

## What Saith the Scripture

### Are We Living Under The "Law of Moses" or the "Gospel of Christ" Today?

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Q. Are we living under the "Law of Moses" or the "Gospel of Christ" today?

A. All of humanity is under obligation to live by the "Gospel of Christ" today, and NOT the "Law of Moses"!

In reality, the Law of Moses was never given to the whole world, but only to the Jews (Dt. 5:2-3). But, today, the Gospel is for everyone! In Mark 16:15 Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." In Romans 1:16 Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." It is in "obedience to the gospel of Christ," and not the Law of Moses that a person finds "salvation." In Hebrews 10:9-10 we read that the "first testament was taken away, that He might establish the second." In Colossians 2:14 we read the following: "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." In Galatians 3:24-25, Paul says the following: "Wherefore the LAW was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are NO LONGER UNDER A SCHOOLMASTER." If the Law of Moses was a "schoolmaster" and Paul says that we are "no longer under a schoolmaster," then would it not follow that we are "NO LONGER UNDER THE LAW OF MOSES!" As we said before, the Law of Moses was never to Gentiles, only to the Jews. But now today, both Jews and Gentiles are under the "Gospel of Christ" (Rom. 1:16).

A failure to understand this Bible teaching has led to many religious errors being practiced today. For instance, some religious organizations still observe the "sabbath, practice tithing, and use mechanical instruments of music," all of which were acceptable under the Law of Moses, but are no longer right to be done today. It is important that we understand what Paul says in Galatians 3:10 which is: "Cursed is everyone that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them." In other words Paul is saying that if you keep part of the Law of Moses, then you are obligated to keep it all. But, then he goes on to say in Galatians 3:11 that "No man is justified by the Law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith." And then he says in Galatians 5:4, "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the Law; ye are fallen from grace." Since "grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" according to John 1:17, and since those people who seek justification by the Law of Moses are "fallen from grace", then it follows that those persons who are "fallen from grace" have forfeited their relationship with Jesus Christ, and therefore are not "saved."

Remember, Paul said in Romans 1:16 that the "Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation for everyone that believeth, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

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