

## The law – Pt 2 Fulfilment of the law – bible love

In our previous study on the law we established there is (i) the law of Moses, (ii) the law of sin, and (iii) the law of faith. The law of faith is the foundation for other New Testament laws which we establish in this study – (1) the law of the Spirit of Christ, (2) the law of righteousness, (3) love fulfils the law of Moses, and (4) the law of Christ is fulfilled when we bear one another's burdens.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

The law of faith is the foundation for other New Testament laws –

### 1. The law of the Spirit of Christ

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

The Spirit is given in truth and righteousness, and received by faith.

### 2. The law of righteousness

"But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness" (Rom.9: 31).

Righteousness is by faith. "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth" (1Cor.10: 4).

### 3. Love fulfils the law –

\* of Moses – "Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law" (Rom.13: 8). See also Rom.13:10 and Gal.5: 14.

\* of Christ – when we bear one another's burdens (Gal.6: 2).

When we walk in the Spirit in truth and in righteousness –

\* there is liberty (freedom) from sin and death, and we fulfil the law of liberty, and

\* we can then love our brethren as Christ loved us and gave himself for us.

Illustration to help apply our teaching to our life.

The Pope offers love to the world to win favour and to cover up his sin, that people would see him as Christ on earth. But the Pope is an imposter, Christ "pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me" (Rom.15: 3).

Questions to think about.

i) Does the love of the Pope fulfil the law of Moses?

ii) Does the love of the world fulfil the law of Christ?

Our answers from the scriptures.

i) NO, the love of the Pope is purposed to deceive and beguile. Whereas, the love that fulfils the law of Moses is in truth, where we love as Christ loved us "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (Jn.15: 13).

ii) NO, the love of the world is selfish. Whereas the love that fulfils the law of Christ bears the burdens of others, "for even Christ pleased not himself, but, as it is written The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me" (Rom.15: 3).

Hence, love that is bible love is shown in the Spirit of Christ, in truth, and in righteousness, it is selfless.

In this time of national lock down let us (i) love our brethren in the Spirit, in truth, in righteousness, as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us, and (ii) bear one another's burdens by staying in contact, and fulfil the law of Moses and the law of Christ.