

## **Sabbath**---**learn and memorize these scriptures for your personal evangelism**

**Genesis 2:2-3**---God rests and blesses the seventh day of the week.

**Exodus 16:23-29**---The Sabbath law was set up before Moses received the 10 Commandments.

**Exodus 20:8-11**---The Sabbath is one of God's 10 commandments. We are not to work on the Sabbath day.

**Exodus 31:12-17**---The Sabbath is a sign between God and the Israelites. Christian's are Spiritual Israelites, (Romans 9:6-8---Galatians 4:28). "It signifies God's part in creation because He rested after He finished."

**Leviticus 23:3**---Evidence that we should meet together for worship on the Sabbath.

**Leviticus 23:32**---Evidence that the Sabbath was from sunset to sunset.

**II Kings 11: 5, 9**---A certain type of security duty seems to be permitted on the Sabbath.

**I Chronicles 9:32**---Preparing the showbread is permitted on the Sabbath.

**Nehemiah 10:31**---The Sabbath was not a shopping day.

**Nehemiah 13:15-21**---Regular business was not conducted on the Sabbath.

**Isaiah 58:13**---We need to focus on God and His way on the Sabbath, not our way.

**Isaiah 66:23**---The Sabbath will be kept when God returns to the earth.

**Matthew 12:1-12**---Jesus made it clear that doing good deeds on the Sabbath is not a breaking of the Sabbath Command.

**Luke 4:16**---It was Jesus custom to meet with other believers on the Sabbath.

**Luke 13:10-16**---Doing "good" is permitted on the Sabbath.

**Acts 13:14**---The disciples continued to go to worship on the Sabbath even after Jesus died.

**Acts 18:4**---Paul taught Jews and Gentiles in the synagogue on the Sabbath.

**Colossians 2:16**---The Colossian Christian's appear to be keeping the Sabbath years after the death of Jesus.

**Hebrews 4:9**---This scripture tells us there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

## **What Happens When You Die?**---learn and memorize for your personal evangelism

**Genesis 2:7**---God made humanity from the dust and breathed the breath of life into us.

**Genesis 3:19**---Humanity is dust and returns to dust at death.

**Genesis 7:21-22**---Animals have the same breath of life as humanity.

**I Kings 2:10**---When someone died the Bible states that they rested or slept.

**Job 3:11-18**---Death is likened to sleep.

**Job 4:17**---Humans are mortal. We are not immortal.

**Job 14:14**---Death is a waiting period before a future change (resurrection).

**Psalms 6:5**---There is no remembrance in death.

**Psalms 115:17**---The dead are silent. They cannot praise God.

**Psalms 146:4**---When you die your plans perish.

**Ecclesiastes 3:19-21**---Humans and animals experience death in the same way.

**Ecclesiastes 9:5-10**---The dead know nothing.

**Daniel 12:2**---The dead sleep.

**Matthew 27:52**---The dead were asleep.

**John 3:13**---Only Jesus has gone to heaven.

**John 3:16**---We will either perish or have everlasting life.

**John 11:11-14**---Jesus said that death was like sleep.

**Acts 2:29, 34**---David is not in heaven.

**I Corinthians 15:53-54**---We are corruptible and mortal, but we can be given immortality.

**I Timothy 6:15-16**---God alone is immortal.

**I Thessalonians 4:13-16**---We can have life again when Christ returns and resurrects the dead from sleep.

## **Women in Leadership and Worship in the Bible**

**Genesis 1:27-28**---Both man and woman are in the image of God.

**Genesis 2:18**---Women are more attuned to helping others.

**Genesis 17:10-14**---God's covenant sign was put on males.

**Exodus 38:8**---Women serve at the Tent of Meeting.

**Numbers 3:6-15**---Only men became Levitical priests.

**Numbers 6:2-21**---Men and women could take a Nazarite vow.

**Judges 4:4-6**---Deborah was a prophetess who led Israel.

**I Samuel 2:22**---Women served at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.

**II Kings 22:14-20**---The High Priest consults with a prophetess to find out the will of God.

**Nehemiah 6:14**---A woman is a prophetess.

**Joel 2:28-29**---God will pour out His Spirit on both men and women. Both will receive gifts.

**Acts 2:17-18**---In the last days God will pour out His Spirit on all people, men and women.

**Acts 18:2, 24-26**---A woman and her husband teach a learned man about God.

**Acts 21:9**---Phillip's four daughters had the gift of prophecy.

**Romans 16:1-3, 6, 12**---Women were involved in significant church related work.

**I Corinthians 11:5**---Women had the gift of prophecy.

**I Corinthians 12:28**---The gift of prophecy is more important than the gift of being a pastor or a teacher.

**I Corinthians 14:3-4**---The important role of a prophet or prophetess.

**Philippians 4:2-3**---Women labored with Paul in the gospel.

## **Holy Days Not Holidays**---study and memorize for your personal evangelism

**Leviticus 23**---This chapter lists all of God's annual Holy Days.

**Deuteronomy 12:30-31**---Don't worship God the way other nations worship their gods.

**Jeremiah 10:2-11**---Don't learn the customs the pagans used to worship their gods.

**Zechariah 14:16-19**---In the millennium we will all keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

**Matthew 26:17-29**---Jesus kept the Passover and added new symbolism (bread and wine) to it.

**Matthew 15:9**---We worship God in vain when we teach for doctrine the commandments of men.

**Mark 7:7-13**---We should not teach the commands of men over the commands of God.

**John 2:13**---Jesus kept the Passover.

**John 7:2, 10, 14, 37-38**---Jesus kept the Feast of Tabernacles.

**John 13:1-17**---Jesus also adds the symbolic act of foot washing to the Passover.

**Acts 2**---The Holy Spirit comes upon the church on the Day of Pentecost.

**Acts 12:3**---The writer mentions Unleavened Bread here because it was still important to the early Christian's.

**Acts 20:6**---They sailed after Unleavened Bread because they probably kept the Feast with other Christian's.

**Acts 20:16**---Paul wanted to hurry back to Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Pentecost.

**Acts 27:9**---They mention the fast of the Day of Atonement here. They mention it because they were obviously still keeping the Holy Day.

**I Corinthians 5:7-8**---The early church kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

**I Corinthians 16:8**---He probably mentions Pentecost because he would keep the Feast before moving on.

**Colossians 2:16**---The Colossian church kept the Holy Days.

**Revelation 11:15-19**---The final trumpet blast signifies Christ's second coming. We believe the Feast of Trumpets symbolizes this.

## ***HOLY DAYS OF GOD!***

**At some time in the future everyone will stand before the judgment seat of God to give an account of there life. The apostle Peter said, “For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should *follow His steps*” (1 Peter 2:21. In this verse, Peter set up Christ as the model for believers to follow, and Jesus kept all of the Holy Days. I do not want to stand before the judgment seat of Jesus Christ and try to explain why I did not follow in His footsteps in keeping the Holy Days. Do You?**

**Introduction:** The Creator of the whole Universe and all that is in it is a Holy and Righteous God. Because He is a Holy God, sin is too serious to just be shrugged off and forgotten. God is a lawful God, therefore the debt must be settled and the books balanced. For forgiveness to be possible for us, the debt we have incurred by sinning must be paid for. Someone has to suffer the penalty of death in our place, if we are to live.

Jesus Christ paid this death penalty for us. God our Father, loved the whole world so much that He was willing to allow the life of His own son to be sacrificed to pay the debt that no one was capable of paying and still live (John 3:16). God’s Holy character is so consistent that there could be no other way for him to extend mercy to us.

To those who accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, obedience to all that He taught is of paramount importance and necessary. Jesus spoke to His disciples and told them, “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have *Commanded* you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world (age)” (Matthew 28:20).

When the New Testament is read it will be found that Jesus Christ, His Apostles and Disciples never observed Sunday, Christmas, Easter, Lent, or Hollowean as days of worship. In fact you will not find them even mentioned in the Bible except as pagan ceremonies not to be taken part in. It is for this reason and many more that the Church of God continues to observe the Seventh Day Sabbath and Holy Days instituted by The Lord God, and these it will be found are mentioned prolifically in the Bible. In scholarship it is widely acknowledged that the early Church continued to observe the annual holy days of the Old Testament: “In the early Christian Church the propriety of celebrating the festivals together with the whole of the Jewish people was never questioned, so that it needed no special mention” (The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology, vol. 1, 628).

The annual Holy Days are named the *Passover* and *Feast of Unleavened Bread*, *Pentecost*, the *Feast of Trumpets*, the *Day of Atonement* and the *Feast of Tabernacles* followed by the *Last Great Day*. These annual Holy Days function in a similar manner as the weekly Sabbath in that they outline God’s plan of salvation for the individual and the world. Like the weekly Sabbath, each is reckoned from sunset to sunset. A complete summary of the Sabbath and the Holy Days of The Lord are to be found in (Leviticus 23:1-36)

**Sabbath:** The Church of God continues to observe the seventh- day Sabbath, as did Jesus and the New Testament Church. “The Sabbath was established by God” at Creation week, and it was made for man, reaffirmed by Jesus, taught by the apostles and kept down through the centuries. “And God

blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made”(Genesis 2:3) The Sabbath (literally rest) day was incorporated in the Mosaic covenant with Israel in a special way, but it preceded Israel and will continue eternally. “And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall *all flesh* come to worship before me, saith the Lord” (Isaiah 66:23).

“For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the Seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it”(Exodus 20:11). You will find that God wrote His commandments with His own finger in stone (Exodus 31:18). “One of the most important New Testament statements on the Sabbath was spoken by Jesus Christ.” “And He said unto them. The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath: Therefore the son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath” (Mark 2:27-28).

Obviously, the Sabbath was made for mans spiritual and physical benefit. It provides the means for loving God and worshiping Him in spirit and in truth. Another important feature of observing the Sabbath is it makes apparent that the true Creator God is being worshiped as He prescribes, and not some god made from the imagination of the mind of man.

**Passover:** The Bread and Wine which Jesus instituted at His last supper and which are taken yearly by the Church today are explained symbolically both by Jesus Himself and by the apostle Paul. The wine represents the shed blood of Jesus who gave Himself as an offering to pay for all the sins of mankind. John records for us, “.....Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world” (John 129). That full and complete sacrifice makes it possible for one to have any and all sins forgiven upon repentance. The wine also represents the New Covenant made between God and the Christian by the blood of Christ.

The bread represents the body of Jesus which was torn and beaten for us all, in Christ’s ultimate sacrifice for mankind. “I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world” (John 6:51). For a fuller understanding read all of John chapter six. The eating of the bread and the drinking of the wine represent partaking of the eternal life that only God can give. The beaten body of Christ also represents the stripes He took on His back enabling us to claim the gift of divine healing for our physical infirmities (Isaiah 53:4-5; 1 Peter 2:24).

The purpose of the foot washing ceremony as explained by Jesus Himself was to show true humility and the proper sense of service (John 13:12-17). No one can be greater than His Lord, who is Jesus Christ; yet Jesus was the greatest servant of all and gave more than anyone else for mankind. This Spirit of Christian love and service is expressed symbolically by washing another person’s feet and then allowing that person to reciprocate. Thus, the Passover represents Christ’s sacrifice for all-both the individual and the world-and pictures the initial step in salvation. Only through acceptance of this sacrifice can one repent and be forgiven. Repentance is the first stage in individual conversion.

**The Feast of Unleavened Bread:** This Feast is symbolical of the continual removing of sin from the spiritual sphere of one’s life and the continual practicing of a new godly way of life, represented by Christ who was unleavened, that is, without sin. The apostle Paul stated, “Purge out therefore the old leaven, (sin) that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us” (1 Corinthians 5:7).

As the Hebrews prepared for their exodus from slavery in Egypt, they were commanded to prepare bread without yeast (“unleavened bread”) because they didn’t have time to wait for it to rise.

Yeast also was a symbol of sin, so they were commanded to clean all of it out of their houses (Exodus 12:15; 13:7). Therefore, today as a symbol of sin, followers of Christ remove yeast from their houses as a physical reminder of removing sin from their lives. It is a further reminder that we should have nothing to do with the sins of the past (“old leaven”).

The Old Testament Passover lamb was slaughtered on the 14th of Nisan. It was eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs (representing hard bondage) on into the evening. That night the death angel passed over, spared the Israelites who had put the blood of the lamb on the doorposts, and slaughtered the Egyptian firstborn. This began a period of seven days of eating unleavened bread. The 15th and the 21st days were Holy Days on which no work was to be done. The intervening days were not holy days, but no leaven was to be eaten or any leavened products to be in the houses. It was on the Sunday during this period that the first sheaf (omer) of the new harvest was offered as the Wave Sheaf offering. Jesus Christ is the Wave Sheaf offering! Only after this offering could the spring harvest begin (Leviticus 23:6-14).

**Pentecost (Feast of Weeks):** This festival took its name from the manner in which it was determined. Rather than being celebrated on a particular calendar day, it was counted seven weeks or fifty days from the Wave Sheaf Day that occurred during the days of Unleavened Bread, hence the term “Feast of Weeks” in the Old Testament and “Pentecost” (Greek “fiftieth”) in the time of the New Testament. It marked the end of the spring harvest. The basic instructions for determining the date of Pentecost are clear in (Leviticus 23:15-16). The count begins on a Sunday and ends on a Sunday. The New Testament Church of God began on the Day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit came according to the promises Jesus had made. “But ye shall receive “Power” after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you” (Acts 1:8). “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing might wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting” (Acts 2:1-2).

The *Sheaf* had to be made up of the “firstfruits,” the very first of the harvest to be reaped. The *Sheaf* had to be offered first before the rest of the harvest because it symbolically represented Christ. “Christ [is] risen from the dead, and become the *Firstfruits* of them that slept” (1 Corinthians 15:20). The apostle James tells us “Of His own will begat He us with the word of Truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures (James 1:18). Therefore, Pentecost, or Firstfruits portrays to us the first part of the spiritual harvest of souls, the calling out of God’s Church, a small group of people and a small first harvest.

**Feast of Trumpets:** “Trumpets” were an instrument often used to sound the alarm for war (Ezekiel 33:1-16). In speaking of the end time, Jesus Himself said, “and except those days be shortened there should *no flesh be saved*: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened” (Matthew 24:22).

This Festival, *The Feast of Trumpets*, portrays the time of world war in the near future, and the intervention of Jesus Christ, not only to raise the dead in the first resurrection, but also to save humanity from total destruction (Revelation 11:18).

The Day of Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah) symbolizes the “*Resurrection*” of all who died in Christ and the change of all who will be living in Christ. “In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, *at the Last Trump*: for the Trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we

shall be changed” (1 Corinthians 15:52). “For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout with the voice of the archangel, and with the *Trump* of God: and the dead shall rise first (1 Thessalonians 4:16).

**Day of Atonement:** *Yom Kippur* is a most important day. The basic idea of Atonement is a “covering “ of sin; the purpose is to accomplish *reconciliation* between man and God. “But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear” (Isaiah 59:2). In the New Testament the Day of Atonement was referred to as the “*Fast*” (Acts 27:9). The Fast was on the tenth day of the seventh month (Leviticus 23:27).

The Day of Atonement is a time of introspection, as well as learning lessons by considering our past. God has given us the gift of life and Salvation. “...While we were yet sinners Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). “...We also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, : by whom we have now received the *Atonement*” (Romans 5:11).

**Feast of Tabernacles:** During the Millennium, which the Feast pictures all the tribes of Israel will keep the Feast. (Hosea 12:8,9). All nations will be compelled to join with Israel in the keeping of the Feast of Tabernacles (Zechariah 14:16-19). A Tabernacle is a temporary dwelling. God commanded the Israelites to live in temporary huts or booths for seven days during this feast. The purpose was to remind the Israelites of their forty-year sojourn in the wilderness and deserts south of Palestine (Leviticus 23:42-43). Today we stay in hotels and motels during the feast. The Feast reminds us that our bodies are temporary “Tabernacles” as it did Peter when he wrote, “Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, (body) to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath showed me” (2 Peter 1:13). Satan the Devil will be bound unable to deceive the nations for a thousand years (millennium) (Revelation 20:1-3).

**Last Great Day:** After the seven days of the Feast of Tabernacles, there is an eighth day called in the New Testament, “the last day, that *Great Day of the Feast*. “In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried saying, if any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water” (John 7:37-38). See also (Leviticus 23:36). At the beginning of the millennium the beast and false prophet were cast into the Lake of Fire. At the end of the millennium, after being loosed for a little season, Satan is cast into the Lake of fire (Revelation 20:11). Also at the end of the millennium the *rest of the dead*, that did not come up in the first resurrection, and who never had an opportunity to hear the gospel stand before God at the Great White Throne. No one will be left out, and they will be “judged out of those things written in the books, according to their works” (Revelation 20:11-12).

**Summary:** What you have just read is a very brief thumb nail sketch of the Holy Days of God, and is not intended to be the last word of understanding these marvelously revealing Holy Days!

The Holy Days are Feasts of the Lord, not of the Jews or of man. They are to be kept forever. (Leviticus 23: 1-2)

The Holy Days were ordained before the sacrifices and burnt offerings were given. The sacrifices and burnt offerings were not given until one year after coming out of Egypt. (Jeremiah 7:22, 23; Exodus 12:13; Exodus 13:9) The Holy Days do not stand with sacrifices or burnt offerings.

In the New Testament we find that Christ and the Apostles kept the Holy days (Luke 2:41; Acts



12:3; John 7:1-2; Acts 12:1; Acts 20:16; 1 Corinthians 5:6-8; Acts 27:9; Acts 18:21; 1 Corinthians 16:8)

Tabernacle is symbolical or likened to the human body (2 Peter 1:14; 2 Corinthians 5:1).

## **Who and What is God?---learn and memorize for your personal evangelism**

Genesis 1:26---God is more than one.

Genesis 3:22---God is more than one being.

Genesis 4:9-15---Cain hears the voice of God. This must have been the Son he heard  
(see John 5:37 below).

Exodus 6:3---The Lord appeared unto Abraham, Issac and Jacob. This must have been  
the Son they saw (see John 5:37 below).

Psalm 139:7---The Holy Spirit is God's spirit.

Isaiah 46:9---The God of the Bible is the only God.

Matthew 1:23---Jesus name was Emmanuel, which means God with us.

Matthew 24:36---Only the Father knows the time of the end. Distinction between Father  
and Son. They are not co-equal as Trinity doctrine states.

Mark 13:32---Only the Father knows the day and hour of the end. Ditto above.

John 1:1-3---Word (Jesus) is God.

John 4:24---God is spirit.

John 5:30---Jesus can do nothing by himself...needs the Father to ok it.

John 5:37---We have not seen or heard the Father.

John 8:16---Jesus was sent by the Father...more evidence that the Father and Son are  
distinct persons.

John 8:56-59---Jesus calls himself God (I AM). The people wanted to stone Him for  
saying that.

John 10:29---The Father is greater than the Son.

John 14:28---The Father is greater than the Son.

I Corinthians 8:4-6---There is one God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I Corinthians 11:3---The head of Christ is God (the Father).

Colossians 2:9---In Jesus dwelt the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

## **God Family**---learn and memorize these scriptures for your personal evangelism

**Genesis 1:26-27**---God made man and woman in His image and likeness.

**Psalms 82:6**---We are “gods” sons of the Most High God.

**John 10:33-35**---Jesus said that the law stated that men could be called “gods”.

**John 17:4-5, 21-22**---Jesus had glory with the Father. Jesus gives us the glory the Father gave him so we may be one with the Father and Son.

**Acts 17:28**---We are God’s offspring.

**Romans 8:14-29**---We are the children and heirs of God. We will be glorified, and conformed to the image of his Son. God’s creation is waiting for “The time when God’s children become glorified.”

**I Corinthians 15:45-49**---As we have born the earthly image we will also bear the heavenly image. We shall bear the image of Christ.

**II Corinthians 3:18**---We are being transformed into His (God’s) likeness.

**Galatians 4:4-7**---We are sons and heirs of God.

**Ephesians 1:11-14**---God’s Holy Spirit is a deposit in us guaranteeing our inheritance.

**Philippians 3:21**---Our bodies will someday be like Jesus Christ’s glorious body.

**Colossians 1:15**---The Son is the image of the invisible God. So if we are becoming like The Son (Romans 8:29) we will be like God.

**Hebrews 2:5-10**---Everything will someday be subject to mankind when God brings humans into glory.

**Hebrews 12:10**---God chastens his children so we may be partakers of His Holiness.

**II Peter 1:4**---We can be partakers of the Divine Nature.

**I John 3:1-2**---When Christ appears (2<sup>nd</sup> coming) we shall be like Him.

**Revelation 3:12**---If you overcome, God’s name will be placed upon you.

**Revelation 21:7**---If you overcome, you will inherit everything and be God’s son.

**Revelation 22:4**---We will have God’s name on our foreheads.

## **What Is The Purpose Of Human Life?**

God the Father and Jesus Christ are reproducing themselves. They are enlarging their God family. They are begetting sons and daughters, “Real” sons and daughters. “Literal members of the God family.” That’s the purpose of human life. That’s the purpose for this earth, and for that matter, the entire Universe! The apostle Paul stated, “For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom His whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name” (Ephesians 3:14).

## **THE PURPOSE FOR HUMAN LIFE**

Throughout history people have wondered what the purpose of their existence is. Theologians and philosophers have debated this issue for years. Sometimes the answer to difficult questions is right in front of our eyes and we cannot see it.

God tells us in His word that He has made men and women in his image and likeness. In Genesis Chapter 1 we read about this right after God tells us he made the animals all after their own kinds. The implication here is that if he made animals after their kind and men and women after God's kind, then we are God's children. For some people this is a hard concept to swallow, but as you can see from the preceding page of scriptures the Bible makes it very clear that we are God's children. Just like children grow up and have many of the traits and characteristics of their parents, we have the opportunity to develop God like character. At the second coming of Christ we can partake of God's very nature.

To put it bluntly, God the Father and Jesus Christ are reproducing themselves. They are enlarging their God Family. They are begetting sons and daughters. "Real sons and daughters, literal members of the God Family." That's the purpose for human life, and the purpose for this earth. It is more than likely that it is the purpose for the entire Universe.

## **God's Law---learn and memorize for your personal evangelism**

**Genesis 4:1-12**---Murder was a sin prior to the giving of the law. God's law existed before Moses.

**Genesis 18:20**---The law was around before Moses because sin is the breaking of the law.

**Genesis 20:1-9**---Adultery was a sin before Moses got the law.

**Genesis 39:1-9**---More evidence that the law was around before Moses.

**Genesis 26:5**---God's law existed before Moses received the 10 commandments.

**Leviticus**---Book full of God's laws.

**Isaiah 66:17**---It is still wrong to eat swine's flesh in the future. Proves the law must still be observed today.

**Matthew 5:17-19**---The law will not pass away until heaven and earth pass away.

**Matthew 19:17**---If you want life, keep God's commandments.

**Acts 10**---Peter continued to observe God's food laws after Jesus was resurrected.

**Romans 2:13**---You can't just hear the law you have to do the law.

**Romans 3:31**---Faith does not do away with the law.

**Romans 4:15**---If there is no law there is no transgression.

**Romans 5:13**---There is no sin without law.

**Romans 7:7-12**---The law tells us what sin is. The law is holy, just and good.

**Hebrews 8:10**---God will put his laws into the minds of Israel in the future. Shows the law will be kept in the future too.

**I John 2:3-4**---If we keep His commandments than we know God.

**I John 3:4**---Sin is the transgression of the law.

**II John 6**---Love is to walk after the commandments.

**Revelation 22:14**---Blessed are they who do God's commandments.

## **Kingdom of God**---learn and memorize these scriptures for your personal evangelism

**Isaiah 2:1-4**---God's kingdom will rule on earth.

**Isaiah 11:6-12**---The world will be changed during God's kingdom.

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**---God's law will be put into the minds of the people in his kingdom.

**Daniel 2:36-49**---God's kingdom will overthrow the kingdom's of this earth.

**Daniel 7:18**---The saints will take possession of the kingdom forever.

**Micah 4:1-4**---The kingdom will be on earth.

**Zephaniah 3:9**---All people will call on God in the kingdom.

**Zechariah 8:3-5**---God will dwell in Jerusalem.

**Zechariah 14:4, 8**---Jesus will return to this earth.

**Matthew 4:23**---Jesus preached about the kingdom.

**Matthew 19:28**---The apostles will have thrones in God's kingdom.

**Matthew 25:14-34**---A parable of the kingdom. The kingdom is ushered in by Christ's second coming.

**Luke 19:12-27**---Parable of the kingdom of God. Notice that the nobleman returned with a reward of rulership over cities. Christ will return to set up his kingdom and set up his followers as rulers (See Rev. 5:10).

**Acts 28:23**---Paul taught about the kingdom too.

**I Corinthians 6:9**---The evil will not inherit the kingdom.

**I Corinthians 15:50**---Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God.

**Galatians 5:21**---Evildoers will not inherit the kingdom of God.

**Revelation 2:26-27**---We will rule the nations.

**Revelation 5:10**---We can be kings and priests and rule on earth in God's kingdom.

**Revelation 12:5**---Jesus will rule the nations.

**Revelation 20:4**---The kingdom will last for 1000 years on the earth.

## **Food Law Scriptures**

Genesis 7:2-3, 8---Clean and unclean was in existence before Moses.

Genesis 9:3---God allows the eating of meat.

Leviticus 7:22-25---Don't eat the fat of the animal.

Leviticus 11---God's law on what we can and cannot eat.

Leviticus 17:10-12--- Prohibition against eating blood.

Leviticus 20:24-25---Make a distinction between clean and unclean.

Deuteronomy 14:3-21---Food laws.

Isaiah 66:17---Eating swine's flesh still prohibited in this end time context.

Ezekiel 44:23---Future context and unclean is still mentioned.

II Corinthians 6:17---Don't touch unclean stuff...still relevant after Christ's death.

### **Meat and Milk---Jews think these scriptures mean that we can't eat milk with meat.**

Exodus 23:19---Don't boil a kid in its mother's milk.

Exodus 34:26---Don't boil a kid in its mother's milk.

Deuteronomy 14:21---Don't boil a kid in its mother's milk.

That is not what those scriptures mean because of:

Genesis 18:1-8---Meat and milk are eaten together.

II Samuel 17:27-29---Meat and milk are eaten together.

The prohibition of not boiling a kid in its mother's milk may have related to a pagan religious practice that the people around the Israelites participated in. This may be the reason why God was prohibiting the practice. Another possible explanation is that God did not want the Israelites to kill both the young animals and their mother at the same time. Killing the mother with her young would lead to a serious reduction in the herd.\*

\* Bible Review Magazine... "Should Cheeseburgers Be Kosher?" ...by Jack M. Sasson...December 2003...p. 41-43, 50-51.



## **Explanation of Difficult Scriptures on Food Law---These Scriptures are used by some to say the food laws are done away.**

**Matthew 15:1-20**---This scripture is the same account of what is in Mark 7 and notice here it does not even have the part about Jesus declaring all food clean. This is further evidence that the suspect scripture in Mark 7:19, below, was not in the original scriptures.

**Mark 7:1-23**---1) The last half of verse 19 is in parentheses which means it is not in the original text according to *Jay P. Green Pocket Interlinear New Testament* and *Alfred Marshall's Greek English Interlinear New Testament*. This last half of verse 19 is not found in the King James Version (KJV) or the New King James Version (NKJV) of the Bible. 2) Reading the whole chapter you see he was really talking about the fact your heart defiles you, not a small amount of dirt you may ingest.

**Acts 10**---Peter's vision was evidence that God was now opening up the gospel to Gentiles too (Acts 10:28 and Acts 11:1-18). The vision of the unclean food was used to remind Peter what he considered unclean (the Gentiles). It is also important to note that this takes place long after Jesus died and Peter continues to observe the food laws.

**Romans 14:1-21**---Greek word used here (Romans 14:14) is not akathartos=unclean but koinos=common. If this was talking about the food law they would have used the word akathartos for unclean. It is most likely Paul was addressing vegetarians (verse 2), fasting/vegetarians/eating meat sacrificed to idols (verse 6) and meat and wine sacrificed to idols (verse 21).

**I Corinthians 10:25**---Relates to worrying about meat sacrificed to idols. After a sacrifice was presented to a pagan temple the remaining meat was sold in the marketplace. Some Christians thought they should not eat that meat. That is the subject addressed in this scripture not God's food laws.

**Colossians 2:16**---This has nothing to do with God's food laws. It addresses "eating and drinking." There were various cults that supported ascetic practices. The cults believed abstaining from food and drink could make you holier. Paul is telling the Colossians not to listen to those who expound these cultic practices.

**I Timothy 4:1-5**---It's ok to eat IF it is consecrated by God's word (food law). Notice verse 1 states that, the context of the discussion relates to things that come from deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons. We know that can't be talking about God's food law. The warning is likely related to Gnostic philosophy that taught that the physical world was evil. The Gnostics had certain rules against eating certain foods. This is what Paul is speaking against.