

A Better Question

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sinful?

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Feast of Weeks (Shavuot)

Feast of Harvest

Commemorates Law

Acts 2 The First Fruits of the Church

Exodus 32: 7 Then the Lord said to Moses,
“Go down, because your people, whom you
brought up out of Egypt, have become
corrupt. 8 They have been quick to turn away
from what I commanded them and have
made themselves an idol cast in the shape
of a calf.

Exodus 32: 19 When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain.

Exodus 32: 27 Then he said to them, “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.’” 28 The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day **about three thousand of the people died.**

Acts 2: 31 Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

Acts 2: 33 Exalted to the right hand of God,
he has received from the Father the
promised Holy Spirit and has poured out
what you now see and hear.

38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized,
every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ
for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will
receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2: 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and **about three thousand were added** to their number that day.

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When you live out your faith
according to the Law
your faith will always be
limited by law, sin, and death.

Galatians 3: 3 Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?

The fruit of a “Fleshly” Christian

tastes like judgment, accusation,
and condemnation.

Galatians 3: 10 For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.”...12 **The law is not based on faith...**

The promise of Christ
is freedom from defining your
faith by rules.

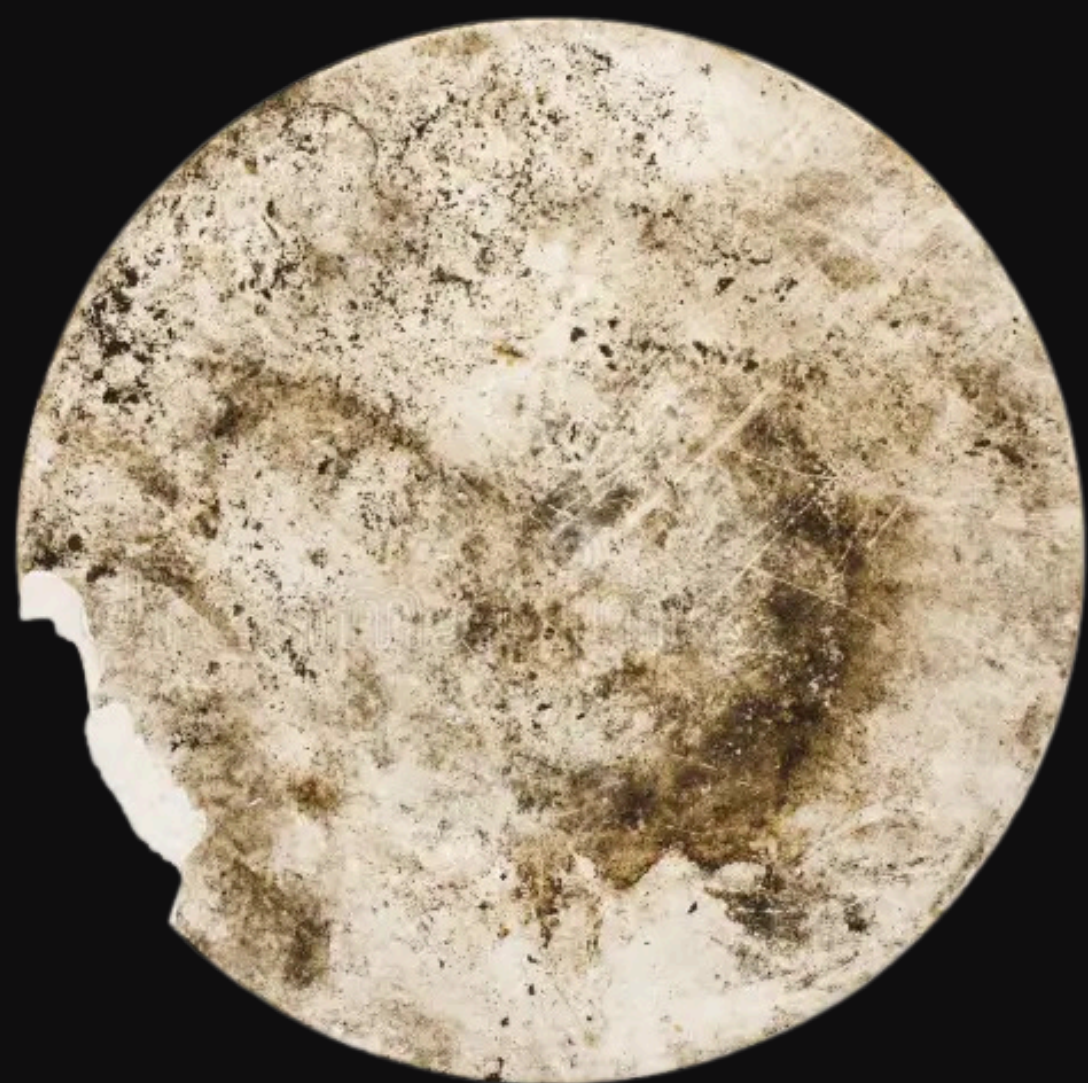
Galatians 3: 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us...14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, **so that** by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Faith in Christ and life in the
Spirit

is an invitation to a better
question than “Is it sinful?”

Galatians 5: 16 So I say, **walk by the Spirit,**
and you will not gratify the desires of the
flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary
to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary
to the flesh.

Philippians 3: 15 All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. 16 **Only let us live up to what we have already attained.**





Don't ask, "Is it sinful?"

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Ask, "Is it wise?"

James 1: 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

Life in the Holy Spirit
is a life of Godly Wisdom.

James 3: 17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

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Exodus 32: They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.'

17 When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, "There is the sound of war in the camp."