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Ephesians 2

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- 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
- 14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,
- 15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,
- 16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

Ephesians 6

- 1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
- 2 "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise:
- 3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

Colossians 2

- 8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

1 Timothy 1

- 1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope,
- 2 To Timothy, a true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 3 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia--remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine,
- 4 nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith.
- 5 Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith,
- 6 from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk,
- 7 desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.
- 8 But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully,
- 9 knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,
- 10 for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine,
- 11 according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.

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- 12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry,
- 13 although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.
- 14 And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.
- 15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.
- 16 However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.
- 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.
- 18 This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,
- 19 having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck,
- 20 of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

1 Timothy 6

- 13 I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate,
- 14 that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing,
- 15 which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords,
- 16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

Titus 3

- 9 But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless.

Hebrews 2

- 16 For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.

Hebrews 6

- 13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself,

Hebrews 7

- 1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,

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- 2 to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace,"
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- 4 Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.
- 5 And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham;
- 6 but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.
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- 9 Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak,
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- 11 Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?
- 12 For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law.
 - The priesthood was the only part of the law that was changed
 - The rest of the law was fulfilled – brought into its spiritual meaning – its foreshadowing of Christ
 - We will look soon at the impact of this on tithing
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- 14 For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.
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- 16 who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life.
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- 18 For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness,
- 19 for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.
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- 28 For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.

Hebrews 8

- 4 For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law;

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- 5 who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."

Hebrews 9

- 15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.
- 16 For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.
- 17 For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives.
- 18 Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood.
- 19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people,
- 20 saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you."
- 21 Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry.
- 22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

Hebrews 10

- 1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,
- 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;
- 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
- 4 having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.
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- 8 But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom.
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- 26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,
- 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.
- 28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.
- 29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

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- 30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The LORD will judge His people."
- 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Hebrews 11

- 8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.
- 9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;
- 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.
- 11 By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.
- 12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude--innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.
- 13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.
- 14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland.
- 15 And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return.
- 16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.
- 17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,
- 18 of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called,"
- 19 concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.
- 20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.
- 21 By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.
- 22 By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones.
- 23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command.
- 24 By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,
- 25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,
- 26 esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

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- 27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.
- 28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.
- 29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned.
- 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days.
- 31 By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.
- 32 And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets:
- 33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,
- 34 quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.
- 35 Women received their dead raised to life again. And others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.
- 36 Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.
- 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented--
- 38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.
- 39 And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise,
- 40 God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

James 1

- 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.
- 26 If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.
- 27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

James 2

- 8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well;
- 9 but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

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- 10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.
- 11 For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.
- 12 So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty.
- 13 For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.
- 14 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?
- 15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food,
- 16 and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?
- 17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.
- 18 But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.
- 19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe-- and tremble!
- 20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?
- 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?
- 22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?
- 23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God.
- 24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.
- 25 Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?
- 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

James 4

- 11 Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.
- 12 There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?
- 13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit";
- 14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.
- 15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that."
- 16 But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.
- 17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

1 John 2

- 3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

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- 4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.
- 5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.
- 6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.
- 7 Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning.
- 8 Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.
- 9 He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now.

1 John 3

- 20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.
- 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.
- 22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.
- 23 And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.
- 24 Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

1 John 4

- 21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

1 John 5

- 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.
- 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

2 John 1

- 4 I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father.
- 5 And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another.
- 6 This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.

Revelation 12

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- 17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 14

- 12 Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

Revelation 22

- 14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

No. The New Testament in no way teaches against the keeping of the Law, the Torah, the Commandments of God. The New Testament does support the law; it does show us that the law is spiritual; it does show us how Jesus Christ brought back the true meaning of the law; it shows how Jesus Christ, alone, can remove the veil which prevents us from understanding the foreshadowing of His life and what it means for us.

As King Solomon said in the last chapter of the Book of Ecclesiastes:

- Ecclesiastes 12.13 *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.*
- *14 For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.*