



“The New Ark”

It's A Matter of Heart, Part 1

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Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: ³²Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: ³³But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. - Jeremiah 31:31-33

I will put my law in their inward parts... and write in their hearts, and not on tablets of stone. As Christians, the purpose of the Law, as in the days of Moses, is so that we should know what sin is and sin not. This is not Legalism, as in attempt at salvation by works, apart from Jesus Christ. Do not confuse the two as many of you are doing. You

confuse the difference between Law and Sin, and are attempting to make the law sin.

Nowhere in scripture are we instructed to continue in sin. Actually beloved we are instructed to the exact opposite.

Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak *this* to your shame. - 1 Corinthians 15:34

For some have not the knowledge of God or “The Commandments”:

⁷What 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. ⁸But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead. ⁹For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. ¹⁰And the commandment, which was *ordained* to life, I found *to be* unto death. ¹¹For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me . ¹²Wherefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. - Romans 7:7-12

Therefore it is impossible to remove the law of God, for in doing so we would attempt to remove our knowledge of sin and what it is. Transgression.

Many have attempted to do just that, to remove the holy commandments entirely. Yet sin and transgression still abides, and accountability still yet reigns. For as I used in example in two recent messages that where completed, “Behind the Veil” 1& 2; you can ignore the Word of God, you can even rip a few pages out of your Bible or cross out verses that you do not like, but the Word of God still stands. Even if you attempt to eradicate the print or “change the meaning of the word”, through false doctrine, it will always stand. And it is by the Holy Bible, God’s Word, ALL OF GOD’S WORD, that all will be judged:

¹⁰But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: ¹¹For there is no respect of persons with God. ¹²For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; ¹³(For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. ¹⁴For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: ¹⁵Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;) ¹⁶In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel. - Romans 2:10-16

²⁸For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: ²⁹But he *is* a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision *is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.* - Romans 2:28-29

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God Forbid...for in doing so we would trample upon His Grace and unmerited favor to us.

Perhaps one of the worst attacks ever upon the true Church was the attack of Gnosticism that began when yet the Church was still yet in infancy. Those that are quite familiar with the teachings of the Gnostics and Church history will recall that the Gnostics, a heretical sect embraced several false doctrines. One of the false doctrines that they embraced was that because the body was so defiled with sin, and separate from the soul, it would not matter what the body did, for the soul would remain pure.

In other words beloved, you could continue in sin, do what ever the body or your carnal mind wished and still go to Heaven. This is quite the exact opposite of the truth of scripture, and a deception of Satan and the carnal minds of men, and yes dictates of the flesh. Talk about

a “ruthless dictator”. Yet still the same viewpoint many within the Church hold true even today.

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That cannot happen dear heart for Jesus Christ was the perfect and ultimate sacrifice, the perfect Lamb of God that took away sin. But not the ability to sin...reflect upon that. I believe Peter perhaps said it best:

⁴Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

⁵And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; ⁶And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; ⁷And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

⁸For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither *be* barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. ¹⁰Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: ¹¹For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. - 2 Peter 1:4-11

And now just a brief excerpt from Barnes notes:

Verse 9. *But he that lacketh these things is blind.* He has no clear views of the nature and the requirements of religion.

And cannot see afar off. The word used here, which does not occur

elsewhere in the New Testament, (*muopazo*) means to shut the eyes; i.e., to contract the eyelids, to blink, to twinkle, as one who cannot see clearly, and hence to be *near-sighted*. The meaning here is, that he is like one who has an indistinct vision; one who can see only the objects that are near him, but who has no correct apprehension of objects that are more remote. He sees but a little way into the true nature and design of the gospel, he does not take those large and clear views which would enable him to comprehend the whole system at a glance.

And hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. He does not remember the obligation which grows out of the fact that a system has been devised to purify the heart, and that he has been so far brought under the power of that system as to have his sins forgiven. If he had any just view of that, he would see that he was under obligation to make as high attainments as possible, and to cultivate to the utmost extent the Christian graces.

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If one recalls Jewish custom and the "scapegoat":

^{SCAPEGOAT} Lev. 16:8-26; R.V., "the goat for Azazel" (q.v.), the name given to the goat which was taken away into the wilderness on the day of Atonement (16:20-22). The priest made atonement over the scapegoat, laying Israel's guilt upon it, and then sent it away, the goat bearing "upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited." At a later period an evasion or modification of the law of Moses was introduced by the Jews. "The goat was conducted to a mountain named Tzuk, situated at a distance of ten Sabbath days' journey, or about six and a half English miles, from Jerusalem. At this place the Judean desert was supposed to commence; and the man in whose charge the goat was sent out, while setting him free, was instructed to push the unhappy beast down the slope of the mountain side, which was so steep as to insure the death of the goat, whose bones were broken by the fall. The reason of this barbarous custom was that on

one occasion the scapegoat returned to Jerusalem after being set free, which was considered such an evil omen that its recurrence was prevented for the future by the death of the goat" (Twenty-one Years' Work in the Holy Land). This mountain is now called el-Muntar. (Eastons Bible Dictionary , third edition c1897)

They broke the "critters" bones...ouch..I guess this could be compared somewhat as to the breaking of the bones of those crucified upon the cross. Well for the exception of Jesus Christ.

And of the perfect lamb:

^{LAMB}(1.) Heb. kebes, a male lamb from the first to the third year. Offered daily at the morning and the evening sacrifice (Ex. 29:38-42), on the Sabbath day (Num. 28:9), at the feast of the New Moon (28:11), of Trumpets (29:2), of Tabernacles (13-40), of Pentecost (Lev. 23:18-20), and of the Passover (Ex. 12:5), and on many other occasions (1 Chr. 29:21; 2 Chr. 29:21; Lev. 9:3; 14:10-25). (2.) Heb. taleh, a young sucking lamb (1 Sam. 7:9; Isa. 65:25). In the symbolical language of Scripture the lamb is the type of meekness and innocence (Isa. 11:6; 65:25; Luke 10:3; John 21:15). The lamb was a symbol of Christ (Gen. 4:4; Ex. 12:3; 29:38; Isa. 16:1; 53:7; John 1:36; Rev. 13:8). Christ is called the Lamb of God (John 1:29, 36), as the great sacrifice of which the former sacrifices were only types (Num. 6:12; Lev. 14:12-17; Isa. 53:7; 1 Cor. 5:7). (Eastons Bible Dictionary , third edition c1897)

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The Scape Goat", well that would leave Jesus Christ out, for He fulfilled Old Testament prophecy as the messiah through the scripture:

³⁵And he that saw *it* bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. ³⁶For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. - The Gospel According to John 19:35-36

And now once again for your understanding an excerpt from Barnes notes:

³⁶Verse 36. *That the scripture should be fulfilled. See #Ex 12:46*]. John here regards the paschal lamb as an emblem of Christ; and as in the law it was commanded that a bone of that lamb should not be broken, so, in the providence of God, it was ordered that a bone of the Saviour should not be broken. The Scripture thus received a complete fulfillment respecting both the type and the antitype. Some have supposed, however, that John referred to #Ps 34:20].

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However I do feel a bit sorry for the “Goat” the poor critter. Earlier in life I broke both an ankle and later on a finger, and I can quite testify as many of you can, broken bones hurt...hey ok beloved, I can still feel somewhat sorry for the goat. It’s allowed. Years ago in my backslid years I once watched a Stephen King movie called I believe it was “Misery”, or something like that. It involved a man that was held captive by woman, and then she took a sledge hammer and broke this guys legs, so he could not escape. I can recall cringing when I heard the snap. Ruthless. Just as it was for the Romans to break the legs of those crucified to speed death. Ok.. I still feel sorry for the goat somewhat.

At the time of this writing it is the third day of December in the year of Our Lord 2005. And God would wish that I address this once more:

Last night ABC aired a broadcast of the Life of pope John Paul II. I watched perhaps an hour or so, before doing a bit of work here at Phoenix Seven. I realize it was a dramatization of the life of John Paul, and perhaps something had been added or deleted. One thing I did notice however, and I believe to be true, that he did possess a great love for God. However while it is fresh in the minds of many, God would have me address this issue. And what He wishes me to address is this:

⁴ There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; ⁵One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

**⁶One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all. ⁷But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. ⁸Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. ⁹(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; ¹²For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: ¹³Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: ¹⁴That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; -
Ephesians 4:4-11**

I don't see pope. I have also checked a few of the other translations besides the King James, specifically a couple of Catholic translations, and the above verses are the same. I don't see pope. Nor cardinal either. Such is a "hierarchy" of man... and not of God. He didn't say pope.

²⁷Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. ²⁸And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. ²⁹*Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?* ³⁰*Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?* - 1 Corinthians 12:27-30

God didn't set pope.

However I wish to pause just briefly here to state that scripture does state that there is an office of bishop. Some conclude that the office of Bishop is one of pastor or Shepard. And this is somewhat true. One of things that I caught in the film last night was the comment, by

one of the people how, those in higher Catholic hierarchy at St. Peter's missed preaching and ministering to the people, due to what is involved at the Vatican.

Perhaps if they would look deep at what was said in that comment, perhaps they can see that this hierarchy was and is of man and not of God. I preach every chance that I can get, and I loath politics... so contrary to scripture and the advancement of the Kingdom of God. As I have stated earlier in previous messages, of this "politics" of men, seems like God always get's the short end of the stick. One cannot serve two masters.

I don't see pope. Which I guess places many of you in somewhat of a situation so to speak. Is God's Word perfect or is it not? Is it without error to many of you beloved? If this be the case, as God's word is perfect, for that Word made flesh is Christ; no pope. As is Christ the head of the Church.

²³For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. - Ephesians 5:23

The only hierarchy that God recognizes under Jesus Christ is this one:

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Do not be deceived, by traditions and doctrines of men. Pastors and teachers are combined, here for they are to edify and build up the Body of Christ. Just as false teaching tears down the true Body of Christ and destroys unity. When the recent "pope" was selected by men, I had overheard that one of the things that was weighing on his

heart was unity in the church. Perhaps God placed this burden within his heart. The true question is, is he willing to lay aside traditions of men, to gain that unity?

Perhaps his “burden” upon his heart, is a reflection of true unity, that God wishes, and he has not come to quite realize this yet. **It is.**

Do not be deceived, by traditions and doctrines of men. If God’s word is not perfect, then Christ was not perfect and your religion is in vain. Reflect upon it beloved. And this can be said of all within the Church.

I guess this part of this message that God wishes me to give everyone is this: Stop making Jesus Christ into the goat. Stop being as the five virgins with no oil. And stop... making the pope an idol, “the pope”. Yet as for the people as for a pope, it is “a matter of heart”, as it has always been a “matter of heart” and yes of course man’s free will.

²¹Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. ²²But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. ²³For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: ²⁴For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. - James 1:21-24

Receive the Word and the “perfect 10”.

¹³For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: ¹⁴If by any means I may provoke to emulation *them which are my flesh, and might save some of them.* ¹⁵For if the casting away of them *be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be , but life from the dead?* ¹⁶For if the firstfruit *be* holy, the lump *is* also *holy* : and if the root *be* holy, so *are* the branches. ¹⁷And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert graffed in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; ¹⁸Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

¹⁹Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. ²⁰Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: ²¹For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. - Romans 11:13-21

True, Paul here was speaking of the Jews. But what applied then I now also apply the same principle to the Church.

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¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²The same was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life; and the life was the light of men. ⁵And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. - The Gospel According to John 1:1-9

¹³Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And 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. - The Gospel According to John 1:13-14

Beloved... to deny the Word is to Deny Jesus Christ, and the shed blood, the atonement for sin... "The Dear Price".

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Yet as Paul stated also in scripture, and I have stated elsewhere in the pages of Phoenix Seven:

¹⁴And if Christ be not risen, then *is* our preaching vain, and your faith *is* also vain. - 1 Corinthians 15:14

¹⁵Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. ¹⁶For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: ¹⁷And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. - 1 Corinthians 15:15-17

And I a faithful witness remain true that the Savior lives. For twice have I partake of His grace, the first in a vision when I was but 19 before my stay away from the Church. The second in a dream, prior to my first sermon preached when I reentered the Church. I bear witness He lives.

When I preached, "I Had a Dream" at Victory, many then concluded I had lied, for they themselves have never had such a dream. The best that can explained to that which was and is this:

Not all are seeing. And not all believe. "All Things Happen for a Reason", just as with Paul.

And yet, not all are to partake of Grace in equal measure, for as it is written:

Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. - The Gospel According to John 20:29

I have always had faith in the risen Lord. And I am most "blessed". Our Lord, He lives forever more. Amen.

One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all. ⁷But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. - Ephesians 4:6-7

And now again a brief excerpt from Barnes notes)

⁷Verse 7. *But unto every one of us.* Every Christian.

Is given grace. The favour of God; meaning here, that God had bestowed upon each sincere Christian the means of living as he ought to do, and had in his gospel made ample provision that they

might walk worthy of their vocation. What are the endowments thus given the apostle states in the following verses. The *grace* referred to here, most probably, means *the gracious influences of the Holy Spirit*, or his operations on the heart in connexion with the use of the means which God has appointed.

According to the measure of the gift of Christ. Grace is bestowed upon all true Christians, and all have enough to enable them to live a life of holiness. Yet we are taught here,

(1.) that it is a *gift*. It is bestowed on us. It is not what is originated by ourselves.

(2.) It is by a certain *measure*. It is not unlisted, and without rule. There is a wise adaptation; an imparting it by a certain rule. The same grace is not given to all, but to all is given enough to enable them to live as they ought to live.

(3.) That measure is the gift of Christ, or what is given in Christ. It comes through him. It is what he has purchased; what he has obtained by his merits. All have enough for the purposes for which God has called them into his kingdom; but there are not the same endowments conferred on all. Some have grace given them to qualify them for the ministry; some to be apostles; some to be martyrs; some to make them eminent as public benefactors. All this has been obtained by Christ; and one should not complain that another has more distinguished endowments than he has. #Rom 12:3|; #Jn 1:16|.

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For many of you out there that still doubt, I have some real “Earth Shattering” news for you. God can do as He pleases. Everyone needs to come into “grips” with that one. And remember just who God is. And Jesus Christ is God. The only begotten Son. He can appear to whom He pleases and bless whom He pleases. And curse whom He will curse. However as God, He is just and will not violate His Word. For that would be violating himself. Grasp that one quick. Many of you have it backwards and are dyslexic, God does not worship you, you worship God.

God loves you this is true, and He wishes the best for His children and for them to turn from sin. But know that He is God. He is love, He is Holy, and He is Just. But come to grip with this truth real quick:

Jesus Christ is not a scape goat.

³But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; ⁴Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. ⁵For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. ⁶Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. ⁷Be not ye therefore partakers with them. ⁸For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: ⁹(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) ¹⁰Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. ¹¹And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them* . ¹²For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. -

Ephesians 5:3-12

Not unlike the homosexual bathhouses that I recently heard of that dot the landscape in San Francisco. Know this: You worship the idol of the god of your own understanding, and not the creator of the Heavens and the Earth... and for such things come the wrath of God. And to such those that worship the doctrines of men and traditions of mere men, more that God.

An idolater is an idolater, if it be an “abuser of themselves with mankind”, or a denominational tradition. Both “Embrace the Dragon”...the lie. True we are talking about two different sins that I have used for example. However sin is sin is it not?

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life from the dead? ¹⁶For if the firstfruit *be* holy, the lump *is* also *holy* : and if the root *be* holy, so *are* the branches. ¹⁷And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; ¹⁸Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. ¹⁹Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. ²⁰Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: ²¹For if God spared not the natural branches, *take heed* lest he also spare not thee. - Romans 11:13-21

This message study will be concluded in part 2 that bears the same name. Be sure and look for it, as we will be looking deeply into God's perfect Word, and into that perfect Sacrifice, the Lamb of God that is Jesus Christ.

Until then, may God bless you all,

“the Phoenix”