

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

Christ and His Law – Part 1

Laws in Christ's Day

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. Today we are beginning a new series of studies entitled Christ and His Law. Our topic today: Laws in Christ's Day

Scripture Theme Song: "You shall love the Lord your God"
Matthew 22:37-39

Intro: nomos (Greek), Torah (Hebrew), or lex (Latin).

1) Roman law

- a) Luke 2:1-5 How did Joseph and Mary relate to Roman law?
- b) Matthew 22:21 How did Jesus relate to Roman law?
- c) Romans 13:1,7 What was Paul's counsel regarding compliance with laws of government?
- d) What can we learn from these examples as we relate to the laws of our own government?
- e) Is it ever appropriate to disobey the laws of your government? Acts 5:29

2) Mosaic Civic Law

- a) Sanhedrin, συνέδριον or Council (used 19 times in NT) John 11:47, Mark 14:55
 - i) Each city could have its own Lesser Sanhedrin, comprised of 23 elders.

- ii) Great Sanhedrin comprised of 71 elders, presided over by the High Priest
 - b) Decisions based on civil codes found in the Torah. John 7:45-51; Deuteronomy 17:2-6
 - c) Permitted by Romans - Acts 18:12-16
- #### 3) Mosaic Ceremonial Law: (related to sanctuary)
- a) Leviticus 1:1-9, 2:14-16, 5:11-13
 - b) Hebrews 9:9-12
 - c) John 19:30 - What was finished?
- #### 4) Rabbinic Law
- a) Scholastic branch of the Pharisees
 - b) They counted 613 laws in the books of Moses (39 related to the Sabbath).
 - c) Interpretations by leading rabbis were collected in commentaries known as Midrash and a legal collection known as Mishnah.
 - d) John 9:1-16
 - i) Where in the Old Testament Scriptures is it forbidden to heal on the Sabbath day?
 - e) What man-made regulations have we added to God's law that are not found in the Scriptures?
- #### 5) Moral Law
- a) Exodus 20:1-18
 - i) Rabbinic command in the Mishnah to repeat the Ten Commandments daily.
 - b) John 15:10; John 14:15
- #### 6) The simple teaching of Jesus: Matthew 22:35-40
- a) "on these hang" – κρεμάννυμι; not replace
 - b) How can we love God with all our hearts?
 - c) What change is needed to love others as ourselves?