



WHY GOD GAVE THE LAW

*The Law Was Never Given to Save—
But to Reveal and Protect*

To understand the trap of legalism, we must first understand the purpose of the Law. God did not give the Law because man needed a system to earn His favor. God gave the Law because man needed:

- 1 A REVEALER OF SIN** – The Law exposes what sin is.
"The law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good."
(Romans 7:12)
- 2 A STANDARD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** – The Law reflects God's perfect character.
"Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good." (Romans 7:12)
- 3 A GUARD AGAINST CHAOS** – The Law brought order, justice, and protection to Israel.
"The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver." (Psalm 119:72)
- 4 A TUTOR TO LEAD US TO CHRIST** – The Law was our schoolmaster until Christ came.
"Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith."
(Galatians 3:24)
- 5 A COVENANT SIGN BETWEEN GOD AND ISRAEL** – The Law defined the nation's relationship with God.
"And all that the Lord hath spoken we will do." (Exodus 19:8)

The Law was good, holy, and just. The problem was never the Law—it was man's attempt to use the Law to obtain what only grace could provide.

THE LAW WAS A MIRROR, NOT A LADDER.

It showed us our need.
It could not give us what we needed.
Only Christ could do that.



THE LAW IS GOOD BECAUSE...

- It comes from a good God.
- It reflects a good character.
- It promotes a good society.
- It protects what is good.
- It points to the need for something better—GRACE!

"Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God."

ROMANS 3:19 (KJV)

KEY POINTS

- ✓ The Law was never meant to be our Savior.
- ✓ The Law was given to show us our need of a Savior.
- ✓ The Law exposes sin but cannot remove sin.
- ✓ The Law cannot give life. Only Christ can.
- ✓ Legalism misuses the Law and misses the Gospel.

**THE LAW LEADS
US TO CHRIST.
GRACE KEEPS US IN HIM.**