

## Element 3: The Ten Commandments: Part C

How Are the Commandments Bad News & Good News? / Seeing the “Gap”

Does the Law Have Ongoing NT Relevance? / Law & Grace? / Did Christ End or Abolish the Law?

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### I. Eight Essential Elements: Outline & Overview (Discuss Bad News & Good News)

0. Intro: Proclamation / Pre-Evangelism / Disciples / Pole Fishing / Diagnostic Tools / 7 Missing Elements
1. God: Essential Biblical Attributes: (Non-Communicable & Communicable)
2. Man: Essential Biblical Attributes: (3 Issues / Culpability / Empowerment)
3. The 10 Commandments: (Exodus 20:1-17) & (Deuteronomy 5:1-21)
4. Historical Narrative of Israel & Warning(s) of Eternal Judgment Day: The Gospel Presentations in Acts
5. Jesus Christ: Only Mediator: Intro to Christology: Bridge / Solution / Ministry / Atonement / Reign
6. Receiving Jesus Christ: (John 1:12-13) Responding: Key Components & Exchanges of Soteriology
7. The First 5 Steps Into the Kingdom of Christ: Acts 2:37-47 (See Pt. I, E, 3 Above)
8. Maturing in Jesus Christ: 3 Tools of Grace - Vital Growth Ingredients / Necessity of Discipleship

### II. Two Weeks Ago: Where to Find the 10 Commandments aka The Law or Decalogue in the Bible:

- A. Their First or Primary Location In Scripture: (Exodus 20:1-17) (Deuteronomy 5: 1-21)
- B. Case Laws: aka Statutes, Ordinances
  1. Two Old Testament Examples of Case Laws: (4<sup>th</sup> Commandment & 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment)
    - a. (Exodus 20:8 / 4<sup>th</sup>) “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.” (Leviticus 23:1-44 Case Laws)
    - b. (Exodus 20:14 / 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment) “You shall not commit adultery. (Lev. 18: 1-30 Case Laws)(Prohibitions of : Incest; Adultery; Moloch Worship (Abortion); Bestiality; Fornication; Homo-Sexuality: Rape; Exploitation, Etc.) (Psalm 119:89) Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven. (Isaiah 40:8) (Num. 23:19)
  2. Three New Testament Examples of Case Laws: (6<sup>th</sup> Commandment & 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment)
    - a. (Exodus 20:13) “You shall not murder.” (Jesus establishes Law by Grace.) (Matthew 5:21-22)
    - b. (Exodus 20:14) “You shall not commit adultery. (Do Not Lust) (Matthew 5:27-28)
    - c. (Exodus 20:14 / 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment) “You shall not commit adultery. (Paul: 1 Corinthians 6:9-10)
- C. Summaries of the Law: 10 Commandments in 2 Sections: (A) Love God & (B) Your Neighbor (Matthew 22:34-40) But when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered themselves together. <sup>35</sup> One of them, a lawyer, asked Him *a question*, testing Him, <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” <sup>37</sup> And He said to him, “ ‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the great and foremost commandment. <sup>39</sup> The second is like it, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.” (See also Rom 13:9) (Remember NASB Caps) (Deut. 6:5) You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. (Leviticus 19:18) Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.

### III. Last Sunday: Jesus and Paul On the Purpose of the 10 Commandments:

- A. Jesus: Came Not to Abolish but to Fulfill & Empower (Matthew 5:17-20) <sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. (Discuss: Jesus, Case Laws, Legalism, Etc.)

## B. Paul: Tutor to Lead Us to Christ

(Galatians 3:24) ... the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

(Romans 3:31) Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the Law. (NASB) (overthrow = ESV or make void = NKJV) / (establish = NASB & NKJV or uphold = ESV)

1. καταργέω (katargeō): nullify, overthrow; to make entirely useless, abolish, cease, destroy, do away with, make of none effect; fail, loose, bring to naught, put away; put down; vanish away; make or render void.

2. ἵστημι (histēmi): to stand (used in various applications, literally or figuratively); abide, appoint, bring, continue, covenant, establish, hold up or uphold, lay, present, set up. (Note: 125 Years / 90 Years Ago.)

(Galatians 2:21) "I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly." ἀθετέω (atheteō): to do away with, to set aside, disregard; to thwart the efficacy of anything, nullify, make void, frustrate; to reject, to refuse, to slight (Romans 7:13) (For Further Study Romans 7: 1-24)

(Romans 10:4) For Christ is the end (goal, τέλος, telos) of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

(John 19:30) "... it is finished ..." (Not terminated, but established.)

## IV. Today Part 3C: Three Ongoing Purposes of the Law: (Not Necessarily Exhaustive)

### A. Tutor to Lead us to Christ / Conviction of Sin: (See Galatians 3:24 Above) (Consider Role of Holy Spirit)

(Romans 7:7) What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, "You SHALL NOT COVET." (Cf. John 16:7-13; ... He ... will convict the world concerning sin ...) (Purpose of Pentecost)

(Romans 3:20) <sup>20</sup> because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.

(Hebrews 3:13)...hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. (Every man's way / Speck vs. Log / Pharisees John 9, Etc.)

(Matthew 5:17-20) ... <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. (See bottom of pg. 1 above.) (Externalism / Environmentalism)

### B. Wisdom, Sanctification & Maturation:

(2 Timothy 3:14-17) You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, <sup>15</sup> and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. (Not salvation from Hell, but folly of sin.)

Quote: "The nature of Christ's salvation is woefully misrepresented by the present-day evangelist. He announces a Savior from hell rather than a Savior from sin. And that is why so many are fatally deceived, for there are multitudes who wish to escape the Lake of Fire who have no desire to be delivered from their carnality and worldliness." Arthur W. Pink

### C. Society, Nations: Jonah

(Romans 2:20) ... having in the Law the embodiment of knowledge and of the truth, ... (See Romans 2:14-16) (Discuss: Ten Words vs. Ten Commandments / Torah / Guides, Light vs. Blind Guides)

## IV. Today Part 3D: Antinomianism vs. Theonomy: Definitions, History, Ramifications & Necessity.

(John 14:15) "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. (John 14:21-24; 15:10-12) (1 John 5:3)

(Mark 7:21-23) <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, <sup>22</sup> deeds of coveting *and* wickedness, *as well as* deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man." (Pharisees External Environment)