

The Writings of Paul

Chapter 4

The Iniquities of Israel

*Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. **Romans 10:1-2***

Paul wants with all his heart that his people, the people of the Nation of Israel, should be saved. Paul then gives testimony that the Jews do love God, (*they have zeal of God*), but he also reveals his understanding that their zeal is *not supported by knowledge*, which is to say that they worship in error.

I say this same thing concerning the Christians of today. Most that I speak to reveal their love for God, but they, like the Jews, worship in error. God commands that we give worship exactly as he has told us to, any other way is not God's Way, and therefore is worship in vain.

Educated Knowledge

Do you understand what Paul is saying? Throughout all the writings that I have engaged in, one theme holds true. God does not want that we worship him by blind faith, but that we worship and love him out of educated knowledge. The more we learn and know about God, the more beautiful he is, and the more love we have for him.

Worship as God Commands

Even though the Jews believe that their worship of God is true and correct, as do the Christians of today, God is extremely adamant that we worship him exactly as he commands, neither increasing nor diminishing any aspect of how he tells us to worship him.

If the church that you attend tells you that it is part of the correct worship of God to kneel down before a statue of Jesus, and give prayer, then you will believe that it is correct, because this is what your church tells you. If on the other hand you study the Bible yourself you will find that God tells us:

*Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 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; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. **Exodus 20:4-6***

Now that you have read the Second Commandment, do you understand what God is commanding you to do or better yet, what not to do? In my effort to show you how to educate yourself in the study of the Word of God, I have encouraged education over blind faith. Learn for your self from study and research, do not rely on others to tell you what the words in scripture mean.

Graven Image

Let's give consideration to what God is telling us in the above verses from the Book of Exodus.

What is a "**Graven Image**?" The dictionary defines it as: an object of worship, carved usually from wood or stone, or made from clay, gold or silver. Carved by human hands, and therefore not of God but of Man's own imagination. A Graven Image is referred to by God as an Idol or some other object of worship.

Part of having an **Educated Knowledge of God** is to further understand what this definition is telling us. Any religious object that is carved by the hand of Man is a Graven Image. A statue, of the reputed image of Jesus, is therefore an Idol and a graven image, so too are statues of the Mother Mary, and any of the other plethora of statues and painting portraying the Saints of the Christian Religions.

What then does this definition mean to you and your faith? If you have or are encouraged by your church to pray to or possess, any kind of a graven image that has religious significance to you, then it is a Graven Image and therefore forbidden by God's Second Commandment.

My brother and sister have statues of angels that they put on their property, which when I saw them I warned that they were graven images, and to have them put them in opposition to the Second Commandment, that they needed to get rid of such things. They rebuked me, and argued that they do not pray to the statues, so therefore they are not in opposition to God. But what God tells us above is that we must not have any such Idols. It doesn't matter if you do not pray to them; just having them is a sin.

Bow down thy self

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: To bow down suggests giving worship to them, but if you wear a cross around your neck that has an image of the reputed Jesus upon it, then this is the same as bowing down and giving worship. Even having the image of the one you have been told is Jesus is a sin as God has spoken in the Second Commandment.

The Image of Jesus

Know This: that which the Churches of the Christian Religions tell us is the image of Jesus is a lie. No one knows what Jesus looked like, and the image reputed to be of Jesus is a fraud, created by an artisan at the bequest of the Church of Rome during the Dark Ages.

If God had intended that we should know what Jesus looked like, there were many artisans during the years that Jesus walked the Earth that could have carved a statue or some other imagery of him. But God tells us, that we are not to have any graven images for religious purposes. The Church of Rome established this lie, because it is not a Church of God, but as the Book of Daniel makes clear, it is the anti-Christ. As such, the Church of Rome wants that we give reverence to imagery, because to do so is in direct opposition to the Commandments of God.

*Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; **for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the Lord spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire:** lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, the likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air, the likeness of anything that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth: and lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heave, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the Lord thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.*

Deuteronomy 4:15-19

When God spoke to the people of Israel from the mountain, all that they saw was a cloud of fire upon the mountain side. What Moses is instructing above, is because God did not reveal himself in any kind of similitude, that the people should therefore not attempt to make any graven image or similitude of God.

If God does not want you and me to give worship to an image of what the God of Creation looks like, why would he want that we give reverence to an image of the flesh and blood man, Jesus?

Remember: Jesus is God in the flesh of a man, but the body of Jesus is not the body of God. God has never shown us his true form; because he does not want that we give worship to an inanimate object, which is all that a statue is. God wants that we worship him, and God is a spirit without earthly form. To know what God looks like you only need look into your own spirit. God made Man a living soul, and it is the Soul that is a part of God, not the body. It is the Soul that makes Man in the image of God.

Shewing Mercy

*And shewing mercy unto thousands of them **that love me**, and keep my commandments.* What is God telling you and me in these words? In these words God is making it clear, that if you love God, then you must obey his commandments, all Ten of them and in return for this showing of your love for God, then God will show mercy upon you.

The opposite is also true. If you do not show God that you love him by ignoring God's Commandments, or engaging in things that God has commanded that we are not to do, then what reason would God have to be merciful to you?

Traditions in Error

In the Teachings of Jesus, Jesus reveals that the Temple Leaders have over many generations established customs and traditions that render to non-effect the Commandments of God, which is to say that in their worship they place the keeping of these traditions over the keeping of the Commandments of God. The Law of God is the ultimate authority in this universe, therefore no law or tradition of Man can supersede the Law of God, for it to do so remove those who keep the traditions from giving correct and true worship of God, which is the same thing as to be in opposition to the will of God. How can you say that you worship God, when you oppose him, by rejecting his Word in favor of your traditions?

Jesus revealed this about traditions in the following example.

*But he (Jesus) answered and said unto them, "Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. But ye say, whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; and honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition." **Matthew 15:3-6***

Jesus is referring to the Fifth Commandment as given in **Exodus 20:12**. In that as a part of giving honor to your parents, it is the duty, under this commandment that in your parents time of infirmity or old age, when they are unable to take care of their own financial needs, that the sons and daughters, must assist in providing for them.

The Temple Elders over the generations established a tradition, that instead of giving money or support to the parents, that if the money was given to the Temple instead, that the children would not be guilty of being in opposition to the Fifth Commandment of God.

Jesus is, in the above example, making it clear, that this tradition being in opposition to the Commandment of God is a lie, that the sons and daughters are in fact in disobedience to the Fifth Commandment of God, which is to say, that in giving their money to the Temple they fail to give worship to God as God has commanded.

Ignorance is the Way of Satan

All of these inequities can be traced back to ignorance. If you take it upon yourself to study, research and know scripture, and in the process pray to God for guidance and instruction, then you replace ignorance with educated knowledge. Isn't eternal life worth the extra effort?

Let me make this clear, if you read the Bible without asking questions and then searching for the answers yourself, then you will not find God's truth. You must give the meaning for the words that was originally intended when the Prophets wrote those words down, not what others have told you that they mean.

False Interpretations

Over the centuries, the original Hebrew and Greek words have been translated into the more recent languages. This is good that you don't have to be a scholar of ancient languages to be able to read the Word of God, but when the translations are made, the full meaning of what the original word said, is far too often lost in the translation. This doesn't mean that the Word of God is not in the Bible, because it is still there, just not as obvious as is Satan's Lies, if you study and research, you will find the Word of God. This is why God tells us:

*I love them that love me; and those that seek me early, (diligently), shall find me. **Proverbs 8:17***

When God saw that I was serious about learning the truth, he caused that someone I knew, would give me a Bible Concordance. This is like a dictionary that you can use to look up the English word, and it gives you the original Hebrew or Greek word with the meaning or definition that those ancient words held. With the

Bible Concordance, I am able to find out, through study, what God originally intended the verses of the Bible to mean. I have in this fashion educated myself in the Word of God, and I am no longer dependent upon others to explain what the Bible means.

In The Beginning

If you have read any of the Lessons included on this Web Page you will have seen where I have made several comparisons of words to reveal the lost or hidden true meaning. One of the most important translation errors is found in the first two verses of the Book of Genesis. It is important because it changes our complete understanding of what God is explaining to us, and as such, gives us a false understanding of God's Creation and how God brought it into existence.

*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. **Genesis 1:1-2***

In the beginning, refers to the onset of Creation. When God caused the Spark of Creation to ignite, and what scientists call the Big Bang.

God created Heaven and Earth refers to a statement of fact. This is God who is telling these things to the Prophet Moses. God is telling Moses, "I did this. All that is, all that will ever be I did it, for I am the Creator."

And the Earth was without form. Give thought to what these words are saying to you. How can a planet be without form? By definition a "Planet" is a mass of rock and gases held together by gravity, which orbits around a star or a sun. Knowing this definition, how then can the "Earth" being spoken of in these two verses be a planet?

I say, that it is not the planet Earth that God is referring to in the above verses, but a place or a void of nothingness, where God then causes the explosion of creation to occur. This is given support by the next several words in the verse.

And Void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. A "Void" is defined as: totally lacking in substance, having no content, vacant, not occupied, a large empty space or area. So as to make this clear, "Space" as that which is outside the atmosphere of the Earth, is not a void, it is a vacuum, but it still has substance, a void has no substance.

Earth, a Planet?

If God were talking about the planet Earth, then how could he refer to it as a void? I suggest that what God is talking about is a **place of emptiness, vacant and without form**. This is not a planet, but an area that existed before God imposed Creation. This void still exists, but outside of this universe. Within this place of emptiness, God caused the universe that we exist in, to come into existence. Think of this universe as being a bubble of reality inside a much larger place of nothingness.

In recent decades, scientists have been telling us that the universe is expanding, that the galaxies are traveling at very high speeds out and away from each other. I ask the question, what then is the universe expanding into? I suggest that it is this place of nothingness, or void, which God is speaking of in the above verses.

Understanding an Explosion

When you cause something to explode, the explosion throws out debris in all directions from the center point of the explosion. On the Earth, with the atmosphere and gravity to interfere, the debris eventually falls back to the earth. In a void of nothingness, where there is no atmosphere, and no gravity, the explosion will not stop but continue on indefinitely. Therefore the description that scientists give of the universe expanding out is consistent with what God is telling us, that his Spark of Creation is ignited in a void of nothingness. I suggest that this universe that God created is a bubble of reality, inside an eternal area of nothingness.

Earth, a Place not a Planet

I see these words as God giving description of the place that he calls **earth**, where he caused the **Spark of Creation** to explode in.

And Darkness was upon the face of the deep. The word “**Darkness**” is defined as: **the absence or lack of light.**

Star Dust

If God was talking about the planet Earth, then what he would be saying is that the Earth existed before the Sun. It is the Sun that gives light to the Earth, if there is “**Darkness**,” then logically there must be no sun.

In the ways of this universe, which God created, planets are formed from the debris that blows out from a star that goes Super Nova. The rocks, water, and gases that make up the Earth, originated in the center of a Star, hence the term **Star Dust**.

I suggest that what God is giving explanation too, is a **black, dark, void in a space of nothingness**, where God caused the **Spark of Creation** to ignite, and that the result of this ignition is creation which in its original form God refers to as the “**Deep**” of which the face was in darkness.

To further support my suggestion, this is the first day of creation, and the planet Earth is not spoken of until the third day of creation. This suggested meaning is given greater support in the next words spoken by God.

And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. In this sentence there are two English words that do not have the full meaning as those originally intended in the Hebrew words used, and they are, “**The Spirit of God**,” or just **Spirit**,” and the word “**Moved**.”

The Waters

Before we take the time to understand the true meaning of those two words, I feel that is important that we understand what God is referring to as the “**Waters**.”

In the first sentence of verse 2, God refers to his creation as being “**The Deep**,” now in this second sentence he refers to the same object as being “**The Waters**.” In this rewording of the same thing, God wants that we have greater understanding of just what his creation was composed of.

On the planet Earth, the phrase “**The Deep of the Ocean**,” refers to water, or the oceans of the Earth which are made up of water. Therefore, I see God’s Creation as this “**Deep**,” which is God’s Creation as it existed milliseconds after God caused it to explode into the Black Dark Void, that God called Earth. The Deep is the Water; therefore the Water is the form which the universe had immediately after it exploded into the black void. The question arises, is God actually telling us that the universe consisted of H₂O in its original state?

Throughout my life, I have had a curiosity or interest in many things, History, Math, Science and more recently, God’s True Word, as it is given in the Bible. Thus far I have found that the Bible talks about three things.

1. God and his relationship with Man,
2. Man and his relationship with others of Man, which relates to the History of Man.

3. Satan's continuous attempts to blind Man from God's Truth thereby pulling Man away from the true and correct worship of God.

Understand this truth; God created the universe, God established in the universe a set of rules by which the universe functions, scientists call these rules the Laws of Physics, these rules govern in which way the galaxies, and stars, and planets interact with each other.

Just as God created the Laws of Physics, God also established the Ten Commandments, thereby establishing how one man is to interact with another man, and how Man is to interact with God.

There is a group of scientist who over the last several decades has postulated a theory, that in the first milliseconds after the Big Bang, the universe consisted of a super-hot fluid, the explanation of which so closely resembles this explanation given by God, that I have accepted their theories as being correct.

This fluid they say consisted of two parts Hydrogen atoms and one part of Oxygen atoms, or H₂O, water. I recall that they also theorized that the water was around 4,000 degrees Calvin, which would make it hotter than the center of our Sun. I see this explanation given by scientist as being so close to that which God is speaking of, and that this explanation makes sense of Genesis verses 1 and 2, that I have embraced this as truth. When I show you the true meaning of the words, "**Spirit, and Moved,**" I think that you will also see that this fits what God is talking about without confusion.

The Word Moved

*And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. **Genesis 1:2***

The word "**Moved,**" is translated from the Hebrew word, "**Rachaph,**" which means: **to brood over, to flutter, and shake.**

The word "**Brood**" further means to **contemplate or give diligent thought to.**

I will bet that you thought that the word moved as used in the above verse, suggested that the Spirit of God was moving across the face of the waters, or that there was some kind of motion engaged in by God. As you can see, the word "**Moved,**" refers not to the Spirit of God being in motion, but that he is giving thoughtful concentration or consideration to the waters. The waters are that which God's Creation in its original state.

As the definition implies, there is shaking going on as well, but it is not the Spirit of God that is shaking, but the Spirit of God is causing the Waters to shake.

My explanation of God's words is that God brought about the Spark of Creation, which in its original form was H₂O or water, the Spirit of God, then gave consideration and contemplation of the water, where upon he then began to shake it, or to cause it to vibrate and churn. I suggest that it is from this vibration of the "Waters" where the swirling motion of the galaxies originates from.

God gives consideration of the Waters, because God knows what he wants his new creation to look like in its final state, so God gives consideration of the Waters, so as to determine the correct way to proceed, so as to bring about this end state.

Think of this like an artist who works with clay. In the beginning, the artist has before him a large clump of clay, with no shape or form, other than that of a great mass or ball. The Artist wants to create a statue with his glob of clay, so he takes a second to determine how to begin, and where to go once the project is started.

This is as God is doing in the above verse; God is contemplating his creation to determine the best way to proceed.

The Spirit of God

The English translation for "Spirit of God" is the essence of God, with no other pertinent meaning. In other words, it does not have the full meaning of the original Hebrew word, thereby removing from its meaning the fullness of what the original word attempts to impart on those who read it.

The words "Spirit of God" as used in the original Hebrew which uses the word, "Ruwach," which can have several different meanings depending upon how it is used in a sentence and the subject being spoken of.

As used in God's above context the word "Ruwach" means,

1. a wind, or a violent exhalation,
2. to blow, as in breathe, blast or air, or tempest,
3. to touch, or to smell or to perceive,
4. to make of quick understanding,
5. Life, but only of a rational being, "The Essence of God."

As you can see, it does have the meaning of “*The Essence of God*, as a *rational being*” but so much more meaning that is missing from the English definition. Let us therefore, input the true and full meaning into what God is attempting to explain to us in verse 2 above.

Creation Established

God has created this huge ball of “*Water*,” that is *extremely hot*, and has taken a second to give *consideration to it*. God then begins to *shack the water by blowing upon it in a violent exhalation, in a blast of air that creates a tempest, or a mighty conflagration* within the Waters.

As you can see, this explanation of these verses give a vivid and graphic understanding of what God is doing, as well as his purpose which is further understood in the rest of God’s explanation of the Six Days it took him to create the universe as we know it today.

When you originally read these two verses, you probably saw in your mind’s eye, the spirit of God moving over the surface of this great ocean of water. My problem with this is that it gave me no additional information.

This caused me to ask the question, “What was God doing as he moved across the waters, and to what purpose?” After all, these verses in the Book of Genesis are God’s attempt to give us understanding as to the process that God used to bring about the universe we live in and the planet that is our home.

My Mind Set

For me, the explanation was insufficient, and therefore lacking. I wanted to learn the truth, the whole truth, for how else could I come to know God and thereby give my love to God, unless I knew who he was and why he even bothered to create this universe, I could not see how I could give him my love until I knew the truth.

For Example: You and I may meet on the street, and I may come to like you, but until I get to know you really well, I will only think of you as a friend or an acquaintance, not someone that I loved.

To this point I began this earnest search for God’s True Word, God was but a stranger to me, not even someone I could honestly call a friend.

God's Purpose

In my youth, pastors and priests, all scolded me for continuously asking questions, they always told me that the Lord moves in mysterious ways that I should accept and believe, without question. This concept was ludicrous to me. Why would God give us the Bible if not to reveal his purpose to us?

Since beginning my study of the Bible and the history revealed in it, I have come to the conclusion that God is not mysterious, that he has a purpose, and is doing that which he sees fit in his efforts to accomplish his purpose. Even God's purpose is not a mystery to me anymore; God wants to bring Man back from the blindness caused by Satan's lies and deceptions, into God's Truth.

With this renewed interest in finding God's Truth, which I began in February 2007, I was 56 years old, and being frustrated by the lack of information that these English words seemed to have, I stopped my study in 2009 frustrated that despite my best efforts to understand, I really had no idea of God's Truth.

For that reason, I ended my personal attempt to understand, and made a prayer to God. I asked God to show me his truth, and to give me understanding, so that when I saw the truth, I would perceive it as being the truth. I acknowledged all the evil that I had done through my life, and asked that God forgive me.

In May of 2009, a few weeks after my prayer, God answered, and in so doing, showed me this above explanation of verses 1 and 2 of the first chapter of the Book of Genesis. This is not the first time that God has spoken to me, but it is the pivotal point that has given me incentive and zeal to continue to study and research the Bible and the historical events spoken of in the Bible and prophecies to occur in my future.

As I have come to know and love God, so too can you, simply be willing to put in the time and effort to study the Word of God, not just read it, and make the effort to gain understanding of what it is that God is saying to you.

Ignorance is Death, Knowledge is Life

*Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. **Romans 10:1-2***

Paul understands this lack of knowledge and its dire consequences. The following verses written by the hand of King Solomon, the son of King David, also give support to this need of knowledge and understanding.

Remember: these words were written by the hand of King Solomon, but the words were given to him by God.

*My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; so that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. **Proverbs 2:1-5***

The Word Fear

I want you to understand that the word “Fear” as used in reference to God does not mean to be afraid of, the word “Fear” means to have high respect for, and to give deference to someone else.

As you can see, Paul, who is a New Testament Prophet, is in his own words, stating that which was written over 1600 years earlier by King Solomon as given to him by God.

Who Defines Morality?

*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. **Romans 10:3***

I have been told many times by people, that they don’t need God’s Morality, because they have their own morality. God is the Creator, but for God giving us life, you would never have been born. Is it so much therefore that God then asks of you that you live your life in the morality that God has spelled out in the Ten Commandments and the Teachings of Jesus? Think about it, if those who translated the Hebrew into the English actually knew the full meaning of the Hebrew words, why then would they leave out the truth?

Satan has influence

Satan has influence in this world, through his anti-Christ power and more recently through the power of the False Prophet. When those who translated these words did so, Satan had influence and control over them. It is therefore, Satan who has removed God’s Truth, so as to hide it from Man.

It is for this reason that God wants that we learn by our own accord, and not take the explanation of others as being truth. Satan lies, even a beloved friend of Jesus, Judas, betrayed Jesus, because he was influenced by Satan.

In this verse Paul is giving support to all that I have just said. The righteousness refers to the fact that the Laws of God are correct and right. Therefore those who love God and want to worship God must do so according to how God tells us to worship him, not as some tradition or custom dictates, which is what Paul means when he says, “establish their own righteousness.”

Those first two verses of the Book of Genesis, had the correct meaning until Man, by the influence of Satan, changed the meaning to fit what Man wanted the words to mean, rather than as God intended that they mean.

Christ Fulfills the laws and the Prophets

*For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth. **Romans 10:4***

Why does Paul tell us that Christ is the end of the law for righteousness? This all refers back to what Jesus said.

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill:

Matthew 5:17

You see, Jesus comes write out and tells us that he has not come to destroy the Law or the Prophets.

*For verily I say unto you, “Till heaven and Earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. **Matthew 5:18***

Let’s give consideration to what Jesus is telling us. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets. There are two things that Jesus is telling us, he has not come to destroy.

The law

To understand, Jesus is saying that he is NOT come to destroy the law. So I am forced to ask the question, “How do you destroy a law?” The fact that Jesus says he has NOT come to destroy the law, suggests that it is possible, to destroy the law, so in order to understand what Jesus is saying, we need to understand just how one goes about destroying a law.

Human laws are established by a written governmental constitution, which is a guide or directive that all lesser laws of a nation must follow and not supersede. Other human laws are established by legislative mandate after a time of debate and discussion. Still other human laws are established through the passage of time in the form of traditions and civil customs. So how then would we go about destroying one of these laws? When you change or delete a law, you effectively destroy it.

In the United States, a constitutional law is supposedly only changed (destroyed) by making an amendment to the wording of the Constitution itself.

A legislatively enacted law can be changed (destroyed) by once again making an amendment to the wording of the law, or by repealing the law all together.

Consider the Laws of Prohibition, enacted by the Congress and then signed into law by the President, in the 1920's. When the people realized just how damaging these laws were they destroyed them or the repealed them.

Laws established by generational customs and traditions are much more difficult to change, they require a change in the thinking and morality of society as a whole, and generally need several years and even generations to bring about any real change.

In short you destroy a law by either changing the wording or by repeal. Knowing this then I once more ask the question, "**How do you change (destroy) a law of God?**"

The Law of God is not created or legislated by Man, but is dictated to Man by their creator. God is a moral being, who wants that we his children be moral as well. On top of his morality, God also insists that we give worship to him and no other. To that end, God has given us a listing of rules by which we must live our lives. Six of those rules pertain to the minimum moral character that we must have if we have any desire of eternal life:

1. Give honor to your father and mother,
2. Do not kill,
3. Do not commit adultery,
4. Do not steal,
5. Do not give false testimony (LIE), and
6. Do not covet that which does not belong to you.

On top of these moral imperatives, God also gives a listing of how he demands that we give worship to him:

1. Give worship to no other but the God of Creation,
2. Have no graven images or give worship to them,
3. Do not take the name of God in vain,
4. Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy.

I ask you once more, “How do you destroy (change) the laws of God? Satan endeavors to destroy the laws of God by causing Man to ignore them, or to change the meaning that God intended by using translated words that have a similar but not fully correct meaning as the original words spoken by God.

I have Not Come to Destroy

The one thing you need to keep in mind, Jesus says that he has **NOT** come to destroy (change) the laws. If Satan wants to change the laws of God, and Jesus says he has not come to change the laws, then why do so many Christians believe that the Laws of God no longer apply to them? If you love God and Jesus, wouldn't it be correct that you abide by that which they command?

What is a Prophet?

The second thing that Jesus talks about is that he has **NOT** come to destroy the Prophets. How does anyone destroy a Prophet anyway?

Again we need to understand what Jesus is talking about, therefore the question must be asked, “**What is a Prophet?**” Only by knowing what a Prophet is can you come to understand how to destroy it.

If you look up the word “**Prophet**” in the dictionary it is defined as: **one who speaks for god**. As far as I am concerned that definition sounds a bit like blasphemy to me. If you have a person who professes to be a prophet of God, then tells you things that he says relate to the thoughts of God, then isn't he putting words into the mouth of God? How can we know if what this person tells us is in fact the Word of God and not this man's own words spoken for his own purposes?

If the god that this prophet speaks for is a statue or some other graven image, that has no life, and therefore has not mind or thoughts, then yes this god needs someone to speak for it, because it is incapable of speaking for itself, therefore this definition would apply.

A Prophet of God

The correct definition of a **“Prophet of God”** is **one through whom God speaks.** Do you understand the difference? The God of Creation is life, but for him giving life to the earth, you and I would have not have life. God does not need nor does he give permission for anyone to speak for him. God uses his Prophets by giving them instruction, and then through the Prophet publishing the words given to the prophet by God, thereby allowing all the rest of Man for generations to come, that they can read and know the Word of God.

The Prophet of God is nothing more than a conduit from the mouth of God to the eyes and ears of Man.

Again: the question has to be asked, **“How do you destroy a Prophet?”** From my explanation above you can see that a Prophet is a man, and as it happens the Prophets of the Bible are all dead and buried. So how can you destroy that which has passed on already?

So once more we need to give consideration to what Jesus is talking about. If Jesus is not referring to the people themselves, but to the books that they wrote and published, then how do you destroy them? One way is to pass laws that make possessing a copy of the Bible or any aspect of the writings found therein, a crime with punishment assigned that discourages people from owning the Bible.

This law was enacted by the Roman Catholic Church during the Dark Ages, (300 A.D. to 1798 A.D.), as part of the anti-Christ’s attempt to destroy the Law of God and Prophets of God. As a verifiable historical event, this then is another of the identifiers of the anti-Christ, which gives support to the Church of Rome as being the anti-Christ warned about in the Books of Daniel and Revelation.

Remember: Jesus says that he has **NOT** come to destroy, therefore all this discussion pertaining to how to change or destroy the laws and prophets relate to Satan, not to the intent of Jesus. So with all this understanding I ask you, if Jesus does not intent to destroy or change, then why do you believe that the Ten Commandments no longer have meaning to Christians, whom believe that somehow they are above the law? Isn’t it more logical that this belief is a result of the lies of Satan, and that you are being deceived?

These words we are now reading is the fourth chapter of the Writings of Paul, so you have already been shown that Paul refutes this false belief once you understand the true meaning of the words that Paul wrote.

Fulfill Defined

Consider This: what does the word “Fulfill” mean? After all, is that not the word that is pivotal to this whole question? Jesus tells us in the above verses, that he has come to fulfill the laws and the Prophets, so isn't it important to understand just what Jesus is saying?

The word “Fulfill” is defined as: to complete, or to bring to completion. In what way does this definition suggest that it renders something obsolete? Let me give you a non-biblical example, a parable if you will that makes clear the intended meaning of what Jesus is telling us.

The Parable of the Table

You are a carpenter, you are in the process of building a table, you have the top all put together, and have secured three of the four legs, but you are called away from your work. The table is incomplete, if you stand it on its three legs it will be unstable, it is not finished. It can still be called a table in that it has most of the requirements of being a table, but its function is still incomplete.

Even though this work only has three legs, can it still be considered a table? I say yes, it still can function in a way that a table is meant to function, just not that well.

When you as a carpenter return to your work you then attach the fourth leg, and apply a stain, rendering the table complete, you have fulfilled your task. Do you now take the table and dispose of it? No, you put the table to use, for now it will fulfill its function as it was intended to all along.

This is the same with the Gospel of God as told in the books of the Old Testament. They tell a story of Man's relationship with God, but the story is incomplete. Even the Ten Commandments, or should I be more specific the Six morals imperatives listed in the Ten Commandments are not a complete description of the full morality of God.

Jesus fulfills the Prophets

By way of the Teachings of Jesus, the full gospel of God is manifest, and the full aspect of God's Morality is brought to our understanding. In this way Jesus has fulfilled the laws and the Prophets, as he said his purpose for coming was. As with the table, once fulfilled, you do not throw it away or stop making use of it, you now have a fully operational law and gospel to learn and understand.

Jesus fulfills the Prophets by providing new prophets which are those who wrote the Books of the New Testament. The law of God is fulfilled through the Teachings of Jesus as his words are written down by the authors of the Books of the New Testament.

In everything that we have studied of the Writings of Paul to this point, the worship of God that the Jews engage in is incomplete, it isn't until you add to the base of the Jewish worship those things taught by Jesus, do you then obtain the true and correct (the fulfilled) worship of God.

Whosoever Breaks Even One

Jesus then gives support to the above assertion in the following verse.

*Whosoever therefore shall break **one** of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. **Matthew 5:19***

Jesus reinforces my above comments when he tells us that we are not to break even the least of the commandments. To me this means that all ten of the Ten Commandments are required as well as those things taught to us by Jesus. To ignore or change even one of those laws is to put you in opposition to the will of God. If you are in opposition, then how can you profess to give worship to God?

Satan has changed the laws of God through lies and deception; it is therefore prudent that we strive to keep the Law of God as God's words command, especially now that we know that Satan is doing everything in his power to hide God's truth from us.

The Sunday Sabbath

This then returns us to the Sunday observance of the Sabbath. I challenge everyone to find in the pages of the Bible, where God or Jesus gives command or instruction that he has transferred the observance of the Sabbath from the Holy Seventh Day of the week to the first day of the week. I know you will not find it, because God never spoke it, but Satan did speak it, which I have revealed to you in the Lessons.

The correct keeping of the Seventh Day Sabbath is spelled out by God in the following verses.

*Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy. **Exodus 20:8***

When I first read this verse with the intent of giving worship to God, I was forced to ask the question, what day of the week does God tell us is the Sabbath Day? In the above verse this is not evident.

*Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: **Exodus 20:9***

Again, I have to ask, “Which six days?” Again, these two verses do not elaborate enough to give certain knowledge of God’s intent.

The Seventh Day

*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. **Exodus 20:10***

Finally, in this verse, God gives us a specific day as well as a specific listing of who is to be in obedience to this commandment.

God tells us with his own words, that the Seventh Day is the Sabbath of the Lord. How can you get any clearer as to what God’s Sabbath Day is? The Seventh Day is the Sabbath of the Lord. Why then do Christians for the most part observe the Sabbath on the first day of the week?

If God has unequivocally said that his Sabbath Day is the Seventh Day, yet Christians observe the first day, isn’t it therefore logical to assume that Satan has told the lie, and the Churches of the Christian religions have accepted that lie, and have passed it on to their congregations?

To give support to the first day as being Satan’s lie, God has said that we must “**Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.**” Now that we know that the day that God is telling you and I to remember is the Seventh Day then were has God told us that he has made the Seventh Day holy? Only God can make something holy, so unless God tells us that he made the Seventh Day holy, it can’t be holy.

To be told to remember something suggests that we were told about it before hand. Therefore, I looked to the beginning of the Bible for any indication that God made a day of the week holy.

A Holy Day

*Thus the heavens and the Earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the Seventh Day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the Seventh Day from all his work which he had made. **And God blessed the Seventh Day, and Sanctified it:** because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. **Genesis 2:1-3***

As you can see, God does make a day of the week holy. Once more, God is being very specific. God come right out and tells us that it was the Seventh Day that he rested, and because he rested, he “**Blessed and Sanctified**” the Seventh Day.

When God “**Blesses**” something, it means that God has made that which he has blessed “Holy.” If you doubt this, God includes that he “**Sanctified**” the Seventh Day as well. The word “**Sanctify**” is defined as: to give something holy status, to free from sin. Therefore, God has made holy the Seventh Day.

With all this information from different books of the Bible, it leaves absolutely no doubt in my mind that God made the Seventh Day holy, and that because God rested on the Seventh Day, God has commanded that we, his children, also rest on the Seventh Day.

I therefore ask you who call yourselves Christians, why are you not giving observance to the Seventh Day of the week as being the Lords Holy Day of Sabbath.

Righteousness of the Law

Paul then goes on with his explanation of the Word of God.

For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, “That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.” But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, “Say not in thine heart, who shall ascend into heaven? (That is to bring Christ down from above.) Or, who shall descend into the deep? (That is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)” **Romans 10:5-7**

Live by the Law of God

For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, “**That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.**” This is in reference to the following written by Moses 1,500 years before Jesus.

And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all they heart and with all thy soul, to keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good? **Deuteronomy 10:12-13**

What Does God Require?

God requires of us to keep the Commandments of the Lord, and his statutes.

The word “**Require**,” is defined as: to make something a necessary precondition, to demand something of someone.

One of the reasons they are called the Ten Commandments, is because God is demanding, or requiring that we obey them. God is not asking us, pretty please, he is saying, you must or else. The following compliments those words of Moses and were written by King Solomon the son of King David.

Defining, Or Else

*He taught me also, and said unto me, “Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live. **Proverbs 4:4***

The fact that the Apostle Paul is quoting from and giving reference to scriptures of the Old Testament to give support to what he is attempting to show us, tells me that to be a Christian, which translates to being a follower of the Teachings of Christ, you must keep the Commandments of God, and those who do keep them will know eternal life. This also means that those who do not keep the Ten Commandments, or who only keep a few of them, will not have life but will because of their disobedience to the Word of God know only eternal death.

Because the Apostle Paul, who Jesus has chosen to be his prophet, is giving reference to this verse from the Book of Proverbs, as a supporting reference to what Paul is attempting to instruct, then don’t you as a Christian, consider it prudent that you do as Paul is telling you to do, and “**Keep the Commandments of God?**”

The Law and Faith

*But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. **Romans 10:8-9***

Paul is asking a question in the above two verses. He is asking, “**What does it mean when we are told that we must confess that Jesus is the Messiah, and that he rose from the dead, and that if we believe this as truth, then we shall be saved?**”

Paul wants to impress upon us that Moses showed that the law is righteous and therefore good that we keep the law, but the law by itself is not enough, (**You cannot be saved by your works alone**). Faith when

added to the work of keeping the law brings fulfillment to the true and correct worship of God. Once again, it is because of the Teachings of Jesus that this has been fulfilled. As Paul says, “the word of faith, which we preach,” is the fulfillment of the Gospel of God. To understand what Paul is saying you first need to remember all that Paul has thus far shown to us.

What has Paul preached to us?

The law is good and correct and to be free of sin we must know and keep the law. Therefore, to think that Paul is saying in the above that we only need to declare Jesus the Son of God and our Savior is not at all what Paul is telling us. You must put into context all that Paul has shown us and not just these two verses as standing alone in their meaning.

Paul further tells us, that if we *believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.* But I am convinced that it doesn't just stop at believing that God raised Jesus from the dead, but that we need to believe all of the Teachings of Jesus and live our lives in the morality that he taught us, which to me translates as follows.

God's Truism:

If God spoke it, then you will find it in the Holy Gospel,
 If God spoke it, then it is the truth,
 It is the truth, because it is of God,
 It is of God, because God spoke it.
 If God did not speak it, then you will not find it in the Holy Gospel,
 If God did not speak it, then it is a lie,
 It is a lie, because it is not of God,
 It is not of God, because God did not speak it.

Belief without knowing

*For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, “Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.” For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. **Romans 10:10-13***

I find that those who call themselves Christian think that these words are referring to the man Jesus, but Jesus is more than just a man, he is all that he has spoken and taught. **To believe on Jesus** is to accept and live by that which Jesus taught, not only just the flesh and blood man.

Hearing the Word of Jesus

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? **Romans 10:14**

You see, Paul is also referring to “**hearing the words of Jesus**,” not to the man only. Paul goes on to ask, “**How shall they hear without a preacher?**” Jesus the man has died, then rose from the dead, but then he left this world to ascend into heaven, therefore, he is no longer available to talk to us. We therefore need a preacher to tell us the words spoken by Jesus.

At the time of Paul, the Books of the New Testament had yet to be written, so the only way to hear the words spoken by Jesus is to have someone like Paul preach them to you. Today, however, the Bible is readily available to almost the entire world, as such, you could find out what Jesus taught simply by reading those words from the Bible.

Understanding Verse 10:14

Paul asks the question, “**How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?**” If you do not believe, (have Faith), in the promises of God, as well as the resurrection of Jesus, then Paul asks, “**How can you call on that which you do not believe?**”

Paul continues by asking the question, “**How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?**” Can you truly believe in something that you have not even heard of? If you do not know what Jesus taught, then how can you say that you believe? Only in learning the words spoken by Jesus, can you then know what Jesus has taught.

On this Web Page I have written a large amount of explanations of what God has shown me to be God’s True Word, but if you have never taken the time to read that which is written, then how can you believe or not believe in what I have written.

How shall they hear without a preacher? Can you truly believe in anything, if you haven’t taken the time to study and research the Holy Scripture for yourself? How can you know if you have never heard the true word of God? How can you know if what you have had preached to you, is in fact that which Jesus has spoken, or a distortion of his words?

Seek God Diligently

If you rely on only that which is told to you by others, what if they have it wrong because like you they have only heard it from others who also haven't taken the time or energy to learn for themselves?

If the people that you rely on to preach the gospel to you, when in their process of becoming a preacher, they were indoctrinated in Satan's False Gospel, then how can you expect that your preacher could possibly preach the true word of God to you? If you make use of God's Truism, which I have given you above, you will be able to compare what is being said to you, with the actual words spoken by God and Jesus as is written down in the Bible.

Except they be sent

And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" **Romans 10:15**

If you give thought to the above verse, who was it that was the teachers of the Nation of Israel? It was the Prophets of God. Yes there were Rabi, and some spoke true, but the true teachers were the Prophets. The fact that the Jews for the most part had the worship of God wrong should be enough to reveal the error of many Rabi who also had it wrong. Whereas those that found the truth, took the time and effort to study the books of the Prophets.

I give the example of Daniel; he tells us himself that he understood from his study of the writings of Jeremiah that the 70 years of exile were almost over. This tells me, that Daniel did not rely on others to tell him the Word of God, but took the time and effort to study, so as to know for certain through education what God had told his prophets.

So Paul asks the question, "*How shall they preach, except they be sent?*" The Prophets were sent by God, there is nothing in scripture that convinces me that the Rabi was sent by God. With this understanding, do you not see the correlation between the Jews of old and the Christians of today? Both rely on their preachers to tell them the Holy Word of God, because both are too busy or lazy to study and research for themselves more often than not they have it wrong because it was told to them in error.

*But they have not all obeyed the gospel, for Esaias saith, "*Lord, who hath believed our report?*"*

Romans 10:16

As you see, Paul is giving support to what I have just said. If you obey the gospel you first have to know the word of God, for how can you obey that which you are ignorant of? Esaias was a prophet of God, and through him God spoke to the nation of Israel, not just in his own time but for generations, even unto today, but the Jews did not listen to him, and I ask you the reader, have you taken the time to study and know those things that God taught through Esaias, not to mention all the other prophets? If you only rely on that which your preacher tells you, how then can you be certain that your preacher has it right?

*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God, but I say, "Have they not heard?" Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. **Romans 10:17-18***

What Paul is saying is that the words written in the books of the prophets are available to all the world, you only need pick up the Bible and study.

*But I say, "Did not Israel know?" First Moses saith, "I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you." **Romans 10:19***

This is a prophecy spoken by Moses, foretelling of the rise of the Christians, and how the Jews, who being arrogant in their belief that they are the chosen people of God, will be brought to jealousy by God turning to the Christians, and leaving the Jews behind because of their failure in worshiping God as he commands.

*But Esaias is very bold, and saith, "I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me." But to Israel he saith, "All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people." **Romans 10:20-21***

I was found of them that sought me not; refers to the Gentiles, who did not seek out the God of Creation, content in their false and pagan gods, and without the benefit of the books of the prophets, but in time the Gentiles did embrace the truth of Jesus. Yet the people that are the Nation of Israel, who had the law and the writings of the prophets their whole lives, do not believe despite having the books of the prophets to study.

The word "**Gainsaying**" refers to **people who refute the word of others**. When the prophets spoke the words given to them by God, the Jews rejected them and even put some of those prophets to death, for the words that they spoke all too often did not agree with what they wanted to hear. This again gives correlation to the Jews of old and the Christians of today.

Has God forsaken his people?

*I say then, "Hath God cast away his people?" God forbid, for I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? How he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, "Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. **Romans 11:1-3***

The word "Wot," is defined as: mental acumen, intelligence, or reasoning power, to think.

An Israelite

Do not think that God has forsaken the Jews as Paul explains. Of course not, God has a promise that he made to Abraham that his seed would possess the Promised Land. But God's promise was to the Seed of Abraham, not to the Nation of Israel.

Understanding who the "Seed" of Abraham is takes more than a few words, but I have written concerning this already.

Also take note that Paul refers to himself as an Israelite rather than simply calling himself a Jew. I see this as yet another proof that God intends that we understand the distinction between being a Jew and being an Israelite, as I attempted to explain earlier in this study.

Pagan Gods

*But what saith the answer of God unto him? "I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. **Romans 11:4***

Paul is referring to the Pagan God, "Baal," which had become popular in Israel to give worship to, in Paul's life time and for generations before. That is one of the major complaints that God had with the Jews, instead of giving worship to the God of Creation, the God of Moses, and Jacob and Abraham, they instead gave worship to an Idol, which is no God.

The Remnant by Grace

*Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. **Romans 11:5-6***

When God brought down upon the Nation of Israel, the Babylonians, to destroy the nation and to tear down the Temple, God retained a remnant, which held fast to the true worship of God. From this remnant God rebuilt the Nation of Israel, only to have its descendants once more fall away from his truth.

In the above two verses, Paul is telling us that God has caused Seven Thousand Men to once more know God's True Word, and it is they who are the remnant that God will use to again rebuild. This time however, it is not the Nation of Israel that will be rebuilt, but a new nation, where the Laws of God are written upon the hearts of the people, and not just on two tables of stone as laws to be obeyed.

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments; for length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: so shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and Man.

Proverbs 3:1-4

You see, God wants that the Law of God, the Ten Commandments and the Teachings of Jesus, not be just words or laws written upon stone tables, but that you write them upon your heart, and make his laws a part of which you are your personality and your moral character.

*“Behold, the days come,” saith the Lord, “that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them,” saith the Lord: “but this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; after those days,” saith the Lord, “**I will put my law in the inward parts, and write it in their hearts;** and will be their God, and they shall be my people.” **Jeremiah 31:31-33***

It is these people, which are the Saints of God, which God will rebuild into a new nation. The Laws of God will no longer be words written upon stone tables, as something that must be kept, the Laws of God will be written upon the hearts of men, and be part of who they are, their personality and the moral character.

The Elect shall inherit the Earth

*What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded. According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear; unto this day. **Romans 11:7-8***

If you read God's scripture but do not take the time to understand the meaning of the words, then you have eyes that do not see. If you hear the word of God spoken but refute it because the Word of God does not

agree with what you believe, then you have ears that do not hear. I have witnessed this slumber myself in my family, which saddens me deeply.

*And David saith, "Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumbling block, and a recompence unto them: Let their eyes be darkened that they may not see, and bow down their back always." **Romans 11:9-***

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What this is telling me, is that God intends that many if not most of Man will not hear, will not see, and will not understand the mystery of God, but that a few, whom he has chosen, shall understand. This tells me, that no matter how hard I try to get my family to see God's True Word, my efforts are in vain. God will chose those who he will chose, and those who he does not chose, are lost.

Victory of the Gentiles

*I say then, "Have they stumbled that they should fall?" God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them (the Jews) to jealousy. **Romans 11:11***

When those of the Temple rejected Jesus, and then engaged in the persecution and murder of those who followed the Teachings of Jesus, they did so out of jealousy. They were the chosen ones, the children of God, then these Gentiles, who the Jews had always looked down upon, began to profess that they had been converted to the Way of God, and that they were therefore the Children of God. The arrogance of the Jews could not accept this as a possibility so they sought to destroy those that followed the Teachings of Jesus.

*Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness? **Romans 11:12***

*For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them. For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? **Romans 11:13-15***

Paul wants the Gentiles to know that in bringing thousands of Gentiles to the Faith in Jesus, he is fulfilling the prophecy of God, by causing the Jews to become jealous of the relationship established between the Gentiles and God that the Jews might repent their erroneous customs and traditions, and embrace Jesus as the Gentiles are doing.

Parable of the Olive Tree

Remember: a parable is the telling of a story that is easily understood, as a symbolic explanation with a religious purpose.

*For if the first fruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakes of the root and fatness of the olive tree; boast not against the branches, but if thou boast, thou barest not the root, but the root thee. **Romans 11:16-18***

The First Fruit: Those of the generations that followed those that came out of Egypt with Moses, were the first fruit, and they were made holy by the writings of Moses given to him by God. They were holy because they kept and obeyed the laws as they were given to them by Moses. It is they who are **the lump and the root** of the true worship of God, they are the true Israelites.

The Branches: From this root, many branches grew, and as **the root were holy so too are the branches**, the "**Branches**" being **the twelve tribes of Israel**.

The further in time from the first, the further the Jews slid away from the true worship, being polluted by the pagans that surrounded them and therefore those branches were broken off from the true worship. This can be shown in that in history, the Nation of Israel as a whole turned away from the true worship of God, and left only the land of Judea and the City of Jerusalem. In time however, even they slid away from the true faith.

Ezekiel and the Sins of the House of Israel

By the time of Ezekiel, (595 BC), the Nation of Israel had stopped giving true and correct worship to God for **three hundred and ninety years**, as it is told in the following verse.

*For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, **three hundred and ninety** days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. **Ezekiel 4:5***

In the above, God is giving Ezekiel to pay penance for the 390 years that Israel has sinned by laying upon his left side for 390 days, thus Ezekiel is given one day for one year.

Ezekiel and the Sins of the House of Judah

*And when thou hast accomplished them, (the 390 days), lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah **forty days**: I have appointed thee each day for a year. **Ezekiel 4:6***

As you can see, these are two of the branches of the true worship of God that faltered in their worship of God and were broken off. The nation of Israel as a whole stopped giving true and correct worship to God for 390 years and those of Judea had stopped for forty years.

So you will know it is because of these sins that God caused that the Nation of Israel and the City and Temple of Jerusalem to be destroyed by the Babylonians.

Grafting of the Gentiles

With the grafting onto the true faith of the Gentiles, Paul warns, “**Do not boast your righteousness against the Jews, for it is not the branches that give support to the roots but the roots that give support to the branches.**”

What this means is that the Christian Faith has as its foundation that which was established in those first generations from Moses. It is not a new faith with no ties to the old, and if as a Christian you boast of your preference with God then you boast in vanity, for the new is grafted into the first and is not a standalone religion in the worship of God.

I have spoken with several Christians who tell me that that which God commanded of the Jews and the Nation of Israel, doesn't apply to Christians, because things like the Ten Commandments were but a temporary arrangement between God and the Jews.

The above written by Paul tells me that this is a lie. Paul is making it very clear, that the worship established by Moses and those few generations after Moses is the base root of the Christian Faith just as it is the base root of the Jewish faith. Who do you believe, Paul, Jesus' Prophet to the Gentiles or what someone else has told you? The question is, do you accept the Word of God as being supreme over all else?

Because of Unbelief

*Thou wilt say then, “The branches were broken off that I (the Christians) might be grafted in.” Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not high-minded, but fear: for if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. **Romans 11:19-21***

This is a strong warning to the Christians, who have followed the path of error that the Jews followed, and like the Jews before them, the Christian have lost their standing with God.

A Warning against the Christians

Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. **Romans 11:22**

As you can see from the above verse, do not think yourself as a Christian free of the fear of God, for if you falter in giving worship to God as Jesus taught us to do, then you too will be broken off. Either you live in the Ways of God and can therefore be called the Children of God, or you fall into iniquity and be called Satan, the enemy of God. You either Love God or you Hate God, there is no middle ground.

The Reclaimed Jews

And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. **Romans 11:23**

This is a plea from Paul directed at the Jews, not only of his day but today as well. If the Jews repent and come to believe in the promises of God, and specifically that Jesus is the Son of God and was resurrected from the dead by God for the remissions of their sins, then they too will be grafted back onto the tree that is symbolic of the true worship of God.

For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? **Romans 11:24**

Blindness of the Jews

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. **Romans 11:25**

Paul is informing all that the Jews fall from Grace was necessary until the Gentiles are made secure in the true worship, but once completed, then the Jews will once more be brought in to reclaim their place before God.

This is a prophecy of Paul concerning the End of Days, as is revealed in the following.

*And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. **Revelation 11:13***

This is a telling of events to occur shortly after the Second Advent of Christ and the Rapture of all the Saints of God into the clouds with Jesus. The city being spoken of here is Jerusalem, and it will be damaged to the point that one tenth of it will fall, with seven thousand killed.

This verse is important, because until this event, the Jews will remain unwilling to see Jesus as having been the Messiah, and therefore are removed from being the Saints of God.

With the Rapture, and the rising out of their graves of all the dead Saints of God, and then all of them and those that were still alive, being carried up into the clouds, in full view of all the world, the Jews of the City of Jerusalem finally see the truth, and repent their refusal of Jesus. In so doing, they fulfill this prophecy that the Jews will once more be grafted onto the tree of the true worship of God.

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, “There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: for this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.”

Romans 11:26-27

Because this verse talks of the “Ungodliness of Jacob,” and not of Israel, it is to inform that it refers directly to the blood descendants of Jacob. This is yet another example of why a Jew is not the same thing as an Israelite, and to be a Jew does not make you an Israelite, and to be an Israelite, doesn't mean that you must also be a Jew.

Take Note: Paul refers to the ungodliness from Jacob. I am sure you are aware that Jacob was only ungodly until he overcame his sins and for that reason was renamed Israel by God. Therefore, it is not to the man Jacob that Paul is referring, but to the Jews as opposed to the Israelites, as you may recall from before in this study, where I explained, there is a difference between the two.

For the sake of the fathers

*As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes, for the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. **Romans 11:28-29***

Paul goes on to explain, the Jews are enemies to the true word of God, for the sake of the Gentiles, that the Gentiles could be brought into the brotherhood of Faith in God. However, the Jews are not counted out of

the election entirely, but for the sake of the fathers of the Jews, (Abraham, Jacob, and Moses), their place still is held for them, when they repent and have belief in the promises of God and Jesus.

In Times Past

*For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: even so have these also now not believed that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. **Romans 11:30-31***

As it was that the Gentiles received mercy from God because of the unbelief of the Jews, the Jews likewise will be given mercy by God because of the mercy shown to the Gentiles by God.

*For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all. **Romans 11:32***

What this is telling me, is that God caused that the Jews would not believe that Jesus was the Messiah, because had they so believed then Jesus and the Apostles would not have had reason to begin preaching to the Gentiles. But when the Jews rejected the testimony of Jesus given by the Apostles, they set the stage for the inclusion of the Gentiles into the true worship of God.

The Mystery of God

*O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! **Romans 11:33***

Put yourself in God's situation. If you had established a set of rules by which your children are required to obey, but they refute your rules, and establish their own rules that for the most part are contrary to yours, would you have the kind of love that God is revealing for the Jews, or would you disown your children and look to adopt others?

God has established laws of morality that he insists that his children live by. Generation after generation the Jews give lip service to being Israelites, but except for a few, reject God's morality and how he commands that he is to be worshiped, and establish their own customs and traditions; even so, God shows his love by giving hope that the descendants of those people still can be redeemed.

*For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been his counselor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen. **Romans 11:34-36***

Living Life in the Morality of God

We belong to God

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Romans 12:1

The reason Paul refers to giving yourself as *a living sacrifice as being a reasonable service* is because, God made you, the body you have is the vessel that holds your soul, therefore to give yourself over to the ways of God rather than the ways of the animal, is a reasonable expectation of God.

The Soul rises you above the animals of the Earth, it is therefore reasonable that God would expect that you would want to be better than the animals, and that perfection can be achieved when you endeavor to live with your mind towards the spiritual rather than with your body to the animalistic.

Remember: Satan hates Man, to him Man is nothing more than an animal, and therefore, he lies and hides us from God's Truth, thereby blinding us for our purpose under God. Do you want to be no more than an animal, or would you rather rise up to be more like the God of Creation?

Be Not Conformed

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:2

Paul says, do not be *conformed* to being no better than an animal, but *transform* yourself through the *mind* by educating yourself in the morality and other ways of God, in doing this you will make yourself *acceptable and perfect* in the eyes of God.

No animal shall ever enter Heaven; their place is here on the Earth. You, as a Human Being, have the potential of entering Heaven, however. Whether you do or not is entirely up to you and your willingness to study, and learn through education all that is God.

Parts of the Whole

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of

faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. **Romans 12:3-4**

To understand what Paul is saying, you need a small knowledge of biology. The body of a man is made up of parts, the head, arms, legs, as well as the various organs. Each of these parts has a specific roll in the health and operation of the body; it is this that Paul refers to symbolically as members of the whole body that is the Faith of Christ.

Each in our own way

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. **Romans 12:5-8**

We are one body in Christ in that we, who believe the promises and thus have faith, are part of the Church of Christ. Each of us comes to the faith in our own way and with our own abilities that give service to the whole. There are those, who will give prophesy those who will instruct others and so on. No matter what our personal purpose, we contribute to the whole.

Paul Teaches Morality

Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. **Romans 12:9-13**

No matter what your function, perform your service to God in the Way of God which is revealed in the Ten Commandments as well as in the Teachings of Jesus. At all times deem yourself not in conceit or arrogance, but be humble giving glory and worship to God.

Glorify God

Think of it like this, you would not have the talents that you have but that God made you as you are, he made you as you are because he has a work that he needs you to accomplish for him. It is therefore right that you accomplish your work and in so doing glorify he who made you.

*Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. **Romans 12:14-15***

If you are confronted by those who do not believe and are therefore without faith, and they have the power to persecute or harm you, do not hate them, do not curse them, but remember that by them persecuting you God is revealing the contrast of the true and correct worship, to their false ways. Through you and your tribulations, God is then giving glory to you. In this you shine your light to God and from your actions under tribulation you will show others not yet sealed of God, the contrast of your faith and their hollow existence. For this honor you should not rejoice, but weep for others like you, who are being abused as you are being abused.

*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. **Romans 12:16***

Those who have conceit in their abilities and place in life, walk the path to Judgment. Those who treat others as equal to themselves in all their earthly dealings and in the station before God, walk the path of righteousness.

Give not Evil for Evil

*Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. **Romans 12:17***

If someone treats you badly, do not contemplate revenge against them. Just remember, God is watching them and knows their evil, do not make yourself evil by being as they have been. Revenge is the purview of the Lord, and is therefore not something that you should give thought to.

*If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. **Romans 12:18***

If you have a neighbor who is inconsiderate and disorderly, or who goes out of their way to make living next to them unpleasant, do not do to them as they do to you. Other than through legal means, try to live in peace with them. Again remember, God knows; and your neighbor and his wicked ways and they will receive their just rewards.

Vengeance is Mine sayeth the Lord

*Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. **Romans 12:19***

*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. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. **Romans 12:20-21***

If you live within the parameters set down by the Ten Commandments, and the Teachings of Jesus, and give true and correct worship to God, then your place in heaven is firm, with this knowledge, what possible earthly concern could take precedent over you?

Give Obedience to the Laws of your Nation

*Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. **Romans 13:1-2***

The ordinances of God are the word and laws of God. To resist God is to love death. Something Satan does not comprehend. He thinks he can win against God, such is the fool who thinks they can crack open a bolder with their bare heads.

I am an American, and as such I have lived under the Constitution that not only allows for me to speak up against the government when I deem it to be in error, but I am encouraged to do so, within the legal constraints imposed by the Constitution. For this reason, I am in disagreement with what Paul has just written. In a world where Kings are all powerful, and it is told to the population that they derive their authority from God, then if that is what you believe, then by all means be obedient to their dictates.

The American Constitution

Everything that I have learned from my study of the Bible and my coming to know and understand God and his personality, is that God tells us that we are each special and unique, and therefore precious in his eyes. How then can one be greater than the other, that the lessor has no voice in giving complaint when the other is in error?

Because of this disagreement with these words written by Paul, I took the time and effort to study the Constitution of the United States, as well as the reasoning that the founding fathers had for freeing themselves from the authority of the King of England, as they gave voice to this in the Declaration of Independence.

What I found was unexpected. I discovered that God had a hand in the establishment of the United States of America, and it is through the Morality of God that the laws outlined in the Constitution have their authority. The founding fathers, acknowledge the supreme authority of God, and that the laws of Man are

subservient to that authority. It is from what I discovered in this research that gives me to suggest that in this at least, Paul is in error.

If your king or elected government enacts laws that are in opposition to the Law of God, then they are in error, and are therefore under the influence or control of Satan. As such, you as a Saint of God must not abide by the law of your nation but remain fast to the Law of God.

If your curiosity is peeked by this, you can find my essay on this Web Page, as it is titled,

Liberalism Verses the American Constitution

The Rulers

*For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: for he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. **Romans 13:3-4***

The above verses presuppose that those in positions of authority over the people are good and just and fair in their ruler-ship. Because of Satan's influence, I have yet to see any nation in all of the history of Man, where this is true with the exception perhaps of King Solomon. When Jesus returns and establishes his Kingdom on Earth, then this will be true of the rulers, but until then, it is just a whimsical fantasy.

An Explanation

The rulers are those who impose laws upon the citizens of the nations that they control. If you place yourself outside the laws of your country, then you do evil in the eyes of your rulers, you are an outlaw. Because those in power have the ability to arrest you, or to take action against your unlawful activities, you should be in fear of them. If on the other hand, you live within the laws of your country, then you do well, in that you are a law abiding citizen, and you have nothing to fear from your rulers.

In the book of Daniel, God established without question that those who have authority over you do so at the pleasure of God, and therefore you need to obey their laws just as you obey the laws of God. This may be true in a culture where individual citizens do not have any recourse against the Rulers, who are in error, or who enact laws that are unjust or ungodly.

I would disagree with Paul on this however, if the laws made by your nation, are contrary to the Laws of God, and in some way prevent you from giving true and correct worship of God, then to resist keeps you true to God, which has precedence over the laws of Man.

Abortion

I give as an example the laws allowing for abortion of unborn children. This law is immoral and in direct opposition to the Sixth and Seventh Commandments, and all who are God Fearing and live their own lives in the morality of God, should oppose these laws.

As an American citizen I am given freedoms and rights as spelled out in the Constitution of the United States. Even so, the Federal and State governments have been engaged in passing laws that are contrary to those given in the Constitution. The Constitution has as its base or core the acceptance that the Law of God is supreme, and that those rights given under the Constitution are in accord with the Law of God. When the government therefore establish new laws that attempt to nullify those given in the Constitution, those laws are also in opposition to the Law of God, and as such I consider void and not laws that I should obey. This is known as passive resistance, and is as God wants us to do as given outline by the following verses from Paul.

*Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but **also for conscience sake**. For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. **Romans 13:5-7***

In all of this, Paul presupposes that the Rulers are just and are themselves God-Fearing people. If that be the case, then I cannot see where I would ever find fault with their laws. But when the Rulers are evil, and puppets of Satan, then it is correct, in my mind, to give objection to those laws and Rulers, so long as your objections stay within the parameters as set down by the Law of God.

Paul Preaches the Ten Commandments

*Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. **Romans 13:8***

The Law that you might consider that Paul is speaking of here is, Jesus' Second Commandment, however, if you recall that Jesus' Second begins with these words, "And the second is like unto it, Thou Shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." I have highlighted the words, "like unto it," to press home their importance.

The Second commandment of Jesus has the same context of his First Commandment, that being that what Jesus taught to us, Love God with all your Heart, Soul, and Mind, we too must do if we are to fulfill his Second Commandment. In short, to show our love for our neighbors by teaching them how to give their love to God, just as Jesus taught us.

Most Christians that I have spoken to, believe that Jesus is saying that we must have good feelings towards each other as we would want them to have good feelings towards us, but that is only part of what Jesus wants from us.

Jesus wants that we continue in the work that he began, he wants that we all become Evangelists, preaching the Kingdom of God and preaching how God Commands that he is to be worshiped. It is not enough that you show kindness towards others, but as a part of that kindness you teach them how to show kindness towards others by preaching the Teachings of Christ and the Commandments of God. What greater kindness can you show to another, than to lead them into eternal life?

Paul Gives a listing of morality

If you disagree with me concerning Paul teaching the Commandments of God, take note of what Paul writes next.

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. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. **Romans 13:9-10***

I am sure you recognize the first five from this list as five of the Six Moral Imperatives listed in the Ten Commandments. In giving this list, Paul is revealing that an aspect of Love Thy Neighbor includes teaching your neighbors concerning the Ten Commandments.

The kind of Love that Jesus wants that you show towards your neighbor is the same kind of Love that Jesus showed to us. What did Jesus teach us about? Jesus taught how we are to show our love for God, and as I have shown on several occasions before, that translate to keeping and obeying the Ten Commandments.

Awake from your Slumber

*And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. **Romans 13:11-12***

The word “Awake” is a reference to **Romans 11:8** where Paul speaks of God giving the Jews the spirit of slumber. Paul is thus encouraging the Jews of his day to awake out of that slumber. Paul continues by revealing his believe that the time is at hand for the Jews, during those same days that Paul is preaching the Word of God given to him by Jesus Christ. Two Thousand years later and still the Jews sleep, but as I write these words, I am convinced that now is in fact the time for the Jews to awaken out of their slumber. As the converted Jew is a large part of who the 144,000 sealed by the Mark of God, and that a large number of those who have visited my Web Page are from the Nation of Israel, I would announce that they are in fact waking from their slumber as I am writing these words.

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

All of those things that Paul is telling us not to engage in are sins against the Ten Commandments, which is another way that Paul gives support to the fact that he considers the keeping of Ten Commandments a necessary and integral part of any true and correct worship of God.

The phrase, “But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ,” refers to embracing the Teachings of Jesus, that you might walk in his shoes, and be brethren to Jesus and thereby become a Son of God.