



Double Portion:

Title:

SCRIPTURES

- Leviticus 16-20
- Hebrews 9-10
- Acts 15:19-21
- Deut. 30:11-14; Rom. 10:1-9
- Mark 12:29-31
- James 5:16-20

BLOOD, LAW & LOVE

- The Sanctity of Blood
- Abstain from Blood
- The Word of Faith
- Righteousness of Law & Faith
- Loving Your Neighbor
- Turning Sinners

Get yourself in a quiet place in which you can think without any distractions. I want to ask you three critical questions that you should enjoy contemplating. Are you there?

Here's the first one: Why does the blood of Jesus "save" you? Now, don't give a snap answer; really think about it. Ready for the next one?

Here's number two: What is the relationship between the righteousness of faith and the righteousness of the law? Again, take your time! Are you ready for the last question?

Here's your final question: When God first commands us to love our neighbor, what specifically does He say we should do to demonstrate that love? Take as much time as you need.

These three questions can be challenging for many Christians. And they are not intended to put you on the spot, but rather to demonstrate the critical importance of knowing God's Word, and more specifically, the Hebrew Roots of your faith.

If you enjoyed the challenge of answering any of these questions, you will thoroughly enjoy the upcoming message: Blood, Law, & Love

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." Leviticus 17:11 NKJV

"You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I am the LORD." Leviticus 18:5 NKJV

"You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD." Leviticus 19:17-18 NKJV

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

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

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

“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

“For Moses writes about the **righteousness which is of the law,** “The man who does those things shall live by them.” [Moreover] **the righteousness of faith** speaks in this way...” Romans 10:5-6 NKJV

“Jesus answered him, “**The first of all the commandments is:** ‘Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment. **And the second, like it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’** There is no other commandment greater than these.”” Mark 12:29-31 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. The Torah is divided into 54 weekly readings meant to be explored throughout each biblical calendar year called the annual Torah cycle. Yet, the normal length of a biblical year is counted by lunar (moon) cycles, not a solar (sun) cycle, and has only 354 days, which yields only 50 or 51 sabbaths on which to do those readings. The biblical "leap year" adds an extra month every 3 years which then adds 4 sabbaths for reading. In addition, a few of the readings each year are meant to be read on biblical feast days and not on the weekly sabbath. So to insure that each year all of the portions are read, some weeks have **Double Portion** readings. This can happen up to 7 times in any Biblical calendar year, differing dependent on when the feasts days fall and if we are in a leap year. This week calls for one of those double portion readings.
2. Last year these portions were taught as **Individual Portions**. You can see them here (notes only as we started video recordings of the sermons immediately after *Awake!*: Portion One: [Why Does The Blood of Y'shua Save Us?](#) Portion Two: [Awake!](#) You can also see the separate teaching on Yom Kippur (Leviticus 16) on our Feast Resource page here: [Yom Kippur: Shadow of Things to Come](#)

3. **PORTION ONE:** 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.
4. **The Day of Atonement—Yom Kippur (really the Day of Atonements, the plural, Yom Kippurim):** Aaron shall not go at any time he pleases into the Holy Place (Holy of Holies) behind the veil, where the ark of the covenant is stationed. Instead, he is to appear only one time per year to make atonement for his sins and the sins of the people. Why is this important for Christians to understand? Consider that the Feasts of the Lord are not irrelevant for followers of Y'shua because they are shadows and patterns of THINGS TO COME!
5. This is a good time for us to consider a few key prophetic concepts regarding Y'shua and the Feasts of the Lord. What role does Y'shua play, and what role might you play when contemplating: 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 for you to recognize why the priest has to make **two** categories of sacrifices on the Day of

Atonement(s) and why Y'shua needed only **one** as taught to us in the letter of Hebrews.

6. 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. As such, 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) **Number One:** 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) **Number Two:** 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 household**. 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 Ark of 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) **Food for Thought:** I've often wonder if the imagery of the sin offering for the people alludes to our end-of-the-age participation as "witnesses of sacrifice" to the world (end-days martyrs, Rev. 6:9-11) as we (the Church) give of our lives—offering our lives as living sacrifices (Rom. 12:1). What our deaths might mean makes more sense to contemplate after considering what we are to become ("*...the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...*" Ephesians 4:13). If our lives are to become like Christ's, why not our deaths!
- (j) **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.
- (k) **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 (Ten days after the Feast of Trumpets and five days before the Feast of Tabernacles begins). It is a Sabbath day of rest and a day of

fasting. It is an everlasting statute for you. And Aaron did all as Yahweh commanded Moses.

- (l) **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 sight!

7. [The Days of Awe](#): The ten days from Rosh Hashanah (The Feast of Trumpets) to Yom Kippur, also known as the Ten Days of Repentance. This name appears in sources from the Land of Israel, including the Jerusalem Talmud.

- (a) The concept of these days as a special unit of time in the Jewish year dates at least to the third century BCE. Rabbi Yohanan, who lived in the Land of Israel during that period, describes his conception of divine judgment and inscription in this season.
- (b) **Three Ultimate Fates:** "Three books are opened in heaven, **one for the completely wicked, one for the completely righteous and one for those in between.** The completely righteous are immediately inscribed in the book of life. The completely wicked are immediately inscribed in the book of

death. The fate of those in between is suspended until Yom Kippur. If they do well, they are inscribed in the book of life. If not, in the book of death”.

- (c) **Food for Thought:** In my opinion these three fates are perfectly described by Paul; *“Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those **in heaven**, and of those **on earth**, and of those **under the earth**, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”* Philippians 2:9-11 NKJV
- (d) The Ten Days of Repentance are seen as an opportunity for change. And since the extremes of complete righteousness and complete wickedness are few and far between, Rosh Hashanah (The Feast of Trumpets) functions, for the majority of people, as the opening of a trial that extends until Yom Kippur. It is an unusual trial. Most trials are intended to determine responsibility for past deeds. This one, however, has an added dimension: determining **what can be done about future deeds (Does this not speak to Y’shua’s forgiveness for past and future sins?)**. The Ten Days of Repentance are crucial to the outcome of the trial, since our verdict is determined both by our attitude toward our

misdeeds and by our attempts to rectify them by changing ourselves.

- (e) **Special Note:** Even though, as a child of God, your ultimate fate is sealed, and your past, present and future sins are atoned for, you still have options on your journey to choose wickedness or righteousness at every turn. Yom Kippur, and all the imagery associated with it, gives you the opportunity to PRACTICE along the way—don't pass up the possibilities!)
8. **Recommend Video:** I can't think of a better topic to stir our repentant hearts than this one that was shared by a friend. Trust me; it is well worth the 16 minutes of your life. It is unlikely you will reach the end without being changed. **Watch here:** [You Will Never Speak Evil Words Again](#)
9. **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.
10. **Consuming Blood:** If you eat any blood, Yahweh will set His face against you. (**Leviticus 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.’ (**Leviticus 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).

11. 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.

12. Eating things that have died naturally requires some cleansing procedures or you will be in violation.

13. **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)

14. Do not uncover the nakedness of your close relatives! It is wickedness. And all the various close relationships are described.
15. 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).
16. Do not lie carnally with your neighbor’s wife, to defile yourself with her.
17. Do not be involved at all with the sacrifice of children in the fire of Molech.
18. 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.
19. These abominations are what the nations (gentiles) do. It defiles people and land. And Yahweh will punish both people and land for these sins!
20. 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.

21. **PORTION TWO:** "You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy." Leviticus 19 describes the holy community through a series of specific commandments. Leviticus 20 warns against the snares of sexual immorality and idolatry, mandating a death penalty for certain sins.

22. **The Emphasis on Laws is Restated:** and the purpose for them, "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy."

- (a) Revere your mother and father.
- (b) Keep My Sabbaths
- (c) Do not turn to idols, nor make for yourselves molded gods.
- (d) You shall offer a peace offering of your own free will; eat it within two days, after that burn it in the fire. If eaten at all on the third day, it is an abomination.
- (e) When you reap a harvest, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your fields or vineyards; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger.
- (f) You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another.
- (g) And you shall not swear by Yahweh's name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God: (Y'shua taught us about oaths in Matthew 5:33-37, often misinterpreted to mean you shall not make any oaths at all, when it actually implies that

you shall not make any false oaths. A lie is a lie no matter how 'holy' a thing you swear upon.)

- (h) You shall not cheat your neighbor, nor rob him.
- (i) The wages of him who is hired shall not remain in your own pocket until morning.
- (j) You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind.
- (k) You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty.
- (l) In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor.
- (m) You shall not go about as a talebearer among your people; nor shall you take a stand against the life of your neighbor:
- (n) You shall not hate your brother in your heart (Y'shua taught on this in Matthew 5:21-22 when He compared hatred in your heart with murder).
- (o) You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him (Lev. 19:17) and (See Malachi 1:10).
- (p) You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against others, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Lev. 19:18) Y'shua taught us this in Mark 12:28-34 and Matthew 22:34-4 when He combined this very scripture with Deuteronomy 6:4-9.

- (q) You shall not let your livestock breed with another kind. You shall not sow your field with mixed seed. Nor shall a garment of mixed linen and wool come upon you.
- (r) Whoever lies carnally with a woman who is betrothed to a man as a concubine, and who has not at all been redeemed nor given her freedom, for this there shall be a scourging; And he shall bring his trespass offering to the Lord. The priest shall make atonement and the sin which he has committed shall be forgiven him.
- (s) When you come into the land, and have planted all kinds of trees for food, for three years it shall not be eaten. In the fourth year all its fruit shall be holy and in the fifth year you may eat it that it may yield its increase.
- (t) You shall not eat anything with the blood.
- (u) You shall not practice divination or soothsaying. Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them. They are to be put to death!
- (v) You shall not shave around the sides of your head, nor shall you disfigure the edges of your beard.
- (w) You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor tattoo any marks on you!

- (x) Do not prostitute your daughter, to cause her to be a harlot, lest the land fall into harlotry, and the land become full of wickedness.
- (y) You shall keep Yahweh's Sabbaths and reverence His sanctuary.
- (z) You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God.
- (aa) If a stranger dwells with you in your land, you shall not mistreat him. The stranger who dwells among you shall be to you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: (think mixed multitude in Exodus 12:36, and one new man in Ephesians 2 and treatment of strangers in Deuteronomy 10:18-20).
- (bb) You shall do no injustice in judgment, in measurement of length, weight, or volume. You shall have honest scales, honest weights.

23. Therefore you shall observe all My statutes and all My judgments, and perform them. ("If you love Me, keep My commandments." John 14:15 and see also Y'shua's words: "Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in

the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:19)

24. Penalties for Breaking the Law:

- (a) Whoever gives any of his descendants to Molech (Israelite or Foreigner dwelling with you) to defile Yahweh’s sanctuary and profane His holy name shall surely be put to death.
- (b) And if anyone knows about such and hide his eyes, and does not enact the penalty he and his family will be cut off from his people. (Leviticus 20:4-5) Again see Malachi 1:10.
- (c) The person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them will cut off from his people.
- (d) Consecrate yourselves therefore, and **be holy**, for I am the Lord your God. **Keep My statutes, and perform them:** I am the Lord who **sanctifies** you. (Leviticus 20:7-8) Do you see what the sanctification process looks like? If you love Me, Obey Me!
- (e) Everyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.
- (f) The man who commits adultery with another man’s wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor’s wife, **the adulterer and the adulteress**, shall surely be put to death. (Leviticus 20:10) Think of the account of the woman accused of adultery in John 8:1-12.

- (g) The man who lies with his father's wife has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death.
- (h) If a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death.
- (i) If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death.
- (j) If a man marries a woman and her mother, it is wickedness. They shall be burned with fire.
- (k) If a man mates with an animal, he shall surely be put to death, and you shall kill the animal.
- (l) If a woman approaches any animal and mates with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal.
- (m) If a man takes his sister, his father's daughter or his mother's daughter, and sees her nakedness and she sees his nakedness, it is a wicked thing. They shall be cut off in the sight of their people. He has uncovered his sister's nakedness. He shall bear his guilt. If a man lies with a woman during her sickness and uncovers her nakedness, he has exposed her flow, and she has uncovered the flow of her blood. Both of them shall be cut off from their people. (Leviticus 20:18)
- (n) You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister nor of your father's sister

- (o) If a man lies with his uncle's wife, he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness. They shall bear their sin; they shall die childless.
- (p) If a man takes his brother's wife, it is an unclean thing. They shall be childless.
- (1) Not to be confused with law of the Levirate Marriage in Deuteronomy 25:5-10, which obligates a surviving brother to take his deceased brother's wife, who has born no male child, in order to give her a male child, so his brothers name will not be blotted out from the earth. This is a deep teaching for another time. But in short, this was, in a sense, what took place when Solomon bore a 2nd child with Bathsheba (the first died because of the adulterous conception and murder, so the 2nd became the firstborn), and in whom became the lineage of our Messiah. In the genealogy, as described in Matthew 1:1-17, the deceased 'brother' is named in addition to Solomon! *"and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her **who had been the wife of Uriah.**"* (Matthew 1:6)
Uriah was killed without a son and his name would have been forgotten in history (blotted out) had not Yahweh's amazing laws commanded that his name be remembered.

And how so? He and not Bathsheba is named in the lineage of our Blessed Savior!

25. You shall therefore keep all My statutes and all My judgments, and perform them, that the land where I am bringing you to dwell may not vomit you out. And you shall not walk in the statutes of the nation which I am casting out before you; for they commit all these things, and therefore I abhor them.

(a) “You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey.

(b) I am the Lord your God, who has separated you from the peoples.

(c) You shall therefore distinguish between clean animals and unclean.

(d) And you shall be holy to Me, for I the Lord *am* holy, and have separated you from the peoples.

THE SANCTITY OF BLOOD

1. Life is in the Blood

A. Blood Sustains Life

(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.' 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.'" Leviticus 17:11-12 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) The Leviticus Foundation: Abstain from these things!

[Refer to POINT (4) in the section below!]

(a) **Things polluted by idols**

1. "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
2. 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

3. **‘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]

1. **“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.” Leviticus 18:3-4 NKJV

2. Leviticus 18:6-23 describes a list of vile sexual sins...

a) **“Do not defile yourselves with any of these things;** for by all these the nations are defiled, which I am casting out before you.” Leviticus 18:24 NKJV

b) **“For whoever commits any of these abominations,** the persons who commit them shall be cut off from among their people. ‘Therefore you shall keep My ordinance, so that you do not commit any of these

abominable customs which were committed before you, and that you do not defile yourselves by them: I am the LORD your God.' "" Leviticus 18:29-30 NKJV

(c) **Abstain from things with Blood (it could not be more clear):** Leviticus 17:10-14

1. Whoever eats any blood will be cut
2. The life of the flesh is in the blood
3. It is the blood that makes atonement for the soul
4. No one among you shall eat blood
5. It is the life of all flesh.
6. Blood sustains life
7. You shall not eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood
8. Whoever eats it shall be cut off

B. Is all that still applicable to Christians?

(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

- (b) Or...“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. **And His commandments are not burdensome.**” 1 John 5:3 NKJV
- (2) Oh wait, 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) “**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 9:13-14 NKJV
- (b) “Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated **without blood.** Hebrews 9:18

- (c) saying, "This is the **blood of the covenant** which God has commanded you." Hebrews 9:20
- (d) **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
- (e) "In Him we have **redemption through His blood**, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" Ephesians 1:7 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) The Sanctification Process: from washed to perfect
- (a) ““Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘**You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.**’” Leviticus 19:2 NKJV
 - (b) “**Consecrate yourselves** therefore, and **be holy**, for I am the LORD your God. And you shall keep My statutes, and perform them: **I am the LORD who sanctifies you.**” Leviticus 20:7-8 NKJV
 - (c) “but as He who called you **is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct**, because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”” I Peter 1:15-16 NKJV
 - (d) “For God did not call us to uncleanness, **but in holiness.** Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.” I Thessalonians 4:7-8 NKJV
 - (e) **Perfection:** “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

(5) The Rich Young Ruler: If you love me obey me; this is the sanctification process. But if you want to be perfect...

(a) What must I do to inherit eternal life?

1. "Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, **what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?"** So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But **if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.**" He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, " 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, '**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**' " The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. **What do I still lack?"** Jesus said to him, "**If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.**" **[...give up your whole life and...SEE Luke 14:26-33]** But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions."

Matthew 19:16-22 NKJV (Also Mark 10:17-22 and Luke 18:18-23)

2. “For “who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?” But **we have the mind of Christ.**”
I Corinthians 2:16 NKJV
3. “Therefore **be imitators of God** as dear children.”
Ephesians 5:1 NKJV
4. “Therefore **you shall be perfect**, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.” Matthew 5:48 NKJV
5. Summary of the call to “Follow Him.” A call to perfection!
 - a) Set yourself apart for the sanctification process.
 - b) Keep His commandments which shows you love Yahweh and your neighbor.
 - c) Then, EXIT THIS WORLD and follow Him (think like Christ, imitate God, and be perfect)!

(6) **You shall abstain from these things: The New Testament teaches Leviticus 17 & 18! [See #(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 [see 3(a) above]**, from **sexual immorality [see 3(b) above]**, from **things strangled**, and from **blood [see 3(c) above]**. For **Moses [what he wrote in Leviticus 17 & 18]** has had throughout many generations those who preach

him in every city, being read in the synagogues **every Sabbath.**"" Acts 15:19-21 NKJV

1. Both Leviticus and Acts agree— abstain from:

- a) Things polluted by idols
- b) Sexual immorality
- c) Things strangled and from blood
- d) LEARN FROM MOSES OVER TIME, ON THE SABBATH!

(7) 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

1. Why would Y’shua not take the bait?
2. What would have happened had He decided to toss Himself off the temple?
3. **Key Question:** Why can and does the Blood of Y’shua save you?

(8) 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

1. Why is Paul specifically addressing those who know the law [of Moses]?
2. Why is this law instrumental in your salvation?

Summary: THE SANCTITY OF BLOOD

1. Life is in the Blood
2. Consuming blood is off limits
3. Leviticus teaches this (Leviticus 17-20):
 - (a) Without blood there is no remission of sins
 - (b) Abstain from things polluted by idols
 - (c) Abstain from sexual immorality
 - (d) Abstain from things with Blood
 - (e) Be Holy
 - (f) Listen to Moses!
4. The New Testament teaches this (Hebrews 9, Act 15, 1 Peter):

- (a) Without blood there is no remission of sins
 - (b) Abstain from things polluted by idols
 - (c) Abstain from sexual immorality
 - (d) Abstain from things with Blood
 - (e) Be Holy
 - (f) Listen too Moses!
5. Not even Y'shua would dare tempt the Father or break one of His commands! Why would you?
6. Now by understanding the Law you know the answer to the questions:
- (a) Why can and does the Blood of Y'shua save you? Answer: because the Law says so!
 - (b) Why are your free to be the bride of Christ? Answer: because the Law says so!

THE WORD OF FAITH

2. Righteousness by LAW and FAITH

A. You Shall Live by Them

(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) "And you **shall not walk in the statutes of the nation which I am casting out before you;** for they commit all these things, and therefore I abhor them. But I have said to you, "You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey." I am the LORD your God, who has separated you from the peoples. **You shall therefore distinguish** between clean animals and unclean, between unclean birds and clean, and you shall not make yourselves abominable by beast or by bird, or by any kind of living thing that creeps on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean. And **you shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine.**" Leviticus 20:23-26 NKJV

(2) The Righteousness of Faith

(a) **““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**

1. What were Yahweh’s people warned about BEFORE they entered the land of promise?
2. What were they commanded to do?
3. What were they promised if they did obey?
4. Would you consider those promises a good thing?
5. What is Yahweh teaching His children about their ultimate ability to keep His commandments?
6. 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?” (This is critical to consider as we move on to the teachings of Paul!)

B. Law and Faith

- (1) The Righteousness of Law and 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): **[See Deuteronomy 30:11-14]**” 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

1. What was the key glitch in the Israelites knowledge about righteousness?
2. When Paul 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?
3. Paul continues to refer to more of Moses’ writings in Deuteronomy 30, alluding to them as the “righteousness of faith.” How does he compare Moses’ words to the Law to Christ?
4. *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):*”
5. 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*

6. 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 or Deeds 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
1. 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”?
 2. “But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and **I will show you my faith by my works.**” James 2:18 NKJV

Summary: THE WORD OF FAITH

1. The righteousness of the LAW and the righteousness of FAITH are two sides of the same coin!
 - (a) Moses teaches, “The word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may **do it.**”
 - (b) Paul teaches, “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, **the word of faith** which we preach)”:
 - (c) And then Paul goes on to elaborate on how to connect the “do it” in Deuteronomy to the “word of faith” in Romans:

“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.”

2. In other words, the righteousness of the law is accomplished through the righteousness of faith:
 - (a) “Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.”
 - (b) “The doers of the law will be justified.”
 - (c) “By the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified.”
 - (d) “Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.”

LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR

3. **Loving your neighbor means you don't SELL THEM OUT!**

A. **You can no longer hide your face from the sins of your brother!**

(1) Letting your brother's sin slide is equivalent to a hate crime

- (a) **“You shall not hate your brother in your heart.** You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

Leviticus 19:17-18 NKJV

(b) “If someone says, “I love God,” **and hates his brother,** he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that **he who loves God must love his brother also.**” I John 4:20-21 NKJV

(2) When Y’shua was asked...

(a) “Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, “**Which is the first commandment of all?**” Jesus answered him, “The **first of all the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. And you shall love the LORD your God** with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment. **And the second, like it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’** There is no other commandment greater than these.” So the scribe said to Him, “Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, **for there is one God, and there is no other but He. And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself,** is more

than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, **“You are not far from the kingdom of God.”** But after that no one dared question Him.” Mark 12:28-34 NKJV (see also Matthew 22:36-40)

- (3) Look what Y’shua said in the Sermon on the Mount about the devastation of HATE: **If you do not make peace with your brother, you are risking that your brother will feel ‘hate’ in his heart. In love, you must reconcile so THEY ARE NOT AT RISK of hating!**
- (a) **“Blessed are the peacemakers,** For they shall be called sons of God.” Matthew 5:9 NKJV
- (b) **““You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire.** Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. **First be reconciled to your brother,** and then come and

offer your gift. Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny." Matthew 5:21-26 NKJV

(4) You are called to reconcile—not let sin slide!

- (a) **“Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.** But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’ And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. **“Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”** Matthew 18:15-18 NKJV

(5) If you hide your eyes, you TOO will be guilty!

- (a) **A perfect example from this portion comes one chapter later:** “Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Again, you shall say to the children of Israel: **‘Whoever of the**

children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell in Israel, who gives any of his descendants to Molech, he shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones. I will set My face against that man, and will cut him off from his people, because he has given some of his descendants to Molech, to defile My sanctuary and profane My holy name. ***And if the people of the land should in any way hide their eyes from the man, when he gives some of his descendants to Molech, and they do not kill him, then I will set My face against that man and against his family;** and I will cut him off from his people, and all who prostitute themselves with him to commit harlotry with Molech." Leviticus 20:1-5 NKJV

1. Do you see it? You see your brother sinning and you "hide your eyes!" This has a VERY BAD outcome for both HIM and YOU!

(6) ***Do whatever it takes to stand in the way of sin!**

(a) ""A son honors his father, And a servant his master. If then I am the Father, Where is My honor? And if I am a Master, Where is My reverence? Says the LORD of hosts **To you priests who despise My name. Yet you say, 'In what way have we despised Your name?' 'You offer**

defiled food on My altar, But say, 'In what way have we defiled You?' By saying, 'The table of the LORD is contemptible.' **And when you offer the blind as a sacrifice, Is it not evil? And when you offer the lame and sick, Is it not evil?** Offer it then to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you favorably?" Says the LORD of hosts. "But now entreat God's favor, That He may be gracious to us. While this is being done by your hands, Will He accept you favorably?" Says the LORD of hosts. "**Who is there even among you who would shut the doors, So that you would not kindle fire on My altar in vain?** I have no pleasure in you," Says the LORD of hosts, "Nor will I accept an offering from your hands." Malachi 1:6-10 NKJV

(7) Turning Sinners!

- (a) "**Confess your trespasses to one another,** and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth

produced its fruit. **Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.**" James 5:16-20 NKJV

(8) Don't be passive; Intercede!

(a) **"If anyone sees his brother sinning** a sin which does not lead to death, he will **ask, and He will give him life** for those who commit sin not leading to death. **There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that.** All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death." I John 5:16-17 NKJV

(b) Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit: the sin that leads to death

1. "He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad. "Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, **but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven** men. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; **but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.**"

Matthew 12:30-32 NKJV

2. See [The Sin that Leads to Death](#) for a complete teaching on Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit.

(9) Summary of your obligations against sin/sinners!

- (a) Do not hate your brother by putting up with or hiding your face from his sins.
- (b) Make peace with your brother for THEIR SAKE!
- (c) If your brother sins—confront him!
- (d) THERE IS NO WAY TO HIDE YOUR EYES FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS SIN AND LOVE GOD AT THE SAME TIME!
- (e) Stand in the way of sin, forcibly if necessary.
- (f) Intercede and turn them from their ways.
- (g) Be cable of knowing when they have reached the point of no return—later we will see what to do about that!

B. It's time to shine!

- (1) First—don't be deceived, sin has no place in the Kingdom!
 - (a) “Therefore **be imitators of God as dear children**. And **walk in love**, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. **But** fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting,

but rather giving of thanks. For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, **has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words,** for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. **Therefore do not be partakers with them.**” Ephesians 5:1-7 NKJV

(2) Instead Bring LIGHT!

(a) “For you were once darkness, **but now you are light** in the Lord. Walk as children of light” Ephesians 5:8 NKJV

(3) Have no fellowship with darkness!

(a) “(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And **have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.** For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.” Ephesians 5:9-12 NKJV

(4) Everything is exposed by the light! And you are that light!

(a) “But **all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light,** for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead,

And Christ will give you light.”” Ephesians 5:13-14
NKJV

- (b) “**You are the light of the world.** A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. **Let your light so shine** before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:14-16 NKJV
- (5) Summary of the times of the NEXT EXODUS and what to look for!
 - (a) First: don’t be deceived: Nothing unclean has any part of the Kingdom. And Paul mentions ‘sons of disobedience’ inferring that God’s people are also engaging regularly in the abominations listed.
 - (b) Be the light and have no fellowship with darkness. Everything evil will be exposed by your light.

Summary: LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR

1. Loving your neighbor means you don’t SELL THEM OUT!
2. You cannot hide your face from the sins of your brother!
3. Ignoring your brother’s sin is the equivalent of hating him.
4. If you hide your eyes, you TOO will be guilty!
5. Do whatever it takes to stand in the way of sin!

6. Turning sinners towards God is an obligation and privilege.
7. Don't be passive; Intercede!
8. Don't fellowship with darkness but instead, bring LIGHT!

UNDERSTANDING TRUE LOVE

4. Love and Obedience

A. How to love Yahweh and your Neighbor

(1) If you love Him

(a) **"If you love Me, keep My commandments.** John 14:15

(b) **He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me.** And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." John 14:21

(c) Jesus answered and said to him, **"If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word;** and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. **He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.** "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, **He will teach you all things, and bring to your**

remembrance all things that I said to you.” John
14:23-26 NKJV

(d) “Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. And the Jews marveled, saying, **“How does this Man know letters [referring to the Torah of Moses and Prophets],** having never studied?”

Jesus answered them and said, **“My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.”** John 7:14-16 NKJV

(e) “Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust. **For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.** But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”” **[Just in case you were wondering if what Y’shua was preaching was contrary to the writings and laws of Moses.]** John
5:45-47 NKJV

(f) “Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. **By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His**

commandments are not burdensome.” 1 John 5:1-3
NKJV

(2) What are your leaders teaching? Keep or break?

- (a) ““Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. **I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.** For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. **Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.** For I say to you, that unless **your righteousness [obedience to the law by faith empowered by grace]** exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees **[obedience by works]**, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5:17-20 NKJV

(3) Show me your faith!

- (a) “What does it profit, my brethren, **if someone says he has faith but does not have works?** Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things

which are needed for the body, **what does it profit?** **Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.** You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? Was not **Abraham our father justified by works** when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? **Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?** And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God. **You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.”** James 2:14-24 NKJV

(4) Sin is Lawlessness

- (a) “Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and **sin is lawlessness.** And you know that **He was manifested to take away our sins [not take away the law]**, and in Him there is no sin. Whoever abides in Him **does not sin.** Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.” I John 3:4-6 NKJV

- (5) Summary of how the love for Yahweh and for His people is connected to your radical obedience to His commandments:
- (a) Declare yourself set-apart for Yahweh.
 - (b) If you love Y'shua you will keep His commandments.
 - (c) And he who loves Y'shua will be loved by Yahweh.
 - (d) Y'shua's "word" is equivalent to the Father's commands as nothing He spoke came from Himself.
 - (e) The Holy Spirit will remind you of this very teaching.
 - (f) The religious leaders of the day were stunned that Y'shua had such a knowledge of the Torah, as He was considered "untrained".
 - (g) Y'shua explained it this way, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me."
 - (h) How does Y'shua's doctrine align with the Torah (Law) of Moses? He made it clear when He said, "if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"
 - (i) This reasoning then demonstrates how to truly love others. [Remember: the greatest commandments are to love Yahweh and love your neighbors.] We know that we love others when we love God, and we love God by

keeping His commandments, and we never call His commandments a burden.

Summary: UNDERSTANDING TRUE LOVE

1. It's quite simple; love is demonstrated in your obedience.
2. If you love God you will keep His commandments.
3. If you love your neighbor you will keep His commandments.
4. God's commandments are not a burden, and they were not altered by Y'shua.
5. Don't think it's okay to break them or to teach others to break them!
6. Why? Because sin is lawlessness!

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 Leviticus 17 and 18 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. 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

5. Consider the following after reading Leviticus 18:1-5 & Deuteronomy 30:11-14:

- A. What were Yahweh's people warned about BEFORE they entered the land of promise?
- B. What were they commanded to do?
- C. What were they promised if they did obey?
- D. Would you consider the promises a good thing?
- E. What is Yahweh teaching His children about their ultimate ability to keep His commandments?
- F. 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?"

6. Consider Romans 10:1-9 in detail:

- A. What was the key glitch in the Israelites knowledge about righteousness?
- B. When Paul refers to Leviticus 18 here, what is he saying will give them life—obeying Yahweh's commandments with Christ's righteousness or Yahweh's commandments, as they are no longer relevant?

C. After his Leviticus 18 reference, Paul continues referring to more of Moses' writings, this time Deuteronomy 30, alluding to them as the "righteousness of faith." Explain how Paul makes a comparison of Christ to the Law.

D. 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***):"

1. Paul says 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

2. How might this be relevant to you as a born-again follower of Christ?

7. 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"?

8. How does the scripture equate hiding your face from your brother's sin to hating him?

A. What is your consequence if you do so?

- B. How far should you go to prevent sin?
- C. What measures should you take?

9. Relate love of God to obedience.

- A. Discuss the idea of obedience as it relates to Y'shua's words in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:12-20.
- B. Relate faith and works as taught by James.