

7 Days of Freedom, Day 6: The Law



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

Law¹ [law]

noun

1. the principles and regulations established in a community by some authority and applicable to its people, whether in the form of legislation or of custom and policies recognized and enforced by judicial decision
2. the controlling influence of such rules; the condition of society brought about by their observance
3. a system or collection of such rules

THE LAW has always been a big scary concept to me. As a recovering worrier, I have often been afraid of breaking a LAW I did not know existed ... as you know ignorance of the LAW is no excuse. God, however, hides His **law** from no one. In the Old

Testament, He clearly spells out the Ten Commandments. In the New Testament, He shortens the Ten Commandments to two: love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself. Love God, love others.

In the Greek, **law** transliterates as *nomos* which means a precept, an injunction, a rule of action, a set of behaviors that leads to God's approval. *Torah*, the Hebrew word for **law**, refers to Mosaic **law**. It is by the flawless keeping of God's **law** one may go to heaven ... unfortunately, all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Even the keeping of the New Testament *short list* (see above) is an impossibility. Fortunately, God's Word offers us something besides the LAW of sin and death ... the **law** of the Spirit of life, otherwise known as **GRACE**.

Because Christ offered His perfect sinless life as a sacrifice, we may live for Christ, and one day join Him in heaven. We must acknowledge our sin and need for a Savior, and accept Jesus death on the cross as payment for our sin.

Grace over LAW. Life over death. Righteousness over sin.

Action Points:

1. In what ways are you still trying to earn God's approval?
2. You know God's law, the one you broke about twenty years ago, that you think is unforgivable? It was paid for 2,000 years ago at the cross. It's time to let it go. Thank God for His forgiveness and sacrifice.
3. Now that you're free, what do you need to start doing?

God Bless America.

Mary Kane

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