** bares this out when Paul states that it was for us also if we believe. Verse **25** shows us that Jesus went to the cross because of our sins and was raised for **our justification**, not his, he was justified before he ever went to the cross. Now on to Roman's **5:1-2, 11, 13**

Vs. 1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Vs. 2 by whom also we have access by faith into this Grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Paul say's because of this justification we now have **Peace** with God. And we have accessed the grace/new covenant that we are standing in by **Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior.**

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Vs. 11 and not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received **the Atonement.** We **now** have received "**The Atonement**". Why didn't Paul just say Atonement? Because he was talking to the Israelites and they knew full well that there was a coming day when God the Father was going to send his only begotten son to make one final and lasting sacrifice for total Atonement once and for **all**, and Paul by saying "**The Atonement**" was signifying that Jesus was the son of God indeed and that this was the long awaited and promised Atonement!!

Vs. 13 for until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

This is a **POWERFULL STATEMENT! SIN IS "NOT" COUNTED WHEN THERE IS "NO LAW"! Glory to God, Hallelujah.** If the law is done away with, and it is, then this means that our sins are not counted against us any longer. I'm not talking about our past sins I'm talking about our daily sins. This means that God does not bless us according to us, our deeds, or lack of deeds any longer. He blesses us according to the finished work of Jesus. The old covenant had several different sacrifices for different categories of sins; purification, trespass offerings, sin offerings, burnt offering, drink offerings, and so on, and these covered all different areas. In all there are over ten different types of offerings in the law. Jesus **died once** for all. The many animal sacrifices could not do what the blood of Jesus alone did. So **now** sin is "**NOT**" counted (imputed) against us **just like before the law!** Before the law sin **could not** be held against the people. That's why the law was instituted so that the people would be held accountable for their actions. **Remember Galatians 3:13-14.** This is why Paul states in Galatians **5:13** not to use this new liberty as an occasion to the flesh! We will go into that a little later. Our sins today are not being held against us any longer. The system of blessing and curses is gone. I did not say that God did away with right and wrong. He did not. What I am saying is that how God deals with us has changed. It is not based on what we do or don't do now. Unless you still operate under the law principles or unless you believe that God rewards you according to you're actions, or stops blessing you according to your lack of actions. Paul is stating that how God deals with us has totally and completely changed forever! I personally had a hard time with this **awesome liberality** that God had exposed to me in his Holy word. What I mean by that is that I was so use to trying so hard to be good, in an effort to please God in order to get blessed that my mind could not comprehend how God could bless me even if I sinned, or forgot to pray, or study my word, or missed church, and so on, and yet bless me. It appeared to me that God then would be promoting sin. But how could that be? Paul addressed this issue in Roman's **6:1 & 2**, Paul knew that the possibility of abusing God's Grace could occur so he on several different occasions entered warnings. (We will go into this a little later also). One night while I was still struggling with this teaching being concerned that people would think that I was saying that it was okay if you sin because God will still bless you, (and he will), that I was promoting sin. God broke into my sleep and told me that he would indeed bless people regardless if they sinned or not but that although blessed you would still go to hell if you abused his Grace and used it for a occasion for selfishness, because he judges our actions and words. But your actions or words do not prevent the blessings and free promises of his, unless of course you believe that they will. Roman's **5:19-21 & 6:1-2,**

Vs. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be **made** righteous.

Vs. 20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, Grace did much more abound.

Vs. 21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might Grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ

our Lord.

Vs. 1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that Grace may abound?

Vs. 2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

See how Paul emphasizes that we are not suppose to sin just to prove that God's Grace is awesome. Our blessing don't stop. But don't abuse this Grace that we are all standing in just to prove it. We are **made** righteous, by the obedience of Christ Jesus (vs. 19). We do not become righteous, we are **made** righteous. There is a massive difference, one we do, the other is imputed/ counted as! **Vs. 20** Sin, by the law got exposed. But now the Grace of God to cover that sin covers it more that the law that exposed it. Glory to God. **Vs. 21** Sin reigned unto death, but now death is swallowed up in victory, 1st Corinthians **15:54**. Now Grace reigns **through** the righteousness of Jesus Christ, Oh Hallelujah. Did you get that, Grace now reigns in place of death, the law, through Jesus Christ' our righteousness. That gets me excited. Death, the Law, is replaced by Grace, Liberality, and Freedom. This unconditional provision of God's towards us is awesome. It **makes** us totally righteous in God's eyes. That's why Paul in Roman's **6:1-2** addresses the potential of abusing this Grace when he states; Shall we continue in sin, just to prove how powerful this Grace really is? **God Forbid!** Now Roman's **6:12-15**

Vs. 12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

Vs. 13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

Vs. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under Grace.

Vs. 15 What then? Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under Grace? **God Forbid.**

In verse **12** Paul tells us that **we** are not to allow sin to reign in our mortal bodies because it breeds lust. It is up to us to not allow sin into our lives, not God. We have the authority to stop all sin and disobedience in our own lives and believe me God will hold us accountable because he has given us the power to do so, **no excuses**. In verse **13** we are not to yield our members as instruments of unrighteousness. Again Paul puts the responsibility on us. It's like this, if I know how or what is right and do not do it, then I am totally accountable, It does not matter what my reasons are. Brother so and so offended me and I just can not forgive him. What we are saying when we act like this is that our situation is far too big for God to correct. Please give me a break. I would much rather you say, I' don't want to instead of passing the buck. And please stop telling people that you are a Christian. In verse **14** notice that Paul again clearly states that we are not under the law any longer, but we are rather under God's Grace. He did not say we are not under the law except for Tithing, did he? In verse **15** here again Paul say's just because

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you have this new found freedom does not mean that we should continue in sin just to prove how awesome God's Grace is, **no way! I keep stressing this point because I am "NOT" promoting sin.** This new covenant totally exposes the attitude of our hearts. Under the law we could never expose our heart. But under Grace God deals through our hearts. I heard it said once by a man of God like this; we may have a good thought in our mind and we may or may not follow that good thought. But if something is in our heart we will always follow it, good or bad. That's what this is all about, our Heart Attitude. Under the law there was no area for our heart to be shown, the law of Tithing was clear, all anyone had to do is just give the Tithe. Under Grace we are commanded to give as 2nd Corinthians **9:7** from our hearts.

Vs. 7 every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a Cheerful giver.

The word translated necessity here is the Greek word; **an-ang-kay'**, it means, constraint (literally or figuratively) by implication it means, distress, must needs, of necessity. Part of this word gets it's meaning from the Greek word; **an-ah'** which means, repetition, intensity, reversal, my interpretation, pressure. The last root meaning of this word **an-ang-kay'** and comes from the word **ang-kal'ay** and it means, to bend like an arm. So we can see Paul telling us that we are to be under **no pressure, distress, no twisting our arm, no one repeatedly constraining us intensely to give. How can you purpose in your heart if it's already been decided for you, like the Tithe.** The new covenant **frees our hearts** and takes us from the liability of the law to the responsibility of Grace/freedom. The story of the man who told his two sons to go into the field and work comes to mind here (Matthew **21:28-31**) where the Father told his sons to go into the field and work the one said okay Dad, I'll go, but he never did go. The other son said no way Dad, but after a while he went, whose heart was right? That's what I pointed out just a few paragraphs back. The same is true with us under Grace, we may say, yes Lord I love you and yet not do what love would do. Or we could, against our own selfish will, or desires, fight against our flesh, fear, or temptation, and out of love for our Lord **obey his will for our lives.** After all he knows the end from the beginning, it is all an issue of trust. If you can't obey or trust him this exposes your heart and if these problems exist in you it is in your best interest to get healed. In this story of the two sons both hearts were exposed. Where is your heart? Can you obey against your fears, doubts, and mind or do you need healing in order to trust God's will for your life? Roman's **7:1-4**

Vs. 1 Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law), how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth.

Vs. 2 for the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law of her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead she is loosed from the law of her husband.

Vs. 3 so then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

Vs. 4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

These verses are perfectly clear even to the ignorant and unlearned, because they are self-explanatory. Verse **1**, **the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth.** That means if you are **doing law practices, law principles own you!** Verse **2** you need to be **dead to the law by the body of Christ:** That we should **bring forth fruit** unto God. This implies that while in the law **you could not** bring forth fruit unto God. Because if you could bring forth fruit unto God **under the law,** Christ died for us to do exactly what we could have done before. Roman's **7:5-8;**

Vs. 5 for when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

Vs. 6 but now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in the newness of Spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.

Vs. 7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known lust, except the law had said, thou shalt not covet.

Vs. 8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead.

First off I need to point out that Paul in verse **5** states that; **when**, past tense, we **were**, again, past tense, in the flesh (law), it brought forth **fruit unto death**. We are to be **dead** to the motions of sins which **were** by the law. This indicates that we are not suppose to be operating under the motions of the law.

Are you starting to see some of the **sharp contrasts** from the old covenant to this new covenant?

Verse **6** **Now we are delivered from the law, wherein we were held**. So that we can live in the **newness of Spirit, NOT** in the **oldness of the letter, the law!!** Paul is cutting right through the heart of the law, he is hitting hard here, but making it perfectly clear that you are either operating **under the law** or in the **newness of the Spirit**. James **1:8** says; A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. Could we maybe considered double minded when it comes to operating out of both **the law** and **Grace**? We may claim not to hold to the law, while waiting for the promises of the new covenant, all the time wondering why we are not getting the promised blessings in the new covenant. It could be because we are under the principals of **the law**. Remember we are still talking about **Tithing**, is it law or not. Verse **7** Don't forget, as I pointed out earlier, sin became sin **by the law** and now the people could be held accountable for their actions. Before **the law** the people were under the Abrahamic covenant. Their actions had to be dealt with so God instituted the law **until** his only begotten son should come. Paul is not saying that the law was not Holy or ordained by God. He is saying that it was Holy and ordained by God for its time, but its time has passed. Watch what Paul points out in verse **8**, **without the law sin was dead!!!** Could it be under Christ, now that the law is done away with, that sin **again** is dead? Meaning that as Galatians **3:13-14** state;

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Vs. 13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is everyone that hangeth on at tree.

Vs. 14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

We are back to **unconditional** blessings. Sounds that way, doesn't it? What other doctrine could have possible ignited 3,000 people on the day of Pentecost, and 5,000 people a few days later. What other doctrine would compel people to sell **all** that they have and **give** it away. **FREEDOM – TOTAL FREEDOM – FREE FAVORS FROM GOD – UNCONDITIONAL BLESSINGS – RESTORATION AND RECONCILIATION TO GOD. OH HALLELUJAH, GLORY TO GOD!!!!!!!!!!!!**
Roman's **7:14, 16, 22**

Vs. 14 for we know that the law is Spiritual; but I am carnal, sold under sin.

Vs. 16 if then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.

Vs. 22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

God has always desired that our obedience would spring forth from our hearts even under the law. However our sinful natures proved the need for the law. God then instituted the law in an effort to hold his chosen people in check until the true redeemer would come and truly set the people free. In verse **22** Paul now **delights** after the law of the inward man, **Jesus Christ**. Remember this is Saul the zealot, who now is Paul. He made a 180-degree turn because of the exposure of Grace in his life. He now was building the very teachings that he set out to destroy. I want you to remember this one point, there had to be a dramatic change in God relating to man in order for there to be such a great number of people responding to the Apostles message and for Paul to make a 180 degree turn. Differences like; **A) Blessings without performance. B) Free favors of God unconditionally. C) No more law. D) No more sacrifices for sins. Total freedom and favor with God. Roman's 7:25**

Vs. 25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Paul is saying that with his understanding of this new covenant he is serving God. But he is still struggling with his flesh and sin. That is why Paul continued on and said in the next verse which is Roman's **8:1-2**

Vs. 1 There is therefore **NOW "NO" CONDEMNATION** to them which are **IN** Christ Jesus, who walk **not** after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Vs. 2 for the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

The **new law** of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus **hath** made me free from the **old law** of sin and death!! Thank you Jesus, Glory to God. Paul clearly separates the **two** laws. I bring this point out that they operate differently. So to keep parts of each is foolish. It's double mindedness. You should either do all of one or none of either. **Never ever** a little of this one and a whole lot of that one. Lets move on to Romans **8:3-9, 12, 15, 21, 31-34, and 37**.

Vs. 3 for what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.

Vs. 4 that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

The old law was weak through the flesh and needed to be condemned in the flesh in order for the new covenant to come into being. Righteousness can never be fulfilled by the flesh/law. The righteousness of the law is now fulfilled by Jesus Christ's finished works and we merely receive it by believing it.

Vs. 5 for they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. They that are after the flesh/law do mind the things of the law/flesh, touch not, taste not, handle not.

Vs. 6 for to be carnally minded is death; but to be Spiritually minded is life and peace.

To be carnally minded/flesh minded/law minded is **death!!!** But to be Spiritually minded/freedom minded/Grace minded is **life and peace!!!**

Vs. 7 because the carnal mind is enmity against God: For it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Vs. 8 so then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

The carnal/law mind is against God and is not even subjected to God's law and can't be, and those who are in the law/flesh **can not please God!** Oh, except for Tithing. **Wrong!** Notice Paul **did not** make any exception for anything let alone Tithing. The problem with Tithing is that it is based on performance and Jesus did away with the system of performance. I am not saying that he did away with giving because he did not. Jesus did away with the system of how God relates to us. Under the old covenant it was based on what we did or did not do. Under the new covenant it is based on what Jesus already did. **Unless we believe** that God stops our blessings based on what we do or don't do. Again God did not do away with right and wrong. He did away with how and when he deals with it. So what have you been believing and receiving?

Vs. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Vs. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

We are not debtors to the flesh/law because Jesus **paid** that debt. Unless we choose to still live in the flesh/law and decide to pay the debt on our own.

Vs. 15 for ye have not received the Spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry ABBA, FATHER.

We have not received the Spirit of bondage **again**, signifies a different Spirit has been sent from God, one that allows us to **cry out Dad/Father**, that is sonship, not servanthood, Oh, Hallelujah.

Vs. 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

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Looky here, **GLORIOUS LIBERTY OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD.**

VS. 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? **WHO?**

VS. 32 He that spared not his own son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? The blood of Jesus which atoned/covered our sins is **still** in force. When the old covenant was in force the people had to make yearly sacrifices to atone/cover their sins. With Jesus our sins are **always** under atonement/covered and that is how we get all things freely.

Vs. 33 who shall lay anything to the charge of Gods elect? It is God that justifieth.

Who can ever talk against us now!!!

Vs. 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Who can condemn us, Jesus is on our side!!!

Vs. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

No, no, no, in all these things, we are MORE than conquerors, Glory to God!!! It is because we are **totally covered/atoned** and don't have to perform to get blessed any more that we are **MORE than conquerors THROUGH Jesus Christ the righteous, oh Hallelujah!!!** Roman's 9:6-8

Vs. 6 not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel.

Vs. 7 neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

Vs. 8 that is, they which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

Notice that Paul makes a distinction between the children of the flesh/law and those of the promise/Spirit. The children of the promise are counted (or imputed) as seed. I hope you are starting to see a few things in a little bit different light now, just hold on it gets a whole lot better shortly. Roman's 9:28-32

Vs. 28 For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.

Vs. 29 and as Esaias said before, except the Lord of Sabbath had left us a seed, we had been as Sodom, and been made like unto Gomorrah.

Vs. 30 What shall we say then? That the gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.

Vs. 31 but Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness hath not attained to the law of righteousness.

Vs. 32 wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at the stumbingstone.

Paul here is moving the Israelites by jealousy by showing them that the gentiles have, without the law/religion received righteousness. The very thing that the Israelites were trying to receive through the law/religion. Paul continues and says that Israel did not receive because they sought it not out by faith but rather by works and that God will not honor the works of the law now (verse 32). Roman's 10:3-5

Vs. 3 for they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

Vs. 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.

Vs. 5 For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, that the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

Paul continues here by stating that they, the Israelites, were wasting their time because Jesus Christ is the end of the law to everyone who **believes** it. **Moses said if you do any of the law you must live by the entire law!!! Notice that Paul did not say except for Tithing!!! WHY?** This is one question that we can not get around. Why wasn't Tithing excluded? Maybe because it wasn't suppose to be any longer in force. Roman's 11:6

Vs. 6 and if by Grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise Grace is no more Grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more

Grace: otherwise work is no more work.

I point this verse out for the following reason. Grace is either Grace and work is either work. **You can not mix the two.** God does not honor the works of man/flesh. God honors his word and his own works. Roman's **12:8**

Vs. 8 or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

He that giveth, let him do it with simplicity. This is exactly what I am endeavoring to point out through this teaching, giving with simplicity. We have gotten so far away from the simplicity of the new covenant doctrine for giving in Christ Jesus that what we are teaching here is so foreign to us now it is hard for people to accept. Roman's **13:8-10**

Vs. 8 owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

Vs. 9 for this, thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false witness, thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Vs. 10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

What in the world is Paul talking about here? There are over 1,800 verses and over 600 different laws in the old covenant and now this Paul comes along and sides with Jesus and states that the entire law is summed up in "love thy neighbor" and love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind". WHAT! Why didn't Jesus when he taught this say except remember to Tithe. Notice **Heart** is listed first. God is **now**, in the **new** covenant going to deal with us by our hearts, our minds, are listed last! If love is the fulfilling of the law then the law must have been fulfilled by the love of Jesus at the cross. Roman's **14:22-23**

Vs. 22 Hast thou faith? Have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.

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Vs. 23 and he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

POWERFUL! We can actually be condemning ourselves unknowingly if we are not acting out of faith. There is no faith in Tithing. In the old covenant you were told to give a tenth so where is the faith, you just do what is required. However in the new covenant it takes great faith to give by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost and that takes **faith** because the inspiration could be a whole lot more than 10%. Roman's **15:29**

Vs. 29 and I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

This verse is exactly how I am coming to you through this teaching "in the fullness of Christ" to impart the blessing of the gospel of Jesus. We all need the fullness of the gospel of Christ in our lives. 2nd Corinthians **3:1-18**

Vs. 1 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? Or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you?

Vs. 2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men;

Vs. 3 for as much as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

Vs. 4 and such trust have we through Christ to God-ward:

Vs. 5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God.

Vs. 6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the Spirit: for the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life.

Vs. 7 But if the ministration for death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away;

Vs. 8 How shall not the ministration of the Spirit be rather Glorious?

Vs. 9 For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in Glory.

Vs. 10 for even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.

Vs. 11 for if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious.

Vs. 12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech.

Vs. 13 and not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:

Vs. 14 but their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament which veil is done away in Christ.

Vs. 15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.

Vs. 16 nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.

Vs. 17 now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Vs. 18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Glory to God!!!

Please allow me to expound on this for a while. Verses **2 & 3** Paul says our proof is your lives, we don't need anyone's written letters of approval this is done by **the Spirit** of the living God, **not by the old stone tables**, but through the tables of the **heart**.

Verse **6** Their mission was to promote the **new covenant**, not the old, but the new one **by the Spirit**, oh Hallelujah, Praise God.

The letter kills – the Spirit give life! Verses **7 & 8** If you thought that the law gave life how much more will the Spirit. The law came to expose sin as sin the Spirit came to cover sin and count (impute) sin as righteousness. Glory to God. We are not looked at as individuals, we are looked at as pure and as Holy as Jesus himself. Verse **9** Israel held that the law was glorious when in reality it was for condemnation purposes of sin. So if what was for condemnation was considered glorious how much glory should we ascribe to the ministration of righteousness? Kinda makes sense doesn't it? This is God's unspeakable gift. Paul could not even find the words to describe this glory that exceeded the glory of the old covenant. There is no way that we can ever show the gratitude that is do towards Jesus and God the Father for what they have done for us, no words can ever attain the depth of the love that God has displayed for us.

Verse 10 Paul says that compared to the glory of the new covenant you could not even ascribe the word glory to the old covenant.

Verse 11 If the old was glorious how much more would the new be glorious seeing that it replaced the old. It is very clear that the old is done away with entirely. Paul again did not exclude Tithing and carry it over to this new covenant did he? Verses 14-16 Jesus did away with the veil that was on Israel's heart, but many of them **chose** to remain under that veil even though they are freed. But if they, Israel, receive Jesus, the veil will then be removed so they can see clearly. Verse 17 Jesus is the Spirit of liberty and glory, and wherever he is there is liberty and freedom, Praise God! Verse 18 We are changed (Israel) from **"glory to glory" by the Spirit of the Living God!** Remember the question is "Where does Tithing play into this new covenant" if at all.

Let's continue, 2nd Corinthians 5:17-21

Vs. 17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new
Vs. 18 and all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation

Vs. 19 to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed
unto us the word of reconciliation.

Vs. 20 now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

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Vs. 21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. If we are a new creation, someone who did not exist before, old things are no more, all things are new. Because God has reconciled us unto himself by Jesus Christ and by doing so he has given us the same ministry of reconciliation, that is in reconciling people to God. Abraham sinned and was not separated from God. Restoration under the law had many rituals that needed to be followed along with repentance. God now was **"IN CHRIST"** reconciling the world unto himself, **NOT** counting (imputing) their sins (trespasses of the law) against them. Now Paul was given this awesome teaching (the word) of **reconciliation**. Paul says that God was not imputing their trespasses against them any more indicates that he was at some point and time imputing their sins against them. That's why Paul used the examples in Roman's 4:22-25 about how righteousness was imputed to Abraham – before the law – now during the law sin was imputed – now after the law – sin is again not imputed but rather righteousness in imputed. Praise God! Verse 21 is so very powerful that we need to take some time and absorb this. God **MADE** Jesus to be sin for us, so that we could be **MADE RIGHTEOUS. OH, GLORY TO GOD!!!** We know that Jesus did not sin, Don't we? So God **MADE** Jesus to be sin, He carried the sins of the world, didn't he? Now God takes and **Makes us righteous "THROUGH" Jesus. God made Jesus sin! God makes us righteous!! We are the righteousness of God "IN" Christ Jesus! "MADE RIGHTEOUS"!!! "MADE"!!!! Not become, not rewarded with, not have earned, not worthy of, "BUT MADE"!!!!!!!!!!!!** God in making Jesus sin and by Jesus' death, burial and resurrection can now **make us righteous.** That is so awesome that you need to meditate on that for a few minutes. No matter what you have done, no matter where you have been, in Christ Jesus you are **"MADE"** the righteousness of the Holy and Almighty God!! **Only if you pay your Tithes.** No, No, No, you get this all without Tithing, this is God's Grace and mercy, his free gift to us. This is like the story of the prodigal son as found in Luke Chapter 15:11-32 Where the son comes home and his Father restored him fully and **"MADE"** him righteous. The son said Father I have sinned against you and against Heaven and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But Dad said; **"kill the fatted calf, put a robe of royalty upon him, and a ring upon his hand and shoe's upon his feet. DAD JUST "MADE" HIM RIGHTEOUS!** It certainly was not because of anything his son did, Correct? Notice also in this story that the Father saw his son a **great way off and ran** to his son and fell on his neck and kissed him, **Oh, Hallelujah, Praise God!!** It just did not matter what that son did against his Father. The Father had compassion on his lost and dead son. The Father had a feast and restored his son totally and more importantly **"UNDESERVED AND UNCONDITIONALLY"!!!** Heavenly Father I pray that Christ be formed in each and everyone of us to this degree of compassion and love that you have so beautifully displayed to us here in this story. May we in our lives reflect your love towards us to others so they may see you more perfectly through us. In the name and by the Precious Blood of your Holy Son Jesus Christ.

2nd Corinthians 6:1

Vs. 1 We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the Grace of God in vain.

This verse indicates that God's Grace can be received in vain. How so? Easy! By 1.) Not submitting to the leading of the Holy Spirit as your guide. 2.) Using God's Grace as an occasion for the flesh. 3.) Using God's word for your own agenda. All of these abuses expose your heart and show whom you are serving. 2nd Corinthians 7:1

Vs. 1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and Spirit, perfecting Holiness in the fear of God.

First off I want to point out that Paul is talking to Church folks here in this verse. The promises are for the children of God and he also says dearly beloved. We are to be cleansed from **all** filthiness of the flesh **and** Spirit for the purpose of **perfecting Holiness.** Notice that Paul says that **we** are to cleanse **ourselves** from all filthiness of the Spirit also. **SOUL TIES! WOW!** Excess baggage! Excess baggage keeps all of us in spiritual bondage if we do not deal with it. Excess baggage literally controls us without us ever realizing it. Excess baggage is deadly, it carries a wide path of destruction with it and has no mercy! We are to perfect Holiness and this is only accomplished by cleansing ourselves from 1.) Filthiness of the flesh. 2.) Filthiness of the Spirit. If we live in denial we have not been truly born again or born from above because living in denial and refusing to deal with situations or problems, or **self** is living a lie. 1st John 2:21 states that the truly born again believer in Jesus Christ can not live a lie. Jesus said in Matthew 7:21 that not all who merely **say** Lord, Lord, will enter into the Kingdom of God but **only those who "DO" Gods will.** Denial is not part of God's will. Denial is from hell and will send you directly to hell all the time while **you think** you are going to Heaven. If you don't think so read Matthew 7:21-23. Are you doing God's will? Are you pleasing in **His Sight?** Who are you listening to? Does God's Holy word back up your actions or beliefs? Do you trust God

with your life? Is he your Lord? These are very heavy questions and if you can be honest enough and answer them honestly just where do you stand? Are you mouthing Jesus as Lord and not living it out by your actions. Remember talk is **CHEAP!** Jesus went to the cross against his own will with the words we all must use, **never the less, not my will but thy will be done!** Is this the motto of your life? If not I caution you my Brother and Sister, Don't be one of those who say Lord, Lord, and don't **do what is right**. Die to your **old self**. God **will not** do this for you. Only **you** can do this. Paul say's here (as in other place's that we have and will point out to you); **Let us**, not God, **Cleanse ourselves**, not God! Please my Brother and Sister let go of the chains you are holding onto, just let them go. Don't worry about not being able to trust God. God will not fail you. Your sinking fast and going nowhere fast by your lack of submission to God anyway, just let go and let God. After all if you aren't going to "let go and let God have control;" why have God in your life at all? All you are doing then is making yourself out to be a hypocrite and that is worse than being a sinner, as we all know. So please, please, let go and allow God to have total and complete control of your life. Either he is Lord of your life or you are. 2nd Corinthians **8:2-4 & 7**

Vs. 2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

Vs. 3 for to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves;

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Vs. 4 praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

These Corinthians were in the **midst** of a **great trial of affliction** and they had an **abundance of joy** and they were experiencing **deep poverty** and all of this **abounded** to the **riches** of their **liberality**. Notice in verse **3** Paul testifies to the fact that these people were willing. And in verse **4** that because of their **deep poverty** he did not want to even receive their gift but they had to pray him with **much intreaty** to receive their gift. This indicates to me that their gifts **far surpassed their ability**.

Vs. 7 Therefore, as ye abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this Grace also.

Verse **7** Paul encourages us to not only abound in everything like **faith, utterance, knowledge, diligence, and love**, but also in **GIVING!** This seems like a good spot for Paul to say, "over and above your tithing give offerings", doesn't it? Funny Paul did not even mention the word Tithe. Let's continue and see what Paul says in chapter **9** where he really gets into giving 2nd Corinthians **9:5-7, 13, 15**

Vs. 5 therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up before hand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness.

Vs. 6 But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

Vs. 7 every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Vs. 13 Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ And for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto al men;

Vs. 15 Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

Verse **5**, the first thing that stands out to me is Paul does not say, that these brethren that were sent to you were to collect your tithes. Notice in verse **6** that Paul is talking about two types of people who sow. One sparingly and the other bountifully, and **"both"** reaped!! Verse **7** says that we are to give as **"we purpose"** NOT grudgingly or of **necessity**; for God love's a cheerful giver. What about the tithe? If God requires a tenth (the tithe) how could we ever **"purpose in our hearts"** what has already been decided for us. Don't you dare try to say that Paul was talking about over and above your tithe either because God is intelligent enough to have had that stated just that way in the over 95 verses that I have already shared with you to this point and the tithe and the word tithe are purposely omitted. So don't try to give me any of your pompous, pious, philosophical, humanistic reasoning, I choose to believe God, and I fully believe that God could have put the clear instructions about the tithe into his word if it was still to be observed. He does not need you to come along 1900 years later to fill in what he so foolishly forgot to instruct Paul to write. I hope I have made myself clear to you, after all I don't want you to misunderstand me. It's like when we here the President of America give an address for twenty minutes on T.V. and then it takes five reporters 12 hours to tell us, well here is what the President meant when he said. Give me a break, I just heard what the man said and I don not need you to explain it to me. Just like God's word I can read it for myself and I do not see the tithe mentioned nor implied, so please stop trying to confuse me. My Father is not the author of confusion 1st, Corinthians **14:33** Paul never once quoted Malachi **3:8-11** to anyone. Verse **13** experiment, test, liberality, - not requirement? What experiment or test is Paul talking about? There is no testing or experiment necessary if the people were still under the **law of tithing** because that has been totally established. So obviously Paul is talking about this new ministration of liberal distribution where **you** and I **"purpose in our hearts"**. And in verse **15** Paul exclaims "Thanks be unto God for **his unspeakable gift!**" **Freedom from the law through Jesus Christ his Holy Son!!!** 2nd Corinthians **10:4-8**

Vs. 4 (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, buy mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

Vs. 5 casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

Vs. 6 and having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

Vs. 7 Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's.

Vs. 8 For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed.

Paul states that his weapons **pull down** strongholds, they **cast down** imaginations (reasonings), and **everything** that exalts **itself**

Against the knowledge of God. Then it brings into **captivity every** thought to the **obedience of Christ!** Verse **8** is where Paul states that the authority he has been given is for our edification **not destruction** (or throwing down). Paul was not trying to destroy anyone, but rather show them that there was a change in the way God was going to deal with mankind. The difference from the **old** covenant to the **new** covenant and that this difference was not to destroy but to build up. **2nd Corinthians 11:1-4**

Vs. 1 Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me.

Vs. 2 For I am jealous over you with Godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a Chaste virgin to Christ.

Vs. 3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Vs. 4 for if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, who we have not preached, or if ye receive another Spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

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The gospel of Jesus Christ makes us **Holy** and without spot or wrinkle just by receiving it. Only you and I can limit the gospel of Jesus Christ! The gospel means good news, what better news can a person hear then, you are **totally** and **unconditionally** loved and accepted no matter what you have done or now do! Jesus gave us the parable of the prodigal son where the Father blessed his son upon his return home and restored him fully, as we pointed out earlier, **unconditional love!! Praise God!**

Verse **3**, Adam and Eve had it all! Just don't eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (this indicates that everyone knows good from evil/conscience), Paul say's, I'm fearful that someone is trying to remove you from the **simplicity** that is in Christ. Verse **4**, Paul preached a Jesus **without any** attachments to the law of Moses, total freedom. Now people were trying to control the flock by reentering the Mosaic law. **2nd Corinthians 11:7-9 & 13-15**

Vs. 7 Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God Freely?

Vs. 8 I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service.

Vs. 9 and when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: For that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself.

Vs. 13 For such are false Apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the Apostles of Christ.

Vs. 14 and no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Vs. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Paul should have corrected them and said that it was their duty to obey God and to tithe because they were robbing God by not tithing. He should have pointed to Malachi **3:8-11**, and let them know that they were driving stolen chariots and that they needed to pay their tithes so that God could bless them, **if** tithing was still in force, don't you think? Verse's **7-9**, **if** tithing was still valid then Paul was causing and condoning the peoples disobedience towards God by; 1) Preaching the gospel freely. 2) taking money from other churches to cover for these Corinthians. 3) By not requiring them to pay him (vs. **9**). 4) By keeping himself from being financially burdensome to the Corinthians. Verse's **13-15**, deal with exposure, if you can not back up what you believe with the word of God **don't do it! It is a false doctrine!** Moving on let's firm up **2nd Corinthians 11:7-9 & 13-15** with **2nd Corinthians 12:14-18** where Paul continues to point out that **"money for gain"** was not their motive.

Vs. 14 Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, buy the parents for the children.

Vs. 15 and I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.

Vs. 16 But be it so, I did not burden you: nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you with guild.

Vs. 17 Did I make a gain of you by any of them whom I sent unto you?

Vs. 18 I desired Titus, and with him I sent a brother. Did Titus make a gain of you? Walked we not in the same Spirit? Walked we not in the same steps?

Paul points out that two times he has been there and never took money or was a burden and on his third trip he will act the same way. Then he points out that not even anyone who he sent to them on his behalf took and money. It is obvious that people must have been saying the reason Paul is preaching this **new** doctrine was for personal profit. Alright we now can go into the book that I have desired to share from the very beginning of this teaching. **Galatians 1:6-10**

Vs. 6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the Grace of Christ unto another gospel.

Vs. 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

Vs. 8 But though we, or an angel from Heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

Vs. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received let him be accursed.

Vs. 10 For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

Then new covenant is the "Grace of Christ", as stated in verse **6** and people were already, at the time Paul wrote to the Galatians, A. D. 58, less than 30 years since the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, perverting this new gospel and covenant. Paul say's in verse **7** there is no other gospel but the one he preached. Paul says in verse **7** there is no other gospel but the one he preached. But some were now trying to pervert that gospel by mixing false teachings with the truth. Now he hits everyone for all time in verse **8** when he says, "if anyone including angels preached **any other gospel, let them be accursed!**" **WOW!** Could preaching tithing be **another gospel** other than the one Paul taught? In verse **9** Paul reemphasizes that **if any man preach ANY other gospel, let him be accursed!!** Boy, I want to find out just what gospel Paul preached and stick to it like glue. I mean if this heavy hitter Paul says there is a curse attached to falsely preaching the new gospel/covenant of Jesus Christ I want to be sure to follow it to a tee and not add anything to it! Paul takes a lot of time here in the book of Galatians to

show the two covenants and their differences. In verse **10** Paul says he is not going about to please any person. If he was to worry about pleasing people he is no longer worthy to serve our Lord Jesus Christ. Now Galatians **2:4, 10, 12, 14, 16, 19-21**
Vs. 4 and that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage.

Vs. 10 only they would that we should remember the poor; The same which I also was forward to do.

Vs. 12 For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the gentiles.: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.

Vs. 14 but when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all,

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if thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the gentiles to live as do the Jews?

Vs. 16 knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, buy by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Vs. 19 For I though the law an dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

Vs. 20 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.

Vs. 21 I do not frustrate the Grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

In verse **4** Paul raises some questions, 1.) What liberty is Paul talking about? 2.) Why were spys sent in? 3.) What bondage is Paul talking about? This new covenant of liberality is why the spys were sent in and if they could insert **any part** of the old covenant they could hold them in bondage. Paul knew this fact very well. Because they knew that if you did one part of the old covenant you were obligated to do all parts of it! The bondage would be only doing a part or two of the old because you would be opening yourself up ignorantly to the conditions of blessings and curses under that covenant. The liberty is, **no more law/conditions**. I want to point out verse **10** for the following reasons; James, Cephas, and John, the back bone of the disciples, and of the new covenant perceived the Grace that was given to Paul the **“ONLY”** thing that they told Paul to do is to remember the poor. **Nothing at all about tithing whatsoever!!! Nothing at all regarding giving at all. WHY?** I mean Paul was going to the heathen who knew nothing at all about tithing so you would think that these pillars of the Church would have most certainly told Paul to be sure to instruct the heathen in the laws of tithing wouldn't you, since all their blessings were tied to tithing. OOP'S God forgot again! **“NOT”!** A new way of giving was now in force, 2nd Corinthians **9:6-15**, giving from the inspiration of the heart each time the Holy Spirit moved upon your heart. It might be 1% or 100%, but it was to be done totally from the moving of the Holy Spirit upon each person's heart individually. No form. No ritual. No preset amount. No requirement. No conditions. Just pure inspiration. Verse **12** shows us that if the law were still in force Peter was eating in direct violation of the law by eating with the gentiles according to Jewish customs and laws. Verse **14**, what truth of the gospel is Paul talking about? Total freedom from the old covenant laws and customs. Verse **16**, here it comes now, get ready, Paul is telling Peter that **you know full well that no one can be justified by the law**. The only way **anyone** can be justified is by **“the faith of Jesus Christ”**. For by the **works of the law shall no flesh be justified!** Is tithing a work of the law? **Yes! Absolutely!** What did tithing demonstrate during the law? It demonstrated obedience that everyone could measure. Obedience up to 10%. What price was paid to institute the law? NONE! God just said here are my rules/laws. What price was paid to bring in a **new** and better covenant? The life, death, burial, and resurrection of God's only son!! **Jesus gave all. Not 10%! He gave his all. In total obedience, against his own will! Why should we offer God any less than our all, in all areas of our lives.** Most Pastors are the ones with little or no faith in the area of tithing. The statistic's say that only 20% of the people give 10% of their income. So if the Pastors now say to the people, no more tithing requirement, just give what the Holy Spirit tells you to, Their thoughts turn to the church budget and if only 20% give 10% and now we say no more 10%, give whatever the Holy Spirit tells you to give, our door will close for sure. You can bet that **most** Pastors will fight to keep their own tradition rather than fully submitting to God and trusting Him as their Jehovah Jirah, like we are asked to do. Hey Pastors where is your faith? Is your faith in the tithe? Are you clinging to the works of the law? Is it in the people? Is it in God? Who do you really trust? What do you really trust in? Paul was facing the same thing during his time when he preached the new covenant. Verse **19** is a strong verse because through the law you actually became dead to it so that you can now live unto God the way God intended us to live. Verse **20** now makes complete sense; I am crucified with Christ! Yet I live! But really it's not me, it's Christ in me! And my existence is only by the faith of Jesus Christ who loved me and gave himself for me! Glory to God. Verse **21** is one we must all be cautious of so that we don't frustrate God's Grace by doing the works of the law because if we do we are making everything that Jesus did for us vain. Galatians **3:1-29**

Vs. 1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

Vs. 2 This only would I learn of you, received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Vs. 3 Are ye so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

Vs. 4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? If it be yet in vain.

Vs. 5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Vs. 6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

Vs. 7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

Vs. 8 and the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, in thee shall all nations be blessed.

Vs. 9 so then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

Vs. 10 for as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

Vs. 11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident for, the just shall live by faith.

Vs. 12 and the law is not of faith: but, the man that doeth them shall live in them.

Vs. 13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us for it is written, cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree:

Vs. 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come on the gentiles through Jesus Christ,; that we might receive the promise of
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the Spirit through faith.

Vs. 15 Brethren, I speak after the maner of men; though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.

Vs. 16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, and to seeds, as of many; but as of one, and to they seed, which is Christ.

Vs. 17 and this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

Vs. 18 for if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

Vs. 19 Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

Vs. 20 Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one.

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

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

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

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

Vs. 25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

Vs. 26 For ye all are the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Vs. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Vs. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Vs. 29 and if ye be Christ's than are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Verse 1, the truth Paul is referring to is that the **law** and **all** of its ordinances are completely and forever done away with, unless of course you choose to walk in the principles of the old covenant. Verse 2, Paul is making a comparison for the purpose of distinction here, how did you receive the Holy Spirit from God? By the law? Or by faith? Verse 3, If you first received by or through faith, why change? Your flesh did you no good before, what makes you think that it can do you any good now? Verse 5, Before you ever heard anything about any law you got ministered to by the Spirit of God and even received miracles. Did those who ministered to you do it through this law that some are now trying to inflict you with? Or did they minister unto you through faith? **WAKE UP!!!** Verse 6, Abraham got blessed by **only believing God without any works at all!!** Verse 9, The **SAME** way that Abraham got blessed, **by only believing**, is exactly how you and I are to receive God's blessings today. God's blessings to Abraham were not based upon Abraham, they were based upon God himself. Our blessings from God are not based upon us, they are based upon Jesus and his finished works. Verse 10, **WOW WEE**, this verse should make it clear to even the uneducated and unlearned; **if you do not do all things which are contained in the law you are cursed!!!!!!** Paul is still addressing the issue of only doing one part of the law and ninety-nine parts of Grace. Just a few verses back remember Paul got all over Peter's case. Before that the only thing that James, Cephas, and John said was, remember the poor, **nothing, absolutely nothing, about or from the law! Oh hallelujah!** Verse 11 This verse only reinforces verse 10, **no one** is justified by the law, no one, it is only through faith that anyone is justified. Habakkuk 2:4 verifies this point also about living by faith. Verse 12, Don't try and get cute and say that the law is done by faith because if you do the law you **must** live by, in, and through the law. Verse 13, Christ has redeemed us (bought us back) from the curse of the law. Glory to God! The law, any part of it, is under a curse, Jesus redeemed us, bought us back from that curse, if we forsake all the law! It just makes sense that if he bought us back from the curse of the law that it would be so stupid for him to put us back under the curse of tithing that was in the law. Verse 14, Here it is now; **THAT THE BLESSING OF "ABRAHAM" COULD BE THE WAY IN WHICH GOD DEALS WITH US! PRAISE GOD! UNCONDITIONALLY! THANK YOU JESUS!!** God takes us backwards 430 years to the blessings of Abraham, or rather the way in which he himself blessed Abraham. Glory to God! This is shouting ground! God could have easily said, Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law so that the blessings of the law might come upon us, but he did not. You know why God did not say that, because he set the conditions of the law in motion and he was bound by those same conditions so he had to completely abolish the entire law and all that was contained therein, (Ephesians 2:15), and the only way in which this could be done was through a spotless sacrifice, his Holy child, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ the Righteous. That's why God said in verse 14, that the blessings of Abraham could come upon us. That's why God went back 430 years because he did not want us even remotely connected to the law and it's curses. Verse 17, **powerful, powerful**, verse here. The Abrahamic covenant which was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law which was 430 years later **can not, in no way, break those promises of God**. The law is removed unless you chose to walk in certain parts of it. Verse 18, Boy, I don't know about you but Paul is leaving no room for misunderstanding his point. The eternal inheritance is either by law or by promise. **Not 99% promise and 1% law! It is either 100% law, or 100% promise**. If it is all of promise the curses of the law have no hold over you. If it is any part of the law all of the conditions must be met in order to not be under it's curse's. verse 19, Okay Paul why then did God even have the law? Good question. Until Jesus comes, because of sin God added the law. God has to deal with sin. The people would have had to die without any atonement for their sin so God installed the law, **until** Jesus came, (has he come?), as a way of salvation, until the true lamb came. Much like if your traveling down the highway and your car breaks down and a man stops to help you and tells you that your electrical

system is in bad shape. However he can get you going by bypassing the computer system with a direct electrical contact wire. This will allow you to get by until you can get to a service station and have the job done the right way. So enter the law, **until**

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Jesus comes. Jesus come, the law goes! Should be simple. Verse 21, the law **does not** discount the promise. If God could have spared himself the pain of watching his sinless son go through the torture that he was to face, surely God would have redeemed us through the law. Because he could not, he sent Jesus. But the law did not go against anything God promised. The law was the life preserver **until** Jesus showed up. Verse 22, notice that this verse clearly states; the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be **given** not earned, **given**, to who, to them that believe, like Abraham believed God and it was imputed/counted unto him, Roman's 4:18-25. Verse 23, Before faith came we were all kept in bondage, closed off from the faith which should **afterwards be revealed!** Verse 24-25, The only purpose of the law was to bring us unto Christ. So then once Christ has come the purpose of the law is finished. Matthew 5:18 says; for verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. What didn't Jesus fulfill at the cross? Don't try and use this verse to support your position on tithing and against this teaching because what you are then saying is that "ALL" of the old testament law is still in force, and we all know that this is just not true. If you are going to hold to Matthew 5:18 then I expect you to observe all of the over 600 laws contained in the old covenant. Verse 29, If we are heirs, and we are, then the promises are **ours** without performance. The burden of a promise is on the one who made the promise. The one who the promise is given to only has to believe it and receive what was promised. Now on to Galatians 4:4, 5, 9-11, 19, 21-31

Vs. 4 But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his son, made of a woman, made under the law,

Vs. 5 to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Jesus had to come via the law way so that he could **redeem** those who were under the law so that we could become **son's** in relationship to God, not mere servants.

Vs. 9 but now, after that ye have knowen God, or rather are knowen of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

Vs. 10 ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.

Vs. 11 I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

In verse 9 Paul is amazed that these people desire to be put in bondage **again**. These people are knowen of God and they were being lead back towards law/bondage principles. Verse 10, They were starting to observe days, months, times, and years, again. Sounds like astrology or some other weirdness. Verse 11, Don't tell me that all of the labor which I bestowed upon you is for nothing?

Vs. 19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

We all need Christ to be formed in us again. This time by God's Grace, pure and unadulterated, with **no ties to the law!**

Vs. 21 Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?

Vs. 22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by the bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.

Vs. 23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.

Vs. 24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar

Vs. 25 For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.

Vs. 26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

Vs. 27 For it is written, rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.

Vs. 28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

Vs. 29 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.

Vs. 30 Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.

Vs. 31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

Verse 21, even the law itself tells you not to mix **law with promise!** Verse's 21-31, Paul points out clearly that **the law is bondage! Faith is freedom!** In verse 28, we are exactly like Isaac, we are children of promise, by faith in Jesus. Why would we want to turn back to Egypt, bondage, the law? **WE ARE FREE!! GLORY TO GOD!** Verse 31 is so very powerful, it is another clear cut example that the distinction that **old law is not** to even come close in any way shape of form to the **new covenant!** The old covenant is bondage, any part of it! The new covenant is freedom, total absolute freedom. **Don't let anyone put you in bondage my brother and sister. You are free!! Oh, praise your heavenly Father and your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, you are FREE!** Onto Galatians 5:1, 3-4, 6-9, 13, 18,

Vs. 1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Don't you move or allow anyone to move you out of this **new liberty** where Christ **has** made us free, oh, Hallelujah, and be not entangled **again** with the yoke of bondage. Don't allow anyone to trick you.

Vs. 3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.

If you do any part of the law you are indebted to do all of the law. Doing one part of the law automatically enslaves you and you then must do all parts of the law.

Vs. 4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from Grace.

If you do any part of the law whatsoever the law of freedom, Grace, (Christ), is **Become of no effect unto you** whosoever of you are justified by the law; **ye are fallen from Grace**. Boy, oh, boy, if this is not clear to you. Hang on I have a LOT more concerning this issue of the, is it law or Grace, or can you mix the two at all, coming up.

Vs. 6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

Vs. 7 Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?

Vs. 8 This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you.

Vs. 9 A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

Verse 6, In Christ Jesus the only thing that counts for anything at all is **“faith that works through love”!** Verse 7, Obey what truth? The truth that you are free and not under **any** old covenant law at all. Verse 8, This law type thinking is not from God.

Verse 9, A little law corrupts all areas of our lives, only a little, like the law of tithing.

Vs. 13 for, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, buy by love serve one another.

Don't you dare use this new found freedom and Grace as a shield to hide behind to commit sins knowingly or uncaringly, **SIN IS STILL SIN! GET IT!** Sin will not stop your blessings from coming. Sin will effect your relationship with others and with God. Sin in the end will still send you to hell if you abuse God's goodness and Grace.

Vs. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Does this verse need any interpretation? I certainly hope not. Now Galatians **6:1-2, 7-8, 10,**

Vs. 1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye **which** are Spiritual, restore such an one in the Spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Vs. 2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Verse 1, If you see or hear a Pastor or Christian brother or sister criticizing another person note this one thing, they are not acting Spiritual. The spiritual man or woman looks towards restoration and reconciliation in a humble manor because they know that sin lies also at their door too! Verse 2 states that by doing so, (in verse 1), you are fulfilling the **law of Christ!**

Beware what you say against a brother or sister who is still struggling in their life. God does not love them less, in fact he shows them **MORE** love! Did you get that? God loves them **MORE!** So watch your tongue. Just love them back into the fellowship of the saints. Don't make them as an outcast.

Vs. 7 Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Vs. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Verse's 7 & 8, Paul is talking about “the law versus Grace” throughout this entire book of Galatians just as he did in the book of Roman's. Now he says: **“be not deceived”** for **whatsoever** a man soweth, that shall he also reap. We have always heard that these verses were concerning our own actions. You know, what goes around comes around, type interpretation. But if you follow along with us here as we go through verse 8 and stay in the Spiritual context of this book you will see this verse as Paul actually wrote it; For he that soweth to his flesh/law shall of the flesh/law reap corruption. But he that soweth to the Spirit/Grace shall of the Spirit/Grace reap life everlasting! Big, Big, difference now when examining these verse's isn't there. If you sow law principles, you reap law principles. If you sow Grace principles, you reap Grace principles. Verse 7 says that **whatsoever** a man soweth, **be no deceived, “WHATSOEVER”, that shall he receive!** You sow law, you reap law! You sow Grace, you reap Grace! Tithing is under the law, you reap according to the law, whether good or bad. The law that you operate under governs your life. If you are flying in an airplane the law of lift and thrust is the law that you are operating under. If you violate any part of the law of lift and thrust you immediately come under the law of Gravity and that law will most likely end your life. So whatever law you are operating under is the law that governs your life, whether you like it or not. What may be lawful in America may not be lawful in Mexico or China, and when you are visiting either of those countries their laws govern you life. You may not know what their laws are necessarily but when you violate one of them you will get an education, quickly. Same in the Spirit world. You either operate in the law of the old covenant or the Spirit of the law of Christ Jesus under the new covenant. Which law Governs your life? Verse 10, if a church is not community minded and taking care of their own members get out of that church! Pastoral abuse of the sheep is taking place. Ephesians **1:3-7**

Vs. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all Spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

Vs. 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be Holy and without blame before him in love.

Vs. 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Vs. 6 To the praise of the glory of his Grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Vs. 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his Grace;

Verse 3, who **HATH** blessed us with **all** Spiritual blessings **in** Christ. Verse 4, Paul clearly states that we are Holy and **without blame** before him in love. Notice that we are **without blame**, in the principles of the law as found in Deuteronomy **28:1-14, & 15-68**, we were blamed or rewarded by God according to our actions or lack of action. Here God now say's that **in Christ** we are **without blame! In Christ! Not in the law! Not through the law! But, in Christ!** We are blameless so if we are blameless then the petitions which we request of God he will gladly fulfill. Verse 5, **“The adoption of children by Jesus Christ”.**

Correct me if I am wrong but if there is an adoption that means that someone who was not part of the family has now been received as a family member. So then this means that we **were not** a part of God's family until Jesus Christ came. This was all done out of the good pleasure of God's will for us. Verse 6, This is all done to the praise of God's Grace because of God's Grace we are accepted in the beloved. We have all been told that Grace is God's unmerited favor. Well one Sunday morning in church the Lord spoke to my heart and told me to look up the word “GRACE” in the Greek and see just what it really means. I told God that I already knew what Grace meant, unmerited favor, God said go back to the office and look the word up. I told God that I already knew what it meant I've heard Preacher after Preacher and teacher after teacher all expound on the word Grace and they all agree that it is unmerited favor. God did not answer me this time. I knew that I had upset him, so I said,

okay Lord, I'll look up the word Grace in the Greek for myself. When I returned to the office and looked up the word Grace I received the **SHOCK OF MY LIFE**, the word Grace is the Greek word; **Khar'eece**; (whether literally, figuratively or

Spiritually) it means; **“THE DIVINE INFLUENCE UPON THE HEART AND IT’S REFLECTION IN THE LIFE.**

Including gratitude, acceptable, benefit, favor, gift, Grace (ious), joy, liberality, pleasure, thanks (worthy). Boy that revelation shocked me and convicted me because I knew that the Divine influence that was in my heart was not being reflected in my life to the degree that I wanted it to be. My friends and family knew that I loved the Lord and that I was striving to be pleasing in his sight but the reflection of the just was not being evidenced to the degree that it should have been. The true revelation of the word Grace transformed me on the spot. This is what Paul is referring to here in verse 6. In verse 7 Paul finishes this thought by saying; in whom we have **redemption, the forgiveness of sins, all by the riches of his Grace.** But what if we are under law practices? Well you receive law consequences! Ephesians 2:5-10, 15

Vs. 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by Grace ye are Saved)

Vs. 6 and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together, in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

Vs. 7 that in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his Grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Vs. 8 for by Grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the Grace of God.

Vs. 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Vs. 10 for we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Vs. 15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace.

Verse 5, hold it right here. Even when **we were dead** in sins God **made us alive** like he did Jesus, because by grace we are saved. Saved from what? **SAVED FROM THE LAW OF DEATH!** Verse 6, we are **raised up together** and God now **makes us sit together** in the heavenlies **in Christ!** Notice how God joins us completely to Jesus, he does not say; because of Jesus you are raised up and now you are able to sit with Jesus. God sees us equal with Jesus. Verse 7, These are the ages to come and God through this teaching is showing us the **exceeding riches of his Grace.** Isn't he? The exceeding riches of his Grace are blessings without performance, complete Atonement, and the free favors of God. Verse' **8-10**, The Grace of God is **“AWESOME” nothing, absolutely nothing,** that you and I have done or do gets us the Grace of God. It is God and God alone who brings this to us as a **gift or great price, his precious Son's life.** Not of works that man can steal for their own self-righteous glory. God totally transformed us and recreated us in Christ Jesus **unto good works** which God expects us to walk in. Not only does God expect us to walk in them, he has provided the way in which we can walk in them and walk in them victoriously, all of the time!! **Glory to God!!** God put the whole show **“in Christ”!** We are his workmanship **“in Christ”!** Our Good works are **“in Christ”!** Our righteousness is **“in Christ”!** Our promises are yes and amen **“in Christ”!** Our atonement is **“in Christ”!** Our love is **“in Christ”!** Our peace is **“in Christ”!** Our joy is **“in Christ”!** Our healing is **“in Christ”!** Our prosperity is **“in Christ”!** Our sanity is **“in Christ”!** Our redemption is **“in Christ”!** Our life is **“in Christ”!** We are to **walk/live “in Christ”!** Verse 15, there was enmity between God and man, there still is if your life is Christless. God sent Jesus to **abolish this enmity in his flesh** in order to **make peace!** The word abolished here is the Greek word **kat-arg-eh'-o** and means; to be (render) entirely idle (useless), cease, destroy, vanish away, make void, come to naught, put away. Sounds like there ain't no mo law, Don't it? This verse indicates that the enmity between God and man is **“the law of commandments, which were contained in ordinances. (oh, oh, could Tithing be included in this law of commandments and ordinances)?** The purpose of Jesus abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances was to **make in himself** of both (twain) one new man. Verse 16, so that God could reconcile both unto himself in **one body (Jesus).** Having (past tense) **slain the enmity by the cross.** Verse 17, Then peace could be preached to them who were nigh, the Israelites, and to those who were afar off, the gentiles. Verse 18, now we have access by **one Spirit** unto the Father. No high Priest! No more once a year through the high Priest! **Anytime we want to, we have access to God the Father on our own. Praise God! Ephesians 3:1-21**

Vs. 1 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you gentiles.

Vs. 2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the Grace of God which is given me to you-ward:

Vs. 3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery, (as I wrote afore in few words,

Vs. 4 whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ).

Vs. 5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his Holy Apostles and Prophets by the Spirit,

Vs. 6 that the gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promises in Christ by the gospel.

Vs. 7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the Grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power

Vs. 8 unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is the Grace given, that I should preach among the gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

Vs. 9 and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

Vs. 10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God.

Vs. 11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

Vs. 12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by faith of him.

Vs. 13 Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

Vs. 14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

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Vs. 15 of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

Vs. 16 that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Vs. 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

Vs. 18 may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, land height;

Vs. 19 and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.

Vs. 20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Vs. 21 unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Paul in verse 2, says that he has been given the privilege of sharing the dispensation of the Grace of God. Here in verses 3 & 4 it gets interesting when Paul says that God through revelation came to the knowledge of this mystery. Then Paul says as I wrote to you before so that you could understand my knowledge in the **mystery of Christ. What mystery?** What mystery is Paul talking about anyway? I mean if Christ only died to take away the, you can not eat this, or, you can not eat that, parts of the law his death was in vain and there would be no mystery, would there? Think about it, that was really dumb of God to institute all of the you can not's in the law and then have his son go to the cross just to only take away all the you can not's that God himself instituted. There had to be much, much, more to Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. Abraham's covenant was unconditional. The law came in because the people that came after Abraham were grossly sinning. God has to, because he is Holy, deal with sin. (Just like before the flood the people were running wild, so God choose to destroy everyone except Noah and his sons; so this time he brought in the law as way to deal with sin). So in comes the **Conditional law**. If you do right, **Blessings**. If you do wrong, **Curses**. Now comes Jesus and in him all the blessings are **free and unconditional** to us, just like they were to Abraham. Only difference now is that **"SIN HAS BEEN DEALT WITH FOREVER AND EVER"!!!! No law is needed! Glory to God! Atonement has been accepted! We are completely covered! Our blessings are not based upon us!** The only thing stopping us from being blessed is that we have believed that we could stop our blessings and we have proven Mark 11:22-26 to be absolutely true because we have received according as we have believed. The mystery is **"How can this be"**, Blessings without conditions. That had to be mysterious to the Israelites. Think of it, a couple of thousand years of conditional blessings totally done away with. **Free access to God yourself. No more Priesthood. No more Levitical law. No more animal sacrifices. Eat anything you want to. Go anywhere you want to. Talk to anyone you want to. No more Tithing. No more law. No more curse.....etc. The mystery of Christ!** Verse 5, Paul says here that in other ages this could not be revealed because it is only revealed through God's Holy Spirit! Verse 6, Now even the gentiles could be **followers with the children of God**, and of the **same body**, and **partakers of his promises**. Verse 7, This is how I was called into the ministry as a Hebrew. And now it's by God's Grace, and it's this Grace that is working powerfully in my life. Verse 8, I'm the last one who should have been shown Grace let alone be allowed that great privilege of sharing it with others and as I share I find how vast (unsearchable) the **riches of Christ really are!** Verse 9, This is the very plan (mystery) that God had in the garden after Adam and Eve fell. I have been assigned to help all people see this clearly. Verse 10, The purpose of this preaching is to set you free and let all the demonic principalities and powers know the manifold (unsearchable) wisdom of God through his own church here on the earth. Verse 11, This was all done on a eternal plan which was laid out in Christ Jesus. Verse 12, Now we have access to God and we can do this boldly because of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Verse 13, Paul says not to worry about what he is going through. Verse 14, Paul says this is the reason that I humble myself and reverence God because of his great plan of redemption and unconditional blessings and abolishing of the law of bondage and death. Verse 16, Paul continues and says, I now want God to bless you according to the standard of **Heaven** so that you can be **truly strengthened through Gods Holy Spirit inside**. Verse 17, So that Christ can dwell inside you through your faith that things are now changed just as I have shared with you, and that you now can be rooted and grounded in this **awesome love that God the Father and Jesus Christ our Lord have showed to us**. Verse 18 & 19, Paul states that I pray that you can understand to some degree how **vast this love of Christ is**. This love that was and is being displayed is far beyond human knowledge. The only thing is that I hope that by receiving the fullness of Christ you can **know the love of Christ more and more**. Verses 20 & 21, We need to give glory, and honor, and praise unto God who already has done exceedingly abundantly more than we ever even dreamed of and who now is even able to still do far above our wildest dreams and desires or even our thoughts by Jesus Christ. And not only ours but he (God) can do this throughout all ages to come! Ephesians 4:7

Vs. 7 But unto every one of us is given Grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Verse 7, I like this verse, the amount of Grace that is extended to us is measured by the **Gift of Christ!** How much of himself did Jesus Christ give for us? **ALL!!** Well that's how much Grace has been bestowed on us. All of the Grace that heaven has to offer has been poured out towards us. God emptied heaven's Grace account at the cross. There is no more Grace left to give it is all found in Jesus Christ. Ephesians 6:19

Vs. 19 and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel.

Verse 19, here again Paul talks about this mystery of the gospel as he asks for boldness. **It takes boldness to preach this gospel of freedom from the law and blessings without conditions. The Pharisees of today** will crucify you quicker than those that put Jesus on the cross. Both depend on you being bound to a certain set amount to give. After all **YOU are their source!!** Philippians 3:1-21

Vs. 1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe.

Vs. 2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.

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Vs. 3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the Spirit and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Vs. 4 Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:

Vs. 5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;

Vs. 6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

Vs. 7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

Vs. 8 yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord; For whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.

Vs. 9 and be found in him, not having his own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

Vs. 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death

Vs. 11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

Vs. 12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

Vs. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

Vs. 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Vs. 15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

Vs. 16 nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

Vs. 17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

Vs. 18 (for many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

Vs. 19 whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things).

Vs. 20 For our conversation is in heaven: from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ:

Vs. 21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

WOW! Paul really takes his countrymen to task here. Verses 2 & 3, **“Beware” of dogs (evil men) “Beware” of evil workers, “Beware? Of the concision (mutilation)**, those who follow mosaic practices, but have no heart for God. We are (now) the new type of circumcision which worship God through our Spirits and we rejoice in Christ Jesus, not by the outward (old) circumcision of the flesh. That is one strong shot by Paul, but wait, he continues; Verse 4, Paul says, you think that you trusted in the flesh, I trusted in the flesh more than any of you did. Now he continues and lists all of his credentials; Verses 5 & 6, I am circumcised, and that took place on the eighth day according to Mosaic customs under the law, I’m an Israelite, I’m from the tribe of Benjamin, I’m a Hebrew **OF** Hebrews, (Upper Class), You want to talk law, I was a Pharisee, I was zealous towards God, I persecuted this new way, By the law (Jewish customs) I was righteous and blameless, so don’t act as though I have no knowledge of what I’m talking about. I know even more than you do, and I’m, telling you that it is over, the law is abolished. Verse 7, All of the things as listed above that meant so much to me I gave up for Jesus, because he is the fullness of the God head bodily! Verse 8, I count everything as worthless just to know the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord for whom I gladly lost everything and I count them as useful as cow pies, because I count everything as nothing just as long as I can have Christ nothing else matters! **WOW!** Paul does not stop there he continues; Verse 9, I want to be hid so deeply in Christ that my old self righteous nature, which stinks, which I thought I had achieved by the law, is hidden in him, so that only his true righteousness can shine forth. Verse 10, So that I may know him in the fullness of the power that was made available by his resurrection. I want to die to myself and thus be closer to his death. Verse 11, so that I can attain unto his resurrection more perfectly. Verse 12, I have not arrived, but I want to have as much of Jesus as he gave on that cross. How much did Jesus give on the cross? 10%, 40%, 80% 100%, Yes 100%. And that is how much Paul wants to receive from Jesus and give to Jesus. Verse 13, Hey, I haven’t done anything at all yet for the Lord. Don’t tell me about past accomplishments, I’m looking at what still lies ahead. Verse 14, I’m still moving forward and staying focused on my main goal, The prize above all prizes **THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS! Oh, Hallelujah! Are you a Paul of God?** Verse 15, all of us who are mature should think this same way and don’t worry if you have not developed to this degree yet, God will bring even this to pass as he did other things in your life. Verse 16, It does not matter what state you are in lets keep moving in the same direction. Verse 17, use us as the examples of Godliness and remember and avoid those who walk differently than we do. Verse 18, There are so many people who hold to false teachings and are in reality the enemies of the finished work that Jesus Christ performed at Calvary on the cross. Teaching their false doctrines which are works of the flesh and the law. Verse 19, They only care about getting fat and prosperous off of you. They are materialistic and care only about those things, they care nothing about you or your well being. Their end is coming and it won’t be pretty. Verse 20, We talk only of the new covenant and those things which pertain to that covenant. We also look for the return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Verse 21, by his glorious power he is going to change us and make us like himself, by the very same power that subjected all things under his authority. To capsulize this paraphrase that I just did I would like to say this, Paul is clearly saying that everything that he has taught is absolutely true and that **“MANY” dogs (Disciple Of Goofy Satan)** are trying desperately to put you **“BACK” in**

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bondage. I find it interesting that Paul is fighting people going back into bondage, the law. Satan know that his power to wreak havoc is through law principles. He lost his authority at the resurrection. Law principles open up the doorway to curse’s.

Tithing (not giving) opens up the door for Satan to attack in our lives and introduces us to the curses contained in the law. STOP TITNIG AND START GIVING! GIVE EXACTLY what the Holy Ghost tells you to give. When you **give exactly** what the Holy Ghost tells you to, you are then **giving 100%** in total obedience. That is a powerful revelation that just got laid on you. **100%**. If God told you to give \$100.00 and you gave \$10.00 that is only a tenth. But if God told you to give \$100.00 and you gave him \$100.00 you then gave God 100% of what he was asking you to give. Your measure of giving is not predetermined any longer it is on a time by time occasion. Your obedience is on trial every time, and every time you obey, you are giving God **100%**. Luke 6:38

Vs. 38 Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Now this verse should make sense to us concerning giving. The **SAME** measure, 10% or 100%?

If you give 10% under the law, you get 10%. If you give 100% under the new covenant, you receive 100% from God. It's like this, during the old covenant God did not speak to people through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, so he could not speak one on one with the people. So he put the law in and established the Levitical Priesthood and choose to talk to the people through the Prophets and Priests. Since he was not on a individual, one on one, basis with the people he set up a **flat** way of giving, the tithe. So under the tithe all that one had to do is give 10% of their corn, oil, wine, sheep, oxen, etc, or 30% if it was money. Now you are totally responsible individually to God for the exact amount he wants you to give each and every time. That is a heavy load for each of us to carry. We have to be in tune with God at this very important time of giving in order to be in obedience to what the Holy Spirit is saying and moving us to do. We are to, like Cain and Able, offer up our offerings of today, in 100% obedience to the moving of the Holy Spirit. By doing so we are giving 100% of what God is instructing us to give. Think of that, we are giving 100% of what God is instructing us to give. If obedient, we give God **ALL** that he is requiring of us. Philippians **4:7**

Vs. 7 and the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

The peace of God passes our understanding according to Paul, so how in the world can we ever begin to understand the unconditional blessings of God to us. Along with the fact that Tithing is done away with in Christ. Philippians **4:8 & 9**,

Vs. 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Vs. 9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

WOW! Paul is telling us how we should govern our thought lives with truth, honesty, justice, purity, and good testimonies, we are to fill our minds on the good and positive things, not trash. The body of Christ seems to gravitate towards the garbage in other people's lives. I believe they do this to hide their own short comings and justify their own acts of disobedience by saying, well, I'm not as bad as brother bucket mouth or sister perfect. Thus not having the need to change, or so they think! They should understand that they need more help than the one whom they are cutting to pieces. Their duty as believers is as Galatians **6:1** states; Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are Spiritual, restore such an one in the Spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Their duty was to restore such a one in the Spirit of meekness, not to shred them up and add to their conditions. After identifying a brother or sisters area of falling short they need to get into intercession for that person and stand the gap for them. That is the very reason God brought the matter to your attention, for pray. Satan perverted God's intention and gets us into **critical** comments and judgements thus adding to our family member's problems. We need as a whole, in the body of Christ, to mature in this area. We need to **DO** (as verse 9 says) just what Paul is trying to establish in our lives. Be careful not to put condemnation on our family members like Romans **8:1**. Philippians **4:15-17, & 19**

Vs. 15 Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.

Vs. 16 for even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.

Vs. 17 not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.

Vs. 19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Verse **15**, Is Paul implying that his message of giving and receiving, and no tithe, was not being received? Did the churches cut off Paul's support? Sounds like that, doesn't it? Paul lived by faith. Faith that the people really did have a heart towards God and that they would obey the moving of the Holy Spirit concerning giving and receiving. I know of traveling ministers of God who did not receive all of the money that was given towards their ministries by the local Pastors. You know, like a \$5,000.00 offering was taken and the traveling minister only received \$1,500.00 or the \$5,000.00 collected. If Paul's support was cut off as indicated by this verse, it was the Pastors cutting off his support, not the people. Verse **16**, Once again if this was the tithe being sent to Paul the people would only be doing what was required of them and there would be no need to mention this because they were only doing what was required. Paul mentions their giving because the people gave as inspired by God, and in abundance, because it moved Paul and impressed him. Verse **17**, Paul was not preaching this new covenant for personal gain. He was preaching it because it was true and he knew that **knowing the truth** would truly set the people **free!** Notice also the principle that Paul is establishing here. Our giving is considered as fruit and it goes in our heavenly account. Giving is now, according to Paul, fruit. How is your fruit? We've dealt with the Pastors for quite a while, now let's deal with us, the flock. Giving exposes the heart. If a man is interested in a woman he gives her his time. This indicates that his heart is towards her. This shows her that she is special to him and that he is devoted towards the relationship and her. Now if this same man showed up to see this woman once every three weeks for one hour at a time this would indicate to this woman that this mans heart is else ware and that his heart was not given over to her. Same with our giving. If we spend time with God and **give all** that he asks us to this indicates to God where our hearts are. The example in the book of Act's speaks directly to this issue, Act's **4:34-37**.

Vs. 34 Neither was there any among them that lacked for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them and brought the prices of the things that were sold

Vs. 35 and laid them down at the Apostles feet and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

Vs. 36 and Joses, who by the Apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, the son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,

Vs. 37 having sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the Apostles feet.

The people were so thrilled and moved by the Holy Ghost and this new found freedom that they sold **all** and gave it towards the Lord's work. This act exposed their hearts to God. These people were sold out to God and they demonstrated just that by selling all that they had and gave it to the work of the Lord. However two people's heart got exposed in a different fashion, Acts **5:1-10**

Vs. 1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,

Vs. 2 and kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the Apostles feet.
Vs. 3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?
Vs. 4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? And after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou hast not lied unto me, but unto God.
Vs. 5 and Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the Ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.
Vs. 6 and the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out and buried him.
Vs. 7 And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.
Vs. 8 And Peter answered unto her, tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, yea, for so much.
Vs. 9 Then Peter said unto her, how is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.
Vs. 10 Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the Ghost: and the young men came in and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.

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Here Ananias and Sapphira's Hearts were exposed also. There was no doubt that there was evilness in their hearts. Their hearts were exposed through their giving. This showed that they were only playing church. **God does not play church! God is DEAD serious about the church! God does not appreciate hypocrites! God does not condone the actions of hypocrites! God loves people who KEEP their vows! God loves people who KEEP their promises! God loves honesty, honestly! DON'T PLAY CHURCH, GOD DOESN'T.** Verse 19, if we **DO** Matthew 6:24-34, then God will supply **all** our needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. The blessings will not stop if we are playing church. However we will not have the fullness of the blessing of the Lord in our lives either. God is Holy and even when Abraham missed it God did not cut off his blessings. God just dealt with Abraham's sin and moved on from there. We can hinder God's moving in our lives in areas of blessing, Maturity, healing, peace, and love by refusing to allow His work to grow in our lives, but God will not cut off our blessings. Colossians 1:6, 20-23, 26-28

Vs. 6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the Grace of God in truth:

This is a very important statement made here in this verse> we need to know the fullness of the Grace of God in truth. Half truth does us more damage than good, we must know the whole truth in order to benefit from it.

Vs. 20 and, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Vs. 21 and you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled.

Vs. 22 in the body of his flesh through death, to present you Holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

WOW!!! We were enemies in our minds by wicked works. But **now** Jesus made peace through his own blood for the purpose of reconciliation on the earth and in heaven. This was all done to present us to God as; 1.) Holy, 2.) Unblameable 3.) unproveable. **"in the sight of GOD!"** Now if we are, and we are, Holy, unblameable, and unproveable in Gods sight through the blood of the spotless lamb of God, Jesus, how does God now view us when we make our petitions known unto him? 1.) Holy, 2.) Unblameable, 3.) unproveable. So why in the world aren't we getting all of our prayers answered? **Law principals operating in our lives!** If we are operating under law principals we are subject to law consequences, and **we bind Gods hands. God has to honor His word because He is Holy.** As I pointed out several times earlier that you **"can not"** operate under the old covenant and the new covenant. The old covenant blocks you from receiving all of the benefits of the new covenant. You have, and operate under a law mentality. However if you have a **new** covenant mentality you are Holy, unblameable, and unproveable. **Who else's sight matters.**

Vs. 23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

IF YOU DO NOT GO BACK TO THE PRINCIPALS OF THE LAW!

Vs. 24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

Here again, the mystery that is **now made manifest!** This gospel of total freedom and reconciliation to God was mysterious to the Jews. This message that we are presenting is mysterious to us. How much more to those who were living the law to it's fullest. Think of it, this message had to sound blasphemous. No more law. How could this be? God instituted the law. How can Jesus, a carpenters son do away with the Holy law given by God Almighty, to Moses, on Mount Sini. Remember the Jews thought that Jesus was coming like a fighter, not this meek carpenter's son. So you can see the confusion in their thinking, can't you?

Vs. 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Here is another part of the mystery, **Christ in you – the hope of glory! Oh Hallelujah!**

Vs. 28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

The end purpose of this mysterious gospel of Jesus Christ is for us all to be presented **perfect in Christ Jesus!** Colossians 2:2, 4, 6, 8, 10-14, 20-22

Vs. 2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

Paul want this gospel to do exactly what it is to do, and that is to knit our hearts together by acknowledging **the truth of the mystery.**

Vs. 4 and this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.

Paul is telling us this so no one comes along with smooth sounding words and tricks us or moves us backwards from the truths which he has established and is reaffirming.

Vs. 6 as ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

Paul tells the people that they are to walk the exact same way they did when they first received the gospel from his teachings.

Vs. 8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

“Watch out”! “Beware”! Beware of; Philosophy, vain deceit, traditions of men, rudiments of the world, and NOT AFTER CHRIST! “BEWARE”! If something in your life is separating you from God (including yourself) put it to a screeching halt, death, now, it’s harming you more than you will ever know until it is far, far too late. Please my brother or sister, give it up to God and start living and stop existing. Don’t dance with the devil, he’ll make a fool out of you. Phil Driscoll has a song with those very words in them, and they are true. Satan is a master at making fools out of people who think that they

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are doing right yet have **no scriptural** support to their actions. He gets people to justify their actions with human reasoning. He gets people to ignore scripture and thus strikes them through with a dart! 1st Peter 5:7 states; Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: we are to first be **sober**, second we are to be **vigilant**, because Satan is looking for the weak ones in the body of Christ for the purposes of devouring them. The word vigilant means to “Watch”. Satan is watching out for those who move themselves out as their own gods and then pounces on them and devours them, because they have ignored the Holy scriptures which pertain to their circumstance or situation.

Vs. 10 and ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

Exactly what does it mean when Paul states that we are complete in him? Does that mean that we are complete in him? I think so! Nothing lacking under the new covenant.

Vs. 11 in whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ.

Are we really circumcised by Jesus circumcision? You bet we are.

Vs. 12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him for the dead.

Buried in baptism, and raised from the dead? If we are circumcised, and we know that we are, and if we are buried with him, and we know that we are, and if we are raised from the dead by him, and we know that we are, then that explains how our life is hid with God in Christ Jesus, doesn’t it? This also explains how we are complete in Jesus, doesn’t it? This should also clearly show us how God views us and should also show us what God sees when looking at us, a complete person, Holy and unblameable, and unproveable in his sight.

Vs. 13 and you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

All of our trespasses, past, present, and future, are forgiven! Nothing that you or I do is going to shock or surprise God! Gods chin is not going to hit his chest when you or I sin! He has, in Christ, made every provision for our lives whether or not we are saved. Being saved, by becoming born again, give us access to the free favors of God which are all in Christ Jesus!

Vs. 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

What ordinances did Jesus blot out? In the east, a bond was cancelled by being nailed to a post. So the bond of ordinances (the law) is blotted out through the cross of Jesus Christ> Notice that the handwriting of the ordinances **WAS against us!**

Sounds like bondage was nailed to the cross completely also. Now what is the opposite of bondage; **FREEDOM OR LIBERTY, ISN’T IT?** So common sense alone, without even Spiritual insight, should signify that **Jesus totally freed us**, not partially, **TOTALLY!** Anything that God wanted to reestablish in the new covenant, He did, like; Adultery, Covetousness, Revenge, 10 Commandments, (now 2), Love not hate, Do good when treated evil, everything in Matthew Chapter 5 and 6 totally turned the law inside out, upside down, side ways, and loose. **BUT NO WHERE DID JESUS EVER ONCE MENTION THE TITHE WHEN REESTABLISHING ANY PART OF THE NEW COVENANT! WHY? BECAUSE IT WAS TO BE NO MORE!!** The further that we go with this teaching the clearer it becomes that we have been still being held in bondage in some way, shape, or form. I **think** that we can all agree that Jesus did a complete work at the cross. How we ever got so far away from the truth of the power of the cross is baffling to me. I praise God for the revelation of this teaching. I pray that this teaching is freeing you up from whatever guilt or bondage Satan has been using against you.

Vs. 20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

Vs. 21 (touch not; taste not; handle not;

Vs. 22 which all are to perish with the using;) After the commandments and doctrines of men?

Paul is saying; wait a minute, are you dead with Christ or not? Is your life hid with God in Christ or not? If it is why are you doing ordinances again? Touch not, taste not, handle not, we are not subjected to these ordinances any longer, they are all done away with in Christ, A new and better way is here. The one that all of the Prophets of old desired to partake of, what are you doing? People who obey these ordinances want other too see how Holy they are, so they think, but they do all of this through their flesh and none of this pleases God. As a matter of fact it is dishonoring to God and it counts the cross of Christ as vain. Colossians 3:1, 3, 10, 15

Vs. 1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

If we are truly risen with Christ then we should be risen to a **new** way of life, the life of Christ. We should be seeking those things which are above. In other words we should Be doing all things on a heavenly scale, or by heavens standards.

Vs. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

We are dead and our **old life**, and our **new life**, are both hid with Christ **“IN” God!** So when God sees us he only sees Jesus. Jesus always followed Gods leading. We are to do the same in all areas of our lives, including giving. Either God is God in all areas of our life or He is not! We’ve always been told that most people follow God and that they allow God to be Lord over

everything except their wallets. Or we've heard that most of us need to get our wallets saved. Well, let's see who has no faith here. Hey, Preach, is God Lord over the finances of the church or are you? Can you do the opposite of what you've condemned us of not doing – not trusting God? Can you trust God without manipulating, conniving, or conning the people out of the little that they have? This teaching not only exposes the people's hearts, it also exposes the preachers hearts. Can you (preacher) trust God? Well, can you? No one is left unexposed by this teaching. Everyone's heart is totally exposed to all those around you and to yourself.

Vs. 10 and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him;

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Since we are to be renewed in knowledge after God, I think that this teaching is exactly what the doctor ordered. We are **renewing your mind in the knowledge of the pureness of the gospel as was preached by the first Apostles**. I don't care what your opinion on tithing is, the word of the Lord is clear up to this point of this teaching. We have shown you, in the new covenant, over 250 verses that support this teaching and we're not even close to being done yet, so just hang on!

Vs. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

How can the peace of God rule in a heart that is loaded with laws, rules, and regulations, that point to God's acceptance of us based upon our performance. You can't have any peace that way, can you? Colossians **4:3**

Vs. 3 whithal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

Here, once again, Paul eludes to the mystery of Christ, for which he is imprisoned for. Remember back in Acts chapter five where Peter and John were arrested for preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. They were then brought before the Hebrew council to be questioned: Acts **5:29-42**. It was not the man's name that was turning the world upside down, it was who the man was and what he had done. Only after what he had done did his name have the power. He "set the captives free", free from "the curse of the law", (Galatians **3:13-14**), took away the Priesthood, and did away with the traditions of the elders, just to name a few things. What Gamaliel was saying is that if this was a sham their positions were not being eliminated. However if this was indeed God are you ready to fight against God. There had been several man made attempts that all died out, so let's just wait this one out also, don't overreact! Then everyone agreed, and "**BEAT**" the Apostles and commanded them NOT to preach Jesus any more. Notice that the Apostles felt shame for being imprisoned and beaten but they **COUNTED** that as a sign that they were doing their job right. Paul was in "**BONDS**" for the very same message. Satan somewhere along the line introduced the Church to a law principle that ties us to the curse of the law. Tithing. Thus putting us under the curse of the law. As we have pointed out several times. If you do "**ANY**" "**LAW**" you are "**BOUND**" to do "all" of the parts of the law! Satan saw what "**GIVING**" according to the Gospel of Christ did, without any strings attached to the law. It funded the Church in every area of need abundantly so he had to do something to stop this knowing that a well funded growing Church would eliminate all his attempts at deception. So he brought back the idea of the tithe, thus tying those tithers to the curse of the law. Now we are trying to show you that tithing is bondage. That's why Paul on so many different occasions warns about going back into bondage. Giving is liberality and freedom. No curse! 1st Thessalonians **5:23**

Vs. 23 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.

This verse supports our earlier claim that we are now blameless before God almighty to the intent that our sins are covered and not interfering with our relationship with God. The verse says "**Spirit – soul – and then body!**" It is important to be in proper order with God 2nd Thessalonians **2:16**

Vs. 16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace.

We have through God's grace everlasting hope and consolation because God loved us while we were yet unlovely! 1st Timothy **1:7-10**

Vs. 7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.

Vs. 8 But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully;

Vs. 9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers.

Vs. 10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

Many people who were trying to talk against the gospel of Jesus Christ were trying to use the law to support their own beliefs and Paul was saying that not only do they not know what they are talking about they don't have any scripture to support their unbelief. They were acting like teachers of the law yet denying the very center of the law which was only a **shadow of things to come**. Paul supports our earlier statements here when he states who the law is made for; The lawless, disobedient, the ungodly, sinners, the unholy, profane, murderers of fathers, murderers of mothers, manslayers, whoremongers, those who defile themselves with mankind, men stealers, liars, perjured persons, and anyone else who is against sound doctrine. So we could conclude that the law is for **ALL** who do not walk totally in the gospel of Jesus Christ completely, couldn't we! In verse **9** Paul clearly says that the law is "**NOT**" for a righteous man. Are we the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus? YES! If we are, and we know that we are, then the law, all parts of it, do not apply to us. So no law, IF **RIGHTEOUS**. No righteousness, the law applies. 1st Timothy **1:18 & 19**

Vs. 18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;

Vs. 19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

Paul is telling Timothy to hold onto his faith with a good or clear conscience. Why? I believe that Paul is telling him that opposition is going to come against him from all directions and all different angles. Paul told Timothy earlier in this chapter that to remember the prophecies that were spoken over him in days gone by and to remember that he is in a "**WAR**", not a

walk in the park. So here in verse **19** Paul tells Timothy to hold on to your faith! Have a good conscience about what you believe in! Paul continues on in this verse and tells him that some others **concerning faith and a good conscience have stopped believing in the truth and have now made faith shipwrecked, and not to do the same thing.** Hold faith with a **good conscience!** Remember the prophecies. You're in a **WAR! "WIN"!!!!!!** 1st Timothy **2:4-7**

Vs. 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

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Vs. 5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

Vs. 6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

Vs. 7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

Verse **4**, God is most interested in all men knowing the truth. Known truth sets people free! Verse **5**, Paul clearly shows that Jesus is the one who bridges the gap between us and God. Verse **6**, Jesus' purpose was going to be revealed after his sinless life, death, burial, and resurrection. Verse **7**, which now Paul was ordained to reveal all the truths about faith and verity. The word verity here means truth! 1st Timothy **4:1-2, 10, and 16**

Vs. 1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing Spirits, and doctrines of devils;

Vs. 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

Verses **1 & 2**, are these the latter times? Yes! These two verse speak about leaders in the Churches who have not followed faith, but rather, have perverted the truth. Hypocritically. Please follow along here as I lay this out. 1.) In the latter times some **will** depart from the faith. 2.) Allowing seducing Spirits to rule. 3.) Following the doctrine of demons. 4.) Speaking lies hypocritically. 5.) Their consciences are now numb. A seducing Spirit is one that subtly draws you in and then has you within its power. (giving heed to seducing Spirits). This is done by a doctrine that Satan has promoted. (doctrines of devils). This is accomplished when a person perverts the word of God by preaching a supposed truth and passes it off as an absolute truth. Then insists that it is a solid doctrine of the church (Speaking lies in hypocrisy). These people then refuse to hear nay challenge to their teachings regardless if the challenge is word based or not. (their conscience is seared with a hot iron). Thus casing people to depart from the true faith which is only found in the gospel of Jesus! (in the latter times some shall depart from the faith). So this is not referring to someone who is a Satanist. This is someone who is a born again believer who has been sucked into a false doctrine.

Vs. 10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the savior of all men; specially of those that believe.

Paul's reproach was from Church folks. He says that this reproach is solely because he trusts God to be who he is for **all who believe.**

Vs. 16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: For in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee

He tells Timothy to watch himself and the doctrine, continue in your calling and in the same doctrine, and by doing both, in the face of all opposition you will remain strong, which is safety, and you will be freeing all those who hear you. 1st Timothy **5:8**

Vs. 8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

Earlier I mentioned that if your Church is not community minded, to get out, well here is a verse to support that claim. If we as individuals are to take care of our own, how much more should the Church take care of those within their own four walls, their community. The early Church did just that (Acts **4:34-37**) and **none lacked**, how much more should we. This is a strong verse here, denied the Faith, WOW! It appears that we can, by our lack of actions be opposing the very message that we are to be proclaiming. We should all guard against "denying the faith". 1st Timothy **6:3-21**

Vs. 3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to Godliness;

Vs. 4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strife's of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

Vs. 5 perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is Godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

Vs. 6 But Godliness with contentment is great gain.

Vs. 7 for we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

Vs. 8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

Vs. 9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

Vs. 10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Vs. 11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, Godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

Vs. 12 fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

Vs. 13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;

Vs. 14 that thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Vs. 15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only pontentate, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords;

Vs. 16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see To whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen

Vs. 17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God,

who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

Vs. 18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

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Vs. 19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

Vs. 20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babbling, and oppositions of science falsely so called.

Vs. 21 Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.

Verses **3-5**, **any other teaching** other than the words of Jesus Christ our Lord lead to; Pride, Questions, Strife's of words, Envy, Strife, Railings (Blasphemy), **"Evil"** surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, Destitution of **"The Truth"**, Replacing gain for Godliness. We can safely conclude by what Paul is saying here in these 3 verses that this list of 10 things is what took place before Jesus, and what takes place without Jesus in one's life. Our minds are in desperate need of cleansing and being renewed. Without the **"words of Jesus Christ our Lord"** we are **all** perverted! So if we are at anytime, and in any area, outside of the word of the Lord these 10 things have entrance into our lives. We are to consent to wholesome words, Period. Paul then tells us that these wholesome words are only the ones of Jesus, and those words of Jesus, along with his doctrine, are in accordance to Godliness. Paul should have at the end of our verse **5** put in parentheses (PAY YOUR TITHES, and leave the rest up to God). Verse **6**, Then Paul could have said this in verse **6**, Godliness **"with"** is great gain, with contentment. You can have Godliness without contentment but it will not be enough, you will always be looking for what's next! When you are in this state you are open to Satan's Deceptions, tricks, and tactics. But when you are content that God is your **"all in all"** in every area of your life then the little things of life like your needs for money, clothing, food, a car, a home, etc. Do not consume your mind, thus giving you more time to **focus** in on God. This seems to be much of the **focus** of the wholesome words of Jesus and Paul all throughout the new covenant, doesn't it? Matthew **6:24-34**, **7:6-12**, Philippians **4:10-13**, and 1st Timothy **6:3-21** Just to name a few verses to show this. It seems clear to me that the underlying theme throughout the word of God is; **Trust God! Have faith in God! Without faith it is impossible to please God! Whatever is not of faith is sin! Tithing takes "no faith"!** Tithing is preset, **10%, 10% is not Faith!** Now giving on the other hand takes faith and can require **"Great Faith"**! Like with God tells you to give 400% more in the offering than you were planning to give. Like this, you plan to give \$10.00 and God say's I want you to give \$50.00 and you say, God my tithe is only \$10.00, and God says, I want you to give \$50.00, and then you start to rebuke Satan, because you know that this can't be God. But God says \$50.00, it takes **"GREAT FAITH"** to give 400% more than your tithe would have been. If you have Godliness with contentment you can do this easily. Verse's **7 & 8**, Paul is saying, Hey, Man, you came with nothing into this world, you're going to leave the same way. If you have food and clothes be content. **Nothing else matters! Nothing contributes to your eternal destiny! SEEK GOD! FOCUS!** Verse **9**, **Who ever seeks to be rich falls into Satan's plan of temptation and into his snare! This brings to light foolishness, and "MANY" hurtful lusts, which drown you in destruction and perdition, (RUIN). The exact opposite of what you were seeking! Remember what Jesus said in John 10:10?** Subtle traps of Satan like, God wants you to have good things. God wants you and your family to have the best clothes. God wants you to drive the car of your dreams. God wants you to have money in your pockets. Satan use's Godly common sense to snare us, much like when he tried to tempt Jesus in Matthew **4:1-11**. Those above statements are true, but it is not to be our focus, it is a result of and benefit of our pursuit of God. It's as if a friend of yours asks you to come over and help clean up their new house and help out with the painting. These friends of yours say for your efforts in helping us we will provide all the food and drinks in exchange for your help. God says for your pursuit of him he will provide **all your needs and wants according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus**. Matthew **6:24-34**, Ephesians **3:20**, Philippians **4:19**, this chapter is where Paul is warning Timothy of not changing his focus. Let's continue. Verse **10**, The love of money **"IS"** the root of **"ALL"** evil! Which while some have coveted after, they have **"ERRED"** from the faith, and pierced **"themselves"** through with **MANY SORROWS!** The focus of money is evil, not godly, not from Heaven, Satanic, did you get that! This is not my opinion, or my interpretation, this is the Holy word of GOD! I refuse to even debate about it. God said it and it is settled in Heaven and in earth, and in my mind, and in my Spirit! The only place that it is not settled is in your mind, so you see to that if you disagree! I have always heard it taught, and believed that this verse pointed to the reason for all of the evil in the world. However that is not who this verse is talking to, this verse is talking to Born Again Believers. **"They have erred from the Faith"**! The word erred is the Greek work, Ap-op-lan-ah'-o, and means, stray or seduce. So you can see that Satan seduces believers away from the faith, or causes them to stray from the faith. **Christians who have lost focus**. Moved from Christ to money. This is the word of the Lord speaking to you, **erred from the faith!!** What is the result of erring from the faith, people pierce **themselves** through with **many sorrows**. You want many sorrows, seek after money. Part of the many sorrows (I will be speaking from personal experiences) is from tithing according to Malachi **3:8-11**, because I did not want to be a **"God robber"**. I wanted to be blessed, and pleasing to God, I was not lusting after money. It was preached by many of the teachers of the so-called Faith Movement that I listened to that if you did not tithe God could not and would not bless you. So in, so called, Faith, I tithed and gave offerings, because when their methods were not working in my life and I questioned the methods I was told that even if I tithed and did not give offerings, over and above my tithes that I was still robbing God. By doing so I went \$320,000.00 in debt, I went bankrupt, received a bad credit rating, lost a home, lost a car, lost eleven investment properties, had over 100 nsf checks, owed money to dozens of people, and I did this all in **"FAITH"**! I tithed because I did not want to be robbing God I tithed and got curse! Before I ever tithed I gave what God inspired me to give, for six years as a Christian I gave from my heart, and had no problems. In April of 1985 I heard about how we are to tithe or else we are robbing God. Well since 1985 all of the above problems took place. I even lost my 21-year marriage. One day when I was so totally frustrated with my financial situation I blurted out to a friend, do you understand that everything that I have been taught for the last 10 years is what is being challenged here, they said I know, I've been trying to tell you that something is not right about the way these (\$\$\$\$) faith teaching are coming across. Well to cut the story short, God tore down the walls of dissipation. Those walls came in so subtly they caused me to move into dissipation, manipulation, lying, cheating, and all sorts of other garbage that accompanies that sort of mess. As a Born Again Believer. Lying, Cheating,

Manipulation, Born Again! Unbearable pressure! I was sure because none of this faith stuff that was being taught wasn't working that I was being rejected by God and displeasing in his sight and I could not figure out what to do to correct my faults so that I could get back into right standing with God. I started to take matter into my own hands because God was not moving as the faith teachers taught that he would. I blame no one but myself for the above problems either. God had shown me the Truth through his Holy Word during my study times and I went to my Pastor at the time and he explained away what God had shown me so I said, I must be wrong. But what God showed me was not wrong, "I" listened to man, and "I" reaped for "MY" disobedience. God does not want us to be deceived in any area of our lives. God wants us blessed, completely! Wrong teaching brings out wrong thinking, wrong motives, wrong talking, wrong actions, wrong morals, wrong ethics, and these all lead to a wrong life style all done in faith, or so one thinks. **I absolutely believe in "FAITH"!** I believe in "**the God kind of Faith**", and that is found in his Word when read in context. You can make the Bible say almost anything you want it to when you play bible checkers. You can read a verse or two out of context and pass it off as a truth scripturally and it can be as far from the truth is as the east is from the west. Like, Judas hanged himself, Matthew **27:5**, and those things which you have seen me do, you do, Philippians **4:9**, so you can see how this could promote suicide. No difference when you take scripture out of context when it comes to tithing. What we are doing is putting the scriptures back in context and allowing them to teach us just as God the Father had intended for us to believe them and apply in our lives. Verse **11**, **FLEE THESE THINGS!!!!** There are only two times we are told to **FLEE** in Gods Holy word. One is from fornication and the other is **M O N E Y ! Money, The love of Money! Money, Fornication? Fornication, Money? Flee, Flee?** Boy, do you think that we should maybe **FLEE?** **ABSOLUTELY FLEE!!! WITHOUT HESITATION, FLEE! WHEN GOD SAYS FLEE, FLEE! FLEE NOW!** God tells us to flee and also points us in the direction that we are to flee towards. **Righteousness, Godliness, Faith, Love, Patience, and Meekness. Flee Money, Seek Gods attributes and provisions, on his terms.** We can conclude from this verse that by fleeing the pursuit of money and following after righteousness, Godliness, Faith, Love, Patience, and Meekness that we will be avoiding piercing ourselves through with many sorrows, can't we? We can also safely conclude that if we are not piercing ourselves through with many sorrows that we must be on the blessing side of life. Isn't that something, people seek money to have blessings and it brings sorrow. People seek God and it brings blessings to the degree of exceeding, abundantly, **ABOVE** all that we **ASK** or even **THINK**, Ephesians **3:20**. Sounds to simple! Seek money, reap many sorrows. Seek God, reap unthinkable blessings. Nah, Can't be, sounds backwards, sounds to simple, can't be God. Oh yes it can. Matter of fact it is God. Someone has scammed the Church! Faith has been diverted into a humanistic type of religious formula that traps it's victims into thinking that they are on target with God when in reality they are at the opposite end of the spectrum. The Bible defines faith simply as, Hebrews **11:1** "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen". I don't know about you, but Gods definition of faith is just fine with me. Faith is not a magic wand. Faith is not a money making machine. Faith is not a alakazam statement. Faith is not found in tithing. Faith is trusting God in all things to bring his substance into every situation of our lives. By Faith we believe that we are healed by the stripes of Jesus, 1st Peter **2:19**. By Faith we believe that God will supply all our needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus, Philippians **4:19**. By Faith we believe that we are saved by Grace, Ephesians **2:8-10**. By Faith we believe that God created the worlds, stars, moon, the trees, etc. Genesis Chapter one. By Faith we receive righteousness, Romans **3:22**. By Faith we believe that all our sins our completely forgiven, John **3:16**. By Faith we believe that God will do exceeding, abundantly above all that we ask or think, Ephesians **3:20**. By faith we give according to the influence of God upon our hearts. Now verse **12**, Now fight the good of faith by laying hold on eternal life! According to doctrines preached today you would think that Paul should have said here, don't worry about money, just your tithes and give offerings. Stop robbing God, and God will take care of the rest. Pay your tithes and by doing so you will be fighting the good fight of faith, because NOW God can rebuke the devourer for you because you stopped robbing God. You can blow a raspberry to all that mess! Most of the time I find that we have to fight the good fight of faith against church people, they're the biggest doubters around. They condemn anyone who takes the Holy Bible literally. Remember that words of our Lord Jesus to the people against the church leaders in Matthew **23:2-4, & 15**, **Verses 2 – 4** Saying, the scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: all therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works; for they say, and do not. For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers **Vs. 15** Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. Jesus' biggest opposition came from the so-called church leaders. They even were the ones who conspired and crucified him. Fight the good fight of faith! Lay hold on eternal life! Don't let the Pharisees of today make you a two-fold child of hell by their pressure. Stand fast in the liberty wherein you were and are called, Galatians **5:1**. Acts **26:15**; And I said, Who art thou Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. When you come against the message that Jesus endorses you are persecuting him. Jesus said that we can identify a **true disciple** of his; "By **this** shall **all** men **know** that you are my disciples, that you **have** love **one** for **another!!** Sad to say I do not see much of this in today's so called church world today. Galatians **6:1** Says that we can identify a spiritual person by how they treat a fellow Christian in their times of trouble. So with Jesus' statement and the one found in Galatians **6:1** we can identify and locate just where a person is at. Verse **13**, Here Paul is encouraging Timothy to not back down no matter how much opposition he may face, be like Jesus was when he stood alone. His life was being required of him before Pontius Pilate! Verse **14**, What commandment? Verse **12**, Fight the good fight of faith! Keep this commandment without spot and then there is no room for rebuke. Verse **15**, Don't forget that Jesus Christ is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Keep this as your focus. Verse **16**, Remember only Jesus has immortality dwelling in the light, and only he has earned the right for power and honor, Amen. (so be it). Verse **17**, Back to the point. Tell the rich not to be haughty, trusting in their wealth, their wealth has no substance towards eternal life. They must trust God completely after

all he gives us **ALL** things **FREELY**, unconditionally and in abundance for our enjoyment. Verse **18**, Remind them (the rich) to do good, they should be rich in good works. They should be eager to distribute their riches with those in need and willing to

communicate. Verse 19, The purpose of teaching these wealthy people this is so that they can have a good foundation against the day of Judgement so that they can obtain eternal life. 2nd Timothy 1:6-14,

Vs. 6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

Vs. 7 For God hath not given us the Spirit of fear; but of power and of love, and of a sound mind.

Vs. 8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord nor of me his prisoner: But be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God.

Vs. 9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an Holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and Grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Vs. 10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Vs. 11 Whereunto I am appointed a Preacher, and an Apostle, and a teacher of the gentiles.

Vs. 12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

Vs. 13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

Vs. 14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

Verse 7, There was to be **NO FEAR** with the Spirit that God has now given. In the old covenant fear was the motivating factor.

IF you do good, you get blessed! **IF** you do bad, you get cursed! **IF** you be willing and obedient you shall eat the good of the land! **IF** you do! **IF** you don't! But now God has given us the Spirit of **POWER, LOVE** and a **SOUND MIND**. Verse 8, The only way that I know that you could be a partaker of the afflictions of Christ was to preach this gospel of Grace. Verse 9, Paul says that God saved us and gave us a Holy calling not because of what we have done, but, rather in spite of what we have done. He did all of this according to his own agenda out of his Grace. And this great Grace of Gods is now given to us to walk in, in Christ. Just the way God intended it to be before the world began. Remember much earlier we stated that God went back to the covenant of Abraham (Galatians 3:14). That is the way God wanted it to be all along. It's like this, if your 16-year-old child comes and says that they would like to use the car tonight. You ask what are your plans. Well three or four of us want to go to the show, then out for pizza and then maybe if there is time go miniature golfing. You say okay, have fun and drive safe, be home by midnight. Three AM two police officers come to your door and wake you up. They inform you that your child is under arrest for leading officers on a high-speed chase, and driving drunk, they also smashed up your car. **DOWN COMES THE LAW!** The kid is grounded for life!! No TV!! No food!! Stale bread only!! Warm water!! Sour milk!! Mom is going to go to each class of yours and sit there! No friends allowed over!! No phone privileges!! Well after all this child abused your trust and graciousness, didn't they? Well God was Gracious to us in Abraham. Then we abuse his Grace and in came the law. Then our time of punishment was fulfilled by Jesus and now Gods Grace is fully restored to us once again. Verse 10, **NOW**, this Grace is made manifest by Jesus because he **Abolished death, and the law**, through the gospel, good new, he took everything away and paid the debt in full. Verse 11, this is why Paul is a preacher to teach the people the new covenant and establish new Churches. Verse 12, this is the very reason Paul was meeting so much opposition. Verse 13, Paul is telling Timothy that opposition is coming but not to give up. Verse 14, Don't forget you have the Holy Ghost! 2nd Timothy 2:1,

Vs. 1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the Grace that is in Christ Jesus.

Paul is telling Timothy to not move outside of this Grace of God, even though it is contrary to what the Hebrew customs are, stay **strong in Grace** in Christ. 2nd Timothy 2:8-15

Vs. 8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my Gospel.

Vs. 9 Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

Vs. 10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with Eternal Glory.

Vs. 11 It is a faithful saying: for If we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:

Vs. 12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

Vs. 13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

Vs. 14 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers.

Vs. 15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Verse 8, No old Pharisee, Sadducee or Lawyer is preaching Jesus their all against him. Jesus Christ (The Anointed) was raised from the dead as I preach him, Don't you forget that! Verse 9, and people are speaking as if Paul was Satan's servant to the degree that he was in prison. Church folks put Paul there. They could not with words stop the people from coming to this new Gospel of freedom. Paul continues and states; "**The Word of God is NOT BOUND**"!!! Oh, Hallelujah! Man may try to bind you up. Man may try and teach you laws. But God and his Holy word will "**NOT BE BOUND!**" Oh, Glory! Every time I get free somebody try's to bind me up. But no more! God has set me FREE!! Verse 10, Paul says here that, it doesn't matter what they do to him he knows that what he is preaching is true and from God. Paul believes that when he got slapped down off his high horse back in Acts the ninth chapter on the road to Damascus that Jesus was alive and that what he says is totally and completely the truth, Amen! I mean if you were Paul and your on your way to shut the mouths of these fools permanently who think that this false, deceiving, so called Prophet, whore loving, sin forgiving, wine drinking, Sabbath day violating, rabble rousing, liar, is alive and then he comes a split second after you are knocked off your high horse and says; Hey Dude, What's

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Up? Why you messing with me and mine? And Paul says, in his bad pious tone, who are you mister? I'm the MAN! The Alpha and Omega! The Beginning and the End! The First and the Last! The Prince of Peace! The Everlasting Father! The King of Kings and the Lord of Lords! **I'M ALIVE!** You think it's hard for you to kick against the pricks? Try me! Now tell me what would you do? I would do like Paul did, "**I'm your slave!**" I mean this man just rose from the **D.E.A.D.** and is in a face to face confrontation with you. Nothing has any power over this dude! Paul watched him die! Now Paul hears him speak and sees him.

Paul did the most intelligent thing that he could do, he said; What would you have me to do, I'm changing sides, I'm with you bro!! Your cool!! Your what's happening!! Talk to me bro, I'm with you!! So now in 2nd Timothy verse **10** When he say's I can endure all things for the elects sake we can understand his meaning. **FREEDOM WILL BE PREACHED!** No matter what the cost Paul was going to preach freedom and liberality, and he is trying to strengthen Timothy, and you and I to preach the Power of the Cross. Verse **11**, If we are engulfed in Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection, we will, in the face of all opposition, preach the truth, and set the captives free because we know that we are serving the Lord Jesus and that we will most assuredly spend all eternity with him. Verse **12**, Don't give in to pier pressure! Don't fear man, keep focused. You know what I've been through yet I remain committed for the name and cause for Christ Jesus. 2nd Timothy **3:14-17**

Vs. 14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

Vs. 15 and that from a child thou hast known the Holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through Faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Vs. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

Vs. 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Verse **14**, Continue, continue, continue, in the freedom that you learned from me and be confident of those things. Verse **15**, Paul tells Timothy that the scriptures are clear, just as he has full knowledge of, and they point to salvation through wisdom by the faith of Jesus Christ the Anointed son of the most high God. Verse **16**, Every word that is written in the Holy Bible is by Gods inspiration. The reason God had it written down is for our benefit in doctrinal issues, for correction of our ways, to reprove our wrong deeds and most of all for instruction in his righteousness. This teaching is showing that the doctrine of tithing is not from God for today. Nor are the blessings of God conditional. Even the way it is being taught is not the way God taught in the law, concerning tithing. The profitability of this teaching, by now, should be clear, it is to remove you out from under the curse mentality!! You should know that you are blessed simply on the "**FINISHED**" work of Jesus, Period! This teaching reprovess many false teachings concerning giving. It also corrects our thinking and exposes Gods thinking on other vital subjects. Last but certainly not least this teaching shows Gods righteousness and how it relates to us. We are righteous because we are now "**in righteous Jesus Christ, the Holy lamb of God**". We are **made** righteous! We did not work and become righteous! This is Gods wonderful gift to us. Oh, Glory! Another purpose of this teaching is so, as verse **17**, says, that we may be perfect thoroughly furnished to do all good works. Now 2nd Timothy **4:3-4**

Vs. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

Vs. 4 and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Verse **3**, Today we have all of the 7 steps to success teachings. The God wants you to drive the best cars. God wants you to won the biggest houses. God wants you to have the best clothes. God wants you to have the best shoes. God wants you to take trips, and so on and so on. People want to hear this, in and out of the church. I don't believe that this verse is only for Christians, it also applies to the unsaved. The preachers play on the **Lusts** and basic needs of mankind with prosperity messages, thus building their own little empires. I am not saying that God does not want us to prosper because he does. God wants us to prosper his way, His way is by blessing us according to his goodness, not by our own goodness or achievements. Remember our own righteousness is as filthy rags before God Almighty, Isaiah **64:6**. It's no wonder that people want to listen to cheerleader type teachers/preachers who **Hype them up!!** Verse **4**, Tithing is a fable! Tithing is not supported by the Holy word of God, so those teaching it are not teaching the truth! "**SOUND DOCTRINE IS A MUST**"! I use to **THINK** that I was right in tithing but that though made me all the more **WRONG!** When you are wrong and think that you are right everything else you do is from a wrong root/foundation and you open the door wide for more and more deception to enter into your life. All because you think that your wrong thinking is right! If your thinking is not confirmed with the Holiness of the Word of God, stop your thinking and start trusting God. You might say, well I can't trust anyone, well why do you trust to yourself? You are the reason you can't trust God. God will not mislead us! God will not harm us! God will heal us and bind up our wounds! God will straighten out our wrong thought patterns, **if we let him!** I had to set down my pride and allow God to reshape my wrong thought patterns in many areas that went out of kilter do to my wrong thought patterns brought on by my wrong thoughts over tithing and the blessings being conditional. But when the Lord showed me the truth found in his Holy word it started to straighten out my thought patterns in all areas of my life. Now Titus **2:11 & 14**

Vs. 11 For the Grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

Vs. 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people zealous of good works.

Verse **11**, Salvation is not the Grace of God. The Grace of God is Salvation in it's manifested form, Jesus Christ the risen!! God's Grace is also blessing us in spite of ourselves. Verse **14**, Notice here that Jesus redeemed us from **all iniquity** and **purified** us so we could do good works. This indicates that we could not do good works before we were purged from **all iniquity** and purified, doesn't it? What we are pointing out is that this whole new deal/covenant/testament is "**only Gods doing**". Nothing is based on what we have done or accomplished. This new covenant is showing Gods Grace, Mercy and Love in a new and radical way. It is God and God alone. It's like this guy I knew several years ago. He was a tremendous pool player

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and he would go to Florida and enter a singles and doubles tournament. He would take this friend of his along for the doubles part even though he was not very good at pool. Dan would tell John, Hey, I'm not good enough to play in a tournament, John would say to Dan, don't worry, you won't have to do a thing. They would go and when the match play started John would take his turn and run the table. This went on match after match. Finally they would win the tournament and John would take the prize money and split it with Dan. Dan said he always felt guilty because he did not even lift his pool Cue. Yet John won all the money and did all the work on his own. But John would insist that Dan take his share. John also would pay for the trip in its entirety for Dan. Dan just went along for the **free** ride. Well that's how it is with God and us under the new covenant. Jesus did it all and we reap his benefit. We have a lot to praise him for, don't we? This all does tie into tithing. Tithing is a work we do to

receive a response from God. But now that's not so under this new covenant. Jesus paid it all including the tithe. Titus **3:5-7** Points this out, Titus **3:5-7 & 14**,

Vs. 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

Vs. 6 which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior;

Vs. 7 That being justified by his Grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Vs. 14 who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Verse **5**, **not by works of righteousness which WE have done! BUT according to HIS MERCY!!** He renewed the Holy Ghost unto mankind! He restored the **POWER** unto **HIS** church! Oh, Glory to the most high God! Verse **6**, which he shed on us **"abundantly through"** Jesus Christ our Lord. Not by Jesus. But rather, **through** Jesus Christ. Verse **7**, Now we are **justified by his Grace** and heirs according to the eternal hope. Oh Hallelujah. We are in total right standing with God. Justified! We are justified! Praise God! Justified! Just as if I had never sinned!! Pure and Holy, a peculiar people. (Titus **2:14** and 1st Peter **2:9**). People without the stain of sin in their lives are peculiar! Now I did not say that we don't sin. There is just no history of our past, repented of sins. Don't you let anyone bring back your past sins. If they do just look at them and **boldly** answer; get thee behind me Satan! Now that's shouting ground. Verse **14**, We should always strive to be fruitful Christians, productive in working God's plan for our lives. Now Hebrews **1:1-3**,

Vs. 1 God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the Fathers by the Prophets.

Vs. 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the world.

Vs. 3 Who being the brightness of his Glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the majesty on high.

Verse **1**, God spoke in many different ways and on many different occasions to the people during the old covenant. Verse **2**, Now he is speaking by Jesus. God spoke to them through Jesus' birth, life, teachings, death, burial, and resurrection. In other words, the buck stops here with Jesus! Jesus is the radiance of God's manifested Glory. Jesus owns it all, he is the heir of **"all things"**. You want anything, you have to do what Jesus said in John **16:26-27**, don't ask me to pray for you, pray to the Father yourself, he loves you, acknowledge the Father and Jesus will share his inheritance with you, Bless God! Verse **3**, When it says in this verse that Jesus is "the express image of his person" that term properly expressed means, what is engraved on any object as a seal. It speaks therefore of distinct, sharply defined features of mind, or body by which anything or person maybe distinguished. Then Jesus **purged** our sins forever! The word purged means, **Wash off, cleanse, expiate, atone. Gone forever!!** You and I are clean, white as snow! This is how we are viewed when God looks at us. Law principals tie us to the sacrifices that we have to offer in order to be cleansed. Tithing is a law principal, Galatians **5:1-4**, You **must** do all the law if you do any part at all. On to Hebrews **2:14-18**

Vs. 14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.

Vs. 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Vs. 16 For verily he took not on him the nature of Angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

Vs. 17 Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

Vs. 18 for in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Verse **14**, Just as we are flesh and blood and live in this earth realm Jesus came and lived! The purpose was for the destruction of **him** that **had** the power of death. Through death Jesus destroyed death. Much like firefighters fighting a forest fire they often start another fire to stop the one they are fighting. Same with destroying death, Jesus died and destroyed death. Verse **15**, The purpose was to deliver mankind from the fear of death which put them in bondage. The law was (and is) death, Romans **8:2**, and caused fear and bondage. If you don't tithe, you don't get blessed. Fear, Death, and bondage go into that statement. Verse **16**, Jesus is the true seed of Abraham and he came to save man, not fallen Angels. Verse **17**, The people of God, though redeemed, pardoned, reconciled, and forever freed from the condemnation of sin, are still exposed to temptation and may sin. To meet this need, God has provided for his people a merciful and faithful high Priest, Jesus, who continually makes reconciliation, or propitiation, for our sins. Except for this, the people of God could not come into his presence for worship. In the old covenant the people could never go into the Holy of Holies. But now we can **BOLDLY** enter Gods throne of Grace, so that we can **obtain mercy and find Grace to help in our time of need**, Hebrews **4:16**. Funny, in our time of need so called Christians trample us under and add to our burdens. They cruelly attack us and turn others against us. **Thank God that he is there in our time of need.** God has made the provision for us, so that he does not have to bless us by us. He blesses us by Jesus. This is absolutely marvelous!!! No matter what I do right or wrong God will bless me. Even if I sin, God will bless me.

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Now we can keep on sinning and God will still bless us. No matter how much we blow it or keep on sinning God will bless us. Now, if we keep on sinning and God keeps on blessing us in our sin some of us will be the most blessed people who were here on the earth and that went to **hell!** Hebrews **2:3** says "how shall we escape if **we neglect** so great salvation".

Romans **6:12** "What shall we say then? Shall we **continue in sin**, that Grace may abound/ **God Forbid!**"! If we keep on satisfying our sinful desires we would then be abusing Gods Glorious Grace. After all it's the goodness of God that leads us to repentance, isn't it? Jesus is the high Priest and has made reconciliation to God for us. What could stop us from receiving from God? **LAW PRINCIPALS!!** That's what! Verse **18**, Jesus faced the **same** temptations that you and I face and he is able to succor us. The word succor here is translated as; relieve or aid. So Jesus is able to relieve us and aid us in any circumstance. Hebrews **3:10-14**

Vs. 10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, they do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.

Vs. 11 so I swear in my wrath, they shall not enter into my rest.

Vs. 12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

Vs. 13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Vs. 14 for we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end;

Verse's **10-12**, Our errors are from our hearts. When we depart from the living God, God calls this an evil heart. The entire new covenant is centered on a heart attitude. If you and I figure that our sinning won't stop our blessings and keep on sinning then that exposé's our hearts. Sin cause's us to depart from God. If we do things that the Holy Scriptures forbid us to do, regardless of our human reasoning, we have become our own God's thus violation the commandment, thou shalt have not other God's before me. Sin (which is rebellion, disobedience, self-will,) does separate us from the love of God in relationship. Whether we think so or not. Verse **13**, Sin is deceitful. When someone sins and no consciences are enacted people then think, well God did not rain down lightning and fire from heaven, so what's the big deal? God did not want Israel to have a King, however he allowed them to have their own way and look what happened. It was not God's will for them to have a King. God may let you have your own way but be it known unto you it just maybe that it is not God's will. It is God giving in to your hardness of heart. God is going to have his day later, Matthew **24:48-51**;

Vs. 48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, my Lord delayeth his coming;

Vs. 49 and shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

Vs. 50 the Lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

Vs. 51 and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth That is just how sin traps you and I! You think that you have gotten away with something and you eventually get hooked on sin and then, "**WAM**", Judgment. Remember the old saying, don't play with fire, only you get burned!!! Don't manipulate the scriptures, don't play Bible checkers, it could mean eternal damnation! I am exhorting you today! Verse **14**, We need to be consistent in our walk with God each and every day. There is no once saved always saved doctrine in the Holy Bible. Don't wager your eternal destiny on a man made doctrine, whether yours or a churches. This verse should be perfectly clear, "**if we hold the beginning unto the end**"! Now this is your decision, God will not take salvation away, however you may chose to walk away and God will reluctantly allow you to do so. God may plead with you not to continue with your life in the manor in which you chose to live it, however if you insist that God stay out of your life and allow you to make your own decisions simply because you just can't trust him he will allow you to screw things up by being your own god. Hebrews **4:2,12, 14, & 16** **Vs. 2** for unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

Vs. 12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to dividing asunder of Soul and Spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Vs. 14 seeing then that we have a great high Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

Vs. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of Grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find Grace to help in time of need.

Verse **2**, The promise can **only** be received **by Faith!** The only way the word can profit us is **by Faith!** In this verse one group of people received the word through their soul, mind, and intellect and it did them absolutely not good. However the other group of people received it via the Spirit and believed **by Faith** and it was very profitable for them, it totally set them free. Verse **12**, This Holy word of God, when received **by Faith**, in Faith, and through Faith will set you totally free. This same word that sets one free also condemns one to hell. This two edged sword heals and maims, it lifts the Spirit and causes remorse, the very word of God that we use to govern our lives is the very word that will be used as a witness against people on judgment day. **Notice:** The word of God is a **Discerner** of the **thoughts** and **intents** of the **heart!!!!** **WOW!** The new Testament word is to discern the **HEART!** What have I been saying all along through our teaching? **Heart exposure!** That is where we are at in the word, it's all about **heart attitude!!!** Whether in the areas of the flesh, thought, giving, serving, or whatever it's all about the conditions of "**OUR HEARTS**"! The word of God is Quick, Powerful, Sharper than a two edged sword, divides **SOUL** and **SPIRIT**, divides **JOINTS** and **MARROW**, discerns **thoughts**, and **intents** of the **HEART!!** There just isn't much left after this is there? If everything that I have said up to this point is not clear to you this verse alone should make everything else clear to you now! Verse **14**, I want you to notice that Jesus is a "**GREAT HIGH PRIEST**". Nowhere else do you ever hear the term "**GREAT HIGH PRIEST**" used on any other person. This term is for the **MASTER, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. JESUS SUPERSEDES THEM ALL.** Verse **16**, In the Old Testament only the high Priest could enter into the Holy of Holies. But notice now that we can come **BOLDLY** unto the throne of **GRACE**, (for what purpose), that we may obtain

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mercy, and find Grace (the divine influence upon the Heart and it's reflection in our lives) **to help** in our time of **need!!** The priesthood is not needed any more because we now have direct access to God himself because of Jesus. This is why Paul took up the next six chapters of the book of Hebrews, Chapter **5** through **10**, to try and explain to the hard line Jews, and Hebrews, what Jesus' office now means and that Jesus is even far greater than Melchisedec. If Melchisedec received a tenth from Abraham how much **more** should Jesus receive from us. After all what did Melchisedec do for Abraham. Melchisedec only met Abraham and blessed him and Abraham decided to give him an offering of 10% of the spoils of war. Jesus took all of our sins, sickness, and disease's upon himself. He was whipped, tortured, beaten, his beard was plucked out, a crown of thorns put into his skull, humiliated, and crucified and we are to only give him 10%, I think not! He gave us his all and we are to give him 100% not 10%. 100% of what he asks us to give, if he inspires you to give \$200.00 and you give \$50.00 you were only 25% obedient. But if you give the \$200.00 then you are 100% obedient. How can we ever be one with Jesus when he gave 100% and we only give 10%. Paul is under taking a very dangerous task here in the book of Hebrews by showing that the Priesthood and all the Levitical offices are now dissolved and not needed anymore. Paul starts out the book of Hebrews listing Jesus' credentials; 1) Jesus is superior to angels, Hebrews **1:1-2, 4**. 2) Jesus is over the earth, Hebrews **2:5-8**. 3) Jesus was made, for a season a little lower than angels, Hebrews **2:9 18**. 4) Jesus is superior to the high Priests, Hebrews **4:14 & 10:39**. Nothing of

the old is left, anything that Jesus wanted in the new covenant is listed in the beatitudes as found in Matthew Chapters 5, 6, & 7. The most important commandment that Jesus gave is; **“By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, that ye have love one for the other”!!! HEART EXPOSER!!** Jesus changed everything forever and ever. God is going to deal with us in every area of our lives through our hearts. Now Hebrews 6:1 – 2

Vs. 1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

Vs. 2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

Verse 1, we are to be beyond the principles of the freedom which Christ redeemed us from and move forward in **Grace** and **Faith** (assurance) **towards God!** Paul is telling them to move out from the starting gate. He is telling the people that there is a whole lot more than what they first experienced, **move forward!** Verse 2, The baptisms which Paul is referring to here are; sprinkling of blood, washing at the laver, and the other ceremonial ordinances, connected with outward approaches to God.

Now Hebrews 7: 4, 5, 7, 12, 16, 19, 22, 27

Vs. 4 Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.

Vs. 5 and verily they that are of the sons of Levi who receive the office of the Priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:

Vs. 7 And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.

Vs. 12 for the Priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

Vs. 16 who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.

Vs. 19 for the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.

Vs. 22 by so much was Jesus made a surety of a better Testament.

Vs. 27 Who needeth not daily, as those high Priests, to offer sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: For this he did once, when he offered up himself.

Before explaining the relationship of Abraham and Melchisedec I want to show you that doctrines can be made that are not God inspired or ordained. This man was standing in the kitchen on Thanksgiving morning and was watching his wife prepare the ham she was going to serve that day. She took the ham and cut off three inches on both sides of the ham and then threw them in the garbage. Stunned, he asked his wife what are you doing. He asked her this for two reasons, one he loved the end pieces of the ham and two, he felt that it was a terrible waste of good food. His wife answered, I don't know, that's the way my Mother always did it so that's the way I do it. Later that day while they were all sitting around the dinner table the wife asked her Mother why she always cut three inches off the end of the ham. Moms answer shocked both her and her husband, Mom said; "I don't know, that's the way my Mom always did it". Later that day Grandpa and Grandma came over for supper and both Mom and Daughter asked Grandma about this cutting 3" off of the ham. Grandma looked at her Daughter and Granddaughter and chuckled and said; Well I had a cooking pan that was too small for the ham's that Grandpa's work always sent home so I had to cut off about 2 or 3 inches from both ends just so it could fit in the small pan I had. So Mom and Daughter were for years wasting good ham for no reason, they religiously followed Grandma's way of doing things. This was not a rule of cooking ham. Verse 4, Well Abraham on his own gave 10% of the spoils and his children made a doctrine out of that. If it was Abraham's duty to pay 10% there would be no need to mention this at all. Verse 5, When the law entered God set an amount of 10% and the Levites were command to **take** tithes. Blessings and curses were connected to obedience or the lack of obedience. When Jacob in Genesis 28:22 set the stone as a pillar and declared; all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the 10th, unto thee, would have been looked down on as being stupid if he so piously declared what was required and what he had been taught to do from a child and what was his duty, wouldn't it. Here again the very fact that this is mentioned is proof that it **was not required!** Neither Abraham giving a 10th to Melchisedec nor Jacob making a covenant with God were requirements. It's just like the ointment used on Jesus' feet, people could have made that into a doctrine, and said this is what needs to be done in order for sins to be forgiven, we must wash the Pastor's feet with our tears, dry them with our hair, then put ointment on them so we can truly be forgiven. Man made doctrines. Verse 7, Does this verse mean that Abraham (the less) could never have blessed Melchisedec (the Better)? In other words, we can really never bless Jesus in what we give. We bless him in our obedience to his moving (leading) on our hearts. Verse 12, The Priesthood is changed? Now the law must change. This should be clear, the Priesthood is changed. Well, Why? Because the true HIGH PRIEST has come! The law is changed? Why? Because there is **now** a different way in which God relates to us and how we approach him. Verse 16, No law is Jesus

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just pure and simple **POWER** and made a Priest by that endless power. Verse 19, Paul is really criticizing the law by his statement in this verse and then he follows it up by saying the **Better hope** can now make things **perfect**, and by this **better hope** we can draw close to God without having to go through anyone at all except Jesus. Verse 22, Jesus is the **surety** of a **better** Testament. Verse 27, This is great, once and for all, forever and ever. NO more daily sacrifices. No more need for the Levites. No more need for the Priests. No more curses. No more sickness. No more disease. He was the sacrifice. He is the entire Priesthood. He took the curse. He bore our sickness and disease. He is **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS!** He is our **ALL IN ALL!!** His name is **“JESUS”**. Now we are back at our opening verse; Hebrews 8:6 Jesus has a **more excellent** ministry and **he** is the mediator of his own covenant which is a **better covenant** which is built upon **Better Promises**.