

# Using the Law Lawfully

## The law reveals sin

Rom 7:12-13 **Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.** (13) Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

1Ti 1:8-10 **But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully;** (9) Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, (10) For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

Moral Law



Civil Law



Ceremonial Law



Rom 8:3 For what the **law could not do**, in that it was **weak through the flesh**, **God sending his own Son** in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

**The Moral Law is contained in the 10 Laws Moses received for God on the Mount. Commands 1-4 deal with mans relationship to God and Commandments 5-10 deal with mans relationship to man. Because of the hardness of mans heart, civil laws are enacted to control behaviour in society of Israel.**

**The Civil Law concerns the behaviour in regards to the Moral justice and judgements in the land of Israel**

**The Ceremonial law is in regards to the religious conducts of Israel and its ceremonial worship.**

**If a person were able to do the 10 Laws of God, there would be no need for civil Law**

Mat 19:7-8 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? (8) He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: **but from the beginning it was not so.**

Rom 6:14-18 For sin shall not have dominion over you: **for ye are not under the law, but under grace.** (15) What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. (16) Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? (17) But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, **but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.** (18) **Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.**

In the misunderstanding of the Law and its practices, will always lead to bondage. The prevailing attitude even among the brotherhood today as it is this time of freedom is the same as it was among those rulers of the dark ages. To put forth a reasonable example would be as follows. If lawful practices of the Old Testament were placed upon the ballot during the elections in this country today, the majority of Christian would vote for them thinking that they do God service. If it were not for the constitution and the first amendment, we would voluntarily place ourselves back in the dark ages with the church and state back in marriage once again and forcibly enforcing these Mosaic laws upon people just as the Catholic institution did even to the putting of death those who would not agree nor submit to them

## Doing that which is not lawful and are sinless

Mat 12:1-7 At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. (2) But when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day. (3) But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him; (4) How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, **which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?** (5) Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple **profane the sabbath, and are blameless?** (6) But I say unto you, That in this place is *one* greater than the temple. (7) But if ye had known what *this* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.

Rom 2:12-15 **For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;** (13) (For not the **hearers of the law** are just before God, but the **doers of the law** shall be justified. (14) For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, **do by nature the things contained in the law**, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: (15) Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

Rom 8:4 That the **righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us**, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

*The Objective of any law is that it would be fulfilled. The fulfilling of the Law of God is righteousness*

Rom 13:8-10 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. (9) For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. (10) Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: **therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.**

## The Fulfilling of the Law is through Love not ceremonies

Gal 5:14 **For all the law is fulfilled in one word**, *even* in this; Thou shalt **love** thy neighbour as thyself.

Rom 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the **love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.**

## The Purpose of the Law is to bring us unto Christ

Gal 3:22-27 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. (23) But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. (24) **Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.** (25) But after that faith is come, **we are no longer under a schoolmaster.** (26) For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. (27) **For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.** **(To walk in the newness of Life. This is the picture of baptism into a local church and the understanding and the agreement of such)**

Rom 2:25-29 For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision. (26) **Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness** of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? (27) **And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law**, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law? (28) For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: (29) But he *is* a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the spirit, *and* not in the letter; whose praise *is* not of men, but of God.

## Walking according to the Law or the Gospel

Gal 2:11-21 But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. (12) For before that certain came from James, **he did eat with the Gentiles**: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. (13) And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. (14) **But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel**, I said unto Peter before *them* all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the

manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews? (15) **We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,** (16) Knowing that a **man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ,** even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might **be justified by the faith of Christ,** and not by the works of the law: **for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.** (17) But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, *is* therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. (18) For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. (19) For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. (20) I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. (21) I do not frustrate the grace of God: **for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.**

### **If the law cannot justify a man before God, why then do we try to keep the Law and force it upon others?**

Act 15:10 Now therefore why tempt ye God, to **put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?**

Act 15:24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us **have troubled you with words,** subverting your souls, saying, **Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:**

Rom 8:1-15 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. (2) **For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.** (3) For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: (4) **That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us,** who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. (5) For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. (6) For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. (7) **Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.** (8) So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. (9) But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. (10) And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; **but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.** (11) But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. (12) Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. (13) For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: **but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.** (14) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. (15) **For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.**

**To enforce the civil and ceremonial laws upon man brings him into bondage.**

**The Law is for the carnal mind but the carnal mind cannot be subject to the Law of God. The Law cannot help us be righteousness but it can show us that we are helpless. Therefore it must be through the Spirit of God that we are able to fulfill righteousness.**

Act 14:16-19 **Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.** (17) Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness. (18) And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them. (19) And there came thither *certain* Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew *him* out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

**The objective of the law of God is the same in all societies and that is the fulfilling of righteousness. When we come unto the knowledge of the Son of God, we realize that we have failed and walked according to the flesh in time past fulfilling the desires of the mind.**

Eph 2:1-9 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins; (2) Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: (3) Among whom also **we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.** (4) **But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,** (5) Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) (6) And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus: (7) That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. (8) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: (9) Not of works, lest any man should boast.

## **The Church body edifies its self through Love**

Eph 4:11-16 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; (12) For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: (13) Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: (14) **That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;** (15) But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ: (16) From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, **maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.**

## **The Leaven of unjust application of the Law**

Gal 5:1-14 **Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.** (2) Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. (3) For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. (4) Christ is become of no effect unto you, **whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.** (5) For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. (6) For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but **faith which worketh by love.** (7) Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth? (8) This persuasion *cometh* not of him that calleth you. (9) **A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.** (10) I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be. (11) And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased. (12) I would they were even cut off which trouble you. (13) For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. (14) For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

**The Adulteress woman fell by the Law, Arose according to the Grace that came by Jesus which said,  
“Go and sin no more.”**

Joh 8:4-11 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. (5) **Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?** (6) This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with *his* finger wrote on the ground, *as though he heard them not.* (7) So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. (8) And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. (9) And they which heard *it*, being convicted by *their own* conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, *even* unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. (10) When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? (11) She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, **Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.**

**If love was instilled in our hearts rather than legalism, we then would fulfill the law.**