

CONTINUING THE “GREEN LETTERS”
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CHAPTER 32 - IN-LAW

Historical review

*God selects Abraham and makes a 3 fold promise to Him
Land, blessing and seed*

*His descendants will inherit the promise made to him but
it will not be for a few years until they are a strong
people and the occupiers have finished their
iniquity in order to be judged by God; they are
living in His longsuffering now*

*His descendants would be in bondage to another people
before they could come and inherit the land of this
blessed promise*

*God selects Moses, one of Abraham’s descendants, to be the one
to lead them out of Egypt, come to terms on a covenant
for living in the land and come into the promised land to
live a prosperous blessed life.*

*Deuteronomy 5:23-33 is a summary of the people and God
coming to terms on the covenant*

- 1) God gives them the 10 commandments as a starter*
- 2) The people hear it and think it will be pretty easy to
keep*
- 3) But the people are scared of God and want nothing to
do with Him personally; they are rejecting a
relationship since they do not trust Him*
- 4) They tell Moses to tell God, arrogantly, foolishly and
independently, that they will keep whatever He
says but they want Moses to deal with God as they
do not want to be with Him; they do not trust Him
and think of Him as one of them*
- 5) Moses tells God what the people have said they would
do and God recognizes their foolish hearts for
rejecting His partnership; they actually believe
they can keep the terms of this covenant! In 5:29
God reveals their arrogant and foolish heart in*

thinking they can do this independently of a partnership with God.

- 6) *God adds the rest of the covenant of many statutes, laws, judgments, commandments, penalties, etc. These are given to help them see the futility of trying to work alone in this covenant. Their failures are known as sin and transgression coming from their twisted self-righteous hearts. If they are humble they will see their need for a humble, grace-dominated partnership of trust with God. If they are proud they will ignore their sin and transgression. They will abuse the longsuffering mercy and grace of God until they are removed from the land. Hopefully they will know then the foolishness and wickedness of unbelief and independence.*

Notes from the book pages 151-154

- 1) *“Strictly speaking, God’s formal law was given the nation of I and none other.”*
- 2) *The covenant of promise, given to Abraham had to do with f and with C*
Faith - Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness
Christ - Ga 3:16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ. (NKJV)
- 3) *The law came four centuries after Abraham received the promise and it was not meant to r the principles of promise, grace and faith, but was brought in a a*
- 4) *The laws has to do with s and d, not r and l.*
- 5) *No man is justified by the law in the sight of God...the just shall live by f. The law is meant to instruct us in the futility and wickedness in trying to be justified to God by our own vain self-righteous efforts. We cannot act independently of God and be righteous or please Him*

THE LAW AND THE OLD NATURE

The law has to do with sin, and therefore it applies to the old man, the Adam-life

- 1) *The ministry of the law j_____ and
c_____ all that came from Adam*
- 2) *The old man, Adamic nature, can have nothing to do with G_____ (remember it stems from independence from God) and G_____ can have nothing to do with it.*
- 3) *The old man thinks only of what it can DO to be right before God (it thinks and lives under law)
The Christian living under this lifestyle is rejecting grace and must appeal to his ethics and good deeds to believe he is holy. He also must be judgmental of others who do not live up to his standards, which he believes he has derived from the word of God*
- 4) *The law says, Don't sin, so the old man
s_____ to keep from sinning*
- 5) *The law says, Do righteousness, so he
s_____ to be righteous*
- 6) *The Christian who is walking after the flesh is walking under the law, and is therefore doomed to
f_____*
- 7) *For him the Christian life becomes a b_____,
and a continuous up-and-down e_____*
- 8) *If he does any service at all, it is all by
s_____ -e_____*
- 9) *The biblical principle of everything bringing forth
"after its own kind" the flesh can only spawn more of its own kind.*
- 10) *The humble and wise believer will learn from these failures, repent of his independence and come to trust Christ!*

CHAPTER 33 - OUT-LAW

"The believer who learns to walk in the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has the joy of the Lord for his strength - he rests to receive"

"Instead of our Father demanding f_____ us according to the law, by grace He ministers t_____ us from the One who is our life in glory."

THE LAW AND THE NEW NATURE

- 1) Our new nature is that of the r_____ l_____ of the L_____ J_____ C_____; the law is about revealing sin of the old man; the old man has been crucified in us; the new man comes from the resurrection of Jesus Christ so the law has nothing to say to the new man!
- 2) Being separated from the Adam-life by the Cross and the tomb, we were delivered from the r_____ of the l_____
- 3) Law has to do with works - the works of the flesh. The new creation has to do with l_____ - the l_____ of the S_____
- 4) Christ by His death and resurrection has been freed from sin; since the law is the strength of sin, He was delivered from the law of condemnation and death.
- 5) The believer, being in Christ, having died with Him, is freed from sin and the law; he is not governed by the law; he is governed by the Christ living in him. **HE FULFILLS THE WHOLE LAW WHEN HE LOVES GOD WITH HIS WHOLE BEING AND HIS NEIGHBOR AS HIMSELF.**
- 6) Failure in the believer's life is his teacher and guide and gains from it. He is not under condemnation for the failure.
- 7) Instead of struggling to keep from sinning and trying by self-effort to progress spiritually, he rests in Christ, feeding daily on the Word of God, abiding in Christ in full reliance on Him and what He said.
- 8) P_____ is his cherished fellowship with the Father
- 9) He hates the old life and willingly judges himself; he confesses his sins f_____ and without f_____, because he loves and trusts his Advocate and Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ
- 10) His service is from the heart and in the Spirit - a s_____ of life, a p_____ with the Spirit
- 11) He learns to b_____ a Christ-follower more than to d_____ things to convince himself he is a true child of God