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## Dead to the Law

You may wonder why I have dealt so much in studies on the law. When I was a member of organized religion, I did not understand the law. I was taught wrong, just like all religions teach bad doctrine regarding the law, mostly due to their ignorance also. It is evident by so many different denominations using the same Bible to arrive at different conclusions about God, Jesus, the cross, grace, faith, and on and on. Why should anyone listen to me, a person who has not been trained in the Seminary, nor the original languages? No one has to be trained in this way. Even Jesus was doubted for this reason - *And the Jews marveled, saying, How knows this man letters, having never learned?* (John 7:15) We want to be taught in the school of Jesus Christ. Having said that, realize that God teaches us through others. Paul said it succinctly: **2 Tim 2:7:** *Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.* All should study the Bible for themselves, listen to the preacher or teacher, but seek the Lord to confirm or deny what is being taught. These two are the components of the hearing of faith.

Paul was an Apostle to the Gentiles (Acts 9:15:13:46). Have you ever considered that the Gentiles were NEVER given the law? The keeping of the law by the Gentiles was a controversial point discussed and settled in a meeting of Paul, Barnabas, Peter, James and other church leaders (cf Acts 15:1-31). It was not, however, settled among all believing Jews, as there were some who continued to tell Gentile believers that they must be circumcised and keep the law (Gal 6:13). Peter referred to them as false teachers (2 Pet 1:1-3; Jude 1:4, 19). The same principle exists in the Christian church today, where the various organizations put their own spin on how to keep the law.

Here are other verses for your consideration: **1 Tim 1:8-10:** *8. But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully; 9. Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, 10. For whore mongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for men stealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; In which category of people do you fit? Are you a law keeper?*

**Gal 2:21:** *I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.* Christ died in vain for the those who insist on keeping the law. Righteousness comes by the grace (love - Lk 6:32) of God, and not by the law. Neither does faith come by the law (Gal 3:12); nor does the inheritance of the Spirit of Christ (Gal 3:18). If we practice the law of love, we will not do those things described above in 1 Timothy 1:9-10. The law is a school master, tutor, or instructor to bring us to Christ. But, when the faith of Christ comes, we are no longer under (governed by) the law (Gal 3:23-29).

**Gal 2:19:** *For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.* **Rom 7:4:** *Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.* By means of studying the Bible, we gain an understanding of God's love and what the cross was all about, and we do not crucify Christ afresh by man's interpretation of the book. **Heb 6:9-12:** *But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. 10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have shown toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. 11 And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: 12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. Amen.*