The Purpose of Christ's Word

In the world, mankind lives in the darkness of sin. There is none that does good. Because man is inclined towards evil, the secular world has laws that make it possible for us to live together. They condemn and punish evil deeds, but they have no power to work towards making man perfect.

Scripture tells us the same about the law of Moses, which was "added" because of transgressions. (Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions. Galatians 3:19)

But in the Kingdom of Heaven things are not as they are in the world. Those who are in the eternal Kingdom of God live in the light and are perfect, just as He is. (We know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him. 1 John 3:2)

So that we may come to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ, we have been given the law of the Kingdom, the law of Christ, which speaks to the inner man in order to change our hearts. This law is far superior to the Law of Moses. (Being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ. 1 Corinthians 9:21)

We want to point out that the Law of the Kingdom, which is also called the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, must not be confused with the Law of Moses (Romans 8:2). The law is holy and just (Romans 7:12), but it could not make man perfect. (…for the law made nothing perfect. Hebrews 7:19; For the law having a shadow of good things to come… can never… make the comers thereunto perfect. Hebrews 10:1)

The Law of the Kingdom, the Law of Christ, is far superior to the moral law of Moses, and its aim is to make us like Him, so that we take on His character. (He that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. Romans 13:8; Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2)

So whoever fulfils the Law of Christ will not abolish the Law of Moses but will establish it. (Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law. Romans 3:31; That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk… after the Spirit. Romans 8:4)

Look a little closer and you will see that God's laws express His way of thinking, His very nature. (In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1; The glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God. 2 Corinthians 4:4)

It is essential that we understand that all the commandments we are to live by are a faithful picture of His character. His commandments show us how He lived; they show us His ways. All of His commandments, absolutely all of them, actually represent Him.

Every teaching, every commandment, in the Gospel has a feature of the Lord Jesus hidden within it; it hides within it the perfect beauty of His character.

Just as all the features of the one who is to be born are hidden in the human embryo, so the features of the Lord Jesus are hidden in the seed of God. (The seed is the word of God. Luke 8:11) That is why we cannot neglect a single commandment, because the Lord's features are found in His commandments. So we can say, without being wrong, that the Lord puts His laws into our hearts in order to rewrite, to imprint, His image in us. (I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them. Hebrews 10:16; We have the mind of Christ. 1 Corinthians 2:16)

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