

**“BLOTTING OUT
THE HANDWRITING
OF ORDINANCES”**

COLOSSIANS 2:14

“BLOTTING OUT THE HANDWRITING OF ORDINANCES”

No distinction between
the law of God and the law of Moses:

2 Chronicles 34:14 — Moses gave the law of God

Ezra 7:6 — God gave the law of Moses

Luke 2:22-24, 27, 39

- ★ *“the law of Moses”, “the law of the Lord”, “the law”*
used interchangeably
- ★ Things said to be in the law of the Lord nowhere
mentioned in the Ten Commandments

“BLOTTING OUT THE HANDWRITING OF ORDINANCES”

Why we don't keep the law of Moses:

I. NOT GIVEN TO US

A. Exodus 20:1-2

B. Deuteronomy 5:1-3

C. Romans 9:4

“BLOTTING OUT THE HANDWRITING OF ORDINANCES”

Why we don't keep the law of Moses:

II. BEEN FULFILLED

A. Matthew 5:17-18

B. Luke 24:44

C. Acts 3:18; 13:25, 27, 29, 33

“BLOTTING OUT THE HANDWRITING OF ORDINANCES”

Why we don't keep the law of Moses:

III. DEAD TO IT AND DELIVERED FROM IT

A. Romans 7:1-7

B. Exodus 20:17

“BLOTTING OUT THE HANDWRITING OF ORDINANCES”

Why we don't keep the law of Moses:

IV. WRITTEN FOR OUR LEARNING AND ADMONITION

A. Romans 15:4

B. 1 Corinthians 10:11

“BLOTTING OUT THE HANDWRITING OF ORDINANCES”

Why we don't keep the law of Moses:

V. DONE AWAY AND ABOLISHED

A. 2 Corinthians 3:1-14

Old Testament (v. 14)

- Tables of stone (vv. 3, 7)
- Letter (v. 6)
- Kills (v. 6)
- Min. of death (v. 7)
- Min. of cond. (v. 9)
- Glorious (v. 7)
- Done away & abolished (vv. 7,11,13,14)

New Testament (v. 6)

- The heart (v. 3)
- Spirit (v. 6)
- Gives life (v. 6)
- Min. of spirit (v. 8)
- Min. of right. (v. 9)
- Exceeds in glory (vv. 8-10)
- Remains (v. 11)

B. Ephesians 2:14-15

Broken down — wall

Abolished — the law

“BLOTTING OUT THE HANDWRITING OF ORDINANCES”

Why we don't keep the law of Moses:

VI. WAS TEMPORARY

A. Galatians 3:19 — till the seed

B. Galatians 3:16 — seed = Christ

“BLOTTING OUT THE HANDWRITING OF ORDINANCES”

Why we don't keep the law of Moses:

VII. NO LONGER UNDER A SCHOOLMASTER

A. Galatians 3:23-25

B. Before faith:

Under the law

After faith:

No longer under a schoolmaster

If the law was a schoolmaster and we are no longer under a schoolmaster...

We are no longer under the law!

“BLOTTING OUT THE HANDWRITING OF ORDINANCES”

Why we don't keep the law of Moses:

VIII. THE BONDWOMAN AND HER SON CAST OUT

A. Galatians 4:21-31

B. Genesis 16:1-16; 21:1-10

Abraham's Two Sons = The Two Covenants



“So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free” (Gal. 4:31).

“BLOTTING OUT THE HANDWRITING OF ORDINANCES”

Why we don't keep the law of Moses:

IX. Been BLOTTED OUT, TAKEN OUT OF THE WAY, AND NAILED TO THE CROSS

A. Colossians 2:14-17

B. Acts 3:19 — erased, wiped out or wiped away

B. *“Handwriting of ordinances”* (Col. 2:14)

is equivalent to

“the law of commandments contained in ordinances” (Eph. 2:15).

“BLOTTING OUT THE HANDWRITING OF ORDINANCES”

Why we don't keep the law of Moses:

X. A SHADOW

A. Colossians 2:17

B. Hebrews 10:1

“BLOTTING OUT THE HANDWRITING OF ORDINANCES”

Why we don't keep the law of Moses:

XI. MADE NOTHING PERFECT

A. Hebrews 7:19

B. Hebrews 9:9

C. Hebrews 10:1

“BLOTTING OUT THE HANDWRITING OF ORDINANCES”

Why we don't keep the law of Moses:

XII. THE TESTATOR DIED

A. Hebrews 9:15-17

B. The death of Christ took away the first testament and ushered in the new testament.

“BLOTTING OUT THE HANDWRITING OF ORDINANCES”

Why we don't keep the law of Moses:

XIII. WE HAVE A BETTER TESTAMENT

A. Hebrews 7:22; 8:6

B. Better things of the better testament:

1. Christ is better (1:4)
2. Better hope (7:19)
3. Better promises (8:6)
4. Better sacrifices (9:23)
5. Better blood (12:24)

“BLOTTING OUT THE HANDWRITING OF ORDINANCES”

Why we don't keep the law of Moses:

XIV. WE ARE UNDER LAW TO CHRIST

A. 1 Corinthians 9:21

B. Galatians 6:2

“BLOTTING OUT THE HANDWRITING OF ORDINANCES”

Why we don't keep the law of Moses:

XV. BECAUSE OF THE CONSEQUENCES IF WE DO

- A. Makes justification impossible (Gal. 3:11)
- B. Causes things to be vain (Gal. 2:21; 3:4; 4:11)
- C. Puts one under a curse (Gal. 3:10, 13-14)
- D. Reduces one to servant status (Gal. 4:1-7)
- E. Puts one in bondage (Acts 15:10; Gal. 5:1)
- F. Makes Christ unprofitable (Gal. 5:2)
- G. Obligates one to do the whole law (Gal. 5:3)
- H. Makes Christ of none effect (Gal. 5:4)
- I. Causes one to fall from grace (Gal. 5:4)
- J. Disqualifies Christ from the priesthood (Heb. 8:4; 7:12-14)
- K. Makes the apostles false teachers

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. Hear the gospel (Mt. 17:5; Rom. 10:17).
2. Believe in Christ (Jn. 8:24; Heb. 11:6).
3. Repent of your sins (Lk. 13:3; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess your faith in Christ (Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:9-10).
5. Be baptized (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38).
6. Be faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10; 1 Cor. 15:58)

Why Not Now?