

# *Keeping The Old Path*

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

As children of God, we must look for truth in what the scriptures teach us on keeping the old path. The Bible tells us that we are to maintain the teaching from the Old Testament and the New Testament. The question we would like to put forward is: why have churches set aside so many of the original teachings from the Old and New Testament?

Jeremiah 6:16

**Verse 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*.**

I John 2:6, 7

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

**Verse 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.**

The scripture from Old Testament is telling us to not refuse to walk in the old ways; but to be asking for the old paths. We then turn to the New Testament where we find the apostle John with his letter to the New Testament church stating that we must walk as Jesus did. 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?

I Timothy 4:1

**Verse 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

**Verse 9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.**

These two scriptures clearly tell us the problem. Ministers began to water down the messages to keep the people pleased, any scriptures that are changed by man are no longer the commandments of God. The Bible tells us God does not change, and neither does his word. We are not to add to or take away from God's word.

Malachi 3:6

**Verse 6 For *I am* the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.**

Hebrews 13:8

**Verse 8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.**

Deuteronomy 4:2

**Verse 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

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

Proverbs 30:6

**Verse 6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.**

Revelations 22:18, 19

**Verse 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:**

**Verse 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 Old and New Testament that man does not have the authority to change God's word. Now let us look at some of the changes that have happened. We see that it has been prophesied that people will try to change God's times and laws.

Daniel 7:25

**Verse 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.**

We read here in Daniel that a great power will speak against God and wear out his saints. He will try to change the times and laws, but as we read previously this cannot be done.

Jesus kept the seventh day Sabbath and so did his disciples after him. In fact, we read where Paul went to the Jews

and Gentiles to preach to them on the Sabbath for one and a half years.

Acts 18:4-11

**Verse 4** And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.

**Verse 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.

**Verse 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.

**Verse 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.

**Verse 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.

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

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

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

Acts 17:2

**Verse 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 A.D., some twenty years after the resurrection of Jesus. If a new day was to be introduced to the Gentiles, would it not have been done by then. One event that 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, and this being so his laws would be done away with.

Colossians 2:14

**Verse 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

**Verse 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,

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

**Verse 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

**Verse 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.

We can see with these few scriptures that there is a distinction between the book of Moses and the law of God written on tablets of stone. So, one should question, did Jesus plan to nail God's moral law to the cross? Let us look to the scriptures for the answer.

Matthew 5:18, 19

**Verse 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.

**Verse 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.

Jesus is about as clear as one can get to our knowledge the earth nor the heavens have passed away. Whose teachings are we following when we propagate the law is done away with? The other argument we might be told concerning the scripture we just read is that Jesus fulfilled everything at the cross; but that too is not the truth as the scriptures will show.

Acts 3:19-21

**Verse 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;

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

**Verse 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 Christ conquered death on the cross and took upon himself the sins of those who believe that He is their Saviour. All of this is yet to happen, as we have just read, "*repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.*" When all things are under God that is when everything will be fulfilled, and nothing will pass from the law till all be fulfilled.

I Corinthians 15:27, 28

**Verse 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.**

**Verse 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.**

Matthew 5:18

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