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- The law cannot save us in any shape or form or is it something we add to the work of Christ to gain salvation.
- We are declared righteous not something we can achieve by works (Rom. 5:1; 8:1; Eph. 2:8-9)
- In Matthew 11:28-29 Jesus was showing the contrast of Himself and the Pharisees who tied up heavy burdens on the people. (Matthew 23:4)
- Every aspect of Christianity is about being with, in and through Christ.
- With Christ: Rom 6:8; 8:17; 15:5
- In Christ: Acts 24:24 Rom. 6:23; 8:1-2; 8:38-39; Col. 1:2-4; 1:28
- Through Christ: John 1:17; Acts 10:36; Rom. 1:8; 5:1; 5:1.

**3) The Law shows us how to live.**

*2 Timothy 2:4-6, Romans 13:9, 1 Corinthians 6:9-12*

- The Law is good because it reveals God and the salvation that comes through Christ as well as His will.
- Because we want to please God we look to His law to find His will and live it out.
- William D. Mounce says "The righteous have outgrown the Law."
- Romans 6:14-18 says that because of grace they are slaves of righteousness
- Righteousness (Made right with God) is a gift and a responsibility. (Rom. 3:21-31)
- Titus 2:14 says Christ redeemed us from lawlessness.

**Who is the Law for?**

- The law is for the unholy, the unrighteous, those who live lives inappropriate to their divine creator.
- Romans 2:15 the Law is written on their hearts.
- Those who strike their parents because the law demands we honor our parents (Ex. 20:12; Matt. 15:4; 19:19; Eph.6:2)
- Those who murder because the law says do not murder (Ex. 20:13; Matt. 15:19; 19:18)
- The Sexually immoral or Fornicators because the law says you shall not commit adultery (Exodus 20:14)
- Hebrews 13:4 says that the marriage bed should be kept pure and honored by all.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:6-7 God calls us to be pure and live Holy lives.
- Homosexuality because it is forbidden in Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13 see also Romans 1:24-27 and 1 Corinthians 6:9
- The Enslavers, Slave Traders, Kidnappers is forbidden in Exodus 20:15; 21:16 and Deuteronomy 24:7
- The Liars and Perjurers because it is forbidden in Exodus 20:16
- "Whatever is contrary to sound doctrine" (10)
- In accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.
- God is the source of all blessings

**Closing**

- The law reveals the character and nature of God which shows us where we have fallen short or what the Bible calls sin.
- The Beauty of the Gospel is that it is not about what we do or even what we have done but what Christ has done on our behalf.
- The Law shows us what sin is which leads us to Christ and reveals to us how to Live for Him.
- Christians look at the law differently because we are yoked together with Jesus in a relationship and therefore the Law shows us how to live not out of duty but out of love.

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2. Why do some people think they can earn their own salvation through works?
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4. Why do we tend not to call sin what God calls sin?
5. How should Christians view the law of God?
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