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DURATION OF OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT



NOTES:

Adam and Abraham lived *before* the Law of Moses given (Old Testament) Those who comprised the church of Christ lived *after* the Law of Moses The Law of Moses was for the Israelites.

The Law of Moses was fulfilled by Jesus Christ

Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed should come to whom the promise had been made. Now a mediator is not for one party only; whereas God is only one. Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law. But the Scripture has shut up all men under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, that we may be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. Galatians 3:19-25

Therefore let no one act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day—things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ. Colossians 2:16-17



Ponder OPPORTUNITY This TO DO GOOD

Expect nothing in return when doing a good deed.

Quid pro quo ("something for something" in Latin) is a phrase used in English to mean an exchange of goods or services, in which one transfer is contingent upon the other; "a favour for a favour."

Wikipedia

"But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men." Luke 6:35

You cannot do a worthwhile deed too soon, because you never know how soon it will be too late.

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, and tomorrow I will give it," when you have it with you. Proverbs 3:27-28

Jumping at opportunities is a much better activity than jumping at conclusions.

So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith. Galatians 6:10

Live today in such a way that you will not regret what you left undone.

Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.

1 Timothy 6:18-19

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INTROSPECTION

Contemplation of one's own thoughts, feelings, and sensations; self-examination. -American Heritage Dictionary

"I have come to the frightening conclusion that I am the decisive element in my interpersonal communications.

It's my personal approach that creates the climate. It's my daily mood that makes the weather.

As a person, I possess a tremendous power to make another person's life miserable or joyous.

I can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration. I can humiliate or humor, hurt or heal.

In all situations, it is my response that decides whether a crisis will be escalated or de-escalated and another person humanized or dehumanized." – Haim G. Ginott Every living person is thankful for the PRO-LIFE position taken by millions and millions of women. *Really? Everyone?* Yes, without exception! Don't believe it?

HERE'S PROOF Every man, woman, and child alive today is thankful that their grandmother great-grandmother great-great-grandmother were PRO-LIFE!



WORRY

feel anxious, distressed, or troubled. If 80% never happens – that's needless worry. If 20% does happen – that's futile worry. That's 100% unnecessary emotional stress. And 0% benefit.

PRAYER

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6 The effective prayer of a

righteous man can accomplish much. James 5:16



ALL ACTIVITIES MONITORED BY VIDEO CAMERA

PLAYBACK

If you viewed a recording of your day's activity, would you be pleased with what you saw?

THE CONTENTS CONTAMINATE THE CONTAINER

A container used to store poison becomes contaminated and unfit for any other use.

Likewise, wrath, anger, bitterness, ill-will, envy, jealousy, and strife, contaminate the heart, mind, and soul.

HOW TRAGIC!

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Ephesians 4:21



Wonderful Grace of Jesus O GREATNESS

Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin; How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin? Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free. **For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me!**

Ø SCOPE

Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost, By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost; Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty, **For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me!**

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POWER

Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled, By its transforming power, making him God's dear child. Purchasing peace and heaven for all eternity; And the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me!

CHORUS Personal

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus, Deeper than the mighty rolling sea; Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain, All sufficient grace for even me, Broader than the scope of my transgressions, Greater far than all my sin and shame; O magnify the precious name of Jesus, Praise His name.

Today's 'Martyrs'

The book of Revelation is written primarily to relatively new 1st century Christians who would be facing newfound hardships due to persecution by the Romans and others. It tells them that even if they die for their faith, they will receive the ultimate reward if they remain faithful.

It is easy for us to say we would be willing to die for the sake of Christ, as martyrdom is something few of us will ever face. But is that the type of sacrifice Christ is asking us to make today?

In Romans 12:1-2, one version (The Message translation paraphrased) reads: "So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life-your sleeping. eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life-and place it before God as an offering . . . Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity. God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you."

So, the question isn't are we willing to literally "die" for the cause, but are we willing to die daily (as Paul said, "I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.." 1 Corinthians 15:31), submitting our will to His. I propose that this type of sacrifice is the real martyrdom of today, requiring daily courage and commitment. – Brian Adams

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