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## **Ephesians Chapter 6a**

### **Families That Contend For The Faith**

On last week's 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath broadcast we moved forward into our study of the book of Ephesians we spoke about the husband and the wife as a family unit, and we spoke about the man being the head of the family, and we spoke about the events that took place in the Garden back in the book of Genesis, and we spoke about the hierarchy of Gods plan, and how "marriage" as God defined it.. is a shadow picture of our coming Messiah and his coming kingdom and the overall plan of God that he himself had created from the beginning of the ages. And we also spoke about why there really is no such thing as homosexual marriage, because homosexual marriage comes nowhere close to fitting the objective that God himself had laid out for humanity. in fact.. homosexual marriage ends humanity because without the woman.. there is no man.. nor does homosexual marriage show us, or teach us anything about our returning Messiah, or his coming kingdom. Not to mention the scriptural fact that Homosexual marriage is forbidden by our Father in Heaven.

We spoke about each of us being responsible for the stations that we've been given. And we spoke about the God breathed scripture that we have been given as the only way to find the truth of what our Father in Heaven wants us to know.

This week as we venture into the last chapter of the book of Ephesians we'll be once again looking at the hierarchy of the family that our Father in Heaven has ordained. along with how we as a family unit are commanded to prepare for the spiritual warfare that we're already engaged in.

So. before we get started here in our study into the last chapter of the book of Ephesians. I want to share with you an email that I had just received a couple of days ago from a sister who was watching... or at least ... half watching our teachings into the both the book of Hebrews and the book of Ephesians... which are both very similar in the topics that they cover.

This email that I received was from a sister who is trying to understand. but clearly went off the rails at some point and was trying to combine what we teach here at Holy Impact Ministries with the man made, man created, philosophical wisdom of men that she'd already been taught probably sitting in any one of over 5000 different denominational church pews for a number of years.

This sister was so stuck on what is commonly known as the “Pre-Tribulation” rapture. that all she was able to see or understand was the man-made idea of her and her children being rescued by a secret rapture when things really get bad. And the possibility of her or her children ever having to undergo any persecution was so far removed from her thinking that she actually chastised me for saying... and I quote from her letter “*We must all be hacked up and slaughtered even though we have kept the word and believed in faith that we are delivered from the wrath to come*”.

Now... first of all... I think it’s safe to say with all of our viewers as my witness... that at no time did I ever say that “We must all be hacked up and slaughtered even though we have kept the word and believed in faith that we are delivered from the wrath to come”. You won’t find that in any of our manuscripts... and it’s very easy for anyone to go back and download the manuscripts from our teachings. because their all in downloadable PDF format for the world to see!

So, with that being said. what our sister thinks she heard... she clearly did not hear, at least not from anyone here at Holy Impact Ministries. But here is a perfect example of the spiritual warfare that we’re engaged in my friends. This sister was so sure that she had heard me say these things... that she took the time to sit right down and write me a letter proclaiming a flat out lie... that she thought that she had heard... with her own ears. She was so sure that I had said this that she just had to presumptuously start shooting at me with no evidence what so ever of the very things that she was claiming.

Furthermore, at the end of her misguided letter she wrote and I quote “We are told to watch and pray, that we are counted worthy, to escape these things, and you say we are cowards for not wanting our children cut up with chain saws? What kind of gospel is it that you teach?”.

Now... I mention this letter because this is exactly what we’re going to be seeing and talking about in Paul’s epistle to the church at Ephesus in just a few minutes. But I want us to understand... that this sister has based all of what she has falsely and wrongly proclaimed.... on her misguided understanding of a man made “Pre-Tribulation Rescue” that she probably saw in a movie... created in Hollywood. Because that’s who’s made most of the money from this phony baloney doctrine that no one had ever even heard of until the late 1800’s when a Catholic Jesuit Priest by the name of “Manuel Lacunza” wrote a book entitled “The Coming Of Messiah In Glory And Majesty” under the false pen name of “Josofat Ben Ezra”... who he claimed was a Jewish Rabbi that had converted to Catholicism. And there’s a whole study on the origins of where this made up “Pre-Tribulation Rescue” doctrine came from that we’ll get into in another study.. but the point that I want us to see and understand is that because of this false doctrine... that was again contrived by a Roman Catholic Jesuit Priest... and was lifted up by the wisdom of several other men along with Hollywood... and our modern-day entertainment industry... that she simply can no longer see.

This one single lie... this one false doctrine has overtaken not only what this sister sees and

hears... but also what she now believes... and so now... what the the word of God says no longer makes sense to her unless it fits in with her pre-conceived agenda driven understanding of a “Pre-Tribulation Rescue”. And this is exactly how our adversary works my friends.

Now this sister thinks she’s hearing things that never entered her hearing! How powerful is that my friends? How completely and utterly sad is it to watch? Our messiah clearly tells us in the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew that many of us will be murdered for his name sake... we can clearly see that in Matthew 24:9... it’s clear, it’s plan, it’s not in a parable or locked in a secret code ring or in some vault that we need to dig up. These are very clear, very concise, very red-letter words that came from the breath, the voice, and the very mouth of our Messiah... and yet this sister is so convinced that it will never happen to her and to her children... that she now chastises anyone who’s preaching the very words of our Messiah and she is now pointing at those who read the scriptures for themselves and flat out calls them liars.

Now... we all know that not all of us will be and I quote “*delivered up to tribulation and put to death*” but some of us will be called to make that stand. And it should be in fact clear to all of us... that once again that prophecy is coming true all over the world! How many of our brothers and our sisters have we seen that have had their children’s heads cut off... how many women have been kidnapped and taken to rape rooms, and tortured just as our brothers and sisters had done to them back in the dark ages by the Roman Catholic Church for even owning or reading a Bible?

But this sister is so blind.. so deaf... so lost.. that because of her pre-programing, and her agenda driven understanding, and the trust that she has clearly put in men... she can’t even begin to understand the prophecies that are coming true right before her very eyes!

And I mention all of this because this all happened at such a convenient time in our study into the book of Ephesians. And I clearly see this as a perfect example of what happens to a would be Christian when we allow the wisdom of men who supersede what we find written in the God breathed scriptures that we hold in our very own hands.

Our Messiah was asked by his Apostles at the mount of Olives and I quote “*Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?*” and our Messiah gave them a short synopsis of what would take place in the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Matthew... and he did not tell them anywhere in those red-letter words that they would be rescued when things got bad, or when the tribulation began. Not one word was uttered by our Messiah. 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:17, and 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:52 and the rest of the cherry-picked scriptures that people like to throw at us to prove their “Pre-Tribulation Rescue” doctrine are all about the resurrection of the dead and nothing else, and if it were about a rescue of Gods people from persecution... our Messiah would have surely told us... but the truth that we find in scripture... is that

not only did he not tell us of a “Pre-Tribulation Rescue” ... he told us just the opposite.

God did not rescue the Israelites from Egypt. he lead them through it... God did not rescue Noah from the flood... he lead him through it... God did not rescue David from fighting Goliath... he lead him through it... God did not rescue Daniel from the lion’s den... he lead him through it.. and God did not rescue his only begotten Son from the murderous hands of the Jews and the gentile Romans... he lead him through it.. and so how pompous. and how self-loathing is it to think for even a second... that we are so high and above all of Gods prophets, and Apostles, and even his only begotten Son... that we are so special... that God is going to rescue us from the persecution that they had to suffer. How not only ridiculous... but how shameful.

We all know that we are not appointed for the wrath of our Father... and we should all know that there will be a greater exodus than the exodus of Moses... and we can clearly find that in passages like Jeremiah 16:14 and 15, and again in Jeremiah 23:7 and 8, and again in Jeremiah 31:20, and again in Deuteronomy 30:1 through 3... and we should have complete and utter confidence in the fact.. we will not suffer our Fathers wrath, and that he will protect us from his wrath... but we are not protected from the Devils wrath. We are called to defeat the Devils wrath... we are called to stand in the face of adversity, and to contend for the faith.. .and yes... that means even unto death... and these are things that we will see as we read through the final chapter of Paul’s epistyle to the church at Ephesus. Let’s read Ephesians chapter 6:

**Eph 6:1** *Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.*

**Eph 6:2** *“Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise),*

**Eph 6:3** *“that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”*

**Eph 6:4** *Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*

**Eph 6:5** *Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ,*

**Eph 6:6** *not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,*

**Eph 6:7** *rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man,*

**Eph 6:8** *knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free.*

**Eph 6:9** *Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.*

**Eph 6:10** *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.*

*Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.*

*Eph 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*

*Eph 6:13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.*

*Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,*

*Eph 6:15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.*

*Eph 6:16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;*

*Eph 6:17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,*

*Eph 6:18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,*

*Eph 6:19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,*

*Eph 6:20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.*

*Eph 6:21 So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything.*

*Eph 6:22 I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts.*

*Eph 6:23 Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Eph 6:24 Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.*

Now.. as we read through verses 1 through 10.. we clearly see the hierarchy or the system of governance that our Father in Heaven has ordained through what he calls Marriage and how a Christian family is to operate according to the will of our Father in Heaven. He commands our children to not only obey their parents... but to also honor and obey them.. he tells the Fathers not to provoke our children to anger, but to rather bring them up with the discipline, and the instruction of our Father in Heaven.

And I want us to notice in verse 5 that most modern-day Christians think that Paul is changing gears here when he begins to talk about “Bondservants” and people who are in slavery... but Paul is not changing gears here at all. I’ve gotten several letters over the years that ask why God allows slavery... and how a loving God could ever condone

slavery... but if we simply once again read the whole book we would know that the slavery that God is speaking of is not the slavery that we have known in our modern-day society. The slavery that God is speaking of is not the same slavery that we see throughout history. There is a God ordained slavery... and then there is a Devil ordained slavery that the world is much more familiar with.

In the beginning if a man and his family had no way of making a living, or they had no land and no flock, or if a man owed another man and could not repay him... a man could go to his brother and ask to be his slave for such a time that he could pay him back... or long enough to gain enough money to once again be on his own.

So back then you could accept your brother's plea to be your slave for a number of years... and this meant that you would simply supply him and his family with their needs to survive... and they would in turn work for you until the debt was paid back.. or until they could once again get back on their feet. And at the end of the agreement. you would then give your slave a portion of what he helped you gain. And we find these scriptures in our Bibles in places like: Deuteronomy 15:12-14, and again here in Ephesians 6:9, and again in Colossians 4:1.

God clearly abhors today's Devil inspired man made version of slavery and it's clearly forbidden in scriptures. for instance, let's turn to Exodus 21:16:

*Exo 21:16* "Whoever steals a man and sells him, and anyone found in possession of him, shall be put to death.

And so, the point that Paul is clearly making in his letter to the church at Ephesus is that no matter what your station in life... whether you are slave, or a master... or a husband or a wife or a child... your first obligation as a Christian is to obey the shema of God. What is the "Shema" of God?... we should all know what the greatest commandment is given by our Messiah in Mark 12:28-31:

*Mar 12:28* And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?"

*Mar 12:29* Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

*Mar 12:30* And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

*Mar 12:31* The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

And where did our Messiah get this greatest commandment? Did he just make it up off

of the top of his head? No... he was quoting once again his Fathers word found in Deuteronomy 6:4-9:

*Deu 6:4* “Hear, O Israel: **The LORD our God, the LORD is one.**

*Deu 6:5* You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

*Deu 6:6* And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

*Deu 6:7* You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

*Deu 6:8* You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

*Deu 6:9* You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

This my friends is known as the “Shema”... the greatest commandment that we must “Shema”... obey.. and once again I know that the word “obey” does not sit well with today’s “Once saved always saved do as thou wilt is the whole of the law, Dispensational grace” loving Christians. but the word “obey” or “shema” is one of the most important words that you will ever find in the scriptures... and that’s another lesson in itself.

So, as we read through the first 10 verses of the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of Paul’s letter to the church at Ephesus we see Paul setting us up for the spiritual warfare that he’s about to explain to us in verses 11 through 25. There’s no point in Paul explaining the ordination of marriage, and the hierarchy of the family, and showing us the shadow picture that it portrays, and how we should stay sin free.. if he’s not going to show us how to combat the sin that lurks all around us, and why all of these things have been ordained by our Father in Heaven.

In verse 12 Paul begins to tell us what we’re up against. And he warns us that the war that we fight is not a carnal war with guns and missiles, and tanks... but rather that it is a spiritual warfare that we fight.. and that **we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.**

So, Paul is clearly keenly aware of another world that we cannot see, touch, taste, or hear. He’s keenly aware of another dimension if you will... that exists above and beyond our earthly plane. And he warns us against these fallen angels, that have left their position of authority, and their proper dwelling places that we hear about in Jude chapter 1 verses 5 through 7. And he tells us that these rulers. .these authorities... these cosmic powers, and these spiritual forces of evil in heavenly places are out to make war with us.

And just as we have seen in our sisters letter who wrote us falsely accusing us of things we have not said and teaching things that we do not teach... these rulers.. these authorities, and these cosmic powers and spiritual forces of evil in heavenly places do exist! And they can make us all blind, and deaf, if we allow them to. If we are not keenly aware of their presents and how they work and the weapons that they possess.. and if we do not put on the full armor of God that Paul speaks about then we're left with nothing... and we will surely be swept away by the prowling lion that lurks in the shadows just waiting to see who he may devour.

I find it amazing how blind most modern-day Christians are when it comes to things like fallen angels, and demon possession. These things are woven all throughout our scriptures in places like Revelation 12:9, Jude 1:6.. 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:4, Matthew 8:16, and again in Matthew 8:29, and Luke 11:20 and on and on it goes my friends... and yet.. we hear so little about these rulers and authorities, and these cosmic powers and spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places from our modern-day pulpits. No one seems to want to talk about them.. and we wonder. and we stand in awe when a mother murders her children, or when a man beats a three-year-old little girl to death, or when people begin taking off their clothes in public. and running through the streets quoting scripture while trying to bite people, or eat their flesh... which is more common than you may think.

We shake our heads like we don't know, and we stumble around in the darkness like we don't understand... the whole time claiming to be Christians who read our scriptures. Last week I mentioned something that most modern-day Christians can't even conceive of... and that's the true biblical fact that not all of our thoughts are our own thoughts. Not everything that crosses through our minds comes from our own thinking. And this is a profound revelation to so many modern-day professing Christians that they can't even conceive of such a thing. But what does our own Messiah tell us? Let's read Matthew 5:27-28:

*Mat 5:27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'*

*Mat 5:28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*

What causes the lust of a woman to enter into the mind of a man? His flesh. The scripture tells us that we used to live in the lusts of our flesh... lets go back and read Ephesians 2:1-3:

*Eph 2:1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins*

*Eph 2:2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—*

*Eph 2:3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the*

*desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.*

Our very own flesh. causes us to sin. The flesh wants things that do not belong to it. Because of the sin of man in the garden... and because we just had to know the difference between good and evil... we are now born into sin... and into a sinful world because man... with the help of the serpent... has made it sinful. Notice what Paul says in verse 2 about the “Course of this world” that follows the “Prince of the power of the air”... and notice that we’re told that this same “spirit”.. is now at work “IN” the sons of disobedience. And notice in verse 3 Paul clearly tells us that those who live in the passions of this world... and who carry out the desires of the body and the mind... get that my friends... who carry out the desires of the body and the mind... are by nature children of wrath... like the rest of mankind.

The very idea of being a Christian... and having received the Ruach Hakodesh... the Holy Spirit of God... is the understanding... that a new “Spirit” dwells with in us... and any sinful thought that may cross our minds as believers is met with chastizement and a strong rebuking in the name of our Messiah who protects, and runs off these kinds off spirits that enter through our flesh, and try to re-take possession of our minds.

Paul’s breakdown of what the full armor of God consists of is important to understand. And notice the very first thing that Paul makes mention of... is the “Belt of truth”. Without the truth... we have nothing. Without the proper understanding of his God breathed scriptures we’ve built our houses in the sand. The truth is what every Christian should be seeking... not a way to justify our own agenda’s... not a way to justify what someone told us is the truth... not a way to prove any one of over 5000 different denominational doctrines... but to seek the truth, and the truth alone.

Once upon a time... there was a court of men who had convened to answer that very question... “What is the truth”.. and with all of their schooling, and their modern-day education, and all of their spiritual leaders, and all of the manmade intelligence that they could muster... they could not answer that simple question... “What is the truth”. And so, they hung the only begotten Son of God... on a tree to die. Why? Because with all their legal analysts, and all their religious leaders... and with all their philosophers, and commentators... and with all their Rabbi’s and spiritual leaders... they could not see the truth that was standing right they’re in front of them, staring them right in the face.

Think about that my friends. And ask yourself this question... has anything changed today? Could a panel of the world’s finest legal experts and religious leaders come together today and clearly define what “Truth” is?.. I dare say not. With all of today’s science, and philosophy, and religions, and with all of our religious leaders and with over 5000 different denominational charters of men... today the majority of mankind

still has not defined for himself... “what is truth”.

Man, still can't stop poverty, or hunger, or even the common cold for that matter. He can't stop wars and rumors of wars... he can't stop even the smallest of things like the mosquito. Why? Because to this day he still cannot define... “what is truth”.

Let's read John 18:33-38:

*Joh 18:33* So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

*Joh 18:34* Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?”

*Joh 18:35* Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?”

*Joh 18:36* Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”

*Joh 18:37* Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

*Joh 18:38* Pilate said to him, “What is truth?” After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in him.”

By this time, we had already seen the Sadducees and the Pharisees trying to define “what is truth” and now we see even the ruler of the Romans and the gentile pagan world... could not define “what is truth”. But as for we Christians... we know what truth is. Its answer is found in John 14:5-12:

*Joh 14:5* Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

*Joh 14:6* Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

*Joh 14:7* If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

*Joh 14:8* Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”

*Joh 14:9* Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

*Joh 14:10* Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

*Joh 14:11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.*

*Joh 14:12 “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.*

Our Messiah is “the way, the truth, and the life”, and if we believe on him and the God breathed words of him and his Father and his prophets and Apostles that we hold in our hands... then we already know what truth is.

I find it ironic that all of the problems of the world from hunger and starvation, to wars and rumors of wars could all be solved if the world would just take the time to sit down and read the one book that has been the number one best seller on the market year after year... and yet the most seldom read book. And I wonder if our Messiah would use the word ironic... or would the word “sad” ... be a better fit?

Paul also mentions the “Breastplate of Righteousness” ... and so we must ask ourselves what is “Righteousness”? Let’s read 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:21:

*2Co 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Let’s turn to Romans 3:21-26:

*Rom 3:21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—*

*Rom 3:22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:*

*Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

*Rom 3:24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,*

*Rom 3:25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.*

*Rom 3:26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

Now. I cannot tell you how many of today’s modern-day professing Christians completely and utterly destroy the meaning of what Paul is saying here in the book of Romans... so let’s slow down and understand what “Righteousness” is according to the scripture. Once again Romans 3:21-22:

*Rom 3:21* But now the righteousness of God has been manifested **apart from the law**, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—

*Rom 3:22* the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:

“The righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law” What is Paul talking about here? Well we know what Paul is not telling us so before we try to figure out what Paul “Is” saying... lets know and understand what Paul is clearly “Not” saying... let’s just scroll down to Romans 3:31 and let’s hear what Paul has to say about the law:

*Rom 3:31* Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

Once again, we must read the whole of scripture and not just cherry pick things out of scripture. So, we can comfortably know and understand that we do not overthrow the law by our faith... but rather that we uphold the law according to Paul. So, when Paul says “The righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law” Paul is clearly not saying that God did away with his law. What Paul is trying to convey to us is that in order for God to be “Righteous” and to show his “Righteousness”.. he forgave us of our “FORMER SINS”. It was by the “Grace” of God that he did this. Which means that God did not have to forgive us of our sins... again... what is sin according to the scripture? 1<sup>st</sup> John 3:4 says that “*Sin is the transgression of the law*”. So just as we’ve already seen in Romans 3:25.. it was through Gods “*divine forbearance.. that he had passed over former sins*”.

In other words.. because we broke Gods law... and there was no other way to return to God... he chose to freely forgive us through his divine forbearance... in other words... through his “Grace” ... he had mercy on us... not that we deserved it... but that’s what the definition of “Grace” is. Grace is receiving what you do not deserve. And it was by Gods “divine forbearance”.. also known as his “Grace” that we are forgiven. This does not remove or abolish the law just as our Messiah tells us in Matthew 5:17... what it means is that God has winked in the eye of ignorance.

In Romans 3:22 we’re told that we have obtained the righteousness of God through faith in Yahshua the Messiah for all who believe... this does not in any way now give us license to go on sinning... which again means to go on transgressing the law... it simply means that for those of us who have faith in our Messiah we are forgiven of our sins... and we can now show our love for our Father in Heaven... again we must let the Bible define and interpret the Bible what is the love of God according to the scripture? 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:3:

*1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.*

The problem that modern day Christianity has is that it can no longer define what “faith” is according to the scripture, let alone what the love of God is. Faith does not simply mean that you confess with your mouth... it means that you have the “obedience of faith” taught by Paul and all of the Apostles. Today’s modern-day version of Christianity says that we now live in a “Once saved always saved do as thou wilt is the whole of the law dispensational state of grace” but the scripture of God’s word... given by the Apostle Paul himself says... and I quote from [Rom 2:13](#) “For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified.”

The very brother of our Messiah James tells us in James 2:17 that “faith without works is dead”! But today’s foolish professing would be Christians think that because they are not saved by works... that works are not needed... and so they wrongly think in their feeble minds that they can live a “Do as thou wilt is the whole of the law” kind of lifestyle and that they’re all going to be “Once saved always saved. The problem with that demonic doctrine is that they’ve never sat down and read Matthew 7:21:

*Mat 7:21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.*

*Mat 7:22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’*

*Mat 7:23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’*

There are going to be far too many Christians that are going to think that they’re going to enter the kingdom of Heaven and find out that they don’t even know our Messiah and that he does not know them... why? Because they did not do the will of his Father who is in Heaven.

All of these professing “Once saved always saved do as thou wilt is the whole of the law dispensational state of grace” loving Christians are going to be told by our Messiah that they have been following another Jesus... another Gospel... and another Spirit... just as Paul warned the church of Corinth about in 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 11:4, but they will not listen... and the reason that they won’t listen is because they have put their faith and their trust in men and the wisdom of men instead of reading the scripture for themselves

and asking for the discernment to understand it that can only come from his Ruach Hakodesh. His Holy Spirit is the only one that can give discernment and make all things known to us... according to the scriptures. And that my friends... is scriptural.

And if you have more questions about whether or not all of Gods laws have been nailed to the cross... we have several teachings on the truth of Gods word and that very topic at [HolyImpactMinistries.com](http://HolyImpactMinistries.com), and they're all free for the taking including the downloadable PDF files and transcripts of our teachings.

As for the rest of Ephesians chapter 6... join us next 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath at 9am eastern standard time and we will bring our teaching on Paul's epistle to the church at Ephesus to a close.