

# Paul, His Life and Teachings

## Paul's Theology

### The Law

### Lesson 23



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Did God give you what you need  
this week?

Have you had a good week?

Anyone spend time in court?

Anyone asked a judge to sanction  
you?

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# The Dallas Morning News

One of the new lawyers hired by SMU, Houston attorney Mark Lanier, said Tuesday that the settlement offer was rejected before he joined the case. He said he is prepared to play "hardball" to bring the matter to an end.

"SMU has been overly generous," he said. "You don't negotiate with terrorists, and you don't give in to a shakedown."

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# “Disqualify Mark Lanier”

## I. BACKGROUND

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This week, I needed an introduction of  
someone misusing the law in a way  
that I found offensive



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# Our goals - What does Paul say about the law as it applies to:



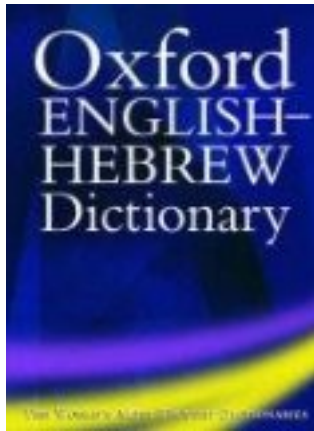
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The core meaning is

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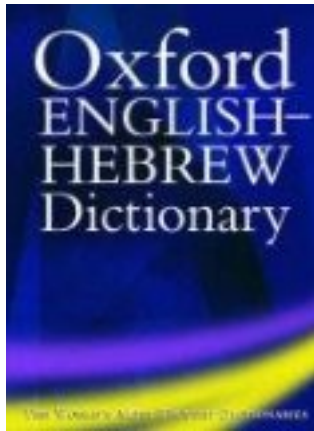
“The teaching [torah] of the wise  
is a fountain of life” (Pro. 13:14)

Hebrew  
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Torah  
“Law”

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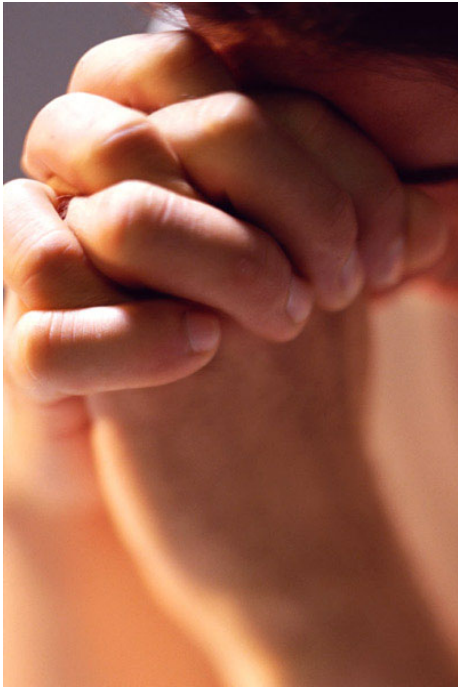


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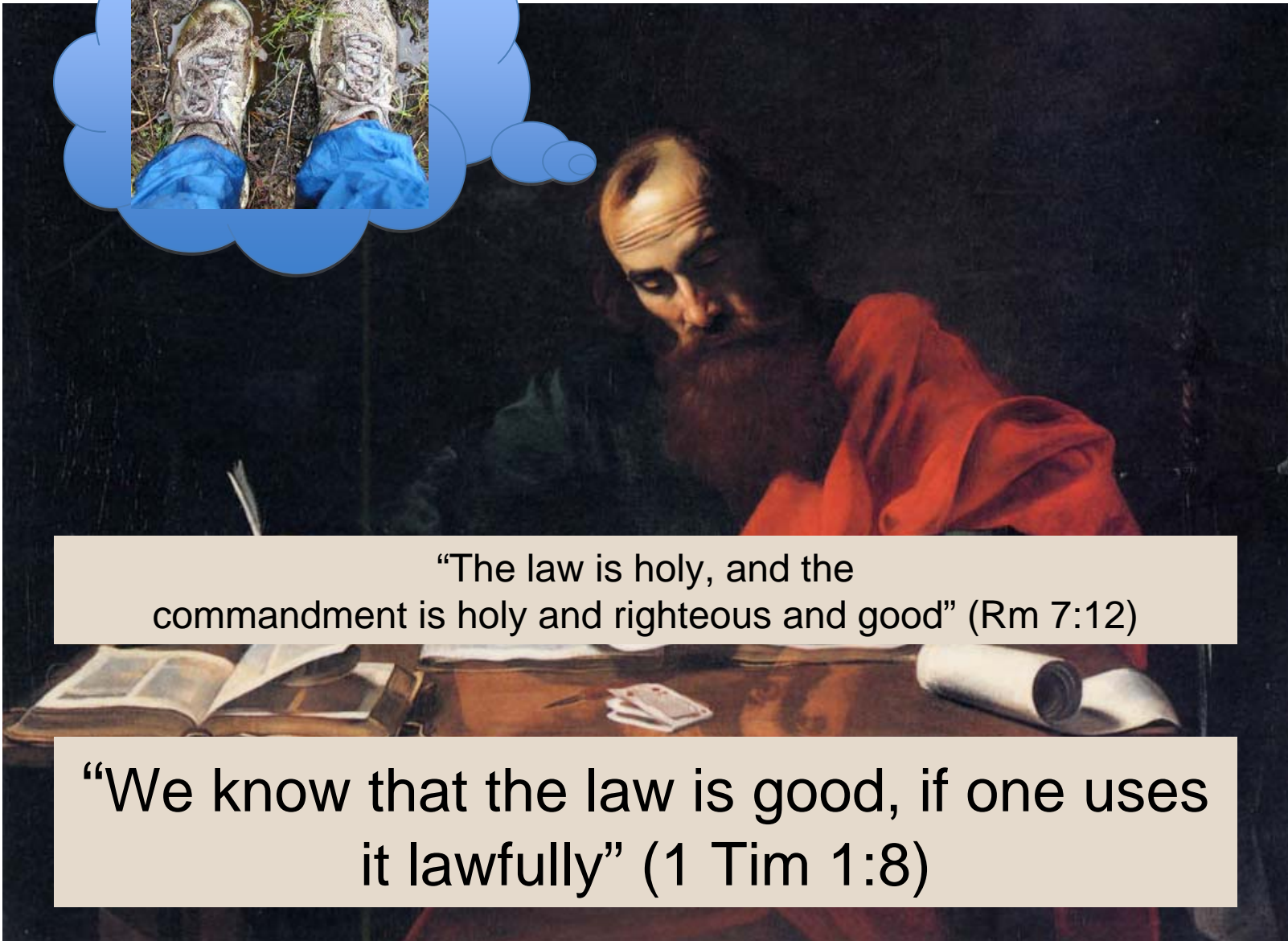
Even muddy shoes are a good thing in the right place!



# Was the “Law” nailed to the cross?







“The law is holy, and the  
commandment is holy and righteous and good” (Rm 7:12)

“We know that the law is good, if one uses  
it lawfully” (1 Tim 1:8)

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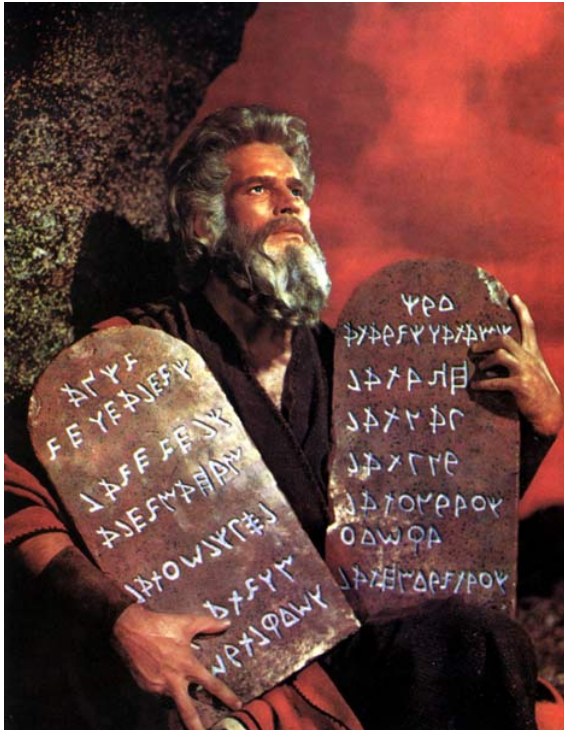
# The Law was originally an ethnic covenant

“Speak to  
the people  
of Israel...”



“If... then...”  
Blessings  
and curses

If you will keep my covenant, you shall be  
my treasured possession among all peoples  
(Ex. 19:5)



If you will keep my  
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19:5)

Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD,  
when I will make a new covenant not like the  
covenant I made when I took them out of Egypt. I  
will put my law within them and I will write it on their  
hearts and they shall be my people. (Jer. 31)

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“If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void” (Rom 4:14)

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Nothing is  
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but it is unclean  
for anyone who  
thinks it is unclean  
(Rm. 14:14)

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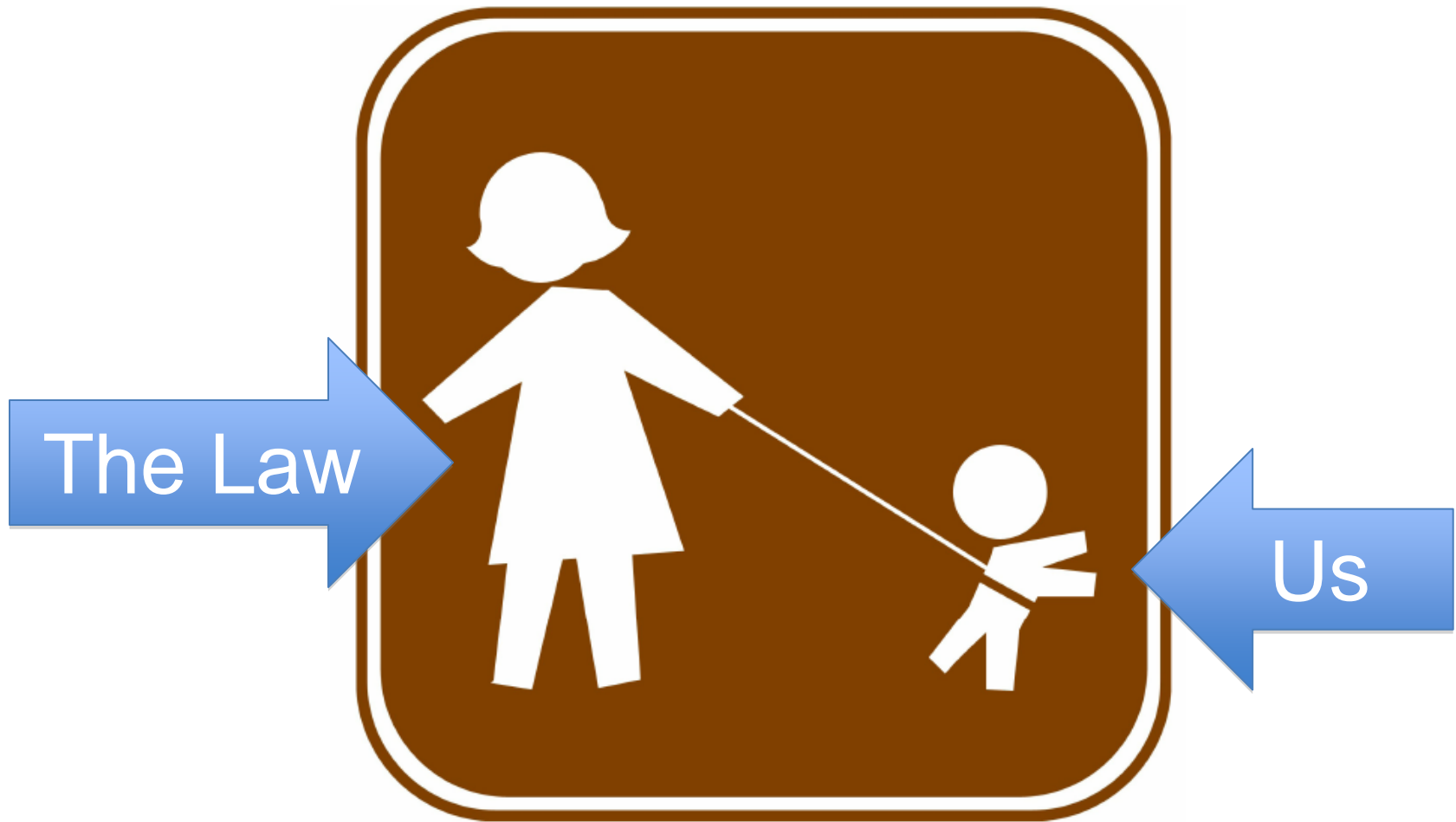
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“If it had not  
been for the  
law, I would not  
have known sin”  
(Rm. 7:7)

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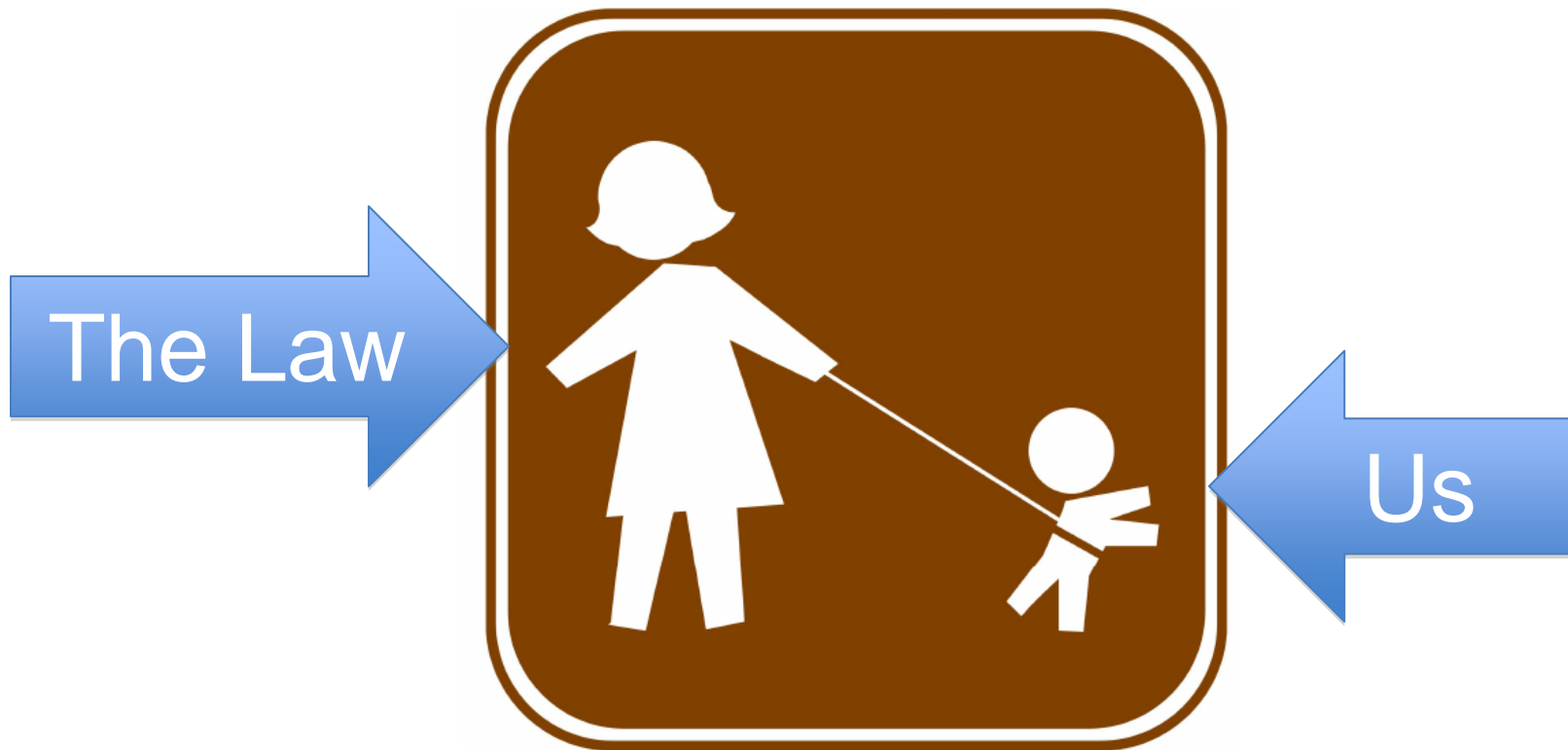
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The law was our “guardian” (*paidagogos*) until Christ came but now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian





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## **The Law is:**

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3. The Law functions to lead one to Christ
4. The Torah points to Christ

# Our goals - What does Paul say about the law as it applies to:

~~and~~  
“instructions”



Christian



Church



## **The Law is NOT:**

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3. Israel's Promises are fulfilled in Christ and the church



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## **The Law is NOT:**

1. Paul never pushed for the Law as part of government
2. The Law was not Paul's blue print for social structures
3. The Law was not Paul's blue print for the national economy

## **The Law is:**

1. The Law was the proper influence on values for Christians
2. Christians take to values God placed in the law in all aspects of life

Pray for: “kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way” (1 Tim. 2:1-2)

“When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? (1 Cor. 6:1)

“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God.” (Rom. 13:1)



Should we legislate Old  
Testament morality?



For the same  
crimes?

Death  
penalty?

Should the criminal  
penalties line up?



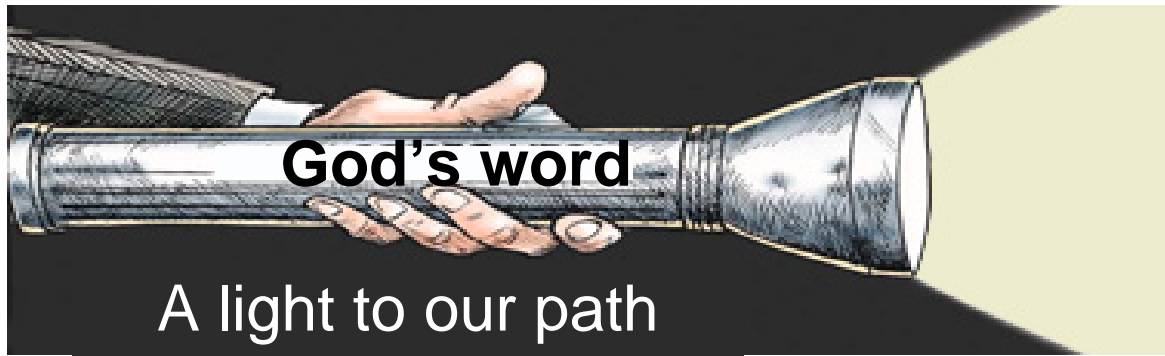
# Points for Home

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*“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets” (Mt 5:17)*



It all comes back to  
Jesus



# Points for Home

*“What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace?”*

(Rom. 6:15)



Holiness is a  
blessed opportunity



# Points for Home

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*"So the law is holy"* (Rom. 7:12)



Give the Law its  
proper place