

THE MORAL LAW CONTINUES TODAY

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God's Moral Law of Right and Wrong has always been, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength, and you shall love your neighbour as yourself."

Genesis 4:4-10, 39:9, Deuteronomy 6:5, Leviticus 19:18, Exodus 20:1 – 17, Mark 12:29-31, Matthew 22:37 – 39.

This Law is the expression of God's Person, for God is love. *Psalm 19:7-11, 1John 4:8, Romans 7:12,14,22.*

"The Righteousness of the Law," *Leviticus 18:5, Romans 10:5*, is fulfilled in us as we act in love to God and others, by faith in the Word and the power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 8:1-4,13:8,10, Galatians 5:13,14, Matt 22:37-40, Luke 6:31.*

The only human Person to fully keep the "Righteousness of the Law," since the "Fall of Man," is Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 4:15, 2Corinthians 5:21.

Since the "fall of man", *Genesis 3*, and the sinful corruption of man's heart that resulted, **it has not been possible for a man to obtain salvation by his own efforts of obedience to the law of God.** *Psalm 14:2,3, Romans 3:9-20,*

Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 2:9, Titus 3:5.

From Creation to Sinai, (Adam to Moses), *Romans 5:14*, this law was revealed through **the witness of God and his goodness in creation**, *Romans 1:19-21, Acts 14-17, Psalm 19:1*, **and through God's Law written in the conscience of every person.** *Romans 2:6-16, 26-29, John 1:9, Acts 24:16,25, 2Corinthians 4:2, John 8:9, 1Corinthians 10:28,29.*

In ages past, **if a person has lived up to the light they had**, through creation and conscience, never having heard of Jesus or the Bible, *Romans 2:14,15*, at some point before death Jesus would have appeared to them and said, "I am the One you have been trusting and seeking." In this way they would have been saved.

Romans 5:13,14 needs expanding. "For until the law (*public law of Moses*), sin (*against the witness of creation and conscience*) was in the world, but sin (*against the public law*), is not imputed when there is no (*public*) law." "Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, (*because of sin against the witness of creation and conscience*) even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, (*who sinned against public law – Genesis 2:17*) who is a type of Him who was to come." (What is in *brackets*, is added by ekb)

The operation of God's law of love, from creation to the law of Moses, is apparent in, *Genesis 4:4,5,7,10,13, Genesis 6:5-7,8,9-12,13, Gen 9:6,20-27, Gen 11:4-7, Gen 12:17-20, Gen 13:8-13, Gen 39:10.* God has written His Law on the conscience of every person and He expects us to live by it. *1Timothy 4:2.* (other references above)

The Law God gave to Moses on Mt Sinai, is found in Exodus to Deuteronomy. Part of this law is the **moral law** and part is the **ceremonial law** of sacrifices, priesthood, Tabernacle and feasts. The ceremonial part of the law has been fulfilled through the work of the Lord Jesus Christ at the Cross and no longer applies to us. *Colossians 2:14,16,17, Ephesians 2:15,* Jesus summed up the moral in *Mark 12:28-31.*

In Jesus' teaching and the teaching of the New Testament writers, **the moral law of God is stressed and insisted upon.** *Matthew 5:21-30, John 13:34, 14:15, 15:10,12,14,17, 1Corinthians 6:9,10, Mark 7:20-23, 1Corinthians 9:21, Galatians 5:19 – 21, Ephesians 4:17 – 5:7, Colossians 3:5 – 9, 1Thessalonians 4:2-7, James 2:8 – 11.*

Jesus did not come to abolish the law but to fulfil it. *Matt 5:17-44. Jesus' commands are to act in love. John 13:34.*

Faith in Jesus Christ for salvation does not abolish the law, it establishes the law, *Romans 3:31*, because, by the **indwelling power of the Holy Spirit, and faith in the promises of God's Word, we are able to keep God's law of acting in love to God and man.** *Romans 5:1,5, Romans 8:4, 2Corinthians 7:1, Galatians 5:14, Romans 13:8-10.*

The righteousness of the law is fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. *Rom 8:4. Love is the fulfilment of the law. Romans 13:10, Galatians 5:14. The fruit of the Spirit is love. Galatians 5:22.*

The law, as in the law of Moses, **was not given to bring salvation to sinful man.** *Romans 3:20, Galatians 2:16.*

The law, as in the law of Moses, **was given to convince people of sin.** *Romans 5:20, 3:20, Galatians 3:19.*

The law was given to show people that sin is a bad idea. *Romans 3:19,20, Romans 7:7,13, 1John 3:4,6,8,10.*

Roman 10:4 says, "**Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one who believes.**" (It does not say, "Christ is the end of the law.") *Romans 10:4* means that no one can be righteous before God through their own works, *Ephesians 2:9, Galatians 2:16, Romans 3:20*, but only by faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. *Acts 4:12.* (*Colossians 2:11-14, Ephesians 2:14-18* are similar to *Romans 10:4.* Also *Titus 3:4-7.*)