

Lesson Seven

What Does the Bible Teach About the Law and the Gospel?

Everything in the Bible can be put into one of two categories. Those categories are Law and Gospel. As a result, it is important for the serious Bible student and the Christian who is growing in faith to be learning the relationship of the Law and the Gospel on the basis of Scripture. The Christian religion is a religion of the Gospel. It alone has the Gospel. All other religions are based upon the Law.

1. What is the Law? – it is conditional

Leviticus 19:2 The law tells us what to do – we are to be holy, perfect, complete.

Exodus 20:3,7,8 Law is command

Deuteronomy 27:26 we are cursed if we don't keep the Law (there is no blessing)

Also: Ecc. 7:20; James 2:10; Romans 3:23; 6:23.

2. What is the Gospel? - it is unconditional

1 John 4:9 God's Son It is life – Objective /Subjective

John 3:16 Jesus died for the entire world, past, present, and future

Romans 1:16 Gospel for the power of Salvation – by faith -- believe

3. What is the difference between the Law and the Gospel?

Romans 7:7,4 Law points our sin / Law is to be fulfilled

Romans 3:19,20,24,25 1) we are guilty before God; 2) we have been justified as a gift by the vicarious satisfaction of Jesus on the cross.

The Use of the Law

1. The law will accuse us

2. The law will curb, control in a passive manner

3. The law is an informant on living (Guide) Forte says that this is the art of getting used to being justified

Categorize the following passages as either Law or Gospel.

1 John 4:17 _____

Matthew 5:48 _____

Luke 19:10 _____

Habakkuk 2:4 _____

Romans 6:23 _____

Mark 16:16 _____

Isaiah 43:1 _____

Hebrews 4:11 _____

Matthew 11:28 _____