

TWO LAWS

Without becoming exhaustive, we see throughout the Holy Scriptures, two laws, two sets of standards, two basis for action;

1. The Law of YHWH; spoken and/or written.
2. The law of man; spoken and/or written.

The "law of man" is established whenever man "adds to or takes away from" the Law of YHWH.

For example, in Genesis 2:16 – 17, YHWH states; "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

But, when Eve referenced this same Law in Genesis 3:2 – 3, she ADDS to it, (the first example of Attention Deficit Disorder???:>).

Notice, she says "And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

The LORD GOD identifies this very problem in Deuteronomy 4:2 saying, "You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you."

And in Proverbs 30:5 – 6 we see "Every word of God *is* pure; He *is* a shield to those who put their trust in Him. Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar."

In spite of these and other examples and warnings in the Scriptures, neither the children of Israel, nor the professing Body of Messiah have obeyed HIM according to HIS Law!

Just as Messiah in Matthew 15:3 asked the scribes and Pharisees, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?" HE could also ask the religious leaders of our day the same question. It seems that we too have been guilty of "adding to and taking away from" HIS Commandments. We have inserted man made traditions, practices, holidays and

ambiguous standards in our attempt to measure obedience, instead of observing HIS appointed times and Law!

Could this be what the apostle Paul is referring to in Romans 8:2, when he states "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus (**GOD'S Law**) has made me free from the law of sin and death." (**Man's law**)?

In spite of what traditional Christianity teaches, *that the Law of God has been done away with* (they say fulfilled, but their application suggests "done away with) *for believers today*, claiming that *HE (Messiah) obeyed the Law of God, so that we do NOT have to*, could it be that once again man has "added to or taken away from" the Law of YHWH??? The fruit suggests so...

If traditional Christianity is correct in this assumption, why is it that one of the very last statements, in the very last chapter, in the very last book of GOD'S Word once again establishes the standard for those who "enter the City" as opposed to those who are "outside", saying "Blessed *are* those who ^odo His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. ^{15o}But outside *are* dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie."?

It could be that Solomon was saying a lot more than we (in traditional Christianity) were willing to consider when he said in Proverbs 14:12 AND 16:25, "There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death."

So, it might be something for you to consider. Are you committed to GOD'S Law? Or, are you following a set of laws, customs, traditions and practices that have NO biblical precedent? If you are reading this, it's NOT TOO late for you to change! Ask HIM today to begin to reveal HIS Law, HIS Commandments, HIS appointed times to you! HE says that HE will to those who receive the New Covenant, in Jeremiah 31:33, "But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." **The decision is YOURS!**