gracechurch of Sahuarita

Why Learn The Law?

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Key Verses

- Galatians 2:16
- Romans 7:6
- Romans 8:3-4
- Ephesians 2:8-10
- Exodus 19:5-6
- Deuteronomy 31:29
- Joshua 1:7
- Psalm 1:1-2

Questions

- Pastor Fred explained that God gave the Law of Moses to Israel not so individuals could earn their way to heaven, but so the nation could serve as a kingdom of priests to the world. How does understanding this original purpose change the way you think about the Old Testament Law?
- Galatians 2:16 makes it clear that no one is justified by works of the Law, but only through faith in Jesus Christ. Why do you think people, even today, are still tempted to believe they can be good enough to earn eternal life through good behavior or religious effort?
- The sermon described Israel as repeatedly failing to keep the Law, even as God continued to add more laws. What does this pattern teach us about human nature?

- Romans 7:6 says Christians have been released from the Law of Moses and now serve God in the newness of the Spirit. What does it look like practically in your daily life to rely on the Holy Spirit rather than trying to live righteously in your own strength?
- Pastor Fred used the image of different jurisdictions to explain that Christians are not under the Mosaic Law. How does understanding your identity as part of the Church, God's new creation in Christ, affect the way you approach your faith and your responsibilities?
- Even though Christians are not under the jurisdiction of the law of Moses, Pastor Fred argued that studying it is still valuable because it reveals the justice and righteousness of Jesus Christ. Can you think of a specific law or passage from the Old Testament that has given you insight into God's character or helped you navigate a difficult situation?
- Psalm 1 describes a blessed person as someone who meditates on God's Law day and night. What habits or practices help you slow down and deeply reflect on Scripture rather than just rushing through it?
- The sermon closed with the idea that studying the Law of Moses can make us wiser and more just in how we handle sinful situations in our families, workplaces, and churches. Where in your life right now do you most need that kind of wisdom and righteousness, and how might you seek it through prayer and Scripture?

Life Application

This week, choose one passage from the law of Moses, whether from Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, or Deuteronomy, and spend time reading it slowly and prayerfully. Rather than asking how it applies as a rule to follow, ask the Holy Spirit to show you what it reveals about God's justice and righteousness. Write down one thing you learn about God's character from that passage, and then ask Him to help you reflect that same quality in a specific relationship or situation in your life this week.

Key Takeaways

- God gave the Law of Moses to Israel not as a means of earning salvation, but to make Israel a kingdom of priests that would connect a sinful world to God and preserve the nation through which the Messiah would come.
- Christians today are a new creation in Christ and are not under the jurisdiction of the law of Moses. We are set free to serve God in the power of the Holy Spirit rather than through the effort of following a written code.

- Israel's repeated failures to keep God's law demonstrate that no list of rules can empower a person to be more righteous. This points every generation to the need for the new covenant and the transforming work of the Holy Spirit.
- The law of Moses is still worthy of careful study and prayerful reflection because it reveals the justice and righteousness of Jesus Christ, the Law Giver, and the Holy Spirit can use it to make us wiser and more Christlike in how we handle the sinful situations we face every day.

3 Things

G — GLORIFY | God's Grace (Ephesians 2:8–9)
Praise God for His amazing grace, through which He freely offers eternal life to all who believe in Jesus Christ.
A — ALIGN | Surrender (Romans 12:1)
Ask God to help us surrender our desires, plans, and priorities to Him, living each day in a way that honors Him.
P — PETITION | Administrative Staff (Colossians 3:23–24)
Pray for our church's administrative staff, asking God to provide wisdom, encouragement, unity, and strength as they faithfully support the ministries of Grace Church.

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for being our perfect Law Giver and our perfect Savior. Thank You that we do not have to earn Your love or Your forgiveness, because You have already accomplished everything we need at the cross. As we leave this time together, we ask that Your Holy Spirit would continue to work in each of our hearts, transforming us from the inside out. Give us a hunger for Your Word, including the parts that are difficult or unfamiliar. Make us people of justice and righteousness, not by our own effort, but by the power that raised You from the dead and now lives in us. May we reflect Your character in our homes, our workplaces, and our community. We pray all of this in Your name, amen.