

# THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD

**A Journey Through the  
Old Testament**

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so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have hope.

# The New (Old) Covenant

Exodus 20

## The Giving of the Law

Hebrews 12

18 For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom, and storm; 19 to a trumpet blast or to a voice that made its hearers beg that no further word be spoken.

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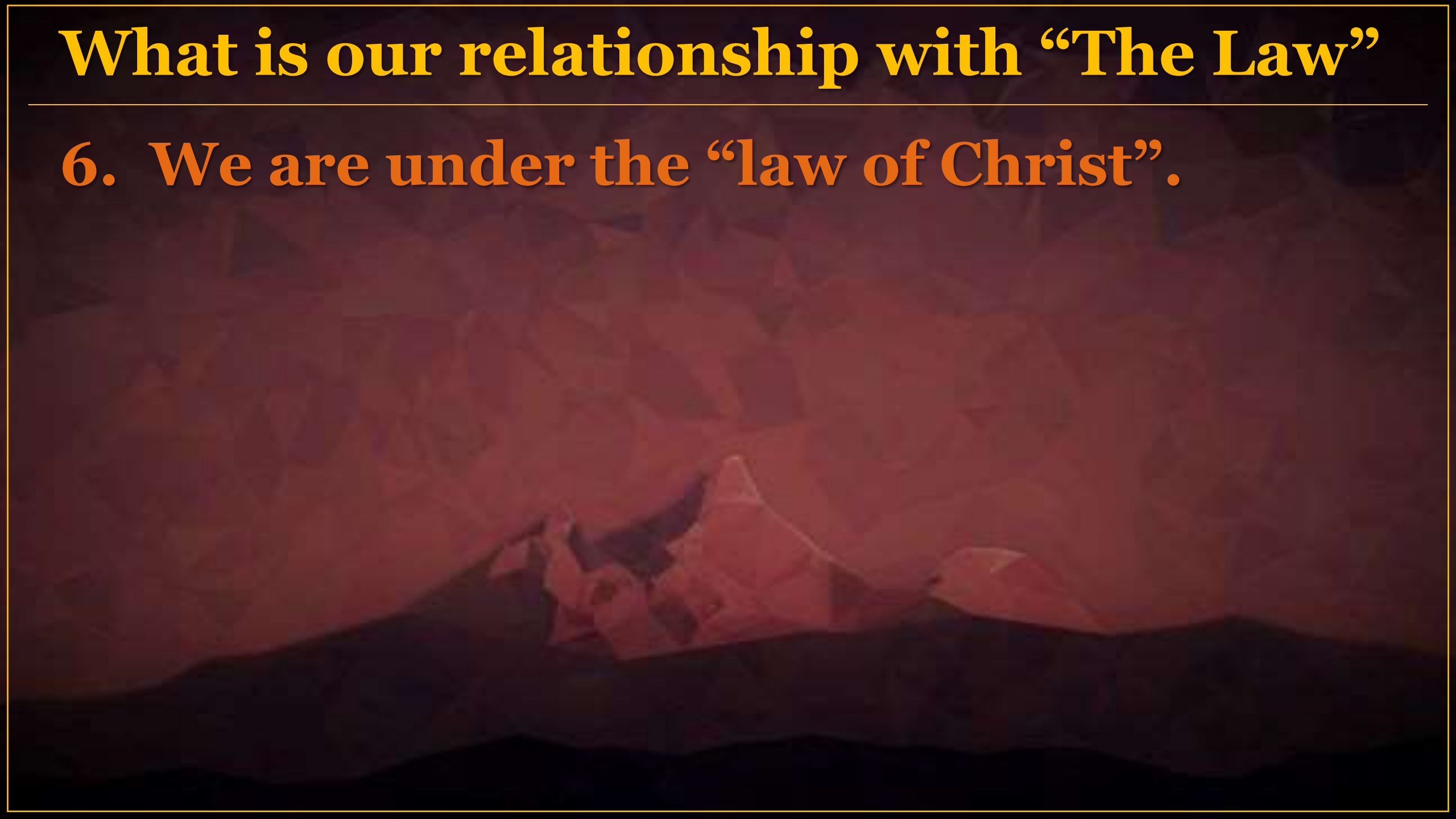
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11 Now if perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood (for on this basis the people received the law), why was there still need for another priest to appear—one in the order of Melchizedek and not in the order of Aaron?

12 For when the priesthood is changed, **the law must be changed as well.**

18 So the former commandment is set aside because it was weak and useless

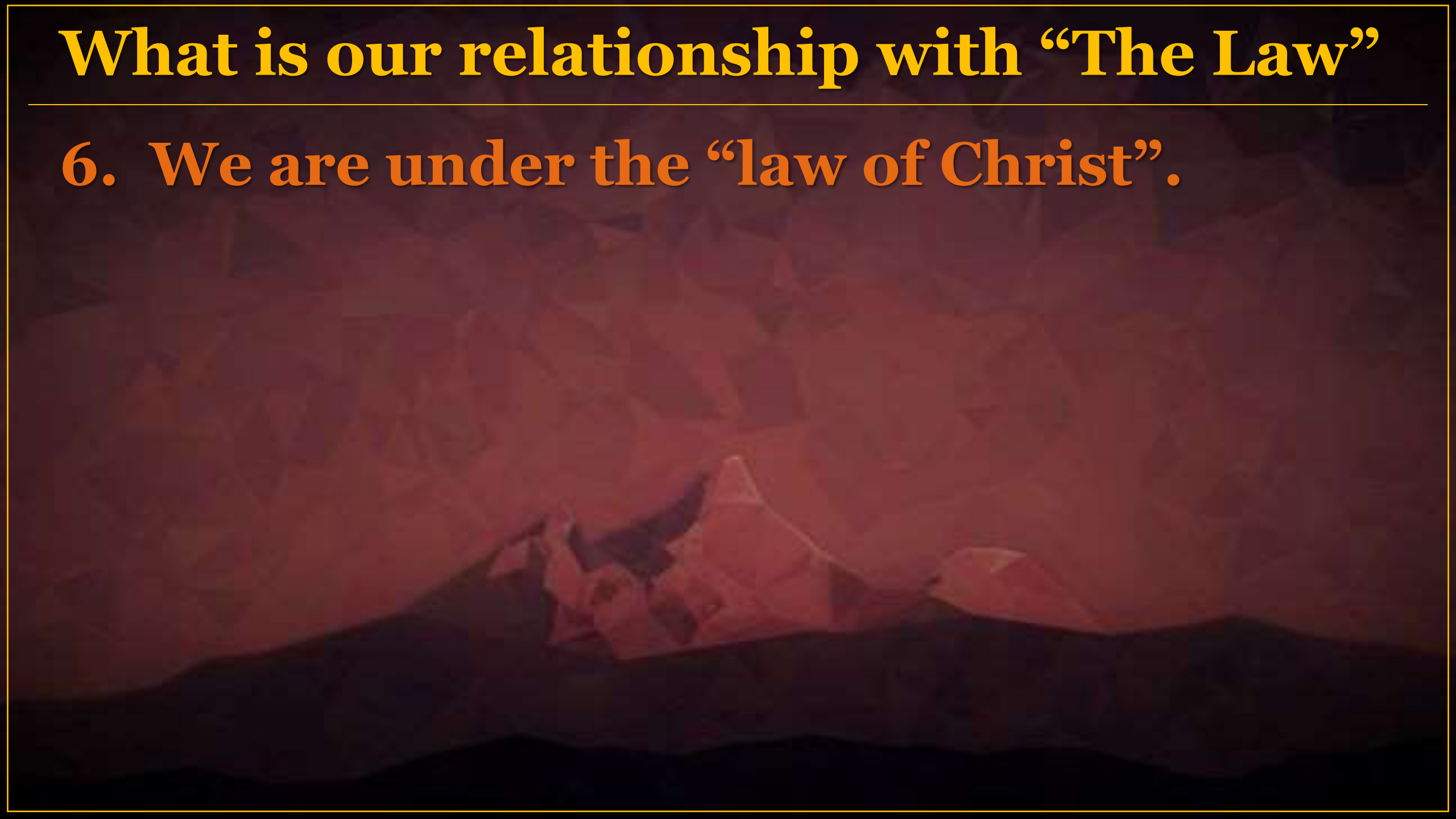
19 (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.



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## Matthew 28

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

20 and teaching them to observe **all that I have commanded you.**

And surely I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

## 1 John 2

1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you will not sin.

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate before the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

2 He Himself is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

3 By this we can be sure that we have come to know Him: if we keep **His commandments**.

4 If anyone says, “I know Him,” but does not keep **His commandments**, he is a liar, and the truth is not in him.



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**...written not with ink  
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## **2 Corinthians 5**

**14 For Christ's love compels us,  
because we are convinced that One died for  
all, therefore all died.**

**15 And He died for all, that those who live  
should no longer live for themselves,  
but for Him who died for them and was  
raised again.**



## John 14

15 If you love Me, you will keep **My commandments**.

16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth.

The world cannot receive Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him.

But you do know Him, for He abides with you and will be in you.

21 Whoever has **My commandments** and keeps them is the one who loves Me.

The one who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him.”

## John 14

23 Jesus replied, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep **My word**.

My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

24 Whoever does not love Me does not keep **My words**. The word that you hear is not My own, but it is from the Father who sent Me.

25 All this I have spoken to you while I am still with you.

26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have told you.

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## Ezekiel 36

24 For I will take you from among the nations and gather you out of all the countries, and I will bring you back into your own land.

25 I will also sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your impurities and all your idols.

26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

27 And I will put **My Spirit** within you and cause you to walk in **My statutes** and to carefully observe **My ordinances**.

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**1 Corinthians 7**

**19 Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing.**

**Keeping God's commandments is what matters.**

# **1 Timothy 4**

**1 Now the Spirit expressly states that in later times some will abandon the faith to follow deceitful spirits and the teachings of demons,**

**2 influenced by the hypocrisy of liars, whose consciences are seared with a hot iron.**

**3 They will prohibit marriage and require abstinence from certain foods that God has created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.**

**4 For every creation of God is good, and nothing that is received with thanksgiving should be rejected,**

**5 because it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.**

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## **Leviticus 18**

**24 Do not defile yourselves by any of these practices,**

**for by all these things the nations I am driving out before you have defiled themselves.**

**25 Even the land has become defiled, so I am punishing it for its sin, and the land will vomit out its inhabitants.**

**26 But you are to keep My statutes and ordinances, and you must not commit any of these abominations—neither your native-born nor the foreigner who lives among you.**

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**27 For the men who were in the land before you committed all these abominations, and the land has become defiled.**

**28 So if you defile the land, it will vomit you out as it spewed out the nations before you.**

**29 Therefore anyone who commits any of these abominations must be cut off from among his people.**

**30 You must keep My charge not to practice any of the abominable customs that were practiced before you, so that you do not defile yourselves by them. I am the LORD your God.”**

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## **Exodus 21**

**12 Whoever strikes and kills a man must surely be put to death.**

**13 If, however, he did not lie in wait, but God allowed it to happen,  
then I will appoint for you a place where he may flee.**

**14 But if a man schemes and acts willfully against his neighbor to kill him, you must take him away from My altar to be put to death.**

**16 Whoever kidnaps another man must be put to death, whether he sells him or the man is found in his possession.**

**17 Anyone who curses his father or mother must surely be put to death.**

## **Exodus 21**

**28 If an ox gores a man or woman to death, the ox must surely be stoned, and its meat must not be eaten. But the owner of the ox shall not be held responsible.**

**29 But if the ox has a habit of goring, and its owner has been warned yet does not restrain it, and it kills a man or woman, then the ox must be stoned and its owner must also be put to death.**

**30 If payment is demanded of him instead, he may redeem his life by paying the full amount demanded of him.**

## **Exodus 22**

**2 If a thief is caught breaking in and is beaten to death, no one shall be guilty of bloodshed.**

**3 But if it happens after sunrise, there is guilt for his bloodshed.**

**NIV – 3 but if it happens after sunrise, the defender is guilty of bloodshed.**

**NLT – 3 But if it happens in daylight, the one who killed the thief is guilty of murder.**

## Exodus 22

ESV – 2 If a thief is found breaking in and is struck so that he dies, there shall be no bloodguilt for him,

3 but **if the sun has risen on him**, there shall be bloodguilt for him.

He shall surely pay. If he has nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.

4 If the stolen beast is found alive in his possession, whether it is an ox or a donkey or a sheep, he shall pay double.



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