

Galatians 3:10, “For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.”

Galatians 3:19a, “Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made.”

Genesis 3:15, “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

Romans 8:1-3a, Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ²because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son.”

Matthew 5:17, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. “

Philippians 3:4b-9, “If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.”

James 4:12, “There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?”

John 14:5, “If you love me, keep my commandments.”



At Cascades, one of our main goals is to help you grow in your faith. Feel free to jot down notes during today’s message, then during the week look over your notes again, allowing God’s truths to encourage you!

THE BIG STORY: THE BIBLE, JESUS, & YOU

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Part 5: The Lawgiver

Hebrew term: *Berit*– “Covenant”. A treaty, compact, or agreement between two parties. In the ancient world, this was typically between a superior and an inferior (for example, the peace-agreement that follows after a stronger nation defeats a weaker nation). The covenant stipulated the behavior expected from both parties in order for peace to be established.

“Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God.” ~ Ezekiel 11:20

“This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.” ~ Hebrews 8:10

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God...” ~ Revelation 21:3

THE REASONS FOR THE LAW

1. God is showing us how to _____ in a _____.

2. God is showing us _____.

Leviticus 11:44-45

3. God is showing us _____.

Romans 3:20-22

Galatians 3:10

THE WEAKNESS OF THE LAW

The one thing the law was never intended to do was provide a way of _____, because on our own we can't obey it. The law doesn't offer a _____. It identifies the _____. Only _____ is the solution.

Galatians 3:19 (see Genesis 3:15)

Romans 8:1-3a

Matthew 5:17

THE PROBLEM WITH MAKING NEW LAWS

God is the only _____. At creation, man was given authority over creation, but we were never given authority over _____. Legalism (human 'law-making') is a denial of God's _____ and is incompatible with the _____. It is one of the _____ we are warned against in the Bible's Big Story.

James 4:12

John 14:5

BIBLE VERSES IN TODAY'S MESSAGE

Exodus 19:1-6, *"On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. ² After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain. ³ Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, 'This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ⁴ 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."*

Leviticus 11:44-45, *"I am the LORD your God; consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy. . . I am the LORD who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy..."*

Romans 3:20-22, *"Therefore no-one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe."*