

**Chippewa Valley General Assembly**



# **Daily Devotions**

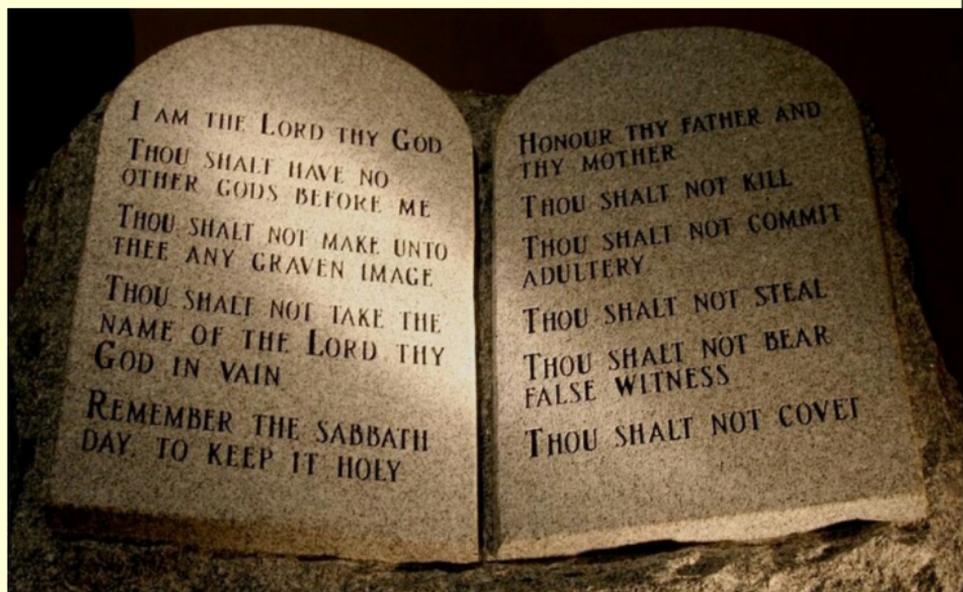
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***Putting the Scriptures used by Anti-Nomians  
into Proper Context***

**Why the Ten Commandments are not Abolished!**



**In order to properly understand the teachings of the Apostle Paul we must filter them through the lens of the commands of Christ and other Scriptures to keep them in context.**

**FOR CHRIST IS  
THE END  
OF THE LAW  
FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS**  
*to everyone who believes.*

**ROMANS 10:4**

When Paul writes that Christ is the “end of the law” for instance it is not saying that the law came to an end but that the culmination of the law, it’s end and purpose is to bring us to Jesus Christ and His Righteousness.

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**For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness  
to every one that believeth.**

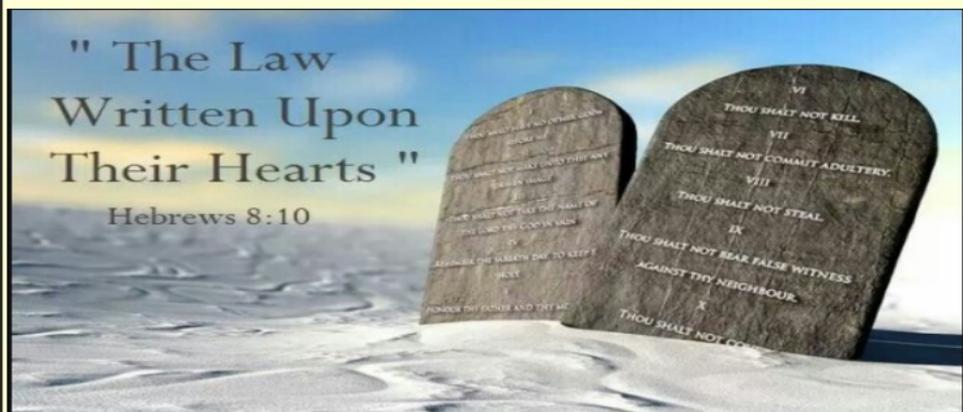
The law has a great purpose in the believer’s life. That purpose is to lead us in righteousness. Anti-nomians and pop Christianity teach that we follow our hearts, our feelings because “*the Holy Spirit indwells us.*” As believers we should never trust our hearts alone because we are influenced so heavily by “the flesh”. The Scriptures warn us: ***The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*** Jeremiah 17:9



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The Bible tells us that God will put his laws in the believer's heart! How can he do that if the law is done away with? When we profess Christ we open our hearts to Him which means we open our hearts to his REVEALED WORD... the Bible. The Ten commandments are no longer threats written on stone but become our heart's desire to obey!

***I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:*** Hebrews 8:10



We do not obey the Ten Commandments for the purpose of achieving salvation. We are saved by faith through the grace of God. We are set free from the penalty of the law to make us free to serve God from the heart.

If we really have saving faith our heart's desire, through the Holy Ghost, is to serve God and do right, (righteousness). This righteousness is not self righteousness for we have already confessed and repented of breaking the Commandments. This righteousness is the result of faith! Cleansed by faith we are free to serve. The Holy Spirit is imparted into our

heart's because of faith. Our love for the law is the fruit of that faith and grace of God.

We know right from wrong not because of what we ourselves feel to be right and wrong but by redirecting our errant hearts to conform to the written word of God. Hebrews 10:22 **Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.**



**Romans 6:14:  
What does not under law but  
under grace mean?**

Modern day anti-nomians like to dress themselves in robes of Grace piously proclaiming that those who believe Christians should obey the commandments are pharisees living by the law. (Anti - Law) protagonists like to quote:

Romans 6:14

**For sin shall not have dominion over you:  
for ye are not under the law, but under grace.**

They use this verse to further their false premise that the Commandments are no longer in effect for the believer. But this verse actually shoots their argument right in the foot. It clearly states that *if you are in a state of grace sin will not have dominion over you.*

Without the law there is no sin. They like to redefine sin as being “without faith.” They should read the Bible for it defines sin as the transgression of the law!

If we are living in the Grace of God we will not be dominated by sin, which is the transgression of the law.

## Sin

*"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."*

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What Romans 6:14 teaches is that if you are in the state of Grace... sin( the transgression of the law) will not dominate you. Do you get that? The law is still in force but so is grace and grace breaks the dominion of sin over us.



Romans 6 continues to destroy the “law less” proponents argument commanding in verse 12: ***“Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.”*** Sin is the transgression of the law.... So Romans 6 is actually teaching that the believer living in grace is commanded to obey the law!

AGAIN.... It is impossible for there to be such a thing as sin if there is NO LAW, Sin could not reign or have dominion over us because once again.... Sin is the transgression of the law!

Another verse the Lawless like to throw around is from the Book of Ephesians - Ephesians 2:15

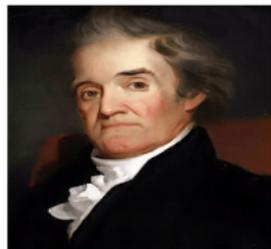
**Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;**

They use some sort of short hand, cutting out important words like a surgeon in order to come to the conclusion that the law has been abolished. If you say "He did not kill her" but cut out just one word, the word NOT then it totally changes the meaning and reverses it to HE DID KILL HER.

The lawless ones cut out the words, "in his flesh" and "The enmity" and what they read is this: "Having abolished the law of commandments". Notice that the word even is in italics which means it is simply placed there so that the English reads properly. It is not found in the Greek manuscript.

The main phrase of this verse is this:

**HAVING ABOLISHED IN HIS FLESH THE ENMITY,,,**



Noah Webster

## Topics

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## Enmity

**EN'MITY**, *noun*

1. The quality of being an enemy; the opposite of friendship; ill will; hatred; unfriendly dispositions; malevolence. It expresses more than aversion and less than malice, and differs from displeasure in denoting a fixed or rooted hatred, whereas displeasure is more transient.

I will put *enmity* between thee and the woman. [Genesis 3:15](#).

The carnal mind is *enmity* against God. [Romans 8:7](#).

2. A state of opposition.

The friendship of the world is *enmity* with God. [James 4:4](#).

The context of this passage of scripture is that there is a wall between us and God, a wall of enmity caused by our sin. Jesus made peace between us and God and broke down that wall! Christ abolished the enmity between us and God - even the separation caused by the law declaring us guilty and *in verse 16 he repeats once again that it is the enmity caused by our transgression of the law that is abolished not the law itself.*

Ephesians 2:16 **And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:**

Again, I remind you that to understand the writings of Paul they must be placed in the context of the teachings of Christ Himself who taught that not the least bit of the law would perish until heaven and earth pass...

The words of Christ are  
The LENS that clarifies  
The writings of Paul!

Matthew 5:18

**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.**

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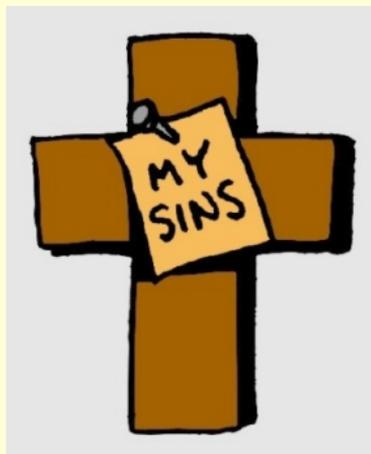


Peter warned that even then while the Apostles were alive the writings of Paul were being abused and misunderstood...

2 Peter 3:16 *As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.*

Again we must work with the understanding that Jesus said the law would not be destroyed or abolished so it cannot be the law itself.

Another verse the “lawless” like to misrepresent is Colossians 2:14. They love to claim that the law was nailed to the Cross.



Colossians 2:13

*And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;*

*14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;*

Again this verse does not say that the ten commandments are abolished. It says that the charges against us have been dropped. The many transgressions of the law... our sins and trespasses are blotted out....

When the Romans crucified a person they nailed a sign to the cross so that those who observe the execution know what crime was committed. The sign on the cross of Jesus accused him of being the king of the Jews.

There is a comedian who likes to end his jokes with the punch line “Here’s your sign” What sign would be on your cross on the day of judgment. What transgressions and sins are you guilty of? Whatever your sign would be it was nailed to HIS CROSS.

Question.

1. If the law was abolished at the cross and sin is the transgression of the law, then why does anyone need a savior for since the law was abolished so was the transgression.
2. Which of the ten Commandments have been done away with? Are you telling me it is OK to steal, or fornicate or lie or murder? Is it OK to have idols or blaspheme God and take his name in vain? Jesus is our sabbath rest - do we not need him? Doesn’t the teachings of the New Testament explain how to keep this commandment?
3. How can we confess our sins if there is no law seeing that sin is the transgression of the law?

More on how to refute the false teachings of modern day anti-nomians (the arrogant “we are of grace and you aren’t” crowd) in the next devotional.

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