

# Salvation in Types and Shadows [S5]

## -The Ceremonial Law of Sacrifices and Ordinances-

*\*Remember to pray for wisdom before you begin*

- 1.) There are many who say that the law of God was done away with at the cross. Is this really what God's Word says? It is likely that they get this idea from Col 2:13-17 Let's look at this scripture and see if that is really what it is saying. *And you, being \_\_\_\_\_ in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having \_\_\_\_\_ you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of \_\_\_\_\_ that was \_\_\_\_\_ us, which was \_\_\_\_\_ to us, and took it out of the way, \_\_\_\_\_ it to his cross; 15 And having \_\_\_\_\_ principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. 16 Let no man therefore judge you in \_\_\_\_\_, or in \_\_\_\_\_, or in respect of an \_\_\_\_\_, or of the new moon, or of the \_\_\_\_\_ days: 17 Which are a \_\_\_\_\_ of things to \_\_\_\_\_; but the body is of Christ. NOTE: There are a number of key words here that will not only give us clues but hard-core evidence of the real issue that's being discussed here. "Handwriting of ordinances," "meat," "drink," "holyday," "new moon," "sabbath days," "shadow of things to come," are some of the words or phrases to especially take note of. Is this passage of scripture saying that the Sabbath day was nailed to the cross and is no longer binding? Notice that it is associated with these other words that have to do with Old Testament ceremonies and rituals. Let's do a study here and let the Bible speak for itself.*
- 2.) Another passage in Ephesians says something similar to Colossians. Who is really the main focus in this passage? Ephesians 2:13 *But now in \_\_\_\_\_ ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. 14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath \_\_\_\_\_ down the middle wall of \_\_\_\_\_ between us; 15 Having \_\_\_\_\_ in his flesh the enmity, even the law of \_\_\_\_\_ contained in \_\_\_\_\_; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; NOTE: Jesus is the main focus of this passage here as well as the previous one above. How could people be saved back in Old Testament times if Jesus hadn't come to die for His people yet? Was there a system set in place whereby people could by faith receive forgiveness of sins and salvation? The word "ordinances" is involved with ceremonies and rituals.*
- 3.) Sin is the transgression of the law or commandments of God. From Adam to Moses before the Law was publicly proclaimed on Sinai, was the law known so that people committed sin by transgressing against it? Genesis 2:16 *And the LORD God \_\_\_\_\_ the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou \_\_\_\_\_ freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou \_\_\_\_\_ eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely \_\_\_\_\_. NOTE: Anytime God gives a command and man rebels or disobeys that known command, he sins against his Maker.*

**[1 Jo. 3:8] says Satan sinned from the beginning. [Rom. 5:12] says Adam sinned. [Gen. 4:7] says Cain sinned. [Gen.6:5] says the people before the flood were evil so they were destroyed. [Gen. 13:13] Sodom & Gomorrah sinned greatly. [Gen. 39:9] Joseph knew adultery was sin. Since the above is all evident that sin was prevalent from the very beginning, a remedy needed to be found to deal with this problem. But Jesus as the Messiah wouldn't be coming until about 4,000 years after Adam and his children.**

- 4.) When was the plan of Salvation put into place in the history of our world? 1Peter 1:20**  
Who verily was \_\_\_\_\_ before the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world, but was manifest in these \_\_\_\_\_ times for you, **Revelation 13:8** And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the \_\_\_\_\_ slain from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world. **NOTE: The cross of Christ was not an afterthought in the mind of God. The first text says it was in place before the beginning of our world in case the tragedy of sin should occur. God is never caught off guard for a moment because He is infinite in wisdom, foreknowledge and understanding!**
- 5.) In what other ways does the Bible make it plain that the plan of Salvation was in place before the beginning? Matthew 25:34** Then shall the \_\_\_\_\_ say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom prepared for you from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_: **Ephesians 1:4** According as he hath chosen \_\_\_\_\_ in him before the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: **NOTE: It was God's plan from the very beginning to have a family of beings created in His image who would love, serve and obey Him. He endowed man with all the faculties and resources to enjoy life to its fullest and thereby bring honor and glory to his Creator!**
- 6.) Because the plan of salvation was already in place; how is this evidenced through the animal sacrificial system even in the book of Genesis? Genesis 4:3** And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the ground an \_\_\_\_\_ unto the LORD. **4** And Abel, he also brought of the \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_ and of the \_\_\_\_\_ thereof. And the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ respect unto Abel and to his offering: **5a** But unto \_\_\_\_\_ and to his offering he \_\_\_\_\_ respect. **8:20** And Noah builded an \_\_\_\_\_ unto the LORD; and took of every clean \_\_\_\_\_, and of every clean \_\_\_\_\_, and offered burnt \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_. **21a** And the LORD smelled a \_\_\_\_\_ savour; . . . **22:13** And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a \_\_\_\_\_ caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and \_\_\_\_\_ him up for a \_\_\_\_\_ offering in the stead of his son. **NOTE: Cain brought his offering of fruit which was his own system of works and was not accepted of God. Abel followed God's plan and was blessed. The animal sacrificial system had been put in place right from the beginning so that repentant sinners could put away their sins and look forward to the real Lamb who would come. They were to be continually reminded of the Messiah to come who would offer His life in their behalf.**

7.) What did Jesus say about Abraham looking forward to when the Messiah would come?

**John 8:56** *Your father Abraham \_\_\_\_\_ to see my day: and he saw it, and was \_\_\_\_\_.* **NOTE: Undoubtedly Abraham's trying experience in being commanded to offer up his only son Isaac enabled Abraham to see the plan of salvation in a much deeply appreciated way. At the very last Abraham didn't have to slay his son but with God, His Son Jesus was allowed to go all the way through the horrible death experience.**

8.) One thing needs to be made very plain here. God's Ten Commandment law which is His moral law is eternally binding and unchangeable. It is a transcript of His unchangeable character. What scriptures bring this out? **Romans 7:12** *Wherefore the law is \_\_\_\_\_, and the commandment holy, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.* **Psalm 19:7** *The law of the LORD is \_\_\_\_\_, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is \_\_\_\_\_, making \_\_\_\_\_ the simple.* **8** *The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD is \_\_\_\_\_, enlightening the eyes.* **Romans 13:10** *\_\_\_\_\_ worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.* **Matthew 5:17** *Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am \_\_\_\_\_ come to \_\_\_\_\_, but to fulfil.* **18** *For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in \_\_\_\_\_ wise \_\_\_\_\_ from the law, till all be fulfilled.* **19** *Whosoever therefore shall \_\_\_\_\_ one of these least \_\_\_\_\_, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them, the same shall be called \_\_\_\_\_ in the kingdom of heaven.* **NOTE: The verses above reveal the great importance and sacredness of God's great moral law the Ten Commandments. They define holiness and the character of God. The fact that Jesus came down to this world to die in our place for the transgression of that law, proves that it could not be compromised, nailed to the cross or done away with! That being the case, what is meant then in the first scriptures we opened this study with from Colossians and Ephesians about a law being nailed to the cross as well as (s)abbath days? Let's continue examining this.**

9.) What was God's great Ten Commandment law written on and by whom? **Exodus 31:18** *And He (God) gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of \_\_\_\_\_, written with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.* **NOTE: God's great moral law was not written on paper or parchment. He wanted it engraved on something enduring that would be represented as unchangeable! And God wrote it with His own finger!**

10.) The Ceremonial Law which was a system of regulations pertaining to animal sacrifices, rituals, washings, ordinances, feasts or festivals and holydays, etc. was written on what? **2Chronicles 35:12** *And they removed the burnt \_\_\_\_\_, that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer unto the LORD, as it is \_\_\_\_\_ in the book of \_\_\_\_\_.* **NOTE: These ceremonial laws were not written on stone because they were temporary until the real**

*Lamb of God would come.*

**11.) Who proclaimed the Ten Commandments (moral law) publicly before the people?**

**Deuteronomy 4:12** And the \_\_\_\_\_ spake unto you out of the midst of the \_\_\_\_\_: ye heard the \_\_\_\_\_ of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a \_\_\_\_\_. **13** And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even \_\_\_\_\_; and he wrote them upon two tables of \_\_\_\_\_. **NOTE: Again God didn't even trust mortal man to proclaim His sacred precepts, so He proclaimed them Himself in an awesome and majestic way!**

**12.) Who proclaimed the Ceremonial law publicly before the people? Leviticus 1:1**

And the LORD called unto \_\_\_\_\_, and spake unto him out of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying, **2** Speak \_\_\_\_\_ the children of \_\_\_\_\_, and say unto them, If any man of you bring an \_\_\_\_\_ unto the LORD, ye shall bring your offering of the \_\_\_\_\_, even of the \_\_\_\_\_, and of the \_\_\_\_\_. **NOTE: Already we can see a significant difference between these two laws. The ceremonial regulations served only the purpose for directing the minds and hearts of the people to the Messiah and Savior to come. The Ten Commandment law is a standard of moral conduct and transcript of God's unchanging character which is as enduring as eternity itself! God was the one Who proclaimed the Ten Commandment (moral law) before the people and Moses was the one who proclaimed these [Ceremonial Laws & Regulations] before the people.**

**13.) Where were God's Ten Commandments stored? Exodus 40:20** And he took and \_\_\_\_\_ the testimony \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, and set the staves on the ark, and put the mercy seat above upon the ark: **NOTE: The Ten Commandments were placed inside of the Ark.**

**14.) Where were the ceremonial law documents placed and stored? Deuteronomy 31:26**

Take this \_\_\_\_\_ of the law, and put it in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee. **NOTE: The Ceremonial Law was placed at the side of the Ark.**

**15.) Could the blood of animal sacrifices actually atone for the sins of God's people?**

**Hebrews 10:1** For the law having a \_\_\_\_\_ of good things to come, and not the very \_\_\_\_\_ of the things, can \_\_\_\_\_ with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto \_\_\_\_\_. **3** But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of \_\_\_\_\_ every year. **4** For it is \_\_\_\_\_ possible that the \_\_\_\_\_ of bulls and of goats should take \_\_\_\_\_ sins. **NOTE: Animal blood didn't really have any efficacy or power to take away people's sin. But this was a system likened to IOU's. Each time a sinner would come to the sanctuary and confessed his sin on the animal, he then killed it; this would be a debt that would be deferred until Jesus came and paid the debt. The whole ceremonial system was like a huge credit system put in place until Jesus' death on the cross.**

- 16.) Could ceremonial offerings purify the heart and conscience of the believer? Hebrews 9:9  
*Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and \_\_\_\_\_, that could \_\_\_\_\_ make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the \_\_\_\_\_; NOTE: This is not to say that the true followers of God back in Old Testament times did not have a change in heart or character when they repented of their sins. On the contrary, we have many examples of those who became righteous and new creatures “in Christ” who was to come. Old Testament believers were still saved by grace through faith. [see study “Good News of the Gospel # 3– Justification & Righteousness by Faith”]*
- 17.) How long were these offerings, ceremonies and rituals to last? Hebrews 9:10  
*Which stood only in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and divers \_\_\_\_\_, and carnal ordinances, \_\_\_\_\_ on them \_\_\_\_\_ the time of reformation. **11** But Christ being come an \_\_\_\_\_ of good things to come, by a greater and more \_\_\_\_\_ tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, \_\_\_\_\_ of this building; **12** Neither by the \_\_\_\_\_ of goats and calves, but by \_\_\_\_\_ own \_\_\_\_\_ he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal \_\_\_\_\_ for us. NOTE: Here we see two systems and in verse 11 we see that there is a heavenly temple or sanctuary where Jesus Christ is our great High Priest. There is the REALITY when Jesus came. There is the shadow in which the Old Testament system pointed to the REALITY. There is the “Type” and there is the “Antitype.” When we understand this as we should -the whole Bible and even the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation are much more understandable!*
- 18.) How does the time prophecy in Daniel 9 foretell the doing away or “nailing to the cross” the old ceremonial system? Daniel 9:27  
*And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and the oblation to \_\_\_\_\_, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. NOTE: This time prophecy is actually talking about Jesus as the Messiah who would come to be “cut off” at the cross and thereby cause the sacrificial ceremonial system to cease. Many modern Bible teachers interpret this as the anti-Christ who would stop the sacrifices after they had been started up again, but this is a gross misinterpretation of prophecy. [See study on “The 70 Week Prophecy & the Messiah”]*
- 19.) What significant event took place at the death of Jesus that showed the ceremonial law had come to an end or was “nailed to the cross”? Matthew 27:50  
*\_\_\_\_\_ when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. **51** And, behold, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ was rent in twain \_\_\_\_\_ the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; NOTE: The significance of the earthly temple passed away forever because Jesus’ death put an end to the shadowy types that were pointing forward to His death.*

20.) Remember our scripture texts at the beginning of this study from Colossians and Ephesians? Two verses are sufficient to illustrate this. Col 2:14 \_\_\_\_\_ out the handwriting of \_\_\_\_\_ that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an \_\_\_\_\_, or of the new moon, or of the \_\_\_\_\_ days: **Now let's go to Leviticus 23:37** These are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a \_\_\_\_\_ offering, and a \_\_\_\_\_ offering, a sacrifice, and \_\_\_\_\_ offerings, every thing upon his day: 38 \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto the LORD. 39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a \_\_\_\_\_ unto the LORD seven days: on the \_\_\_\_\_ day shall be \_\_\_\_\_, and on the \_\_\_\_\_ day shall be \_\_\_\_\_. **NOTE: Notice the phrase "Beside the Sabbaths of the LORD" and then you have these ceremonial sabbaths that were connected to the feasts. The first day would be "a" sabbath and the eighth day would be "a" sabbath. These ceremonial sabbaths could land on any day of the week. If they happened to land on the weekly seventh-day Sabbath, then it was called a "High Sabbath." During the Old Testament time these ceremonial sabbaths served an important purpose as a convocation to celebrate the symbols of salvation and the Messiah to come. They were basically a time for spiritual revivals for God's Jewish people. It is these "ceremonial sabbaths" that were done away with at the cross of Christ. The weekly Seventh-day Sabbath which is part of the Ten Commandment moral law of God is eternally binding. It is a memorial of creation at the beginning of our world before sin entered. Keep in mind the Ceremonial sacrificial system was imposed after sin came into our world. Here is where so many modern Christians become confused about the passage in Colossians and Ephesians and actually conclude that God's great moral Ten Commandment law was done away with. Nothing could be further from the TRUTH!! [notice ceremonial (s)abbaths are with a small "s"]**

21.) What special story in the life-experience of Jesus teaches the beautiful truth of the transition between the Old Testament Jewish ceremonial system and the coming in of the reality of Jesus' blood for the atonement of our sins without the sacrifices, feasts and offerings? Luke 8:41-55 And, behold, there came a man named \_\_\_\_\_, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house: 42 For he had one only \_\_\_\_\_, about \_\_\_\_\_ years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him. 43 And a \_\_\_\_\_ having an issue of blood \_\_\_\_\_ years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, 44 Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and \_\_\_\_\_ her issue of \_\_\_\_\_ stanchd. 45 And Jesus said, Who \_\_\_\_\_ me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? 46 And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that \_\_\_\_\_ is gone out of me. 47 And when the \_\_\_\_\_

saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had \_\_\_\_\_ him, and how she was \_\_\_\_\_ immediately. **48** And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy \_\_\_\_\_ hath made thee \_\_\_\_\_; go in peace. **49** While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, Thy \_\_\_\_\_ is dead; trouble not the Master. **50** But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made \_\_\_\_\_. **51** And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the \_\_\_\_\_. **52** And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep \_\_\_\_\_; she is not dead, but sleepeth. **53** And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was \_\_\_\_\_. **54** And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, \_\_\_\_\_. **55** And her spirit came again, and she \_\_\_\_\_ straightway: and he commanded to give her meat. **NOTE: Keep in mind that these stories actually happened, but God has allowed us to draw amazing lessons and parallels from these real-life happenings. You might be wondering, how does this story portray the change from the ceremonial blood sacrifice system to the New Testament Christian Church where we simply accept the shed blood of Christ by faith? Let's break this down. You'll be amazed! What does a woman represent prophetically? God's church, right? The woman had a continual flow of blood for twelve years. Jesus comes along and she touches the hem of His garment and the blood stops and she is healed. Jesus continues on to Jairus' home where by now his twelve-year-old daughter is dead. She is raised to life with youthful energy. What does the number twelve signify prophetically? You have the twelve patriarchs of the Old Testament and you have the twelve apostles of the New Testament. The number twelve signifies God's called out people of all ages. The Old Testament had a continual flow of blood from all the animal sacrifices until Jesus came, shed His blood on the cross and brought healing! When the twelve-year-old girl (becoming a young woman -signifying the young vibrant early Christian church) is raised to life by Jesus, she goes forth in youthful energy to proclaim the gospel around the world. God's Old Testament people as well as His New Testament people are dependent on life-giving power from JESUS!**

## The Two Laws Contrasted

### Moral Law

Is called the "royal law" –James 2:8

Was spoken by God -Deut.4:12,13

Was written by God on tables of  
of stone -Ex. 24:12

Was written "with the finger of God"  
on stone -Ex. 31:18

Was placed in the Ark -Ex. 40:20 ;  
1 Kings 8:9 ; Heb. 9:4

### The Ceremonial Law

Is called "the law....contained in ordinances"  
-Eph. 2:15

Was spoken by Moses Lev.1:1-3

Was the "handwriting of ordinances"  
-Col. 2:12

Was written by Moses in a book  
-2 Chron. 35:12

Was placed in the side of the Ark  
-Deut. 31:24-26

*Is Perfect –Psalm 19:7*

*Is to “stand forever and ever” -*

*Ps. 111:7,8*

*Was not destroyed by Christ -Matt.*

*5:17*

*Was to be magnified by Christ -*

*Isaiah 42:21*

*Gives knowledge of sin –Rom. 3:20;*

*7:7*

*“Made nothing perfect” –Heb. 7:19*

*Was nailed to the cross –Col. 2:14*

*Was abolished by Christ -Eph. 2:15*

*Was taken out of the way by Christ*

*-Col. 2:14*

*Was instituted in consequence of sin*

*-Leviticus 3-7*

## Brief Quiz

### CIRCLE ONE

- 1.) **True/False** – God’s Ten Commandment law was done away with and nailed to the cross.
- 2.) **True/False** – The Ceremonial system was instituted after sin came into the world.
- 3.) **True/False** – The blood of animals was able to atone and blot out sin.
- 4.) **True/False** – There were “ceremonial sabbaths” connected to the feast days that could land on any day of the week.
- 5.) **True/False** – These “ceremonial sabbaths” are what is mentioned in Colossians as being ended at the cross.
- 6.) **True/False** – The book of the Ceremonial law was put inside the Ark of the Covenant.
- 7.) **True/False** – God verbally proclaimed the Ten Commandment law on top of Mt. Sinai and Moses was the one who verbally proclaimed the Ceremonial law before the people.
- 8.) **True/False** – All the sacrifices, offerings, feasts, and ordinances were but shadows of what was to happen when Jesus the Messiah was to come.

## *My Response*

*This Bible study opened my eyes as to what was really nailed to the cross and how God gave an illustrated system before Jesus actually came to this world to remind them of their need of placing their faith in a Savior to come. I am thankful that Jesus did come and that we can now look back to what He did on Calvary.*

*Signed* \_\_\_\_\_