

is explained in Acts 10:28, which states that it is unlawful for a Jew to keep company from a man from another nation, but God showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean. However if one does not accept the revealing of the Old Testament by the New Testament, then these Words of God ring hollow. This is reflected in Matthew 7:6, which states that you give not that which is Holy unto the dogs, lest they turn again and rend you. The law of unclean animals is not done away with but is kept in Christ. Where Peter sees a basket of unclean meat and will not eat, God corrects him saying that what He has cleansed, do not call unclean. What literal meat we eat does not defile us, it is what spiritual meats we eat that defile us.

On Matthew 15:11, it states that it is not what goes into our mouth that defiles us, but that which comes out of our mouth. Eating swine does not defile a man. Jesus was talking about the doctrines of the Pharisees, and the understanding of Spiritual truths. The law is intact, but the unclean has been made clean by Jesus so there is no transgression of the law.

Those who rely on the Old Testament law are still under the curse, for it is written in Galatian 3:10, for as many as are of the works of the law are under a curse. The law is not based on faith; nor by the works of the law shall anyone on earth be saved. Also in Galatians 2:16, it states that since no one is justified by the works of the law, but only by the faith of Jesus Christ, believe in Him, and be justified by the faith of Jesus and not by the works of the law.

If we are truly Saved, we are not condemned by the laws that God gave to Israel. Jesus took care of that— it was the whole point of His life and death. If His atonement was sufficient (and it was) then the Old Testament law holds no condemnation for us. As Jesus says in Matthew 22:37-40, **1.** Love God with all thy heart, soul and mind; **2.** This is the first and greatest commandment; **3.** The second is like unto the first, love thy neighbor as thyself; and **4.** On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

If you Love God with all your heart and mind, that love will manifest itself in your faithfulness to His Holy Word, and the surrender of your will to his will. Love of neighbor works for both his and your Salvation. It is the Love of God and neighbor upon which all the law is based on. The Love in the faith of Christ, wherein He first loved us. The Love wherein the law is accomplished in Him.

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Meaning of Jesus Fulfilling the Law



" Do not think that I am come to destroy the law,
or the Prophets.
I am not come to destroy, **but to fulfill.**

For amen I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass,
**one jot, or one tittle shall not pass
of the law,** till all be fulfilled."

Matthew 5: 17-18

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*What does it mean that Jesus fulfilled the law, but did not abolish it? One question frequently asked is does Christianity do away with a lot of the laws of the Old Testament? For example, observing the Old Testament Sabbath (from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset) which is part of the 10 commandments, and laws such as eating Kosher meats. The question is, why has Christianity abandoned these laws, despite the fact that Jesus said that he had not come to destroy or abolish the law?

This is indeed a good question. If Christ said He came not to destroy the law, why do we not still observe the Old Testament laws? The answer is, we do! We continue to observe those laws in Christ who fulfilled (completed) them. When we consider all of scripture, in context, it is clear that Jesus spoke of His death insuring that the law have no more condemnation over us.

In Matthew 5:17-18 in what is commonly called the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says that He came to fulfill the law. What does fulfill mean? Fulfill means to accomplish or to carry into effect, as a prophecy or a Promise; to meet or satisfy the requirement; to bring to a finish or completion; to bring the conditions of a law to realization; and to bring to a consummation.

By fulfilling the law Christ satisfied its requirements in our place. In other words, the required obedience is accomplished in Him. Therefore, in Christ do we keep all the law faithfully, and cannot be accused. In this way, we are no longer judged by any of the everlasting laws, for we are under the Grace of God. The law does not condemn us.

In 1 Cor. 15:56, we read that the sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. In Romans 8:1-2, we read that there is no condemnation to them which are in Christ. The law stands, but it cannot condemn us because we are made free from the law in Christ, in Whose righteousness we stand. New Testament Christianity does not do away with the Old Testament laws, it stands in the revelation

that the Messiah came to fulfill those laws, or to make complete, or to accomplish what was required that those laws not condemn us. He brought the law to completion, having stood in for us as a substitute, that the strength of sin (the law) not condemn us. An example would be the Old Testament 7th day Sabbath which looked forward to the Messiah, our Rest, wherein we cease from our own works, is fulfilled or completed in Christ. It is through His works that we will enter into rest, and cease from the requirement of our works. Without the good works, we would have been condemned by the law, but because of Jesus and His good works, we rest from our works in Him.

In James 2:10, it states that whoever shall keep the whole law and yet offends in one point, is guilty of all the law. What Christian goes to Jerusalem three times a year, or splatters blood on the door posts? That also is the law of God. If we are indebted to one law, we are indebted to all the laws. Christ fulfilled "all" the law so that we can enter His rest. That rest is the Kingdom of God! We keep everlasting Sabbath by being in Christ, our Sabbath of Rest.

Likewise, the laws concerning unclean meats which is an illustration that nothing unclean was to come unto the children of Israel, was completed in Christ. With the new testament, that veil of mystery concerning it has been lifted for us. The Old Testament concealed is the new Testament revealed! The fact is, the Gentiles were seen as heathen Dogs and Swine, unclean animals! Those Old Testament laws illustrated that the Children of God were not to mingle with them. Jesus himself used that very same language for Gentiles in Mark 7:27, where he states that the Children first be filled, for it is not good to take the Children's bread, and cast it unto the dogs. Jesus is saying that the Gentiles were unsaved and Israel should not partake of their doctrines and traditions, but separate themselves from them. This is why the unclean meats were let down unto Peter three times (3, signifying God's Purpose) to include the Gentiles as Children of God. It