

The Use of the Law in the Life of a Believer

Genesis 3.1-19

- Since the Fall of Man (a traitorous act of defiance), the restoration of obedience has been God's goal for man
- Adam's disobedience became the disobedience of the race, Romans 5.19
- And also an individual characteristic, Romans 2.8

The Law

- Could not give men obedient natures
- But magnified disobedience: Romans 5.20
- And incited disobedience in us, Romans 7.7-8
- With the purpose of bringing us to Christ: It was God's slave. A pedagogue ("child-leader") was the servant who cared for the children

Evangelism is a Biblical use of the
Law in a NT setting

- I Timothy 1.5-11
- Then Paul's own testimony, 1.6-16

Having come to Christ, obedience to
God is still the goal

- Acts 5.32
- Romans 1.5
- Romans 6.16-17
- II Cor. 10.5
- James 1.22

In Christ

- By “position,” (our salvation) the Law of God has been fulfilled in us, through Christ. Romans 8.1-15
- By “practice,” (our sanctification) we fulfill the Law in our conduct. Galatians 5.11-18; James 2.8-12

The Law is an excellent reference for
our conduct

- I Cor. 9.19-23
- I Cor. 9.8
- I Corinthians 14.34-35