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The New Testament and The Law

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# Fill in the word....

## 1 John 4:20

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother,  
he is a \_ \_ \_ \_;  
for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen,  
how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

Fill in the word....

1 John 4:20

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother,  
he is a **liar**;

for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen,  
how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

# Fill in the word....

## 1 John 3:15

Whosoever hateth his brother

is a \_\_\_\_\_;

and ye know that no \_\_\_\_\_

hath eternal life abiding in him.

# Fill in the word....

## 1 John 3:15

Whosoever hateth his brother  
is a **murderer**;  
and ye know that no **murderer**  
hath eternal life abiding in him.

# Who is this person.....Obvious?

- Born in Germany
- Became famous as a founder of German Nationalism
- Spoke openly about his contempt for the Jews
- Advocated setting fire to their synagogues, razing their home, burning their holy books.
- Convinced those of his country to turn their hatred contempt upon the Jews, forbidding them to participate in regular commerce, and forcibly taking their money and possessions.
- Even wrote a book titled "*Von den Juden und ihren Lügen*" (*On the Jews and Their Lies*).
- **His Name: \_\_\_\_\_ e r**

.....Obvious?

His Name: Adoph Hitler?



Not so Obvious.....

His Name: Martin Luth e r



- Why discuss?
- Luther is the source for modern debate of Grace and Works.
- But did he really understand?
- What were the real issues of the day?
- How do you learn Grace from someone who openly hates?
- What were the scriptures really teaching regarding Grace and Works?

# Luther Towards the Jews

- While he challenged Catholicism's works based doctrine, he never departed from its mid-evil attitudes towards the Jews;
- Statements by Luther toward Jews:

## Luther Quotes (...who preached salvation 'By Grace'):

"If I find a Jew to baptize, I shall lead him to the Elbe bridge, hand a stone around his neck, and push him into the water, baptizing him in the name of Abraham!...I cannot convert the Jews. Our Lord Christ did not succeed in doing so; but I can close their mouths so that there will be nothing for them to do but lie on the ground."

"I hope that I shall never be so stupid as to be circumcised! I would Rather cut off the left breast of my Catherine and of all women!"

# Luther quotes.....

"What then shall we Christians do with this damned, rejected race of Jews?

First, their synagogues should be set on fire, and whatever does not burn up should be covered or spread with dirt so that no one may ever be able to see a cinder of it. And this ought to be done for the honor of God and of Christianity, in order that God may see that we are Christians.

Secondly, their homes should be likewise broken down and destroyed.

Thirdly, they should be deprived of their prayer-books and Talmuds in which such idolatry, lies, cursing and blasphemy are taught.

Fourthly, their rabbis must be forbidden under threat of death to teach anymore."

## LUTHER.....:

"Know, O adored Christ, and make no mistake, that aside from the Devil, you have no enemy more venomous, more desperate, more bitter than a true Jew who truly seeks to be a Jew...

A Jew, a Jewish heart, are hard as wood, as stone, as iron, as the Devil himself.

In short, they are children of the Devil, condemned to the flames of hell."

<https://phdn.org/archives/www.mazal.org/Lifton/LiftonT479.htm>

[https://jdstone.org/cr/files/antisemitisminthetestament\\_1.html](https://jdstone.org/cr/files/antisemitisminthetestament_1.html)

## Quote from Hitler...

The Catholic Church considered the Jews pestilent for fifteen hundred years, put them in ghettos, etc, because it recognized the Jews for what they were. [...] I recognize the representatives of this race as pestilent for the state and for the church and perhaps I am thereby doing Christianity a great service by pushing them out of schools and public functions.

Speech 26 April 1933 in a reception for Catholic Bishop Berning;  
from Richard Steigmann-Gall (2003).

*Holy Reich: Nazi conceptions of Christianity, 1919-1945.* Cambridge:  
Cambridge University Press. p. [117-118](#).

# Adolph Hitler....

**And we say that the war will not end as the Jews imagine it will, namely with the uprooting of the Aryans, but the result of this war will be the complete annihilation of the Jews.**

Adolph Hitler speaking to a crowd at the Sports Palace in Berlin, 30 January 1942.

Quoted in "The Holocaust," by Martin Gilbert, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, NY, 1985, p. 285.

# Adolph Hitler....

**Nature is cruel; therefore we are also entitled to be cruel. When I send the flower of German youth into the steel hail of the next war without feeling the slightest regret over the precious German blood that is being spilled, should I not also have the right to eliminate millions of an inferior race that multiplies like vermin?**

**Adolf Hitler**, quoted in "Hitler," by Joachim Fest, Vintage Books Edition, 1974, p. 679-680:

# Hitler affirmed Catholicism's attitude towards Jews...

The Vatican under Pope Pius XII made a Concordat of collaboration with National Socialism. Hitler's portrait was placed on all walls of Catholic churches and Sunday schools. Church bells were rang at every Nazi victory, including the arrest and transportation of the last Jew from every town in Germany. The Roman Catholic Church never protested against Hitler's barbarism including the massacre of a million and a half Jewish children.. (Dictionary of Antisemitism, p. 43)

At a Church conference, Hitler affirmed that the Catholic Church has always regarded Jews as evildoers and had banished them into ghettos. He (Hitler) is only doing what the Church had been doing for fifteen hundred years.. (ibid, p. 79)

In fact the Catholic youth organisation of Germany was combined with the Hitler youth following the signing of the Concordat of Collaboration sponsored by Msgr. Pacelli later to become Pope Pius XII. Together they sang the Horstwessel Lied in the church vestries "Wenn das Judenblut vom Messer spritzed".. ('When Jewish blood runs off the dagger,' ibid, p. 109)

In a speech to Polish Catholics, Hitler declared: "I as a German Catholic, ask only what is permitted to Polish Catholics. To be antisemitic is not to be un-Catholic. The Church used every weapon against the Jews, even the Inquisition. Christ himself was a pioneer in the fight against Judaism." (ibid, p. 146)

# Adolf Hitler:

“Hence today I believe that  
I am acting in accordance with the will of the Almighty Creator:  
by defending myself against the Jew,  
I am fighting for the work of the Lord.”

(Mein Kampf, p. 65)

[https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Religious\\_views\\_of\\_Adolf\\_Hitler](https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Religious_views_of_Adolf_Hitler)

# Adolf Hitler:

“Even today I am not ashamed to say that, overpowered by stormy enthusiasm, I fell down on my knees and thanked Heaven from an overflowing heart for granting me the good fortune of being permitted to live at this time. A fight for freedom had begun mightier than the earth had ever seen; ....” (p. 161)

“And the founder of Christianity made no secret indeed of his estimation of the Jewish people. When He found it necessary, He drove those enemies of the human race out of the Temple of God.” (p. 174)

(Mein Kampf)

[https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Religious\\_views\\_of\\_Adolf\\_Hitler](https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Religious_views_of_Adolf_Hitler)

## Regarding Hitler carrying out the mission...

Christian theologian, Leutheuser, believed that the Holy Spirit moves where it chooses, and stated that, “**more spirit of religion has come to Germans through Hitler, than through many of the churches.**” (Julius Leutheuser. “Die deutsche Christuskirche,” p. 18,19)

This same Christian leader asserts that “**Germany has been given a mission from God. The leader and prophet is Adolf Hitler.**” (Siegfried Leffer. “Christus im Dritten Reich der Deutschen,” p. 13-18)

Message: Be careful what source teaches you of Grace and Works...

How can one who hates truly teach of grace?

DO NOT ACCEPT THE MODERN ARGUMENT OF 'GRACE AND WORKS' AS TOLD BY THE PROTESTANT WORLD. IT ORIGINATES BY ONE WHO DID NOT UNDERSTAND GRACE OR WORKS.

# Ancient Catholic church needed Jews for what?...

The Church attitude to the mistreatment of Jews is not new, though the experience of the Holocaust brought on an urgency to its renewal.

Around 400, [St Augustine](#), one of the most influential and foundational figures of Catholic theology, preached that the Jews must be protected for their ability to explain the Old Testament.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catholic\\_Church\\_and\\_Judaism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catholic_Church_and_Judaism)

# 1 NEPHI 3 saw this BEFORE the Gentiles who came to America.....:

138 And he said unto me, These are the nations and kingdoms of the Gentiles.

139 And it came to pass that I saw among the nations of the Gentiles the foundation of a great church.

140 And the angel said unto me, Behold the foundation of a church, which is most abominable above all other churches, which slayeth the saints of God, yea, and tortureth them and bindeth them down, and yoketh them with a yoke of iron, and bringeth them down into captivity.

141 And it came to pass that I beheld this great and abominable church; and I saw the devil that he was the foundation of it.

142 And I also saw gold and silver, and silks, and scarlets, and fine twined linen, and all manner of precious clothing; and I saw many harlots.

# 1 NEPHI 3 saw this BEFORE the Gentiles who came to America.....:

143 And the angel spake unto me, saying, Behold the gold, and the silver, and the silks, and the scarlets, and the fine twined linen, and the precious clothing, and the harlots, are the desires of this great and abominable church;

144 And also for the praise of the world do they destroy the saints of God, and bring them down into captivity.

145 And it came to pass that I looked and beheld many waters; and they divided the Gentiles from the seed of my brethren.

147 And I looked and beheld a man among the Gentiles, who was separated from the seed of my brethren by the many waters; and I beheld the Spirit of God, that it came down and wrought upon the man; and he went forth upon the many waters, even unto the seed of my brethren, who were in the promised land.

148 And it came to pass that I beheld the Spirit of God, that it wrought upon other Gentiles; and they went forth out of captivity, upon the many waters.

149 And it came to pass that I beheld many multitudes of the Gentiles upon the land of promise;

## Point to Consider:

One needs to understand the Old Testament in order to understand much of the New Testament, especially why so much discussion on Grace and Works.

Also note: None of the 'New Testament' era writings of the Book of Mormon contain any of the same 'Grace and Works' discussions. Why? Because the entire society understood that Jesus was the point of the Mosaic Law, and Salvation came by Jesus.

This truth was not understood by many (yet) of the New Testament.

## Martin Luther—Couldn't Reconcile James and Paul

**"Many sweat to reconcile St. Paul and St. James, but in vain. 'Faith justifies' and 'faith does not justify' contradict each other flatly. If any one can harmonize them I will give him my doctor's hood and let him call me a fool."**

**"I maintain that some Jew wrote it [the Book of James] who probably heard about Christian people but never encountered any."**

**"We should throw the Epistle of James out of this school [the University of Wittenberg]...."**

**-Martin Luther**

# Can these scriptures be logically and spiritually reconciled?

## Romans 3:28

Therefore we  
conclude that a man  
**is justified by faith  
alone without the  
works of the law**

## James 2:23

Ye see then that **by  
works a man is  
justified**, and not by  
faith only.

# pa·pist

/'pāpɪst/

DEROGATORY

*noun*

plural noun: **papists**

1.a Roman Catholic.

# The word 'alone' was not in the original Greek translation of Romans 3:28

Four centuries ago the word 'ALONE' was inserted by Martin Luther to his German translation of the Bible in 1528.

Luther's complaint was that Catholicism taught that salvation required works in addition to the atonement. Was Romans 3:28 speaking against this concept?

In spite of Luther's insertion of his own words into God's scripture, Luther even defended his adding the word 'alone' as follows:

"...You tell me what a great fuss the Papists are making because the word 'alone' is not in the text of Paul. If your Papist makes such an unnecessary row about the word 'alone,' say right out to him: -- 'Dr. Martin Luther will have it so,' and say: -- 'Papists and asses are one and the same thing.' I will have it so, and I order it to be so, and my will is reason enough. I know very well that the word 'alone' is not in the Latin and Greek text, and it was not necessary for the Papists to teach me that. It is true, those letters are not in it, which letters the jackasses look at, as a cow stares at a new gate.... It ['alone'] shall remain in my New Testament, and if all the Popish donkeys were to get mad and beside themselves, they will not get it out" (words of Martin Luther)

(Rebuilding a Lost Faith, By John L. Stoddard, p. 88.)

## But Paul Even States...

**Romans 4:16** Therefore ye are **justified of faith and works**, through grace, to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; ..

**Titus 3:8** This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, **that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works**. These things are good and profitable unto men.

## What are they really saying?

Eph 2:8-9 - "For BY GRACE are ye SAVED THROUGH FAITH; and that NOT OF YOURSELVES: it is the GIFT of God: NOT OF WORKS, lest any man should boast."

Gal 2:16 - "Knowing that a man IS NOT JUSTIFIED BY THE WORKS of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, ....that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and NOT by the WORKS of the law: FOR BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW SHALL NO FLESH BE JUSTIFIED

From: 101 Verses that Teach Salvation Is NOT by Works.

<http://www.acm.ndsu.nodak.edu/~nuconque/tracts/stl/notworks.htm>

# What others say...about us?

(A question in a publication asks)..., "Is it true that because LDS reject the doctrine of salvation by faith alone, they are not Christians?"

(Response) **The first mark of a cult is any group that multiplies works to salvation.** Paul wrote in Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: Not of works."

This verse of scripture leaves no room for debate. You are saved only because of God's love (grace) for you. Paul adds in Galatians 2:21, "I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."

When we answer this question using the Bible as the sole point of reference, we must say, **"Yes, Mormons, you are not Christians, because you teach that Jesus, the cornerstone of the Christian faith, did not fully atone for our sins with His vicarious death on the cross."**

The material for this article was taken from Jerry Johnson's interview with Dick Baer on the "Cult Awareness Program."

**To Understand 'Grace' we must understand..**

**'Works'**

**To Understand 'Works,' we must understand...**

**'The Law'**

Gal 2:16 - "Knowing that a man IS NOT JUSTIFIED BY THE WORKS of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, ....that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and NOT by the WORKS of the law: FOR BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW SHALL NO FLESH BE JUSTIFIED

# Definition of the term ‘The Law.’

## **Strongs #3551**

**nomos** *nom'-os* from a primary **nemo** meaning “to parcel out, especially food or grazing to animals”; law specially, of Moses (including the volume); or figuratively (a principle):--law.

Was Old Testament word for ‘Torah’—The Mosaic Law

## **1. Nephi New They Needed to Have the Mosaic Law**

**1 Nephi 1:117** Yea, and I also thought that **they could not keep the commandments of the Lord according to the law of Moses, save they should have the law.**

### **...And Lived By it Faithfully...**

**2 Nephi 4:14** And we did observe to keep the judgments, and the statutes, and the commandments of the Lord, in all things, according to the law of Moses.

### **..But knew it was given for Disobedience**

**Mosiah 1:110** Yet the Lord God saw that his people were a stiffnecked people, and he appointed unto them a law, even the law of Moses.

**113** And yet they hardened their hearts, and understood not that the law of Moses availeth nothing, except it were through the atonement of his blood;

## **2. But Nephi Learned a Profound Truth...unlike most of His Jewish Contemporaries: The Law of Moses was a perfect Type and Shadow for Jesus Christ:**

**2 Nephi 1:71-2** ..redemption cometh in and through the holy Messiah: for he is full of grace and truth. Behold, he offereth himself a sacrifice for sin, to answer the ends of the law, unto all those who have a broken heart and a contrite spirit; and unto none else can the ends of the law be answered.

**2 Nephi 8:7-8** Behold, my soul delighteth in proving unto my people the truth of the coming of Christ: For, for this end hath the law of Moses been given:

**Alma 16:215** And behold, this is the whole meaning of the law; every whit pointing to that great and last sacrifice; and that great and last sacrifice will be the Son of God; yea, infinite and eternal; and thus he shall bring salvation to all those who shall believe on his name; ('Whit' in Hebrew, means wholly, or completely)

By being a type/shadow, this means that the 613 aspects of the Law of Moses (rituals, washings, sacrifices, convocations, etc.,) were 613 perfect teaching tools as to Christ's purpose, life, and ministry.

### **3. The Nephites were taught to keep the law according to the commandment, until after Christ was revealed to them:**

Alma 14:75 But notwithstanding the Law of Moses, they did look forward to the coming of Christ, concerning that the Law of Moses was a type of his coming, and believing that they must keep those outward performances, until the time that he should be revealed unto them.

## **4. The Nephites understood the Law of Moses' true purpose, and looked forward to it being fulfilled by Christ himself.**

Mosiah 1:30 And they also took of the firstlings of their flocks, that they might offer sacrifice and burnt offerings, according to the law of Moses;

Jacob 3:6 And for this intent, we keep the law of Moses, it pointing our souls to him;...

2 Nephi 11:45 And notwithstanding we believe in Christ, we keep the law of Moses, and look forward with steadfastness unto Christ, until the law shall be fulfilled; for, for this end was the law given;

46 Wherefore, the law hath become dead unto us, and we are made alive in Christ, because of our faith;

49 Wherefore, we speak concerning the law, that our children may know the deadness of the law;

50 And they, by knowing the deadness of the law, may look forward unto that life which is in Christ, and know for what end the law was given.

## **5. Abinadi was murdered, in part, for teaching that the law did not bring about salvation. He stated that the time would come when it would no longer be necessary to keep it.**

Mosiah 7:84 And they said, We teach the Law of Moses. And again, he said unto them, If ye teach the Law of Moses, why do ye not keep it? ... And what know ye concerning the Law of Moses? Doth salvation come by the Law of Moses? What say ye? And they answered and said, that salvation did come by the Law of Moses.

Mosiah 8: 3 And now ye have said that salvation cometh by the Law of Moses. I say unto you that it is expedient that ye should keep the Law of Moses as yet; but I say unto you, that the time shall come when it shall no more be expedient to keep the Law of Moses. And moreover, I say unto you, that salvation doth not come by the law alone; and were it not for the atonement which God himself shall make for the sins and iniquities of his people, that they must unavoidably perish, notwithstanding the law of Moses. And now I say unto you, that it was expedient that there should be a law given to the children of Israel, yea, even a very strict law: for they were a stiff-necked people: quick to do iniquity, and slow to remember the Lord their God; Therefore there was a law given them, yea, a law of performances and of ordinances, a law which they were to observe strictly, from day to day, to keep them in remembrance of God, and their duty towards him. But behold, I say unto you, that all these things were types of things to come.

Abinadi differentiates the Law, from the Ten commandments, and later exhorts the people to keep these commandments.

Remember, the 10 commandments were given first.

Then over 600 sundry laws were given to govern every aspect of Israelite life, to teach them about the Messiah.

## **8. After the SIGN of Christ's BIRTH in America, some people thought (incorrectly) that the Law was fulfilled at that time. They were incorrect in timing:**

**3 Nephi 1:28** And thus the people began again to have peace in the land; and there were no contentions, save it were a few that began to preach, endeavoring to prove by the scriptures, that it was no more expedient to observe the Law of Moses.

29 Now in this thing they did err, having not understood the scriptures.

30 But it came to pass that they soon became converted, and were convinced of the error which they were in, for it was made known unto them that the law was not yet fulfilled, and that it must be fulfilled in every whit;

31 Yea, the word came unto them that it must be fulfilled; yea, that one jot or tittle should not pass away, till it should all be fulfilled;

## **9. Christ announced at His appearance to the Nephites after his death and resurrection, that the Law was then fulfilled:**

**3 Nephi 4:47** And as many as have received me, to them have I given to become the sons of God; and even so will I to as many as shall believe on my name, for behold, by me redemption cometh, and in me is the Law of Moses fulfilled.

## **10. After Christ's announcement, some still misunderstood, and Christ explained to the people why they were not required to keep the Law anymore:**

**3 Nephi 7:3** And it came to pass that when Jesus had said these words, he perceived that there were some among them who marveled, and wondered what he would concerning the Law of Moses; for they understood not the saying, that old things had passed away, and that all things had become new.

**4** And he said unto them, Marvel not that I said unto you, that old things had passed away, and that all things had become new.

**5** Behold, I say unto you, that the law is fulfilled that was given unto Moses.

**6** Behold, I am he that gave the law, and I am he who covenanted with my people Israel; therefore, the law in me is fulfilled, for I have come to fulfill the law; therefore, it hath an end.

**7** Behold, I do not destroy the prophets, for as many as have not been fulfilled in me, verily, I say unto you, shall all be fulfilled.

# **11. Finally, the Nephites (after Christ's ministry) understood the purpose had been fulfilled, and did not keep the Law of Moses anymore:**

**4 Nephi 1:13** And they did not walk any more after the performances and ordinances of the Law of Moses, but they did walk after the commandments which they had received from their Lord and their God, continuing in fasting and prayer, and in meeting together oft, both to pray and to hear the word of the Lord.

## To sum it up:

Because the Nephites understood that the Law pointed toward Christ, when Christ came to them, they glorified him.

Because the Jews missed the point of the Law, when Christ came to them, they crucified him.

Notice in the 'New Testament' portion of the Book of Mormon, the absence of any discussion for  
Grace, Works, The Law.

The Reason:

The Nephites (finally) understood that The Law of Moses and the 'Works of the Law', pointed toward Jesus Christ.

No need to preach it, nothing to straighten out.

# 1. The Law was given for disobedience and transgression:

**Galatians 3:19** Wherefore then, the law was added because of transgressions, ...

Also See **Mosiah 1:110-113**

## 2. One of the most important pieces of information given from the New Testament is that the Law of Moses was given as a perfect type and shadow of Christ:

**Luke 24:43** And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the Psalms, concerning me. (*Where is Jesus when saying this? Road to Ameus*)

**John 1:45** Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

Also See Alma 16:215

### 3. The Israelites (Jews especially) were taught to keep the law according to the commandment, until after Christ died on the cross:

**Romans 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.

**Romans 10:4** For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.

**Galatians 3:19** ..., the law was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made in the law given to Moses, who was ordained by the hand of angels to be a mediator of this first covenant, (the law.)

**Ephesians 2:15** Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments (*i.e. Mosaic Law*) contained in ordinances;

**II Corinthians 3:13**....the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished (referencing the Law of Moses);

## 4. Unlike the Nephites, many Jews of the New Testament misunderstood the Law of Moses' true purpose, and rejected the words of Christ, Paul and the Apostles:

Because Paul taught that the Law of Moses was done away, the Jews hated him. **Jews plotting to kill Paul is mentioned over 10 times:**

**Acts 9:23** And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him (Paul);

**Acts 14:19** And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

**Acts 21:21** And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs.

**Acts 21:27-8** .. the Jews which were of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him, Crying out, Men of Israel, help; this is the man, that teacheth all men everywhere against the people, and the law...

**Acts 21:30-31** And all the city was moved, and the people (Jews) ran together; and they took, and drew him out of the temple; and forthwith the doors were shut. And as they went about to kill him...

## 5. Paul Did Not Teach The Gentiles The Law Of Moses

**Acts 15:20** But that we write unto them (Gentiles) , that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood. ...

24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain men which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law; to whom we gave no such commandment;

**Acts 21:21** And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs....

25 As touching the Gentiles which believe, we have written and concluded that they observe no such thing, save only that they keep themselves from things offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication.

## 6. Some misguided teachers lived in Israel teaching that the right way was only The Law.

**Acts 15:1** And certain men which came down from Judea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved. ...

5 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses. (Paul and apostles then declare that Salvation comes only through Christ).

See also Jacob 5:9-13

## 7. The writers of New Testament's chapters understood the truth regarding The Law of Moses:

**John 1:17** For the law was given through Moses, but life and truth came through Jesus Christ.

**Galatians 5:4** Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

**Romans 8:2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

**Hebrews 10:1** For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices, which they offered continually year by year make the comers thereunto perfect.

## Also...

The Metaphor: a free woman (Sarah) with Isaac, the type for the ending of the Law of Moses (bondage) with the covenant of Jesus Christ (freedom).

**Galatians 4:21 Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?**

22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a free woman.

23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the free woman was by promise.

**24 Which THINGS ARE AN ALLEGORY; for THESE ARE THE TWO COVENANTS; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to BONDAGE, which as Agar.**

25 For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.

30 Nevertheless what saith the scripture? CAST OUT THE BONDWOMAN AND HER SON; for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the free woman.

**31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.**

## 10. After Jesus began teaching, the Apostles knew the Jews would not believe:

**Matthew 7:14** And then said his disciples unto him, they will say unto us, We ourselves are righteous, and need not that any man should teach us. God, we know, heard Moses and some of the prophets; but us he will not hear. 15 And they will say, We have the law for our salvation, and that is sufficient for us.

Even the Apostles misunderstood the message of Christ fulfilling the law and it's completion. On the road to Emmaus, (after Jesus' death) Jesus begins with the records of Moses (i.e. The Law) and explains how he has fulfilled these things. The disciples finally begin to see the big picture:

**Luke 24:26** And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

See also 3 Nephi 7:3-7

## Paul's Real Scriptural Definition of 'Grace'

Where Paul Does refer to our earthly works (besides the Mosaic acts) 'not mattering' is specific in how they weren't needed to 'persuade' God to offer himself, but not that they are not required.

**Titus 3:4-8** But after that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared,

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost (sounds like baptism);

Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior;

That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believe in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

# Paul Explains Christ vs works of Mosaic Law...

## ROMANS

**3:24-31**

**4:1-16**

**9:30-33**

**10:1-10**

**11:16**

## HEBREWS

**2:13-18**

**7:11-27**

**8:1-13, 19**

**9:1-28**

**10:1-14, 26-29**

**13:11-13**

## GALATIANS

**2:14-21**

**3:1-3; 10-14; 19-29**

**4:4-5; 21-31**

**5:1-6**

**6:15-19**

## EPHESIANS

**2:5-22**