

LAW GRACE

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Key Scripture: Deuteronomy 5:16-22

Love Your Neighbor: Part 1

How we apply the law in light of grace:

1) **The law is stone, not clay.**

Matthew 5:17–18

2) **The law is a line, not a destination.**

Matthew 5:21–22

3) **The law is an invitation, not a sentence.**

Galatians 5:1

4) **The law is a lamp, and a gavel.**

Romans 3:19-20

"I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day."

John 12:46–48

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Question 29

How can we be saved?

Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him.

- Ephesians 2:8-9

Scripture to Memorize

"I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous rules. I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me!"

- **Psalm 119:7-8**

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At present, the practice of catechesis, particularly among adults, has been almost completely lost. Modern discipleship programs concentrate on practices such as Bible study, prayer, fellowship, and evangelism and can at times be superficial when it comes to doctrine. In contrast, the classic catechisms take students through the Apostles' Creed, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer—a perfect balance of biblical theology, practical ethics, and spiritual experience.

