

## *Five Myths You Probably Believe...*

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When it comes to truth, sometimes facts are stranger than fiction. Then again, sometimes fiction, turns into facts. How do we distinguish between what's real, and what's myth? Sometimes we find ourselves firmly believing in a myth, and we don't even realize it's a myth, or that we're even believing in myths. In this message you'll discover *Five Myths You Probably Believe... and Don't Even Realize It*.

Blessings,  
Pastor Doug Schneider

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### ***Scriptures – All Passages New King James Version***

*John 1:17*

<sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

*Leviticus 23:2-4*

<sup>2</sup> "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, these *are* My feasts.

<sup>3</sup> 'Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day *is* a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work *on it*; *it is* the Sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

<sup>4</sup> 'These *are* the feasts of the LORD, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at their appointed times.

Acts 22:2-3

<sup>2</sup> And when they heard that he spoke to them in the Hebrew language, they kept all the more silent.

Then he said: <sup>3</sup> “I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the strictness of our fathers’ law, and was zealous toward God as you all are today.

Genesis 15:1

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I *am* your shield, your exceedingly great reward.”

Genesis 17:19-20

<sup>19</sup> Then God said: “No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, *and* with his descendants after him. <sup>20</sup> And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation.

**Main Points**

- 1) Law is in the Old Testament and Grace is in the New Testament
  - 10 Commandments – MORALS – John 1:17
- 2) The Jewish Festivals are NOT relevant for Today
  - TIMING – Leviticus 23:2-4
- 3) The New Testament was originally written in Greek
  - EASTERN CULTURE – Acts 22:2-3
- 4) God the Father is in the Old Testament and Jesus is in the New Testament
  - LOVE – Genesis 15:1
- 5) God loves the Jews but not the Muslims
  - GOD’S HEART – Genesis 17:19-20

### **Digger Deeper - Discussion Questions**

#### *Revelation*

- Where do we find grace in the Old Testament?
- How does John 1:17 reveal both the law and grace together?
- How are Jewish Festivals still relevant for today?

#### *Interpretation*

- How can we distinguish between truth and myth?
- How does the appearance of Jesus bring grace to the law?
- Why is it important to make a distinction between Hebrew culture and Greek culture?
  - View of God mindset.
    - Greek – Built on mind and philosophy – dualistic
    - Hebrew – Aramaic – The heart and God in everything – God mindset only.

#### *Application*

- How do these points affect your life?
  - How are you balancing law and grace in your life today?
  - How do you study the Bible?
    - With your mind – Greek mindset...
    - With your heart – Hebrew mindset...

#### **Quotable Quotes**

- When we are alert to feast days, we will discover breakthrough from God. However, we must be careful not to become legalist over it.
- To miss the love of the Father is to feel like we are missing out on something.