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**\*411: Week 5- Law**

This series will encourage you to do hopefully One of Two things...

- 1.) Be challenged to Read through the Bible this year
- 2.) Use this series as an Aerial Photograph to gain a big picture perspective of the Bible

We are not going to go verse by verse, chapter by chapter, or even book by book...but I want to introduce you to the Major Themes, Characters, and Mission of the Bible while it focuses us on Jesus Christ!

I want to INTRODUCE us to a new word each week that will be a Biblical theme by which the Gospel is hung, and the foundation of Christianity is built!

Week 1, the word was Life, Week 2, the word was Curse, Week 3, the words were Salvation & Judgment, Week 4, the word was Blood. Today, the word is LAW.

One of the big debates among Christianity is Law vs. Grace.

KEY: I'll propose to you today that The LAW isn't what you think it is! When we hear LAW, we instantly think of Do's and Don'ts, with a stronger emphasis on the Don'ts!

The Message of the Law is not that we must keep these Laws in order to be saved, but rather that because we are saved, we should keep God's Law.

The whole Bible is a book of GRACE! God has one plan from beginning to end, and it all fits together under His Grace.

I. Leaving Egypt: Exodus 20

We Target instruction to areas of Struggle, and God did the same thing!

II. The Law is an X-Ray to the Soul

There are tons of people who go through life with no sense of pain over their Spiritual Condition, they make the false assumption that things are well with them, and that living a generally respectable life, they are in good spiritual shape!

III. The Law not only Affirms the Glory of God, it announces our Need of Christ!

Our need for Christ is not that you'll have a richer, fuller, and more satisfying life, it is that you're a sinner by nature and by practice, and the X-ray of God's Law shows it, even if you feel no pain!

The Christian life is not a matter of believing in Jesus and then trying your best to live according to God's Law. God's Promise is that when you believe in Jesus, the Holy Spirit will come in and reside in your life and prepare you for Glory!