

The Preeminent Messiah

Lesson Seven Let No One Disqualify You Colossians 2:14, 16-18

In today's lesson, I am focusing primarily on **three** verses. Because of controversies surrounding these verses, I felt they need special attention.

Colossians 2:14,16-17 [Hallelujah Scriptures]

(14) having blotted out that which was written by **hand against us** – by the **dogmas** – which stood against us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the stake.

(16) Let no one therefore judge you in eating or in drinking, or in respect of a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths –

(17) which are a shadow of what is to come – but the Body of the Messiah.

In this chapter of Colossians, Paul reminds us that because of sin we were considered dead. We were estranged from Elohim, but through Yeshua, our **sins are forgiven**, and we have been made **alive**.

With new life comes a **new way** of living. The old ways of life pertain to worldly sinful activities should be done away.

Colossians 2:13 CJB

(13) You were **dead because of your sins**, that is, because of your **"foreskin,"** your old nature. But God made you **alive** along with the Messiah by **forgiving** you all your sins.

Since we are alive with the messiah, Paul goes on to explain how this is accomplished. It was accomplished by what Yeshua, did on the cross. He paid the price for our freedom

Colossians 2:14 [Hallelujah Scriptures]

(14) having blotted out that which was written by **hand against us** – by the **dogmas** [**regulations, ordinance or decrees**]- which stood against us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the stake.

Some believe this to mean that the **law** was nailed to the cross with Yeshua.

Therefore, it is no longer effective. However, since this applies to **both** Jews and gentiles alike, and since the **law (Torah)** was given to the Jews only, this must apply to something that includes gentiles also.

It was customary when a **criminal** was crucified to have the charges against him nailed to the cross with him. As in the case of Yeshua in **Matthew 27:37**

Matthew 27:37 TLV

(37) Over His head they put the charge against Him, which read: "THIS IS YESHUA, THE KING OF THE JEWS."

Yeshua was charged by the Romans with being the king of the Jews. However, he should have **correctly** been charged with "HE BORE THE SINS OF ALL HUMANITY".

1 Peter 2:24 CJB

(24) He himself **bore our sins** in his body on the stake, so that we might die to sins and **live** for righteousness—by his wounds you were healed.

The hand-written ordinance that applies to both Jews and gentiles has to do with sin. It has to do with the **death penalty for sin**.

However, the decree condemning humanity to death for their sins, was erased or blotted out because it was no longer necessary. It was fulfilled in Messiah. He took our place in death. Therefore, He erased it, he blotted it out because it has become obsolete. And the perpetrators, the **principalities**, who held us captive, **Yeshua stripped** of their authority over us.

Colossians 2:15 CJB

(15) Having stripped the **principalities and the authorities**, He made a public display of them, having **prevailed** over them in it.

Paul said in Romans 5:12-14-

Romans 5:12-14 CJB

(12) Here is how it works: it was through **one** individual that **sin** entered the world, and through sin, **death**; and in this way death passed through to the **whole human race**, inasmuch as **everyone** sinned.

(13) **Sin** was indeed present in the world **before Torah** was given, but sin is not counted as such when there is no Torah.

(14) Nevertheless death **ruled** from Adam until Moshe, even over those whose sinning was not exactly like Adam's violation of a direct command. In

this, Adam prefigured the one who was to come

Romans 5:17-18 CJB

(17) For if, because of the offense of one man, death ruled through that one man; how much more will those receiving the overflowing grace, that is, the gift of being considered righteous, rule in life through the one man Yeshua the Messiah!

(18) In other words, just as it was through **one offense** that **all** people came under condemnation, so also it is through one righteous act that all people come to be considered righteous.

Romans 5:20 TLV

(20) Now the Torah came in so that **transgression might increase**. But where **sin increased**, grace overflowed even more—

Yeshua accomplished that which was necessary to **redeem us**. He set us free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:2 CJB

(2) Why? Because the **Torah of the Spirit**, which produces this life in union with Messiah Yeshua, has **set me free** from the "Torah" of **sin and death**.

Since we **are set free**, there is no need to be placed **under bondage** to man-made laws and **tradition**.

Therefore, Paul **warns** in verse 16 of Colossians 2,

Colossians 2:16 CJB

(16) So don't let anyone pass judgment on you in connection with eating and drinking, or in regard to **a** Jewish festival or **Rosh-Hodesh** or **Shabbat**.

Colossians 2:16 is directly connected with Colossians 2:8. Which warns believers, against being deceived into "following human **tradition**."

Colossians 2:8 CJB

Watch out, so that no one will take you captive by means of **philosophy** and empty deceit, following **human tradition** which accords with the **elemental** spirits of the world but **does not accord** with the Messiah.

The Colossian **heresy** involved not only **Gnostic** elements and **Jewish** initiation requirements that is spoken of in Colossians 2:11-15, but there

were also Jewish- legalistic rules being applied to Gentiles which according to Colossians 2:23 has **no value at all in restraining people from indulging their old nature.**

(16) So don't let anyone pass judgment on you in connection with eating and drinking, or in regard to **a** Jewish festival or **Rosh-Hodesh** or **Shabbat** This is a Jewish tradition of **new moon** observant which has no value at all to **gentile believes**. This verse is **not speaking** of Yahweh festivals, which he required his people to meet with him in celebration, because **gentiles' proselytes** are permitted to observe those festivals alone with the Jews.

Notice, Paul does not say festivals, **plural**, but festival, **singular**. Which indicates he is referring to only one festival. The festival of the **new moon**, or **Rosh-Hodesh**.

According to: **[Judaism 101 encyclopedia]**

In Hebrew, Rosh Chodesh means, literally, "head of the month" or "**first** of the month." Rosh Chodesh is the **first day** of any new month.

In ancient times, Rosh Chodesh was a **significant festival day**. At that time, the new months were determined by observation. Each month began when the first sliver of moon became visible after the dark of the moon.

Observers would watch the **sky at night** for any sign of the moon. If they saw the moon, they would report their sightings to the **Sanhedrin**. If two independent, reliable eyewitnesses confirmed that the new moon had appeared and described it consistently, the Sanhedrin would declare the **new month** and send out messengers to tell people when the month began.

The day **after** the moon appeared was a **festival**, announced with the sounding of the shofar, commemorated with solemn convocations, **family festivities and special sacrifices**.

The **Shabbat** before Rosh Chodesh is known as Shabbat Mevarekhim, which means "the **Sabbath of blessing**." After the Torah reading in the Shabbat service, the prayer leader holds the Torah scroll, **recites a blessing** hoping for a good month, then announces the day of the upcoming week when the new month will begin and the **name** of the new month.

Based in this explanation, it seems more reasonable that Paul is speaking of this **one** festival of **new moon** with its accomplishing **shabbath celebration** that the messianic Jews were imposing on gentiles' believers.

Because the context of this passage is about manmade **tradition**. these

were Jewish traditional laws which had nothing to do with the **body of the Messiah**, the congregation. They had nothing to do with our redemption or our ability to live free from sin.

Colossians 2:17

(17) These are a **shadow** of things that are coming, but the body is of the Messiah.

These are festival which are a shadow of what **is to come**, not what **has come**. Our main concern should be to Remain **deeply rooted** in the Messiah; to be continue **being built** up in him.

The messiah has come **in the flesh** and have redeemed us and rescued us from the domains of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son. [[Colossians 1:12-14](#)]

We are kingdom citizens. Sons and daughters of the most-high Elohim. This world should hold no attraction for us. We look forward to receiving the prize of the high calling of Elohim

Philippians 3:14 [Halleluyah Scriptures]

(14) I press on toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of Elohim in Messiah Yeshua.

However, if we give in to the temptation of manmade rules and regulations and participate in false worship which is steeped in pride and false humility, we might miss out on this prize.

Colossians 2:18-19 [Halleluyah Scriptures]

(18) Let no one **deprive** you of the **prize**, one who takes delight in **false humility** and worship of messengers, taking his stand on what he has not seen, **puffed up by his fleshly mind**,

(19) and not **holding fast to the Head**, from whom all the Body – nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments – grows with the growth of Elohim.

We must hold fast to the head of the congregation, Yeshua. We must draw our nourishment from him. We must not be like Israel was in Isaiah days.

Isaiah 29:13 [Halleluyah Scriptures]

(13) And Yahweh says, "... this people has drawn near with its mouth, and with its lips they have esteemed Me, and it has kept its heart far from Me, and their fear of Me **has become a command of men that is taught!**

No matter how real or how true **false tradition doctrine** and false worship may seem, if Yeshua is not the center, if it is not based on the solid word of Elohim, it is an **entrapment**, which will **Disqualify** You from receiving the prize that is laid up for you in heaven.

Colossians 2:6-7 CJB

(6) **Therefore**, just as you received the Messiah Yeshua as Lord, **keep living** your life **united** with him.

(7) **Remain deeply rooted in him**; continue being **built up in him** and confirmed in your trust, the way you were taught, so that you **overflow** in thanksgiving.