

Gospel: The Foundation of the Law

1. The Irony of Russell
2. Who do you rely on for your Salvation?

I. Law and Gospel (5:1-6)

A. What do we mean by “Law?”

1. Ten Commandments = Lit. “ten words” (Ex. 34:28, Deut. 4:13 and Deut. 10:4)
2. Covenant (*berith*) = Marriage Relationship
(same word in Mal.2:14)
3. Law (*torah*) = “instruction” “guidance”
4. Legalism = relationship to a law

B. What is the Basis for the Law? (5:6)

1. Law is not given to save. Salvation precedes law.
2. Law is given based upon God’s merciful and redemptive acts: the gospel.

II. The Heart of the Law (6:4-9, 20-25)

A. What does God consider most important about Law-keeping?

1. Love God with your whole being (Jn.14:15)
2. Immerse yourself in His Word
3. Know that Righteousness is received, not achieved.

B. What does this say about God?

1. God is not Legalistic.
2. God desires obedience based on a faithful, covenant relationship

III. Law and Salvation

A. Do God and I share the same view about Law and Salvation? (Rom.3:21ff)

B. Who am I trusting in for my Salvation?

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