

## Resources:

*Five Views on Law and Gospel.* Stanley N. Gundry (editor)

*The End of the Law: Mosaic Covenant in Pauline Theology.* Jason C. Meyer

- What foods to eat and what days to celebrate in worship are governed by preference alone. There is no "should" in these matters.
- **Rom 14** - *"3 Those who feel free to eat anything must not look down on those who don't. And those who don't eat certain foods must not condemn those who do, for God has accepted them. 4 Who are you to condemn someone else's servants? Their own master will judge whether they stand or fall. And with the Lord's help, they will stand and receive his approval. 5 In the same way, some think one day is more holy than another day, while others think every day is alike. You should each be fully convinced that whichever day you choose is acceptable."*
- It is a sin to condemn the way another Christian worships or what they choose to eat or not. It is a sin to claim "should" in these matters. It's merely false piety.
- **Col 2** - *"16 So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new moons, festivals, or Sabbaths. 17 For these rules are only shadows of the reality yet to come. And Christ himself is that reality. 18 Don't let anyone condemn you by insisting on pious self-denial or angelic worship, saying they have had visions about these things. Their sinful minds have made them proud, 19 and they are not connected to Christ... 20 So why do you keep on following the rules of the world, such as, 21 "Don't handle! Don't taste! Don't touch!"? 22 Such rules are mere human teachings about things that deteriorate as we use them. 23 These rules may seem wise because they require strong devotion, pious self-denial, and severe bodily discipline. But they provide no help in conquering a person's evil desires."*
- **1Tim 4:1-5** Only evil hypocrites impose individual food restrictions on others.
- **1Cor 9:19-23** The only reason to live as though you are "under the mosaic law" would be to evangelize Jews who believe they are still under the law. To free them.
- You were not saved by following the Mosaic Law, so stop trying to keep it.
- **Gal 3** - *"2 Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ. 3 How foolish can you be? After starting your Christian lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort? 4 Have you experienced so much for nothing? Surely it was not in vain, was it? 5 I ask you again, does God give you the Holy Spirit and work miracles among you because you obey the law? Of course not! It is because you believe the message you heard about Christ."*
- James is not "contrary to Paul"
- Jesus affirmed Peter (**Matt 16:18**) and Peter affirms Paul's letters as Scripture (**2Pet 3:15-16**)
- Paul's message was from God and accepted by the church (**Gal 1:12-2:10**)
- Our church is not going to change our belief in salvation & sanctification by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. Anyone seeking to impose another view or system of worship needs to keep it to themselves, and if need be, leave our fellowship.
- **Heb 13:17** *"Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit."*