

### Theme: The Ten Commandments

Summary of the Ten Commandments; what to learn from the law

The post-reformation Church emphasizes justification by faith. Obeying the law itself does not lead to justification. What, then, is the meaning of the Law of Moses to Christians already justified by faith? In the gospels, Jesus never denied the authority of the commandments.

As individuals, we learn from the commandments the Law's usefulness in three ways: to maintain an orderly society; to recognize the horrid nature of sin thus leading one to Christ; and to lead us to obedience of God's standards and punishment of the Law.

As a society, the commandments are a force that sustains it. They are God's vision for a society where everyone fears Him: all will worship Him (1-3), keep regular schedules (4), respect marriage and family (5,7), respect private property and ownership (8, 10), respect life and personal safety (6), and respect truth in relationships (9).

Christians should live out the spirit of the Law, fear God and glorify Him.

#### Reflection

- Have we lived out the spirit of the Law?
- Do we fear the Lord on matters big and small?

#### Renew

- Focus on a specific small matter on which we can ask the Lord to help us, change us so that we live out the spirit of the Law.
- Strive to spread the gospel, which is to obey the Great Commission, teach new believers as the Lord commanded us and build them up to be mature disciples.

#### Prayer requests

- May all brothers and sister see the horrid nature of sin, trust in the Lord Jesus and fear God.
- For the Church -
  - Pray for further development of this church in the next 50 years.
  - For brothers and sisters to devote themselves to evangelism and honor God in our daily lives
  - Those in pain or sickness and waiting for employment will have hope, peace, and joy in the Lord.
- For the Kingdom -
  - The Father will lead those enduring suffering and distress to Him.
  - Missionaries follow the Great Commission and advance the Kingdom to the whole world.
  - The unreached peoples of the world can hear the gospel and believe in it.
  - For governments and rulers to fear God and rule the countries according to the spirit of the Ten Commandments.