

We Lead, They Follow?

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

Review:

Abiding in Jesus: Come, Listen, Love, Obey, Follow, Imitate, Proclaim

Jesus Sees Crowds: Equips his men, Stirs their hearts, Preps them for battle

We are Salt in the World: Don't get diluted, polluted; Be salty salt

Salt & Light: Not Parallel, but Contrast?

The salt is the Say and the light is the Do

The salt is the Word and the light is the Work

The salt is the Truth and the light is the Love

We are Light Like Jesus

Christ is the light of the world

You are the light of the world

John 8:12; John 9:5; John 12:46

Matt 5:14-16

Jesus Places Your Light to Enlighten

A city on a hill can't be hidden,

People don't light a lamp and put it under a bowl

They put it on its stand to give light to everyone in the house

Don't Hide the Light Jesus Has Placed

In the same way, let your light shine before men

That they may see your good deeds

And praise your Father in heaven

What Kind of Good Deeds?

Jesus, the original light, lived to fulfill God's Law

I didn't come to abolish Law/Prophets but to fulfill

Until heaven earth disappear, not the smallest/least will disappear

Until everything is accomplished

Those whom Christ made light ought also fulfill God's Law

One who breaks these commandments and teaches others to will be called least

One who practices and teaches these commands will be called great

And this is how well you should work at it

Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees & Teachers of Law

you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven

Should Christians Obey Jewish Law?

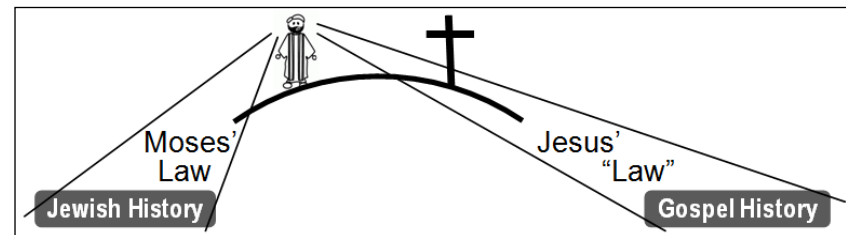
No:

Galatians 3:1-3

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?

See also: Acts 15:10-11; Gal 6:12-13

The Bridge:



Should Christians Obey N.T. Instructions?

Yes:

Galatians 3:1-3

An obedience that comes from faith

Romans 1:5

Through Him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith.

All that I have commanded

Matt 28:18-20

Spirit-filled (love, joy, peace . . .)

Gal 5:22-25; Eph 5:18

Loving (to God, brother, neighbor, needy, enemy)

Holy (fully dedicated to God's purposes)

1 Cor 1:2; Eph 1:4; Heb 14:14

Jesus led his followers to devout, sacrificial service to God

Rom 12:1-2

Some did follow

John 6:67-71

But some didn't follow

John 3:19; John 6:66

And some persecuted

1 Cor 15:1-7

So we ought lead others to devout, sacrificial service to God

2 Tim 2:1-2

Some will follow

But some won't follow

2 Pet 3:3; 1 Jn 2:19

And some will persecute

Matt 24:9; John 15:8; Gal 6:17