

The Christian and the Mosaic Law

- 1) The Christian is no longer bound to the Mosaic Law because the very fact there is a 'New Covenant' signifies that the 'Old Covenant' has passed and Christ Himself is the culmination of the Law (2 Cor 3; Romans 10:4)**

- 2) The Christian is bound to the Law of Christ which is defined as the law of love (1 Cor 9:21; Gal 5:14; 6:2)**

- 3) The purpose of the Law is to reveal human sin so that it will be clear that there is no hope in human beings and life is sought only in Christ and Him crucified (Romans 7; Galatians 3)**

Four reasons why we should study the Mosaic Law:

- (1) Because it is still God's word and reveals the heart of God. Remember the Law is Good and was written for our instruction (1 Cor 10:11).
- (2) Because our Lord lived his life under the Law and therefore it will provide us with a better understanding of his life and ministry (Gal 4:4)
- (3) Because the Law continually exposes our sin and puts us to death so that we continually recognize salvation is in Christ alone
- (4) Because it is full of types and shadows pointing us to Christ and helps us appreciate all that he came to fulfill

GBC Application Questions

Grace Bible Church desires that you respond to this sermon by believing the gospel, obeying the Savior, and discipling the world for the glory of God. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions and praying through the issues will help you further meditate upon God’s Word in order to see how this can be done.

FOCUSING ON THE PASSAGE:

1. Seeking to understand the place of the law in the life of believers is not an easy subject, but one that would be worth some additional study. Read Galatians 4:9—29. How does Paul describe the Law and its use? What is the purpose of the Law now?

2. If we are not under the Mosaic Law, what is governing our lives? Can we live however we want because we have freedom? What controls us and constrains us? Read Romans 13:7—10. How does Paul sum up the Law?

3. Read Hebrews 8:1—6. What is superior according to the writer about the ministry of the Lord Jesus? Why is the fact that Christ “is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven” so significant to the author? What does that fact communicate to Christians?

4. When something is described as a “copy and shadow” what does that mean? If the tabernacle was a copy and shadow then what does that signify?

FOCUSING ON YOUR LIFE:

5. What should it mean in your own life that Christ is “is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven”? How should that affect your thinking about salvation? What does that mean in regard to your sin?

FOCUSING ON LOVING OTHERS:

6. How can you encourage someone else with what you’ve learned and thought through today? In what way could you hold someone accountable or have them hold you accountable?

FOCUSING ON NEXT WEEK:

7. Read Hebrews 8:7—13. In this passage he quotes Jeremiah 31 about the New Covenant. What are the unique features of the new covenant that the writer describes quoting from Jeremiah 31? What does that teach us about the old covenant?
