

# Living What I Believe

Read Romans 2:10 – 29

## (Natural) Rules *Old Testament* *Preparation for salvation*

Laws are rules that are imposed on persons to keep order. They apply beyond the confines of religious practices and are enforced by fear of punishment or public scrutiny.

Many times laws are written and put into place by persons stating that they are based on religious revelation. However, in many occasions they are based on someone's personal convictions, ill thoughts, or just to control a problem in society.

\*\*Persons would not adhere to the laws if no punishment was attached.

Even though the Mosaic laws were given by the inspiration of God, they dealt with the:

- 1) knowledge of sin
- 2) act of sin
- 3) the punishment for sin
- 4) but not the heart of man

Points:

- a) the law is a forced set of rules to be adhered to
- b) persons keep the law for fear of retribution or public praise  
(following the norm)
- c) persons hearts keep a hidden desire to do things contrary to the law

This is why the law under the dispensation of the Old Testament is considered our schoolmaster.

**Rom 2:13-15**

**13(For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.**

**14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:**

**15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)**

**(Spiritual) Love of God**    *New Testament*  
*Salvation is now applied*

The law is not deleted but fulfilled. Jesus replaced the written law with a living law. It is no longer written on clothing, post, or other belongings but is now written in our hearts. We should no longer keep the laws of God out of a conscious to do right but out of love for the creator. There can no longer be any room for a deceitful heart because Jesus occupies it. Our love for Jesus should be our driving force not the fear of hell or even the wrath of God. What we do should be a reflection of whom we love and serve.

It is a fact that we should fear the Lord but this fear is not like the fear of the police, the judge, or public rebuke. It is the fear of hearing the one we love. As a child is with its parents, we should always strive to please our Lord.

\*\*persons will keep the law without the threat of punishment.

**Rom 2:13**

**(For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.**

- a) the law is evidence of a changed heart
- b) the indwelling of the living word
- c) persons keep the law because they love the Lord
- d) persons will not have a hidden desire to do things contrary to the law

**Hebrews 10:15-23**

**15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,**

**16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;**

**17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.**

**18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.**

**19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,**

**20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;**

**21 And having an high priest over the house of God;**

**22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.**

**23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)**

**He is faithful:**

- a) and just to forgive us our sins **1 John 1:9**
- b) cleanse us from all unrighteousness **1 John 1:9**
- c) endued with power from on high. **Luke 24:49**
- d) fill you with all joy and peace in believing **Rev 15:13**
- e) deliver me from every evil work, **2 Tim 4:18**
- f) and preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom **2 Tim 4:18**
- g) obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need **Heb 4:16**
- h) prepare a place for you, **John 14:3**
- i) and receive you unto himself; that where he is, there ye may be also. **John 14:3**
- j) shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters **Rev 7:17**
- k) God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. **Rev 7:17**