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Love and Legalism

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God [as expounded in chs. 1-11], that you present your bodies [and all that is you within them] a living sacrifice, holy [set apart to God and], acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And do not be [or stop being] conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind [through the Word and the Spirit], that you may prove what is that good and acceptable [or well pleasing] and perfect will of God.

#1- v.1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities.

[Why?] For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

Romans 13:7-10

#2- v.7 Render therefore to all [governing authorities] their due:

v.7 cont. ... taxes to whom taxes are due,
customs to whom customs,
fear [healthy respect] to whom fear [is
due], honor to whom honor [is due].

#3- v.8 Owe no one anything [pay what
you owe] [except be constantly in debt] to
love one another,

For he [or she] who [constantly] loves
another has fulfilled the law.

v.9- For the commandments [which govern our earthly relationships are:],

#4- “You shall not commit adultery,”

#5- “You shall not murder,”

#6- “You shall not steal,”

#7- “You shall not bear false witness,”

#8- “You shall not covet,”

and if there is any other commandment, [besides, numbers 3-8 that involve our relationships with each other, they] are all summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

**v.10 Love does no harm to a neighbor;
therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.**

v.12 The night is far spent, the day [of the LORD] is at hand.

#9- Therefore, let us CAST OFF the works of darkness,

#10- and [simultaneously] let us PUT ON the armor of light [as in Ephesians 6:13-18].

#11- Let us walk properly [as children of God], as [we would] in the day [of His return],

What works of darkness are you talking about, Paul?

#12- not in revelry [licentious behavior] and drunkenness,

#13- not in lewdness and [sexual misbehavior, stemming from the temptations of] lust,

#14- not in strife and envy.

#15- But [instead] put on [the armor of light which is also] the [mind of the] Lord Jesus Christ [1 Cor. 2:16],

#16- and [by doing so] MAKE NO PROVISION FOR THE FLESH, TO FULFILL ITS LUSTS.

13:14 put on [the armor of light which is]
the [mind of the] Lord Jesus Christ,
and [by doing so also] make no provision
for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

14:1 Receive one who is weak in the faith,
but not to disputes [led by the weaker]
over doubtful things.

v.2 For one believes he [or she] may eat all things, but he [or she] who is weak eats only vegetables.

v.3 [Therefore, the summary of the problem is this] Let not him [or her] who eats despise him [or her] who does not eat, and let not him [or her] who does not eat judge him [or her] who eats; for God has received him [or her who eats].

v. 4 Who are you [oh weaker one] that judges the servant of another? To his [or her] own Lord, he [or she] stands or falls. Indeed, [the one who doesn't follow your rules] he [or she] will be made to stand, for God is able to make him [or her to] stand.

v. 5 One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his [or her's] own mind.

v. 6 He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he [or she] who does not observe the [particular] day [of choice], to the Lord he [or she] does not observe it. He [or she] who eats, eats to the Lord, for he [or she] gives God thanks; and he [or she] who does not eat, to the Lord he [or she] does not eat, and gives God thanks.

v. 7 For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself [we do not own ourselves].

v. 8 For if we live [zao, spiritual life], we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are [purchased by and therefore we are] the Lord's.

v. 9 For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord [and therefore Judge] of both the dead and the living.

v. 10 But why do you [the weaker] judge your [stronger] brother? Or why do you [the stronger brother or sister] show contempt [because of their additional rules] for your [weaker] brother [or sister]? For we shall all [weak or strong] stand before the [the bema] judgment seat of Christ.

v. 11 For it is written [from Is. 45:23]: "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

v. 12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

v. 13a Therefore, let us not judge one another anymore [in particular, judging the stronger brother or sister],

...“making provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts”

v. 13b but rather resolve this [you strong ones, to] not to put a stumbling block [giving offense] or a cause to fall in our brother's way [or path].

v. 14a [For some time now] I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus [directly] that there is NOTHING unclean of itself

1 Corinthians 6:12 and 1 Corinthians 10:23

6:12a All [amoral, disputable] things are lawful for me, but all [these] things are not [necessarily spiritually] helpful [for me or others].

12b All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power [or ruling authority] of anything.

10:23 All [amoral, disputable] things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful [or spiritually advantageous for me]; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify [or build me up].

v. 14b. BUT to him [or her] who considers anything to be unclean, to him [or her] it is unclean [or defiling].

v. 15a Yet if your brother is grieved
because of your food [and now you know
it], you are no longer walking in love.

v. 15b Do not destroy [or better, spiritually ruin] with your food the one for whom Christ died.

v. 16 Therefore, do not let your good [that
which you can do by faith] be spoken of as evil;

v. 17 for [here is the reason you refrain from your liberty, because] the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking [or clean things], but righteousness and peace and joy [spiritual things] in the Holy Spirit.

v. 22 Do you have faith [oh, stronger one, with regards to amoral things]? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he [or she] who does not condemn himself in what he approves.

v. 23 But he who doubts [is not convinced just yet] is condemned if he [or she] eats, because he does not eat from [a corrected] faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.

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Romans 13

Romans 14:14

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