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If...Then...Part 2

Have you ever had someone tell you that *Christ did away with the law?*

We want to address this with some more "IF... THEN..." questions. For the sake of time, I will not be reading the verses shown. So, once again, I encourage you to stay close to the PAUSE button so you can read them for yourself.

Ready? Here we go ...

If Christ did away with the law... *Then why is teaching the law the test of the true prophet?*
(Deuteronomy 13 & 18)

Deuteronomy 13:1

"If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, 2 and the sign or the wonder comes true, concerning which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods (whom you have not known) and let us serve them, 3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the LORD your God is a testing you to find out if you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 4 "You shall follow the LORD your God and fear Him; and you shall keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and cling to Him. (NAS)

If Christ did away with the law... *Then why is ALL Scripture instructions in righteousness, and not just the NT?*

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; (NAS)

If Christ did away with the law... *Then why does ALL the Law and Prophets still hang off the two most important commandments - of the law?*

Matthew 22:40

"On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

1 Corinthians 16:22

If anyone does not love the Lord, let him be accursed. Maranatha. (NAS)

James 2:8

If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law, according to the Scripture, “YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF,” you are doing well. (NAS)

If Christ did away with the law... *Then how can He be the Word of God which includes the whole Law of God?*

John 17:14

“I have given them Thy word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. (NAS)

Revelation 19:13

And He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood; and His name is called The Word of God. (NAS)
(plus John 1:14)

If Christ did away with the law... *Then why does the Scripture say that, Stephen was falsely accused of teaching against the law?"*

So did Christ alter the customs or not?

Acts 6:13-14

13 And they put forward false witnesses who said, “This man incessantly speaks against this holy place, and the Law; 14 for we have heard him say that this Nazarene, Jesus, will destroy this place and alter the customs which Moses handed down to us.” (NAS)

If Christ did away with the law... *Then why did Paul say to imitate him, who followed the law?*

1 Corinthians 11:1

Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ. (NAS)

Acts 21:24

take them and purify yourself along with them, and pay their expenses in order that they may shave their heads; and all will know that there is nothing to the things which they have been told about you, but that you yourself also walk orderly, keeping the Law. (NAS)

If Christ did away with the law... *Then why did Paul inform to keep the feast of Unleavened Bread?*

1 Corinthians 5:8

Let us therefore celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. (NASB)

If Christ did away with the law... *Then is heaven and earth done away with?*

Matthew 5:18

“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. (NAS)

If Christ did away with the law... *Then why did Paul say it was good when used properly?*

1 Timothy 1:8

But we know that the Law is good, if one uses it lawfully, (NAS)

If Christ did away with the law.... *Then why did Paul say he was a slave to God's law?*

Romans 7:25

Thanks be to God — through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin. (NIV)

If Christ did away with the law.... *Then how can we know what sin is?*

Romans 7:7

What shall we say, then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! Indeed I would not have known what sin was except through the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "Do not covet." (NIV)

(See also note 1 John 5:2,3 & 1John 3:4)

If Christ did away with the law... *Then why does the scripture say that Christ condemned sin so that the requirements of the law - can be fulfilled in us?*

Romans 8:3

For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, (NAS)

Romans 8:4

in order that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. (NLT)

If Christ did away with the law... *Then why are we instructed to walk like Christ - who walked according to the law?*

1 John 2:6

the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.
(NAS)

So the next time you hear the question ... "WWJD" , ... well, *I think we know the answer.*

Things to think about.

We hope you have enjoyed this study. Remember, *to always test everything.*

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