

# Most Christians Believe

No One Can Keep  
**ALL**  
The Laws of GOD!

## Are They Right?

The statement that, “No One Can Keep **ALL THE LAWS OF GOD!**” has become a central theme in the theology of most Christians, which requires New Testament Grace to replace the need to keep **THE LAWS OF GOD**. This basic concept is what many, if not most, Christians believe and tell their children; as well as others when they are talking to them about how they should view **THE OLD TESTAMENT LAW!**

The question is, “Are they right or are they wrong?”

**GOD said, in Deuteronomy 30:11 (NASB)**  
(11) For this commandment which I command you today is **not** too difficult for you, **nor** is it out of reach.

**Genesis 26: 5 (NASB)**  
(5) because Abraham **obeyed ME** and **kept MY CHARGE, MY COMMANDMENTS, MY STATUTES and MY LAWS.**”

**Luke 1:6 (NASB)**  
(6) And they were both righteous in the sight of GOD, **walking blamelessly in ALL** the **COMMANDMENTS and REQUIREMENTS** of the LORD.

**Matthew 5:48 (NASB)**  
(48) “Therefore you are to be **PERFECT**,  
As your Heavenly Father is **PERFECT!**”

Yet when someone tries to keep THE LAWS OF GOD, they are more often than not told, **“You are in Bondage!”** This is what most Christian Ministers, Pastors, Teachers, Evangelists as well as the average Christian in the pew seem to say to anyone who is trying to be obedient to GOD. Yes, the reason is simple, it is because the accused person is seeking to keep GOD’s Commandments, Laws, Statutes and Precepts; to the best of their GOD given ability. The accused person is told that they have gone into a form of **DREADFUL HERESY**. As strange as it may seem to some of us, most Christians believe that it is a **sin TO OBEY GOD** (and keep His Commandments, Laws, Statutes and Precepts to the best of ones GOD given ability). And why is the accused person trying to *obey* ALMIGHTY GOD and do what He (GOD) says to do? It is, more often than not, because they truly **LOVE** their **HEAVENLY FATHER** with all their Heart, Mind and Soul. And because of that **LOVE** they desire to serve Him with all their Might!

Yet, because of this, they are told that they have gone into **Bondage**. How have they done this? By obeying GOD, to the best of their GOD given ability! They are accused of trying to earn their Salvation through **Works!** Implying that only by disobeying and ignoring that which GOD has said, can they be **FREE!**

**Isaiah 5:20** (NASB)

(20) Woe to those who call evil good and good evil;  
Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness;  
Who substitute bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

It seems that most Christians cannot comprehend or even entertain the thought of obeying GOD, unless they were trying to earn something for themselves from GOD in the process. The thought or idea that someone would put out so much time and effort to serve GOD and not expect to earn something - is beyond them! For someone to have such a deep and overwhelming **LOVE** that someone would seek to give and not to get – sadly, is beyond their understanding!

So, most Christians continue to preach that it is a **sin to obey GOD**. And at this point, if not before, most of these good Christians will usually begin to vehemently declare: “It is impossible for anyone to keep the Old Testament Laws, Commandments and Statutes!”

**Deuteronomy 30:10-12, 14** (NASB)

(10) “If you obey the LORD your GOD to keep His Commandments and His Statutes which are written in this book of the Law, if you turn to the LORD your GOD with all your heart and soul.”

(11) “**For this Commandment which I command you today is NOT too difficult for you, nor is it out of reach.**”

(12) “It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?’”

(14) “But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may **OBSERVE it!**”

Many Christians will still claim that somehow, this was changed by Jesus! Because Paul has told them that they are **FREE** from the Law! They may tell you that this theology or doctrine of trying to obey GOD and live as He (GOD) said for us to live is just not right! **Paul said so!**

**Ezekiel 33:17** (NASB)

(17) “Yet your fellow citizens say, ‘The way of the LORD is not right’,  
**when it is their own way that is not right.**

So, how did this mis-understanding come about?

Are there some subtle differences that might mean one thing, while almost the same statement might mean something else?

If so, then what is the difference?

And, how can we recognize the differences and their implications?

The difference is between someone being able to keep ALL THE LAWS OF GOD!

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Someone being able to Keep ALL THE LAWS OF GOD, which apply to them!

So how is it, that no one can keep ALL THE LAWS OF GOD?

It is because not all of them apply to any one single person, individually?

Some examples:

Some Laws *only* apply to the High Priest.

Some Laws *only* apply the Sons of Aaron.

Some Laws *only* apply to the Levites.

Some Laws *only* apply to those involved in agriculture.

Some Laws *only* apply to those who did not live in walled villages, towns or cities.

Some Laws *only* apply to those who did live in walled villages, town or cities.

Some Laws *only* apply to men.

Some Laws *only* apply to women.

And so on!

Not All The Laws of GOD apply to ever person – not then and not now!

Both then and now, a person *only* has the ability to keep **THE LAWS OF GOD**, which apply to themselves. (Providing that the proper circumstances exist – some required the presence of a Tabernacle or Temple – and a person’s ability to travel to it; as well as other circumstances.)

A person **cannot** keep those **LAWS OF GOD**, which would *only* apply to someone else and not to themselves!

Nor can a person keep a particular **LAW OF GOD**, which would require the presence of a Tabernacle or Temple, when they do not exist!

This is why even Jesus did **not** keep **ALL THE LAWS OF GOD!**

Yet, at the same time **Jesus never broke any of THE LAWS OF GOD!**

Jesus **did** keep **ALL THE LAWS OF GOD**, which applied to Him (as an Israelite man who was not a Levite), all of which He did to the best of His God given ability!

Jesus **did not** and **could not** keep the **LAWS OF GOD**, which were uniquely for a woman! Or, any other **LAW OF GOD** that **did not** apply to Him, as an average Israelite man, who was not a Levite.

In English as well as in other languages you will frequently come across what is known of as “**Idioms**” which is where a statement says one thing but really means something else.

For example in English the statement or term “**Fat chance**” means the same thing as “**Slim chance**” even though they should be opposites!

Sometimes you can also have a declaration that only expresses a “**Key Point**” or a “**Key Statement**” that is invoking a much larger story or concept. However by inserting the “**Key Point**” or “**Key Statement**” the person is making a reference to the entire story or concept, without actually saying it. The person who is hearing what is being said (or is reading what is being said), is expected to know and understand the entire story or concept. And automatically insert it into whatever is being either said or read.

For example, when someone says, “That is the **LAST STRAW!**” The person who is hearing this, is expected to know the story about **THE CAMEL AND THE STRAW**, and insert the story (along with all its ramifications) into the context of whatever is being discussed at the moment.

Likewise, when someone who knows the Scriptures is talking to (or writing to) someone else who is expected to also know the Scriptures, and says something about how someone should keep **All THE LAWS OF GOD**, they are intending for the person who is reading or hearing the statement to understand, that it is being used in a somewhat similar manner to both an “**Idiom**” on one hand and the insertion of a “**Key Point**” of a much larger concept on the other hand.

However, if the person who is hearing or reading what is being said does not understand the “*Idiomatic insertion of the Key Point*” they will mis-understand the intent of what is being said. And miss the true meaning of what the person was intending to convey.

This is what frequently happens when a person hears or reads that someone either did, or is expected to, “**Keep All THE LAWS OF GOD**”. More often than not, the speaker or writer is

expecting the other person to understand that the concept of “**which applies to them!**” is understood to be part of the thought that they are intending to convey. And that the other person will understand that “**which applies to them!**” is so obvious, that it simply “goes without saying”. They just expect that the other person will automatically understand and insert the part that is expected to, “go without saying”.

At first it seemed as though this concept or statement of an “*Idiomatic insertion of a Key Point*” would be a “**Euphemism**”, but on second thought a “**Euphemism**” is generally more of an under-statement. Whereas the “**Key Point**” that we are interested in, is being used as more of an “**Exaggeration**”, which is an over-statement or over-emphasis.

So, if the person hearing or reading something, which has the “*Idiomatic use of this Key Point*”, that is being used as a slight “**Exaggeration**”. And if they do not recognize the underlying intent of its statement, then they will not understand its true intent; they will unfortunately mis-understand the meaning of what is being said.

Sadly, far too many do not understand the “*Idiomatic intent of this Key Point*”! That is intended to mean, “**To Keep ALL THE LAWS OF GOD; that would apply to them!**”

However, the understanding of this is needed as a basic foundation to truly understand what is being expressed in Psalm 119, as well as in many other parts of Scripture.

In the Book of Acts, Paul was shown those who were Zealous for **THE LAWS OF GOD**. This was a statement of pride and joy by the ones making the statement.

**Acts 21:20** (NASV)

(20) ... “You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed, and they are all zealous for the Law; ...”

Even those who are Zealous for **THE LAW OF GOD** can sometimes lose their focus on serving **THE ALMIGHTY** and fall into sin, breaking **GOD’S LAW**.

For example, when some people think of King David, one of the first things that come’s to their mind is his episode with Bathsheba. So, it is somewhat perplexing to them when they read what GOD said to Jeroboam. GOD was condemning Jeroboam and telling of what was to occur to him and to his descendants. Yet, look at what **ALMIGHTY GOD** has to say about David.

**1<sup>st</sup> Kings 14:10** (NASB)

(10) “...yet you have not been like My servant David, who kept My Commandments and who followed Me with all his heart, to do only that which was right in My sight; ...”

David started out his life by keeping GOD’S Commandments and he followed GOD with all his heart; only doing that which was right in GOD’S sight. And it appears that he kept doing so, until he reached middle age, at which time he had a major failure; that being the episode with Bathsheba. Yet, with the death of his first child from Bathsheba, we see an intense and very deep repentance, which resulted in a return to serving GOD with his whole heart. For David

understood GOD. He knew the heart of GOD. So much so, that David recognized the basic premises which GOD would later have the prophet Ezekiel write in Scripture.

**Ezekiel 18:21-29 (NASB)**

(21) “But if the wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed and observes all My statutes and practices justice and righteousness, he shall surely live; he shall not die.”

(22) “All his transgressions which he has committed **will not be remembered against him**; because of his righteousness which he has practiced, he will live.”

(23) “Do I have any pleasure in the death of the wicked,” declares the LORD GOD, “rather than that he should turn from his ways and live?”

(24) “But when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity (Lawlessness), and does according to all the abominations that a wicked man does, will he live? all his righteous deeds which he has done **will not be remembered** for his treachery which he has committed and his sin which he has committed; for them he will die.”

(25) “Yet you say, ‘The way of the LORD is not right.’ Hear now, O house of Israel! Is My way not right? Is it not your ways that are not right?”

(26) “When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity (Lawlessness), and dies because of it, for his iniquity (Lawlessness) which he has committed he will die.”

(27) “Again, when a wicked man turns away from his wickedness which he has committed and practices justice and righteousness, he will save his life.”

(28) “Because he considered and turned away from all his transgressions which he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.”

(29) “But the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the LORD is not right.’” Are My ways not right, O house of Israel? Is it not your ways that are not right?”

(30) “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, each according to his conduct.” Declares the LORD God. “Repent and turn away from all your transgressions, so that iniquity (Lawlessness) may not become a stumbling block to you.”

For most Christians the very thought that anyone could ever, at some point in their life, **stop sinning, is HERESY!** The very thought, that from this moment on, they could quit sinning, has become un-Christian! No matter that Jesus Himself told people to, **“SIN NO MORE”** (John 5:14 and 8:11). Not only that, Jesus went on to say in Matthew 5:48, **“Therefore you are to be PERFECT, as your Heavenly Father is PERFECT.”** Isn't Jesus preaching something that most Christians deeply believe, to be **Legalistic HERESY?**

Perhaps most Christians who claim to Love GOD, just don't Love Him enough? Enough to put out the effort to **truly LOVE GOD**, with **All their HEART, All their MIND, All their SOUL** and **All their MIGHT** ? ? ? ? ?

If you believe that Jesus was the **Son of GOD**, the **true** Messiah, sent by **ALMIGHTY GOD, The HEAVENLY FATHER**, then you need to remember that the New Testament tells the believers in Jesus that they should walk as He walked!

Some Christians claim that this is a foundational part of their Christian theology. They also claim to believe that this pertains to everyone who considers Jesus to be the prophesied Messiah of Scripture.

#### **1 John 2:3-6 (NASB)**

- (3) And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.
- (4) The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;
- (5) but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of GOD has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him:
- (6) the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to **walk in the same manner as He walked.**

#### **1 Peter 2:21-22 (NASB)**

- (21) For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an **example** for you to **follow in His steps,**
- (22) **WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH;**

Jesus did not sin. This means, Jesus kept both THE COMMANDMENTS and THE LAWS OF GOD that applied to Him, just as we also should. Yet, most Christians think that because Jesus **FULFILLED The Law**, that somehow it was **ABOLISHED** or **DONE AWAY WITH!**

#### **MATTHEW 5:17-19 (NASB)**

- (17) "**Do not think** that **I came to abolish The Law** or the Prophets; **I did not come to abolish**, but to fulfill."
- (18) "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from **The Law**, until all is accomplished."
- (19) "Whoever then annuls one of the least of these Commandments, and so teaches others, 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."

*Notice*, that most Christians **are doing** the very thing that Jesus tells them **not** to do! Jesus actually told them **not** to think that He came to abolish **THE LAW!** Because He apparently knew that many, if not most, would try and twist the next thing that He was about to say. That He came to FULFILL **THE LAW!** He apparently knew that, for whatever reason, some (if not most) would think that because Jesus did not Rape, Murder, Steal and so on; that it was now somehow Ok for them to? Because Jesus fulfilled The Law, so now you do not have to? **NO!** That was probably why Jesus started off with a **DON'T MISUNDERSTAND ME**, type of statement. Remember Jesus said, "**Do not think that I CAME TO ABOLISH THE LAW or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish...**" Yet, most Christians do not want to do what Jesus said! They mistakenly think that FULFILL means ABOLISH. Thereby doing the very thing Jesus told them **not** to do!

**LUKE 6:46 (NASB)**

(46) "And why do you call Me, 'LORD, LORD,' and do not do what I say?"

Many of them will say we did do what Jesus said. Because the old heaven and earth passed away with The Crucifixion, Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus! And all things were made new! Good try. But they are still *wrong!* When Jesus said, that He did **not** come to abolish **The Law or The Prophets**; He also said, "**not the smallest letter or stroke will pass away from The Law, until all is accomplished.**" In **The Prophets** all has not yet been accomplished. Because the prophecies of **THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS** have not yet been fulfilled!

If the **The Law** has been ABOLISHED because Jesus had FULFILLED it, then Jesus would have been baring false witness about **The Law** and its future application to you and others! That means that Jesus would have **SINNED!** Which in turn means, that Jesus would **not** have been a perfect sacrifice for our sins when He (Jesus) was **CRUCIFIED?** This would also mean, that we were **NOT** (and could **NOT** have been) **REDEEMED** from our **SINS** through His **CRUCIFIXION?** Also, according to Christian Theology, everyone on earth would therefore be doomed to **HELL** with no chance of **REDEMPTION** or **SALVATION?**

So, perhaps in an effort to more fully understand Salvation, we should probably take a closer look at the concepts of **The Redeemer and Redemption.**

Redeem = Recover, Reclaim, Retrieve, Repurchase, Buy back,  
Pay off, Restore, Buy off *or* Ransom.

To redeem something, it must be bought or bought back with something of equal or greater value. So when GOD chose to redeem the children of Adam who would turn back to Him, the value of the item used for the purchase needed to be equal to, or greater than, that of the potential total population, being redeemed.

Could any person who was perfect in all their ways, before GOD, be used to redeem the rest of mankind or would even more be needed? The usual reply (from Christianity) is that there was only **ONE** person that has ever been perfect in all their ways before GOD (meaning Jesus). So Christianity says: Yes, Jesus could? But was He truly the only one who has ever been perfect before GOD in all their ways?



**Luke 1:5-6 (NASB)**

(5) In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

(6) **AND THEY WERE BOTH RIGHTEOUS IN THE SIGHT OF GOD, WALKING BLAMELESSLY IN ALL THE COMMANDMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE LORD!**

**Zacharias** and **Elizabeth**, (the parents of John the Baptist) were only normal, average, everyday mortal human beings. Yet, *they were blameless in all their ways before GOD!* Even so, the value of their lives was not enough to ever have a chance of redeeming all who had already and who would in the future turn to GOD. It would take someone who was of a far greater value to **ALMIGHTY GOD**, from their very inception, to accomplish that.

**Proverbs 8:22-31 (NIV)**

(22) “The LORD brought me forth as the first of His works, before His deeds of old;

(23) I was appointed from eternity, from the beginning, **before the world began.**

(24) When there were no oceans, **I was given birth**, when there were no springs abounding with water;

(25) before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, **I was given birth,**

(26) before He made the earth or its fields or any of the dust of the world.

(27) I was there when He set the heavens in place, when He marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,

(28) when He established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,

(29) when He gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command, and when He marked out the foundations of the earth.

(30) Then I was the craftsman **at His side**. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in His presence,

(31) rejoicing in His whole world and delighting in mankind.”

**WALKING BLAMELESSLY IN ALL THE COMMANDMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE LORD**, (which we have seen can be done by a normal person) in and of itself, is not enough to **REDEEM** those of the children of Adam who are **The Called Out Ones of GOD**. The One being used to **REDEEM** them must also be even more precious, to **THE ALMIGHTY**, than the total of all those who are being **REDEEMED!**

Even so, the **true Called Out Ones of GOD** are the Ones who **LOVE GOD** and will seek to serve **ALMIGHTY GOD**, their **HEAVENLY FATHER**. And because they do **truly LOVE HIM**, with **All their HEART, All their MIND, All their SOUL** and **All their MIGHT**. They will seek to obey **GOD** and keep **ALL** of **THE LAWS AND COMMANDMENTS OF GOD** **that would apply to them, to the very best of their GOD given ability!**