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LAW AND GRACE

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INTRODUCTION

What do you think of these statements?

- We are NOT “under” the law so we do not need to obey the LAW.
- We are to rightly divide the word of truth and therefore we conclude that the law was given to the Jews and we gentiles are not concerned with it.
- We are believers in the revelation of the mystery given to Paul the prisoner and this means a complete rejection of any teaching given to Israel. Therefore “the law” is out!
- The law was given to Moses NOT Paul the prisoner so we do not preach law observance
- The law was full of types and patterns about Israel’s promises so we do not preach it or observe it.

GRACE AND LAW

Jn. 1:17; Rom. 4:16; 5:20; 6:14-15; Gal. 2:21; 5:4

LAW USED LAWFULLY

- TBT 1 Timothy 1:8 οἶδαμεν δὲ ὅτι καλὸς ὁ νόμος, ἐάν τις αὐτῷ νομίμως χρῆται,
- KJV 1 Timothy 1:8 But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully;

STRIVE ... LAWFULLY STRIVE

- TBT 2 Timothy 2:5 ἐὰν δὲ καὶ ἀθλῆ τις, οὐ στεφανοῦται ἐὰν μὴ νομίμως ἀθλήσῃ.
- KJV 2 Timothy 2:5 And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

GRACE USED OR ABUSED?

- 28 But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof:
- 29 Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience?
- 30 For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks?1
- 31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.
- 32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:1
- 33 Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.
- (1 Cor. 10:28-33 KJV)

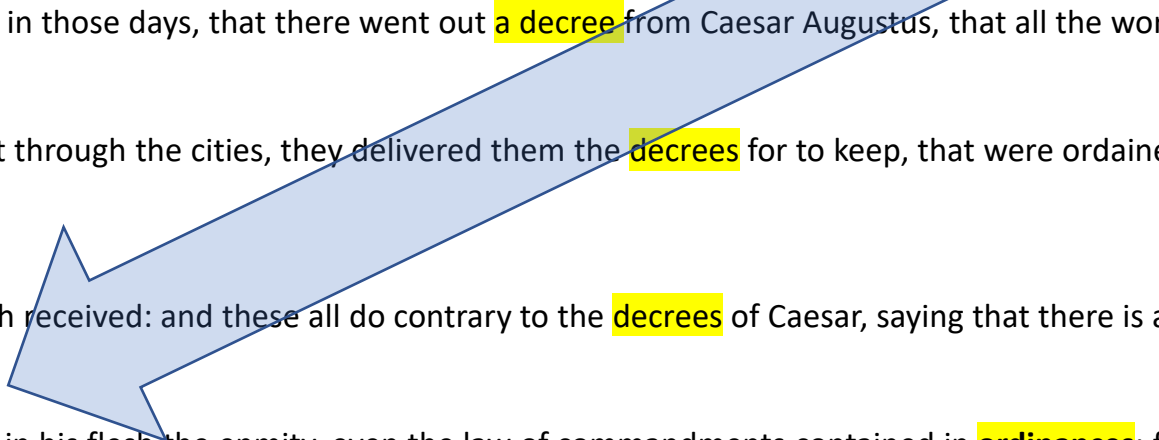

TBT Ephesians 2:15 τὴν ἔχθραν ἐν τῇ σαρκὶ αὐτοῦ, τὸν νόμον τῶν ἐντολῶν ἐν δόγμασι, καταργήσας· ἵνα τοὺς δύο κτίσῃ ἐν ἑαυτῷ εἰς ἓνα καινὸν ἄνθρωπον, ποιῶν εἰρήνην,

KJV Ephesians 2:15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

DECREES

Lk. 13:7; Rom. 3:3, 31; 4:14; 6:6; 7:2, 6; 1 Cor. 1:28; 2:6; 6:13; 13:8, 10-11; 15:24, 26; 2 Cor. 3:7, 11, 13-14; Gal. 3:17; 5:4, 11; Eph. 2:15; 2 Thess. 2:8; 2 Tim. 1:10; Heb. 2:14

Abolished:
καταργέω

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- KJV Lk. 2:1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out **a decree** from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.
 - KJV Acts 16:4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the **decrees** for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.
 - KJV Acts 17:7 Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the **decrees** of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus.
 - KJV Eph. 2:15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in **ordinances**; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;
 - KJV Col. 2:14 Blotting out the handwriting of **ordinances** that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;
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LEXICON IS INTERESTING HERE

- Friberg, Analytical Greek Lexicon
- [Fri] καταργέω fut. καταργήσω; 1aor. κατήργησα; pf. κατήργηκα; pf. pass. κατήργημαι; 1aor. pass. κατηργήθην; 1fut. pass. καταργηθήσομαι; from the basic sense cause to be idle or useless, the term always denotes a nonphysical destruction by means of a superior force coming in to replace the force previously in effect, as, e.g. light destroys darkness; (1) in relation to soil use up, make barren (LU 13.7); (2) as release by removal from a former sphere of control free from; passive be discharged from, be freed from (RO 7.2); (3) as destruction by replacement abolish, destroy, cause to cease, put an end to (1C 2.6; 13.11)
- καταργήσας VPAANM-S καταργέω

Law of
commandments

Decrees

TBT Acts 16:4 ὡς δὲ διεπορεύοντο τὰς πόλεις, παρεδίδουν αὐτοῖς φυλάσσειν τὰ δόγματα τὰ κεκριμένα ὑπὸ τῶν ἀποστόλων καὶ τῶν πρεσβυτέρων τῶν ἐν Ἱερουσαλήμ.

KJV Acts 16:4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.

28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

30 So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle:

31 Which when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation.¹

(Acts 15:28-31 KJV)

THE DECREES

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- And from blood
- Things strangled
- Fornication

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against us?

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JOHN 1:17

- TBT John 1:17 ὅτι ὁ νόμος διὰ Μωσέως ἐδόθη, ἡ χάρις καὶ ἡ ἀλήθεια διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἐγένετο.
- KJV John 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

THE LAW OR THE PROPHETS NOT DESTROYED

- TBT Matthew 5:17 Μὴ νομίσητε ὅτι ἦλθον καταλῦσαι τὸν νόμον ἢ τοὺς προφήτας· οὐκ ἦλθον καταλῦσαι ἀλλὰ πληρῶσαι.
- KJV Matthew 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.