

Is Commandment-keeping Really Necessary To Enter Yahweh's Kingdom?

Some scriptures seem to say not. This passage from Romans is often cited. Romans 3:23-28 “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of Yahweh, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in the Messiah Yahshua, 25 whom Yahweh set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance Yahweh had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26. to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Yahshua. 27. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.”

Yahshua also seems to say that belief is all that is required: John 3:18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of Elohim.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He [Yahweh] made Him [Yahshua] who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of Elohim in Him.

Hebrews 9:15 And for this reason He [Yahshua] is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Yahshua the Messiah.

And especially: Galatians 3:13: The Messiah has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree")..."

Some people say there is no need to worry about the law.

It no longer has power to affect our salvation. It does look like these scriptures prove that is true. 'Yahshua has paid it all,' the song says.

But when we read the rest of the story, the context, we begin to get the true picture. The scriptures above are certainly true but they must be properly understood to gain the WHOLE TRUTH that is so important to our salvation.

Paul does not leave the wrong impression if his entire work is considered. Romans 3:31 “Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.” And Yahshua, the source of our salvation, certainly did not preach law-breaking:

Matthew 5:17-20 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18. "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. 19. "Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments,

and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; [that does not say they will BE there] but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20. "For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, [who were law-keepers] you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

He told one young man who asked about the requirements: Matthew 19:17.....but if you want to enter into [eternal] life, KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS. And He told the crowd: Matthew 7:21-23 "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. 22. "Many will say to Me in that

day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23. "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART from Me, you who PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS!'"

Yahshua told about the last judgment: Matthew 25:45-46 "Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you DID NOT DO it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' 46. "And these will go away into EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT, but the righteous into eternal life." [Read verses 31-46]

Here Yahshua gives the short version: John 5:28-29 "Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29. "and come forth; those who have DONE GOOD, to the resurrection of LIFE, and those who have DONE EVIL, to the resurrection of CONDEMNATION.

A look at the last days reveals: Revelation 14:12 Here is the patience of THE SAINTS, here are they that KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF YAHWEH, and the faith of Yahshua.

Revelation 22:14 Blessed are they that DO HIS COMMANDMENTS, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

These and many other scriptures show a firm link between KEEPING YAHWEH'S LAWS and OUR SALVATION.

Never think that you can follow the broad path of sin and get to the same place that the narrow path of righteousness leads to. Only by following the righteous path Yahshua took and relying on His sacrifice to cleanse us of past sins can we hope to get to where he is. Yahshua is our only path to salvation but we can't continue in sin and still expect to attain the Kingdom of Yahweh. Faith is what saves us but it MUST be a faith that compels us to obedience!

More scriptures on this subject: Luke 10:25-28, Matthew 10:38, Matthew 12:48-50, John 8:12, John 15:14, Romans 2:4-8, Romans 8:6-7, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Galatians 5:19-21, 1 Timothy 6:18-19, Hebrews 10:26-31, 1 Peter 2:21-22, 2 Peter 2:9-10, 1 John 1:7-10, 1 John 3:14-15, and 5:16, Revelation 14:9-10, 21:8 and 22:19.

Friends, may Yahweh bless you with faith and righteousness on this Sabbath Day.