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John 10:9-11 I am the door: by me if any man enters in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. 10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep. (KJV)

Another form of deception the thief uses to mask the truth is works, religious rituals, and works of the old law that are no longer in play. For some reason man decided that once they were saved they would need to continue the works of the law that the Lord already fulfilled on their behalf so that they would no longer be in bondage to them. The thief ties up many of God’s people when they allow strings to be attached to the simple liberating doctrine of Christ by reverting back to works.

Titus 1:14-16 Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. 16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate. (KJV)

One of the issues that rob the Jews today from walking in the truth is that they still hold to the old law and its outdated commandments. Whether Jew or Gentile they all get the same results when operating outside the realm of grace by faith. Many today claim to be saved by grace, then turn right around and go back to the works of the law which puts them in the category of a reprobate, unapproved of God, or should I say robbed blind?

Galatians 3:10-12 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continues not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. 11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, the just shall live by faith. 12 And the law is not of faith: but, the man that doeth them shall live in them. (KJV)

Many of God’s people begin in the Spirit, but then get taken back down by the works of the law that the Lord came and did away with. When you revert back to these dead works you have to live with the results as well, which is a curse. If you are not with God and on the same page then you are in opposition, which as we see, is robbery to say the least.

Galatians 2:16-18 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. 17 But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. 18 For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. (KJV)

If you are not seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, then you will not be justified in His sight. When one reverts back to the works of the law you are in a realm where sin is still in play and not done away which is just the place the enemy desires to see you, tied up and gagged while he is pilfering your house.

Dearly loved, what shall you do that you might work the works of God? You are to believe on Him whom He has sent. Keep is simple and let the Spirit do the leading. God bless and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.