

THE PERFECT LAW OF LIBERTY

Text: James 2:12

INTRO: In the opening lines of his account of the gospel, John wrote: "For the law was given thru Moses but grace & truth came thru Jesus Christ" (JN 1:17). John's statement has been misunderstood by many, as tho it proved there is no law from God today. What the verse does, is to make a contrast between 2 systems: The O.T. system was basically a system of law, tho John did not mean to imply that it contained neither grace nor truth. It contained both. The N.T. system is a system of grace & truth, but it is crystal clear that it contains law. God's law for today is the gospel of Christ.

I. THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST IS CALLED A LAW.

For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. (Heb 7:12).

Bear one anothers burdens & so fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2).

James 1:25

Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. (Rom. 3:27)

Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus... (Rom 8:2).

II. THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST IS A LAW OF LIBERTY.

A. It frees us from:

1. Sin, John 8:32.

2. The law of Moses

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, & do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. (Gal. 5:1).

3. Human restrictions, 1 Tim. 4:1-4.

4. The law of sin & death.

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin & death. (Rom 8:2).

axiom, Rom 6:23; Gen 2:17; Ezek 18:20;
Js 1:15

B. But better yet, it frees us to:

1. Be children of God who can approach Him in prayer as our heavenly Father.

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy & find grace to help in time of need.
(Heb 4:16)

2. Have the best things this world has to offer & then go home to heaven. READ MARK 10:29-30

Matt. 11:28-30 READ I COR. 3:21-23

III. WE SHALL SOMEDAY BE JUDGED BY THIS LAW OF LIBERTY. John 12:48; Rev 20:12

...God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel. (Rom. 2:16).

IV. IN VIEW OF THESE FACTS, JAMES TELLS US HOW TO LIVE:

A. So speak:

1. In public, 1 Pet. 4:11
2. In private conversation.

Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. (Eph. 4:29).

Matt. 12:36-37

B. So do: 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Rev. 22:18-19

CONCLUSION: We shall appear before the judgment seat of Christ, 2 Cor 5:10. We will be judged by the perfect law of liberty. It behooves us to live by that standard.

Highway 29, Liberty Hill, TX, November 8, 1964
Cox Springs, TX, November 12, 1964
Cox Springs, TX, August 13, 1967
Jonestown, TX, November 9, 1969
Springhill, LA, November 12, 1972
KBSF Radio, Springhill, LA, December 30, 1973
Fountainview Nursing Home, Springhill, LA, January 17, 1974
Exton, PA, August 25, 1985
Shiloh, Mexia, TX, October 20, 1996
Susquehanna, Marietta, PA, September 12, 1999