

Element 3: The Ten Commandments: Part E

Introduction to Theonomy vs. Antinomianism / Seeing the “Gap”

Does the Law Have Ongoing NT Relevance? / How Are the Commandments Bad News & Good News?

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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. 4 Weeks Ago - Element 3A: Where to Find the 10 Commandments in the Bible: (Law / Decalogue)

- A. Their First or Primary Location In Scripture: (Exodus 20:1-17) (Deuteronomy 5: 1-21)
- B. Case Laws: aka Statutes, Ordinances: (2 Old Testament Examples & 3 New Testament Examples)
- C. Summaries of the Law: 10 Commandments in 2 Sections: (A) Love God & (B) Your Neighbor
Jesus Quoted Old Testament Summaries (Matthew 22:34-40) (Deut. 6:5) (Leviticus 19:18)
- D. All 10 Commandments & Their Case Laws Repeated in Both Testaments: Examples (Added Last Week)
(Isaiah 29:13) (Luke 11:42-43) (1 Corinthians 6:9-10) (1 Corinthians 5)
(1 Thessalonians 1:8b-9) (1 Corinthians 10:14) (1 John 5:21) (Colossians 3:5-6) “... idolatry ...”
(John 14:15, 21, 23; 15:10) ^{14:15} “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. ^{14:21} He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose (manifest / reveal) Myself to him.” ^{14:23} Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode (home / residence) with him. ^{15:10} If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. (NASB / ESV, NKJV / NET)

III. Three Sundays Ago – Element 3B: Jesus and Paul On the Purpose of the 10 Commandments:

- A. Jesus: Came Not to Abolish but to Fulfill & Empower (Matthew 5:17-20)
- B. Paul: Tudor to Lead Us to Christ: (Galatians 3:24) (Romans 3:31)(Galatians 2:21) (Romans 7:13; 10:4)

IV. Two Sundays Ago - Element 3C: Three Ongoing Purposes of the Law: (Not Necessarily Exhaustive)

- A. Conviction of Sin / Tudor to Lead us to Christ: (Galatians 3:24) (Romans 7:7) (Romans 3:20)
- B. Wisdom, Sanctification & Maturation: (2 Timothy 3:14-17)
- C. Society & Nations: (Rom. 2:14- 20) ... having in the Law the embodiment of knowledge and ... truth,
(Examples: Jonah & Other Prophets) (Turn to Deuteronomy 4:5-8 from Jason’s Reading Today.)

IV. Antinomianism vs. Theonomy: Defined, History, Ramifications & Necessity

(Today’s Reading: Matthew 15:1-20 / Cf. Mark 7:1-23) (See also John 14:15, 21, 23; 15:10 – Quoted Above)

- A. Definitions:
 1. Antinomianism: Anti Law: Righteousness defined by the “spirit” of fallen, unsanctified men.
 2. Theonomy: God’s Law: The Commandments of God are Eternally True & Have Implications

B. Implications 1A & 1B:

1. Performance Based Extra-Biblical Legalism Arising from Perversion of the *Imago Dei*:

(1 John 3: 4) Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

(Matthew 15:1-30 & Mark 7:1-23: The Religion of Pharisees Then & Now)

2. Licentiousness or Lawlessness: Anything Goes: Love Redefined in Nebulous / Relative Terms

a. No Eternal Standards Derived from God's Eternal (Outside Ourselves) Standards

b. Love, Morality Truth & Reality defined from Internal Subjective Relative Standards (Gen. 3)

(Jude 1:3-4) ³ Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.⁴ For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert (turn) the grace of our God into sensuality (licentiousness) and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. (ESV / NASB) (Explain: Perversion of the *Imago Dei*)

“The result of antinomianism has always fluctuated between lawlessness and arbitrary rule-making.”

(From: Kingdom Men Kingdom Law by Mark R. Rushdoony)

C. Implication 2: Pharisaical Externalism (Environmentalism) vs. Regeneration (Heredity):

(From Today's Reading Mark 7:1-23) ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, ²² deeds of coveting *and* wickedness, *as well as* deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. ²³ All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man.”

(2 Timothy 3:1-5) But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. ² For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good,⁴ treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,⁵ holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these. (i.e.: The Power of Regeneration / New Creation)

(John 9:34, 41) ³⁴ They answered him, “You were born in utter sin (entirely in sins), and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. (ESV / NASB) (Implication: They were not born in sin & must remove sinner from their environment. Externals defilement – not heart condition.) ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, ‘We see,’ your sin (guilt) (ἁμαρτία / hamartia) remains. (NASB / ESV / Greek) (Luke 18: 9-14) ¹¹ The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

D. Implication 3: Lawless, Morally Relative Society: (The “Salt has Lost it's Savor”)

(Consider: the 1890's; 1920's; 1960's, Post Christian / Modern – In the “West”)

(Matthew 5:13-20) ³ “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; ¹⁵ nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ “For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.