

The Fulfilling of the Law

Purpose: To teach children that Christ fulfilled the law.

Jesus Christ lived on earth during the Christ Administration.

Throughout that time, there were strict rules called laws that the people were to obey. There were so many laws that if we were to list them all, they would fill pages and pages. It was almost impossible to obey them all. No matter how much people tried, they still made mistakes and disobeyed the law. Let's go to God's word to learn some of these laws.

One law said that people couldn't work on the Sabbath.

(Deu 5:12-15 KJV) *Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee. {13} Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work: {14} But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt*



not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou. {15} And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.

The Sabbath was on Saturday. Since no one could work on that day, the women would prepare Saturday's meals on Friday. Men would not work and the children could not even play on the Sabbath. Can you imagine not playing for an entire day? This was just one of the Ten Commandments listed in Deuteronomy.

(Share some of the other commandments with the children. For example, there were certain foods they were not allowed to eat. If they ate these foods, it was considered sin.)

Some of the consequences the people received when they did not obey the law are listed in Deuteronomy 28:20-45:

(Read portions of this section to the children. Be sure the children understand that God did not make the people sick, etc.; rather, the people brought these negative conditions upon themselves

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when they refused to obey the law.)

Jesus Christ never sinned and he was the complete sacrifice for our sin because he fulfilled the Law. He ended the Law by his perfect obedience.

(Rom 10:4 KJV) For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

Jesus Christ paid the price for Adam's high treason. We do not have to pay a price by obeying the Old Testament laws.

You do not have to pay for ice cream two times. What if your friend brought you an ice cream cone. Once he bought it, you could enjoy it. You would not have to pay for it again, would you? If your friend paid for it, then it is paid. It is absolutely all yours and that settles it. Paying for the ice cream a second time does not make it anymore yours than it was the moment your friend first paid for it. For us to try to obey all the Old Testament laws would be foolish since Christ already paid the price.

Today we live in the Age of Grace. We are no longer under the Law. Instead, we have

the freedom to love and serve others.

(Rom 13:8 KJV) Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

(Rom 13:10 KJV) Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

We've just learned that love is the fulfilling of the law. We love others by obeying God's Word. Ephesians 4:32 tells us to be kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving.

(Eph 4:32 KJV) And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Another example is in Colossians 3:20.

(Col 3:20 KJV) Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

Obey our parents in the Lord.

(Gal 6:10 KJV) As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto

them who are of the household of faith.

We are to be especially good unto the household of faith. This means we are to be especially good to our Christian brothers and sisters.

As we walk in love, we will be blessed. Our lives will become a blessing to others. As God's children, let's do our best every day to walk in love.

Much Love in Christ,

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