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Punishment under the Law verses Forgiveness through Mercy

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The Law was not given to bring about Forgiveness nor Salvation, it is a conviction of Rules and Regulations on how to live under the suppression of Sin. The Law shows us that we can Never do enough Good to please God, so the Law was a means by which God allowed His People (Israel) to keep on living by performing its edicts under obedience. If you did not obey, you were punished, even unto death, if you obeyed you would live long in the Land that God had provided. Even though the Law was prevalent at one time and would stand forever before God because He commanded its entirety, it would be superseded by the Heart of God's Love and Mercy through Forgiveness into Salvation.

This would be done as prophecy foretold through the Messiah, the Son of God, **Jesus the Christ**. When the appointed time finally came for His appearance, Messiah would redeem all of mankind (every nation and tribe) and forgive all sin for everyone forever (past, present and future). You could say that the people living under the Old Covenant, from Abraham to the moment of the Death of Jesus on the Cross, were living on Credit towards the Mercy and Forgiveness that The Messiah would fulfill by His Death on the Cross and take the Sins of the World unto Himself by becoming the Sacrificial Lamb of God. When Jesus said, "It is Finished!" or "It is Fulfilled!", He was referring to the satisfaction by God the Father to be completely and forever satisfied with the Blood Sacrifice of Atonement under the Old Covenant (The Law), to a New and Forever Lasting New Covenant sealed with the Blood Sacrifice of Propitiation.

The Old Covenant under the Law gave Atonement for Sin (Covering the Sins), but not the removal of Sin (Leviticus 23:27-28) (Leviticus 16:1-34). It was an act that had to be repeated every year after year, after year, under the Law. At the moment Jesus gave up His life on the Cross, ALL Sin was now Propitiated and the Judgement under the Law Removed. Mankind was now under the Grace of God and the Mercy of Forgiveness; with the Door of Salvation available to anyone who would receive it by way of Faith, through a Heartfelt Confession and Repentance of their Sins being taken away by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ; and that by Faith they believe in Him as Lord and God will receive Salvation and Everlasting Life (1John 5:19-20) (Romans 10:9-10). Salvation and Everlasting Life was accomplished for us through the Death and then Resurrection of Jesus three days after His Crucifixion.

You must remember, that we are not talking about just any man here, nor is this some kind of fictional story made up to be some kind of fulfillment of a fantasy or religious order. We are talking about the Almighty God, Creator of ALL Things in Heaven and this entire universe. We are talking about the real Supernatural Being. We are talking about the Most High God coming to Mankind in order to Save us and bring us out of the bondage of Sin (which isolated us from Him to begin with by the first man-Adam); and Judgement of the Law, into the Highest Order of His Creation. It is so absolutely incredible, that God wants to commune with us so deeply and lovingly and eternally, that He would take it upon Himself to be our Sacrifice in order to put us right with Himself. It was not God's fault that man chose to sin against Him; He is Holy and beyond our conceptual understanding of what this is or entails in order to stand in His Presence.

Since the moment that the first man sinned against the Lord God and forced the Holiness of God to pass Judgement on the man and all of his off-springs, God has been bringing mankind back unto Himself. His Purpose for Salvation was set in motion and fulfilled through Himself in the Second Person of the Godhead as the Son of God, **Jesus Christ**.

It is evident that God's Ways are not our ways and He is above our purpose or understanding. His Purpose to completion is not something that we can completely envision or understand; yet the Lord has always told us through His Spirit and Word that He is our Redeemer and our Salvation. The Law was just a pretense to the Action that God was taking to bring sin under control and to show how wonderful His Mercy is in comparison to Judgement; and how Great God is in His Everlasting Purpose and Love for mankind.

Faith shall ensure this; Faith shall sustain us and Faith shall be the force which motivates God to hear us and take action to Glorify Himself and Bless us.