

Sermon Reflections

The Old Testament Law for Christians, Part 2 (Exodus 20:1-21 & Selected Scriptures)

Summary: God's law still directs us **where** life is found, and **how** we must then live.

The Law in a Christian Life:

1. The Law Binds Us No Longer (Galatians 3; Romans 7)

- Read Galatians 3:24-26. The law is described as a guardian (or tutor.) Today, are we as Christians still under that law? Why?
- Define legalism.
 - If you put yourself back under the Old Testament law, or create a new law, what is the danger for your fellow brothers and sisters in how you treat and respond to them?

2. The Spirit Empowers Our Lawful Living (Galatians 5)

- If we are no longer under the law and the Spirit empowers our lawful living, does that mean that we are free to live in any way we want?
- Consider Gal. 5:14: We are free from the law to love others and therefore fulfill the law, but how does differ in our lives before coming to Christ versus after coming to Christ?
 - The previous question implies there is a change in you between pre and post Christ life. Have you been changed? The fruit of the spirit (Gal. 5:22-23) is an excellent gauge, compare your life pre-Christ to post in light of Gal. 5:22-23, do you see the change?

3. The Law Provides Principles for Our Christian Lives (1 Corinthians 5)

- We are no longer under the old covenant, but we can still take value from the law. The Old Testament law shows us God's character. Review some of the Old Testament laws with this question in mind: "What does this tell me about God?"
 - So then, what are some ways you can live out that character in a new covenant context?
 - ...In our day-to-day lives?
 - ...In our interaction with fellow believers?
 - ...In our interaction with un-believers?