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“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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Ultimate Truth

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The psalmist exalts God’s Word when he writes, “*The sum of thy word is truth; and every one of thy righteous ordinances endureth for ever*” (Psalms 119:160). If one were to read only the first half of the verse, he or she might walk away thinking that some of the Bible is not absolute truth. You might reason, when you add all the verses in the Bible together, you arrive on positive side and can say “the sum” of God’s Word is “truth.”

Such thinking would be faulty because the second half of the verse informs us that “every one” of God’s ordinances is “righteous,” and will endure “forever.” Absolute truth continues to anchor itself in reality overtime. Contradictory error tends to be exposed as faulty overtime. God’s Word is supreme and final. It is not only absolute, but God’s Word is the ultimate Truth.

The Law of Moses, as a tutor, pointed the Jews to the need of the Gospel. The Law God revealed to them could not make them righteous before a Holy God when they disobeyed its ordinances...it was never designed to do so (Galatians 2:16, 3:21). It was going to be faith in Christ established through the Gospel

that would make man righteous before God (Galatians 3:21; Romans 3:21-22). God’s truth through the Law of Moses continued over a thousand years with His Law establishing people with righteous ordinances. But separating man from sin and justifying all men before God was the eternal purpose of God and fulfilled through the Gospel of Christ (Ephesians 1:4-12).

God’s Law was symbolically nailed to the cross of Christ and the Gospel was revealed to save man from sin (Colossians 2:14; Romans 1:16-17). God’s Law of Moses was absolute truth and established righteous commands for His people to obey. But God’s eternal purpose was unfolding over time until the Gospel was established following the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus the Christ. The Gospel is the final, supreme, and ultimate truth for all man to receive in obedience. Peter puts us in the proper perspective: “*But the word of the Lord abideth for ever. And this is the word of good tidings which was preached unto you*” (I Peter 1:25).

A Christian can cause the word of God to be blasphemed (Titus 2:5) ... shame on him or her! People can justify

themselves as they walk through life by establishing their own standard of righteousness. But when time ends at the judgement seat of Christ many will be surprised: “*Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by Thy name, and by Thy name cast out demons, and by Thy name do many mighty works?’ And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity*” (Matthew 7:22-23).

Will the fact that you are not the only one who believes like you do comfort you on “that day” of facing the Truth? Will you with others, who thought they were righteous before God, find comfort in numbers when you experience eternal punishment in eternal fire for things you did not do? But God’s word instructs us this very hour that the day is coming. “*Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of these least, ye did it not unto me. And these shall go way unto eternal punishment...*” (Matthew 25:45-46).

God’s righteous commands can be disobeyed, blasphemed, and ignored. But this does not mean the Truth is not absolute. God’s revealed Truth is ultimate, supreme, and final. Do not learn this too late at the Judgment!