

Discipleship Class 9

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Bethesda Bible Church



Topic: Understanding The Law

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Time 18h30

The Law

Deu 28:1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

The law was given to Moses for the Israelites to live by. There were blessing in obeying the law. There were also curses if you do not obey the law.

Deu 28:15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

If you ***do all his commandments.....*** The problem was not just obeying the Law, but you have to ***do all his commandments.*** In simple terms, you can do all the commandments but if you miss one, you have transgressed the whole law. In the same way that our laws in this country work; you do not have to break all the laws of the country to be labeled a criminal and have a criminal record: just stealing a pair of stockings will make you a criminal like any other.

Check this out:

Jas 2:10-11 (AMP) *For whosoever keeps the Law [as a] whole but stumbles and offends in one [single instance] has become guilty of [breaking] all of it. For He Who said, You shall not commit adultery, also said, You shall not kill. If you do not commit adultery but do kill, you have become guilty of transgressing the [whole] Law. [Exod. 20:13, 14; Deut. 5:17, 18.]*

It is clear, if you keep the law you will have to keep the whole law to be a law abiding citizen.

Notice that where there is a law there ought also to be law-enforcement officers for it to be effective. Now, if we are under the law, who are the law-enforcement officer, the pastors?

What is the role of the law, then?

Rom 7:7. *What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.*

- 1 The law helps us to know sin. Like a mirror, it shows me what I am.
- 2 Sin is dead without the law. It was dangerous for me to drive while talking on my mobile, but before the law was introduced I didn't know it was sin.

Rom 7:8-9 *But sin, taking its chance through that which was ordered by the law, was working in me every form of desire: because without the law sin is dead. For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.*

- 3 The law cannot make me stop sinning. Think about the mobile phone and driving, has that law stopped you from doing that.
- 4 The law simply makes me guilty when I break it without making me holy.

Is the law sin?

Rom 7:12-13 *Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.*

Rom 7:15-17 *For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.*

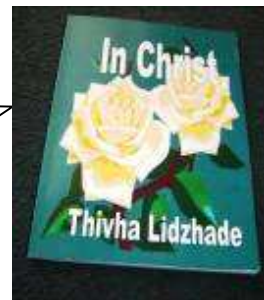
What about this?

Mat 5:48 *Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.*

Are you perfect or there are still some things that you need to do to be perfect? Refer to our previous notes.

Gal 2:16 *Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.*

To be continued.....



Recommended reading:
Hebrews, Romans, Galatians and I John

Read the book, **In Christ** by Thivha Lidzhade
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If you have not accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior and you would like to accept Him, pray this short prayer:

*Heavenly Father, I heard Your Word.
I acknowledge that I am a sinner.
I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
I believe that He died for my sins.
I believe that He was made a curse so I could be the
righteousness of God.
I confess with my mouth that He is Lord of my life.
Thank you Lord for making me Your child.
In Jesus' name. Amen!*

If you prayed this prayer, **YOU ARE NOW A CHILD OF GOD!!!**
Contact us soon or join a word-based church near you!!!!