

## Do they Apply?

Acts 15:20 – “but that we write unto them, that they abstain from the pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from what is strangled, and from blood.”

1. “Abstain from the pollutions of idols”
2. Abstain “from fornication”
3. Abstain “from what is strangled”
4. Abstain “from blood”

The question: Do these restrictions apply today since the Law of Moses is not in effect as a codified system.

These prohibitions were in place pre-Mosaic Law:

Concerning idols:

- A. Gen. 35:2-3 – Prohibition concerning idols existed pre-Mosaic Law.
- B. Exod. 23:23-24 – Idols in use pre-Israel’s occupation of Canaan
- C. Josh. 24:15 – Idolatry existed pre-Abraham
- D. Idolatry was not peculiar to the Jews.

Concerning fornication: “harlotry (including adultery and incest)” (Strong’s)

- A. Job 31:9 – The error of fornication known prior to the Law of Moses
- B. Gen. 20:3 – Prohibition against fornication known before Abraham

Concerning what is strangled, and from blood (since the former resulted in the violation of the latter.

- A. Gen. 9:4 – Flesh was not to be eaten with blood in it.
- B. A strangled animal retained the blood
- C. This prohibition existed pre-every society after Noah.

Thus, as sure as idolatry and fornication are prohibited, so also is the eating of blood whether the animal’s blood is shed, or strangled (whose meat retained the blood), and not a restriction peculiar to the Jews.