

“Are you Defiled?”

Did the Apostle Paul change Yahveh’s laws? If so, which ones? Did he change the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday, or did he change the laws on clean and unclean animals we eat, did he change the commanded appointed times of the Lord like Sabbath, Sukkot, Yom Teruah, Passover?

Did Paul really change Yahweh’s laws? If he did, then I challenge you as to why are you following Paul? But I assure you that Paul didn’t change Yahweh’s laws, in fact he kept them. The only change that has happened is that mainstream Christianity interprets Paul’s Epistles as though he did change Gods law! Now that is false interpretation. We need to get back to observe, interpret, and apply. You need to search the scriptures for yourself; don’t take my word for it; or somebody else’s word for it- take Gods Word for it! Be like the Bereans **Acts 17**. A good rule of thumb to go by is if your NT interpretation doesn’t line up with the OT then your interpretation is no good. Why, because the OT is the foundation **Eph.2:20**; if you remove the foundation of Christianity then it will collapse! Now in Paul’s defense lets look at a scripture he wrote.

II Cor.6:14-7:1 Look at **vs.14** – is Paul promoting lawlessness? Is Paul saying let’s just keep these 10 commandments plus tithing?

People are so scared of being put under the law. But just because you are under grace, doesn’t mean you have a license to sin. Sin is breaking the law. So being under grace doesn’t set you free from the law. Keeping the law sets you free from sin. Breaking the law puts you in bondage to sin. **Rom.6:1; Rom.3:31; John 8:32; Ps.119:142 Thy Law is truth!**

You need to respond to Gods grace- just like Abraham did. That response requires you learning Gods ways and keeping them! You don’t get adopted to live like a heathen. You get adopted in order to adopt God’s ways. It’s our job to learn Gods ways and how we are supposed to be Holy and clean – **Jer.12:16,17**. God loves so much He accepts us just as we are, but He loves us too much to leaves us that way; in fact because of His love for us, we should love Him too much to stay in our own ways! Respond to His grace by your

faith and works. You say what works- I say the works of the law- **Acts 15:20,21**- a slow process of sanctification- they will learn the Torah.

Vs.17 – What is unclean? We'll look at that in a moment!

Vs.1- Paul is promoting the law and to not even touch that which is unclean. Paul is telling us to cleanse ourselves from all defilement inside and out side and to be holy!

Defilement = filthiness; the act of defilement produced by the body (adultery, fornication, eating unclean animals, getting drunk); to make common; to stain as with another color; moral defilement; defilement of the conscience or mind; defilement by the effects of an evil tongue; the vices of the ungodly which contaminate a person in his intercourse with the world.

Perfecting Holiness= this is a process of sanctification, and it's slow. God loves us so much He accepts us just as we are, but He loves us too much to leave us that way. We need to learn His instruction and keep it; and remove from our lives the things that are sinful and defile us. But you don't learn this overnight; it takes time; you have to unlearn unholy behavior and learn holy behavior. This is a process of sanctification. God cleansing you and teaching you His ways so you can keep them and be holy.

I think Paul is saying don't make common and clean that which is unclean! Don't defile your self with unclean animals; or false doctrine; false interpretations; or with your tongue; or morally, consciously, mentally. Instead have the mind of Christ and walk like Christ walked- did Jesus keep the commandments? Didn't Jesus say if you love me, then you'll keep the commandments.

What is Clean and What is Holy? We know that we are supposed to be holy, Yes! But do we know how to be Holy? Be holy in your thoughts; taking them captive unto obedience to Christ. Have the same mind or attitude that Jesus had. But did you know there is explicit instruction from God on things that are holy and unholy or profane; and the clean and the unclean?

Lev.11:44-47 / Lev.20:7,8,25,26 / Lev.23- a permanent statute is a commandment forever/ Ezekiel 22:26/Ps.119:172

To be holy is to act and think different from the un-regenerated man. Jesus isn't a religion. He is the beginning of change in your life to go from the unclean and profane to learn how to live and act and think as the holy and clean according to Gods instruction. Jesus is the beginning of learning to love; learning instruction, and being filled with the power of God in order to conquer sin and evil.

Math.5:17-19 / John 14:15,21 Think about this for a second: Did Jesus change Gods law? No He didn't, He did summarize them though by grouping them together take the 10 commandments for example- the first four deal with God and the last six deal with man- Jesus summarized them by saying Love God first with all that is in you, and Love your neighbor as yourself .

IPet.1:14-17 / IJohn2:3-6 / I John 3:4-7/ Phil.4:8,9/ 2Cor.10:3-5 / 2Cor.11:3

Where can we go to escape His presence?

Where can we run, but straight into His arms?

No matter where we go, or what we do, He is watching over us and extends His love and plan of redemption to us!

Ps.139

Nothing that we do is hidden from His sight. Our thoughts are laid bare before Him. Our actions are known by Him. If we fool ourselves and think God doesn't see or hear or know; and we live in sin because we see no immediate consequence- know this- that God will bring you into account one day for every thought, word, and deed, or lack thereof.

How long will we walk in disobedience to His instruction and continue to tell others that we are His children? How long will God put up with that?

Closing:

Are we defiling ourselves with sin? Are we defiling ourselves with our speech, thoughts, actions, pride, lust, greed, anger, doubt, fear, unbelief. Are we defiling ourselves with unclean animals, with not keeping the Sabbath, all the appointed times of the Lord. Are we defiling ourselves with the ungodly and unholy behavior of the world? Are we watching, listening, partaking of the filth of the world- or are we coming out from amongst the ungodly and those practicing sinful habits? Are you defiling yourself with self-righteousness by thinking that you can actually keep the law and be without sin? No man can keep the law in full, but the law does teach us what is righteous and how we are to behave. The law teaches us what is clean and unclean; and what is holy and what is unholy. In fact Psalms tells us that the law is righteousness. We are not to defile ourselves with lawlessness! We are not to defile ourselves with self-righteousness either. We are all sinners, and coming to God requires you to recognize your sins and turn from them, and live according to His instruction.

For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. He extends His love to us and says put Him first, acknowledge Him in all your ways, be honest with God for He knows everything anyway! Lets take some time to search our hearts and get right with God.