

## HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

### Christ and His Law – Part 6

#### Christ's death and the law

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

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

- 1) Dead to the law
  - a) Romans 7:1-6
  - b) What does Paul mean when he says we are "dead to the law through the body of Christ"?
  - c) What does it mean to live "in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter"?
- 2) The powerlessness of the law to change lives
  - a) Acts 13:38-39
  - b) Romans 8:3
  - c) Galatians 3:21
  - d) How can Paul emphasize that the law is "holy and just and good" (Romans 7:12) and at the same time highlight its powerlessness to change lives?
- 3) The human dilemma
  - a) Psalm 51:5
  - b) Isaiah 64:6
  - c) Romans 3:23
  - d) Galatians 3:10 - Even if you obey the law completely from this day forward, you still stand under its condemnation.
- 4) God's plan for our deliverance
  - a) John 3:16-17
  - b) Romans 5:6-11
  - c) Romans 8:1-4
  - d) Ephesians 2:1-9
  - e) Philippians 3:3-11
  - f) When did you finally realize that salvation was by God's grace alone through faith alone in Jesus and that there was nothing you could do to earn salvation?
- 5) Discussion questions
  - a) How has your attitude toward God's law changed since you accepted Jesus as your personal Savior?
  - b) Jesus challenges those who are saved by His grace to love God with all their hearts and to love their neighbors as themselves (Matthew 22:37-39)
    - i) What examples do you see in Scripture of individuals who loved God with all their heart, soul, and mind?
    - ii) What examples do you see in the 21<sup>st</sup> century of individuals who love God with all their heart, soul, and mind.
  - c) Jesus shared a story about someone who showed love to his neighbor (Luke 10:30-37). Then He said, "Go and do likewise." Share an example of someone in the 21<sup>st</sup> century who demonstrated what it looks like to love your neighbor as yourself.