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“And after these things, I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with His glory.” (Rev. 18:1)

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## THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST: THE SON OF GOD

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In the previous article, we beheld the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, as we saw Him as the living Word of God by which all things are made. The apostle, John, in his account of Jesus Christ, set Him forth from the beginning in this light (refer to John 1:1-4 King James Version). It declared that Christ, as the Word of God, was with the Father **from the very beginning**. It was by Him that God made all things and by Him that they are held together: He is the very bedrock and the very foundation of creation.

In order to fully understand **the depths of God's love, of His great sacrifice, and our own identity through Christ in the heavenly family**, we must thoroughly examine what the Scripture teaches regarding **“the Christ,”** by whom all things are made.

### WHO DO YOU SAY CHRIST IS?

When Christ dwelt upon this earth, there were many ideas regarding His identity. At that time, Christ put forth the question to his disciples: **“...Whom do men say that I, the Son of man, am”** (Matthew 16:13)?

The answer amassed a confusion of ideas: “...Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of

the prophets” (Matthew 16:14). But should we marvel at this? The answer was no less diverse at that time than they are today. Truly, even now, there are **many ideas regarding who Christ is**. Yet it is **not any man's ideas or opinion** that will verify who Christ is, but **only the inspired Word of the living God**.

Even his closest companions were not spared from the question:

“He saith unto them, **But whom say ye that I am?** And Simon Peter answered and said, **Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God**. And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven... upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it”** (Matthew 16:15-18).

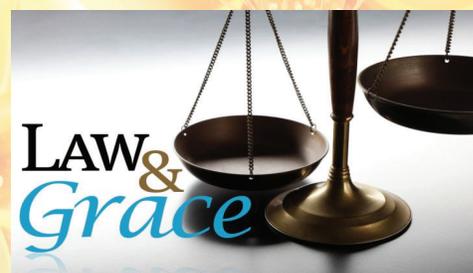
If ever a confession were fraught with eternal significance, it is here. While Christ, as the Word of God, was the firmly founded Cornerstone of heaven, **Christ, as the Son of the living God, is to be the unconquerable foundation of His church**, of which “the gates of hell shall not prevail against.”

Scripture tells us in 1 John 4:15: “Whosoever

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shall **confess** that Jesus is **the Son of God**, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.”

Simon Peter’s **confession was the revelation from the Father in heaven**; it had not stemmed from the mere ideas and speculations of men.

Let us then scrutinize Christ as the Son of the living God, in depth.

## WHO IS THE SON OF GOD?

The **Son of God was with God the Father in the creation** of God from the beginning. More than His embodiment as the Word of God, He was the beloved Son at His Father’s side.

The Son of God declares of Himself:

“The LORD possessed me **in the beginning of his way, before** his works of old. I was **set up from everlasting**, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, **I was brought forth**... Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was **I brought forth**: While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, **I was there**: ...when he appointed the foundations of the earth: Then **I was by him**, as one **brought up** with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him” (Proverbs 8:22-30).

Christ says He was “brought forth” as the Son of God, “set up from everlasting, from the beginning,” “**Whose origin is from of old, from ancient times**” (Micah 5:2 New American Bible). Christ was the only begotten of the Father **from the earliest times**.

Two questions found in the Scripture further clarify this matter.

The first being, “...who hath **established** all the ends of the **earth**” (Proverbs 30:4)?

The answer to this lies in the very first verse of the Bible: “In the beginning, **God created the heavens and the earth**” (Genesis 1:1).

Followed by another question: “...what is His name, and **what is His Son’s name**, if thou canst tell” (Proverbs 30:4)? Thus it was from the beginning that the Son of God was united in God’s creative purposes.

## THE EQUALITY OF THE SON OF GOD

The One whom Scripture declares as “the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power” also shares the same identity **with the Son of God**, who was “**appointed heir of all things**” (Hebrews 1:2) by God the Father.

Christ said, “**All things** that the Father hath **are Mine**...” (John 16:15). Jesus knew that His Father “...had given **all things into His hands**, and that **He had come from God**” (John 13:3). Christ was the appointed heir of all things created by virtue of having been “come from God”.

Before and during the **ancient Hebraic economy, the law of inheritance** was already observed. This law determined that the **firstborn male** was to **inherit his father’s possessions**, to continue his name and bear his legacy. This **practice originated in the earliest times** with Christ. The Scripture testifies that Christ is “...**the firstborn of every creature**” (Colossians 1:15), thus; He is the divinity appointed heir of all things, for God the Father made all things by Him (see 1 Corinthians 8:6).

Furthermore, the Scripture declares that He shares the Father’s throne: “...(I) am **set down with my Father in his throne**” (Revelation 3:21), and by sharing His Father’s throne **through His divine Sonship**, they hold equality in a special sense.

Philippians 2:6 affirms this: “Who, being **in the form of God**, thought it not robbery to be **equal with God**.” Having been equal with God by divine inheritance, to be **worshipped as the Firstborn of heaven is His right** because He has **inherited the name “God” by birthright**. God says: “...obey His voice, provoke Him not; for He will not pardon your transgressions: for **My name is in Him**” (Exodus 23:21).

**Worship of the Son constitutes a vital element of true worship of the Father**, according to the Scripture: “That all men **should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father**. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent Him” (John 5:23).

## A NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME

All things were created by and for the Son of God, **including the angels**: “For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: **all things were created by Him, and for Him**” (Col. 1:16).

Christ was not a Son by creation as the angels were, nor by adoption as the redeemed are, but was **the begotten Son of God in the express image of His Father’s person**. Therefore, those things created did not have that **exalted privilege that the God’s Firstborn had**, and rightly so. Not even exalted angels of heaven were given this right.

The following verse says so: “Being **made so much better than the angels**, as He hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, ‘Thou art **my Son**, this day have I **begotten thee**?’ And again, ‘I will be to him a Father, and He shall be to me a Son?’...And of the angels He saith, who **maketh his angels spirits**, and his ministers a flame of fire. But **unto the Son** he saith, ‘**Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever**: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom’” (Hebrews 1:4).

The Son was given the name God in respect to **His nature**, having inherited it from **His Father**. While the Father was **God in personality**, the Son was **God in infinity**; **all the fullness of the Godhead bodily was His from God the Father**. This name given to Christ is **a name above every name, never bestowed to any created being, not even to the most exalted cherubim** at the throne of God.

Nevertheless, one such an angel, **a covering cherub** at the throne of God in His sanctuary (refer to Jeremiah 17:12), **assumed that position in his jealousy**, which was **not given to him** by God: “Thou art **the anointed cherub that covereth**; and **I have set thee so**: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down **in the midst of the stones of fire**” (Ezekiel 28:14).

God’s sanctuary in heaven is made up of, but not limited to, “stones of fire,” which are an innumerable company of angels, (Hebrew 1:7 and Daniel 7:10), lively stones built up a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:5) and **this is what the church in heaven consists of** - the Son of God being their confession and delight.

So what happened to this exalted “cherub that covereth”? Ezekiel 28:15 says, “Thou wast **perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in**

**thee.**”

“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! ... **thou hast said in thine heart**, I will ascend into heaven, **I will exalt my throne above the stars of God**: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, **in the sides of the north**: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will be like the most High**. Yet thou shalt be **brought down to hell**, to the sides of the pit” (Isaiah 14:12-15).

In addition, Ezekiel 28:2-17 states, “Because thine heart is lifted up, and **thou hast said, I am a God**, I sit in the **seat of God**, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and **not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God**... I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. **Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty**, thou hast **corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness**: I will cast thee to the ground”

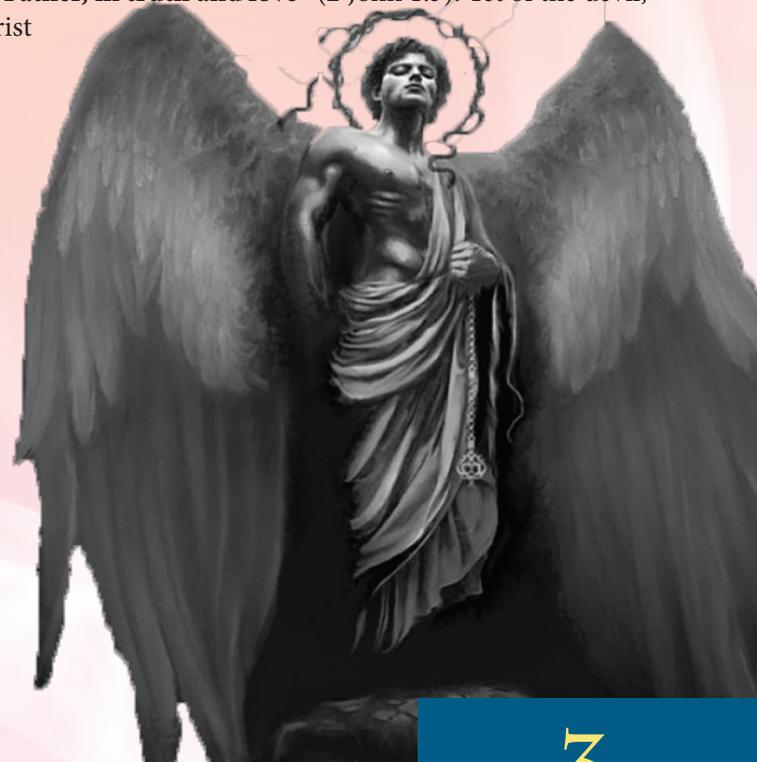
Lucifer, that covering cherub, **exalted himself in his heart, setting himself as equal with God when God’s Word had not declared it. Jealousy prevailed in his heart over the Son of God as he desired**

**that exalted name given to the Firstborn alone, to be his name also.**

## THE FATHER OF LIES

God is the Father of Christ, the Son. This testimony speaks true. John, the apostle, declared Christ to be “**the Son of the Father, in truth and love**” (2 John 1:3). Yet of the devil, Christ

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declares that he, in John 8:44, "...abode **not in the truth**, because there is **no truth in him**. **When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own**: for he is a **liar**, and **the father of it**." The covering cherub, dwelling in the midst of the stones of fire, the very church of heaven, **saw the gates of hell prevail against him**, and why is this so? Because he **refused to believe that Christ alone is the only equal** with the living God, His only begotten Son. Satan, **in exalting himself to equality with God**, was **adding to the Word of God**.

The Scripture tells us that, "...**he that believeth not God hath made him a liar**; because he believeth not **the record that God gave of his Son**" (1 John 5:10). Satan had done exactly this. In exalting himself to equality with God, Satan brazenly declared that **he did not believe the record** God gave of Christ, His beloved Son, and by this means, had added to the Word of God.

"Who hath established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell? Every word of God is pure... Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a **liar**" (Proverbs 30:4-6).

Lucifer, who is Satan, a **liar** and the father of it, had **added to the Word of God**; God created all things by His Word, and Lucifer was now **adding to the creation something that was not so from the beginning**, and in doing so, he proved himself to be a **liar**. Thus he declared God to be a liar while in heaven, in not believing the record He gave of His Son. The most startling implications, not then discerned by the rebellious cherubim, were the result of Lucifer seeking to exalt himself in his heart. Thus it was, that in the heart of Lucifer was found **the origin of the mystery of iniquity, a trinity of divine beings, and of antichrist**.

1 John 2:22-23 point this out: "Who is a **liar** but he that **denieth that Jesus is the Christ**? He is **antichrist that denieth the Father and the Son**. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also."

Thus, it was that Satan **denied the Son of God**. There is an abundance of Scriptural testimony regarding that old serpent, the father of lies, that declare **that the gates of hell have indeed prevailed against him**, and that he has continued this warfare against the creation of God. He continues to this day to declare that God is a liar, and perverts His Word to win souls to his rebellion.

"...Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, **God hath said**, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, **lest ye die**. And **the serpent said** unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die**:

For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:1-5).

Christ said, "When he speaks a lie, **he speaks of his own**." While dishonesty and jealousy are exclusively **the qualities of the devil**, he **imposed them upon the Father of truth**, thus **the prevalence of the gates of hell over one who denies the Son of the living God**. As it was then, even so it is now.

## SENDING THE SON INTO THE WORLD

"**In this was manifested the love of God** toward us, because that **God sent his only begotten Son into the world**, that we might live through him" (1 John 4:9).

God's love was manifested in His act of giving His only begotten Son, a point God would have **the angels acknowledge**.

Hebrews 1:6 says, "When he bringeth in **the firstbegotten into the world**, he saith, and **let all the angels of God worship him**."

As the Son of God, the "firstbegotten," was sent into the world, a command was carried out that **all the angels of God should worship Him**. Yet the fallen angel, who had denied the Son of God in heaven, sought to **destroy Him** when He came to earth: "...the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to **devour her child as soon as it was born**" (Revelation 12:4). Thus, he showed in this act his **direct opposition to the Son of God**.

Affirming His identity, the Voice of the Father conferred the greatest blessing at Christ's baptism: Matthew 3:17 reads, "And lo a voice from heaven, saying, "This is **my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased**."

By the Son of God, everything was made, and by this declaration at the baptism, the Father embraced all of humanity as He did His Son. However, the testimony of God regarding His Son **is the point the fallen angel would especially obscure**: "Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil... And when the tempter came to him, he said, 'If thou be **the Son of God**, command that these stones be made bread'" (Matthew 4:1-3).

While the Father is **seeking to inspire the hearts of men** with the **same testimony Simon Barjona's had**, "This is My beloved Son," it is also **the fallen angel's aim to cause Christ and His professed followers to doubt His true identity**. In attacking the testimony that God gave of His Son at the baptism, he attacked **all of humanity which the Father embraced by that testimony**.

Why is he so determined to obscure this fact? If he can

toy with this fact, then **he can obscure the great love that the Father had for us in giving His Son.** Thus, the world's confusion regarding who Christ is. Among them, the most popular view is the **co-eternality of Christ**, that Christ has **no beginning** and no end. His Sonship is not **"in truth"**, but in a metaphorical sense only. Thus the Father is not the Father **in truth**, but only metaphorically. Some have gone as far as to claim that the Father and Son are **interchangeable**, yet if this is the case, then God does not have a Son to sacrifice, but only a partner: a second divine being. If the Father did not have a Son to give, it would not only be a denial of the Son, but **a denial of the Father's love**, casting great doubt on **your identity and value in the eyes of God** because your sonship, and **the plainest statements** of God, cannot be trusted. Yet the matter goes deeper than this.

### THE SPIRIT OF THE SON

Jesus is the Christ, and by Christ are all things. **Christ is the channel for the Father's blessing to mankind.** In declaring to Him the blessing, "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased," He has **pronounced that blessing to the redeemed human race, to "whosoever believeth in Him."**

The Scripture tells us in 1 John 5:10, "He that believeth on the Son of God hath **the witness in himself.**" What witness is this? It is **the witness of the Spirit of Christ, His Son.**

1 John 5:1 says, "Whosoever believeth **that Jesus is the Christ is born of God,**" and if you are born of God, it is declared that you are **a son of God**, and this is true if you believe in the testimony God gives of the Christ as the Son of the living God: "But as many as received him, to them **gave He power to become the sons of God**, even to them that **believe on His name**" (1 John 1:12).

1 John 4:15 also says that "Whosoever shall **confess** that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth **in him**, and he in God."

The reality is that the heavenly Father reveals this truth to His children. What truth? The very same that Simon Peter confessed: that Christ is the Son of the living God. And by this confession, in the truest sense, **these are the children**

**of God in Christ.** So long as they walk in the light as He is in the light, **"the gates of hell" shall have no power over them** because they are born of God.

This is what we read in Galatians 4:6-7: "And because ye **are sons**, God hath sent forth **the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.** Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and **if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.**"

What a glorious reality! The Spirit of the Son of God, **the Sonship of Christ, dwells in us** and makes us heirs with Christ! The place that the fallen angels lost is not as exalted as will be our nearness to Christ. Satan disregarded the Son of the living God in heaven, **whereas we set the seal in our hearts of the truth: He is the Son of God.** Here it becomes evident that belief in that testimony is sufficient to make **all the difference between heaven and hell.** Now that Spirit, which dwells in us, bears witness that we are children of the heavenly Father. Hallelujah!

According to the Scripture, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and **joint-heirs with Christ**; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together" (Romans 8:16-17).

What a glorious inheritance comes by heaven's Firstborn! What wondrous love that God would give His begotten Son and **call us His own!** Truly, there may be many ideas regarding who Christ is today, but there is only one **confession that shall stand against the storm and tempests of hell victoriously**; that confession is the one His disciples of **this generation shall know** as verily as they did when it was asked of them of old. That is **"Ye are the the Christ, the Son of the living God"**.



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"Satan in Heaven, before his rebellion, was a high and exalted angel, next in honor to God's dear Son...He [Christ] was one with the Father before the angels were created. Satan was envious of Christ, and gradually assumed command which devolved on Christ alone. The great Creator assembled the heavenly host, that he might in the presence of all the angels confer special honor upon His Son...The Father then made known that it was ordained by himself that Christ, his Son, should be equal with himself; so that wherever was the presence of his Son, it was as his own presence. The word of the Son was to be obeyed as readily as the word of the Father. His Son he had invested with authority to command the heavenly host...Satan was envious and jealous of Jesus Christ...But Christ was acknowledged sovereign of Heaven, his power and authority to be the same as that of God himself...They were discontented and unhappy because they could not look into His unsearchable wisdom and ascertain His purposes in exalting His Son Jesus, and endowing Him with such unlimited power and command. They rebelled against the authority of the Son...They [loyal angels] justified the act of God in conferring honor upon Jesus Christ...They clearly set forth that Jesus was the Son of God, existing with him before the angels were created; and that he had ever stood at the right hand of God..."

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# THE LAW CAME BY MOSES; GRACE & TRUTH CAME BY JESUS CHRIST

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John 1:17 reads, "For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."

Was the law given by Moses? Yes indeed and it could not save anyone. Paul said, "I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness *come* by the law, then Christ is dead in vain" (Galatians 2:21).

Can one obtain life or righteousness by the law? Many misconstrue that if they order someone to do something repeatedly, somehow they will eventually become disciplined people. However, rules do not change a person. They can only point out what is wrong. Therefore, righteousness will never come by the law, nor has it ever come by the law.

## ON MOSES IN SAVING AND GIVING GRACE

Moses did give the children of Israel the rules of God, but only Jesus Christ gave them life, and the only way life could be attained is through God's grace alone. Furthermore, the only way a man can be made righteous is by faith alone.

Ephesians 2:7-10 says, "That in the ages to come, he might shew the exceeding riches of his *grace* in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by *grace* are ye saved through faith; and that **not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:** Not of works, lest any man should boast. For **we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus** unto good works, **which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.**"

The law is righteous and Paul concluded that God had ordained for us to walk in those he had appointed us to walk in. We read in Galatians that "If there had been a law given, which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe" (Galatians 3:21, 22). David said, "The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple" (Psalms 19:7). And Paul also said, "What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet" (Romans 7:7). Therefore, the law made him aware of his unrighteousness and need of a saviour.

One might wonder if the law is so good, just, righteous, and holy, why then is it against me? Why is Paul telling us that righteousness does not come by the law? Well, the truth of the matter is, because the law has no power to do anything, but to condemn, imprison, and hold in bondage one who has broken it. It can only point out that we are filthy, unrighteous, carnal, lost, and in need of salvation.

We need to be saved from its penalty, which is against us. Not salvation in sin, but salvation from sin. We need the power of God to keep us from sin, which is transgression of the law.

Matthew 1:21 then states, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." The law only condemned people and instilled in them the need of a saviour, the need to be free from their bondage to sin. It emphasized that people were lost without Christ. Therefore though Moses gave the law, it did not save them. It only condemned them.

Was this only pointed out until Jesus was made flesh? Or has the law been forever the same?

## GRACE AND TRUTH FROM THE BEGINNING

Many, upon reading the following text that "...grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:18), have concluded that "grace and truth" came at the time of the cross and that before the cross, everyone only had laws. They thought that after the cross, they are no longer under a system of law, and therefore need not know, study, learn or keep the law. This couldn't be further from the truth or from the gospel.

Let's read the context.

John 1:14 writes, "And **the Word was** made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) **full of grace and truth.**"

We are told that the word is full of "grace and truth," and that when the word dwelt among us, we saw and beheld that "grace and truth" made flesh. But before the word was made flesh, he existed in the form of God and was equal with God. Was he not "grace and truth" before he "was made flesh?" How long has that "grace and truth" existed? The answer is found, but a few verses earlier.

According to John 1:1, "**In the beginning was the Word**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Consequently, we can certainly conclude that "grace and truth" have existed since "the beginning." As to when that beginning is, humanity cannot comprehend it, thus it is best left as it is.

The word is full of grace and truth. God spoke his word at Mount Sinai, therefore **what was spoken at Mount Sinai was full of grace and truth.** However, without seeing Jesus Christ in it, they could not see the grace and truth present in that word as 2 Corinthians 3:14-15 points out: "But **their minds were blinded:** for **until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the Old Testament;** which *vail* is done away in Christ. But **even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.**"

This form of blindness exists until today. They can't see Jesus Christ in Moses' writings. The scripture further tells us where this is stemmed from:

"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom **the god of this world hath blinded the minds** of them which believe not, lest **the light of the glorious gospel of Christ**, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:3-6).



## GRACE AND TRUTH GIVEN TO ISRAEL

Though the law was given to Israel to specify their sins, the belief that they were left to attain righteousness by the law until the cross, holds no bearing. If righteousness came by the law, even back then, Christ must have then died in vain. Therefore, grace must have been given before the cross and indeed, it was given.

After the Israelites had promised to keep the law of God, Moses went up to the mountain to receive the tablets of stone. Upon his return, they had made a graven image and went whoring from their God. After this, God spoke with Moses, saying that he would reveal his glory to Moses. This glory is a revelation of his grace (see Exodus 33:13-19, 34:6, 7, 14, 15).

Exodus 34:6-7 reads, "And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and **gracious**, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear *the guilty*; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth *generation.*"

Exodus 34:9 also supports this claim: "Moses had found grace in the sight of the LORD." We further read in John 1:17 that "Grace... came by Jesus Christ."

The law did not save Moses. When Grace came for Moses, he was no longer under the condemnation of the law.

“What then? Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid” (Romans 6:15).

Moses was not “under the law,” but “under grace.” Many would say that “under the law” refers to a dispensation of time where God put his people under a system of law, and they were not “under grace.” This is not true. It is a misapplication and misunderstanding of the term “under the law.” God has not left his children without grace even when he gave the law at Sinai. Grace and truth were given then, as much as they are given today to anyone who will receive it.

If we are preaching that somehow God had a system of law before the cross without grace, we are teaching “righteousness by the law,” and if this was ever possible, then “Christ died in vain”(for nothing). Why did Christ die on the cross if it were possible to attain righteousness through the law before the cross?

If the law before the 31AD had righteousness, and we could have just tried our best and overcame without the power of grace, the gospel, and the cross, then Christ did not need to die.

Grace and truth most certainly did come by Jesus Christ, even to the patriarchs and prophets. And if we are teaching that God ordained a different system, whereby righteousness was to be attained before the cross, then why not say that there was also no “truth” before the cross?

How then do we relate to the law today? Does the law condemn those who are violating it? Absolutely. Is the law good? Absolutely. Is it the truth? Absolutely. And if we look carefully, we will see that the demand for breaking the law is death, and that this demand was satisfied by our Lord Jesus Christ, who took upon himself our penalty for violating that law. Now that we are no longer under the condemnation of the law, are we going to break the law? God forbid. Absolutely not (see

Romans 6:14, 15, 23).

One might be quick to judge that I am only stirring things up, but I tell the truth of the gospel; the same gospel yesterday, today, and forever - that our God is good and that He does not change. We can even behold His glory just as Moses did when he said in Exodus 33:17, “Shew me thy glory.” The truth must be told and I believe I am only following the steps of my Redeemer who was shut out of the synagogues Himself.

Luke 11:13 says, “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?”

Men like Moses were justified by faith and before faith came, he was kept under the condemnation of the law - a slave to sin, guilty and condemned by it. But after its advent, Moses refused to be called a child of a pharaoh's daughter, and was thus redeemed from under the law. He then became a child of the most high, born again of the spirit of his Son, whereby he was a child of His Father and Abba, God (Galatians 3:23-25, 4:1-6, 5:18, John 3:3-12, Hebrews 11:24-25). He then had come to accept the grace and truth, which was given since the world began.

According to 2 Timothy 1:9, “Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.”

Indeed the word is truth. The word is full of grace and truth. The word is from the beginning; therefore the dispensation of grace is from the beginning.



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So we find that in the very giving of the law, by which is the knowledge of sin, the grace of God which brings salvation from sin, was present. For Christ was there, the giver of the law to Moses, and He is always full of grace; grace and truth come by Jesus Christ.  
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# TESTIMONY

A brother in from KENYA shares his testimony of how the newsletter has been a blessing to him:

“Greetings in the lovely name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

I trust this finds you all strong in the Lord and the power of His might, steadfast, unmovable, and always abounding in the work of Lord.

I would like to thank you after receiving your Monthly Newsletter ”LIGHTENED BY HIS GLORY” It has become a great blessing to me and our small church. One of the Sabbaths, I preached on ”CREATION AND REDEMPTION” by Waggoner and “Lightened By His Glory” by Christian in the month of April. This Sabbath, I also am going to give the sermon on “GOD BREATHED” by [Jahdiel] Newman. Surely, this is the message to lighten the whole world to prepare for His Coming; it the message as per the Angel of Revelation 18. So we are requesting that by His Grace you come to us with this message.

...I live in Kenya, East Africa, I am an ordained church elder from the Seventh Day Adventist church. We would become more familiar with who we are and the ministry God has called us to. The bible

says that many are called but few are chosen. You're part of that few that have been chosen to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations. We are dedicated to providing true believers with a deeper understanding of the whole counsel of God through His revealed Word. Our purpose is to worship the Living God and grow in the grace, the knowledge, and the love of the Lord Jesus Christ, with a supreme desire of being progressively transformed into His image by the power of the Holy Spirit and to be equipped by Him to further His Kingdom unto His honor and glory.

We give preeminence to the studying of the Word of God, the preaching of the Gospel, and to exalting of and praising the Lord Jesus Christ. We seek to win people to faith in Christ as Lord and Savior; to increase Christian faithfulness as good stewards of the manifold grace of God (1st Peter 4:10); to encourage each believer toward attaining “the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (Ephesians. 4:13); Deeply in His Grace daily,”

## Recipes

### Raw Creamy Tomato Soup

#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup distilled water
- 1 celery rib (cut in 2” pieces)
- 2 Roma tomatoes
- 1 medium tomato
- 1 sun-dried tomato (soaked 4 hours and drained)
- 1/8 cup pine nuts (soaked 6 hours and drained)
- 1 garlic clove (peeled)
- 1/8 cup fresh basil leaves
- 1 Medjool date (pitted)
- ½ tsp unrefined sea salt (to taste or optional)



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## UPDATE:

It was a tremendous turnout for the Feast of Unleavened Bread this year; the manifold blessings that were received, many will carry now, and into eternity.

For those who would like to make preparations for the next feast, the Feast of Tabernacles in Ocala, Florida, here are the dates:

**September 28th- October 6th**

We want to invite you to join us then as we assemble together as the family of God to receive the large outpourings of God's blessing as He has promised, the latter rain at it's appointed time.

“And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left ...shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.” Zechariah 14:16-17

# SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN



Scripture Breakdown – Galatians 3:19

“Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator” (Galatians 3:19, King James Version).

There are numerous interpretations of this verse and we shall examine the false in comparison with the true. As we study this verse in contrast with the word, we will find that it has several misunderstandings and misinterpretations.

## THE ADDED LAW

The verse says, “It (the law) was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made” (Galatians 3:19). What is this law that was added because of transgressions? There are a few ideas the bible points out:

1. Moral Law
2. Ceremonial Law
3. Both

In Deuteronomy 5:6-21, Moses **revealed the Ten Commandments** after which he gave the following account:

“These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice; and **he added no more**. And **he wrote them in two tables of stone**, and delivered them unto me” (Deuteronomy 5:22).

The word “added” in this verse refers to the Ten Commandments, which God gave to Moses and “added no more.”

In Hebrews 12:19, we read: “And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard entreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more.”

The same Greek word “spoken” in Hebrews 12:19 is the same Greek word “added” that was translated in Galatians 3:19. In other words, after giving the Ten Commandments, God “spoke no more.”

When reading Galatians 3:19, it can actually be read as, “It was spoken because of transgressions.” The law was “spoken” at Sinai because of the sins of the people, so that they could see their wickedness and repent.

The word “added” in this verse is not implying that the law was “added” in a mathematical sense as many have come to believe. If this were true, then how was it that before Sinai,

people like Cain recognized that they had sinned (Genesis 4:7, 13)? How did Joseph know what sin was (Genesis 39:9)? They knew because the law was in existence before Sinai.

## BECAUSE OF TRANSGRESSIONS

Romans 7:7 says, “What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, **I had not known sin, but by the law**: for I had not known lust, except **the law had said, ‘Thou shalt not covet.’**”

Paul, as he had no knowledge of sin, knew what it was due to the law. The law was given to point out people’s transgressions. It magnified their sins and brought them back to Christ. This could only have been the moral law that pointed out wrongdoings. Especially since the ceremonial law, which is the gospel, was not performed until after the recognition of sin. The ceremonial law revealed the solution when one breaks the moral law. This is why the law was spoken at Sinai.

Romans 7:13 reads, “Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.”

The commandment made the sin exceeding sinful, thus it was “added because of transgressions.” Clearly, it is the moral law that was “added because of transgressions.”

## ORDAINED BY ANGELS

“It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and **it was ordained by angels** in the hand of a mediator” (Galatians 3:19).

What law was Paul referring to then that was ordained by angels in the hands of a mediator? Evidently, it is the “added law” or the Ten Commandments as we’ve already learned.

Let’s review some verses again from the scripture to affirm that this “added law” is indeed the Ten Commandments.

Deuteronomy 33:2: “The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; He shined forth from Mount Paran, and He came with ten thousands of saints [holy ones—angels]; **from His right hand went a fiery law for them.**”

The angels were at Mount Sinai when the fiery law was given to them. Stephen spoke of this account:

“Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? And they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: **Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it**" (Acts 7:51-53).

Here we see that the angels had an intimate connection with the giving of the moral law, the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai; the law which these people did not keep. Clearly, "the added law" is the moral law.

## THE MEDIATOR – MOSES OR CHRIST

"...it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one" (Galatians 3:19-20). God is one and the bible says, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5).

Scripture apparently points out that Jesus Christ was the mediator of the Covenant.

Hebrews 12:24 also affirms this: "And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel." Again the mediator of this law was Jesus Christ.

What we have learned so far is that upon the giving of the moral law at Sinai, Christ was the mediator and that such an occurrence was ordained by angels.

Many would like to teach that this law spoken of in Galatians is only called the Law of Moses, which includes only ceremonial laws abolished at the cross. This is erroneous. The Law of Moses includes both the moral and ceremonial laws. The terms Law of Moses and Law of God are used interchangeably in both moral and ceremonial laws (see Deuteronomy 4:44- 5:23 and Luke 2:22-24 for example).

God has never justified a single man by the law. Hebrews 11 tells us of the many patriarchs before the cross that were all justified by faith alone, and before chapter 10 starts, we read the following:

Hebrews 10:38: "Now the just shall live by faith...."

God has never taught justification to come by the law. This view teaches us that God changed his way from dispensation to dispensation, and by "...beholding...we are changed into that same image" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

God's personality is everything to us as a people. It is important to recognize the truth in these matters, so that we can see our Father in a proper light. Failing to see Him as He is will only lead to "justification by works."

## TILL THE SEED SHOULD COME

Another common misinterpretation of this verse is teaching that it referred to the ceremonial law alone and that it was only in place until the cross. It is also taught that

the seed, Jesus Christ had come to do what he was set to do at the cross rather than His second coming.

But first, who is this "seed" that is to come?

Let's look carefully at the following verse: "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, and to seeds, as of many; but as of one, and to **thy seed, which is Christ**" (Galatians 3:16).

Christ is "the seed." So Galatians 3:19 could be read as "...till Christ should come." Now the most common "coming" spoken of in the New Testament is the "second coming," which is yet to come. This is exactly what the verse is referring to.

Now, let's consider that a "promise" was given to Abraham and to his seed (Christ). That said "promise" included the inheritance.

Galatians 3:16-18 says, "Now to Abraham and his seed were **the promises** made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. And this I say, [that] the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if **the inheritance** [be] of the law, [it is] no more of promise: but God gave [it] to Abraham by promise."

Let's break this down:

- The promise is meant for Abraham and his seed
- The promise is the covenant
- The promise is of the inheritance

Romans 4:13 then reads, "For **the promise, that he should be the heir of the world**, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith."

- Abraham is heir of the world
- The promise that he should be heir of the world is to Christ
- The promise is not through the law, but by faith
- Abraham has not received the promise yet, neither has Christ

Furthermore, Hebrews 11:8-13 states that "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for **an inheritance**, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in **the land of promise**, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the **heirs with him of the same promise**: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.... **These all died in faith, not having received the promises**, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and **confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.**"

- Abraham is heir of the world
- Abraham did not receive the promise
- The promise is the inheritance of the land
- The promise is to Abraham and his seed which is Christ
- Christ has yet to receive the inheritance with Abraham

All these died in faith not having received the promises. So when do they receive the inheritance? Is it at the first coming of Christ or at the second coming?

“And **these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:** God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect” (Hebrews 11:39-40).

Some say that this verse refers to the promise of the Holy Spirit, but the fact is, all of the patriarchs in this chapter had the Holy Spirit. They each had faith, and “...the fruit of the spirit is...faith” (Galatians 5:22, 23). Therefore, they all had that same spirit.

Jesus is still coming and this is when the inheritance is to be received. Not at the first coming, but at the second coming.

Galatians 3:18-19 affirms this: “For if **the inheritance** be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise. Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom **the promise** was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.”

The promise of the inheritance has yet to be received. Jesus Christ, the seed of Abraham is coming to receive the promised inheritance that was promised to Abraham and his seed Christ Jesus and all of those who have died in faith.

The coming seed refers to the second coming.

### DOES THIS IMPLY THAT THE LAW IS FINISHED AT THE SECOND COMING?

This is another misinterpretation. Many believe that the word “till” means that the law will last only “till the seed should come,” and then it is done. This is not what the verse is saying.

Hereunder is a summary of just one of the myriads of misconceptions the verse has:

1. They think that the verse pertains to the ceremonial law, which we have learned is wrong.
2. They also believe it refers to the Ten Commandments and imply that the word “till” means that the law would cease at the coming of the seed.
3. Moreover, they interpret the coming of the seed to refer to the first coming of Christ and by this they say the law is abolished, nailed to the cross, and done away with.

4. Some even pertain it to the moral law, interpreting it to consummate at the cross, resulting to the abolition of the moral and ceremonial laws.

The last item is of great deception.

Let’s examine some verses to see if the word “till” limits the duration to which something should cease to exist.

“He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law” (Isaiah 42:4).

Now if we were to read this text in the manner that many read Galatians 3:19, we would be led to believe that this limits the time to which Christ would then be discouraged. Would it make sense that after he has set judgment on earth, he would fail and be discouraged? I don’t think anyone would read that verse with such an interpretation. The law will not cease at the coming seed.

Here are other examples:

Psalms 112:8 reads, “His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.”

If we were to utilize the word “until” the same way we use “till” in Galatians 3:19, we would have to conclude that this man, when he sees his enemies, will no longer be established and will be afraid.

Daniel 1:21: “And Daniel continued even unto the first year of King Cyrus.”

Does this imply that Daniel did not live longer than this? In Daniel 10, we read that he was given a vision in Cyrus’ third reign.

1 Samuel 15:35: “Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death.”

Do you think that he went to see him as soon as he died?

These texts show that the word “till” does not necessarily limit the duration of the thing to which it is applied, and does not necessarily imply that the law ceases at the coming of the seed as we have already learned. When we reach heaven and see the standard of judgment in the sanctuary (see Revelation 11:19), no one will be saying “That old law was abolished or nailed to the cross.”

### UNDER THE LAW

This is another point not to be overlooked. Paul was speaking of the Galatians. seeking to justify themselves by “works of the law” rather than by faith. The faith of Jesus includes having his law written in our hearts by the finger of God (2 Corinthians 3:3, Hebrews 8:10).

Galatians 3:23: “But **before faith came, we were kept under the law**, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.”

Now many of the patriarchs were justified by faith as we've already read. However, before faith came. Each of them were kept under the law. Some have interpreted this verse to apply to a system of laws that was only applicable to those before the cross. This view is called "dispensationalism."

Dispensationalism teaches that God changes his way from dispensation to dispensation. The truth of this matter is that it was applicable even to the Galatians after the cross and in fact, it was applicable to all before the cross (Galatians 3:10, 23, 4:4-5, 21, 5:18).

The system by which justification comes has always been the same. It has never come by the law. Not a single soul has ever been, nor will ever be justified by law.

Before the existence of faith, we were all kept under the law including the Galatians. But what about in the aftermath?

"Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster" (Galatians 3:24-25).

In conclusion, men like Abraham, Abel, and Moses, were all freed from being kept "under the law" because "after faith," they were "no longer UNDER" the law's condemnation. After the advent of faith, which each one of them was justified by (see Hebrews 11), not one of them was "under the law" (Galatians 3:23-25). Therefore, "under the law" does not refer to a particular people in a particular dispensation of time; a confusion taught in Babylon.

Under grace does not mean that it is now acceptable to break the law. The bible says, "...sin is transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). Here is what Paul said about breaking the law (continuing in sin) after no longer being "under the law":

"What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid" (Romans 6:15).

Do we sin (break the law) because we are no longer under the law? God forbid. The only way to be under the law is to break the law. When you break the law willingly, you bring yourself under its condemnation. This is why Paul says "God forbid."

We are no longer under the law, or under sin, or under its condemnation. Why?

Because Jesus Christ took the condemnation for us.

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father" (Galatians 4:4-6).

He has redeemed us from under the condemnation of the law, being made under the condemnation of the law for us. Now that we are no longer under the law, but under grace,

shall we break the law (sin)? God forbid.

Furthermore, he didn't just redeem everyone who lived after 31AD. He redeemed those before 31AD as well. And they beheld the lamb of God, the power of the cross, and the power of the gospel even before He came in the flesh.

Summary:

1. The words "added law" also mean "spoken law."
2. The Ten Commandments were added because of transgression.
3. The Ten Commandments were ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.
4. The mediator is Christ Jesus.
5. The seed is Jesus Christ.
6. The "coming seed" is referring to the second coming and the inheritance to come.
7. The word "till" in Galatians 3:19 does not limit the duration of the law.
8. Before the advent of faith, we were under the law.
9. The patriarchs and prophets were justified by faith and not under the law.
10. "Under the law" does not refer to a particular people in a particular dispensation of time, but it can refer to all people throughout time.
11. Shall we break the law because we are no longer under the law? God forbid.

**"Till the seed should come to whom the promise was made." There is no question of course but that the "seed" is Christ. The sixteenth verse plainly says so. Then what is the coming of the seed? Some have supposed it to be Christ's first advent, but a little study will show that the second advent is here spoken of. The "seed" is never mentioned except in connection with the promise, and the promise is fulfilled only at the second coming of Christ."  
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# MINUTE IN THE HOUR PROPHECY UPDATE

The Papacy, as a result of the dark ages, lost great influence over the kings of the earth when the power of the gospel began to shine through the Word of God upon humble men. It was through the power of the Holy Spirit working on the hearts of men that the papacy lost its power. What power was it that the Holy Spirit counteracted? It was the power of kingly oppression and priestly intolerance, which for 1260 years filled the whole earth. Both religious and temporal influence were greatly diminished. The

Scripture speaks of this loss of power:

“And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death...” yet if this were the end of the matter, we might begin to shout victoriously, for the beast’s power is finished. Yet it isn’t the end of the matter. The rest of the verse reads thus: “and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.”

These words describe the reversal of the deadly wound. Both religious and temporal influence is revived, with a new element: “All the world wondered” after the Papacy. Is what we see in the Papacy anything less than the fulfillment of those very words? All the world indeed is wondering after the beast. If, by the gospel of salvation, the world was made free from the power of the Papacy, it is equally true that, if the world wonders after the beast, the power of the gospel is no longer holding in check the power of apostasy.

In 1929, a treaty was signed between Mussolini and the Catholic church granting the Papacy to become a state power in Italy, it also granted them a certain space of church/state privileges. The results were several. (1) The Papacy, in a series of meetings, made demands of Mussolini, even having men of other faiths imprisoned, until Italy opted to allow them to remain a state, but not Italy’s state religion. (2) The state power gave the Papacy diplomatic rights, through which, over the course of almost 100 years has brought her into close connection with the various governments of the world. (3) The blending of both church and state in the Vatican has blurred the line in the governments of the world to the manner of relationship with the Vatican, as they begin to recognize her as a spiritual authority. Thus the diplomatic ties have merely served as a bridge for old wounds to be healed.

Now what? Having the added advantage of the diplomatic mantle, she (the Papacy) is now more aggressive in her approach to issues that the entire world is involved in. She is quickly becoming regarded as a voice for the people, and a voice for peace and security. As noted in a previous update, Pope Francis will be addressing the United States Congress. Notice what Pope Leo XIII said regarding society because of separation of church and state: “We said that the most powerful cause of all this ruin lies in the proclaimed separation and the attempted apostasy of present-day society from Christ and from His Church, in which alone there resides a virtue sufficient to make good all the disastrous social losses.” Also, in Pope Pius IX’s *Quanta Cura* (1864): “And from this wholly false idea of social organisation they do not fear to foster that erroneous opinion, especially fatal to the Catholic Church and the salvation of souls,...namely that the liberty of conscience and worship is the proper right of every man, and should be proclaimed by law in every correctly established society.”

“From this infected source of “indifferentism” flows that absurd and erroneous maxim, or rather this delirium, that it is necessary to grant everyone “freedom of conscience.” This most pernicious error has its way prepared by a full and immoderate freedom of opinion that is widely spread for the ruin of religious and civil society.”

Have her sentiments changed? Reflecting on the collaborative relationship between the Vatican and the Italian state, as defined by the Lateran Pacts and the Italian Constitution, Pope Francis said that the orderly development of “a civil, pluralistic society requires” that the “authentic spirit of religion” not be “confined” to “personal conscience but that its significant role in the construction of society is recognized”. It is evident that according to Papal doctrine, where it best suits her ends, individual conscience should not be the primary factor in the shaping of societal formation. Rather, society ought to be imbued with a religious social structure.

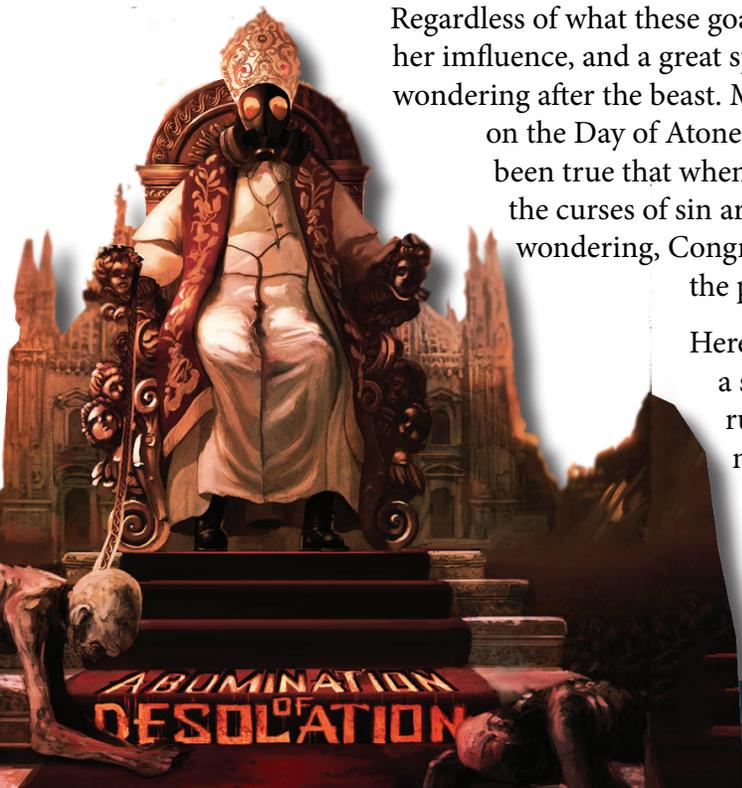
Recently, Vatican Advisor Jeffery Sachs said in a Jesuit publication, America, that when Pope Francis visits the United States in September, he will directly challenge the “American idea” of God-given rights embodied in the Declaration of Independence. How this will look however is still yet to be seen. It is evident that it will be bold and beautiful on the surface, and poisonous in its implications. The Pope, addressing Congress, is not merely a cultural shift in the tone of the United States, but is a practical declaration that the people have forgotten that America’s liberty of conscience was founded upon Protestant principles; the principles wholly at odds with the teachings of the Catholic church, and the Vatican state. Moreover, Sachs commented on the Papal address to the United Nations also, in New York, the following day: “Pope Francis will come to the United States and the United Nations in New York ...when the world’s 193 governments are resolved to take a step in solidarity toward a better world. On Sept. 25, Pope Francis will speak to the world leaders—most likely the largest number of assembled heads of state and government in history—as these leaders deliberate to adopt new Sustainable Development Goals for the coming generation. These goals will be a new worldwide commitment to build a world that aims to harmonize the pursuit of economic prosperity with the commitments to social inclusion and environmental sustainability.” “The pope’s leadership will play a very important role in raising public awareness as well as the global moral commitment to take decisive steps towards climate safety in Paris,”

What exactly will these “new Sustainable Development Goals” be?

Satish Kumar from the news syndicate The Guardian put forth a suggestion some time ago: “Not long ago Sunday used to be a day of rest, a day of spiritual renewal, a day for families to come together, but we have changed Sunday from a day of rest to a day of shopping, flying and driving. However, in the context of excessive carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere, which are bringing catastrophic upheavals, we can and should restore Sunday to a day for Gaia, a day for the Earth.”

Regardless of what these goals shall be, it is evident that the Papacy is quickly regaining her influence, and a great spiritual shift has occurred in the world that has left them wondering after the beast. Most notably, the visit of the Pope to the United States will be on the Day of Atonement, and into the Feast of Tabernacles of this year. It has ever been true that when people reject God’s appointed blessings found in the gospel, the curses of sin are the inevitable result. To be classed amongst the lost world wondering, Congress, as well as the majority of the world’s leaders are not in the position of the blessing.

Here is laid out our sign to get ready for Christ’s return, for it is a sign to us that His Spirit, which had restrained the hearts of rulers from oppression and put in place the constitution, is now being withdrawn from the earth. This sign is a call to sanctify yourself in the Lord, to take up your cross, and follow Him wholly. For the end of the days are at hand.



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