

THE NATURE OF GOD'S LAW

The BASIS of salvation in every age is DEATH OF MESSIAH

The REQUIREMENT for salvation in every age is FAITH

The OBJECT of faith in every age is GOD

The CONTENT of faith changes in the various dispensations (Progressive Revelation)

Progressive Revelation: what is it? Dietary laws as one example:

- Vegetarian (Gen 1:29-30)
- All animals ok, but not with blood (Gen 9:3); Noah's descendants
- Restrictions for Israel (Leviticus 11; 20:25-26)
- ^{NKJ} **Leviticus 20:25** 'You shall therefore distinguish between clean animals and unclean, between unclean birds and clean, and you shall not make yourselves abominable by beast or by bird, or by any kind of living thing that creeps on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean. ²⁶ 'And you shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD *am* holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine.
- Back to Noah's instructions (Mark 7:17-19; Romans 14:14; Acts 15:29; 1 Timothy 4:1-4; Col 2:16-17)
- Animal sacrifices another example (Genesis 4; Exodus-Deuteronomy; Hebrews; Ezekiel 40-48)

VARIOUS COVENANTS (stipulations) in God's History

- 1) Eden; 2) Adam; 3) Noah; 4) Abraham (also see Gen 26:5); 5) Moses; 6) David; 7) New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

HOW ARE WE JUSTIFIED? How do we stay justified (will discuss later- Gal 3:1-10)?

^{NKJ} **Romans 5:12** Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned -- ¹³ (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

^{NKJ} **Romans 4:14** For if those who are of the law *are* heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect, ¹⁵ because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law *there is no* transgression.

^{NKJ} **Romans 3:20** Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin. ^{NKJ} **Romans 3:24** being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

^{NKJ} **Galatians 2:16** "knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. **2:17** "But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, *is* Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not!

^{NKJ} **Galatians 3:10** For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed *is* everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them." (Deut 27:26) ¹¹ But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God *is* evident, for "the just shall live by faith." ¹² Yet the law is not of faith, but "the man who does them shall live by them." ¹³ Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed *is* everyone who hangs on a tree") ^{NKJ} **James 2:10** For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point*, he is guilty of all.

^{NKJ} **Acts 13:39** "and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.

^{NKJ} **Ephesians 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

^{NKJ} **Romans 3:28** Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

^{NKJ} **Romans 5:1** Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

^{NKJ} **Romans 5:9** Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

^{NKJ} **Galatians 3:24** Therefore the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

^{NKJ} **Galatians 5:4** You have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt to be* justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

^{NKJ} **Titus 3:7** that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

^{NKJ} **James 2:21** Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? (verses 21-26)

^{NKJ} **Galatians 3:2** This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

^{NKJ} **Galatians 3:5** Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, *does He do it* by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? --