

## **Was God's Law Abolished by Jesus or by scriptures in the New Testament?**

I am often question, "Why are you still under the law? The commandments and the Sabbath were nailed to the cross."

If the Sabbath was indeed abolished in the New Testament, we should find numerous passages throughout the New Testament making that clear. In fact, the abolishment of just one of God's Ten Commandments would certainly require nothing less. We find no such scriptures in the New Testament; therefore, God's Sabbath and commandments remain. Notice John's words: "Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, 'I know Him,' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (1John 2:3, 4). John defined sin as the violation of God's laws, he states. "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. (1John 3:4). He knew that God's law was a law of love, defining both our love for others and our love for God: "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome" (1John 5:2, 3).

The intent of God's law from the beginning was love, as Jesus Christ taught: "This is love, which we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it" (2John 6).

The book of Revelation, divinely inspired by Jesus Christ Himself (Revelation 1:1), also upholds keeping God's commandments. In Revelation 12:17, shortly before Jesus Christ's return, Satan attempts to destroy members of God's Church, "who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." In Revelation 14:12, the saints are described as "those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." Faith and keeping God's commandments go hand in hand, as Paul stated earlier (Romans 3:31).

In the last chapter of the Bible, Jesus Christ gave a final message to the Church: "'Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work...' Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of (eternal) life, and may enter through the gates into the city" (Revelation 22:12,14).