

Keeping the Old Path

This tract has been created to introduce those who are searching for truth set forth in God's word, and not based on the traditions of men and pagan religions.

We would like to put the question forward why have the Christian churches set aside so many of the original teachings of both the Old and New Testament. The fact is that we are told in both books of the Bible that we are to maintain their teachings.

Jeremiah 6:16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, we will not walk therein.

1 John 2: 6, 7

6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

7 ¶ Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.

Here we have two very strong scriptures from Old and New Testament. The Old Testament tells us not to refuse to walk in the old ways; but in fact to be asking for the old paths. We then turn to the New Testament, and find the apostle John with his letter to the New Testament church that we must walk as Jesus did, and that he "John" has not written any new commandments to us, but an old one which is from the beginning. So why have we strayed from these pure teachings?

1 Timothy 4:1 ¶ Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

Matthew 15: 9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

These two scriptural texts clearly tell us the problem, and that it won't be accepted.

For ministers to stay popular they began to water down the message to please the people, but any scripture changed then becomes the commandments of man and not God's. The Bible tells us God changes not.

Malachi 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.

If God does not change then neither will his word, and on this truth we also have solid scripture.

Deuteronomy 4:2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Deuteronomy 12:32 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

Proverbs 30:6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Revelation 22:18,19

18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

We have seen in both the old and New Testament that man has not the authority to change God's word. What are some of the changes that have happened? First we should see that it has been prophesied that God's word would be changed and times set forth by God.

Daniel 7:25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

If you read Daniel 7 you will see this is speaking of the last days and the time of Jesus kingdom taking rule over the earthly kingdoms. What is important here is this power that should speak against God and wear out the saints of the most high thinking an important word for he thinks he has changed times and laws.

What has the Christian churches left off doing that Jesus and his disciples after him continued to do?

Jesus kept the seventh day Sabbath and so did his disciples after him in fact we read where Paul went into the Jews and gentiles to preach to them for One and a half years every Sabbath.

Acts 18:4-11

4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.

5 And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.

6 And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

7 ¶ And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped

God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue.

8 And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

9 Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:

10 For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.

11 And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

Here is one more scripture.

Acts 17:2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

These events happened about 53 AD some 23 years after the resurrection of Jesus if a new day was to be introduced to the Gentiles I would have thought it would have been done by now.

So one event this power spoken of in Daniel thinks that he has changed is the time of God's Sabbath.

Another change is the lie of God's law being nailed to the cross. The scripture used for this false teaching is as follows.

Colossians 2:14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

The handwriting of ordinances was what Moses wrote on parchment paper and set it on the side of the ark, and was not the moral code written with the finger of God on two tables of stone.

Deuteronomy 31: 24-26

24 And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished,

25 That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying,

26 Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee.

Deuteronomy 9:10 And the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them was written according to all the words, which the LORD spake with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.

Without going into a full study we see that there is a distinction between the book of Moses and the law of God written on tables of stone.

So one should at least question did Jesus plan to nail God's moral law to the cross lets look at scriptures for the answer.

Matthew 5:18, 19

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Well Jesus is about as clear as one can get to my knowledge the earth nor heaven have passed away so who's teaching are we following when we propagate that the law is done away. Not our Lord's then it must be mans!

The other argument we might be told concerning the scriptures just used is that, Jesus fulfilled everything at the cross, but that too is not the truth as the scriptures will show.

Acts 3:19-21

19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

We see from these scriptures that not all things were fulfilled at the cross. Jesus the Christ on the cross conquered death, and took upon himself the sins of those who would believe in him as their Saviour, but all of this was yet to happen, as we have just read in chapter 3 of Acts repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out When all of this is done within God's time frame and Jesus returns to set up his kingdom on earth, and completes his further duty to God, and that is bringing all things under him, and then turns it all over to God the Father, then will all things be fulfilled.

1 Corinthians 15:27, 28

27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest

that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

Dear reader Peter said it is better to obey God rather than man. Who are you obeying?

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