

Ask the Scriptures

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Q. What is sin?

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A. 1 John 3:4

"Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness."

Q. If we love God, what does He want us to do?

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What is love as defined by Scripture?

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A 2 John 1:6 "And this is love, that we walk after His commandments. This is the commandment, that, as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it."



Who did we receive this commandment from?

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A 2John 1:4 "I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father."

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Is this commandment new? And, if not, how long have we had it?

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P S A L M 119:105-112

A 2 John 1:5 "And now, dear lady, I am not writing you a new command, but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another."

What message have we heard from the beginning?

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1 John 3:11

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"For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another."

Q. When was the beginning?

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A. Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

Q. Has the Word really been from the beginning?

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John 1:1-5

1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

How do we love God and what does loving God really mean?

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A 1 John 5:3 "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not burdensome."

Q. Really? The Law of God as written by Moses is easy?

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Deuteronomy 30:9-16 9 The LORD (Yahweh) will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as He delighted in your ancestors, 10 if you obey the LORD your God and keep His commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

11 Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. 12 It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" 13 Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?"

14 No, the Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. 15 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction.

16 For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to Him, and to keep His commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

Q. What is the whole responsibility of man?

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Ecclesiastes 12:13

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." So then, how is keeping all the commandments loving God and loving others?

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Matthew 22:37-40

37 Yeshua said unto him, "You should love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, you should love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

If we love Him, how should we feel about His commandments?

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Psalm 119:35 "Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it." Proverbs 29:18 "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keeps the law, happy is he."

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Did Yeshua abolish or remove any commandment from God's law? And, what happens if we teach and act like He did?

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Matthew 5:17-19

17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I do not come to destroy but to fill up. 18For 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 (law and prophets) be fulfilled.

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Whosoever, therefore, shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
Did Paul abolish or remove any commandment from God's law or did he agree with the teaching of Yeshua?

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Romans 3:31 "Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law."

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How did Paul feel about the law? Did he claim the law was a burden?

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Romans 7:22 "For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:"

Did Paul and James state and prove that Paul followed, taught, and was obedient to all of what Moses wrote?

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 A_{\perp} Acts 21:20-26 20 When they heard this, they praised God. Then they said to Paul: "You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews have believed, and all of them are zealous for the law.

21 They have been informed that you teach all the Jews who live among the Gentiles to turn away from Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or live according to our customs. 22 What shall we do? They will certainly hear that you have come,

23 so do what we tell you. There are four men with us who have made a vow. 24 Take these men, join in their purification rites and pay their expenses, so that they can have their heads shaved. Then everybody will know there is no truth in these reports about you, but that you yourself are living in obedience to the law.

25 As for the Gentile believers, we have written to them our decision that they should abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality."

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The next day Paul took the men and purified himself along with them. Then he went to the temple to give notice of the date when the days of purification would end and the offering would be made for each of them.

When Paul was again and continuously accused by the Pharisees for breaking the law of Moses, did he clarify himself again and again of what he believed just like in Acts 21? HEILLUMINATED

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Acts 24:13-14

13 Nor can they prove the things of which they now accuse me. 14 But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets.

So Paul kept stating he observed and taught what Moses wrote when he was accused of not teaching what Moses wrote?

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Acts 25:8

"While he answered for himself, 'Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Caesar, have I offended any thing at all."

So, if Paul taught what Moses wrote, did Moses write that there is a different law of God for converted Gentiles?

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Numbers 15:15-16 15 One ordinance shall be for you of the assembly and for the stranger (alien/ foreigner/Gentile) who dwells with you, an ordinance forever throughout your generations; as you are, so shall the stranger be before the LORD. 16 One law and one customer shall be for you and for the stranger who dwells with you.