

THE HIGHER LAW

There has been a lot of interest recently on the 10 Commandments in our news. Take a moment to complete the following quiz of 10 informative questions.

1. What branch of state gov't is involved in what is called the 10 Commandment controversy?

2. What is the judge's name?

3. Is the legal debate about the 10 Commandments or the display of the monument?

4. On how many tablets were the original 10 Commandments written?

5. Give the OT passage where the 10 Commandments are listed?

6. One tablet deals with 4 laws regarding man's attitude towards God (3 negatives and 1 positive):
_____, _____, _____, and _____
7. The other tablet deals with man's attitude towards his neighbor (1 pos. and 5 neg.)
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8. Name the three sections of the Mosaic Law of theocracy gov't.
Codex I _____;
Codex II _____;
Codex III _____;
9. Are citizens of the USA under the 10 Commandments or Constitution? _____
10. Are Christians under the 10 Commandments or grace? _____

CHRISTIANS ARE NOT UNDER THE LAW BUT GRACE AND SPIRITUALITY.

“For sin shall not be master over you, for you are under law but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!” (Rom.6:14-15)

“But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.” (Rom.7: 6)

This lesson will study FOUR reasons we are under the higher law of grace and spirituality.

1. **The Mosaic Law was added to the word of God to reveal the law of the sin of the flesh (OSN) (Rom.7: 25).**

“Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, that every mouth may be closed, and all the world may become accountable to God; because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.” (Rom.3:19-20)

The Law provides an objective knowledge of what God calls sin to the human race. “God Himself in the Moral Law (10 Commandments) has given an incisive and objective revelation of sin, a moral code against which every member of the human race can measure himself/herself.” (Ron Merryman – Believer and Mosaic Law)

“What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would have not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, ‘You shall not covet.’” (Rom.7: 7) (Mark 12:28-34/ greatest law)

2. The Mosaic Law brings knowledge of sin but cannot correct it. Law tells us how wrong we are, but it doesn't have the power to correct us. It takes faith, in the gospel of Jesus Christ to correct our sin problem.

“Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, **until the seed** should come to whom the promise had been made.” (Gal.3:19)

“But the Scripture has shut up all men under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believes.” (Gal.3:22)

“Therefore the Law had become our tutor to leads us to Christ, that we may be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.” (Gal.3:24-26)

“But when the fullness of time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive adoption as Sons.” (Gal.4:4-5)

3. There are at least six important spiritual issues that the Law cannot solve.

1. It cannot solve the problem of sin (Rom.3:19-20).
2. It cannot justify man with God (Gal.2:16; 3:11).
3. It cannot give eternal life and God's righteousness (Gal.3:21; Rom.10:4-6).
4. It cannot provide spirituality and spiritual freedom (Gal.3: 2-3; James 2:8-12).
5. It cannot produce miracles (Gal.3: 5, 12-13).
6. It cannot redeem man from its curse (Gal.3:13; 4:4; Eph.2:15)

“For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.” (John 1:17) *Rom.10: 4 Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.*

4. Since OSN cannot keep the law perfectly, the filling ministry of the indwelling Holy Spirit is the only way (1 Tim.1: 8-11; 2 Cor.3: 7-9).

Mosaic Law is on the outside and the indwelling of Holy Spirit is on the inside (1 Cor.6: 19-20; Eph.5: 18).

The merit system of the Mosaic Law represents the best man can do and fall short while the non-meritorious system of grace by faith represents the best God can do fulfill it (Rom.11: 6; Phil.3: 9; Gal.5: 18; Rom.8: 2-4).