

## Three uses of the law

1. Curb - restraint on heathen and outward discipline
2. Mirror - knowledge of sin
3. Rule - a guide to regulate the Christian life of thanksgiving

62 Although Christians are exempt from curse and coercion

Nevertheless They are not without the law

Gen 1:26  
2:16

But As the redeemed, they should exercise themselves in the Law day and night

Ps 1:2

63 The Preaching of the Law is to be urged with diligence

64 Although Christians are regenerate  
and renewed in the spirit of the mind.

Eph 4:17-24

Rom 7:21-25

Yet Their regeneration and renewal  
is not complete

And Believers are in a constant struggle  
spirit of the mind - vs - flesh

OLD ADAM infects understanding, will, and power.

Therefore the Law of the Lord always needs to shine

A. So that man may not choose divine services  
not instituted by Word of God.

B. That man's (Old Adam) will may be subdued  
by admonitions and threats

by punishments and blows

1 Co. 9:27

Rom 6:12

Hob 12:1

§5 the punishment and threats of the Law → Works of the Law

§6 the Spirit of God works in believers without command, threat or reward → Fruits of the Spirit

§7 It is one and the same Law  
the difference concerns

the obedience in man  
either constraint and unwillingly  
or without constraint and willingly

# Solid Declaration VI

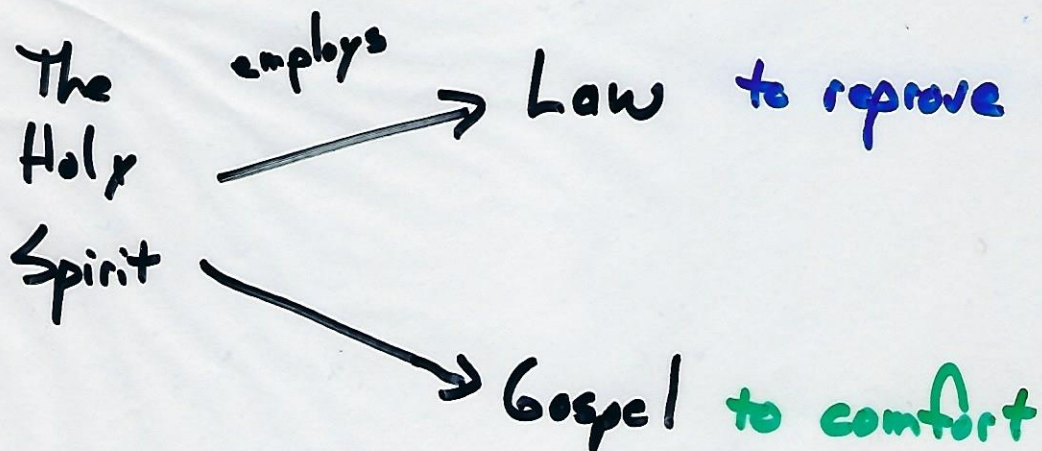
§10 The Law - shows the will of God  
- exposes sin  
- tells of God's wrath

The Gospel - shows the Love of God  
- forgives sin (creates faith)

§11 - gives the power and ability  
to begin and do the law. Col 1:16

- gives the Holy Spirit  
who renews the mind Gal 3:14

§12 After Conversion



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§22 The good works of believers

- are imperfect and impure because of sin  
in the flesh

Nevertheless

- They are acceptable and  
well-pleasing to God through faith  
for Christ's sake

§23 Christians are not under Law, but under Grace  
because by faith in Christ,

They are freed from the curse of the law  
and the condemnation of the law.

§24-25 Christians - behold God face-to-face  
- through the power of Holy Spirit Law Gospel  
Do the will of God with unmingled JOY  
voluntarily, unconstrained,...