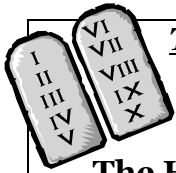


Galatians 3:19 What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator.



The Law had a Beginning

“It was **added**...”

Exodus 19 & 20; Heb. 12:18-21

The HISTORY of the LAW of Moses

It was DISPENSATIONAL

The Law was given through Moses (John 1:17; 7:19).

The Law did not abolish or alter God's unconditional promise to Abraham (Gal. 3:17). God promised that in Abraham, all the nations of the earth would be blessed (Gen. 12:1-3), which included being justified by faith (Gal. 3:6-9).

The RECIPIENTS of the Law

The law of Moses was given exclusively to the nation of Israel, not the Gentiles (Deut. 4:8; 5:1-3; Rom. 9:4,5; Eph. 2:11,12; Rom. 2:17-18; John 18:31).

The CONTENTS of the Law

One indivisible unit with three segments

Jas 2:10 For whoever shall keep **the whole law**, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.
Gal. 3:10b Cursed is everyone who does not continue in **all** things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.

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| Commandments | <i>Moral Law</i> | Exodus 20 |
| Judgments | <i>Social/Civic Law</i> | Exodus 21:1 to 24:11 |
| Ordinances | <i>Religious Life & Sacrificial Requirements</i> | Exodus 25:12 to 31:18 |

The Law of Moses cannot be separated from its penalties. The law stripped of its penalties minimizes its holiness and Christ's work on the cross (Gal. 3:13; Rom. 3:26; Tit. 2:14; Heb. 7:26-27, 9:15).

The NATURE of the Law

The law is holy, just, good, and spiritual (Rom. 7:12,14; 1 Tim. 1:8), but it was never given to save anyone (Rom 3:20). The law could not bring life, as its ministry was condemnation and death (Gal. 3:21; Rom. 7:10; 2 Cor. 3:7, 9), to confine all under sin (Gal. 3:22).

The Law had a Purpose

“...**because** of transgression...”

Romans 3:19, 20; 5:20

Why the Law was Given

To reveal sin as a transgression — a violation of a known established law.

Romans 4:15 because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression.

To expose the lawless and ungodly.

1 Timothy 1:9 knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers (see also vs. 10).

To increase our knowledge of sin and guilt and show us our need for a Savior.

Romans 3:19-20 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. **20** Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin (see also Romans 7:7).

To show the awful quality of our sinful nature —the law stirs up rather than puts an end to the inherent evil of our sin nature.

Romans 7:8 But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. (see also Rom. 5:20; 1 Cor. 15:56).

To act as a restraining guard until true freedom is found in Christ.

Galatians 3:23-24 But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. **24** Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

The Law had an End

“...**till** the seed should come....”

Galatians 3:16

Jesus Christ...

Was born under the Law

Galatians 4:4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

Confirmed the Promises to Israel

Romans 15:8 Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers,

Fulfilled the Law and Paid the Penalty it Demanded

Matthew 5:17 Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

Hebrews 10:9-12 then He said, "*Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.*" He takes away the first that He may establish the second. **10** By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. **11** And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. **12** But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God (see also Heb. 9:26).

Has Redeemed us from the Law

Galatians 3:13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree")

Has Delivered us from the Law so that we should be married to another, and bring forth fruit unto God

Romans 7:4 Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

Romans 7:6 But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.

Is the End of the Law for Righteousness

Romans 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believes.

Brought in Grace and Truth

John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.