

THE LAW OF CHRIST

LIVING AFTER THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

~ Galatians 6:2

1. Where is Our Life

- a. The law is useful to bring knowledge of sin, is it useful for the man saved by grace?
- b. The law is holy, just, good, but it cannot give life to sinners – Gal 3:21-22
- c. Christians still think after Christ saves them, they must live after the law... no, no, no.
- d. There is a difference between living lawfully and living in Christ
- e. If life by law makes Christ death vain, then we must choose – Gal 2:21, Ro 10:4
- f. Do we live with the law or with Christ?

2. Love of Christ – How is it different?

- a. *"O how I love thy law!"* – Ps 119:97, 113–*"I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love"*
- b. Jesus Christ is God, the law is not, – David loved the law because it was from God.
- c. The Lord Jesus Christ is a person not an impersonal law or command
- d. The law commanded love; love would fulfill the law, but can love be forced? Deu 6:5
- e. Living under the law leads you to mind the law, living under Christ the mind of Christ
- f. What inspires love more than words? deeds, actions, images, people –Co 1:15, 2Co 4:4
- g. We must move our affection from the law to Christ – Eph 6:24, 1 Cor 16:22, Ro 15:30
- h. Paul's prayer is we know the love of Christ (not the law) – Eph 3:16-19

3. Law of Christ – How does it work?

- a. The greatest two laws: to love God, and love your neighbor - Matt 22:37-40, Ro 13:8
- b. The *law* of love is contrary to the law of Christ – Gal 2:20, 5:4; Rom 8:2-3
- c. The law of works keeps us shut up unto faith – Gal 3:23
- d. Our salvation and service are not just by faith, but faith in Christ our Saviour –1Ti 4:10
- e. The law of works can only motivate with fear, guilt, shame; Christ motivates with love
- f. Would you trust one who obeys orders, or one motivated by love? - Rom 5:8
- g. The love of Christ constrains us – 2 Cor 5:14-15, but how?
- h. He died for all, we were all dead, we should not live unto ourselves, but unto him.
- i. This is not the moral law vs. ceremonial law – this is the principle in a person (Christ)
- j. To people confused about the law, Paul says fulfill the law of Christ - Gal 6:2
- k. See it in action in Titus 3:1-5 or Eph 5:22-33, 2 Cor 5:16-17, or Phil 2:5-11

4. Life in Christ – What do we do?

- a. The rudiments of the world (philosophy, tradition, law) are not after Christ –Co 2:8, 20
- b. All treasures of knowledge are hid in Christ – Col 2:2
- c. To live is Christ – Phil 1:21; If we want to pursue life, we must pursue Christ –Phi 3:10
- d. It is the crucified life because it leads us to reckon ourselves dead with Christ – Ro 6
- e. It is the resurrected life because it gives you resurrection power (the law can't) – Ro 8
- f. Who will we serve? The law or Christ? Our own righteousness or God's through Christ?
- g. There can be many laws – people can copy God's laws – but there is only one Christ
- h. Do we live with the law or with Christ? Col 3:3 – Our life is hid with Christ in God.