

What was nailed to the Cross ?

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Man is quick to justify in his mind things that he does not want to follow from scripture. A question is are scriptures open to personal interpretation ? Case in point uses the following verse Col 2:14 to examine this. It is based upon determining what exactly was nailed to the cross. It is the only scripture in the Bible that tells us something was nailed to the cross.

Col 2:12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

Col 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

Col 2:14 Blotting out **the handwriting of ordinances** that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, **nailing it to his cross**;

Col 2:15 *And* having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Most all of those in the six mainstream groups of Christian Churches of today, say that the words "*the handwriting of ordinances*" refers to the Laws of Moses, or better understood as the Torah. This is totally wrong and is based upon man's personal interpretation and not using scripture.

The key word in that verse is "*ordinances*" so one needs to first examine Strong's numbers in both the New and Old Testaments. In the New Testament it is G1378. It is the basis of Law or decree, and could refer to as civil Law, criminal law or ecclesiastical Law. Decree is normally defined in the dictionary as a judicial order backed by those in power and enforced by force. Now going to the Old Testament Strong's number is found to be two different numbers, first H2706 and second H4941. The meaning of H2706 is a commandment, custom or law usually found in verses as instruction given by God. The meaning of H4941 is a command or law which can be made either by man or by God. It is used in the Old Testament at times as being made by God and at other times as being made by man.

The Torah as given to Moses was also written down by Moses. It is the Law coming directly from God. The oral laws are the Talmud and are laws of God drastically expanded upon, reworked and established by man and written down by man and taken as decrees of man.

Examine Col 2:14 carefully, it tells us that the *handwritten ordinances* were against us and are contrary to us. The Torah or God's Laws were never against us or contrary to us, rather they were Laws that laid out the path that we are to walk, which is according to God's way. The oral laws as expounded upon by man are against us and make going forward totally legalistic and extremely hard to bear. The oral laws place a heavy yoke or burden upon man.

Yeshua (Jesus) tells us to come to Him, to follow Him as His yoke is easy.

Mat 11:28 Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Mat 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Mat 11:30 For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.

Yes, we are to learn from Yeshua. We do that by following and doing what Yeshua has shown us in how He walked and what He has told us.

The Pharisees placed a heavy yoke upon the Israelites by having them follow their oral laws which were severely restrictive. One could only walk a specific distance on the Sabbath, one could not carry their bed on the Sabbath, one could not heal on the Sabbath, one could not when walking through a corn field on the Sabbath pluck a cob and then eat the corn, but one could lift a sheep out of a pit on the Sabbath. If one broke the oral laws there was a police force that would arrest them and throw them into a jail. Yeshua chastised the Pharisees a number of times for not following the Law as given to them through Moses. Rather they distorted the Law and made it totally legalistic with their interpretation of what could and could not be done on the Sabbath.

The following are three scriptures given to us from Yeshua that tell us of the severe yoke that the Pharisees placed upon the people.

Mat 23:4 For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay *them* on men's shoulders; but they *themselves* will not move them with one of their fingers.

Mat 23:13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

Luk 11:52 Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

Rather we are told that the commandments of God are not grievous. The word *commandments* here refers to the *precepts* which are all inclusive, being contained in the Torah.

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

Going further the major direction as given to us from Yeshua comes from Mat 5:17-18.

Mat 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

Mat 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

First in Mat 5:17 we are told twice that Yeshua did not come to destroy or do away with the Law or Torah. He came to "fulfil" or show us how to walk in it. Strong's number for fulfil is G4137 which also can be interpreted as "fully preach". It definitely does not mean do away with, which unfortunately is taken as justification by many Churches, so that they will not have any obligation to Yeshua. However the next verse Mat 5:18 is totally clear, the Law or Torah is in effect in its entirety until heaven and earth pass away and until all be fulfilled. These are future prophecy fulfillment statements, see Zechariah and Revelations. Since this was given to us directly from Yeshua, it means that in Col 2:14 the *handwriting of ordinances* are the oral Law and not the Torah.

No ! Scripture is not open to personal interpretation. One needs to use Strong's numbers and other scriptures that speak to the same topic. By careful analysis the Bible will interpret the meaning for us.

That which was nailed on the cross was our sins and also the oral law or Talmud as written by the Pharisees, nothing else. ***The Torah is still in effect.*** The Torah will be enforced by Yeshua with a rod of iron over the entire world during the Millennium. The Torah was and is in place in the Past, at the present and in the future. - But -, but – there are no but's.

Either you believe and accept Yeshua, which means you follow and obey Yeshua or you do not. If you do not, the Father will exact a severe punishment from you.

Hear and Obey Yeshua – Shema !

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