



God's Law *of* Love

“The Foundation of Love”

Lesson 4

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Laws are the structure of all governments, and without them there would be total chaos. A government would not be able to stand without just laws. God has a government. Read Psalms 93:1-4. He rules over all. In His government He has a law. This law is known as the Ten Commandments.

Where are the Ten Commandments found in the Bible?

The Ten Commandments are found in Exodus 20:3-17.

Read Exodus 20:1-17

What is the fulfilling of God's law?

Romans 13:9,10 says, "For this, **Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment,** it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore **love is the fulfilling of the law.**"

Read also Matthew 22:37-40.

Write the Bible Answer:

These passages of scripture point back to the Ten Commandments. We see that this is a Law of love. Love is the fulfilling of God's law.

What are the main purposes of God's law?

Purpose Number 1

Romans 7:7 says, "What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet."

Note: "Thou shalt not covet" is referring to the tenth commandment.

Read also 1 John 3:4; Romans 3:20.

Write the Bible Answer:

The written laws of the nations of the earth tell us what is legal or not. Comparatively, the Ten Commandments tell us what is morally right or wrong. They are simple, yet authoritative. If you ask someone, “What is sin?”, they may respond by saying, “doing bad things”. The Ten Commandments define and summarize what “doing bad things” are so we can know if we are in sin.

Thought question: How would you know if you are a sinner if you did not have God’s law to show you?

What is the penalty of sin, breaking God’s law?

Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord,”

Purpose Number 2

Galatians 3:24 says, “Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster [*instructor*] to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.”

Read also Psalms 19:7.

Write the Bible Answer:

The law of God shows us our need of a Saviour, and points us to Christ.

As a Mirror, it shows our sinful condition.

The law of God is like a mirror. When you go to a mirror with mud on your face, the mirror reflects your dirty face, but it cannot clean your face. Like a mirror, the law of God reveals sin, but it cannot cleanse you from sin. As a conversion tool, the law of God through the Holy Spirit,

points you to Jesus who can cleanse you from ALL your sins. In other words, the law cannot free you from the bondage of sin. You can only be made free from sin or justified by faith in Jesus Christ. Read Romans 5:1; Romans 3:24.

Purpose Number 3

There is a judgment. “For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.” Ecclesiastes 12:14

In the judgment there is a law which we are judged by.

James 2:11,12 says, “For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be **judged by the law of liberty.**”

The Ten Commandments are the standard of the judgment. We are now living in the time of judgment. Revelation 14:7 says, “Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”

Do we now have to keep the law (Ten Commandments) of God?

1 Corinthians 7:19 says, “Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God.”

Read also John 14:15; Revelation 22:14; Romans 7:24,25; 1 John 5:2,3.

Write the Bible Answer:

The Bible makes it very clear that we are to keep ALL the Ten Commandments of God, and those who keep them are blessed! True love is shown by obedience. Romans 7:12 says, “Wherefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.”

Can we keep the law of God by our own power?

Romans 7:14 says, “For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.”

Sin wars against the law of God. Read Romans 7:22,23.

Write the Bible Answer:

The only way to keep a spiritual law is that we must become spiritually connected to God by being converted to Jesus Christ, abiding in Him and allowing Him to abide in our hearts and cleanse us from sin. Jesus gives us both the desire and the power to be obedient to His Law. Philippians 2:13 “For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”

So the reason why many people do not keep the law of God is because they want to stay in sin. Those who remain in sin are in bondage. In this wretched condition they cannot keep the law of God. The only hope of getting out of the bondage of sin is by the power of Jesus Christ.

Why did Jesus die on the cross?

Romans 8:3,4 “For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”

Write the Bible Answer:

Jesus died for the sins of this world, so we can be free from the bondage of sin and through His power keep His law.

Did Jesus do away with His law at the cross?

Romans 3:31 “Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law,”

Read also Matthew 5:17; Luke 16:17.

Write the Bible Answer:

Jesus did NOT come to destroy the law, but to establish His law. Do you think that God would do away with the law of His government? Do you think that He would destroy the law that shows us if we are guilty of sin or not? Do you think that God would destroy the law that brings “us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith”? Absolutely not! Psalms 119:44, 45 says, “So shall **I keep thy law continually for ever and ever**. And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.”

The “law of liberty” is everlasting! Hebrews 13:8 declares Jesus, “the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever”! God’s law is eternal. He wrote the Ten Commandments with His own finger on two tables of stone which reveals its permanence.

There are those who incorrectly use Colossians 2:14 to say that the Law of God has been done away with.

Colossians 2:14 says, “Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.”

What does this mean?

Ordinances according to Strong’s Greek dictionary are civil, **ceremonial** or ecclesiastical laws.

Referring to the “handwriting of ordinances”, Colossians 2:17 says,

“Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.”

The “handwriting of ordinances” that was nailed to the cross is referring to the ceremonial laws that were “a shadow of things” that pointed to the ministry of Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God who was to take away the sins of the world. (Read John 1:29) They were known as the law of ordinances or law of Moses.

Hebrews 10:1 says, “For the law [the ceremonial law] having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.”

“...It is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins,” but God had these ceremonial and sacrificial services to point to “...the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all” “...that he might bring us to God”. - Hebrews 10:4; Hebrews 10:10; & 1 Peter 3:18.

When Christ was offered for us on the cross, the event which the ceremonial laws pointed to for centuries was fulfilled and the sacrificial services were to end, Christ “...took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.” - Colossians 2:14. This was the law that was nailed to the cross, not God’s Ten Commandments which endure forever! We, through the power of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, can keep them!

Even at the end of time God contrasts those who are loyal to Him from those who are not; how does God describe His people?

Revelation 14:12 “Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”

The Bible Brain Challenge

What is the foundation of God's law?

Fill in the Blank

Romans 13:9,10 "For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is _____ comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the _____ of the law."

What is the purpose of God's law?

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Did Jesus ever get rid of the Ten Commandments?

Fill in the Blank

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