



The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus

Romans, chapter 8 verse 2

“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.”

(Romans 8:2)

1. What do we understand the “law” to be?
2. The view of “law” in evangelical circles
3. How is “law” is presented in the bible?
4. How is God’s law relevant for us today?

What do we understand the “law” to be?

- the system of rules which a particular country or community recognises as regulating the actions of its members and which it may enforce by the imposition of penalties
- a rule defining correct procedure or behaviour in a sport
- a statement of fact, deduced from observation, to the effect that a particular natural or scientific phenomenon always occurs if certain conditions are present.
- the body of divine commandments as expressed in the Bible

The view of “law” in evangelical circles

- For the **law** was given through Moses, *but* **grace** and truth came through Jesus Christ (**John 1:17**)
- Therefore *it is* of faith that *it might be* according to **grace**, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the **law**, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all (**Romans 4:16**)
- Moreover the **law** entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, **grace** abounded much more (**Romans 5:20**)
- For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under **law** but under **grace** (**Romans 6:14**)
- Do not think that I came to destroy **the Law** or **the Prophets**. I did not come to destroy but to **fulfill**. (**Matthew 5:17**)

How is “law” is presented in the bible?

- **The 10 commandments** – given to Moses to guide and govern the people of Israel (Exodus 20:1-17)
- **Torah** - the Hebrew word often translated as “law”
 1. **Root meaning is “to flow or throw something”** – a teacher who flows their finger out to point out a direction
 2. **Instruction, teaching** – through it we know what God expects of us, and how we are to live
 3. A precious thing – King David dedicated a Psalm to it! (Psalm 119)

David's view of God's law (Psalm 119)

Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way,
Who walk in the law of the LORD (verse 1)

So shall I keep Your law continually (verse 44)

Rivers of water run down from my eyes,
Because *men* do not keep Your law (verse 136)

Oh, how I love Your law!
It *is* my meditation all the day (verse 97)

I delight in Your law (verse 70)

Open my eyes, that I may see
Wondrous things from Your law (verse 18)

Give me understanding, and I shall
keep Your law (verse 34)

The law of Your mouth *is* better to me
Than thousands of *coins of* gold and silver (verse 72)

Many laws operate, but they are not are equal!

The abode of the Most High and Jesus Christ...

“He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named” (Ephesians 1:20-21)

3rd heaven

Principlalities and powers, the rulers of the darkness of this age, spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places
(Ephesians 6:12)

2nd heaven

Natural law operates over flesh and blood.
Life & death, “day & night, summer & winter, seedtime & harvest...”
(Genesis 8:22)

1st heaven



Which realm do we dwell, or operate in?

“made us alive together with Christ and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus

3rd heaven

“even when we were dead in trespasses”
(under the law of sin and death)

2nd heaven

1st heaven

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus

(Ephesians 2: 4-6)



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Eternal life... provision... healing & wholeness...
relationship with the Father... signs and wonders...
The keys of the kingdom... authority!
(E.g. Mathew 16:17-19)

3rd heaven

2nd heaven

1st heaven

Sin and death... greed & poverty... sickness...
separation from God... guilt & condemnation...
judgement



Summary

- Jesus did not come to destroy the law – but he fulfilled it on our behalf!
- This was achieved through grace – but we need to understand that God operates through His Word, which covers every aspect of our lives and the entire universe!
- We have a choice about whether we live by natural law, or we align ourselves to the law of His heavenly kingdom