

## The Law and the Gospel

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### Chapter 10c (Lesson 15)

#### The Believer's Privilege of Being Dead to the Law as a Covenant of Works, with a Highly Important Consequence of It

*"Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ...But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive..."-Romans 7:4, 6*

#### -Section 5- The Necessity of a Believer's Being Dead to the Law as a Covenant in Order to His Living unto God

A person cannot be under the law as a covenant and be \_\_\_\_\_ to God at the same time

**1. Those under the law as a covenant are under the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin (Romans 6:14)**

*"If they had been still under the law as a covenant, sin would have had dominion over them. The believer's deliverance, then, from the dominion of sin, so as to be rendered capable of living to God, necessarily depends on his having 'become dead to the law' in its covenant form."*

**2. Those under the law as a covenant are without \_\_\_\_\_ and cannot live before God in an acceptable way (Romans 8:3)**

*"The works of the law cannot sanctify him, seeing they are evil and not good works. They can render him more and more unholy, but they cannot make him holy."*

**3. Those under the law as a covenant are without the \_\_\_\_\_ and sanctifying \_\_\_\_\_ found in Christ alone**

*"Their implantation in Christ, instead of being from the law or works of the law, is wholly from grace; and their sanctification, while it is wholly from grace, is only in Christ (Ephesians 5:25-26)."*

**4. Those under the law as a covenant have no \_\_\_\_\_ within them to be holy (Galatians 3:2)**

*"The grand principle of evangelical holiness, or of living unto God, is the holy, sanctifying Spirit of Christ dwelling in the heart. Now a man receives the Spirit of sanctification not 'by the works of the law, but by the hearing of faith'."*

**5. Those under the law have no \_\_\_\_\_ of sanctification by the law**

*"The law in its federal form promises life to him only on condition of perfect obedience..."*

Scripture shows that one must be dead to the law as a covenant if you are to be alive to God. Those who are alive to God are no longer wed to the law as a covenant but are now wed to Christ. The one who is wed to Christ has now \_\_\_\_\_, light, strength, and liberty. This union with Christ leads to the acceptable living before God. In fact, the more one focuses on Christ the more they will desire to live acceptably before Him.

*"All exercised Christians know by experience that when their souls are most comforted and their hearts most enlarged with the faith of God's favor in Christ and with the hope of His salvation, then it is that they are most disposed and encouraged to live to His glory. And on the contrary, when through the prevalence of unbelief they are most suspicious of God and His love to them, they then find themselves most averse from the exercises of graces and performances of duties."*

In certain respects, we now view the law \_\_\_\_\_ after our union with Christ. Now in Christ we discover in the law:

1. **The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God-** *“His design in commanding their obedience is not to require from them a righteousness for their justification but to show them the holiness of His nature, to beautify them with His holy image, to afford them illustrious displays of His glorious grace, to do their souls good in the most effectual manner, and to favor them with daily opportunities to glorify Him, to edify their neighbor, and so to manifest their love and gratitude to Him for having redeemed them from the law as a covenant.”*
  
2. **The gracious promise of \_\_\_\_\_** - *“The law in its federal form promises eternal life as a reward of debt for perfect obedience, but the law as a rule in the hand of Christ promises rewards of grace in and after evangelical obedience, especially as this obedience is an evidence of union with Him in whom believers are justified and in whom all the promises of God are yea and amen.”*
  
3. **The threats of fatherly \_\_\_\_\_** - *“A filial fear of these paternal chastisements will do far more to influence the believer to holy obedience than all the despondent fears of eternal punishment can do,”*

While the pure love of God will be the only driving force for obedience to the law in \_\_\_\_\_, while we live here below, plagued by sin, God uses the promise of rewards and the threat of fatherly punishment to incite us on to obedience. Our love of God is not even close to being perfect yet, therefore, these other \_\_\_\_\_ are now needed.