

# The Purpose of the Law

1 Timothy 1:8-11

**Introduction:** To be misled spiritually is a very serious matter because it can have eternal consequences.

**Key Truth:** *You must have a Biblical understanding of law and gospel to avoid being misled.*

*Psalm 1:1-2; 119:97, 72*

“...one’s understanding of the law determines how one puts the whole Bible together.” - Thomas Schreiner

The problem was not with the law, the problem was with how the false teachers were using the law.

Pride and love are like oil and water.

*Ephesians 4:1-2*

To be “just” means you have been justified: declared righteous by God (through faith in Jesus Christ).

*Romans 3:23-24, 28*

Justification is not something we earn by our obedience. It is something we are given by the grace of God through the work of Christ.

## I. Law was Given to Reveal and Increase the Sinfulness of Unbelievers

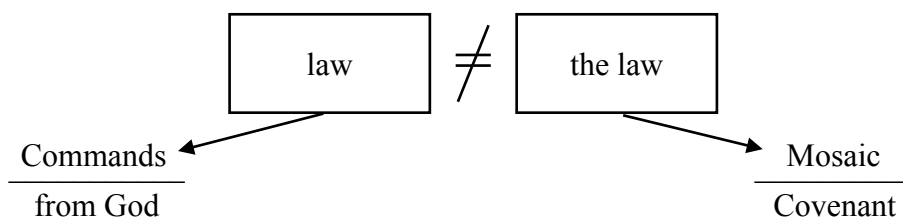
*Romans 3:20; 7:7; 5:20a; 2 Corinthians 3:6*

Without understanding your own spiritual and moral bankruptcy, you’ll continue thinking you can earn God’s favor by your good works.

*Psalm 19:7a; Psalm 119:93, 156*

## II. Law was Given to Direct Believers

“The law sends us to the Gospel that we may be justified; the gospel sends us to the law to frame our way of life.” - Samuel Bolton



*Hebrews 9:15-21; Romans 6:14; 10:1-4; Ephesians 2:14-16; Acts 13:39*

### A. Genesis 1 to Exodus 19 predate the Mosaic Covenant and therefore teaches permanent ethical principles.

### B. Nine of the Ten Commandments are repeated in the NT.

1) Matthew 22:37; Romans 1:25; 2) Romans 1:23; 1 Corinthians 5:10-11; 6:9; 10:7; Galatians 5:20; Ephesians 5:5; Colossians 3:5; 1 Thessalonians 1:9; 1 John 5:21; 3) Romans 2:24; James 2:7; 4) not repeated; 5) Matthew 15:4; 19:18; Romans 1:30; Ephesians 6:1-3; 1 Timothy 1:9; 2 Timothy 3:2; 6) Romans 1:29; 13:9; 1 Timothy 1:9; James 2:11; 4:2; 1 John 3:12; 7) Matthew 5:27-28; Romans 13:9; 1 Corinthians 5:1-5; 6:9, 13-20; 7:2; 10:8; Galatians 5:19; Colossians 3:5; Hebrews 12:16; 13:4; 8) Romans 13:9; Ephesians 4:28; 9) Ephesians 4:25; 10) Colossians 3:5 (this is not an exhaustive list)

### C. The rest of the OT should be applied in light of several changes brought about by the New Covenant.