

THE END OF THE LAW

THE GRACE RELATIONSHIP TO THE LAW

“For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.”

~ Romans 10:4

1. To Do or Not to Do

- a. Sometimes people will say the law does not save, but then make it a requirement
- b. They say, *“We don’t obey the law to be saved, but because we are saved.”* No, no.
- c. Where is our relationship under grace to the law?
- d. People treat “not under the law” like school is cancelled – Rom 6:14
- e. Do we keep it or oppose it? Maybe there is a better way: put it in its place.

2. Defining the Law

- a. The law is holy, just, good, describing righteousness by works – Lev 18:5, Deu 6:25
- b. The law was required, specific, and was many – Deu 27:26
- c. The law was for Israel – priests, sacrifices, land, food, tithes.
- d. The law includes love, judgment, mercy, faith – Matt 23:23, Hab 2:4, Mic 6:8

3. The Curse of the Law

- a. Paul calls it the ministration of death and condemnation – 2 Cor 3:7, 9
- b. The law brings the knowledge of sin - Rom 3:20
- c. The law can’t make perfect, it brings a curse upon people – Jam 2:10, Gal 3:1,10-12
- d. The curse is evident not only before the gospel, but after – Rom 7:22-23

4. The End of the Law

- a. Christ became the curse so that the blessing would be through him – Gal 3:13
- b. When you substitute keeping the law for Christ, then the cross is vain – Gal 2:21, 5:4
- c. “Not under the law” is not “school’s cancelled”, it is graduation – Gal 3:22-26
- d. Christ is the end of the law *for righteousness* to all that believe - Rom 10:4-5
 - i. Christ ended the law *for righteousness* for both Israel and the church.
 - ii. Israel needed faith in him to receive the Spirit of the New Testament
 - iii. The law would be written in Israel’s heart to do them by the Spirit–Heb 8:8-10
- e. Our righteousness (justification) comes by faith, our service in righteousness is by faith
- f. God commended his love toward us in Christ – Rom 5:8 (Love fulfills the law)

5. Using the Law

- a. Right use of the law is to condemn the unrighteous, not for the righteous – 1 Tim 1:8
- b. Who is God’s revenger to execute wrath today? Rulers – Rom 13:3-4
 - i. Love fulfills the law – do that and fear not the ruler – Rom 13:8-9
- c. If you are under in Christ under grace, you are not under the law, to the glory of God.
- d. Can we earn righteousness by it? No! Can we maintain righteousness by it? No!
- e. Christ is our righteousness (for salvation and after) - 2 Cor 5:21, 1 Cor 1:30, Gal 2:21