**The Law of God in the Life of the Individual Believer**

1. Why the Disagreement Today?
2. Historic Reformed
3. The Will of God is explained for us in the Law of God. What he wills or does not will us to do, what is good or just, or what is evil and unjust. Therefore, we confess that the law is good and holy…We condemn everything that heretics old and new have rought against the law. 2ndHelvetic Confession

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.

2.LBCF 13.1 They who are united to Christ, effectually called, and regenerated, having a new heart and a new spirit created in them through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, are also farther sanctified, really and personally, through the same virtue, by his Word and Spirit dwelling in them; the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, and the several lusts of it are more and more weakened and mortified, and they more and more quickened and strengthened in all saving graces, to the practice of all true holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

1. Contemporary Non-Reformed
2. The law was to the Jews what the pedagogue was the Greek household, a ruler of children in their minority, and it this Character “unto” (i.e., until) Christ (v24). Christ having came, the believer is no longer under the Pedagogue.

Scofield Reference Bible, Gal. 3:19

The law of Moses is recorded in tree parts: Commandment… Judgment … Ordinances… these three forms of the law satisfied all of Israel’s requirements before God. But, the entire system, including the commandments as a rule of life, ceased with the death of Christ. LSC Systematic Theology, VII. p225

1. There are two great spiritual changes which are possible to human experience—the change from the ‘natural’ man to the saved man, and the change from the ‘carnal’ man to the ‘spiritual man.’ The former is divinely accomplished when there is a real faith in Christ; the latter is accomplished when there is a real adjustment to the Spirit. Chafer, He That Is Spiritual, 13.

The Scriptures distinguish fundamentally between the saved and the lost by use of many distinguishing terms, but the spiritual divisions of mankind do not stop there. The Scriptures also distinguish the “spiritual” and the “carnal” (1 Cor 2:9–3:4); those who “walk in the Spirit,” and those who walk “according to the flesh” (2 Cor10:2; Gal 5:16); those who walk “in newness of life,” and those who do not (Rom 6:4);those who “abide in Christ,” and those who do not (John 15:1–11); those who walk “worthy of the Lord,” and those who “walk as men” (1 Cor 3:3; Col 1:10). The distinction represented in these frequent contrasts is within the fold of the Christian Church and is definitely traced to a difference in relationship to the Holy Spirit.34

John F. Walvoord, “The Person of the Holy Spirit Part 9: The Work of the Holy

Spirit in the Believer,” Bibliotheca Sacra 99, no. 394 (April 1942): 158.

1. Scriptural Testimony O.T.
2. The believer’s disposition toward the law:

Love 119:47,48,97,113,119,127,140,159,163

Delight 119:16,24,135,47,70,77,143,174

Meditation Ps. 1:2, 119:15,23,48,78,97,99,140

1. The Believers Benefits from a right relationship w/to Blessedness. Ps. 1:1,2, Ps. 94:12

Peace 119:165

Freedom 119:45

Unique Wisdom 119:98-100

1. Scriptural Testimony N.T.

Rom. 3:31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

Rom. 7:22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

Heb. 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

Heb. 10:16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

1. Yeah, But!

Rom. 6:14… (we) are not under the law, but under grace.

Rom. 7:4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law

Rom. 10:4…Christ is the end of the law…

Gal. 2:19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

Eph. 2:15 Having abolished in his body the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances…