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The Christian and the Law, Part 1

What is the law's purpose in a Christian's life? Has the law been abolished? Are Christians supposed to live by the law? These are the questions we will answer from the Bible today.

1 What is the purpose of the law?

1.1 To bring us to Christ – Galatians 3:19-25

1.2 The law brings us to Christ by making us aware of our need for a savior. Romans 3:19-20

2 Has the law been abolished?

2.1 Jesus did not destroy the law. Matthew 5:17

2.2 Jesus abolished the law. Ephesians 2:14

2.3 The law has been wiped out, nailed to the cross. Colossians 2:13-14

2.4 The verses we have read seem to contradict each other regarding whether the law has been abolished. The answer to whether the law has been abolished is both no and yes. The Bible reveals two aspects of the law: 1) requirements that must be met to become righteous and 2) moral and spiritual principles.

3 Christians must live by the moral and spiritual principles of the law and the prophets.

3.1 The Golden Rule. Matthew 7:12, Galatians 5:13-14

3.2 The moral and spiritual principles recorded in the law help to form our spiritual life. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

3.3 We are to learn by the examples in the law and the prophets. 1 Corinthians 10:11

Conclusion: The purpose of the law is to make people aware of their need for Christ. The moral and spiritual principles of the law have not been abolished; therefore, Christians must live by these principles.

Discussion Questions, Part 1

1. What is the purpose of the law?

2. What are the two aspects of the law?

3. In what way must Christians continue to live by the law?