

Covenants and Laws

- Covenant Structure
 - Promises
 - Blessings
 - Curses
 - Consequences
- Law
 - Foundation of Covenant
 - Basis of Covenant Promises

NT Verses that Law is Immutable

- Problem

- New Testament Verses
 - Some say Law is binding
 - Others say law is removed.

Binding

Matthew 5:17–18 ESV

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

1 John 5:2–3 ESV

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

John 14:15 ESV

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

Romans 3:31 ESV

Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

1 Corinthians 7:19 ESV

For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but keeping the commandments of God.

Removed

Galatians 3:24–25 ESV

So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian,

Hebrews 10:1–4 ESV

For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

Contradictions?

- Law is done away.
 - Law is binding.

- Law is removed.
 - keep law for salvation.
- Which one is it?
 - more than one law!!!

Categories of Laws

- How can we
 - know what applies
 - from OT?
- Some does
 - Some doesn't.
- Different categories
 - of laws.

Moral Law

- Ten Commandments
- Exodus Chapter 20

New Testament Examples:

Romans 7:7 ESV

What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.”

- What law?
 - Ten Commandments
 - not bad...
- Another Verse

Matthew 19:16–19 ESV

And behold, a man came up to him, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear

false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

- Necessary for Salvation
 - Moral Law

- Character of God.
 - Cannot change.

- Does it apply?
 - Yes!

- Jesus death did not make
 - killing,
 - stealing,
 - adultery,
 - ect.
 - okay.

Civil Law

- Example:

Exodus 22:1–4 ESV

“If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and kills it or sells it, he shall repay five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep. If a thief is found breaking in and is struck so that he dies, there shall be no bloodguilt for him, but if the sun has risen on him, there shall be bloodguilt for him. He shall surely pay. If he has nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft. If the stolen beast is found alive in his possession, whether it is an ox or a donkey or a sheep, he shall pay double.

- Theft
- Killing Thief
 - time of day
 - caught with stolen goods
- What to do in cases of
 - Rape
 - Murder
 - Death by animal
 - Sexual Sins
 - Theft
 - Harm to Animal

- Harm to Property
 - fire
 - grazing
 - idol worship
 - Sorcery
 - Lending and Borrowing
 - Dishonesty
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- Context
 - Theocracy
 - Religion and government
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- How does it apply today?
 - All offenses still wrong
 - Punishments don't apply
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- We have
 - new government

- system

Health Law

- Example

Leviticus 11:2-3 ESV

“Speak to the people of Israel, saying, These are the living things that you may eat among all the animals that are on the earth. Whatever parts the hoof and is cloven-footed and chews the cud, among the animals, you may eat.

- Bury Feces
 - Basic Cleanliness
 - washing after exposure to germs
 - Separating from Sick
 - Dealing with mold
 - Food not to be eaten
 - Use of Alcohol
- Does it apply?
 - Yes...

- Jesus death
 - does not make
 - unhealthy suddenly
 - Healthy!!!!

Ceremonial Law

- Ceremonial Law
- Includes
 - Circumcision
 - Sanctuary
 - Priestly Ministry
 - Sacrifices.
 - Jubilee
 - Sabbatical Year
 - New Moon Festivals
 - **Feast Days?**
- Also Called:

- “Law of Moses”
- “Law of Ordinances”

Colossians 2:14 KJV 1900

Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

- What is Nailed to Cross?
 - handwriting of ordinances

Ephesians 2:14–15 ESV

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,

- dividing wall
 - circumcision
- law of ordinances
 - abolished

No Category

Examples

- Don't boil a kid in its mothers milk.
- Circumcise fruit trees
- No mixed fabrics
- How does it apply?
 - I don't know...

The Chicken or the Egg?

- What came first?
 - Covenant?
 - Law?
 - Moral
 - Ceremonial
- When did each start?
 - Not that simple.

Fall of Satan

- Moral Law Already Existed

Ezekiel 28:14-15 ESV

You were an anointed guardian cherub.

I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God;

in the midst of the stones of fire you walked.

You were blameless in your ways

from the day you were created,

till unrighteousness was found in you.

Ezekiel 28:16 ESV

In the abundance of your trade

you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned;

so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God,

and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub,

from the midst of the stones of fire.

Lucifer Sinned

Definition of sin:

1 John 3:4 ESV

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

- To be kicked out
 - must have broken law.
- Sin is
 - breaking law...
- Therefore
 - law existed.
- Moral Law

Creation

- Sabbath Existed
 - 4th Commandment
 - Moral Law

Genesis 2:1–3 ESV

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

The Fall

Moral Law Existed

- Moral Law Already Existed
 - to sin law was there

Covenant Began

Genesis 3:15 ESV

I will put enmity between you and the woman,

and between your offspring and her offspring;

he shall bruise your head,

and you shall bruise his heel.”

- As soon as sin

- Needed substitute

Ceremonies Began

- Inauguration of Sacrificial System
 - (No sanctuary yet)

The Old Covenant Started with Adam

Covenant with Humanity

- Promise of Messiah

Noah

Genesis 9:8–11 ESV

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

Covenant with all living

Covenant Adapted

- Wipe out everyone except Noah's family
- Covenant with Noah
- Covenant with earth

Health Laws Existed

- clean and unclean on ark

Abraham

- Covenant with Nation
 - Gen Chap 17
- Addition of Circumcision

Moses

- Added

- **Feast Days** - special calendar
 - **Sanctuary** - special place
 - **Priesthood** - Melchizedec
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- Blessings and Curses

David

- Covenant with Family
 - Royal Line
 - Among Covenant Nation

Solomon

- Loses 10 Tribes
- Loses Government
- Civil Laws Can't Be Enforced
- Blessings and Curses

- Conditionality of Covenant

New Testament

- What Changed?

Veil Torn

- Sanctuary Services Removed
- No More Sacrifices

No More Circumcision

Acts 15:19–20 ESV

Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood.

Some Feast Days?

Colossians 2:16–17 ESV

Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

- For some time
 - some Jews still
 - kept feast days
- Gentiles
 - encouraged
 - not to.

Destruction of Sanctuary

- Timeline
 - AD 31 - Jesus Dies
 - AD 34 - Gospel to Gentiles
 - AD 70 Temple Destroyed
- No Sacrifices
- No Feasts
 - Cannot keep
 - without sanctuary

What Applies?

Moral Law

- Transcript of Character
- Foundation of Government
- Immutable

Health Laws

- Garden of Eden
- Ideal Diet Plan
- Unclean Predated Israel
- Applies on Earth Forever

Civil Laws

- Most Civil Laws Still Apply
- Apply in Principle
- Punishments Don't Apply
- We don't enforce them

Ceremonial Laws

- They are prophetic
- They are a Type
- Removed at Antitype

- Includes
 - Sanctuary
 - Sacrifices
 - Priesthood
 - Feast Days

Summary

- Keep Moral Law
- Observe Health Law
- Value Civil Laws
- Study Types of Ceremonial Law

