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"You are not under the law; but under grace." How many times have you heard that declaration? It is for freedom that Christ has set you free. Your freedom was purchased by the precious Blood of the Lamb; the most beautiful thing in our faith. So, stand boldly against being brought again under the yoke of bondage, as the law will just trap us in the chains of slavery. Faith in Christ has freed us from the

burden of laws. Yet, the New Testament actually teaches something different; “According to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.” (Hebrews 9:22) And Paul asked this provocative question; “Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.” (Romans 3:31) Come on a journey of discovery as we explore the intricate relationship between faith and law.

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

“For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.” Therefore I said to the children of Israel, **‘No one among you shall eat blood,** nor shall any stranger who dwells among you eat blood.’ “Whatever man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who hunts and catches any animal or bird that may be eaten, he shall pour out its blood and cover it with dust; for it is the life of all flesh. **Its blood sustains its life.** Therefore I said to the children of Israel, **‘You shall not eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood.** Whoever eats it shall be cut off.’” Leviticus 17:11-14 NKJV

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

And **according to the law almost all things are purified with blood,** and without shedding of blood there is no remission.” Hebrews 9:22 ...“how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, **cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**” Hebrews 9:14 ...“For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, **would have had no more consciousness of sins.**” Hebrews 10:2 NKJV

“Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God, but that we write to them to abstain from **things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood.** For Moses has had throughout many generations those who preach him in every city, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath.”” Acts 15:19-21 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. Leviticus 16 describes the Tabernacle ceremony for the holy festival of the Day of Atonement. Leviticus 17 establishes general rules for sacrifice and sanctuary. Leviticus 18 lays down specific laws about permitted and forbidden sexual relationships.

2. **The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur):** Moses is to instruct Aaron to not just come at any time into the Holy *Place* (Holy of Holies) behind the veil, where the ark of the covenant is stationed. Please try to understand, these ideas are not irrelevant for followers of Y'shua as we will explore later in the letter of Hebrews.
3. And having just come through the first three Feasts of the year, Passover (and Unleavened Bread and First Fruits) and as we head toward the fourth feast, Shavuot (Pentecost—50 days after First Fruits), this is a good time for us to review the distinctions in some key prophetic concepts. What role does Y'shua play, and what role might you play in: the Passover Lamb; the Bull sin offering for the priest; the ram burnt offering for the priest; the Goat sin offering for the people; the scapegoat; and the ram burnt offering for the people. It will be beneficial if you can understand why the priest has to make two categories of sacrifices on the Day of Atonement and why Y'shua only made one as taught to us in the letter of Hebrews.
4. Yahweh tells Moses that He will appear as a cloud above the mercy seat which is on the ark and Aaron will die if he comes in at the wrong time, so the following instructions are given—for when he can enter and what he should do:

- (a) Aaron shall wash his body with water and put on his holy garments. And notice the two categories of sacrifices.
- (b) He shall come into the Holy Place with the blood of a young bull as a sin offering, and of a ram as a burnt offering for himself and his household.
- (c) He shall take from the congregation of the children of Israel **two** kids of the goats as a sin offering, and one ram as a burnt offering for the people. (Pay attention to what will happen with one of the goats.)
- (d) **The Sin Offering for the Priest:** Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering, which is **for himself and for his house**. Then he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from the altar and take a hand full of sweet incense and he shall put the incense [maybe representing prayers] on the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that is on the Testimony. He shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the mercy seat on the east side; and before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.
- (e) **The Sin Offering for the People:** Aaron takes **two goats** and casts lots to see which will be the **sin offering** and which the **scapegoat**. Aaron shall bring the goat on which the Lord's lot fell, and offer it as a sin offering. But the goat on which the

lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be **presented alive** before the Lord and then it will be released into the wilderness. The blood of the sin offering is sprinkled on the mercy just as it was for the priest's sin offering. No other men can be present in the tabernacle until Aaron comes out.

- (f) When Aaron comes out he shall sprinkle the blood of both sin offerings with his finger on the altar seven times.
- (g) **The Scapegoat:** when the sin offerings are complete Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man. **The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities** to an uninhabited land.
- (h) **Burnt Offerings:** Aaron then comes back into the tabernacle and washes his body again in the holy place. Then he comes out and offers his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people. [I've often wondered if the imagery alludes to the sacrifice of our lives that we make as the Church—offering our lives as the living sacrifices (Rom. 12:1) or even as Martyrs (Rev. 6:9-11)]
- (i) **To conclude the Ceremony:** The fat of both sin offerings are burned on the altar. And he who released the goat as the scapegoat shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water,

and afterward he may come into the camp. The bull (sin offering for the priest) and the goat (sin offering for the people), **are carried outside the camp** and burned. Then he who burns them shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and afterward he may come into the camp.

(j) **Forever for everyone, native or foreigner:** This shall be a statute forever: In the seventh month (the Hebrew 7th month, usually September for us), on the tenth day of the month. That day is a Sabbath day of rest and a day of fasting. This shall be an everlasting statute for you. And Aaron did all as the Yahweh commanded Moses.

(k) **Point of Interest:** notice that the seventh Hebrew month corresponds to our ninth month. And yet the prefix of the name of our ninth month is 'Sept' which actually means 'Seven'. The same thing happens when you look at "Oct or Eight"; 'Nov or Nine'; and 'Dec or ten'; successively corresponding to the eighth, ninth, and tenth month of the Hebrew calendar. The truth is hiding in plain site!

5. **The Sanctity of Blood:** If a man sacrifices an animal inside or outside the camp, he must bring the blood to the tabernacle and to the priest as a peace offering or he is guilty of bloodshed and that guilt is imputed to that man. Any animal sacrificed in the open field requires the same. The priest shall sprinkle the

blood on the altar and burn the fat. They shall no more **offer their sacrifices to demons**, after whom they have played the harlot. This is a statute forever. It is the same for burnt offerings.

6. **Consuming Blood:** If you eat any blood, Yahweh will set His face against you. **(v 17:11)** For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it *is* the blood that makes atonement for the soul.' **(v 17:12)** Therefore I said to the children of Israel, 'No one among you shall eat blood, nor shall any stranger who dwells among you eat blood. (Later we will see how important this is as we review the shed blood of Y'shua and the ruling of the Jerusalem counsel in Acts 15).
7. If you catch a wild animal you must pour out its blood on the earth and cover it with dirt for it is the life of all flesh. Its blood sustains its life.
8. Eating things that have died naturally requires some cleansing procedures or you will be in violation.
9. **Laws of Sexual Morality:** the first five verses of Leviticus 18 are so prophetically significant that they should cause you to explode with excitement. You will see shortly what I mean!
"Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'I am the Lord your God. 3 According to the doings of the land of Egypt, where you dwelt, you shall

not do; and according to the doings of the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, you shall not do; nor shall you walk in their [b]ordinances. 4 You shall observe My judgments and keep My ordinances, to walk in them: I am the Lord your God. 5 You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I am the Lord.” (See Romans 10:5)

10. Do not uncover the nakedness of your close relatives! It is wickedness. And all the various close relationships are described.
11. You shall not take a woman as a rival to her sister, to uncover her nakedness while the other is alive. You shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness as long as she is in her customary impurity (monthly cycle).
12. Do not lie carnally with your neighbor’s wife, to defile yourself with her.
13. Do not be involved at all with the sacrifice of children in the fire of Molech.
14. Males shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination. Nor shall you mate with any animal, to defile yourself with it. Nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it. It is perversion.

15. These abominations are what the nations (gentiles) do. It defiles people and land. And Yahweh will punish both people and land for these sins!
16. Obey Yahweh's statutes and judgments; you shall not commit any of these abominations, (for all these abominations the men of the land have done, who were before you, and thus the land is defiled), lest the land vomit you out also when you defile it, as it vomited out the nations that were before you.

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

1. **Shadows and Patterns—on a need to know basis, and YOU NEED TO KNOW (A)!**

A. **The Shadow**

- (1) The High Priest, **only one time per year**, enters into the Holy of Holies to make atonement for tabernacle, the altar, himself and all the priests, and the people! *“Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer. **For if He were on earth, He***

would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain [from Exodus 25:40]."" Hebrews 8:1-5 NKJV

- (a) "and the LORD said to Moses: "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at just any time **into the Holy Place inside the veil**, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat." Leviticus 16:2 NKJV
- (b) ""This shall be a statute forever for you: **In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month**, you shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether a native of your own country or a stranger who dwells among you. For on that day **the priest shall make atonement** for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the LORD. Leviticus 16:29-30
- (c) then he shall make atonement for the Holy Sanctuary, and **he shall make atonement for the tabernacle of meeting and for the altar, and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly.**

This shall be an everlasting statute for you, to make atonement for the children of Israel, for all their sins, **once a year.**" And he did as the LORD commanded Moses." Leviticus 16:33-34 NKJV

- (1) **Key Distinctions to look out for:** The High Priest of the Levitical priesthood must FIRST make a sacrifice for his own sins and those of his household, BEFORE he can enter the Holy of Holies. And he must repeat this procedure one time per year and he can only enter one time per year. The High Priest of our salvation, Y'shua, not of the earthly Levitical line of priests, but of the heavenly line, Melchizedek, needs no sacrifice for His own sins first, and need only enter the Holy of Holies ONE TIME EVER, which then makes a way for His people to enter continually!
- (2) **All the Animals:** It is beneficial if you can understand why the priest has to make two categories of sacrifices on the Day of Atonement and why Y'shua only made one as taught to us in the letter of Hebrews.
 - (a) **The Passover Lamb; "Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year.** You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole

assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. And they shall **take some of the blood** and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. Exodus 12:5-7

(b) And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will **strike all the firstborn** in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. **Now the blood shall be a sign** for you on the houses where you are. And **when I see the blood**, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt." Exodus 12:11-13 NKJV

(l) **Key Distinctions:** the spotless lamb is sacrificed and the applied blood shall be a sign for Yahweh to spare the FIRSTBORNS. We are the Church of firstborns (Hebrews 12:23).

(c) **The BULL sin offering and the RAM burnt offering for the priest;** ""Thus Aaron shall come into the Holy Place: with the blood of a young bull as a sin offering, and of a ram as a burnt offering... "Aaron shall offer the bull as a

sin offering, **which is for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house.**” Leviticus 16:3, 6 NKJV

(d) **The Goat sin offering for the people;** ““Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering, which is for the people, bring its blood inside the veil, do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and before the mercy seat.” Leviticus 16:15 NKJV

(l) **Key Distinctions:** here is the clear picture of the priest needing to first become atoned for by making a sin offering for himself, before he can do anything for the people. Y’shua never sinned and therefore could freely enter the Holy of Holies.

(e) **The ram burnt offerings for the priest and people;** “And he shall wash his body with water in a holy place, put on his garments, come out and offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people, and make atonement for himself and for the people.” Leviticus 16:24 NKJV (These offerings might be symbolic of our role as the “new heavenly royal, line of David, priesthood.)

(l) **Key Distinctions:** the heavenly Priesthood is from the line of David from whom Y’shua came and from

whom, we as the church, come. *“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;”* 1 Peter 2:9 NKJV

(f) **The scapegoat:**

- (I) “And he shall take from the congregation of the children of Israel **two kids of the goats as a sin offering**, and one ram as a burnt offering.” Leviticus 16:5 NKJV
- (II) “He shall take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. Then Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats: **one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the scapegoat**. And Aaron shall bring the goat on which the LORD’s lot fell, and offer it as a sin offering. **But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be presented alive** before the LORD, to make atonement upon it, and to let it go as the scapegoat into the wilderness.” Leviticus 16:7-10 NKJV
- (III) “Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, **confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions,**

concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man. The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to an uninhabited land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.” Leviticus 16:21-22 NKJV

B. The Real

(1) Messiah in the Day of Atonement

- (a) “Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: **We have such a High Priest**, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.” Hebrews 8:1-2 NKJV
- (b) “For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore **it is necessary** that this One also have something to offer.” Hebrews 8:3 NKJV
- (c) “Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. **But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people’s sins committed in ignorance; the Holy Spirit indicating this,**

that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing. It was **symbolic** for the **present time** in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience— concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation. **But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come,** with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but **with His own blood** He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.”
Hebrews 9:6-12 NKJV

- (d) **“Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these,** but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, **which are copies of the true,** but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;” Hebrews 9:23-24 NKJV
- (e) **“not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with**

blood of another— He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, **so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many.** To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a **second time**, apart from sin, for salvation.” Hebrews 9:25-28 NKJV

- (f) “For the law, having a **shadow of the good things** to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, **make those who approach perfect.** For then would they not have ceased to be offered? **For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins.** But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.”

Hebrews 10:1-4 NKJV

- (g) “And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. **But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of**

God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.” Hebrews 10:11-14 NKJV

- (h) “Therefore, brethren, **having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus**, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.” Hebrews 10:19-22 NKJV

- (I) **Key Distinctions: there is so much here!**
- (II) Y’shua is our High Priest who must follow the patterns of the earthly priest. Can you see why it is so important to study the Torah from where all the patterns come?
- (III) The earthly High Priest can go into the Holy of Holies only once per year and he must be cleansed first by making a sin offering for himself. Also, it important to note that the passage mentions “while the first tabernacle still has a standing, which is symbolic of the present time **in which sacrifices are still being**

offered (the time Hebrews was written was about 30 year after Christ and the tabernacle STILL HAS A STANDING).

- (IV) The Heavenly High Priest (Christ) came with blood sacrificed for “good things to come”, again this future language alludes to something still coming even though this is 30 years post resurrection!
- (V) Y’shua must follow the patterns. It is clear that the earthly is a copy of shadow of the heavenly. Y’shua simply does not have to do it more than once. He is appointed to die once and then waits for a second appearance at which time He will appear when sin has been extinguished from God’s people. This is antithetical from almost all modern Christian Theology, but it is consistent with Y’shua’s teaching throughout His ministry and with the preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom. [Matthew 5:48; 1 John 3:9]
- (VI) Again we see the futuristic language of Hebrews; the shadow of good things to come, the good things making those made clean perfect, who once purified would have no more consciousness of sin. Since we as the church still do have such, these events are still in our future!

- (VII) After He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, He sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. He is waiting for sin to be abolished in the earth. This is prophetic for us as Christians in the restoration of all things (see Acts 3:21 and Matthew 17:11) and the revealing of the sons of God [Romans 8:18-21)
- (VIII) The mantle passes and we are now able to enter the Holy of Holies just as the High Priest could. But unlike Y'shua and more like Aaron (for now) we need a sacrifice to do so. And that sacrifice is Y'shua the Bull sin offering.
- (IX) [**Contemplation**] Then once we are perfected and now longer need Y'shua as a sacrifice, we can become the sacrifice for others.

(2) All the Animals

(a) **Y'shua as the Passover Lamb;**

- (I) "Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. **For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.** Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the

leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.” I

Corinthians 5:6-8 NKJV

(II) “whom God **set forth as a propitiation by His blood**, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,” Romans 3:25 NKJV

(III) “He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; **He was led as a lamb to the slaughter**, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.” Isaiah 53:7 NKJV

(b) **Y’shua and the bull sin offering and the ram burnt offering for the priest; Y’shua did NOT NEED a bull sin offering is to enter! He IS THE SIN OFFERING!**

(I) “But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. **Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all**, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh,

how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" Hebrews 9:11-14 NKJV

(II) "But this Man, after He had offered one **sacrifice for sins forever**, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool." Hebrews 10:12-13 NKJV

(c) **Y'shua as the scapegoat:** *But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be presented alive... confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins (Leviticus 16:7-10; 21-22) [Look at all the languages here of Y'shua carrying our sins]*

(I) "And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, **why have You forsaken Me?**" Matthew 27:46 NKJV (From Psalm 22—"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?" Psalms 22:1) [The Goat being abandoned]

- (II) “And He Himself is the **propitiation for our sins**, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.” I John 2:2 NKJV
- (III) “who Himself **bore our sins in His own body** on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness— by whose stripes you were healed.” I Peter 2:24 NKJV
- (IV) “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God **who takes away the sin of the world!**” John 1:29 NKJV
- (V) “For He made Him who knew no sin **to be sin for us**, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” II Corinthians 5:21 NKJV
- (VI) “He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. **Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows;** Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.” Isaiah 53:3-4 NKJV
- (d) The ram burnt offering and the Goat sin offering for the people (Fulfilled by Y’shua or someone else?)

- (I) "I beseech **you** therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1 NKJV
- (II) "Greater love has no one than this, than **to lay down one's life for his friends.**" John 15:13 NKJV
- (III) "Husbands, love your wives, **just as Christ** also loved the church and **gave Himself for her,**" Ephesians 5:25 NKJV
- (IV) "Therefore you shall **be perfect**, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." Matthew 5:48 NKJV
- (V) "For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had **no more consciousness of sins.**" Hebrews 10:2 NKJV
- (VI) "let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts **sprinkled from an evil conscience** and our bodies washed with pure water." Hebrews 10:22 NKJV
- (VII) "When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those **who had been slain** for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood

on those who dwell on the earth?" Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, **who would be killed** as they were, was completed." Revelation 6:9-11 NKJV

- 1) Be the living sacrifice
- 2) Lay down your life
- 3) Just as Messiah, give your life
- 4) Be a perfect lamb
- 5) No more consciousness of sin
- 6) End of the age martyrs

THE SANCTITY OF BLOOD

2. **Shadows and Patterns—on a need to know basis, and YOU NEED TO KNOW (B)!**

A. The Shadow

- (1) The life is in the blood—it is what atones for sin!
 - (a) “**For the life of the flesh is in the blood**, and I have given it to you upon the altar **to make atonement** for your souls; **for it is the blood that makes atonement** for the soul.” Leviticus 17:11 NKJV
- (2) Consuming blood is off limits

- (a) ““Whatever man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who hunts and catches any animal or bird that may be eaten, he shall pour out its blood and cover it with dust; **for it is the life of all flesh. Its blood sustains its life.** Therefore I said to the children of Israel, ‘**You shall not eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood.** Whoever eats it shall be cut off.’” Leviticus 17:13-14 NKJV
- (3) Abstain from these things!
- (a) **Things polluted by idols**
- (I) “They shall **no more offer their sacrifices to demons,** after whom they have played the harlot. This shall be a statute forever for them throughout their generations.” ” Leviticus 17:7 NKJV
- (II) And you shall not let any of your descendants **pass through the fire to Molech,** nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. Leviticus 18:21
- (III) ‘**Do not defile yourselves with any of these things; for by all these the nations are defiled,** which I am casting out before you. For the land is defiled; therefore I visit the punishment of its iniquity upon it, and the land vomits out its inhabitants.” Leviticus 18:24-25 NKJV

- (b) **Sexual immorality:** [SEE All of Leviticus Chapter 18]
- (c) **Things strangled and Blood:** ““““And whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, **who eats any blood**, I will set My face against that person who eats blood, and will cut him off from among his people. **For the life of the flesh is in the blood**, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.’ Therefore I said to the children of Israel, **‘No one among you shall eat blood, nor shall any stranger who dwells among you eat blood.’**

“Whatever man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who hunts and catches any animal or bird that may be eaten, he shall pour out its blood and cover it with dust; for it is the life of all flesh. Its blood sustains its life. Therefore I said to the children of Israel, **‘You shall not eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood.** Whoever eats it shall be cut off.’” Leviticus 17:10-14 NKJV

- (l) ““**You shall not eat anything that dies of itself;** you may give it to the alien who is within your gates, that he may eat it, or you may sell it to a foreigner; for you are a holy people to the LORD your God. “ You shall

not boil a young goat in its mother's milk."

Deuteronomy 14:21 NKJV

B. The Real

(1) What about the thought that the laws of Yahweh are Bondage?

(a) "Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage." Galatians 5:1 NKJV

(2) Without blood there is no remission

(a) "For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you." Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. **And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.**" Hebrews 9:19-22 NKJV

(3) The life is in Y'shua's blood—**NO MYSTERY HERE!**

(a) "Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated **without blood.** Hebrews 9:18

- (b) saying, “This is the **blood of the covenant** which God has commanded you.” Hebrews 9:20
- (c) **And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.**” Hebrews 9:22 NKJV
- (d) “In Him we have **redemption through His blood**, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace” Ephesians 1:7 NKJV
- (e) “how much more **shall the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” Hebrews 9:14 NKJV
- (f) “For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, **having made peace through the blood** of His cross.” Colossians 1:19-20 NKJV
- (g) “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, **and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**” I John 1:7 NKJV

- (h) “Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant in My blood,** which is shed for you.” Luke 22:20 NKJV
- (i) “and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and **washed us from our sins in His own blood,** and has **made us kings and priests** to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” Revelation 1:5-6 NKJV

(4) NEW TESTAMENT TEACHES THE SAME THING! You shall obtain from these things: [SEE POINT (3) IN THE SECTION ABOVE!]

- (a) “Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God, but that we write to them to abstain from **things polluted by idols,** from **sexual immorality,** from **things strangled,** and **from blood.** For Moses has had throughout many generations those who preach him in every city, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath.” Acts 15:19-21 NKJV
- (I) Things polluted by idols
- (II) Sexual immorality
- (III) from things strangled and from blood

- (5) Throw yourself down—would Y’shua EVER break the law?
- (a) “Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, **throw Yourself down**. For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.’ ” Jesus said to him, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’ ”” Matthew 4:5-7 NKJV
- (I) Why would Y’shua not take the bait?
- (II) What would have happened had He decided to toss Himself off the temple?
- (III) **Key Question:** Why can and does the Blood of Y’shua save you?
- (6) The woman who has a husband is bound **by the law** to her husband as long **as he lives!**
- (a) “Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives? For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband.” Romans 7:1-2 NKJV

- (I) Why is Paul specifically addressing those who know the law [of Moses]?
- (II) Why is this law instrumental in your salvation?

RIGHTEOUSNESS

3. **Shadows and Patterns on—a need to know basis, and YOU NEED TO KNOW (C)!**

A. The Shadow

(1) The Righteousness of the Law

- (a) “Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘I am the LORD your God. According to the doings of the land of Egypt, where you dwelt, **you shall not do**; and according to the doings of the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, you shall not do; nor shall you walk in their ordinances. **You shall observe My judgments and keep My ordinances**, to walk in them: I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, **which if a man does, he shall live by them**: I am the LORD.” Leviticus 18:1-5 NKJV
- (b) ““For **this commandment which I command you today is not too mysterious [difficult] for you, nor is it far off. It is not in heaven**, that you should say, ‘Who will

ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' **Nor is it beyond the sea**, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' **But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.**" Deuteronomy 30:11-14 NKJV

- (I) What were Yahweh's people warned about BEFORE they entered the land of promise?
- (II) What were they commanded to do?
- (III) What were they promised if they did obey?
- (IV) Would you consider those promises a good thing?
- (V) What is Yahweh teaching His children about their ultimate ability to keep His commandments?
- (VI) What does it mean to you that, "the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it?"

B. The Real

- (1) The Righteousness of Faith
 - (a) "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, **but not according to knowledge**. For they being ignorant of God's

righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, **have not submitted to the righteousness of God.** For Christ is the end **[goal]** of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For **Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law,** “**The man who does those things shall live by them.** **[See Leviticus 18:1-5 where Moses writes this]**” But **[And, moreover, therefore]** the **righteousness of faith speaks in this way,** “Do not say in your heart, ‘**Who will ascend into heaven?**’ ” (that is, **to bring Christ down** from above) or, “ ‘**Who will descend into the abyss?**’ ” (that is, **to bring Christ up** from the dead). But what does it say? “**The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart**” (that is, **the word of faith which we preach**):” Romans 10:1-8 NKJV

- (b) “**that if** you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9 NKJV
 - (I) What was the key glitch in the Israelites knowledge about righteousness?
 - (II) When Pauls refers to Leviticus 18 here, what is he saying will give them life—obeying Yahweh’s

commandments with Christ's righteousness or ignoring them as they are no longer relevant?

- (III) Paul continues to refer to more of Moses' writings in Deuteronomy 30, alluding to them as the "righteousness of faith." How does he compare the Law to Christ?
- (IV) In Deuteronomy 30:14 it says: *"But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, **that you may do it.**"* In Romans 10:8 it says: *"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (**that is, the word of faith which we preach**):"*
- (V) Paul is saying that keeping Yahweh's commandments IS THE WORD OF FAITH HE IS PREACHING. What follows in the next verse are Paul's Directions for HOW TO DO THAT! *"**that if** you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9*
- (VI) The word of faith which is the righteousness of the law is fulfilled by those who confess Y'shua as Lord and Savior. Y'shua is not our excuse or loophole to not obey His Father's commands, but rather the

inspiration and empowerment to be radically obedient to them!

C. The righteousness of the law is accomplished through the righteousness of faith

(1) “Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. **Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.** Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also, **since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. [the righteousness of faith that makes you willing and able to obey Yahweh’s commandments!]** Do we then make void the law through faith? **Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.**” Romans 3:27-31 NKJV

- (a) The law is not annulled by faith; our ability to keep the law is empowered by faith.
- (b) **Doing the Law:** “(for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the **doers of the law** will be justified;” Romans 2:13 NKJV
- (c) **Works of Deed of Law:** “Therefore by the **deeds of the law no flesh will be justified** in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.” Romans 3:20 NKJV

- (I) What is the distinction you need to make between what it means to be a “doer of the law” or someone who lives by “works of law”?

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

1. Why can and does the blood of Y’shua redeem you?

A. Why is the Law of Moses important relative to your salvation?

2. Compare the Laws of Moses regarding Blood, Idolatry and Sexual Immorality to the ruling in Acts 15 for Gentiles turning to faith in Y’shua.

A. Do the same rules apply? Explain your answer.

3. What would have happened if Y’shua tossed Himself off the top of the Temple when tempted by the Devil in the wilderness in Matthew 4? Explain your reasoning.

4. Is the existence and validity of the Law of Moses essential to your salvation?

A. In light of your belief either way, explain Romans 7:1-2, and explain why Paul is specifically addressing those who know the law [of Moses]?

B. Explain Galatians 5:1 *“Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.”*

5. Compare and contrast the Righteousness of the Law and the righteousness of faith relative to these three areas of Scripture.

- A. Romans 10:1-9
- B. Leviticus 18:1-5
- C. Deuteronomy 30:11-14

6. Consider the following:

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- B. What were they commanded to do?
- C. What were they promised if they did obey?
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(I) Paul is saying that keeping Yahweh's commandments IS THE WORD OF FAITH HE IS PREACHING. What follows in the next verse are Paul's Directions for HOW TO DO THAT! "***that if*** you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

(II) How might this be relevant to you as a born-again follower of Christ?

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