

"Under" vs "Within"

under

1. beneath and covered by: under a table; under a tree.
2. below the surface of: under water; under the skin.
3. at a point or position lower or further down than: He was hit just under his eye.
4. **in the position or state of bearing, supporting, sustaining, enduring, etc.: to sink under a heavy load.**
5. beneath the heading or within the category of: Classify the books under "Fiction" and "General."

within

1. in or into the interior of or the parts or space enclosed by: within city walls.
2. inside of; in.
3. in the compass or limits of; not beyond: within view; to live within one's income.
4. at or to some point not beyond, as in length or distance; not farther than: within a radius of a mile.
5. at or to some amount or degree not exceeding: within two degrees of freezing.
6. in the course or period of, as in time: within one's memory; within three minutes.
7. **inside of the limits fixed or required by; not transgressing: within the law.**
8. in the field, sphere, or scope of: within the family; within one's power.

So, what is the difference between being UNDER something and being WITHIN something? It's rather evident the difference between being under the bus and being within it. One puts your life in danger and the other is (relatively speaking) a rather comfortable, safe way to get around town.

Regarding the Laws of YHWH, the Hebrews were given them through Moses in the wilderness. Over time, the traditions of the priests added burdensome requirements, which weighed down the people. By the time Y'shua arrived, He Himself demonstrated the emptiness of the laws of man (Talmud) by healing the blind man on the Sabbath. (For it is in the Talmud that states to make mud on Sabbath is a sin, and to put spit in someone's eye on the Sabbath is a sin.) In so doing, Y'shua did NOT break His own law of keeping the Sabbath, but man's.

In the act of redemption, we were bought back from the curse of sin from the sentence of eternal death. Our inability to perfectly obey the law is made acceptable through the act of Y'shua in our stead. In this way we are

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free'd from being under the law. The burdensome requirement to be perfect in order to avoid destruction has been lifted.

Now, while we are free'd from being *under* the law, we are not free'd from being *within* the law. We do not serve a lawless God. Our Creator is the same yesterday, today, and forever. As such, His laws are eternal. We live our lives within the laws of YHWH because we know they are good, for our benefit and blessing and because we love Him. Falling short of perfection happens, but we are free from condemnation because of the provision in His Son. It is not a license to sin as if salvation were simply a “get out of damnation free” card. YHWH forbid!

Further, dissection of the original Hebrew where we are commanded to “keep” the laws of YHWH, reveals that “keep” does not mean “to perform” but “to guard.” When we strive to perform the laws we will soon experience the frustration of our inability to measure up to YHWH’s perfection. BUT, when we guard the laws by treasuring their intent, striving to live within them and passing this on to our children we, indeed, are fulfilling the command to “keep My commandments.”

This is living within the eternal laws of our eternal Creator whom we hope to enjoy eternity with. Isn’t that the essence of our whole relationship with Him? Did you think you could live like hell here, show your prayer of salvation “membership card” and then enjoy the treasures of heaven prepared for those who love Him? Y’Shua said, “If you love me, keep my commandments.”

He also said, “if you say you love me but keep not my commandments, you are a liar.”

Q. Who do the laws belong to that were given to Moses?

A. “And YHWH said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep **My** commandments and **My** laws?” Exodus 16:28

Q. Don’t the laws only pertain to “the Jews?”

A. “One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.” Exodus 12:49

Further, remember there were 12 tribes of Hebrews in the wilderness, AND A MIXED MULTITUDE (Ex. 12:38) that went up out of Egypt who were assimilated into the nation of Israel because they accepted with one accord (Ex. 24:3) the marriage vows of YHWH at Mt. Sinai. When we profess to believe in Yahushua Ha Mashiach, we enter into that covenant with Him and

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are therefore under the ONE LAW of YHWH: Torah! It is the universal sign that we belong to Him: The guarding of HIS commands.

Did we think that in His kingdom there would be no governing laws? No rule of law but anarchy? NOT SO! Look at scripture:

[Isa 9:6](#) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

[Isa 9:7](#) Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

One cannot have government, judgment or justice without law. What law then will reign? TORAH! It is YHWH's token upon His followers. (See my note on the Seal of YHWH)

Are you marked with a sign other than keeping Torah? Then you have the mark of the Anti-Messiah. There is coming a day when you will fall prey to the great deception and worship the false Messiah. At that point you will fall under the curse written in Revelation 14:9-11,12

“And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

Here is the patience of the saints: **here are they that keep the commandments of YHWH, and the faith of Y'shua.**” (the Lamp and the Oil - see my note on the Parable of the 10 Virgins)

Finally, when all is said and done, we must consider what the final chapter tells us in Revelation 22:14 “Blessed are they that **do** His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.” Keeping in mind, the “doing” does not save us, but the blood of Y'shua alone. However, only children who obey the laws of the kingdom will be granted access. Shalom.