

Need to examine the Believer's relationship to the Law

1. Several typical answers, have been given to the question: Is the Christian under the law?
 - a. Some argue that the believer is under the _____ law, but not under the ceremonial law.
 - b. Others say that we are under the moral law, but not under its _____.
 - c. Still others assert that we are under the moral law as a rule of life, but not as a way of _____.
 - d. Another view is that we are under the Sermon on the _____, but not under the law of Sinai.
 - e. A rather curious view advanced recently is that the Christian believer is under the law of _____, but not under the law of _____. Luke 2:21-24, 39; Mark 7:8-13

2. The following verses clearly states that the Believer is not under the Law as the governing principle for their life:

Romans 6:14, 15

Romans 7:4

Romans 7:6

Gal. 3:25

Gal. 5:18

1 Cor. 9:20

3. The 3 phrases to "die to the Law" [7:4], "to be released from the Law" [7:2], "not under the Law" [6:14; Gal. 5:18] means that we as Believers are freed from the condemnation of the Law and separated totally from it as a **source of motivation and regulation of their life.**

4. To be "under grace" means that the Believer is under the dynamic and regulatory controls of grace; that is we are under authority of **grace as the governing principle for our life.**

5. Believers are dead to the Law in its entirety including the Moral Law (the ten commandments);

6. Deliverance from the Law does not mean that Believers are left without principles.

- Note the following New Testament uses of the word "law" which are distinct from the Mosaic Law: in each example, the word can be equated with "**principle**" or "**principles.**"

Romans 8:2 " ... the law of the Spirit of life in Christ ... "

1 Cor. 9:21 " ... under the law of Christ" (lit., "inlawed to Christ")

Gal. 6:2 " ... so fulfill the law of Christ"

James 2:12 " ... so do as they that shall be judged by a law of liberty" (compare 1:25)