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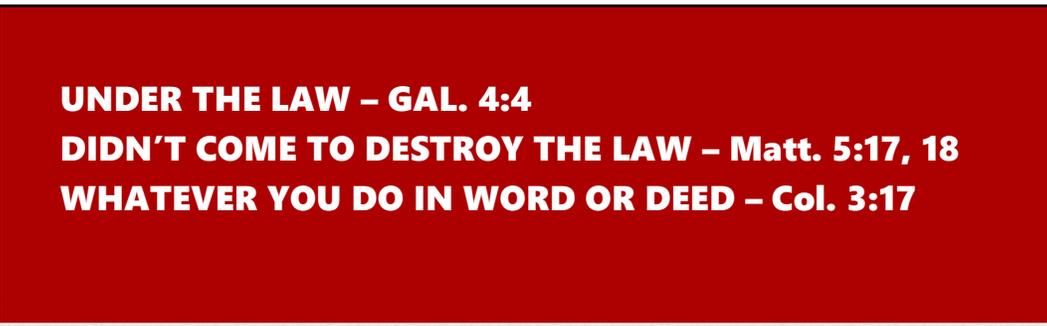


**DOES MERCY  
SUPERSÈDE  
LAW TODAY?**

- **Can God's commandments be set aside in some circumstances for what we think is a better good?**
- **Are we behaving like the Pharisees when we contend that people must obey the law of Christ?**
- **Did Jesus come to earth to end "law" and replace it with mercy alone?**

**Matthew 12:1-14**

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**UNDER THE LAW - GAL. 4:4**  
**DIDN'T COME TO DESTROY THE LAW - Matt. 5:17, 18**  
**WHATEVER YOU DO IN WORD OR DEED - Col. 3:17**

**HOW IMPORTANT IS AUTHORITY?**

**MATTHEW 12:1-14**

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**HE WOULD LATER CHARGE ACCUSERS FOR  
SETTING ASIDE THE COMMANDMENT OF  
GOD – Matt. 15:3ff**

**DID JESUS SANCTIFY DAVID'S ACTIONS?**

**MATTHEW 12:1-4**

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- 1. Violated an expressed commandment,  
Lev. 24:5-9**
- 2. Lied to Ahimelech, 1 Sam. 21:2**
- 3. Ahimelech and David made unlawful  
concessions to the law, 1 Sam. 21:4-6**

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**Luke 6:1**  
**Numbers 28:9, 10**

**JESUS CHALLENGED HIS OPPONENTS'**  
**APPLICATION OF "WORK"**

**MATTHEW 12:5**

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**<sup>6</sup> "Yet I say to you that in this place there is *One* greater than the temple.**  
**<sup>7</sup> "But if you had known what *this* means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless.**  
**<sup>8</sup> "For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."**

**WHO IS JESUS AND WHAT DOES HE DESIRE?**

**MATTHEW 12:6-8**

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**Romans 8:1-4 (Three Laws)**

- 1. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ**
- 2. The law of sin and death (cf. 7:23)**
- 3. The law (that was weak through the flesh)**

**JESUS CAME TO EARTH TO BRING MERCY,  
NOT TO ABOLISH ALL LAW**

**MATTHEW 12:9-14**

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**FINAL  
THOUGHTS:**

- **Cannot justify anything that is "unlawful" as "good"**
- **Cannot profane God's law and believe our actions are good**

**Matthew 12:1-14**

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**FINAL  
THOUGHTS:**

- **While the Sabbath has been taken away (Col. 2:14-17), Jesus did not revoke it in Matthew 12**
- **Jesus died for the will of the Father and stressed faithful obedience on our part (Matt. 7:21; 10:16-22; etc.)**

**Matthew 12:1-14**