

We Are Not Red Letter Only Saints

I. Introduction:

- A. We know the Law of Moses was nailed to the cross (**Colossians 2:14**).
 - 1. The Law of Moses didn't offer salvation (**Acts 13:38-39**).
 - 2. It needed to go so that there could be a new covenant (**Romans 7:1-6**).
- B. We know that Jesus has had all authority since the first century (**John 3:35**, **John 5:22-27**, and **Colossians 1:12-20**).
 - 1. Disobedience to the will of Christ comes with a price (**Hebrews 10:26-31**).
 - 2. Those who try to circumvent Christ are thieves and robbers (**John 10:1-18**; cf. **John 14:6**).
 - 3. However, even Jesus said, His words are not the only words we are expected to live by (**Luke 4:4**).

II. Body: All Scriptures Are Profitable (**II Timothy 3:15-17**)?

- A. Though the Law and Prophets aren't our binding law, even Jesus Himself used them to teach (**Luke 24:27**; **24:36-44**)?
 - 1. Remember, Jesus didn't destroy the law (**Matthew 5:17**).
 - 2. Jesus aligned Himself with what Moses taught (**John 5:39-47**).
 - 3. When the Apostles taught they too used the Law and Prophets to teach (**Acts 13:13-26**, **Romans 15:8-13**, **II Timothy 3:6-9**, and **Hebrews 11:1-40**).
- B. Are the words of the Apostles second-place to those directly delivered by Jesus (**I Corinthians 14:37** and **I Thessalonians 4:1-2**)?
 - 1. When Jesus chose and sent forth His Apostles (**Matthew 10:1-5**), He made it clear that rejecting them meant rejecting Him and our Father (**Matthew 10:40**; cf. **John 13:20**).
 - 2. The Apostles were, even after Jesus ascended into Heaven, guided to speak HIS words HIS way (**John 14:26** and **John 16:1-15**).
 - 3. The preaching of the Gospel is not just preaching about Jesus. The Gospel is about preaching from faith to faith (**Romans 1:16-17**).
- C. We have to know how to use all Scriptures properly (**I Timothy 1:1-11** and **II Timothy 2:14-18**).
 - 1. For example, fleshly circumcision was required for Jews before and also under the Law of Moses (**Genesis 17:10-14** and **Leviticus 12:1-3**). Can we teach this today as it once was? NO!
 - a. In Christ, circumcision doesn't matter (**I Corinthians 7:19** and **Colossians 3:10-11**).
 - b. It was done for certain reasons in service to the Gospel (**Acts 16:1-5**; cf. **I Corinthians 9:19-23**).

c. However, the moment someone tries to instruct such as today's law, that individual has erred (**Galatians 2:1-5** and **Galatians 5:1-6**).

2. In another example, consider how that a man named John came teaching as the Law began to pass away (**Luke 16:16**). Though He was sent by God, are His words as equally binding as Jesus' and the Apostles?

a. John was an authorized forerunner (**Matthew 3:1-12**).

b. John taught the baptism of repentance (**Mark 1:4** and **Acts 13:24**).

c. What he taught was the truth for a time, even Jesus submitted to it (**Matthew 13:13-17**); but soon afterward was done away in Christ (**Acts 18:24-19:7**).

3. The Law of Moses condemned adultery (**Deuteronomy 5:18**). Is it all the same today?

a. Under Moses adultery brought the death penalty (**Leviticus 20:10**).

b. In Christ, conversion is allowed (**John 8:1-11** and **I Corinthians 6:9-11**).

c. Even among the saints, wherein a death penalty once was the law (**Leviticus 20:11**) such is not the case now (**I Corinthians 5:1-8** and **II Corinthians 2:5-11**).

d. In this, and in other things we study of old, we can better understand that the Law of Moses had a significant purpose (**Galatians 3:8-29**).

e. We can learn from errors of the past (**I Corinthians 10:1-12**).

f. However, we have to handle it all correctly (**II Peter 3:15-18**).

III. Conclusion: All of the word of God works together (**Acts 28:23** and **II Peter 3:1-2**).