

# 1070 in brief

Modern Wrong Ideas about the Law:

- The Law was complicated, difficult either to understand or to keep.
- Keeping the Law was an exercise in vanity and self-righteousness.  
But Ps. 119:97-104 as “Law”, Deut. 4:5-6
- Jesus and his followers did not keep the Law, but consider these scriptures:  
How righteous people viewed the Law: (Lk. 1:5-9; 2:21-24; Mt. 5:17-20.)  
The earliest Church’s attitude toward the Law: (Acts 3:1; 21:17-24;  
22:11-13; 1Jn. 3:4; Gal. 3:21.)

Result of wrong ideas: Contempt for the Law, and eventually then contempt for standards of any sort.

**MOST IMPORTANT THING TO KNOW: THE LAW OF MOSES WAS GOD’S LAW.**

**SECOND MOST IMPORTANT THING TO KNOW:**

**THE LAW WAS GIVEN ONLY TO THE CIRCUMCISED NATION OF ISRAEL.**

To understand Paul’s gospel, you must know this.

Consider these verses: Gen. 17:10-14; Ex. 12:43-49; Rom. 3:19; Gal. 5:3.

Rom. 15:8 - Jesus was sent only to Israel.

Mt. 15:21-28 - Gentiles were dogs in God’s sight, compared to Israelites.

Jn. 1:11, 19-31 - John the Baptist was sent only to Israel, too.

Acts 3:25-26 - the gospel came to Israel first (also 13:30-33, 45-46;

Rom. 1:16; 2:9-10).

**THIRDLY:**

**JESUS AND THE ELDERS OF ISRAEL NEVER DISAGREED ABOUT THE LAW BEING HOLY AND OF GOD.**

The difference between those who followed Jesus and those who did not was the degree of reverence given to the religious traditions of men.

Consider: John 10:22; Mt. 15:1-3 & Mk. 7:1-9

Note: Jesus never transgressed the Law of Moses. (To do that would have been sin.)

However, neither did he transgress the traditions of the elders unless those traditions conflict against God’s commandments in the Law. On those occasions, he chose to obey God rather than men.

Consider Deuteronomy 23:24-25. Then, compare the Pharisees’ use of the word “lawful” in Mt. 12:1-8 to Jesus’s use of the word “lawful” in these same verses.

**FOURTH:**

**WHAT WAS THE LAW?**

- (1) The Law was God’s will for man, written with ink on papyrus (Heb. 8:8-10).
- (2) A standard for judging right and wrong (Ps. 119:9).
- (3) A standard for executing judgment in Israel (Rom. 5:13; 1Tim. 1:8-9).