

Decoding the Torah Season 1: The Lost Roots Of Christianity



Scripture

- **Matthew 5:17**

“Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

- **John 1: 16-17 [KJV and NASB]**

“For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.” (KJV)
For of His fullness, we have all received, and grace upon grace. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.” (NASB)

Other Scriptures

- Exodus 20:1-17
- I Peter 1:18-19; Romans 6:14
- Exodus 19:16-20
- I Timothy 1:8
- Romans 7:12
- Proverbs 29:18
- Ezekial 36:26
- Jeremiah 31:33
- Acts 24:14
- John 14:6
- Deuteronomy 4:8
- Leviticus 24:19-20
- Acts 1:5
- Exodus 28:33

Main Points

- Mitzvot is the Hebrew transliteration of the English word Commandments.
- Do Old Testament Jewish laws have application for New Testament believers?
- We are not under the law, but God reveals Himself to us through the law.
- The problem was not with the law, but with humanity being unable to keep the law,
- When we use the word “but” we are setting up an opposite.

- Yeshua is the incarnation of grace.
- There are 613 Jewish laws including:
 - 365 negative commandments coinciding with the days in a solar year.
 - 247 positive commandments that coincide with the bones and main organs of the human body.

Questions

1. What thoughts and feelings come to mind when you hear the word “Torah” or “law”? What are some immediate things you currently hold to be true about the law? (List as many as you can think of.)

2. What does the Law do for our understanding of who God is and what He is like?

3. In considering the Law, where does the real problem lie?

4. Rabbi expounded on John 1:16-17 from the King James version of the Bible. What single word gave an incorrect conclusion about the differences between law and grace? What was that erroneous conclusion?

5. How does the NASB bring more light upon how interdependent the law and grace actually are? Is there practical, spiritual application for the 613 laws of Torah? What do you hope to gain from this study?