

The Love Song Of Moses & The Lamb

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They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God,
and the song of the Lamb (Rev 15:3).

Faith Alone

Rom 3:19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 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.

What is the law? It is the only standard of righteousness. It is the law of God. It is called the Law of Moses. It is divided into three parts: the moral, the civil, and the ceremonial. There is only one law of God and it emanates out of the heart of God. Sin is described as the transgression of that law (1 John 3:4). Sin is lawlessness. If there is no law there is no sin. But if we say we have no sin, we lie and the truth is not in us.

Who is under it? All sinners are under the law and its condemnation. Only those who are under grace are not under the law.

What is the purpose of the law? According to this text in Romans 3, the purpose of the law is to indict us sinners. It says, "... that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God." "Therefore the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith" (Gal 3:24). "Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin (Rom 3:20). "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law" (Rom 3:28).

Those who attempt to justify themselves are still trusting in their own righteousness. Those who think God judges on the curve by comparing themselves with other humans have not had their mouths stopped. Those who think God can be just and simply forgive them without due process have not seen the truth about themselves and God. They have made an image of a non-existent god.

We are saved by faith alone. *Sola fide*. But it is impossible to come to saving faith unless the law convinces us of sin and shuts our mouths. Jesus promised He would send the Holy Spirit to convince the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. Until a person is convinced of those things, he will not see the need for the work of Christ. Until his mouth is stopped and he quits trusting in his own righteousness and quits seeking to justify himself, he is no candidate for salvation. God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble. The purpose of the law is to slay us. "I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died" (**Rom 7:9**).

Thus we see that the true convert to Christ has a romance with the law because it brought him to Christ. It could not save him because of his sin, but with the help of the Holy Spirit it showed him his

need for a Savior. It convinced him that faith in Christ alone could save him. He sings with the psalmist, "O how I love Thy law. It is my meditation all the day" (Psa 119:97). The true convert to Christ has a love affair with God's law because it is not longer on tablets of stone condemning him. It is now in his heart by means of the Holy Spirit (Jer 31:33). He now sings the song of both Moses AND the Lamb.

We are not saved by faith PLUS works. But according to Scripture, true faith results in obedience. That is why on judgment day we will not be judged by our faith. It says we will be judged by our works (Rev 20:12). True faith is not just mental ascent. It involves recumbence and total surrender. We are saved by grace through faith; and that faith is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast. We become a new creation, and all things become new. We are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works. Our old proclivity to sin has been replaced with a bias toward righteousness (not sinless perfection).

The offspring of the church are called those "who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus" (Rev 12:17). And in Rev 14:12-13, the saints are described as those who keep BOTH the commandments of God AND the faith of Jesus.

Here is the patience of the saints; here *are* those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed *are* the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them" (Rev 14:12-13).

There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God *did* from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience (Heb 4:9-11).

Notice that "they may rest from their [own] labors" but "their works follow them." "And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief" (Heb 3:18-19). In this passage, unbelief is synonymous with "those who did not obey." True faith always results in obedience.

Blessed are those who have heard the joyful sound and can sing both the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb. Notice how they walk.

Blessed *are* the people who know the joyful sound!
They walk, O LORD, in the light of Your countenance (Ps 89:15).

God's servants always preach repentance from dead works AND faith toward Christ. Paul was constantly "testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21).

No-one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God (1 John 3:9 NIV).

Not everyone who says to Me, "Lord, Lord," shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven (Mt 7:21).

Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For

assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven (Mat 5:17-20).

This is the gospel preached by our spiritual fathers like Whitefield, John Bunyan, Spurgeon, Edwards and the Puritans. This is the gospel that saves and changes cultures. This is the gospel of the Bible.