

Thinking Christianly: What Rules?

Embracing a Biblical Worldview, Lesson 8—Law¹

Introduction

The Nature of Law

_____ Law: Genesis 1:14, 21, 24, 27-28 and Colossians 1:15-17

This corresponds to the reality of the natural law.

How do we find out about these laws?

What do we call someone who studies these laws?

Do these laws change?

What happens when you go against these laws?

_____ Law: Exodus 20:1-17, Romans 2:14-15

This relates to how we are to live before God and other people.

How do we find out about these laws?

What do we call someone who studies these laws?

Do these laws change?

What happens when you go against these laws?

_____ Law: Romans 13:1-5

This relates to the principles that apply to our living together as a community or nation.

How do we find out about these laws?

What do we call someone who studies civil law?

Do these laws change?

What happens when you go against these laws?

¹David A. Noebel and Chuck Edwards, *Thinking Like a Christian: Understanding and Living a Biblical Worldview* (Nashville: B&H Publishing, 2002).

Natural Law

Natural Law is the idea that God has revealed the moral law in the hearts of all men.

Natural Law Evident in the Declaration of Independence

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the **Laws of Nature** and of **Nature's God** entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these **truths to be self-evident**, that **all men are created equal**, that they are endowed by their **Creator** with certain **inalienable Rights**, that among these are **Life, Liberty** and the **pursuit of Happiness**.

That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed ...

We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to **the Supreme Judge of the world** for the rectitude of our intentions...

And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of **divine Providence**, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

Laws of Nature.

Nature's God.

Truths to Be Self-Evident.

All Men Are Created Equal.

Creator.

Inalienable Rights.

The Supreme Judge of the World and Divine Providence.