

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

Christ and His Law – Part 7

Christ, the end of 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, the end of the law.

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

- 1) A startling statement
 - a) Romans 10:4 - What is Paul saying here?
 - b) Is he saying that it is now acceptable for Christians to worship idols, to take God’s name in vain, to commit adultery and to lie?
- 2) Falling short of God’s ideal
 - a) Romans 3:23
 - b) Romans 3:10
 - c) The experience of Simon Peter
 - i) Matthew 16:15,17
 - ii) John 6:67-69
 - iii) Matthew 26:69-76
 - d) How do you relate to Peter’s experience?
- 3) Looking for righteousness in the wrong place
 - a) Romans 9:30-10:4
 - b) Luke 18:9-14
 - c) Why do those who trust in their own righteousness bring no joy to the heart of God?
 - d) How can we avoid the trap of trying to establish our own righteousness?
- 4) The way to eternal life
 - a) Romans 3:21-26
 - b) Romans 5:12-21
 - c) John 17:3
 - d) 1 John 5:11-13
- 5) The role of the law for those saved by grace
 - a) Romans 6:15-23
 - b) Romans 6:12
 - c) Galatians 3:19-24
 - d) What is wrong with the logic of this statement: “If we are not saved by keeping the law, we no longer have to obey it”?
- 6) Discussion questions
 - a) How has your desire to honor God in every aspect of your life changed since you realized and accepted that you are saved by God’s grace and not by your own obedience?
 - b) In the light of today’s study, how would you respond to someone who asked, “What does it mean that Christ is the end of the law?”
 - c) How does a correct understanding of Christ being the end of the law for righteousness set you free to experience Matthew 22:37-39? (that is to love the Lord your God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself)