

The Purpose of the Law—Part 2

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I. The Old Testament Law was “given” to the nation of Israel,
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1 Corinthians 10:11 - *Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.*

Difference between “to us” & “for us”.

II. The Old Testament Law, although a whole unit, can be seen as having three _____. (Human construct)

- 1. Civil Law** – Moral instruction and guidelines as well as cultural responsibilities to be different than the nations and function morally as a nation. (Treat people, restitution, court issues etc.)

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- 2. Ceremonial Law** – Relate to God in worship and be distinguished in lifestyle from the other nations. These ceremonies point to the reality of the Messiah. (Temple worship, sacrifices, feasts, circumcision, dietary and clothing regulations, etc.)

- 3. Moral Law** – Relates to justice and judgment. Reveals God’s Holy nature. Includes the Ten Commandments and penalties for failure to obey the Moral Law. The Law sets up the need for a Messiah and reveals our fallen nature and hopelessness.

The Old Testament saint was saved by seeing himself as he is and God as He is and calling out for grace that leads to repentance, faith and a new nature.

Isaiah 45:22 – *Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God, and there is no other.*

III. The Old Testament Law/demands are fulfilled totally in

1. Matthew 5:17-20 Page #961
2. Matthew 22:34-40 Page #984
3. Galatians 4:1-7 Page #1167
4. Galatians 3:10-14, 19-24 Page#1166
5. Galatians 5:6, 14-16 Page#1168
6. Galatians 2:19-20 Page#1165

Transformation Scripture: *Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good...* Psalm 118:1 (NASB) (CRefs.- Psalm 50:14-15, 92:1-4, 34:8, and Colossians 3:17)

Monday - 11-19-12 - Reflecting on Yesterday

1. Read Luke 16:14-18. Discuss Sunday's message with someone.
2. What did you learn that can impact your daily living?
3. Do you think the Ten Commandments should be displayed in courthouses, etc.? Why or why not?

Tuesday - 11-20-12 - Reflecting on this Past Sunday

1. Read Luke 16:14-18 again and ask God to reveal truth to you.
2. Read Galatians 4:1-7, 3:10-14, 19-22; 5:6, 14 ; 6:2 and 2:20. Write out what you see as main truths concerning the Old Testament Law and the "Law of Christ". What are the main differences between the two?
3. Why can "we" not live out the Ten Commandments?

Wednesday - 11-21-12 - Reflecting on this Past Sunday

1. Read Colossians 2:8-15.
2. What must we diligently watch? (vs. 8)
3. How are we described in verse 9? What does it mean?
4. How were you circumcised 11-15 (made righteous)? See Jer. 31:33.

Thursday - 11-22-12 - Preparing for this Upcoming Sunday

1. Read John 1:17.
2. What is the difference between what Moses revealed and what Jesus revealed?
3. Which is easier for you to communicate to those you love: law or grace?
4. As followers of Christ, we have been revealed the truth and true grace in Jesus Christ. How are some ways your lives reflect His grace when you interact as family?

Friday - 11-23-12 - Preparing ourselves for this Sunday

1. Read Proverbs 1:8-9.
2. What are the instruction of a father and the teaching of a mother described as?
3. Parents, does the word "graceful" describe your instruction to your children?
4. Children, do you receive instruction with grace?

Saturday - 11-24-12 - Preparing for Tomorrow

1. Read Acts 15:11.
2. Reflect on the truth that people are saved by grace. If we are pointing people (children, friends, family) to the Savior, and He saves by grace, then how does this effect how we treat one another?
3. Pray for tomorrow's worship together and for God's delegated leaders.