KINGDOM EMBASSY MINISTRIES

Remembering our Roots. Restoring Authority. Maturing Disciples. Advancing the Kingdom.

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If I say "Law," you most likely recoil. Humans don't really like rules and regulations and laws. Let's be honest, it's much more instinctual to do what we want, to satisfy our own thoughts and desires, without being restricted and constricted by a set of parameters. Nobody wants to be told what to do, at least not naturally. It's something we must grow into, before we can become good at it, if ever.

And to further complicate the matter, as Christians, we have been taught, for the better part of two thousand years, that Christ fulfilled all the requirements of the Law, thus relieving us of our obligation to be bothered with such legalism. In other words, the burden of obeying rules and regulations is covered by the blood of Jesus, and we are freed from any concern we might have about adhering to those outdated laws.

Furthermore, as a free religious people, we have engaged in every type of mental gymnastics to reconcile a few dozen verses in the Bible, to insure this "freed from the Law" theology would be propagated all throughout Christian history, and its now tens of thousands of denominations. Here is the slogan which best unites nearly all Christian brands: "Grace good; Law bad!"

And yet, if we peek just below the surface of this religion-wide theological treatise, we find it is built on very shaky ground, loose soil at best, and quicksand at worst. Disturb the ground a little and the whole house of cards crumbles, and fairly easily at that! Keep fighting and struggling to defend it, and you will be swallowed up in the soupy sand all around you. And still, Christians everywhere argue passionately to find loopholes to God's commands, at every turn. I call it "Loophole Christianity."

I often ask, "Why are you so intent on finding creative ways to not obey God? Why are you wrestling to figure out reasons to avoid doing what God requires? Was not Y'shua's sacrifice enough to make you want to obey God, no matter what He asks of you? Why do you believe God's desire was to free you from the requirement to obey a handful of Biblical laws after you were born-again, when every other law in the universe that God created still applies to you?" If you don't think so, just toss yourself off a cliff and see what happens!

It's really nuts; the one people group on the planet who should be racing to do whatever God asks, no matter what, is the same people group who fight and argue and search for every excuse to avoid doing so. Oh, we are very happy to comply with all sorts of other requirements, the ones our man-made denominations uploaded to the new-and-improved version of Christianity, But, obey the Laws of God, that's legalism!

We are not going to dismantle every poorly parsed verse in the New Testament in this study, no. What we will do is recognize this. Y'shua made the standards much harder than any set of Laws written down by Moses. He has set our human

nature on a collision course with the Kingdom of Heaven. Another way to look at it is this; He requires us to do every sort of thing that is the exact opposite of our human instincts. No, He did not, could not, change His Father's commands; but He did do two things. He revealed what were the deeper and even more difficult requirements of His Father's Laws, and then He empowered us to obey them! In other words, the cliff is much higher than you ever imagined, and when you fall off, He provides wings, and if your wings fail, a parachute. Oh, and it does not end there. After you hit bottom, you get free transport back to the top of the cliff, so you can try, try again.

PROPHETIC SEED:

"Blessed are those who are **persecuted for righteousness**' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they **revile and persecute you**, and **say all kinds of evil against you falsely** for My sake. **Rejoice and be exceedingly glad**, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they **persecuted the prophets** who were before you." Matthew 5:10-12 NKIV

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, **love your** enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you..." Matthew 5:43-44 NKJV

PROPHETIC FRUIT:

"For when we were still without strength, in due time **Christ died for the ungodly**. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. **But God demonstrates His own love toward us,** in that while we were still sinners, **Christ died for us.** Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His **Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be** <u>saved by His life.</u>" Romans 5:6-10 NKJV

LAWS OF MOTION

1. Inertia—Momentum—Collision

A. Newton's Laws of Motion and God's Word

- (1) Law #1
 - (a) Biblical Action and Reaction (Collision)
 - 1. "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' **But I tell you not to resist** an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also." Matthew 5:38-39 NKIV
 - 2. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you," Matthew 5:43-44 NKJV

B. A Collision Course: Equal and Opposite Forces

- (1) To Enter the Kingdom...
 - (a) Collisions are necessary!

- 1. "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." John 16:33 NKJV
- 2. "Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe. And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."" Acts 14:19-22 NKIV

VELOCITY & INERTIA

2. Get Moving—you can't stay still

A. The Beatitudes

- (1) Get in motion!
 - (a) Blessed are those who change state because **this external force** acts on them!
 - 1. "And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." Matthew 5:1-12 NKJV

B. Salt and Light

- (1) Inertia—feed the fire!
 - (a) Let your light shine...
 - 1. ""You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. "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 5:13-16 NKJV

C. Move it or Loose it!

- (1) If you do not exercise your faith, you have NO faith!
 - (a) You show me your faith...

- 1. "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does." James 1:22-25 NKJV
- (2) Show your faith by your works...
 - (a) Show your faith by your works...
 - 1. "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? {17} Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. {18} 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. {24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only." James 2:14-24 NKJV

MOMENTUM & ACCELERATION

3. Substance and Movement

A. Acceleration (momentum)

- (1) Decide how much of yourself are you willing use and how much of your energy you will invest!
 - (a) The Law—what is your mass, great or least?
 - 1. ""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 exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:17-20 NKJV

B. Apologetics

- (1) ...reasoned arguments or writings in justification of something, typically a theory or religious doctrine.
 - (a) Phytical and Natural Laws govern Christians and non-Christians alike! "...for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust." Matthew 5:45 NKJV

C. Apologetics for...Y'shua's stance on the Law

- (1) "Y'shua did not come to loosen or halt the law, but to fully preach it."
 - (a) If you believed Moses...
 - 1. But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life." John 5:36-40 NKJV
 - 2. ""I do not receive honor from men. But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?" John 5:41-44 NKJV
 - 3. "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?"" John 5:45-47 NKJV
- (2) I did not come with my own doctrine...
 - (a) Controversy and conflicts about his legitimacy
 - 1. "But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. Then the Jews sought Him at the feast, and said, "Where is He?" And there was much complaining among the people concerning Him. Some said, "He is good"; others said, "No, on the contrary, He deceives the people." However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews." John 7:10-13 NKJV
 - 2. "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, having never studied?"" John 7:14-15 NKJV
 - 3. "Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?"" John 7:16-19 NKJV

D. Apologetics for...When one Law is in conflict with another

- (1) Knowing the heart of God...
 - (a) Sabbath vs. Circumcision
 - 1. "The people answered and said, "You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?" Jesus answered and said to them, "I did one work, and you all marvel. Moses therefore gave you circumcision [Leviticus 12:3] (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath [Exodus 20:8]. If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be

- broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."" John 7:20-24 NKJV
- 2. "And on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised." Leviticus 12:3 NKJV
- 3. "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." Exodus 20:8 NKJV
- (b) Showbread and Temple Service
 - 1. "At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!" But He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread [I Samuel 21:1-6] which was not lawful for him to eat [Leviticus 24:5-9], nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless? [Numbers 28:9-10] Yet I say to you that in this place there is One greater than the temple. But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."" Matthew 12:1-8 NKJV
 - "So the priest gave him holy bread; for there was no bread there but the showbread which had been taken from before the Lord, in order to put hot bread in its place on the day when it was taken away."
 I Samuel 21:6 NKJV
 - 3. ""And you shall take fine flour and **bake twelve cakes** with it. Two-tenths of an ephah shall be in each cake. You shall **set them** in two rows, six in a row, on the pure gold **table before the Lord.** And you shall put pure frankincense on each row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, an offering made by fire to the Lord. **Every Sabbath he shall set it** in order before the Lord continually, being taken from the children of Israel **by an everlasting covenant. And it shall be for Aaron and his sons,** and they shall eat it in a holy place; for it is most holy to him from the offerings of the Lord made by fire, by a perpetual statute."" Leviticus 24:5-9 NKJV
 - 4. "'And on the Sabbath day two lambs in their first year, without blemish, and two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, with its drink offering— this is the burnt offering for every Sabbath, besides the regular burnt offering with its drink offering." Numbers 28:9-10 NKJV
 - "This was the schedule of their service for coming into the house of the Lord according to their ordinance by the hand of Aaron their father, as the Lord God of Israel had commanded him." I Chronicles 24:19 NKJV
 - 6. "But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' [Hosea 6:6] you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."" Matthew 12:7-8

 NKJV
 - 7. "For I desire **mercy and not sacrifice**, And <u>the knowledge of God</u> more than **burnt offerings**." Hosea 6:6 NKJV

- 8. "So Samuel said: "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams." I Samuel 15:22 NKJV
- (c) Healing on the sabbath...
 - 1. "Now it happened on another Sabbath, also, that He entered the synagogue and taught. And a man was there whose right hand was withered. So the scribes and Pharisees watched Him closely, whether He would heal on the Sabbath, that they might find an accusation against Him. But He knew their thoughts, and said to the man who had the withered hand, "Arise and stand here." And he arose and stood. Then Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one thing: Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy?" And when He had looked around at them all, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored as whole as the other. But they were filled with rage, and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus." Luke 6:6-11 NKJV
- (d) Paul continued Y'shua's sentiments to fully preach, not loosen or halt!
 - 1. "What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God." Romans 3:1-2 NKJV
 - 2. "Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish [uphold, make to stand] the law." Romans 3:31 NKJV
 - 3. "Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. **But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,** so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." {6:1} "What shall we say then? **Shall we continue in sin** [Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. I John 3:4] **that grace may abound?**Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin [sin is lawlessness] live any longer in it?" Romans 5:20-21-6:1-2 NKJV
 - 4. "Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law [nomos: Mosaic Law]), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives?" Romans 7:1 NKJV
- E. Apologetics for...knowing what the new covenant is built upon...
 - (1) A better covenant...
 - (a) Established on what?
 - 1. "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."" Hebrews 8:3-5 NKJV
 - 2. "But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of **a better covenant**, which was <u>established</u> on <u>better promises</u>." Hebrews 8:6 NKJV
 - (2) Sin is Lawlessness!
 - (a) Does Y'shua take away the Law or sin?

- 1. "Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins [lawlessness], and in Him there is no sin [lawlessness]. Whoever abides in Him does not sin [lawlessness]. Whoever sins [lawlessness] has neither seen Him nor known Him." I John 3:4-6 NKJV
- (b) Does Y'shua take away law or sin?
 - 1. "And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. {17} For the **law** was given through Moses, but **grace and truth came through Jesus Christ**." John 1:16-17 NKJV
- (3) One covenant does not annul another...
 - (a) Explanation
 - 1. "And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise."
 Galatians 3:17-18 NKIV
- (4) Why was the Law codified and written down later?
 - (a) Sin predated the law!
 - 1. "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law." Romans 5:12-13 NKJV
 - a) Even though sin is lawlessness, sin predated the law being written down.
 - b) After the law was written down, it removed any excuse of ignorance.
 - (b) The Law increased sin!
 - 1. "Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more," Romans 5:20 NKJV
 - a) After the law was written down, sin became more obvious.
 - b) The more obvious sin is, the more necessary grace is!
 - (c) Paul masterfully sums up the entire concept of Law and sin!
 - 1. "What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet." But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me.

 Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good. Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful. For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin." Romans 7:7-14 NKJV
- (5) This is why Paul teaches Timothy to use the Holy Scriptures as the standard...

- (a) All Scripture...
 - 1. "But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." Il Timothy 3:14-17 NKJV
 - 2. "But if the unbeliever departs, **let him depart**; **a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases.**But God has called us to peace." I Corinthians 7:15 NKJV

COLLISION & RESPONSE

4. Equal but Opposite

A. The Upside Down Kingdom

- (1) Think Opposite!
 - (a) Human nature is on a collision course with the Kingdom of Heaven!
 - "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force." Matthew 11:12 NKJV
 - a) It is spiritually violent to do the exact opposite of your "human nature!"
 - b) See: Spiritual Violence for a detailed teaching on this topic.
 - (b) Y'shua took on the Opposite!
 - 1. "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. 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 5:20-21 NKJV

B. Be different—Action and Opposite Reaction

- (1) Equal but Opposite!
 - (a) An eye for an eye and a tooth...
 - 1. ""You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' [Exodus 21:24; Lev. 24:20. Deut. 19:21] But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also. And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away." Matthew 5:38-42 NKJV
 - 2. **Injury to a pregnant woman:** "eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe." Exodus 21:24-25 NKJV
 - 3. **Injury to a neighbor:** "'If a man causes disfigurement of his neighbor, as he has done, so shall it be done to him—fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he has caused disfigurement of a man, so shall it be done to him." Leviticus 24:19-20 NKJV

4. **False Witnesses:** "Your eye shall not pity: life shall be for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot." Deuteronomy 19:21 NKJV

(b) Love Your Enemies

- 1. ""You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor [Lev 19:18] and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." Matthew 5:43-48 NKJV
- 2. "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God." Acts 14:22 NKJV
- (c) This is the heart of God! Would you do the same?
 - 1. "For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life." Romans 5:6-10 NKJV
- (d) How should be live?
 - 1. "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. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Romans 12:1-2 NKJV
- (e) One last thing!
 - "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."" Luke 6:38 NKJV