



The Mosaic Law was given specifically to the Israelites in order to show them that it was impossible to do everything required to be “perfect” in God’s eyes. There was absolutely no way they could “work” their way to heaven. Because of this, God needed to send His Son, Jesus Christ, to perfectly fulfill the law in order that humanity could have the opportunity to get to heaven and commune with God again. There are many Christians that misunderstand the fact that we are no longer under the Mosaic Law but we are under grace and liberty (also called the Law of Christ or the Law of Liberty). The belief that Christians are still under the Mosaic Law is the roots of “legalism”.

The Mosaic Law

The Mosaic Law was given to the Israelites through Moses and was contained in the first five books of the bible referred to as the “Torah” or “Pentateuch”. God made a covenant (usually called “The Mosaic Covenant” or “The Old Covenant”) with the Israelites binding them to this set of laws. See **Exodus (19-24)** and **Deuteronomy (4:1-31:13)**

The Mosaic Law Consisted of 613 Commands:

- There were 365 Negative Commands (Don’t do this...)
- There were 248 Positive Commands (Do this...)

The Mosaic Law can be broken into three “classes” of commands:

- Moral Laws (The 10 commandments) **Exodus (20:1-21)**
- Social Laws (Judgements) **Exodus (21:1-23:19)**
- Ceremonial Laws (Ordinances) **Exodus (25-31)** and **Leviticus**

*** Blessings and Curses defined in **Deuteronomy (28)**.

Eight Journeys of Moses Up Mount Sinai

Moses made eight journeys up Mount Sinai during his lifetime:

- 1) The Call of Moses – Burning Bush (**Exodus 3:1-22**)
- 2) The Covenant Offer (**Exodus 19:1-6**)
- 3) Moses Made Mediator (**Exodus 19:7-19**)
- 4) The Ten Commandments (**Exodus 19:20-25, 20:1-20**)
- 5) Ordinances and Judgements (**Exodus 20:21-24:8**)
- 6) Ratification Meal (**Exodus 24:9-11**)
- 7) Tablets and Tabernacle – 40 days (**Exodus 24:12-32:15**)
- GOLDEN CALF INCIDENT (Exodus 32:1-35)**
- 8) The Covenant Renewed (**Exodus 33:1-34:35**)

The 10 Commandments (Exodus 20:3-17)

(“Old” Covenant with The Israelites)

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's possessions.

The Great Commandments (Matthew 22:36-40)

(“New” Covenant with Christians)

1. You shall love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

Jesus Christ is our Sabbath Rest!

The Sabbath was a “sign” for the Israelites of the true rest that would come through the work of Jesus Christ. Christians “Rest” every day in the “Work” that Jesus did for us!

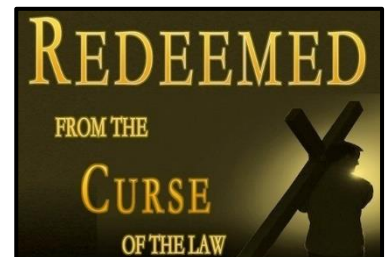
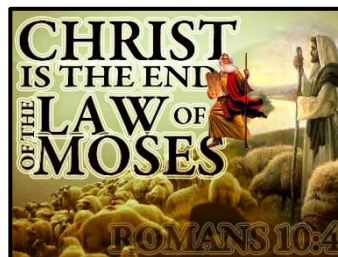
2. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Jesus Fulfilled the Law

Jesus fulfilled the Law and ended the covenant with the Israelites. This puts Christians under “Liberty” and “Grace” and not under the “Law”.

[Matthew 5:17-20] "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

[Romans 10:4] For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.



The Sabbath Day of Rest was a “Sign” for the Israelites

- The Sabbath rest was a “sign” for the Israelites that represented the true rest that would come through the work of Jesus Christ...See **Exodus (31:12-18)** and **Ezekiel (20:12,20)**.
- Christians “rest” every day in the work that Christ did for us...See **Romans (7,10)** and **Hebrews (3,4)**.