

## “This is a weighty issue”

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“I hate you bathroom scale! I wish just once you would lie to me and tell me I have lost some weight!” Alas! The scale keeps on telling me the truth that I need to lose some poundage. ☹

In the Old Testament the law of God (Ten Commandments) acted like a bathroom scale. The law was designed to show the people of Israel that they needed God. The Lord never meant the law to be a “to do” list. It was to show that humanity needed a Savior. Like a school teacher instructs her students... *“The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.”* Galatians 3:24-25. Since Christ has come we have graduated from the law. The law has no power over us any longer.

There are many today who think serving God is a list of things to do but what they don't realize is that if you break one rule, one thing on the list you break them all. James 2:10 says, *“For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all”*. It is not possible to keep the law because it was never meant to be kept.

Our relationship with Jesus is not based on the law but on the work that was done on the cross. Jesus made the payment that the law was demanding from humanity. In stead of us trying to fulfill the law Jesus did it for us. Jesus says in Matthew 5:17 *“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill”*.

Let us stop trying to “get good”. We need to surrender our hearts to Jesus so we can accept the free gift of grace. *“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast”*.

Ephesians 2:8-9.

Our focus should not be what the scale tells us but our focus should be on the work that was done for us. *“Having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross”*. Colossians 2:14.

