

Title: The Good Law

Subject Sentence: The lawful use of the law is to expose a sinner's legal guilt so that the work of Christ can be seen as good news (the gospel).

Review

1. Doctrine
 - a. Definition Per Peter
 - b. All adhere to doctrine
 - c. Preaching of sound doctrine is necessary
2. Paul's command to stop the teaching of false doctrine
 - a. The false doctrine revolved around the misapplication of the Law 1 Timothy 4:3a
 - b. Paul was often accused of speaking against the law but claims the law is good Vs8

The Lawful Use of the Law

1. The law does not apply to everyone Vs9a
 - a. It is not for the *Righteous* (Christians)
 - i. Their righteousness is a gift -Romans 3:21-22; Titus 3:5-7
 1. They remain righteous Colossians 2:13-14
 2. The *Righteous* is a repentant person 1 John 1:8-9 (intro to part b.)
 - ii. Righteousness is a virtue to be pursued Romans 6:13, Philippians 1:11
 1. Righteousness is not pursued by the law but by love Romans 13:8-10

The law does not apply to the *Righteous* because Jesus has paid the penalty of their law breaking. They are free from the punishment of the law but now live in a pursuit of righteousness, not out of fear of judgement, but out of love for their savior the Lord Jesus.

To imply that the *Righteous* must adhere to the law to enhance their position before God or as a means of gain from God is an unlawful use of the law and is a false doctrine.

2. The law applies to guilty law breakers Vs9b-10
 - a. Sins against God are condemned
 - i. Lawless & Disobedient
 - ii. Ungodly and Sinners
 - iii. Unholy and Profane
 - b. Sins against others are condemned
 - i. Murders of Parents – Exodus 20:12
 - ii. Murder – Exodus 20:13
 - iii. Whoremongers and them that defile themselves with mankind – Exodus 20:14
 - iv. Menstealers – Exodus 21:16
 - v. Liars and perjurers – Exodus 20:16
 - vi. any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine – extreme sins were noted to enhance Paul's point, but any sin committed makes a person a law breaker and guilty

The law was made to bring to light sin, the breaking of God's law, and to show humanities need for salvation. The law is the bad news for humanity that gospel (good news) saves them from.

The doctrine of the gospel includes the bad news of legal guilt brought on by the law. To remove legal guilt and the associated punishment from the gospel creates a false doctrine. Legal guilt, God's justice and wrath must be a part of the gospel presentation (appropriately given in love). God's redemption of the sinner is then good news. A gospel presentation that simply speaks of "having a good life", "having earthly problems resolved", or of "mental peace/joy" is a false gospel presentation.