

# “My Food Is To Do Your Will”

## Don't Be A Law To Yourself. Imitate Christ. Hunger For Another's Glory.

John 4:31-34

The Voice From The Fire Part 1 of 12

Today we turn our hearts to an often-misunderstood teaching – the role of the Commandments in our lives. Our country's emphasis on independence often leads citizens to question – and even hate – divinely imposed standards. But “humans were not made to be autonomous (that is, free to be a law to themselves) but theonomous – subject to the law of God ... God created man in such a way that grateful obedience would bring him the highest happiness” (*Reformation Study Bible* p. 122). Those who love Jesus Christ find that they love God's law and want to keep it both to please God and in gratitude for God's grace in the Gospel.

I. Jesus – The \_\_\_\_\_ – models a proper \_\_\_\_\_ for God's kingdom.

- 1) It's easy to be \_\_\_\_\_-ruled. So he skips a needed \_\_\_\_\_ to give us an example!
- 2) Our \_\_\_\_\_ to do God's will ought to be comparable to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) It seems the disciples “did not know about” this holy \_\_\_\_\_ as Jesus did.

II. God's \_\_\_\_\_ enables us to submit to the law without \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) In the Gospel we are freed from the law's \_\_\_\_\_ as heirs to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Luther stated “all persons who \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of Christ should know and be able to state the \_\_\_\_\_ between law and Gospel. (Sermons on Galatians, 1532)
- 3) “When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said ‘Repent’, He called for the \_\_\_\_\_ of believers to be one of repentance.” (First of Luther's 95 Theses posted in Wittenburg, 1517)

III. Distinguish the \_\_\_\_\_ law from the laws of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ laws are abrogated in Christ. (Mk. 17:15-19; Heb. 10:1-14)
- 2) Judicial laws \_\_\_\_\_ with the nation of Israel .
- 3) “The \_\_\_\_\_ doth forever bind all, as well justified persons as others, to the obedience thereof...” (WCF 19.5; see Matt. 5:17-19)

IV. The law \_\_\_\_\_ us to God's \_\_\_\_\_! (Jas. 1:25; John 8:36; Ro. 8:2, 15; Gal. 5:13)

### Recommended Resources On The Ten Commandments

1. *The Ten Commandments: Manual For The Christian Life* by J. Douma
2. *Words From The Fire: Hearing The Voice of God in the Ten Commandments* by R. Albert Moehler
3. *The Ten(der) Commandments* by Ron Mehl