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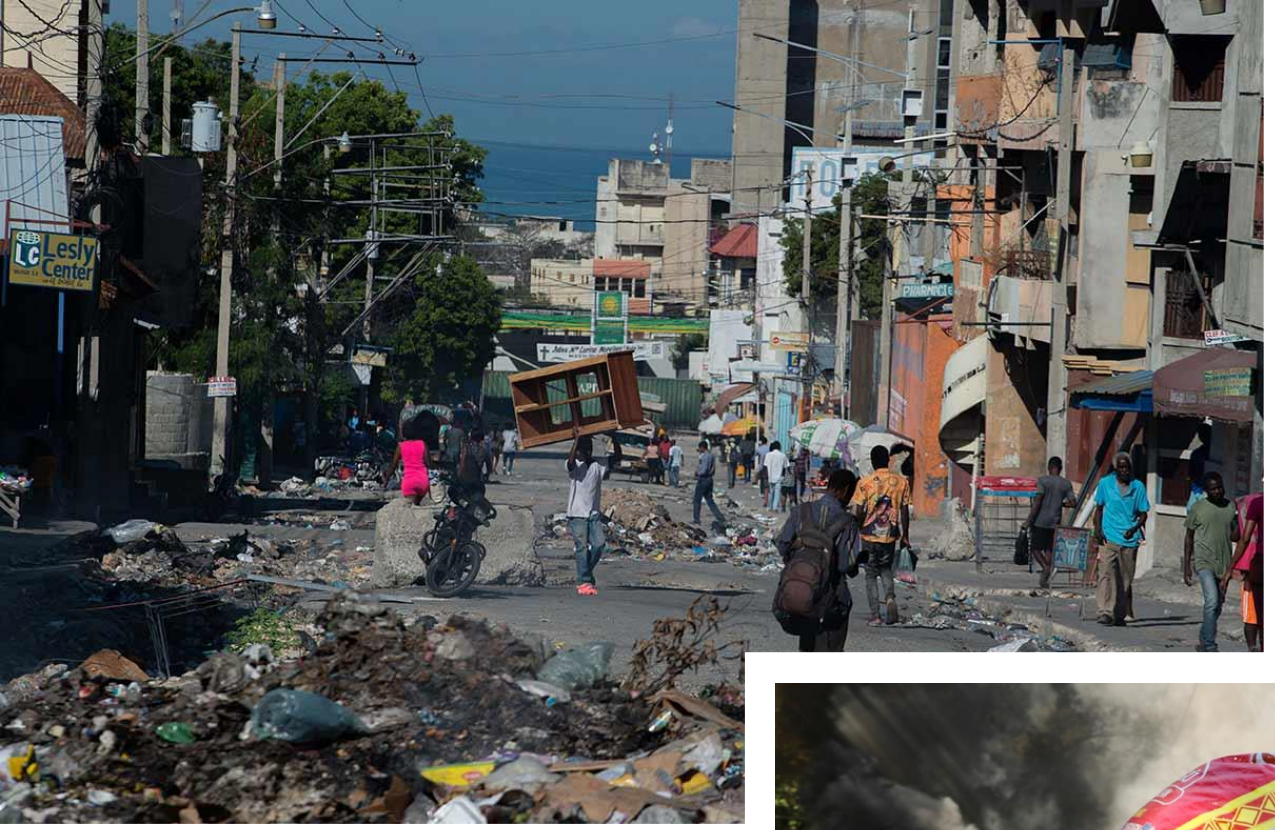
“What about all the rules? Christians are too legalistic.”

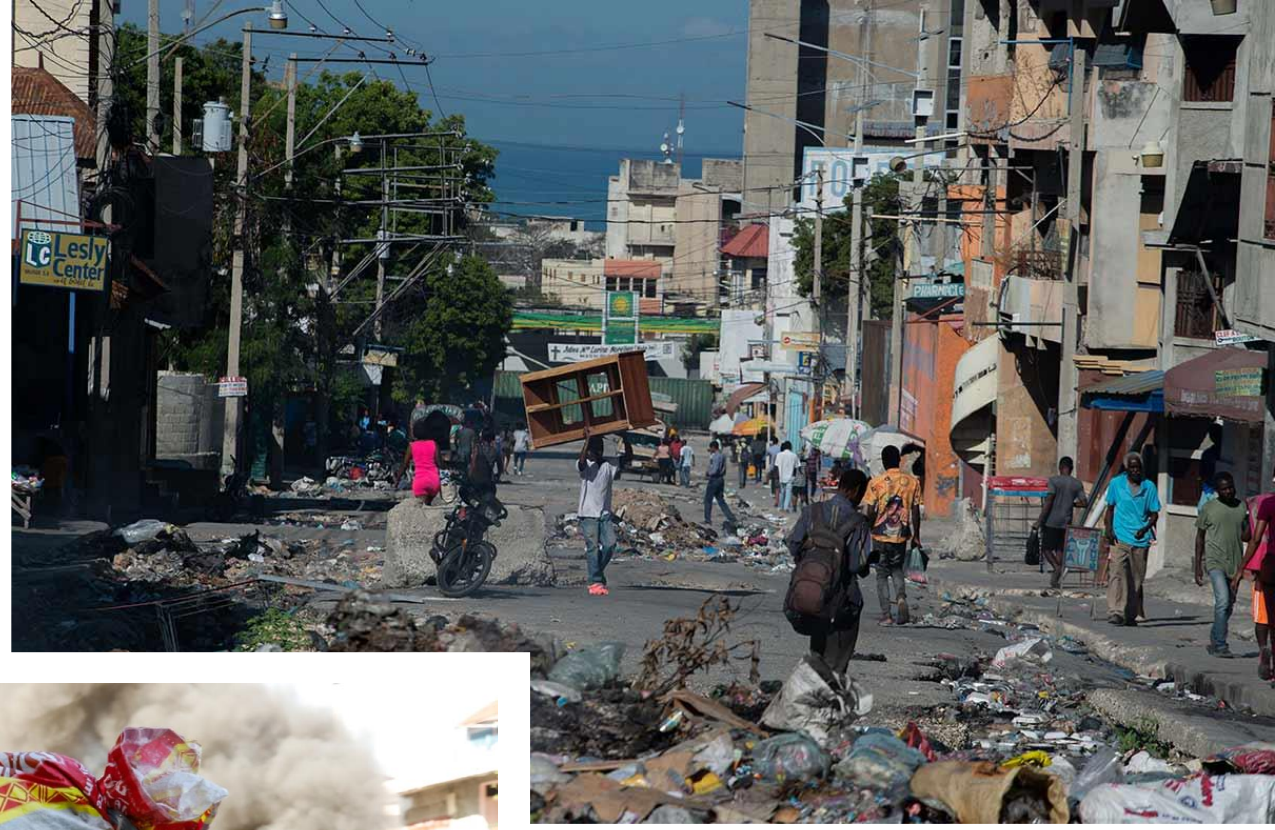
We believe that GOD alone gets to decide what is true and good.

1 “Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any
of the trees in the garden?” 2 “Of course we may eat fruit
from the trees in the garden,” the woman replied. 3 “It’s
only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden
that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not
eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’ ” 4 “You
won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman.

5 “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.” 6 The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too.

(Gen 3:1-6 NLT)


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[28] Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done. [29] Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip. [30] They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They invent new ways of sinning, and they disobey their parents.

[31] They refuse to understand, break their promises, are heartless, and have no mercy. [32] They know God's justice requires that those who do these things deserve to die, yet they do them anyway. Worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too. (Ro 1:28-32 NLT)



~~Civil Laws~~

~~Ceremonial Laws~~

Moral Laws

31 Jesus said to the people who believed in him,
“You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to
my teachings. 32 And you will know the truth, and
the truth will set you free.” (Jn 8:31-32 NLT)

Do we know what God says is true and good?

[8] The LORD is good and does what is right; he shows the proper path to those who go astray. [9] He leads the humble in doing right, teaching them his way. [10] The LORD leads with unfailing love and faithfulness all who keep his covenant and obey his demands.

(Ps 25:8-10 NLT)

[11] Teach me your ways, O LORD, that I may live
according to your truth! Grant me purity of heart, so
that I may honor you. [12] With all my heart I will praise
you, O Lord my God. I will give glory to your name
forever, [13] for your love for me is very great. You have
rescued me from the depths of death.
(Ps 86:11-13 NLT)

Have We Mistaken Manmade-Tradition for God's-Command?

[6] Jesus replied, “You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote, ‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. [7] Their worship is a farce, for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God.’ [8] For you ignore God’s law and substitute your own tradition.”

(Mk 7:6-8 NLT)

Legalism cannot lead to freedom.

Do We Agree With God?

[20] What sorrow for those who say that evil is good
and good is evil, that dark is light and light is dark,
that bitter is sweet and sweet is bitter. [21] What
sorrow for those who are wise in their own eyes
and think themselves so clever. [22] What sorrow for
those who are heroes at drinking wine and boast
about all the alcohol they can hold. [23] They take
bribes to let the wicked go free, and they punish
the innocent. (Is 5:20-23 NLT)

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still
And with all who will trust and obey

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey

Do We Delight in What God has Said is True and Good?

97 Oh, how I love your instructions! I think about
them all day long. 98 Your commands make me
wiser than my enemies, for they are my constant
guide. 99 Yes, I have more insight than my teachers,
for I am always thinking of your laws. 100 I am even
wiser than my elders, for I have kept your
commandments. 101 I have refused to walk on any
evil path, so that I may remain obedient to your
word.

102 I haven’t turned away from your regulations, for you have taught me well. 103 How sweet your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey. 104 Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life. (Ps 119:97-104 NLT)

Do we know what God says is true and good?

Have we mistaken tradition for commands?

Do we agree with God?

Do we delight in His Law?