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PREFACE

Paul said, “*Wherefore the law [God’s] is holy and the commandment holy and just and good*” (Romans 7:12).

God’s Law is *goodness* and imitates God, who is *good* (Matthew 19:17). God is *good* and *The Law* is, also, good, but was made only for Israel. Both are defined as being the same.

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INTRODUCTION

Laws are administered in many ways, but their outcomes depend upon a judge. Some judges are lenient while others are strict. How does one decide? You are about to find out. It all depends upon the purpose or goal.

The Law given to Moses was a brilliant *law* with its administrative abilities. You are about to discover God's *Magnified Law* is even greater or weightier (Matthew 23:23). The expanded or *Magnified Law* also includes *judgment* (justice), *mercy* and *faith*.

When Jesus came, John wrote, "*For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ*" (John 1:17). Christ brought mercy to *The Law* by removing all the curses of *The Law* (Isaiah 42:21). He had grace built into *The Law* with *truth*, *justice* and *faith*. These three points of spiritual growth made *The Law* more honorable. *The Law*, magnified by Jesus did something *The Law of Moses* could not do. It was *the same law* but administered by *a different judge*.

CHANGE PRIESTHOOD

When *a Priesthood changes*, *The Law changes* (Hebrews 7:12). *The Law* is not "*done away*," but is judged in *a new way*, with *a new administrator* which includes *mercy* and *justice*. Christ *magnified The Law* and made it of *greater weight* than *The Law* administered by Moses.

How was *The Law* administered differently by Christ

than by Moses? The Priesthood, under Moses, was *The Levitical Priesthood*. They had *judgments or justice* already included within it (as *curses* or *blessings*) (Deuteronomy 27 and 28).

Because of Jesus' sacrifice, *the curses* of *The Law* were done away. *Mercy* and *grace* were instituted within *this weightier Magnified Law* (Galatians 3:9-14). *Faith gives life* to *The Law*. *The Law* is *magnified* to a *more honorable level*, so that those *justified* can *live by faith*.

WEAKNESS OF THE LAW

What was *the weakness* of *The Law*? *The Book of Hebrews* answers this question, “*And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchizedek [likeness] there arises another priest [hood]*” (Hebrews 7:15). The new priesthood, like Melchizedek, was different than *The Levitical Priesthood* (which was genealogical).

Then, *The Scripture* states, “*Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment [genealogical], but after the power of an endless life*” (Hebrews 7:16).

This change of *priesthood* from Levi to Melchizedek produced *Salvation* and *Eternal Life*. This Melchizedek Priesthood did not merely *pardon sin*, but allowed those who followed *The Melchizedek Priesthood*, to be able to *live forever* (Hebrew 7:15-16).

What was wrong with *The Levitical Priesthood* and keeping *The Old Covenant* – *The Letter of The Law of Moses*? “*For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprof-*

itableness [useless] thereof. For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw near to God" (Hebrews 7:18-19).

*The Old Covenant Law of Moses could not change human nature, but did explain what sin was and how to be pardoned through **human works** such as giving **animal sacrifices** (I John 3:4 and Deuteronomy 27 and 28). **The Law of Moses** was never able to change **human nature** or make anyone **perfect** like God (Matthew 5:48 and Hebrews 10:3-4).*

*Keeping **The Law of Moses** changes **no one**, but only reveals that you are **a continual sinner**. Paul explains this explicitly (Romans 7:15-18).*

*Keeping **The Letter of The Law** is **good**, but it is impossible for any human with **a carnal nature** to do. **The Law** can never be **done away as a first step** because individuals continually **sin**. They need **a law** that can **begin to change a carnal or beast-like nature**. Christians need **a higher Magnified Law** which only could have come with Christ dying for you. It is **the same law**, but is administered in a different way, so individuals can, actually, be changed into **a new creation** like Christ. Then, you can, along with other Christians, be glorified like God.*

CHAPTER 1

HISTORY OF HUMANITY

Why did God, not make man *perfect* from the beginning (Genesis 1:26)? God always intended on changing man to be in His image. In Hebrew, the word “*image*” is “*a shadow*” or “*darkness.*”

THE BEGINNING

Before God made *the creation*, there was *nothing* (non-existence) (Genesis 1:1). God created the heavens and the earth. In Hebrew, the word for “*created*” is “*bara.*” “*Bara*” conveys “*nonexistence,*” “*death*” or “*ex nihilo,*” meaning “*nothing*” in Latin. There was only God and nothing else. God gives you *life* in the beginning, but without Him you could never be resurrected. However, God had *an ace* up His sleeve for the benefit of everyone. God was willing to offer His Only Son to die for you. With His death bringing *The New Covenant*, you can disregard *The Old Covenant* (it will be in force for those resurrected in the Millennium). Now, you have *The Law* in your heart, not needing to do The Work of *The Law*, but never allowing any sin to cross your mind. It is how *The Law* is *magnified*. God declared, “*I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead [nothing], but of the living [creator]*” (Matthew 22:32).

This teaching astonished the multitude, because Jesus had said, there was to be *a resurrection* (Matthew 22:31). The Pharisees aligned themselves with what Christ said, because they accepted *a resurrection* (Acts 23:8). What words were significant? When God said, “*Man was to be made like God*” (Paraphrased). Then Jesus added something else. Before you have *Eternal Life* like God, there must be *a resurrection*. From the beginning, humanity came from Adam and was *created as a shadow* (in darkness).

God determined mankind is not capable of being like Him through *their efforts or works*. Why? To be like God, you *must be free* to choose for yourself (*free choice*). God is a *Creator* and His very name “*JHVH – The I Am,*” means “*the existing one*” or “*life itself.*”

Non-existence is *death*, “*ex nihilo*” or “*nothing.*” God is *the very opposite*. He is *life – life-giver or creator*. That is why the word for “*God*” is “*Elohim*” (Genesis 1:1). It means “*The One who makes all things*” (Hebrews 3:4). He is *The One and Only Life-giver*. Life can only come from *life*. Life cannot come from *nothing*, as evolutionists believed. God has *complete freedom or liberty*. He created everyone in *bondage* (slavery) from the very beginning (Romans 8:20-21).

In *the beginning* God's intention was to make individuals into *slaves*. This plan was with a meaningful purpose. His purpose (because of His love) was to set people *free*, so they could have *liberty*. “*Liberty*” in Greek is “*eleuthria,*” which means to be totally “*unhindered as a free-thinking individual.*” God is com-

pletely, free and at *liberty*, to be whatever He chooses to be. You must become like Christ, who is like His Father, “*That they [Disciples] all may be one; as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that you have sent me*” (John 17:21). The Apostle Paul expanded this *purpose of God to include all (everyone) who will be in the resurrection.*

Paul warns there will be *a resurrection* (I Corinthians 15:21). Here is the conclusion of Christ’s *commission*, “*And when all things shall be subdued [conquered] to him, then shall the Son also himself be subject to him that put all things under him [inheritance], that God may be all in all*” (I Corinthians 15:28).

For you to be *made* like God, you must have “*free choice*” like God. Only, then, can you be *resurrected* in God’s *glory* or *likeness*. You are to become like God and it cannot be any clearer! God is reproducing Himself in every single person – who was (ever) born. They will be like Him as individuals, with *liberty* and *freedom of choice*. God created *the earth* and *everything in it* for you to rule over. However, this change cannot take place until you are like Him and He is “*In You.*” Only then can God give you *an Eternal Paradise – guaranteed forever.* (“*Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*”) (“Amos 3:3).

Jesus taught that a nation cannot stand, when its people are divided. For you to be like God, you must be at *liberty* to *create* whatever you *imagine*. God created mankind from within Himself. This is exactly

what God said at The Tower of Babel, “*And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained [liberty] from them, which they have imagined to do*” (Genesis 11:6). God’s words are so clear. Mankind was born to be creative and innovative. The only thing standing in the way of mankind was their lack of *perfection*, or not being like God. They are to become Sons of God – as did Christ.

God’s *way* of making you like Him is *a process*. You must become like God, who is *love* (I John 4:8). In Him, there is no *darkness* (I John 1:5). Before, being entrusted with *Eternal Life*, you must have God’s *love*, which is *the fulfillment of The Law* (Romans 13:10). *The Law* is never done away until, conditionally, fulfilled. By growing to be like God, you must have His *love* and *light*. “*Love*” is “*God’s very nature*” and “*light*” is “*the truth*” (reality). Truth is all of God’s *word* and not simply some part of *a doctrine of the truth* (John 17:17).

Jesus said, “*Man shall not live by bread [food] alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God*” (Matthew 4:4).

Satan tried to deceive Jesus by asking Him to jump off The Temple Tower. The devil assured Jesus that the angels would protect Him (Matthew 4:5). Satan quoted Psalm 91:11-12 exactly. This *scripture is a true doctrine*. However, it was the wrong application of that text. What were the problems? Christ answered, “*You shall not tempt the LORD your God*” (Matthew 4:7).

Satan's *con job* was not *knowing*, or *understanding* every Word of God, from *The Alpha* to *The Omega*. Jesus was the complete *Word of God* (John 1:14). You must become like Christ, which is "*Christ – In You*" (Colossians 1:27). He is The Author of your Salvation (Hebrews 12:2).

The Law becomes increasingly clearer. *The Law of Moses* had a *different purpose* than God's *teaching methodology*. God is *The Father* and *teacher*. For you to become like Him, you must inherit *Salvation* or *Eternal Life*. In the beginning, God intended and *predestinated*, everyone to become *Holy* like Him (Ephesians 1:4). How do you become *Holy* like God? You become *Holy* like God through His "*love*" (agapé), which completes *The Law*.

The Law is not *done away with* – *until it is* in your heart and mind (a spiritual nature like God's). Then, you can be given *free choice* to *create* anything your imagination desires.

You will then, *walk* with God and be in agreement, through *faith*. The love of God will be "*In You*." You will no longer be *in darkness*. When you are *one* with God and Christ, you will walk in *the light of the truth*. By *trusting every word* that God utters, you demonstrate *your love* for Him. You will be growing and *creating* with God and Jesus. This growth can be accomplished through The Glory of God (Exodus 33:18-19).

You will no longer be servants, but rather *heirs*. Paul

explains your spiritual growth, “Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differs nothing from a servant [slave], though he be lord [master] of all; But is under tutors and governors [messengers] until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage [slavery] under the elements [human] of the world: But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman [human], made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because you are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son [Holy Spirit] into your hearts [desire], crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore you are no more a servant [slave], but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ” (Galatians 4:1-7).

Paul details God’s *Plan of Salvation*, which will bring Eternal Life in Paradise. You begin as *a slave* under *a master*, like *a governor* or *a teacher*. Ultimately, you will become *heirs*, and totally, *free* to create all that God has created. How *great* is The God who created you and all mankind! Everyone will be able to create as God has created.

CHAPTER 2

UNDER THE LAW

You shall be *justified by faith* (Romans 1:17). What faith is this? To be “*just*” means “*one is innocent.*” But *innocent* of what? It means to be innocent of *sin*. Sin is *the transgression of The Law* (I John 3:4). Does that mean you are *under The Law*? You need to know the answer to this question.

PAUL GIVES THE ANSWER

“Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in 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 [made pure and innocent]” (Galatians 2:16). Keeping *The Works of The Law* does not make you like Christ. “*Christ – In You*” is the answer and solution to The Mystery of God (Colossians 1:27). This is *a state of being like Christ*, which is *The Hope of Glory* for everyone.

The answer follows, “*Whom we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus*” (Colossians 1:28). There is your answer! Many have debated whether you should be *under The Law* or not. Is it not

foolish that so many argue about nothing? Being *under The Law* and what that means is not the problem. Paul clearly, tells Christians not to sin, “*For if I build again the things which I destroyed [sin], I make myself a transgressor [sinner]*” (Galatians 2:18). *The Law* tells you what sin is, but baptism washes away your sin, so you are dead to *The Law*, “*For I through the law am dead to the law [baptism], that I might live to God [to be like Him]. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh [human] I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain*” (Galatians 2:19-21).

LAW AND GRACE

Law and grace are the issue. The goal is *righteousness* and not *The Law*. *The Law* tells you what *sin* is, but doing its *works* does not make anyone *righteous*. “*Christ – In You*” makes a person *righteous* through *faith*. However, this *righteousness* is not accomplished by doing *The Works of The Law*. *The Law* reveals what *sin* is, but attempting *The Works of The Law* cannot make you *perfect* or *righteous*. *The Law* is *never* done away, because *The Law* tells you *what sin is* (I John 3:4).

Christians do not *purposely sin*. The lust of the flesh makes Christians sin. This created the need for *The Law* – as a reminder (Romans 6:12). How do you establish *The Law*? Through Christ, you will cease from

sinning. Your goal should be – to have Christ make you *perfect*, so you can become *Holy* (like God) in The Resurrection (Ephesians 1:4).

Satan is always at work. He desires to confuse you by *holding the truth in unrighteousness* (Romans 1:18). There is nothing profitable about debating *laws* and *grace*. The cardinal issue, Paul addresses, is how to become *perfect* and *Holy* like God through Christ and not by *The Works of The Law*.

DEEDS AND LABOR

Now, you understand the difference between deeds and labor. *The Law* is not the problem. How do you receive God's *righteousness*? "*All unrighteousness is sin*" (I John 5:17). You must become *perfect* and *Holy* like God and Christ. Doing *The Works of The Law* cannot make you *Holy* or *righteous*, but "*Christ – In You*" can. *The flesh is too weak* (Hebrews 7). The word "*works*" in English tends to imply that actions are "*labor*." The Greek word is "*ergo*," which actually, means "*deeds*" or "*being responsible to do*" and is not *labor*. The word in Greek for "*labor*" is "*ergozomai*," as Christ gave the example of pulling sheep or an ox out of the ditch on The Sabbath. Christ said, "*My Father works hitherto [on the Sabbath] and I work*" (John 5:17).

In Greek, "*labor*" means "*deeds*" of *The Law*, but not "*keeping the requirements*" of *The Law* can never justify you, or make you *innocent*, or *perfect*. *The Law* cannot make you, or any other person, *Holy* or *perfect*.

The Law only tells what *sin* is, “*It can only pardon sins by a sacrifice from year to year*” (Hebrews 10:3) (Paraphrased). Doing any *deeds* of *The Law* cannot and does not make anyone *perfect* like Christ. Only “*Christ – In You*” can bring you to God and His *Holiness*. That is it! That is the mental attitude which takes *faith* (as Abraham had).

WHY NOT UNDER THE LAW

If one is under *the works*, or *deeds* of *The Law*, then they are also under *the curse* of *The Law*. Then, all the *works*, or *deeds*, must be kept, exactly, in every portion and detail. When not kept perfectly a person is considered guilty (Galatians 3:10). The curses of *The Law* are covered in Deuteronomy 27 and 28, along with the blessings. Do you understand this concept? Every part of *The Law* must be kept as stated, specifically and exactly, in *The Old Covenant*. Disobeying any part of it, means you are guilty of breaking *The Whole Law of God*. By breaking any part, you will be cursed.

The opposite is true with *The Magnified Law – The New Covenant*, you are *justified* by *faith*. Paul said, “*Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written. Cursed is every one that hangs on a tree*” (Galatians 3:13). If one removes *the penalties*, or *judgments* from *The Law*, then it has not been *imputed*. Remember, there is no penalty for *transgressing The Law* under “*The New Covenant*.”

Now *The Law* becomes *a matter of faith* or *free choice*.

You keep *The Law* through *love* with your *desire* to obey God. When you *love someone in faith*, you trust the words of that person and want to respect them highly. *The Law is not done away, rather its penalties are removed.* *Righteousness* is still a matter of *The Law* (through faith). Paul describes the difference, “*But before faith came, we were kept under the law [all of it], shut up to the faith which should afterwards be revealed*” (Galatians 3:23).

You have just been given *the Biblical definition* of being “*under the law,*” where a person must obey every aspect of *The Law*, including all its *works* and *curses*. You must remain faithful and be accepted by God. No *faith* is demanded, only *obedience*.

Once *faith* came through Christ, Christians *obeyed*, not because of obedience, but, because of *fear*. *The righteousness* of *The Law* is kept through *free choice*. You should obey out of *love* for God and Jesus. *The deeds* of *The Law* no longer apply, because there is no curse. There is only *faith* and the forgiveness of *sin*. All the efforts of *The Law*, to make a person *righteous*, (in God’s sight) will cease.

In *The Law of Moses*, if a person touched a dead animal, they could not come into The Camp of Israel until nightfall. That is “*a work*” or “*a deed.*” You are no longer, required to observe *the shadows* of *The Law*, such as Feast Days or New Moons. They were only prophecies of better things to come (Colossians 2:16). Something better did come. Sure enough, Christ was sent. Now, *in faith*, you must internalize those *Holy*

Days.

Christ was your *Passover*, as He made you *unleavened* (sinless). By doing so, He gave you God's Holy Spirit on Pentecost. God's Holy Days are now being kept in a Christian's heart, as they continue to grow and, *become Holy* through Christ. This also applies to The Sabbath. You, as a Christian, are actually in *The Rest of God*. You are no longer wandering in *the wilderness*. Now, Christ said, to keep The Sabbath by doing *The Good Works of Salvation*. It is *lawful* to keep The Sabbath by doing *good works* (Matthew 12:12). As long as you keep your Sabbaths, do good deeds and *save life* from any harm (even by labor), then you are doing a *good work*.

You are no longer under *the deeds*, or *The Works of The Law*. Since Christ came, Christians keep *The Law* by *faith*, which is *magnified* to include *mercy* and *justice*. This is the reason God deplored (disapproved) Israel (the congregation) to go along with "*the works*" (Isaiah 1). However, it did not change their *human nature*. *The Law* cannot make anyone *perfect* or *Holy*. Being *under the works*, or *the deeds of The Law*, changes no one. With Christ, it is all about faith "*In Christ*," so God can *magnify The Law* to be more *honorable*.

CHAPTER 3

THE LAW IS SPIRITUAL

Paul told you, *The Law is spiritual*, but humans are *carnal* (beasts) and cause themselves a great many penalties by continuing to *sin* (Romans 7:14). Because you are *a sinner* by nature, *The Law* cannot change your *heart* or *mind*. Only *faith* “*In Christ*” can make the necessary changes.

SPIRIT IS LIFE

You are about to determine that, you have the ability to obtain God’s *righteousness* by, spiritually, keeping *The Law* in your *heart* and *mind* (Hebrews 10:16). Why is this necessary? It is because *the flesh* (human works and deeds) is too weak to live *perfectly*, thus, no one can become Holy (Hebrews 7). If you keep *The Law* by your works or efforts, you must perform all *The Law of Moses*. *The Law* must become part of your conscience and human nature, so you can obtain God’s *righteousness and perfection*.

Prophetically the works of *The Law*, merely, point to *the shadows*, or future *images*, of *good things* to come. Only God can change you through the power of His Holy Spirit – *In You* (Luke 1:35 and II Timothy 1:7).

Jesus told *the rich man* in Matthew 19 to become *per-*

fect and to become perfect, you must have God do *the work*, because only with God “*all things are possible*” (Matthew 19:26). God, by His Holy Spirit, *writes His Laws* in your heart and mind. *The Law* is never done away with – It is *magnified* and must become *natural* to Christians. Then, *The Law* becomes *honorable* and Christians become *vessels of honor* in God's house.

WORKS OF THE LAW

Doing the works of *The Law* does not change you. *The deeds* of God's *Law* are just a reminder of what you must become. *The Sabbath* is a *sign*, or *picture* of when, prophetically, you will be in God's *rest*. This situation is just like Adam and Eve in the beginning. To enter God's *rest*, God must make you *Holy* through His Holy Spirit.

The Holy Days and annual Sabbaths, depict *the spiritual process* you must experience, so you can dwell in God's *house*. The blood of Christ is your *Passover* and pays for *your sins*. Christ makes you *unleavened*. *Pentecost* represents *the receiving of God's Holy Spirit* as The Firstfruits of God. Keeping The Holy Days does not change *your nature*, but only foretells the process of how God changes a person from being *carnal* to being *Holy*. Then, and only then, will God make *all things new* with a New Heaven and a New Earth and God will dwell with man (Revelation 21 and 22).

All The Works of *The Law* (washings, touch not, taste not, sacrifice, keeping of days, tithing) **spiritually, changes nothing in you.**

A TALENT

The Parable of The Talents describes Christian growth (Matthew 25). A talent is a “*gift*” from God, which bestows something of *value* like money. *The first talent* was *The Law of Moses* given to those with a *wrong heart* (the unconverted). That is why God gave Israel *The Ten Commandments*. At the time, God wished they had a *right heart* with “*Godly desires*”, (Deuteronomy 5:29).

Keeping *The Law of Moses* is the first step given to *the unconverted*. *The Law* was added to *The Torah* because they were *sinners* (Galatians 3:19). Paul told Timothy, “*The Law is made for the unrighteous and not for the converted*” (I Timothy 1:9) (paraphrased). *The Law* is *the first step where God shows everyone The Pathway to His righteousness*. The talents must not be *buried in the ground* because if you do not use them, you will not grow in the stature of *The Magnified Law of God*. You must keep *The Law, spiritually*, in your heart to become an *honorable vessel* in God’s house.

Israel’s problem was, they made God’s *Law* their *righteousness* (through their works) by keeping *The Law* (Deuteronomy 6:25). *The Law* blinded them and kept them from *growing, spiritually* (II Corinthians 3:13-15). You must *repent*, as King David did, before you can multiply your *talents* (Psalm 51). Christians keep *The Ten Commandments*, because it is their *duty* (Luke 17:10).

Your *first step* is to become like Jesus. However, that

is, only, *the first step*. Spiritually, there is much more to discern. You must become *honorable vessels* to live in God's *house* (II Timothy 2:21). Doing *the works*, or *deeds of The Law*, is just a *shadow*, or *type* of prophecy to come (Colossians 2:16-17).

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Here is what Jesus said, a Christian must be, "*But the hour [time] comes and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship him*" (John 4:23). That is why John 1:17 informs you, *The Law* was given by Moses, but *grace (mercy)* and *truth* come through Jesus Christ.

The Law of Moses tells you what *sin* is (I John 3:4). However, *The Spiritual Law of Christ* enables you to grow to be like God and His *righteousness*. But why? It is not by doing *the human works*, or *deeds of The Law*, but by *worshipping* God, *spiritually*, in *faith* (Romans 1:17). You can, only, be *justified* (works) by *faith*. Through *faith* God directs you to *the path* leading to His *house*. Whatsoever is not of *faith* (belief) is *sin* (Romans 14:23). It is a *spiritual process*, as you grow from one *spiritual step* to the next. Wherever you are, *spiritually*, you must be *faithful*, or else you will *sin*. Then, by *faith*, you can grow your *spiritual talents* and achieve a *new understanding in faith*. When does *spiritual growth* stop? *Never!* Spiritual growth is *eternal*, because God can *build all things* and will be whatever He chooses to be (Hebrews 3:9), "*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God*" (Ro-

mans 8:14). The Works of *The Law* will not make you a Son of God, but rather, having God's *word* written in your *heart* and *mind*. These are just *signs*, or indicators of your *journey*, through Christ, to The Rest of God, which is a *Sabbath's delight* or *Eternal Life in Paradise* (Isaiah 58). (The book, *Who Is God?* offers the reader a full view of spiritual growth).

Is it wrong to memorialize God's Days? No. However, realizing that memorializing God's Days does not make you *Holy* or *perfect*. These Days are merely *human works* foretelling the future. Once the future comes, they are no longer future prophecies but memories. You keep *The Passover Communion*, because it is a *memory* of Christ's death. Christ said, "*For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you do show the LORD's death till he come*" (I Corinthians 11:26). Christ's death is no longer a *prophecy*. Because Christ died and was resurrected, the days of his death are kept as a *memory* (a memorial).

SALVATION IS A PROCESS

God wants you, as a Christian, to *worship* Him, *spiritually*. This *spiritual worship* is no longer done by *human effort* or *works*. Here is how God's *Holy Spirit* works "*In You*," "*For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen [physical] is not hope: for what a man sees [physical], why does he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not [faith], then do we with patience wait for it. Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groan-*

ings which cannot be uttered. And he that searches the hearts [desires] knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because he makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:24-28). Spiritual growth occurs by God doing the work and not by any human works of The Law.

The following two sentences could not be any clearer! By *hope* or having *faith* “*In God and Christ,*” and only God’s Holy Spirit knows your *true heart’s desires*. Even when you groan (in pain), *The Spirit* intercedes to *change you*.

No one is *Holy* in their *fleshly body*, regardless of any *Works of The Law* you may do. You keep *The Commandments* as a *duty* to insure a *good life*. However, this does not and cannot *give anyone Salvation!* *Salvation* is a *gift* from God’s Holy Spirit. Spiritual growth only comes in one way, “*Then he answered and spoke to me, saying, This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might [force], nor by power [strength], but by my spirit, said the LORD of hosts” (Zechariah 4:6). And that is the truth! Keeping The Law of Moses in The Old Covenant only reveals sin. The keeping of The Law gives you a good human life, but Salvation only comes from The Power of God’s Holy Spirit. The Spirit will begin to make a change in you so you can keep God’s Law in your heart and mind by God doing the work! Then, you never think of lying, stealing, cheating, dishonoring parents, or dishonoring God in any way.*

CHAPTER 4

CHRIST'S SPIRITUAL LADDER

On his way to Haran, Jacob stopped to sleep near a town called Luz. While sleeping, he dreamed of a ladder to heaven from earth, reaching to heaven from earth. God spoke to him in his dream and passed on to him *the blessings* of Abraham. When Jacob awoke, he knew The Ladder led to God's *house*. Jacob changed the name of the town to Bethel, which means "*The House of God*" (Genesis 28:10-19).

JESUS IS THE LADDER

Jesus, at His birth, became The Very Word of God (John 1). He was to be "*The Light of The World*" illuminating every man (Genesis 1). God said, "*Let there be light.*" That light was The Truth of God's Word (John 17:17). That is why Moses brought *The Law* and Jesus brought *grace and truth* (John 1:17), "*And he [Jesus] said to him [Nathanael]: Verily, verily, I say to you [Nathanael], Hereafter you shall see heaven open and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man*" (John 1:51).

From Jacob (Israel) to Moses, you will find *The Law* was to bring God's people to Christ. With Christ, you could receive *grace and mercy*. Through *The Old Cov-*

enant and Moses, you had *works* and the meaning of sin. *The Old Covenant* was never done away with, but “*was added*” to *The New Covenant* – *The Magnified Law*.

Jesus said *mercy, faith, justice* or *judgment* were more *weightier matters* of *The Law* (given by Christ) (Matthew 23:23). This *Magnified Law* turned Christians into *honorable vessels* in God's Holy House – *The Temple of God*. Jesus represents, “*Jacob's Ladder*” and outlines each *step* that every Christian must climb (with angels assisting), for a person to be able to reach the top of God's Holy House (God's *rest*). Salvation was *The Gift* given to *the world* (I John 4:14).

MERCY, FAITH AND JUDGMENT

Mercy was granted to individuals when they repented. Because of repentance, *grace* was also given and they began to have *faith*. As you live in *faith*, you receive *justice* (Romans 1:17). As you grow in *faith*, you become *just*. Being *justified* or *honorable*, you have *judgment*, which in turn, requires you to have *wisdom*, so you can become *wise virgins* (The Bride of Christ). Solomon was given *wisdom*, but refused to progress up *the spiritual ladder* like his father David. (Psalm 51 tells of David's repentance).

STEPS TO WISDOM

After David repented, he asked God, “*Behold, you desire truth in the inward parts [heart]: and in the hidden part you shall make me to know wisdom*” (Psalm 51:6).

David explains, how God grants *wisdom*. He *purges* or cleans you with *hyssop*, but only when necessary. He washes you until your *whiter than snow* with no blemish or impurity. Where is this found? Let *the scriptures* give you the answer, “*Create in me a clean [pure] heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me*” (Psalm 51:10). What is *the right spirit*? “*Cast me not away from your presence; and take not your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation; and uphold me with your free spirit*” (Psalm 51:11-12).

King David details the process which God follows to make you in His *image*. God's Holy Spirit teaches you *the truth* by getting rid of your *Babylonian heart*, which is filled with *false gods*. Errors come from having *wrong desires* (Proverbs 18:1). (Read the book, *What Is Idolatry*). Anything keeping you from worshipping God, alone, causes you to be *blind*. This prevents anyone from receiving God's *wisdom*. A person may lack the ability to receive *justice* or *judgment*. *Wisdom* has *seven pillars* or *supports* (Proverbs 9:1). What are these *pillars*?

PILLAR 1 – FEAR

The first step is to *fear God*, “*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding*” (Proverbs 9:10). “*Fear*” is “*the realization that God only, is The Almighty One.*” God is *The One True God*.

The first step that happened, was when Israel was confronted by God's voice and glory and they received

The Ten Commandments. The Tribes of Israel were frightened to death and implored Moses to be their intermediary and tell them what God wanted them to do. God said, they chose the right thing (Exodus 20).

Fear attracts a person's *attention*. When you respect a teacher and hear the truth, you are more liable *to listen*. Now, this series of events worked, as long as God was present. *The Ten Commandments* were of *divine origin*, since they represented how God thinks.

The people sinned by worshipping, The Golden Calf, as their god. The True God Almighty was ready to kill them. God decided not to dispose of Israel as His *people* and, instead, gave Moses *The Law* (with all of its works). God was the first *home school teacher*.

Now, *The Old Covenant* was to bring them "*To Christ*" (their Master Rabbi) (Matthew 23). Until then, *The Law of Moses* was their *schoolmaster*, along with all *the curses and judgments*, which were to keep them obedient. However, they had *a wrong heart* and were filled with their own desires, instead of God. These personal desires kept them from having *wisdom* (Proverbs 18:1-4). They were filled with *fear*, because they did not want to pay the penalties, if and when, they sinned.

PILLAR 2 – GRACE

When the citizens of Israel repented, they received *grace* (mercy), "*And the LORD said to Moses, I will do this thing also that you have spoken: for you have found*

grace in my sight and I know you by name” (Exodus 33:17). Because of Moses, God gave *grace* to Israel, as long as, they kept *The Law of Moses* to The Letter. Remember, *The Old Covenant Law of Moses* was made for *the unrighteous with a wrong heart* (I Timothy 1).

PILLAR 3 – FAITH

A person must live from *faith to faith* (Romans 1:17). When you receive *mercy* through Christ's *blood*, you keep growing in *faith* (Hebrews 11:1). *Faith* is substantive because, as you grow, your *faith* is proved to be the truth because of God's *mercy*. Thus, *the just* shall live by *faith*. Because of your complete trust in God when you fall (sin), God will pick you up as a father does his child.

As you patiently, endure *tribulation*, God delivers you through your *faith* and you keep growing, *spiritually*. Your *faith* “*In Christ and God*” is based upon *substance* (the truth). The Word of God is truth. Therefore, whatsoever is not of *faith* is *sin* (Romans 14:23).

PILLAR 4 – WISDOM

The wisdom God gave Solomon was a gift. With this wisdom Solomon was able to rule Israel wisely. Solomon's wisdom taught him, “*So that you incline your ear* [listen] *to wisdom and apply your heart* [desires] *to understanding*” (Proverbs 2:2). Why are *wisdom and understanding* so important for Salvation? “*Then shall you understand the fear of the LORD* [beginning] *and find the knowledge of God*” (Proverbs 2:5). *Wis-*

dom is imperative, as it allows God to lead you to His *knowledge, thoughts and mind* (Isaiah 55). In this way, actually you get to know and understand God (His will and purpose).

“*Wisdom*,” in Hebrew, is defined as “*having an entire range of experience*” but it can only relate to attributes of God. Only God is *The Ancient of Days*. “*Wisdom*” (through experience) gives “*insight*,” which is “*understanding*.”

PILLAR 5 – UNDERSTANDING

“*Understanding*” is “*logic*” and that makes sense. Without *understanding* no one can become *successful*. Understanding goals and purpose becomes achievable without doubt or guessing. Feelings or emotions do not enter one’s thinking, only *logic*. “*Logos*” is “*God’s word*.”

Personal desire should not enter one’s thinking. Understanding without setting aside your personal emotions will be fruitless. You must reach the top of Christ’s “*ladder*” in order to be ready to enter The House of God (Proverbs 18:1-4).

PILLAR 6 – JUDGMENT

Judgment allows you to make *a right decision*. *Judgment* and *justice* are equal in meaning. To be “*just*” is “*to possess all the previous steps of The Pillars of Wisdom*.” When you arrive at this pillar, through *faith*, you are *justified* (Romans 1). To be “*just*,” you must,

by *faith*, receive *mercy* and grow to the point of acquiring *wisdom*. This giant step is accomplished when you have the intellectual insights to determine *right* from *wrong*. When you climb Jacob's and Christ's Ladder, you will achieve the highest level of *wisdom* possible. You may ask: What have you reached? The answer is love! This "*agapé love*" has to do with *emotion, passion, desire* and what God is – "*God*" is "*love*" (I John 4:8).

PILLAR 7 – LOVE

"Love," The Seventh Pillar, is "*Christian perfection.*" Jesus said, "*Be you therefore perfect, even as your [heavenly] Father which is in heaven is perfect*" (Matthew 5:48).

The seven steps to God's House are:

- 1) Fear
- 2) Mercy
- 3) Faith
- 4) Wisdom
- 5) Understanding
- 6) Justice (judgment)
- 7) Love

CHAPTER 5

GOD IS LOVE

“He that loves not, knows not God; for God is love” (I John 4:8). Pillar 7 is the very essence of what God is.

THE FULFILLMENT

The Fulfillment of *The Law* and *The Prophets* culminates in God’s love, *“Love works no ill [harm] to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling [completeness] of the law”* (Romans 13:10).

Complete wisdom has to do with your *passions* and *emotions* which goes beyond the previous six pillars. Six of the pillars have to do with *logic*, *“the logos”* or *“God’s word.”* The Seventh Pillar reaches *“the step wisdom”* is completely *motivated by love* (an emotion).

When you come to *The Love of God*, then you can see Him as He is – *love* (I Corinthians 13). This love is far more than *“eros love,”* which is only *“the passion that drives humans”* to act as they do. *Eros love* can allow *wrong desires* to enter. Human emotions drive individuals *to seek unwise goals or actions* (Proverbs 18:1).

“Philia love” is *“friendship.”* This *“love”* is *“driven by eros love”* or *“the true desires of your heart.”* Friendships give you *pleasure*, when you are in the presence

of those whose company you enjoy. You feel safe and comfortable in their presence.

AGAPÉ LOVE

“*God’s love,*” defined as “*agapé*” in Greek, includes the emotion of “*eros love*” and the pleasure of “*philia love,*” combined with one *vital* additional attribute. God is “*Agapé Love,*” which means “*to do no harm to anyone or anything*” (I John 4:8). This is *The Golden Rule* which Christ gave (Matthew 7:12), “*Do to others as you would have them do to you*” (Paraphrased).

Agapé love is all of God’s *goodness*. God’s *glory* comprises His *goodness* (Exodus 33) which is God’s *perfection* and *holiness*. It is white as *snow*, well meaning and *perfect*. This is what God is! *The Law of God* is His *goodness*, as expressed in God’s *completeness* and *essence*. God is *love*. That is why He is *jealous* (zealous) toward what He “*is,*” what He *does* and what He *creates*. Only God can create *agapé love*.

ATTRIBUTES OF AGAPÉ LOVE

Jesus said, “*Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them*” (Matthew 7:20). You either *eat* from The Tree of Life, which is God’s Holy Spirit, or you eat from The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil (which is human nature). What are *the fruits* which manifest God’s way? “*Charity* [Agapé love] *never fails: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail* [pause or rest]; *whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know*

in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect [whole] is come, then that which is in part shall be done away” (I Corinthians 13:8-10).

“Perfection” means “being complete or whole in God’s agapé love.” Everything else is *done away*, because it is *all present* within those who have God’s *agapé love* and its behavior is *perfection* (I Corinthians 13:4-7):

- 1) *Charity suffers long and is kind; charity envies not; charity vaunts not itself, is not puffed up.*
- 2) *(Charity) Does not behave itself unseemly, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil.*
- 3) *(Charity) Rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth.*
- 4) *(Charity) Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*
- 5) *Charity [love] never fails.*

These definitions of “*charity*” define what God is and what it means to be *Holy*.

ALPHA AND OMEGA

The Bible was written to disclose who and what God is, *spiritually*, in His *mind, heart, thoughts* and *behavior*, “*Seek you the LORD while he may be found, call you upon him [in prayer] while he is near: Let the wicked*

*forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return to the LORD and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways [behavior] my ways, said the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down and the snow from heaven and returns not thither, but waters the earth and makes it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. For you shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands” (Isaiah 55:6-12). These verses reveal the essence of what *The Bible* reveals to you. *The Bible* reveals God’s “word” from Genesis to Revelation. God’s *purpose*, or main goal, is to reveal Himself, so you can become like Him (His Sons – *like Jesus*). This is *The Gospel* or *good news*.*

The Bible begins with *history*, then becomes *prophecy*. The Gospel began in The Garden of Eden. God’s *will* and *purpose* will be completed under The New Heavens and on The New Earth, The Alpha and Omega – the beginning and the end.

God’s declaration to all mankind is, “*Remember this and show yourselves men* [mature like Christ]: *bring it again to mind* [your thoughts], *O you transgressors*.

Remember the former things of old: for I am God and there is none else; I am God and there is none like me. Declaring the end from the beginning [Alpha and Omega] and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand and I will do all my pleasure: Calling a ravenous bird [devouring] from the east, the man that executes my counsel from a far country: yes, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it. Hearken to me, you stout-hearted [self-righteous], that are far from righteousness: I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory” (Isaiah 46:8-13).

The Plan of God is quite clear and simple. The purpose, from the beginning, was for you and everyone to become like God, as His Son Jesus. He will be fulfilled at *the end* as The Alpha and Omega. But, notice how everything is accomplished by The Glory of God.

GOD’S GOODNESS

When Christ went to His Father, He said, “*And now, O Father, glorify you me with your own self with the glory which I had with you before the world was [existed]”* (John 17:5).

The Messiah reveals that God’s “glory” is *all of His “goodness.”* God’s *glory* radiates from Him like a *rainbow of colors.* The rainbow is like the “*aurora borealis*” with a multitude of gorgeous, changing colors (just like a person constantly changing beautiful

garments). It would be like one quality outfit after another, constantly changing, with each one more glorious than the previous one.

God's *goodness* radiates, constantly, like *the sun* shining upon *the earth*. God, constantly, gives heavenly gifts to His people, which will lead them to be like Him (through His Son, Jesus) (Ephesians 1:3).

Starting with God's *Law* given to Moses, these blessings are all *spiritual*, given to a people with *a wrong heart*. It is the only way to bring them "To Christ." (Galatians 3). When a person repents, Christ gives them God's Holy Spirit. *The Law*, then, without human works, becomes *The Spirit of The Law* (Romans 7:14).

The Law is *magnified* to become *an honorable vessel* in The House of God (His Sabbath's Rest). Salvation is achieved by climbing Jacob's Ladder and finally, becoming God's *agapé love*. This achievement happens with all of God's *goodness* and His ever-changing *glory*.

Praise be to God who, by His great *love* and *goodness*, will bring His *will* and *desire* to fruition. God has His *great Gift of Salvation* to give you. Your gift is reserved. When you are ready to pick up your ticket, it will give you entrance to the most fabulous place on earth The Kingdom of God!