

MORAL LAWS - Jesus obeyed them all. These are the laws God also expects us to obey. God still expects us not to steal, murder, covet, etc. It is these laws that we should fulfill every day through love, following the example of Jesus.

Since love is the fulfilling of these “Moral Laws”, what does that look like? What is the practical outworking of that?

The law says, “Don’t steal.” Love says, “I won’t steal from you because I love you.”

The law says, “Don’t covet.” Love says, “I won’t covet your things because I love you.”

This is the practicality of “love”. **Love leads to obedience!**

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

How has our motivation and enabling changed?

Under the Law

- * **Motivation** = earning something from God, salvation, favor, blessings, etc.
- * **Enabling** = self effort

Under Grace

- * **Motivation** = love for God and what He has done for us, and for others
- * **Enabling** = the indwelling Holy Spirit, it is no longer I but Christ

*“For **this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments:** and his commandments are not grievous.”* (1 John 5:3)

*“This I say then, **Walk in the Spirit,** and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”* (Galatians 5:16)

Conclusion

Most assuredly we are not under the Law as a means of salvation. No one has ever been saved by obedience to the Law.

We are definitely not expected to keep the sacrificial, penal, or ceremonial aspects of the Law. Those have been completely fulfilled in Jesus.

God does expect us to fulfill “love”, and “love is the fulfilling of the law”. Therefore, the moral aspects of the Law are still being fulfilled by God’s people every day... through **LOVE!**



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*“But we know that **the law is good...**”*
(1 Timothy 1:8)

*“For we know that **the law is spiritual...**”* (Romans 7:14)

*“Wherefore **the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.**”* (Romans 7:12)

What does it mean when believers say, “We are not under the Law? We are under grace.” This phrase is used in a wide variety of situations. Often it is used when someone wants to justify themselves in disobedience to Biblical instructions.

Are you saying, Jesus died so that we can break the Law?

The words “we are not under the Law”, seems to be the battle cry of Christians who rebel against some notion of obedience. Following simple rules of grammar, the notion of “not being under the Law” readily lends itself to the legitimate question, “Are we now allowed to sin?” **God forbid!**

*“What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? **God forbid.**”*
(Romans 6:15)

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WE ARE NOT UNDER THE LAW!

Obviously, grace does **NOT** make allowance for sin. Now we need a working definition of “sin”. What does the Bible tell us sin is, and how does that impact our obedience to the Law?

*“...for **sin is the transgression of the law.**”*
(1 John 3:4)

This should begin to shed new light upon being “under grace”. Grace does not allow the recipients of God’s grace to sin, and sin is violating the Law.

Here is another verse that clarifies God’s perspective on the Law.

*“Do we then make void the law through faith? **God forbid: yea, we establish the law.**”*
(Romans 3:31)

**The Bible says we are not under the Law.
What does this mean?**

“But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.” (Galatians 5:18)

*“For **sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.**”*
(Romans 6:14)

*“For **Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.**”*
(Romans 10:4)

The bottom line in regards to not being “under the Law” is in the light of salvation.

Jesus is the **end of the Law** for **RIGHTEOUSNESS!**

Notice that Jesus is **NOT** the end of the Law, but rather the end of the Law as it pertains to **righteousness**. The Law is part of God’s Word, and God says that His Word will never pass away (see Matthew 24:35).

God expects us to keep the Laws that pertain to moral issues. The Law is only a problem to those attempting to earn salvation by keeping it. Does God **EXPECT** you to keep the Law (at least parts of it)? **YES, HE DOES!**

For example:

* God **EXPECTS** us to not murder.

* God **EXPECTS** us not to lie.

* God **EXPECTS** us not to covet our neighbor’s spouse (or property).

* God **EXPECTS** us not to steal.

**So what aspects of the Law
does God expect us to keep?**

*“For verily I say unto you, **Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.**”*
(Matthew 5:18)

First, according to Jesus, none of the Law has passed away, since Heaven and earth are still here. This immediately gives rise to many questions.

If the Law is not yet done away with, why don’t we still sacrifice animals? Why don’t we still stone people? etc.

The answer to these questions lies in studying which parts of the Law have been completely fulfilled and which parts are still being fulfilled today.

SACRIFICIAL LAWS - These have been completely fulfilled in Jesus! We should never make sacrifices for sins again since the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, died once for all, and His sacrifice is eternally perfect!

*“But this man, after he had **offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;**”* (Hebrews 10:12)

PENAL LAWS - These have also been completely fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus paid the price, the penalty, for sin. Therefore, we must no longer exact the penalties for sin required in the penal laws.

*“For **ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.**”* (1 Corinthians 6:20)

TEMPLE / CEREMONIAL LAWS - Since the Temple no longer exists and has been replaced by the Body of Christ, the physical applications of these laws are no longer a mandate for the Temple building. There may of course be spiritual applications.

*“What? **know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?**”*
(1 Corinthians 6:19)