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NOT DIFFICULT

THE RESURRECTION

The Stand-Alone Version

Christianity can stand
on its own two nail-scarred
resurrection feet.

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MIXING & MATCHING

We blend Moses' old covenant values and imperatives with the values and imperatives of Jesus' new covenant.

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THE WAY

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SAUL & BARNABAS IN ANTIOCH



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JUDAIZING THE GENTILES

Keeping the **law** of **Moses**
is a **condition** for **salvation**
and **inclusion** in the **Way**.

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*Certain people came down from Judea to **Antioch** and were teaching the **believers**:*

*“Unless you are **circumcised**, according to the **custom** taught by **Moses**, you cannot be **saved**.”*

*This brought **Paul** and **Barnabas** into sharp **dispute** and **debate** with them.*

Acts 15: 1-2a NIV

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MARK OF THE OLD COVENANT

SALVATION BY CIRCUMCISION

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*So Paul and Barnabas were appointed, along with some other believers, to go up to **Jerusalem** to see the **apostles** and **elders** about this question (debate).*

*Then some of the **believers** who belonged to the **party** of the **Pharisees** stood up and said, "The **Gentiles** must be **circumcised** and required to **keep** the **law** of **Moses**."*

Acts 15: 2b & 5 NIV

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THE LAW OF MOSES



OUR OLD TESTAMENT

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*After **much** discussion,
Peter got up and addressed them:
“Brothers, you know that some time ago **God** made
a **choice** among you that the **Gentiles** might **hear**
from my lips (i.e. Cornelius’ household)
the message of the **gospel** and **believe**.
God, who knows the **heart**, showed that he
accepted them by giving the **Holy Spirit** to them
just as he did to us.”*

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Acts 15: 7-8 NIV

*“Now then,
why do you try to test God
by putting on the necks of Gentiles
a yoke (burden) that neither we
nor our ancestors have been able to bear?
No! We believe is is through the grace
of our Lord Jesus that we are saved,
just as they are.”*

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Acts 15: 10-11 NIV

SHIFT FROM LAW TO GRACE

Jesus **New** Covenant wasn't an **and**.

Jesus **New** Covenant was an **instead of**.

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JAMES THE LORD'S BROTHER

*"It is my **judgment**, therefore,
that we should **not** make it **difficult**
for the **Gentiles** who are **turning** to God."*

Acts 15: 19 NIV

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*“Instead we should write to them,
to abstain from food polluted by idols,
from sexual immorality,
from the meat of strangled animals
and from blood.*

*For the law of Moses has been preached
in every city from the earliest times and it
is read in the synagogues on every Sabbath.”*

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Acts 15: 20-21 NIV

WHAT'S THE CONNECTION?

Nothing to do with keeping the law of Moses.

Everything to do with keeping the peace.

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JESUS' **NEW COVENANT**

LESS COMPLICATED

MORE DEMANDING!

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What does the Bible say
about that?

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JUDGING NON-CHRISTIANS

*“What business of mine to judge
those outside the church?
Are you not to judge those inside?”*

1 Corinthians 5: 12 NIV

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CATALYST VINEYARD MISSION

*We exist to create **irresistible** environments
that **remove** barriers,
so **all people** can experience **Jesus Christ**
and a **community of faith** in their lives.*

*“It is our **judgment** therefore that we should **not** make it **difficult**
(create barriers) for the **Gentiles** (un-churched)
who are **turning** to God”*

Acts 15:19 NIV

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