

WHAT WERE THE PURPOSES OF THE LAW? Pt. 2

Definition: The Mosaic Law was the temporary rule of life for the Old Testament {Jewish} believer, given by God through Moses, which governed all phases of Jewish life. {Michael Halsey, *Laying Down the Law*, pg. 18}

I. SOME BASIC TRUTHS ABOUT THE MOSAIC LAW

A. Historically.

1. The *people* of the Law consisted of the nation of _____, not the Gentiles, nor the Church. (Exodus 19:3; Romans 2:14; 9:4-5; 6:14)
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. {Examining the 10 Commandments}

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 3:19-29).

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 new creation position in Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit as we walk by faith in Christ under grace (Galatians 2:16-3:3).

- Though 9 out of the 10 Commandments are repeated in essence in the New Testament Epistles {minus keeping the Sabbath & all capital penalties for breaking the Law unless enforced by civil government} since they reflect the righteous standards of God, yet how are these principles / imperatives approached under grace and fulfilled? (Gal. 4:1-11; Eph. 1:3, 4:1-3, 4:17ff)

1) The Church-age believer today has already been blessed with _____ {Eph. 1:3-14} and has become one in the Body of Christ - whether Jew or Gentile {Eph. 2-3}.

2) The Church-age believer now is exhorted to _____ with their new position in Christ. {Eph. 4:1ff}

3) The Church-age believer's walk is to be dramatically _____ than the walk of unbelievers and is to be in light of their new position / identification in Christ involving the repeated _____ about being in Christ for daily living. {Eph. 4:17-24}

4) The Church-age believer's walk embraces 9 out of the 10 commandments of the "moral law" but as _____ {Rom. 6:14} without the penalties of the Law and with an entirely different mindset and motivation, not to be blessed but because they already have been & to now _____ with their new creation status in Christ, along with the power of the _____ to enable them to do them. {Eph. 4:25-32}

- How does this apply to you?