

The Truth and Substance of These Things Belgic Confession, Article 25

1. THE UNITY OF SCRIPTURE: All of Scripture – including the Old Testament law – _____ Christ and is centered around Christ.

These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled. (Luke 24:44)

Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. (Colossians 2:16-17)

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. (Matthew 5:17-18)

2. THE FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW: This requires that we _____ “fulfillment” correctly. Fulfillment means two things:

a. The “ceremonies and symbols” of the law foreshadowed Christ, and so they do not apply to us in the _____ they applied to Israel.

b. Because the law spoke of Christ, all of it _____ to apply to us in Christ.

3. THREE ASPECTS OF THE LAW: To apply God’s law _____ in Christ, we discern three aspects of the law:

a. The _____ aspect: sacrifices, festival calendar, food laws. For example: Lev. 23.

b. The _____ aspect: government structure, capital punishment. For example: Deut. 22:8

c. The _____ aspect: prohibitions of idolatry, murder. For example: Deut. 5:6-21.

d. We say with Psalmist, in Christ: “Oh how I _____” (Psalm 119:97).