

C & C: We are not under the Law

Connections and Comparisons is an ongoing weekly series that deals with many scriptures in the Bible, some of which are not commonly addressed. The purpose of this series is to examine the scriptures at hand comparing what is said and looking at the connections within.

This topic seems to be a confusion of many Christians today. We are not under the Law, but we are under Grace.

John 1:17

17 For **the law** was given by Moses, but **grace and truth** came by Jesus Christ.

This means that we are not living under the law that was given by Moses which is known as the Mosaic Law. This means that **we are not living** under the ten commandments as this is the Law.

Ephesians 2:13-18

13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

15 **Having abolished** in his flesh the enmity, **even the law of commandments contained in ordinances**; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

The word abolish meaning: to be (render) entirely idle (useless), literal or figurative —Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary

16 And that he might **reconcile both** unto God in **one body** by the cross, **having slain** the enmity thereby:

17 And came and preached peace to you which were **afar off**, and to them that were **nigh**.

18 For through him **we both** have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Romans 3:19-20

19 Now we know that what things soever **the law** saith, it saith to them **who are under the law**: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

20 Therefore by the deeds **of the law** there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: **for by the law is the knowledge of sin.**

Galatians 4:4-7

4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, **made under the law**,

5 **To redeem them that were under the law**, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth **the Spirit** of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

7 Wherefore thou art **no more a servant**, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through

Christ.

Galatians 5:13-18

13 For, brethren, ye have been called **unto liberty**; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but **by love** serve one another.

14 For all **the law is fulfilled** in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

16 This I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and **these are contrary the one to the other**: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, **ye are not under the law.**

The 10 Commandments given to Moses **is the Law!!** And we are not under the law, but Grace!!

Exodus 20:2-17

FIRST COMMANDMENT

2 I am the LORD thy God, **which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt**, out of the house of bondage.

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

SECOND COMMANDMENT

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

THIRD COMMANDMENT

7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

FOURTH COMMANDMENT

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

FIFTH COMMANDMENT

12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

SIXTH COMMANDMENT

13 Thou shalt not kill.

SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

15 Thou shalt not steal.

NINTH COMMANDMENT

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

TENTH COMMANDMENT

17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Galatians 4:21-26

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 freewoman.**

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

This is referring to Ishmael and Isaac.

24 Which things are an allegory: for **these are the two covenants**; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth **to bondage**, which is Agar.

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

This is referring to the Nation of Israel as a whole who does not believe that their Messiah has come and is still living under the weak and beggarly elements of the law and remain in bondage. (Gal 4:9)

26 But Jerusalem **which is above is free**, which is **the mother of us all.**

This referring to the New City Jerusalem which is above and is the mother of us all even as allegorically we are the children of the freewoman Sarah. Which is representative of the New Testament Covenant of grace.

Romans 6:12-16

12 **Let not** sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

13 **Neither yield** ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, **as those that are alive from the dead**, and your members as **instruments of righteousness** unto God.

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for **ye are not under the law, but under grace.**

15 What then? shall we sin, **because we are not under the law, but under grace?** God forbid.

16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, **his servants ye are to whom ye obey**; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

So even though **we are not under the law, but under grace**, this does not give us a license to sin. For sin shall not have dominion over you!! But know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, **his servants ye are to whom ye obey**; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Hebrews 8:6-13

6 But now hath he obtained **a more excellent ministry**, by how much also he is **the mediator of a better covenant**, which **was established upon better promises.**

7 For **if** that first covenant had been **faultless**, then should **no place** have been sought **for the second.**

8 For finding fault **with them**, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when **I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

9 **Not** according to the covenant that I made **with their fathers** in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them **out of the land of Egypt**; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

Hold up! Do you remember the verse prior to the ten commandments? (Ex 20:2) I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Read verses 8 and 9 again.

10 For **this is the covenant** that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; **I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts**: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: **for all shall know me**, from the least to the greatest.

12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

13 In that he saith, **A new covenant**, he hath made **the first old**. **Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.**

We are not living under the Law!!

Romans 10:3-5

3 For they being ignorant of **God's righteousness**, and going about to establish **their own righteousness**, have **not submitted** themselves unto **the righteousness of God.**

4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

5 For Moses describeth **the righteousness which is of the law**, That the man which doeth those things **shall live by them.**

Galatians 3:9-13

9 So then **they which be of faith** are blessed with faithful Abraham.

10 For as many as are **of the works of the law are under the curse**: for it is written, **Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.**

11 But that **no man is justified by the law** in the sight of God, it is evident: for, **The just shall live by faith.**

12 And **the law is not of faith**: but, **The man that doeth them shall live in them.**

13 **Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us**: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

The reason why so many Christians believe that we are under the ten commandments is because they misunderstand what Jesus meant when he said:

Matthew 5:17

17 **Think not** that I am come **to destroy** the law, or the prophets: **I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.**

Jesus Christ fulfilled **the righteousness** of the law **by his death** as the perfect, sinless sacrifice of God, **that the righteousness of God without the law might be made manifest**, being witnessed by the law and the prophets. (Rom 3:21) Therefore **the law was both fulfilled and established**. But we must remember **that it is the righteousness of the law that is being spoken of** not the law of commandments contained in ordinances **which is done away in Christ. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.** (Rm 10:4)

2 Corinthians 3:6-11

6 Who also hath made us able ministers of **the new testament**; not of the letter [Old Testament], but of the spirit [New Testament]: for the letter killeth [Old Testament], but the spirit giveth life [New Testament].

7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones [Old Testament], was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; **which glory was to be done away** [Old Testament]:

8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious [New Testament]?

9 For if the ministration of condemnation [Old Testament] be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness [New Testament] exceed in glory.

10 For even that which was made glorious [Old Testament] had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth [New Testament].

11 **For if that which is done away** was glorious [Old Testament], much more that which remaineth is glorious. [New Testament]

The New Testament that teaches us of Grace of **which we live under** gives many instructions for how we are to live our lives today as **the children of liberty**!! I had 17 full pages of instructions that we of the New Testament are to follow, but I have condensed this greatly.

Romans 12:9-21

9 Let love be **without** dissimulation. **Abhor** that which is evil; **cleave** to that which is good.

- 10 Be **kindly affectioned** one to another with brotherly love; **in honour** preferring one another;
- 11 **Not slothful** in business; **fervent** in spirit; serving the Lord;
- 12 **Rejoicing** in hope; **patient** in tribulation; continuing instant **in prayer**;
- 13 **Distributing** to the necessity of saints; given to **hospitality**.
- 14 **Bless them** which persecute you: bless, and curse not.
- 15 **Rejoice with** them that do rejoice, and **weep with** them that weep.
- 16 Be of the **same mind** one toward another. **Mind not** high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.
- 17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.
- 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, **live peaceably** with all men.
- 19 Dearly beloved, **avenge not** yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.
- 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, **feed him**; if he thirst, **give him drink**: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.
- 21 Be not overcome of evil, but **overcome evil with good**.

Romans 13:8-10

- 8 Owe no man any thing, but to **love one another**: **for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law**.
- 9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself**.
- 10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.**

This passage of scripture did not say go back under the law, but was explaining how loving your neighbor fulfills the law. All these commandments listed here were trespasses against your neighbor.

Romans 13:13-14

- 13 Let us **walk honestly**, as in the day; **not** in rioting and drunkenness, **not** in chambering and wantonness, **not** in strife and envying.
- 14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and **make not provision for the flesh**, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Romans 14:16-19

- 16 **Let not** then your good be evil spoken of:
- 17 For the kingdom of God **is not** meat and drink; **but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost**.
- 18 For he that in these things serveth Christ **is acceptable** to God, and **approved** of men.
- 19 Let us therefore **follow after** the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may **edify another**.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

- 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:
- 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of

strong holds;)

5 **Casting down imaginations**, and **every high thing** that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought** to the obedience of Christ;

Ephesians 4:1-3

- 1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye **walk worthy** of the vocation wherewith ye are called,
- 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
- 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:22-32

- 22 **That ye put off** concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;
- 23 And **be renewed** in the spirit of your mind;
- 24 And that ye **put on** the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.
- 25 Wherefore **putting away** lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.
- 26 Be ye angry, **and sin not**: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:
- 27 Neither give place to the devil.
- 28 Let him that stole **steal no more**: but rather let him **labour**, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have **to give to him that needeth**.
- 29 **Let no corrupt communication** proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good **to the use of edifying**, that it may **minister grace** unto the hearers.
- 30 And **grieve not** the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye **are sealed** unto the day of redemption.
- 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, **be put away from you**, with all malice:
- 32 **And be** ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Ephesians 5:1-2

- 1 Be ye therefore **followers of God**, as dear children;
- 2 And **walk in love**, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

Ephesians 5:8-10

- 8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: **walk as children of light**:
- 9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)
- 10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

Ephesians 5:15-21

- 15 See then that ye **walk circumspectly**, not as fools, but as wise,
- 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
- 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, **but understanding what the will of the Lord is**.
- 18 And **be not drunk with wine**, wherein is excess; **but be filled with the Spirit**;

- 19 **Speaking to yourselves in** psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;
- 20 **Giving thanks always** for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;
- 21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Philippians 2:13-15

- 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.
- 14 **Do all things without** murmurings and disputings:
- 15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

Philippians 4:4-8

- 4 **Rejoice** in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.
- 5 Let your **moderation** be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.
- 6 **Be careful for nothing;** but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
- 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
- 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are **true**, whatsoever things are **honest**, whatsoever things are **just**, whatsoever things are **pure**, whatsoever things are **lovely**, whatsoever things are of **good report;** if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, **think on these things.**

Colossians 3:4-17

- 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.
- 5 **Mortify therefore** your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:
- 6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:
- 7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.
- 8 But now ye also **put off all these;** anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.
- 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;
- 10 And have **put on** the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:
- 11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.
- 12 **Put on therefore,** as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;
- 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.
- 14 And above all these things **put on** charity, which is the bond of perfectness.
- 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and **be ye thankful.**
- 16 **Let the word of Christ dwell in you** richly in all wisdom; **teaching and admonishing** one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, **do all in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-23

12 And we beseech you, brethren, **to know them** which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

13 And to **esteem them** very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

14 Now we exhort you, brethren, **warn them** that are unruly, **comfort** the feebleminded, **support** the weak, **be patient** toward all men.

15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but **ever follow that which is good**, both among yourselves, and to all men.

16 Rejoice evermore.

17 Pray without ceasing.

18 **In every thing give thanks**: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

19 Quench not the Spirit.

20 Despise not prophesyings.

21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 2:22

22 Flee also youthful lusts: **but follow** righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Hebrews 13:5-7

5 Let your conversation **be without** covetousness; and **be content** with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

7 **Remember them** which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, **considering the end of their conversation.**

Hebrews 13:15-17

15 By him therefore **let us offer** the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

16 But to do good and to communicate **forget not**: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

17 **Obey them** that have the rule over you, and **submit yourselves**: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

James 1:19-21

19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, **let every man** be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

21 Wherefore **lay apart** all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and **receive with meekness** the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

James 5:12

12 But above all things, my brethren, **swear not**, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: **but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay**; lest ye fall into condemnation.

1 Peter 1:13-16

13 Wherefore **gird up the loins of your mind**, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

14 **As obedient children**, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

15 But as he which hath called you **is holy**, so be ye holy **in all manner** of conversation;

16 Because it is written, **Be ye holy; for I am holy.**

We are not under the Law, but we are under Grace.