THE LAW OF CHRIST
LIVING AFTER THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

“Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.”

~ Galatians 6:2

1. Where is Our Life
   a. The law is useful to bring knowledge of sin, is it useful for the man saved by grace?
   b. The law is holy, just, good, but it cannot give life to sinners – Gal 3:21-22
   c. Christians still think after Christ saves them, they must live after the law... no, no, no.
   d. There is a difference between living lawfully and living in Christ
   e. If life by law makes Christ death vain, then we must choose – Gal 2:21, Ro 10:4
   f. Do we live with the law or with Christ?

2. Love of Christ – How is it different?
   a. "O how I love thy law!" – Ps 119:97, 113–“I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love"
   b. Jesus Christ is God, the law is not, – David loved the law because it was from God.
   c. The Lord Jesus Christ is a person not an impersonal law or command
   d. The law commanded love; love would fulfill the law, but can love be forced? Deu 6:5
   e. Living under the law leads you to mind the law, living under Christ the mind of Christ
   f. What inspires love more than words? deeds, actions, images, people –Co 1:15,2Co 4:4
   g. We must move our affection from the law to Christ – Eph 6:24, 1 Cor 16:22, Ro 15:30
   h. Paul’s prayer is we know the love of Christ (not the law) – Eph 3:16-19

3. Law of Christ – How does it work?
   a. The greatest two laws: to love God, and love your neighbor - Matt 22:37-40, Ro 13:8
   b. The law of love is contrary to the law of Christ – Gal 2:20, 5:4; Rom 8:2-3
   c. The law of works of keeps us shut up unto faith – Gal 3:23
   d. Our salvation and service are not just by faith, but faith in Christ our Saviour –1Ti 4:10
   e. The law of works can only motivate with fear, guilt, shame; Christ motivates with love
   f. Would you trust one who obeys orders, or one motivated by love? - Rom 5:8
   g. The love of Christ constrains us – 2 Cor 5:14-15, but how?
   h. He died for all, we were all dead, we should not live unto ourselves, but unto him.
   i. This is not the moral law vs. ceremonial law – this is the principle in a person (Christ)
   j. To people confused about the law, Paul says fulfill the law of Christ - Gal 6:2
   k. See it in action in Titus 3:1-5 or Eph 5:22-33, 2 Cor 5:16-17, or Phil 2:5-11

4. Life in Christ – What do we do?
   a. The rudiments of the world (philosophy, tradition, law) are not after Christ –Co 2:8, 20
   b. All treasures of knowledge are hid in Christ – Col 2:2
   c. To live is Christ – Phil 1:21; If we want to pursue life, we must pursue Christ –Phi 3:10
   d. It is the crucified life because it leads us to reckon ourselves dead with Christ – Ro 6
   e. It is the resurrected life because it gives you resurrection power (the law can’t) – Ro 8
   f. Who will we serve? The law or Christ? Our own righteousness or God’s through Christ?
   g. There can be many laws – people can copy God’s laws – but there is only one Christ
   h. Do we live with the law or with Christ? Col 3:3 – Our life is hid with Christ in God.