

## Westminster Confession of Faith: Session Twenty

### *WCF 19 – Of the Law of God*

“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night” (Psalm 1:1-2 NKJV).

#### I. Introduction

- a. Errors to Avoid  
*Legalism*

*Antinomianism*

#### II. WCF Chapter XIX

- a. *Paragraph 1: The Covenant of Works*  
WSC 40: “The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience, was the moral law.”

- b. *Paragraph 2: The Ten Commandments*  
Sinai a Republication of the Covenant of Works?

Mosaic Covenant a Covenant of Grace  
Exodus 2:25

Exodus 20:2

- c. *Paragraph 3: The Ceremonial Laws*  
Ceremonial Laws (plural)

Defining Ceremonial Laws

Abrogation

Galatians 4:1-3

- d. *Paragraph 4: The Judicial Laws*  
"Expired"

"General Equity"

- e. *Paragraph 5: The Binding Nature of the Moral Law*  
Matthew 5:17 ff.

- f. *Paragraph 6: The Uses of the Law*  
Pedagogical (Spotlight): Shows us God's character and our sin

Civil (Stoplight): Restrains the wickedness of men

Normative (Headlight): Rule of life for Christian obedience

- g. *Paragraph 7: The Law and the Gospel*  
Romans 8:1

Galatians 5:1

### **Helpful Resources**

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