1st Timothy
The Church of the Living God

Trouble with the Law

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"In contemplating the political institutions of the United States, I lament that we waste so much time and money in punishing crimes, and take so little pains to prevent them. We profess to be republicans and yet we **neglect the only means of establishing and perpetuating or republican forms of government**. That is, **the universal education of our youth in the principles of Christianity by the means of the Bible**." Benjamin Rush – *A Defense of the Use of the Bible as a School Book 1798*

“Without morals, a republic cannot subsist any length of time; **they therefore who are decrying the Christian religion…are undermining the solid foundation of morals**, the best security for the duration of free governments.”

-Charles Carroll

“To preserve the government we must also preserve morals. **Morality rests on religion**; if you destroy the foundation, the superstructure must fall. **When the public mind becomes vitiated and corrupt, laws are a nullity and constitutions are waste paper**.”

-Daniel Webster

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- 1 Timothy 1:6–7 from which some, **having strayed**, have turned aside to idle talk,
  7 desiring to be teachers of the law,
  understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm,

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➢ Leviticus 22:31–33 “Therefore you shall **keep My commandments, and perform them**: I *am* the LORD. 32 You shall **not profane My holy name, but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel.** I *am* the LORD who sanctifies you, 33 who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I *am* the LORD

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- Nehemiah 9:28-31 "But after **they had rest**, They again **did evil before You**. Therefore **You left them in the hand of their enemies**, So that they had dominion over them; Yet when they returned and cried out to You, You heard from heaven; And **many times You delivered them according to Your mercies**,

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- Nehemiah 9:29 And testified against them, That You might bring them back to Your law. **Yet they acted proudly, And did not heed Your commandments**, But sinned against Your judgments, 'Which if a man does, he shall live by them.' And they shrugged their shoulders, **Stiffened their necks**, And would not hear.

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- Nehemiah 9:30-31 Yet **for many years You had patience with them**, And testified against them by Your Spirit in Your prophets. **Yet they would not listen**; Therefore You gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands. 31 Nevertheless in Your great mercy **You did not utterly consume them nor forsake them**; For **You *are* God, gracious and merciful**.

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- Deuteronomy 5:28 “Then the LORD heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me, and the LORD said to me: ‘I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have spoken to you. They are right *in* all that they have spoken.

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- Galatians 3:24 Therefore the law was **our tutor** ***to bring us*** **to Christ, that we might be justified by faith**

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- Galatians 3:21 Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! **For if there had been a law given which could have given life**, truly righteousness would have been by the law

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- Psalm 1:2 But his (**blessed man**) **delight *is* in the law of the LORD**, And in His law he meditates day and night.
- Psalm 119:1 **Blessed *are*** the undefiled in the way, **Who walk in the law of the LORD**

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- 1 John 3:11 For this is the message that you heard **from the beginning**, that **we should love one another**.

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- 1 John 3:13–14 Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. [14] **We know that we have passed from death to life**, **because we love the brethren**. He who does not love *his* brother abides in death.

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B. The Law of God Was Given For This Purpose.

- 1 Timothy 1:9 knowing this: that the **law is not made for a righteous person, but for *the* lawless and insubordinate**, for *the* ungodly and for sinners, for *the* unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

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- 1 Timothy 1:10-11 for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is **any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine**, [11] according to **the glorious gospel** of **the blessed God** which was **committed to my trust**.

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- Romans 3:10–12 As it is written: *"There is* ***none righteous, no, not one****;* 11 *There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God.* 12 *They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is* ***none who does good, no, not one.***

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- 1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, **the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God**, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit.

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- Romans 8:3–4 For what **the law could not do** in that **it was weak** through the flesh, **God** *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, [4] that **the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who** do not **walk** according to the flesh but **according to the Spirit**.

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- Romans 3:19 Now we know that whatever the law says, **it says to those who are under the law,** that every mouth may be stopped, and **all the world may become guilty before God**.

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- Ephesians 1:13–14 In Him you also *trusted,* after you **heard the word of truth, the gospel** of your salvation; in whom also, **having believed**, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,
  14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, **to the praise of His glory.**

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