**If We Offend In One Point, We Are Guilty Of All**

James 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

First this verse assumes God has a law for us to keep.

Many believers think that since we are not under the Old Testament law anymore, that we don’t have to keep any law. But …

Gal 6:2 says “Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.” So it is correct that people are not under the law of Moses anymore, but we are under the law of Christ.

Being under Christ’s law means we are to obey His commands, His instructions. Where do we find the law of Christ? It is equivalent to the New Testament.

You can tell Jesus has some commandments that we should keep by a passage like John 14:15 “If ye love me, keep my commandments.”

Let’s look at some laws or commandments of Christ …

Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Matt 5:34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all

Even things that are revealed later by New Testament apostles and prophets are considered commandments of Christ – I Cor 14:37 “If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.”

Just two verses before that Christ had commanded through Paul “Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.” Most churches don’t pay any attention to that command anymore.

Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

I Cor 6:9-10 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

Back to James 2:10, it says if we violate God’s law in one point we are guilty of the whole thing. This is quite different than many so called believers who teach and act like it doesn’t much matter if we pay attention to God’s law. They say all that matters is if you “accept Christ as your personal savior. God doesn’t expect you to keep any law. That is legalism.”

Are you keeping all of God’s New Testament law? Or are you violating it in one or two points? This verse says if you are violating it in one point, then you are guilty of the whole thing.