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How do we as believers relate to the law?

What is the purpose of the law?

**Matthew 5** <sup>17</sup> “*Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.* <sup>18</sup> *For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.* <sup>19</sup> *Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

## 1. The Law is a Master:

**Galatians 3** <sup>24</sup> *Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.* <sup>25</sup> *But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.*

*Salvation is the transfer of masters –From Law – To Grace*

## 2. The Law is a Mirror: it reflects the moral standard of God.

**James 1** <sup>23</sup> *For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. <sup>25</sup> But he who looks into **the perfect law of liberty** and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.*

**Romans 7:7** What shall we say then? Is the law sin?  
Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known  
sin except through the law. For I would not have  
known covetousness unless the law had said, “You  
shall not covet.

The law helps us to understand what is right and  
wrong but also helps us to know the reason for it being  
wrong – It hurts people.

The law reflects the parameters of God's desires.

In other words, God desires that people did not steal because it hurt other people.

BUT...

It does not reflect the parameters of his love.

It does not reflect the boundaries of his love.

### 3. The Law is a Map:

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.

God's Word would give me a map, how to walk safely  
and securely.

God actually never intended for us as humans to  
choose between right and wrong.

God did not want you to chose between good and evil –  
the choice was between life and death.

#### 4. The Law is a Measure:

It helps us go the right way. It helps us measure our progress.

The law is a measure for you – it is not intended for you to use the law to measure someone else.

The Law is not a hammer to judge others with.

If law keeping was the measure of spirituality then the Pharisees would have been the most spiritual bunch around. Jesus called them hipsters – hypocrites. You are a cemetery. Nice grass, nice flowers but dead bones on the inside.

**John 8** “Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?”<sup>6</sup> They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. <sup>7</sup> They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, “All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!” <sup>8</sup> Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust.

<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?” <sup>11</sup> “No, Lord,” she said. And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”

Jesus never contradicted the law. He did not say,  
“Well, the law is wrong.”

The law is a test that God does not grade for believers.