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No Law, No Love

As we near the end, false prophets are supposed to appear and take away God's law.

Matthew 24:11-12

[Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.](#)

The whole point of all of God's law is love, loving God, and loving others. It is when we abolish it (mostly because we misunderstand Paul according to Peter - 2 Peter 3:15-17) that it creates lawlessness.

Even if we abolish just some of it, it creates problems. Here is what we need to understand from a Biblical perspective.

[The less law there is, the less love there is.](#)

Sure, we have plenty of grace (God loving us), but what about loving God and loving others?

The Law is God's instructions on how to love God, how to love others, and how to not love yourself.

Exodus 20:6

[...But showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.](#)

Deuteronomy 5:10

[...But showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.](#)

Deuteronomy 7:10

[...And repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face.](#)

Deuteronomy 11:13

And if you will indeed obey my commandments that I command you today, to love the Lord [YHWH] your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul....

Deuteronomy 11:22

For if you will be careful to do all this commandment that I command you to do, loving the Lord [YHWH] your God, walking in all his ways, and holding fast to him....

Deuteronomy 30:16

If you obey the commandments of the Lord [YHWH] your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord [YHWH] your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord [YHWH] your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

Deuteronomy 6:5

You shall love the Lord [YHWH] your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Leviticus 19:18

You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord [YHWH].

Nehemiah 1:5

And I said, "O Lord [YHWH] God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments...."

Daniel 9:4

I prayed to the Lord [YHWH] my God and made confession, saying, "O Lord [YHWH], the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments...."

Matthew 22:35-37

And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

Matthew 10:39

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Matthew 16:25

For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

John 14:15

If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

John 14:21

Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.

Romans 13:9

The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

1 John 5:2-3

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

2 John 1:6

And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it.

Thus, no law, then no love,

As sad as that is, that is what so many doctrines promote. Not intentionally, but as Peter said, in error.

They are saying and promoting philosophical feelings of love, love, love, but from a practical Biblically-defined perspective. They are either abolishing love or diluting it, rendering it largely ineffective and impotent.

God's law is restrained from doing what it is supposed to do, which is to be a light to the nations.

We need to stop focusing so much on ourselves (which is grace, or God's love for us) and start emphasizing loving back (in obedience).

We are to preach the Word (which includes all of the Old Testament), not abandon it, dilute it, take away from it, or ignore it...even if there are other teachers promoting such doctrine

2 Timothy 4:2-4

Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

God's law is what the Bible defines as truth (Psalm 119:142). Anything contrary to God's law is a myth or fable, completely lacking the foundation of the Word.

If you are not interested in loving God back or loving others through obedience to His law, then the Bible says we should question whether or not we have even received His grace!

1 John 2:4

He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth (God's Word/Law) is not in him.

Because in the end knowing Him (the Word and the Word made flesh - John 1:14) is what matters.

It is better for the next verse to shock you to reality now, than later when it actually happens:

Matthew 7:21-23

Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?" And then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"

Our salvation is all about grace indeed. But we must have faith, believe, and commit in the Word of God to receive His grace. That is the ONLY requirement. BUT, what does that mean?

IF you TRULY believe in something inwardly (faith in the Word), then the evidence of that will be seen outwardly (doing the Word).

Thus it is not works that saves us (the outward) but the inward (faith) that save us. Yet, faith cannot exist without works, because it is the PROOF that you even have the inward faith to begin with!

James asks us in the same context:

James 2:14

What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?

James answers:

James 2:17

Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

You are now equipped to test your faith, and examine yourself.

Which side of the fence are you going to be on as it relates to Matthew 7:21-23?

2 Corinthians 13:5

Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.

We often forget that Jesus, His Hebrew name Yeshua, is the Word made flesh. The Word that was in Him is the same Word that is to be in us. The same Word that was inwardly in Him is the same Word

He outwardly practiced.

What Word do you practice? Are you doing things that Yeshua did and practiced that can be found in the Word of God? Are you doing some or all?

Why?

Are you taking Peter's warning seriously? (2 Peter 3:15-17) Because he says he warned us in advance.

Perhaps it is wise to take this more seriously now, so it is not so serious later. Test these things and test yourself.

We hope that this teaching has blessed you, and remember, continue to test everything.

Shalom

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