

# **Is a believer under the Mosaic Law?**



## **WHAT IS THE LAW?**

Some think the law is simply the 10 commandments but there are actually 613 commandments that was given to Moses for the Israelites (God's chosen people under the Old Covenant). Under this Mosaic dispensation, God's dealing with man was based off a do good get good system and man's performance. God was responding to man. The works of the law mentioned in Galatians 2:16 is any rule or command someone observes in an attempt to be accepted by God.

## **TO WHOM WAS THE LAW GIVEN?**

The law was given to Israel not to Gentiles (Rom 3:19). For 2,000 years God was not imputing sin on man even after Adam sinned (Rom 5:13). God was blessing Israel because He was good, not because they were. After God delivered them from Egypt they complained and thought they were blessed because of their goodness. They said "we will do", and everything changed! They were deceived into thinking they were good enough (Rom 3:19-20), so God brought the law in.

## **PURPOSE OF THE LAW?**

Israel was deceived into thinking they were good enough however; they had a sin nature and at man's core they are born with the nature of this world that is fallen. The Law was ADDED to slow sin down because sin had gotten so rampant and had God not intervened there would not have been a virgin to carry the promise Seed (Gal 3:19). This same verse in Galatians says it was added UNTIL the Seed should come. This means the law was only temporary.

The law was given to bring us to Christ (Gal 3:24). It was given to reveal man's sin nature and reveal that they could never be right with God by their own holiness and independent of a Savior.

### IS THE LAW BAD?

Paul said he would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law (Rom 7:7). The law is good, just, holy (Rom 7:12) and spiritual (Rom 7:14). The Law is not bad, it is the **use** of the law where man messes up (1 Tim 1:8).

Religious people, as even in Jesus' day were using the law to be justified by God. The law was never given so man could be justified by God. On the contrary, it was given to show man could never in their own attempt be right with God. The law was meant to bring us to Jesus. When man thinks they are good enough to be right with God based off their holiness, the law is used to show them their righteousness is of filthy rags (Is 64:6). When the law comes there is no more deception to think you are good enough (Rom 3:19-20).

Using the law for someone born again is to use the law unlawfully because the law served its purpose in bringing them to Christ (Rom 10:4).

### IS A BELIEVER UNDER THE LAW?

A New Testament believer is not under the law but under grace (Rom 6:14). Christ is the end of the law for those who believe (Rom 10:4) and is not for someone righteous or in right standing with God (1 Tim 1:9).

We are **released** from (Rom 7:2), **free** from (Rom 7:3), **dead** to (Rom 7:4), and **delivered** from (Rom 7:6) the law.