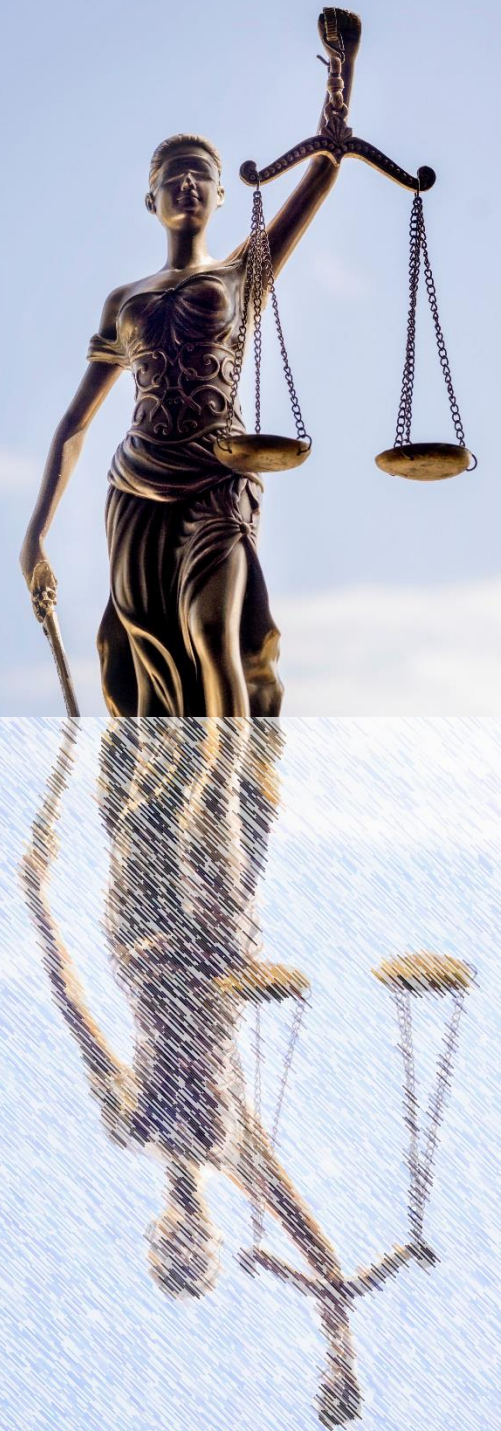



Biblical Law:

A Reflection of God's Character





What do we do with the Law (the “Torah”)?





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Does it apply to Christians today?



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If so, what parts apply today?



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How do we justify applying some but not all?



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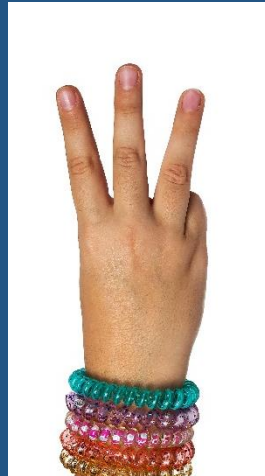
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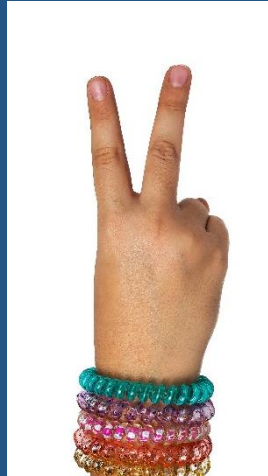


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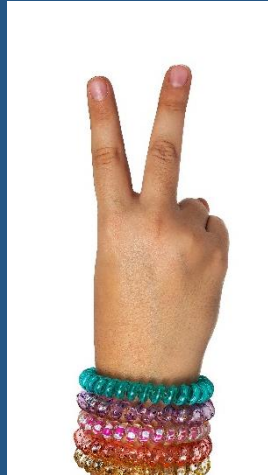


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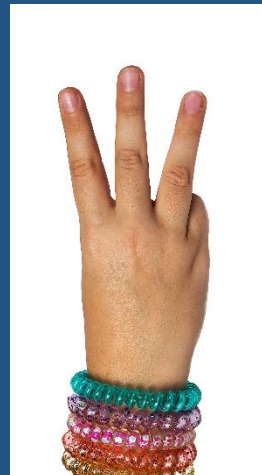




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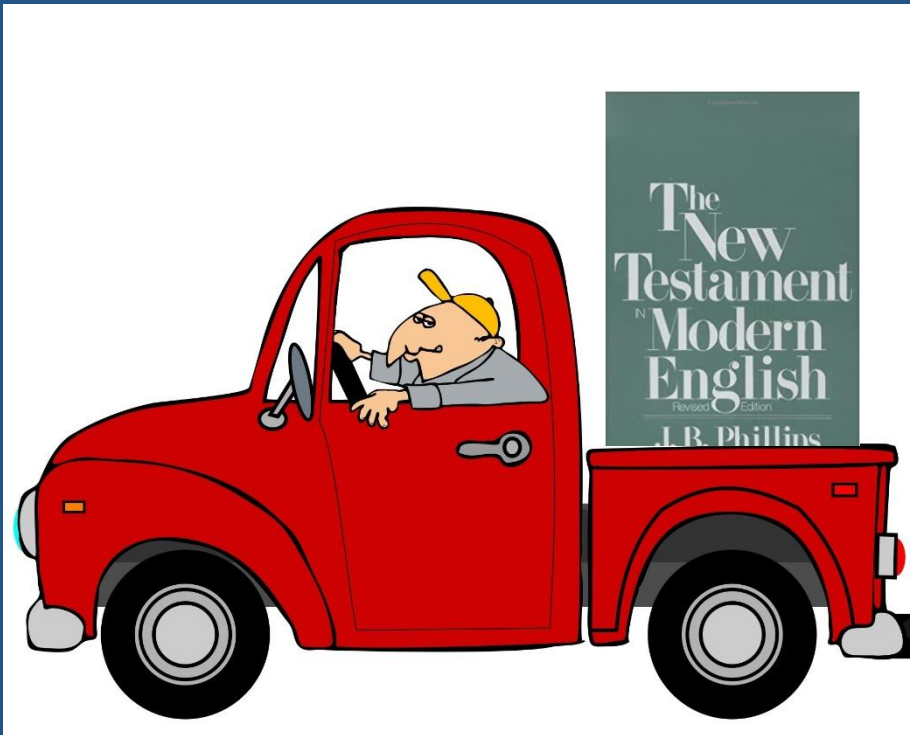
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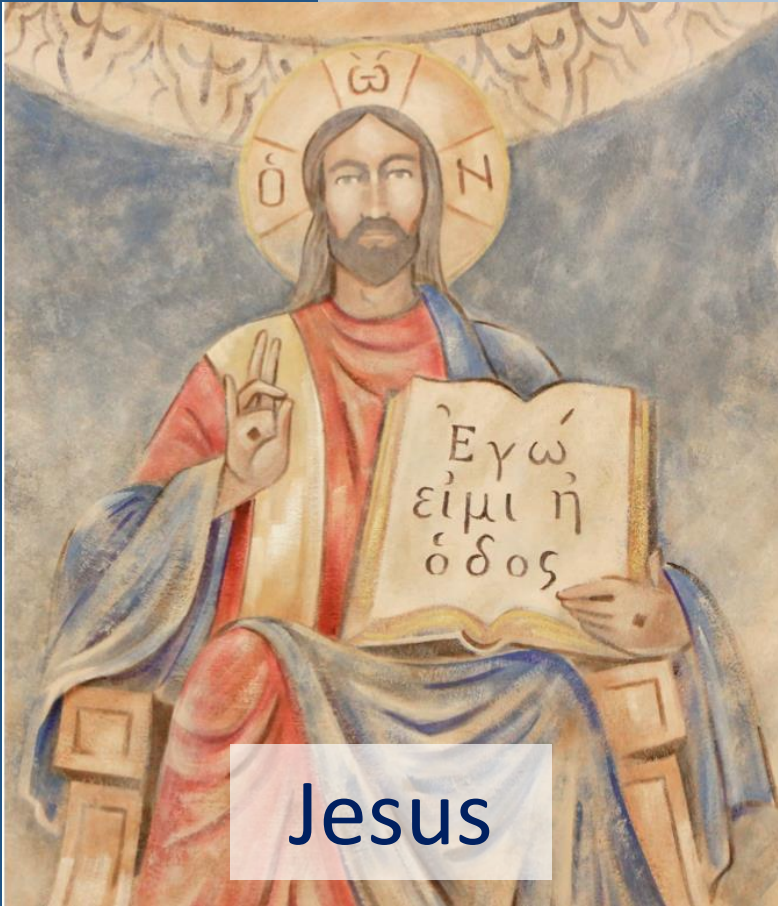
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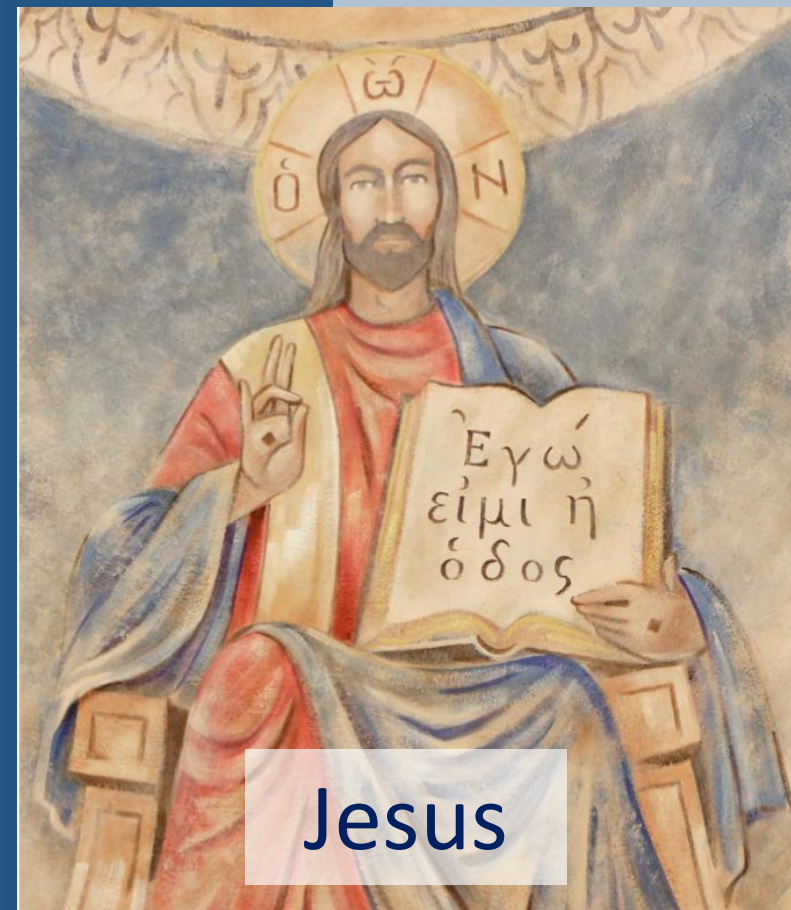
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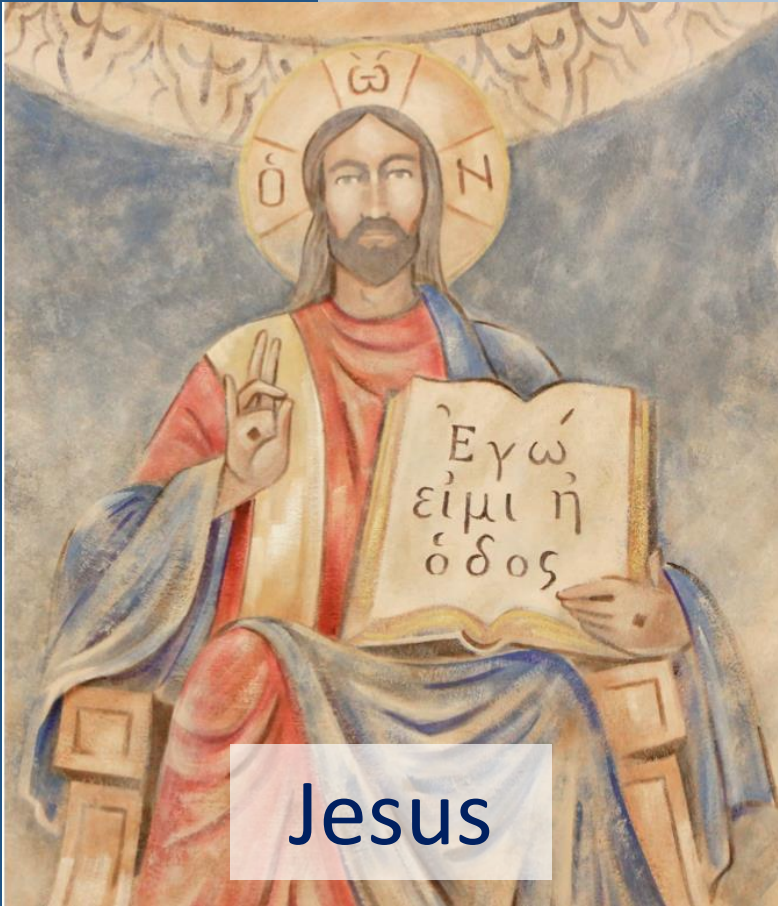
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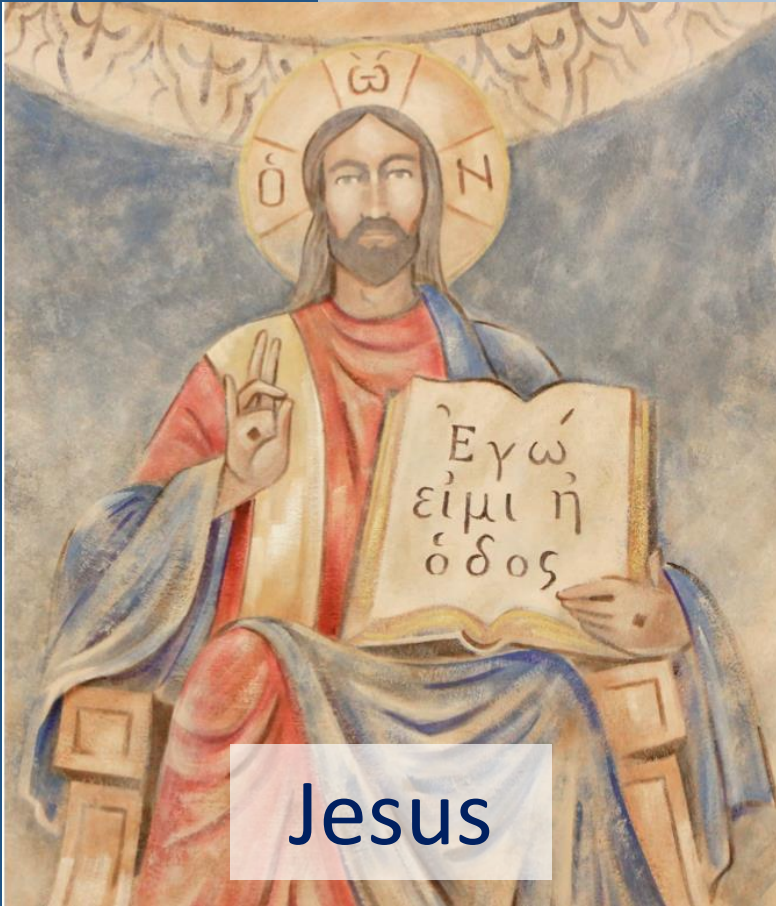
Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; **I have not come to abolish them** but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, **until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law** until all is accomplished (Mt. 5:17-18)

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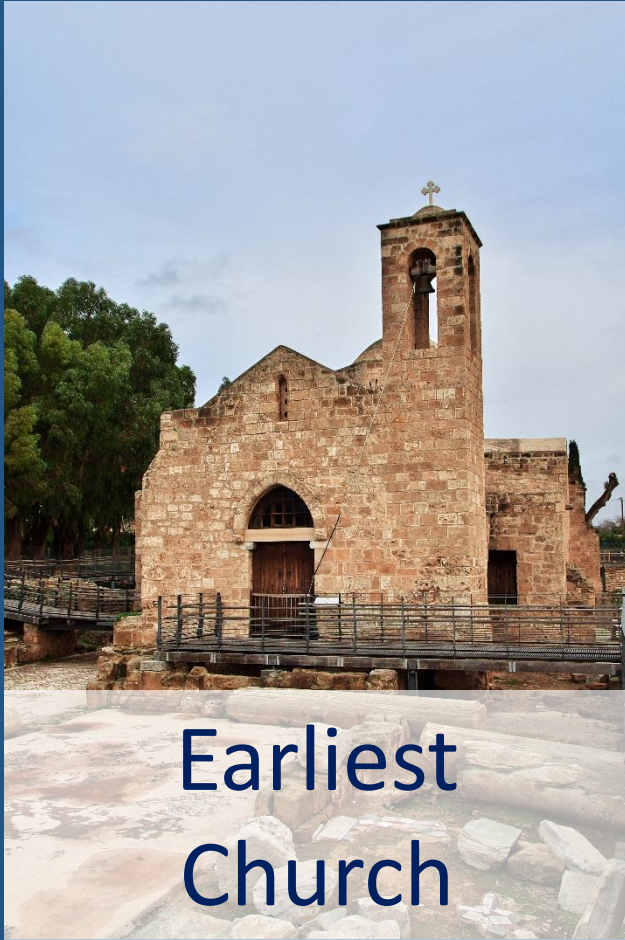
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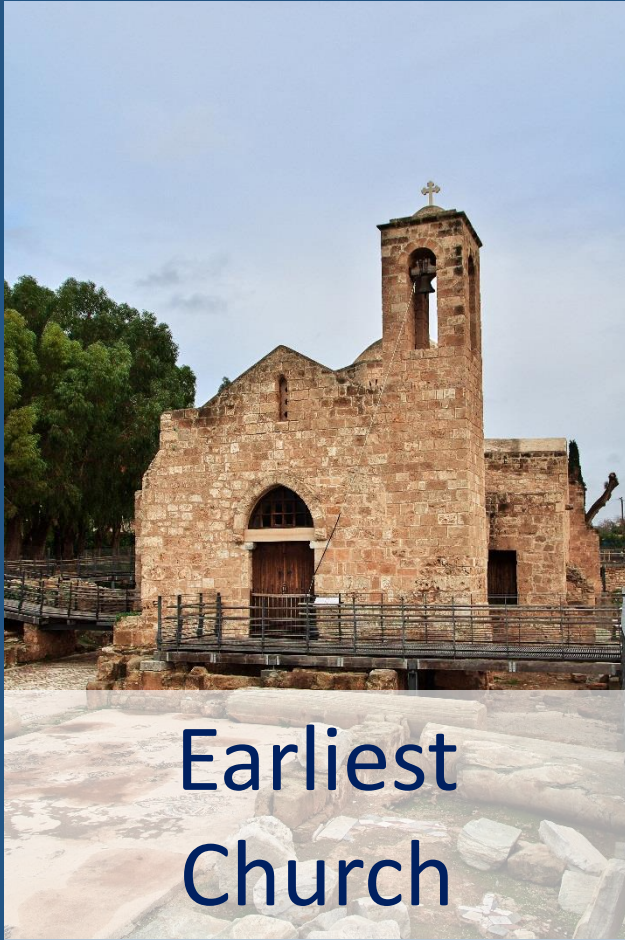
The Law and the Prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone forces his way into it. But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void (Lk 16:16-17)

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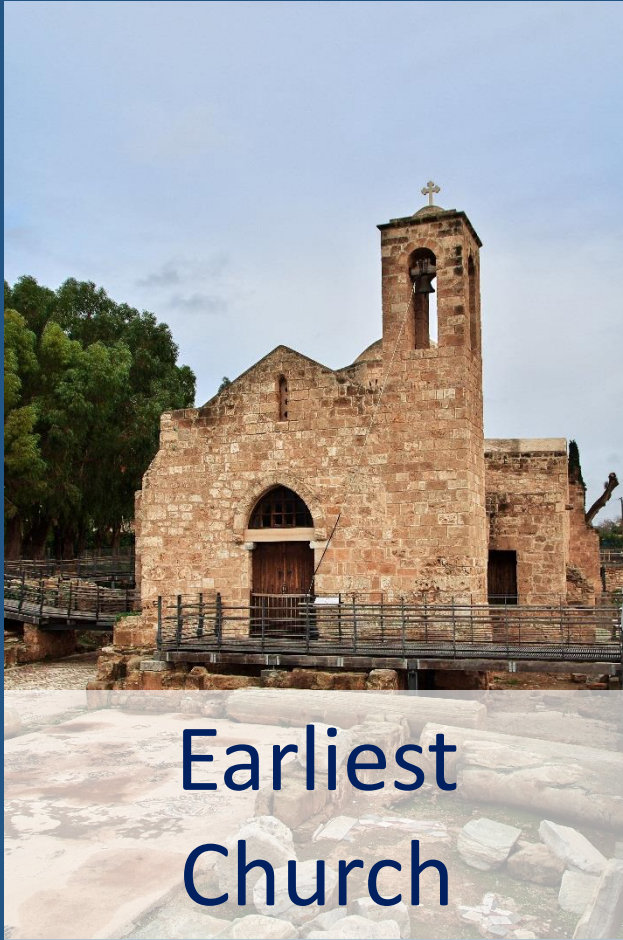


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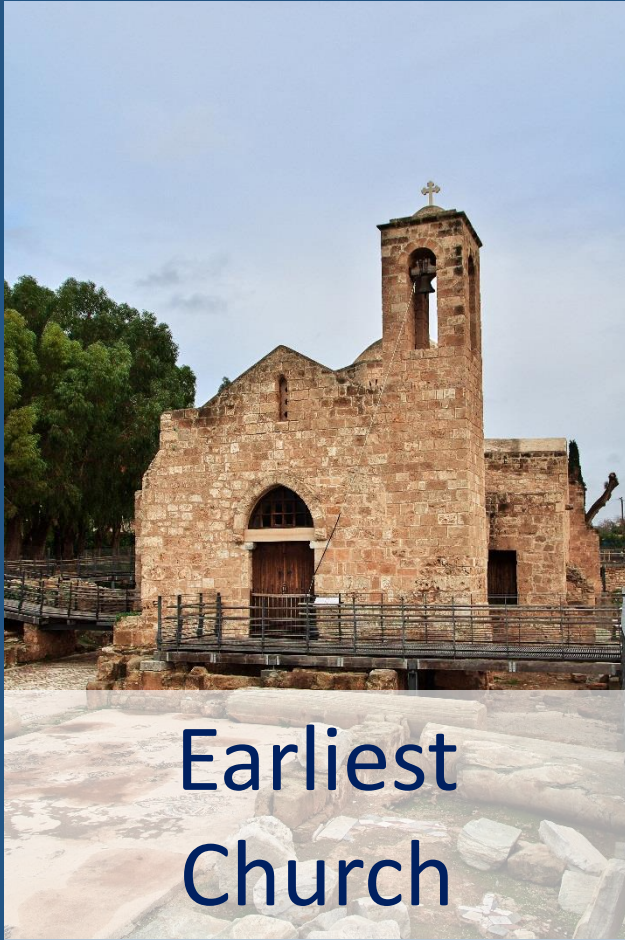
Acts 2:46-47 “And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people.”



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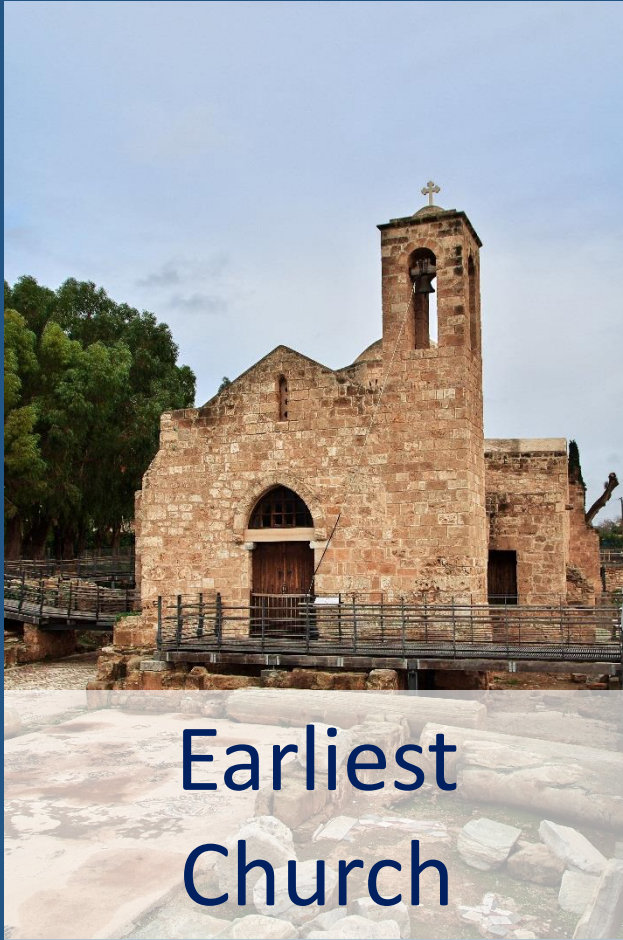
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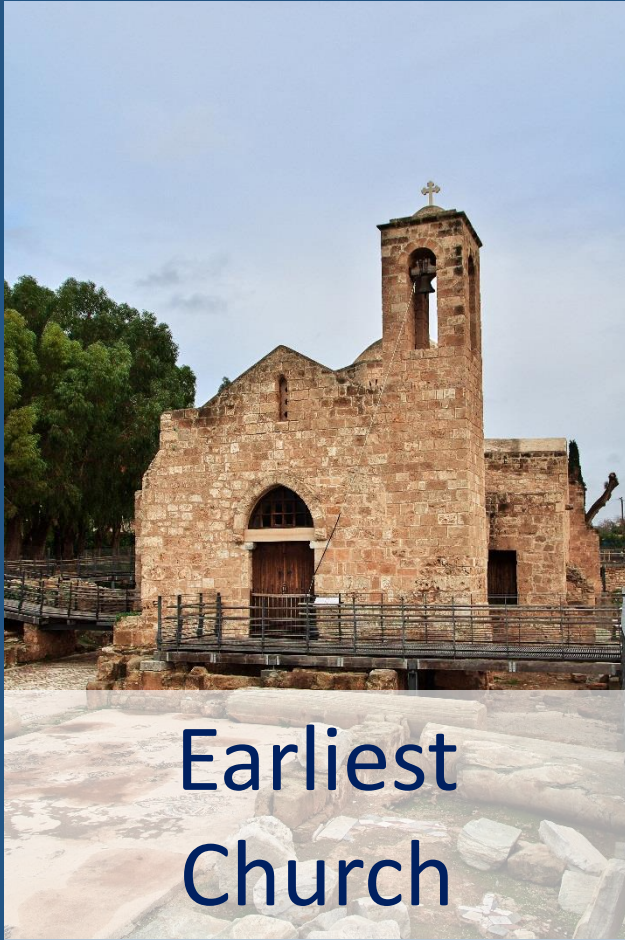
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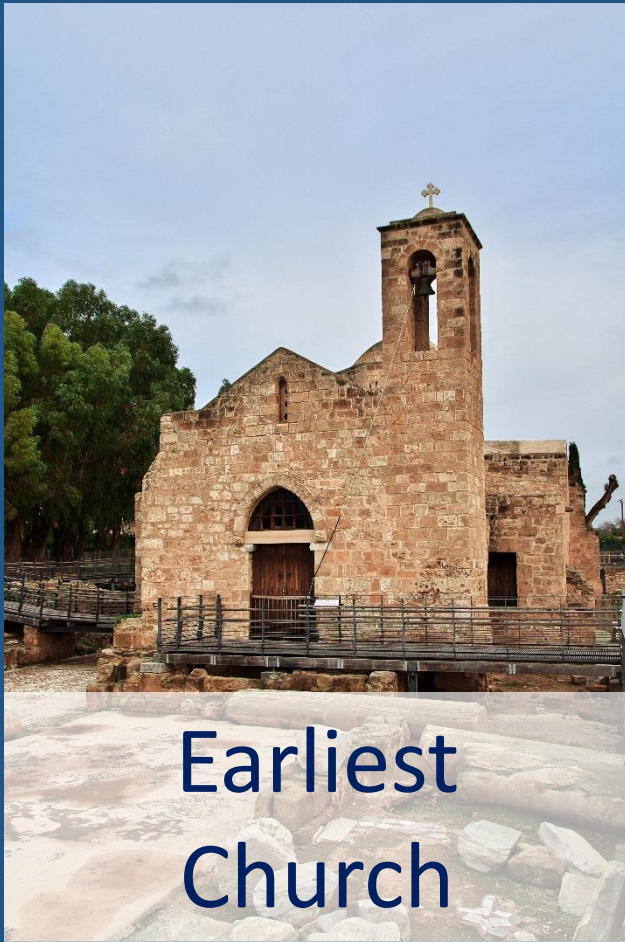
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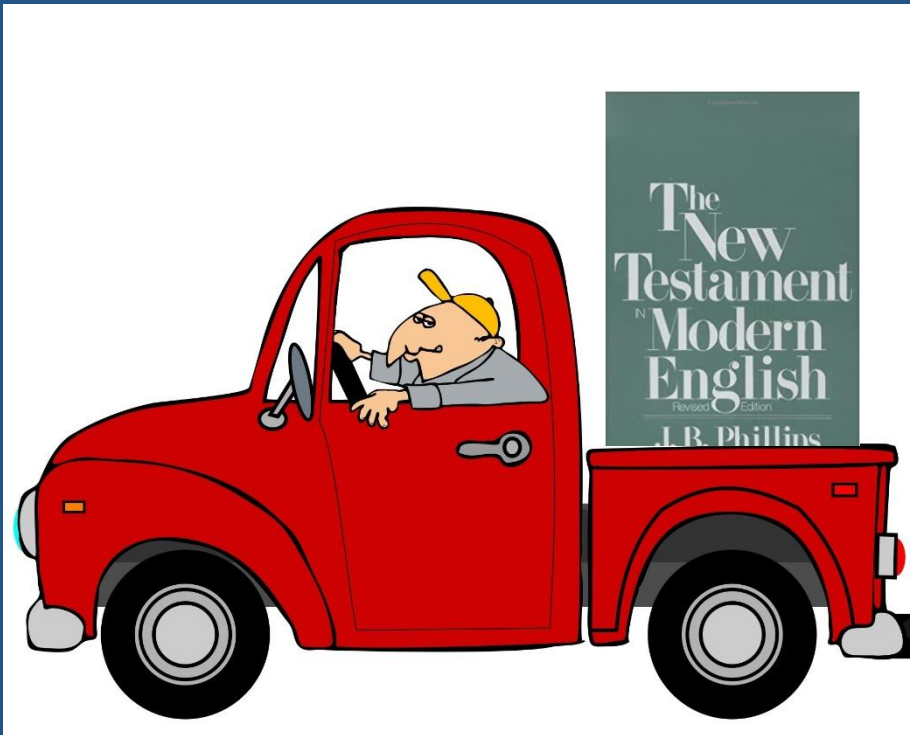


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Romans 6:14 says the believer is,
“not under law but under grace”

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Ephesians 2:15 says Jesus was,
“abolishing the law of commandments
expressed in ordinances”

“The law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good” (Rom. 7:12)



Oh how I love your law! It is my
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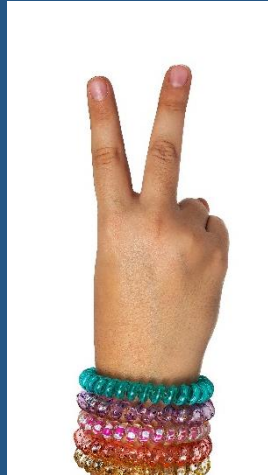




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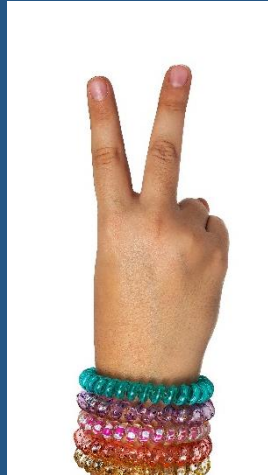


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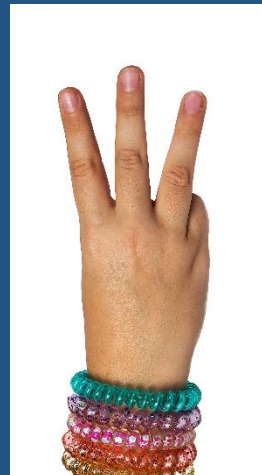




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... but it quickly begins to unravel



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You shall not delay to offer from the fullness of your harvest and from the outflow of your presses. The firstborn of your sons you shall give to me. You shall do the same with your oxen and with your sheep: seven days it shall be with its mother; on the eighth day you shall give it to me (Ex. 22:29-30)

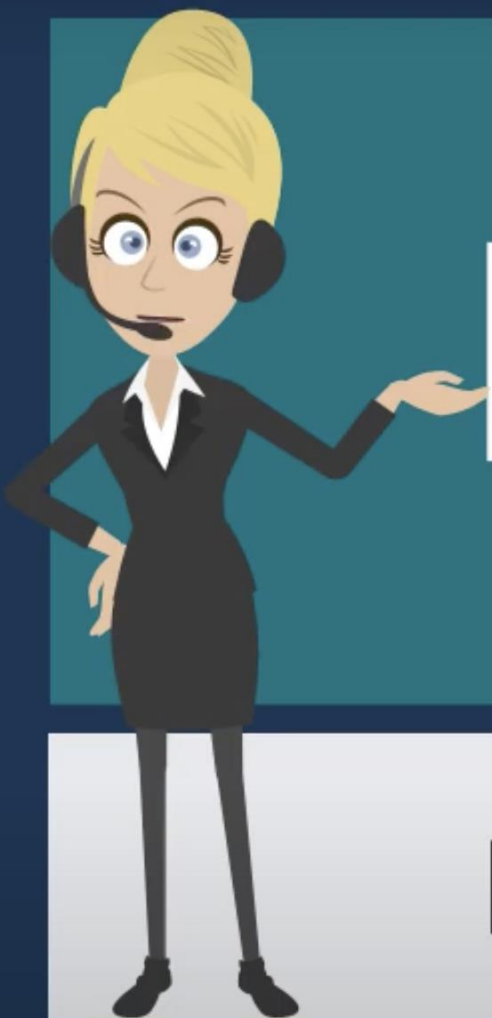
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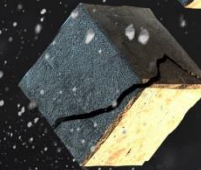
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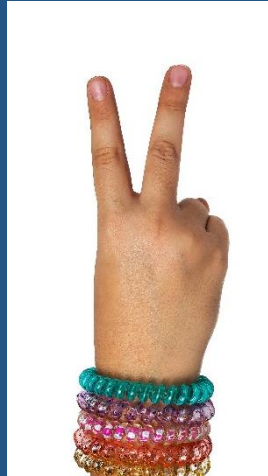
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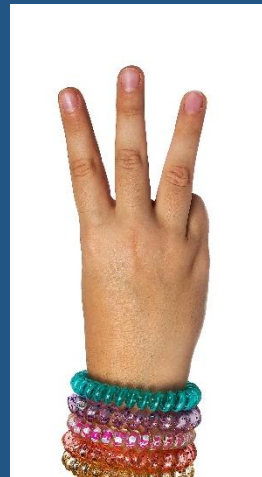
You shall not sow your field with two kinds of seed, nor shall you wear a garment of cloth made of two kinds of material (Lev. 19:19)



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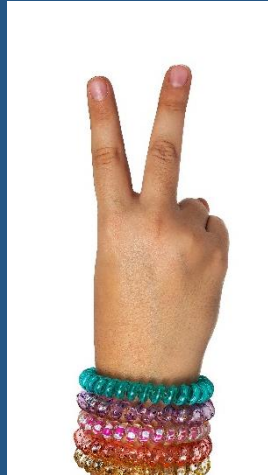


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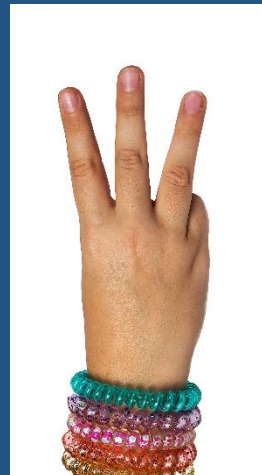




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The key:

The Biblical Law reflected God's holy ethics in a way that would guide Israel in its time and place of history to fulfill God's purposes by walking in God's holiness



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Social
justice



Get
along!

Crime

Social
justice

Quarantining





Criminal



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Civil



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Family



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Immigration











Some of the water
sloshes among the
buckets!



Ceremonial
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National
Laws



Get
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10 Comm.



Atonement

When “the law of God is in
one’s heart; one’s steps do
not slip” (Psalm 37:31)

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