

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE LAW

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The Law is not a means of _____ (9a).

The Law _____ our _____ (9b-10a).

The Law leads to the _____ of Christ (10b-11)

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Does the Old Testament Law have any purpose for believers today (see verses like Deut. 17:19, Gal. 3:24-25)?
3. Have you ever seen the Law misused by an individual or church? What happened, and what was the result?
4. When we speak with unbelievers, how can we balance the grace and forgiveness of God with His righteousness and justice? Does that change if we are speaking to a fellow believer?
5. Part of the "glorious gospel of the blessed God" is how we are forgiven for our sins. In fact, Luke 7:47 says that a person who has been forgiven much loves much. Reflect on how God has forgiven you, and consider sharing a personal example with your group.
6. How can we tell when a group of people are sinful and in need of faithful servants (like Timothy in Ephesus), and when a group of people are so sinful that the believer should stay clear of them (Prov. 12:26, 2 Cor 6:4)?
7. Is it possible for a person to be lawless and rebellious in the ways described in verses 9-10 and also to be saved? Why, or how?
8. While Paul ends his list of sins with "and whatever else," the specifics he listed in verses 9-10 are likely prominent in Ephesus. What sins do you see common to today's Church?
9. How would you answer someone who said, "Why is it that in the Old Testament someone who broke the Law would be killed, and in the New Testament someone who does the same thing just has to ask for forgiveness and it's as if he never sinned?"

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