

Sunday Morning, July 19, 2020
Do The Ten Commandments Apply Today?
Gal. 3:17–26; Rom. 7:7–13; 1 Tim. 1:8–11; 1 Cor. 10:6–12

- I. The Ten Commandments Apply Today to Expose Sin— Its Pedagogical or Evangelical Use
 - A. Law Revealed Sin— Historically and Corporately for the People of God Gal. 3:19, 22, 24

 - B. Law Reveals Sin— Personally and Continually for Each Child of God
 - 1. That the Law Continues to Reveal Sin is a Necessary Element of Evangelism
Rom. 7:7–13; Jas. 2:8–12; Gal. 3:10; Rom. 3:20

 - 2. That the Law Continues to Reveal Sin is the On-Going Experience of the Believer Heb. 4:12

- II. The Ten Commandments Apply Today to Restrain Sin— Its Civil Use
 - A. Law Restrains Sin in Society 1 Tim. 1:8–11; Rom. 2:14;

 - B. Law Restrains Sin in Us 1 Cor. 10:6–12; Ps. 89:30; Ps. 119:104

- III. The Ten Commandments Apply Today to Teach Holiness — Its Normative or Didactic Use
Rom. 7:21–24; Ps. 119:105; 1 Cor. 7:19; Rom. 13:8–10; Rom. 7:12, 14; Rom. 8:3–4; Jn. 14:15

- IV. The Ten Commandments Apply Today to Reveal Christ — Its Redemptive-Historical Use
 - A. Christ Is the Lawgiver

 - B. Christ Is the Penalty Bearer 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13

 - C. Christ Is the Surety of the New Covenant Phil. 3:9

 - D. God the Spirit Has Written the Law on Our Hearts
Heb. 8:8–10 (quote of Jer 31:31-34); Rom. 7:21f

QUOTES:

"The principal point of the law is to make men not better but worse; that is to say, it shows unto them their sin, that by the knowledge thereof they may be humbled, terrified, bruised and broken, and by this means may be driven to seek grace, and so to come to that blessed Seed, Christ."
Martin Luther

"The law cannot do any more in sanctification than it did in justification." It is no more the function of the Law to empower believers for holiness than to raise us from the dead and put us right before God in the first place.

John Murray

“When is the last time you heard a Christian pour out his heart with affection for the law of God? How foreign that is to us! . . . If you do not delight in the law of God, don’t deceive yourself into thinking that you are a regenerate person. Don’t think that the gospel which frees you from the curse of the law is a license for you to despise the law or to ignore the law.”
R C Sproul

“Ignorance of the nature and design of the Law is at the bottom of most religious mistakes.”
John Newton

“The Law condemns and cannot justify a sinner; the Gospel justifies and cannot condemn the sinner that believes in Jesus.”
Charles Bridges

“The usefulness of the Law lies in convicting man of his infirmity and moving him to call upon the remedy of grace which is in Christ.”
Augustine

“I fear that the church in our generation is losing sight of the role of duty in the Christian life. Multitudes see ‘duty’ as something altogether foreign to Christianity. Compliance with the commandments of Christ is deemed optional. If you dare suggest that obedience is mandatory, you will be branded a legalist.”
John MacArthur

“The Law sends us to the gospel, that we may be justified, and the gospel sends us to the Law again to inquire what is our duty, being justified.”
Samuel Bolton

“The faithful cannot profit in the Gospel, until they shall be first humbled; which cannot be until they come to the knowledge of their sins. It is the proper function of the law to call the consciences into God’s judgment, and to wound them with fear.”
John Calvin

“The Ten Commandments are necessary, not in order that we may be justified by doing the works they enjoin, but in order that as persons who are already righteous we may know how our spirit should crucify the flesh and direct us in the affairs of this life, lest the flesh become haughty, break its bridle, and shake off its rider, the spirit of faith. One must have a bridle for the horse, not for the rider.”
Martin Luther

“Although true believers be not under the law, as a covenant of works, to be thereby justified, or condemned; yet is it of great use to them, as well as to others; in that, as a rule of life informing them of the will of God, and their duty, it directs and binds them to walk accordingly; discovering also the sinful pollutions of their nature, hearts, and lives; so as, examining themselves thereby, they may come to further conviction of, humiliation for, and hatred against sin, together with a clearer sight of the need they have of Christ, and the perfection of his obedience. It is likewise of use to the regenerate to restrain their corruptions, in that it forbids sin: and the threatenings of it serve to show what even their sins deserve; and what afflictions, in this life, they may expect for them, although freed from the curse thereof threatened in the law. The promises of it, in like manner, show them God’s approbation of obedience, and what blessings they may expect upon the performance thereof: although not as due to them by the law as a covenant of works. So as, a man’s doing good, and refraining from evil, because the law encourageth to the one, and deterreth from the other, is no evidence of his being under the law; and, not under grace.”
Westminster Confession, chapter 19, section 6

“True, his love for me is not based on my qualification or my preparation. But it is misleading to say that God accepts us the way we are. Rather he accepts us *despite* the way we are. He receives us only in Christ and for Christ’s sake. Nor does he mean to leave us the way he found us, but to transform us into the likeness of his Son. Without that transformation and new conformity of life we do not have any evidence that we were ever his in the first place.”
Sinclair Ferguson