

The Relegated Law

————— The Christian Use of Biblical Law: Part 1 —————

Sermon Questions

1. Divisions in the church today are typically issues of _____. What is pleasing to God?

relegated: to put someone or something into a lower or less important rank or position.

2. List the four reasons why the law is relegated today?

i. The law was for _____.

Only laws repeated in the NT are valid. (Yes/No)

Is the OT Jewish Scripture or Christian Scripture? _____

ii. The law is _____.

The law is the opposite of grace. (Yes/No)

The law is good. (Yes/No)

iii. The law is _____.

Could you list the 10 commandments in order? (Yes/No)

Positive laws are much better than negative laws. (Yes/No)

iv. The law is replaced by _____.

Love is the fulfilling of the law. (Yes/No)

The details of the law describe what it means to love God and neighbor. (Yes/No)

3. In reading Matthew 5:17–20, what three things do we learn about Jesus' attitude toward the law?

i. Jesus cares about the _____ (and so should _____).

ii. Jesus cares about the proper _____ of the law (and so should _____).

iii. Jesus cares that we _____ the law (and so should _____).

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. How would you evaluate your own views of the law? Have they changed over the years? If so, in what way? What are you hoping to learn in this sermon series?
2. Besides the four reasons given for what the law is relegated to a place of inferiority in the church today, can you think of other reasons why the law is viewed negatively?
3. Consider some of the major and minor divisions in the church over cultural issues. Can you trace these divisions to differing views of the law or is there something else that explains the divide?
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? _____

What did you learn about God today? _____

What words did you not know today? _____

