

Big idea: The Law is good and righteous and points us to Jesus, but the New Testament believer lives under the grace of the New Covenant.

I. Review - The Bible is extraordinary...

- A. In its ORIGIN – 66 books – 40 authors, 1500+ years, 3 LANGUAGES, 3 CONTINENTS, revealed and inspired by God**
- B. In its CONTENT – unified theme = JESUS**
- C. In its COLLECTION and PRESERVATION – man's role was not APPROVING the Canon but RECOGNIZING it**

II. How does the Old Testament apply to us today?

A. Why does the Old Testament Law MATTER?

- 1. Because the law reveals how to love GOD**
- 2. Because the law reveals how to love OTHERS**
- 3. Because the law reflects the CHARACTER of God**
- 4. Because the law reveals the character of HUMANITY**
- 5. Because the law points forward to the GOSPEL of Christ**
- 6. Because behind the law there is a PERSONAL application**
- 7. Because the law was given with a MISSIONAL focus**

B. What Old Testament laws are to be FOLLOWED today?

1. Two important OBSERVATIONS

- The Old Testament law was given to Israel in a THEOCRACY**
 - Israel was a POLITICAL entity, God's chosen NATION**

- The **CHURCH** is not a theocracy, it's not a political entity, it's people from **MANY** nations living under different governments
- The Old Testament was looking forward to a **BETTER** way
 - Psalm 51 / Jeremiah 31:31-34
 - Jesus **FULFILLED** the Law – Matthew 5:17 / Romans 10:4

2. Three practical **EXAMPLES**

- Do I need a **PARAPET** around my roof?
- Are the **TEN** Commandments still in force today?
 - **NINE** of the ten are affirmed in the New Testament
- If I don't **TITHE** am I robbing God?
 - Giving under the **LAW**
 - ⇒ There was **REQUIRED** giving
 - ⇒ There was **FREEWILL** giving
 - Giving under **GRACE**
 - ⇒ There is **REQUIRED** giving
 - ⇒ There is **FREEWILL** giving (1 Cor. 16; 2 Cor. 8-9)

VOLUNTARY. CHEERFUL. GENEROUS. PROPORTIONAL.

SACRIFICIAL. REGULAR. ANONYMOUS. FREE FROM PRESSURE.

III. What we take away...All of Scripture, (both the Old and New Testament), is a treasure of riches that leads us to know and love God better. Give yourself to the reading and studying of God's Word daily.