

The Purpose of the Law

Word of the Day: Law

- Galatians 2:16, Galatians 5:1

1) The Law cannot reduce Sin

Isaiah 5:20, Romans 5:20-21, Colossians 2:13-14, Romans 3:29-31, Acts 4:12

- Why the Law was given.
- The law was given to make us conscience of our sin (Rom. 3:20)
- The Law defines sin (Rom. 4:15)
- The Law Increases our knowledge of sin (Rom 5:20-21) to show our need for a Savior (Rom. 7:24)
- Matthew 5 Jesus shows them that their sin is way worse than they initially thought.
- Moses Is the mediator who brought the Ten Commandments down from the mountain. (Ex. 32:15;19; 34:4,29)
- Paul is referencing back to Deuteronomy 6:4 and that salvation is only through God. (Rom. 3:29-31; Acts 4:12: 1 Tim. 2:5)
- 1 Timothy 2:5 there is one mediator between God and Man and that is Jesus.

2) The Law Brings Death

Matthew 19:16-17, Matthew 11:28-29

- The Promise and the Law originated from God, so Paul is not saying the Law is not significant he is saying that it has a different function than what the Judaizers thought it had.
- The promise on the other hand does provide life because it is not dependent on man but on God.

3) The Law Imprisons us

Romans 11:32, John 8:31-36, Romans 6:14, Jeremiah 13:23, Romans 5:12

- What makes the law and the promise compatible is that the law moves people toward the promise.
- You are either "Under the Law" which means you must meet all the law perfectly (James 2:10) or you are Under Grace (Rom.6:14)
- Ezekiel 36:26-27 God will give you a new heart and put His Spirit within you.
- John 14:23 Jesus says they will make their home with you (Move in)

4) The Law pushes us to Christ

Romans 8:1-4, John 8:7-11, Jeremiah 8:11-12

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