

WHAT WERE THE PURPOSES OF THE LAW?

I. SOME BASIC TRUTHS ABOUT THE MOSAIC LAW

A. Historically.

1. The *people* of the Law consisted of the nation of _____, not the Gentiles. (Exodus 19:3; Romans 2:14; 9:4-5)
2. The *period* of the Law lasted approximately _____ years, from Mt. _____ to Mt. _____. (Romans 10:4; Galatians 3:19; 2 Corinthians 3:7-16)

B. Doctrinally.

1. The *particular nature* of the Law is that it was one _____. (Gal. 3:10; 5:1-4; James 2:10).
2. The *proposition* of the Law was basically:
 - a. _____ the Law = “*You shall be _____*” (Exodus 20:1-24).
 - b. _____ the Law = “*You shall be _____*” (Exodus 21:12-17).

II. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (Exodus 20)

A. The *Proclamation* of the Law.

1. 1st Commandment: “*You shall have no other _____ before Me*” (Exodus 20:2-3).
2. 2nd Commandment: “*You shall not make for yourself a _____ ...*” (Exodus 20:4-5).
3. 3rd Commandment: “*You shall not take the _____ of the LORD your God in vain...*” (Exodus 20:7).
4. 4th Commandment: “*Remember the _____, to keep it holy.*” (Ex. 20:8-10).
5. 5th Commandment: “*Honor your _____ and your _____ ...*” (Exodus 20:12).

6. 6th Commandment: “*You shall not* _____.” (Exodus 20:13).
7. 7th Commandment: “*You shall not commit* _____.” (Exodus 20:14).
8. 8th Commandment: “*You shall not* _____.” (Exodus 20:15).
9. 9th Commandment: “*You shall not* _____ *witness against your neighbor.*” (Exodus 20:16).
10. 10th Commandment: “*You shall not* _____...” (Exodus 20:17).

B. The *Punishment* of the Law.

1. The Law punished _____ violators. (Galatians 3:10-14).
2. The penalty for disobedience to the Law was _____. (Exodus 31:5; 2 Cor. 3:7-9).

C. The *Primary Purposes* of the Law.

1. The Law declares to us the _____ of God. (Rom. 7:12; 1 Peter 1:15-16).
2. The Law teaches us that we are all _____. (Rom. 3:10-12, 19, 23; 1 Timothy 1:8-11).
3. The Law gives us a knowledge of _____. (Romans 3:20, 7:7, 13).
4. The Law is our _____ to bring us to Christ that we might be justified before God _____. (Galatians 3:19-28).
5. The Law could not _____ the sinner, nor _____ the saint. These are only accomplished by God’s grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone in light of the finished work of Jesus Christ, the believer’s position in Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. (Galatians 2:16-3:3).

- How does this apply to you?