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The principle of “law” is ingrained in the very flesh of men. Yet the same flesh is described as lawless, disobedient, and to every good work reprobate. On the one hand men love “law” and on the other despise it. The same man who will steal something from another man will react with anger when something is stolen from him. The same man who expects forgiveness from those who he has wronged will demand satisfaction from those who have wronged him. Paul says, *“For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another.”* It is for this reason that he said, *“Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.”* Is it any wonder that man in his religious flesh supposes that the sin of men can somehow be remedied by the means of law and turns to the law of Moses for that purpose.

We are convinced that the Law is good, righteous, and holy, but we are equally convinced that it cannot do anything for men except manifest their sin, simply because men are weak in the flesh and sinners by nature and choice. Religious men suppose that they can keep the law in some fashion. Few men would testify that they keep it perfectly, but most generally suppose that the keeping of it in part is of greater benefit than not keeping it at all. Yet the truth of the matter is that if the law is broken in one point it is completely broken and any supposed benefit is forfeited. This is the exact lesson that the LORD taught the rich young ruler who supposed that he had kept the law from his youth. Yet the LORD plainly told him he was far from “perfect”. When the LORD is pleased to reveal HIS law to men, it always brings sorrow, because it always reveals their sin. Paul testified of this when he said, *“And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.”*

The LORD ordained the law, not as a standard whereby a man might gauge his relative morality, but rather to display his sin. We must keep in mind that the law is given for the unrighteous and is a “schoolmaster” to bring us to CHRIST, who ALONE is the REMEDY for sin. Laying a foundation of moral principles in our homes for our children’s sake is a noble undertaking, even as was demonstrated in the life of Timothy. But it is sheer folly to think that this teaching will in some measure curb their natural appetite for sin anymore than the broadcasting of it from the housetops will reduce crime in the nation. Unless the LORD is pleased to apply that law in the conviction of sin, it will fall upon deaf ears and only serve to stir up a self righteous spirit. Religion and morality go hand in hand and are both quite appealing to the flesh, yet neither is a substitute for a work of grace wrought in a man by the operation of the SPIRIT of GOD. Well meaning men often suppose that the teaching of morality will serve as a remedy for sin, yet the truth is that only CHRIST can do helpless sinners good. There is no true REMEDY for sin besides that which is the work of CHRIST. So are we opposed to the declaration of the law? Of course not, so long as it is not laid upon the free born sons of GOD as a yoke thinking that their walk with CHRIST will somehow be enhanced or they will become more “spiritual” as a result. CHRIST is remedy needed by sinful men. HE has paid:

The penalty of sin. *“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us.”* Indeed, HE has become sin for us and paid our debt. HE delivers HIS children from a:

A self-righteous spirit. As Paul said, *“But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.”* HE has freed them from: The guilt and condemnation of sin. *“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”* *“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”* HE does deliver HIS people from:

The unrestrained practice of sin. *“Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.”* *“And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.”* Are you washed in the blood of the LAMB?

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