

The Law of Christ

But while Paul teaches freedom from the Mosaic law of works, he does not think of the Christian as free from all law. Even grace is thought of as being *over* the Christian, something that controls his life (Rom. vi. 14), though from within (2 Cor. v. 14).

For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. (Rom. 6:14)

For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead. (2 Cor. 5:14)

The Christian is a servant to obedience, to righteousness, and to God (Rom. vi. 16, 18, 22). He dies to the law in order to be joined to Christ, to be subject to Him, as the wife is subject to her husband (Rom. vii. 4).

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? (Rom. 6:16)

Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. (Rom. 6:18)

But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. (Rom. 6:22)

Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, *even* to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. (Rom. 7:4)

Even the Gospel is called a law, the law of faith (Rom. iii. 27), the law of Christ (Gal. vi. 2). But law for the Christian differs most widely from the old law as apprehended by the Jews, inasmuch as it is in harmony with the perfect liberty of Christ (Gal. ii. 4; v. 1). It is not a yoke of bondage, but a constraint of love (2 Cor. v. 14).

Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. (Rom. 3:27)

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. (Gal. 6:2)

And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage. (Gal. 2:4)

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. (Gal. 5:1)

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