

# Red Letter Edition

*What did Jesus Say?*

## "On the Law - Conclusion"

*Don C Harris*

### **Our Conscience**

The sad part of all this is that man has a tendency to go overboard with anything that appeals to him. It will not be hard to find those who accept and teach this truth who make it into a laborious, works oriented, miserable life that could never be given the title "perfect law of liberty." These are the ones Paul spoke of in I Timothy 1:4-11.

*Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do. Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling; Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.*

I, too, would suggest one steer clear of these who deny grace and faith. But, contrarily, we should not cheat ourselves of understanding what is a "lawful use" of the Law.

As Paul goes on to say:

*But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully; Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.*

**The wonderful by-product of obedience to God's law is the development of this pure conscience mentioned above, that is harmony with God.**

We will find ourselves judging a situation as harmful or displeasing to God with no visible grounds of concern, but all the while we will know that we are being protected from something unpleasant or dangerous. This is the state in which we should live - a state where our conscience, and even our senses, can know good and evil, a state where our walk with God will become a natural and even an automatic one. This is the way of true righteousness and this Law was the first "milk" of the word, given to the "babes in Christ." For us to learn our Master's voice there is hardly a better way to train ourselves than to obey the laws of God. It is only then that we can walk away from the image in the mirror and remember what manner of man we are. Then we are fit to look into the perfect law of liberty that Christ has provided.

*Joshua 22:5, "But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul."*

### **Conclusion**

There is not an old and a new method of salvation, there are old and new covenants subsequent to, and supportive of the covenant of Abraham. Salvation has always been by grace, through living faith. The Law provides the perfect basis of corresponding action to show ones faith to be alive. It is when we attempt to justify ourselves by what we do that we are at crossed purposes with the Law.

If we do not know what God expects, how will we know if we are meeting His expectations? How will a person know when they are being dutiful, obedient, servants? A life lived in the perfect Law of liberty offers answers to these questions.

We must not neglect the reading and study of the Scriptures.

The Law provides legitimate outlet for the desire to demonstrate our love and devotion to God. The innate and natural, instinctive and universal desires to make sacrifice, serve and honor God that can be found in people all over the world, is satisfied in a life lived within the perfect Law of Liberty in Christ.

We have found that the blood sacrifices are no more our obligation to perform now, than they were then. As they were the responsibility of the High Priest that day, so they are the responsibility of our High Priest, Christ Jesus.

The Festivals of God are a conscionable holy day to replace the questionable holidays. They were given in perpetuity and held in high esteem by God. They could never be considered as pagan, or self-willed.

Why is the Law neglected, set aside, and negated?

I suspect it is because we want to be in control of our own lives. But for those of us that want to please God it is a trove of insight into what He considers important, how life under our King would be, and what He desires. In the New Jerusalem, will we celebrate Easter or Passover? When He reigns on Earth, will we celebrate the feast of tabernacles or Halloween? Most Christians today know more about Santa Claus than Pentecost, they know more about the fasts of lent than the feast of unleavened bread.

We have made the Law of God a smorgasbord. We judge each Law's weight and viability, whether they pertain or not, whether they are in force or not, whether we will or will not comply. We have about eight and a half Commandments left. How many will we have next week?

We have found that if we approach the law with the attitude that we will do whatever we want to do, only that which benefits us will be done. If we approach the law with the attitude - that we will do whatever we can do; we show ourselves to be dutiful, obedient, servants eligible to receive salvation by grace through the action of our living faith.

I say that it would behove us to categorically strive to do what we feel we cannot do in order to make ourselves better today than we were yesterday. Then we will understand as Paul said, "...the end of the law." (op.cit.).

Friendly,

*Don C. Harris*

*“For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.” Romans 10:4*

# Testimony: ThINKers In Kenya

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*REPLY FROM TRI:* Thank you for sharing your testimony, it is wonderful to hear of the guidance God provides to those who love TRUTH. In many ways your journey is similar to the journey of Mr. Harris. I read your email to Don while he was under a desk wiring the studio for tonight's program. (TRI is in the process of recording nightly programs for the Feast of Tabernacles, which aired LIVE each evening on the Think Red Ink Ministries YouTube channel.) Don will send you a copy of his testimony as recorded in the book titled, "Think Red Ink." -- Thank you for your willingness to share the message of "Think Red Ink" with our Christian family in Kenya.

I have just re-read past issues on the Laws of God. Jeremiah 9:24 He says "let those who boast boast in this, that they understand and know me, that I am the Lord, I act with steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the Lord ". Don, your RLEzines help to understand our Father and better see how He acts in the earth and how sin separates us from Him. So again I thank you. Peace and wellness,

~ ThINKer in TX

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Greetings Don - Sorry to hear about your health set-back. You've come through a lot in your life to this point, and

with Yahweh's help you will make it through this challenge as well! You will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

~ ThINKer in AZ

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Thank you as always for any and all material you send me and thank you for all you do. Your words give encouragement, enlightenment and conviction. Yours in Christ.

~ ThINKer in VA

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I hope all is going the best it can : ) and that you are staying warm.

~ ThINKer in NM

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Hi Don! Moving house 8 times in one year took its toll on me! Recovering slowly. Still in "the woods". Listening to your teachings had kept me sane! ... Much love in our heavenly Father. Kinda lonely out here. Many Christian's still attending Sunday church services & keeping Xmas Easter Sunday worship in old mega churches! I stick out like a sore thumb. Kinda lonely out here! No family being an only child! Very much in my thoughts & prayers! Abundant blessings!

~ ThINKer in S.A.

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...I want to say please don't give up and don't get discouraged. Father is not done with you or TRI, it will take time. ...I am believing that the Father will restore your health so you can continue spreading the message of TRI. The harvest is great and the laborers are few, please get well. We have work to do.

~ ThINKer in NM

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...you do not need to feel in anyway concerned about letting me know your status. My prayers and thoughts are with you always.

~ ThINKer in OH

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I just read the RLEzine! News & Happenings for January and as always enjoyed it very much. I wanted to thank you for the answer that you shared concerning the question about driving on the Sabbath. It was refreshing to read confirmation of what I feel my conscience has led me into for the past several years. Praying your health will continue to improve. Warmest regards.

~ ThINKer in TX

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THINKER IN NIGERIA: I hope this meets you well? I would like to know how you are doing sir. God bless you and the wonderful TRI TEAM.

FROM DON: I wish I had good news for you - God's will being done ... we may not appreciate the speed at which it comes; but it comes at exactly 60 minutes per hour. I take pleasure in knowing that I am being beaten 'with few stripes'...things could be worse.

THINKER IN NIGERIA: The good news is that we are in His hands...whatever comes. Much love Mr. Don. Be strong Sir.

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