

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

Christ and His Law – Part 11

The Apostles 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: The Apostles and the Law.

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

- 1) The apostle Paul’s teaching about the Law
 - a) Apparently negative statements about the law
 - i) Romans 3:28
 - ii) Romans 6:14
 - iii) Romans 7:4
 - iv) Galatians 3:24-25
 - b) Positive statements about the law
 - i) Romans 3:31
 - ii) Romans 6:15
 - iii) Romans 7:7-12
 - iv) Galatians 3:21
 - c) Why do some sincere Christians conclude that the law is no longer relevant for Christians?
 - d) What is Paul really saying?
- 2) The apostle Peter’s teaching about the Law
 - a) 1 Peter 2:9-12
 - b) 1 Peter 2:21-24
 - c) 2 Peter 1:1-4
 - d) Why was it so important to Peter to remind people that salvation is not earned by obeying the Law but rather is a gift of grace?
- 3) The apostle John’s teaching about the Law
 - a) John 15:1-11
 - b) 1 John 2:3-6
 - c) Only John records the words of Jesus in John 14:15 and John 15:10. Why are these testimonies of Jesus important for Christians, especially in the 21st century?
 - d) How can you tell the difference between loving obedience and legalistic obedience?
- 4) The apostle James’ teaching about the Law
 - a) James 2:1-26
 - b) Didn’t Paul teach that our salvation is “not of works” (Ephesians 2:9)? Yet James says “faith without works is dead.” v. 10. Is James contradicting Paul?
- 5) Jude’s teaching about the Law
 - a) Jude 4
 - b) Jude 5-7 – what lesson is Jude wanting to teach?
 - c) Jude 24-25 – What do the words “keep you from stumbling” and “present you faultless” imply?
 - d) What encouragement do you find in these closing words of Jude’s epistle?
- 6) Discussion questions
 - a) In New Testament times, ungodly men masqueraded as teachers of righteousness (Jude 4). How can we identify such false teachers?
 - b) What is the most important lesson you have learned in our study today?