A Warning

Scriptures

- **Colossians 2:16-17**
  16 Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day. 17 things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.

- **Philippians 3:2-11**
  2 Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision; 3 for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh, 4 although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

  7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

  8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, 9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

  11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

- **1 Corinthians 8:1**
  1 Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies.

- **1 Peter 4:8**
  8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

- **Matthew 11:28-30**
  28 "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Other Scriptures

- Romans 7:2-3
- Romans 3:28
- Romans 3:21-22
- John 8:39
Main Points

- **Warning #3**: Guard against being “puffed up” by knowledge
  - Our knowledge should be a source of blessing, not a source of condemnation against others.
  - We can’t let our sentiment define our commitment to the word of God.
  - The Church is made up of both Jewish and Gentile believers.
  - A Christian is simply a follower of the Christ. “Christ” means anointed one.

- Regarding Sabbath, Friday evening through Saturday sunset is biblically correct. However, worthy is the Lamb every day of the week!

- **Warning #4**: Don’t get off track theologically!
  - Too much emphasis on the law will lead to division and destruction.
  - A truth that’s taken to the extreme without balance becomes a practical heresy!
  - We have been justified by faith apart from the works of the law. (Romans 3:28)

Discussion Questions

1. How can one minister to somebody that is focused on the law?

2. Why is it important to know the Jewish roots of our faith and how do we keep balance in our knowledge base?

3. What did Jesus mean when He said that His burden is light and His yoke is easy?

4. How do we keep balance between keeping the law to know God and using His Grace as an excuse to behave as we please?