

C & C: The Wages of Sin is Death

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.

Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die. The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. (Ezek 18:4, 20)

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? (Rom 6:16)

I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? (Rom 7:21-24)

The Apostle Paul has asked a question, who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. (Rom 3:23-28)

The Apostle Paul has let us know that it is through the Law of Faith and not the works of the Mosaic Law that we are justified and thus delivered from the body of this death through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. (James 2:20-24)

A big misunderstanding that many people have is understanding that the works of faith is not the same as the works of the Mosaic Law. We are not justified by the works of the Mosaic Law, but rather by the Law of Faith.

However, one must understand that even though we are saved by faith, faith without works is dead being alone as the Apostle James has told us. This is how the Apostle James can say, “Was not Abraham our father justified by works” while the Apostle Paul says, “For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. (Rom 4:2) Apostle James is speaking of the works of Faith, whereas the Apostle Paul is speaking of the works of the Mosaic Law.

Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law. (Rom 3:31)

But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. (James 1:25)

Again the Apostle James stresses the importance of being a doer of the work. For faith without works is dead being alone. He also mentions the Perfect Law of Liberty.

Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. (2 Cor 3:17)

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. (Rom 8:1-4)

This Perfect Law of Liberty that the Apostle James is referring to is the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus. For where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. We gain access to this Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus by the Law of Faith.

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. (Mt 5:17)

This Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus sets us free from the Law of Sin and Death while at the same time allows us access to the righteousness of God without the law. This access to the righteousness of God without the law is established by faith of Jesus Christ.

Thus through the Law of Faith we have access to the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus which gives us access to the righteousness of God without the law, and now we are justified freely by Jesus Christ without the works of the Mosaic Law.

Therefore:

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. (Gal 6:2)

The Law of Christ is the Law of Love.

If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: (James 2:8)

Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. (Rm 13:10)

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. (Jn 15:13-14)

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. (Jn 13:34-35)

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. (Mt 22:37-40)

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: (1 Cor 13:4-8a)

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. (1 Jn 4:7-12)

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. (1 Jn 3:15-19)

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. (Gal 6:2) We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification. For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me. (Rm 15:1-3)

How was the law abolished and done away with while at the same time being fulfilled and established? This question is what is causing the majority of Christians to be confused. The law of commandments contained in ordinances was abolished and done away with, while the

righteousness of the law was fulfilled by the love of God who gave his only begotten Son that would give his life in place of ours so making peace. Love fulfilled the law and established the law for righteousness without the law. We obtain this righteousness without the law by faith of Jesus Christ. Now the righteousness of the law is being fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:13-14

13 And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:

14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.

Ephesians 2:15

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;

Colossians 2:14

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;

Romans 10:4

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

Galatians 3:25

25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

Romans 6:15

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

Hebrews 10:9

9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

Hebrews 8:13

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.

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.

Matthew 3:15

15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

John 3:16

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Romans 13:10

10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Romans 3:31

31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

Romans 3:21-22

21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

So the law given by Moses contained in ordinances was abolished and done away with while at the same time the law was fulfilled by the love of God by Jesus Christ who gave his life for ours so making peace, and this fulfilling of the law allowed the righteousness of God without the law to be established by faith of Jesus Christ. This is how the law was abolished and done away with while at the same time being fulfilled and established.

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