

The Law of Christ

According to the June newsletter teaching, we have been released from the law of the written commandments and have been given over to a new covenant that operates according to the promptings of the Spirit. The law addressed men's actions and revealed his shortcomings. The Spirit addresses man's identity and reveals his nature and calling.

But we are discharged from the law and have terminated all intercourse with it, having died to what once restrained and held us captive. So now we serve not under obedience to the old code of written regulations, but under obedience to the promptings of the Spirit in newness of life.

Romans 7:6 Amp

Let's put this concept together with the concepts concerning the vine and its branches. We were created to bring forth or bear fruit after God's kind. We are the branch that expresses the splendor of the vine. Jesus is the vine. He abides in us in the form of the Holy Spirit and prompts us in newness of life, just as a vine provides nutrients for its branches.

Jesus received his father's love. He was a direct expression of the love that He received from His father. He gave what He received. His love for us was the expression of His Father's love for Him.

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

John 15:9

Jesus called us to walk according to the same principle. We have been released from the code of written regulations that governed our conduct, and have been given over to a new code of conduct: The code of love.

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

John 15:12

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained {purposed, designed} you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

John 15:16

We have been called to receive God's love and then to bear the fruit of that love so that those around us will know how much God loves them. You can't give what you don't have.

We spend much of our time examining our fruit. When the fruit does not suit us, we often go back to the law of commandments and become anxious over what we must do to improve the quality of our fruit. But, the branch is not the source of its fruit! It only reflects what it is being fed.

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me John 15:4

Before you can love your brother, you must first know that God loves you. Giving love is born out of receiving love. That is why the scriptures say that if you do not love your brother, you do not know God. It is not God's desire that you measure up to a set of rules so that he can love you. That is the basis of the Old Testament covenant. *Jesus took his place as the son so that he could fulfill the law of commandments.*

All intercourse with the law has been terminated! We serve a new commandment. The whole focus of our Christian life should be centered on coming to an understanding of how much God loves us so that we can *fulfill the Law of Christ!*

Bear {remove, lift, carry} ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

Hello Family & Friends,

We have been busy this month preparing our new web site. Since the inception of our ministry in April of 2007 God has given us a main theme to share with the nations. The focus has been dealing with a christian being able to learn their "true" identity in Christ. God has been ever so faithful in giving us insights and revelations concerning this so that we in turn could share it with His Body.

That is why the address for our new web site is:
www.christianseekingidentity.com

We have also linked this with our previous web site:

www.aoiministries.com.

The purpose of the web site is to make the teachings that we have been sharing available for you to read and study. We have included several new features.





As a nation on the fourth day of this month we have celebrated our freedom, our liberty...may we never forget. What would you say is the difference between a rose bush and a bouquet of roses? It is the *roots* that the rose bush still has, because without those roots the bouquet of roses will soon die. President Thomas Jefferson once said, "God who gave us life, gave us liberty," now my friends, in order for us to maintain it we must stay connected to the *roots*. The Bible says, "Beware that in your plenty you do not forget... God...when you have become ...prosperous... remember that it is the Lord...who gives you power to become rich..."(Deuteronomy 8:1-20 New Living Trans.) As a nation may we never become comfortable with clichés, compromises and half truths. May our anger over evil and exploitation cause us to stand up for justice, righteousness and peace. And may God bless us with revelation and wisdom to believe that we can make a difference in the world; that we can do what others claim can't be done! Let freedom reign.

God Bless America!

God Bless you. Your friends, Mickey & Suzan



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