**Scriptural Sufficiency Part 6**

Necessary Inference and the Law.

1 Cor. 14:34 A Case study

1. 1 Cor. 14:34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law.
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3. Paul asserts that his command “let your women keep silent in the churches ...” is substantiated by the law.
4. There is no O.T. teaching that directly asserts what Paul is commanding.
5. Paul must be drawing a necessary inference from the O.T.
6. Most commentators believe that Paul’s command is based on inference drawn from
Gen. 3:16

"Let them be in subjection, as also saith the law. What connection has the object that he has in view with the subjection under which the law places women? "For what is there," some one will say, "to hinder their being in subjection, and yet at the same time teaching?" I answer, that the office of teaching is a superiority in the Church, and is, consequently, inconsistent with subjection. For how unseemly a thing it were, that one who is under subjection to one of the members, should preside over the entire body! It is therefore an argument from things inconsistent -- If the woman is under subjection, she is, consequently, prohibited from authority to teach in public" Calvin.

1. Other teachings supported by necessary inference,

Matt. 22:23-33, The resurrection/life beyond the grave

 Acts. 10:9-16, 28, The eradication of the category of ritual uncleanness.

1 Cor. 9:1-14 Gospel ministers should be financially supported.

1. Paul substantiates this command on the basis of the O.T. Law.

(The confession and the rest of the NT agree with him)

LBCF 19.5 The moral law does for ever bind all, as well justified persons as others, to the obedience thereof, and that not only in regard of the matter contained in it, but also in respect of the authority of God the Creator, who gave it; neither does Christ in the Gospel any way dissolve, but much strengthen this obligation.

LBCF 19.6 Although true believers are not under the law as a covenant of works, to be thereby justified or condemned, yet it is of great use to them as well as to others, in that as a rule of life, informing them of the will of God and their duty, it directs and binds them to walk accordingly…

Matt. 5:17

Rom. 3:31

1 Tim. 1:8-10

Heb. 8:10

1 John 5:3

O.T. Law is inapplicable to us only if the N.T. asserts such.