

# Paul and the Law, #3: The Law of Christ

## "The Life of Paul" episode 14

Carry each others' burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

The Council of Jerusalem in 49 A.D. wrestled with the question, "Is the Mosaic Law for everyone? Should Gentile believers be required to keep it?" Paul's view was no. The Council agreed, and that's why you and I don't "eat kosher" today!

But it raises a bigger question, a question that we must answer sooner or later: what was Paul's "worldview"? What was his view about moral standards in the world, and in the church? Are there moral absolutes, or are morals relative to the time and place? And to which rules or laws are we Christians accountable-- The Golden Rule? The Mosaic Law? The 10 Commandments? The Law of Love?

Not hesitating to enter where angels fear to tread, we've tackled this head-on in a 3-week rest stop along our "Life of Paul" journey. Week 1: Natural law. Week 2: The Law of Moses. This morning: The Law of Christ.

A Quick Summary . . .

 Everyone is under the Law of \_\_\_\_\_ . Romans 2:14-15

 No one is under the Law of \_\_\_\_\_ . Romans 7:6

 Christians are under the Law of \_\_\_\_\_ . Galatians 6:2

	<u>What it's NOT</u>	<u>What it IS</u>	<u>Check it Out</u>
1	Torah-centric	Christo-centric	Matt. 5:44 28:20
2	a code of laws	a person	Philippians 1:21
3	a life of bondage	a life of freedom	Galatians 5:1
4	babysitter rules	adult responsibility	Gal 3:24-25
5	live for self & sin	live for God & others	1 Cor 9:21 10:23
6	prescriptions	principles	Matt 5:17-20
7	guilt-motivated	grace-motivated	1 Cor 15:10
8	achieved by effort	achieved by faith	Galatians 2:20
9	led by the law	led by the Spirit	Rom 8:2 Gal 5:16f.
10	yoke of slavery	law of love	

\*Matt 11:29-30 22:37-40 John 13:34-35 Rom 13:10 Gal 5:14

### Bring it Home

1. Make sure you register. Only a \_\_\_\_\_ can keep the law of Christ.
2. Dodge \_\_\_\_\_-killers. They'll slot you under their performance standard.
3. Check your motive. Is it love or law? Gratitude or \_\_\_\_\_?
3. Live like a lover. Not like a slave.