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 not 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 reveger 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