# Law of Love



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Because my family and I are at the brunt of copious amounts of persecution and rejection from many people, accused of being Judaisers or evil doers of Jewish Legalisms. I am compelled to compile this bible study to explain the difference between God's Law of love and the heavy non biblical Legalisms of the Pharisees.

My family seeks the **faith once delivered to the first century saints** that walked and followed in the footsteps of **Jesus**, and we desire to read the **RED** words of **Jesus and strive to follow them**.

We believe we are saved by grace through the faith in Jesus who is the living breathing law and word of GOD. Jesus is the light, the path, the way, and example on how we live life. We believe in Jesus, we hear Jesus and we follow Jesus, so we seek to walk like Jesus. No other is a greater example than Jesus. Shouldn't all people seek to be more like Jesus? Isn't this our goal? Is the love Jesus shares with us hard? Jesus says it's a light and easy yoke and I can show you in scripture where and why the yoke of Jesus is not burdensome. It's hard to believe many people are resistant to His **RED** words and examples.

So we ask the question: what would Jesus do (WWJD)? I can show you what scripture says He did. Jesus obeyed God's commands out of love, rested (Hebrews 4:4-8) on the 7th day sabbath and observed the feasts of the LORD. To know Jesus we should take heed to the appointment times. He came to fulfill and will fulfill in the near future.

### Read all the RED words of Jesus in one place, here.

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To start this study we must briefly define a couple things.

#### What is the law?

The law is the instructions of God in Torah... first five books of the bible that Jesus taught the gospel, salvation and eternal life from, unchanging spoken word from the actual lips of God.

What is Takkanot... <u>Takkanot is the "traditions of men"</u>; these are the 613 oral legalistic laws of men spoken and rebuked by Jesus that add heavy burdens to Torah. Torah and Takkanot are **NOT** the same.

God is love and he created the universe out of love, and love is baked into this universe and it will never change. Malachi 3:6a For I am the LORD, I change not.

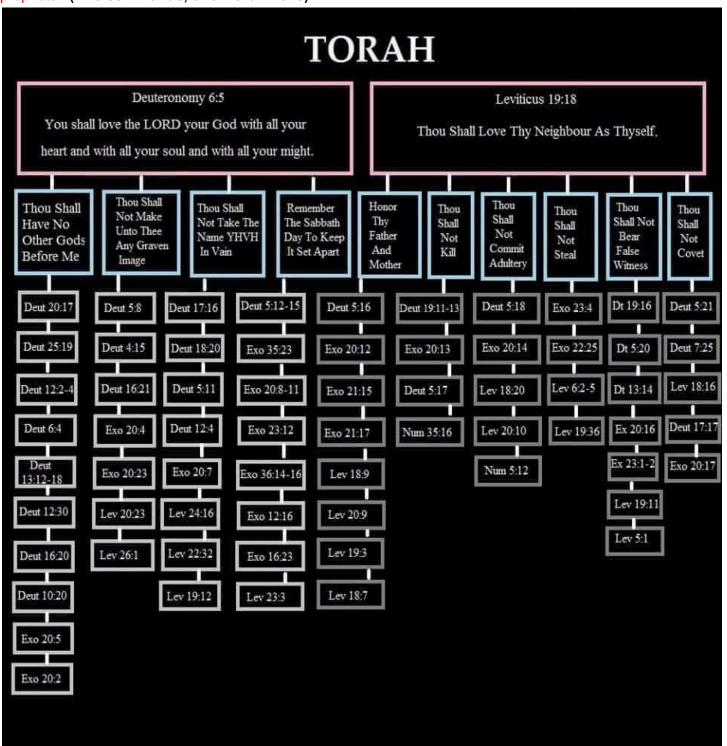
Jesus did not come to rebel against the Father and change His words from Torah. Jesus is living Torah.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same vesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Isaiah 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand **for ever**.

Love covers a multitude of things and is the fuel of all things blessed by God. God operates in love and we are to love God with all our heart, mind and soul. God's law is love and Jesus said it best and most accurately when the disciples asked Him what is the greatest of all the law [Torah]?

Matthew 22:37-40 **Jesus said** unto him, Thou shalt **love** the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. (38) This is the first and great commandment. (39) And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. (40) On these **two commandments** hang all the law and the prophets. (Two commands, one word - Love)



**John 5:46-47** For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. (47) But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

Jesus came to rebuke the words of the Pharisees and religious system of men called **Takkanot**, not the words of Moses. These Phariserical legalisms were heavy burdens placed on the Jewish people and anyone wishing to cross over into their Jewish religious system called Judaism. Jesus is speaking to the Jewish people here... Jesus is trying to explain to people that are already observing Torah that He is here to save them from the divorce in **(Jeremiah 3:8)**. **The Old Testament was the only available scripture** at that time where Jesus taught the gospel, salvation and eternal life from. Not everyone had a torah scroll in their home so the people were dependent on the Rabbi to read scripture, then the Rabbi they gave his interpretation with oral law instructions.

Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden [burdened with the many added oral laws of Takkanot], and I will give you rest.

The term Judiaser can be confused with a person that follows biblical text only, and applies the **RED** words of Jesus into their lives, and some people may think **Takkanot** and **Torah** are the same when they are **very different**. Whenever you see "Law" and "Torah", know that both **Law/Torah equal Love** according to the **RED** words of Jesus, and the "**traditions of men**" are **equal to the Takkanot and Legalisms**. There is a **HUGE** difference between the two and please do not confuse or combine them into one meaning.

Mark 7:6-9 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. (7) Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men[takkanot]. (8) For laying aside the commandment of God[torah], ye hold the tradition of men [takkanot], as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. (9) And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God[torah], that ye may keep your own tradition [takkanot].

The Phariserical Jews were using the oral law for power as a way to control the people as gatekeepers for their religious system, replacing relationship with religion, and removing love from obedience. Pharisees were equating that the law and oral law was the path to the world to come and misrepresenting the entire **Law/Torah** and love and it all points to Jesus.

**Galatians 5:4-6** Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law [those Justifying or replacing Jesus for the law and think the law can give you salvation]; ye are fallen from grace. (5) For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith [that hope is the faith and fidelity we have in Jesus that saves us and the fruit is love]. (6) For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

God is love and order...and the law is supposed to be in our hearts and mind and it follows us as we walk. **Psalms 37:31a** The law of his God is in his heart.

If you are walking in spirit, you are one with the law as it is **in you, written on your heart**... The **spirit of the law** should be written on your heart, because the law is **LOVE**.

Romans 7:14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

**Galatians 5:17-18** For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. (18) But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law **[of divorce, Deuteronomy 24:4]**.

We are no longer bound by the law that states we must be divorced/separated from God and die.

Romans 7:1-2 Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? (2) For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.

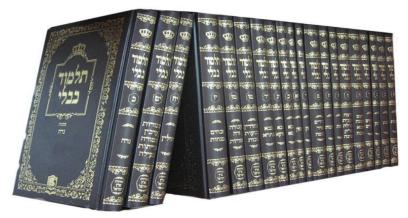
Romans 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood[His/Husband's death nullified the divorce], we shall be saved from wrath[wages of sin is death] through him.

Deuteronomy 30:14 But the **WOrd** is **very nigh unto thee**, in thy mouth, **and in thy heart**, that **thou mayest do it.** (15) See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; (16) In that I command thee this day to **love the LORD thy God**, to **walk in his ways**, and to **keep his commandments** and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

Then it's reiterated in the **New Testament**.

1 John 5:1-3 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. (2) By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. (3) For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments are **not grievous**.

## What is Takkanot? (Pronounced takkanote)



A *takkanah* (plural *takkanot*) is a major legislative enactment within *halakha* (Jewish law), the system of Judaism's oral laws where Rabbis have proclaimed they have the authority to add and subtract from the Torah. Jesus always says it best! In RED!

Matthew 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

A *takkanah* is an enactment which revises an ordinance that no longer satisfies the

requirements of the times or circumstances, or which, being deduced from a biblical passage, may be regarded as new. It is, therefore, the antithesis of the *gezerah*. The term is applied also to the institution provided for in the enactment.

*Takkanot* were enacted even in the time of the <u>Second Temple</u>, those of unknown origin being ascribed to earlier leaders, and they have been **promulgated at all subsequent periods of Jewish history**.

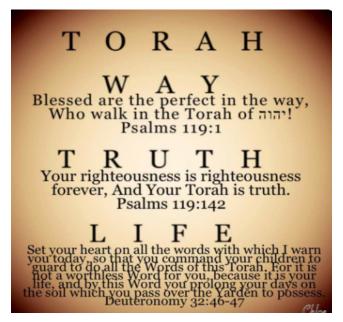
Classical Jewish oral law granted <u>rabbinic sages</u> and Pharisees wide legislative powers. There are two powerful legal tools within the halakhic system: This is where the term legalisms come from. This is where the confusion of folks mistakenly think Takkanot is Torah because the Pharisees made people think they had the authority to change the law or that all those complicated rules and regulations were the law of God. Torah is simple, Torah is love, Takkanot is heavy and complicated.

• *Gezeirah*: "preventive legislation" of the classical rabbis, intended to prevent violations of the commandments of God in the Torah.

• *Takkanah*: "positive legislation", practices instituted by the rabbis not based (directly) on the commandments as such, e.g. rabbinical mitzvot.

However, the general term takkanah is used to refer to either gezeirot or takkanot.

*Takkanot*, in general, do not affect or restrict observance of Torah *mitzvot*. However, the Talmud states that in exceptional cases, the Jewish sages had the authority to make a *gezeirah* even if it would "uproot a matter from the Torah". In Talmudic and classical halakhic literature, this authority refers to the authority to prohibit some things that would otherwise be biblically sanctioned (*shev v'al ta'aseh*).



Please understand Torah is not hard and you are already probably following it as we speak because the message Jesus speaks in **RED** is Torah. Don't let the word "**law**" intimidate or worry you just because the Pharisees took love from God's law and made things complicated... it's **NOT**. If we have real love and not just from our lips, we're following Torah. Jesus is the living Torah and He is the example we are to follow. The apostles observed Torah with love by following the footsteps of Jesus even after His death and resurrection. There was never this magical line in time where at the death of Jesus, the love in Torah magically changed from being God's word and voice to having no value and authority. Torah is the voice of God, Jesus shows us God always was, is and will be love. Jesus is the way, truth, and life.

The "traditions of men" (Takkanot) spoken against Jesus are the 613 complicated oral laws of legalistic burdens applied to scripture that adds and takes away from the love and relationship of God's law of love in the Torah.

Jesus openly rebukes these oral laws (NOT TORAH) during his ministry and every one of the miracles of Jesus that were in the presence of the Pharisees, broke and rebuked those heavy burdens and traditions of men..

For example: Jesus challenged their complicated rules in many places. Matthew 15:2 the washing of hands, Matthew 12:10 healing on the sabbath, Matthew 12:1 gleaning wheat with his hands from the corners of the field on sabbath while walking, John 2:1-11 Defiling the ceremonial water vessels by turning water in into wine...believe me if they knew where Jesus got the water they would have gone mashugana. All of those things were made illegal by the Pharisees and were abrasive to them if not a stonable offense if you were caught. The Pharisees were angry that Jesus was dissolving their power from them because they were systematically striping the love out of the relationship with God. The law is a guide to life so that we can see if we step outside of the love Jesus spoke of....God and neighbor.

#### Why is Jesus' yoke light?

Remember Jesus came to save us while rebuking the legalisms/traditions of men of Rabbinical Judaism that added heavy burdens to the relationship of God and Jesus said His yoke is light, because of their heavy legalistic extra laws added to God's easy law of love that Jesus said all the law hangs on. Two commands... God and your neighbor... one word... LOVE!

Ah... ok so that's why Jesus said His yoke was light. Love is easy.

Matthew 11:30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

The Torah is the very spoken words of God from His lips to the assembly's **(you/Israel)** ears and it is perfect and good. We should not be afraid of the law or treat it as something negative to observe since you're already probably doing all or most automatically out of love. **Psalms 19:7a** The law of the LORD is perfect... **Romans 7:16b** ...I consent unto the law that it is good.

Romans 3:31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

The reason some may think Paul is so hard to understand in the bible is because he is a Pharisee that tries to explain this law of love that Jesus so amazingly describes. Paul is trying to tell us the Law does not save us, Jesus does.

Paul says in Romans 5:13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.



If there is no law there is no sin... that's right... So how did Adam sin if the Mosaic law had not been established? Because God is love and created the universe out of love and the law of love is baked in since

creation and Adam broke the law because the law is love. Disobedience is NOT love.

Romans 5:19-20 For as by one man's [Adam's] disobedience [is not love] many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one [Jesus obeyed the law of love] shall many be made righteous [through His death to dissolve the divorce]. (20) Moreover the law [of divorce] entered, that the offence [sin, transgression, idolatry] might abound [and keep us separated from the marriage/embrace of God]. But where sin [separation and divorce] abounded, grace [God loved us/Israel so much He manifest in the flesh] did much more abound [to dissolve the divorce]:

Matthew 22:37-40 Jesus summarizes, Torah = Love. Keep in mind folks... God doesn't change. It has always been love. Doesn't that make it so much easier? 2 John 1:6 And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it. 1 John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law[LOVE]: for sin is the transgression of the law[LOVE].

"My kids can't keep my instructions perfectly so I don't expect them to try at all."



... said no parent ever; including our Heavenly Father. The law can't save us! God manifest in the flesh Jesus, is our only salvation and the fruits of our faith is love and the works from that fruit are the commandments of God that come easy and automatically when you have the same love Jesus speaks of. If you love God with all your heart, mind and soul and your neighbor like yourself.... Which one of the 10 commandments would you break? If you love God, would you worship another? If you love your neighbor, would you steal from him? If you love your parents would you dishonor them? If you love your wife, would you cheat on her? Ok you get it... the law really is love and you're already doing it.

The law of love Jesus speaks about is light and easy and when you split the universe law of love down into individual parts you get the Mosaic law that the New Testament is enjoined into with better promises. The will of God in the old covenant was mentioned as blessings... the New covenant is the same as the old but with better promises and the "better promise" is... **eternal life**. Love from creation has always equaled blessings.

**Hebrews 8:6** But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was **establishedG3549** upon better promises.

Let's take a look at the meaning of "established" in the Strongs together.

**G3549** νομοθετέω, nomotheteō, nom-oth-et-eh'-o

From G3550; to legislate, that is, (passively) **to have (the Mosaic) enactments injoined**, be sanctioned (by them): - establish, **receive the law**.

God and His bible/word/love must work in harmony from the beginning to the end...It would be unloving, unlawful and disenfranchising for God to force one group of people before Jesus to obey something no one else after Jesus had to.

People before Jesus had to follow the same love as the people after Jesus. It would be just down right unfair if God was biased based on race and what time period you were born in and God is NOT unjust or unfair and it would be insulting to God to assume He would be this unfair. To assume God forced or tortured the Jews with the law to show the rest of us after Jesus couldn't obey it just seems weird. Romans 2:11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

One God, one bride, one law of love for all. If you love God, you are Israel. **Exodus 12:49 One law** shall be to him that is **homeborn**, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.

Romans 11:17 is just a reiteration of Exodus 12:37-38. Israel was never a bloodline. The discrimination God Has is, He hates sin. God loves the whole world regardless of skin color or what time period you were born in. Sin is anti-love. Proverbs 8:36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

I want to repeat and be very clear. I am not claiming that the law gives us salvation nor should we be burdened by it. Only Jesus can shed the blood to save us. I want to insist that we read and follow the RED words of Jesus and have the love of God and neighbor and the fact that if you do have those both, all the commands will automatically follow you as works of your faith. You are already following them all or most and your works should show it. Think of the law as guard rails or plumb lines on your path through life to let us know when we step off the straight and narrow. Those guard rails are only part of God's grace to help us all stay on track and in His arms! Know and study the law and you'll see how much you probably already observe it automatically. James 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.



We ask the question how did Abraham receive the gospel before Jesus walked this earth?

**Galatians 3:8** And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before **the gospel unto Abraham**, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

God would justify or SAVE the heathen, all of those divorced by God because of idolatry, sin and transgression that were cursed to die with no hope unless God had a miraculous plan. And the plan is in the name of God (Yehovah manifest in the flesh Yeshua) and the very meaning of Jesus' Hebrew name means the same gospel

preached unto Abraham... "Yehovah SAVES!" He saved then, He saved now and He will save!

Of course you can water board the bible to torture the words into just about any private interpretation one desires but know that God is not a God of confusion and God's word **does not contradict**. If someone points out in the bible, what may seem like a contradiction to the living **RED** words of God manifest in the flesh of Jesus and tell a different gospel other than Yeahua which means Yehovah saves, then the only option is to slow down, and take it to God in prayer.

**2 Corinthians** 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him. *[again... which part of the bible was Jesus teaching the gospel from?]* Jesus' words on love is the gospel and there are no contradictions to His words in **RED**. God's word is **Harmony** from start[Alpha] to finish[Omega] without changing one jot or tiddle and that harmony is the gospel that always was, is and will be.... LOVE. **John 3:16** God so loved the world....

We should never harden our heart to the love of God and not be ashamed if we have inherited filtered information or misunderstandings in our walk for truth. The point is to pray, learn, love God with all our heart and always be open to learn from God. Ask and He will confirm His will and His truth to you. The single most important prayer that changed my life was when I prayed and asked God to "show me the things He loves (so I may do them) and to show me the things He hates (so I may avoid them)." Take all information to God with fear and trembling. Amen

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