

"He that despised Moses' Law (given him by God) died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, Who Hath Trodden Under Foot The Son Of God, and hath counted the Blood of the Covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of Grace? For we know Him that hath Said, 'Vengeance belongeth unto Me, I will Recompense,' Saith the Lord. And again, 'The Lord Shall Judge His People.' It is a fearful thing to fall into the Hands of THE Living God." Hebrews 10:28-31 KJV



Separation, sacrifice, and death were the consequences of disobeying the Law God Wrote in stone with His Own Finger and Gave Moses. Paul wrote, *"What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the Law: and the Commandment, which was ordained to Life, I found to be unto death. For sin, taking occasion by the Commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me. Wherefore the Law is Holy."* Under the Law there was no respite for transgressors for *"the Law made nothing perfect."* God's Law is the Standard of Righteousness not its grantor. It shines so brightly that, like a spot on white linen, the smallest sin is glaringly apparent. While it Reveals all sin, it can only demand penalty; it cannot forgive nor extend mercy to sinners. All the training in the world avails little to the lame. Mortal men trying to keep God's Law is equally futile! You can't "unbreak" broken. Men try to unbreak broken lives with morality, but on Judgment Day before a Vengeful God, they'll be still broken. Jesus said, *"Think not that I am come to destroy the Law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to Fulfil. I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life: NO MAN cometh unto the Father, but by Me.' For ALL have sinned and come short of the Glory of God."* God's Law is still in Effect and the only escape of its Penalty is through Jesus Christ. If you think to attain heaven some other way, you WILL perish! The only true "fix" of a broken timber is replacement. God doesn't "fix" men. God Resurrects them! He Transforms the dead in sin into a new Life of faith and obedience. As Aaron's budded rod confirmed his priestly authority, the *"Fruit of the Spirit,"* obedience, confirms the faithful. *"As many as received Him, TO THEM Gave He Power to become the sons of God. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a NEW CREATURE: old things (sin and death) are passed away; Behold, ALL things are become new."* Repentance is the attitude of obedience to God's Word!

Unbelieving hearts of spite,
Despise the Lord and shun the right,
Presuming human effort sure,
They fall as prey to Satan's lures. –CGP

Unbelief tries to "fix" broken lives with human morality, *"but the fearful and unbelieving...and all liars shall have their part in the Lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the Second Death."* Believing human effort somehow merits God's Mercy, despises the Finished Work of Christ on Calvary and offers filthy rags of human effort in its place! Obedience IS belief! Disobedience IS unbelief! *"Faith (obedience) is the...evidence of things NOT SEEN! Without faith it is IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD!"* Jesus said, *"Ye are my friends IF ye DO whatsoever I Command you.' And hereby we do know that we know Him, IF we keep His Commandments."* True friends need no command to walk together! If God is not your Life and Friend, it is YOUR choice, and He will allow YOUR choice, forever!

"Not by works of righteousness (morality) which we have done, but according to His Mercy He Saved us, by the Washing of Regeneration, and Renewing of the Holy Ghost; which He Shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour." Titus 3:5-6 KJV