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PLAYMAKERS IN THE FAITH

FIRST & GREATEST COMMANDMENT

36 "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" 37 He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the greatest and first commandment."

MATTHEW 22:36-38



AREWE SAVED BY FAITH ALONE?

CAN ANYONE BE SAVED WITHOUT LOVING GOD?



WHAT DOES JESUS SAY?

49 for I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who sent me has himself **given me a commandment** about what to say and what to speak.

50 And I know that his

commandment is eternal life. What I speak, therefore, I speak just as the Father has told me."

JOHN 12:49-50

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

JOHN 14:15

21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

JOHN 14:21

23 Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

JOHN 14:23

WHAT DOES PAUL SAY?

- 22 Let anyone be accursed <u>who has</u> <u>no love for the Lord</u>. Our Lord, come!
- **1 CORINTHIANS 16:22**

- II. a thing devoted to God without hope of being redeemed, and if an animal, to be slain; therefore a person or thing doomed to destruction
 - a curse
 - B. a man accursed, devoted to the direst of woes

Strong's Definitions [?]

(Strong's Definitions Legend)

ἀνάθεμα anáthema, an-ath'-em-ah; from G394; a (religious) ban or (concretely) excommunicated (thing or person):—accused, anathema, curse, ★ great.

13 And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love. 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything; the only thing that counts is faith working through love.

GALATIANS 5:6

14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the <u>faith and love</u> that are in Christ Jesus. 1 TIMOTHY 1:14

6 But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought us the **good news of your <u>faith and love</u>**. He has told us also that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, just as we long to see you.

1 THESSALONIANS 3:6

3 We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because <u>your faith is growing</u> abundantly <u>and the love of every one of you</u> for one another is increasing.

2 THESSALONIANS 1:3

5 because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus.

PHILEMON 1:5

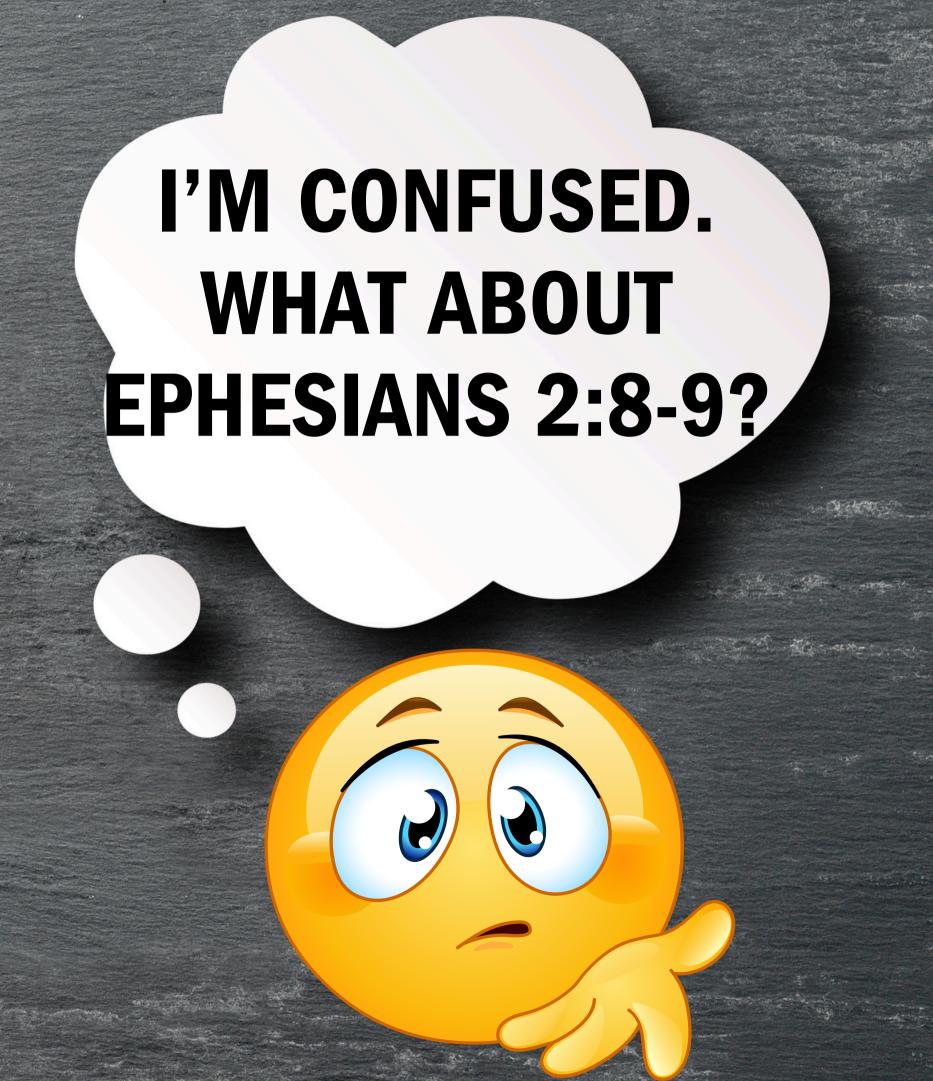
7 Beloved, let us love one another, because **love is from God**; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, **for God is love**.

1 JOHN 4:7-8

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome,

1 JOHN 5:2-3

WHAT DOES NOT OF
YOURSELVES
NOT OF WORKS
MEAN?



EPHESIANS HISTORICAL CONTEXT

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to **Ephesus**, where he found **some disciples**. 3 Then he said, "Into what, then, were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism."

ACTS 19:1,3

These were <u>Jews who became Christians</u>. They were first baptized into John's baptism which was for Israel.

What was Jewish belief on atonement?

RECEIVE HOLY SPIRIT WHEN THEY BELIEVED?

13 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had <u>believed in him</u>, were marked with the seal of the promised <u>Holy Spirit</u>;

EPHESIANS 1:13

5 On hearing this, **they were baptized** in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 When Paul had **laid his hands on them**, the **Holy Spirit came upon them**, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied, 7 altogether there were about twelve of them.

ACTS 19:5-7

They received the Holy Spirit after water baptism and Paul laying his hands on them.

Pay For Your Sins Old Covenant

7 "But if <u>you cannot afford</u> a sheep, you shall bring to the Lord, as your <u>penalty for the sin that you have committed</u>, two turtledoves or two pigeons, one for a purification offering and the other for a burnt offering.

Leviticus 5:7

Not of Yourselves

Old Covenant

The Day of Atonement which was once every year they had to <u>sacrifice animals</u> for the forgiveness of sins.

Leviticus 16



New Covenant

We do not need to sacrifice animals because Jesus Christ is the sacrificial lamb of God. His death, burial, and resurrection was the atonement for our sins.





What is THROUGH Faith?

Jesus Christ the Son of God is the <u>door way</u> to salvation. We must believe in Him and His work on the cross.

9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

John 10:9

Jesus Christ the Son of God



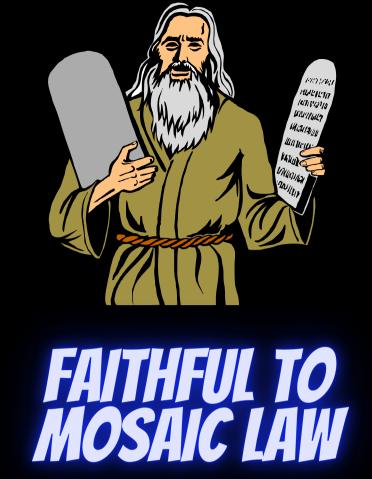
OLD TESTAMENT





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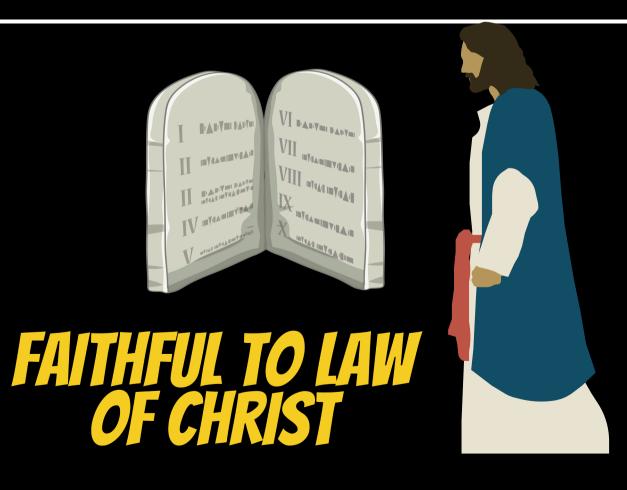




NEW TESTAMENT







we love the brothers and sisters. Whoever does not love abides in death.

1 JOHN 3:14

Peloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1 JOHN 4:7-8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome,

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