

## What About Tattoos or Body Piercing?

If I have a tattoo or body piercing will that prevent me from entering heaven? **No.**

Will I lose my salvation if I get a tattoo or body piercing? **No.**

**Our salvation is not based on our keeping of the Law.** Our salvation is based on faith in Jesus and accepting Him as our Lord {boss}.

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(30) And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? (31) And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. Acts 16:30-31	(30) And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? (31) And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved, and your household.

Do any of the Levitical Laws apply to Christians? **Not for salvation, but for righteousness** [doing what God wants for our lives].

**The Levitical sacrificial system was abolished** because **Jesus became The Sacrifice** once and for all.

**The ultimate question is: Do I want to do what God wants, or does what God want for my life even matter to me?**

{03} Leviticus	
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(28) Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I <i>am</i> the LORD. Lev. 19:28 KJV	(28) <b>You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks {tattoos}<sup>c</sup> upon you: I <i>am</i> the LORD {Jehovah}.</b> Lev. 19:28 KJP
19:28c - no cuts or tattoos (permanent marks) - i.e. you are made in the image of God - do not mutilate your body - prophets of Baal cut themselves - I Ki. 18:28 - pierced ears as a sign of voluntary slavery is allowed - see Ex. 21:26; Deut. 15:17 - requirements for Gentile Christians Acts 15:29; 21:25 - dress in modesty I Tim. 2:9 - I Ki. 18:28	

(6) **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness: because they shall be filled.** Mat. 5:5 KJP

(33) **But you seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things will be added to you.** Mat. 6:33 KJP

(35) But in every nation those who fear Him, and work righteousness, are accepted by Him. Acts 10:35 KJP

(16) All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: (17) That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished for all good works. II Tim. 3:16-17 KJP

(12) All things are lawful to me, but **all things are not expedient {beneficial}**: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. I Cor. 6:12 KJP

Was the Levitical Law abolished for Christians? Some say yes, but Acts 15:20-21,29 which the Gentile Christians were to observe is **all Levitical Law!** Galatians 5:19-21 gives a list of things that if a person habitually practices they cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. [Because their lives prove that they have not truly accepted Jesus as Lord {boss} over their lives.] Not committing adultery is one of the ten commandments, but is also along with **everything in the list Levitical Law!!!** Jesus in Mat. 15:19 tells us what defiles a man – **all Levitical Law!!!**

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<p>(20) But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and <i>from</i> fornication, and <i>from</i> things strangled, and <i>from</i> blood.</p> <p>(21) For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.</p>	<p>(20) But that we write to them, that they <b>abstain from pollutions of idols, and <i>from</i> fornication<sup>d</sup>, and <i>from</i> things strangled, and <i>from</i> blood<sup>e</sup>.</b></p> <p>(21) Because Moses from old times has in every city those who preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day {Saturday}<sup>f</sup>.</p>
<p>15: 20e – four things Gentiles [non-Jews] were to abstain from: fornication [sex outside of marriage] – see Mat. 15:19; Mark 7:21-22; Gal. 5:19-21 – things that defile a man Gal. 5:19-21 specifically states that those who practice fornication cannot enter the kingdom of God. Jesus specifically condemns churches in the Revelation for fornication. Rev. 2:14, 20</p> <p>15:21f – Because – the reason given for these particular things is to not cause a stumbling block to the Jews who read the law of Moses every Sabbath</p>	

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<p>(28) For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;</p> <p>(29) That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.</p>	<p>(28) Because it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;</p> <p>(29) <b>That you abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication:</b> from which if you keep yourselves, you shall do well. Fare you well.”<sup>g</sup></p>
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Note: **Acts 15:21 gives us the reason for abstaining from what is listed.** Three of the churches in Revelation 2 and 3 are specifically condemned by Jesus for allowing fornication which is also Levitical Law.

Every restaurant that serves meat has a **warning label** on the menu about under cooked meat – **giving a modern testament to God’s warning about the blood.**

<b>{40} Matthew</b>	
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<p>(16) And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?</p> <p>(17) And he said unto him, <b>Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.</b></p> <p>(18) He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, <b>Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,</b></p> <p>(19) <b>Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.</b></p> <p>Mat. 19:16-19</p>	<p>(16) And, one came and said to Him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?</p> <p>(17) And He said to him, <b>Why do you call Me good? there is none good but One, that is, God:<sup>h</sup> but if you will enter into life, keep the commandments.</b></p> <p>(18) He said to Him, Which <i>ones</i>? Jesus said, <b>You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness,<sup>i</sup></b></p> <p>(19) <b>Honor your father and your mother: and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.<sup>j</sup></b></p>

**Things that defile a man** {according to Jesus} - Mat. 15:19 [**All Levitical Law**]

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<p>(16) And Jesus said, <b>Are ye also yet without understanding?</b></p> <p>(17) <b>Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught?</b></p> <p>(18) <b>But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.</b></p> <p>(19) <b>For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:</b></p> <p>(20) <b>These are <i>the things</i> which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.</b></p>	<p>(16) And Jesus said, <b>Are you still also without understanding?</b></p> <p>(17) <b>Do you still not understand, that whatever enters in at the mouth goes into the belly, and is cast out into the waste?</b></p> <p>(18) <b>But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.</b></p> <p>(19) <b>Because out of the heart proceeds evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications,<sup>e</sup> thefts, false witness, blasphemies;</b></p> <p>(20) <b>These are <i>the things</i> which defile a man: but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.</b></p>
<p>15:19e - adulteries, fornications – things that defile a man - see Mat. 5:32; Mark 7:21-22; Gal. 5:19-21; I Cor. 6:9-20; Rev. 2:4</p>	
<p>40.049 Matthew Chapter 15 (Page 2843)</p>	

{48} Galatians

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<p>(14) For all the law is fulfilled in one word, <i>even</i> in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.</p> <p>(15) But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.</p> <p>(16) <i>This</i> I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.</p> <p>(17) For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.</p> <p>(18) But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.</p> <p>(19) Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are <i>these</i>; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,</p> <p>(20) Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,</p> <p>(21) Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told <i>you</i> in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.</p> <p>(22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,</p> <p>(23) Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.</p> <p>(24) And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.</p> <p>(25) If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.</p> <p>(26) Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.</p>	<p>(14) Because all the law is fulfilled in one word, <i>even</i> in this; <b>You shall love your neighbor as yourself.<sup>a</sup></b></p> <p>(15) But if you bite and devour one another, take heed that you not be consumed by one another.</p> <p>(16) <i>This</i> I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and you will not fulfill the lust of the flesh.</p> <p>(17) Because the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary to one another: so that you cannot do the things that you want.</p> <p>(18) But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.</p> <p>(19) Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are <i>these</i>; Adultery, fornication, impurity, promiscuity,</p> <p>(20) Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, disputes, jealousies, anger, strife, divisions, heresies,</p> <p>(21) Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of which I tell you before, as I have also told <i>you</i> in time past, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.</p> <p>(22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith,</p> <p>(23) Humility, temperance: against such there is no law.</p> <p>(24) And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts.</p> <p>(25) If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.</p> <p>(26) Let us not seek after selfish ambition, provoking one another, envying one another.</p>
5:14a – Lev. 19:18; Mat. 22:39	
48.012 Galatians Chapter 5 (Page 3402)	