

# GRACE

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## The Law of Christ

1 Corinthians 9:21 and Galatians 6:2

“The whole gospel is contained in Christ.” -- J. Calvin

What is the “law of Christ”?

- two places in Scripture (1 Cor.9:21 and Gal.6:2)
- overwhelming opinion of the “law of Christ” is that it is “love” (John 13:34-35)

## The Law of Christ – A Different Interpretation

1. Incarnation -- greatest event in all history
2. Change of Priesthood
  - fulfilled the Old Law, and the Prophets (Matt.5:17)
  - change of the law (Heb.7:14)
3. Prophet, Priest, and King
  - PROPHET (delivers God’s word to the people)
    - ~ the Living Word, the Logos
  - PRIEST (mediates between God and His people)
    - ~ new priestly order – Melchizedek
    - ~ spiritual trumps the physical
  - KING – (rules and reigns)
    - ~ leads from the front
    - ~ more worthy than Moses
    - ~ bestowing righteousness

#### 4. New Covenant

- Jeremiah 31:29-34
- New Covenant (Luke 22:20; 2 Cor.3:6; Heb.8:13)
- Better covenant (Heb.7:22)
- Better promises (Heb.8:6; 2Cor.1:20; 2Pet.1:4)
- Better sacrifice (Heb.9:23-28; 10:19-22)
- Better priesthood (Heb.7:23-25)
- Finality (Heb.10:12)
- Sign ??
- Mediator (1 Tim. 2:5)
- Intercessor (Rom.8:34; Heb.8:1-2)
- Abiding presence of the Holy Spirit (John 14:16-17)

#### 5. Two Great Commandments (Mark 12:28-31)

- love God
- love people

#### 6. The Gospel – Our Salvation

- Ultimate reality check
- Christ's "double imputation"
  - ~ imputing our sins to Him (Col.2:13-14; 2 Cor.5:19)
  - ~ imputing His righteousness to us (2 Cor.5:21; Rom.3:22; 4:5)
- "One new man" -- the true Israel (Eph.2:11-22)

#### 7. Ethics of Christ

- Regeneration
- Being over doing
- Role of His church (worship, nurture, show mercy)
- Two simple ordinances
- Deny self, pick up my cross daily, follow Him

#### 8. Context – Love

#### 9. Temple location

- How will it all end?
  - ~ a redeemed, separated people
  - ~ a return for judgment (John 17:1-9; 1 Cor.15:22-26)
- The Temple (Rev.21:22-27)

**The Law of Christ – the consummation of all history and the restoration of a perfected creation.**