THE 10 SPIRITUAL LAWS

the one & only path to REAL TRUTH, LIFE, HEALTH & FREEDOM

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You may be surviving in our nation at present, but many aren't. In case you have been too busy to look lately, let me inform you that our nation is dying. This is no joke. This is a life and death matter! Either we come to terms with the real reason for the mess, or this nation, like every nation in history before us, will get sucked into its black hole. You may shut your eyes and refuse to see. You may argue that these problems have always been there, but ask yourself the question ... are things getting worse or better? You may think that what I am about to share is unbalanced exaggeration and out-moded theory, but the fact still remains, it's the truth, and there is only one solution.

When I was a boy, the norm was for fathers to work to support the family while mother stayed at home to raise the children. Now in order to maintain the same standard of living, both parents work. I have to ask myself the question ... is this progress? When I was a boy, I heard of one murder ... 'the Wanda Beach' murder. Now I hear of them every day. When I was a boy, gambling was only a national sport on Melbourne Cup day. Now every newsagency touts scratch-its & lotto. When I was a boy, 'heroine' was a female hero, 'gay' was a woman's name, and 'aides' were hospital nursing staff. When I was a boy, TV was the 'Mickey Mouse Club'. Now it's 'Sex-life'. When I was a boy, modesty was a one-piece swimsuit. Now, topless is the acceptable dress. Where have we progressed to? When I was a boy, the NSW Liberal government in the 1970's, permitted X-rated movies into the country. The argument was that as mature adults we would have the ability to filter out what was not acceptable to our own individual moral principles. What a joke! All that's happened is that we've altered our moral principles down to the gutter level, and we call this progress! When I was a boy, 'bloody' was a swear word that I heard when people were really angry. Now I hear 'F' words and 'Jesus Christ' wherever I turn. When I was a boy, the legal system defended the innocent. Now its objective is to 'sue people for everything you can get'. When I was a boy, prostitutes were somewhere in King's Cross. Now they're advertised by the dozens in the local paper. When I was a boy, star signs were in the 'Women's Weekly'. Now people line up to get their future read by the psychic at the local arts & crafts market. When I was a boy, shops were shut on Sunday, and there was no national sporting events. When I was a boy, neighbours chattered over the fence. When I was a boy, nobody locked their car or windows at night. I do not call our current lifestyle, progress!

THE REAL PICTURE OF OUR NATION

- * abortion, adultery, beastiality, incest, homosexuality, **artificial insemination of lesbians**, paedophilia, rape, immorality, gay mardi gras, 16,000 aides cases, pornography, euthanasia, prostitution, transsexuals, condom vending machines, 25,000 frozen human embryos, IVF cloning, same sex couples.
- * astrology, clairvoyance, tarot cards, spiritism, witchcraft, humanism, Satanism.
- * bankruptcy, **credit** economy, economic decay ... *asset sales, spiralling debt*, privatisation, excessive taxes, unjust taxation of banking accounts, tax cheating.
- * crime, murder, police corruption, shop-lifting, auto theft, social security abuse, violence, fear for safety, security systems, unjust legal system.
- * drugs, legalisation of heroin, alcoholism.
- * \$70 billion / yr. gambling addiction, lotto, scratch-its, casinos.
- * family breakdown, divorce, domestic violence, disunity, rebellious children.
- * foreign One World government dictatorship of our economic & social policies.
- * blasphemy, swearing, criticism, gossip.
- * apathy, compromise, 'if it feels good, do it'.
- * poverty, half-million homeless youth.
- * busyness, working hard for nothing,
- endless searching for more things to satisfy the vacuum, job dissatisfaction.
- * demand for rights (gay / animal / women / children / unemployed / indigenous).
- * sport, exercise, environmental pollution.
- * lifestyle priorities, self-indulgence, entertainment.
- * materialism, money is considered the answer to our problems and needs, prosperity = having things.
- * raise money through fetes / lotteries / concerts / advertising / door knocking.

- * men becoming like women (eg. ear-rings).
- * new age healing, increased hospital waiting lists.
- * outlawing of corporal punishment, law suites.
- * pagan religions and mosques Ex.23:32,33, Deut.7:2.
- * plagues (eg. mice), floods, Newcastle earthquake, the worst one-man massacre in the world, the worst drought in our history, the worst suicide rate in the industrialised world.
- * finance companies abusing the ignorant poor with excessive interest rates *Prov.*22:22.
- * legal injustice for the poor because of irrational excessive greed through selfish charges, GST.
- * detention centres for illegal immigrants
- * fees for schooling, HECS, & even water
- * racial discrimination, racial division, Native title claims.
- * security is in income, bank a/c, medicine, education, social security, pensions, government funding, job, insurances.
- * success = numbers, buildings, money, cars, job
- * tattoos, bikinis, G-strings, topless bathing.
- * unemployment, callous dismissal of banking staff & 27,000 Telecom employees, Sunday trading.
- * women's lib, women priests, women trying to be equal with men, women in the workforce in preference to home duties and family care (*Titus 2:5*).
- * slaughter & diminution of fish & livestock Hos.4:1-3
- * environmental destruction (Murray River, salination, pesticides), global warming
- * excessive house prices, widening gap between the rich & poor

Disease does not just occur overnight. If these symptoms are already on the surface, it's a sign the process of decay has been happening for many years. With any fatal disease, the process may be slow, but if you ignore it, and if surgery isn't performed within a certain time-frame, the consequences will be terminal.

THE CHURCH HAS TAKEN A BLOOD TRANSFUSION FROM THE WORLD'S SYSTEM

Unfortunately, if you take the wrapping off the outside, the true picture of the modern church is no different to the real picture of the world around it. Everything may seem to appear as if all is well, but those who are honest know that the church is dying too. When I was a boy, 'divorce' was a dirty word and people respected their marriage vows. Now, divorce has struck virtually every family unit in the church system. When I was a boy, Sunday was God's day. Now it's church followed by shopping, basketball or Indy. When I was a boy, the 10 commandments were the basis for our worship of God as well as the framework for our nation's legal system. When I was a boy, pastors visited their flock at their private homes. Now they'd run the risk of being framed for immorality. When I was a boy, the Bible was read around the meal table. When I was a boy, school assemblies pronounced the 'Lord's Prayer'. Now many children are growing up in this nation without ever hearing about the true Jesus. When I was a boy, women were happy to be homemakers & mothers. Now they're demanding to be priests.

In case you haven't noticed, Congregationalists, Presbyterians, & Methodists have virtually disappeared. In order to survive, these once time healthy denominations have had to unite under the banner of the 'Uniting Church' ... a religious system that has the gall to consider homosexuals for the priesthood. The collapse of these former denominations is but another outward sign of the whole church's inner rot and decay. Adultery, homosexuality, incest, beastiality etc. defiles the land, and the land will eventually spew you out (Lev.18:24-30, Isa.26:21). This is the very reason why the British Commonwealth no longer exists. This is the very reason why the aboriginals and their dream-time spiritism have no further rights to our nation's land. God has spewed them out of their original ownership (Jer.16:10-13). God's Reconciliation is not based on giving people back their land (otherwise He would have to give Israel back to the Canaanites); it's based on forgiveness and repentance for contravening God's ten spiritual laws. Therefore, the current process of reconciliation is inspired by the demonic, not God. Its objective is to divide the nation, not heal it.

Why is all this happening? Instead of separating from the world's system, the religious systems have adopted it and copied it. God said that 'the life of the flesh is in the blood' (Leviticus 17:11), and God has clearly warned us that 'whenever you take a blood transfusion from the world, you will contaminate your own blood' (Numbers 35:33, Lev.18, Isa.26:21, Ex.23:32,33). Once you have the world's blood flowing through your veins you will gradually adapt to the world's thinking, and just as God says that worldliness decays, so too, the church will decay. God's whole objective is for us to be a light to the world, but instead we've taken on the world's darkness. The resultant disease process will cause the current religious systems to suffer a coronary, cancer and eventually aides.

THE TRUTH

Whenever the law of the land compromises or disregards the 10 spiritual laws, & whenever God's people have little regard for them, the family's justice system will collapse, & then will follow the collapse of the country's judicial system. This is the very reason why our society no longer gives real punishment befitting the crime. This is the very reason why corporal punishment is no longer permitted at schools. This is the very reason why parents can now be sued for disciplining their children. This is the reason for suing for everything and anything without thought for personal responsibility or what's best for the community.

The truth is, when you become too casual with God, & consequently flippant with His 10 spiritual laws, family & society <u>decays</u>.

'Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.' Prov.14:34

IT'S OBVIOUS WE ARE UNDER THE CURSE OF GOD!

'The salt has lost its sayour.' Luke 14: 34

We the church are the *salt*, God's **preservative** against the infection of sin. But we have flaunted His rules. We have 'tolerated' instead of 'separated', we have 'compromised' instead of 'obeyed'.

This is not a time for laughter and joy, but sorrow, mourning and deep Godly repentance (Daniel 10: 2, 2Cor.7:10, & Rick Joyner 'World Aflame' 1977 pg.89).

'If My people will humble themselves (eg. Daniel 9, Ezra 9 & 10, Lev.26:40-43), pray, seek My face, turn from their wickedness, then I will HEAL their land.'

2 Chronicles 7: 14

IF YOU AGREE THAT OUR NATION IS SICK, THEN, ACCORDING TO GOD'S WORD, YOU HAVE TO ADMIT IT'S BECAUSE THE CHURCH IS SICK!!

God removes Himself from His people when we try to do our own thing (*Deut.1:42; Numbers 14:44*). Until we, the salt, admit our mistake, God will not re-unite Himself with an adulterous wife. He will not heal this land!!

THE REAL PICTURE OF THE MODERN CHURCH

- * people attending church for **entertainment**, duty, friendship, or 'goose-bump' feelings (*Jer.7:9,10; Haggai 2:14*) = false worship.
- * activity / busyness / multiple programs & consequently walking in the visions and imaginations of our own contaminated hearts / misguided voices (*Jer.11:8*). The church system has simply become a business & uses humanistic goal-setting methods to increase its cash-flow.
- * professionalising music, presentations, & preaching.
- * the glossy marketing of Christianity via music, magazines, conferences and TV.
- * 'soft' divorce, family fracture, rebellious children, irrelevant marriage vows.
- * tv / movie morality compromise.
- * greed ... keeping the tithe to build church empires [eg. buildings, cars, equipment, TV enterprises, radio stations] (Deut.14:28.29, Hosea 8:14).
- * **borrowing** from the world to build church empires and stealing the tithe to pay it off instead of distributing it to the needs of the people (*Deut.14:22-15:8*, *Malachi 3:8-10*, *Isa.31:1-3*, *Jer.5:26-31*).
- * charging interest to Christian brothers (Deut.23:20).
- * the Lord's house has been turned into a **house of merchandise** eg. tax-deductible trusts, bible colleges, educational classes where money is charged, as well as govt. subsidies seized upon, for the purpose of making profit to aid in the church's programs and goals / sale of alcohol / investment funds / superannuation plans / having to beg for support before you're eligible for the mission field ... [all evidence of the church's selfishness].
- * bible colleges based on theory & exams, not heart & self-sacrifice / students financed by Austudy, not faith.
- * adultery, fornication, **lustful thinking**, opposite sexes living together (1Thes.5:22).
- * abuse of the Sabbath, refusal to tithe.
- * holding hands with pagan **Roman Catholicism** which practices Mariology, rosary, purgatory, communing with *dead* saints, idol worship & unites itself with other pagan religions.
- * distracted by our mortgages, beautifying our homes, & storing up for retirement (Acts 2:44-47).

- * borrowing the world's money to get something now, or to get more! (2Cor.6:17, Isa.31:1))
- * supporting the world by investing in their share market
- * men shirking their responsibility as spiritual heads of the family.
- * women working to support the family's lifestyle
- * pastors working for a job, not love (Micah 3:11), & hundreds resigning.
- * self first before the poor and needy, coveting, lifestyle chasing.
- * happy when we have money, anxious when we don't.
- * humanistic goal-setting strategies (eg. 'dream it & visualise it into existence', speaking it into being by positive confession, 'act-as-if' it's already happened, set specific time frames instead of 'waiting' on God).
- * the church system is propagating the lie that the old testament (OT) is no longer relevant and is simply background knowledge to the new testament. They ignore the fact that much of the contents of the OT prophetic books hasn't even happened yet. The truth is that Jesus is the same yesterday, today & forever & the whole bible is the *Living* Word (*Matt.5:18,19*).
- * unwilling to sell and share our assets (Acts 4:34).
- * envying, strife, denominational divisions, carnal christians (1 Cor.3:1-3), narcissism, hypocrisy.
- * blind to the real needs of others around them (Jer.5:28).
- * secret paedophilia, domestic violence, homosexuality
- * ignorance & lack of concern for our afflicted & persecuted brethren (*Amos 6:6; Heb.13:3*). [19 million have been tortured & killed for Jesus this century.]
- * the lie of saving the heathen by appearing to be like them, and doing what they do, to show that church is not boring! (1 Cor. 9:21)
- * confusion, discontent, powerlessness, apathy, people switching churches & systems.
- * factions, disunity, criticism, gossip, dogmatism.
- * domineering women / women priests / women pastors (Isa.3:12; Gen. 3:16; 1 Tim.2:9 -12; 1 Cor.14:34,35)
- * copying the world's standards [eg. dress, morality, 'living together', music].
- * "name it and claim it" prosperity cult = worshipping the god that gives you things (Jeremiah 44: 18,23)
- * blocked prayer (Micah 3: 4, Jer.14: 11, & 7: 16).
- * constantly chasing a deeper feeling of Jesus' presence [eg Toronto blessing cult].
- * softening the truth by **devaluing** the law!
- * lack of trust in our fellow brothers / sisters.
- * false prophesying / hundreds of self-proclaimed prophets (Jer.5:31).
- * using false prophets for psychic fortune-telling.
- * 'soft' conversions without true repentance (Luke 13:5).
- * using man-amended bibles that accommodate new age thinking [compare your bible with the old KJV eg. Acts 8:37, 1 John 5:7 the real verse 7 containing the concept of 'trinity' is missing and camouflaged by splitting v8 into v7 & v8, Matt.1:25 'firstborn' is missing]. There are over 5,000 subtle alterations.
- * widespread tolerance of sin as a consequence of being duped by the 'love & acceptance' lie, ie we should not point the finger, we should loving accept people for what they are. The truth is if I'm in sin I must deal with it. My sin does not give me the right to accept others' sin. God doesn't love and accept sin; He separates from it and sends unrepentant offenders to hell! The truth is, we are to **separate** from sin, not accept it (1Cor.5:11, Eph.5:11, 2Cor.6:17, Acts 19:9)

the church is doing, not dying !!

WHY HAS THIS HAPPENED?

Every kingdom has a king who rules & governs the people by set laws. These laws are instituted so that everyone can live in safety and harmony. When there's laws, everyone knows the boundaries of right and wrong. When you defy or deliberately ignore the laws you are committing *anarchy* against the established government. This is exactly what Satan did (*Isaiah 14*). He arrogantly opposed God, the king & ruler of the spirit world. When that didn't work, he deceivingly tried to manipulate human beings to oppose their loving Creator. Right back in the beginning, he tried to discredit the law of God. He tricked Eve into believing that God didn't really mean what He said ... that God's rules could be bent ... that God was unfair & was trying to keep humans from gaining superior knowledge because God Himself was afraid that they might become His equal (*read for yourself Genesis 3: 4,5*). In other words, satan was trying to make out that God was the enemy, the deceiver, & a liar. He even attacked & killed the lawgiver (*Isa.33:22*), Jesus Christ.

Satan is still applying the same con today. He is tricking people everywhere, both inside & outside the church system, that God is unfair; that His laws aren't really appropriate for today; that He's a God of love who is soft &

pliable so that if you're nice to Him, He'll give you what you want, & if you're not as good as you should be, He'll understand; [this is an old trick (see Zeph.1:12 & Mal.2:17)]. Satan's deceiving people with the half truth, that the laws of God have been annulled & superseded by a new covenant of 'grace'; that God didn't really mean exactly what He wrote, but that as mature adults we can interpret His laws with flexibility & eliminate those that aren't practical to our society's lifestyle. The fact is, these 10 spiritual laws have not been superseded by His grace. God's grace has always existed, even before the laws were ever written. The whole world has always been under God's grace, otherwise, like the flood, He would have destroyed us long ago. People in the old testament were saved the same as they are today ... by God's grace through faith (James 2:23, Gal.3:6, Rom.4:20-23, Heb.11, Habk.2:4)

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE OLD & NEW COVENANTS?

Before Jesus died, whenever you became aware of having done something wrong, you were required to kill an innocent animal so that it's blood recompensed for your wrong doing (*Heb.9:22*). This is the requirement of the law of the spirit kingdom. When Jesus died on the cross, He initiated a new covenant because His perfect innocent blood has now atoned for all past, present and future sins (*Col.2:13,14*). All we have to do is humbly admit them and repent (turn from them). At the cross, Jesus bought our freedom from the bondage of the law's legal blood requirements, by sacrificing His own *perfect* innocent blood, so that anyone who submits to Him as the true king of the spirit world & who walks in the guidelines of His laws, only has to sincerely **apologise** for, and repent of, their contravention of His laws, & they will always maintain their personal friendship & relationship with the creator of the universe. Without this new covenant, only Enoch and Elijah would be in heaven. No other person was entitled to access God's heavenly kingdom until Jesus had paid the penalty for sin and risen from the tomb as 'the <u>firstborn</u> from the dead' (*Col.1:18, 1Cor.15:20*).

Under the old covenant, people were saved exactly the same as they are today, ie. by God's grace, and by faith in God (eg. Abraham ... Gal.3:6, Romans 4:20-23). It was not, and never has been, by keeping the law. The difference between the old and new covenants is not these 10 laws of God, but the elimination of animal blood-letting as payment for our sins, the potential to enter heaven (Heb.9:15), plus the incredible privilege of a personal and direct communion with almighty God, through His Holy Spirit [the lawgiver (Isaiah 33:22, James 4:12)] living in our bodies & the opportunity for every believer to contribute with Holy Spirit gifts. The new covenant is an extension of God's grace, not an elimination of His 10 spiritual laws. God is deadly serious about His 10 spiritual laws. They have not been cancelled. They have always existed and will always exist. They are immutable (Isaiah 24:5,6), & they've been given to all generations so that we can know His will for daily living so we do not lose our love for Him, like Solomon did, for example, in 1 Kings 11 ('Lion's Handbook to the Bible', 1973, p.124; 'The New Bible Dictionary', Intervarsity Press, 1974, p.1111). These laws are for our safety and benefit, not God's, and keeping them is the exercise of our heart's expression of our faith & love in God.

Sadly, our compromise of these laws, like Adam's & Eve's, is slowly killing us ... "for in the day you eat thereof you shall surely die" (Genesis 2:17). Disobedience kills, & even though the sentence against evil is not executed speedily (Ecc.8:11, Isa.30:18), God does not lie ... "what you sow, you will reap" (Gal.6:7). The law of God is the constitution of God; it's what He runs His government by. It's because of His immutable laws that you can trust Him to govern & judge with absolute fairness.

Just as in our natural physical realm, we live with and are governed and judged by the laws of our nation, so there are laws that apply even more importantly to our spirits. There are set guide-lines for the health & well-being of our spirits, & if we willingly adhere to them, we will find TRUE TRUTH & TRUE FREEDOM.

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS "LOVE WITHOUT PUNISHMENT"

In any kingdom, if you break the law, you are punished ... because that's the law. The word God uses for breaking the law in the spirit kingdom, is SIN ... 'sin is the transgression of the law' (1John 3:4). Anything that we do wrong against the law obviously must be punished. However, the prime purpose of God's punishment is not to hurt us but to encourage us back into the safety of His laws (Hebrews 12, 1Cor.11:32). God knows, that just like cancer, sin starts surreptitiously with your thoughts, and ends up slowly invading your whole body.

The punishment in the spirit kingdom starts **immediately**, but you may not recognise the symptoms & side-effects of your sin for years. The bible (God's law book), declares that ... 'the final punishment for sin is death' (Romans 6:23). However, in the meantime, there are a range of curses that will accumulate against you, while ever you refuse to be truly sorry for breaking the law. These curses are listed in Deuteronomy 27 & 28, and they include such things as drought, locusts, pestilence, sickness, fever, inflammation, scabs, boils, mental disorders, elevated temperatures, wasted effort, loss of assets, debt, borrowers rather than lenders, barrenness, family fracture, invasion, & war. If

we're honest, about the only thing left for this country to face, is invasion. Yet, even this has subtly already occurred viz. most of our resources and a large proportion of our land is foreign-owned, and we've been invaded by false religions & their false gods; we just haven't yet suffered the sword of invasion. Australia has a massive \$400 billion debt; is suffering the worst drought in it's history; cracks in the ozone layer are exposing us to temperature problems; family fracture is the norm rather than the exception; crime is on the rampage; hospitals are over-crowed; racial division is being fully exposed; deregulation is wiping out many Australian industries & farmers, and almost everyone is in debt, many, especially small businesses, are hanging on for grim death. Those with open eyes will see, that the truth is, because we have ignored the 10 spiritual laws, the punishment is starting to be exposed in the physical world around us.

BE WARNED!!

On top of this fact, God said that when the blood of innocent people is shed, & when people commit adultery against God [ie. not being separate from worldly things ... read for yourself James 4:4 (AMP.) & Isaiah 54:5], the land becomes defiled & polluted (Numbers 35:33, Lev.18:25, Isaiah 26:21, Ps.106:38). The land of Australia is wallowing in the blood of government-financed innocent abortions, legalised prostitution, legalised de-facto & homosexual relations, violence and murders, euthanasia, naked exposure (Lev.18), immorality & greed. No wonder our nation smells to high heaven. God said that the laws of His spirit kingdom require blood for blood (Gen. 9:5,6). That is, we as a nation either must cry out in humble repentance to God for His mercy, so that God can wash our evil slate clean with the perfect innocent shed blood of Jesus, or else this nation will suffer a God-directed catastrophe so that blood is shed as punishment for the crimes it has committed, especially against innocent blood. Already, God is giving us clear preliminary warning if only we will look, viz. the Newcastle earthquake, Port Arthur massacre, Townsville military helicopter disaster, Vietnam war, Cyclone Tracey, Canberra fires, Granville train disaster, Swiss canyon disaster, Bali bombing, Thredbo landslide, increase in shark attacks, Childer's backpackers' fire, Melbourne underworld crime murders, drought, Australians on the bridge that collapsed at the Israeli games, the longest drought in our history, a variety of destructive pests, unprovoked malicious murders etc. We've had disasters before, but now they're getting closer together, more bizarre, and significant lives are being taken. Is God singling out Australia? He will deal with every nation according to its sin, but, sadly, Australia has known the truth about God, yet rejected it. Therefore, we will be held more accountable (Luke 20:47). God will hold the whole nation responsible. Firstly, because silence is the same as condoning the crime, and, secondly, because when families turn their backs on the laws of the spirit kingdom, the family disintegrates, and this inevitably leads to the disintegration of the whole nation as it changes its laws to condone more evil (eg. homosexuality, de-facto adulterous relationships, divorce, gambling, pornography, prostitution, pagan religions etc.). This ultimately leads to de-criminalised murder and blood-shedding (viz. abortions). Even more sad is the fact that God will lay the primary blame at the feet of the church system (Ezekiel 9:6; 1 Peter 4:17), because it knows these laws, but has chosen to ignore them and bend them to suit its selfish lifestyle, and thus has misled the rest of the nation with its hypocrisy. Time is running out. There is only one way to reverse the guaranteed punishment and expanding curses ... we must acknowledge our sin and repent.

'The Lord has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God (because you have forgotten My law). By swearing, lying, killing, stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and BLOOD TOUCHES BLOOD. Therefore, shall the land mourn, the people languish, and the animals and fish be removed ... because you have forgotten My law.'

Hosea 4: 1,2,3,6

These laws existed from the beginning & have never been amended by God, only by man. In fact, these 10 laws are so important that they are <u>the only thing that God Himself wrote with His own hand</u>. God Himself declared that they are **everlasting** laws and that they were never to be annulled or amended

'The earth is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have **transgressed** the laws, **changed** the ordinance, broken the **EVERLASTING** covenant. Therefore the **CURSE** has devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate.' Isaiah 24:5,6

ie. God's Word tells us quite clearly that decay is due to abusing God's laws!

The modern church argues that it keeps these 10 Spiritual Laws, but you only have to look at how it abuses the 4th law to know that it's lying to itself. If you're complacent with one of these laws, it's a sign of your inner heart's familiarity with God & your casual attitude towards all the laws. Most church-goers break any commandment to suit their own convenience. If you twist the truth to suit your lie, you worship yourself & you'll be given what your heart secretly wants, to your destruction *Rom.1:25,28*.

Sadly, the modern-day church is the reason for our nation's decay! The modern church has gone 'soft' on sin. Instead of maintaining a balance between the two characteristics of God as 'love' and 'judge', the modern church has swung the pendulum completely to the 'grace' side, and in so doing is condoning sin by its tolerance of it. This grace philosophy has lulled the church into a false sense of security & a belief that 10-20% sin is acceptable because I'm really 80-90% good. All Christians are forgiven sinners that fight our sin daily, but if you accept and tolerate some sin because you think you're primarily good, you're not a Christian, you're a liar 1John 2:4. Roman Catholics play with this good & badness issue by being relatively good and cancelling out their bad by infant baptism, confession to a priest, penance, last rites & purgatory. Love does not compare or qualify its goodness to justify some badness. Love knows that all sin is unacceptable, and anything less is just pure selfishness. If you justify your salvation on the degree of your goodness, you're practicing Roman Catholicism, not love.

How hypocritical it is to say that adultery is wrong, but divorce and re-marriage is OK (Matt.5:32). What a double-standard it is to say adultery is wrong, then go and watch it at the cinemas. Are you committed to no sin, or almost no sin? Almost every church is turning a blind eye to immorality on the basis of believing a 1/2 truth lie of convenience ... "that love is tolerant and does not judge others. Let's not upset people, let's love them." GARBAGE!! There's no such thing as love without discipline (Heb.12). Peter pointed the finger at Ananias & Sapphira for simply telling a little white lie, & God killed them! My Bible says ... 'Walk as children of light, & have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather REPROVE them' Ephesians 5:8,11. People forget that Jesus also came to bring judgment (John 9:39), and therefore offended many with the truth, including His own disciples (John 6:61,66). The problem is, our church leaders are not walking in holiness themselves & therefore have no authority to attack unrighteousness. If your heart is not being stirred against the evil in our religious systems & in our society, then you've blinded your conscience to God's laws!! Whenever you 'poo-hoo' God's laws you lose the fear of God as judge & sin punisher.

The modern church has swallowed the lie that ...

'freedom from the law = freedom to ignore the law & live above it & still believe you live inside the law because you think it's in your heart'

BEFORE YOU CAN APPRECIATE THE BALANCED POSITION OF THE LAW, YOU MUST EXAMINE BOTH SIDES OF THE TRUTH

Just as God's **forgiveness** has set us free from *eternal* judgment (*Col.2:13*), but we also need God's daily **forgiveness** to free us from our *daily* sins (*Matt.6:14,15*); & just as God has washed away ALL our **sin** *eternally* (*Col.2:13*; 1 John 1:7), but we still **sin** daily (1 John 2:1); & just as being born again means we're **dead** to sin (*Rom.6:7*; *Col.3:3*, 1 John 3:9), but we are still required to **die** to sin daily (*Col.3*; 1 Cor.15:31; Luke 9:23,24); and just as God is not only **love** but also **judge**, in the same way, there are two truths regarding the law.

THE TWO TRUTHS REGARDING THE LAW

TRUTH 1. WE ARE FREE FROM "THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH".

'There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the FLESH, but after the SPIRIT. For "THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE" in Christ Jesus has set me FREE from "THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH". Romans 8: 1,2

ie. According to God's own Word, THE ONLY TIME YOU'RE FREE FROM THE LAW IS WHEN YOU DO NOT WALK AFTER YOUR FLESHLY DESIRES.

TRUTH 2. THE LAW IS STILL VALID TODAY

'Do we make void the LAW because we are saved through faith in Jesus? God forbid: we <u>establish</u> the law.' Rom.3:31

"... the LAW is SPIRITUAL, HOLY, JUST and GOOD." Rom.7:12,14, 1 Tim.1:8

'To be spiritually-minded, one must **submit** to the law.' Romans 8:6,7

'If you LOVE Me, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS' John.14:15.

'If you want to enter into life, keep My laws.' Matt.19:17, Rev.22:14

The fact is, Jesus Himself said, ... "do not think that I have come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I have not come to destroy, but to <u>fulfil</u>. Not one iota will pass from the law, till all be <u>fulfilled</u>, ie when heaven & earth pass away. Whoever **breaks** one of these laws & teaches others to do so, shall be least in the **kingdom** of heaven, & whoever does them & teaches them, shall be called great in the **kingdom** of heaven." Matthew 5:17-19

ie. Jesus has never announced their annulment!!

It's important to note that the words 'fulfil' & 'fulfilled' come from the Greek words 'pleroo' & 'ginomai' which mean, 'to fully satisfy' & 'to become' ... ie. 'fulfil' actually means, Jesus came to show us how to live in His laws, in love. He was the ultimate witness of how to walk in the law, & we should be witnessing this to the world too. Jesus is the law, Himself (Isa.33:22, Ja.4:12)!! It definitely doesn't mean, that when He died on the cross, He cancelled the law. The truth is, He cancelled the ritual bondage of the law by demonstrating what love really is. It's only when one is walking in love as Jesus did, can one be free from the law's requirements, as Jesus was, because only love fulfils the law (Romans 13:10).

GOD DEFINES 'LOVE', as ... 'WALKING IN HIS COMMANDMENTS.' (2 John 6)

On the one hand, it is true that a Christian is free from the law, but on the other hand, it's also true that the law still exists. To take either truth without the other, is 1/2 truth and therefore a LIE!! If we are free from the law (without qualification), as some teach, then why are we still required to not steal, not kill, not lie, etc (Matt.19:17-19)? If you say we are unequivocally free from the law, then you're saying we're permitted to break them & sin! This is the lie of the enemy. The truth is, being justified by faith does not give you the right to ignore the law, for faith works by the loving action of obedience (Gal.5:6; James 2:24). Neither does Love give you the right to disregard the law (John 14:15), even though true love effectively negates the law. This is a paradox that can only be known in your heart when you truly decide to submit to these 10 eternal laws. Love = not walking in the 'flesh', ie. you have to choose to walk after the Spirit's wishes. In other words, you have to make GOD FIRST CHOICES that oppose your natural "I" desires, and the only way you can know what God wants is by following His commandments. LOVE IS A CHOICE BEFORE IT'S A FEELING, but you won't choose love over your fleshly desires if you're not fearful of God's wrath and punishment. God has placed His law in our hearts (Heb.10:16) & we are simply required to use His standard, not to make blind duty choices, but to make love choices,. Ignoring the law means there is no choice, just a convenient way to do your own thing!

FALSE LIBERTY

The selfishness of the church has twisted the meaning of liberty. Liberty does <u>not</u> mean *being free from the law to do what makes sense to me*. Liberty means *freedom through honouring the law & freedom from bondage by doing God's will, not mine,* and it only operates when a person's heart is surrendered to the spirit of the **royal** law.

When you have a shallow regard for God's laws you block your conscience on sin. If you believe you're not sinning, then you can do what 'feels' good without fear of the repercussions.

The whole truth is, you're only free from the law when, in love, you humbly submit to its guidelines.

The whole truth is ... we don't access heaven by being good (*Eph.2:8,9*), it's simply by believing (*John 3:16*), and repenting (*I John 1:9*, *Luke 13:3*). The door to heaven is through Jesus (*John 14:6*), not our goodness. When we ask Jesus to wash us from our sin, we are set free from the **eternal judgment** of HELL (*Rom.6:23*) because Jesus Himself paid the penalty for our sins for us, with His own blood; but, in response to His love for us, we love Him by honouring His commandments (*John 14:15*), so that we do not fall to the power of sin that is still present on this earth. We have been saved from the <u>eternal bondage & punishment</u> of sin, but NOT from the <u>presence</u> of sin; nor are we free from sin's <u>power & daily bondage</u> and <u>punishment</u>, unless we walk heart-to-heart with Him in His LAWS.

IS THIS LEGALISM?

Absolutely not!. Legalism is blind submission to ritual duty. These days, 'Legalism' is a name-calling word that's propagated by the modern church as a means of silencing its critics. No one likes to know they're wrong, so instead of lovingly weighing up truths and seeing if the Holy Spirit would confirm them to us, we protect our view to the hilt by simply opposing any view that doesn't fit our experience or what we've been taught. This is simply being 'self-protective' and 'escaping one's conscience by knocking the other person'. It's called 'listening to the voice of the majority' instead of being willing to hear a singular opinion. In other words, it's 'close-mindedness'. Branding people without listening to their full explanation, is simply a sign of one's inner fear of unsureness about their own dogma. The evidence of people's true heart will be displayed either by their freedom to listen, or their arrogance of defence. The truth is ... it's actually legalistic to be so locked into your own point of view, that you're unwilling to listen to another's opinion. The truth is, **Paul opposed legalism, not the law** (Romans 3:31, 1Cor.7:19). The truth is ... having a balanced respect for God's laws, is love, not legalism (John 14:15 & 15:10). What I'm talking about is not legalism, but a heart-to-heart relationship with your husband, Jesus. I'm talking about loving Him so much you do not want to offend Him nor incur His wrath, and therefore His laws become precious to you as guidelines for life. The law was never meant to be viewed or exercised in a legalistic manner. Jesus Himself said that judgment, mercy & faith were the important matters of the law (Matt.23:23) but at the same time He instructed His disciples to abide by the law (Matt.23:3,23). They're there for our safety, not our bondage!

LOVE RESPECTS GOD'S LAWS, BUT KNOWS THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE TO MOVE OUTSIDE THEM That's always been the case ... eg. David ate the shewbread (Matt.12:1-12), Hezekiah compromised the feast of unleavened bread (2Chron.30:18,19), Esther married a heathen king, Elisha lied (2Kings 6:19), Abraham was instructed by God Himself to kill his own son, & Hosea was instructed by God to marry a prostitute.

The Lord looks on the heart, not the act, but the act will expose your heart. What you do and the motive for doing it will be a reflection of what's really in your heart. If you have a shallow respect for His laws then eventually your actions will expose your true heart's condition.

THE BALANCE OF LOVE & JUDGMENT

It's important to note that the Pharisees were ignoring the real issues of what the law was about, viz. love, mercy & truth (Matt.23:23), and had made the law into legalism. That's why Paul's prime objective was to break through the mindset of the Jews of his time, by teaching that accessing heaven or scoring points with God, was not based on keeping the ritual bondage of Moses' laws (especially the issue of circumcision Gal.2, 1Cor.7:19). This is legalism. At the same time, John's objective was to teach that 'Love' was pre-eminent & required a holy reverence for God's laws (1 & 2 John). God is not only a God of LOVE, but also of JUDGMENT. Submitting to God's laws under the guidelines of the Holy Spirit, is the balance that's essential for true love & freedom. Unfortunately, the modern Christian only wants to hear Paul's case. The irony is, that this modern mindset has placed them in the diagonally opposite corner of the ritual bondage of 'liberalism'. While ever you remain with this unbalanced mindset, you'll never know the love of God that I'm referring to, and you'll continue to contribute to our nation's social decay! The truth is ... Jesus opposed legalism, but He endorsed the law (Matt.19:17 & 23:3,23), ie. He walked by the spirit of the law, not the bondage of the letter; not like today's modern Christians who have simply cancelled them.

THE OPPOSITE TO SIN, IS LOVE

SIN = BREAKING THE LAW (1 John 3:4) [The law is actually in your conscience] (James 4:17; Romans 2:14,15 & 1:19)

LOVE = FULFILLING THE LAW (R..13:10) = NO SIN

WHEN YOU WALK IN LOVE, YOU'RE NOT IN SIN!! ('Love covers <u>all</u> sin' Prov.10:12, 1P.4:8).

The only way that the law is effectively dead is when you're *dead to your self*. You die to self by **restricting** your desires to within the law = walking in the Spirit of His Love (*Rom.8:2*, *Gal.5:18*). When you walk by the Spirit, you're free from sin (*Rom.4:15*, 6:7, *Gal.5:16*), & the only way you can walk in the Spirit of Love is to make God FIRST choices that honour His laws (*John 14:15*). LOVE is yielding to the Holy Spirit, and He is sinless. When

you walk in the guidelines of the law in love, God inhibits satan (*Deut.27*, *Mal.3:11*, *1J.5:18*). When you walk outside the law (ie. sin), you give satan licence to inhibit you (*2Tim.2:26*) plus you incur God's punishment even to the point of separation (*Isa.59:2*).

AN ANALOGY OF FREEDOM FROM THE LAW

When you honour the laws of the land (eg. traffic laws), you are free from being charged under the law. It's as though the law does not exist. You don't even spend time thinking on them.

However, DISOBEY the law and get caught, and you'll soon discover, the laws still exist, and there is a penalty for disobedience, even though you're an Australian citizen. If you acknowledge your mistake and pay the penalty, you'll be free again. The laws don't change the **attitude** of the driver, but they are necessary as guidelines, and for honest and fair judgment in the case of an offence.

Note also, that one does not have a personal friendship with the prime minister just because one obeys the laws. However, if one did develop a close friendship with the nation's leader, they would approach the laws with a different respect of privileged relationship. *The same is true of God and His laws!*

Paul uses a similar example in *Romans* 7 ... if you're married, the law says that sexual relations with anyone else is 'adultery'. But, if your spouse dies, sexual relations with your new spouse is <u>not</u> adultery, even though the law is still active & has not been cancelled.

ie. YOU'RE FREE FROM THE PENALTY & CURSE OF THE LAW, PROVIDED YOU OBEY THE LAW.

Paul said, 'For I, through the law, am dead to the law, that I might live unto God'. Gal.2:19

The only time that the law can be superseded is when *true* love is operating ... eg. travelling on the wrong side of the road is illegal, but not if you were swerving to miss a child. *The same is true of God and His laws!*

The problem is, the church has **blocked** its conscience against the truth of God's LAWS. Therefore it acts without a balanced heart perspective. Most people act blindly, without even weighing up God's LAWS before they act. The laws are no longer the benchmark for their decisions. They're not even considered in the decision! Today's modern Christian latches on to Paul's point of view about legalism, and conveniently ignores John's point of view about love being linked to the law (1 John 2). **If you use freedom from the law as an excuse to not do the law, your love is fake** (John 14:15, Gal.5:13,14, 1John 2:4). Anyone who has not stopped to have an inner look & see themselves as 'nothing' before God, will not be able to see the 'spirit' of the truth of God's laws (Matt.7:5; Ps.19:7,8) & will not know whether they are operating out of a heart of 'pure' love or 'contaminated' self-love.

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS LOVE WITHOUT LAW!

WHY DON'T WE WANT TO HEAR THAT THE LAW IS STILL ACTIVE?

For 4 main reasons ...

- (i) we don't like admitting that we may be in the wrong camp.
- (ii) we don't like persecution.
- (iii) we don't want to know that what we're doing is sin.
- (iv) fear of change

The world is our 'oyster' and we don't want to let it go, yet we say we have. In fact, we've blocked our conscience to such a degree, that we even believe that we <u>are</u> honouring God's laws. If you put a frog in boiling water, he'll jump out. But, if you put a frog in warm water and gradually raise the temperature, he'll accommodate to it, and die. The reason the church thinks it's OK with God's laws, is simply that it has accommodated to sin, and sin blinds! The church is lying to itself. How can the church say it keeps God's commandments when it

- Condones divorce & re-marriage (*Matt.5:32*)
- Condones homosexual priests (Romans 1:27)
- Works, restaurants, plays & merchandises with the world on God's Holy Sabbath (Ex. 20:10)
- Has turned God's house into a house of merchandise by selling & advertising its wares & practicing humanistic goal-setting to get its dreams and wealth
- Doesn't tithe (*Luke 11:24*)

- Covets and copies the world's standards of dress, morality, music, debt, prosperity & women in leadership
- Prays with pagan religions
- The majority say they don't do these things, but actually are guilty by their silent condoning.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge [ie. <u>ignorance</u>] ... because you have forgotten My law.' Hosea 4:6

'Where there is no vision [ie. blindness], the people perish, but happy is he that keeps the law.' Prov.29:18

This above text is what the church uses to give itself licence to set goals by visualising & confessing into existence its potential future wealth & prosperity. The truth is, this is not a verse about goal-setting, but rather this verse declares that those who are fickle with the law will contract the disease of spiritual blindness. The irony is that the verse the church uses to support its case for goal-setting actually confirms the severe level of their blindness. The fact that the church is chasing **prosperity** is simply confirming their own conceit, lack of respect for God's Holy Laws, & its total inability to rightly interpret the Word of God.

According to God's Word, if you have a shallow regard for God's laws, you'll suffer degrees of **spiritual ignorance** and **blindness**, and you'll get sucked into the devil's lies (2 Tim.2:26). And that's not all ...

- (i) your goals will be your own visions (not God's) (Jer.16:12 & 23:16).
- (ii) you cannot know the Fear of God (Deut.28:58).
- (iii) you cannot know God's wisdom (Prov.9:10; Psalm 119:98).
- (iv) you cannot have true prosperity & success (Joshua 1:7,8; Psalm 1).
- (v) your prayers will be an abomination (*Prov.28:9*)
- (vi) you'll walk in confusion (Dan.9; James 3:16).
- (vii) you'll never be holy (Hosea 4:6, 1 Peter 2:5).
- (ix) you'll unsuspectingly condone evil (Prov. 28:4)
- (x) you'll offer contaminated worship (Haggai 2)

There is clear evidence of this in the Pentecostal church system with ignorant pastors and their flocks jumping headlong onto the bandwagon of the 'Toronto blessing' cult and the 'Prosperity' cult. God is using both these demonic phenomena to expose and highlight the church's immaturity and folly. If 'slaying in the spirit' is of God, then why do you need human catchers? People are hooking into the Toronto thing because it gives them a 'good' feeling. Is there anything wrong with feeling? No, but feeling must produce Godly sorrow and repentance for our sins, or it's simply our own selfish emotions, not God's. No revival starts without repentance and humility, and any true revival never has to advertise or promote preachers ... God simply sweeps people into it. True revival changes hearts and impacts the community on all fronts. I've monitored this phenomenon over the past three & a half years, and have noticed nothing has changed except more decay. In fact, I'm aware of specific situations where, not only is a blind eye turned towards divorce, but adultery is also silently condoned in the ranks as well as within leadership. On top of this, eldership fracture, disunity & discontentment [God says this is the result of making choices that compromise His laws (Dan.9)] are rife, & the Word of God is laid aside for the so-called 'leading & feeling' of the Holy Spirit. Talk about profaning the name of Jesus. Yet some churches have the gall to advertise this as 'revival' with huge banners across their wall. The simplicity of the root of ignorance is a shallow regard for His commandments.

You can have all the right desires, but when you couple them with <u>spiritual ignorance</u>, this does not equate to truth.

The Word of God is the only thing we must rely on, not experience. There is no biblical support for this behaviour. Rather it's the evidence of people ignoring God's truth and outwardly demonstrating their ignorance of it. The biblical evidence actually directly opposes this behaviour ... it was the enemies of Jesus that fell backwards (Jn.18:6); God's men fell onto their faces (Ez.1:28,3:23, Dan.10:9) and could not even get up except by the power of the Spirit. This evil is being propagated by self-deceived arrogant men who are fully engulfed in the 'Prosperity' deception. Blind people everywhere have been sucked into the lie that 'prosperity = getting what you ask for', and 'faith = healing'. My Bible says that God's principle is **death** of self before real fruit is produced (Luke 9:23,24; John 12:24; 2T.2:11,12). God's principle is to withhold good things from you till you see your sin (Deut.8:15,16). When things go wrong in your life, or when you don't get healed, what are you going to do? Who are you going to blame? Those people that point the finger and say 'no faith' are not practicing 'love' but self-protective vindictiveness. They forget that it's the elders of the church that are also required to have the faith to raise the sick (James 5:14). They forget that Elisha died sick, that Job was persecuted with sickness, that Timothy had a stomach complaint, that Daniel fell sick (Dan.8:27), that the blind man's problem was not due to his sin (John 9:3), that Ahijah (God's prophet) was blind (1K.14:4), & that the man who had his ear cut off was healed by Jesus without the man having faith (Luke 22:51). Faith includes trusting God when things don't work out the way we want, or when life doesn't make any sense (Lam.3), so how can faith enter the picture if you believe these lies? True Faith

works by love (Gal.5:6), so you can't even have faith for miracles if you aren't putting God first. Talk about accommodating humanism and materialism and gift-wrapping it under a different name. How blind we are! Anyone that teaches healing by 'visualising and confessing yourself healed', is practicing occult, not faith. Anyone that asks for money to propagate their ministry is opposite to Jesus. If God supplies all our need you don't have to mention money at all, nor do you have to plan ways to create it. Therefore I must conclude that these people are opposite to Jesus ie. demonically inspired. The fact is, God said, 'withdraw yourself from anyone that teaches that gain is godliness' (1Tim.6:5) [most modern versions conveniently omit this phrase].

God's prosperity is 'contentment in every situation' (1 Timothy 6:6) whether it be poverty, riches, sickness, health, persecution, or suffering. God Himself is the creator of everything, including evil (Isa.45:7; 54:16; Prov.16:4, Ex.4:11; Gen.2:9, Lam.3:37,38). The Almighty has the right to do with us as He wishes, either good or evil, because He controls both. Faith rests in the fact that God knows best and He is in control of everything, despite how things may appear on the surface. Faith is letting God use every circumstance, whether good or evil, to teach us about ourselves, to save others, to set in place His plan, or for whatever purpose He wills. God said, 'blessed are the poor in spirit' (Matt.5:3). It's time to stop focussing on things and our rights as Christians. If God gives us things, then we are responsible to be good stewards. Our only objective must always be GOD FIRST, and nothing else, including wishing our circumstances to be other than what they are.

'Whosoever does not forsake all that he has, cannot be my disciple' Luke 14:33.

'Walk not in the vanity of your own mind, having your understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through ignorance, because of the blindness of your heart: and do not be past feeling giving yourselves over to lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.' Ephesians 4:17-19

Why are thousands of people getting sucked into these things? They're blind because they've listened to man instead of God. There are many good people in the contaminated church system, yet, sadly, they've accepted the wisdom of the preacher and accommodated to the peer pressure of man's precepts instead of boldly standing for God's. The evidence that I'm telling the truth, is in our nation's decay. Where spiritual fathers have been non-existent, you can only expect your children to be deceived.

Sadly, Pentecostalism has degraded itself to emotional soulishness. A lot of people go to church for the <u>emotion of worship.</u> People aren't brought to conversion on the basis of Godly sorrow and repentance for their sin, but with the carrot of God's blessings. The modern church is bribing people to Jesus. Just like Simon the sorcerer, people are coming to Jesus for the benefits, not for the commitment to serve Him & die for Him. What's the use of having a personal Saviour if it's not to save us from our sins? What is He saving us from? Sadly, the church doesn't see Christianity as a battleground against evil, but a club-house where we can come and find friendship, peace, and time-filling activities and entertainment. By their tolerance, the church sends a message to the world that 'sin is OK', so why wouldn't people want to join the club and get their insurance policy for heaven? They've got nothing to lose. The church has forgotten that Jesus didn't chase after the rich young ruler, nor even His own disciples (John 6:61,66), when they didn't want to meet the standards because it was all too hard. Obviously, if we're after numbers and money, it would be unwise to teach that you can only join God's army if you give up everything. Although many are confused and discontent, **fear** restricts them from upsetting the apple-cart, and fear of loneliness or loss of friends keeps them bound to the contamination.

Does this let the orthodox and evangelical church systems off the hook? No way! The same subtlety of blindness permeates through this system as well. It's the reason for the Pentecostal break-away in the first place. It frowns on emotions and certain gifts of the Spirit, preferring to stick to its ritualistic denominational divisions. It too has allowed the world to influence its ranks and thinking.

Besides the homosexual debate in the Uniting Church, Anglicans are not even objecting that their future head, Prince Charles, is a practicing adulterer. Issues of compromise are being exposed on all fronts, eg. The Sydney Anglican synod has condoned the selling of alcohol [merchandising] on church premises, and the ordination of women is a hot potato that's causing further divisional cracking. Orthodox and Anglicans still robotically recite repetitive structured prayers and creeds, taken from the Roman Catholic prayer book, as the basis for their system of worship (Matt.6:7). The religious system's ignorance is highlighted by their non-scriptural belief in the 'communion of saints' (which actually means praying to dead spirits, especially infallible Mary) and indoctrinated into the people each week through the quoting of the Apostles' Creed formulated by pagan Roman Catholicism in 3rd century A.D. When the Anglicans routinely declare a belief in "one holy catholic & apostolic church" they expose an ignorant submission to the Roman Catholic's headship over a universal one-world religion built on the lineage of the Apostle Peter. When they recite the Nicene Creed and quote "one baptism for the forgiveness of sins" they are inadvertently confirming the Roman Catholic occultic belief that infant baptism is the doorway to salvation and church membership. Coupled with this is the sad inditement that God's people pray and quote the Ten Commandments every Sunday, yet, without even thinking about it, practice hypocritical living in their homes and

community. How contradictory to say that adultery is wrong, then watch it in the cinemas, & condone by silence, the issue of divorce and re-marriage (*Matt.5:32*). What a double standard we lead when we say it's a sin to steal, yet we steal from God by seeking our own pleasure on His Sabbath day, and steal from God by keeping His tithe. How hypocritical to say that it's a sin to covet, yet our lifestyle and well-being is the centre of most Christians' attention, not to mention the pride of our unwillingness to share our resources with the needy, or to forgive others.

Right at this point in time, churches on both sides of the fence are striving to save themselves by adopting the 'cell church' strategy. As a home church pastor, I'm all for real, personal & unified fellowship. However, this cannot be achieved by following a set format of strategy. That's how the world works. God works by changing our hearts and the strategy follows. You can change the system as much as you like, you can cut it up into small groups as much as you like, but if people's hearts aren't changed, all you're doing is replacing one dead system with another. I recently received a brochure advertising a woman reverend who has a 3,000+ cell church in Singapore, and promoting a seminar on how to increase the numbers in your church. Can you see Jesus doing this? This is not God's heart. This is deception. This is an example of the humanistic goal setting strategies that I learnt in the business world ... 'how to get more clients and increase your business'. The problem is, it works, and many confused and discontent blind people are being sucked in by the thousands.

You see, because we've blocked our consciences to God's laws, all we're doing is following the imaginations and dreams of our own hearts (*Jer. 16:12 & 23:16*), and blindly convincing ourselves that this is God's heart. God's heart is totally the opposite. God's not into size, strategy, money, security or self-worth, He's into death and humility ... 'whoever does not bear his cross (ie. die to self), and come after Me, cannot be My disciple' (Luke 14:27) & you die by restricting your desires to God's law.

The truth is, if you're fair dinkum about sin, you have to protest against it in your own life first. Until you do that, you are simply silently condoning it, & in effect, making a mockery of God's laws. If you tolerate sin in your life, and if you refuse to see and address your wrong behavioural attitudes, then you're simply faking your relationship with a holy God. If you're out of sorts with your spouse, you may be still living in the same house and sleeping together, but you both know the relationship is not what it should be. The same is true with God. You may be a Christian, but that doesn't mean you're communicating. If God says something to you, you'll interpret it to support your posture, and rush off doing what you thought you heard, without realising you had misinterpreted His instructions. You can only hear to the max. when you've cut off your flesh. The Word says, 'If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me' Psalm 66:18, Isa.59:2.

Think about this instruction in God's Word. 'I will walk in my house with a perfect heart. I will set NO WICKED THING before my eyes. The deeds of faithless men I hate; they shall not cling to me. Men of perverse heart shall be far from me; I will have NOTHING TO DO WITH EVL PEOPLE.' Psalm 101:2-4.

If that's God's standard & yet you allow the evil of TV to enter God's **holy** temple (ie. you), then according to God's words, you're a liar about having respect for God's laws (1 John 2:4). There is no way certain programs on TV will not lead you into lustful thinking, and either lustful thinking is 'adultery' or it isn't. If you're not going to be honest, there's no way you're going to understand the message I'm sharing. In times past, you may have been able to keep you and your family from the evil of TV, but now even the ads. are polluted, and the real truth about our ABC's standards can be measured by its promotion of the 'gay mardi gra'. The fact is, that if you don't keep a strict guard against the TV programs you watch, you're supporting the media's standard of presentation, by default, and you are grieving a **holy** God within you by accepting the world's evil into your own home. In plain simple English, God calls anyone who says they love Him, yet lives a double-standard, a hypocrite.

'Whoever is a friend of the world, is an enemy of God.' James 4:4

Before you can honestly say that you are respecting God's laws, you have to repent of your own compromise of sins; and before you can experience full communion with the Father you must honour and love His laws.

'He that has My commandments and keeps them, he it is that loves Me: and he that loves Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will <u>manifest</u> Myself to him.' John 14:21

IF YOU'RE FAIR-DINKUM ABOUT SIN, YOU'LL PROTEST AGAINST IT!!

you'll remove the world's evil from your holy temple.

- * you'll guard against your TV & if necessary get rid of it for the sake of your family.
- * you'll boycott video stores with their 'R'-rated evil for the sake of our youth.
- * you'll boycott cinemas that make their money by polluting people's minds.

- * you'll boycott newsagencies with their porno magazines & lotto supermarkets!
- * you'll walk away from dirty conversations!
- * you'll not compromise dress standards!
- * you'll speak to your wife & children in love & not arrogance.
- * you'll not condone people of the opposite sex living together (1Thes.5:22).
- * you'll separate from any church that tolerates 'soft' sin! (1Cor.5; Matt.18:17; 1Tim.5:20)
- * you'll lovingly withdraw from any brother that arrogantly refuses to repent of known sin! (2Thes.3:6,14; Titus 3:10, 1Cor.5:11)
- * you'll remove anything from your house that even represents evil & therefore is anti-God! (Deut.7:26)
- * you'll put God first before work, money, family & friends.
- * you'll not borrow or lend on usury Ps.15:5, Jer.15:10, Prov.28:8, Ez.18:8, Isa.24:2, Deut.23:19, 15:6)
- * you'll honour your marriage vows.
- * you'll get serious about God's standards!
- * you'll speak up against unholiness.

WE EXPOSE SIN BY NOT TOLERATING IT

'Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove (expose) them.' Eph.5:11

the degree of your love is your degree of compromise!!

Until we are honest that we really do have a shallow regard for His laws, evidenced by our own compromise and tolerance, there is no way we can move forward. We are liars, pretending we love God (1 John 2:4) and our nation will continue to rot. When will we understand that God is HOLY and nothing less than holiness is acceptable to Him? Forget about the world. It's the church that needs revival!

You'll never bind the strongman while ever you tolerate his evil!! Matt.12:29

FAITH IN JESUS IS TOTALLY OPPOSITE THE WORLD SYSTEM

- * Rest = patiently waiting for Him to do the impossible (*Psalm 37:7*).
- * using the tithe for God's people, not buildings (Deut. 14).
- * relieving the oppressed (Isaiah 1:17).
- * seeking Him first ... God first choices!!
- * taking **no thought** for tomorrow (Matt.6:33,34).
- * staying separate from the world, even though you're in it (2 Cor.6:17).
- * not storing up treasure on earth for selfish use (Matt.6:19).
- * giving (2 Cor.9:6-8).
- * raising money through love offerings (Ezra 1:4).
- * no work or personal pleasure on the Sabbath (Isaiah 58:13).
- * walking in **all** his commandments (Gal 5:6, J.14:15).
- * constantly taking your thoughts captive (2 Cor.10:5).
- * persecution & suffering (2 Timothy 3:12).

'Everyone that is of the TRUTH hears My voice.' John 18:37

'But strong meat belongs to those that are of full age, even those who by reason of **use** have their senses <u>exercised</u> to discern both good and evil.' Heb.5: 14

SUCCESS MEASUREMENT IN JESUS' KINGDOM IS OPPOSITE THE WORLD

* GIVE * SERVANTHOOD * OTHERS BEFORE OURSELVES * LOVE * DEATH * FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

'He made Himself of no reputation, and took on Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of man.' Phil.2:7

THE TRUTH

It's **hypocrisy** to cry out to God for help when you're knowingly getting a worldly blood transfusion (*Jer.7: 9,10*). It's **hypocrisy** to pray to God when you know you're in sin, or when you don't believe in Him anyway. It's **impossible** to 'love the Lord your God with <u>all</u> your heart, soul, mind and strength,' unless you kill every idol (*see 2 Kings 23*), & submit to his laws (*Deut.30*).

Jesus becomes our <u>Saviour</u> by **grace** through **faith** (*Eph.2:8,9*), but He can only become our <u>Lord</u> when we truly love and submit to His **laws** (*John 14:15*, *Luke 6:46*), and if He's not your Lord then He's not your Saviour either.

The answer to our nation's mess does not lie in better economic strategies, Asian integration, racial reconciliation, improved education, environmental awareness, or gun prohibition. The one and only solution has never changed since time began return to the laws that govern the universe. This is the only platform that can truly address our nation's current sensitive issues. No man can solve our problems, only God can! These 10 spiritual laws found in the bible in Exodus 20, are the keys to life. There are no others. If you really are searching for the truth, do not be flippant with these laws, and God promises you will find what you are looking for.

LAW 1. 'NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME'

An **idol** = anything that consumes your thoughts or attention ahead of God.

- = unsacrificed passions
- = being driven by a goal instead of by God.
- = anything that you submit to, other than God.

Other gods include ...

The gods of Money, Education, Sport, Job, Pleasure, Over-indulging, Possessions, Things, Family, Nature, Pop Stars, Movie Stars, Sports Heroes, the Pope, Religions ... etc.

'Do not serve the gods of this world.' Deut.7:16.

'Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world.' 1 John 2:15

<u>The god of Religious Rites</u> ... Many religions worship their forms of religion (eg. candles, systems of communion, systems of baptism, prayer books, techniques of praise, techniques of confession, last rites, the sign of the cross etc.). This is not love ... this is ritual.

<u>The god of Friends</u> ... be in the world, but separate from evil influences. 'Separate your heart from worldly friends, and don't touch anything unclean.' 2Cor.6:17

'Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove (expose) them.' Eph.5:11

The god of Self ... ie. When your goals or talents become the centre of your attention / When you do things that make you feel worthwhile / When you allow your "I" to be offended / When you look to the world's system as your source / When you aim for something ahead of God's schedule / When you stand on your stubbornness ($1 \times 3am.15:23$) / self-seeking / self-dependence / When you form judgments against others = passing sentence on them = ME as god.

RULE 1 At a point of choice, put God & His law, FIRST. This is true LOVE!

Q. Do you make decisions based on what's best for your family or yourself? Do you make decisions based on putting your children's interest first? Do you make decisions based on not upsetting or not offending others? Do you make presumptuous decisions without waiting for all the facts (*Ps.19:13*)? If you do then you're breaking this 1st. law, & you're in SIN!

PRIDE is putting things, or others, or yourself before God!!

LOVE is making choices where GOD comes FIRST before anything or anyone else (John 8:29 b).

When you put God FIRST, He works out

* what's best for your family
* what's best for you. * what's best for others
* what's best for the nation.

* what's best for the environment.

'Take no thought for your life ..., but seek **first** the kingdom of God and His righteousness, & everything shall be provided for you. Take no THOUGHT for tomorrow. God will take care of your tomorrow.' Matt.6

Jesus Christ is the one and only true God

Not Mohammed, not Allah, not Budda, not New Age, not Religion, not Self ... only Jesus Christ FIRST!

'I am the Way, the Truth, & the Life. No one comes to the Father except by Me' (John 14:6).

'There is no hope of salvation in anyone else except Jesus: for there is no other name given among men, whereby you can be saved' (Acts 4:12).

LAW 1 over-rides all other laws!

LAW 2. 'DO NOT MAKE A GRAVEN IMAGE'

This means ... (i) do not make anything, in any shape or form, that may be associated with worship.

(ii) do not have anything that represents <u>evil</u> in your house (*Deut.7:25,26*, *Nu.33:52*). How on the one hand can we say we love God, and on the other hand, possess anything that symbolises evil and therefore is an opponent of our holy God. We can't! It's hypocrisy!

Religious Icons & Idols = anything that you create and incorporate in your worship of Almighty God.

'I will cut off the graven images, and your standing images, and thou shalt no more worship THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS.' Micah 5:13; Isa.2:8

Many religions incorporate man-made icons in their worship. This is totally anti-God and demonic deception. It's interesting to note that the Roman Catholic church system has completely eliminated this law from it's catechism. It's obvious why!

Note: the **New KJV** version carries a three-leaf occultic insignia (used by the masons) that ignorant religious men say represents the trinity. This law says not to represent the Godhead in any image & even in any **artform** (*Acts* 17:29). Not only have the religious systems directly disobeyed this law, but instead of waiting & relying on God for His provision to them, the religious systems have impatiently and covetously gone to Egypt (the world system) to get the money for the construction of their idols (buildings, colleges, cars, equipment etc.), and they've used God's money (tithes) to finance it!!

GOD DECLARES that this is ADULTERY against HIM!! (James 4:4)

'You have taken My fair jewels of My gold and of My silver, which I had given you, and made to yourself images of men, and did commit whoredom with them.' Ezekiel 16: 17

The Biblical principle clearly indicates that if God directs you to erect buildings & purchase equipment, they are to be financed by love offerings (*Ezra 1:4*), not borrowings from the world, & not the tithe. The tithe is for the Levites & the people's needs, not bricks & mortar (*Deut.14:22-29*).

Whatever we do for God has to be by God's instructions. If we do not walk in His commandments we will create things out of the imaginations of our own evil hearts ... *Jeremiah 11:8 & 23:16*.

'Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.' Psalm 127:1

LAW 3 'DO NOT USE GOD'S NAME IN VAIN'

= profaning His Holy name, or, = using His Name without His Authority

- □ Disrespect of authority 1Tim.6:1, & husband Tit.2;5
- □ Saying you walk in the law of God, but actually contradict it *Jer.8:8*
- ☐ Acting as a Christian, but your heart is self-centred
- ☐ Faith without true works Ja.2:20
- □ Doing things against His commandments *Prov.3:30*
- □ Intermingling with the heathen *Ez.36:20*

Do not profane (blaspheme) the name of God (Lev.24:15,16), & do not falsely profess that a vision or dream is from God (Ezekiel~13:7,8), & do not use His Name without His authority (Jer.5:2) = **false prophets** (Ez.22:28).

'You shall not swear by My Name FALSELY, neither shall you profane the name of your God.' Lev. 19:12

'This is the curse that goes forth over the face of the whole earth: for everyone that steals shall be cut off, and everyone that swears shall be cut off. I will bring it forth, says the Lord of Hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that SWEARS FALSELY BY MY NAME.' Zechariah 5:3,4

Whenever we attempt our plans for God, or use God's Name to achieve something (eg. attempting to bind & loose demons, healing, praying, prophesying, positive confession, 'naming & claiming'), without having first been bothered to honour His commandments, nor humble ourselves of our pride, nor wait for His clear instructions [eg. Jesus didn't cast Satan out of Judas]; our attempts are simply empty & void rhetoric. Unfortunately, most people, including those who call themselves 'Christian', are not even aware of their pride, because they are too <u>self-defensive</u> and too **busy** to take an honest evaluation of their fruit.

'Let us search and try our ways, & turn again to the Lord.' Lam.3:40; Prov.14:8

- Our self-fruit becomes evident when we don't get what we want.
- Whenever we become casual with sin, we become casual with God & lose respect for His position as king, then vainly quote His name.
- o When we sin we allow His Name to be taken in vain by his enemies 2Sam.12:14

RULE 2 ... Never get too familiar with God. FAMILIARITY breeds unappreciation & disrespect (eg. referring to God as "JC") which breeds contempt!

'The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who hold the <u>truth</u> in unrighteousness.' Romans 1:18

LAW 4 'KEEP THE SABBATH DAY HOLY' = NO WORK

Because the Sabbath day has been blessed and hallowed by God (*Gen.2:3, Ex.20:11*), He commands NO WORK, NO STUDY, & NO SEEKING OF PERSONAL PLEASURE on the 7th DAY of the week. This not only applies to the head of the household but also to all those who are under his roof, as well as those who are under his authority or employ on that day. The Sabbath is <u>not</u> a **family** day; it's **God's** holy day. You keep Sabbath, in fact, all His laws by attitude, not by duty.

It's important to note that the seventh day of the week is Saturday, not Sunday. Some churches linked to Roman culture seemed to adopt Sunday as the modern Sabbath during the 2nd century A.D.(Christian History, Issue 37). Their argument was that Sunday was the Lord's Day (the day that Jesus rose from the dead) & therefore the Christian religion should now revere this day. Even in the early church, there were factions developing that were bent on compromise with paganism, so that Christians could participate in society's social & religious activities (see Rev.2:6, re Nicolaitans). Once emperor Constantine adopted Catholicism & brought an end to persecution, Catholicism became the state-financed religion; priesthood offered a rewarding career; & Catholics gained a high level of social status (Decline & Fall of the Roman Empire, Edward Gibbons, vol.1, p.662-665). Consequently, the ranks of Catholics swelled. Pagans also revered Sunday (the day of the Sun god). Therefore, on the grounds of

social unity, it was easy & advantageous for the greedy & idolatrous Roman Catholic religious system to influence Emperor Constantine to legally institute Sunday as the common day of rest. This would not offend the pagans & it would also encourage them to adopt Catholicism, swelling its ranks & increasing its wealth & power. This Sunday 'rest' ruling was officially made law on the 7th March, 321 A.D. [Encyclopedia Britannica, 1899, vol.23, pg 654, & 1993, pg.305]. This was another subtle act of the spirit of anti-christ to change God's times and laws (Dan.7:25, 2Thes.2:7, 1J.4:3).

The truth is, Jesus prophesied He would be in the grave 3 days & 3 nights *Matt.12:40*. The truth is, He died on Wednesday [not Friday] at 3pm *Mark 15:34* & rose on Sabbath after 3pm, before Sunday began, & therefore the 7th day Sabbath is still the true Lord's Day.

The biblical fact is, the early church met for fellowship **every** day of the week (*Acts 2:46*), including Sunday (*Acts 20:7*), but they still honoured the 7th day as the Sabbath (*Luke 23:56 & Vines Greek Dictionary 'Sabbath'*), as God does (*Gen.2:2*) & Jesus Himself did (*Luke 4:16*) & as Jesus will continue to do during his millennial reign *Isa.66:23*. In other words it was men that changed the day, not God. God never changed this law, nor gave anyone else permission to change it. Nowhere in His book will you find instructions to change the day (*The New Bible Dictionary, 1974, p.1111*). It's the 7th day that's blessed & hallowed, & God said it was to be an **everlasting** covenant (*Isaiah 24:5,6*).

'If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, ie. from doing your pleasure on My HOLY DAY; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour Him, <u>NOT DOING THINE OWN WAYS, nor FINDING THINE OWN PLEASURE</u>, nor <u>SPEAKING THINE OWN WORDS</u>: then shall you delight yourself in the Lord ... 'Isaiah 58:13,14.

'Blessed is the man that keeps the Sabbath from polluting it, ... and takes hold of My covenant; even them will I bring to My Holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer ...' Isaiah 56:2,6,7,8

[Please note: ... This is not just past, but present and future prophecy. The Sabbath will be law in God's future kingdom ... see Isa.66:23.]

Today's modern Christian ignores this law completely, no matter what the day. Without any conscience on the matter, modern Christians consider themselves above this law & flaunt their arrogance by working, playing, partying, sporting & merchandising with the world on God's Holy Day. It's time God's true church stood up and was counted. Turning a blind eye to the condition of the church will not be an acceptable excuse.

HONOURING THE TRUE SABBATH IS THE KEY SIGN OF SEPARATION FROM TODAY'S COMPROMISING & SIN-TOLERANT RELIGIOUS SYSTEMS Ex. 31:13

'Jesus is LORD of the SABBATH [not Sunday]' Mk 2:28.

LAW 5 'HONOUR YOUR PARENTS'

(ie Submit to authority)

This does mean to obey them, but it doesn't mean blind obedience. It means we are to hold our parents in high esteem & keep a soft heart towards them no matter what their faults or mistreatments, ie. not to hold an attitude of disrespect against them.

As with all these laws, it's the spirit of the law that God is interested in, not the legalistic duty of blind obedience. Therefore, this law does <u>not</u> mean that we necessarily do everything that they want. Apollos didn't just do what Paul wanted *1Cor.16:12*. Jesus did not do what His mother wanted when she requested to speak to Him (*Mark 3:31*). Neither did He do what His parents wanted when He stayed behind at the synagogue at the age of twelve. He was only interested in doing what His Heavenly Father wanted Him to do. He refused to compromise Law 1. <u>This is</u> true love.

It does <u>not</u> mean keeping quiet and not expressing your opinion. Jesus spoke His opinion directly to His mother (*John 2:1*) when she interfered and tried to get Him to fix up the problem of the shortage of wine [as if He didn't already know]. Similarly, a wife must never bow to her husband's lustful desires. She must stand for truth & allow the truth to convict him (& vice versa).

It does <u>not</u> mean that we should keep quiet for fear of offending. Jesus did things, and deliberately said things that He knew would offend not only his opponents, the Pharisees, but also His own followers (*John 6:61*). He was only interested in doing what His Heavenly Father wanted Him to do. <u>This is true love.</u>

It doesn't mean that we have to stand there and continually take abuse. There are times when it's right to leave. When king Saul consistently abused David, David left the palace. However, David never held a grudge against Saul. He simply waited for God's timing and God's justice. **Waiting** on God is true love.

It does <u>not</u> mean that we should never stand up and oppose evil authority. God chose Jeroboam to oppose the evil regime of Rehoboam, and God inspired the people to rebel (1 Kings 12). Peter opposed the Sanhedrin with "we ought to obey God rather than men" Acts 5:29

RULE 3 ... Selfish rebellion is sin, but God-inspired rebellion is obedience to law 1.

SUBMISSION doesn't mean being walked over. It's being willing to be walked-over, or willing to be told what to do or to be corrected. It's having a spirit of **meekness** (soft heart) that carries no offence & doesn't compromise truth (1Peter 3:4) & has an inner heart of respect for those who are in authority over us Col.3:18-23. Submission is doing what God wants, not what I want, & not what others want. Submission is an attitude of spirit.

LOVE does not submit to pressure. SUBMISSION does not bend to FEAR. Submitting out of FEAR, is PRIDE, not LOVE. Solomon held his mother in high regard, but this didn't stop him from changing his promise to her, when wisdom dictated otherwise (1Kings 2:19-24). As a removed his grandmother as queen mother because of her adultery 1K.15:13.

We are required to submit to authority (good or evil), unless that authority tells us to contravene God's laws eg. the midwives in Egypt (Ex.1), & the fiery furnace (Dan.3), or God tells us to oppose it eg. Jeroboam (1K.12). The truth is, all authority is under God's authority (R.13:1,2); therefore, we are actually submitting to God, not the authority.

It does involve caring for our parents' uncared-for needs. Even when Jesus was on the cross, He attended to the needs of His mother (*John 19:26,27*).

It does involve putting them before yourself, but not before God.

The consequences of the 5th law are clearly specified in Exodus 20:12 ... viz. your life will be shortened if you do not keep a soft heart towards your parents.

'Everyone that curses his father or mother shall be put to death' Lev. 20:9.

The opposite to righteous submission is unrighteous rebellion.

KEY IT'S NOT WHAT YOU DO ... IT'S WHETHER YOU'RE OPERATING IN YOUR SPIRIT OR GOD'S SPIRIT!!

LAW 6 'DO NOT KILL'

This includes Abortions, Euthanasia, Suicide, Murder, Rape, Paedophilia, Incest (ie. the killing of someone's soul), offending people, & deformation of character. Also, drugs, alcohol abuse, smoking, tattoos, & body piercing are evils that kill & graffiti the temple of God (ie. your own body)

'Don't you know that your <u>body</u> is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, and you are not your own? For you are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.' 1 Cor.6:19,20

In God's eyes, **Unforgiveness** is the same as murder; **Hatred** is the same as murder (1 John 3:15), & **Anger** is the same as murder (Matthew 5:21,22). In other words, it's the attitude of your heart, even before the action is committed.

The Moslems believe that they have the right to kill anyone who opposes their Koran. Religion does not give you the right to kill. The time will come when the church system will kill the remnant and think that they are doing God a favour (*John 16*:2).

Christians believe that we should be loving and unconditionally forgive rapists, & murderers. In the Lord's Prayer "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" means "in the same pattern as God". The whole truth is that Jesus taught that if people genuinely **repent** Luke 17:3, or if you hold an **offence** Mark 11:25, you must forgive those

who have hurt you (for your sake), but He also taught that love knows the right time to **retain** sins and <u>not</u> forgive *John 20:23*. God Himself doesn't always forgive *Matt.6:15*. Secondly, Jesus taught that a person must pay the penalty for their crime. If this wasn't true, there wouldn't be a hell. <u>Jesus does not forgive those who do not repent.</u> <u>He sends them to hell.</u> God instructed the Israelites to kill and destroy anything that was evil or practiced evil (*Lev.24:21*). Obviously, therefore, this law does not forbid **capital punishment** (*Encyclopedia Britannica, 15th ed., 1993, p.426*); it forbids evil **behaviour** & **attitude** (*Num.35:18*).

True love knows what punishment is required for each act (eg. Jesus gave no punishment for the woman found in adultery), & correct justice can only be properly rendered when the **motive** for the action, as well as the offender's genuine **repentance**, is evaluated without bias. A loving father will render to his child, fair punishment that befits the sin the child has committed. He will not just ignore the sin, or else he will end up with a rebellious child on his hands.

LAW 7 'DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY'

This includes sex outside marriage, defacto, incest, rape, paedophilia, beastiality, sodomy, homosexuality, & lesbianism. Immoral sexual acts within marriage (eg. bondage, sodomy) are EVIL. Divorce is anti-God & can precipitate adultery (*Matt.5:32*). **Lustful thoughts** both within marriage and without are EVIL (*Matt.5:28*), and using lustful thoughts for heightened sexual stimulation is EVIL. Living together without a vow of lifetime commitment is adultery, not marriage. Using someone for your own pleasure, is sin (*1Cor.10:24*), but having sexual pleasure with your spouse is God ordained.

'Whoever LOOKS on a women to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.' Matt.5:28

'Whoever DIVORCES his wife, except for the cause of fornication, causes her to commit adultery: and whoever marries her that is divorced commits adultery.' Matt.5:32

'The Lord HATES divorce.' Malachi 2:16

In other words, any sexual immorality in **thought** or deed is EVIL. It's therefore very foolish to deliberately expose yourself to any literature, videos, movies, music, discos, nightclubs, pubs & bars, compromising occupation, or worldly friends that would influence and entice you into sin. If one is careless & does not see the danger of disobeying this law, they will surely be sucked into the septic of our present society's moral decay.

If you are serious about keeping a pure heart before God, yet you watch compromising TV programmes tolerating violence and visual or even suggestive sexual overtones, then you are condoning immorality by default & you are lying about loving God!! The time has come for God's remnant to at least, strictly control, or even better, to shut down their TV sets. It's impossible to watch TV with an undisciplined will & keep your heart pure at the same time! Even the ads. are contaminated! Why are you supporting evil by allowing it to enter your own homes? If you don't care about yourself, what about its influence on the minds & hearts of your children? Get real, Church. It's time for NO COMPROMISE!!

If you're serious about keeping a pure heart before God, then diligently guard what you watch on TV, & if you can't, get rid of it. TV is a powerful tool that the enemy uses to expose your family to unholiness & sucks the life out of your spirit!

'.... I will walk in my house with a perfect HEART. I will set NO WICKED THING BEFORE MY EYES. The deeds of faithless men I hate; they shall not cling to me. Men of perverse heart shall depart from me; I will have NOTHING TO DO WITH EVIL PEOPLE.' Ps.101:3

GOD'S WILL IS CLEAR!!

'Abstain from all appearance of evil.' 1 Thes.5:22

'Flee fornication ... you are joined unto the Lord.' 1 Cor.6:17,18

'If any man defile the temple of God, him will God destroy.' 1Cor.3:17

Q. Why did God create this law?

- **A.** He knows that immorality contaminates our spirits and kills us no matter how well we may think we know Him, eg. Solomon (1 Kings 11).
- * An unrepentant adulterer will not access heaven (1Cor.6:9,10, Gal.5:19-21, Rev.2:21,22, Ez.33:12).

In whatever area you fracture these laws, you will inhibit your ability to take your evil thoughts captive (2 Cor.10:6).

Every Australian family has been touched by immorality & most have just accepted it as the norm, having been slowly conditioned to evil by allowing it into their homes through their TV sets. Christian families have also begun to adopt the world's standards as the norm. Consequently, factions of today's modern church endorse homosexuality, divorce & adultery. The truth is ... divorce is sin, adultery is evil, homosexuality is insanity.

ANY RELIANCE ON THE WORLD'S SYSTEM IS ADULTERY AGAINST GOD!!

Anything, other than Jesus, that you're relying on as backup or security, is evil.

The world is evil. If you hook into the world's system and rely on it as your source (eg. job, social security, Austudy, pensions, bank loans, medicare, movies, discos, fun), you will have the juice of the world flow through your spiritual veins, and your blood will be contaminated. You will vex your spirit (ie. lower your resistance to evil), and you and your family will suffer the judgment of the world, as Lot did (see Genesis 19).

If you get a blood transfusion from the world's system, you'll become like the world!!

'You are unfaithful wives [having illicit love affairs with the world] and breaking your marriage vow to God! Do you not know that being the world's friend is being God's enemy.' James 4:4 (AMP), Isaiah 54:5.

'You have committed fornication with the Egyptians; you have played the whore with the Assyrians, because you were not **satisfied**.' Ezekiel 16:26,28

'Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; because it is very strong; but look not to the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord! When the Lord shall stretch out His hand, both he that helps shall fall, and he that is helped shall fall down, and they shall all FAIL together.' Isaiah 31:1,3

'I will gather all your lovers, with whom you have taken pleasure, and all them that you have loved and hated; I will gather them round about AGAINST you, and will expose your nakedness unto them, that they may see your nakedness. And I will JUDGE you, as women that break wedlock ... 'Ezekiel 16: 37,38

'Go NOT into Egypt where there is no war and where there is safety and satisfaction for all your needs.' Jeremiah 42

'If you link with Egypt and **mock My laws**, your VISIONS will be the imaginations of your own evil heart.' Jeremiah 16: 12, & 23: 16

'CURSED be the man that trusts in man, and makes flesh his arm, and whose heart departs from the Lord.' Jer.17: 5

The church system has directly disobeyed this law. Besides turning a blind eye to immorality in its ranks, it's also impatiently gone to the world's system to borrow the money for the construction of its idols (buildings, colleges, statues, icons, cars, equipment etc.), and it's used God's money (read 2Chron.14-16), which is meant to be for God's workers and the needs of the people (Deut.14:28,29), to finance them!! The church system has not only committed adultery, it has condoned and encouraged its people to do the same, and in so doing has greedily sought for possessions and status, even to the point of competitiveness against one another. This is what borrowing does. The **debt** becomes a burden that binds by distracting your attention away from people and relationships, and tempts you to focus on things. Sadly, the prime function of today's church system is to conduct an efficient and well-oiled business operation, instead of simply being a humble hospital and school for the needs of its people and the world around them.

I'm not saying you can't live in the world and use its resources. I'm saying that if your heart is self-centred, if you excuse your conscience against His laws *Rom.2:15*, you'll blindly convince yourself that it's OK to use the world and call it Godly.

IF YOU WANT FREEDOM, DON'T BE FLIPPANT WITH HIS LAWS!

'Cursed be he that disregards the words of the law.' Deut.27:26

LAW 8 'DO NOT STEAL'

Besides blatantly taking what is not yours, this also includes not returning what is not yours; not paying your debts; not declaring something that you have broken; not owning up to an error or mistake; **cheating** on exams; deceiving; stealing time from your employer; giving or receiving bribes; being paid cash-in-the-hand and not declaring it on your tax return; keeping two sets of books so you can effectively steal from the government; tax cheating; computer pirating; greedily keeping things for yourself; selfish use of God's tithe (the tithe is for the people, not buildings & programs, Deut.14:22-29); not tithing (Luke 11:42); and abusing God's Sabbath.

This law also incorporates LYING, SELFISHNESS & GREED, because when you do these things, you are stealing from God & stealing from the rights of others.

The purpose of wealth is to give or lend to brethren in need! (Deut. 15: 7,8)

'Whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his bowels of compassion from him, how can God's love be in him?' 1 John 3:17

'The Lord HATES .. "GAIN by DECEIT".' Isa. 33:15

'The LOVE OF MONEY [ie when I don't tithe or share, or when I covet], is the **root** of **all** evil.' I Timothy 6: 10

If your motive is anything other than seeking first the kingdom of God & His righteousness, any project will be doomed to failure because it will never produce true satisfaction nor the fruit of the Spirit.

NEVER MAKE MONEY OR THINGS YOUR GOAL OUR 1ST. GOAL MUST BE **<u>HUMILITY</u>** VIA <u>GOD</u> <u>FIRST</u> CHOICES (*Matt.6, Prov.4:7*). GOD WILL DO THE REST (*Phil.4:19*).

Q. Did God tell you to do it? Did you consider God's laws before you acted, or are you doing it out of your logic? (*Prov.3:5,6*)

'Whatever is not of faith & love, is sin.' Romans 14:23 & Gal.5:6.

LAW 9 'DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOUR'

Although this obviously incorporates lying, it also encompasses many other aspects of our relationship towards others. It includes perjury; pretending to agree with someone's false opinion for fear of them not liking you, or fear of offending them; not **compromising** one's principles for the sake of keeping your neighbour happy or to prevent them from being offended; norming a JUDGMENT against your neighbour (*Matt.7:1*); not THINKING evil about your neighbour (*1 Cor.13:5*); speaking the truth in love (*Eph.4:15*); not jumping to a presumptuous opinion when you don't have all the facts (*Psalm 19:13*); not gossiping, criticising, or slandering your neighbour. When you do not stand up for your neighbour against false accusations or unfair treatment, you also fall short of this law. In fact, God holds us accountable for anything we do that causes our brother or sister to stumble as a consequence of us being a bad witness towards them (*Romans 14:13,21 & Matt.18:7*).

This law does not prohibit talking about evil people and the evil in people. Jesus talked about the Pharisees, and Paul warned about Demas and criticised Alexander the coppersmith (2 Tim.4:14) and Moses talked about the people with God. It's the motive of your heart that counts.

Speak against evil & evil people, but do not speak evil against someone (Titus 3:2).

NOTE!! there are 2 ways of **judging** people

- (i) with a **condemning** heart = pride (*Matt.7: 1,2*)
- (ii) with a soft **evaluating** heart = love (1 Cor.2:15)

Judging others is God's job, not ours James 4:11,12

It doesn't pay to judge others. When we judge others we are rewarded with their punishment Matt.7:1-5.

LAW 10 'DO NOT COVET'

This includes wanting or wishing for what you haven't got (eg. a better situation, better surroundings, a better deal); being DISSATISFIED with your particular circumstances (*Ezekiel 16:26,28*), evidenced by your murmuring; borrowing money to get what your neighbour has; buying things on impulse; using credit to get things "now" instead of waiting for God's timing (IMPATIENCE); working to 'get' instead of working to 'give'; putting yourself and lifestyle before the poor and needy; any form of gambling, including lotto and raffles, where you're wanting something for nothing (*Proverbs 13:11*) or even encouraging or condoning others to do so.

The casinos are telling us that they are set up for people's pleasure. This is a lie. If this was their objective they would be delighted to lose money, just as long as the people were happy. Obviously, they are set up for greed and profit, both for the casinos and the government [the Victorian govt. earns 14% of its income from gambling]. The fact that casinos are endorsed and promoted by our governments, is the fruit of a nation out of control. The truth is, gambling is vanity and has the potential of being an addiction that not only destroys the person and those he is responsible for, but is a thorn in the heart of this nation. Whenever we contradict any of these 10 spiritual laws, the nation will come to decay.

'Let your **conversation** be without **covetousness** and be CONTENT with such things as you have: for He has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you.' Hebrews 13:5

When "fear of loss", especially financial, inhibits you from godly judgment, you are in sin, not love.

'The love of money is the root of all evil.' 1Tim.6:10

The materialism and corruption in the modern church stems directly from a blind arrogance towards this law. If no one was worried about 'keeping up with the Joneses' we'd all be satisfied with what we've got. Of course, the main weapon that satan uses to tempt us to covet is the TV. We simply see what's out there and wish we could have it.

coveting = seeking your own 1Cor.10:24

Incredibly, MOST MODERN CHRISTIANS BELIEVE THAT THESE 10 LAWS WERE ONLY FOR OLD TESTAMENT TIMES.

If that were true, then ...

- * why did Jesus instruct the **rich young ruler** in the law as the *path to life* if He was going to annul them or devalue them, and why would He give them as the answer for salvation unless a respect for them in your heart is necessary for death to our selfishness? *Matt.19:17*
- * why does God include them as a requirement to live by in the times preceding Jesus' second coming? Malachi 4
- * why will Jesus reign on earth governing by His laws & feasts & sabbath? *Micah 4:1,2; Isaiah 2:3, Ezek. 43-46; Zech.14:16; 1 Cor.5:7,8; Isa.66:21,23*
- * why did God say they were FOREVER? Did He make a mistake? Deut.7:9; Deut.5:29; Isa.24:5,6; Psalm 111:7-9 & 119:152.

- * why did Jesus come to magnify the law & make it honourable? Isaiah 42:21
- * why will God use it as a plumbline for His final judgment? Rev.11:19; Rom.2:14-16; Ecc.12:13,14
- * why is God's end time judgment towards the earth itself due to us having changed & transgressed His laws? Isa.24:5.6
- * why is submission to His laws a prerequisite for being in God's final battle? Rev.12:17 & 14:12.
- * why do his **angels** live by them? *Psalm 103:20*
- * why did God say in the New Testament that SIN is breaking the law? 1 John 3:4
- * why does God say that if you judge others you put yourself above the law? James 4:11,12
- * why did God say that keeping the commandments was a prerequisite for asking and receiving from Him? 1 John 3:22
- * why does Jesus ask you to keep them? John 14:15
- * why does Paul command you to keep them? Eph.4:25-29, & 6:2; 1Cor.7:19
- * how else do we grow in God's WISDOM & Knowledge? Deut.4:6, Ps.111:10; Psalm 19, Hosea 4:6; Ps 119:98.104.
- * how else can we know the "FEAR OF THE LORD"? Deut.28:58, Psalm 112:1
- * how are we to be truly SUCCESSFUL, when God said that His laws are the only pathway? *Joshua 1:7,8; Psalm 1; Prov.3:1*
- * why does God define 'LOVE' as walking in His commandments? 2 John 6; 1 John 5:3
- * why does God say that the only way you can truly 'love your brother' is by keeping His commandments? 1Jn.5:2
- * why does God say that the <u>new covenant</u> with Israel will be associated with the <u>law</u> in their hearts? *Jer.31:33*; *Heb.10:16*; *Ez.36:26,27*
- * If the law is annulled, ten Psalms and Proverbs are irrelevant for gaining strength for today. Proverbs 2, Psalm 19 and Psalm 119 would therefore be worthless reading material, and Psalm 111: 7,8 would be a lie
- * why did God Himself rest even before He instigated the law? (*Genesis 2:2,3*). His laws have always existed. Abraham knew about them before they were written (*Gen.26:5*) & so did the Jews (*Ex.16:27-29*). If it's good enough for God (*Gen.2:2,3*), why has man changed the Sabbath rule without God's instruction?
- * why did Jesus say that those who teach them will be called **great** in His kingdom? *Matt.5:19*
- * why does God mention the existence of the Sabbath during the great tribulation? Matt.24:20
- * why would God bother to put His laws in our heart, & cause us to walk in His commandments? Ezek.36:26,27, 37:24; Heb 10:16
- * why will the anti-christ oppose them? Dan.7:25; Rev.12:17
- * why is satan going to make war with those who keep them? Rev.12:17, Dan.7:21
- * why did Jesus keep them? Matt.5:17-19
- * why do modern Pentecostals believe in the curses for disobeying the law (*Deut.28*), but yet believe the law is annulled?
- * why does God say that the two most important things in life are to fear God & keep His commandments? *Ecc.12:13,14*

* why does God say that access to heaven & right to the tree of life, requires a heart obedience to His commandments? Rev.22:14; Matt.19:17

OBVIOUSLY GOD'S LAWS STILL APPLY, OR THERE WOULD BE NO GUIDELINES FOR SIN & FAIR JUDGMENT!!

IF THERE IS NO LAW, HOW DO YOU DEFINE & MEASURE SIN? 1John 3:4

and if the laws are still operative, why do we follow man's opinion and ignore what God wants us to do?

The truth is, "dying to your self" = putting God's law first, ahead of your own fleshly desires.

Q. If you were the devil and you knew the commandments were God's pathway to freedom, wouldn't you discredit them? And wouldn't you also try and create confusion & disunity in God's ranks by getting man to produce many different versions of God's precious Word?

At the end of time, we will face two Final JUDGMENTS

- (i) "The Judgment Seat of The Great White Throne" where we will be judged as to whether we are true Christians with the Holy Spirit dwelling in us (Matt.25:31-46; Rom.8:9; Rev.20:11). This judgment will confirm whether we will enter heaven or hell, ie. a true Christian is free from the penalty of eternal death because the Blood of Jesus has paid the penalty for all our trespasses (Col.2:13).
- (ii) "The Bema Seat Judgment" where we will be judged as to whether our *deeds & words* have been out of pure love *with willing obedience to His commandments*, or simply out of duty. This judgment will determine our reward and ranking. (Rev.20:12,13; & 22:12; & 1Cor.3:8,15; & 2 Cor.5:10).

'Everyone's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work shall be burned, HE SHALL SUFFER LOSS (ie. lose his reward): but he himself shall be saved; yet by fire.' 1Cor.3:13,15

QUESTION & ANSWER

Q. Do you have to be a Christian to benefit from keeping these laws?

- A. You don't have to be a Christian to receive the benefits of abiding in these 10 spiritual laws. The advantage of being a Christian is that
- God actually writes these laws in your own heart (*Heb.8:10*), so that when you submit to them, God Himself guides the choices of your heart.
- God's Holy Spirit helps you to keep God's laws so you don't have to struggle to try and do it yourself. God said it's impossible to do it by yourself ... 'without Me, you cannot do it' (John 15:5 & Jeremiah 10:23).
- REPENTING of your sin, enables God to reverse the on-going curse against you, and to even put the curses on your enemies (*Deut.30:7*). [Repenting means sincerely apologising & coming back & obeying the law.]
- God's Holy Spirit helps you to properly understand the real meaning of the laws.
- The final reward is eternal life in heaven, rather than eternal death in hell.

The fact is, a True Christian loves to keep God's laws because they appreciate what God has done for them ... 'If you love Me, keep My commandments' (John 14:15).

Anyone who calls themselves a Christian, but doesn't seek to lovingly keep His laws, is actually declared by God to be a **liar**, & does not have the true truth (1 John 2:4).

Q. How is it possible to keep all these laws?

A. Without God, it's not possible, and that's the point!! The only solution is to throw yourself at the mercy of a just and loving God. Recognise and admit that you're a law-breaker, and cry out to be washed clean by the perfect blood of Jesus. This is the only way to avoid the penalty of hell. Once you're in that position, God will give you His Holy Spirit. He is the LAW, because He's the TRUTH; and that's why God said the new covenant would have the advantage of the law written in our hearts. It's not our job to keep the law. It's our job to DIE so that the Holy Spirit functions through us & it's His law that shows us what we have to die to.

'For this is the **new covenant** I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says 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.' Heb.8:10

'Hearken unto Me, you that know righteousness, the people in whose <u>heart</u> is My LAW; fear not the reproach of men, neither be afraid of their revilings.' Isaiah 51: 7

Q. How do you become a Christian?

- A. 1. acknowledge that you're a sinner (Romans 3:23).
 - 2. acknowledge that you can never be 100% good by yourself (Eph.2:8,9).
 - 3. cry out to God to wash away the filth of your sin with the innocent & perfect blood of Jesus (1 John 1:7).
 - 4. choose to turn away from your sin and anyone that may lead you back to your sinful ways (2 Cor.6:14-18).
 - 5. be baptised, as a sign of **unconditional surrender** of your will and allegiance to the will of Jesus as the new *Lord* of you life and its habits (*Acts* 2:38).

Note: Many false Christians use Jesus as an insurance policy to heaven. The evidence of this is that they still enjoy playing with their sins. Jesus' primary purpose is to be your Saviour, ie. He died to save you from your sins. If you come to Him for any other reason (eg. to please a boyfriend, fear of hell, a final option, a better deal in life, to be part of the club, to get fixed up) & never come to the point of sincerely repenting of your sins, you're not a Christian. FULL STOP!!

Q. How do you stay a Christian?

- - 1. join a true fellowship (ie. one that obeys God's laws) that will encourage you to grow closer to Jesus (Heb.10:25).
 - 2. read God's Word (the bible) regularly, so that it feeds your spirit & helps you to hold to the truth.
 - 3. provided you are not hiding known sin in your heart, talk with God as your best friend.
 - 4. expect a constant fight and struggle as satan tries to discourage you and tempt you to sin (1 P.5:8,9).
 - 5. when you know you've broken a law, don't hold onto guilt and run away. Apologise and repent, even if it's several times a day ... God loves you (1 John 1:9).
 - 6. find out how to find **rest** in God so that you can eventually let Him do the fighting for you.
 - 7. write to us for your free copy of 'The Freedom Fighters Daily Handbook.'

FAITH is the spiritual force that we use to help us keep these laws

Everything works in God's spirit kingdom through **faith**. Faith is a spiritual tool that God gives us when we decide to trust Him. It helps us know that God is really there, & that He is who He says He is, & that He will do what He says He will. It is essential for us to have this faith so that we can learn to be **patient** for God's timing. Whenever we disregard God's laws in preference for our own choices, we block this faith and fall into sin 'whatever is not of FAITH, is **sin'** (Romans 14:23). 'Without FAITH it's impossible to please Him: for he that comes to God must believe that He is who He says He is, & that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him' (Hebrews 11:6).

For Faith to be real, it has to be tested. The test will be a choice of putting God FIRST by obeying His laws, or putting yourself or others before God. The choice is yours & the repercussions will be the consequences of the choices you make. If someone blames God or others for the repercussions, it's evidence of their own selfish pride in not being able to accept responsibility for their own wrong choices. A Christian can come back to Faith by sincerely apologising & repenting of their sin.

It takes FAITH to walk in His commandments

To put God FIRST, instead of working on His Sabbath.

To put God FIRST, & tithe when you can't afford to.

To put God FIRST, & forgive others for hurting you, especially when they seem to be getting away scot-free!

To put God FIRST, & wait for the right marriage partner.

To put God FIRST, & not to cheat on your tax return.

IF YOU WALK IN THE LAW WITHOUT FAITH, IT'S NOT LOVE, BUT SIN !! Rom.14:23

Q. How do you get your heart in line with God's heart?

- A. 1st, you have to see yourself as a sinner cleansed by Jesus' blood alone.
 - 2^{nd} , you have to desire God's heart, and be willing to pay the price of dying to your own wants.
 - 3rd, never say in your heart 'you won't tell me what to do'. It hardens your heart.
 - 4th, when you begin to follow His laws, the Lord will **soften** your heart to **see** the Spirit of His Law.

'If you submit to My LAWS, the Lord thy God will CIRCUMCISE (soften) your HEART, and the heart of your seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that you may LIVE. And the Lord will put these curses on your enemies and those that persecute you. And the Lord will make you plenteous in every work of your hand.' (Deut.30)

Q. Are there other additional laws besides these 10 commandments?

- A. God's ten commandments (*Exodus 20 & Deut.5*) encompass all of His laws. However, there are supplementary **moral & civil** laws which help qualify the 10 spiritual laws.
- NOTE!! Jesus is the substitute for the <u>Water</u> & the <u>Blood</u> (1J.5:8); that's why the **sacrifice**, circumcision & purification laws still apply, but have been replaced by communion, repentance, confession, the Word & baptism (1 J.1:7,9; Heb.9:10; Eph.5:26; 1Cor.11:29; Acts 22:16).

Q. What's "the Law of the Spirit"?

- A. When you use the letter of the LAW as your guide, but are led by the <u>heart</u> of God's Spirit within you ie. you die to your own wants and wishes.
- = "THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE" Rom.8: 2
- = Living by the "SPIRIT OF THE LAW" Rom.7: 6
- = our GUIDELINES for HOLINESS Rom.3: 20
- = The only **true** pathway to FREEDOM & LIFE
- = The LAW written in our **HEARTS**. *Hebs.*8: 10
- = The TRUTH = **JESUS** = LIBERTY Ps.119:45,142; John 14:6

'For I delight in the LAW OF GOD after the INWARD man (ie. in my heart).' Romans 7: 22

Q. What's "the Law of sin and death"?

- A. When the LAW is **disobeyed**, or ignored, or practiced out of **blind duty**.
 - = Living by the "LETTER OF THE LAW" Rom.7:6
 - = BONDAGE

When I walk in the 'flesh' I honour the 'law of sin' (Romans 8:1).

"... So then with the MIND and HEART I myself serve the "LAW OF GOD"; but with the FLESH the "LAW OF SIN"." Romans 7:25 (AMP)

O. But, isn't the law the old covenant?

A. NO!! The Old Covenant was an **agreement** between God and Abraham. It was instigated by Abraham's FAITH and sealed by the blood of circumcision (*Gen.17 & Gal.3: 6*). The LAW was written down 430 years later (*Gal.3:17*) when God re-confirmed the Covenant with the Israelites, via Moses. The covenant agreement was that if they would walk in **holiness** (ie. separate themselves unto the Lord and be obedient to His laws), He would be their God and He would bless them; otherwise, **disobedience** would bring CURSES upon them and their children. The laws are the **conditions** of the contract, ie. the LAWS are the guidelines for keeping that agreement of holiness. The New Covenant requires the same degree of holiness (*1 Peter 1:15*) from a heart of love. The New Covenant was instigated by Jesus' FAITH and sealed by His PRECIOUS BLOOD. It has better promises than the Old Covenant (*Heb.8:6*), and supersedes the Old Covenant, but not the LAW, nor the

agreement. The truth is, the law existed with God from the beginning, before the covenant existed (see Gen.26:5) and will live with Him throughout eternity (Rev.11:19; Isa.2:3; Micah 4:2; Ez.26:26; Heb.10:16).

- Q. But, what about where Jesus said, 'The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.' Mark 2: 27
- A. Jesus is simply saying 'don't live by rules, live by love.' He's not saying don't honour My day. He's saying, 'My rules are not to bind you to religious tradition, but they are still my rules ... they are guidelines for life ..., follow them and live (Matt.23:3,23).'
- Q. But, what about where God said, 'Don't let anyone judge you with regard to what you eat, drink, or what you do on the Sabbath?' Colossians 2: 16
- A. God is saying it's <u>not</u> the ACTION that counts, it's the **MOTIVE of your heart!** Therefore, no one has the right to judge you, because only God knows the heart (*Matt.12:1-12*). But, this does not negate the other side of the truth, viz.... 'If you love Me, keep My laws' (John 14:15), and, 'it's a sin to cause an offence or be a stumbling-block to your neighbour.' Romans 14:21; 1 Cor.10:31-33
- **Q. But what about where Paul said,** 'one man esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.' Rom.14:5,6
- A. Romans 14 is a chapter on <u>judging</u> others. Paul is saying, you are responsible to know your own mind. You do not have the right to pass <u>condemning</u> judgment on what anyone else is doing (v10), because you do not know their real motive, & also no one is guilty if they are ignorant (Lev.4,5; Ja.4:17; 1 T.1:13). God will judge each person according to their own **conscience** (v12). But this does not negate the other side of the truth, that the more you understand God's heart, the greater your responsibility to not compromise His laws (Matt.25:14-30), & also that ignorance doesn't save you from being exposed to the curse of the law (Lev.5:17; Hosea 4:6). Greater insight to His Truth gives greater freedom, but also carries greater responsibilities (talents, Matt.25:14-30).

Q. But, aren't we under grace?

- GRACE = God's mercy & favour towards us as undeserving sinners. However, God's Grace does not ignore or condone our sin.
- A. God's grace has operated from the beginning of time. This is not a new phenomenon for the modern church. His grace extends over the whole world, not just the church, but the church is responsible for the extent of His grace over this nation (eg. Sodom & Gomorrah ran out of grace). His grace is a delay of judgment to give us sinners time to repent (*Isa.30:18*).

Grace is only given to the **humble** (ie. those who submit to His will, and obey His laws out of love for their God). God **resists** the proud (1 Peter 5:5). Similarly, grace is only activated by **faith** (Eph.2:8,9) & faith only works through humility (James 2:17,24; Gal.5:6).

Being under **GRACE** = having taken an **inner look** to see our sinfulness (*eg. publican, Luke 18:9-14*), & helplessness (*Heb.4:16*; 2 *Cor.12:9*), we call out to God for His mercy. God then enters our spirit & begins to **soften** our heart (*Deut.30:6*; *Ezek.36:26,27*) via **suffering** (*1 P.5:10*), to be **led** of the Spirit (*Gal.5:18*) who draws us to the Truth of His **law** (*Ps.119:142*), so that we have victory over sin (*Rom.6:14*) & produce His **perfect fruit** (*Gal.5:22*).

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS GRACE WITHOUT PUNISHMENT!! Heb.12

The modern church operates under cheap false grace!

Q. Why keep the Law if we're going to heaven anyhow?

A. 1. To demonstrate our LOVE for Jesus.

'If you LOVE Me, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.' John 14: 15,21

2. That we might keep ourselves on the path to heaven & not lose our salvation (*Psalm 51:11, Romans 11:21,22, Rev.3:5*).

'Blessed are they that DO His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of LIFE, and may enter in through the gates into the city.' Rev.22:14; Mt.19:17

- **3.** That we might learn true WISDOM, Guidance & Discernment (2Thes, 2:9, Deut. 13:1,2).
- **4.** That we might be an EXAMPLE to other nations.
- 5. That we might SAVE our children.
- **6**. To be a priest unto God & remit others' sins (Hosea 4:6, John 20:23)

'Keep and do my LAWS; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations.' Deut.4: 6

'My people are **destroyed** for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected My knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to Me: seeing you have **forgotten the LAW** of your God, I will also forget your **children**.' Hosea 4: 6

7. That we might earn the right to FIGHT in the final battle.

'The dragon was wrath with the woman (Jewish race), and went to make war with the remnant of her seed (Christians), which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.' Rev. 12:17; & 14: 12

- 8. For the sake of our nation so that the previously defiled land does not spew us out also (Lev. 18:24-30).
- 9. That we might walk in true FREEDOM from satan's control and have whatsoever we ask for. (1 John 3: 21,22)

'Great "PEACE" have they which love Thy LAW, and nothing shall offend them.' Psalm 119: 165

- **10.** To avoid the CURSE (Deut.27 & 28; & Gal.3: 13).
- 11. To give satan no foothold, & therefore render his tactics void (1J.5:18, Job 1:10).
- **12.** To lift high His banner for His name's sake *Psalm 23:3*.
- **13.** To have AUTHORITY over the enemy on earth, Now, & RANKING in His Heavenly Kingdom. (*Rev.22:12*)
- 14. The Law is actually the pathway to LIBERTY (Ps.119:45; James 1:25 & 2:12).
- 15. To have His STRENGTH, LONG LIFE, & HEALTH Deut.11:8,9; Exodus 15:26
- **16.** To allow God to circumcise our hearts *Dt.30*
- 17. That we might walk in His VISIONS & not be swayed by our own imaginations. Jer. 16:12 & 23:16
- 18. That we might learn to be God-conscious & then truly people-conscious, instead of self-conscious.
- **19.** That we might avoid confusion & be single-minded (*Dan.9*).
- **20.** To protect us from ourselves.
- 21. That we might be confident to trust His voice in us and not be swayed by others' opinions.
- **22.** To commune with the Father & not just have a technical relationship.
- 23. To learn to wait for His timing, humility, true love & the fear of the Lord (Ps.111,112).
- 24. There is no other way to measure your sin. 1John 3:4

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LAW IN THE LAST DAYS

The anti-christ's prime objective will be to change times and laws (*Dan.*7:25) in order to eliminate God's holy laws (*Dan.*11:28,30) so that he can set himself up as God.

Christian friends, **STOP** and take stock!! The Bible declares the **spirit of anti-christ** has already been at work from the beginning (2 Thess.2:7, 1 John 4:3).

When I stopped my busy life and began to examine the decay of society and church around me and looked back through the history of Roman Catholicism, I suddenly began to see that the spirit of anti-christ has been very busy already changing times & laws. He's eliminated God's feasts (Isa.66:23, Zech.14:16, 1Cor.5:8) and replaced them with Lent, Easter [the goddess of fertility], & Christmas [the birth date of the sun god] etc.. He's changed the Sabbath to Sunday; he's changed the Hebrew calendar to the Roman; he created the Church of England on the foundation of Henry viii's defiance, adultery & divorce; & he's certainly changed the present value of the law. Have not our nation's laws already been changed in opposition to God's laws? Is it not true that this nation has legalised abortion, euthanasia, murder (unjust jail sentences), homosexuality, divorce, drugs (needle exchange & heroin trial), adultery (de-facto relationships), Sunday trading, gambling, pornography and prostitution?

The spirit of anti-christ is currently trying to change God's law of 'absolutism' ie. using anti-discrimination laws, the government together with the religious systems, want to discredit & persecute those who state absolutely, that Jesus is the only path to God (J.16:2, Acts 4:12).

When I realised, by God's revelation, the evil tactics of this unclean spirit, I determined in my heart to come back in line with all of God's commandments, especially the 7th day Sabbath, for it is God's special sign of separation from the world (Ex.31:13), I determined that the religious systems had compromised with the world (the spirit of antichrist) and had lost it's saltiness, and that I would do only what God wants and not what the religious system is copying.

Any Christian who doesn't purpose in their heart to walk in the laws of God, will unwittingly be conditioned to *tolerate* and consequently bow to the government's ungodly laws. Any Christian that closes their eyes to see, and their mouth to speak, or relies on the resources of the world system, is silently condoning the activity of the 'spirit of anti-christ', and will be deceived into compromising the laws of God so as to avoid any confrontation with the world, generally out of <u>fear</u> of personal loss.

In the last days, governmental laws will be passed in direct opposition to the laws of God for the specific purpose of trapping true Christians. In the last days, true Christians will be tested like Daniel, and will be persecuted for not submitting to ungodly laws ... 'We will not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the <u>LAW</u> OF HIS GOD.' Daniel 6: 5

'And the dragon was wroth with the woman (Jews), and went to make war with the remnant of her seed (Christians), which **keep the commandments of God**, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.' Rev.12:17; Dan.7:21

<u>The modern church of today is the Laodicean church of Revelation chapter 3</u>. It is neither hot nor cold. It is liberal, double-standard, double-minded and therefore evil. God said that He will spew it out of His mouth.

God says ... separate from any system that is confederate with the world.

'Associate yourselves, and you shall be broken ... ' Isaiah 8:9, & 31:1-3.

'Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the TIME OF THE LORD'S VENGEANCE; He will render unto her a recompense.' Jeremiah 51:6; Rev.18:4

IT'S TIME FOR THE REMNANT TO SEPARATE FROM THE CONTAMINATED CHURCH!!

WHAT GOD TRULY WANTS!

'What does the Lord require of thee, but to FEAR the Lord thy God, to walk in all His ways, to LOVE Him, to serve Him with all your heart and soul, to KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS of the Lord, and His statutes.' Deuteronomy 10:12, Ecc.12:13,14

There is none so blind as those that <u>refuse</u> to see!!

THE TRUTH IS, IF YOU MOCK THE LAW YOU PRAISE THE WICKED (*Prov.28:4*) AND MOCK THE LAWGIVER (*Ja.4:12*)

If you want to prosper; if you want to love the Lord your God with all your heart; if you want your heart to soften, you <u>must</u> submit to <u>all</u> his commandments. *Deut.30*

SUMMARY

THE KEYS TO THE KINGDOM

- 1. Take an honest inner look till you see your sin & cry out to God for His mercy.
- 2. Set the laws of God as your benchmark plumbline standard & purpose in your heart to never compromise them for fear of falling into the hands of the tormentor.
- 3. Separate from the world's enticements & supports.
- 4. At a point of choice, always put God & His law first, knowing that this is true love, & love is the only force that Satan can't touch.
- 5. Once you've committed yourself to these, God will change you into His likeness.

ONLY LOVE ALWAYS WINS!!

PERSONAL CHECKPOINT

- Q.1. do you think our nation is decaying?
- **Q.2.** why?
- **Q.3.** a **hypocrite** = criticising people for not living the life, yet you turn a blind eye to your own sin. = one who says they love God, yet compromises His commandments (1John 2:4; John 14:15).

Are you a hypocrite?

- TV morality compromise
- Tax cheating
- cinema compromise
- computer pirating
- lustful thoughts
- borrowing
- Sabbath abuse
- coveting
- rebellious attitude
- unforgiveness
- condoning sin in others by your silence or fear
- **Q.4.** what are your goals & what therefore occupies your prime attention?
- **Q.5.** are you in <u>friendship</u> with anyone, including family, who is defiantly practicing evil? (*Ja.4:4*; 2Cor.6:14-17; 1Cor.5:11; Titus 3:10; 2Thes.3:6; Prov.14:7)
- **Q.6.** despite your feelings, is what I have written the truth?
- **Q.7.** are you bold enough to take God's laws on board and commit to them?

WHO WILL STAND WITH US?

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